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Royal Australian Armoured Corps

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Regiment**

Narrative, Annexes

1-30 November 1968

PART 1

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. 707-1-1

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

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

2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature) John F. Wilson

Appointment: Lt. Col. Sqn. Honourable Regiment (OC Unit or senior staff officer)

PART 2

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation: C Sqn 1st Air Regt
From: 1 Nov 68 To: 30 Nov 68

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COMMANDERS DIARIES
INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

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

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During Operational Periods (1)

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

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 - c. Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
 - d. Annexes as shown in the Index.
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8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no enclosures for an annex NIL will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, starting at B.

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

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C 2118 (Adapted)
Revised Jun, 1965

MONTH AND YEAR Nov 68

REFERENCE MAP

UNIT/FORMATION C Sqw 1st Regt

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj P.R. BRADMAN

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<u>1-2 Nov 68</u>		<u>Operations in AO paper concluded without contact and C Sqw returned to Nui Dat.</u>	
	<u>3-6 Nov 68.</u>		<u>C Sqw remained in IATF Base.</u>	
	<u>7 Nov 68.</u>		<u>2TP moved to Duc Thuan as TANGO FORCE to assist VC Thuan District Chief with operations in his AO. The force consisted of a pl of inf Sec of Cos and a troop of tanks and remained in location until 23 Nov 68.</u>	<u>M1 & M2 08-024</u>
	<u>8 Nov 68</u>		<u>C Sqw (-) moved to FSB Lion to support IATF of Capital II. During this operation a new technique of indirect shooting was employed. It consisted of laying the guns using an artillery director, a mortar plotting board for corrections. The method was very successful and has been adopted</u>	<u>09-028</u>
	<u>-27 Nov 68.</u>			

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF - C 2118 (Adapted)
Revised Jun, 1965

MONTH AND YEAR *Nov 68*

REFERENCE MAP

UNIT/FORMATION *C Sqn ~~1st Bn~~*

COMMANDING OFFICER *May A.L. VICKERS*

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
			<p>by the Squadron. ^{Shovels} Things are always observed by OC in Possum area. Results were good but in thick jungle the 200 lb rd explodes in the trees and has only limited use against bunker systems.</p>	
	<i>19 Nov 68</i>		<p>May P.R. BADMAN returned to Australia and the 2IC Capt A.L. VICKERS was promoted Major and assumed command of the Sqn. May Badman's early return was to allow him his leave prior to attendance at Staff College in Jan 69.</p>	
	<i>28-30 Nov 68</i>		<p>C Sqn remained in Nst DAT.</p>	

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Copy No of

HQ 1 ATF (Main)
THUA TICH

Nov 68

OPS 020

OpO No 66/68 (Op CAPITAL II)

Reference: A. Map, VIETNAM, Series L7014, Sheets 6430 I, II, III and IV.

Time zone used throughout this order: HOTEL.

1. Situation.a. Enemy Forces. Annex A.b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 1 RAR continues Op CAPITAL in AO WATSON.
- (2) 4 RAR continues Op CAPITAL in AO CURTIN.
- (3) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt (less two tps) commence operations in Op CAPITAL in FSPB LION AO from 081200H (Nov).
- (4) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt (less two tps) continues Op CAPITAL in FSPB LION AO. Elms A Sqn 3 Cav Regt with allotted bn Atk elms continues ROAD RUNNER Operations along Route QL 15.
- (5) 43 Inf Regt, 18 ARVN Div commenced operations in AO COLT on 6 Nov 68 and continue operations as part of Op CAPITAL II force.
- (6) ALFA Bde, ARVN Marine Div commences operations in AO TWIN RIVERS on 10 Nov 68 and continues operations as part of Op CAPITAL II force.
- (7) RTAVF Bde (less one battalion) continue operations in AO TAEGER as part of Op CAPITAL II force.

c. Atts and Dets.

- (1) 4/12 Inf Bn, 199th (LIB) in DS 1 ATF from 100630H (Nov) until rel.
- (2) Two tps 2 Sqn 11 ACR in DS 1 ATF from 100630H (Nov) until rel.

2. Mission. 1 ATF is to conduct reconnaissance in force operations in AO FRANKLIN to destroy 274 VC Regt and 84 Rear Services Gp.3. Execution.a. General Outline. The operation is to be conducted in four phases:

- (1) Phase I. Deployment of additional forces into AO FRANKLIN and re-deployment of 1 ATF elms already operating in AO FRANKLIN.
- (2) Phase II. RIF operations by combined force in AO FRANKLIN.

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(3) Phase III. Extraction of friendly allied forces from AO FRANKLIN.

(4) Phase IV. Extraction of 1 ATF forces from AO FRANKLIN.

b. HQ 1 ATF.

(1) Comd and con combined forces in AO FRANKLIN.

(2) Coord operations in AO FRANKLIN with adjacent GVN and RTAVF forces.

(3) Be responsible for coord of all airspace within specified AWCC zone.

c. 1 RAR.

(1) Grouping. No change from Frag 0 No 3 to 1 ATF OpO No 59/68.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Continue RIF operations in AO WATSON.

(b) Be prep to redeploy in to AO PEARCE on 12 Nov 68.

(c) Continue to destroy all enemy assets and installations found in AO's WATSON and PEARCE.

d. 4 RAR.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Continue RIF operations in AO CURTIN.

(b) Continue to destroy all enemy assets and installations found in AO CURTIN.

e. 3 RAR.

(1) Continue to provide 1 ATF Reaction Force Coy, engr protection party and elms for cavmobile duties.

(2) Be prepared to provide small forces (up to platoon size) for tasks associated with rd resupply ops into AO FRANKLIN.

f. C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(1) Continue offensive operations in FSPB LION AO.

(2) Be prep to react to accessible parts of AO's WATSON and PEARCE on orders from HQ 1 ATF.

g. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(1) Continue offensive operations and escort tasks in FSPB LION AO.

(2) Be prep to react with C Sqn 1 Armd Regt to accessible parts of AO's WATSON and PEARCE on orders from HQ 1 ATF.

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(3) Continue to cmd and coord defence of FSPB LION.

h. 12 Fd Regt.

(1) Arty Tac. Remain FSPB LION to cmd and coord the fire power of arty resources avail to 1 ATF.

(2) Production of air and ground clearances.

(3) 102 Fd Bty. Remain FSPB LION in DS 1 RAR. Be prepared to deploy one sect to vic YS6381 to provide covering fire to 1 RAR operations in the Eastern border area of AO PEARCE on orders from HQ 1 ATF.

(4) 104 Fd Bty. Remain FSPB FLINDERS in DS 4 RAR.

(5) 161 Fd Bty. Remain in 1 ATF Base NUI DAT.

i. A Bty 2/35 Arty (US). Remain at FSPB LION in gen sp 1 ATF.

j. 1 Fd Sqn.

(1) Continue to provide two combat teams under cmd 1 RAR.

(2) Continue to provide two combat teams under cmd 4 RAR.

(3) Continue to provide one combat team on standby at FSPB LION.

k. 2 SAS Sqn. Continue ptl activity in accordance with 1 ATF ptl programme.

l. Air.

(1) 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.

(a) Continue to provide one H13 in DS 1 RAR.

(b) Continue to provide one H13 in DS 4 RAR.

(c) Provide one H13 in DS HQ 1 ATF at FSPB LION from 0730(H) hrs daily (when ac becomes available).

(d) Continue to conduct VR according to HQ 1 ATF programme.

(2) 9 Sqn RAAF.

(a) Continue to provide resupply sorties as required.

(b) Continue to provide two UH1D ac DS HQ 1 ATF at FSPB LION from 0730H daily.

(3) US Army Aviation.

(a) Provide DUSTOFF with winch daily from 0800H to 1830H, to be positioned at NUI DAT.

(b) Provide LFT daily to be positioned at NUI DAT.

(4) USAF. Continue to provide offensive air support in 1 ATF TAOR as directed by HQ 1 ATF.

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m. 4/12 Inf Bn, 199th (LIB).

- (1) Conduct RIF operations in AO BROWNING.
- (2) Destroy all enemy assets and installations found in AO.
- (3) Block enemy movement, through AO, particularly astride axis of land cleared trails.
- (4) Provide early warning to 1 ATF LRRP op in 1 ATF LRRP AO of enemy movement through AO BROWNING.

n. 2/11 ACR.

- (1) Conduct RIF operations in AO PERSHING.
- (2) Block enemy movement through East/West corridor (grid Northings YS86 to 90).
- (3) Be prepared to open route from LTL 2 to FSPB DAMPIER (YS3686) for 4/12 Bn, 199th (LIB) as required.
- (4) Destroy all enemy assets and installations found in AO.

o. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) AO's Bdry's. Annex B.
- (2) AO FRANKLIN. Annex C.
- (3) AWCC Area controlled by THUA TICH Arty. Annex D.
- (4) Recce. No air recce of AO FRANKLIN is to take place after 101600H (Nov) unless approved by HQ 1 ATF (Main).
- (5) Timings.
 - (a) Units in DS 1 ATF are to info HQ 1 ATF (Main) 24 hours in advance of their ETA AO FRANKLIN.
 - (b) AWCC opens THUA TICH (YS6181) 101000H (Nov).
- (6) Liaison.
 - (a) Conference. A briefing conf for 1 ATF LO's is to be held at HQ 1 ATF (Main) 101400H (Nov).
 - (b) Allotment. Annex E.
 - (c) Time of Deployment of 1 ATF LO's. Issued separately.
 - (d) LO's from Supporting Formations and Units. LO's are to be in FSPB LION by 101600H.

4. Administration and Logistics.

- a. General. No change to 1 ATF Frag 0 No 4 to OpO 59/68.
- b. DS Units. All US DS units are responsible for their own administration and logistics.

5. Command and Signal.

- a. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains at FSPB LION (YS6181).

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- b. HQ 1 ATF (Rear) remains at 1 ATF Base NUI DAT (YS4367).
- c. HQ 1 RAR loc YS598817.
- d. HQ 4 RAR loc YS506866.
- e. BHQ 4/12 Inf Bn and THQ 11 ACR elms are to info HQ 1 ATF (Main) of their loc ASP after deployment.
- f. Additional points of origin for AO FRANKLIN are to be issued separately.
- g. Callsigns for 1 ATF LO's.

<u>Place</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Callsign</u>
(a)	(b)	(c)
BLACKHORSE	Ops	15
	Arty	52
HQ 4/12 Inf	Ops	17
HQ 43 Inf Regt	Ops	83
18 ARVN Div		
FSPB PENNY (18 ARVN Div)	Arty	34
HQ ALFA Bde	Ops	87
ARVN Marines	Arty	54

- h. Communication eqpt for 1 ATF LO's is to be provided by 104 Sig Sqn.

Ack Instructions: Ack to EBONY 34.

[Handwritten Signature]
(C.M.I. PEARSON)
Brig
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- Annex:
- A. Enemy Situation Op CAPITAL II.
 - B. AO's Bdrys for all Op CAPITAL II Forces.
 - C. 1 ATF AO FRANKLIN.
 - D. AWCC Area Controlled by THUA TICH Arty.
 - E. Allotment of LO's.

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4/12 Inf 199th (LIB) (3)
2/11 ACR (3)
SA 18 ARVN Div (3)
ALFA Bde ARVN Marines (3)
RTAVF (3)
AWCC
CP (Rear)

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF OPO 66/68
DATED 5 NOV 68

OP CAPITAL II
ENEMY SITUATION

General

1. The area enclosed by the combined AOs of Op CAPITAL contains many major base camps, training areas, logistic installations and main supply routes used by enemy Main Force, Local Force, District and Rear Service units.

Supply Routes

2. The main enemy supply routes run as follows:
- a. South from War Zone 'D' - through UI - and BA BIEN Provinces - across Hwy 1 near HUNG NGHIA (YT3009) and down through Sub-Region 4 to the BINH SON area and NW HAT DICH.
 - b. South from War Zone 'D' - through Eastern BA BIEN Province - across Hwy 1 near NUI CHUA CHAN (YT6110) - South towards the MAY TAO and THUA TICH bases.
 - c. East/West from the MAY TAO - astride the PHUOC TUY/LONG KHANH border - across Route 2 - astride the PHUOC TUY/BIEN HOA border - West towards the RUNG SAT SPECIAL ZONE and South towards the HAT DICH; and return.

Base Camps

3. Main base camps already located within 1 ATF TAOR are contained on 1 ATF 1:50,000 over-printed enemy installations maps. Limited stocks (10 copies) are available for RTAVF, 199 (US) LIB, 11 (US) ACR and ARVN Marine Bde elements who are to operate within 1 ATF TAOR. Similar overprints are not available for other areas.

Activity

4. There has been constant enemy movement throughout the entire area as rice carrying parties, reconnaissance cells and rear service elements carry out their normal duties; and Main Force, Local Force and District troops move to either avoid contact or in order to re-group.
5. The enemy has been recently conducting extensive training activity in both the HAT DICH and THUA TICH areas; and has re-constructed or renovated many old or damaged base camps, rest and transit areas, and logistic installations.

Tactics

6. The enemy can rapidly shift his troops to prepared bases or defensive positions and a small delaying force may well allow successful exfiltration of larger units who wish to avoid contact. The enemy has sufficient local forces or guerrillas available to provide guides for his main force units.
7. The enemy are known to be well armed with modern infantry weapons and their heavy fire support includes HMGs, 81/82mm mortars, 75mm RCLs and RPGs 2 and 7. The enemy's normal practice is to try to delay FWMAF operations with his Local Force elements while protecting his heavy weapons with his Main Force infantry.

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Identifications

8. 1 ATF has mounted numerous operations into or near this region during Aug - Sep - Oct 68. Documents taken from enemy dead or found in base camps confirmed the presence of elements of the following enemy units:

a. West of Route 2.

274 VC Regt (3 Bn)
HQ Sub Region 4
Infiltration Group 2014
D67 Engr Bn
C9 Coy 3 Bn 74 NVA Arty Regt (ex 84A NVA Arty Regt)
C4 Coy 2 Bn 74 NVA Arty Regt
Sig/Recce Coy 74 NVA Arty Regt
84 Rear Services Group

b. East of Route 2.

274 VC Regt (2 Bn)
D440 LF Bn
84 Rear Services Group
Infiltration Group 2004

Current Situation

9. At the present time we consider that one strong element of 274 VC Regt, forces from Sub-Region 4, elements of 84 Rear Services Group and District Coys C240 and C245, are all located in or near the Northern HAT DICH. There has been no recent contact with 74 NVA Arty Regt.

10. We have reliable intelligence that the enemy is trying hard to obtain rice from the area of THAM THIEN (YS2182) and THAI THIEN (YS2279) and to transport it back to his main force back in the LONG KHANH/PHUOC TUY border area, North of THUA TICH (YS6282). Interdiction of lateral trails and night ambushes of rice pick up areas (already passed to RTAVE and 4/12 (US) Inf Bn) should produce good results.

11. Interdiction of Route 2 between XA BANG (YS4584) and CAM MY (YS4590) should greatly hinder enemy reconnaissance activity, movement of couriers, and his resupply, which is becoming critical.

12. East of Route 2, we consider that HQ 274 VC Regt and at least one, (probably two battalions), are located astride the border or just to the North within AO COLT. ARVN elements were in heavy contact with an unknown enemy force, (possibly of battalion size), vicinity YS5896 at 070600H Nov 68. Elements of 84 Rear Services Group are probably located either in the same general area or further East nearer to the MAY TAO.

13. Enemy forces may now try to move North or East away from major contact, or they may be prepared to stand and fight until he ascertains the size of the total forces opposing him, when he will then attempt to exfiltrate his main force.

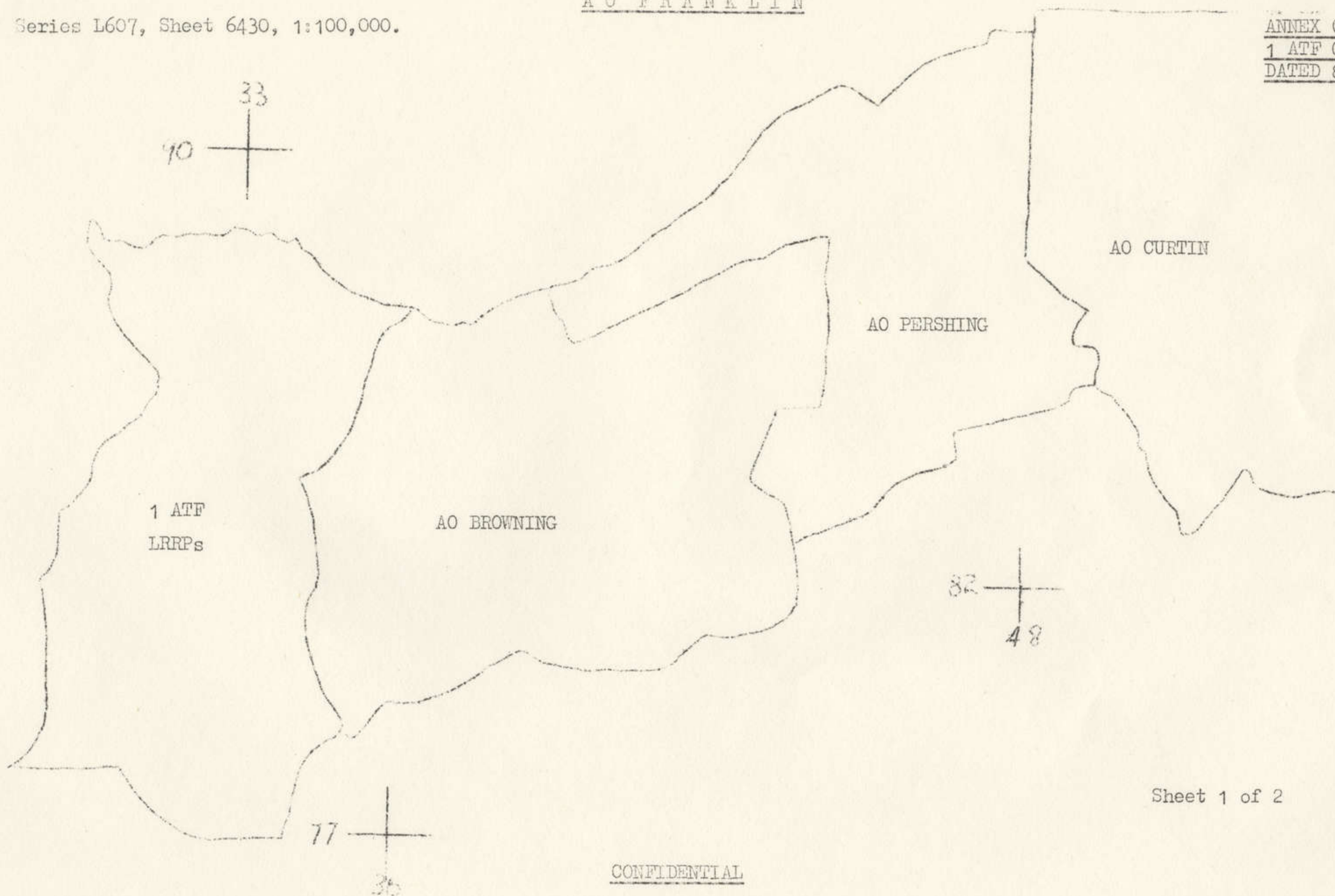
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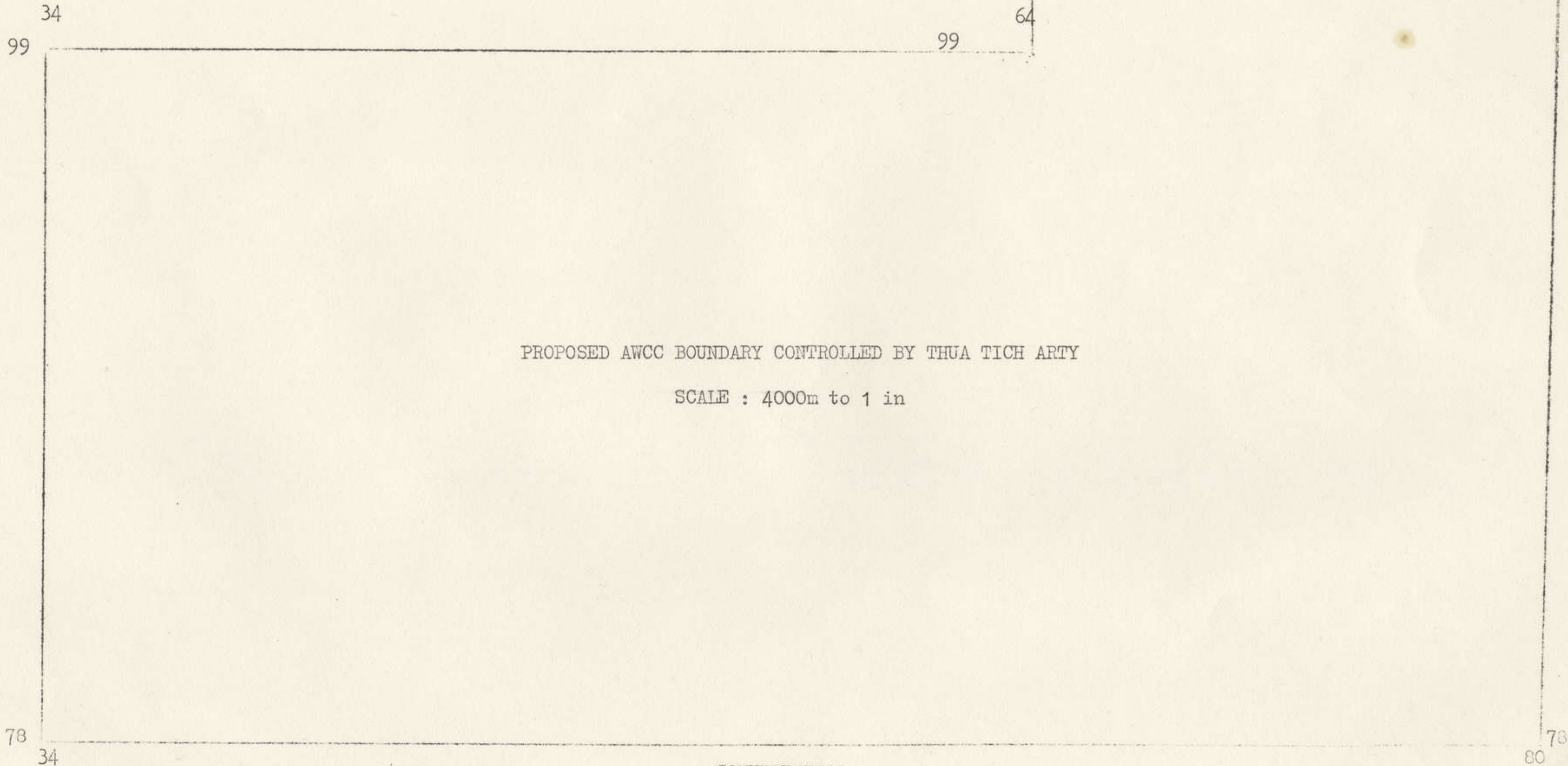
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PROPOSED AWCC BOUNDARY CONTROLLED BY THUA TICH ARTY

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ANNEX E TO
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DATED 8 NOV 68

ALLOCATION OF LO'S (LNO)

Serial	Type of LO	Place					
		BLACKHORSE	18 ARVN Div HQ 43 Inf Regt	18 ARVN Div FSPB PENNY	HQ ALFA Bde ARVN Marines	Bn HQ 4/12 Inf 199th Bde	HQ 1 ATF (Main)
(a)	(b)				(c)		
1	<u>1 ATF</u> a. Ops b. Arty	Yes Yes	Yes -	- Yes	Yes Yes	Yes -	- -
2	<u>4/12 Inf Bn,</u> <u>199th (LIB)</u> a. Ops b. Arty	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	Yes -
3	<u>18 ARVN Div</u> a. Ops b. Arty	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	Yes -
4	<u>ALFA Bde</u> <u>ARVN Marines</u> a. Ops b. Arty	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	Yes -
5	<u>11 ACR</u> a. Ops b. Arty	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -

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HQ 1 ATF
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29 Oct 68

OPS 1670

Op Instr No 64/68 (Op DIAMOND PIN)

To: Maj P.R. BADMAN, OC C Sqn 1 Armd Regt

MAPS: A. VIETNAM, Series L7014, Sheet 6430 - I, II, III and IV.

1. Situation.

a. Enemy Forces. Annex A.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 1 RAR and 4 RAR continue operations in AO DICKSON.

(2) 3 RAR and A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continue operations in AO EVERGLADE.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and Atk elms of 1 RAR, 3 RAR and 4 RAR continue ROAD RUNNER operations on Route 15.

(4) An RF post is loc at XA BANG (YS453838).

c. Atts and Dets.

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| (1) Under comd from 301000H (Oct) | A Coy 3 RAR
two combat teams,
1 Fd Sqn
one mini team |
| (2) Under op con from 301000H | one tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt |
| (3) On call from 301000H | one Cessna, 161 (Indep)
Recce Flt
104 Fd Bty, 12 Fd Regt |

2. Mission. You are to conduct reconnaissance in force in AO RAPIER.

3. Execution.

a. General Outline. You are to develop your own concept of operations and carry out the following tasks:

- ✓(1) Deploy to AO RAPIER by road.
- ✓(2) Conduct RIF operations in AO RAPIER.
- ✓(3) Interdict any en movement across LTL 2 between YS458900 and YS454860 from either East or West.
- ✓(4) Conduct night ambushes in areas YS4588, 4589, 4587.
- ✓(5) Deploy an LO to XA BANG military post (YS453838) by 301200H.
- (6) Re-investigate areas in which V Coy and W Coy, 4 RAR found caches during Op HAWKESBURY, i.e. vic YS472894, YS471892.

b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(1) One tp op con to C Sqn 1 Armd Regt from 301000H.

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- c. 1 Fd Sqn. Provide two combat teams under comd C Sqn 1 Armd Regt from 301000H and one mini team op con tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt from 301000H.
- d. 161 (Indep) Recce Flt. Provide on call, one Cessna from 301000H.
- e. 3 RAR. Provide A Coy under comd C Sqn 1 Armd Regt from 301000H.
- f. 9 Sqn RAAF. Be prep to resupply C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
- g. Coord Instrs.
 - (1) Operation is to commence on 30 Oct 68.
 - (2) AO RAPIER. Annex B.

4. Administration and Logistics.

- a. C Sqn 1 Armd Regt is responsible for resupply.
- b. Coord conference held daily at 1400 hrs in DAQMG office HQ 1 ATF.
- c. Med. DUSTOFF, on call, through HQ 1 ATF.

5. Command and Signal.

- a. Current 1 ATF SOI to apply.
- b. The LO at XA BANG is to be C/S 43 on the 1 ATF Comd Net. Comms are to be opened at 301200H. Communications are to be provided by 1 ATF.

Ack Instructions: Ack to EBONY 39 or 50.

John S. Keldie
(C.M.I. PEARSON)
Brig
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Annex A. Enemy Situation.
B. AO RAPIER.

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF OP INSTR 64/68
DATED 29 OCT 68

ENEMY SITUATION

General

1. That portion of LTL 2 within AO RAPIER, between XA BANG Post vic YS453838 and the COURTENAY Plantation airstrip vic YS455915, lies across a major enemy route. Enemy guerrilla and main force units have crossed LTL 2 continually in the past six months. Their interest in, and use of, the area has been evidenced by the number of road blocks built, mine incidents and small contacts with 1 ATF elements.

Road Blocks and Mine Incidents

2. See Appendix 1 to this Annex (Issued Separately).
3. A point to note about mine incidents in the area is that some of the mines have been deliberately laid on tracks, and LTL 2 itself, after 1 ATF elements have been through the area.
4. The bulk of mine incidents have occurred on LTL 2 immediately South of the AO boundary but they must be considered for operations in AO RAPIER.

Enemy

5. Recent 1 ATF operations in the West have had several contacts with groups of enemy who have moved from East to West through AO RAPIER. One large transportation group, contacted by 3 RAR at YS370867 on 10 Oct 68, came from the vic YS4489 heading SW to vic YS4187. Their foot tracks and wheeled vehicle tracks were found with a vehicle turnaround point at YS441890. Aerial VR continues to report foot traffic along this axis and the axis of the North Western AO RAPIER boundary and the SUOI SOC. The enemy continued to use this area in spite of 1 ATF operations in the Northern and Eastern HAT DICH. A sighting was made at YS366868 of 18-20 enemy heading West to East across FSPB DAMPIER. The area was engaged by our (Napalm and bombs), Arty and LFT with no results. However Napalm was seen to fall on one group of enemy.
6. Operations in the North East Province Border area have uncovered large, recently occupied enemy camps. While it is probable that the occupants moved to the North some elements could have moved West to avoid contact.
7. There is a possibility that enemy Main Force troops, in platoon or company strength, could have been cut off from their units in AO GARRAN and AO DOWNER and remain in AO RAPIER. Agent reports indicate that groups of enemy may pass through AO RAPIER, crossing LTL 2, heading either East or West during the period 30 Oct - 3 Nov 68.
8. Other enemy groups likely to be met in AO RAPIER will be guerrilla squads, possibly platoons, in camps in the vic of gardens in the area. Past experience has shown these guerrillas usually stay close to the food supplies in this particular area.

Civilians

9. Within the DUC THANH AO civilians are allowed to work above the 80 Northing during daylight hours. They are not supposed to be in the area during curfew hours.
10. North of the DUC THANH AO civilians in the area are illegal residents and squatters on the plantations. They also supply the enemy with food from their gardens, willingly and otherwise.

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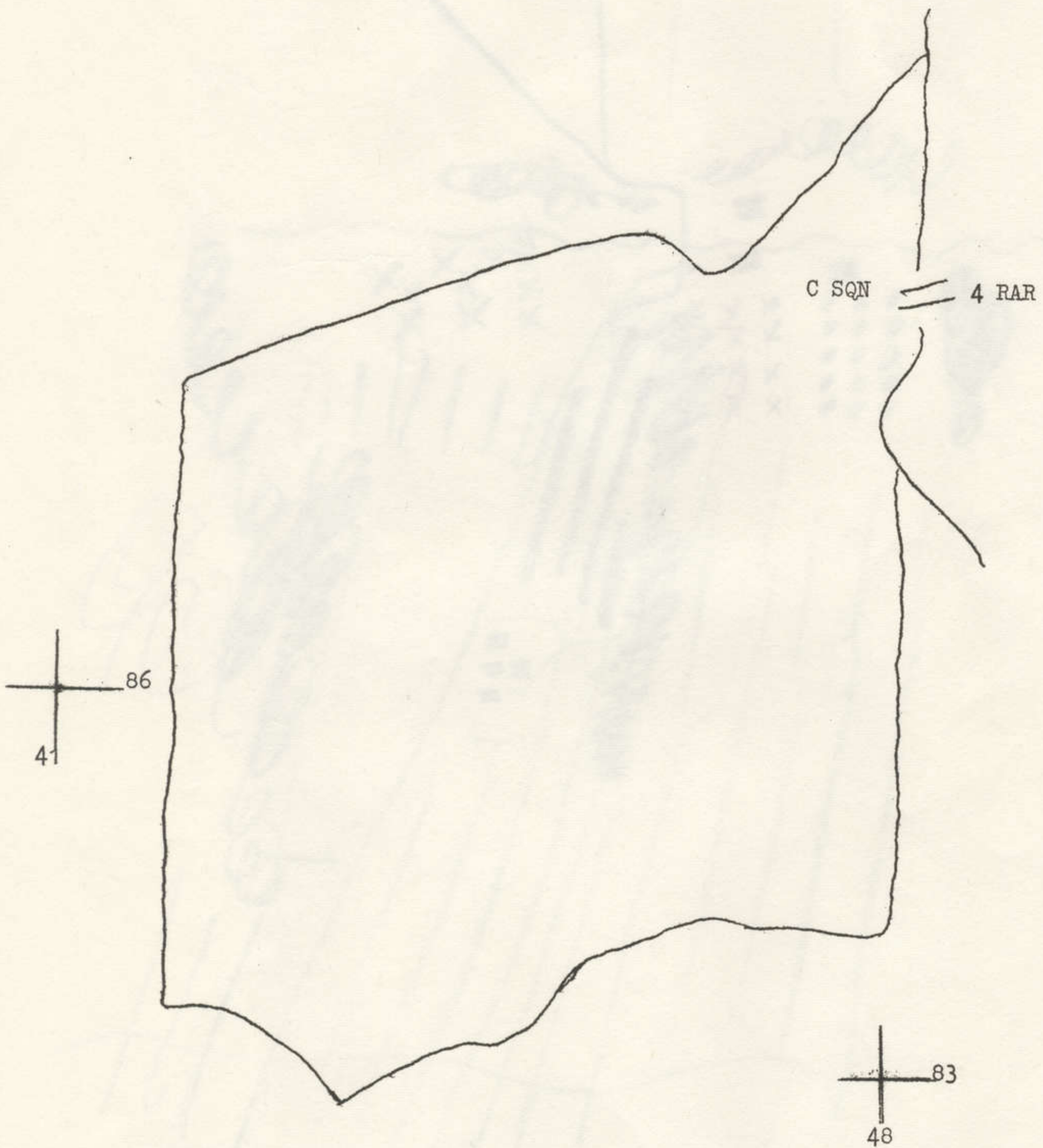
11. Civilians living in houses in the small hamlet at YS458884 are illegal residents. Also, several reports have been received that the hamlet itself is a Commo Liaison Station, food collection and distribution point. The reports state that there are several tunnels and caches in the hamlet and vic.

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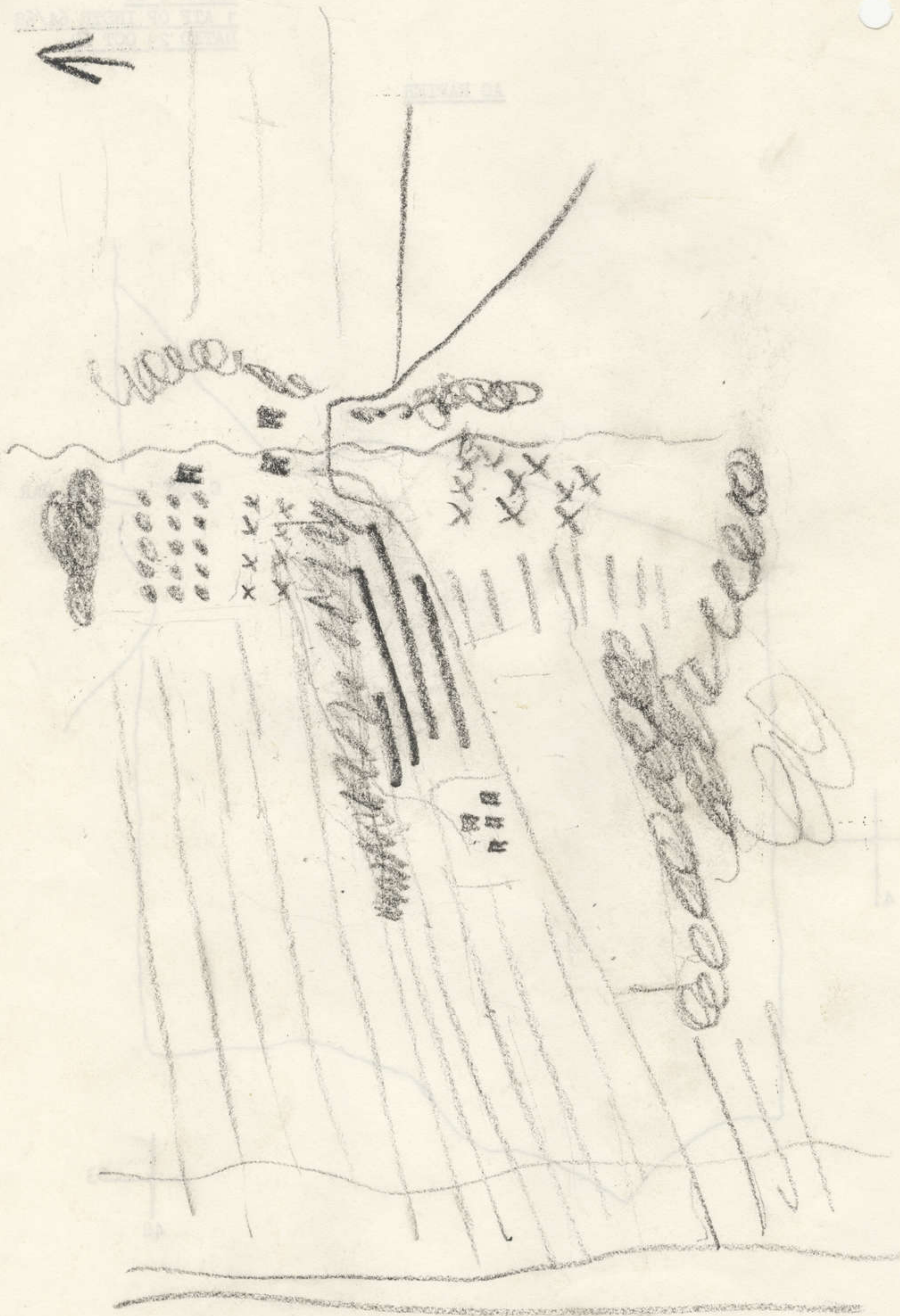
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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF OP INSTR 64/68
DATED 29 OCT 68

AO RAPIER



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MESSAGE FORM

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061545Z NOV 68

From: 1 ATF (MAIN)

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To: LIST Z

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OP INSTR 65/68 (OP IRON HAND)

ONE . SITUATION CLN IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR A MOBILE REACTION FORCE IN THE DUC THANH AO FROM THE PROVINCE CHIEF CMM PHUOC TUY 1 ATF HAVE AGREED TO PROVIDE THIS FORCE . THE FORCE IS TO BE KNOWN AS TANGO FORCE .

TWO . MISSION CLN TANGO FORCE ARE TO BE READY TO REACT TO ANY AREA OF THE DUC THANH AO ON ORDERS FROM THE PROVINCE CHIEF CMM PHUOC TUY PROVINCE CMM SVN .

THREE . EXECUTION CLN

ALFA . TP C SQN 1 ARMD REGT CLN

FIRST . UNDER COMD FROM 071100H

- ONE PL 3 BAR

- ONE MINI TEAM CMM 1 FD SQN .

SECOND . UNDER OP CON FROM 071100H

- ONE SECT CMM A SQN 3 CAV REGT .

THIRD . ON CALL FROM 071100H

- ONE COMBAT TEAM CMM 1 FD SQN

- DUC THANH ARTY (TWO 105MM GUNS) .

BRAVO . TASKS CLN

FIRST . MOV TO DUC THANH AO AND ESTB A BASE .

SECOND . BE PREP ON DEGREE OF NOTICE ARRANGED WITH PROVINCE CHIEF TO REACT TO ANY PART OF THE DUC THANH AO .

THIRD . BE PREP TO PTL DUC THANH AO ON A PROGRAMME ARRANGED WITH PROVINCE CHIEF .

FOURTH . REPORT ALL MOVEMENT OF TANGO FORCE TO HQ 1 ATF .

CHARLIE . 1 TP A SQN 3 CAV REGT (TF REACTION TP) CLN PROVIDE ONE SECT OP CON C SQN 1 ARMD REGT FROM 071100H UNTIL REL .

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- ALFA. TP C SQN 1 ARMD REGT CLN
 - FIRST. UNDER COMD FROM 071100H
 - ONE PL 3 RAR
 - ONE MINI TEAM CMM 1 FD SQN
 - SECOND. UNDER OP CON FROM 071100H
 - ONE SECT CMM A SQN 3 CAV REGT.
 - THIRD. ON CALL FROM 071100H

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- FOURTH. REPORT ALL MOVEMENT OF TANGO FORCE TO HQ 1 ATF.

CHARLIE. 1 TP A SQN 3 CAV REGT (TF REACTION-TP) CLN PROVIDE ONE SECT OP CON C SQN 1 ARMD REGT FROM 071100H UNTIL REL.

DELTA. 1 FD SQN CLN PROVIDE ONE MINI TEAM UNDER COMD C SQN 1 ARMD REGT FROM 071100H UNTIL REL AND ONE COMBAT TEAM ON CALL FROM 071100H.

ECHO. 3 RAR CLN PROVIDE ONE PL UNDER COMD C SQN 1 ARMD RBGT FROM 071100H UNTIL REL.

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FOUR. COORD INSTRS CLN

- ALFA. TANGO FORCE IS TO BE ESTB IN DUC THANH AO BY 171330H.
- BRAVO. DUC TAHNH AO - ANNEX A (ISSUED SEPARATELY).
- CHARLIE. REPORT ARRIVAL OF TANGO FORCE IN DUC THANH AO TO PROVINCE CHIEF ON SECTOR RADIO NET (F49.75 M/CS)

USING OWN C/S.

DELTA. HQ 1 ATF ARE TO BE GIVEN SITREP ON ACTIVITIES BY 1600H DAILY ON 1 ATF COMD NET. T32

ECHO. BE PREP TO DEPLOY AN LO TO DUC THANH MIL POST YS462782 ON ORDERS FROM HQ 1 ATF.

FIVE. ADMIN AND LOG CLN

- ALFA. C SQN 1 ARMD REGT RESPONSIBLE FOR RESUPPLY BY RD.
- BRAVO. BIDS FOR DEF STORES TO G BRANCH HQ 1 ATF BY 071000H. 1 ATF TO DEL REQUIREMENTS TO NOMINATED SITE.
- CHARLIE. DUSTOFF THROUGH HQ 1 ATF.

SIX. COMD AND SIG CLN

ALFA. TANGO FORCE IS OP CON PROVINCE CHIEF FROM 071100H UNTIL REL.

BRAVO. 1 ATF SOI TO APPLY

CHARLIE. IF LO IS DEPLOYED TO DUC THANH MIL POST HE IS TO BE C/S 65 ON THE 1 ATF COMD NET

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HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

/10 Oct 68

OPS1540

OpO No 59/68 (Op CAPITAL)

Reference: A. Map, VIETNAM, Series L7014, Sheets 6430 I and II.

Time zone used throughout this order: HOTEL.

1. Situation.

a. Enemy Forces. Annex A.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 3 RAR continues Op WINDSOR in AO PENRITH until 12 Nov 68.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt continues Op TRACK DUSTER in AO COUGAR.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt with allotted bn Atk elms continues ROAD RUNNER operations along QL15.

(4) 11 ACR and 18 ARVN Div op to the North of AO DICKSON.
(Details issued separately).

c. Atts and Dets. No change.

2. Mission. 1 ATF is to conduct reconnaissance in force in AO DICKSON.

3. Execution.

a. General Outline. The operation is to be conducted in six phases:

(1) Phase 1. Extraction of 1 RAR, less one coy, from FSPB CEDAR (YS2898) to NUI DAT (YS4367).

(2) Phase 2.

(a) Re-deployment of 3 RAR from AO PENRITH to AO GARRAN (Annex B).

(b) Extraction of coy 1 RAR from FSPB CEDAR to NUI DAT.

(3) Phase 3. Deployment of 4 RAR from NUI DAT to AO DOWNER (Annex B).

(4) Phase 4. RIF operations by 3 RAR and 4 RAR in AO DICKSON.

(5) Phase 5. Probable redeployment of force into extension of AO DICKSON.

(6) Phase 6. Extraction of force to NUI DAT.

b. 1 RAR.

(1) Grouping. 1 RAR gp less one coy, one sect mors, and one combat team.

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(2) Tasks.

- (a) Extract to NUI DAT on 11 Oct 68 by AHC and CH47.
- (b) With effect from 120600H assume responsibility for:
 - i. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Coy.
 - ii. Provision of a pl for daily ROAD RUNNER tasks.
 - iii. Engr protection parties.
- (c) Be prep to provide one pl for Op HUNTING HORN (1 ATF Op Instr 58/68) when ordered after 14 Oct 68.

c. B Coy 1 RAR.

(1) Grouping. Under comd from 110630H until arrival NUI DAT:

- (a) Sect mors, 1 RAR.
- (b) Combat team, 1 Fd Sqn.

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Continue to protect FSPB CEDAR (YS2889) until extracted.
- (b) Extract to NUI DAT on 12 Oct 68.

d. 3 RAR.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) In sp from 120630H until rel RAAF AHC
- (b) Remainder no change.

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Redeploy from AO PENRITH to AO GARRAN.
- (b) Conduct an air assault to seize FSPB BASS on 12 Oct 68.
- (c) Secure FSPB BASS for fly in of 161 Fd Bty on 12 Oct 68.
- (d) Provide one coy for the protection of FSPB BASS.
- (e) Secure LZ in the vic FSPB FLINDERS (YS5288) for fly in of 4 RAR by 130700H.
- (f) Conduct RIF operations in AO GARRAN.
- (g) Be prep to continue RIF operations in the extension of AO GARRAN, if ordered.
- (h) On completion of RIF operations be prep to extract from AO GARRAN by AHC and CH47. Details issued separately.

e. 4 RAR.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Under comd from 130630H two combat teams,
1 Fd Sqn

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| (b) Remaining in DS | 104 Fd Bty, 12 Fd Regt |
| (c) In DS from 130630H | one H13, 161 (Indep)
Recce Flt |
| (d) In sp until rel from
130730H | RAAF AHC |

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Conduct air assault into area of FSPB FLINDERS on 13 Oct 68.
- (b) Secure FSPB FLINDERS for fly in of 104 Fd Bty on 13 Oct 68.
- (c) Provide one coy for the protection of FSPB FLINDERS.
- (d) Conduct RIF operations in AO DOWNER.
- (e) Be prep to continue RIF operations in the extension to AO DOWNER if ordered.
- (f) On completion of RIF operations be prep to extract from AO DOWNER by AHC and CH47. Details issued separately.

f. 12 Fd Regt.

- (1) 102 Fd Bty. Extract by air from FSPB CEDAR to NUI DAT on 11 Oct 68.
- (2) 104 Fd Bty. Deploy by air from NUI DAT to FSPB FLINDERS on 13 Oct 68.
- (3) 161 Fd Bty. Redeploy by air from FSPB CEDAR to FSPB BASS on 12 Oct 68.
- (4) Prep LZ at YS495903, by fire from BLACKHORSE, for fly in of 3 RAR by 120715H.

g. Det 131 Div Loc Bty. Provide a survey party in sp 161 Fd Bty and 104 Fd Bty from 120630H. Each party to consist of three surveyors.

h. 1 Fd Sqn.

- (1) Deploy two combat teams under comd 4 RAR from 130630H.
- (2) Provide one combat team on standby at NUI DAT.
- (3) Continue to provide two combat teams under comd 3 RAR.

i. 2 SAS Sqn. Continue ptl activity in accordance with 1 ATF SAS Ptl programme.

j. Air.

- (1) 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.
 - (a) Continue to provide one H13 in DS 1 RAR until 1 RAR (less one coy) is extracted to NUI DAT on 11 Oct 68.
 - (b) Continue to provide one H13 in DS 3 RAR.
 - (c) Provide one H13 in DS 4 RAR from 130630H.

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(d) Continue to conduct VR according to HQ 1 ATF programme.

(2) 9 Sqn RAAF.

(a) Provide one AHC for the extraction of 1 RAR (less one coy) from AO PENRITH to NUI DAT on 11 Oct 68.

(b) Provide one AHC for the redeployment of 3 RAR from AO PENRITH to AO DICKSON and extraction of one coy 1 RAR from FSPB CEDAR to NUI DAT on 12 Oct 68.

(c) Provide one AHC for the deployment of 4 RAR on 13 Oct 68.

(d) Provide resupply sorties as required.

(e) Provide one slick to extract LO team from BEARCAT to NUI DAT at 121300H.

(3) US Army Aviation.

(a) Provide three CH47 for extraction of 102 Fd Bty on 11 Oct 68.

(b) Provide three CH47 for the redeployment of 161 Fd Bty from FSPB CEDAR to FSPB BASS (YS4990) on 12 Oct 68.

(c) Provide three CH47 for the redeployment of 104 Fd Bty from NUI DAT to FSPB FLINDERS (YS5288) on 13 Oct 68.

(d) Provide DUSTOFF with winch daily from 0800H to 1830H, to be positioned at NUI DAT.

(e) Provide LFT daily to be positioned at NUI DAT. The LFT is to support 9 Sqn RAAF AHC on 11 Oct 68, 12 Oct 68 and 13 Oct 68.

(4) USAF. Continue airstrikes in 1 ATF TAOR as directed by HQ 1 ATF.

k. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) AOs, Bdry. Annex B.

(2) Recce. No air recce of operational area is to take place after 120630H unless approved by HQ 1 ATF.

(3) Timings.

(a) 1 RAR extraction from AO PENRITH commences at 110730H.

(b) 3 RAR redeployment from AO PENRITH to AO DICKSON commences at 120730H.

(c) 4 RAR deployment into AO DICKSON commences 130730H.

(4) Movement. Air Planning Table (Annex C) issued separately.

(5) Liaison. 1 ATF LOs are to be deployed as follows:

(a) HQ 1 ATF is to provide an LO at BLACKHORSE (YS3998).

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(b) 1 RAR is to be prep to provide an LO to HQ 18 ARVN Div, XUAN LOC (YT4509) if required.

(c) LO team at BEARCAT to be extracted at 121300H.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. Gen Outline. A Fwd TFMA will not be estb. Units are responsible for daily maint from NUI DAT, coord by HQ 1 ATF. Maint conference daily in DAQMG office at 1400 hrs.

b. Materiel and Svcs.

(1) Ammo.

(a) Gun Ammo.

i. 102 Fd Bty extracts to NUI DAT leaving HE ammo at CEDAR.

ii. 104 Fd Bty deploys with 100 rounds per gun and is built up to 200 rounds per gun under 12 Fd Regt/HQ 1 ATF arrangements.

iii. 161 Fd Bty redeploys with all aval ammo at FSPB CEDAR.

iv. Replenishment bids to Q Branch 1 ATF as normal.

(b) Other Natures. Unit responsibility.

(2) POL. Vehs carry sufficient for op. AVGAS PP at FSPB BASS from 130800H.

(3) Water. Unit responsibility to deployed sub units. 1 Fd Sqn to estb WP in vic FSPB FLINDERS when ordered by HQ 1 ATF.

(4) Rats. Combat rats to be eaten. Units may supplement with hot box meals as normal. Units deploy with three days.

(5) Def Stores. Fol qtys delivered under Q Branch and 1 ATF arrangements:

(a) FSPB BASS.

12 Oct 68 - Concertina Coils qty 112
Pickets 8ft qty 444
Sandbags qty 8,400

13 Oct 68 - Concertina Coils qty 56
Sandbags qty 8,400
Pickets 8ft qty 222

(b) FSPB FLINDERS.

13 Oct 68 - Concertina Coils qty 112
Pickets 8ft qty 444
Sandbags qty 8,400

14 Oct 68 - Concertina Coils qty 56
Sandbags qty 8,400
Pickets 8ft qty 222

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(c) At each FSPB, FSPB Comd is responsible for allocation of def stores. Additional bids to Q Branch 1 ATF in accordance with 1 ATF SOP.

(6) Repair and Rec. If beyond scope of unit report to EME 1 ATF.

(7) Med. Bns estb RAPs as required. DUSTOFF as normal.

(8) ADE. Prompt backloading is emphasized.

5. Command and Signal

- a. HQ 1 ATF remains at NUI DAT.
- b. Locs Bn HQ 3 RAR and 4 RAR to be advised after deployment.
- c. Current 1 ATF SOI apply.
- d. Additional points of origin for AO DICKSON issued separately.
- e. 104 Sig Sqn is to continue to provide a retrans det at BLACKHORSE.
- f. Callsigns for 1 ATF LO's.

<u>Loc</u>	<u>Oct</u>
(a)	(b)
LO BLACKHORSE	78
HQ 18 ARVN Div	22

- g. Communications for 1 ATF LO's to be provided by 104 Sig Sqn.

Ack Instructions: Ack to Ebony 50.

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Annex A: Enemy Situation
Annex B: AO DICKSON
Annex C: Air Planning Table (issued separately).

Distribution:

List Z plus 11 ACR, RTAVF 1 ATF LO's (2)

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ANNEX A TO 1 ATF
OPO 59/68
DATED 10 OCT 68

ENEMY SITUATION

1. General. AO DICKSON is a traditional operational area for elements of Rear Services Group 84 and is astride a major resupply route from the North along the Province border to the West. Renewal of track activity; new base camps and People Sniffer returns indicate that there is an upsurge in activity.
2. Enemy Forces. Enemy forces likely to be encountered in the area are most likely to be Main Force elements and porter parties. The following units, or elements of them, are known to operate, at times, in the area.
 - a. 274 VC Regt. The probable strength of this Regt is 1150 men with about 300 in each of its three bns. In recent weeks elements of the Regt have been identified to the West of PHUOC TUY Province but indications are that major elements are now in the North East of the Province. Elements of this Regt, if contacted, are likely to employ their usual tactic of holding contact and withdrawing by night, probably to the North.
 - b. Group 84. This Rear Services Group traditionally operates in the area. Documents and returnee reports have indicated that large quantities of weapons and ammunition have come into the area from the North and are likely to be stored in caches in the area. Large caches found by ARVN elements in late August in the area YS6289-6290 bear this out. Caches are likely to be very well camouflaged and probably guarded.
3. Recent Activity. Map overprints of camps and installations have been issued. Heavy track activity in the vicinity of the Province border is the most recent indication of the presence of large groups. A SAS patrol ambushed a heavily laden party at YS627862 at 081650H Oct. The packs contained cigarettes and comfort items and the enemy were moving West to East. This was probably an element of Group 84. The patrol also heard possible RCL fire and signal shots in the area indicating training activity and troop movement.
4. Conclusion. It is some months since friendly forces have operated in the area and the enemy no doubt considers it a relatively safe refuge. The area has been noted as a resupply and training area, therefore large caches are likely to be found, and porter parties may be encountered moving in the area.

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MESSAGE FORM

IMMEDIATE

150530Z NOV 68

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FROM: HQ 1 ATF (MAIN)

OPS 037

TO: LIZT Z PLUS 4/12 BN 199 (LIB)
2/11 ACR, HQ 18 ARVN DIV, HQ A BDE ARVN MARINES

INFO: LO BLACKHORSE, 4/12 INF BN, 11 ACR, 199 (LIB),
HQ 18 ARVN DIV, HQ A BDE ARVN MARINES

FRAG O NO 1 TO OPO NO 66/68 (OP CAPITAL II) .

ONE . SITUATION . INFO REC INDICATES THAT SMALL CONC OF EN PROBABLY
FROM 84 REAR SVCS GP CMM 5 VC BN ARE LOC IN AO PEARCE .

TWO . MISSION . 1 ATF ARE TO CONDUCT RIF OPS IN AO PEARCE .

THREE . EXECUTION . GEN OUTLINE CLN

ALFA . PHASE 1 CLN DEPLOYMENT OF 1 RAR GP TO SECURE FSPB
LEOPARD (YS6581) .

BRAVO . PHASE 2 CLN DEPLOYMENT OF REM 1 RAR FROM AO WATSON TO
AO PEARCE .

FOUR . 1 RAR CLN

ALFA . GROUPING CMM NO CHANGE EXCEPT CLN

FIRST . PHASE 1 . UNDER OP CON FROM 151200H UNTIL
REL - THREE TLC, A BTY 2/35 ARTY (US)-
SECT 102 FD BTY - TP A SQN 3 CAV REGT .

SECOND . PHASE 2 .

(ALFA) . REMAIN UNDER OP CON UNTIL REL ON
16 NOV 68 - 4 TP C SQN 1 ARMD REGT .

(BRAVO) . IN SP FOR AIR ASLT IN AO PEARCE -
ONE RAAF AHC .

BRAVO . TASKS CLN

FIRST . PHASE 1 CLN

(ALFA) . DEPLOY BY RD TO SECURE FSPB LEOPARD
(YS6581) .

(BRAVO) . ESTAB FSPB LEOPARD AND BE PREP TO
SP DEPLOYMENT OF REM 1 RAR ON
16 NOV 68 .

SECOND . PHASE 2 CLN

- (ALFA) . DEPLOY 8 PL BY AIR TO PZ DOG BOX (YS643904) TO ASSIST TP C SQN 1 ARMD REGT SECURE PZ FOR FLYOUT OF A AND B COYS 1 RAR .
8 PL COMES UNDER COMD C SQN 1 ARMD REGT ON ARRIVAL DOG BOX .
- (BRAVO) . DEPLOY FROM AO WATSON TO AO PEARCE BY AIR COMMENCING 160700H (NOV) .
- (CHARLIE) . 8 PL 1 RAR REM AT DOG BOX UNTIL ARRIVAL DEF PL 1 ATF AND SECT A SQN 3 CAV REGT EARLY AM 16 NOV 68 .
- (DELTA) . DEPLOY 8 PL BY AIR FROM DOG BOX TO FSPB LEOPARD ON 16 NOV 68 . MOV TO BE COORD WITH HQ 1 ATF .
- (ECHO) . CONDUCT RIF OPS IN AO WATSON .
- (FOXTROT) . DESTROY ANY EN INSTALLATIONS AND ASSETS FOUND IN AO .

FIVE . C SQN 1 ARMD REGT CLN

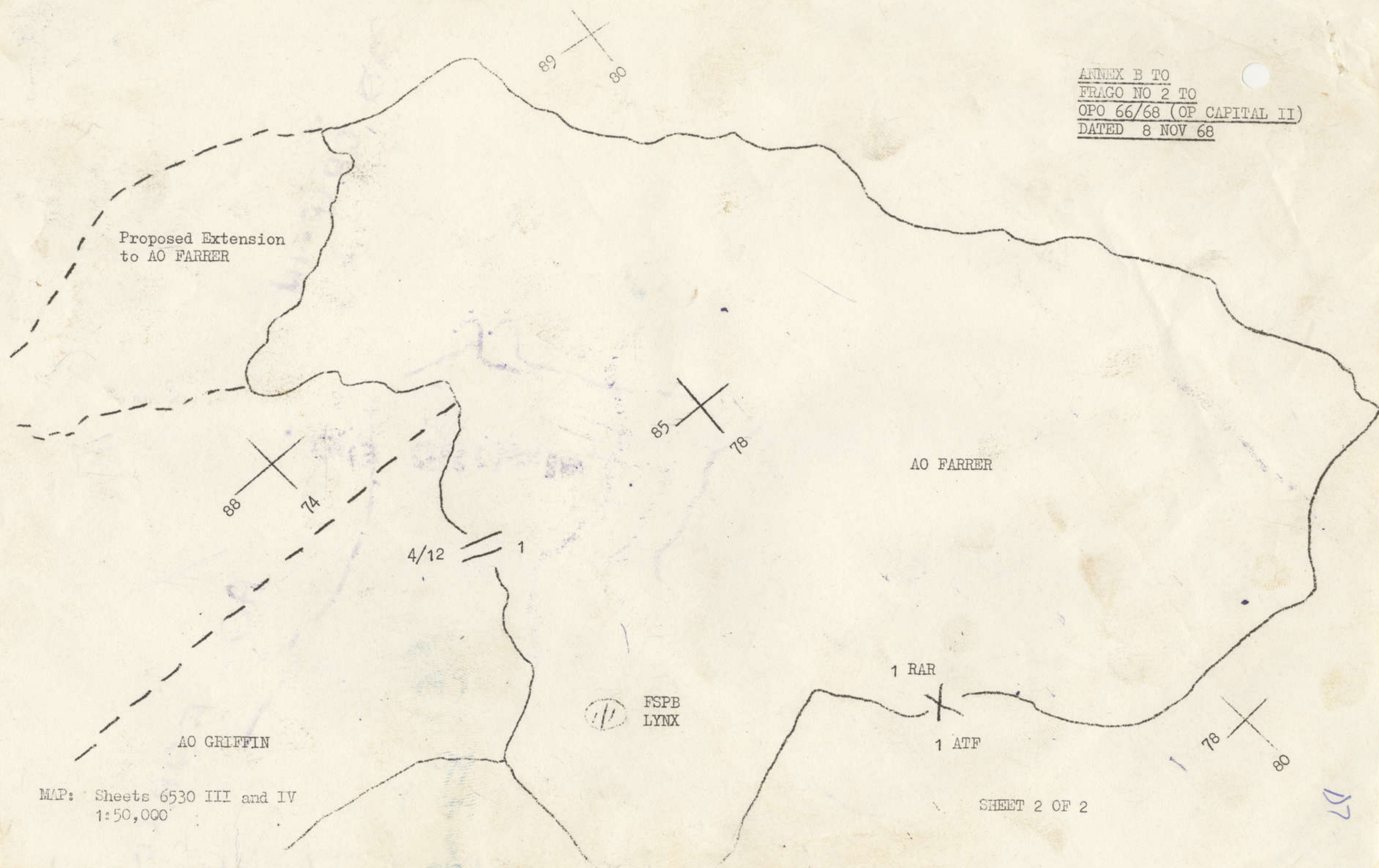
- ALFA . GROUPING CLN NO CHANGE EXCEPT 8 PL 1 RAR PASS TO UNDER COMD 4 TP FROM TIME OF ARRIVAL PZ DOG BOX UNTIL REL ON 16 NOV 68 . DEF PL 1 ATF AND SECT A SQN 3 CAV REGT ARE TO COME UNDER OP CON 4 TP C SQN FROM TIME OF ARRIVAL PZ DOG BOX ON 16 NOV 68 .
- BRAVO . TASKS CLN
 - FIRST . 4 TP ARE TO SECURE PZ DOG BOX FOR FLYOUT OF A AND B COYS ON 16 NOV 68 .
 - SECOND . 4 TP IS TO REMAIN AREA DOG BOX AND SECURE LZ FOR PROBABLE AIR EXTRACTION OF ARVN MAR BN .
 - THIRD . 4 TP ARE TO REL 8 PL 1 RAR AS SOON AS DEF PL AND SECT A SQN 3 CAV REGT ARRIVE PZ DOG BOX .
 - FOURTH . RETURN TO FSPB LION ON 16 NOV 68 .

SIX . A SQN 3 CAV REGT CLN

- ALFA . GROUPING CMM NO CHANGE EXCEPT UNDER COMD FROM 160600H UNTIL REL - DEF PL HQ COY 1 ATF - ENGR BR REPAIR PARTY .
- BRAVO . TASKS .
 - FIRST . PROVIDE ONE TP OP CON 1 RAR FROM 151200H FOR DEPLOYMENT TO FSPB LEOPARD .

- SECOND . PROVIDE ONE TP TO ESCORT ENGR REPAIR PARTY TO BR YS634889 FROM 160600H .
- THIRD . PROVIDE ONE SECT WITH ELMS DEF PL 1 ATF TO REL 8 PL 1 RAR FROM PZ DOG BOX ON 16 NOV 68 . DEF PL AND SECT A SQN PASS TO OP CON 4 TP C SQN 1 ARMD REGT UNTIL 4 TP C SQN ARE REL FROM PZ/LZ SECURITY TASK .
- FOURTH . COMD ALL ELMS FOR RETURN TO FSPB LION WHEN TASK ON ROUTE 328 IS COMPLETE AND WHEN TP IS REL FROM FSPB LEOPARD .
- SEVEN . 1 FD SQN CLN PROVIDE ENGR BR REPAIR PARTY OP CON A SQN 3 CAV REGT FROM 160600H UNTIL REL ON 16 NOV 68 .
- EIGHT . 12 FD REGT CLN
- ALFA . 102 FD BTY REMAIN DS 1 RAR .
- BRAVO . SECT 102 FD BTY DEPLOY TO FSPB LEOPARD ON 15 NOV 68 AND BE PREP TO RETURN TO FSPB LION ON 16 NOV 68 .
- NINE . A BTY 2/35 ARTY (US) CLN PROVIDE THREE TLC UNDER OP CON 1 RAR FROM 151200H UNTIL REL .
- TEN . HQ COY HQ 1 ATF CLN
- ALFA . PROVIDE DEF PL OP CON A SQN 3 CAV REGT FROM 160600H UNTIL REL .
- BRAVO . DEF PL TO PASS TO OP CON 4 TP C SQN 1 ARMD AFTER A SQN HAVE DEL DEF PL TO PZ DOG BOX ON 16 NOV 68 . DEF PL REVERT TO OP CON A SQN FOR RETURN TO FSPB LION ON 16 NOV .
- CHARLIE . BE PREP TO REDEPLOY BY AIR TO FSPB LEOPARD AND PROVIDE INF SP TO A SQN ELMS RETURNING TO FSPB LION LATE 16 NOV 68 .
- ELEVEN . COORD INSTRS CLN
- ALFA . PHASE 1 COMMENCES 151300H .
- BRAVO . PHASE 2 COMMENCES 160700H .
- CHARLIE . AIR PLANNING TABLE ISSUED SEPARATELY .
- DELTA . FORCE SECURING PZ DOGBOX ARE EXTRACT FROM PZ DOG BOX ON ORDERS FROM 1 ATF ON 16 NOV 68 .
- ECHO . AO PEARCE . ANNEX C TO 1 ATF OPO 66/68 .
- TWELVE . ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS CLN 1 RAR RESPONSIBLE EXCEPT FOR ADMIN AND LOG ASSOCIATED WITH EXTRACTION OF FORCE FROM PZ DOG BOX .
- THIRTEEN . COMD AND SIG CLN
- ALFA . 1 ATF SOI APPLY .
- BRAVO . FSPB LEOPARD FORCE ARE TO BE C/S 54 ON THE 1 ATF COMD NET FROM 151700H UNTIL 161900H

ANNEX B TO
FRAGO NO 2 TO
OPO 66/68 (OP CAPITAL II)
DATED 8 NOV 68



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MESSAGE FORM

IMMEDIATE

171600Z NOV 68

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FROM: HQ 1 ATF (MAIN)

OPS 046

TO: LIST Z PLUS 4/12 INF BN 199(LIB), 2/11 ACR,
HQ 18 ARVN DIV, HQ A BDE ARVN MAR

INFO: LO BLACKHORSE, 4/12 INF BN 199 (LIB), HQ 18 ARVN DIV,
HQ 18 ARVN DIV (FWD), HQ A BDE ARVN MAR

FRAG 0 NO 2 TO OPO NO 66/68 (OPS CAPITAL II) .

ONE . SITUATION CLN

ALFA . EN FORCES . ANNEX A (ISSUED SEPARATELY .

BRAVO . FRIENDLY FORCES . NO CHANGE .

TWO . MSN . 1 ATF ARE TO EXTEND RIF OPS INTO AOs FARRER AND GRIFFIN .

THREE . EXECUTION . GEN OUTLINE CLN DEPLOYMENT OF 1 RAR AND 4/12 INF BN
WITH DS FD BTYS BY AIR INTO AOs FARRER AND GRIFFIN RESPECTIVELY
FOR RIF OPS IN THESE AOs .

FOUR . HQ 1 ATF CLN REMAINS AT FSPB LION (YS6181) TO COMD AND CON OP
CAPITAL II FORCE .

FIVE . 1 RAR CLN

ALFA . GROUPING CLN NO CHANGE .

BRAVO . TASKS CLN

FIRST . CONDUCT AIR ASSAULT TO SEIZE FSPB LYNX (YS7483)
ON 19 NOV 68 .

SECOND . DEPLOY BY AIR TO AO FARRER ON 19 NOV 68 .

THIRD . CONDUCT RIF OPS IN AO FARRER .

FOURTH . DESTROY ALL ENEMY ASSETS AND INSTALLATIONS
FOUND IN AO .

FIFTH . BE PREP TO EXTRACT FROM AO FARRER TO NUI DAT
ON 26 NOV 68 UNLESS OTHERWISE ORDERED .

SIX . 4 RAR CLN

ALFA . GROUPING . NO CHANGE .

BRAVO . TASKS CLN

FIRST . CONTINUE PLANNED OPS IN AO CURTIN .

SECOND . BE PREP TO EXTRACT TO NUI DAT ON 30 NOV 68
UNLESS OTHERWISE ORDERED .

SEVEN . C SQN 1 ARMD REGT CLN CONTINUE PTLs IN FSPB LION AO AND TASKS AS
ORDERED BY HQ 1 ATF .

EIGHT . A SQN 3 CAV REGT CLN
 ALFA . CONTINUE TO COMD AND CON FSPB LION .
 BRAVO . CONTINUE PTLs IN FSPB LION AO AND TASKS AS ORDERED .

NINE . 12 FD REGT CLN
 ALFA . 102 FD BTY REMAINS DS 1 RAR AND REDEPLOYS BY AIR TO
 FSPB LYNX ON 19 NOV 68
 BRAVO . 104 FD BTY REMAINS DS 4 RAR AT FSPB FLINDERS .

TEN . A BTY 2/35 ARTY (US) . REMAIN AT FSPB LION IN GEN SP 1 ATF .

ELEVEN . 4/12 INF BN 199TH (LIB) .
 ALFA . CONDUCT AIR ASSAULT TO SEIZE FSPB TIGER (YS6491) .
 BRAVO . REDEPLOY BY AIR FROM AO BROWNING TO AO GRIFFIN .
 CHARLIE . CONDUCT RIF OPS IN AO GRIFFIN COMMENCING IN AREA A
 (ANNEX B) .
 DELTA . DESTROY ALL ENEMY ASSETS AND INSTALLATIONS FOUND IN
 AO GRIFFIN .
 ECHO . BE PREP TO EXTRACT FROM AO GRIFFIN ON 26 NOV 68 .

TWELVE . 2/11 ACR .
 ALFA . CONTINUE TO CONDUCT RIF OPS IN AO PERSHING (MODIFIED) .
 BRAVO . CONTINUE TO BLOCK EN MOV THROUGH EAST/WEST CORRIDOR
 (GRID NORTHINGS YS86 TO 90) .
 CHARLIE . CONDUCT AMBUSHES IN AREA OF THE CU BI RUBBER (CENTRE
 OF MASS YS4382) .
 DELTA . CONDUCT DIRECT LIAISON WITH DUC THANH AO SUB SECTOR
 FORCE HQ .
 ECHO . CONTINUE TO DESTROY ALL EN ASSETS AND INSTALLATIONS .

THIRTEEN . US ARMY AVN CLN
 ALFA . PROVIDE ONE AHC FOR AIRLIFT OF 1 RAR AND 4/12 INF BN
 ON 19 NOV 68 .
 BRAVO . PROVIDE SIX CH47 FOR REDEPLOYMENT OF 102 FD BTY FROM
 FSPB LION TO FSPB LYNX AND C BTY 2/40 US ARTY FROM
 FSPB DAMPIER TO FSPB TIGER (YS6491) .
 CHARLIE . CONTINUE TO PROVIDE DUSTOFF AND LFT AC DAILY AS
 REQUESTED .

FOURTEEN . COORD INSTRS CLN
 ALFA . AOs FARRER AND GRIFFIN ANNEX B .
 BRAVO . AO PERSHING (MODIFIED) ANNEX C .

CHARLIE . NO AIR RECCE OF AOs FARRER OR GRIFFIN IS TO TAKE
 PLACE AFTER 181400H UNLESS APPROVED BY HQ 1 ATF (MAIN).

DELTA . AIR MOV COORD CONF TO BE HELD AT HQ 1 ATF (MAIN)
 AT 181030H .

ECHO . NO CHANGE TO ALLOTMENT OF LOs .

FOXTROT . AIR MOV TABLE FOR 1 RAR AND 4/12 INF BN ISSUED
 SEPARATELY .

FIFTEEN . ADMIN AND LOG CLN NO CHANGE TO PARA 4 OF 1 ATF OPO 66/68 .

SIXTEEN . COMD AND SIG CLN

ALFA . HQ 1 ATF (MAIN) REMAINS AT FSPB LION (YS6181) .

BRAVO . HQ 1 ATF (REAR) REMAINS AT 1 ATF BASE NUI DAT
 (YS4367) .

CHARLIE . HQ 1 RAR LOC TO BE ADVISED AFTER DEPLOYMENT .

DELTA . HQ 4/12 INF BN TO BE ADVISED AFTER DEPLOYMENT .

ECHO . ADDITIONAL POINTS OF ORIGIN FOR AOs FARRER AND GRIFFIN
 TO BE ISSUED SEPARATELY

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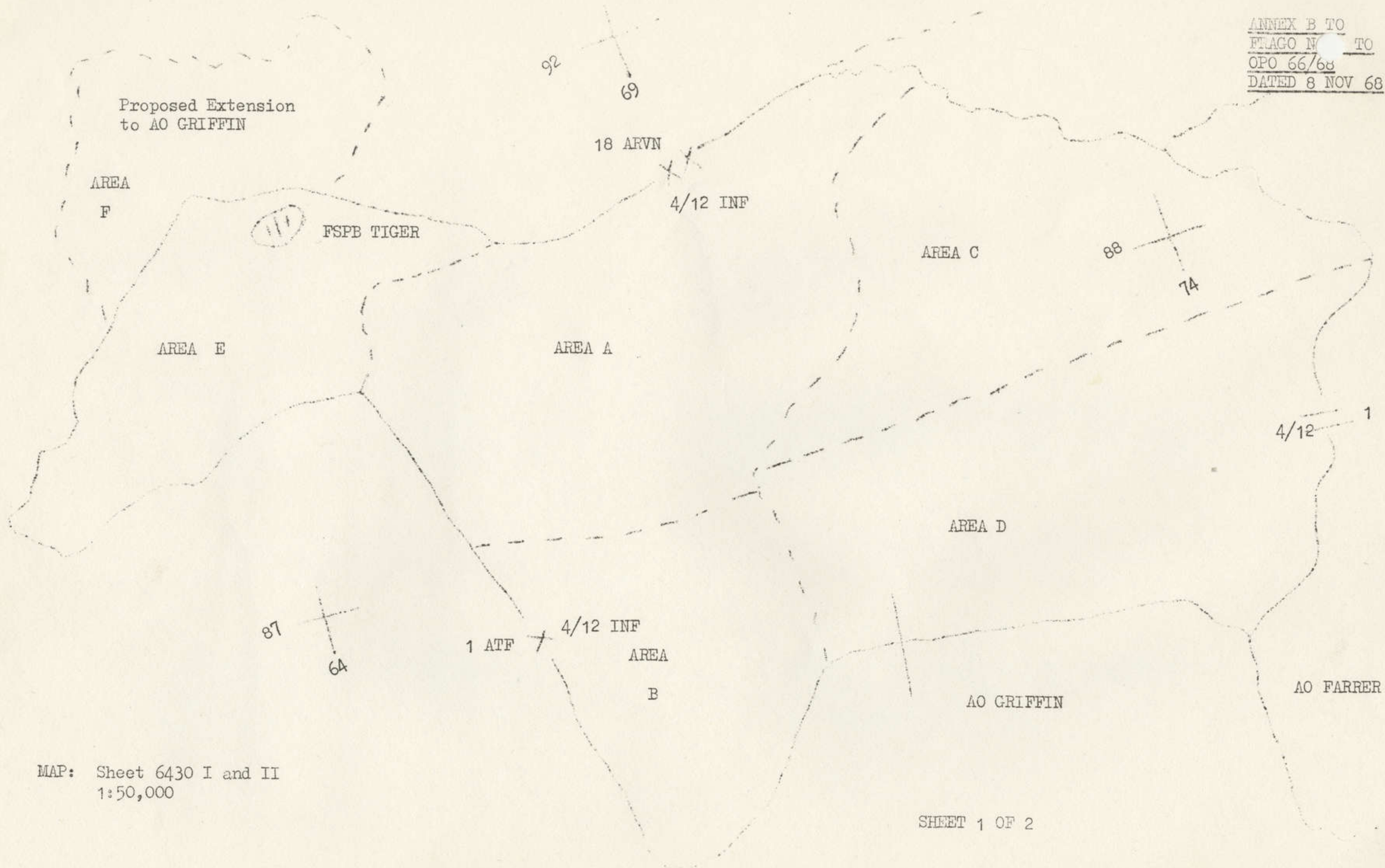
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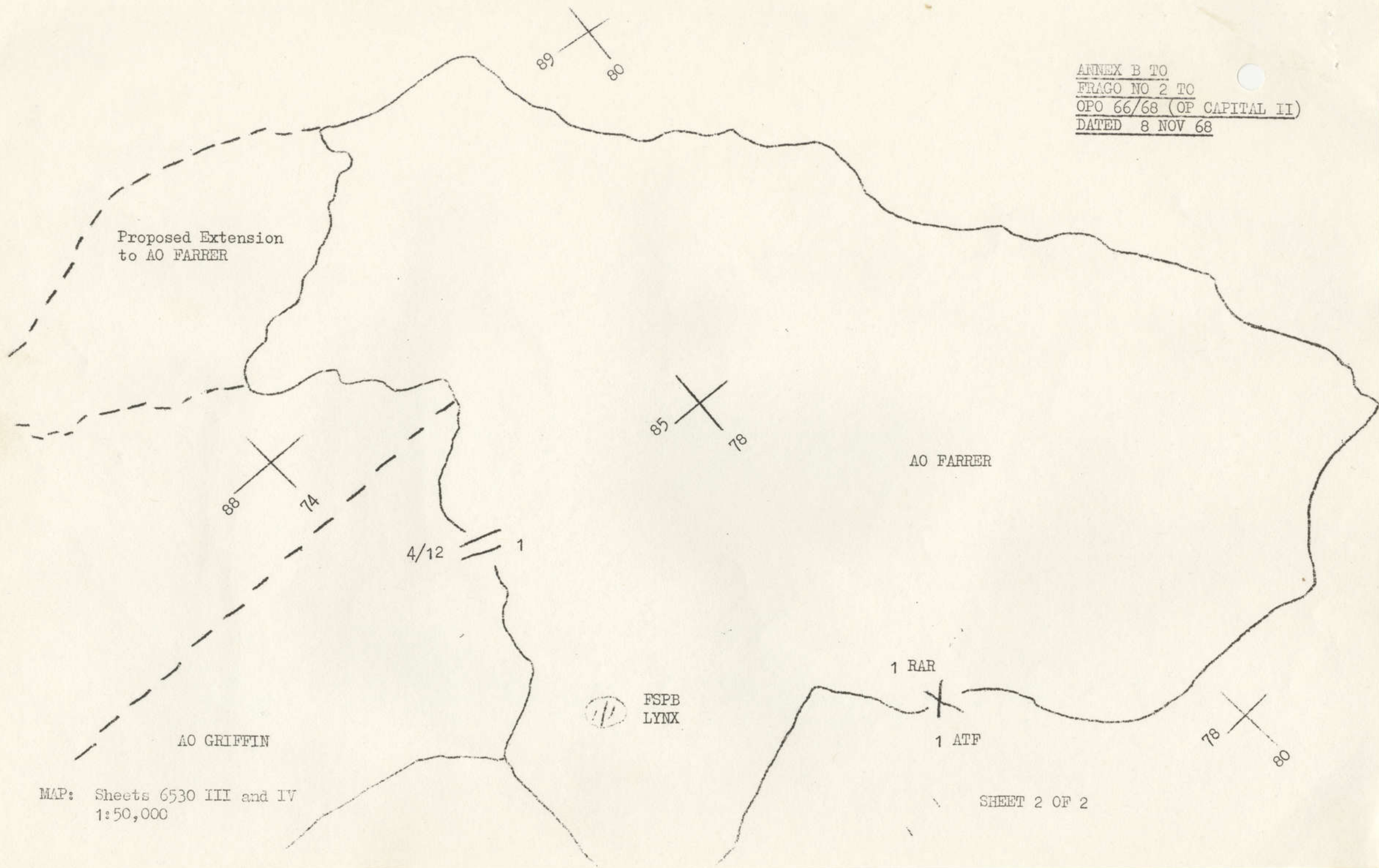
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Proposed Extension
to AO FARRER

AO FARRER

AO GRIFFIN

FSPB
LYNX

1 RAR

1 ATF

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AO PERSHING (MODIFIED)

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1 ATF P... O NO 2 TO
1 ATF O... NO 66/68
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AO PERSHING (MODIFIED)

11 ACR 4 RAR

1 ATF 11 ACR

DUC THANH AO

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MESSAGE FORM

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IMMEDIATE

24 Z NOV 68

From: HQ 1 ATF (MAIN)

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To: LIST Z PLUS 4/12 INF BN 2/11 ACR HQ 18 ARVN DIV
HQ A BDE ARVN MAR

OPS 066

Info: LO HQ 18 ARVN DIV HQ A BDE ARVN MAR 4/12 INF BN
2/11 ACR

FRAG 0 NO 3 TO OPO NO 66/68 (OP CAPITAL II) .

ONE . SITUATION . EXTRACTION OF 1 ATF FORCE FROM AO FRANKLIN .

TWO . MISSION . 1 ATF IS TO EXTRACT FROM AO FRANKLIN OVER PERIOD
26 NOV - 30 NOV 68 .

THREE . EXECUTION CLN

ALFA . GEN OUTLINE CLN EXTRACTION IS TO TAKE PLACE BY RD
AND AIR .

BRAVO . HQ 1 ATF CLN EXTRACT BY AIR AND RD FROM FSPB LION TO
1 ATF BASE NUI DAT ON 27 NOV 68 .

CHARLIE . 1 RAR CLN

FIRST . 1 RAR IS TO EXTRACT FROM AO FARRER ON
26 NOV 68 BY AIR .

SECOND . ONE SECT MOR PL IS TO PASS TO UNDER COMD
1 FD SQN FROM 261100H UNTIL REL ON
27 NOV 68 .

DELTA . 4 RAR CLN

FIRST . PROVIDE ONE PL B COY UNDER COMD 1 FD SQN
FROM 261100H UNTIL REL .

SECOND . EXTRACT FROM AO CURTIN ON 30 NOV 68
BY AIR .

THIRD . COMMENCE BN TRG PROGRAMME ON 1 DEC 68 .

ECHO . C SQN 1 ARMD REGT CLN .

FIRST . PASS TO OP CON A SQN 3 CAV REGT FROM
270630H UNTIL REL ON 27 NOV 68 .

SECOND . EXTRACT FROM FSPB LION TO 1 ATF BASE
NUI DAT ON 27 NOV 68 .

FOXTROT . A SQN 3 CAV REGT CLN .
 FIRST . GROUPING CLN
 (ALFA) . UNDER COMD FROM 270630H
 UNTIL REL - COMBAT TEAM CAV
 1 FD SQN - DEF PL HQ COY
 1 ATF .
 (BRAVO) . ON CALL FROM 270900H - ONE
 FW AC 161 (INDEP) RECCE FLT .
 SECOND . TASKS CLN
 (ALFA) . CONTINUE TO COMD AND CO ORD
 DEF OF FSPB LION UNTIL
 EXTRACTION OF ALL FORCES
 COMPLETE .
 (BRAVO) . ESCORT 1 ATF CONVOY FROM
 BARIA TO FSPB LION ON
 26 NOV 68 .
 (CHARLIE) . CLEAR ROUTE THEN COMD RD
 CONVOY FROM FSPB LION TO
 1 ATF BASE (NUI DAT) .
 (DELTA) . PROVIDE ONE TP (LESS ONE
 SECT) AND TWO MOV CARRIERS
 OP CON 1 FD SQN FROM 261100H
 UNTIL REL ON 27 NOV 68 FOR
 BR SITE PROTECTION .
 GOLF . 1 FD SQN CLN
 FIRST . GROUPING CLN
 (ALFA) . UNDER COMD FROM 261100H
 UNTIL REL ON 27 NOV 68 - ONE
 PL B COY 4 RAR - ONE MOR
 SECT 1 RAR .
 (BRAVO) . UNDER CP CON FROM 261200H -
 ONE TP (LESS ONE SECT) A SQN
 3 CAV REGT - TWO M125AI MOV
 APC A SQN 3 CAV REGT .

SECOND . TASKS CLN
 (ALFA) . SECURE BR SITE YS629654 BY
 261300H .
 (BRAVO) . GAP OBSTACLE BY 261530H TO
 ENABLE CONVOY TO PASS THROUGH
 TO FSPB LION .
 (CHARLIE) . PROTECT BR UNTIL CONVOY PASSES
 FROM FSPB LION TO NUI DAT ON
 27 NOV 68 .
 (DELTA) . DISMANTLE BR AND RETURN TO
 NUI DAT .

HOTEL .. 161 (INDEP) RECCE FLT CLN .
 FIRST . PROVIDE ONE H13 IN DS EACH 1 RAR CMM 4 RAR
 FROM 260700H .
 SECOND . PROVIDE ONE H13 DS 4/12 INF BN FROM 0730H
 TO 1800H DAILY FROM 270730H UNTIL REL ON
 30 NOV 68 .
 THIRD . PROVIDE ONE FW AC ON CALL TO A SQN 3 CAV
 REGT FROM 270900H UNTIL REL .

INDIA . 2/11 ACR CLN EXTRACT FROM AO PERSHING (MODIFIED) TO
 BLACKHORSE AT 261030H .

JULIET . 4/12 BN 199 (LIB) CLN
 FIRST . CONTINUE RIF OPS IN AO GRIFFIN UNTIL
 30 NOV 68 .
 SECOND . EXTRACT TO 199TH (LIB) BASE LONG BINH BY
 AIR ON 30 NOV 68 .

KILO . A BTY 2/35 US ARTY CLN PASS TO UNDER COMD A SQN 3 CAV
 REGT FOR MOV TO NUI DAT BASE ON 27 NOV 68 .

LIMA . CO ORD INSTRS CLN
 FIRST . 1 FD SQN TO HAVE BR AT YS629654 READY FOR
 USE BY 261530H .
 SECOND . 1 FD SQN ARE TO INFO HQ 1 ATF WHEN BR IS
 READY FOR USE ON 26 NOV 68 .
 THIRD . EXTRACTION OF 1 RAR BY AIR COMMENCES AT
 260700H .

- FOURTH . EXTRACTION FROM FSPB LION COMMENCES
AT 271000H .
- FIFTH . AO CURTIN REMAINS UNALTERED FROM 27 - 30
NOV 68 .
- SIXTH . AO GRIFFIN IS TO BE EXTENDED ON 27 NOV 68 .
(DETAILS ISSUED SEPARATELY) .
- SEVENTH . AIR MOV TABLE FOR MOV OF 1 RAR CMM 4 RAR CMM
4/12 INF BN ISSUED SEPARATELY .
- EIGHTH . ROAD MOV INSTR FOR EXTRACTION FROM FSPB
LION ANNEX A .
- NINTH . EXTRACTION OF 1 ATF OPS AND ARTY LO'S TABLES
PLACE OF FOL DATES CMM DETAILS ISSUED
SEPARATELY CLN
(ALFA) . 4/12 INF BN - 30 NOV 68 .
(BRAVO) . 2/11 ACR - 26 NOV 68 .
(CHARLIE) . HQ 18 ARVN DIV - 30 NOV 68 .
(DELTA) . HQ A BDE ARVN MAR - 26 NOV 68 .
- FOUR . ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS CLN NO CHANGE FROM 1 ATF EXCEPT PP
(AVGAS) CLOSES 261600H AT FSPB LION . TFMA EXTRACTS BY RD TO
NUI DAT ON 27 NOV 68 .
- FIVE . COMD AND SIG .
- ALFA . HQ 1 ATF (MAIN) LOC THUA TICH UNTIL RD CONVOY DEPARTS
27 NOV 68 .
- BRAVO . HQ 1 ATF (REAR) REMAINS NUI DAT .
- CHARLIE . 1 ATF SOI apply .

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ANNEX A TO
FRAG O NO 3 TO
1 ATF OP O 66/68
DATED 28 NOV 68

ROAD MOVEMENT INSTRUCTION

References: A. 1 ATF Ops 55 of 210430Z Nov 68.
B. Maps Special Use SE Asia 1:100,000 sheet 6430, series 2607.

1. Situation

- a. Enemy. Interdiction of the route between THUA TICH and NUI DAT by minor ambushes and mining is a possibility.
- b. Friendly Forces
- (1) 1 RAR concludes ops in AO FARRER and returns to NUI DAT on 26 Nov 68.
 - (2) 4 RAR continue ops in AO CURTIN until 30 Nov 68.
 - (3) 9 RAR remains NUI DAT.
 - (4) Cav, Inf and Engr elms are to conduct br op over SUOI CAY GIA YS6265 on 26 Nov 68.
- c. Att's and Dets. Under comd A Sqn 3 Cav Regt for movement from 270630H until arrival NUI DAT, C Sqn (-) 1 Armd Regt, A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), HQ 1 ATF convoy, TFMA convoy and unit ech convoys.

2. Mission. To move by rd to NUI DAT on 27 Nov 68.

3. Execution

a. Gen Outline. The rd convoy is to assemble at THUA TICH and depart by 271000H via Routes 328, 23 and 52 to NUI DAT.

b. Order of March:

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Sub-Units</u>	<u>Call Sign</u>	<u>No of Vehs</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1	C Sqn (-) with 21 Sect (+) of 2 Tp, D & E Pl, and Cbt Engr Team	T3 21 I7	14 4	- - To clear routes for move.
2	22 Sect 2 Tp	22	3	+ Mini team
3	2 Tp IIQ (-)	2	2	
4	SHQ	9	6	
5	A Bty 2/35	G40	24	
6	31 Sect 3 Tp	31	3	
7	3 Tp HQ	3	3	+ Mini team
8	TF HQ Gp	85	12	4 x ACVs 4 x HQ Coy 4 x Sigs
9	32 Sect 3 Tp	32	3	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
10	TFMA Gp	7	14	6 x TFMA 4 x Def Stores 1 x Wrecker 2 x Tilt beds 1 x LR & Water tlr
11	33 Sect 3 Tp	33	3	
12	Unit Ech Gp	5	16	5 x Arty 5 x 1 RAR 3 x 4 RAR 3 x C Sqn
13	23 Sect 2 Tp	23	3	
			110	

- c. Routes to SP. Units to arrange.
- d. SP. THUA TICH gates on Route 328 at YS614804.
- e. Assy Area. From gates North along Route 328. SSM A Sqn 3 Cav Regt to marshall the convoy.
- f. Routes. Route 328, LTL 23 and TL 52.
- g. Critical Pts
- (1) NUI LA YS6167.
 - (2) Br in vicinity YS6265.
 - (3) Brs on Route 23 vicinity NUI PHON.
 - (4) DAT DO.
- h. Release Pt. NUI DAT perimeter.
- i. Timings
- (1) FSPB LION packed up by 270845H.
 - (2) Units ready to move by 270900H.
 - (3) Units to move to assy area at 270930H, packet comds to ensure packets complete.
 - (4) Cross SP at 271000H.
 - (5) ETA NUI DAT approx 271300H.
- j. Limitations on Types of Vehs
- Centurions and M109s must use Route 52. Care must be exercised on Route 23 where there are numerous narrow brs and culverts.
- k. Capacity of Routes. Adequate.
- l. Speed. 20 mph (max).

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m. Instructions for towns

- (1) Slow down to 15 mph.
- (2) No halts.

n. Density. 17 VTM.

o. Halts. None planned.

4. Admin Instruction and Logistics

a. Med

- (1) Dustoff normal through SHQ A Sqn 3 Cav.
- (2) Medical asst travelling with SHQ.

b. Recovery. ARV, wrecker and fitters tracks travelling with convoy; dependent on cas will recover fwd.

5. Command and Signal

a. Frequencies

- (1) Escort frequency - tk and cav internals.
- (2) Convoy frequency - 43.20.

b. Convoy Authentication Code. Rapid Stroke 5.

c. Call Signs

- (1) A and C Sqns. Normal fixed.
- (2) Packet comds.
 - (a) A Bty 2/35 - Golf 40.
 - (b) TF HQ Gp - 85 (Ops ACV).
 - (c) TFMA Gp - 7 (TFMA rep).
 - (d) Unit ech Gp - 5 (Arty ech rep).

d. Report Lines

- (1) Start line YS614804 - PARADISE LOST.
- (2) Route 327 YS601764 - DARING DAISY.
- (3) SUOI CAY GIA YS629654 - BASHFUL BEVERLY.
- (4) NUI NHON br YS585637 - NAUGHTY NANETTE.
- (5) DAT DO YS488602 - DANCING DIANE.
- (6) NUI DAT YS4566 - LOVELY LADY.

e. Nicknames

<u>Nickname</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
Main Bearing	Convoy tasked

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CONTACT - AFTER ACTION REPORT

PART 1

A ready reaction force for the DUC THANH district. This force was designated TANGO FORCE and was under Op Con of the Province Chief, PHUOC TUY province.

2. 1731558 2Lt Michael J. Butler.

3. 2 Tp, C Sqn, Forward Repair Team (FRT) C Sqn LAD, Sect of APCs, Sp Tp *Sect* A Sqn 3 Cav Regt, and Eng mini team 1 Fd Sqn. (Four Centurion gun tanks, one Centurion armoured recovery vehicle, one fitters' M113, three M113 APCs and two Engrs with one mine detector).

4. 32 men plus RF reaction force 25 men approx.

5. 21 Nov 68. Two phases. Phase 1 - 1935 hrs to 2135 hrs. Phase 2 - 2320 hrs - 0120 hrs. Total duration 4 hours.

6. a. Tango force ni location. 462781.

b. Location of DUC THANH post. 464782.

c. Location of contacts 462793.

7. Ready Reaction force on 5 minutes notice to move.

8. Phase 1.

a. At 1940 hrs 21 Nov 68. Maj K. Knights (US adviser to District Chief) with the approval of the DUC THANH District Chief Maj NO, scrambled TANGO force. A VC fore, thought to be platoon size was in the hamlet of AP NGAI GIAO distributing NVA posters.

b. TANGO force complete moved to the DUC THANH post and collected Maj Knights, District Chief and two squads of RF soldiers. All armoured vehs moved using white light.

c. The reaction force moved EAST of Rt 2 to positions EAST of the hamlet, blocking from the NORTH round to the SOUTH/EAST. Diagram 1.

d. The APC sect dismounted the RF squads at the intersection of Rt 2 and the EAST/WEST road through the hamlet. Here they combined with the RF platoon from NGAI GIAO which had reported the movement of VC in the hamlet. The task of the NGAI GIAO platoon was to stop the VC from coming and going in the hamlet

e. Two Centurion tanks, 32 and 32B, with the FRT 38C and 38D as rear protection, commenced sweeping the village with their searchlights. Their position was north east of the hamlet. 32C was positioned 100 metres SOUTH of the road intersection and swept the SOUTHERN area of the village. 32C had the APC sect as rear protection. 32A, the fourth tank, had positioned himself facing WEST, down the EAST/WEST road, flanked by the RF platoon for a sweep through the village. At this stage it was not known whether the VC were still in the village, or whether they withdrawn WEST to the creek line.

f. A methodical search of the village took approx 1½ hours. Whilst the search was taking place the three tanks EAST of the village continuously swept the village with their search lights.

g. At the commencement of the sweep through the hamlet, the two 105 mm Arty guns at the post, put down fire along the creek WEST of the hamlet. Diagram 2. As 32A and the RF force reached the WESTERN extremity of the village I suggested to Maj K. Knights that direct tank fire could be useful, due to the fact that the Arty could not be brought in close to the village.

/32A fired...

32A fired ~~the~~ ~~ambusher~~ rounds and some ~~MC~~ into the creek line, at a distance of 40 metres. 32 and 32B fired ~~HE~~ into the creek line from their position N/E of the hamlet. A check fire was given, for, as the sweeping force moved back to the road intersection, a RF squad inserted itself into an ambush site WEST of the village covering the approaches.

h. At 2120 ~~hrs~~ the reaction force mounted and moved back to the post, leaving the remainder of the RF platoon at the road intersection to cover the EASTERN approaches.

j. The NVA posters were taken down and destroyed and one suspect was detained.

Phase 2

a. At 2325 hrs 21 Nov 68. the ambush that was left covering the WESTERN approaches to the hamlet was sprung. The ambushing squad withdrew to the crossroads, where the remainder of the platoon was situated.

b. TANGO force immediately moved to DUC THANH post, collected the advisors, district chief and two RF squads and moved to the hamlet. Knowing the intersection to be secure we moved down the road.

c. 32 and 32B with 38C and 38D, took up similar positions as before, N/E of the hamlet. 32A and 32C positioned themselves at the intersection of the roads. The APC sect dismounted the RF, collected a wounded RF soldier and removed him to the DUC THANH post for med treatment. He died just inside the gate. This RF soldier was a member of the ambush party.

d. The APCs returned to the intersection and took up a blocking position. 32A and 32C flanked by RF soldiers a platoon and a half strong again swept WEST through the hamlet. Diagram 3.

e. The 105mm Arty from the post immediately put fire down along the creek line when the ambush was sprung.

f. The APC sect spotted a tunnel entrance near a house EAST of Rt 2. When the sweeping force returned to the intersection, a search was conducted of the tunnel by the Engr mini team. The tunnel led under the house which was empty. These types of tunnels are common throughout the hamlet.

g. At 0120 hrs 22 Nov 68 the combined TANGO. RF, reaction force moved back to their respective night locations.

9. a. Visibility in the hamlet was as far as the closest house. The area NORTH, EAST and SOUTH of the hamlet was 200 - 600 metres with the white light. To the WEST and SOUTHWEST 50 - 100 metres again with white light. Without white light the visibility was 5 metres.

b. To the NORTH of the hamlet open paddy for 400 metres with the ground rising away to bananas and jungle. To the N/E, rubber ar 100 metres and due EAST was open corn and paddy for 1000 metres. To the SOUTH and bordering the village was a pepper grove and partially flattened coffee plantation. To the SOUTHWEST coffee at 100 metres and due WEST, jungle of the creek line at 70 - 80 metres.

10. Never seen.

11. Sighted by RF ambushing squad.

12. Can't honestly say.

13. Walking down EAST-WEST road through hamlet from the WEST.

14. It is hard to get an accurate figure, but 15-20 men is considered the number. It is thought the VC were local guerillas from the hamlet, AP NGIA GIAO. Dress unknown.

15. RF squad. Range unknown.

16. Not known, but probably a mixture of BAR, M16 and M1 carbine.

17. Not known apart from returning fire.

18. After initial contact the ambushing squad withdrew EAST to the road intersection, where the remainder of the RF platoon was grouped.

19. Unknown.

20. N/A.

21. One RF KIA.

22. GSW to neck.

23. For TANGO force only -

HE - 10 rounds.
Cannister - 3 rounds.
.50 cal - 100 rounds.
.30 cal - 250 rounds.

24. NVA posters and a detainee.

25. It was quite evident in the second scramble, the smooth way the operation was conducted by having the US advisory team, DARA BROKER 12, on the TANGO force net. Whereas the previous contact was chaos due to messages having to be relayed through 32 to 32A.

26. a. I would have liked to see more flare illumination than was used. The advisory/RF force seemed reluctant to use flares.

b. The tanks could have been used more effectively if the following had been known:

- (1) The actual position and disposition of enemy forces.
- (2) The actual positions of friendly forces involved in the contact.
- (3) Correct passage of information.

I found these to be the three relevant points when working with PF, RF forces; and at night these problems are twofold.

PART 2 - Platoon Comd's Comments

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PART 3 - Sqn Comd's Comments

30. TANGO force had no Australian infantry at the time of these contacts. The presence of the force was, however, a big boost to the morale of the district forces and there was at least some combined activity.

In all probability the VC withdrew as soon as the tanks and APCs started up and moved from DUC THANH.

..... *M. Butler* OC 2 Tp
C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
..... *Alan McKus Maj* OC
C Sqn 1 Armd Regt

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CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

Part 1

- 1.
2. 1731558 2Lt Michael J. Butler.
- 3.
- 4.
5. 22 Nov 68, 1935 - 2115 hrs. 2 hrs 20 mins.
6. Ambush. YS 459793.
TANGO force YS 463784.
7. Ready Reaction force on 5 mins notice to move.
8.
 - a. At 1935 hrs, 22 Nov 68, a force consisting of a platoon and the advisory team from DUC THANH post, sprung their ambush at YS 459793. The enemy fired four or five reconn-by-fire shots and, unfortunately a member of the ambush returned fire. TANGO force, at the time, were mounted on their vehicles along the road in front of the DUC THANH post awaiting orders to move.
 - b. At approx 1943 hrs, the US advisor Maj K. Knights, ordered TANGO force to move to the NORTHERN area of the hamlet and got fire down in the creek line to the WEST of the hamlet. The enemy at this stage had withdrawn to the creek line and were returning fire with SA, M79 and rifle grenades in the area of the ambush. See diagram 1 for initial positions of TANGO force.
 - c. Maj K. Knights, realizing he needed closer support, asked for two tanks 32 and 32B to move down the EAST/WEST road that runs through the hamlet, to a position on the RIGHT flank of the ambush.
 - d. 32 and 32B then put into the creek line an intense volume of fire. At this time, the two 105mm how guns from the DUC THANH post were shelling areas to the WEST of the creek, considered likely escape routes to be used by the VC. See diagram 2.
 - e. TA 83, the APC sect which was acting as rear protection to 32A and 32C thought they saw movement in the rubber to the EAST. TA 85 put speculative fire into this area with unknown results.
 - f. The ambushing party was still receiving enemy fire and had spotted movement to the SOUTH of their position. This was their LEFT flank. Maj Knights requested support for his LEFT flank. Time was 2050 hrs. Also at this time, the enemy started employing 60mm mortars which fell 20 - 30 metres in front of the ambush force and 32, 32A and 32B. 32A and 32B were positioned on the LEFT flank. Diagram 3.
 - g. Whilst I put fire into the creek line to support the move of 32A 32B, Maj Knights commenced withdrawing his forward elements EAST to the pepper mill.
 - h. At 2100 hrs Maj Knights requested APCs to help with the withdrawal of his force which contained one WIA RF soldier. TA 83 moved to the ambush position, whilst 32C joined FRT 38C and 38D at the road intersection.
 - i. The withdrawal of the ambushing force commenced at 2105 hrs and required two trips to complete the move. Whilst the withdrawal took place 32C moved to 32 position to supplement the covering fire to the WEST by 32, 32A and 32B.
 - j. When the ambushing force was consolidated at the intersection, 32A and 32B moved to their location covered by 32 and 32C who followed soon after. Diagram 4.

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k. At 2115 hrs, TANGO and the ambushing forces moved to the DUC THANH post where they remained for the remainder of the night. An RF platoon remained at the intersection of Rt 2 and the EAST/WEST road in AP NGIA GIAO.

9. a. Visibility in the hamlet was as far as the closest house. The area NORTH, EAST and SOUTH of the hamlet was 200 - 600 metres with the white light. To the WEST and SOUTH/WEST 50 - 100 metres again with white light. Without white light the visibility was 5 metres.

b. To the NORTH of the hamlet open paddy for 400 metres with the ground rising away to bananas and jungle. To the NORTH/EAST, rubber at 100 metres and due EAST was open corn and paddy for 1000 metres. To the SOUTH and bordering the village was a pepper grove and partially flattened coffee plantation. To the SOUTH/WEST, coffee at 100 metres and due WEST, jungle of the creek line at 70 - 80 metres.

10. 30 metres. No person in TANGO force ever saw the enemy.

11. Can't honestly say.

12. In ambush.

13. The firing of his reconn shots.

14. 15 - 20 strong - local gurillas from AP NGIA GIAO.

15. Enemy 30 - 40 metres.

16. I can't say what weapons in the ambushing force fired first but I know they had a .30 cal MG, M16, M1 and claymores.

17. Return fire.

18. Detonate claymores.

19. Unknown, although the en was heard to have cried out as if in pain.

20. Not known.

21. One RF WIA - shrapnel wound to neck.

22. Possibly mortar or rifle grenade.

23. For TANGO force only.

HE - 50 rounds.
CANNISTER - 13 rounds.
.50 cal - 1200 rounds.
.30 cal - 10,900 rounds.

24. None.

25. N/A.

26. N/A

Part 2 Tp Comd's Comments.

27. NIL

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Part 3 Sqn Comd's Comments.

30. Since the pacification programme started AP NGIA GIAO has had an RF platoon stationed in the hamlet. It would appear that this has upset the routine of the VC and hindered their free movement in and out of the village each night.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

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OC C SQN 1 ARMD REGT

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272. DUTIES

1. DUTY OFFICER

21 NOV 68	CAPT	LEE
22 NOV 68	SGT	GOSS
23 NOV 68	LT	SERLE
24 NOV 68	SGT	SNAPE
25 NOV 68	LT	BUTLER
26 NOV 68	CAPT	LEE

2. ORDERLY OFFICER

The Duty Officer, as rostered above, is to be the Orderly Officer on the day following the date shown.

3. DUTY SERGEANT

21 NOV 68	SGT	ZSOLT
22 NOV 68	SGT	DE-JONG
23 NOV 68	SGT	LAKER
24 NOV 68	SGT	BARBER
25 NOV 68	SGT	JEFFREY
26 NOV 68	SGT	RAINEY

273. DUTIES OF DUTY OFFICER

1. The Duty Officer will collect Ord Room key and log book (from CP) and any pertinent information applicable to his tour of duty by 1700 hrs.
2. The Duty Officer is to mount at 1830 hrs and dismount at 0700 hrs.
3. He will remain in the CP for duration of his tour of duty and will supervise the function of the CP.

274. DUTIES OF DUTY SERGEANT

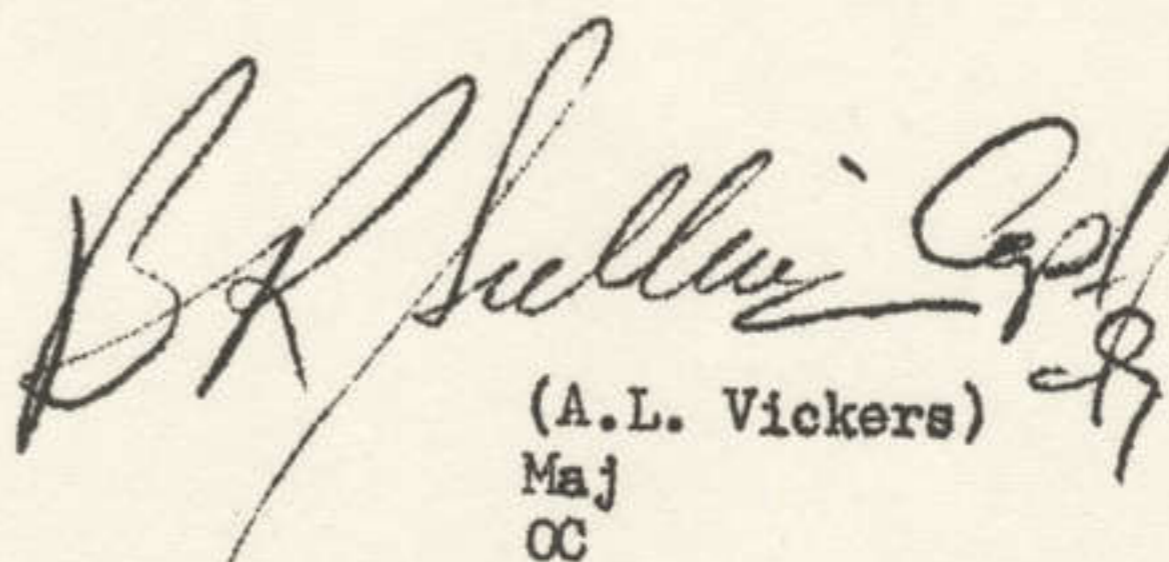
1. The Duty Sgt is to mount duty at 1830 hrs and dismount at 0700 hrs.
2. He is responsible for the following:

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- a. The mounting of and supervising of all picquets and clearing patrols.
 - b. He is to inspect picquets at least twice during his tour of duty in the hours of darkness. One inspection is to be made after midnight.
 - c. He is to report to the Duty Officer on the results of all inspections.
 - d. He is to inspect all messes for cleanliness.
 - e. Ensure all picquets correctly stand to.
3. The Duty Sgt is to sleep in his own tent, but is to ensure the Duty Operator is aware of his sleeping accommodation.


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262. VIETNAM MEDAL

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

4719478	TPR	R.A.FOOTE	217792	TPR	LEAK.S.J.
5715429	TPR	M.DALE	2787797	TPR	ILETT.E.W.
1733716	TPR	L.D.FENTON	2788937	TPR	WHITE.W.J.
2787760	PR	W.C.DANIEL			

263. TRUCKS $\frac{3}{4}$ TON TECHNICAL LOADING - CARRIAGE OF PERSONNEL

Reference : R746/1/5

1. It is extremely dangerous to carry passengers on the tray of $\frac{3}{4}$ ton vehicles with platform trays. The maximum number of personnel which may be carried in these vehicles is two, including the driver. Under no circumstances are passengers to be carried on the tray.

264. BAR HOURS - UNIT CANTEENS

1. On normal work days the bar hours for unit canteens and clubs are not to exceed the following:-

1630 - 1730 hours and

1930 - 2130 hours

2. On days nominated as unit stand down days by the CO/OC an additional period within the period 1130 - 1230 hours may be authorised by the CO/OC.

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3. The above hours may be extended for a special occasion but only with the approval of the D Comd.

4. 1 ATF Routine Order 11/68 is cancelled.

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REGT FUNDS LENTING 23 OCT 68

1. The following have been passed and approved.

a. A \$A100 donation to the DRAC Fund.

b. The purchase of a 16mm sound cine projector, film splicer and hand reel is to be Investigated.

c. The commission of Mr KEN McFADGEN war artist, by Regt Funds to paint a scene of C Sqn in Vietnam, it is hoped that this will be completed prior to the return of the main body, which will present it to 1 Armd Regt with a request that it be hung in RHQ.

d. The possibility of obtaining prints of the above painting is being investigated, with the intention that each member on posted strength to C Sqn will be given a copy as a memento of his service with C Sqn.

2. The Regt Funds Committee is to consist of :-

President

Secretary

Treasurer

Property member

A representative from Sgts Mess 1,2,3, and 4 Tps

SHQ and SEQ Tps

Admin and Q Tps

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A quorum is to consist of six (6) members.

266.

POSTAL ADDRESSING OF LETTERS

Reference: R499-2-5.

1. Aust FPO's have now been issued with letter franking machines for the postmarking of letters.

2. To ensure that the address is not partially obliterated by the post mark, members should place the first line of the address at least $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the top of the envelope.

3. The word "Free" should continue to be written in the top right hand corner of the envelope of personal letters addressed to destination in Australia.

267.

REGISTRATION OF PARCELS AT AFPO 4

1. Bulk receipts are given to unit postal orderlies for registration articles posted by them at AFPO 4. Members may obtain the registered number of their parcel from the postal orderly. Should a query subsequently arise on the delivery of the parcel, quoting the registered number will suffice to initiate tracing action from AFPO4.

2. Member posting parcels during the last few weeks of their tour of duty may arrive home before the parcel is delivered. Should a query then arise, or tracing action be necessary this must be done from a post office in Australia and a receipt must be produced.

3. Individual receipts will be issued on AFPO4 on request and members due to RTA within four weeks of posting a registered article should request their postal to obtain an individual receipt for them when lodging the article with AFPO 4.

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268. R&R TO AUSTRALIA-SMOKING

1. R AND R to Australia. Advice has been received from HQ AFV that US personnel proceeding to Australia on R AND R are now permitted to take enough smoking materials for in flight use only. Australian personnel are also to conform to this directive at this stage. HQ AFV is attempting to find an alternative means of supply.

269. OUT OF BOUNDS

1. The Q compound is out of bounds to all ranks without the specific permission of the QM.

270. Q STORES HOURS

1. As from 21 NOV 68 Q Store hrs are as follows:

LAUNDRY

MON to SAT 0830 - 1000
1530 - 1630

CLOTHING STORE

MON to SAT 0830 - 1000
1430 - 1530

TECH STORE

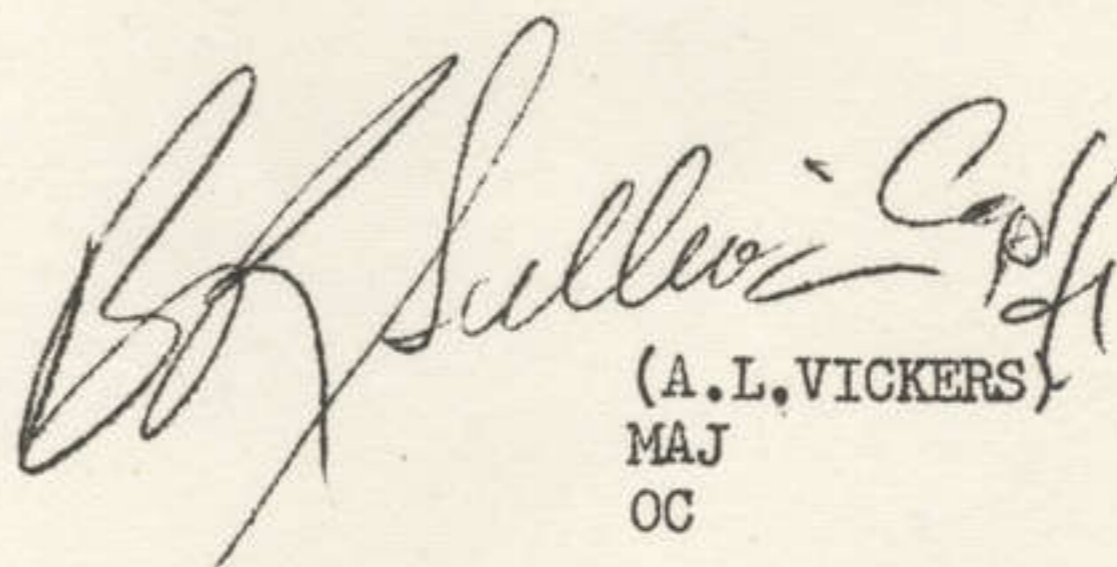
MON to SAT 1000 - 1430

All stores are closed on Sundays.

271. FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

1. The knapsack sprays, beaters, rakes and water CO2 extinguishers on red pallets in the C SQN Area are to be used for fire fighting only. Disiplinary action will be taken against any offenders who misuse this equipment.

2. Fire fighting gear for use when burning off grass is to be obtained from the Q store.


(A.L. VICKERS)
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NOTICE

All SAINTS 1 ATF CHAPEL. The chapel has been moved from its present location. The new site is the LYSAGHT building, on the no Throug Road to the EAST of the former DUSTOFF PAD nad next to the former 8 Fd Amb. Sunday services will remain at the same timings,

RC 1630, PD 1030.

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VIETNAM DIGEST

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Section 1. III Corps Tactical Zone

(A) Enemy Activity

1. During the past week, enemy initiated activities increased in frequency, but no major ground actions were initiated although attacks by fire increased in intensity. The bulk of the enemy initiated ground actions were aimed at harassment and interdiction with only company or smaller unit size forces involved. The only significant ground attack occurred on 1st November in the FISH HOOK area where the enemy still appears to be engaged on resupply activity.

2. As a result of widespread Allied sweep operations enemy sub-regional forces have been subject to continual harassment and disorganization, also his supply caches are constantly being captured. On 30th October, US forces conducting an area search Southeast of DAU Tieng (vic XT 587 398) located a cache containing 1,000lbs of medical supplies, 500lbs of TNT, 1,000 blasting caps, 500 bangalore torpedoes, 100 US grenades, 300 VC grenades, 800lbs of rice and 10lbs of documents.

3. All of the major divisional units continued to avoid contact with Allied forces during the week, however, elements of the 88th NVA Regt were identified operating in the CRESCENT (vic XT 4458) and FISH HOOK areas.

4. Statistics for the week ending 2nd November showed that there were 100 enemy initiated ground actions compared to 55 in the previous week. There were 25 mortar attacks compared to 11 last period. There were also 8 rocket attacks reported compared to 2 last period. Details of some of the enemy initiated actions for the week are:-

a. At 281055H, XT 574 254, in BINH DUONG Province, elements of the US 25th Inf Div received SA and AW fire from an unknown size NVA force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty and a light fire team. Results 10 NVA KIA and 1 NVA PW; 1 US KIA.

b. At 010334H, XT 500805, in BINH LONG Province, FSB RITA received SA, RPG and 8 rounds of 122mm RKT fire followed by a ground attack from an unknown size enemy force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by a light fire team, Spooky, arty and airstrikes. Results 27 enemy KIA, 12 US KIA and 57 US WIA.

c. At 010624H, XS 864 899, in GIA DINH Province, SAIGON received 3 rounds of 122mm RKT fire. Counter rocket fire was returned at the suspected enemy position. Results: Enemy losses unknown; 10 VN Civ were killed and 50 VN Civ were wounded.

5. The latest available information on enemy divisional and regimental deployments shows no major changes, and the present dispositions are believed to be:

<u>5th VC Div HQ</u>	War Zone "C".
33rd NVA Inf Regt	SE War Zone "C".
88th NVA Inf Regt	NE War Zone "C".
275th VC Inf Regt	SE War Zone "C".

<u>7th NVA Div HQ</u>	N of LOC NINH in the vicinity of the Cambodian border.
32nd NVA Inf Regt	} N of LOC NINH in the vicinity of the Cambodian border.
141st NVA Inf Regt	
165th NVA Inf Regt	

<u>9th VC Div HQ</u>	NW of TAY NINH City in the vicinity of the Cambodian border.
271st VC Inf Regt	NW of TAY NINH City.
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273rd VC Inf Regt	Dispersed in Base Areas N of NUI BA DEN.
174th NVA Inf Regt	SE War Zone "C".

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101st NVA Inf Regt Dispersed in the Southern TRAPEZOID and the BOI LOI Woods.
268 th VC Inf Regt Dispersed in the TRANG BANG area.
274th VC Inf Regt Unlocated, possibly dispersed in Southern LONG KHAN Province.
CU CHI VC Inf Regt FILHOL Plantation area.
DONG NAI VC Inf Regt Dispersed between TAN UYEN and LAI THIEU.
THU DUC VC Inf Regt Dispersed in the THU DUC area.

Assessment of Enemy Intentions

6. The most significant enemy ground actions this week were in response to friendly operations Southwest of the FISH HOOK and in the TRAPEZOID area, and it may develop that the enemy intends to make a major effort to keep open his supply routes Southwards from the FISH HOOK.

7. All of the main force elements along the Northern periphery are combat effective and are capable of launching attacks at any time. The sub-regional forces are apparently continuing to plan and prepare for attacks on the CMD, but there are no indications of any immediate threat to SAIGON.

8. In an effort to gain some significant successes and to influence the PARIS Peace talks, it is probable that the enemy will increase his stand-off attacks throughout the III CTZ and also carry out localized ground attacks against selected targets.

9. Available intelligence indicates that the enemy is also increasing his propaganda and proselyting activities in an attempt to discredit the government of SOUTH VIETNAM and to gain popular support for the acceptance of the National Liberation Front as a viable force in the affairs of SOUTH VIETNAM.

Enemy Losses

9. For the week, there were 630 enemy KIA (BC), 130 PWs and 192 individual weapons and 44 crew-served weapons captured. There were 151 returnees (Hoi Chanh) and 10.6 tons of rice were captured or destroyed.

Friendly Activity

10. In Campaign TOAN THANG II (Complete Victory) the results for the week were: Enemy losses: 402 KIA, 245 detainees; 94 SA, 16 crew-served weapons, 2,275 SA rounds, 3,681 HE rounds, 88 grenades, 236 mines, 26 122mm RKT, 17 107mm RKT, 1 sampan, 2 122mm RKT warhead, 3.07 tons of rice and .57 tons of rice were captured; 6 SA, 18,495 SA rounds, 415 HE rounds, 775 grenades, 20 sampans, 46 mines, 7 booby traps, 1 122mm RKT warhead, 6.52 tons of rice and .25 tons of salt were destroyed. Friendly losses: 38 KIA, 317 WIA, 2 helicopters, 1 tank, 4 ACAVs, 1 truck and 1 howitzer destroyed; 1 helicopter, 1 tank, 1 APC, 7 ACAVs, 1 truck and 1 howitzer were damaged. ARVN forces carried out an additional 61 large unit operations resulting in 64 enemy KIA against 4 ARVN KIA.

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

(A) Enemy Activity

11. Country wide the number of enemy initiated incidents increased this week. Preliminary reports indicate that there were 9 attacks in I Corps; There were 6 attacks in II Corps; and there were 6 attacks in IV Corps.

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(B) Friendly Activity

12. I Corps Tactical Zone. There were 16 FW and 17 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 607 enemy KIA against 52 friendly KIA.

13. II Corps Tactical Zone. There were 6 FW and 17 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 173 enemy KIA against 14 friendly KIA.

14. IV Corps Tactical Zone. There were 3 US and 65 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 365 enemy KIA against 73 friendly KIA.

(C) Other Information

15. Enemy Propaganda and Proselyting Activities:

a. A recent agent report concerning enemy propaganda activities in BINH LONG Province states: "The main emphasis of their propaganda at this time is to stress that the current PARIS negotiations will result in a coalition government soon which will reunify NORTH and SOUTH VIETNAM and force US troops to withdraw from SOUTH VIETNAM. The new coalition government will be based on the National Alliance for Peace and Progress which represents all the progressive elements in the society and all the people of VIETNAM. Its first order of business will be to eliminate the corrupt THIEU-KY group who are the puppets of the US and the enemy of the people. Their principal and most effective propaganda method is not mass propaganda meetings but individual proselyting by local VC political cadre.....political cadre propagandize people by visiting in their homes at night or at work during the day. The emphasis is on persuasion and not coercion. This method is reportedly successful with many people".

b. The following has been extracted from a directive dated 25th October 1968, possibly from the BEN TRE Province Party Committee, concerning propaganda activities in the event of a cessation of US bombings in NVN: "The NFLSVN will issue a formal statement on the present political situation prior to an enemy (US/GVN) forthcoming communique declaring a complete bombing pause over the entire NVN territory. Addressees are to follow up and record the full text of any such statement from the Front which will be broadcast by the Liberation Radio, and to propagandize this statement so as to create enthusiasm among the entire Liberation Army and the population.

In the event of a complete bombing pause against NVN, Party Committees at all echelons must attempt to spiritually orient their men in accordance with the provision of the declaration to be issued by the NFLSVN. They must closely follow up this in conjunction with other tasks such as gathering information on the reaction to such an event in various areas, particularly from city dwellers, non-aligned people, religious people, members of the Puppet Army and the Puppet Government.

COMMENT: G2 IIFFV- It can be expected that the VC will propagandize the current bombing halt as proof of their victory during the offensives of 1968, and will point to the NFLSVN presence at the PARIS talks to convince the people that a coalition government, favorable to the VC, is coming. The VC proselyting cadre have been searching for some sign of victory to add credibility to their propaganda and they will probably take full advantage of the bombing halt.

(Extracted from IIFFV PERINTREP 44-68)

Section 3 SOUTH VIETNAM Summary

16. The number of friendly large unit operations increased from 174 to 183. The number of operations with contact increased from 83 to 89. The number of enemy KIA decreased from 1955 (adjusted) to 1393.

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Section 1. III Corps Tactical Zone(A) Enemy Activity

1. During the past week, enemy initiated incidents decreased slightly, although, light attacks by fire continued at a rate similar to last week. The main highlight of enemy actions for the week was noted in BINH LONG Province where there has been an increased use of 82mm mortars and a resumption of attacks by fire on Special Forces camps around LOC NINH and AN LOC.

2. Statistics for the week ending 9th November showed that there were 83 enemy initiated ground actions compared to 100 last week. There were 28 mortar attacks compared to 25 last week, and there were 2 rocket attacks reported compared to 8 last week. Details of some of the enemy initiated actions for the week are:

a. At 060237H, XS 802 141, in BINH DUONG Province elements of the 25th US Inf Div guarding the PHU CONG Bridge received an underwater mine explosion resulting in 8 US WIA, 1 US MIA and 180 feet of bridge destroyed.

b. At 070930H, XT 432 870, in BINH LONG Province, A/2-7th Cav, 1st US Inf Div received SA and mortar fire from an unknown size enemy force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty and a light fire team. Results: 22 enemy KIA; 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA.

c. At 081530H, XT 705 845, in BINH LONG Province B/1-11th Cav, 1st US Inf Div received SA, AW and RPG fire from an estimated enemy company. The fire was returned with organic weapons. Results: 22 enemy KIA; 1 US KIA and 9 US WIA. There were 2 AK-47 rifles, 1 RPG-7 launcher and 1 RPG-2 launcher captured.

d. At 081455, XT 486 367, in BINH DUONG Province A/2-22nd Inf, 25th US Inf Div received SA and AW fire from an unknown size enemy force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty and airstrikes. Results: 15 enemy KIA; 4 US KIA and 7 US WIA.

3. No major relocations of enemy divisions and regiments have been noted during the week, and the present probable locations are:

<u>5th VC Div HQ</u>	War Zone "C".
33rd NVA Inf Regt	SE War Zone "C".
88th NVA Inf Regt	NE War Zone "C".
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101st NVA Inf Regt	BOI LOI Woods.

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274th VC Inf Regt Unlocated, possibly dispersed in Southern LONG KHAN Province.

CU CHI VC Inf Regt FILHOL Plantation.

DONG NAI VC Inf Regt Elements E of LAI KHE (XT 8340) and NE of BINH MY.

THU DUC VC Inf Regt Dispersed in the THU DUC area.

Assessment of Enemy Intentions

4. There are no indications of any immediate enemy major offensive actions in the III CTZ, although, main force divisions in the Northern periphery continue to pose a threat to all of the Special Forces camps in the border areas.

5. The increase in enemy initiated actions around LOC NINH and AN LOC have probably been made with the objective of drawing friendly forces away from infiltration routes from CAMBODIA through the FISH HOOK.

6. Sub-Regional forces do not appear to be capable of mounting any significant attacks against the Capital Military District.

7. Recently captured documents have indicated that the enemy planned to increase the fighting during the PARIS negotiations, presently, the enemy is being contained although terrorism, harassment attacks by fire, and interdiction of lines of communication are expected to increase throughout the III CTZ.

Enemy Losses

8. For the week, there were 639 enemy KIA (BC), 102 PWs and 152 individual weapons and 15 crew-served weapons captured. There were 50 returnees (Hoi Chanh) and 103 tons of rice were captured or destroyed.

Friendly Activity

9. In Campaign TOAN THANG II (Complete Victory) the results for the week were: Enemy losses: 323 KIA, 174 detainees, 2 returnees; 72 SA, 7 crew-served weapons, 3,480 SA rounds, 310 HE rounds, 16 grenades, 5 mines, 1 booby trap, 1 sampan and 8.18 tons of rice were captured; 1 SA, 1 crew-served weapon, 10 booby traps, 26 mines, 45 sampans, 216 grenades, 228 HE rounds, 3,111 SA rounds and 1.16 tons of rice were destroyed. Friendly losses: 30 KIA, 256 WIA, 3 MIA; 8 helicopters, 2 tanks, 1 APC, 4 ACAVs, 1 truck and 1 aircraft were damaged; 3 helicopters, 2 tanks, 3 APCs and 4 ACAVs were destroyed. ARVN forces carried out an additional 46 large unit operations resulting in 57 enemy KIA against 9 ARVN KIA.

(C) Other Information

10. Enemy Caches. A readout of documents captured in the TRAPEZOID has provided information on the volume of ordnance handled by the 83rd Rear Services group in Sub-Region 1 during the month of September 1968.

11. Two of the documents revealed that on the nights of 14th and 15th September, RSG83 received 862 rounds of 82mm mortar, 1032 rounds of 60mm

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mortar, 18 B-40 rounds, 17,000 fuses (not further identified), 2,000 electrical fuses (NFI), 4,875 primers and 2 K-57 machine guns (possibly the CHICOM K-57 wheel-mounted MG which uses the long 7,62mm cartridge) and other arms and ammunition.

12. A weapon storage report dated 20th September 1968 stated that RSG83 had a total of 260 metric tons of weapons stored in 21 locations in 8 separate areas. This report also cited a requirement for the construction of an additional 33 caches capable of holding 1 metric ton each. (Extract from J-2 MACV DISUM 310-68) COMMENT: During September enemy forces in Sub-Region 1 were extensively engaged on resupply activity and numerous weapons caches were prepared in expectation of the main force divisions positioning for assaults against the Capital Military District, however, the divisions were unable to initiate any Southward movement and were confined to the Northern border areas of the III CTZ. The information provided on the sizes and numbers of weapons caches in Sub-Region 1 is an indication that the enemy has been extremely effective in establishing caches, although, since the beginning of September, there has been a marked rise in the discovery of enemy caches by Allied forces on clear and search operations.

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

(A) Enemy Activity

13. Country wide the number of enemy initiated incidents decreased this week, and the following preliminary reports have been received: There were 10 attacks and 2 ambushes in I CTZ; there were no attacks or ambushes in II CTZ; and there were 7 attacks in IV CTZ.

(B) Friendly Activity

14. I Corps Tactical Zone. There were 14 FW and 19 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 387 enemy KIA against 39 friendly KIA.

15. II Corps Tactical Zone. There were 7 FW and 25 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 112 enemy KIA against 27 friendly KIA.

16. IV Corps Tactical Zone. There were 2 US and 63 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 448 enemy KIA against 53 friendly KIA.

(C) Other Information

17. Possible Gas Warheads for Mortar Rounds. An ARVN 7th Div advisor at DINH TUONG in IV CTZ has reported that the NVA has converted CHICOM and SOVIET 82mm mortar ammunition into 82mm CS gas ammunition. The size and weight of the ammunition has not changed, but it is painted olive green and is noted by the letters CS or CSBV on the casing. The effective dispersion area is approximately 500 square meters, persistence is about 30 minutes, and it is capable of penetrating shelters and bunkers. The gas causes nausea and shortness of breath for 5 to 10 minutes (Extract from COMNAVFORV-267)

Section 3 SOUTH VIETNAM

18. The number of friendly large unit operations decreased from 183 to 177. The number of operations with contact increased from 89 to 93. The number of enemy KIA decreased from 1734 (adjusted) to 1431.

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Section 1. III Corps Tactical Zone

(A) Enemy Activity

1. During the past week, there was a significant increase in enemy initiated activity in the FISH HOOK (vic XT 5890) area while in other areas the enemy continued to avoid major clashes with Allied units, although, attacks by fire increased in intensity, and acts of terrorism were stepped up.

2. In the FISH HOOK, there were two heavy mortar and ground attacks launched against FSB DOT (XT 560 855) during the hours of darkness on 13th and 15th November. These resulted in an excess of 300 enemy KIA, three ralliers and three PW's, also the identification of the 95C NVA Regiment. This regiment was last noted in action in attacks against DUC LAP in II Corps during August when the regiment was subordinate to the 1st NVA Division.

3. Statistics for the week ending 16th November showed that there were 92 enemy initiated ground actions compared to 83 the previous week. There were 26 mortar attacks compared to 28 last week, and there were 2 rocket attacks which is the same total as last week. Details of some of the enemy initiated actions for the week are:

a. At 101624H, XT 677-862, in BINH LONG Province B/1-11th Cav received SA and RPG fire from an unknown size NVA force. The fire was returned with organic weapons. Results: 13 NVA; 1 US KIA and 6 US WIA.

b. At 111135H, XT 686 866, in BINH LONG Province B/1-11th Cav received SA and RPG fire from an unknown size NVA force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by a light fire team and airstrikes. Results: 38 NVA KIA; 1 US KIA.

c. Between 102300H and 110400H at YS 438 512 in PHUOC TUY Province, B.36 LONG HAI Special Forces Camp received 120 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Counter mortar fire was returned at the suspected enemy position. Support was also given by a Spooky. Results: Enemy losses unknown; 2 USASF KIA, 17 USASF WIA, 8 MSF WIA and 2 VNSF WIA.

d. At 131335H, XT 694 873, in BINH LONG Province A/2-12th Cav received SA and RPG fire from an unknown size NVA force. The fire was returned with organic weapons supported by arty and airstrikes. Results: 19 NVA KIA and 1 NVA PW; 2 US WIA and 5 US WIA.

Enemy Locations

4. During the week, the 95C NVA Regiment was identified operating in the III CTZ, also there were some minor redeployments of enemy main force elements noted. The current locations of enemy divisions and regiments are believed to be:-

<u>5th VC Div HQ</u>	Vicinity of the FISH HOOK.
33rd NVA Inf Regt	NE War Zone "C".
88th NVA Inf Regt	Vicinity of the FISH HOOK.
275th VC Inf Regt	Vicinity of the FISH HOOK.
95C NVA Inf Regt	(possibly subordinate to the 5th VC Div) FISH HOOK.

<u>7th NVA Div HQ</u>	N of LOC NINH in vicinity of the Cambodian border.
33rd NVA Inf Regt	N of LOC NINH in vicinity of the Cambodian border.
141st NVA Inf Regt	N of LOC NINH in vicinity of the Cambodian border.
165th NVA Inf Regt	Elements SW of AN LOC.

<u>9th VC Div HQ</u>	NW of TAY NINH City vicinity of Cambodian border.
271st VC Inf Regt	NW of TAY NINH City vicinity of Cambodian border.
272nd VC Inf Regt	NW of TAY NINH City vicinity of Cambodian border.
273rd VC Inf Regt	Elements in vicinity of THIEN NGON (XT 1088).
174th NVA Inf Regt	SE War Zone "C".

101st NVA Inf Regt N of BUNG CONG (XT 5644)

268th VC Inf Regt Dispersed between HO BO Woods and GO DAU HA (XT 4836)

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CU CHI VC Inf Regt N of TANG BANG

DONG NAI VC Inf Regt Elements E of LAI KHE and NE of BINH MY.

THU DUC VC Inf Regt Dispersed in the THU DUC area.

274th VC Inf Regt Unlocated, elements possibly located in the HAT DICH Zone.

Assessment of Enemy Intentions

5. The most significant event during the week was the identification of the 95C NVA Regiment in multi-battalion attacks against FSB DOT in the FISH HOOK. These attacks were undoubtedly prompted by increased friendly activity in the area and the enemy's determination to secure the area for the movement of supplies and personnel. In early October, there were several agent reports that the whole of the 1st NVA Division had entered the III CTZ, and the positive identification of the 95C Regiment partially confirms these reports. In June 1968, the 1st NVA Division comprised the 95C, the 320th and 66th NVA Regiments.

6. It is assessed that the enemy poses significant threats to Allied installations in the Northern areas of the TAOI, while sub-regional forces are still disrupted and pose no immediate threat to the Capital Military District.

7. Throughout the entire III CTZ we can expect a continuation of attacks by fire, interdiction of lines of communication and an increase in terrorism.

Enemy Losses

7. For the week there were 982 enemy KIA (BC), 90 PWs; and 225 individual weapons and 96 crew-served weapons captured. There were 199 returnees (Hoi Chanh), and 23.8 tons of rice were captured or destroyed.

Friendly Activity

8. In Campaign TOAN THANG II (Complete Victory) the results for the week were: Enemy losses: 701 KIA, 243 detainees; 236 SA, 24 crew-served weapons, 13,813 SA rounds, 363 HE rounds, 134 grenades, 1 107mm RKT, 142 mines, 2 sampans, 26.17 tons of rice and 1.25 tons of salt were captured; 1,609 SA rounds, 1,071 HE rounds, 37 sampans, 6 booby traps, 131 grenades, 53 mines, 4.4 tons of rice and 1.3 tons of salt were destroyed. Friendly losses: 40 KIA, 277 WIA; 10 helicopters, 2 ACAVs, 1 APC and 6 trucks damaged; 1 ACAV, 1 APC and 1 romo plow destroyed. ARVN forces carried out an additional 45 large unit operations resulting in 22 enemy KIA against 3 ARVN KIA.

(C) Other Information

9. Enemy Use of Howitzers. On 11th November, at XT 335 898 - 1 kilometer South of KATUM, LZ BEVERLY received five rounds of enemy artillery fire. Crater analysis revealed that the rounds fire were 75mm artillery rounds, possibly howitzer. If this analysis is correct, this would be the first known employment of this weapon in the III CTZ, although, howitzers have been used recently against an airfield in IV CTZ.

10. The 75mm Pack Howitzer can be broken down into eight pieces for easy transportation and has been part of the enemy arsenal for several years. As a guideline of the enemy's howitzer capability, details of the US 75mm Pack Howitzer have been tabulated as follows:

Technical Characteristics

Calibre	75mm
Weight, traveling position	1,270 lbs
Length, traveling position	10.5 ft

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Width, traveling position	4.2 ft
Height, traveling position	2.7 ft
Muzzle device	None
Elevation	-5 to +45 degrees
Traverse	6 degrees total
Standard muzzle velocity	380 m/s
Maximum horizontal range	8,790 m
Maximum rate of fire	16 rpm

(Extracted from HQ II FFORCEV INTSUM NO 316-68)

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

(A) Enemy Activity

11. Country wide the number of enemy initiated incidents increased this week, and the following preliminary reports have been received. There were 10 attacks and 1 ambush in I CTZ; there were 13 attacks in II CTZ; and there were 10 attacks in IV CTZ.

(B) Friendly Activity

12. I Corps Tactical Zone. There were 12 FW and 14 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 583 enemy KIA against 26 friendly KIA.

13. II Corps Tactical Zone. There were 7 FW and 22 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 94 enemy KIA against 15 friendly KIA.

14. IV Corps Tactical Zone. There were 2 US and 64 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 297 enemy KIA against 21 friendly KIA.

Section 3 SOUTH VIETNAM

15. The number of large unit friendly operations decreased from 177 to 167. The number of operations with contact decreased from 93 to 76. The number of enemy KIA increased from 1601 (adjusted) to 1838.

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Section 1. III Corps Tactical Zone

(A) Enemy Activity

1. During the past week, enemy initiated activity continued at a low level and was generally limited to interdiction and harassing attacks. However, on 26th October, an enemy force of unknown size attacked a US NDP WEST of the FISH HOOK (XT 520 890). Elements of the 1st US Inf Div conducted a counter sweep in the area, and the results of the ensuing contact were 80 enemy KIA and 3 PW's against 8 US KIA. Tentatively the enemy force has been identified as being an element of the 33rd NVA Regt of the 5th VC Div.
2. It is believed that this particular enemy action was prompted by the necessity to dislodge friendly forces away from supply routes from CAMBODIA to Central War Zone "C". During 26th October, artillery units of the 1st US Inf Div directed H & I fire into a suspected enemy location in the vicinity of XT 5492, and 128 secondary explosions were observed. Later the same day, H & I fire was directed into another suspected enemy location at XT 5383 and 40 secondary explosions resulted. The locations of both series of explosions are in the normal AO of the 82nd Rear Services Group.
3. Recent agent reports have also indicated that there has been extensive resupply activity of food and munitions into TAY NINH and HAU NGHIA Provinces from supply depots in the TA MO (XT 1227) and BA THU (XT 2603) areas of CAMBODIA.
4. Further evidence of enemy logistic activity was detected by VR flights which have located a new road being constructed in Northern War Zone "D". The road, which is 15 feet wide, can be partially traced from the RANG RANG Area (YT 205 542) NNE for about 14 kilometers (to YT 260 710). It does not appear to be completed, or in use, but it could be capable of handling truck traffic which would greatly facilitate the movement of enemy personnel and equipment into War Zone "D". Very heavy trail activity was apparent on both sides of the road.
5. Statistics for the week ending 26th October showed that there were 54 enemy initiated ground actions compared to 55 last week. There were also 11 mortar attacks compared to 16 last week. Two rocket attacks were reported.

Enemy Locations

6. There have been no marked changes noted in the disposition of enemy main force units, and the present divisional and regimental deployments are believed to be:

<u>5th VC Div HQ</u>	War Zone "C".
33rd NVA Inf Regt	SE War Zone "C".
88th NVA Inf Regt	Vicinity of the CRESCENT (vic XT 4458).
275th VC Inf Regt	SE War Zone "C".
<u>7th NVA Div HQ</u>	N of LOC NINH vicinity of the Cambodian border.
32nd NVA Inf Regt	NE of LOC NINH vicinity of the Cambodian border.
141st NVA Inf Regt	N of LOC NINH vicinity of the Cambodian border.
165th NVA Inf Regt	Elements NW of AN LOC.

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9th VC Div HQ Unlocated, possibly NW of TAY NINH City.
271st VC Inf Regt NW of TAY NINH City.
272nd VC Inf Regt NW of TAY NINH City.
273rd VC Inf Regt Dispersed in base areas N of NUI BA DEN (vic XT 2858)
174th NVA Inf Regt Elements dispersed SE of War Zone "C".
101st NVA Inf Regt Dispersed in Southern TRAPEZOID and NE BOI LOI Woods.
268th VC Inf Regt Dispersed in the TRANG BANG area.
274th VC Inf Regt Probably dispersed along the boundaries of PHUOC TUY and LONG KHANH Province.
CU CHI VC Inf Regt FILHOL Plantation area.
DONG NAI VC Inf Regt Dispersed between TAN UYEN and LAI THIEU.
THU DUC VC Inf Regt Dispersed in the THU DUC area.

Assessment of Enemy Intentions

7. The continued lull in enemy initiated tactical activity in the III CTZ has been matched by an intensification of logistics activity particularly along the Cambodian border and into TAY NINH and HAU NGHIA Provinces.

8. Enemy main force units have again avoided major contact with allied forces while preparing for renewed offensive activity. These units are believed to be at full strength, well rested and combat ready. The sub-regional forces have been less fortunate, and they have been constantly exposed to Allied spoiling operations and have suffered heavy casualties and disorganization with consequent deterioration of morale.

9. It is concluded that the enemy's intention to initiate a "fourth phase" offensive remains unchanged. The initial phase will consist of Corps-wide attacks on provincial and district capitals, LOCs, FSPBs and Allied installations with the most serious threats being against TAY NINH, BINH LONG and BINH DUONG Provinces. During the final phase, the enemy has planned for an all out assault against SAIGON. At present the terrain to the WEST of SAIGON is flooded and sub-regional forces have been hampered in their role of spear heading attacks against the Capital Military District. The enemy must also overcome heavy losses to his supply system and, more recently, his infrastructure.

10. Current indications point to early November as being the most probable time for the beginning of the "fourth offensive". However, the time frame of this phase is subject to a number of variables which include the present political negotiations at the PARIS Peace talks.

Enemy Losses

11. For the week, there were 375 enemy KIA (BC), 40 PWs and 140 individual weapons and 13 crew-served weapons captured. There were 88 returnees (Hoi Chanh), and 28 tons of rice were captured or destroyed.

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Friendly Activity

12. In Campaign TOAN THANG 11 (Complete Victory) the results for the week were: Enemy Losses:- 243 KIA, 337 detainees, 5 returnees; 89 SA, 13 crew-served weapons, 3,840 SA rounds, 317 HE rounds, 32 grenades, 2 mines, 1 sampan, 23.65 tons of rice and .3 tons of miscellaneous food captured; 2 SA, 1 crew-served weapon, 21 sampans, 40 mines, 3 booby traps, 90 grenades, 208 HE rounds, 1,145 SA rounds, .7 tons of rice and .35 tons of salt destroyed. Friendly losses: 46 KIA, 275 WIA; 2 helicopters, 2 tanks, 1 ACAV and 2 trucks damaged; 2 helicopters, 3 APCs, 2 ACAVs and 1 truck destroyed.

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

(A) Enemy Activity

13. Country wide the number of enemy initiated incidents decreased this week. Preliminary reports indicate that there were 6 attacks in I Corps; there were 5 attacks in II Corps; and there were 6 attacks in IV Corps.

(B) Friendly Activity

14. I Corps Tactical Zone. There were 14 FW and 12 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 1113 enemy KIA against 36 friendly KIA.

15. II Corps Tactical Zone. There were 7 FW and 21 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 301 enemy KIA against 18 friendly KIA.

16. IV Corps Tactical Zone. There were 2 FW and 64 ARVN large unit operations resulting in 261 enemy KIA against 19 friendly KIA.

(C) Other Information

17. Mine Shrapnel. On 7th October 1968, four personnel of the 25th US Inf Div became casualties of a mine while on patrol. The incident was unusual in that the steel fragments produced by the explosion were of a new type. They were approximately .05 inches in length, .07 inches in diameter and banana shaped (slightly curved, triangular in cross section and tapered at the ends). It is not yet known whether this type fragmentation represents a trend toward smaller, high velocity, high density fragmentation or simply another VC/NVA innovation in homemade fragments. The shrapnel was examined by CMEC and was apparently fired from a directional mine device, as the projectiles impacted in a definite pattern. (Extracted from III MAF PIR 42-68)

Section 3 SOUTH VIETNAM Summary

18. The number of friendly large unit operations decreased from 182 to 174. The number of operations with contact decreased from 83 to 80. The number of enemy KIA decreased from 1440 (adjusted) to 1289.

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ENEMY SITUATION - PHUOC TUY
AS AT 011200H NOV 68General

1. During the past week there have been 18 contacts by 1 ATF elements resulting in 9 enemy KIA (BC), 2 KIA (POSS). Two B52 strikes have been conducted on enemy elements in the NW HAT DICH and NE THUA TICH, and three enemy trucks were sighted and destroyed in the NE of the TAOR.

Eastern Border Area

2. Eight contacts with enemy forces were reported this week during OP CAPITAL including one group of approximately 20 enemy moving WEST to EAST on 26 Oct in vicinity YS 5786. A number of base camps have been located, including one battalion sized camp at YS 5388 consisting of 200 bunkers, pits, communication trenches and two CP bunkers.

3. Enemy forces in this area are continuing to avoid major contact while maintaining some degree of ground surveillance over our activities. Enemy groups have probably relocated to the NORTH and NORTHEAST ready to return if we withdraw.

NUI SAO - NUI LE

4. The only points of interest this week was the sighting of two small enemy groups shooting each other up on 26 Oct at YS 5188; and a report of a VR aircraft receiving ground fire from YS 5188 on the same day.

HAT DICH

5. In the NW HAT DICH area, OP EVERGLADE resulted in ten contacts with small enemy groups and the location of numerous bunkers and base camps centre of mass YS 2684. A large cache containing two tons of rice and 900 lbs of salt was found at YS 2579 and destroyed by D/3RAR on 31 Oct 68.

6. Enemy groups have been attempting to pick up rice from pre-stocked caches hidden near the villages of THAM THIEN (YS 2182) and THAI THIEN (YS 2379). On at least one occasion they were successful in evading our ambushes and collecting rice from vicinity YS 2282 during the period 28-30 Oct 68.

DUC THANH

7. Nothing to report.

NUI THI VAI - NUI DINH - ROUTE 15

8. Interdiction of Route 15 continued with numerous minor craters and sniping of vehicles reported.

LONG DIEN - DAT DO

9. Nothing to Report.

LONG HAI S - LIGHT GREEN - LONG GREEN

10. Nothing to Report.

ROUTE 328 - THUA TICH

11. Enemy track activity NORTH and SOUTH of BAU HAM lake (YS 6784) was reported during the week, including the use of trucks to the NORTH, to and from Route 330.

12. A B52 strike was made into the northern area (YS 6890) on 31 Oct 68, with numerous bunkers, two tunnels and a base camp destroyed. During an attempted BDA assessment three enemy trucks were seen and destroyed by an airstrike, LFT and artillery at YS 6790.

Conclusions

13. Heavy pressure has continued to be exerted against 274 VC Regt by both ground and air actions against his base camps and main supply routes, and by ambushing suspected caches. Two B52 missions have been flown against him. Conversely, little contact has been made with any enemy except reconnaissance parties and he has been able to obtain some rice near THAI THIEN.

14. It appears that main elements of both 274 VC Regt and 84 Rear Services Group have now moved NORTH up to or across the PHUOC TUY/LONG KHANH border in the THUA TICH area; and NORTH and NORTHEAST near the PHUOC TUY/BIEN HOA border in the HAT DICH area.

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ENEMY SITUATION - PHUOC TUY
AS AT 152400 H NOV 68

General

1. The scale of activity throughout the TAOR has increased over the past fortnight, the greatest increase being in the last six days since combined 1 ATF/US/ARVN/THAI operations commenced in AO FRANKLIN as part of Operation CAPITAL II.

2. Comparative statistics over the past three weeks are as follows:

	<u>26 Oct - 1 Nov 68</u>	<u>2-8 Nov 68</u>	<u>9-15 Nov 68</u>
Contacts	18	11	18
Enemy KIA(BC)	9	6	11
Enemy KIA (POSS)	2	-	2
PW	-	-	2

3. In addition to 1 ATF contacts, there have been several attacks by fire against friendly outposts and installations.

EASTERN BORDER AREA/NUI LE/NUI SAO

4. There have been 18 contacts with small groups of enemy in this area during the period. Results were nine NVA KIA(BC), three VC KIA(BC) and two PW.

5. Unit Identifications were:

- A document taken from a body killed in contact at 071526 H Nov 68 at YS 529884, identified the carrier as a member of K 21 Sapper/Recon Coy, 274 VC Regt.
- An NVA PW captured at YS 642915 on 11 Nov 68 was from 50 Coy/264 Bn/330 NVA Regt. His company sized unit (Str 100 +) was enroute as reinforcements for 274 VC Regt.
- Documents captured on 11 Nov 68 at YS 649910, identified C2/D445 LF Bn.
- At 120545 H at YS 645956, 52 I & R Coy working with 43 ARVN Inf Regt were attacked by an estimated two NVA companies. Subsequent interrogation of two NVA PWs (since DOW) and checking of enemy dead identified them as members of C 18 AAHMG Coy, 274 VC Regt. It appeared that these soldiers were fighting as normal infantry and did not employ their HMGs.
- A VC PW captured at YS 593914 on 13 Nov 68 was a Private soldier/Ammunition carrier for C3/D 440 LF Bn. Interrogation revealed his company had a strength of 30 divided into two platoons. Their main weapons were two 82mm mortars with 80 rounds per mortar.

HAT DICH

6. Contact has been light in the area but reports continued to indicate the presence of up to battalion sized forces, probably MF. On 7 Nov 68 a 1 ATF LRRP contacted four enemy, wearing blue/grey uniforms, heading NORTH at YS 340868. A B 52 strike was put in on a base camp complex, centre of mass YS 266844, on 10 Nov 68 with six bunkers being destroyed, several uncovered and trenches exposed. On 13 Nov 68 at YS 292828 THAI forces located a base camp of 50 bunkers thought to have been used 24 hours previously. Activity in the SOUTH EAST HAT DICH has continued at a low level.

7. People Sniffer readouts on 6, 13 and 14 Nov 68 probably indicate movement by C 41 District Company and elements of 84 Rear Services Group.

DUC THANH

8. Nothing to report.

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NUI THI VAI - NUI DINH - ROUTE 15

9. Nothing to report.

LONG DIEN - DAT DO

10. Several small contacts with Sector Forces were noted in the past fortnight with no significant results. At 110415 H Nov 68, the DAT DO compound received five-six 82mm mortar rounds with the result of four ARVN WIA. This attack coincided with one on the MIKE Force camp (YS 4351).

LONG HAI - LIGHT GREEN - LONG GREEN

11. The most significant activity was on night 10/11 Nov 68, when the MIKE Force Camp in vicinity YS 4351 received 80 x 82mm mortar rounds at 102310 H and a further 40 at 110415 H Nov 68. Sporadic ground fire was also received and total friendly losses were one US KIA, eight US WIA and seven VN WIA. Elements of D 445 LF Bn (C 4 Hy Wpns Coy) were probably responsible for this attack and the fire into DAT DO on the same night, possibly to cause a diversion from our operations in the NORTH.

12. A renewal of track activity was noted on 13 Nov 68 through the LONG GREEN and this was possibly from the withdrawal of the mortaring elements.

ROUTE 328 - THUA TICH

13. Track activity on ROUTE 328 NORTH of XUYEN MOC has been light but SOUTH of XUYEN MOC the activity in the LONG GREEN appeared to lead onto Route 328. In the SOUTH WEST THUA TICH there was one contact at YS 563776 at 071110 H when a 1 ATF LRRP attacked a base camp occupied by four people, killing one. In the SOUTH EAST THUA TICH to the EAST of XUYEN MOC, agent reports place elements of a VC Battalion (probably D 445) and People Sniffer readouts revealed two hotspots on 14 Nov 68 in area YS 7070 and YS 7171.

14. US Advisor, XUYEN MOC Sub-sector considers that a considerable enemy force has been moving up and down the axis of the SUOI SOC and SUOI DA streams to and from a base area in the vicinity of the SUOI CONG (YS 7163). Local wood-cutters report that they were warned by the VC to stay out of the area NORTH and EAST of XUYEN MOC during the period 13-16 Nov 68. Air recce flown on 14 Nov 68 showed track activity in this area, and at 141845 Nov 68 two farmers reported sighting about 200 VC in the area of the SUOI SOC at YS 6769. 1 ATF and XUYEN MOC artillery engaged the area with unknown results.

15. It is likely that this enemy force consists of elements of D 445 LF Bn, C23 XUYEN MOC Platoon and 84 Rear Services Group.

CONCLUSIONS

16. Enemy main-force units continue to avoid major contact with 1 ATF elements and are attempting to exfiltrate the area of their previous concentration near NUI HOT (YS 6493). Enemy elements appear to have withdrawn to the NORTH, NORTH WEST and SOUTH EAST to safer base areas.

17. Enemy reconnaissance parties are active within AO FRANKLIN, trying to pinpoint our locations and fire support bases, in order to lead other elements around or between us. Contacts have proved the presence of NVA troops who are either members of 274 VC Regt or 50 Coy 264 Infiltration Group which has been allotted to 274 VC Regt.

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ENEMY SITUATION PHUOC TUY PROVINCE
AS AT 291200 H Nov 68

1. The scale of ground action has decreased over the past fortnight and the main item of interest was the number and size of caches discovered by 4/12 Inf in AO GRIFFIN as part of operation CAPITAL II.

2. Comparative statistics over the past three weeks are:

	<u>9-15 Nov 68</u>	<u>16-22 Nov 68</u>	<u>23-28 Nov 68</u>
Contacts	18	11	7
En KIA (BC)	11	11	5
En KIA (POSS)	2	-	-
PW	2	-	-
Individual Weapons	12	6	4

3. Totals of weapons captured in caches during the period by 4/12 Inf (Op Con to 1 ATF) are:

Individual Weapons	-	147	
Crew Served Weapons	-	21	Including 2 x 82mm mor 1 x 57mm RR 1 x 75mm RR 1 x 12.7mm HMG 1 x .50 cal HMG

EASTERN BORDER AREA

4. The major activity in this area was the location and destruction of several camps and caches by 4/12 Inf in AO GRIFFIN in the vicinity of MAY TAO MINOR (YS6789). From the quantity and variety of equipment recovered, including readout of documents, it is evident that this area was the location of C 100 (Wpns Repair Unit) and a major portion of 84 Rear Services Group Ordnance/QM elements. A lathe, metal working equipment, crude metal working tools, and vehicle spare parts were recovered, besides a large number of weapons and munitions. Indications are that the recovered weapons were cached in early 1968 as the new family of CHICOM weapons became available in quantity.

5. There were two minor contacts and one sighting by elements of 4/12 Inf with unknown enemy casualties and no friendly casualties from the contacts. A document dated 27 Oct 68 recovered from a camp was a warning to enemy in the area of an impending large scale friendly operation in that area. From this and other indications it is now evident that some enemy elements cached supplies where possible and exfiltrated the area on approximately 10/11 Nov 68 after receiving this warning.

6. 1 ATF operations in AO FARRER had little contact until 241020 H Nov 68, when a contact with an estimated platoon (later thought to be a delaying party) led to the discovery of an extensive camp at YS 735890. From the state and age of the camp and material found it had never been disturbed and was obviously regarded by the enemy as a completely safe area.

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7. 1 ATF operations in AO CURTIN found 11 new camps and had a result of seven enemy KIA (BC) from nine contacts. A large quantity of medical supplies was recovered from caches and destroyed. No unit identifications were made, however, documents recovered from caches at YS 560887 on 26 Nov 68 and at YS 558888 on 27 Nov 68 refer to elements of BA BIEN (now BA LONG) Province Rear Services and Medical elements.

HAT DICH

8. Activity has been very light in the area, with one contact reported. At YS 283843 on 17 Nov 68 A/2/1 Bde RTAVF contacted an estimated enemy platoon with unknown results.

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Reports still indicate the presence of Main Force units in the area and in NORTHWEST HAT DICH. There has been an increase in reports that unknown enemy forces intend to harrass LONG THANH in the near future. Three B52 strikes were made in this area on the night 28/29 Nov 68 with a good BDA to enemy base camps and bunkers.

DUC THANH

9. There have been four minor contacts with Sector forces, three of which were in the vicinity of NGAI GIAO. These were apparently enemy propaganda spreading missions. There were no enemy identifications made but they could possibly be from C 41, the CHAU DUC District Company.

NUI DINH - NUI THI VAI - ROUTE 15

10. The area has been quiet with no contacts and only one report of cratering on ROUTE 15 at YS 253728 on 24 Nov 68. A reliable agent report on 22 Nov 68 indicated the presence of the BA BIEN Provincial Committee, guarded by LF elements in the area to the NORTH of the NUI THI VAIS. A People Sniffer mission was flown on the 23 Nov 68 with a good hotspot recorded in the vicinity of YS 330785, which was engaged by LFT with unknown results.

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11. Activity was light in this area with the most significant action being on 26 Nov 68 when the I&R Platoon contacted an estimated enemy platoon with the result of one enemy KIA (BC). The enemy apparently withdrew into AN NHUT (YS 4659). There was an assassination of a former Hamlet Chief on 22 Nov 68 at YS 419594.

LONG HAI - LIGHT GREEN - LONG GREEN

12. There has been little activity in the area but a MIKE Force operation in the LONG HAIs has uncovered several base camps and medical facilities. The most notable was a battalion sized camp containing 30 large bunkers at YS 475528 on 16 Nov 68. Documents found indicated the camp to be a training area for D 445 LF Bn, C 41 and C 25 District Companies.

ROUTE 328 - THUA TICH

13. Track activity has been light throughout the area but we have received agent reports of enemy elements in the vicinity of XUYEN MOC. This may be D 445 LF Bn, or elements of it.

CONCLUSIONS

14. Enemy Main Force units are continuing to avoid contact with Allied Operations. It would appear that most of 274 VC Regt have withdrawn from the NORTHEAST Border Area; 84 Rear Services Group remains scattered in its traditional area to the NORTH EAST. There are still indications that MF elements are in the HAT DICH area, although these may try to exfiltrate to the NORTH.

15. Local VC forces in PHUOC TUY have been extremely quiet and avoiding contact. Main Force units have relocated or are currently relocating to the NORTH, probably towards LA NGA Base (YT 5325). However, there are indications of an enemy build-up within 1 ATF TAOR in SOUTHERN BIEN HOA. These forces probably include 3 Bn 274 VC Regt, 3 Bn 74 NVA Arty Regt and HQ Sub-Region 4 and elements of subordinate units. Their mission appears to be interdiction of ROUTE 15 and attacks against LONG THANH, and possibly BINH SON and BEARCAT.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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1 Nov 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 310001H to 312400H Oct 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO EVERGLADE, AO WATSON, AO RAPIER and the 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt continued operations in AO RAPIER without contact. Locations: C Sqn (-) YS457841; 2 Tp YS453886; 3 Tp YS458884.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) continued to support 3 RAR operations in AO EVERGLADE and 3 Tp continued operations with C Sqn in AO RAPIER. Road runner and convoy escorts continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB NELSON YS2181; 1 Tp YS213788; 3 Tp YS457841.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 20 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base; 102 Fd Bty FSPB LION YS6181; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; Section 161 Fd Bty FSPB NELSON YS2181.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO WATSON with minor contact. At 1142H at YS644829 11 Pl D Coy contacted 2 enemy resulting in 2 en KIA (BC), 1 BAR, 1 Chicom rifle, 2 transistor radios and some documents captured. At YS635831 D Coy found a camp of 12 bunkers, 6 of the bunkers were under construction. At YS601853 1 Pl found a camp consisting of 12 structures with bunkers underneath. At YS622856 A Coy found a camp consisting of 20 bunkers. Locations: Bn HQ YS598817; A Coy YS629851; B Coy YS595867; C Coy FSPB LION YS6181; D Coy YS648830.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO EVERGLADE without contact. At approx 1700H 1 x 60mm mortar round impacted in FSPB NELSON YS2181 without damage or casualties. At YS257796 11 Pl found a cache containing 40 x 100 lb bags of rice and 9 x 100 lb bags of salt. All were destroyed. A Coy continued operations with C Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO RAPIER. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB NELSON YS2181; C Coy YS213788; D Coy YS255795; A Coy YS457841; B Coy 1 ATF Base.

(f) 4 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR. Security elements remained at FSPB FLINDERS and the Bn HQ position. Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; Sp Coy (-) FSPB FLINDERS YS5289 and YS505866.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
310837H	YS564800	VC Base Camp	2 fighting positions destroyed.
310955H	YS677907 YS694916 YS699907 YS682898 (B52)	VC Base Camp	15 metres trench destroyed, 6 bunkers destroyed, 2 tunnels destroyed, 1 large base camp and tunnel complex destroyed, 1 secondary fire with 75 ft white smoke which burned for 1½ hours.

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311301H	YS550922	VC Base Camp	1 structure damaged.
311651H	YS683905	VC Trucks	1 truck destroyed.

(h) Results:

- 1 Friendly Losses: Nil
- 2 Enemy Losses:
 - a Personnel: 2 en KIA (BC)
 - b Materiel: 1 x BAR
1 x Chicom rifle
2 tons rice
900 lb salt

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

- (1) Company - Two
Platoon - Nil
Squad - Nineteen
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has three LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with Contact. During the insertion of a LRRP as a follow up to a B52 strike in area YS673905 3 enemy trucks containing an unknown number of enemy were seen. These were engaged by LFT, Artillery and Tac Air with result 3 trucks destroyed.
- (4) Results: 3 enemy trucks destroyed.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

2 Nov 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 010001H to 012400H Nov 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO EVERGLADE, AO WATSON, AO RAPIER and the 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt continued operations in AO RAPIER without contact. Locations: C Sqn (-) YS465885; 2 Tp YS455865; 3 Tp YS457884; 4 Tp YS471889.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) continued to support 3 RAR operations in AO EVERGLADE and 3 Tp remained in support of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO RAPIER. Road runner and convoy escorts on QL 15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB NELSON YS2181; 1 Tp YS213788; 3 Tp YS469889.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 12 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base; 102 Fd Bty FSPB LION YS6181; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; Section 161 Fd Bty FSPB NELSON YS2181.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO WATSON with minor contact. At 0822H at YS648830 11 Pl D Coy engaged 1 enemy with unknown result. At YS648825 11 Pl found a camp containing an underground hospital, 17 bunkers, a grenade range and a 75 metre firing range. 2 chicom grenades were found on the range. The camp defences consisted of concertina wire and sapling - fence obstacles and panji pits. Locations: Bn HQ YS598817; A Coy YS639850; B Coy YS602870; C Coy FSPB LION YS6181; D Coy YS647830.

(e) 3 RAR continued operations in AO EVERGLADE with minor contact. At 0225H at YS213805 7 Pl contacted approx 4 enemy without result. A Coy continued operations with C Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO RAPIER. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB NELSON YS2181; C Coy YS213788; D Coy YS246800; A Coy YS471889; B Coy 1 ATF Base.

(f) 4 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR. Security elements remained at FSPB FLINDERS and the Bn HQ position. Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; Sp Coy (-) FSPB FLINDERS YS5289 and YS505866.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
010655H	YS270838 YS282853 YS290846 YS277831	VC Base Camps (B52)	11 bunkers uncovered and damaged. 6 tunnel entrances uncovered and damaged. 200 metres of trench uncovered and damaged. 1 small base camp surrounded by trenches, fighting pits and bunkers uncovered and damaged.
010930H	YS277844	VC Base Camp	1 fighting position destroyed.
011604H	YS548893	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed.
011655H	YS544832	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed.

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(h) 1 Aust CA Unit carried out the following activities during the period 28 Oct - 1 Nov 68:

- 1 Construction of windmill at LA VAN completed.
- 2 DUC THANH market 75% completed.
- 3 Medcaps, Dencaps and Hygiene assistance continued.
- 4 Agricultural research in conjunction with CORDS continued.

(i) Results:

- 1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: NIL
- 2 ENEMY LOSSES: 2 x chicom grenades

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours. 3 RAR group and C Sqn 1 Armd Regt conclude operations in AO EVERGLADE and AO RAPIER respectively and return to 1 ATF Base. Other operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

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

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3 Nov 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 020001H to 022400H Nov 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF Continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO WATSON and the 1 ATF TAOR and concluded operations in AO EVERGLADE and AO RAPIER.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt concluded operations in AO RAPIER without contact and returned to 1 ATF Base; a series of targets in area centre of mass YS4177 were engaged by C Sqn with no known results. Locations: C Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) concluded operations with 3 RAR in AO EVERGLADE and returned to 1 ATF Base. 3 Tp also returned to 1 ATF Base on completion of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt operation in AO RAPIER. 1 Tp moved to the junction of route 328 with LTL23 providing security for elements of 1 Fd Sqn. Road runner and convoy escorts continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS629653.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. A Section of 161 Fd Bty returned to 1 ATF Base on conclusion of 3 RAR operations in AO EVERGLADE. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US); 1 ATF Base; 102 Fd Bty FSPB LION YS6181; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; Section 161 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO WATSON with minor contact. At 1415H at YS650852 A Coy engaged 2 enemy without result. Locations: Bn HQ YS598817; A Coy YS648854; B Coy YS602870; C Coy FSPB LION YS6181; D Coy YS647830.

(e) 3 RAR concluded operations in AO EVERGLADE and returned to 1 ATF Base. A Coy returned from AO RAPIER on completion of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt operations in that area. Locations: 3 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(f) 4 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR. Security elements remained at FSPB FLINDERS and the Bn HQ position. Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; Sp Coy (-) FSPB FLINDERS YS5289 and YS506865.

(g) 1 Fd Sqn. 1 Tp moved with 1 Tp A Sqn and infantry elements to YS629654 and commenced bridge construction and clearance of route 328.

(h) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
021305H	YS682834	VC Base Camp	2 Bunkers damaged.
021415H	YS629899	VC Base Camp	1 Structure destroyed. 1 Structure damaged.
021712H	YS653913	VC Base Camp	2 Bunkers destroyed. 1 Structure destroyed.

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(i) Results:

Nil.

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. 4 RAR (-) deploys by air to AO CURTIN; centre of mass YS5488 and commences RIF operations. HQ 1 ATF; A Sqn (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) deploy to FSPB LION YS6181. Other operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

- (1) Company - One
Platoon - Two
Squad - Seventeen
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn have 2 LRRPs deployed
- (3) Small Unit Actions with Contact. Nil.

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Boat Damage Assessment
021300Z	YS60801	VC Base Camp	2 structures destroyed.
021400Z	YS60802	VC Base Camp	1 structure destroyed. 1 structure damaged.
021500Z	YS60803	VC Base Camp	2 structures destroyed. 1 structure damaged.

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4 Nov 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 030001H to 032400H Nov 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF Continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO DICKSON and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (FWD) opened at FSPB LION YS6181 at 1415H to:

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt remained in 1 ATF base.
Locations: C Sqn 1 ATF base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) escorted convoy from 1 ATF base to FSPB LION. 1 Tp A Sqn continued to provide security for elms of 1 Fd Sqn. Road runner and convoy escorts continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181; 1 Tp 1 ATF base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF Operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) moved by road from 1 ATF base to FSPB LION. Locations: HQ 12 Fd Regt, 102 Bty, A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB LION YS6181; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Fd Bty 1 ATF base.

(d) 1 RAR continued Operations in AO WATSON without contact. At YS647830 11 Pl D Coy found 24 3" to 5" recording tapes and documents. Locations: Bn HQ YS598817; A Coy YS631860; B Coy YS606873; C Coy FSPB LION YS612813; D Coy YS651816.

(e) 3 RAR continued patrolling in the 1 ATF TAOR.
Locations: 3 RAR 1 ATF base.

(f) 4 RAR deployed by air and commenced Operations in AO CURTAIN centre of mass YS5588. Locations: Bn HQ, YS505866; B Coy, HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy, YS563840, D Coy FSPB FLINDERS; V Coy, YS 566869; W Coy, 1 ATF base.

(g) 1 Fd Sqn. 1 Tp completed clearance of Route 328. The bridge at YS629654 was dismantled and 1 Tp moved back to 1 ATF base with 1 Tp A Sqn and Infantry elements.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
031305H	YS769693 YS769694	VC Base Camp	3 structures destroyed.
031320H	YS786662	VC Base Camp	1 Sampan destroyed.
031740H	YS684793	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed. 30 metres of trench uncovered.

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(i) Results:

1 Friendly losses: Nil.

2 Enemy losses:

a. Personnel: Nil

b. Material: 24 3" to 5" recording tapes and

documents.

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - One
Platoon - One
Squad - Sixteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn have 1 LRRP deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

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5 Nov 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 040001H to 042400H Nov 68.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AVFBC_RE

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF Continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO WATSON, AO CURTIN and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (MAIN) remained in FSPB LION YS6181.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt remained in 1 ATF base.
Location: C Sqn 1 ATF base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operation, assisting in the security of FSPB LION. Road runner and convoy escorts on QL 15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181, 1 Tp 1 ATF base.

(c) Task Force artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 26 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB LION YS6181; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Fd Bty 1 ATF base.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO WATSON with minor contact. At 1552H at YS652869 12 Pl D Coy engaged an unknown number of enemy without result. At YS618865 A Coy found a base camp and two smaller camps containing a total of 31 bunkers and some large cooking areas. At YS582849 12 Pl D Coy located a training area consisting of a schoolroom, 3 bunkers, 2 huts and a cookhouse. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS598817; A Coy YS616874; B Coy YS621889; C Coy FSPB LION YS6181; D Coy YS655870.

(e) 3 RAR carried out patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR.
Location: 3 RAR 1 ATF base.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO CURTIN without contact. Locations: Bn HQ YS505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy YS563844; D Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS564870; W Coy 1 ATF base.

(g) Air support. Significant strikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
041014H	YS650830	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed.
041310H	YS544805	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed. 1 bunker uncovered.
041708H	YS328801	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed. 10 metres trench uncovered. 1 tunnel entrance exposed and damaged.

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(h) Results: Nil

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

- (1) Company - One
Platoon - Nil
Squad - Seventeen
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has no LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results: Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

6 Nov 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 050001H to 052400H Nov 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued operation TOAN THANG II in AO WATSON AO CURTIN and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (MAIN) remained at FSPB LION YS6181.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt remained in 1 ATF base. Location: C Sqn 1 ATF base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) remained in FSPB LION assisting in the security of that area. Road Runner and convoy escorts continued on QL 15. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181; 1 Tp 1 ATF base.

(c) Task Force artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 18 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB LION YS6181; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Bty 1 ATF base.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO WATSON with minor contact. At 0253H at YS655870 a D Coy sentry engaged an unknown number of enemy without result. At YS655870 D Coy located an enemy camp containing 33 bunkers, 2 hospitals, a well, tunnel and numerous cooking huts; 2 Chicom rifles were found in the camp. The camp was destroyed. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS598817 A Coy YS625880; B Coy YS612891; C Coy FSPB LION YS6181; D Coy YS655870

(e) 3 RAR continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR. Locations: 3 RAR 1 ATF base

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO CURTIN without contact. At YS560871 2 Pl V Coy found an enemy camp containing 20 bunkers; the camp was recently constructed and had been used by 6-8 persons within the previous 48 hours. At YS546889 11 Pl D Coy found an old camp of 60 bunkers; 2 more recently built camps were located in the same area. Locations: Bn HQ YS505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy YS556854; D Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; V Coy YS551869; W Coy 1 ATF base.

(g) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
051015H	YS684885	VC Base Camp	2 structures destroyed, 1 large bunker destroyed, 15 metres trench destroyed
051151H	YS351869	VC Base Camp	15 metres trench destroyed
051300H	YS647818	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 3 large bunkers uncovered
051408H	YS709887	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 3 large bunkers uncovered.

(h) Results: 2 x Chicom rifles captured.

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

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c. Small Unit Actions:

- (1) Company - one
Platoon - nil
Squad - eighteen
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has one LRRP deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact: At 0150H at YS485653 a patrol from 3 RAR contacted one enemy resulting in 1 Aust KIA, enemy casualties unknown.
- (4) Results:
 - (a) Friendly losses: 1 Aust KIA.
 - (b) Enemy losses: Nil.

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7 Nov 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 060001H to 062400H Nov 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO WATSON, AO CURTIN AND THE I ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (MAIN) remained at FSPB LION YS6181.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt remained in 1 ATF Base. Locations: C Sqn, 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) remained in FSPB LION YS6181. Locations: A Sqn (-), FSPB LION YS6181, 1 Tp, 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 6 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), FSPB LION YS6181, 104 Fd Bty, FSPB FLINDERS YS5289, 161 Fd Bty, 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO WATSON without contact. At YS624863 1 Pl found a camp of 10 bunkers, 2 Chicom grenades, 1 RPG7 Projectile and a small medical kit were found in the camp. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy, YS598817; A Coy, YS633884; B Coy, YS612891; C Coy, FSPB LION YS6181; D Coy, YS655871.

(e) 3 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR Patrols. Locations: 3 RAR, 1 ATF Base.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO CURTIN without contact. At 0100H at YS562875 2 x RPG rounds were fired in the general vicinity of 2 Pl V Coy without result. At YS556869 1 Pl V Coy found 7 newly constructed bunkers, they have been destroyed. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy, YS505866, B Coy, HORSESHOE HILL, YS4962, C Coy YS555859; D Coy, FSPB FLINDERS, YS5289, V Coy, YS561872, W Coy, 1 ATF Base.

(g) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
061345H	YS688822	VC Base Camp	3 structures destroyed, 1 structure damaged.
061000H	YS603784	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 1 structure destroyed, 2 large bunkers uncovered.

(h) Results:

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES: 2 x Chicom Grenades
1 x RPG7 Projectile

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has two LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

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(4) Results: Nil.

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Result
0815H	YB88822	VC Base Camp	1 structure destroyed, 1 structure damaged.
0830H	YB88824	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 1 structure destroyed, 2 large bunkers destroyed.

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8 Nov 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 070001H to 072400H Nov 68.

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

1. a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO WATSON, AO CURTIN and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB LION YS6181.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 2 Tp, with elements of 3 RAR and A Sqn 3 Cav Regt, deployed to the North of 1 ATF Base as a reaction force. Locations: C Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp YS465780.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) remained in FSPB LION YS6181 and assisted in local defence. 1 Sect 1 Tp deployed with 1 Fd Sqn along Route 23. 3 Sect 1 Tp deployed North of 1 ATF Base with 2 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181; 1 Tp (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Sect 1 Tp YS629654; 3 Sect 1 Tp YS465780.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB LION YS6181; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 Fd Sqn, with elements of 3 RAR and A Sqn 3 Cav Regt, deployed along Route 23 on a bridge construction task. Locations: 1 Fd Sqn YS629654.

(e) 1 RAR continued operations in AO WATSON without contact. Locations Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS598817; A Coy YS633884; B Coy YS615893; C Coy FSPB LION YS6181; D Coy YS650857.

(f) 3 RAR deployed two platoons in support of 2 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt and 1 Fd Sqn and continued TAOR patrols. Locations: 3 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Pl YS465780; 10 Pl YS629654.

(g) 4 RAR continued operations in AO CURTIN with minor contact. At 1526H at YS529884 12 Pl contacted 2 enemy with results 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 AK47 captured. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS506866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy YS555858; D Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; V Coy YS561872; W Coy 1 ATF Base.

(h) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
071215H	YS269840	VC Base Camp	1 bunker damaged
071300H	YS608863	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers damaged
071515H	YS725904	VC Base Camp	1 bunker damaged, 1 structure damaged
071630H	YS649830H	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 3 fighting positions destroyed

(i) Results:

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: NIL

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 1 en KIA (BC)

b Materiel: 1 AK47

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - One

Platoon - Two

Squad - Eighteen

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(2) 2 SAS Sqn has two LRRPS deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: At 1110H at YS563766 a LRRP contacted 4 enemy in a camp with result 1 enemy KIA (BC). The LRRP was extracted. At 1521H at YS340868 a LRRP contacted an estimated 4 enemy with results 1 enemy KIA (BC). The LRRP was extracted.

(4) Results: 2 Enemy KIA (BC)

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Remarks
0715H	YS6000	VC base camp	1 bunker destroyed
0730H	YS6000	VC base camp	2 bunkers destroyed
0745H	YS6000	VC base camp	1 bunker destroyed, 1 structure damaged
0755H	YS6000	VC base camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 1 lighting position destroyed

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9 Nov 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 080001H to 082400H Nov 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG .II in AO WATSON, AO CURTIN and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (MAIN) remained at FSPB LION YS6181.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 2 Tp with elements of 3 RAR and A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued operations to the NORTH of 1 ATF Base. C Sqn(-) provided convoy escort from 1 ATF Base to FSPB LION. Locations: C Sqn(-) FSPB LION YS6181; 2 Tp YS465780.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn(-) remained in FSPB LION YS6181 and assisted in local defence. 3 Tp assisted in convoy escort duties along Route 328 from YS628654 to FSPB LION. 1 Sect 1 Tp remained in support of 1 Fd Sqn. 3 Sect 1 Tp remained in support of 2 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Locations: A Sqn(-) FSPB LION YS6181; 3 Sect 1 Tp YS465780; 1 Sect 1 Tp YS629654.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt(-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB LION YS6181; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 Fd Sqn with elements of 3 RAR and A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued bridge construction tasks on Route 23 and 328. Location 1 Fd Sqn YS629654.

(e) 1 RAR continued operations in AO WATSON with minor contact. At 0830H at YS655869 12 Pl engaged 3 enemy with negative results. At 1209H at YS660870 12 Pl engaged 2 enemy with negative result. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS598817; A Coy YS645891; B Coy YS617895; C Coy FSPB LION YS6181; D Coy YS654859.

(f) 3 RAR continued to deploy two platoons in support of 2 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt and 1 Fd Sqn and continued TAOR patrols. Locations: 3 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Pl YS465780; 10 Pl YS629654.

(g) 4 RAR continued operations in AO WATSON without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS506866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy YS559851; D Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; V Coy YS575872.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
081400H	YS390678	VC Base Camp	4 Bunkers destroyed. 15 metres trench destroyed.
081403H	YS389753	VC Base Camp	2 Bunkers destroyed

(i) Results:

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: Nil.

2 ENEMY LOSSES: Nil.

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

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c. Small Unit Actions:

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has one LRRP deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with Contact: At 1010H at YS752796 a LRRP contacted 10 enemy with results 2 enemy KIA(BC), 1 Aust WIA, 1 M1 captured. The LRRP was extracted. At 1620H at YS350892 a LRRP contacted 5 enemy with results 1 enemy KIA (poss). The LRRP was extracted.

(4) Results:

(a) FRIENDLY LOSSES: 1 Aust WIA.

(b) ENEMY LOSSES:

1 Personnel: 2 enemy KIA (BC)
 1 enemy KIA (poss)

2 Materiel: 1 M1 captured.

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Result
0840H	YS30878	4 bunkers destroyed, 1 trench destroyed	
0840H	YS30753	2 bunkers destroyed	

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10 NOV 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
from 090001H TO 092400H NOV 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO FRANKLIN and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (MAIN) remained at FSPB LION YS6181.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. C Sqn (-) remained at FSPB LION. 2 Tp continued operations to the North of 1 ATF Base and carried out patrols in BINH BA rubber plantation centre of mass YS4475. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181; 2 Tp YS465780; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) remained in FSPB LION and carried out patrolling in the FSPB LION AO. At 1329H at YS625843 an APC detonated a mine with result 1 Aust WIA (Evacuated) and one APC moderately damaged. 1 Sect 1 Tp remained in support of 1 Fd Sqn. 3 Sect 1 Tp remained in support of 2 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Road Runner and convoy escort duties continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181; 1 Tp (-) 1 ATF Base; 3 Sect 1 Tp YS465780.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 3 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB LION YS6181; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 Fd Sqn with elements of 3 RAR and A Sqn 3 Cav Regt completed bridge construction tasks and returned to 1 ATF Base. Locations: 1 Fd Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(e) 1 RAR continued operations in AO WATSON without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS598817; A Coy YS645907; B Coy YS636895; C Coy FSPB LION YS6181; D Coy YS654859.

(f) 3 RAR continued TAOR patrols and continued to deploy two platoons in support of 2 Tp C Sqn and 1 Fd Sqn. Locations: 3 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Pl YS465780.

(g) 4 RAR continued operations in AO CURTIN without contact. C and V Coys were redeployed by air to vicinity YS5890. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS506866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy YS604914; D Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; W Coy 1 ATF Base.

(h) Air support. Significant airstrikes were.

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
091203H	YS642930	Enemy Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed
091355H	YS668793	Enemy Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed

(i) Results:

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES

A Personnel: 1 Aust WIA (Evac)

B Materiel: 1 APC Damaged

2 ENEMY LOSSES: NIL

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- b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. Present operations continue.
- c. Small Unit Actions.
 - (1) Company - One
Platoon - Two
Squad - Eighteen
 - (2) 2 SAS Sqn has one LRRP deployed.
 - (3) Small Unit Actions with contact. Nil.
 - (4) Results. Nil.

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	How many destroyed
0900H	111000N	Enemy base Camp	1 bunker destroyed
0930H	111000N	Enemy base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed

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11 Nov 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 100001H to 102400H Nov 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO FRANKLIN and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB LION YS6181. 4/12 Inf 199 Lib and two troops of 2/11 ACR became in direct support of 1 ATF and commenced operations in AOs BROWNING and PERSHING respectively.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. C Sqn (-) remained at FSPB LION YS6181. 2 Tp continued operations to the North of 1 ATF Base in the area of DUC THANH YS4678. 3 Tp remained in 1 ATF Base. Locations: C Sqn(-) FSPB LION YS6181: 2 Tp YS465780: 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) remained in FSPB LION YS6181 and carried out patrols in the FSPB LION AO without contact. 3 Sect 1 Tp remained in support of 2 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Road runner and convoy escort on QL 15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181: 1 Tp (-) 1 ATF Base: 3 Sect 1 Tp YS465780.

(c) 2/11 ACR (-) became in direct support of 1 ATF and commenced operations in AO PERSHING without incident. LTL 2 was cleared to and within the AO. Locations: HQ 2 Sqn (-) YS455881: E Tp YS458906: F Tp YS456869.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. C Bty 2/40 Arty (US) deployed by air to FSPB DAMPIER YS3686 and became in direct support of 1 ATF. Three tubes of How Bty 2/11 ACR became in general support. Locations: 12 Fd Regt(-) & A Bty 2/35 Arty(US) FSPB LION YS6181: 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289: 161 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base: C Bty 2/40 Arty(US) FSPB DAMPIER YS3686.

(e) 1 RAR continued operations in AO WATSON with minor contact. At 1104H at YS665863 11 Pl were fired on by 4-5 enemy: fire was returned with unknown result. At 1240H at YS640912 5 Pl engaged 2 enemy with result 1 enemy WIA (Bloodtrail). This trail was followed without result. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS598817: A Coy YS644905: B Coy YS636907: C Coy FSPB LION YS6181: D Coy YS654859.

(f) 3 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. 1 Pl remained in support of 2 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Locations: 3 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base: 1 Pl YS465780.

(g) 4 RAR continued operations in AO CURTIN with minor contact. At 0851H at YS595914 3 Pl V Coy were fired on by 2-3 enemy. Fire was returned without result. At 0939H at YS595901 1 Pl V Coy contacted 2 enemy with the result 2 NVA KIA (BC), 2 AK-47 and 2 packs captured. At 0955H at YS613911 8 Pl contacted an estimated VC Pl. The enemy withdrew to the West on contact. 1 Pl followed up and the contact continued spasmodically until approx 1200H with the final result of 2 NVA KIA (BC), 2 AK-47 and 8 packs captured. At 1330 H at YS613909 elements of C Coy contacted groups of enemy who appeared to be recovering equipment from the previous contact. At YS591916 3 Pl V Coy found a cache containing 3 x B40 rockets, 160 lbs of explosive, 1 AN/PRC 10 (complete) and 1 x 10 line magnetic exchange (complete). Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS506866: B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962: C Coy YS613911: V Coy YS592908: W Coy 1 ATF Base.

(h) 4/12 Inf carried out an assault landing into FSPB DAMPIER YS3686 and commenced operations in AO BROWNING, Centre of Mass YS3983 without contact. Locations: 4/12 Inf (-) FSPB DAMPIER YS3686: B Coy YS396864: D Coy YS365825.

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(i) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
101150H	YS621685	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed
101216H	YS557821	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed 2 bunkers damaged, 1 bunker uncovered
101410H	YS686795	VC Base Camp	4 bunkers damaged

(j) Results:

- 1 Friendly Losses: Nil
- 2 Enemy Losses:
 - a. Personnel: 4 NVA KIA (BC)
1 En WIA (Bloodtrail)
 - b. Material: 4 x AK-47s
10 x packs
3 x B40 rounds
160lbs explosives
1 x AN/PRC 10 radio
1 x 10 line exchange

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

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

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12 Nov 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 110001H to 112400H Nov 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO FRANKLIN and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB LION YS6181.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt (-) carried out patrols to the North of FSPB LION. 3 Tp relieved 2 Tp on operations to the North of 1 ATF Base. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp YS460828.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn (-) remained in FSPB LION and carried out patrols to the North of 1 ATF Base. 3 Sect 1 Tp remained in support of 3 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Road runner and convoy escort on QL 15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181; 1 Tp (-) 1 ATF Base; 3 Sect 1 Tp YS460828.

(c) 2/11 ACR (-) continued operations in AO PERSHING without contact. At YS443854 an unknown number of bunkers were found. Locations: HQ 2 Sqn (-) YS455881; E Tp YS456916; F Tp YS451864.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 13 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB LION YS6181; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Bty 1 ATF Base; C Bty 2/40 Arty (US) FSPB DAMPIER YS3686.

(e) 1 RAR continued operations in AO WATSON with minor contact. At 0900H at YS642915 1 enemy soldier surrendered to 6 Pl. He had been wounded in a previous contact and was carrying an AK47. At 1820H at YS649910 1 Pl engaged 5 enemy with the result 2 enemy KIA (BC): 1 armalite rifle, 1 pistol (type unknown) and 3 packs were captured. A heavy bloodtrail was followed but lost due to darkness. At YS642913 B Coy located a live firing training area. A small camp nearby was capable of holding a platoon. Locations: BN HQ and Sp Coy YS598817; A Coy YS644905; B Coy YS637905; C Coy FSPB LION YS6181; D Coy YS654859.

(f) 3 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. 4 Pl relieved 1 Pl in support of 3 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Locations: 3 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base; 4 Pl YS460828.

(g) 4 RAR continued operations in AO CURTIN with minor contact. At 0800H at YS613911 7 Pl contacted 2 enemy with the result 1 enemy KIA (BC), 1 AK47, 1 chicom grenade, 1 pack and some documents were captured. At 1321H at YS605913 9 Pl contacted 1 enemy with result 1 enemy KIA (BC), 1x M2 carbine and a quantity of medical supplies and equipment and clothing captured. Locations: BN HQ and Sp Coy YS506866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy YS613911; D Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; V Coy YS589909; W Coy 1 ATF Base.

(h) 4/12 Inf continued operations in AO BROWNING without contact. At YS393863 one armed enemy was sighted moving West. At YS364825 D Coy found a camp of 9 bunkers each with 2 Ft of OHP. A tunnel was also found in the area. Locations: 4/12 Inf (-) FSPB DAMPIER YS3686; B Coy YS396864; D Coy YS365825.

(i) Air Support: Significant Airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Descriptions	Bomb Damage Assessment.
111218H	YS684784	VC Base Camp	4 Bunkers destroyed 2 Tunnel entrances destroyed

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Time	Coordinates	Target descriptions	Bomb Damage Assessment
111304H	YS684784	VC Base Camp	3 Bunkers Destroyed.
111403H	YS768767	VC Base Camp	3 Bunkers destroyed 4 Bunkers uncovered.

(j) Results:

1 Friendly losses: Nil.

2 Enemy losses:

a Personnel: 4 enemy KIA (BC)
1 NVA WIA (PW)

b Material: 1 x M2 Carbine
1 x Armalite
1 x Pistol
1 Chicom grenade
Quantity medical supplies

documents and equipment, plus 2 AK47.

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

- (1) Company - One
Platoon - One
Squad - Seventeen.
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has five LRRP's deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact: Nil
- (4) Results: Nil.

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13 Nov 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 120001H to 122400H Nov 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO FRANKLIN and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains at FSPB LION YS6181.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 4 Tp patrolled to the North of FSPB LION. 2 Tp remained operating north of 1 ATF Base. Locations: C Sqn (-), FSPB LION YS6181; 2 Tp, 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp, YS461780.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 2 Tp patrolled to the north of FSPB LION with 4 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 3 Sect 1 Tp remained in support of 3 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt north of 1 ATF Base. Locations: A Sqn (-), FSPB LION YS6181; 1 Tp (-), 1 ATF Base; 3 Sect 1 Tp, YS461780.

(c) 2/11 ACR (-), continued operations in AO PERSHING without contact. Locations: HQ 2 Sqn, YS455860; E Tp, YS456881; F Tp, YS451864.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF Operations. 11 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), FSPB LION YS6181; 104 Fd Bty, FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Fd Bty, 1 ATF Base; C Bty 2/40 Arty (US), FSPB DAMPIER YS3686.

(e) 1 RAR continued operations in AO WATSON with minor contact. At 1110H at YS654912 1 Pl sighted 1 enemy and engaged without result. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy, YS598817; A Coy, YS644906; B Coy, YS637905; C Coy, FSPB LION YS756181; D Coy, YS654859.

(f) 3 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. 4 Pl remained in support of 2 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Locations: 3 RAR, 1 ATF Base; 4 Pl, YS461780.

(g) 4 RAR continued operations in AO CURTAIN with minor contact. At 1404H at YS613911 1 Pl V Coy contacted and estimated 10 enemy with result 1 enemy WIA (Bloodtrail). Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy, YS505866; B Coy, HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy, YS613911; V Coy, YS589909; W Coy, 1 ATF Base.

(h) 4/12 Inf continued operations in AO BROWNING without contact. At YS368875 E Coy found a Base Camp estimated to be 3 to 4 weeks old containing 50 bunkers. The camp was then prepared for demolition. Locations: 4/12 Inf (-), FSPB DAMPIER YS3686; B Coy, YS397864; D Coy, YS365826.

(i) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
121643H	YS609845	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 5 metres trench uncovered.

(j) Results:

1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 1 en WIA (Bloodtrail)

b Material: Nil

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

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c. Small Unit Actions:

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

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Class	Classification	Project Description	Task/Message Assessment
SECRET	SECRET	VC Base Camp	2 buttons destroyed, 2 markers found unmarked.

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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 130001H to 132400H Nov 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued operation TOAN THANG II in AO FRANKLIN and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (MAIN) remains at FSPB LION YS6181.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp patrolled to the NORTH and WEST of FSPB LION. 4 Tp moved NORTH to support A Coy 1 RAR. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp YS461780; 4 Tp YS644906.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 3 Tp patrolled to the NORTH of FSPB LION with 4 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt, and returned to FSPB LION. 3 Sect 1 Tp remained in support of 3 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt NORTH of 1 ATF Base. Roadrunner ops and convoy escort on QL15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181; 1 Tp (-) 1 ATF Base; 3 Sect 1 Tp YS461780.

(c) 2/11 ACR (-) continued operations in AO PERSHING without contact. F Tp together with elements of 1 Fd Sqn searched a bunker system found under the village of CAM MY at YS465859 without results. Several tunnels and storage areas were destroyed. Locations: HQ 2 Sqn and E Tp YS455880; F Tp YS455861.

(d) Task force artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB LION YS6181; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Bty 1 ATF Base; C Bty Arty (US) FSPB DAMPIER YS3686.

(e) 1 RAR continued operations in AO WATSON with minor contact. At 1645H at YS661872 12 Pl engaged an unknown number of enemy without results. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS598817; A Coy YS644906; B Coy YS637905; C Coy FSPB LION YS6181; D Coy YS654859.

(f) 3 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. 4 Pl remained in support of 3 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Locations: 3 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; 4 Pl YS461780.

(g) 4 RAR continued operations in AO CURTIN with minor contact. At 0857H at YS593914 2 Pl V Coy contacted 2 VC with result 1 VC PW (Wounded); 1 enemy WIA (POSS); 1 AK47 and 1 pack were captured. At 0954H at YS605913 9 Pl contacted 2 enemy with result 1 enemy KIA (BC). 1 AK47, 4 AK47 magazines and 1 M16 bayonet were captured. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy YS613911; D Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; V Coy YS588908; W Coy 1 ATF Base.

(h) 4/12 Inf continued operations in AO BROWNING without contact. At YS372866 C Coy found a grave containing a male body approximately 7 days old. Cause of death is unknown. E Coy continued demolition of the camp at YS368875. Locations: 4/12 Inf (-) FSPB DAMPIER YS3686; B Coy YS392851; D Coy YS370823.

(i) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
131605H	YS753769	VC Base Camp	1 structure destroyed, 1 structure damaged, 1 bunker damaged
131641H	YS602694	VC Base Camp	1 structure damaged, 3 bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker uncovered, 5 metres trench uncovered
131645H	YS650830	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers uncovered, 10 metres trench uncovered

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
131734H	YS768767	VC Base Camp	6 bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker damaged, 1 bunker uncovered.

(j) Results:

1 Friendly losses: Nil

2 Enemy losses:

- a. Personnel: 1 enemy KIA (BC)
 1 PW (WIA)
 1 enemy (WIA) (POSS)
- b. Materiel: 2 AK47
 4 AK Magazines
 1 pack
 1 M16 bayonet

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

- (1) Company - One
 Platoon - One
 Squad - Eighteen
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has five LRRP's deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results: Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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15 Nov 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 140001H to 142400H Nov 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO FRANKLIN and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains at FSPB LION YS6181.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp with 2 Tp (-) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt, Defence and Employment Platoon HQ 1 ATF and engineer elements patrolled to the south of FSPB LION and carried out recce of the crossing of Route 327 over the SONG RAI river at YS5376. 3 Tp remains with TANGO Force. 4 Tp remains in support of A Coy 1 RAR. Locations: C Sqn (-), FSPB LION YS6181; 2 Tp, 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp, YS461779; 4 Tp, YS645906.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 2 Tp (-) patrolled to the south of FSPB LION with 1 Tp C Sqn and returned to FSPB LION. 3 Sect 1 Tp remained in support of 3 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt north of 1 ATF Base. Roadrunner ops and convoy escort on QL 15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-), FSPB LION YS6181; 1 Tp (-), 1 ATF Base; 3 Sect 1 Tp, YS461779.

(c) 2/11 ACR (-) continued operations in AO PERSHING without contact. At YS462883 2 Pl E Tp found a cache containing 4 RPG2 rounds, 10 blocks TNT and 40 pounds of powdered explosive. Locations: HQ 2 Sqn and E Tp, YS455880; F Tp, YS455862.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. Nil H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), FSPB LION YS6181; 104 Fd Bty, FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Fd Bty, 1 ATF Base; C Bty 2/40 Arty (US), FSPB DAMPIER YS3686.

(e) 1 RAR continued operations in AO WATSON without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy, YS598817; A Coy, YS645906; B Coy YS637905; C Coy, FSPB LION YS6181; D Coy, YS654859.

(f) 3 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. Locations: 3 RAR, 1 ATF Base.

(g) 4 RAR continued operations in AO CURTIN with minor contact. At 1128H at YS533876 12 Pl engaged on 2 enemy with result 2 enemy KIA (BC). 1 AK47, 2 spades and a quantity of medical supplies were captured. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy, YS505866; B Coy, HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy, YS613911; D Coy, FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; V Coy, YS588908; W Coy, 1 ATF Base.

(h) 4/12 Inf continued operations in AO CURTIN without contact. A Coy redeployed by air from FSPB DAMPIER to vicinity of YS4081. At 1110H at YS381852 B Coy found a cache containing 19 x 75mm RCL rounds, 650 rounds SA, 3 x 82mm mortar rounds, assorted fuzes, 27 x 60mm mortar rounds, 2 x RPG rounds, 3 LMG barrells chicom. It is believed that the enemy were trying to remove the cache when disturbed by B Coy. E (Recon) Coy found a further 3 bunkers at YS368875. Total now 53 bunkers. Destruction completed. Locations: 4/12 Inf (-), FSPB DAMPIER YS3686; A Coy, YS405816; B Coy, YS381852; D Coy, YS365826.

(i) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
140905H	YS768767	VC Base Camp	7 bunkers uncovered and damaged. 2 large bunkers destroyed.
141322H	YS768767	VC Base Camp	1 structure destroyed. 1 structure damaged.
141730H	YS744777	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed. 1 structure damaged. 1 tunnel entrance uncovered.

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(j) Results:

- 1 FRIENDLY LOSSES: Nil
- 2 ENEMY LOSSES:
 - a Personnel: 2 enemy KIA (BC)
 - b Materiel:
 - 1 x AK47
 - 2 x spades
 - qty med supplies
 - 19 x 75mm RCL rounds
 - 650 rounds of SA
 - 3 x 82mm mortar rounds
 - 27 x 60mm mortar rounds
 - 3 x LMG barrels chicom
 - 10 x 60mm mortar fuzes
 - 2 x 82mm mortar fuzes
 - 8 x RPG fuzes
 - 2 x 82mm mortar propellant charges
 - 1 x unknown canister
 - 2 x RPG rounds
 - 10 x blocks TNT
 - 40 pounds powdered explosives.

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

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

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16 Nov 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 150001H to 152400H Nov 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO FRANKLIN and the 1 ATF TAOR, HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB LION YS6181.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. At 1456H at YS462791 a tank of 3 Tp detonated a mine with the result 2 Aust WIA. The tank sustained only minor damage. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp YS461779; 4 Tp YS646909.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 2 Tp escorted a section of 102 Fd Bty and C Coy 1 RAR to FSPB LEOPARD YS6581. 3 Sect 1 Tp continued to support 3 Tp 1 Armd Regt. Road runner and convoy escort on QL15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181; 1 Tp (-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp FSPB LEOPARD YS6581; 3 Sect 1 Tp YS461779.

(c) 2/11 ACR (-) continued operations in AO PERSHING. At 1320H at YS437858 F Tp found a base camp, of 25 bunkers, 12 tunnels and 4 houses. 3 enemy were seen to run from the camp and followed up without result. The camp contained quantities of food, clothing and cooking equipment. The camp was destroyed. Locations: HQ 2 Sqn and E Tp YS455880; F Tp YS455862.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 15 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. A Sect of 102 Fd Bty established at FSPB LEOPARD at YS650814. Locations: 12 Fd Regt(-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB LION YS6181; Sect 102 Fd Bty FSPB LEOPARD YS6581; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base; C Bty 2/40 Arty (US) FSPB DAMPIER YS3686.

(e) 1 RAR continued operations in AO WATSON without contact. C Coy (-) moved with 2 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt to FSPB LEOPARD YS6581. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS598817; A Coy YS645906; B Coy YS637905; C Coy (-) FSPB LEOPARD YS6581; D Coy YS654859.

(f) 3 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. Location: 3 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(g) 4 RAR continued operations in AO CURTIN with minor contact. At 1503H at YS593917 1 Pl V Coy contacted 3 enemy with the result 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 enemy WIA (blood trail) and 1 AK47 captured. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS505866; B Coy HORSESHOR HILL YS4962; C Coy YS613911; D Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; V Coy YS388908; W Coy 1 ATF Base.

(h) 4/12 Inf continued operations in AO BROWNING without contact. Locations: 4/12 Inf (-) FSPB DAMPIER YS3686; A Coy YS414816; B Coy YS402846; D Coy YS370823.

(i) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes were:

Time	Coordiantes	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
150810H	YS691776	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed. 2 bunkers damaged. 4 bunkers uncovered. 2 trails cut.

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151645H	YS685785	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers uncovered.
151735H	YS685785	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers uncovered. 1 bunker damaged.

(j) Results.

1 Friendly losses: 2 AUST WIA

2 Enemy losses:

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

b Materiel : 1 AK47

b. Plans Summary for the next 24 hours. 1 RAR deploys to AO PEARCE centre of mass YS6083. Other operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - One
Platoon - One
Squad - Nineteen

(2) 2 SAS has five LRRP's deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact. Nil.

(4) Results. Nil

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17 Nov 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 160001H to 162400H Nov 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO FRANKLIN. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB LION YS6181. 1 RAR extended its area of operations to include AO PEARCE, centre of mass YS7083.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp, with 3 Sect 3 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and the Defence Pl HQ 1 ATF, moved to area YS6490 to secure the PZ for the move of A and B Coy 1 RAR. Both 1 and 4 Tps then returned to FSPB LION YS6181. 3 Tp remained operating North of 1 ATF Base. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp YS461779.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 3 Sect 3 Tp moved to area YS6490 with 1 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt and returned to FSPB LION YS6181. 2 Tp returned to FSPB LION from FSPB LEOPARD YS6581. 3 Sect 1 Tp continued operating to the North of 1 ATF Base with 3 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Road runner and convoy escort on QL 15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181; 1 Tp (-) 1 ATF Base; 3 Sect 1 Tp YS461779.

(c) 2/11 ACR (-) continued operations in AO PERSHING without contact. Locations: Sqn HQ and E Troop YS455881; F Troop YS455862.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 2 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. FSPB LEOPARD YS6581 was abandoned and the sect of 102 Fd Bty returned to FSPB LION YS6181. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB LION YS6181; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base; C Bty 2/40 Arty (US) FSPB DAMPIER YS3686.

(e) 1 RAR continued operations in AO WATSON and commenced operations in AO PEARCE centre of mass YS7083 with minor contact. At 1540H at YS693854 3 Pl contacted 5 enemy with no result. A and B Coys deployed by air to area YS7285. 7 Pl joined C Coy at FSPB LEOPARD YS6587. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS598817; A Coy YS696864; B Coy YS702841; C Coy YS659818; D Coy YS654859.

(f) 3 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. Location: 3 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(g) 4 RAR continued operations in AO CURTIN with minor contact. At 0810H at YS584916 2 Pl V Coy were engaged by an estimated enemy squad with result 1 NZ KIA and 3 NZ WIA. A sweep of the contact area found a camp of at least 20 bunkers. Destruction of the camp was commenced. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS506867; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy YS591907; D Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; V Coy YS589917; W Coy 1 ATF Base.

(h) 4/12 Inf continued operations in AO BROWNING without contact. Locations: 4/12 Inf (-) FSPB DAMPIER YS3686; A Coy YS416817; B Coy YS399845; D Coy YS370823.

(i) Air Support. Significant airstrike was:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
161645H	YS684785	VC Base Camp	1 large bunker destroyed, 1 bunker uncovered.

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(j) Results:

- 1 Friendly Losses: 1 NZ KIA
3 NZ WIA
- 2 Enemy Losses: Nil

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

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - One
Platoon - One
Squad - Nineteen
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has four LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with Contact. At 1535H at YS282744 a LRRP contacted 5 enemy with the result 3 en KIA (BC) and 1 en WIA (bloodtrail). The LRRP was extracted.

(4) Results:

- (a) Friendly Losses: Nil
- (b) Enemy Losses: 3 en KIA (BC)
1 en WIA (bloodtrail)

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Remarks
1535H	YS282744	VC Base Camp	1 large bunker destroyed, 1 bunker destroyed.

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Nov 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 170001H to 182400H Nov 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operations in TOAN THANG II in AO FRANKLIN and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (MAIN) remained at FSPB LION YS6181.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 4 Tp with 3 Sect 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt patrolled to the North of FSPB LION YS6181. 3 Tp continued operating to the North of 1 ATF Base. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp YS461779.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181; 1 Tp (-) 1 ATF Base; 3 Sect 1 Tp YS 461779.

(c) 2/11 ACR (-) continued operating in AO PERSHING. At 0832H at YS457905 a tank of E Tp detonated a mine with result 1 US WIA and 1 tank damaged. At 0840H at YS456905 a tank hit another mine, there were no casualties and the tank sustained minor damage only. At YS436853 F Tp found a tunnel 200 feet long. 800 lbs of rice was found and destroyed. Locations: Sqn HQ and E Tp YS455881; F Tp YS455862.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 22 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB LION YS6181; 104 Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base; C Bty 2/40 Arty (US) FSPB DAMPIER YS3686.

(e) 1 RAR continued operations in AO WATSON and PEARCE with minor contact. At 0925H at YS694839 B Coy engaged 3 enemy with no result. At 1410H at YS693834 1 enemy engaged the loading element of 6 Pl with result 1 Aust WIA, who later DOW. Fire was returned with unknown result. At 1717H at YS695835 6 Pl contacted 2 enemy with no result. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS598817; A Coy YS678857; B Coy YS691833; C Coy YS658819; D Coy YS654859.

(f) 3 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base. Locations: 3 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(g) 4 RAR continued operations in AO CURTAIN with minor contact. At 0900H at YS591917 3 Pl V Coy contacted an estimated 5 enemy with result 2 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 x AK47 captured. At 1450H at YS572922 7 Pl contacted an unknown number of enemy with the result 3 enemy KIA (BC) and 2 X AK47s and 1 M1 carbine captured. In the area of YS592917 and YS588917 a series of camps with a total of 36 bunkers were found. 1 gas mask, 2 grenades and 1 RPG2 were found in the camps. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS506867; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy YS572922; D Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; V Coy YS589917; W Coy 1 ATF Base.

(h) 4/12 Inf continued operations in AO BROWNING without contact. D Coy returned to FSPB DAMPIER YS3686. Locations: 4/12 Inf (-) FSPB DAMPIER YS3686; A Coy YS416817; B Coy YS396862.

(i) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
171100H	YS684784	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed. 1 bunker uncovered. 1 well collapsed.

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(j) Results:

- 1 Friendly Losses: 1 Aust KIA
1 US WIA (Evac)
- 2 Enemy Losses: A. Personnel: 5 En KIA (BC)
B. Material: 3 x AK47s
1 x M1 carbine
1 x Gas mask
2 x Grenades
1 x RPG2 rounds

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

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

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

19 Nov 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 180001H to 182400H Nov 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO FRANKLIN and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains at FSPB LION YS6181.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp, with 2 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt carried out RIF to the South of FSPB LION along Route 328. 3 Tp remained North of 1 ATF Base. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181; 2 Tp 1 ATF Base; 3 Tp YS461779.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 2 Tp accompanied 1 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt on RIF to the South of FSPB LION. 3 Sect Sp Tp relieved 3 Sect 1 Tp in support of 3 Tp C Sqn. Locations: A Sqn(-) FSPB LION YS6181; 1 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) 2/11 ACR (-) continued operation in AO PERSHING without contact. At YS432889 E Tp sighted 8 enemy moving to the West. A sweep was carried out without success. Locations: Sqn HQ and E Tp YS458881; F Tp YS455862.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB LION YS6181; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base; C Coy 2/40 Arty (US) FSPB DAMPIER YS3686.

(e) 1 RAR continued operations in AO WATSON and PEARCE without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS598817; A Coy YS656860; B Coy YS684838; C Coy YS658819; D Coy YS654859.

(f) 3 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base. Locations: 3 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(g) 4 RAR continued operations in AO CURTIN with minor contact. At 1358H at YS565922 9 Pl contacted 3 enemy with the result 1 enemy KIA(BC) and 1 AK47, 6 x M26 grenades and a quantity of propaganda documents and clothing captured. At YS581921 3 Pl V Coy located a cache containing 300 rds of .30 cal ammo, 1 Chicom grenade. At YS585921 V Coy found a cache containing 17 lbs Chicom TNT, 15 prs Plastic sandals, 30 rds 5.56mm ball ammo, 1 set web eqpt (Chicom), 1 transistor radio, 1 set balance scales and 60 empty flour bags. W Coy relieved B Coy of the task of defence of the HORSESHOE Feature YS4962. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS506867; B Coy 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS572922; D Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; V Coy YS580920; W Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(h) 4/12 Inf continued operations in AO BROWNING without contact. At YS355874 E Coy found a base camp of 20 bunkers. The camp, which was 3 to 4 weeks old, was destroyed. Locations: 4/12 Inf(-) FSPB DAMPIER YS3686; A Coy YS407818; B Coy YS396862.

(i) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
181300H	YS746751	VC Base Camp	1 bunker uncovered.
181630H	YS693774	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed.
181630H	YS691776	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers uncovered.

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(j) Results:

- 1 Friendly Losses: Nil
- 2 Enemy Losses:
 - a Personnel: 1 en KIA(BC)
 - b Material: 1 x AK47
2 x grenades
300 rds, 30 cal ammo
17 lbs TNT
15 prs sandals
30 rds 5.56mm ammo
1 x transistor radio

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. 1 RAR deploys by air to AO FARRER Centre of Mass YS7884 and establishes FSPB LYNX area YS7582, 4/12 Inf deploys by air to AO GRIFFIN Centre of Mass YS7087 and establishes FSPB TIGER area YS6490. 2/11 ACR (-) extends operations to the West in AO PERSHING (modified). Other operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

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

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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20 Nov 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 190001H to 192400H Nov 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO FRANKLIN. Operations were extended to the East. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB LION YS6181.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. C Sqn (-) conducted RIF to the South of FSPB LION. 2 Tp relieved 3 Tp North of 1 ATF Base. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181; 2 Tp YS461782; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 2 Tp accompanied C Sqn 1 Armd Regt (-) on RIF to the South of FSPB LION. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181; 1 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) 2/11 ACR (-) continued operations in AO PERSHING without contact. Locations: Sqn HQ and E Tp YS455881; F Tp YS455862.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. 102 Fd Bty redeployed into FSPB LYNX YS7583 in support of the extended operations into AO FARRER. FSPB DAMPIER YS3686 was abandoned and C Coy 2/40 Arty (US) deployed into FSPB TIGER. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB LION YS6181; 102 Fd Bty FSPB LYNX YS7582; 161 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base; C Bty 2/40 Arty (US) FSPB TIGER YS6491.

(e) 1 RAR redeployed from AO WATSON to AO FARRER centre of mass YS7884 without contact. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB LYNX YS7582; A Coy YS830811; B Coy YS659818; C Coy YS658819; D Coy YS760835.

(f) 3 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base. Locations: 3 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(g) 4 RAR continued operations in AO CURTIN with minor contact. At 1455H at YS567916 8 Pl contacted 1 enemy with result 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 x AK47 captured. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS506867; B Coy 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS572922; D Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; V Coy YS580920; W Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(h) 4/12 Inf redeployed from AO BROWNING to AO GRIFFEN centre of mass YS7087 without contact. Locations: 4/12 Inf (-) FSPB TIGER YS6491; A Coy YS659880; B Coy YS667872.

(i) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
191230H	YS772768	VC Base Camp	2 large bunkers uncovered, 8 small bunkers uncovered.
191430H	YS772768	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 4 bunkers uncovered.
191520H	YS667749 YS668755	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 1 small secondary fire with green smoke
191615H	YS667749 YS668753	VC Base Camp	4 bunkers damaged, 1 bunker destroyed.

(j) Results.

- 1 Friendly losses: Nil
- 2 Enemy Losses: A. Personnel: 1 En KIA (BC)
B. Materiel: 1 x AK47.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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21 Nov 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
For Period 200001H to 202400H Nov 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO FRANKLIN and the 1 ATF TAOR. 3 RAR returned to Australia, being replaced in 1 ATF by 9 RAR. HQ 1 ATF (MAIN) remained at FSPB LION YS6181.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. C Sqn (-) remained at FSPB LION. 2 Tp remained operating NORTH of 1 ATF base. Locations: C Sqn (-), 1 ATF base 2 Tp; YS461782 3 Tp; 1 ATF base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp provided route security between 1 ATF base and VUNG TAU for the moves of 3 RAR and 9 RAR. 2 Tp escorted Engineer plant from FSPB LION to FSPB TIGER. 3 Sect 1 Tp remained in support of 2 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Locations: A Sqn (-), 1 ATF base 1 Tp (-); 1 ATF base 3 Sect 1 Tp, YS461782.

(c) 2/11 ACR (-) continued operations in AO PERSHING without contact. Locations: Sqn HQ and E Tp, YS455881 F Tp YS455862.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 16 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), FSPB LION YS6181 102 Fd Bty; FSPB LYNX YS7582 104 Fd Bty; FSPB FLINDERS YS5289 161 Fd Bty; 1 ATF base C Bty 2/40 Arty (US); FSPB TIGER YS6491.

(e) 1 RAR continued operations in AO FARRER without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy, FSPB LYNX YS7582 A Coy; YS829826 B Coy; YS802808 C Coy; YS700809 D Coy; YS776842.

(f) 3 RAR moved by road to VUNG TAU and returned to Australia, being replaced in 1 ATF by 9 RAR.

(g) 4 RAR continued operations in AO CURTIN without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS506867; B Coy 1 ATF base; C Coy YS556918; D Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; V Coy YS548920; W Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(h) 9 RAR replaced 3 RAR in 1 ATF. Location: 9 RAR 1 ATF base.

(i) 4/12 Inf continued operations in AO GRIFFIN with minor contact. At 2132H at YS670897 C Coy contacted 2-3 enemy with result 1 US WIA and unknown enemy casualties. At YS661884 A Coy found 3 large bunkers containing 12 sets of grey uniforms and a quantity of 30 and 45 calibre ammunition. At YS668889 found 2 Chicom Grenade booby-traps. In the area some old unidentified machinery was found, and also a Cache containing 3000 Welding Rods, 60 US Smoke Canisters, 25 x M4 Incendiary Grenades, 100000 US blank .30 rounds and 60 red star clusters. At YS670890 a further 10 booby trapped grenades were found. Tunnels in the area contained 15 Anti Tank Rifle Grenades, 98 Chicom Grenades, 1200 blank .30 rounds, 1 grenade

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launcher of unknown type, 200 blank M1 rounds, 40 MK 5 US Fuze Igniter sets. Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy FSPB TIGER; YS6491; T Coy YS667888; B Coy YS667872; C Coy YS670896.

(j) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
201545H	YS655759	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed

(k) Results:

- 1 Friendly Losses: 1 US WIA (not evac)
- 2 Enemy Losses: 60 smoke canisters
25 incendiary grenades
11,200 blank .30 rounds
2000 blank M1 rounds
60 red star clusters
15 anti-tank rifle grenades
98 Chicom grenades
1 grenade launcher
40 fuze igniter sets
Qty SA ammo and clothing.

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

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

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22 Nov 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 210001H to 212400H Nov 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO FRANKLIN and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains at FSPB LION YS6181.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. C Sqn (-) remained in FSPB LION YS6181. 2 Tp and 3 Sect 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt deployed to NGAI GAIO YS4679 in support of a sweep of the village conducted by Provincial Forces. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181; 2 Tp YS461782; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. At 0822H at YS246758 a command detonated mine was exploded on the road in front of the roadrunner group. There was no damage or casualties. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181; 1 Tp (-) 1 ATF Base; 3 Sect 1 Tp YS461782.

(c) 2/11 ACR (-) continued operations in AO PERSHING without contact. At YS419856 elements of F Tp found a bunker containing 100 rounds 7.62, 30 rounds M1 and 30 rounds AK47. Locations: Sqn HQ and E Tp YS455881; F Tp YS455862.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. Nil H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB LION YS6181; 102 Fd Bty FSPB LYNX YS7582; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base; C Bty 2/40 Arty (US) FSPB TIGER YS6497.

(e) 1 RAR continued operations in AO FARRER without contact. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB LYNX YS7582; A Coy YS805858; B Coy YS786042; C Coy YS750842; D Coy YS776842.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO CURTIN without contact. At YS549919 V Coy found a camp of 17 bunkers, and 100 rounds of BAR ammunition. Locations: Bn HQ YS506867; B Coy 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS551901; D Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; V Coy YS547917; W Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(g) 9 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base. Locations: 9 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(h) 4/12 Inf continued operations in AO GRIFFIN without contact. In the area of YS668873 B Coy found 2 ox carts and a cache containing 1 anti tank mine, 30 spent 40mm cases and 100 spent .5 cal cases. In the area of YS677897 A Coy found 17 booby trapped grenades and caches containing; 2 x crosscut saws, 1 US claymore, 3 rifle grenades, 1 x M1 rifle with a modified barrel, 1 x bugle, 4 chicom claymores, 1000 hacksaw blades, 55 lbs TNT, 200 metal files, 200 drill bits, 200 sapping tools, 1 x 6 volt generator, and a quantity of food, clothing and equipment. A grave containing a six day old body was also found. At YS674875 B Coy found a large bunker containing a table and chairs, a bugle and a rifle of unknown type. At YS675897 C Coy located a cache containing 7 x 60mm mortar rounds, 9 x 81mm mortar rounds, 3 chicom claymores, 3 x 3 ft chicom bangalors, 1 x chicom .50 cal tripod, 1 x 1917 winchester rifle, 1 x 75mm RCL in poor condition, 1,959 chicom grenades (new). In the area YS6291 D Coy found a total of 61 bunkers. Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy FSPB TIGER YS6491; A Coy YS674893; B Coy YS673868; C Coy YS674896.

(i) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
210330H	YS389753	VC Base Camp	4 bunkers uncovered.
210755H	YS748753	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 7 bunkers uncovered.
211314H	YS640765	VC Base Camp	1 large bunker destroyed, 2 structures destroyed.

(j) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: Nil

2 Enemy Losses: 1 rifle of unknown type; 1 x M1 with modified barrel; 1 x 1917 winchester rifle; 1 x 75mm RCL; 1 x 50 cal tripod; 1961 chicom grenades; 7 chicom claymores; 1 x US claymore; 3 x rifle grenades; 1 x anti tank mine; 7 x 60mm mortar rounds; 9 x 81mm mortar rounds; 3 x 3 ft chicom bangalors; 2 x bugles; 1000 hacksaw blades; 55 lbs TNT; 2 x crosscut saws; 1 x 6 volt generator; qty files, bits, sapping tools; qty eqpt, food, clothing.

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - One

Platoon - One

Squad - Eighteen.

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has one LRRP deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

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23 Nov 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 220001H to 222400H Nov 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO FRANKLIN and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB LION YS6181.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. C Sqn(-) remained at FSPB LION. At 1935H 2 Tp and 3 Sect 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt were deployed to NGAI GAI O YS4679 in support of a RF contact with estimated 15 enemy. Contact broke at 2100H with result 1 RF WIA, enemy casualties unknown. Locations: C Sqn(-) FSPB LION YS6181; 2 Tp YS461782; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. Locations: A Sqn(-) FSPB LION; YS6181; 1 Tp(-) 1 ATF Base; 3 Sect 1 Tp YS461782.

(c) 2/11 ACR(-) continued operations in AO PERSHING. Locations: Sqn HQ and E Tp YS455881; F Tp YS455862.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. No H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt(-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB LION YS6181; 102 Fd Bty FSPB LYNX YS7582; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base; C Bty 2/40 Arty (US) FSPB TIGER YS6497.

(e) 1 RAR continued operations in AO FARREER without contact. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB LYNX YS7582; A Coy YS799873; B Coy YS769874; C Coy YS759878; D Coy YS764860.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO CURTIN without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS506867; B Coy 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS557876; V Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; D Coy YS531876; W Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(g) 9 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base. Location: 9 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(h) 4/12 Inf continued operations in AO GRIFFEN with minor contact. At approx 1420H at YS681867 a booby trapped grenade was detonated with results 1 US WIA. On approaching the LZ the DUSTOFF aircraft received ground fire from an estimated 2 - 3 enemy. The area was swept without result. At YS674892 A Coy located a concrete tunnel 15 ft long containing 1 x 57mm RCL (complete), 12 x SKS rifles, 14 x bolt action rifles, 1 x US .30 cal MG, 1 x US .50 cal MG (complete), 13 x RPD LMGs, 1 x Chicom 12.7 HMG, 3 x SMG, 2 x 82mm mortars complete with sights, 15 x B40 rounds, 20 x Anti-tank mines, a quantity of ammunition for weapons found, blasting caps, detonating cords, booby trap and electrical equipment. 200 metres NORTH of this cache another containing 40 x bolt action rifles, 5 x M1 rifles and 1 x US carbine was found. At YS684868 B Coy found a bunker system consisting of five bunkers each 15 x 15 ft. Inside the bunkers were 2 x shotguns, 1 SKS, 1 x 1917 Winchester rifle and a quantity of documents. At YS674892 C Coy found 6 caches containing, in total, 23 x Anti-Marine mines, 7 x 30 lb anti-tank mines, 2 x 15 lb anti-tank mines, 610 new entrenching tools, 122 Chicom Claymore stands, 36 gallons of various oils, 1 x booby trap Chicom claymore, 3 x booby trap Chicom grenades, 1200 lbs of rice in tins and bags, 1 x 150 lb tin of beans, 845 sticks of C4 explosive, 45 x 100 lb bags of cement, 41 Chicom grenades, 55 x 20 rounds BAR magazines, 2 Thompson MG magazines, 10 magazines of unknown type, 3 x 60 mortar aiming sticks. In the same area of the earlier find, A Coy found a further cache containine 96 booby traps, 6

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cases of mortar charges, 2000 Chicom grenade fuzes, 2 x MG barrels of unknown type and 1 x telescope. Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy FSPB TIGER YS6497; A Coy YS674893; B Coy YS684867; C Coy YS670895.

(i) Air Support. No significant airstrikes were recorded during the reporting period.

(j) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: 1 US WIA (evac)

2 Enemy Losses: 1 x 57mm RCL; 13 SKS rifle; 54 x bolt action rifles; 1 x US .30 cal MG; 1 x US .50 cal MG; 13 x RPD LMGs, 1 x Chicom 12.7 HMG; 3 x SMG; 2 x 82mm mortars; 15 x B40 rounds; 20 x anti-tank mines; 7 x 30 lb anti-tank mines; 2 x 15 lb anti-tank mines; 5 x M1 rifles; 1 x US carbine; 2 x shotguns; 1 x 1917 Winchester rifle; 23 x anti-marine mines; 610 new entrenching tools; 122 Chicom claymore stands; 1 x booby trap Chicom claymore; 3 x booby trap Chicom grenades; 36 gallons of various oils; 1200 lb of rice; 1 x 150 tin of beans; 845 sticks of C4 explosive; 41 Chicom grenades, 45 x 100 lb bages of cement; 55 x 20 round BAR magazines; 2 x Thompson MG magazines; 10 magazines of unknown type; 3 x 60mm mortar aiming sticks; 96 Booby traps; 6 x cases mortar charges; 2000 Chicom grenade fuzes; 2 MG barrels of unknown type; 1 telescope; Qty ammunition, blasting caps, detonating cords and electrical equipment; Qty documents.

b. Plans Summary for Next 24 Hours. Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - One
Platoon - Nil

Squad - Sixteen.

(2) 2 SAS Sqn have no LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with Contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil.

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24 Nov 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 230001H to 232400H Nov 68

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued operation TOAN THANG II in AO FRANKLIN and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (MAIN) remains at FSPB LION YS6181.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp and 3 Sect 3 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt carried out RIF to the SOUTH of FSPB LION along Route 328. 2 Tp with 3 Sect 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt remained NORTH of 1 ATF base. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181; 2 Tp and 3 Tp 1 ATF base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. Roadrunner and convoy escort tasks on QL15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181; 1 Tp 1 ATF base.

(c) 2/11 ACR (-) continued operations in AO PERSHING without contact. Locations: Sqn HQ and E Tp YS455881; F Tp YS455862.

(d) Task force artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 22 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB LION YS6181; 102 Fd Bty FSPB LYNX YS7582; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Fd Bty 1 ATF base; C Sqn 2/40 Arty (US) FSPB TIGER YS6491.

(e) 1 RAR continued operations in AO FARRER with minor contact. At 0945H at YS762879 C Coy contacted 2 enemy without result. At YS749856 10 Pl found a building containing 100 lbs of rice, a crosscut saw and a file. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB LYNX YS7582; A Coy YS810866; B Coy YS780883; C Coy YS762872; D Coy YS714882.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO CURTIN with minor contact. At 1305H at YS557887 C Coy contacted 3 enemy without result. At YS555889 found 80 lbs of rice. At YS557887 7 Pl found 24 wash basins. At YS588888 8 Pl found a small cache containing 2xAK47, 2 entrenching tools, 80 lbs of rice, 1 hand drill, 60 mm mor sight, 40 lbs of beans, 40 lbs of salt, 2xcrosscut saws, 1 vice and a quantity of medical supplies. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS506867; B Coy 1 ATF base; C Coy YS557887; D Coy YS531876; V Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; W Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(g) 9 RAR remained in 1 ATF base and carried out TAOR patrols. Locations: 9 RAR 1 ATF base.

(h) 4/12 Inf continued in AO GRIFFIN without contact. At YS669895 C Coy found a large bunker containing a furnace and caches containing material for the manufacture of grenades. At YS664896 C Coy found a cache containing 20xBAR, 11xmags, 4xChicom HMG barrels, 18xChicom Bolt Action rifles, 7xUS Thompson SMG, 5x.45 cal (US), grease guns, 2xSMG of unknown type, 1xB40 launcher, 4xUS M1 carbine, 1 1917 bolt action rifle, 1xUS M79, and a quantity of AK47 ammunition and documents. At YS678898 A Coy found 3 bunkers containing 6 booby trap Chicom grenades and 10x85 lb bags of cement. Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy FSPB TIGER YS6491; A Coy YS682893; B Coy YS691873; C Coy YS663896.

(i) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
231435H	YS638758	VC Base Camp	2xtunnel entrances uncovered and damaged, three pits uncovered and damaged

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
			(Contd) 3 small bunkers uncovered and damaged, 1 large bunker 20 x 20 currently under construction, uncovered and damaged.

(j) Results:

1 Friendly losses: Nil

2 Enemy losses: 20xBAR, 2xAK47, 18xChicom bolt action rifles, 7xThompson SMG, 1xB40 launcher, 4xM1 carbines, 2x1917 bolt action rifles, 1xM79 grenade launcher, 250 lbs of rice, 3xcrosscut saws, 24xhand-basins, 1 vice, 2xentrenching tools, 1x60mm mor sight, 11xMG magazines, 4xChicom HMG barrels, 6xChicom grenades, 850 lb cement, quantity of food and medical supplies, and 5x.45 SMG.

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - One

Platoon - One

Squad - Eighteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has no LRRP's deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with Contact: Nil

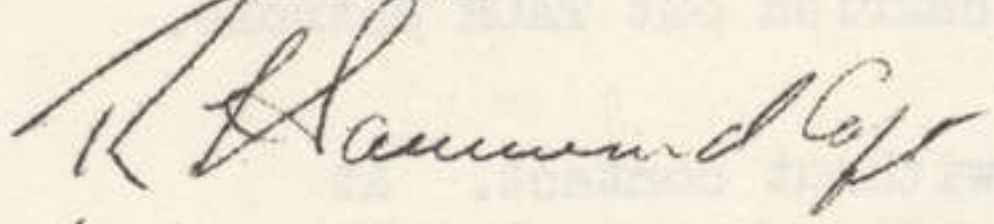
(4) Results: Nil

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25 Nov 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 240001H to 242400H Nov 68

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued operation TOAN THANG II in AO FRANKLIN and the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (MAIN) remains at FSPB LION YS6181.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. C Sqn (-) carried out RIF to the WEST of FSPB LION to area YS5784. 2Tp and 3 Sect 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt returned to 1 ATF base. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181; 2 Tp and 3 Tp 1 ATF base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 2 Tp carried out RIF to the WEST of FSPB LION with C Sqn (-) 1 Armd Regt. Roadrunner and convoy escort on QL15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181; 1 Tp 1 ATF base.

(c) 2/11 ACR (-) continued operations in AO PERSHING without contact. Locations: Sqn HQ and E Tp YS455881; F Tp YS455862.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 27 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB LION YS6181; 102 Fd Bty FSPB LYNX YS7582; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base; C Bty 2/40 Arty (US) FSPB TIGER YS6491.

(e) 1 RAR continued operations in AO FARRER. At 0945H at YS735888 2 Pl contacted 1 enemy without results. While following up this contact, 2 Pl at YS735890 contacted 12 to 15 enemy in an ambush position, with the result 2 AUST WIA, 2 Enemy KIA (BC), 1 Enemy WIA (BLOODTRAIL) and 1 AK47 captured. The enemy withdrew NORTHEAST through a bunker complex. Whilst searching this bunker complex 1 Pl were engaged by 4 to 6 enemy with result 2 AUST KIA, 3 AUST WIA, 2 Enemy KIA (BC), 2 Enemy WIA (BLOODTRAIL) 1 AK47 captured. The bunker complex consisted of 30 bunkers, each approximately 15 x 10 ft, and was approximately 2 years old. Womens and childrens clothing was found in the camp. Contact was broken at approximately 1520H when the enemy withdrew NORTHWEST. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB LYNX YS7582; A Coy YS735890; B Coy YS780888; C Coy YS762872; D Coy YS741882.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO CURTIN. At 1708H at YS447887 4 RAR tracker team contacted 2 enemy with result 1 Enemy KIA (BC) and 1 AK47 captured. At YS556886 9 Pl found a typewriter. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS506867; B Coy 1 ATF base; C Coy YS557887; D Coy YS531876; V Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; W Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(g) 9 RAR remained in 1 ATF base and carried out TAOR patrols. Locations: 9 RAR 1 ATF base.

(h) 4/12 Inf continued operations in AO GRIFFEN without contact. C Coy continued the search of the cache complex in area YS662898. 76 types of items were recovered, the main items were: 436 assorted grenades; 3 x 25 lb claymores, 1700 assorted grenade carriers, 2450 SA pouches, 30 compass pouches, 400 electric blasting caps, 6000 grenade fuzes with pullstrings attached, 200,000 percussion blasting caps, 20 x M49 trip flares, 1 x 2 1/2 gallon fire extinguisher marked LONG BINH Fire Dept, 155 entrenching tools complete, 237 entrenching tools without handles, 329 machetes, 3 bicycles, assorted spare parts for vehicles, quantities of food, clothing, ammunition and equipment. Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy FSPB TIGER YS6491; A Coy YS687888; B Coy YS695874; C Coy YS662898.

(i) Air Support. There were no significant airstrikes during the reporting period.

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(j) Results:

- 1 Friendly losses: 2 AUST KIA
5 AUST WIA (EVAC)

2 Enemy losses:

- A. Personnel: 5 EN KIA (BC)
3 EN WIA (BLOODTRAIL)

B. Material: 3 x AK47, 1 x typewriter, 436

assorted grenades, 3 x 25 lb claymores, 1700 assorted grenade carriers, 2450 SA pouches, 30 compass pouches, 400 electric blasting caps, 6000 grenade fuzes with pullstrings attached, 200,000 percussion blasting caps, 20 x M49 trip flares, 1 x 2 1/2 gallon fire extinguisher, 155 entrenching tools complete, 237 entrenching tools without handles, 329 machetes, 3 bicycles, assorted spare parts for vehicles, quantities of food, clothing, ammunition and equipment.

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

- (1) Company - One
Platoon - One
Squad - Seventeen
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has no LRRP's deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with Contact: Nil
- (4) Results: Nil

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26 Nov 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 250001H to 252400H Nov 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO FRANKLIN and 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF (Main) remained at FSPB LION YS6181.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. C Sqn (-) remained in FSPB LION YS6181. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181; 2 Tp and 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 3 Tp carried out RIF to the area YS5684. Road Runner and convoy escort duties on QL 15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181; 1 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) 2/11 ACR (-) continued operations in AO PERSHING without contact. Locations: Sqn HQ and 3 Tp YS455881; F/Tp YS455862.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 12 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB LION YS6181; 102 Fd Bty FSPB LYNX YS7584; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 161 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base; C Bty 2/40 Arty (US) FSPB TIGER YS6491.

(e) 1 RAR continued operations in AO FARRER without contact. A and D Coys continued to search and destroy the camp complex found by A Coy on 24 Nov 68 in area YS734888. A further 20 bunkers were found by 11 Pl in area YS733893. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB LYNX YS7582; A Coy YS744882; B Coy YS757864; C Coy YS762873; D Coy YS741882.

(f) 4 RAR continued operations in AO CURTIN without contact. At YS556887 9 Pl found a complex of 33 bunkers. The complex is newly constructed and contained 2 transistor radios and small quantities of food and medical supplies. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS506867; B Coy 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS557887; D Coy YS523843; V Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; W Coy HORSESHOE HILL.

(g) 9 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. Locations: 9 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(h) 4/12 Inf continued operations in AO GRIFFIN without contact. C Coy continued to search area of previously found caches. 300 gallons of gasoline were found. Locations: Bn HQ and B Coy FSPB TIGER YS6491; A Coy YS689894; C Coy YS662896; D Coy YS698889.

(i) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
251230H	YS666790	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers uncovered and damaged, 3 fighting positions uncovered and damaged.
251515H	YS578678	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 3 bunkers uncovered and damaged, 5 bunkers uncovered, 1 secondary explosion with debris to 150-200 ft (suggested explosives).
251705H	YS578678	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 2 tunnel entrances uncovered.

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(j) Results.

- 1 Friendly Losses: Nil
- 2 Enemy Losses: 2 x transistor radios
300 gallons gasoline

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. 1 RAR conclude operations in AO FARREER and extract to 1 ATF Base. 2/11 ACR (-) conclude operations in AO PERSHING, cease to be in direct support of 1 ATF, and return to 11 ACR Base BLACKHORSE.

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - One
Platoon - One
Squad - Eighteen
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has no LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with Contact. Nil.
- (4) Results. Nil.

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27 Nov 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 260001H to 262400H Nov 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO FRANKLIN and the 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp moved South from FSPB LION along Route 328 to clear the route and provide security for a road convoy. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181; 1 Tp YS629654; 2 Tp and 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp (-) provided escort and security for elements of 1 Fd Sqn constructing a bridge at YS629654. 2 Tp cleared Route 328 South to the bridge site and escorted a road convoy North to FSPB LION. Roadrunner and convoy escort duties on QL15 continued. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB LION YS6181; 1 Tp (-) YS629654.

(c) 2/11 ACR (-) concluded Operations in AO PERSHING and returned to BLACKHORSE, ceasing to be in direct support of 1 ATF.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF Operations. 14 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. 102 Fd Bty returned to 1 ATF Base abandoning FSPB LYNX YS7582. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB LION YS6181; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; 102 Fd Bty and 161 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base; C Bty 2/40 Arty (US) FSPB TIGER YS6491.

(e) 1 RAR concluded Operations in AO FARRER and returned to 1 ATF Base. Locations: 1 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(f) 4 RAR continued Operations in AO CURTIN without contact. At YS562889 C Coy found a camp consisting of 14 bunkers. Destruction of these bunkers and those found recently in the area continue. At YS 560887 C Coy found a cache containing the following: A large quantity of medical equipment and supplies, a quantity of ammunition and detonators, one camera, one transistor radio and a quantity of receipts and medical documents. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS506867; B Coy 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS557887; D Coy YS523843; V Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; W Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(g) 9 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. Location: 9 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(h) 4/12 Inf continued Operation in AO GRIFFIN without contact. At YS665898 C Coy found a metal lathe and Dodge truck that had been used as a power source. Locations: Bn HQ and B Coy FSPB TIGER YS6491; A Coy YS689895; C Coy YS665898; D Coy YS700895.

(i) Air Support: Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
261412H	YS734888	VC Base Camp	12 bunkers destroyed, 5 structures destroyed, 5 pits uncovered.

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(j) Results:

- 1 Friendly Losses: Nil
- 2 Enemy Losses: 1 x Lathe.
1 x 1962 Dodge Truck.
Large quantity of medical eqpt.
Quantity of ammunition and
detonators.

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours: HQ 1 ATF (Main) and units located FSPB LION YS6181 return to 1 ATF Base.

c. Small Unit Actions:

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

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28 Nov 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 270001H to 272400H Nov 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO FRANKLIN and the 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. C Sqn (-) escorted the road convoy from FSPB LION to 1ATF Base. Location: C Sqn complete 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 1 Tp (-) provided security for elements of 1 Fd Sqn building a bridge at YS629654. A Sqn (-) escorted the road convoy from FSPB LION to 1 ATF Base. Road runner and convoy escort duties on QL 15 continued. Location: A Sqn complete 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 10 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) returned to 1 ATF Base abandoning FSPB LION YS6181. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; C Bty 2/40 Arty (US) FSPB TIGER YS6491.

(d) 1 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. Location: 1 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(e) 4 RAR continued operations in AO CURTIN without contact. At YS558888 C Coy found a cache containing the following: 177 ampules of assorted drugs, a quantity of medical supplies, a quantity of clothing and one typewriter. Three empty four gallon drums indicate the cache was larger. At YS521885 V Coy found a 1950-52 Citroen car, registration No NVA601. There were two bullet holes in the rear window and the car had been there for at least 12 months. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS506867; B Coy 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS557887; D Coy YS559848; V Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; W Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. Location: 9 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(g) 4/12 Inf continued operation in AO GRIFFIN without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and B Coy FSPB TIGER YS6491; A Coy YS686901; C Coy YS681901; D Coy YS724900.

(h) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
271215H	YS646763	VC Base Camp	1 large bunker destroyed. 2 small bunkers uncovered and damaged. 20 metres of trench uncovered and damaged.

(i) Results:

- 1 Friendly losses: Nil
 - 2 Enemy losses: 1 x 1950-52 Citroen car
177 ampules of drugs
Quantity of medical supplies and clothing
1 x Typewriter
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b. Plans Summary for the next 24 hours: Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

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

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29 Nov 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 280001H to 282400H Nov 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO FRANKLIN and the 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt remained in 1 ATF Base. Location: C Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. Roadrunner and convoy escort tasks on QL 15 continued. Location: A Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 10 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Fegt(-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; C Bty 2/40 Arty (US) FSPB TIGER YS6491.

(d) 1 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. Location: 1 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(e) 4 RAR continued operations in AO CURTIN without contact. At YS548886 8 Pl located 17 bunkers, 4 structures and a lecture area. Recovered were 1 RPG2 round, 1 57mm RCL round and 200 AK47 rounds. Locations: Bn HQ and SP Coy YS506867; B Coy 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS557887; D Coy YS559848; V Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; W Coy HORESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. Location: 9 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(g) 4/12 Inf continued operations in AO GRIFFIN with minor contact. At 1045H at YS728895 D Coy contacted an estimated 20 enemy in a base camp. Result 1 WIA (POSS). The enemy withdrew to the WEST and SW. D Coy moved back into area of contact and found 11 bunkers which were demolished. Found in bunkers were 3 Chicom grenades, 6 anti-tank mine fuses and 3 CBUs. Locations: Bn HQ and B Coy FSPB TIGER YS6491; A Coy YS686901; C Coy YS681901; D Coy YS724900.

(h) Air Support. All planned airstrikes cancelled due to weather.

(i) Det 1 Div Int found and destroyed 12 tunnels, 11 hides, 5 US ponchos, clothing and small quantity of medicine in vicinity YS4464.

(j) Results:

1 Friendly Losses: Nil

2 Enemy Losses:

a Personnel: 1 En WIA (POSS)

b Material: 1 x RPG2 round; 1 x 57mm RCL round; 4 x Chicom grenades; 200 x AK47 rounds; 3 x CBUs. 6x Anti tk mine fuses.

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

- (1) Company - One
Platoon - One
Squad - 18
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has one LRRP deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil
- (4) Results: Nil

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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 290001H to 292400H Nov 68.

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation TOAN THANG II in AO FRANKLIN and the 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt remained in 1 ATF Base.
Location: C Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. Roadrunner and convoy escort tasks on QL 15 continued.
Location: A Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. No H & I missions were fired during the reporting period.
Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base; 104 Fd Bty FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; C Bty 2/40 Arty (US) FSPB TIGER YS6491.

(d) 1 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. Location: 1 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(e) 4 RAR continued operations in AO CURTIN without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS506867; B Coy 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS574883; D Coy YS559848; V Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS5289; W Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 9 RAR (-) remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. At 0400H at YS401651 a TAOR patrol from 9 RAR contacted three enemy who were moving EAST with unknown results. Locations: 9 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS399695.

(g) 4/12 Inf continued operations in AO GRIFFIN with minor contact. At 1058H at YS708880 D Coy while investigating a base camp contacted an estimated squad size enemy resulting in 1 US KIA, 4 US WIA. The enemy withdrew SOUTH. While searching the area of the contact D Coy found six new SEIKO sewing machines and six bunkers containing tables, chairs and a number of letters. The bunkers were destroyed. Locations: Bn HQ, A Coy and C Coy FSPB TIGER YS6491; B Coy YS642893; D Coy YS711888.

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(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
291100H	YS618865	VC Base Camp	1 bunker uncovered and damaged.
291206H	YS585686	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed.
282345H	YS320861 330861 320831 330831	VC Base Area	5 bunkers destroyed, 15 bunkers uncovered and damaged, 175 metres trench uncovered and damaged.
290205H	YS280841 310841 280831 310831	VC Base Area	2 concrete bunkers uncovered and damaged, 6 bunkers destroyed, 17 bunkers uncovered and damaged, 200 metres of trench uncovered and damaged, 15 metres of trench destroyed.
290430H	YS310848 320848 310818 320818	VC Base Area	2 bunkers destroyed, 10 bunkers uncovered and damaged, 100 metres of trench uncovered and damaged.

(i) Results:

1 Friendly losses: 1 US KIA
4 US WIA

2 Enemy losses: 6 x SEIKO Sewing Machines.

b. Plans Summary for next 24 hours: Operations in AO CURTIN and AO GRIFFIN conclude.

c. Small Unit Actions:

- (1) Company - One
Platoon - Nil
Squad - 18
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has two LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil
- (4) Results: Nil

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