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1-30 September 1969

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation *B SQN 1 ARMD REGT*

From *1 SEP 69* To *30 SEP 69*

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COMMANDERS DIARIES INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

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

GENERAL

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

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

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

During Operational Periods (1)

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

COMPILATION

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

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

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

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

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7. All diaries of the unit or formation to be compiled by the diary officer of the unit, who will cover and certify members of the services during the period of the diary. If there is a change of command during the last report, the date of assumption of the new commanding officer should be indicated.

8. The diaries are to be compiled in the original form of the diary. If there is a change of diary form, the original will be retained as a record. If a duplicate is required, it should be made from the original.

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF - C2118 (adapted)

Month and Year... SEP 69

Reference Map... SVN

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

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

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	1 SEP.		<p>The Tps remained op con to 6RAR in AO Stuart and 9RAR in AO Burr. One Tp remained with the IATF ready reaction force for rece ops vicinity YS 4577; returned to IATF Base at 1630 H.</p> <p>Lois; B Sqn (-) IATF Base, 3 Tp YS 512 610, 4 Tp FSPB Mohawk</p>	E1
	2 SEP		<p>The Tps remained op con to 6RAR in AO Stuart and 9RAR in AO Burr. One Tp remained on IATF ready reaction force standby.</p> <p>Lois; B Sqn (-) IATF Base, 2 Tp NDP Mohawk, 3 Tp YS 572 610.</p>	E2
			<p>RO's 257/258 issued</p>	K1
	3 SEP.		<p>One Tp plus supporting elements commenced rece and ambush operations in AO Sebast, centre of mass YS 4581. The Tps remain op con 6RAR in AO Stuart and 9RAR in AO Burr. One Tp remained on IATF ready</p>	E3

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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
	<i>3 SEP (CONT)</i>		<i>reaction force stand by Lois; B Sqn (-) IATF Base; 2 Tp FSPB Mohawk 3 Tp YS 572 610, 4 Tp YS 471 798</i>	
	<i>4 SEP</i>		<i>One Tp plus supporting elements continued recon and ambush operations in AO Sabot. The Tps remained open 6RAR in AO Stuart and 9RAR in AO Burr. One Tp remained on IATF ready reaction force stand by. at 041900H at YS 480 883, BSON 1st Armored group contacted an estimated 20 VC - Results, 1 Aust WIA (accidentally); enemy unknown Lois; BSON (-) IATF Base, 2 Tp FSPB Mohawk, 3 Tp FSPB Wells, 4 Tp YS 480 883</i>	<i>E 4</i>
	<i>5 SEP</i>		<i>One Tp plus supporting elements continued recon and ambush operations in AO Sabot. The Tps remained open 6RAR in AO Stuart and 9RAR in AO Burr. One Tp remained on IATF ready reaction force stand by.</i>	<i>E 5</i>

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Commanding Officer... MAJ A.H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	5 Sep (Cont)		at 051900H at YS 479 881, 4tp B Sqn 1 Armoured Regt observed 3 to 4 enemy moving East to West Range too great for SA. Party engaged area from Black Horse	
			at 051230H, 4tp carried out sweep of contact area (041700H G 480 883) found tracks containing clean & used greens, 1 note book plus food. Well used tracks were also found in the area. Lairs; B Sqn (-) IATF Base; 2tp FSPB Mohawk 3tp YS 512 610, 4tp YS 480 888	CP LOG
	6 SEP		One tp plus supporting elements continued recon and ambush operations in AO Sabot. The tps continued opcon 6RAR in AO Street and 9RAR in AO Burn. One tp remained on IATF ready reaction force standby.	E 6
			061100H 4 VC were sighted by BSON 1 Armoured Group at YS 473 896, moving from West then turned south; not engaged. Lairs; B Sqn (-) IATF Base; 2tp FSPB Mohawk 4tp YS 458 743	CP LOG.

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

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<u>6 SEP</u>		<u>061150H at YS 475901, BSON group sighted 3 VC, dressed in black, lost contact in creek line</u>	<u>CP Log</u>
	<u>(CONT)</u>		<u>061400H at YS 462818 B Sqn group found mine (daymore M18) with switch on side of road.</u>	
	<u>7 SEP</u>		<u>one tp plus supporting elements continued rice and ambush operations in AO Sabot. One tp remained op com GRAR in AO Stuart</u>	<u>E 7</u>
			<u>One tp remained on IATF ready reaction force stand by.</u>	
			<u>Pos: B Sqn (-) IATF Base, 2 tp FSPB Digger's Post, 4 tp YS 437744</u>	
	<u>8 SEP</u>		<u>one tp plus supporting elements continued rice and ambush operations in AO Sabot. One tp commenced redeployment from AO Stuart to Horseshoe Hill YS 4962. One tp remained on IATF ready reaction force stand by</u>	<u>E 8</u>
			<u>at 081630H at YS 464830, 3 enemy dressed in black approached 4 tp B Sqn 1st Armored Bgt</u>	

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Unit/Formation BSON 1 arm'd Regt

Commanding Officer MAJ. A.H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	8 SEP (CONT)		Location. A tp engaged with .30 Cal with negative results. Later at YS 461,832. a 12#x12# bunker was located directly beneath Route 2. A tunnel was also found leading from the bunker to the East Lois; B Sqn (-) IATF Base, 2 tp YS 225 854, 3 tp Horseshoe Hill, 4 tp YS 440 882	
			Special Int Report 8/69 issued. Marking of cables	G1
	9 SEP		Sqn HQ (-) plus one tp and supporting elements continued security operations in AO District. One tp remained on Horseshoe Hill. One tp remained on IATF ready reaction position. Lois; B Sqn (-) IATF Base, 3 tp Horseshoe Hill, 4 tp YS 506 775.	E9
			RO's 259/263 issued	K21
			Special Int Report 9/69 issued. VC/NVA copper training	G2

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Commanding Officer... MAJ A.H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<u>10 SEP</u>		<u>Sqn HQ(-) plus one tp and supporting elements continued security operations in AO Sabot and AO Burr (extension). One tp remained at Horseshoe Hill. One tp remained on IATF ready reaction force standby. Lois; B Sqn(-) IATF Base, 3 tp Horseshoe Hill, Tango force plus 4 tp FSPB Wilton, YS542,766</u>	<u>E10</u>
	<u>11 SEP</u>		<u>Sqn HQ(-) plus one tp and supporting elements continue to support GRAR operations in AO Burr. One tp remained at Horseshoe Hill. One tp remained on IATF ready reaction force standby. Lois; B Sqn(-) IATF Base, 3 tp Horseshoe Hill, Tango force plus 4 tp FSPB Wilton YS542,766.</u>	<u>E11</u>
	<u>12 SEP</u>		<u>Sqn HQ(-) plus one tp and supporting elements continued to support GRAR operations in AO Burr. One tp remained at Horseshoe Hill. One tp remained on IATF ready reaction force standby.</u>	<u>E12</u>

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

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	12 SEP (CONT)		Lois; BSON(-) IATF Base, 3 tp Horseshoe Hill, Tango force plus 4 tp YS 551 775	
	13 SEP		Sqn HQ(-) plus one tp and supporting elements continued to support 9RAR in HQ Buir. One tp remained at Horseshoe Hill. One tp remained on IATF ready reaction force standby Lois; BSON(-) IATF Base, 2 tp Horseshoe Hill 4 tp YS 551 775.	E13
	14 SEP		Sqn HQ(-) plus one tp and supporting elements continued to support 9RAR in HQ Buir. One tp remained at Horseshoe Hill. One tp remained on IATF ready reaction force standby at 141557H at YS 548 775. 4 tp Bsqn located 2 tp heavily dug weapon pits, a well used track leading North, 6 small gardens camouflaged against an observation. Contacted Jeremy with negative results Lois; Bsqn(-) IATF Base, 1 tp YS 570 775, 2 tp Horseshoe Hill, 4 tp YS 551 775	E14

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Unit/Formation B SQN 1 ARMV REGT

Commanding Officer MAJ. A.H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<u>15 SEP</u>		<u>Sqn HQ(-) plus one tp and supporting elements continue recee and ambush operations in FO Sahot. (Restricted). One tp remained at Horseshoe Hill. One tp remained on IATF ready reaction force standby.</u>	<u>E15</u>
			<u>Lois; B Sqn(-) IATF Ben, SQN HQ(-) Duc Thanh YS 4677, 2 tp Horseshoe Hill, 4 tp YS 464842.</u>	
	<u>16 SEP</u>		<u>Sqn HQ(-) plus one tp and supporting elements continued recee and ambush operations in FO Sahot. One tp remained at Horseshoe Hill. One tp remained on IATF ready reaction force standby.</u>	<u>E16</u>
			<u>at 160930H at YS 462854, B Sqn 1 Armv group contacted 3 to 5 enemy moving South East. Negative cas.</u>	
			<u>at 161255H, B Sqn 1 Armv group reported evidence of heavy movement in following grids YS 465834, YS 465836, YS 465837, YS 466859 and YS 467840.</u>	

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Commanding Officer MAJ. A.H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	16 SEP (CONT)		Lois; B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 2 tp Horseshoe Hill, 4 tp YS 465 848	
			Ro's 264/270 issued	K3
	17 SEP		Sqn HQ(-) plus one tp and supporting elements continued rece and ambush operations in AO Sabot. One tp remained on Horseshoe Hill. One tp remained on 1 ATF ready reaction force standby.	E17
			Lois; B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, Sqn HQ(-) Xa Bang Post, 1 tp YS 464 838, 2 tp Horseshoe Hill, 4 tp YS 464 837, 5 tp YS 451 746.	
	18 SEP		Sqn HQ(-) plus one tp and supporting elements continued rece and ambush operations in AO Sabot. One tp remained on Horseshoe Hill One tp remained on 1 ATF ready reaction force standby.	E18
			at YS 462 821, elements of B Sqn 1 Arm Regt located a 25lb electrically detonated	

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Commanding Officer... MAJ A.H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<u>18 SEP</u>		<u>Chum mine</u>	
	<u>(CONT)</u>		<u>at YS 463819, elements of B Sqn 1 Arm Regt reported a 40 lb. electrically detonated chum mine</u>	
			<u>Lois; B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, Sqn HQ(-) YS 454840, 1 tp YS 460854, 2 tp(-) Horseshoe Hill YS 4692</u>	
	<u>19 SEP</u>		<u>Sqn HQ(-) plus one tp and supporting elements continued recon and ambush operations in F0 Salot. One tp remained on Horseshoe Hill. One tp remained on 1 ATF ready reaction force standby.</u>	<u>E19</u>
			<u>Lois; B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, SHQ(-), 1 tp YS 433766, 2 tp Horseshoe Hill YS 4962.</u>	
	<u>20 SEP</u>		<u>Sqn HQ(-) plus one tp and supporting elements continued recon and ambush operations in F0 Salot. One tp remains at Horseshoe Hill. One tp remains on 1 ATF ready reaction force standby.</u>	<u>E20</u>

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Commanding Officer... MAJ A.H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	20 SEP (CONT)		Locs; B Sqn(-) IATF Base, SHQ(-), 1tp YS 426 797 2tp Horseshoe Hill YS 4962.	
	21 SEP		RO 271 formed	V4
			Sqn HQ(-) plus one tp and supporting elements continued recon and ambush operations in AO Sabot. One tp remained at Horseshoe Hill. One tp remained on IATF ready reaction force standby.	E21
			Locs; B Sqn(-) IATF Base, SHQ(-), 1tp YS 465 895; 2tp Horseshoe Hill YS 4962.	
	22 SEP		Sqn HQ(-) plus 2 tps and supporting infantry elements continued recon and ambush operations in AO Sabot. One tp remained at Horseshoe Hill. One tp remained on IATF ready reaction force standby.	E22
			Locs; B Sqn(-) IATF Base, Sqn HQ(-), 1tp YS 455 857; 2tp(-) Horseshoe Hill YS 4962	

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Unit/Formation BSON 1 ARMD REGT

Commanding Officer MAJ AH SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<u>22 SEP</u> <u>(CONT)</u>		<p>22 1640H a Hoi Chanh gave himself up to the Xai Bang Post. He reported a Battalion HQ and a Coy at GYS 466859, a Coy HQ at GYS 455866 and a Coy in GYS 4785. Later it was stated from Dux Thanh post that this info was not reliable. 1 ATF reacted the tango force to grid YS 454860. Gs 23 swept the area with I 8 + TA 85. I 82 was deployed north of the location. 20B + 21 remained in their AP. The sweep revealed no sign of the enemy. 20B moved off at 1750H to rejoin Gs 23 and supporting elements.</p>	
	<u>23 SEP</u>		<p>Sqn HQ(-) plus 2 Tps and supporting infantry elements continued rece and ambush operations in AO Sabot. One Tp remained at Horseshoe Hill. One Tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force Standby Lois; B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base; Sqn HQ(-); 1 Tp YS 487880; 2 Tp Horseshoe Hill; 3 Tp YS 476884</p>	<u>E 23</u>

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Commanding Officer... MAJ A.H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<u>24 SEP</u>		<p>Sqn HQ(-) plus 2 Tps and supporting elements continued recon and ambush operations in AO Sabot. One Tp remained at Horseshoe Hill. One Tp remained on IATF Ready Reaction Force Standby.</p> <p>at YS 488 880 elements of B Sqn 1 Arm Regt observed 2 VC but were unable to engage.</p> <p>at 0700H at YS 474 894 c/s 23 sighted 2 VC.</p> <p>at 1650H movement was reported 200 metres South West of a listening post. movement was in the direction of Jangs force northern AF grounds of 155mm was fired from Black Horse. 2 sweeps were carried out. no results.</p> <p>Locs; B Sqn (-) IATF Base; Sqn HQ(-); 1 Tp YS 488 880, 3 Tp YS 474 893, 4 Tp Horseshoe Hill YS 49 62</p>	<u>E 24</u>
	<u>25 SEP</u>		<p>B Sqn HQ(-) plus 2 Tps and supporting elements continued recon and ambush operations in AO Sabot. One Tp remained at Horseshoe Hill. One Tp remained on IATF Ready Reaction Force Standby.</p>	<u>E 25</u>

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Unit/Formation BSGN 19AMP REGT

Commanding Officer MAJ. A. H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	25 SEP (CONT)		Lois; B Sqn(-) IATF Base, Sqn HQ(-), 1 Tp YS 469890, 4 Tp Horseshoe Hill YS 4962, 5 Tp YS 460894	
	26 SEP		Sqn HQ(-) plus two Tps and supporting elements continued Recce and ambush operations in HO Sabot. One Tp remains at Horseshoe Hill One Tp remains on IATF Ready Reaction Standby at 261420H at YS 495896 an element of target force, D&E Pl. ambush contacted 2 VC moving from East to West: Results 1 VC KIA (BC) 1 VC KIA (POSS). Sweep to be done at first light. Sweep confirmed 2 VC KIA (BC). Lois; B Sqn(-) IATF Base, Sqn HQ(-), 1 Tp YS 479888, 3 Tp YS 490889, 4 Tp Horseshoe Hill YS 4962	E 26
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Commanding Officer MAJ. A.H. SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	27 SEP		<p>Sqn HQ(-) plus 2 tps and supporting elements continued recon and ambush operations in H/O Sabot. One tp remained at Horseshoe Hill. One tp deployed with IATF Ready Reaction Force astride QL 15 vicinity YS 2671. Amend D&EP contact at 261900H at YS 495 896 to read 2 UCKIA (BC) and 3 AK47 CIA. 3tp deployed with the IATF ready reaction force and carried out recon of QL 15 to vicinity of YS 2671, then returned to IATF Base. ASAS buffer group made heavy contact with enemy at G 4178. Task force commander reacted the Tango force to Grid 4382, to act as a cut off group. The enemy moved from the contact area in a North Easterly direction. Tango force took up APs in Grid Square 4178. No contact was made, the Tango force moved back north.</p> <p>Locs: B Sqn(-) IATF Base, Sqn HQ(-) 1tp YS 436 828, 3tp YS 436 828, 4tp Horseshoe Hill</p>	E-27

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	<u>28 SEP</u>		<u>Sqn HQ(-) plus 2 tps and supporting elements continued recee and ambush operations in 170 Sabot. One tp remained at Horseshoe Hill one tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction force standby.</u>	<u>E28</u>
			<u>Lois; B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, Sqn HQ(-), 1 tp YS 500 896, 3 tp YS 485 897, 4 tp Horseshoe Hill.</u>	
	<u>29 SEP</u>		<u>Sqn HQ(-) plus 3 tps and supporting elements continued recee and ambush operations in 170 Sabot. One tp remained at Horseshoe Hill one tp remained on 1 ATF ready reaction force standby.</u>	<u>E29</u>
			<u>Lois; B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, Sqn HQ(-) 1 tp YS 501 894, 3 tp YS 468 884, 4 tp YS 563 619</u>	
			<u>RO3 Issued - 272/280</u>	<u>K5</u>

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Commanding Officer *MAJ A.H. SMITH*

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Reference Map *SVN*

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<i>30 SEP</i>		<i>Sqn HQ(-) plus 2 Tps and supporting elements continued rice and ambush operations in AO Salust. One Tp remained at Hershcoe Hill. One Tp remained on IATF Ready Position Force Standby. 5 Tps returned to IATF Base after concluding operations with the Lango Force.</i>	<i>E50</i>
			<i>Loc: B Sqn(-) IATF Base, SHQ(-), 1 Tp YS 424 818, 2 Tps YS 562 619.</i>	

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
NUI DAT

2 Sep 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 010001H to 012400H Sep 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 6 RAR in AO STUART and 9 RAR in AO BURR. One tp remained with the 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force for recce operations vicinity YS4377; returned to 1 ATF Base at 1630 hours.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp remained opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp remained with the 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force for recce operations vicinity YS4377; returned to 1 ATF Base at 1630 hours. Sects continued opcon 9 RAR and LCT in AO BURR.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. No contact and 14 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued barrier minefield clearance operations in South of Dat Do and land clearing operations in AO BURR. Elements continued to support 6 RAR in AO STUART, 9 RAR in AO BURR and the 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force vicinity YS4377.
- (6) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy conducted recce operations with the 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force vicinity YS4377; returned to 1 ATF Base at 1630 hours. 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 retraining 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued recce, ambush and LCT protection in AO BURR, supported by 161 Fd Bty (NZ), B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ completed deployment to FSPB WELLS YS656695.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO FISU 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 6 RAR for land clearing operations in AO STUART. HQ located FSPB MOHAWK YS274862.
- (12) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Tgt Description</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0903/0920	YS371742	VC Base Camp	100/75. Results: 10 bkrs dam, 2 bkrs exp, 2 dud bombs.
0955/1010	YS562861	VC Base Camp	100/100. Neg BDA.
0312H	YS40718372	CSS	Neg BDA. 5405 Hawk 03. 1 F100. 4 MK117.

Sighting.

1050H	YS248840	1 x old looking bunker - 600m NE C/S 4. 6 RAR.
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- b. Contacts and Incidents.
(1) At YS274837, V Coy 6 RAR located a major en def posn consisting of 67 bunkers, 130 fighting trenches, 27 trenched shelters, 12 kitchens and a lecture area. Cooking eqpt and 50 rounds 7.62mm linked were recovered. System destroyed by LCT.
- c. Results.
(1) Friendly Losses.
(a) Personnel. Nil.
(b) Materiel. Nil.
(2) Enemy Losses.
(a) Personnel. Nil.
(b) Materiel. 50 rounds 7.62mm linked.
- d. Locations.
(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp YS512610; 4 Tp FSPB MOHAWK YS2786.
(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Sect 2 Tp YS518612; 3 Tp FSPB MOHAWK.
(3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 101 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; 161 Fd Bty FSPB WELLS YS6569; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.
(4) 5 RAR. Bn (-) 1 ATF Base.
(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST; A Coy (-) YS262818; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; V Coy FSPB MOHAWK; D Coy YS254826; W Coy YS296826.
(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB WELLS YS6569; A Coy (-) YS665710; B Coy (-) YS512610; C Coy YS605670; D Coy (-) YS698687.
(7) 2/52 ARVN. Bn HQ (-) FSPB BATON YS5561; 1 Coy (-) YS673605; 2 Coy (-) YS669608; 3 Coy (-) FSPB BATON; RF Coy (-) YS669602.
(8) 3/43 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.
- e. Plans Summary.
(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Tk tps remain opcon 6 RAR in AO STUART and 9 RAR in AO BURR. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp remains opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. Sects remain opcon 9 RAR and LCT in 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 remains 1 ATF Base, Nui Dat.
(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce, arbush 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 remains FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787.
(5) 9 RAR. Continues recce, ambush and LCT protection tasks in AO BURR, centre of mass YS6668. One coy remains vicinity Dat Do for pacification operations. Bn HQ remains FSPB WELLS YS6569.
(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Redeploys from AO PERCH, centre of mass YS6865 to FSPB BATON for post operation administration. 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 - Five
(2) 3 SAS Sqn has four LRRPs deployed.
(3) Small unit actions with contact - Nil
(4) Results - Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

- a. Psychological Operations.
(1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Conducted by USAF and Psy Ops Sect targeted at enemy units in areas centre of mass YS3875, 4075, 3974 and YS5385, 5585 and 5486. The themes were Chieu Hoi. The total broadcast time was two hours.
- 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.
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c. Engineer Operations.

- (1) Mine Clearance. 32 exploded, 6 initiated - total 38.
- (2) Areas Land Cleared.
 - (a) YS516609-521609-524598-520597.
 - (b) YS275838-276834-274834-273838.

3. Following Monthly Statistics Submitted for Period 1 Aug - 31 Aug 69.

- a. Friendly KIA - 3.
- b. Friendly WIA - 83.
- c. Contacts - 69.
- d. Enemy KIA - 81.
- e. PW captured - 1.
- f. Total VCI killed and captured - 10.
- g. Total SA captured and destroyed - 40.
- h. Total crewserved wpns captured and destroyed - 5.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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3 Sep 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 020001H to 022400H Sep 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 BURR. 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 STUART. Sects remained op con 9 RAR and LCT in AO BURR. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 7 H and I tasks were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued barrier minefield clearance South of DAT DO and land clearing operations in AO BURR. Elements continued to support 6 RAR in AO STUART and 9 RAR in AO BURR.
- (6) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base, NUI DAT.
- (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 retraining 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO BURR 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 WELLS YS656695.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Deployed by air from AO PERCH to vicinity FSPB BATON for post operation administration. 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 for land clearing operations in AO STUART. HQ located FSPB MOHAWK YS274862.
- (12) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0840/0917	YS438784	VC Base Camp	100/50%, negative further.
1140/1144	YS411770	VC Base Camp	100/30%, negative further.
1320/1330	YS368892	VC Base Camp	100/70%, 3 bunkers 10'x3' destroyed, 1 bunker damaged.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 0945H at YS275831 V Coy 6 RAR located an extensive bunker system which had been recently occupied.
- (2) At 1224H at YS589672 C Coy 9 RAR located a bunker system consisting of 7 bunkers, 2 wells and a kitchen. The system was occupied by 2 persons earlier today. 1 x M16 mine recovered.
- (3) At 1000H at YS281837 V Coy 6 RAR located a large bunker system used within the last week.
- (4) At 1350H at YS288867 V Coy 6 RAR located a cache containing 1 x .30 cal Mg, 1 x LMG, 12 x Bolt action rifles.
- (5) At 1630H at YS265829 10 Pl D Coy 6 RAR located 100 shell-scrapes approx 1 month old.

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- c. Results.
- (1) Friendly Losses. Nil.
 - (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Material.
1 x .30 cal MG, 1 x LMG, 12 x rifles, 1 x M16 mine.
- d. Locations.
- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 2 Tp NDP MOHAWK, 3 Tp YS572610.
 - (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Sect 1 Tp YS518612, 1 Sect 2 Tp YS572610, 3 Tp NDP MOHAWK.
 - (3) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base.
 - (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST, A Coy YS262818, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL, V Coy (-) NDP MOHAWK, D Coy (-) YS296826, W Coy YS296826.
 - (5) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB WELLS, A Coy (-) YS670725, B Coy (-) YS572610, C Coy (-) YS589676, D Coy (-) YS701701.
 - (6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ FSPB BATON, 1 Coy and 2 Coy FSPB BATON, 3 Coy (-) YS567623.
 - (7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL.
- e. Plans Summary.
- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tk tp with supporting elements deploys to AO SABOT, centre of mass YS4581 to commence recce and ambush operations. Tk tps remain opcon 6 RAR in AO STUART and 9 RAR in AO BURR. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
 - (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp remains opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection tasks in AO STUART. One sect and one AMC sect deploy with B Sqn 1 Armd Regt to AO SABOT. Sects remain opcon 9 RAR and LCT in 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 standby. Bn HQ remains 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 retraining 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ remains FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.
 - (5) 9 RAR. Continues recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO BURR, centre of mass YS6668. One coy remains vicinity of DAT DO for pacification operations. Bn HQ remains FSPB WELLS YS656695.
 - (6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Remains vicinity of FSPB BATON for post operation administration. Bn HQ remains FSPB BATON YS558617.
 - (7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.
- f. Small Unit Actions
- (1) Company - Nil
Platoon - Nil
Squad - 8
 - (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPs deployed.
 - (3) Small unit actions with contact - Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

- a. Psychological Operations.
- (1) Face to Face. Conducted by Audio Visual Team targeted at the population of LONG CAT and LANG PHUOC HAI Villages. The total screening time was five hours.
 - (2) Ground Broadcasts. Conducted by Audio Visual Team targeted at the population of LONG CAT and LANG PHUOC HAI Villages. The total broadcast time was two hours.
 - (3) Armed Propaganda Team. APT operated in LONG CAT and LANG PHUOC HAI Villages for a total time of five hours.
- b. RF Operations.
- (1) 637 RF Coy. Ceased attachment to 2/52 ARVN Bn and returned to LONG SON Island.
 - (2) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in recce, ambush and protection operations in AO BURR.

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- (3) 614 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in recce, ambush and protection operations in AO BURR.
- c. Engineer Operations.
- (1) Mine Clearance. 39 exploded, 9 initiated but did not explode. Total 48 mines.
- (2) Areas Land Cleared.
- (a) YS516611, YS523612, YS524609, YS523608, YS522610, YS522609, YS517609, YS524603, YS524600, YS522603.
- (b) YS283839, YS241835, YS274839, YS275835, YS281837, YS267852, YS269853, YS267844, YS268845.
3. 1 ATF Base Meteorological Detail.
- a. Rainfall. 50 points of rain fell during the period 011500H - 021500H Sep 69.
- b. Prevailing Winds. Westerly (4500 mills) at 12 knots.

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2 Sep

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ADMIN COMMANDER B SQN 1 ARMD REGT RAAC

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Subject</u>
257.	DUTIES
258.	TROOP'S DAILY HYGIENE

257. DUTIES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY OFFICER</u>	<u>DUTY SERGEANT</u>
3 SEP 69	LT MERIDETH	SGT DZIEDZIC
4 " "	CAPT TOLL	SGT SPARGO
5 " "	WO1 KENDRICK	SGT CORKRAN
6 " "	CAPT SULLIVAN	SGT ANGUS
7 " "	WO2 DINGLE	SGT SAWYER
8 " "	WO2 KLUDAS	SGT FAIRHEAD
9 " "	WO2 BUCKELL	SGT HILTON

PICQUETS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>22 AREA</u>	<u>24 AREA</u>
3 SEP 69	LAD	FDT/COMPOSITE
4 " "	1 TROOP	" "
5 " "	LAD	3 TROOP
6 " "	1 TROOP	FDT/COMPOSITE
7 " "	LAD	3 TROOP
8 " "	1 TROOP	FDT/COMPOSITE
9 " "	LAD	3 TROOP

258. TROOP'S DAILY HYGIENE

1. The following are minimal requirements for daily hygiene:-

a. Ablutions

(1) All litter including soap is to be placed in a bin outside the building.

(2) The walls around the showers are to be scrubbed to a height of two feet from the floor with fungicidal solution.

/(3) The floor

(3) The floor is to be scrubbed with fungicidal solution and thoroughly hosed down.

(4) All ledges are to be wiped clean.

b. Latrines

(1) All litter including old newspapers and magazines is to be placed in bins outside the building.

2.

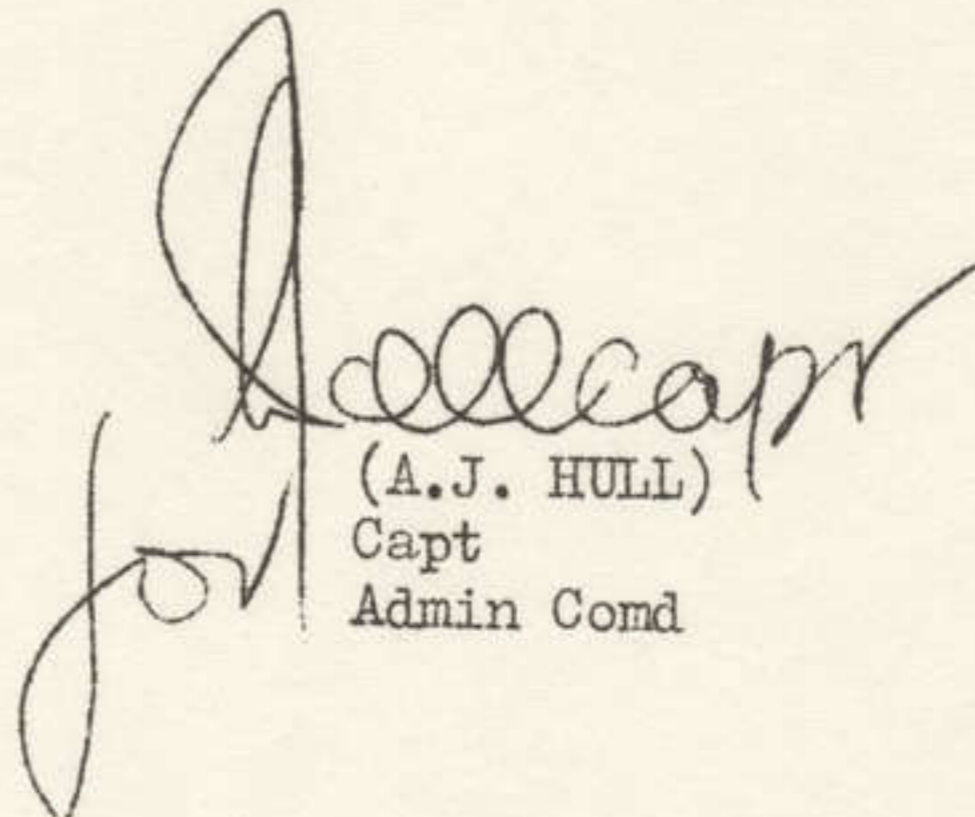
(2) Seats are to be cleaned with hot soapy water - NOT Fungicide.

(3) All ledges are to be wiped clean.

(4) Floor is to be thoroughly swept.

2. Facilities are to be in inspection order by 0900 hrs daily.

3. These instructions are to be prominently displayed in all facilities.


(A.J. HULL)
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4 Sep 69

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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 supporting elements commenced recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT, centre of mass YS4581. Tk tps remain opcon 6 RAR in AO STUART and 9 RAR in AO BURR. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp remained opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One sect plus one AMC sect deployed with elements B Sqn 1 Armd Regt to AO SABOT. Sects remained opcon 9 RAR and LCT in AO BURR. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 17 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 BURR. Elements continued to support 6 RAR in AO STUART, 9 RAR in AO BURR and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT.
- (6) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base, Nui Dat.
- (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 continues retraining 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO BURR 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 WELLS YS656695.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued administration vicinity FSPB BATON. 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 6 RAR for land clearing operations in AO STUART. HQ located FSPB MOHAWK YS274862.
- (12) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Co-ords	Tgt Description	BDA
0740/0750	YS721659	VC Base Camp	90/30. Neg further BDA.
0950/1005	YS702888	VC Base Camp	100/60. Neg BDA.
CSS 0511	YS60138007	VC Base Camp	Bombs on tgt. Neg further.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 031157H at YS289835. 3/V/6 RAR located a bunker system containing 80 lbs rice, 50 lbs soap and a bag of salt.
- (2) At 031400H at YS278822, 1/A/6 RAR contacted four mainforce en dressed in tan uniforms. Nil casualties to either side.
- (3) At 031415H at YS274816, 3/A/6 RAR contacted two en, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC), one pistol, 15 lbs rice and fish and personal effects recovered.
- (4) At approx 031600H at YS272819, 3/A/6 RAR contacted an unknown number of en resulting in 1 Aust KIA, 2 Aust WIA (evacuated). Enemy casualties unknown.

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- (5) At 031430H at YS251848, 11/D/6 RAR located 6 bunkers. Bunkers contained qty of freshly cooked rice, three grenades, 300 AK47 rounds and two bodies in graves. Bodies had shrapnel wounds. 2 VC KBA 101 Fd Bty H and Is.
- (6) At 031530H at YS279823, 2/A/6 RAR located a cache hidden between three bamboo platforms. The cache contained 500 lbs rice in bags and 200 lbs salt in sandbags.
- (7) At 031500H at YS289872, 1/V/6 RAR located a cache containing 10 bolt action rifles, 1 x M3A1 grease gun, 1 Thompson SMG, 1 typewriter and container for possible radio power source.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
(a) Personnel. 1 Aust KIA, 2 Aust WIA (evacuated).
(b) Materiel. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
(a) Personnel. 1 VC KIA (BC), 2 VC KBA (BC).
(b) Materiel. 10 bolt action rifles, 1 M3A1 grease gun, 1 Thompson SMG, 1 pistol, 300 AK47 rounds, 3 grenades, 595 lbs rice, 200 lbs salt, 50 lbs soap, 1 typewriter.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp FSPB MOHAWK; 3 Tp YS572610; 4 Tp YS471798.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Sect 2 Tp YS572610; 3 Tp FSPB MOHAWK; Sect Sp Tp YS471798.
- (3) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST; A Coy YS272819; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL; V Coy FSPB MOHAWK; D Coy YS256845; W Coy YS304844.
- (5) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB WELLS; A Coy YS673740; B Coy YS512610; C Coy YS585684; D Coy YS692705.
- (6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. 2/52 (-) FSPB BATON; 3 Coy YS567623.
- (7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT, centre of mass YS4581. Tk tps remain opcon 6 RAR in AO STUART and 9 RAR in AO BURR. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Sqn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp remains opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One sect and one AMC sect remain in support of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. Sects remain opcon 9 RAR and LCT in 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 remains 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 retraining 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271375.
- (5) 9 RAR. Continues recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO BURR, centre of mass YS6668. One coy remains vicinity Dat Do for pacification tasks. Bn HQ located FSPB WELLS YS656695.
- (6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues post operation administration vicinity FSPB BATON. 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 - seven.
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has six LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contacts - nil.

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2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts.

Conducted by USAF targeted at D67 and Chou Duc units. The themes were Chieu Hoi. The total broadcast time was two hours.

(2) Face to Face.

Conducted by Audio Visual team targeted at the population of BINH GIA. The total screening time was two hours.

(3) Integrated Civic Action Programme.

An ICAP was conducted in AN NHUT for a total time of three hours.

b. RF Operations.

(1) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in recce, ambush and LCT protection in AO BURR.

(2) 614 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in recce, ambush and LCT protection in AO BURR.

c. Engineer Operations.

(1) Mine clearance: Phase 2 completed 031800H.

(2) Areas Land Cleared.

(a) YS523609-525610-527608-526607-527606-525606.

(b) YS287838-287833-283839-283835. 685 acres.

3. Meteorological Detail 1 ATF Base.

a. Rainfall. Overnight to 0800H: 20 points. Total 24 hours period: 100 points.

b. Prevailing Winds. West South West winds (4200 mils) at 5 knots.

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

5 Sep 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 040001H to 042400H Sep 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 supporting elements continued recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT. Tk tps remained opcon 6 RAR in AO STUART and 9 RAR in AO BURR. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp remained opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One sect and one AMC sect continued to support B Sqn 1 Armd Regt operations in AO SABOT. Sects continued opcon 9 RAR and LCT in AO BURR. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 14 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 BURR. Elements continued to support 6 RAR in AO STUART, 9 RAR in AO BURR and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT.
- (6) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base, NUI DAT.
- (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 retraining 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO BURR supported by 161 Fd Bty(NZ), and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy remained vicinity of DAT DO for pacification operations. Bn HQ located FSPB WELLS YS656695.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Remained vicinity FSPB BATON for administration. 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 6 RAR for land clearance tasks in AO STUART. HQ located FSPB MOHAWK YS274862.
- (12) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
1. 1010/1035	YS710887	VC Base camp	1. 100/80%.
2. 1103/1114			2. 100/75%.
3. 1032/1046			3. 100/80%.
			9 bunkers destroyed, 11 bunkers exposed and damaged 10-20 metres trench destroyed, 3 picnic tables destroyed.

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b. Contacts and Incidents

(1) During 4 Sep 69 at YS719722 a Hoi Chanh from Xuyen Moc District led D/9 RAR to a camp approx 200 x 50 metres containing: 10 bunkers, a dormitory, kitchen, well, detention cage. Pill boxes in area connected by communication trenches, and have firing ports on four sides. Camp will be destroyed.

(2) At 041900H at YS480883, B Sqn 1 Armd Group contacted an estimated 20 VC resulting in 1 Aust WIA (accidentally) and unknown enemy casualties.

(3) At 042315H at YS500607 an element of B/9 RAR with RF troops received incoming mortar and RPG fire resulting in 1 Aust WIA and 1 RF WIA. Detail to follow.

(4) At 050027 at YS453746, MAT and RF were in contact with an unknown number of enemy resulting in 1 Aust WIA, 2 RF WIA.

c. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

(a) Personnel: 3 Aust WIA, (1 accidentally)

(b) Materiel: Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel: Nil.

(b) Materiel: Nil.

d. Locations

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp FSPB MOHAWK ; 3 Tp FSPB WELLS; 4 Tp YS480883.

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

(3) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST; A Coy YS276817; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL; V Coy FSPB MOHAWK; D Coy YS255870; W Coy YS306844.

(5) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB WELLS; A Coy YS685755; B Coy YS512610; C Coy YS588690; D Coy YS717721.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. 2/52(-) FSPB BATON; 2 Coy YS551621; 3 Coy YS567623.

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

e. Plans Summary

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp plus supporting elements continue recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT, centre of mass YS4581. Tk tps remain opcon 6 RAR in AO STUART and 9 RAR in AO BURR. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp remains opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One sect and one AMC sect continue to sp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. Sects remain opcon 9 RAR and LCT in 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 remains 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 the retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ remains FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.

(5) 9 RAR. Continues recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO BURR, centre of mass YS6668. One coy remains vicinity DAT DO for pacification tasks. Bn HQ located FSPB WELLS YS656695.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Remains vicinity FSPB BATON YS558617.

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

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f. Small Unit Actions

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

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

- (1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Conducted by USAF and Psy Ops sect in support of 9 RAR Operations in AO SHARK, targeted at XUYEN MOC Guerilla Unit. The themes were Chieu Hoi - exploitation of Hoi Chanh via earlyword system. The total broadcast time was one hour.
- (2) Leaflet Drop. Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops sect targeted at C41. The themes were Chieu Hoi. A total leaflet drop of 152,000.
- (3) Face to Face.
 - (a) Conducted by the Audio Visual Team targeted at the population of Binh Gia Village. The themes were GVN Image and Anti VC. Audience numbered 250. A total of 3 movies were screened for total screening time of one hour and thirty minutes.
 - (b) Conducted by the Audio Visual Team targeted at the population of PHUOC LOI Village. The themes were GVN Image, RD and New Life Development. Audience numbered 200. A total of 3 movies were screened for a total screening time of two hours
- (4) Armed Propaganda Team. APT operated in PHUOC LOI Village for two hours. Contacted 82 people in their homes and distributed 100 ~~pcsters~~. The themes were Chieu Hoi.

b. RF Operations

- (1) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in recce, ambush and LCT protection in AO BURR.
- (2) 614 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in recce, ambush and LCT protection in AO BURR.

c. Engineer Operations.

- (1) Mine clearance: Nil.
- (2) Areas Land Cleared. 685 acres.

3. Meteorological Detail 1 ATF Base.

- a. Rainfall. Overnight to 0800H: 24 points. 1500 - 1600H storm 44 points. Total 24 hour period: 68 points.
- b. Prevailing Winds. North West Winds (5400 mils) at 4 knots.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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6 Sep 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 050001H to 0524COH Sep 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 supporting elements continued recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT. Tk tps remained opcon 6 RAR in AO STUART and 9 RAR in AO BURR. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force Standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continued opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One sect plus one AMC sect continued in support of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. Sects remained opcon 9 RAR and LCT in AO BURR. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force Standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 10 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO BURR. Elements continued to support 6 RAR in AO STUART, 9 RAR in AO BURR and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT.
- (6) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base Nui Dat.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued recce, ambush and LCT protection tasks 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 YS271875.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO BURR, supported by 161 Fd Bty (NZ) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy remained vicinity of DAT DO for pacification tasks. Bn HQ located FSPB WELLS YS656695.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Remained vicinity FSPB BATON to prepare for future operations. 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 6 RAR for land clearing tasks in AO STUART. HQ located FSPB MOHAWK YS274862.
- (12) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0910H-0925H	YS341902	Base Camp	100/30. 2 large bkrs exposed and damaged, 4 Mk 117, 4 NAP.
1309H-1315H	YS599780	Base Camp	100/20. Neg BDA.
0500H	YS65829331	CSS. Base Camp	100/100 BDA.

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b. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) Reference B/9 RAR contact at 042315H at YS500607. Amend casualties to read: 4 RF KIA, 4 RF WIA, 3 Aust WIA (evac), 1 VC KIA (BC) credited to RF.

(2) 051125H at YS254879 12/D/6 RAR contacted six to eight mainforce enemy resulting in nil casualties to either side. A pack was recovered containing 12 lb rice, range tables for RCL, and Platoon Commander's notebook.

(3) At 051500H at YS266888 Aik Pl of 6 RAR contacted three enemy resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). The platoon was following up tracks using tracker dogs. The dogs pointed approx 300 metres from contact point.

(4) At 051900H at YS479881 4 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt observed three to four enemy moving East to West. Range too great for SA. Arty engaged area from BLACKHORSE.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel: 4 Aust WIA (evac), two of whom were reported in SITREP on 5 Sep 69.

(b) Materiel: Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel: 2 VC KIA (BC), one credited to RF.

(b) Materiel: Pack, range tables RCL, 12 lbs rice, Platoon Commanders notebook.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp FSPB MOHAWK; 3 Tp YS512610; 4 Tp YS480888.

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

(3) Task Force Artillery. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 101 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST; 161 Fd Bty FSPB WELLS; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(4) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST; A Coy YS279815; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL; V Coy FSPB MOHAWK; D Coy YS254879; W Coy YS309857.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB WELLS; A Coy YS675767; B Coy YS512610; C Coy YS598703; D Coy YS717718.

(7) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ FSPB BATON; 3 Coy YS567623.

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

e. Plans Summary.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp plus supporting elements continue recce and ambush tasks in AO SABOT, centre of mass YS4581. Tank troops remain opcon 6 RAR in AO STUART and 9 RAR in AO BURR. One troop remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp remains opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One sect and one AMC sect remain in support of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. Sects remain opcon 9 RAR and LCT in AO BURR. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

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

(4) 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Continues recce, ambush and LCT protection tasks in AO STUART, centre of mass YS3084. One coy continues retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ remains FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.

(5) 9 RAR. Continues recce and ambush tasks in AO BURR, centre of mass YS6668. One coy deploys from vicinity of DAT DO to East XUAN LOC. Bn HQ located FSPB WELLS YS656695.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Deploys from vicinity FSPB BATON to AO SHARK, centre of mass YS6863 to commence recce and ambush operations. Bn HQ to be located vicinity YS7266.

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

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has six LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact - nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft broadcasts. Conducted by USAF and Psy Ops section targeted at D67 and Chau Duc District Units. The theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was two hours.

(2) Face to face. Conducted by Audio Visual Team targeted at the population of Soui Nghe Village. The themes were GVN image, Chieu Hoi and RP and new life development. A total of 5 films were shown for a total screening time of three hours.

b. RF Operations.

(1) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in recce, ambush and LCT protection in AO BURR.

(2) 614 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in recce, ambush and LCT protection in AO BURR.

c. Engineer Operations.

(1) Mine clearance: Nil.

(2) Areas Land Cleared. YS270846, YS271847, YS268840, YS269840. 835 acres.

3. Meteorological Detail 1 ATF Base.

a. Rainfall. Overnight to 0800H: 5 points, negative further.

b. Prevailing Winds. West North West (5000 mls) at 8 knots.

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7 Sep 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 060001H to 062400H Sep 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 supporting elements continued recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT. Tk tps continued op con to 6 RAR in AO STUART and 9 RAR in AO BURR. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continued op con 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One sect plus one AMC sect continued to support B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One sect continued op con 9 RAR in AO BURR. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 1 contact and 15 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 6 RAR in AO STUART, 9 RAR in AO BURR and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. The land clearing element returned from AO BURR to 1 ATF Base on 5 Sep 69.
- (6) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base, NUI DAT.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO STUART, supported 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 YS271875.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO BURR, supported by 161 Fd Bty (NZ) and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued pacification operations near DAT DO. Bn HQ located FSPB WELLS YS656695.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Deployed to vicinity YS7166 to commence recce and ambush operations. FSPB BATON was closed prior to vacation. Bn HQ located YS712670.
- (10) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continued retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) 60 Engr Coy (LCT) (US). Continued 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 061025H at YS250878 12/D/6 RAR contacted 6 Main Force enemy resulting negative casualties to either side. 1 RPG 2 round and a quantity of documents were recovered.
- (2) At 061100H at YS473896 4 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt observed four enemy at a distance of 1000 metres. Negative results.
- (3) At 061150H at YS473901 4 Sp Sect B Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged three enemy with negative results.
- (4) At 061405H at YS462818 B Sqn 1 Armd Regt located a claymore M18 mine on the side of Route 2.
- (5) At 061507H at YS299853 3/W/6 RAR engaged one enemy resulting in one VC KIA (BC) and one AK 47 recovered.
- (6) At 061340H at YS250878 in area of 12/D/6 RAR contact an old bunker system was located containing 2 X RPG rounds, 4 X 75mm RCL rounds and a quantity of documents. Camp was in disrepair.

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(7) At 061545H at YS751695 B/9 RAR observed one to two VC with negative results. Earlier the same group located a rice field. APC have destroyed the rice.

(8) At 062020H at YS499617 B/6 RAR on HORSESHOE HILL observed lights. Subsequently 613 RF Coy received SA fire from that direction. Area engaged with 81mm mortar and 50 cal MG. The enemy engaged HORSESHOE HILL with SA fire with negative results. A shadow aircraft supported the action for two hours engaging known enemy locations. A sweep will be conducted at first light.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

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

(b) Material. 1 AK 47, 3 X RPG 2 rounds, 4 X 75mm RCL rounds, 1 X M18 Claymore, quantity documents.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 2 Tp FSPB MOHAWK, 4 Tp YS438743.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS755699, 2 Tp FSPB MOHAWK, Sect Sp Tp YS438743.

(3) Task Force Artillery. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Regt FSPB DIGGERS REST, 161 Fd Bty FSPB WELLS, B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) (-) 1 ATF Base, one sect B Bty FSPB WELLS.

(4) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST, A Coy YS288819, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL, V Coy FSPB MOHAWK, D Coy YS241882, W Coy YS309856.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB WELLS, A Coy YS661780, B Coy YS755695, C Coy YS601736, D Coy YS710728.

(7) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ FSPB WANTON YS712670, 1 Coy YS714671, 2 Coy YS707688.

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

e. Plans Summary.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp plus supporting elements continue recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT, centre of mass YS4581. One tk tp remains op con 6 RAR in AO STUART. 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 plus one AMC Sect remains in support of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt operations in AO SABOT. One sect remains op con 9 RAR in AO BURR. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(3) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy continues on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO STUART, centre of mass YS3084. One coy continues retraining the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ remains FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.

(5) 9 RAR. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO BURR, centre of mass YS6668. Elements continue pacification operations near DAT DO. Bn HQ remains FSPB WELLS YS656695.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Commences recce and ambush operations in AO SHARK, centre of mass YS6863. Bn HQ remains vicinity YS7167.

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

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

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- (2) 3 SAS has four LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact - nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. NTR.

b. RF Operations.

(1) 613 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO BURR.

(2) 614 RF Coy. Assisted 9 RAR in recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO BURR.

c. Engineer Operations.

(1) Mine clearance: Nil.

3. Meteorological Detail 1 ATF Base.

a. Rainfall. Overnight to 0800H: Nil. Between 1800H - 1900H: 112 points.

b. Prevailing Winds. North West winds (5400 mils) at 6 knots.

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8 Sep 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 070001H to 072400H Sep 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 supporting elements continued recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT. One tp remained opcon 6 RAR in AO STUART. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continued opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One sect plus one AMC sect continued to support B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One sect remained opcon 9 RAR in AO BURR. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and ten H and I tasks were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 6 RAR in AO STUART, 9 RAR in AO BURR and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT.
- (6) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base, NUI DAT.
- (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 YS271875.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO BURR, supported by 161 Fd Bty(NZ) and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support pacification operations in DAT DO District. Bn HQ located FSPB WELLS YS656695.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO SHARK. Bn HQ located FSPB WANTON YS712670.
- (10) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continued retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) 60 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). Continued in DS 6 RAR for land clearing operations in AO STUART. Coy deployed from FSPB MOHAWK to FSPB COMMANCHE. HQ located FSPB COMMANCHE.
- (12) Air Support. Significant airstrikes for 6 Sep 69 were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0830/0845H	YS548790	VC Base Camp	100/80. One structure destroyed. Two bunkers destroyed.
CSSs 0336H	YS40758371	VC Base Camp	100/100. Neg BDA.
0509H	YS57029007	VC Base Camp	100/100. Neg BDA.

b. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 071030H at YS662778 3/A/9 RAR contacted two enemy resulting in 1 AUST WIA (evac) and 1 VC WIA (blood trail). During the follow up two packs were located containing 40 lbs rice, 30 lbs split peas, 10 lbs noodles, plastic sheeting, 1 AK47 mag, and 15 AK47 rds.
- (2) At 071125H at YS323864 2/W/6 RAR located a cache approximately six months old containing 14 x 60mm mortar bombs complete with fuzes and primers.

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(3) At 071130H at YS234887 11/D/6 RAR located an old bunker system with one new bunker. The new bunker had been used in last six to eight hours. One anti tank grenade, one stick grenade and one 60mm mortar bomb were recovered.

(4) At 071410H at YS658773 A/6 RAR located a cache containing 200 lbs peas.

(5) At 071610H at YS234887 11/D/6 RAR contacted two enemy resulting in 2 VC KIA(BC), 1 AK47, 1 RPG2 and 30 x 7 62mm short recovered.

(6) At 0716304H at YS234887 11/D/6 RAR located a tunnel at bottom of a fighting pit containing: 3 RPG7 rds, 6 RPG2 rds, 1 RPG2 launcher, 1 rifle, 600 x 7.62mm short rds, 2 unidentified projectiles, 8 gallons rifle oil, 4 gallons grease, 6 slasher hooks.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel. 1 Aust WIA (evac).

(b) Materiel. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel. 2 VC KIA(BC) 1 VC WIA(blood trail).

(b) Materiel. 1 RPG2 launcher, 15 x 60mm mortar rds, 7 RPG2 rds, 3 RPG7 rds, 1 rifle, 1 anti tank grenade, 1 stick grenade, 530 7.62mm rds (short) 15 AK 47 rds, 2 unidentified projectiles, 40 lbs rice, 230 lbs split peas, 10 lbs noodles, 8 gals rifle oil, 4 gals grease, 6 slasher hooks, 1 AK47 mag.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 2 Tp FSPB DIGGERS REST, 4 Tp YS437744.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Sect 1 Tp YS816706, 3 Tp FSPB DIGGERS REST. Sect Sp Tp YS437744.

(3) Task Force Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST, 161 Fd Bty FSPB WELLS, B/Bty 2/35 Arty(US)(-) 1 ATF Base, one Sect B Bty FSPB WELLS.

(4) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST, A Coy YS276809, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL, V Coy YS288837, D Coy YS234887, W Coy YS309857

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB WELLS, A Coy YS653779, B Coy YS816706, C Coy YS597749, D Coy YS710728.

(7) 2/52 ARVN Bn. 2/52(-) FSPB WANTON 1 Coy YS716678, 2 Coy YS704687.

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

e. Plans Summary.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp plus supporting elements continue recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT, centre of mass YS4581. One tp remains opcon 6 RAR in AO STUART. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp remains opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One sect plus one AMC sect continues in support of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. 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 remains 1 ATF Base.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce and ambush operations in AO STUART, centre of mass YS 3084. One coy continues the retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ remains FSPB DIFTERS REST YS271875.

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(5) 9 RAR. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO BURR, centre of mass YS6668. Elements continue to support pacification operations in DAT DO District. Bn HQ remains FSPB WELLS YS656695.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO SHARK, centre of mass YS6863. Bn HQ remains FSPB WANTON.

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

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact - nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. Omitted.

b. RF Operations.

(1) 613 RF Coy. Assists 9 RAR in recce and ambush operations near DAT DO.

(2) 614 RF Coy. Assists 9 RAR in recce and ambush operations near DAT DO.

c. Engineer Operations.

(1) Mine Clearance. Nil.

(2) Areas Land Cleared.

(a) YS287837, YS288835, YS289836, 850 acres.

(b) Construction of corduroy and culvert for stream crossing.

3. Meteorological Detail 1 ATF Base.

a. Rainfall. Overnight to 0800 78 points: 0800-1900 nil:
Total 24 hr period 78 points.

b. Prevailing Winds. North West winds (5400m's) at 3 knots.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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9 Sep 69

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

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

1. Operations Summary.

a. General.

- (1) 1 ATF continues Operation TOAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remains in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp plus supporting elements continued recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT. One tp commenced redeployment from AO STUART to HORSESHOE HILL YS4962. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force Standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continued opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One sect plus one AMC sect continued to support B Sqn 1 Armd Regt operations in AO SABOT. One sect remained opcon 9 RAR in AO BURR. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force Standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and nil H and I tasks were fired during the reporting period
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 6 RAR in AO STUART, 9 RAR in AO BURR and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. Land clearing operations commenced in the vicinity of 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force Standby. 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 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 YS271875.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO BURR, supported by 161 Fd Bty (NZ) and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support pacification operations in the DAT DO District. Bn HQ located FSPB WELLS YS656695.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO SHARK. Bn HQ located FSPB WANTON YS712670.
- (10) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continued retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinated	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0357H	YS71528557	Base Camp	90/40 Bomb on target. Negative further.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 081345H at YS462818 4 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt located a mine consisting of 20 lbs Chicom explosive on Route 2. A pressure switch was located on the Eastern side of the road.
- (2) At 081430H at YS270893 Anti Tank Pl 6 RAR were engaged by two enemy resulting in 1 NVA KIA, 1 NVA WIA (bloodtrail), 1 AK47 recovered.
- (3) At 081430H at YS270893 located a new bunker system 100 x 50 metres containing: 10 bunkers, personal letters, books, clothing and cooking utensils. Approximately 12 persons had occupied the position.

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(4) At 081603H at YS464830 three enemy dressed in black approached 4 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt location. 4 Tp engaged with .30 cal with negative results. Later at YS461832 a 12 ft x 12 ft bunker was located directly beneath Route 2. A tunnel was also found leading from the bunker to the East.

(5) At 081245H at YS296853 2/W/6 RAR located a bunker system containing 14 bunkers, 4 cook houses, 25 fighting pits. The area was heavily camouflaged and had been used two days ago by an enemy squad.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses. Omitted.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel 1 NVA KIA (BC), 1 NVA WIA (bloodtrail).

(b) Materiel 1 AK47, 20 lbs Chicom explosive, quantity books, clothing, letters and cooking utensils.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 2 Tp YS225854, 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, 4 Tp YS440882.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS816706, 2 Sect 3 Tp YS289837.

(3) Task Force Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST, 161 Fd Bty FSPB WELLS, B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base, Sect B Bty FSPB WELLS.

(4) 5 RAR. 5 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base, 4 Pl B Coy YS225854.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST, A Coy YS276809, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL, V Coy YS287837, D Coy FSPB DIGGERS REST, W Coy YS309856.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB WELLS, A Coy YS661780, B Coy YS815705, C Coy YS605764, D Coy YS710729.

(7) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ FSPB WANTON, 1 Coy YS718677, 2 Coy YS720669, 3 Coy FSPB WANTON.

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

e. Plans Summary.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. One tp plus supporting elements continue recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT centre of mass YS4581. One tp remains HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force Standby.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp remains opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One sect plus one AMC sect continue to support B Sqn 1 Armd Regt operations in AO SABOT. One sect remains opcon 9 RAR in 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 remains 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 remains FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.

(5) 9 RAR. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO BURR, centre of mass YS6668. Elements continue to support pacification operations in the DAT DO District. Bn HQ remains FSPB WELLS YS656695.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO SHARK, centre of mass YS6863. Bn HQ remains FSPB WANTON YS712670.

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

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

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- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has six LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact - nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft broadcasts - conducted by USAF targeted at D47 and CHAU DUC District units. The total broadcast time was one and half hours.

b. RF Operations.

(1) 613 RF Coy. Assists 9 RAR in recce and ambush operations near DAT DO.

(2) 614 RF Coy. Assists 9 RAR in recce and ambush operations near DAT DO.

c. Engineer Operations.

(1) Mine clearance - nil.

(2) Areas Land Cleared.

(a) YS419662-421662-420671-418670-418672-421672-421674-418673-419676-416677-422684-420686.

(2) YS283834-283833-288834-287833-296835. 920 acres.

3. Meteorological Detail 1 ATF Base.

a. Rainfall. Overnight to 0800H: 25 points: from 0800-1900H - 10 points. Total 24 hour period 35 points.

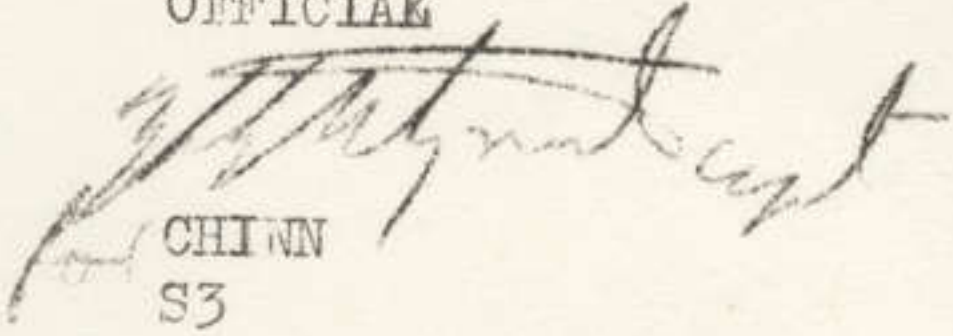
b. Prevailing Winds. North West winds (5300 mils) at 15 knots.

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SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT 8/69

MARKING OF CACHES

1. Attached as ANNEX "A" is a report on methods used by 82 Rear Services Group (RSG) in TAY NINH Province, to mark the location of food, clothing and arms caches. Also included is limited information on marking methods used in NVA controlled areas.

2. As all RSG's tend to work in very similar ways it is highly possible that 84 RGS and D440 VC (LF) Bn use these signs.

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Attachments: ANNEX "A" Marking of Caches.

Distribution

B Sqn 1 Armd	3
B Sqn 3 Cav	3
1 Fd Sqn	3
5 RAR	8
6 RAR	9
9 RAR	8
3 SAS Sqn	2
HQ Coy	2
ARU	4
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ANNEX "A" to INT S-19-23
dated 8 Sep 69

MARKING OF CACHE

1. General. When source was with 82d Rear Services Group, they employed five methods of marking food, clothing and arms caches. The caches had become smaller in the past year because of Allied Forces finding them. Most of the supplies were moved from the the caches to the units by buffalo carts.
2. First Method of Marking Food and Clothing Caches. A fork in a trail was chosen to mark a cache. A tree was selected that was near the center of the fork, and a broken limb was placed near the trail which led to the caches. The cache would be within a 50 metre radius of the broken limb.
3. Second Method of Marking Food and Clothing Caches. A small pile of rice beside a trail meant that a rice or clothing cache was within a 50m radius.
4. Marking of Arms Caches. On a trail near a cache, they cut two pieces of bark from a tree. The pieces (10cm x 10cm) were cut approx one-half of the way up the tree trunk. The arms cache was within a 30m radius of the tree.
5. Marking of Caches in NVA Territory. When the NVA controlled an area, they put arrows on the trees to mark the location of the cache. The arrows were used for all types of caches, food, clothing and arms.
6. Fifth Method of Marking Caches. Part of a trail covered by dead branches and leaves meant that an arms cache was within 30m radius of that point of the trail.
7. Cache Storage. The clothing and food caches were placed on the ground and covered with pieces of nylon. The arms caches wrapped in nylon were buried in the ground and covered with dirt. A mound of dirt was made to mark the arms cache.
8. Movement of Supplies. If a unit wanted any sort of supplies, they requested them from 82d Rear Services Group. The 82d Rear Services Group sent a guide to the requesting unit to lead them to the cache. The supplies were taken to and from 82d Rear Services Group by buffalo carts.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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10 Sep 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 090001H to 092400H Sep 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. Sqn HQ (-) plus one tp and supporting elements continued security operations in AO SABOT. One tp remained on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continued op con 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One sect plus one AMC sect remained with elements B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp plus one AMC sect continued op con 9 RAR in AO BURR. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 1 contact and Nil H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 6 RAR in AO STUART, 9 RAR in AO BURR and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT.
- (6) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued security operations in AO STUART, supported by 101 Fd Bty, 60 Engr Coy (LCT) (US) and elements of 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 YS271875.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued security operations in AO BURR, supported by 161 Fd Bty (NZ) and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ located FSPB WELLS YS656695.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued security operations in AO SHARK. Bn HQ located FSPB WANTON YS712670.
- (10) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continued retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) 60 Engr Coy (LCT) (US). Continued in DS 6 RAR for land clearing operations in AO STUART. HQ located FSPB COMMANCHE.
- (12) Air Support. Nil.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 091147H at YS260882 2/V/6 RAR located a cache containing one adding machine.
- (2) At 091606H at YS274890 11/D/9 RAR were engaged by SA, automatic and RPG fire from a bunker system, resulting in 5 Aust WIA (evac). An immediate airstrike was requested and 11 Pl swept the contact area with negative results.
- (3) At 091633H at YS295804 2/A/6 RAR were engaged by an unknown number of VC in a bunker system resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA (PW), evacuated to 1 Aust Fd Hosp, 1 AK47 and 1 Aust compass recovered.

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c. Results.(1) Friendly Losses.(a) Personnel 7 Aust WAI (5 evacuated).(b) Material Nil(2) Enemy Losses.(a) Personnel. 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA (PW).(b) Material. 1 x AK47, 1 x adding machine, 1 Aust compass.d. Locations.(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, 4 Tp YS506775.(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS660694, 3 Tp YS287837.(3) Task Force Artillery. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST, 161 Fd Bty FSPB WELLS, B Bty (-) 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base, Sect B Bty FSPB WELLS.(4) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base.(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST, A Coy YS276799, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL, V Coy YS295832, D Coy YS274889, W Coy YS309856.(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB WELLS, A Coy YS623772, B Coy YS660694, C Coy YS613710, D Coy YS659686.(7) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ FSPB WANTON, 1 Coy YS677649, 3 Coy YS724651.(8) 3/43 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL.e. Plans Summary.(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ (-) plus one tp and supporting elements continue security operations in AO SABOT, centre of mass YS4581. One tp remains on HORSESHOE HILL. 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 plus one AMC sect remains in support of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt operations in AO SABOT. One tp plus one AMC sect remains op con 9 RAR in 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 remains 1 ATF Base.(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues security operations in AO STUART, centre of mass YS3084. One coy continues the retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ remains FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.(5) 9 RAR. Elements redeploy within AO BURR, centre of mass YS6668. Elements continue to support pacification operations in the DAT DO District. Bn HQ redeploys to FSPB LONG REACH.(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continue security operations in AO SHARK, centre of mass YS6863. Bn HQ located FSPB WANTON YS712670.(7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 2.

Platoon - 1.

Squad - 8.

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has seven LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact - Nil.

2. Combined Operations.a. Psychological Operations.(1) Face to Face.

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- (a) (Late entry 8 Sep 69). Conducted by Audio Visual Team targeted at the population of AN THANH. The themes were GVN Image and anti VC. A total of 5 movies screened for total screening time of two hours. Population contacted - 150.
 - (b) (Late entry 8 Sep 69). Conducted by Audio Visual Team targeted at the population of PHUOC THANH. The themes were GVN Image ant VC, RD and New Life development, FWMAF Image. A total of 5 movies were screened for a total screening time of three hours. Population contacted - 500.
 - (c) Conducted by Audio Visual Team targeted at the population of AP DINH. The themes were GVN Image and anti VC. A total of 4 movies were screened for a total screening time of one and a half hours. Population contacted - 150.
 - (d) Conducted by Audio Visual Team targeted at the population of TAM PHUOC. The themes were anti VC. A total of two movies were screened for a total screening time of one hour. Population contacted - 50.
- (2) Ground.
- (a) (Late entry 8 Sep 69). Conducted by Audio Team targeted at the population of AN THANH. Music and song sheets distributed. Total broadcast time was one hour.
 - (b) (Late entry 8 Sep 69). Conducted by Audio Team targeted at the population of PHUOC TANH. The theme was GVN Image. Total broadcast time was one hour.
 - (c) Conducted by Audio Team targeted at the population of AP DINH. The theme was GVM image. Total broadcast time was one hour.
 - (d) Conducted by Audio Team targeted at the population of TAM PHUOC. The themes were GVN Image and local news. The total braodcast time was two hours.
- (3) Armed Propaganda Team.
- (a) (Late entry 8 Sep 69). APT operated in AN THANH for two hours. 100 posters, GVN Image were distributed.
 - (b) (Late entry 8 Sep 69). APT operated in PHUOC THANH for one and a half hours. 100 posters, GVN Image, 100 posters Anti VC were distributed.
 - (c) APT operated in AP DINH for one hour. 100 posters GVN Image, 100 posters Anti VC were distributed.
 - (d) APT operated in TAM PHUOC for one and a half hours. 100 song sheets distributed.
- (4) Integrated Civic Action Programme.
- (a) (Late entry 8 Sep 69). ICAP was conducted in PHUOC THANH for three hours.
- (5) Aircraft Broadcasts.
- (a) Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops sect targeted at the population of HOI MY, LO GOM and RANG PHUOC HAI. The theme was population control. Totla broadcast time was one and a half hours.
 - (b) Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops sect targeted at VC in area bounded by YS6686, YS7086, YS6681, YS7081. The themes were chieu hoi, total broadcast time was one hour.
- b. RF Operations.
- (1) 613 RF Coy. Assists 9 RAR in security operations near DAT DO.
 - (2) 614 RF Coy. Assists 9 RAR in security operations near DAT DO.
- c. Engineer Operations.
- (1) Mine clearance - nil.
 - (2) Areas Land Cleared.
 - (a) YS422684 - 420686 - 435699 - 435697.

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(b) YS295834 - 295886 - 295836 - 297834 - 95 acres.

3. Meteorological Detail 1 ATF Base.

a. Rainfall. Overnight to 0800H: 14 points: from 0800H-1900H - 55 points.
Total 24 hour period 69 points.

b. Prevailing Winds. SOUTH WEST winds (4300) at 9 knots.

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ADIM COMMANDER B SQN 1 ARMD REGT RAAC

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6 SEP 69

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259. DUTIES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY OFFICER</u>	<u>DUTY SERGEANT</u>
10 Sep 69	CAPT GILCHRIST	SGT TOCOCK
11 " "	LT McNEILAGE	SGT WILSON
12 " "	LT MERIDITH	SGT DE TURF
13 " "	WO1 KENDRICK	SGT SAWYER
14 " "	CAPT SULLIVAN	SGT JONES
15 " "	SGT TWOMEY	SGT STEER
16 " "	WO2 DINGLE	SGT ANGUS

260. 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.

TPR DAVIES
TPR VOYZEY
TPR ELLIOTT
TPR FERGUSON
TPR CONNOLLY
TPR SALTMARSH

Vietnamese Campaign Medal

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

TPR ZEUGOFSGE SGT GREY
TPR BERGHOFER TPR CONNELL
TPR SULLIVAN

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RIFLE 5.62MM M16A1

1. Rates of fire. M16A1 is designed as a semi automatic rifle not a machine gun. Weapons have exploded in the past possibly due to excessively long sustained automatic bursts. Precise limits are yet not known and care must be taken not to overheat the barrel by firing unduly long bursts.
2. If M16A1 barrel becomes filled with water it is not sufficient just to point muzzle down because surface tension compared with small bore makes it difficult for all water to be emptied. If any water remains barrel may split when weapon is fired. To ensure that all water is drained pull cocking handle a short distance to the rear to allow air to enter barrel.
3. It is essential that chamber should be kept clean.

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R & R TAIPEI

1. The following members will be proceeding on R & R to TAIPEI during OCT 69 and MAR 70.

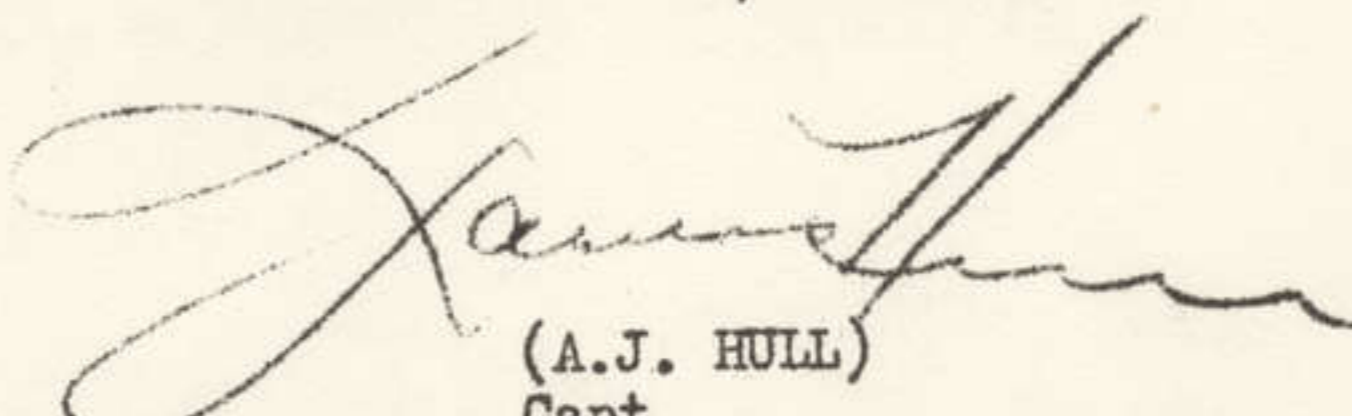
CPL GREEN	CAPT SULLIVAN
CFN SKRUUIE	2LT RITCHIE
CPL KEYS	TPR VOYZEY
TPR UMMELS	

2. All personnel proceeding to TAIPEI on R & R require the following:-
 - a. Application for passport.
 - b. Application for Visa.
 - c. Two identical Photographs taken of head and shoulders 2 1/2" x 2".
 - d. Three dollars MPC or 300 "P" for cost of Visa's.
3. The above are required at least five (5) weeks prior to date of departure and is the members responsibility to obtain same.
4. Applications for Passport and Visa's are available from the Unit Pay Rep (Pop)?.

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PICQUETS.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>22 AREA</u>	<u>24 AREA</u>
10 SEP 69	LAD	FWD/COMPOSITE
11 " "	1 TROOP	3 TROOP
12 " "	LAD	FWD/COMPOSITE
13 " "	1 TROOP	3 TROOP
14 " "	LAD	FWD/COMPOSITE
15 " "	1 TROOP	3 TROOP
16 " "	LAD	FWD/COMPOSITE


 (A.J. HULL)
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NOTICE

GUIDE TO CUSTOMS FOR R AND R FLIGHTS.

1. The following is a brief summary of customs restrictions:
 - a. Cigaretts. One carton of 200 cigarettes or equivalent in tobacco is permitted to all R&R centres EXCEPT Australian where NO cigaretts or equivalent are permitted to enter the country.
 - b. Foodstuffs. No foodstuffs or any kind are permitted to be taken to Australia. This includes chewing gum sweets, candy, potato chips etc.
 - c. Liquor. One sealed bottle of alcohol is the maximum to all centres. The seal must be intact.
 - d. Army equipment or war souvenirs. No Australian or foreign equipment or souvenirs such as poncho liners, VC flags US Army clothing are permitted to be taken from Vietnam on R & R.
 - e. Inflammabils/Explosives. No ammunition or explosives are permitted and in addition brasso, butane or lighter fluid cannot be taken on R & R to any centres
 - f. Pornographic photographs, books etc are not permitted nor are photographs etc of war dead.
 - g. Any medical drugs or tablets, other than paludrine and dapsone, must be authorised in writing by the members RAP etc staff.

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HQ 1 ATF

9 Sep 69

INT S-19-23.

SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT 9/69

VC/NVA SAPPER TRAINING

1. The attached report contains information pertaining to the sapper training received by the 8th Co, 1051 Bn, NVA, in the jungle near LOC BINH City, LOC BINH Dist, NVN. Included in the training were such subjects as, negotiating walls, crossing of streams and swamps, disarming of mines, techniques of night walking, preparation and use of explosives, and tactics used to attack a compound.
2. In view of reported changes of policy regarding types of VC/NVA attacks in the future, emphasis should be placed on counter sapper activities.

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Attachments: ANNEX "A" City Sapper Training.

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ANNEX "A" to INT S-19-23
dated 9 Sep 69

CITY SAPPER TRAINING

1. General. From Apr 68 to Jun 69, source received sapper training with the 2d Plat, 8th Co, 1051 Bn, in the jungle near LOC BINH City, LOC BINH Dist, NVN. He received training in the following subjects: swamp and river crossing, disarming of mines, use of B-40 ATGLs, use of TNT and C-4 explosives, negotiating of walls (three to five metres high), and action taken in the event the enemy used flares.
2. Selection for Sapper Training. Source did not know why he had been selected for sapper training, but he thought it was because of his good health and high morale.
3. Organization. The 8th Co was organised into 10 platoons, each with 28 EM and two training NCOs. The base camp consisted of ten thatched huts, nine were used as living barracks and one as a briefing hut. Each platoon trained as a unit except during practical exercises, when the platoons were broken down into three-man cells.
4. Training Schedule. The training schedule of source's unit was as follows:
 - 0530 - Reveille
 - 0545 - Personal hygiene, exercise, breakfast.
 - 0630 - Training
 - 1130 - Lunch, rest
 - 1400 - Training
 - 1800 - Dinner
 - 1930 - Review of day's training
 - 2100 - Sleep

This schedule was closely followed except when the unit had night training, or during inclement weather, during which time the unit received training lectures in the briefing hut. Source's unit trained every day except Sunday.

Training

5. General. Practical exercises were sometimes held in LOC BINH City. Cadre would go to houses they had decided to use for training and tell the occupants to leave for the day. During this type of training all phases of training were practiced, but no explosives were used.
6. Negotiating Walls. In order to climb a five-metre wall, a three man cell was employed. Two men held a bamboo pole, about five metres long and six centimetres in diameter, allowing the top of the pole to rest on the wall. The third man, with the explosives tied around his waist, would then climb up the pole and go over the wall, and carry out his mission alone. ~~The order to climb over~~ For a three-metre wall, a three man cell is used. The first man would sit down on the ground, while the second man would sit on his shoulders. The third man, with the explosives wrapped around his waist, would then climb on top of the second man's shoulders and stand up, after which the first and second man would stand up, thus elevating the third man high enough to climb over the wall, and perform his mission on his own.
7. Protection Against Flares. Source received training on defensive measures used against trip flares and mortar flares. If either flare was used against them, the first thing to do was to stop in place. After the flare had passed overhead, the sapper would slowly squat down and finally lie down. He could move again whenever he thought it was safe to do so. During training, a flashlight was used to simulate a flare.
8. Mines. While crawling up to any installation, a sapper carried a short stick which he used to probe the ground in front of him for mines. The unit learned to neutralise such mines as the M16A1, and other antipersonnel mines. If an M16A1 was encountered, a wire was placed into the holes of the side and top safety pin. If a claymore mine was encountered, it had to be turned around so it faced the installation to be attacked. The unit would then attract the enemy's attention and tried to get him to detonate the mine.

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9. Crossing Streams. For this operation, equipment was wrapped in a piece of nylon (2m x 2m) to form a floating sack. Ammo, weapons, and/or explosives were placed on top of the sack to keep them dry. The sapper pushed the bundle across the water while pushing himself forward with his feet.

10. Techniques of Night Walking. The trainees were taught to place either foot gently on the ground, with the toes pointed downwards. The same procedure was then repeated with the other foot. Each trainee had to cover approx 30m of terrain by this method, which took approx one hour. The same procedure was followed when crossing a swamp, however, if the swamp was over 50cm deep, they did not cross it.

TNT and C-4 Explosives:

11. Preparation. The TNT and/or C-4 explosives were made into one-kilogram blocks. In order to do this, a hole was dug in the ground and the TNT and/or C-4 explosives poured into it. A round wooden ball with a handle on it was used to compress the explosives into a block. The ball weighed approx three kilograms. After a block had been formed it was wrapped in plastic to keep it dry.

12. Usage. TNT was used more often than C-4, because it was more easily obtained. C-4 explosives were used primarily against well fortified installations. If a sapper unit could not climb a wall to get into a compound a charge of TNT was used to blow a hole in the wall. TNT was also used to blow up blockhouses and bunkers. The larger the objective, the larger the explosive charge employed. In order to make a large charge, several blocks of either TNT or C-4 were tied together. It took approx 30 minutes to tie five blocks together. Approx 90 minutes for a 10-block charge. One fuse was used for a one-block charge, two fuses were used for a five-block charge, three fuses were used for a ten-block charge. The reason for the extra fuses was to ensure a simultaneous detonation of the charge. Source felt that if the additional fuses were not used, some of the blocks of TNT would be driven out by the initial explosion and perhaps fail to detonate. They had six to seven-second delayed action fuses. The fuses were made in COMMUNIST CHINA.

13. Weapons. The main assault weapon was the AK-47 with folding stock. Sapper units also employed B-40 ATGLs for supporting fire. Normally two B-40 ATGLs were deployed approx 100 metres from the entrance of the compound that was to be attacked. In case the unit was detected before getting close enough to the objective, the ATGLs would fire at preselected targets, such as blockhouses, bunkers, and ammo dumps. The targets and missions were determined by the company CO.

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

11 Sep 69

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

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVEBC-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. Sqn HQ (-) plus one tp and supporting elements continued security operations in AO SABOT and AO BURR (extension). One tp remained at HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continued opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One sect and one AMC sect remained with elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp plus one AMC sect continued opcon 9 RAR in AO BURR. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 15 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 6 RAR in AO STUART, 9 RAR in AO BURR and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. Land clearing continued astride Route 2 near the 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy supports 9 RAR operations in AO BURR. One coy remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ remains 1 ATF Base.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued security operations in AO STUART supported by 101 Fd Bty, 60 Engr Coy (LCT) (US) and elements of 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 YS271875.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued security operations in AO BURR and AO BURR (extension) supported by 161 Fd Bty (NZ) and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy 5 RAR.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued security operations in AO SHARK. Bn HQ located FSPB WANTON YS712670.
- (10) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continued retraining of HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) 60 Engr Coy (LCT) (US). Continued in DS 6 RAR for land clearing operations in AO STUART. HQ located FSPB COMMANCHE YS295835.
- (12) Air Support. Nil.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) (100823H). At YS296836, 1/V/6 RAR while on a clearing patrol located a cache containing two 10 inch Chicom claymores, two 12 inch Chicom claymores and two RPG7 rounds.
- (2) (100900H). At YS273888, 11/D/6 RAR located a bunker system of 38 bunkers of which 36 had overhead cover of 2-3 feet. There were crawl trenches throughout the system. Believed to have been occupied in the last 24 hours by an estimated squad plus./(3)

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(3) (101220H). At YS568650, 7/C/9 RAR contacted three enemy moving East. Results: Three enemy KIA (BC), two AK47, one SKS and one Atk grenade launcher were recovered.

(4) (091645H-101600H). At YS296798-YS294796-YS296796, A/6 RAR located 33 bunkers with 3-4 feet of overhead cover in three adjoining bunker complexes. There were also two additional bunkers under construction and one structure. The structure is possibly a hospital as there are numerous beds on either side. Recovered were: A qty of documents, 1200 AK47 rounds, one entrenching tool and two wire cutters.

(5) (101610H). At YS561661, 7/C/9 RAR contacted three enemy. Results: Enemy casualties unknown, one M1 carbine, one M2 carbine, one Chicom SMG, qty of clothing, 100 lbs rice, 6 packs, qty of medical supplies, 20 lbs of salt, personal items and a qty of documents were recovered.

(6) (101635H). At YS284566, a CA Unit patrol received enemy SA fire. No further details are available.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel: Nil.

(b) Materiel: Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel: 3 VC KIA(BC).

(b) Materiel: 2 x 10" Chicom claymores, 2 x 12" Chicom claymores, 2 RPG7 rounds, 1 Atk grenade launcher, 1200 AK47 rounds, 2 wire cutters, 2 AK47 rifles, 1 SKS rifle, 1 M1 carbine, 1 M2 carbine, 1 Chicom SMG, 100 lbs rice, 26 lbs salt, 6 packs.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) Nui Dat; 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL; Tango Force plus 4 Tp FSPB WILTON YS542766.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) Nui Dat; 1 Tp YS604742; 3 Tp NDP COMANCHE YS2983.

(3) 5 RAR. 5 RAR (-) Nui Dat; A Coy (-) YS555774.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; A Coy (-) YS299798, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL, V Coy (-) NDP COMANCHE; D Coy YS304876; W Coy YS321873.

(5) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB WILTON YS5476; A Coy (-) YS596766, B Coy (-) YS604742; C Coy YS561660; D Coy (-) YS530682.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ FSPB WANTON YS7166; 1 Coy (-) YS708631; 3 Coy (-) YS746640.

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

e. Plans Summary.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ (-) plus one tp and supporting elements continue recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT, centre of mass YS4581. One tp remains at HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

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(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp remains op con 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp plus one AMC sect continues op con 9 RAR in AO BURR. One sect plus one AMC sect remains in support of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt operations in AO SABOT. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(3) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy continues opcon 9 RAR for operations in AO BURR. 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. Bn HQ remains FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.

(5) 9 RAR. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO BURR, centre of mass YS5674. Elements continue to support pacification operations in Dat Do District. Bn HQ located FSPB WILTON YS540766.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO SHARK, centre of mass YS6863. Bn HQ remains FSPB WANTON YS712670.

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

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact - Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. Nil report.

b. RF Operations.

(1) 613 RF Coy. Assists 9 RAR in security operations near Dat Do.

(2) 614 RF Coy. Assists 9 RAR in security operations near Dat Do.

c. Engineer Operations.

(1) Mine clearance - Nil.

(2) Areas Land Cleared - YS428691 - YS430690 - YS435697 - YS435698 - YS438696 - YS437694 - YS436698 - YS442712 - YS444711 - YS445710 - YS443702 - YS441703.

3. Meteorological Detail 1 ATF Base.

a. Rainfall. Total for 24 hour period 178 points. Breakup unknown.

b. Prevailing Winds. South West winds (4300 mls) at 5 knots.

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

12 Sep 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 110001H to 2400H Sep 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. Sqn HQ(-) plus one tp and supporting elements continue to support 9 RAR operations in AO BURR. One tp remained at HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continued opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp(-) and one AMC sect continued opcon 9 RAR in AO BURR. One sect plus one AMC sect continued to support B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO BURR. One sect remained opcon 2/52 ARVN Bn in AO SHARK. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

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

(5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 6 RAR in AO STUART and 9 RAR and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO BURR.

(6) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy continued opcon 9 RAR in AO BURR. One coy remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ remained 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 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 YS271875.

(8) 9 RAR. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO BURR, supported by 161 Fd Bty(NZ), one coy 5 RAR and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support pacification operations in the DAT DO District. Bn HQ located FSPB WILTON YS540766.

(9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO SHARK. Bn HQ located FSPB WANTON YS712670.

(10) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continued retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.

(11) 60 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). Continued in DS 6 RAR for land clearing operations in AO STUART. HQ located FSPB COMMANCHE YS295835.

(12) Air Support.

TIME	CO-ORDS	TARGET DESCRIPTION	BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
0834/0850H	YS644617	Base camp	100/20%, negative further
1140/1155H	YS405838	Base camp	100/50%, 1 bunker destroyed 1 military structure destroyed.

b. Contacts and Incidents

(1) At 111035H at YS568774, 3 Pl A Coy 5 RAR contacted 1 enemy. Results: 1 enemy KIA(BC).

(2) At 111045 at YS556667, Ptl of C Coy 9 RAR contacted 3 enemy. Results: 1 enemy WIA captured, 2 x M16 rifles, 1 pack, quantity documents captured.

c. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

(a) Personnel: Nil.

(b) Materiel: Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel: 1 KIA(BC), 1 WIA(captured).

(b) Materiel: 2 x M16 rifles, 1 x pack, quantity documents.

d. Locations

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) NUI DAT; 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL; Tango Force plus 4 Tp FSPB WILTON YS542766.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) NUI DAT; 1 Tp YS604742; 3 Tp NDP COMANCHE YS2983.

(3) Task Force Artillery. 101 Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST; 105 Bty NUI DAT; 161 Bty FSPB WILTON; BRAVO 2/35 Bty NUI DAT.

(4) 5 RAR. 5 RAR(-) NUI DAT; A Coy(-) YS562773.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; A Coy(-) YS299798; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL; V Coy(-) NDP COMANCHE; D Coy(-) YS309899; W Coy YS317896.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB WILTON YS5476; A Coy(-) YS596766; B Coy(-) YS604742; C Coy YS563671; D Coy(-) YS547702.

(7) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ FSPB WANTON YS7166; 1 Coy(-) YS694626; 3 Coy(-) YS723633.

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

e. Plans Summary

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ(-) plus one tp and supporting elements continue to support 9 RAR operations in AO BURR. One tp remains on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp remains opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp(-) plus one AMC sect continues opcon 9 RAR in AO BURR. One sect plus one AMC sect continues to support B Sqn 1 Armd Regt elements in AO BURR. One sect continues opcon 2/52 ARVN Bn in AO SHARK. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(3) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy continues opcon 9 RAR in AO BURR. One coy remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ remains remains 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 remains FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.

(5) 9 RAR. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO BURR, centre of mass YS5674. Elements continue to support pacification operations in the DAT DO District. Bn HQ remains FSPB WILTON YS540766.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO SHARK, centre of mass YS6863. Bn HQ remains FSPB WANTON YS712670.

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

f. Small Unit Actions

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact - nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

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2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Face to Face. Conducted by Audio Visual Team:

(a) (Late entry 10 Sep 69) Targeted at the population of LONG HAI. The themes were GVN Image, Anti VC and FWMAF image. A total of four movies shown for total screening time of one and one half hours. Attendance 200.

(b) (Late entry 10 Sep 69) Targeted at the population of PHUOC HOA. The themes were GVN Image, Anti VC, and FWMAF image. A total of five movies were shown for a total screening time of two hours. Attendance 350.

(c) Targeted at the population of PHU HAI. The themes were GVN Image. Vietnamese songs conducted for one and one half hours. Attendance 100.

(d) Targeted at the population of AN NGAI. The themes were GVN Image, FWMAF Image, Public Safety, Anti VC. A total of five movies were screened for a total screening time of two hours.

(2) Ground. Conducted by Audio Team:

(a) (Late entry 10 Sep 69). Targeted at the population of LONG HAI. The themes were GVN Image. Total broadcast time two hours.

(b) (Late entry 10 Sep 69). Targeted at the population of PHUOC HOA. The themes were GVN Image. Total broadcast time one hour.

(c) Targeted at the population of PHU HAI. The themes were GVN Image. Total broadcast time one and one half hours.

(d) Targeted at the population of LONG DIEN. The themes were GVN Image. Total broadcast time two hours.

(3) Armed Propaganda Team: Operated in:

(a) (Late entry 10 Sep 69) LONG HAI Village for one and one half hours. 200 VIP posters and 100 GVN Image posters disseminated.

(b) (Late entry 10 Sep 69) PHUOC HOA Village for two hours 50 VIP posters and 50 GVN Image posters disseminated.

(c) PHU HAI Village for one and one half hours. 50 VIP, 50 GVN Image and 50 Chieu Hoi posters disseminated.

(d) LONG DIEN Village for two hours. 50 VIP, 100 GVN Image and 50 Chieu Hoi posters disseminated.

(4) Integrated Civic Action Programme. (Late entry 10 Sep 69). ICAP was conducted in PHUOC HOA for three hours.

b. RF Operations

(1) 613 RF Coy. Assists 9 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.

(2) 614 RF Coy. Assists 9 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Areas Land Cleared

(a) YS292832, YS291831, YS298832, YS297930.

(b) YS444711, YS442712, YS445721, YS447721, YS441703, YS443703, YS449696, YS448696.

3. Meteorological Detail 1 ATF Base.

a. Rainfall. Total for 24 hour period: 75 points.

b. Prevailing Winds. South West winds (4200 mils) at 10 knots.

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13 Sep 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 120001H to 122400H Sep 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 TACR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ (-) plus one tp and supporting elements continued to support 9 RAR operations in AO BURR. One tp remained at HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force Standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continued op con 6 RAR for LCT protection tasks in AO STUART. One tp (-) and one AMC sect remained op con 9 RAR in AO BURR. One sect remained op con 2/52 ARVN Bn in AO SHARK. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 22 H and I tasks were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 6 RAR in AO STUART and 9 RAR and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO BURR. Continued land clearing operations astride Route 2 in the vicinity of BINH BA.
- (6) 5 RAR. One coy returned to NUI DAT from AO BURR. One coy remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. 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 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy continued the re-training of the 3/43 ARVN Bn on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO BURR supported by 161 Fd Bty (NZ) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support pacification operations in DAT DO District. Bn HQ located FSPB WILTON YS540766.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO SHARK. Bn HQ located FSPB WANTON YS712670.
- (10) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continued retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) 60 Engr Coy (LCT) (US). Continued in DS 6 RAR for land clearing operations in AO STUART. HQ located FSPB COLANCHE YS295835.
- (12) Air Support. Significant airstikes were:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>TARGET DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0633H	YS29517543	CSS	100/100. Neg further.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) (121200H). At YS563672 C/9 RAR located four bunkers, one kitchen and one lecture room. The camp had been occupied by three people on the previous day. Later at YS563674 C/9 RAR located three bunkers occupied by three people on the previous day and at YS562676 C/9 RAR located seven bunkers with no signs of previous occupation.
- (2) (121225H). At YS312797 A/6 RAR/NZ located a bunker system containing seven bunkers with overhead cover, two coolhouses, three fighting pits and one well which had been occupied three to four days earlier. A small quantity of old clothing was recovered.
- (3) (121505H). At YS555777 A/5 RAR engaged three VC who approached their position from the SOUTH, resulting in one VC KIA (BC) and one AK47 CIA.
- (4) Late Report. (111000H). At YS302796, 4/D/6 RAR/NZ located seven bunkers in good condition and two incomplete bunkers which had been occupied 48 hours previously. One Chicom blast grenade, 30 AK47 rounds, quantity of cooking utensils and numerous water bottles were recovered.

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c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses. Omitted.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 4 VC KIA (BC).
 - (b) Material. 1 AK47, 1 Chicom blast grenade, 30 AK47 rounds.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) NUI DAT, 3 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, TANGO FORCE plus 4 Tp YS551775.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS601763, 3 Tp FSPB COMANCHE.
- (3) Task Force Artillery. 101 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST, 105 Fd Bty NUI DAT, 161 Fd Bty (NZ) FSPB WILTON, 2/35 Bty NUI DAT.
- (4) 5 RAR. NUI DAT.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787, A Coy YS301811, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL, V Coy (-) FSPB COMANCHE YS2983, D Coy YS303902, W Coy YS322912.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB WILTON YS5476, A Coy (-) YS573774, B Coy (-) YS601763, C Coy YS568691, D Coy (-) YS546730.
- (7) 60 Engr Coy (LCT) (US). FSPB COMANCHE YS2983.
- (8) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ FSPB WANTON YS7166, 1 Coy (-) YS699647, 3 Coy (-) YS714615.
- (9) 3/43 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ (-) plus one tp and supporting elements continue to support 9 RAR in AO BURR. One tp remains on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continues op con 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp (-) plus one AMC sect continues op con 9 RAR in AO BURR. One sect plus one AMC sect continues to support B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO BURR. One sect remains op con 2/52 ARVN Bn in AO SHARK. 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 YS271875.
- (5) 9 RAR. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO BURR, centre of mass YS5674. Elements continue to support pacification operations in the DAT DO District. Bn HQ located FSPB WILTON YS540766.
- (6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO SHARK, centre of mass YS6863. Bn HQ remains FSPB WANTON YS712670.
- (7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continues retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company -2.
Platoon -Nil.
Squad -8.
- (2) 3 SAS has 7 LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact - one (LRRP).
- (4) Results - 3 VC KIA (BC).

2. Combined Operations.a. Psychological Operations.

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(1) Aircraft Broadcasts.

(a) Conducted by USAF and Psy Ops Sect targeted at enemy units in areas centre of mass, YS5788, YS5988, YS5786, YS5986 and YS6682, YS6882, YS6684, YS6884. The themes were Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was two hours.

(b) Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops Sect targeted at D67 and Chau Duc Units. The themes were Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was one and a half hours.

b. RF Operations.

(1) 613 RF Coy. Assists 9 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.

(2) 614 RF Coy. Assists 9 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Areas Land Cleared.

(a) YS444711 - 446710 - 450729 - 448724 - 426722 - 447722 - 446718 - 445718.

(b) YS290833 - 296830 - 297833.

3. Meteorological Detail 1 ATF Base.

a. Rainfall. Total for 24 Hour period 120 points.

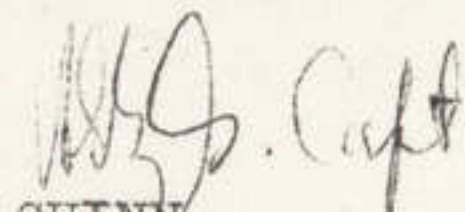
b. Prevailing Winds. South west winds (3900 mils) at 10 knots.

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SUB T: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 130001H to 132400H Sep 69.

14 Sep 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. Sqn HQ (-) plus one tp and supporting elements continued to support 9 RAR in AO BURR. One tp remained at HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force Standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continued op con 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp (-) and one AMC sect remained op con 9 RAR in AO BURR. One sect remained op con 2/52 ARVN Bn in AO SHARK. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 23 H and I tasks were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 6 RAR in AO STUART, and 9 RAR and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO BURR. Elements continue land clearing operations vicinity BINH BA rubber.
- (6) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. 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 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 YS271875.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO BURR, supported by 161 Fd Bty (NZ) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support pacification operations in the DAT DO District. Bn HQ located FSPB WILTON YS540766.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO SHARK. Bn HQ located FSPB WANTON YS712670.
- (10) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continued retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) 60 Engr Coy (LCT) (US). Continued in DS 6 RAR for land clearing operations in AO STUART. HQ located FSPB COMMANCHE YS295835.
- (12) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>TARGET DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0800/0814H	YS576756	VC Base Camp <u>SIGHTING</u>	100/50. Neg further.
1115H	YS436835	Stretched out parachute possibly used as a canopy.	
		<u>TARGET DESCRIPTION</u>	
1115/1125H	YS796741	VC Base Camp	100/80. Neg BDA.
1215/1227H	YS405833	VC Base Camp	100/75. 1 Bkr Des. 2 Bkr Exp. 1 Hooch.Des.
1240/1300H	YS388881	VC Base Camp	100/50. Neg BDA.
1314/1328H	YS754807	VC Base Camp	95/40. Neg BDA.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 130820H at YS568691, 9/C/9 RAR contacted 3 enemy believed to be a recce party. Neg friendly casualties, enemy casualties unknown.

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(2) At 131512H at YS309928, 12/D/6 RAR contacted one enemy. Results unknown.

(3) At 131420H at YS 318936, elements of 6 RAR sighted 3 to 6 VC. An LFT engaged the area with unknown results.

c. Omitted.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, 4 Tp YS551775.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp (-) YS601763, 3 Tp (-) NDP CAMMANCHE.

(3) 5 RAR. 5 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base.

8 (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST, A Coy YS306833, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL, V Coy (-) NDP COMMACHE, D Coy YS309925, W Coy YS343934.

(5) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB WILTON, A Coy (-) YS575750, B Coy (-) YS601763, C Coy (-) YS560692, D Coy (-) YS546728.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ FSPB WANTON, 1 Coy (-) FSPB WANTON, 2 Coy (-) YS691671, 3 Coy (-) YS711620.

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

e. Plans Summary.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Sqn. Sqn HQ (-) plus one tp and supporting elements continue to support 9 RAR operations in AO BURR. One tp remains at HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continues op con 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp (-) plus one AMC sect continues op con 9 RAR in AO BURR. One sect plus one AMC sect support B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO BURR. One sect remains op con 2/52 ARVN Bn in AO SHARK. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(3) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy deploys to vicinity FSPB WILTON YS5476. One coy remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO STUART centre of mass YS3084. One coy deploys to NUI DAT in preparation for tasks on HORSESHOE HILL. One coy continues the retraining of the 3/43 ARVN Bn HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.

(5) 9 RAR. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO BURR centre of mass YS5674. Elements continue to support pacification operations in the DAT DO District. Bn HQ located FSPB WILTON YS540766.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO SHARK, centre of mass YS6863. Bn HQ located FSPB WANTON YS711670.

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

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 7 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact - Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Face to Face. Conducted by Audio Visual Team targeted at the population of:

(a) ONG TRINH DP hamlet. The themes were GVN Image, Anti VC and RD and New Life development. Total of five movies shown for total screening time of two and half hours. Attendance - 150.

(b) LONG DIEN Village. The themes were GVN Image and Anti VC. A total of three movies shown for total screening time of one hour. Attendance - 25.

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- (2) Ground. Conducted by Audio Team targeted at the population of:
 - (a) ONG TRINH DC hamlet. The themes were GVN Image, RD and New Life development. Total broadcast time was one and a half hours.
 - (b) LONG DIEN Village. The themes were GVN Image. Total broadcast time was half an hour.
 - (3) Armed Propaganda Team. APT operated in:
 - (a) ONG TRINH DP, ONG TRINH DC hamlets for a total of two hours. The themes were GVN Image, Third party inducement and reward. A total of 200 posters disseminated.
 - (b) LONG DIEN Village for a half hour. The themes were third party inducement.
 - (4) Aircraft Broadcasts. Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops sect targeted at enemy units in areas centre of mass YS5784-5883-5782- 5882- 6682, YS6684-6884-6682-6882. The theme was Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was one and a half hours.
 - (5) Integrated Civic Action Programme. Conducted in LONG DIEN Village for two hours.
- b. RF Operations.
 - (1) 613 RF Coy. Assists 9 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.
 - (2) 614 RF Coy. Assists 9 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.
 - c. Engineering Operations.
 - (1) Areas Land Cleared.
 - (a) YS290831-286824-294826-296839.
 - (b) YS288839-289835-295836.
 - (c) YS454760-455761-454763-443766-443763.
3. Meteorological Detail 1 ATF Base.
 - a. Rainfall. 11 Points.
 - b. Prevailing Winds. Westerly winds (4900 mils) at 9 knots.

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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 140001H to 142400H Sep 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. Sqn HQ (-) plus one tp and supporting elements continued to support 9 RAR in AO BURR. One tp remained at HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continued op con 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp (-) plus one AMC sect remained op con 9 RAR in AO BURR. One sect plus one AMC sect continued to support B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO BURR. One sect remained op con 2/52 ARVN Bn in AO SHARK. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 15 H and I tasks were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 6 RAR in AO STUART, 9 RAR and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO BURR. Elements continued land clearing operations astride Route 2 in the vicinity of BINH BA.
- (6) 5 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy deployed to the vicinity of FSPB WILTON. One coy (-) deployed to vicinity YS5663. Tac HQ plus elements Sp Coy deploy to FSPB BEN YS603764. One Coy remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. 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, and elements of 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 remained FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.
- (8) 9 RAR. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO BURR supported by 161 Fd Bty (NZ) and elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support pacification operations in the DAT DO District. Bn HQ located FSPB WILTON YS540766.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO SHARK supported by one sect B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Bn HQ located FSPB WANTON YS712670.
- (10) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continued retraining on HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) 60 Engr Coy (LCT) (US). Continued in DS 6 RAR for land clearing operations in AO STUART. HQ located FSPB COMMANCHE YS295835.
- (12) Air support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>	<u>TARGET DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT</u>
1020H	YS578832	Logs over SONG RAI river.		
	YS579819	Possible foot bridges.		
1150/ 1204H	YS457549	VC Base Camp		95/30. 1 bunker damaged.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 141120H at YS447574 10/D/5 RAR located six bunkers with 2 ft overhead cover in poor condition. On moving into the area two signal shots were fired from area YS447574 DINH CO Monastery.
- (2) At 141230H at YS550775 4 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt located a well camouflaged trench 2 yds wide by 4ft 6 inch long by four ft deep.

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(3) At 141357H at YS548775 4 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt located two freshly dug weapon pits. A well used track leading North, six small gardens camouflaged against air observation. Contacted the enemy with negative results and the enemy withdrew South.

(4) At 141430H at YS566700 8/C/9 RAR contacted one enemy who withdrew North. Located 5 bunkers in good condition and two bunkers under construction.

(5) At 141630H at YS369535 a vehicle from 9 RAR was fired on from approx 250 yds East of QL 15.

c. Omitted.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS570773, 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, 4 Tp YS551775.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS602763, 3 Tp NDP COMMANCHE.

(3) 5 RAR. 5 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base, B Coy (-) YS566783, C Coy (-) 1 ATF Base.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST, A Coy (-) NDP COMMANCHE, B Coy HORSESHOE HILL, W Coy FSPB DIGGERS REST, V Coy YS313841, D Coy 1 ATF Base.

(5) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB WILTON, A Coy (-) YS544768, B Coy (-) YS599762, C Coy (-) YS569694, D Coy YS539739.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ FSPB WANTON, 1 Coy (-) FSPB WANTON, 2 Coy (-) YS694652, 3 Coy (-) YS723649.

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

e. Plans Summary.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ (-) plus one tp and supporting elements cease operations with 9 RAR and redeploy to AO SABOT to commence recce and ambush operations. One tp remains at HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continues op con 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp (-) plus one AMC sect reverts from under op con 9 RAR to under op con 5 RAR in AO MAX. One sect plus one AMC sect continues op con B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One sect continues op con 2/52 ARVN Bn in AO SHARK. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(3) 5 RAR. Completes deployment into AO MAX, centre of mass YS6076 and commences recce and ambush operations. One coy supports pacification operations in DAT DO. Bn HQ located FSPB BEN YS603764.

(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. One coy deploys from NUI DAT to secure HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.

(5) 9 RAR. Redeploys from AO BURR to 1 ATF Base, NUI DAT. One coy remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base NUI DAT.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO SHARK, centre of mass YS6863. Bn HQ located FSPB WANTON YS711670.

(7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Deploys to AO CAT centre of mass YS4588 to commence recce and ambush operations. Bn HQ located vicinity YS4488.

f. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - 1

Platoon - 2

Squad - 8

(2) 3 SAS has 5 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact - one.

(4) Results: 2 VC KIA (BC) LRRP.

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Combined Operations

- a. Psychological Operations. Omitted.
- b. RF Operations.
 - (1) 613 RF Coy. Assists 9 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.
 - (2) 614 RF Coy. Assists 9 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.
- c. Engineering Operations.
 - (1) Areas Land Cleared.
 - (a) YS297837-295835-301835-297833.
 - (b) YS444764-433767-433766-432766-431766.

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Meteorological Detail 1 ATF Base.

- a. Rainfall. 15 points for 24 hour period.
- b. Prevailing Winds. South West winds (4300 mils) at 8 knots.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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16 Sep 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 150001H to 152400H Sep 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. Sqn HQ(-) plus one tp and supporting elements continue recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT (restricted). One tp remained at HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp remained opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp(-) plus one AMC sect continued opcon 5 RAR in AO MAX. One sect plus one AMC sect continued opcon B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One sect remained opcon 2/52 ARVN Bn in AO SHARK. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby and assisted in the deployment of 3/43 ARVN Bn to AO CAT.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. 1 contact and 25 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MAX, 6 RAR in AO STUART, 9 RAR in AO BURR and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT.
- (6) 5 RAR. Completed deployment to AO MAX and commenced recce and ambush operations supported by 105 Fd Bty, and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy remained opcon 1 ATF for pacification operations in DAT DO District. Bn HQ located FSPB BEN YS6C3764.
- (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 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy deployed with 3/43 ARVN Bn to AO CAT. One coy remained on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.
- (8) 9 RAR. Completed Operation NEPPABONNA in AO BURR and returned to 1 ATF Base. One coy remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO SHARK, supported by one sect B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Bn HQ located FSPB WANTON YS712670.
- (10) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Deployed from HORSESHOE HILL to AO CAT, centre of mass YS4588, to commence recce and ambush operations. Bn HQ located FSPB TACOMA YS452895.
- (11) 60 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). Continued in DS 6 RAR for land clearing operations in AO STUART; HQ located FSPB COMMANCHE YS295835.
- (12) Air Support. Nil airstrikes.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 151045H 4 Pl 5 RAR was approached at YS578780 by 2 enemy moving East to West. Results: 1 enemy KIA, 1 SKS captured.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

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

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- (2) Enemy Losses.
(a) Personnel. 1 KIA.
(b) Materiel. 1 SKS.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, Sqn HQ DUC THANH YS4677, 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS4962, 4 Tp YS464842.
(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp FSPB BEN YS6076, 3 Tp FSPB COMMANCHE YS2983.
(3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPE DIGGERS REST YS2787, 105 Fd Bty FSPB BEN YS6076, B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.
(4) 5 RAR. Bn(-) FSPB BEN YS6076, A Coy(-) YS562764, B Coy(-) YS563785, C Coy(-) YS569690, D Coy DAT DO area.
(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn(-) FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787, A Coy(-) FSPB COMMANCHE YS2983, B Coy(-) FSPB TACOMA YS4589, V Coy(-) YS313841, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962, W Coy(-) YS282884.
(6) 9 RAR. Bn(-) 1 ATF Base.
(7) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn(-) FSPB WANTON YS7166, 1 Coy(-) FSPB WANTON YS7166, 2 Coy(-) YS702668, 3 Coy(-) YS719678.
(8) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Bn(-) FSPB TACOMA YS4589

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn(-) plus one tp and supporting elements continue recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT (restricted) centre of mass YS4682. One tp remains at HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continues opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp(-) plus one AMC sect continues opcon 5 RAR in AO MAX. One sect plus one AMC sect continue opcon B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One sect remains opcon 2/52 ARVN Bn in AO TRIDENT.
(3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO MAX, centre of mass YS6076. One coy continues pacification operations in the DAT DO District. Bn HQ remains FSPB BEN YS603764.
(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO STUART, centre of mass YS3084. One coy continues operations with 3/43 ARVN Bn in AO CAT. One coy remains on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ remains FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.
(5) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Deploys from AO SHARK to AO TRIDENT centre of mass YS2578 to commence recce and ambush operations. Bn HQ location to be advised.
(7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO CAT, centre of mass YS4588. Bn HQ located FSPB TACOMA YS452895.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - two
Platoon - two
Squad - eight
(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPs deployed.
(3) Small unit actions with contact: Nil.
(4) Results: Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Air Broadcasts.

- (a) (Late Entry) 14 Sep 69, conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops sect. Targeted at VC units in areas centre of mass YS4884, YS3780. The themes were Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was one and a half hours.

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(b) Conducted by USAF targeted at VC units in areas centre of mass YS3065, YS3075, YS4281, YS4885. The themes were HO CHI MINH'S DEATH, total broadcast time was two hours.

(2) Leaflet Drop. Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops sect targeted at the population of LONG HUONG, LONG DIEN., AN NHUT, DAT DO, PHUOC LOI, HOI MY, LO GOM, LANG PHUOC HAI, HOA LONG, BINH GIA. The themes were Land Reform. A total of 150,000 leaflets were dropped.

b. RF Operations.

(1) 613 RF Coy. Assists 5 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.

(2) 614 RF Coy. Assists 5 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.

(3) ARVN Mech Pl. Assists B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy escort tasks.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Areas Land Cleared.

(a) Nil.

(b) YS302843 to YS303841 to YS298838 to YS301836.

3. Meteorological Detail 1 ATF Base.

a. Rainfall. Overnight to 151800H - Nil. From 0800H to 1900H - 23 Points. Total 23 Points.


b. Prevailing Winds. South West winds (4400 Mils) at 6 knots.

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<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
264.	Duties.
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267.	Injections.
268.	R & R Oct.
269.	Dress.
270.	Preservation of Airfields.

264. DUTIES.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY OFFICER</u>	<u>DUTY SERGEANT</u>
17 Sep 69	WO2 BUCKELL	SGT HILTON
18 " "	CAPT GILCHRIST	SGT NICHOLSON
19 " "	LT McNEILAGE	SGT GRAY
20 " "	LT MEREDITH/ SWEENEY	SGT TOCOCK
21 " "	WO1 KENDRICK	SGT DETURT
22 " "	CAPT SULLIVAN	SGT STEER
23 " "	SGT TWOMEY	SGT ANGUS

PICQUETS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>22 AREA</u>	<u>24 AREA</u>
17 Sep 69	3 TROOP	1 TROOP/ 4 TROOP
18 " "	LAD	FWD COMPOSITE
19 " "	3 TROOP	1 TROOP/ 4 TROOP
20 " "	LAD	FWD COMPOSITE
21 " "	3 TROOP	1 TROOP/ 4 TROOP
22 " "	LAD	FWD COMPOSITE
23 " "	3 TROOP	1 TROOP/ 4 TROOP

265. 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.

TPR BELFIELD	TPR HASTING	TPR BRIGGS
TPR KELLY	TPR GELDENS	TPR SACH
CPL SCOTT	TPR ROWE	TPR BEST
TPR LLOYD	TPR HAMILTON	TPR HARRIS
TPR TREW	TPR PEATE	TPR GNAITKIEWICZ.
TPR KING	TPR ATKINSON	
TPR McMAMARA	TPR NICHOLSON	
TPR MILNER	TPR MEEKE	
TPR JOYCE	TPR O'GORMAN	
TPR EVANS	CPL DRINKWATER	

Vietnamese Campaign Medal

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

CPL WINSTANLEY.

266. UNAUTHORISED MODIFICATION OF LIAI SLR.

1. No member is to tamper with the mechanism of the LIAI SLR rifle so as to cause the weapon to be fired automatically.

267. INJECTIONS

1. The following are to report to the Sqn Aid Post for needles on Wed 17 Sep 69 at the times indicated below:

a. 0900 Hrs:

CPL APLIN	TPR HALE P.J.
CPL BEAZLEY	TPR JOHNSON
CPL BRIANT	CPL KEYS
WO2 BUCKELL	TPR McCALLUM
CPL CLARK	CPL MUNSELL
CPL CUNNINGHAM	LT Mc NEILAGE
CPL COUGHLIN	TPR NICHOLSON
CPL CROMIE	TPR RAMSDALE
WO2 DINGLE	TPR REHN
LT DOERFF	L/CPL SMITH R.J.
SGT DE TURT	TPR SKINNER
TPR ELLIOTT	TPR SMITH D.J.
CPL FEDOROWYTSCH	TPR SPRAGUE
TPR FERGUSON	SGT TWOMEY
L/CPL FERRARI	L/CPL THOMAS M.J.
TPR GOEHARD	TPR VAN DER SCHOOT
TPR GRANT	TPR VOYZEY
CFN GARDINER	TPR WRIGHT
CPL GOTT	L/ CPL WALKER
CAPT HULL	TPR WARNER
TPR HAY	

b. 0930 Hrs:

All new march ins from Aust on 10 Sep 69 and:

TPR ANKETELL	TPR O'KEEFE
LT BLACKNEY	CPL O'SHEA
TPR BROWN	TPR POLLOCK
TPR CLELAND	TPR PRIOR
TPR DOUPAIN	TPR RISINGER
TPR GILBERT	TPR SMITH R.C.
TPR HODGES	TPR TRAVIS
CPL HUTCHINS	TPR WEBER
CPL HARTNETT	TPR WILLIAMS
TPR NANKIVELL	CFN WHITE.
TPR O'CONNOR	

2. Members unable to attend due to operational commitments are to report to the SAP, ASP to avoid multiple new injections due to expiration of boosters.

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3 OCT 69	SGT DE TURT	19 OCT 69	TPR SMITH G.J.
5 OCT 69	TPR WHITEHEAD	22 OCT 69	TPR GRANT
8 OCT 69	L/CPL POMFRET	26 OCT 69	TPR HALE P.J.
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10 OCT 69	TPR SIMPSON	29 OCT 69	TPR HAY
12 OCT 69	TPR CAVANAGH	31 OCT 69	SGT ANGUS
15 OCT 69	TPR REHN		

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2. HONG KONG

3 OCT 69	TPR	WHITEHORN
7 OCT 69	TPR	THOMAS
14 OCT 69	CAPT	GILCHRIST
23 OCT 69	TPR	LEIHY
31 OCT 69	L/CPL	FERRARI

3. BANKOK

13 OCT 69 TPR DAVIES M.F.

4. TAIPEI

17 OCT 69	2LT	RITCHIE
30 OCT 69	CPL	KEYS

269. APPEARANCE AND TURNOUT

1. Attention is drawn to the Dress Manual (1963) Chapter 2 para 23 which states inter alia:

"A male officer or soldier may grow a neat moustache, otherwise his face is to be clean shaven up to the level of the corners of the eyes, Hair showing below the head dress is to be krpt short."

2. All members of this unit are to:

- a. Keep their moustaches neat, if wearing one.
- b. Keep clean shaven up to the corners of the eyes.
- c. Keep their hair short.

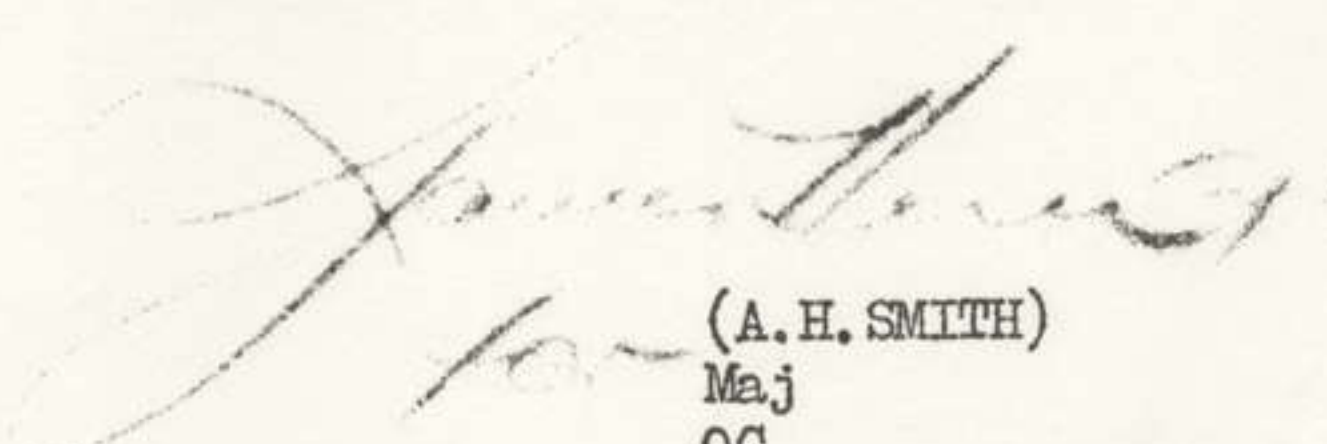
270. PRESERVATION OF AIRFIELDS.

1. The construction of airfields whether grass, metal or sealed surface is a major engineering project, involving in particular, extensive compacting.

2. Whether in use, or abandoned, airfields are a national asset and varying operational or civil-economic situations may dictate their use at any time. In addition, captains of aircraft in difficulties may elect to force land at the nearest airfield, indicated on current maps, regardless of their state of preservation.

3. Airfields within 1 ATF TAOR/TAOI and AOs granted to 1 ATF outside the TAOR/TAOI are to be preserved intact for their designed function by 1 ATF. Under no circumstances are surfaces to be disturbed, approaches to be obstructed or any other associated facility interfered with.

4. Any incident or action affecting the serviceability of an airfield or its facilities is to be reported to HQ 1 ATF immediately, for appropriate advise to TFAC and Sector HQ BARIA.


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

17 Sep 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 160001H to 162400H Sep 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. Sqn HQ(-) plus one tp and supporting elements continued recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT. One tp remained at HORSESHOE HILL. 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 STUART. One tp(-) plus one AMC sect remained op con 5 RAR in AO MAX. One sect plus one AMC sect remained op con B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One sect remained op con 2/52 and deployed from AO SHARK to AO TRIDENT. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Three contact 19 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MAX, 6 RAR in AO STUART and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO MAX supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy remained op con HQ 1 ATF for pacification operations in DAT DO District. Bn HQ located FSPB BEN YS603764.
- (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 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy continued operations with the 3/43 ARVN Bn in AO CAT. One coy remained on HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.
- (8) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Deployed from AO SHARK to AO TRIDENT to commence recce and ambush operations. Bn HQ located FSPB DOODY YS2377.
- (10) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO CAT. Bn HQ located FSPB TACOMA YS452895.
- (11) 60 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). Continued in DS 6 RAR for land clearing operation in AO STUART. HQ located FSPB COMMANCHE YS295835.

(12) Air Support.

TIME	CO-ORDS	SIGHTING	
1045H	YS455706	6-7 Ox carts	
1050H	YS455706	2 People moving East along a track, when the 2 people sighted aircraft one started running and the other tried to hide, the one that one ran stopped after awhile, then both people disappeared into the rubber.	
1245H	2000m FSPB WANTON	2 Ox carts	
1420H	YS402818	New VC base camp	
TIME	CO-ORDS	TARGET DESCRIPTION	BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
0913/ 0929H	YS748709	Base camp	100/10%, neg further
1118/ 1133H	YS589606	Base camp	100/50%, neg further
1125/ 1143H	YS331637	Base camp	100/90%, 3 military structures damaged, 1 dud MK117.
1537/ 1552H	YS589607	Base camp	100/80%, neg BDA.
0300H	YS34468261	CSS, base camp	Bomb on tgt, 1 dud neg further

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b. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 160824H at YS569690 C Coy(-) of 5 RAR contacted 5 en moving from the North. Results: 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC KIA (Poss), 2 AK47s and quantity stores and equipment captured.
- (2) At 160926H at YS299876, 2/W/6 RAR contacted unknown number en crossing track. Results: 1 VC KIA, 1 AK47 and 1 small pack captured.
- (3) At 160930H at YS462854, B Sqn 1 Armd Regt contacted 3-5 en moving SE. Negative friendly cas, en cas unknown.
- (4) At 161150H at YS467883, C/S 21 of 3/43 ARVN engaged 1 en with negative results.
- (5) At 161215H at YS577665, 7/C/5 RAR contacted 3 en of a party of approx 14. Results: 1 VC KIA (Poss), 1 SKA captured.
- (6) At 161330H at YS479883, 3/43 ARVN were contacted by an unknown number of en who fired B40s and AK47s and withdrew. There were negative results.

c. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

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

(2) Enemy Losses.

- (a) Personnel. 3 VC KIA (BC), 2 VC KIA (Poss).
- (b) Materiel. 3 AK47, 1 SKA, 1 small pack, 12 cwt rice, quantity documents and stores.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS4962, 4 Tp YS465848.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp FSPB BEN YS6076, 3 Tp NDP COMMANCHE YS2983.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787, 105 Fd Bty FSPB BEN YS6076, B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ(-) FSPB BEN YS6076, A Coy(-) YS554750, B Coy(-) YS554794, C Coy(-) YS570692, D Coy(-) YS490588.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ(-) FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787, A Coy(-) NDP COMMANCHE YS2983, B Coy(-) FSPB TACOMA YS4589, V Coy(-) YS323846, D Coy(-) HORSESHOE HILL, W Coy(-) YS283884.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ(-) 1 ATF Base.
- (7) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ(-) FSPB DOODY YS2377, 1 Coy(-) YS241773, 2 Coy(-) YS241775, RF Coy(-) YS235776.
- (8) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ(-) FSPB TACOMA YS4589.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ(-) plus one tp and supporting elements continue recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT, centre of mass YS4581. One tp remained at HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continues op con 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp(-) plus one AMC sect continues op con 5 RAR in AO MAX. One sect plus one AMC sect continue op con B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO MAX, centre of mass YS6076. One coy continues pacification operations in DAT DO District. Bn HQ located FSPB BEN YS603764.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO STUART, centre of mass YS3084. One coy continues operations with 3/43 ARVN Bn in AO CAT. One coy remains at HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.
- (5) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.

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(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Commences recce and ambush operations in AO TRIDINH, centre of mass YS2578. Bn HQ located FSPB DOODY YS2377.

(7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO CAT, centre of mass YS4588. Bn HQ located FSPB TACOMA YS452895.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - 1
Platoon - 3
Squad - Nil

(2) 3 SAS has 7 LRRPs deployed.

(3)-(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts. Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops section targeted at VC units in areas centre of mass YS6487 and YS7287. The themes were Chieu Hoi and Ho Chi Minhs death. Total broadcast time was one and half hours.

(2) Face to Face. Conducted by the Audio Visual team target at the population of:

(a) (Late entry 15 Sep 69) LONG KIEN I Hamlet. The themes were GVN image, anti VC. Five movies shown for total screening time of two hours. Audience numbered 150.

(b) (Late entry 15 Sep 69) NGAI GIAO Village. The themes were anti VC and RD and New Life development. Three movies were shown for total screening time of two hours. Audience numbered 200.

(c) PHUOC TINH Village. The themes were GVN image, and anti VC. Four movies were shown for total screening time of two hours. Audience numbered 200.

(d) AP BAC Hamlet. The themes were GVN image and anti VC. Four movies were shown for total screening time of two hours. Audience numbered 250.

(3) Ground Broadcasts. Conducted by Audio team targeted at the population of:

(a) (Late entry 15 Sep 69) LONG KIEN I hamlet. The themes were GVN image. Total broadcast time was two hours.

(b) (Late entry 15 Sep 69) NGAI GIAO village. The themes were GVN image. Total broadcast time was 15 minutes.

(c) PHUOC TINH village. The themes were GVN image. Total broadcast time was 30 minutes.

(d) AP BAC hamlet. The themes were GVN image. Total broadcast time was one and half hours.

(4) Armed Propaganda Team. APT operated in:

(a) (Late entry 15 Sep 69) LONG KIEN I hamlet for two hours, 100 flags were distributed.

(b) (Late entry 15 Sep 69) NGAI GIAO village for one hour, 50 flags were distributed.

(c) AP BAC hamlet for two hours 150 posters on GVN image reward posters **distributed.**

(5) Intergrated Civic Action Programme. (Late entry 15 Sep 69) ICAP was conducted in NGAI GIAO village for two and half hours.

b. RF Operations.

(1) 613 RF Coy. Assists 5 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.

(2) 614 RF Coy. Assists 5 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.

(3) ARVN Mech Pl. Assists B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy escort tasks.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Areas Land Cleared.

(a) Nil

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(b) YS301842 to YS304844 to YS304840 to YS307844.

3. Meteorological Detail 1 ATF Base

a. Rainfall. Overnight to 160800H - 71 points. From 0800H to 1900H -79 points. Total 150 points.

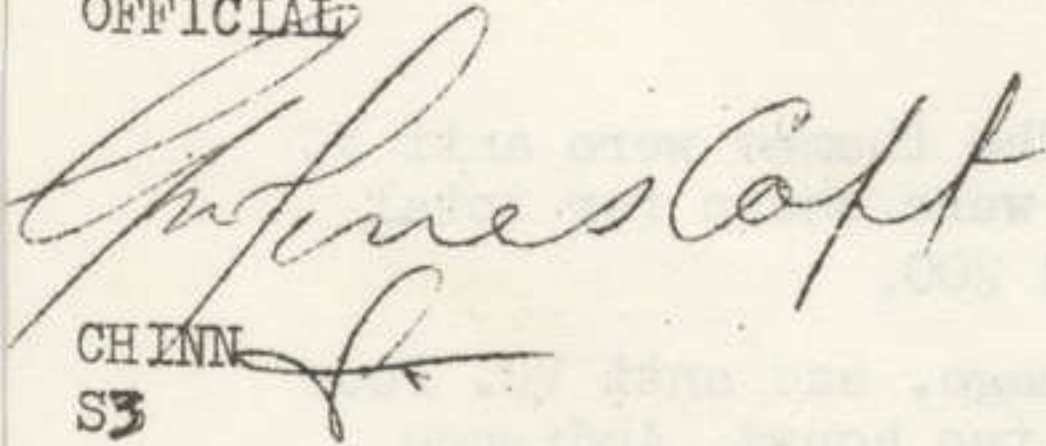
b. Prevailing Winds. Westerly winds (4900 mils) at 2 knots.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

18 Sep 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation (SITREP)
From 170001H to 172400H Sep 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. Sqn HQ(-) plus one tp and supporting elements continued recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT. One tp remained on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp remained opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp(-) plus one AMC sect continued opcon 5 RAR in AO MAX. One sect plus one AMC sect continued opcon B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One sect protected land clearing elements astride Route 2. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

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

(5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MAX, 6 RAR in AO STUART and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Commenced land clearing operations vicinity YS422765.

(7) 5 RAR. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO MAX supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy remained opcon HQ 1 ATF for pacification operations DAT DO District. Bn HQ located FSPB BEN YS603764.

(8) 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 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy continued operations with 3/43 ARVN Bn in AO CAT. One coy remained at HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.

(9) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.

(10) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Commenced recce and ambush operations in AO TRIDENT. Bn HQ located FSPB DOODY YS237777.

(11) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO CAT. Bn HQ located FSPB TACOMA YS452895.

(12) 60 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). Continued in DS 6 RAR for land clearing operations in AO STUART. HQ located FSPB COMMANCHE YS295835.

(13) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>TARGET DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT</u>
0732/ 0741	YS748709	VC Base Camp	100/30. Negative further.

VR sighting by JADE 06 and P26.

YS3579 Tracks about four hours old of three to four people moving Sth East.

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b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 170045H. At YS483587 10/D/5 RAR contacted one VC who had tripped flare. VC went to ground and crawled away. Negative results. One pack with rice recovered.
- (2) At 171110H. At YS450902 3/43 ARVN contacted 4 VC cooking a meal. Results: One VC WIA(poss). Documents recovered.
- (3) At 171345H. At YS567674 7/C/5 RAR contacted two VC in old base camp. VC withdrew SOUTH when contacted. Negative results.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

- (a) Personnel. One AUST(WIA).
- (b) Omitted.

(2) Enemy Losses.

- (a) Personnel. One VC KIA(BC), one VC WIA(poss).
- (b) Material. One pack of rice.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) XA BANG POST YS4584 1 Tp YS464838
2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS4962 3 Tp YS451746, 4 Tp YS464837.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Tp FSPB BEN YS6076.
2 Tp YS451746, 3 Tp NDP COMMANCHE YS2983.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB
DIGGERS REST YS2787, 105 Fd Bty FSPB BEN YS6076, B Bty 2/35 Arty(US)
1 ATF Base.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ(-) FSPB BEN YS6076, A Coy(-) YS555732, B Coy(-)
YS554814, C Coy(-) YS568893, D Coy(-) YS490587.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ(-) FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787 A Coy(-)
NDP COMMANCHE YS2983, B Coy(-) FSPB TACOMA YS4589, V Coy YS323846,
D Coy(-) HORSESHOE HILL, W Coy (-) YS282884.

(6) 9 RAR. 9 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base, C Coy YS451746.

(7) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ(-) FSPB DOODY YS2377, 1 Coy(-) YS252761,
2 Coy(-) YS252765, RF Coy(-) YS228770.

(8) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ(-) FSPB TACOMA YS4589.

e. Plans Summary.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Continues recce and ambush operations in
AO SABOT, centre of mass YS4581. One tp remains at HORSESHOE HILL.
One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continues opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection
in AO STUART. One tp(-) plus one AMC sect continues opcon 5 RAR
in AO MAX. One sect plus on AMC sect continues opcon B Sqn 1 Armd
Regt in AO SABOT. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force
standby.

(3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO MAX,
centre of mass YS6076. One coy continues pacification operations
DAT DO District. Bn HQ remains FSPB BEN YS603764.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce, ambush and LCT protection
operations in AO STUART, centre of mass YS3084. One coy continues
operations with the 3/43 ARVN Bn in AO CAT. One coy remains at
HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ remains FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.

(5) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction
Force standby. Bn HQ remains 1 ATF Base.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush operations in
AO TRIDENT, centre of mass YS2578. Bn HQ remains FSPB DOODY
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(7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO CAT, centre of mass YS4588. Bn HQ remains FSPB TACOMA YS452895.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - 4.
Platoon - Nil.
Squad - 7.
- (2) 3 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contacts - 1 (LRRP).
- (4) Results. One VC KIA(BC), one AUST WIA(evac).

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft broadcasts conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops Sect targeted at VC units in areas centre of mass YS7874 and YS7969. The themes were Chieu Hoi and Ho Chi Minhs death. Total broadcast time was one and a half hours.

b. RF Operations.

- (1) 613 RF Coy. Assists 5 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.
- (2) 614 RF Coy. Assists 5 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.
- (3) ARVN Mech Pl. Assists B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy escort.

c. Engineering Operations.

- (1) Areas Land Cleared.
 - (a) Strip 220 metres wide between YS432765 to YS424767.
 - (b) YS305852 15 acres.

3. Meteorological Detail 1 ATF Base.


- a. Rainfall. Overnight to 170000H 18 points. From 0800H to 1900H one point. Total 19 points.
- b. Prevailing Winds. West North West winds (5300 mils) at four knots.

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

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 180001H to 182400H Sep 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. Sqn HQ (-) plus one tp and supporting elms continued recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT. One tp remained at HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp remained opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp (-) plus one AMC sect remained opcon 5 RAR in AO MAX. One sect plus one AMC sect continued opcon B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. No contact and 3 H and I tasks were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MAX, 6 RAR in AO STUART and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Continued land clearing operations vicinity YS 422765.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO MAX, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy supported pacification operations in DAT DO. Bn HQ located FSPB BEN YS603764.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO STUART, supported by 101 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy continued operations with 3/43 ARVN Bn in AO CAT. One coy remained at HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.
- (9) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO TRIDENT. Bn HQ located FSPB DOODY YS237777.
- (11) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO CAT. Bn HQ located FSPB TACOMA YS452895.
- (12) 60 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). Continued in DS 6 RAR for land clearing operations in AO STUART. HQ located FSPB COMMANCHE YS295835.
- (13) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Co-ords</u>	<u>Tgt Description</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0750/0809	YS748709	VC Base Camp	100/80. Neg BDA. 2 MK117 duds.
0825/0845	YS748709	VC Base Camp	100/50. 4 Milstructures exposed. 1 mil structure damaged. 2 bunkers exposed. 2 dud MK117.
1123/1140	YS748709	VC Base Camp	100/80. 1 Milstructure damaged. 1 mil structure exposed.
1613/1620	YS779807	VC Base Camp	100/50. Negative further.

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b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At YS462821, elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt located a 25 lb electrically detonated Chicom mine.
- (2) At YS463819, elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt located a 40 lb electrically detonated Chicom mine.
- (3) At 1220H at YS415883, 2 Coy 3/43 ARVN contacted 3 enemy. Results: 1 en KIA (poss), 1 AK50, 1 Chicom K54 pistol, 1 compass and assorted SA ammo recovered.
- (4) At 1300H at YS245798, 2 Coy 2/52 ARVN contacted an en squad. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK47 and documents captured. During ensuing sweep, contact again made resulting in 2 ARVN KIA and 6 ARVN WIA.
- (5) At 1415H at YS568654, the Atk Pl 5 RAR contacted an unknown sized en group resulting in 1 Aust WIA (evacuated). En losses unknown.
- (6) At 1719H at YS274661, elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on convoy escort were engaged with 4 rds RPG fire. Nil damage or casualties. Fire returned and convoy moved clear of ambush area.
- (7) At approx 2140H, 3/43 ARVN and B Coy 6 RAR FSPB TACOMA (YS452895) received 15-20 rds medium mortar fire with no casualties or damage.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 2 ARVN KIA, 6 ARVN WIA, 1 Aust WIA (evacuated).
 - (b) Materiel. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. 1 VC KIA (BC) - 2/52 ARVN. 1 VC KIA (poss) - 3/43 ARVN.
 - (b) Materiel. 1 AK47, 1 AK50, 1 Chicom K54 pistol, 1 compass, assorted SA ammo, qty documents. (All captured by 2/52 and 3/43 ARVN). 1 25 lb Chicom Mine, 1 40 lb Chicom mine.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. Sqn HQ (-) YS454840. 1 Tp YS460854. 2 Tp (-) HORSESHOE HILL YS4692.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base. 1 Tp (-) FSPB BEN YS6076. 3 Tp (-) FSPB CHEROKEE YS304851.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base. 101 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787. 105 Fd Bty FSPB BEN. B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB BEN. A Coy YS567716. B Coy YS554814. C Coy YS568693. D Coy (-) YS504532.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST. A Coy (-) FSPB CHEROKEE. B Coy (-) FSPB TACOMA YS4589. V Coy YS322866. D Coy HORSESHOE HILL. W Coy YS282884.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn (-) 1 ATF Base.
- (7) 2/52 ARVN. Bn HQ FSPB DOODY YS2377. 1 Coy (-) YS264759. 2 Coy (-) YS245803. 3 Coy (-) FSPB DOODY. RF Coy (-) YS234765.
- (8) 3/43 ARVN. Bn HQ FSPB TACOMA. 1 Coy (-) YS475892. 2 Coy (-) FSPB TACOMA. 3 Coy (-) YS415881.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT, centre of mass YS4581. One tp remains at HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continues opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp (-) plus one AMC sect continues opcon 5 RAR in AO MAX. One sect plus one AMC sect continues opcon B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO MAX, centre of mass YS6076. One coy continues pacification operations in DAT DO. Bn HQ remains FSPB BEN YS603764.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO STUART, centre of mass YS3084. One coy continues operations with the 3/43 ARVN Bn in AO CAT. One coy remains at HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ remains FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.
- (5) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ remains 1 ATF Base.

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- (6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO TRIDENT, centre of mass YS2578. Bn HQ remains FSPB DOODY YS237777.
(7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO CAT, centre of mass YS4588. Bn HQ remains FSPB TACOMA YS452895.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Face to Face.

Conducted by the Audio Visual Team targeted at the population of:

(a) (Late entry 17 Sep 69) LONG DIEN Village. The themes were GVN Image, FWMAF Image and Anti VC. A total of four movies were shown for screening time of two hours. Audience numbered 200.

(b) (Late entry 17 Sep 69) PHUOC THO Hamlet. The themes were GVN Image, FWMAF Image and Anti VC. A total of five movies were shown for screening time of two hours. Audience numbered 800.

(c) AP NAM Hamlet HOA LONG Village. The themes were GVN Image and Anti VC. A total of four movies were shown for screening time of two hours. Audience numbered 200. 100 song sheets were distributed.

(2) Ground Broadcasts.

Conducted by the Audio Team targeted at the population of:

(a) (Late entry 17 Sep 69) LONG DIEN Village. The themes were GVN Image. Total broadcast time was one and a half hours.

(b) (Late entry 17 Sep 69) PHUOC THO Hamlet. The themes were GVN Image. Total broadcast time was half hour.

(c) AP NAM Hamlet HOA LONG Village. The themes were GVN Image. Total broadcast time was one hour.

(d) LONG DIEM Village. The themes were GVN Image. Total broadcast time was two hours.

(3) Armed Propoganda Team.

The APT operated in:

(a) (Late entry 17 Sep 69) LONG DIEN Village for two hours. 100 posters, GVN Image were distributed.

(b) (Late entry 17 Sep 69) PHUOC THO Village for one hour.

(c) AP NAM Hamlet HOA LONG Village for two hours. 100 posters, GVN Image, were distributed.

(d) LONG DIEN Village for two hours. 100 posters GVN Image were distributed.

(4) Integnated Civic Action Programme.

(Late entry 17 Sep 69) ICAP was conducted in PHUOC THO Hamlet for three hours.

(5) Aircraft Broadcasts.

Conducted by USAF and Psy Ops Sect targeted at VC units on LONG SON and LONG HAI Mountains. The themes were Chieu Hoi and Death of HO CHI MINH. Total broadcast time was two hours.

b. RF Operations.

(1) 613 RF Coy. Assists 5 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.

(2) 614 RF Coy. Assists 5 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.

(3) ARVN Mech Pl. Assists B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy escort.

(4) RF Coy. Op con 2/52 ARVN for ops in AO TRIDENT.

c. Engineering Operations.

(1) Areas Land Cleared.

(a) Strip 200 metres wide between YS423767 to YS421762.

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3. Meteorological Detail 1 ATF Base.

- a. Rainfall. Overnight to 180800H 7 points. From 0800H to 1900H 20 points. Total 27 points.
- b. Prevailing Winds. North West winds (5600 mils) at 5 knots.

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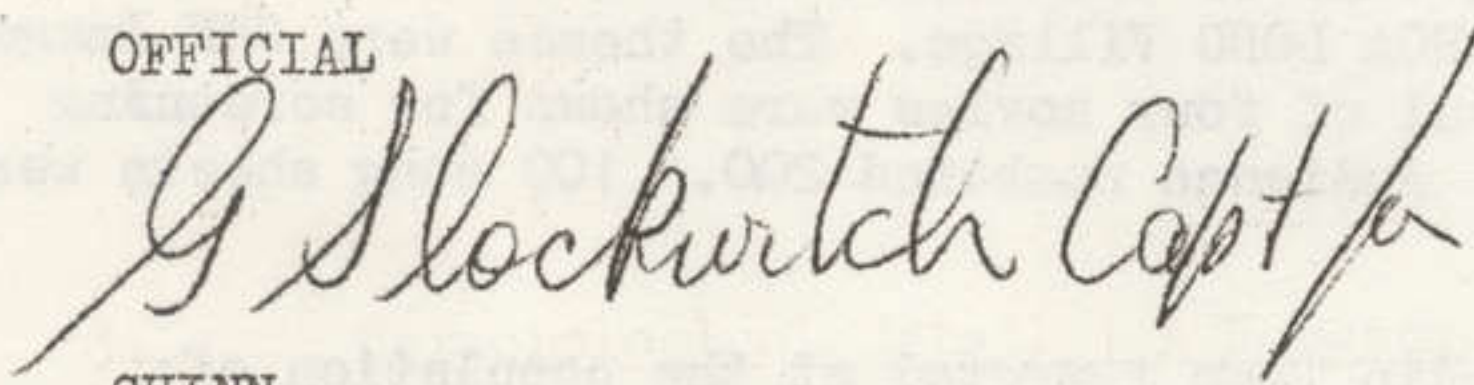
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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20 Sep 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 190001H to 192400H Sep 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. Sqn HQ(-) plus one tp and supporting elements continued recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT. One tp remained on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continued opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp(-) plus one AMC sect continued opcon 5 RAR in AO MAX. One sect plus one AMC sect continued to support B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and seven H and I tasks were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MAX, 6 RAR in AO STUART and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. Elements continued road reconstruction near DAT DO.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Continues land clearing operations vicinity YS4276.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO MAX, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy continues to support pacification operations in DAT DO. Bn HQ located FSPB BEN YS604763.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued recce, ambush and LCT protection in AO STUART, supported by 101 Fd Bty, 60 Engr Coy (LCT)(US) and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy continued operations with 3/43 ARVN Bn in AO CAT. One coy remained at HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.
- (9) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO TRIDENT. Bn HQ located FSPB DOODY YS239780.
- (11) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO CAT. Bn HQ located FSPB TACOMA YS452895.
- (12) 60 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). Continued in DS 6 RAR for land clearing operations in AO STUART. HQ completed move from FSPB COMMANCHE to FSPB CHEROKEE YS303851.
- (13) Air Support.

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0745/0800H	YS564600	VC Base Camp	100/30%, 4 weapon pits destroyed. 2 DUD MK117's.
0820/0845	YS589606 YS590600	VC Base Camp	100/100%, neg further 100/30%, neg further

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b. Contacts and Incidents

- (1) At 190530H at FSPB TACOMA YS452896 3/43 ARVN received 10 rds 82 mm mortar fire resulting in 4 ARVN WIA.
- (2) At 182200H at YS453887 an ambush patrol of 3/43 ARVN contacted 4 VC resulting in 2 VC KIA(BC).
- (3) At 190830H at YS475891 1 Coy 3/43 ARVN had 2 rds RPG fired towards coy position. Nil casualties.
- (4) At 190951H at YS297878 2 Pl W Coy 6 RAR contacted 1 VC with unknown results. One pack containing a notebook and a 12.7 mm MG toolkit recovered.

c. Results

(1) Friendly Losses

- (a) Personnel - 4 ARVN WIA.
- (b) Materiel - Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses

- (a) Personnel - 2 VC KIA(BC)
- (b) Materiel - 1 pack; 1x12.7 MG toolkit.

d. Locations

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base; Sqn HQ(-), 1 Tp YS433766; 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base; HQ 1 Tp FSPB BEN YS602764; 3 Tp(-) FSPB CHEROKEE YS303854; 2 Sect 3 Tp FSPB COMANCHE YS295835.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base; 101 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875; 105 Fd Bty FSPB BEN. B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB BEN; A Coy YS558710; B Coy(-) YS560836; C Coy(-) YS561702; D Coy(-) HORSESHOE HILL.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST; A Coy(-) FSPB CHEROKEE; B Coy(-) FSPB TACOMA YS452896; V Coy YS322866; D Coy HORSESHOE HILL; W Coy YS282884.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn(-) 1 ATF Base.
- (7) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ FSPB DOODY YS237782; 1 Coy(-) YS271776; 2 Coy(-) YS248795; 3 Coy(-) FSPB DOODY; RF Coy(-) YS236754.
- (8) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ FSPB TACOMA; 1 Coy(-) YS451895; 2 Coy(-) YS449902; 3 Coy(-) YS439876.

e. Plans Summary

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ(-) plus one tp and supporting elements continue recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT, centre of mass YS4581. One tp remains on HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continues opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp(-) plus one AMC sect continues opcon 5 RAR in AO MAX. One sect plus one AMC sect continues opcon B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO MAX centre of mass YS6076. One coy continues to support pacification operations in DAT DO. Bn HQ remains FSPB BEN YS603764.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO STUART centre of mass YS3084. One coy concludes operations with 3/43 ARVN Bn in AO CAT and returns to NUI DAT. One coy remains at HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ remains FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.
- (5) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ remains 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO TRIDENT, centre of mass YS2578. Bn HQ remains FSPB DOODY YS237777.

(7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Concludes operations in AO CAT and returns to HORSESHOE HILL. Prepares for final parade at HORSESHOE HILL on 21 Sep. Bn HQ located HORSESHOE HILL.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

2. Combined Operations

a. Psychological Operations: Nil report.

b. RF Operations

- (1) 613 RF Coy. Assists 5 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.
- (2) 614 RF Coy. Assists 5 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.
- (3) ARVN Mech Pl. Assists B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in convoy escort and road security.
- (4) 910 RF Coy. Remained opcon 2/52 ARVN Bn in AO TRIDENT.
- (5) 190 RF Coy. Assisted B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in recce and ambush operations East and South West of XA BANG during the 18th and 19th Sep 69.

c. Engineer Operations

(1) Areas Land Cleared

- (a) Area 200m wide between YS421762 - YS420756.

3. Meteorological Detail 1 ATF Base

- a. Rainfall. Overnight to 190800H, 40 points. Storm 1230-1400 - 103 points; storm 1700-1800 - 76 points. Total 219 points.
- b. Prevailing Winds. South westerly winds (4300 mils) at 3 knots.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

21 Sep 69

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

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

1. Operations General.

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. Sqn HQ (-) plus one tp and supporting elements continued recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT. One tp remains at HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continued opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp (-) plus one AMC sect continued opcon 5 RAR in AO MAX. One sect plus AMC sect continued opcon B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One sect supported LCT operations near BINH BA. One tp 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. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MAX, 6 RAR in AO STUART, B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and LCT gp in AO SABOT. Elements continued road construction near LONG DIEN.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Continued land clearing operations vicinity YS4273.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO MAX, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy continued to support pacification operations in DAT DO. Bn HQ located FSPB BEN YS604763.
- (8) 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 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy completed operations with 3/43 ARVN Bn and returned to NUI DAT. One coy remained at HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.
- (9) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One pl deployed to opcon B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One pl protected LCT security BINH BA. One coy remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO TRIDENT. Bn HQ located FSPB DOODY YS239780.
- (11) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Deployed from AO CAT to HORSESHOE HILL. Prepares for final parade 21 Sep 69. Bn HQ located HORSESHOE HILL.
- (12) 60 Engr Coy (LCT) (US). Continued in DS 6 RAR for land clearing operations in AO STUART. HQ located FSPB CHEROKEE YS303851.
- (13) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	BDA
0808/0826 (0800)	YS654624	Base Camp	100/60, 1 bunker exposed 1 tunnel entrance exp, 3 fighting pits exposed.
0846/0859 (0830)	YS626922	Base Camp	100/70, 3 bunkers destroyed, 1 possible sec explosion.
0940/0950 (0930)	YS492510	Base Camp	100/50 neg further.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At YS565700 C Coy 5 RAR located 7 bunkers in good condition last used 6 days ago.
- (2) At YS478585 12 Pl D Coy 5 RAR contacted 1 VC with unknown results.
- (3) At YS565700 9 Pl C Coy 5 RAR have located an occupied enemy bunker system. System will be cleared 21 Sep 69.

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c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

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

(2) Enemy Losses.

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

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; elements Sqn HQ, 1 Tp YS426797; 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; HQ 1 Tp YS602764; 3 Sect 1 Tp YS419738; 3 Tp NDP CHEROKEE YS3085.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 101 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; 105 Fd Bty FSPB BEN YS6076; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB BEN; A Coy (-) YS558710; B Coy (-) YS561840; C Coy (-) YS559706; D Coy (-) HORSESHOE HILL.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST; A Coy (-) NDP CHEROKEE; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL; V Coy YS303858; D Coy HORSESHOE HILL; W Coy YS282884.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn (-) 1 ATF Base.

(7) 2/52 ARVN. Bn HQ FSPB DOODY YS2378; 1 Coy (-) YS249775; 2 Coy (-) YS240805; 3 Coy (-) FSPB DOODY; RF Coy (-) YS237747.

(8) 3/43 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ (-) plus one tp and supporting elements continue recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT, centre of mass YS4581. One tp remains at HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continues opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp (-) plus one AMC sect continues opcon 5 RAR in AO MAX. One sect plus one AMC sect continues opcon B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One sect protects land clearing operations near BINH BA. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO MAX, centre of mass YS6076. One coy continues to support pacification operations in DAT DO. Bn HQ remains FSPB BEN YS603764.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO STUART, centre of mass YS3084. One coy remains NUI DAT. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ remains FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.

(5) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. Elements continues to support B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and land clearing operations in AO SABOT. Bn HQ remains 1 ATF Base.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO TRIDENT, centre of mass YS2578. Bn HQ remains FSPB DOODY, YS237777.

(7) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Conducts final parade at HORSESHOE HILL.

f. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - two.

Platoon - two.

Squad - ten

(2) 3 SAS has six LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact - one.

(4) Results - One VC KIA (BC) LRRP.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations: Nil report.

b. RF Operations.

(1) 613 RF Coy. Assists 5 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.

(2) 614 RF Coy. Assists 5 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.

(3) ARVN Mech Pl. Assists B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in convoy escort and road security.

c. Engineer Operations.

(1) Areas Land Cleared.

(a) YS423737-419738-422746-418737.

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3. Meteorological Detail 1 ATF Base.
a. Rainfall. Overnight to 200800H, 5 points 0800-1800H 18 points.
Total 23 points.
b. Prevailing Winds. Southerly winds (3600 mils) at 6 knots.

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271. DUTIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Officer</u>	<u>Duty Sergeant</u>
24 Sep 69	WO2 DINGLE	Sgt SUMMERS
25 Sep 69	WO2 BUCKELL	Sgt BAILEY
26 Sep 69	Lt BLACKNEY	Sgt WILSON
27 Sep 69	WO2 KLUDAS	Sgt FAIRHEAD
28 Sep 69	Capt GILCHRIST	Sgt BENNIER
29 Sep 69	Lt McNIELAGE	Sgt SAWYER
30 Sep 69	Lt MEREDITH	Sgt HILTON

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<u>Date</u>	<u>22 Area</u>	<u>24 Area</u>
24 Sep 69	LAD	Fwd Composite
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1. VUNG TAU TAXI FARES

Landretta Price List

<u>Journey</u>	<u>1 person</u>	<u>6 people or whole trip</u>
Tu cho Vung Tau toi Ben Dinh	10\$VN	30\$VN
Fron Vung Tau market to Ben Dinh		

Journey	1 person	6 people or whole trip
Tu cho Vung Tau toi waterworks From Vung Tau market to Waterworks	10\$VN	30\$VN
Tu cho Vung Tau toi cong Phi trung From Vung Tau market to Airfield Gate	10\$VN	30\$VN
Tu cho Vung Tau toi Nga Nam From Vung Tau market to Nga Nam (cross-road)	5\$VN	15\$VN
Tu Cho Vung Tau toi Rach Dua From Vung Tau market to Rach Dua	10\$VN	40\$VN
Tu cho Vung Tau toi Phuoc Thang From Vung Tau market to Phuoc Thang	10\$VN	45\$VN
Tu cho Vung Tau toi Phuoc Tuy From Vung Tau market to Phuoc Tuy	20\$VN	45\$VN
Tu cho Vung Tau toi Bai Dua From Vung Tau market to Bai Dua (Front Beach)	20\$VN	20\$VN
Tu cho Vung Tau to O-Quan From Vung Tau market to O-Quan (Back Beach)	30\$VN	30\$VN
Tu cho Vung Tau toi Bai Bien From Vung Tau market to Back Beach(Hg-H-Tham St)	20\$VN	20\$VN
Tu cho Vung Tau toi Bai Bien From Vung Tau market to Back Beach(O-Quan Direc)	30\$VN	30\$VN
Tu cho Vung Tau toi Bai Dau From Vung Tau market to Bai Dau(Big Mountain)	40\$VN	40\$VN
Tu cho Vung Tay toi Ben Da Fom Vung Tau toi Ben Da and Pagoda	10\$VN	10\$VN
Tu cho Vung Tau quanh nui lon tro ve cho Vung Tau From Vung Tau market around Big Mountain back to market	80\$VN	80\$VN
Tu cho Vung Tau quanh nui nho tro ve cho Vung Tau From Vung Tau market around Little Mountain back to market	50\$VN	50\$VN
Chyen xe trong 1 gio Charter for 1 hour (nonstop)	90\$VN	90\$VN
Chater for 1 hour (s/stop)	40\$VN	40\$VN

2. BOUNDS VUN TAU

The Miami Bar, 30 C Duong Trung Trac has been the scene of five incidents involving theft and assault in four days. The Bar is still in bounds but members are warned to avoid the Bar.

3. DEFENCE (PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES) ACT.

1. Extracts from the DEFENCE PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES ACT 1969, which recieved Royal assent on 5 Sep 69, advising the conditions that apply to officers and soldiers who wish to contest a Parliamentary election, are shown in the following paragraphs.

2. Under this Act a member of the Defence Force who wishes to contest a Parliamentary election may make application to the appropriate service board. If the board is satisfied that the member is a bona fide candidate and the exigencies of the service permit, the board may grant the application.

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3. If the member is an officer of the Permanent Military Forces, he is transferred to the reserve or if he is at another rank he is discharged. If he is a member of the Citizen Military Forces or Regular Army Emergency Reserve rendering continuous full time military service, he ceases to render that form of service.

4. The Act provides that an unsuccessful candidate may be reinstated in either of two ways:

a. He can make application to the appropriate service board for re-instatement.

b. The service board can require him to complete the period of service on which he was engaged before he became a candidate.

5. The Act makes provision for the preservation of the unsuccessful candidates rights regarding pay, rank, furlough entitlements etc, by treating the period he was absent as a period of absence of leave without pay. Appropriate amendments to the Defence Forces retirements legislation deal with his rights under that legislation.

6. Provision is made in the Act for the return of a member who wishes to contest an election to the place of his enlistment at public expense and, if he is overseas and his family is with him, for the return of his family and household furniture to Australia.

7. Where a National Serviceman is discharged he acquires certain rights under the Defence (Re-establishment) Act 1965-1968 and the Act makes provision for the preservation of these rights in the event of his being called upon to complete his period of national service.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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22 Sep 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 210001H to 212400H Sep 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. Sqn HQ (-) plus one tp and supporting elements continued recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT. One tp remained at HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continued op con 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp (-) plus one AMC sect continued opcon 5 RAR in AO MAX. One sect plus one AMC sect continued opcon B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One sect protected land clearing elements vicinity Binh Ba rubber. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Two contact and 27 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MAX, 6 RAR in AO STUART, B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and LCT operations in AO SABOT.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Continued land clearing vicinity YS4274.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO MAX, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy continued to support pacification operations in DAT DO. Bn HQ located FSPB BEN YS604763.
- (8) 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 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy remained 1 ATF Base. One coy remained at HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.
- (9) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. Pls continued to support B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and land clearing operations in AO SABOT. One coy remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO TRIDENT. Bn HQ located FSPB DOODY YS239780.
- (11) 3/43 ARVN Bn. Completed retraining at HORSESHOE HILL and prepared to return to 18 ARVN Div.
- (12) 60 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). Continued in DS 6 RAR for land clearing operations in AO STUART. HQ located FSPB CHEROKEE YS303851.

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<u>(13) Air Support.</u> Significant airstrikes were:			
Time	Co-ords	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0805/0830H	YS674875	Base Camp	100/75 Neg further
0950/1010H	YS565735	Base Camp	100/100 Ground troops to get BDA.
0407H	YS33276559	Base Camp	Neg BDA.
1900/2300H	YS2787	En forces around FSPB DIGGERS REST	Ground BDA on 22 Sep.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 0745H at YS565700 9 Pl C Coy 5 RAR made contact with two enemy on edge of bunker system located on 20 Sep. Enemy withdrew into bunker system with unknown results. System engaged with arty and airstrikes. Ground contact again made at 1020H with unknown results. C Coy occupied bunker system 1800H. Enemy had vacated with unknown losses. 45 bunkers located in system. Search continueing - a further two bunkers systems suspected in area.
- (2) At 1845H in vicinity of FSPB DIGGERS REST YS273875 sensors detected enemy movement followed by sighting of enemy crossing a trail. Enemy engaged with arty and mortars followed by four airstrikes. On second and fourth airstrikes ground fire directed at aircraft. Shadow remaining on station.
- (3) At YS293849 A Coy 6 RAR located nine bunkers in good condition last used 3-5 days ago. One chicom blast grenade and one booby trap device recovered.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Materiel. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Materiel. One Chicom blast grenade, one booby trap device.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Amd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; Sqn HQ (-), 1 Tp YS465895; 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; HQ 1 Tp FSPB BEN YS6076; 3 Sect 1 Tp YS419738; 3 Tp NDP CHEROKEE YS3085.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 101 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; 105 Fd Bty FSPB BEN; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB BEN; A Coy (-) YS558710; B Coy YS541849; C Coy YS565703; D Coy (-) HORSESHOE HILL.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST; A Coy (-) NDP CHEROKEE; B Coy 1 ATF Base; V Coy YS304893; D Coy HORSESHOE HILL; W Coy YS254872.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn (-) 1 ATF Base.
- (7) 2/52 ARVN. Bn HQ, 1 Coy (-) FSPB DOODY YS2378; 2 Coy (-) YS259802; 3 Coy (-) YS265774; RF Coy (-) YS238775.

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(8) 3/43 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

(9) 3/52 ARVN. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ (-) plus one tp and supporting elements continue recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT centre of mass YS4581. One tp remains at HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continues opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp (-) plus one AMC sect continues opcon 5 RAR in AO MAX. One sect plus one AMC sect continues opcon B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One sect supports land clearing operations in AO SABOT. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO MAX, centre of mass YS6076. One coy continues to support pacification operations in DAT DO. Bn HQ remains FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO STUART, centre of mass YS3084. One coy redeploys from Nui Dat to AO STUART. One coy remains at HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ remains FSPB ~~YS603777~~.

(5) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. Pls continue to support B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and land clearing operations in AO SABOT. Bn HQ remains 1 ATF Base.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO TRIDENT, centre of mass YS2578. Bn HQ remains FSPB DOODY YS237777.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has 8 LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact - nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. Nil report.

b. RF Operations.

(1) 613 RF Coy. Assists 5 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.

(2) 614 RF Coy. Assists 5 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.

(3) 910 RF Coy. Remains opcon 2/52 ARVN Bn for recce and ambush operations in AO TRIDENT.

(4) ARVN Mech Pl. Assists B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy escort.

c. Engineer Operations.

(1) Areas Land Cleared. YS418737, YS422746, YS420746, YS420743, YS419743, YS417737.

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3. Meteorological Detail 1 ATF Base.

a. Rainfall. Overnight to 210800H 40 points, 0800H to 1900H Nil, Total 40 points.

b. Prevailing Winds. East winds (1700 mils) at 4 knots.

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23 Sep 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 220001H to 222400H Sep 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. Sqn HQ (-) plus two tps and supporting infantry elements continued recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT. One tp remained at HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continued opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. Two sects plus one sect AMC remained opcon B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp (-) plus one AMC sect continued opcon 5 RAR in AO MAX. One sect continued to support land clearing elements vicinity BINH BA rubber. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and 17 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MAX, 6 RAR in AO STUART and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and land clearing elements in AO SABOT. Road construction continued near AN NHUT.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Continued land clearing operations vicinity YS4273.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO MAX supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy continued to support pacification operations in DAT DO. Bn HQ located FSPB BEN YS604763.
- (8) 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 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy prepared to commence combined operations with the 3/52 ARVN Bn at HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.
- (9) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. PIs continued to support B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and land clearing operations in AO SABOT. One coy remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO TRIDENT. Bn HQ located FSPB DOODY YS239780.
- (11) 3/52 ARVN Bn. Remained at HORSESHOE HILL.
- (12) 60 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). Continued opcon 6 RAR for land clearing operations in AO STUART. HQ remained NDP. CHEROKEE YS303851.
- (13) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coords	Tgt Description	BDA
1950/2000 21 Sep 69	YS272873	En ground tps	100/50. Neg BDA. Ground tps to BDA.
21 Sep 69	YS565735	VC Base Camp	100/100. 5 bkrs des, 5 bkrs dam.
2005/2025 21 Sep 69	YS272873	En ground tps	100/50. Neg BDA. Ground tps to BDA. 1 x Secondary.
2110/2135 21 Sep 69	YS272873	En ground tps	100/50. Neg BDA. Ground tps to BDA.
2250/2310 21 Sep 69	YS272873	En ground tps	100/50, BDA by ground tps.
0310/0328	YS275875	En ground tps	100/50. BDA by ground tps.
0955/1007	YS465539	Base Camp	100/50, 3 tunnel entr collapsed.

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Time	Coords	Tgt Description	BDA
1042/1049	YS311795	Base Camp	100/90. Neg. Further. 2 dud MK117s.
1405/1416	YS560704	VC Base Camp	100/50. BDA to be done by ground tps.
1500/1521	YS560704	VC Base Camp	100/50. BDA to be done by ground tps.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 1015H at YS279567, Engrs of 1 Aust CA Unit were fired at by 4 VC. RF/PF protection engaged en who withdrew with unknown results. At 1430H, en again engaged Engr party and withdrew with unknown results. No friendly casualties.
- (2) At 1320H at YS537852, 6 Pl B Coy 5 RAR contacted one en with unknown results.
- (3) At 1720H at YS271823, 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR contacted two en with unknown results.
- (4) At YS408709, VR A/C located a new bunker system which was engaged by medium arty and damaged.
- (5) Ground BDA of airstrikes vicinity FSPB DIGGER'S REST during ni 21/22 Sep showed signs of en presence during ni. BDA continuing.

c. Results.

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

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; Sqn HQ (-), 1 Tp YS455857; 2 Tp (-) HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; HQ 1 Tp, 1 Sect 1 Tp FSPB BEN YS602764; 2 Sect, 4 Sect Sp Tp YS455857.
- (3) 1 ATF Arty. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; 101 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787; 105 Fd Bty FSPB BEN; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB BEN; A Coy (-) YS558710; B Coy (-) YS528856; C Coy (-) YS559701; D Coy (-) HORSESHOE HILL.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST; A Coy (-) NDP CHEROKEE YS3085; B Coy (-) YS265818; V Coy YS326875; D Coy HORSESHOE HILL; W Coy (-) YS254872.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn (-) 1 ATF Base.
- (7) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ, 1 Coy (-) FSPB DOODY YS2378; 2 Coy (-) YS257795; 3 Coy (-) YS277774; RF Coy (-) YS228765.
- (8) 3/52 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ (-) plus two tps and supporting elements continue recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT, centre of mass YS4581. One tp remains at HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continues opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp (-) plus one AMC sect continues opcon 5 RAR in AO MAX. Two tps plus one AMC sect continues opcon B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO STUART. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO MAX. One coy continues to support pacification operations in DAT DO. Bn HQ remains FSPB BEN YS603764.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO STUART, centre of mass YS3084. One coy remains at HORSESHOE HILL for pacification operations with the 3/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ remains FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.
- (5) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ remains 1 ATF Base.

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- (6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO TRIDENT, centre of mass YS2578. Bn HQ remains FSPB DOODY YS237777.
(7) 3/52 ARVN Bn. Prepares for operations from HORSESHOE HILL.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - two
Platoon - two
Squad - seven
(2) 3 SAS Sqn has eight LRRPs deployed.
(3) Small unit actions with contact - two
(4) Results - Three VC KIA (BC), 1 VC KIA (poss). (LRRPs)

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. Nil report.

b. RF Operations.

- (1) 613 RF Coy. Assists 5 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.
(2) 614 RF Coy. Assists 5 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.
(3) 910 RF Coy. Remains opcon 2/52 ARVN Bn for recce and ambush operations in AO TRIDENT.
(4) ARVN Mech Pl. Assists B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy escort.

c. Engineer Operations.

- (1) Areas Land Cleared.
(a) YS426736-426734-435732-436739-435740-433734.
(b) YS305851-302851-304844-302845.

3. Meteorological Detail 1 ATF Base.

- a. Rainfall - Overnight to 220800H - Nil. 1600-1730 - 10 points. Total - 10 points.
b. Prevailing Winds. Westerly winds (5200 mils) at 2 knots.

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24 Sep 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 230001H to 232400H Sep 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. Sqn HQ (-) plus two tps and supporting infantry elements continued recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT. One tp remained at HORSESHOE HILL. 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 STUART. Two sects plus one AMC sect remained op con B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp (-) plus one AMC sect remained op con 5 RAR in AO MAX. One sect continued to support land clearing operations vicinity BINH BA rubber. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and two H and I tasks were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MAX, 6 RAR in AO STUART, B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and land clearing operations in AO SABOT. Elements continued road reconstruction near AN NHUT.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO MAX, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy continues to support pacification operations in DAT DO District. Bn HQ located FSPB BEN YS 604763.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO STUART supported by 101 Fd Bty, 60 Engr Coy (LCY) (US) and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy prepared to commence combined operations with 3/52 ARVN Bn from HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB DIGGERS REST YS 271875.
- (8) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. Elements continued to support B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and land clearing operations in AO SABOT. One coy remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ remained 1 ATF Base.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO TRIDENT. Bn HQ located FSPB DOODY YS239780.
- (10) 3/52 ARVN Bn. Remained HORSESHOE HILL preparing for combined operations with D Coy 6 RAR.
- (11) 60 Engr Coy (LCT) (US). Continued in DS 6 RAR for land clearing operations in AO STUART. HQ located FSPB CHEROKEE YS303851.
- (12) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>TARGET DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BDA</u>
222300H	YS50038634	VC Base Camp	100/100. Bombs on target. Neg BDA.
230313H	YS69458976	VC Base Camp	100/100. Bombs on target. Neg BDA.
1457/1517	YS408779	VC Base Camp	100/25. 7 bunkers exposed, 3 tables exposed, 1 table destroyed, clothing scattered on ground.

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b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 0640H at YS254888 1 Pl W Coy 6 RAR engaged an unknown number of enemy with unknown results.
- (2) At 0930H at YS297851 A Coy 6 RAR located 10 bunkers in fair condition vacated approx 10 days previously.
- (3) At YS527858 6 Pl B Coy 5 RAR entered an extensive bunker system. One bunker located was 20 metres long. One VC caretaker escaped. Some equipment and weapons recovered.
- (4) At YS289843 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located a bunker system vacated two days previously. Recovered were 6 CBU and 200 detonators.
- (5) At YS292851 3 Pl A Coy 6 RAR located graves containing two bullet riddled bodies.
- (6) At YS558705 C Coy 5 RAR located 20 bunkers and numerous weapon pits.
- (7) At approx 1615H at YS267668 a vehicle of 1 Fd Regt in company with two US vehicles was engaged by two rounds RPG fire. Vehicle ran off road injuring two tps.
- (8) At 1710H at YS527859 elements of B Coy 6 RAR exchanged fire with approx squad of enemy with unknown results.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

- (a) Personnel. Two Aust injured as result of enemy action.
- (b) Material. One Land Rover damaged as result of enemy action.

(2) Enemy Losses.

- (a) Personnel. 2 enemy KIA (BC).
- (b) Material. Quantity weapons and equipment, 6 CBU, 200 detonators.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, Sqn HQ (-), 1 Tp YS487880, 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL, 3 Tp YS476884.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, HQ 1 Tp YS609811, 3 Tp NDP CHEROKEE YS3085.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787, 105 Fd Bty (-) FSPB BENYYS6077, one sect 105 Fd Bty FSPB EVA YS6081, B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB BEN, A Coy (-) YS558710, B Coy (-) YS527858, C Coy (-) YS559701, D Coy (-) HORSESHOE HILL.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST, A Coy (-) NDP CHEROKEE, B Coy (-) YS264827, V Coy (-) YS337875, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL, W Coy YS254872.
- (6) 9 RAR. Bn (-) 1 ATF Base.
- (7) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ, 2 Coy (-) FSPB DOODY YS2378, 1 Coy (-) YS251784, 3 Coy (-) YS272766, RF Coy (-) YS237755.
- (8) 3/52 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ (-) plus two tps and supporting elements continue recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT centre of mass YS4581. One tp remains at HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continues op con 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. Two sects plus one AMC sect continue op con B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp (-) and one AMC sect continues op con 5 RAR in AO MAX. One sect continues to support land clearing operations in AO SABOT. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO MAX, centre of mass YS6076. One coy continues to support pacification operations in DAT DO District. Bn HQ remains FSPB BEN YS603764.

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- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO STUART, centre of mass YS3084. One coy remains at HORSESHOE HILL for combined pacification operations with the 3/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ located FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.
- (5) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ remains 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO TRIDENT, centre of mass YS2578. Bn HQ remains FSPB DOODY YS237777.
- (7) 3/52 ARVN Bn. Prepares for combined operations from HORSESHOE HILL.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.

(1) Aircraft Broadcasts.

(a) (Late Entry 22 Sep 69) Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops Sect targeted at D440 in area centre of mass YS5384 and VC units located in area centre of mass YS6784. Total broadcast time was one and a half hours.

(b) Conducted by RAAF and Psy Ops Sect targeted at VC units located in areas centre of mass YS4277 and YS4082. The themes were Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was one and a half hours.

(c) Conducted by USAF and Psy Ops Sect targeted at Chau Duc District Unit in area centre of mass YS3171. The themes were Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was one hour.

(2) Face to Face. Conducted by the Audio Visual Team targeted at the population of:

(a) (Late Entry 22 Sep 69) LONG THANH. The themes were GVN Image, Chieu Hoi and Anti VC. Four movies shown for screening time of two hours. Audience numbered 350.

(b) Baria Orphanage. The themes were GVN Image and Entertainment. Four movies were shown for screening time of one and a half hours. Audience numbered 200.

(c) LONG HUONG. The themes were GVN Image, FWMAF Image and Anti VC. A total of five movies were shown for screening time of two and a half hours. Audience numbered 200.

(3) Ground Broadcasts. Conducted by Audio Team targeted at the population of:

(a) (Late Entry 22 Sep 69) LONG THANH. The themes were GVN Image. Total broadcast time was one hour.

(b) LONG KIEN. The themes were GVN Image. Total broadcast time was one and a half hours.

(c) PHU HAI. The themes were GVN Image. Total broadcast time was two hours.

(4) Armed Propaganda Team. Operated in:

(a) (Late Entry 22 Sep 69) LONG THANH. The themes were Chieu Hoi and GVN Image. 50 flags were distributed.

(b) LONG KIEN II. The themes were GVN Image and VIP. 200 posters distributed.

(c) LONG HUONG. The themes were VIP. 100 posters distributed.

(5) Integrated Civic Action Programme.

(a) (Late Entry 22 Sep 69). An NICAP was conducted at LONG ANH for two hours.

b. RF Operations.

(1) 613 RF Coy. Assists 5 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.

(2) 614 RF Coy. Assists 5 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.

(3) 910 RF Coy. Remained op con 2/52 ARVN Bn for recce and ambush operations in AO TRIDENT.

(4) ARVN Mech Pl. Assists B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy escort.

c. Engineering Operations:

(1) Areas Land Cleared.

(a) YS435732 - 437739 - 433737 - 443735 - 438737 - 437732.

(b) YS303854 - 304858 - 307860 - 309858 - 305854.

3. Meteorological Detail 1 ATF Base.

a. Rainfall. Overnight to 230800H nil points. 0800H to 1900H 117 points. Total 117 points.

b. Prevailing Winds. West winds (5000 mils) at 10 knots.

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25 Sep 69

UBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 240001H to 242400H Sep 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. Sqn HQ(-) plus two tps and supporting elements continued recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT. One tp remained at HORSESHOE HILL. 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 AP STUART. Two sects plus one AMC sect continued op con B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp(-) plus one AMC sect continued op con 5 RAR in AO MAX. One sect continued to support land clearing operations vicinity of BINH BA rubber. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Three contact and 19 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MAX, 6 RAR in AO STUART, B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and land clearing operations in AO SABOT. Road reconstruction continued near AN NHUT.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO MAX supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy continued to support pacification operations in DAT DO District. Bn HQ located FSPB BEN YS604763.
- (7) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued recce, ambush and ICT protection operations in AO STUART supported by 101 Fd Bty, 60 Engr Coy (LCT)(US) and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy continues preparations for combined operations with 3/52 ARVN Bn from HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.
- (8) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO TRIDENT. Bn HQ located FSPB DOODY YS237777.
- (10) 3/52 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL. Continues preparations for combined operations with D Coy 6 RAR.
- (11) 60 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). Continued op con 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. HQ located FSPB CHEROKEE YS303851.
- (12) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>TARGET DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT</u>
0800/0816	YS674638	Base camp	100/80%, neg BDA due to smoke
1535/1543	YS408779	Base camp	100/80%, 1 bunker and spider hole exposed, 1 military structure damaged.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
1420H	YS287735	Ox cart with 3 persons, with local hat and shorts, moving East. When sighted a/c moved West.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 0915H at YS529861 a ptl of B Coy 5 RAR contacted 6-8 en. Results: 2 en KIA (BC), 2 en WIA (blood trails, drag marks), one AK47, seven AK47 mags CIA.
- (2) At YS291846 A Coy 6 RAR located a squad sized bunker system vacated two weeks previously.

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(3) Amend location of extensive bunker system located by 6 Pl B Coy 5 RAR on 23 Sep to read YS529865. System contained 10 large bunkers, underground cookhouse with smoke dispersing flues, plus weapon pits. The system was protected by panji pits and panji fences. Recovered from within the system were; two 60MM mor rds, two M72 rds, 10 lbs chicom explosive, one RPG 2 rd, armourers table with wpn and booby trap parts plus miscellaneous SAA and eqpt.

(4) At YS488880 elements of B Sqn 1 Armd Regt observed 8 VC but were unable to engage.

(5) At YS576663 the Atk Pl 5 RAR located 15 bunkers and 8 huts. Food, clothing and documents were recovered.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel - Nil

(b) Materiel - Nil

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel - 2 en KIA (BC), 2 en WIA (blood trails, drag marks)

(b) Materiel - One AK47, seven AK47 magazines, two 60MM mortar rds, two M72 rds, 10 lbs Chicom explosive, one RPG2 rd, miscellaneous SAA and eqpt.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, Sqn HQ(-) 1 Tp YS488880, 3 Tp YS474893, 4 Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) HQ 1 Tp FSPB COLLEEN YS5981, 3 Tp NDP CHEROKEE YS3085, 2 Sect Sp Tp HQ FSPB BEN YS6076.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST, 105 Fd Bty(-) FSPB BEN, One Sect 105 Fd Bty FSPB COLLEEN, B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB BEN, A Coy(-) YS558710, B Coy(-) YS528860, C Coy(-) YS554706, D Coy(-) 1 ATF Base.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787, A Coy(-) NDP CHEROKEE, B Coy(-) YS250823, V Coy(-) YS346869, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL, W Coy(-) YS254872.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn(-) 1 ATF Base.

(7) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ, 2 Coy-FSPB DOODY YS2378, 1 Coy(-) YS268786, 3 Coy(-) YS267757, RF Coy(-) YS243753.

(8) 3/52 ARVN Bn. Bn(-) HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ(-) plus two tps and supporting elements continue recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT, centre of mass YS4581. One tp remains at HORSESHOE HILL. 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 tp(-) plus one AMC sect continues op con 5 RAR in AO MAX. Two sects plus one AMC sect continue op con B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO MAX, centre of mass YS6076. One coy ceases to support pacification operations in DAT DO District and deploys to AO MAX. Bn HQ remains FSPB BEN YS603764.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO STUART, centre of mass YS3084. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL and prepares for combined operations with 3/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ remains FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.

(5) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ remains 1 ATF Base.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO TRIDENT, centre of mass YS2578. Bn HQ remains FSPB DOODY YS237777.

(7) 3/52 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL. Prepares to commence combined operations with D Coy 6 RAR.

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f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - Two
Platoon - Two
Squad - Six
- (2) 3 SAS has eight 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 targeted at C41 and CHAU DUC District Unit over areas centre of mass YS3070 and YS3265. The themes were Chieu Hoi or surrender. Total broadcast time was one and half hours.

(b) Conducted by USAF targeted at D445 LF Bn over areas centre of mass YS5770 and YS6564. The themes were Chieu Hoi or surrender. Total broadcast time was two hours.

(2) Leaflet Drop. Conducted by USAF targeted at D445 LF Bn over areas centre of mass YS5870 and YS6564. The themes were Chieu Hoi 50,000 leaflets were dropped.

b. RF Operations

- (1) 613 RF Coy. Assists 5 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.
- (2) 614 RF Coy. Assists 5 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.
- (3) 910 RF Coy. Remains op con 2/52 ARVN Bn for recce and ambush operations in AO TRIDENT.
- (4) ARVN Mech Pl. Assists B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy escort.

c. Engineer Operations

(1) Areas Land Cleared.

(a) YS299851 299855 304855 306859.

3. Meteorological Information 1 ATF Base.

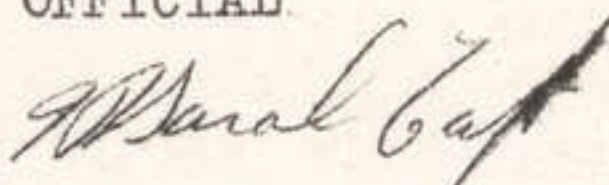
- a. Rainfall. Overnight to 240800H 25 points, 0800H to 1900H Nil points. Total 25 points.
- b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 5 knots.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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25 Sep 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 250001H to 252400H Sep 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. Sqn HQ(-) plus two tps and supporting elements continued recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT. One tp remained at HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force Standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continued opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp and one AMC sect continued opcon 5 RAR in AO MAX. Two sects plus one AMC sect continued opcon B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One sect continued to support land clearing operations vicinity BINH BA rubber. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force Standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Four contact and 10 H and I tasks were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MAX, 6 RAR in AO STUART; B Sqn 1 Armd Regt and land clearing operations in AO SABOT. Road reconstruction continued near AN NHUT.
- (6) 5 RAR. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO MAX, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy deployed from NUI DAT to AO MAX. Bn HQ located FSPB BEN YS603764.
- (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 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy continued preparations at HORSESHOE HILL for combined operations with 3/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ located FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.
- (8) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force Standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
- (9) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO TRIDENT. Bn HQ located FSPB DOODY YS237777.
- (10) 3/52 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL. Continued preparations for combined operations with D Coy 6 RAR.
- (11) 60 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). Continued in DS 6 RAR for land clearing operations in AO STUART. HQ remains FSPB CHEROKEE YS303851.
- (12) Air Support.
- | <u>TIME</u> | <u>CO-ORDS</u> | <u>TARGET DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>BDA</u> |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------------|---|
| 1420/1455 | YS408779 | Base Camp | 100/30. 2 bkrs destroyed, 2 bkrs exposed, 4 tunnel entrances exposed. |

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 0955H at YS337852 2 Pl V Coy 6 RAR contacted 12 plus enemy. Results: Four enemy KIA(BC), two AK47, 4 packs, 100 lbs rice, NVA web equipment CIA, 350 rounds AK47 ammunition recovered.
- (2) At 1210H at YS244825 6 Pl B Coy 6 RAR contacted three enemy. Results: Three enemy KIA(BC), two AK50, one compass CIA. Two Aust WIA (evacuated).
- (3) At YS294873 A Tk Pl 6 RAR located cache containing 6000 rounds 7.92 mm and 500 rounds 7.62 mm NATO linked.

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(4) At 1600H at YS523857 4 Pl 5 RAR contacted approximately four enemy with unknown results.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

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

(b) Materiel. Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

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

(b) Materiel. Three AK47, two AK50, 350 rounds AK ammo, 6000 rounds 7.92 mm, 500 rounds 7.62 mm NATO linked, 100 lbs rice, four packs, one compass, NVA web equipment.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, Sqn HQ(-), 1 Tp YS469890, 2 Tp HORSESHOE HILL YS4962, 3 Tp YS460894.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, HQ 1 Tp FSPB BEN YS6076, 3 Tp NDP CHEROKEE YS3085.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base, 101Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787, 105 Fd Bty(-) FSPB BEN, one sect 105 Fd Bty FSPB COLLEEN YS5981, B Bty 2/35 Arty US 1 ATF Base.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB BEN, A Coy(-) YS558710, B Coy(-) YS528860, C Coy(-) YS548708, D Coy(-) YS516843.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST, A Coy(-) NDP CHEROKEE, B Coy(-) YS238829, V Coy(-) YS335840, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL, W Coy YS254872.

(6) 9 RAR. Bn(-) 1 ATF Base.

(7) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ, 2 Coy FSPB DOODY YS2377, 1 Coy(-) YS247795, 3 Coy(-) YS255766, RF Coy(-) YS237766.

(8) 3/52 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ(-) plus two tps and supporting elements continue recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT, centre of mass YS4581. One tp remains HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force Standby.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continues opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp plus one AMC sect continues opcon 5 RAR in AO MAX. Two sects plus one AMC sect continues opcon B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force Standby.

(3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO MAX, centre of mass YS6076. Bn HQ remains FSPB BEN YS603764.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO STUART, centre of mass YS3084. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL preparing for operations with 3/52 Arvn Bn. Bn HQ remains FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.

(5) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force Standby. Bn HQ remains 1 ATF Base.

(6) 2/52 ARVN Bn. Concludes operations with 1 ATF and returns to under command 18 ARVN DIV.

(7) 3/52 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL. Prepares for combined operations with D Coy 6 RAR.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 3 SAS has eight LRRPs deployed.

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- (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 D445 over areas centre of mass YS5470 and YS6464, and at CHAU DUC District units area areas centre of mass YS3070 and YS4378. The themes were Chieu Hoi. Total broadcast time was three hours.

(2) Face to Face.

Conducted by the Audio Visual Team targeted at the population of:

(a) (Late Entry 24 Sep 69) SOUIE NGHE - the themes were GVN Image, Anti VC and FWMAF Image. Four movies were shown for total screening time of two hours. Audience numbered 150.

(b) (Late Entry 24 Sep 69) PHUOC HOA LONG - the themes were GVN Image and Anti VC. Five movies were shown for total screening time of two and a half hours. Audience numbered 300.

(3) Ground Broadcasts.

Conducted by the Audio Team targeted at the population of:

(a) (Late Entry 24 Sep 69) SOUIE NGHE - the themes were GVN Image. Total broadcast time was two hours.

(b) (Late Entry 24 Sep 69) PHUOC HOA LONG - the themes were GVN Image. Total broadcast time was half an hour.

(4) Armed Propaganda Team. APT operated in:

(a) (Late Entry 24 Sep 69) SOUIE NGHE - 50 families visited. 50 flags distributed.

(b) (Late Entry 24 Sep 69) PHUOC HOA LONG - 50 families visited. 75 posters GVN Image and 50 posters Chieu Hoi were distributed.

(5) Integrated Civic Action Programme.

(a) (Late Entry 24 Sep 69) An ICAP was conducted in PHUOC HOA LONG for two and a half hours.

b. RF Operations.

(1) 613 RF Coy. Assists 5 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.

(2) 614 RF Coy. Assists 5 RAR in ambush operations near DAT DO.

(3) 910 RF Coy. Remains op con 2/52 ARVN Bn for recce and ambush operations in AO TRIDENT.

(4) ARVN Mech Pl. Assists B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy escort.

c. Engineer Operations.

(1) Areas Land Cleared.

(a) YS300860-314862-318857-314856.

3. Meteorological Information 1 ATF Base.

a. Rainfall. Overnight to 250800H 10 points, shower 251130 - 2 points. Total 12 points.

b. Prevailing Winds. West North-West winds (5200 mils) at 7 knots.

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(5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MAX, 6 RAR in AO STUART, B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. Road reconstruction continued near AN NHUT.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Land clearing continued vicinity YS4670.

(7) 5 RAR. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO MAX supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ located FSPB BEN YS603764.

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(9) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.

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(11) 3/52 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL. Prepared to conduct combined operations with D Coy 6 RAR.

(12) 60 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). Continued in DS 6 RAR for land clearing operations in AO STUART. HQ located FSPB CHEROKEE YS303851.

(13) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>BDA</u>
0805/0817H	YS674637	Base Camp	100/60. 2 Mil strucs exp. 1 Mil struc dam. 2 bkrs dam. 1 dud MK82.
1000/1006H	YS408779	Base Camp	100/30 Neg further.
CSS 26th 0300H	YS69458976 (CSS)	Base Camp	Bombs on tgt. Neg BDA.
1125/1133H	YS293905	Base Camp	100/30 Neg further.
1330H	YS408779	Base Camp	3 bkrs dam. 5 bkrs exp. 1 tunnel ent exp. 13 breather holes exp.
23 SEP	YS560704	Base Camp	100/50. 6 bkrs dest. 2 wpn pits dest/ 1 tunnel system exp. 2 fresh graves exp. 2 KBA.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>BDA</u>
1410/1425H	YS345811	Base Camp	100/80. 8 wpn pits exp. 2 bkrs est. 5 bkrs dam. 3 duds.
1343/1357H	YS324766	Base Camp	95/25. Neg further.
1530/1545H	YS644617	Base Camp	100/100. Neg further.
1705/1710H	YS232869	Base Camp	100/50. BDA to be done by ground tps.
1635/1640H	YS232869	Base Camp	100/75. BDA to be done by ground tps.
1630/1636H	YS232869	Base Camp	100/75. BDA to be done by ground tps.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 261404H at YS231872 W Coy 6 RAR engaged 1 VC and then located a bunker system occupied by an estimated platoon. Contact was initiated and 1 NZ was WIA. Airstrike was call in and at approx 1720H contact was made with VC in bunkers and a further 1 NZ was WIA. LFT was called for and at 1830H 'Bushranger' received ground fire. FAC was requested. Total of 4 airstrikes were put in on the bunker position and suspected withdrawal routes between 1930H and 2245H.
- (2) At 261420H at YS271849, 2/A/6 RAR engaged 1 VC. Results VC withdrew but 1 AK47 and a pack CIA.
- (3) At 261900H at YS495896, D & E Pl ambush contacted 2 VC moving from EAST to WEST. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC KIA (poss). Sweep to be done at first light.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel - 2 NZ WIA.
 - (b) Material - Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel - 1 VC KIA (BC)
1 VC KIA (poss)
 - (b) Material - 1 AK47 CIA
1 Pack CIA

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, Sqn HQ (-), 1 Tp - YS479888, 3 Tp YS490889.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp FSPB BEN YS6076, 3 Tp NDP CHEROKEE YS3085.
- (3) 1 ATF Artillery. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST YS2787, 105 Fd Bty (-) FSPB BEN, one sect 105 Fd Bty FSPB COLLEEN YS5981, B Bty (-) 2/35 Arty(US) 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB BEN, A Coy (-) YS557701, B Coy (-) YS523857, C Coy (-) YS542705, D Coy (-) YS509846.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST, A Coy (-) NDP CHEROKEE, B Coy (-) YS231831, V Coy YS336838, D Coy HORSHOE, W Coy YS237872.
- (6) 9 RAR. 9 RAR 1 ATF Base.
- (7) 3/52 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL.

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- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO MAX, centre of mass YS6076. Bn HQ remains FSPB BEN YS603764.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce, ambush and LCT protection in AO STUART, centre of mass YS3084. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL and prepares for combined operations with 3/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ remains FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.
- (5) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy continues on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (6) 3/52 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL. Prepares for combined operations with D Coy 6 RAR.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - One
Platoon - Nil
Squad - Ten
- (2) 3 SAS has eight LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact - One.
- (4) Results - 1 VC KIA (BC)
1 VC KIA (poss)

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. Nil.

b. RF Operations.

- (1) 613 RF Coy. Assists HORSESHOE Coy in ambush operations near DAT DO.
- (2) 614 RF Coy. Assists HORSESHOE Coy in ambush operations near DAT DO.
- (3) 910 RF Coy. Ceased operations with 2/52 ARVN Bn and returned to Sector.
- (4) ARVN Mech Pl. Assists B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy escort.

c. Engineer Operations.

(1) Areas Land Cleared.

- (a) YS301871, YS305871, YS305864, YS300860, total of 2000 acres.
- (b) 200 m wide strip along edge of rubber from YS461701 to YS465701 and a 50m wide strip from YS465701 to YS469706.

3. Meteorological Information 1 ATF Base.

- a. Rainfall. Overnight to 260800H Nil points. 0800H to 1900H 79 points. Total 79 points.
- b. Prevailing Winds. SE at 5 knots.

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Section 1 III Corps Tactical Zone.

(A) Enemy Activity

1. Enemy activity throughout III CTZ decreased during the period 8th - 10th September when the enemy declared a unilateral cease fire to mourn the death of HO CHI MINH. However, the period was used by the enemy to prepare for the above normal level of activity which occurred on 11th Sep. Most of the activity consisted of attacks by fire and scattered AA incidents.

2. The highest level of attacks was again noted in VC MR-10, where BU DOP, DUC PHONG (both in PHUOC LONG) and LOC NINH and AN LOC (BINH LONG) were the principal target areas. There was again moderate activity in WAR ZONE "C". Enemy activity was at a low level in SR-1, SR-2, SR-5 and in TAY NINH and VC BA BIEN Province. No significant enemy activity was noted in SR-3, SR-4, VC U-1 Province, MR-6 or WAR ZONE "D".

3. In general MF divisional elements tended to avoid contact. 101D Regt 1NVA Div was identified in an ambush along Route 13 on 12th Sep while 95C Regt of the Div was identified by a PW captured NE of NUI BA DIEN on 13th September. Elements of 5 VC Div avoided identifiable contact but a PW and Hoi Chanh gave locations of all 3 Regts of the Division. Elements of 7 NVA and 9 VC Divisions remained out of contact.

4. During the week there were 119 enemy initiated attacks in III CTZ compared to 87 last week. Of these, there were 32 significant mortar and 17 rocket attacks compared to 32 and 17 respectively last week.

Significant Enemy Attacks.

5. Main enemy initiated attacks were:- (PHUOC LONG)

- a. 7th September, YU439048, vicinity DUC PHONG, A343 5 SFGA was bombarded with 300 mixed 82mm mortar rounds and 107mm rockets.
- b. 7th September, YU445085, 3km NW of DUC PHONG, 5 SFGA elements received 70 mixed B-40, 82mm mortar rounds and 107 rockets.
- c. 7th September, XU974290, BU DOP (PHUOC LONG) A341 5 SFGA compound received 8 mixed 107/122mm rockets followed later by 100x82mm mortar rounds.
- d. 7th September, vicinity XU9628, BU DOP SF compound received a total of 46x82mm mortar rounds.
- e. 8th September, YU447069, DUC PHONG, 51PF Plat OP received 8x82mm mortar rounds and 46 mixed 107/122mm rockets.
- f. 10th September, YU225005, 10.5km NNW of BUNARD (PHUOC LONG) a 1 US Cav Div NDP received an estimated 100x82mm rounds.
- g. 11th September, DAU TIENG Base Camp vicinity XT4947 (BINH DUONG) received 10x107mm rockets, 10x120mm and 35x82mm mortar rounds.
- h. 12th September, YU455045, 2km SW of DUC PHONG, elements Of 3 Bn MSF at FSB MARIA received 47x82mm mortar rounds.
- i. 12th September, YU439085, DUC PHONG, 876 RF Coy and 3 PF platoons received 50-70 mixed 60/82mm mortar rounds.
- j. 11th and 12th September, three A120 5 SFGA OPs 8 to 9.5km SW of BEN SOI (TAY NINH) received a total of 160x82mm mortar rounds.
- k. 13th September, XT338719, FSB IKE (WAR ZONE "C") received 75-100 mixed RPGs, 60/82mm mortar rounds and 107mm rockets.

Enemy Locations.

6. 1NVA Div. 95C Regt continues to operate South of BO TUC in central WAR ZONE "C" while 101D Regt remains located in southern BINH LONG Prov. close to Route 13. Ralliers from the Regt have indicated that the unit was to return to WAR ZONE "C" following the mid September action period. A PW

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stated that the Regt had been subordinated to 9 VC Div about one month ago but this has not yet been confirmed.

7. 5 VC Div. remains in eastern PHUOC LONG Prov. 275 Regt is SE of SONG BE, 174 Regt to the NE and 95 Regt north of DUC PHONG. The disposition of 5 VC Div continues to suggest that SONG BE may be the main objective through recent attacks against allied bases around DUC PHONG indicate that these and other allied outposts in PHUOC LONG Prov may also be targets for future activity by 5 VC Div elements.

8. 7 NVA Div. Ground activity throughout 7 Div AO was light as elements of the Div avoided identifiable contact. A large number of attacks by fire on allied installations in the LOC NINH - BU DOP area may be attributed to this Div. Agent reports and PWs continue to confirm that 209 Regt is in the area west of LOC NINH with the mission of harassing allied installations and LOCs. 165 Regt is believed responsible for activity in the BU DOP area while 141 Regt is probably in the area between AN LOC and LOC NINH.

9. 9 VC Div. remained out of contact during the week. 271 and 272 Regts are believed located to the west of AN LOC and remain targetted against installations and LOCs throughout the southern half of BINH LONG Prov while 88 Regt continues its independent operations against allied positions west and SW of TAY NINH City.

10. In MR-7, documents captured NE of DINH QUAN on 9th September identified 33 NVA Regt. 274 Regt HQ is believed to be south of the ONG QUE rubber with 1 and 3 Bns in the HAT DICH and 2 Bn still engaged on resupply missions from north of Route 1 to the regimental base area.

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

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>
<u>1NVA Div HQ.</u>	NE of KATUM	3200
95C NVA Inf Regt.	S of KATUM	875
101D NVA Inf Regt.	SSW of AN LOC	1100
<u>5 VC Div HQ.</u>	East of PHUOC LONG Prov.	4300
275 VC Inf Regt.	SE of SONG BE	975
174 NVA Inf Regt.	NE of SONG BE	1150
95 NVA Inf Regt.	North of DUC PHONG	800
<u>7 NVA Div HQ.</u>	Vicinity FISHHOOK	4670
165 NVA Inf Regt.	East of LOC NINH	1150
141 NVA Inf Regt.	AN LOC-LOC NINH area	1100
209 NVA Inf Regt.	West of LOC NINH	970
<u>9 VC DIV HQ.</u>	Vicinity FISHHOOK	3950
271 VC Inf Regt.	West of AN LOC	920
272 VC Inf Regt.	West of AN LOC	1050
88 NVA Inf Regt.	North of STRAIGHT EDGE WOODS	680
<u>1 NVA Inf Regt.</u>	BINH PHUOC (LONG AN Prov.)	1465
<u>33 NVA Inf Regt.</u>	North of DINH QUAN	975
<u>101 NVA Inf Regt.</u>	South of MICHELIN Plantation	965
<u>268 VC Inf Regt.</u>	Vicinity BOI LOI Woods	930
<u>274 VC Inf Regt.</u>	HAT DICH - ONG QUE	825
<u>DONG NAI VC Inf Regt.</u>	SW of PHUOC VINH (BINH DUONG)	1100

Enemy Losses.

12. Enemy losses in III CTZ during the week were 942 KIA (BC), 63 PW, 198 Hoi Chanh and 426 individual and 50 crew served weapons captured.

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Assessment of Enemy Intentions.

13. The grouping of units in MR-10 continues to indicate the enemy's implementation of what various sources have termed "consolidation of rural areas". It is expected that MF divisional elements deployed in PHUOC LONG and BINH LONG will continue to threaten the population centres and LOCs in these areas and a Hoi Chanh has indicated that SF camps in PHUOC LONG are also targetted by 5 VC Div elements. The Local Force units subordinated to MR-10 were not identified during the period but it is expected they will participate in any efforts directed at either of the provincial capitals of AN LOC or SONG BE.

14. MR-10 has become increasingly important to the enemy as his major logistics routes and facilities have been made insecure by continued allied operations in the central and western portion of the CTZ. Because of this and due to the isolation of MR-10, sparse population, proximity to the border sanctuaries and rugged terrain, it is expected the enemy will continue to devote his efforts to this region of III CTZ.

15. It is expected that the characteristic lull between high points will continue until the enemy attempts another increase in activity possibly around the end of September to mark the Anniversary of the NAM BO Resistance Day and give an appearance of continued military pressure.

16. There are increasing indications in captured documents that the Autumn Campaign is to be followed by 1969-1970 Winter-Spring Campaign, plans for which may now have been formulated and which are possibly being disseminated. A document captured east of BEN LUC (LONG AN) outlines enemy plans for the period from August 1969 to June 1970 which indicate MRs 2 and 3 (IV CTZ) MR-6 (II CTZ) and MR-10 (III CTZ) will be focal points in gaining control of the rural areas. MR-10 therefore assumes particular significance in the light of the present enemy disposition of the bulk of his MF units in BINH LONG and PHUOC LONG provinces.

Friendly Activities.

17. Main friendly activities were:-

- a. 7th September, XT709850, 6km SW of AN LOC (BINH LONG) 11 ACR elements engaged an estimated enemy Bn when a UH-1H received heavy ground fire and crashed. The contact resulted in 42 enemy KIA and 2x.50 calibre MGs and 1xM16 captured.
- b. 7th September, XT508319, 6.5km WNW of BEN SUC (TAY NINH) 25 US Inf Div elements engaged a re-inforced enemy platoon with SA/AW/Arty resulting in 26 enemy KIA possibly from 268 VC Regt.
- c. 10th September, XT713836, 6km SW of AN LOC (BINH LONG) 11 ACR found a bunker complex containing 28 enemy KIA and captured 1 WIA who identified 1-95C Regt.
- d. 11th September, XT710887, 4.5km W of AN LOC elements of 4-9 ARVN Regt and 1 US Cav Div engaged an unknown size force resulting in 25 enemy KIA from possibly either 9 VC Div or 101D Regt.
- e. 11th September, XU720120, 3km NW of LOC NINH (BINH LONG), 11 ACR elements engaged an unknown size enemy force inflicting 17 KIA.
- f. 11th September, XT299569, 3.5km SW of PHUOC HOA (TAY NINH) 7 ARVN Abn Bn and 25 US Inf Div elements engaged an unknown size enemy force with SA/Arty/LFT/CS killing 43 enemy and capturing 1 PW.

Enemy Caches.

18. On 12th September, SW and NW of BEN SUC (TAY NINH) elements of 25 US Inf Div and 309 and 492 RF Coys discovered 3 caches containing in all:-

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99 x SKS rifles
 32 x AK - 47s
 5 x M16s
 7 x LMGs (NFI)
 3 x RPD MGs
 2 x US Carbines
 1 x Chicom
 2 x 82mm Mortars complete and several grenades.

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

Section 3 SOUTH VIETNAM SUMMARY - Omitted.

Other Information.

USSR Delay Fuses, CLMV - 10 and CLMV - 16.

19. A USSR Delay Fuse CLMV - 10 was found in I CTZ at the beginning of August 1969. This is the first known appearance of this fuse in the Republic of Vietnam. The fuse was mounted in a bakelite body 10.3cms high (approx 4") and 5.0cm in diameter (approx 2"). The fuse itself measured 7.8cms in height (approx 3") without the detonator and 4.3cms in diameter (approx 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "). The USSR also has a CLMV-16 model. Both have a mechanical or electrical spring-loaded striker and a clockwork mechanism. The CLMV-10 has a 10 day delay and the CLMV-16 a 16 day delay. The only difference in appearance between the two is the numerals on the dial. The numerals indicate days, and the divisions between the numerals indicate 2 hours each.

20. The clockwork is housed in the mushroom shaped head of the fuse. A striker-release lever geared to the clockwork holds the spring loaded striker under tension in the narrow base of the fuse. The standard MD-2 detonator or an electric contact cap with leads for wiring into an electric circuit is screwed into the bottom of the fuse. The joint is made watertight by a rubber gasket.

(Extracted from US MACV Intell Bulletin 9-69)

VC / NVA Plans for 1969/70 Campaign.

21. A document captured on 5th SEP SW of BEN CAT (BINH DUONG) is a lesson plan for the study of COSVN Resolution No9. The lesson plan is divided into 5 parts:-

- a. Part 1 deals with an assessment of the present enemy (FWMAF/RVNAF) and friendly (VC/NVA) situations with emphasis on the military success of VC/NVA forces in inflicting heavy losses on the enemy that forced the bombing halt of North Vietnam (NVN) and a withdrawal of 25000 US troops. Also emphasised are the VC/NVA diplomatic successes of compelling the enemy to fight passively and negotiate at the same time in Paris and the establishment of the Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG).
- b. Part 2 deals with "conspiracies of the US in the near future". It states that US policy is to de-Americanise the war gradually with emphasis placed on the preservation of US manpower and material strength, and to try to end the war in a strong position.
- c. Part 3 outlines "Immediate Missions". They fall into 2 general categories:-
 - (1) Inflict heavy casualties on US troops to prevent the de-escalation of the war with the US in a position of strength;
 - (2) Destroy the RVN government and its administrative machinery.

It further states "at the present time, and even in the future, the rural areas and particularly the Mekong Delta area are always our top important

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strategic areas of activity. However, the importance of the cities, mountains and jungle areas is also emphasised".

- d. Part 4 outlined major tasks to be accomplished. They are:-
- (1) Increase military actions and expand the armed forces;
 - (2) Increase civilian, military and political proselyting;
 - (3) Heighten the role of the Revolutionary governing power;
 - (4) Understand the party standpoint and standpoint of the working class.
- e. Part 5 of the document gives further general guidance for the District Party Committee.

22. Resolution No 9 will probably be used as a policy guide for at least the 1969-70 Winter-Spring Campaign. Resolution No 8 adopted by CO SVN in August 1968 was used for the 1968-69 Winter-Spring Campaign and the 1969 Summer Campaign.

23. In I CTZ also reports of an "Autumn-Winter" Campaign continue to filter down through the VC echelons and paraphrases previous policies as follows (not necessarily in order)

- a. Reorganise agents nets and establish secret cache systems.
- b. Penetrate VC agents into PSDF in preparation for the coming offensive.
- c. Gather information on GVN security agencies, ARVN defensive posts and activities.
- d. VC cadre in lowlands are to prepare to receive PRG members and aid in recruiting drives.
- e. VC cadre to organise a system for purchasing rice for the "Autumn-Winter" Campaign.
- f. PSDF is to be terrorised.
- g. Local guerrillas are to be dispersed within the VC political system.
- h. RD cadre are to be terrorised and refugees forced to return to their former homes.
- i. Collect intelligence on all GVN activities.

24. The reports from I CTZ of planning and preparations for the next campaign generally agree with the terms of COSVN Resolution No 9.

(Extracted from MACV DISUM 257-69 and III MAF Perintrep 36-69)

COMMON USED FRIENDLY DESIGNATIONS FOR GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS.

ANGEL'S WING. XT2124 - XT2627 - XT3213 - XT2614 . CAMBODIAN Border area (adjoining southern TAY NINH Prov.)

BLACK VIRGIN. NUI BADEN mountain in TAY NINH Prov. (XT2858)

BOI LOI WOODS. Heavily wooded command, control and storage area in the vicinity of XT5035. (SE TAY NINH Prov.).

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- CITADEL. Vicinity XT5124 (Northern HAU NG HIA Prov.) heavily fortified area with numerous bunkers, tunnels, trenches and hedgerows.
- CRESCENT. A heavily wooded area bounded by co-ords XT4347 - XT4452 - XT3956 in eastern TAY NINH Prov.
- ELEPHANTS EAR. (Aka DOG'S FACE). Bounded by co-ordinates XT0487 - WT9790 - WT8984 - WT9078 and WT9676 and the Cambodian border in NW TAY NINH Prov.
- FISHHOOK. The large bend in the Cambodian / Vietnamese border in the vicinity of XT5890 at the junction of the TAY NINH - BINH LONG province borders. The area houses a COSVN Support Base.
- HAT DICH. The area bounded by co-ordinates YS1790 - YS4690 - YS2572 - and YS4572 and contains the jungle area south of the BINH SON Rubber Plantation and east of Route 15 to Route 2 with NUI THI VAI on the south.
- HO BO WOODS.
Extends from XT5633 to XT6424 a former rubber plantation offering cover and concealment to enemy forces. (SE TAY NINH Western BINH DUONG Provinces).
- IRON TRIANGLE.
A cleared jungle area centred in vicinity XT7127, bounded on the north by the BENCAT - Route 14 Road, on the east by the THI THINH River and on the west by the SAIGON River (Southern BINH DUONG Prov).
- LIGHT GREEN.
A narrow area of light scrub and grass beginning at the eastern foothills of the NUI DIEN BA (YS4954) and running NE between the hamlets of AP LO GOM and XA HOI MY parallel to the lateral coastal sand dunes as far as the mouth of the BA DAP River at YS580570. The BA DAP River forms the northern side of this area.
- LONG GREEN. Light and thick scrub with swamps lying in an area bounded to the west by PHUOC LOI Hamlet (YS5057) and DAT DO (YS5060), to the north by Route 23, to the east by the SONG RAI and to the south by the SONG BA DAP.
- MICHELIN PLANTATION.
A large rubber plantation of approx. 100 sq kms centred in vic XT5552 (NW BINH DUONG Prov).
- PARROTS BEAK.
XS3097 - XS3193 - XS2895 along Cambodian border, at the junction of HAU NGHIA and KIEN TUONG Provinces.
- SLOPE 30. An area in PHUOC TUY Province bounded by co-ords YS4681 - YS4781 - YS4784 and YS4584 along Route 2. This is an area where French units were constantly ambushed by the Viet Minh.
- STRAIGHT EDGE WOODS.
XT1332 - XT1338 - XT1839 - XT1834. Heavily wooded area in SW TAY NINH Province near Cambodian border frequently used by the enemy, contains numerous bunkers, trenches and tunnels.
- TRAPEZOID. The area south of the MICHELIN, bounded by the SAIGON and THI THINH Rivers centred in area vicinity XT5941 and whose southern boundary is the northern boundary of the IRON TRIANGLE (BINH DUONG Prov).

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

28 Sep 69

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

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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. Sqn HQ(-) plus two tps and supporting elements continued recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT. One tp remained at HORSESHOE HILL. One tp deployed with 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force astride QL 15 vicinity YS2671
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continued opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp plus one AMC sect continued opcon 5 RAR in AO MAX. One sect plus one AMC sect continued opcon B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp deployed with 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force astride QL 15 in vicinity YS2671
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and nine Hand I missions were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MAX, 6 RAR in AO STUART and B Sqn 1 Armd in AO SABOT. Road reconstruction continued near AN NHUT.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Land clearing operations continued vicinity YS 4670.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO MAX supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ located FSPB BEN YS603764.
- (8) 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 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy remained HORSESHOE HILL for combined operations with 3/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ located FSPB DIGCERS REST YS271875.
- (9) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy deployed with 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force astride QL 15 vicinity YS 2671. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 3/52 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL. Prepared for combined operations with D Coy 6 RAR.
- (11) 60 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). Continued in DS 6 RAR for land clearing operations in AO STUART. HQ located FSPB CHEROKEE YS303851.
- (12) Air Support.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>TARGET DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BDA</u>
262055/2106H	YS232868	VC Base Camp	100/30 BDA by ground troops.
262115/2129	YS232868	VC Base Camp	100/40 BDA by ground troops.
262210/2220	YS232868	VC Base Camp	100/40 BDA by ground troops.
262226/2240	YS232868	VC Base Camp	100/40 BDA by ground troops.
270940/0951	YS232868	VC Base Camp	100/30 eight weapon pits exposed. BDA by ground troops.
271120/1130	YS235867	VC Base Camp	100/70 four weapon pits destroyed. BDA by ground troops.
271137/1142	YS235867	VC Base Camp	100/90 10 weapon pits destroyed. Four weapon pits damaged. Two weapon pits exposed. BDA by ground troops

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>TARGET DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BDA</u>
271305/1330	YS235867	VC Base Camp	100/70 Three bunkers exposed. Nine fighting pits exposed. One DUD MK 117.
271505/1515	YS748709	VC Base Camp	100/50 One bunker destroyed. One bunker exposed. Negative further.
271540/1550	YS748709	VC Base Camp	100/50 Negative further.
271615/1632	YS324811	VC Base Camp	100/80 One large bunker destroyed. Negative further.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) SPOTREP W Coy 6 RAR contact YS237872. Snipers engaged W Coy as they approached the bunker system with negative results. Airstrikes continued and B Coy 6 RAR closed from the South. W Coy have entered bunker system and found one fresh grave (1 KBA) and numerous signs of blood in bunkers. Airstrike coverage was good.
- (2) Amend D and E pl contact at 261900H at YS495896 to read two VC KIA(BC) and two AK 47 CIA.
- (3) At 271305H at YS537720 to C/5 RAR located a cache containing: 1 M1 anti personnel mine, one percussion grenade, two grease gun mags, 12 M1 mags, 1 x 4ft bangalore torpedo, 50 feet electric cable, one tools entrenching. Cache could be five years old.
- (4) At 2711320H at YS341877 2/V/6 RAR contacted three VC with negative results.
- (5) During 27 Sep 69 at YS519859 B/6 RAR located a bunker system 200 x 200 metres consisting of 13 bunkers 6'x4'x5' each with two entrances and a lecture room. There was evidence of recent occupation. One chicom smoke grenade, one NVA helmet, two shovels and a quantity of carved models on poles of helicopters, fighter aircraft, Cessna, and an aircraft similar to the Pilatus Porter.

c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses.
 - (a) Personnel Nil.
 - (b) Materiel Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. One VC KBA, one VC KIA(BC).
 - (b) Materiel. One AK 47, one M1 AP mine, one percussion grenade, 1 x 4ft Bangalore torpedo, one chicom smoke grenade, 12 M1 mags, two grease gun mags, three entrenching tools, 50 ft electric cable, one NVA helmet, quantity aircraft models.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS436828, 3 Tp YS436828, 4 Tp Horseshoe Hill.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS599818, 3 Tp YS FSPB Cherokee.
- (3) Task Force Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB Diggers Rest, Sect 105 Fd Bty FSPB BEN, Sect 105 Fd Bty FSPB Colleen, B Bty 2/35 Arty(US) 1 ATF Base.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB BEN, A Coy YS563694, B Coy YS519859, C Coy YS521714, D Coy YS504851.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB Diggers Rest. A Coy FSPB Cherokee, B Coy YS230876, V Coy YS346869, D Coy Horseshoe Hill, W Coy YS238870.
- (6) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base.
- (7) 3/52 ARVN Bn. 'HORSESHOE HILL.

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e. Plans Summary.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ(-) plus two tps and supporting elements continue recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT, centre of mass YS4581. One tp remains at HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp remains opcon 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp plus one AMC sect continues opcon 5 RAR in AO MAX. One sect plus one AMC sect continues opcon B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO MAX, centre of mass YS6076. Bn HQ remains FSPB BEN YS603764.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce ambush and LCT protection operations in AO STUART, centre of mass YA3084. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ remains FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.
- (5) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ remains 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 3/52 ARVN BN. HORSESHOE HILL. Continues preparations for combined operations with D Coy 6 RAR.

f. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - two
Platoon - one
Squad - seven
- (2) 3 SAS has six LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact - two (LRRPS).
- (4) Results: Nine VC KIA(BC) one VC WIA.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. Nil.

b. RF Operations.

- (1) 613 RF Coy. Assists HORSESHOE Coy in ambush operations near DAT DO.
- (2) 614 RF Coy. Assists HORSESHOE Coy in ambush operations near DAT DO.
- (3) ARVN Mech Pl. Assists B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy escort.

c. Engineer Operations.

(1) Areas Land Cleared.

- (a) YS315875-NW to 305875-SE to 315869-SW to 305868, total of 2100 acres.

3. Meteorological Information 1 ATF Base.

a. Rainfall. Overnight to 270800H five points. 0800H to 1900H 72 points. Total 77 points.

b. Prevailing Winds. West winds (5000 mils) at 3 knots.

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29 Sep 69

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

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

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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. Sqn HQ (→) plus two tps and supporting elements continued recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT. One tp remained at HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continued op con 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp plus one AMC sect continued op con 5 RAR in AO MAX. One sect plus one AMC sect continued op con B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. Nil contact and 18 H and I tasks were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MAX, 6 RAR in AO STUART and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Continued land clearing operations in AO SABOT, vicinity YS4671.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO MAX, supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ located FSPB BEN YS603764.
- (8) 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 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy continued preparations for combined operation from HORSESHOE HILL with 3/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ located FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271375.
- (9) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy deployed to vicinity YS6395 and commenced recce operations. One coy remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 3/52 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL. Prepared to commence combined operations D Coy 6 RAR.
- (11) 60 Engr Coy (LCT)(US). Continued in DS 6 RAR for land clearing operations in AO STUART. Elements deployed to FSPB APACHE, vicinity YS3087. HQ located FSPB APACHE YS303873.
- (12) Air Support.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Co-ords</u>	<u>Target Description</u>	<u>Bomb Damage Assessment</u>
0823/0831	YS706837	Base Camp	100/80%, neg further
0915/0921	YS815745	Base Camp	100/50%, 100x50 metres crops destroyed, 50x50 metres crops damaged.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) During 28 Sep 69 at YS235864 W/6 RAR located a bunker system consisting of 22 bunkers in good condition. There was evidence that medical treatment had taken place in the last 48 hrs. Empty intravenous drip bottles, penicilin and iodine bottles were found. 150 Rds of 7.62mm 2 RPG7 rds, 2 mortar aiming posts and set of mortar range tables were recovered. A track heading South had been used by a pl plus in the last 48 hrs.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses

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

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(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel - Nil

(b) Materiel - 150 rds 7.62mm short, 2 RPG7 rds, 2 mortar aiming posts, mortar range tables.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS500096, 3 Tp YS485897, 4 Tp HORSESHOE HILL.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp FSPB COLLEEN, 3 Tp FSPB APACHE.

(3) Task Force Artillery. 1 Fd Regt(-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST, Sect 105 Fd Bty FSPB BEN, Sect 105 Fd Bty FSPB COLLEEN, B/Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn Hq FSPB BEN, A Coy YS541751, B Coy YS522859, C Coy YS515723, D Coy YS504851.

(5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn Hq FSPB DIGGERS REST, A Coy FSPB APACHE YS303873, B Coy YS246885, V Coy YS337873, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL, W Coy YS235857.

(6) 9 RAR. 9 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base, C Coy YS620959.

(7) 3/52 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ(-) plus two tps and supporting elements continue recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT, centre of mass YS4581. One tp remains HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remains on 1ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continues op con 6 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp plus one AMC sect continues op con 5 RAR in AO MAX. One sect plus one AMC sect continues op con B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO MAX, centre of mass YS6076. Bn Hq remains FSPB BEN YS603764.

(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continues recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO STUART, centre of mass YS3084. One coy commences combined operations with 3/52 ARVN Bn in DAT DO District. Bn Hq remains FSPB DIGGERS Rest YS271875.

(5) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. Elements deploy to AO STUART and prepare to conduct recce, ambush and LCT protection operations. One coy continues recce operations vicinity YS620959. Bn Hq remains 1 ATF Base.

(6) 3/52 ARVN Bn. Commences combined operations with D Coy 6 RAR in DAT DO District. Bn Hq remains HORSESHOE HILL.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 3 SAS has seven LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact - one (LRRPs)

(4) Results - 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Omitted.

b. RF Operations.

(1) 613 RF Coy. Assists HORSESHOE Coy in ambush operations near DAT DO.

(2) 614 RF Coy. Assists HORSESHOE Coy in ambush operations near DAT DO.

(3) ARVN Mech Pl. Assists B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy escort tasks.

c. Engineer Operations.

(1) Areas Land Cleared.

(a) YS456715 470715 470717 456717.

(b) Nil. All elms moved to FSPB APACHE.

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3. Meteorological Detail 1 ATF Base.

- a. Rainfall. Overnight to 280800H 1 point, 0800H-1900H 39 points. Total 40 points.
- b. Prevailing Winds. West winds (4200 mils) at 10 knots.

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30 Sep 69

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

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

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1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation TCAN THANG III in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF remained in the 1 ATF Base.
- (2) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ (-) plus tps and supporting elements continued recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT. One tp remained at HORSESHOE HILL. 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 STUART. One tp plus one AMC sect continued op con 5 RAR in AO MAX. One sect plus one AMC sect continued op con B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (4) Task Force Artillery. One contact and nil H and I tasks were fired during the reporting period.
- (5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MAX, 6 RAR in AO STUART and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. Road reconstruction continued near AN NHUT.
- (6) 17 Const Sqn. Continued land clearing operations vicinity YS4672.
- (7) 5 RAR. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO MAX, centre of mass YS6076 supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ located FSPB BEN YS603764.
- (8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Continued recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO STUART, centre of mass YS3084 supported by 101 Fd Bty, 60 Engr Coy (LCT) (US) and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One Coy remained HORSESHOE HILL and conducted combined operations with 3/52 ARVN Bn. Two coys deployed from AO STUART to 1 ATF Base. Bn HQ located FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.
- (9) 9 RAR. 1 ATF Base. One coy deployed to FSPB APACHE YS303873. One coy continued recce operations vicinity YS6395. One coy remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.
- (10) 3/52 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL. Commenced combined operations in DAT DO District with D Coy 6 RAR. Bn HQ located HORSESHOE HILL.
- (11) 60 Engr Coy (LCT) (US). Continued in DS 6 RAR for land clearing operations in AO STUART. HQ located FSPB APACHE YS303873.
- (12) Air Support.

Time	Co-ords	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
0930	YS3970	4 Oxen in clearing.	
1105/1112	YS324806	VC Base Camp	100/70%, neg further.
1120/1133	YS415768	VC Base Camp	100/50%, 25 metres trench exposed, 1 bunker exposed, neg further.
1414/1424	YS411780	VC Base Camp	100/25%, 1 bunker destroyed.
1435/1449	YS591611	VC Base Camp	100/50%, neg further.

b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) During 28/29 Sep 69 at YS504851 D/5 RAR located a bunker system containing 14 bunkers in good condition. 1 x RPG 2 rd, 7 x grenades, 2 x stick grenades, 1000 x 7.62 mm link, 1 x D8 and 1 x D10 claymore, small quantity documents and a large amount of small arms ammo recovered.
- (2) At 291530H at YS353877 1/V/6 RAR observed two enemy moving NORTH. Follow up was conducted without result.

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c. Results.

- (1) Friendly Losses. Nil.
- (2) Enemy Losses.
 - (a) Personnel. Nil.
 - (b) Materiel. 1 x RPG 2 rd, 7 x grenades, 2 x stick grenades, 1000 rds 7.62 mm link, 1 x D8 and 1 x D10 claymore, small qty documents and large qty small arms ammo.

d. Locations.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS501894, 3 Tp YS468884, 4 Tp YS563619.
- (2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp FSPB COLLEEN, 3 Tp FSPB APACHE.
- (3) Task Force Artillery. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base, 101 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST, One Sect 105 Fd Bty FSPB BEN, One Sect 105 Fd Bty FSPB COLLEEN, B Bty 2/35 Arty (US) (-) 1 ATF Base, One Sect B Bty HORSESHOE HILL.
- (4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB BEN, A Coy YS541744, B Coy YS519859, C Coy YS522743, D Coy YS514838.
- (5) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST, A Coy 1 ATF Base, B Coy YS250858, V Coy YS338873, D Coy HORSESHOE HILL, W Coy 1 ATF Base.
- (6) 9 RAR. 9 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base, C Coy YS633958, D Coy FSPB APACHE.
- (7) 3/52 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Plans Summary.

- (1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ (-) plus two tps and supporting elements continue recce and ambush tasks in AO SABOT, centre of mass YS4581. One tp remains at HORSESHOE HILL. 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 tp plus one AMC sect continues op con 5 RAR in AO MAX. One sect plus one AMC sect remains op con B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.
- (3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO MAX, centre of mass YS6076. Bn HQ remains FSPB BEN YS603764.
- (4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Concludes recce and ambush operations in AO STUART, centre of mass YS3084 and returns to 1 ATF Base. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL and continues combined operations with 3/52 ARVN Bn. Bn HQ deploys from FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875 to 1 ATF Base.
- (5) 9 RAR. Deploys from 1 ATF Base, NUI DAT to AO STUART, centre of mass YS3084 and commences recce, ambush and LCT protection operations. One coy conducts recce operations vicinity YS6295. Bn HQ located FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.
- (6) 3/52 ARVN Bn. Conducts combined operations with D Coy 6 RAR in the DAT DO District. Bn HQ remains HORSESHOE HILL.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

2. Combined Operations.

a. Omitted.

b. RF Operations.

- (1) 613 RF Coy. Assists HORSESHOE Coy in ambush operations near DAT DO.
- (2) 614 RF Coy. Assists HORSESHOE Coy in ambush operations near DAT DO.

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(3) ARVN Mech Pl. Assists B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy escort tasks.

c. Engineer Operations.

(1) Areas Land Cleared.

(a) YS462717 - 464717 - 464721 - 466720 - 467729 - 465730 - 464723 - 462723.

(b) YS301874 - 301870 - 304875 - 304870 - 301875 - 309870 - 312874 - 312870. Total 2240 acres.

3. Meteorological Detail 1 ATF Base.

a. Rainfall. Overnight to 290800H 2 points, 0800H to 1900H 14 points. Total 16 points.

b. Prevailing Winds. South - westerly winds (4300 mils) at 7 knots.

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29 SEP 69

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
272.	Duties
273.	Medals
274.	R & R Oct, Nov and Dec 69
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272. DUTIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Officer</u>	<u>Duty Sergeant</u>
30 Sep 69	WO1 Kendrick	
1 Oct 69	Capt Sullivan	Sgt De-turt Bailey
2 Oct 69	Sgt Twomey	Sgt De-turt
3 Oct 69	WO2 Dingle	Sgt Bailey
4 Oct 69	WO2 Buckell	Sgt Angus
5 Oct 69	Lt Blackney	Sgt Walker
6 Oct 69	WO2 Kludas	Sgt Nicholson
7 Oct 69	Capt Gilchrist	Sgt Summers

PICQUETS

<u>Date</u>	<u>22 Area</u>	<u>24 Area</u>
1 Oct 69	2 Troop	Fwd Composite
2 Oct 69	LAD	Fwd Composite
3 Oct 69	2 Troop	Fwd Composite
4 Oct 69	LAD	Fwd Composite
5 Oct 69	2 Troop	Fwd Composite
6 Oct 69	LAD	Fwd Composite
7 Oct 69	2 Troop	Fwd Composite

273. MEALS:

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.

Tpr Mountney	Tpr Brookes	Lcpl Roberts
Tpr Maycock	Sgt Walker	Tpr Judd
Tpr Barlow	Tpr Hyde	Tpr Stadley
Sgt Summers	Cpl Webb	

The Vietnamese Campaign Medal

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

Cfn Perry Cfn Gardiner

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R & R OCT 1969

1. B Sqn 1 Armd Regt Routine Order 128/69 is cancelled.

2. AUSTRALIA

13 Oct 69		Sgt	De-Turt
15 Oct 69		Tpr	Whitehead
8 Oct 69	Flt A	Lcpl	Pomfret
10 Oct 69		Tpr	Simpson
12 Oct 69		Tpr	Cavanagh
15 Oct 69		Tpr	Rehn
19 Oct 69		Tpr	Smith G.J.
22 Oct 69		Tpr	Grant
26 Oct 69	Flt A	Tpr	Hale P.J.
29 Oct 69		Tpr	Hay
31 Oct 69		Sgt	Angus

3. HONG KONG

3 Oct 69		Tpr	Whitehorn
7 Oct 69		Tpr	Thomas
14 Oct 69		Capt	Gilchrist
23 Oct 69		Tpr	Leihy
31 Oct 69		Lcpl	Ferrari

4. BANKOK

13 Oct 69		Tpr	Davies M.F. (to depart Wallaby 3 on 12 Oct 69)
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5. TAIPEI

17 Oct 69		2Lt	Ritchie
30 Oct 69		Cpl	Keys

6. AUSTRALIA NOV 1969

2 Nov 69		Tpr	Eyre
5 Nov 69	Flt A	Cpl	Munsell
7 Nov 69	Flt B	Cpl	Grogan
11 Nov 69		Tpr	Hale A.
12 Nov 69		Cfn	Gardiner
16 Nov 69		Cfn	Perry
17 Nov 69		Tpr	Murphy
21 Nov 69		Cpl	Winstanley
25 Nov 69		Tpr	Smith M.W.
26 Nov 69		Cpl	Martin
30 Nov 69		Sgt	Bennier

7. HONG KONG

7 Nov 69		Cpl	Ovans
16 Nov 69		Tpr	Hodges
30 Nov 69		Lcpl	Walker

8. TAIPEI

17 Nov 69		Tpr	Ummels
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9. AUSTRALIA DEC 1969

1 Dec 69		Tpr	Footer
5 Dec 69	Flt A	Cpl	Cromie
7 Dec 69		Tpr	Gee
9 Dec 69		Tpr	Burgess
15 Dec 69	Flt B	Cpl	Tomlinson
17 Dec 69		Tpr	Perceval
21 Dec 69		Sgt	Twomey
24 Dec 69		2Lt	McNeilage
29 Dec 69	Flt A	Tpr	Sprague
29 Dec 69	Flt B	Tpr	Anketell

10. TAIPEI

3 Dec 69		Capt	Sullivan
23 Dec 69		Cfn	Skurrie

275. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1. No alcoholic beverages will be taken on vehicles, or by members when proceeding on operations.
2. Neither will members consume alcoholic beverages whilst on operations.

276. POSSESSION AND USE OF PRIVATELY OWNED OR CAPTURED WEAPONS

1. No member serving in or attached to 1 ATF (whether temporarily or not) is to be in possession of weapons, explosives or ammunition unless they have been issued to him by or for Australian Military sources for the purposes of military duty, or are the property of the Commonwealth of Australia.
2. No member of 1 ATF is to use a captured weapon, explosive or ammunition unless he obtains prior permission from HQ 1 ATF.

277. RECREATION

Members on swimming trips to VUNG TAU are not on leave and are restricted to the confines of 1 ALSG Area.

278. MEDICAL

1. Troop Sergeants are to hand to the SSM each Saturday by 0830 hrs certified roll books showing that members of his troop have taken the required amount, daily of Dapson and Paludrine.
2. Members absent, leave, detached etc, will be shown as such.
3. Troop Sergeants are to be responsible for their troop members whilst on operation.

279. SAFETY 5.56 mm M16A1 RIFLE

Reference: R980-450-81

1. There have been cases of the 5.56 M16A1 rifle exploding during firing.
2. Users are to take particular note of the following:
 - a. Because precise limits for sustained automatic fire are not yet as known for this weapon, care must be taken not to overheat the barrel by firing unduly prolonged firing.
 - b. Should water enter the barrel, failure to completely drain prior to firing may cause the barrel to split. To ensure all water is drained, allow air enter the barrel by pulling the cocking handle a short distance to the rear while the barrel is depressed.
 - c. It is essential that the chamber be kept clean.

280. PUMPS FLAMMABLE LIQUID

1. Before operation of these pumps the following points must be checked:
 - a. That the spark plug is fully screened and the high tension lead is extremely robust, well insulated and securely attached to the magneto and engine head.
 - b. The exhaust pipe does not in any way interfere with the high tension lead.
2. During operation the pump is to be ground mounted to enable adequate discharge of static electricity both from pump and delivery nozzle.

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3. Refueling vehicles are to carry at least ~~two~~ dry powder or foam fire extinguishers.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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1 Oct 69

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 300001H to 302400H Sep 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. Sqn HQ (-) plus two tps and supporting elements continued recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT. One tp remained at HORSESHOE HILL. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(3) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp remained op con 9 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp plus one AMC sect continued op con 5 RAR in AO MAX. One sect plus one AMC sect continued op con B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

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

(5) 1 Fd Sqn. Elements continued to support 5 RAR in AO MAX, 9 RAR in AO STUART and B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. Elements deployed with 6 RAR from AO STUART to 1 ATF Base. Road reconstruction continued vicinity AN NHUT.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Continued land clearing operations vicinity YS4674.

(7) 5 RAR. Continued recce and ambush operations in AO MAX supported by 105 Fd Bty and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. Bn HQ located FSPB BEN YS603764.

(8) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). Deployed with 101 Fd Bty from AO STUART to 1 ATF Base, NUI DAT. One coy remained on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. One coy continued combined operations with 3/52 ARVN Bn from HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located 1 ATF Base.

(9) 9 RAR. Deployed from 1 ATF Base to AO STUART and commenced recce, ambush and LCT protection operations supported by 161 Fd Bty (NZ), 60 Engr Coy (LCT) (US) and elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn. One coy continued recce operations vicinity YS6395. Bn HQ located FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.

(10) 3/52 ARVN Bn. HORSESHOE HILL. Continued combined operations in DAT DO District with D Coy 6 RAR. BN HQ located HORSESHOE HILL.

(11) 60 Engr Coy (LCT) (US). Continued in DS 9 RAR for land clearing operations in AO STUART. HQ located FSPB APACHE YS303873.

(12) Air Support.

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
291624 to 291635	YS303677	Base Camp	100/80. Neg further
0840H	YS285781	Sighting. Far trail went to East. 19 ox carts moving West to East. Per AM 2 per cart and are flad waving. One ox cart moving to West along track.	
0903/0920	YS652642	Base Camp	Neg further.
1015/1030	YS409919	Base Camp	Neg BDA.
1130/1140	YS581863	Base Camp	100/50. Neg further.
1630/1715	YS523796	Base Camp	100/100. Neg further. BDA by Ground Troops.

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b. Contacts and Incidents.

- (1) At 300935H at YS632957 a patrol from C/9 RAR contacted 3 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK47 and 1 M16 recovered.
- (2) At 301130H at YS244843 a patrol from B/6 RAR contacted 6 VC resulting in 2 VC KIA(BC), 2 AK47, 3 x RPG2 rounds, 2 x Chicom claymores and 1 x CS grenade recovered.
- (3) At 301503H at YS523794, 12/D/5 RAR contacted 11 VC plus resulting in 2 VC KIA(BC), 2 VC WIA (bloodtrails), 7 packs, 2 x 4 gallon drums of medical supplies, comprehensive set of medical instruments, quantity of palludrine and dapsone, and 11 hammocks recovered.

c. Results.

(1) Friendly Losses.

(a) Personnel: Nil.

(b) Materiel: Nil.

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel: 5 VC KIA(BC), 2 VC WIA (bloodtrails).

(b) Materiel: 3 AK47s, 1 M16, 3 RPG2 rounds, 1 Chicom claymore, 1 x CS grenade, 7 packs, 11 hammocks, 2 x 4 gallon drums of medical supplies, documents, medical instruments, qty dapsone and palludrine.

d. Locations.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS424818; 4 Tp YS562619.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. B Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base, 1 Tp YS599818, 3 Tp FSPB APACHE.

(3) Task Force Artillery. 1 Fd Regt (-) 1 ATF Base; Sect 105 Fd Bty FSPB COLLEEN; 161 Fd Bty FSPB DIGGERS REST; B Bty 2/35 Arty (US)(-) 1 ATF Base; One sect B Bty 2/35 Arty (US)(-) HORSESHOE HILL; Sect 105 Fd Bty FSPB BEN.

(4) 5 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB BEN, A Coy YS546725; B Coy YS510872; C Coy YS512756; D Coy YS523808.

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

(6) 9 RAR. Bn HQ FSPB DIGGERS REST; A Coy YS287816; B Coy YS307878; C Coy YS635955; D Coy YS305873.

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

e. Plans Summary.

(1) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Sqn HQ (-) plus two tps and supporting elements continue recce and ambush operations in AO SABOT, centre of mass YS4581. One tp remains at HORSESHOE HILL. On tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(2) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One tp continues opcon 9 RAR for LCT protection in AO STUART. One tp plus one AMC sect continues opcon 5 RAR in AO MAX. One sect plus one AMC sect continues op con B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. One tp remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby.

(3) 5 RAR. Continues recce and ambush operations in AO MAX, centre of mass YS6076. Bn HQ remain FSPB BEN YS603764.

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(4) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC). 1 ATF Base. One coy remains HORSESHOE HILL to continue combined operations with 3/52 ARVN Bn. One coy remains on 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force standby. Bn HQ remains 1 ATF Base.

(5) 9 RAR. Continues recce, ambush and LCT protection operations in AO STUART, centre of mass YS3084. One coy continues recce operations vicinity YS6395. Bn HQ remains FSPB DIGGERS REST YS271875.

(6) 3/52 ARVN Bn. Continues combined operations with D Coy 6 RAR from HORSESHOE HILL. Bn HQ located HORSESHOE HILL.

f. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 3 SAS Sqn has six LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small unit actions with contact - nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations. Omitted.

b. MF Operations.

(1) 613 RF Coy. Assists HORSESHOE Coy in ambush operations near DAT DO.

(2) 614 RF Coy. Assists HORSESHOE Coy in ambush operations near DAT DO.

(3) ARVN Mech Pl. Assists B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in road security and convoy escort tasks.

c. Engineer Operations.

(1) Areas Land Cleared.

(a) YS324869-YS324873-YS329875-YS309870: Total, 2370 acres.

3. Meteorological Detail 1 ATF Base.

a. Rainfall. Overnight to 290800H nil points, 0800H to 1900H 9 points. Total 9 points.

b. Prevailing Winds. Nil.

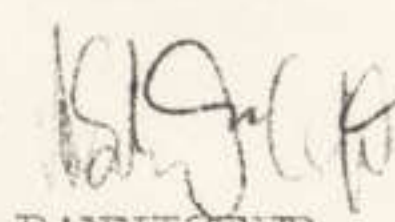
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