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OP KICK OFF (.) 1 APC TP UNDER COMD 173 BDE UNTIL REVERT TO
COMD 1 RAR CMM POSSIBLY D PLUS 1 (.) 105 PD BTY IN DS 1 RAR
BUT INITIALLY LOCATED WITH 3/319 ARTY BN AT BAO TRAI CMM WILL
BE DEPLOYED WITH 1 RAR IF SITUATION REQUIRES OR PERMITS (.)
3 PD TP RAE CMM ASSLT ENGRS WITH 1 RAR (.) LIGHT PLANT WITH
173 AB BDE ENGR COY (.) REMAINDER ENGRS BASE DEVELOP TASKS
BIEN HOA (.) 161 RECCE FLT WITH 173 BDE AVN COY AND DEPLOYS
BAO TRI TRAI AIRFIELD ADJACENT TO BDE HQ (.) SUBSEQUENT
MOVES INCL IN SITREPS

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EVENING 25 DEC 65 GEN WESTMORLAND CALLED ALL FREE WORLD COMMANDERS TO CONFERENCE AND ANNOUNCED THAT US AND GVN HAD AGREED FOR PROPAGANDA REASONS NOT TO FIRE THE FIRST SHOT FOLLOWING THE END OF THE CHRISTMAS CEASE FIRE AT 252400H (.) THIS POLICY WAS ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY BY PRESS AND RADIO (.) COMAAFV AGREED WITH OTHER COMMANDERS TO THE POLICY (.) SINCE 252400H 85 INCIDENTS INITIATED BY VC HAVE BEEN REPORTED (.) MOST ARE OF THE HF INTO OUTPOSTS CMM KIDNAPPING CMM MURDER CMM TAXATION TYPE (.) TWO SERIOUS REPORTS HY CAS TO A MARINE PL IN 1 CTZ AND THE DESTRUCTION TWO HOURS AGO CMM OF A BEQ AT NHA TRANG CMM CAS UNKNOWN (.) THE LEVEL OF INCIDENTS IS SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN NORMAL FOR THE PERIOD (.) POLICY IS THAT WAR RETURNS TO NORMAL BASIS (.) YESTERDAY AUSTRALIANS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY CELEBRATED CHRISTMAS IN BEST OF SPIRITS (.) FR CUDMORE CELEBRATED MIDNIGHT MASS AND CHAP HOFFMAN CONDUCTED OPDSERVICE (.) COMAAFV VISITED EACH UNIT AND SUBUNIT INCL PL PATROLS OPERATING IN OUR TAOR (.) MEN IN GOOD SPIRITS (.) ALL OF US MOST APPRECIATIVE OF GIFTS AND EXPRESSIONS OF GOOD WILL FROM HOME (.) BOB HOPE SHOW STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY OUR TROOPS CMM HOPE WORE A SLOUCH HAT THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAMME (.) TOMMY HANLON AND LUCKY STARR SHOWS BOTH VERY WELL RECEIVED (.) MERRY CHRISTMAS

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SITREP (.) PERIOD TO 200800Z (.) MAPS NO CHANGE (.) ONE (.) ENEMY (.)
ALPHA (.) UNITS IN CONTACTS WITH AUST GMM LOCAL GUERRILLA GMM THOSE IN
CONTACT WITH US FORCES PROBABLY REGIONAL FORCE IN GMM AS YET NO IDENT-
IFICATION AVAILABLE (.) (.) BRAVO (.) EN UNITS REPORTED AS BEING IN EITHER
BIEN HOA GMM PHUOC TUY OR LONG KHANH PROVINCES REMAIN AS PREVIOUSLY
REPORTED (.) CHARLIE (.) VC HAVE ATTEMPTED TO AVOID CONTACT AND MOVE
FROM AREA OF OP (.) SOME MINOR SHIPING HAS BEEN REPORTED ON RDS LEADING
INTO OF AREA (.) EN VC EN CONTACTED BY 2/503 LAST NIGHT RESULTED IN 30
VC KIA GMM BOMBS FOUND SCATTERED THIS MORNING (.) EN FROM BLOOD TRAILS UP
TO 100 OTHER VC WOUNDED (.) VC BROKE CONTACT WITH DARKNESS (.) ONE SQUAD
VC CONTACTED RAR AND LOST TWO VC KIA GMM TWO RIFLES (CHICOM) AND 350
RDS SAA (.) DELTA (.) EN SHOWS NO INCLINATION TO EITHER ATTACK OR
STAND AND FIGHT AT THIS STAGE (.) PROBABLE THAT IF VC RESCUE INDICATES
SMALL ISOLATED TARGET HE WOULD ATTACK GMM OTHERWISE CONSERVE FORCES FOR
ATTACKS ON ARVN (.) AT LATER STAGE (.) TWO (.) OWN SITUATION (.) ALPHA (.)
1 RAR LOC AREA GR371891 (.) APO TP (PULH) LOC GR451911 (.) RAR ECHERON LOC
GR452914 (.) 161 FD BTRY RNZA GMS SQUARE 4590 (.) BRAVO (.) 2/503 EN AREA
GR350860 (.) 1/503 OP IN AREA OF GUN POSHS (.) CHARLIE (.) 173 AB BIE LOC
COURTENAY PLANTATION AIRFIELD (.) DELTA (.) DURING PERIOD 2/503 EN MADE

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CONTACT WITH EST VC BN AND KILLED 30 VC BODY COUNT WITH ESTIMATED 100 VC
WIA (.) 2/503 BN SUFFERED 12 KIA AND 21 WIA (.) 1 BAR CONTACTED 12 VC AND
KILLED TWO VC CAPTURED TWO RIFLES (CHICOM) AND SAA (.) ALSO DISCOVERED 2.5
TONS RICE (.) TEAR GAS USED IN TUNNELS BY BAR WITHOUT RESULT (.) NY US AND
VNAF AIRSTRIKES PUT INTO SUSPECTED VC AREA CSM RESULTS NOT KNOWN (.) FLARE
SUMMARY (.) 21 DEC 65 (.) BAR IS TO MARCH TO LZ AT GR365865 AND THEN BE
HELI LIFTED OUT TO BIEN HOA (.) 2/503 BN FOLLOWS BAR (.) BUT FIRST LIFT BY
1300 HRS (.) 22 DEC 65 (.) PWLF LEADING WITH 1/503 SECURING CSM BIE HQ CSM
ADM EXHIBITION CSM GUNS INCL 161 RNBA PD BTY MOVES BY RD VIA XUAN LOC TO BIEN
HOA (.) TODAY COMAAPV CSM COMNAVV AND CML KERRONE VISITED HQ 173 AB BIE
AND WITNESSED PRESENTATION OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO FREE WORLD MILITARY
ASSISTANCE UNITS BY GENERAL THIEU (.) THREE (.) ADM (.) CHINOOK HELICOPTERS
HAVE BEEN USED FOR EFFECTIVE RESUPPLY OF GUN AMMO AND NY LOADS (.)
DISTRIBUTION OF CHRISTMAS BOXES FROM AUST IN PROGRESS CSM WILL BE OPENED
CHRISTMAS DAY (.) FOUR (.) SAIGON SUBJECT TO STEADY INCREASE OF TERRORIST
ATTACKS (.) MAINLY GRENADES (.) TONIGHT HOTEL AUSTRALIA CSM 491 PHAN TAN IS
CHIAN ALLEGEDLY THE VC TARGET ADDITIONAL SECURITY ARRANGED (.) CURFEW
SAIGON NOW 1900 HRS THROUGH TO 0600 HRS (.) PERIMETER ACTIVITY VISIBLE
FROM HQ AAPV (.) FLARES CSM SAA TRACE (.) OTHERWISE QUIET

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SITREP . PERIOD TO 170900Z . MAPS . SERIES L701 SHEETS 6342/1
CMM 6343/1 CMM 6343/2 CMM 6442/4 CMM 6443/3 CMM 6443/4 . ONE . EN .
VC BUILD UP IN PHUOC TUY PROVINCE BEGUN EARLY NOV CONTINUES . REPORTS
OF UP TO TWO REGIMENTS AND NINE BATTALIONS IN SECTOR . TWO . OWN SITU .
ALFA . 173 BDE REDEPLOYED FROM OPERATION NEW LIFE 65 TO COMMENCE SEARCH
AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN PHUOC TUY PROVINCE . 173 BDE TAOR GOOSE EGG
FROM 30 TO 46 EASTINGS CMM FROM 88 TO 04 NORTHINGS . 1/503 NORTH AND
EAST OF BDE TAOR . 2/503 SOUTH OF BDE TAOR 1 RAR TAOR GR300930 CMM
41934 CMM 371941 CMM 398939 CMM 409915 CMM 408903 CMM THENCE FOLLOW
SUOI SOC TO 359882 THENCE SONG CA TO 288905 CMM THENCE TO 300930 .
GENERAL OUTLINE . FOUR PHASES . PHASE ONE . MOVEMENT OF BATTALIONS TO
OBJECTIVE AREAS . PHASE TWO . ESTABLISHMENT OF BATTALION BASES . PHASE .
THREE . MULTIPLE SEARCHES IN ASSIGNED SECTORS . PHASE FOUR . RETURN TO
BIEN HOA . BRAVO . 1/503 (MINUS) AIRLIFTED VO DAT XUAN LOC 170700H .
170900H AIRLIFTED TO COURTENAY GR453914 . ASP AFTER THIS 1 RAR AIRLIFTED
BY H47 TO XUAN LOC THEN AFTER AIR CMM ARTY CMM ARMED HELICOPTER
PREPARATION LAND IN TWO LIFTS LZ VIXEN GR365928 . H HOUR 171200H . TWO
HOURS LATER 2/503 LAND VICINITY GR363867 . HQ 173 BDE COURTENAY .

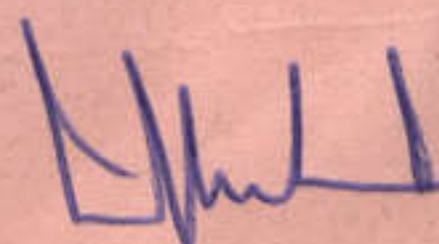
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HQ 173 BDE DON DIEN DE COURTENAY GR450904 . HQ 1 RAR VIXEN . 161 BTY
AT 173 BDE HQ AREA DIRECT SUPPORT 1 RAR . CHARLIE . FLANKING UNITS
WEST 2 BDE 1 (US) DIV . EAST AND SOUTH ARVN . DELTA . BN CLOSED ON
VIXEN 171335H . BRAVO AND CHARLIE COYS CLEARED ~~VILLAGES~~ UNMARKED VILLAGES
WEST OF VIXEN . ~~7 INCL 4 CHILDREN~~ . ONE CONTACT GR356931 LOCAL FORCE VC .
7 CMM INCL 4 CHILDREN CAPTURED 1 AUST WIA . NO FURTHER CONTACTS .
THREE . ADM . NTR . FOUR . CODEWORDS VIXEN CMM LZ GR365928 . SOUR GRAPE
CMM UNMARKED VILLAGE 3593 . DUMB DORA CMM UNMARKED VILLAGE GR355923 .
CABBAGE PATCH CMM UNMARKED VILLAGE 3692 . GOOSE EGG CMM HARBOUR AREA
3692 . PAPER PLATE CMM ALTERNATE LZ GR404936 . GOLDEN EAGLE CMM RIVER
LINE SUOI CA . POTLUCK CMM CREEK 3489 . DREAMBOAT CMM EXTRACTION LZ
GR396901 . SAIGON . ISOLATED GRENADE THROWING ACTIVITIES

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SITREP (.) PERIOD 150800 (.) MAPS US ARMY MAP SERVICE SERIES L701 GCM 1:50000 (.)
ONE (.) EN (.) ALFA (.) UNITS IN CONTACT LOCAL GUERRILLA ONLY (.) BRAVO (.) EN
RES WHICH CAN AFFECT SITU REMAIN AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (.) CHARLIE (.) NO MAJOR
CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE WITH VC IN THE LA NGA RIVER VALLEY (.) SIGHTINGS HAVE BEEN
REPORTED BY ALL UNITS GCM 3 VC WEARING STEEL HELMETS GCM KHAKI UNIFORMS GCM WEB
EQPT WERE OBSERVED ON THE NORTHERN EBY OF THE VALLEY (.) COMB DETONATED CLAYMORE
TYPE MINE EXPLODED NEAR APC M113 SECTION OF 1 APC TP ON RD SOUTH OF VO DAT (.) NO
CAS INFLICTED (.) DELTA (.) EN RETAINS INITIATIVE TO CONDUCT SOME SMALL UNIT
PATROLLING GCM INTERDICT ROUTES GCM CONDUCT UP TO REGT SIZED RAIDS WITHIN OR NEAR
173 AB BDE AREA OF OPS (.) VC KNOWLEDGE OF OUR SITU SHOULD NOW BE WELL DEVELOPED
GCM FROM SIGHTINGS AND AGENTS REPORTS HIS EQPT IS GOOD (.) ECHO (.) VC INTENTIONS
AT THIS TIME GCM OBSERVE AND REPORT WITH A VIEW TO ATTACKING A UNIT WHICH IS LAX
ON SECURITY (.) HE WILL MOVE BACK INTO THE AREA IF WE D WDR WITHOUT LEAVING
ADEQUATE ARVN FORCES IN PLACE (.) TWO (.) GCM SITU (.) ALFA (.) 1 RAR GCM 161 BTY
ENZA GCM 161 RECCE FLT GCM 1 APC TP NOW LOC VO DAT AIRFD (.) BRAVO (.) HQ 173 AB
BDE VO DAT AIRFD (.) 1/503 GCM 2/503 AB BNS NO CHANGE (.) HQ 3 CORPS TOC HAS WDR
FROM XUAN LOC AND RETURNED TO BIEN HOA (.) 10 DIV TOC IS RELOC AT XUAN LOC (.)
CHARLIE (.) NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE TO ARVN DISPOSITIONS (.) 1 BDE 101 AB DIV CONTINUES
WITH OP TO WEST OF BEN CAT GCM 105 FD BTY RAA LOC AT BEN CAT (.) DELTA (.) IN BOTH

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173 BDE AND 101 DIV PATROLLING HAS CONTINUED WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT CONTACT (.) PLANS SUMMARY
173 BDE (.) OF NEW LIFE WILL CONCLUDE 17 DEC 65 AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR LA CHA RIVER
VALLEY WILL PASS TO ARVN 10 DIV (.) 173 AB BDE IS TO DEPLOY ON A SEARCH AND DESTROY OP
SOUTH OF XUAN LOC IN THE AREA OF JUNCTION OF PHUOC TUY CEM BIEN HOA CEM LONG KHANH
PROVINCE BOYS ALONG THE RIVER SONG CA (.) AIM OF OP IS TO SHOW THE FLAG IN THE
VICINITY SOUTH OF XUAN LOC (.) TWO BN TRAPS ARE TO BE ALLOTTED 1 RAR NORTH OF THE
RIVER 2/503 BN SOUTH CEM 1/503 BN NES (.) ANTICIPATE ORDERS PRINTED TODAY AND
SYNOPSIS FWD ON RECEIPT (.) BN IN AREA UP TO BN SIZED (.) 1 BDE 101 AB DIV IS TO CONT
OP IN BEN CAT FOR FURTHER TWO DAYS (.) ANTICIPATE 1 BDE 101 THEN RETURNS PHANG RANG
AND 105 FD BTY RETURNS HIEN HOA (.) DMOP VISIT 1 CTE FRI/SAT (.) COMAARV AND DMOP
VISITED 1 DIV CEM 173 BDE CEM 1 RAR YESTERDAY (.) COMAARV AND DMOP (NZ) VISITED
1 DIV CEM 173 BDE CEM 161 FD BTY (.) THREE (.) ADM (.) NTR (.) FOUR (.) PERIMETER
ACTIVITY CONTINUES SAIGON OTHERWISE CITY QUIET

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SITREP . PERIOD TO 080830Z . MAPS NO CHANGE . ONE . ENEMY . ALFA .
CONTACT ^{WITH AUST TPS} BY LOCAL GUERRILLA FORCES ONLY . OTHER CONTACTS BINH TUY PROVINCE
ALSO LOCAL GUERRILLA . CONTACTS BY ELMS 1 DIV IN BINH DUONG PROVINCE
COMM MICHELIN PLANTATION WITH EITHER REGIONAL OR MAIN FORCE BNS . SMALL
CONTACTS WITH PAVN TPS CONTINUE TO BE REPORTED IN 2 CTZ . IN 1 CTZ
REGIONAL FORCE VC BN HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY ARVN . BRAVO . IN LA GNA
RIVER VALLEY THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE TO PREVIOUS ESTIMATES OF THE HN
AND LITTLE INFO HAS BECOME AVAILABLE TO INDICATE ANY POSSIBILITY OF CHANGE .
REPORTS FROM ALL CORPS AREAS SHOW PRESENCE OF PAVN BUT ACCURATE ESTIMATES
NOT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE . CHARLIE . HN ACTIVITY IN OP NEW LIFE HAS BEEN
NEGLECTIBLE WITH ONLY ONE CONTACT REPORTED BY 1/26 BN 1 DIV SOME 5 MILES
SOUTH OF VO DAT WITH ONE SECTION VC . IN MICHELIN AREA VC BN FOUGHT REAR
GUARD ACTION FOR LOSS OF 300 KIA (BODY COUNT BY US) . VC BN IN 1 CTZ
ATTACKED 11 RANGER BN ARVN AND CONTACT CONTINUES NO DETAIL AVAILABLE . IN
SAIGON VC DESTROYED SEVEN STORY HOTEL WITH TRUCK LOAD OF EXPLOSIVES
INFLECTING HEAVY CAS ON US COMM NZ AND VN CIV COMM ONE VC KIA ONE VC WIA
ONE ESCAPED . DELTA . SUBJECT THIS PARA CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW . WILL
ADVISE WHEN AVAILABLE . ECHO . AS FOR DELTA . TWO . OWN SITUATION . ALFA :
173 BDE UNITS NO CHANGE . 1 BDE 101 DIV COMM ONE BN PHUOC VINH COMM

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ONE BN AND 105 FD BTY BIEN HOA . BRAVO CHARLIE NO CHANGE . DEIRA . ALL
UNITS 173 BDE CMM 10 DIV ARVN CONTINUE TO PTL IN TOARS WITHOUT CONTACT
301 VC SUSPECTS APPREHENDED 170 APPROX CONFIRMED AS VC AND HANDED TO QVN
90 TONS RICE CMM QTY CLOTHING CMM TWO RIFLES CMM QTY SAA CMM HOME MADE
GRENADES DISCOVERED . RICE HARVEST CONTINUING PEACEFULLY . PLANS SUMMARY .
173 BDE CONTINUE IN PRESENT LOC . 1 DIV IS PLANNING DEPLOYMENT OF 1 BDE
101 DIV WEST OF BEN CAT NORTH OF IRON TRIANGLE CMM PROBABLE 105 FD BTY
WILL BE DEPLOYED WITH THEM . THREE . ADM . 173 BDE HOLDS 5 DAYS STOCKS AT
VO DAT ALL LIFTED BY C130 AND CARIBOU . LOCAL RESUPPLY BY ROAD AND HELI
TO BNS AND COYS . FOUR . GENERAL . GRENADE INCIDENTS INCREASING IN
SAIGON AVERAGE NOW 6 PER NIGHT . PERIMETER ACTIVITY AVERAGE

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SITREP O PERIOD TO 021000Z O mops NO CHANGE O ONC O
ENEMY O ALFA O EN IN CONTACT WITH AUST LOCAL VC ONLY O
BRAVO O NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE O CHARLIE O VC HAVE NOT
OPPOSED ANY MOV OF FRIENDLY TPS BUT HAVE MAINTAINED
LIGHT SNIPER FIRE THROUGH OUT PERIOD O ~~DETA~~ DELTA
COMM ECHO O NO CHANGE O TWO O OWN SITUATION O ^{ALFA} IRAR
LOC VO XU O 1/503 Bw LOC YA PHUONG LAM O 2/503 Bw
LOC ME PU O 1/26 Inf Bw LOC VO DAT O 1/2 Inf Bw
guerrilla 7325 O other US no change O ARVN
NOT CLEAR BUT GSOL WILL VISIT TOMORROW O BRAVO O
CHARLIE O TO BE ADVISED O DELTA O ALL UNITS CONTINUE
TO PTL IN ALLOTTED TAOR O NO CONTACT EXCEPT SNIPER O
IRAR ROUNDED UP FURTHER GP VC SUSPECTS AND
ALSO DISCOVERED 15 TONS OF RICE CACHE O SOME
TUNNELS UNOCCUPIED DISCOVERED O BOY POINTED OUT
BOOBY TRAP WHICH WAS DELOUSED O FURTHER 30
TONS RICE DISCOVERED BY IRAR O 126 RDS SAA
HIDDEN IN CREEK DISCOVERED O 1/503 Reported
VILLAGERS STATE VC LEFT FOR HILLS ON THEIR

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APPROACH ○ PSYWAR EFFORT CONTINUES AND VILLAGERS
ARE DECLARING THOSE WHO ARE VC ○ THREE ○ ADM
○ 173 Bde NOW HOLD 5 DAYS STOCKS AT VODAT ○
BY LIFT HELIS USED TO LIFT 1/503 VEHs INTO
XA PHUONG LAM ○ FOUR ○ HQ AAFV NOW RELOC
TO MME NHU BUILDING CMM TRAN QUOC TOAN CMM
CHOLON ○ INCREASE IN NUMBER OF GRENADE
INCIDENTS CMM NORMALLY ONLY ONE OR TWO EA
NIGHT AND GENERALLY DIRECTED AT VN POLICE ○
YESTERDAY US PROVCHIEF CAR BLOWN UP AND
~~1~~ 6 GRENADE INCIDENTS REPORTED ○ NORMIN
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31 Dec 65

LOGISTIC SUPPORT OF AAFV BY MACV
PROCEEDINGS OF COORDINATING CONFERENCE HELD
AT FWMAO BUILDING 24 DEC 65. AAFV NOTES

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1. The conference was convened by MACV to co-ordinate action at all levels on the transfer of responsibility for replacement and maintenance of AAFV equipments excluding equipments held by 709 and 527 Sig Tps.

Present

2. Lt Col W.T. MURPHY, Financial Adviser AAFV
Maj HERRIN, MACV J4
Maj HOLLY, FWMAO
Maj WESTALL, USARV G4
Maj QUEALY, HQ AAFV
Capt QUAIL, HQ AAFV
Capt HUTTON, S4, 173 AB Bde
Capt LONG, S4(2and4) 1 Log Comd
Capt JAVA, representing BSO 173 AB Bde.

Preliminary

3. Progress to date was reviewed by Maj Quealy and Maj HERRIN to provide background information for officers not familiar with the topic.

4. Maj Herrin produced a copy of the AAFV staff table, marked up to indicate

- (a) Items common to Aust US
- (b) Items for which a US equivalent can be provided
- (c) Items which cannot be readily identified.

5. It is noted that

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5. It is noted that a large percentage of items fall into category 4(c).

6. Detailed discussion took place under the two headings :

- (a) Spare parts support for common eqpts.
- (b) Replacement of Australian equipments by suitable American equipments.

7. Agreement was reached on a number of points as follows.

Spare Parts Support for Common Equipment^S

8. The responsibility to provide spare parts support for common US/Australian equipments will be assumed by MACV with effect from 15 Feb 65. The support provided will be comparable to that available to US units in the theatre ; procurement lead times of up to 130 days may be anticipated.

9. AAFV will place requisitions on MACV (per 173 AB Bde) commencing on Jan 66. These will include :

- (a) Stock replenishment of scaled items
- (b) Priority demands for non scaled items.

10. Demands in category 9(b) above will usually be allowed to stand, although it may in some cases be necessary to obtain the required item by a duplicate priority demand on Australia.

11. AAFV will furnish MACV with an estimate of 3 months usage for the spare parts involved.

12. Agreement to provide spare parts support for common equipments implies the acceptance of responsibility to replace these equipments as they waste out or are lost in combat.

13. In the event of an increase to AAFV, initial scalings for incoming equipments would need to be provided from Australia wherever possible.

Replacement of End Items

14. MACV will replace Australian equipments with American equivalent equipments as requested by AAFV.

15. It is agreed that the replacement of equipment includes the provision of :

(a) A spare parts backing, in accordance with MACV holding policy, for the new equipment.

- (b) Tool kits for operators and 1st and 2nd line workshops.
- (c) Technical manuals and spare parts hand books.
- (d) A repair pool of complete equipments.

16. Using the replacement

16. Using the replacement of Landrovers by Jeeps as an example, the general concept of the method of replacement is as follows :

- (a) AAFV will nominate an acceptable replacement equipment, in this case the jeeps.
- (b) AAFV will prepare a ^{programmed} ~~promulgated~~ demand for the replacement of all trucks 1/4 ton GS (other than those specialised types to be maintained by Aust). The programme will envisage the re-equipping of AAFV, unit by unit, over a period.
- (c) The programmed demand will be prepared by an AAFV working party consisting of :
 - Ord LO (Co-ordination)
 - EME (Technical advice, incl estimates of remaining life of Aust eqpts).
 - OO or 2IC,
 - Ord Elm ALSC (Depot aspects)
 - Arms, Services, or Unit representatives as required.
- (d) On receipt of the AAFV demand, MACV will :
 - (i) Provide end items in accordance with the AAFV programme.
 - (ii) Simultaneously with the first shipment of end items, provide the spares backing for the projected total holding.
 - (iii) Provide tools and documentation. Operators kits and hand tools will accompany the equipment. Workshop and depot tools and documentation will arrive with the spares backing.

17. The first item for which replacement will be programmed is the truck 1/4 ton GS. AAFV will produce a programmed demand for jeeps by 31 Jan 66.

Financial Aspects

18. The Financial Advisor, AAFV, stated that arrangements were not firm at this stage. He would discuss the matter with the Comptroller, MACV.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR NEW ZEALAND FORCE

Reference AHQ Administrative Instruction 4/65,
Australian Army Force, VIETNAM

1. The administrative support to be given to NZ V Force includes:-

- a. Medical Stores and PALUDRINE
- b. Dental Treatment
- c. Maintenance backing of items common to Aust/NZ
- d. Common Aust/NZ POL items NOT available from US
- e. Ammunition 9mm
- f. Accommodation
- g. Refrigeration.

2. Details of issues made in the period 30 Jun/30 Nov 65 are listed on attachment under the headings shown above. The average strength of the NZ V Force is also shown.

3. The data is submitted for information of Director of Maintenance and for determination of a capitation rate or other financial recovery as may be necessary.

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Item	20/7 - 30/9/65	Oct 65	Nov 65
a. Medical Stores			
6510-66-019-9919 Bandage Triangular Unbleached	-	24	-
6505-66-0728 Benzoic acid compound BIC	-	2 (1b)	-
66-020-2280 Undecenoate Compound cream 50G tube	-	12 (ea)	-
6520-99-21:2563 Bandage Triangular Compressed	-	24 (ea)	-
6505-66-020-2279 Undecenoate Dusting Powder tin	-	12 (ea)	-
66-019-9936 Dressing Adhesive 2 1/2 in	-	12 (ea)	-
66-019-9937 " " 3 in	-	12 (ea)	-
6510-66-019-9932 Condoms Doz 80	80 (doz)	-	-
6505-66-020-0803 Multifungin 15 G tubes	6 (ea)	-	-
66-019-8042 Mepyramine Malleate Cream 25G tubes	10 (ea)	-	-
99-210-1636 Proguanil Hcl Tablets 10000 s	22 (ea)	-	-
b. Dental Treatment			
Partial Denture	1	-	1
Porcelain Restoration	1	-	-
Amalgam Restoration	3	-	-
c. Maintenance Backing Of Items Common to AUST/NZ			
Appendix 1 Attached			
d. Common AUST/NZ POL Items			
	-	-	-
e. Ammunition			
9 mm rounds	3,200	-	-

f. Accommodation

1. Scale A

Complete to scale: Materials issued listed at Appendix 2 attached

2. Kingst and Huts

Two

g. Refrigeration

One 12.5 cubic foot refrigerator ex US billed to Aust at \$US 159.

h. Strengths NZ V Force

<u>Month</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
July	6	68
August	11	112
September	11	109
October	11	112
November	11	111

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c. Maintenance Backing of Items Common to AUST/NZ				
2990-66-012-3050	Pipe Exhaust Inter		1	
CF 1600	Hats Jungle size $7\frac{1}{4}$		20	
1598	Hats Jungle size 7		20	
1596	Hats Jungle size $6\frac{3}{4}$		20	
7210-66-013-7794	Mattress Sections		150	
8340-66-018-2165	Tent 11 x 11		1	
1005-49-960-2012	Butt Normal		5	
1005-49-960-2275	Ring Ret Gas Regulator		10	
1005-49-960-2276	Spring positioning Gas Regulator		10	
1005-49-960-2349	Catch Lever Locking		5	
1005-49-960-2362	Trigger		5	
1005-49-960-2364	Screw Locking Hinge Pin		10	
2520-66-011-2510	Disc Clutch		1	
7210-66-011-5818	Covers Mattress		20	
1005-49-960-2347	Levers Locking Catch (Rivetted)		10	
5977-66-010-7854	Brush Electrical Contact Distributor Cap		6	
8405-66-011-9882	Shirts Tropical Green Size $15\frac{1}{2}$ x 32		32	
9876	" " " " $14\frac{1}{2}$ x 32		20	
8405-66-012-3392	Trousers Tropical Green Size 7		12	
3395	" " " " 10		20	
3397	" " " " 12		11	
8440-66-012-6930	Socks Siz 10		50	
6932	" 11		100	
6931	" $10\frac{1}{2}$		150	
2530-66-013-8133	Cylinder Assy Hd Brake		1	
5340-66-010-6970	Bushing Rubber		16	
8465-66-013-5032	Shelters Lightweight		60	60
8465-66-012-1390	Nets Mosquito		20	20
7210-66-011-5916	Blankets Outer		20	
7210-66-011-5917	Blankets Inner		20	
7920-66-013-8168	Regulator		1	
5950-66-013-7238	Reactor		3	
8405-66-012-3389	Trousers DG Size 4		30	15
3387	" " " 2		10	

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<u>Maintenance Backing of Items Common to AUST/NZ</u>			
3310-00-144-8657 Bearing Ball Annular Single Row			1
2520-66-010-7148 Gasket Oils Seal Retainer			2
2520-66-010-6277 Gasket Bell Housing			1
5330-66-010-7026 Seal Plain encased			1
2805-66-019-7203 Gasket Front Cover			1
2805-66-010-6201 Gasket Water Inlet			1
2805-66-010-6196 Gasket Sump			1
8405-66-012-0536 Sweater Size 42			50
-0534 Sweater Size 38			50
7530-AF G982E Combined Indent and Voucher			50
6145-99-942-6314 Cable Electric D10			(coils) 8
8305-66-011-5408 Cloth Cotton Neckcloth			(yards) 150
3310-66-013-7431 Bearing Ball Annular			1
3310-66-013-5993 Bearing Roller Cylindrical			1
3030-66-013-7428 Belt V Generator			1
2920-66-012-3566 Coil Ignition 24V			1
6220-66-010-8160 Lens Amber Turnlight			3
2920-66-013-7208 Contact Breaker Set 24V			1
3030-66-013-7428 Belts Gen Endless No 46A			8
B3-CA-1513 Plug Cork barrel locking pin			5
B3-CAA-1526 Pin Locking Barrel Normal			3
B3-CAA-1527 Pin Locking Barrel 10-010-0-S			5
8440-66-013-4403 Gaiters Size 3			(pairs) 10
4404 " " 4			" 10
8405-66-015-8274 Shorts Green Size 32			" 10
8276 " " " 34			" 5
8405-66-012-3387 Trousers DG size 2			10
6220-66-010-7834 Lens Parking Front			2
8405-66-011-9889 Shirts mans size 16 x 34			20
9892 " " " 17 x 34			10
9874 " " " 14 x 33			10

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<u>Maintenance Backing of Items Common to AUST/NZ</u>			
2930-66-010-6904 Gasket	-	-	1
5330-66-010-7831 Washer Joint petrol filler cap	-	2	-
6140-66-010-7867 Battery 12v 9 plate 65AH	-	2	-
1005-49-960-0013 Pullthrough Mk7	-	6	-
1005-99-960-0017 Magazine 7.62mm L2A1	-	1	-
2610-66-010-7865 Cover 7.50 x 16 LP car	-	2	-
5120-66-014-3810 Screwdriver flat tip cellulose 4"x5/32"	-	1	-
LV6/MT1-1004-Z Pump Tyre hand operated, veh type cpte with hose and adaptor	-	2	-
8405-66-011-9879 Shirt "il Green size 15	-	25	-
8405-66-011-9874 Shirts Mans Size 13½	5	-	-
8405-66-011-9873 " " " 14	8	-	-
8405-66-011-9876 " " " 14½	20	-	-
8405-66-011-9876 " " " 14½	10	-	-
8405-66-011-9882 " " " 15½	40	-	-
8405-66-011-9882 " " " 15½	8	-	-
8405-66-011-9885 " " " 16	10	-	-
8405-66-011-9885 " " " 16	11	-	-
8405-66-011-9885 " " " 16	19	-	-
8405-66-011-9888 " " " 16½	20	-	-
8405-66-011-9888 " " " 16½	20	-	-
8405-66-011-9892 " " " 17	20	-	-
8405-66-011-9895 " " " 17½	3	-	-
8405-66-011-9895 " " " 17½	20	-	-
8405-66-012-3387 Trousers Mans Size 2	10	-	-
8405-66-012-3389 " " " 4	22	-	-
8405-66-012-3390 " " " 5	20	-	-
8405-66-012-3390 " " " 5	20	-	-
8405-66-012-3391 " " " 6	10	-	-

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<u>Maintenance Backing of Items Common to AUST/NZ</u>			
8405-66-012-3391 Trousers Mens Size 6	10	-	-
8405-66-012-3392 " " " 7	20	-	-
8405-66-012-3392 " " " 7	20	-	-
8405-66-012-3395 " " " 10	5	-	-
8405-66-012-3395 " " " 10	5	-	-
8405-66-012-3396 " " " 11	10	-	-
8405-66-012-3396 " " " 11	8	-	-
8405-66-012-3397 " " " 12	10	-	-
8405-66-012-3397 " " " 12	1	-	-
8405-66-012-3397 " " " 12	6	-	-
8405-66-012-3398 " " " 13	10	-	-
8405-66-012-3400 " " " 15	8	-	-
8405-66-012-3400 " " " 15	20	-	-
8405-66-012-3401 " " " 16	8	-	-
8405-66-012-3403 " " " 18	8	-	-
8405-66-012-3406 " " " 21	5	-	-
8405-66-015-8427 Shorts PT Green Size 30	14	-	-
8405-66-015-8428 " " " 31	3	-	-
8405-66-015-8275 " " " " 33	1	-	-
8405-66-015-8278 " " " " 36	8	-	-
8440-66-012-6933 Socks size 11½	100	-	-
8440-66-012-6934 " " 12	100	-	-
8440-66-013-4404 Gaiters Aust Size 4 (pr)	4	-	-
8455-66-011-2038 Insignia Major (Pr)	8	-	-
8455-66-011-2039 " Capt (Pr)	4	-	-
8455-66-011-20 " Lt (Pr)	5	-	-
8465-66-012-1390 Nets Mosquito	20	-	-
8465-66-012-1990 Nets Mosquito	4	-	-

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2805-66-010-3651 Dip Stick Oil Lever	1	-	-
2910-66-010-7398 Engine Fuel Parts Kit Pump	1	-	-
2910-66-010-0912 Repair Kit Carburettor	1	-	-
2920-66-020-7868 Spark Plugs	6	-	-
2930-66-029-8261 Radiator Blcok Assy	1	-	-
5930-66-019-7812 Dust Cover Horn Contact	1	-	-
6635-66-014-3450 Battery	12	-	-
6135-66-014-3454 BATTERY	96	-	-
6135-66-014-9365 Battery	12	-	-
6135-66-014-9365 Battery	12	-	-
6135-66-014-9366 Battery	12	-	-
6135-66-014-9366 Battery	12	-	-
8405-66-012-3393 Trouser DG Size 8	-	-	5
8405-66-012-3392 " " " 7	-	-	10
8405-66-012-3390 " " " 5	-	-	10
8405-66-012-3388 " " " 3	-	-	20
LV6/MT3 LU577588 Lens Amber Turnlight	-	-	4
8465-66-012-0366 Canteens Water	30	-	-
8465-66-242-7843 Cups Canteen	30	-	-
8465-66-013-5032 Shelter	5	-	-
CF 1594 Hats Jungle Size 6½	10	-	-
CF 1596 " " " 6 3/4	10	-	-
CF 1598 " " " 7	10	-	-
CF 1600 " " " 7¼	10	-	-
CF 1602 " " " 7½	2	-	-
Y1-TSE(W) 15-20 Cord and Plug Assy 5 Pt	1	-	-
Z1-TSE(W) 8-516 Aerial End FED	1	-	-
2990-66-016-0398 Front Exhaust Pipe LWB ROVER	1	-	-

Steel Sheet Corr 7ft		5	(sheets)
Steel Sheet Coor (Z/Coated) 24G 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in x 3in x 6ft	114	"	
" " " " 5ft x 3in x 24G	4	"	
" " " " 7ft x 3in x 24G	29	"	
" " " " 8ft x 3in x 24G	24	"	
" " " " Blue Orb 8in x 3in (Coor) 24G Curved			
" " " " to 2ft Radius	8	"	
" " " " Flat Galv 6ft x 3ft x 24G	21	"	
" " " " Black 6ft x 3ft x 24G	2	"	
Cloth "ute Burlap	17	(L/Yd)	
" " " " " " " "	11	"	
Covers Pan Latrine	14		
Screening Non Metallic Insect Fibre Glass 14 x 14 Mesh 36in	700	(L/Ft)	
Wire Fabric Reinforcing Mesh No 655 20ft x 7ft x 6ft	1	(Sheet)	
Building Paper Sisalcrafft 60 x 60 x 60in	100	(Yds)	
Pipe Down Spout Steel Galv 6ft x 24G x 4in Dia	4	(Lgth)	
Support Pipe Hook Galv 2in	2		
Bend Pipe MI Galv M 1F lin	4		
" " " " " " 90° 2in	2		
Flange Pipe 2in	2		
Coupling Pipe 2in	6		
Building Board Hard Pressed Vegetable Fibre 6ftx4ftx3/16	4	(Sheet)	
Cock Plug lin	4		
Valve Gate Gunmetal 2in	2		
Rivet Solid Steel R/H Z/Coated 3/16 x 3/8	2	(lbs)	
Pulley Awning 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in Galv	12		
Catch	8		
Latch Thumb Norfolk	1		
Hasp with Staple	2		
Hinge Butt Steel 3in x 12G	6		
Nails B/H 3in x 8SWG	35	(lbs)	

Door Screen Wood	2
Hinges Spring Butt	4
Catchers	2
Screws	32

f. <u>Accommodation</u>			
1. <u>Material for Scale A Accommodation</u>			
Cement 160 Bags	289 L/Ft		
Sand 16 M	132 L/Ft		
Gravel 16 m	29 L/Ft		
Timber H/W 1½ x 4 in	1120 L/Ft		
" " 1in x 6in	140 L/Ft		
" " 6in x 6in	4373 L/Ft		
" " 1in x 3in	315 L/Ft		
" " 1½in x 2in	17 L/Yds		
" " 1¼in x 4in	29 Lbs		
" " S/W Moulding Coverstrip, 1½in x ½in	8 Lbs		
Building Paper Sisal-Cra	6 Lbs		
Nails Corr Roofing 2¼ x 9SWG	5 Lbs		
Nails Clout 3/4 x 12G	16		
Tack Shoe Steel Cut	2		
Solder	2		
Hinge Butt Steel Spring 23/4in	6		
Hinge Tee Steel 4in	4		
Lock Set Rim 6in Complete	12		
Grease Traps	4 (gals)		
Bins Garbage	14		
Buckets Shower Canvas	4		
Creosote Tech Coal Tar	28 Lbs		
Pans Latrine	39 Lbs		
Tank Liquid Storage 200 gal	8 Lbs		
Wire Steel Carbon 8G	24 L/Ft		
Steel Bar Flat 2in x ½in			
Steel Bar Mild ½in			
Fencing Wire Netting			

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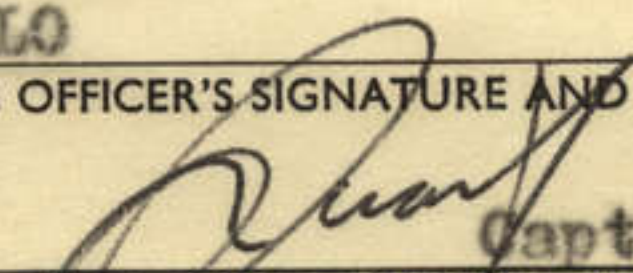
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Info

MAINTENANCE OF AAFV BY COMUSMACV (.) REPLACEMENT OF VEHs (.) PRESENT PROPOSALS ENVISAGE USING THE LANDROVER-JEEP CHANGEOVER AS A STARTING POINT (.) EME IS REQUESTED TO CONDUCT A SURVEY TO DETERMINE THE PROBABLE REMAINING LIFE OF TRUCKS 1/2 TON GS IN AAFV (.) THIS INFO WILL BE REQUIRED BY AN AAFV WORKING PARTY TO BE CONVENED MID JANUARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRODUCING A PROGRAMMED DEMAND FOR VEHICLES (.) THIS IS REQUIRED BY USARV NOT LATER THAN 31 JAN 66

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Info

MAINTENANCE OF AAFV BY COMUSMACV (.) SPARE PARTS FOR COMMON US-AUST
EQUIPMENTS (.) FIRST (.) USARV HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WILL ASSUME
RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE THESE ITEMS WEF 15 FEB 66 (.) SUPPORT WILL
BE ON THE SAME BASIS AS THAT PROVIDED TO US UNITS CMM THEREFORE LEAD
TIMES MAY BE CONSIDERABLE (.) SECOND (.) TO IMPLEMENT THE SUPPLY
CHANGEVER IT IS NECESSARY TO COMMENCE REQUISITIONING ON US SOURCES AS
(.) ORD DET ALSO ARE REQUESTED TO TAKE POL ACTION (.) ALFA (.) SCALED
ITEMS (.) WEF 1 JAN 66 ~~XXXXXX~~ SUBMIT PROVISION REQUISITIONS ON 173
AB BDE (.) THESE REQUISITIONS TO BE DUPLICATED BY INDENTS ON AUST
DURING AN INITIAL TRIAL PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS (.) SIT WILL BE REVIEWED
AT END OF TRIAL PERIOD (.) BRAVO (.) NON SCALED ITEMS (.) SUBMIT
REQUISITIONS ON 173 AB BDE USING HIGHEST PRIORITY COMMENSURATE WITH
BDE POLICY (.) DUPLICATE BY PRI 2 DEMAND ON AUST WHERE ITEM CAN NOT BE
PROVIDED FROM BDE STOCKS (.) THIRD (.) USARV HAVE REQUESTED DATA TO
INDICATE PROBABLE 3 MONTHS USAGE ON SPARE FOR COMMON EQUIPMENTS (.)
REQUEST COMMENTS OO ALSO ON SUITABILITY OF MARKED UP COPIES OF PONYTAIL
AND HORSEHEAD SCALINGS FOR THIS PURPOSE (.) FOURTH (.) RADIO AN/PRC 25
(.) IT HAS AGAIN BEEN CONFIRMED BY USARV THAT SUPPORT FOR THIS EQPT IS
AVAIL ON DX BASIS FROM POOL IN SAIGON (.) REQUEST INFO WHETHER THIS

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SYSTEM IS NOW PROVING EFFECTIVE FOR AUST UNITS (.) ACK

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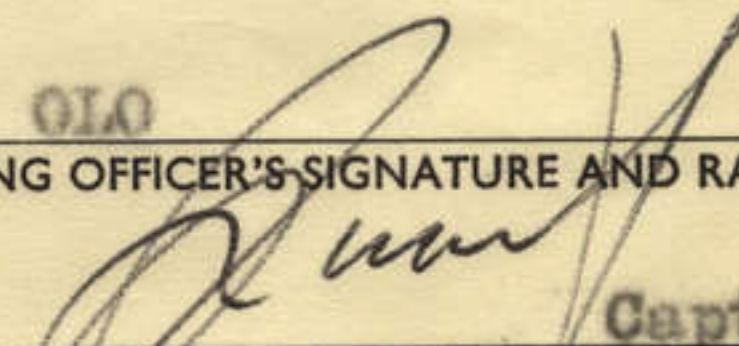
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FOR EME (.) REPAIR FACILITIES FOR M113 (.) FIRST (.) FOL IS TEXT
OF AHQ ENQUIRY ON TH/IS SUBJECT (.) QUOTE (.) FOR FUTURE PLANNING
REQUEST ADVISE IF US ARMY FACILITIES FOR BASE REPAIRS M113 APC
LIKELY TO MEET YOUR REQUIREMENTS (.) REGARD THIS AS ENQUIRY ONLY
NOT POLICY FOR THE TIME BEING (.) UNQUOTE (.) SECOND (.) YOUR
INVESTIGATION AND ADVICE ARE REQUESTED

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Info			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER Q 2875

YOUR 0004977 (.) ENGR STORES FROM US SOURCES (.) REQUEST FURTHER
DETAILS OF QUOTE SUBMERSIBLE PUMP AND GENERATOR UNQUOTE (.) IS THIS
ONE EPT OR TWO (.) FOR WHAT PURPOSE WOULD ITEM BE REQUIRED (.) DATA
AVAL IS INADEQUATE FOR FULL INVESTIGATION US SUPPLY SOURCES

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28 Dec 65

Army Headquarters
CANBERRA

(For Assistant Secretary ⁵⁷⁸ ~~P&E~~)

EMPLOYMENT OF CIVILIAN LABOUR:
REST AND CONVALESCENCE CENTRE
VUNG TAU

Reference HQ AAFV signal 72891 dated 30 Dec 65.

1. The requirement for civilian staff as contained in the reference signal has been examined. As a provisional establishment it has my support but should be subject to review after a period of two months.
2. Recruitment is to be made through the HSAS Employment Office, a branch of which is located at VUNG TAU. Conditions of employment, rates of pay and allowances, etc, shall be those laid down by COMUSMACV as contained in 'Supervisors Manual for Civilian Personnel Administration of Local National Employees', a copy of which is forwarded herewith.
3. For funding purposes the following estimate of weekly expenditure for pay and allowances is submitted.

<u>Designation & No</u>		<u>Pay Grade</u>	<u>Pay 48hrs</u>
Maid x	4	V1	\$VN480
Kitchen Helperx	2	V1	480
Labourer x	1	V1	480
	<u>7</u>		x 480 = 3360
Waiter x x	4	V3	682
Bartender x	<u>1</u>	V3	<u>682</u>
	5		x 682 = 3410
Driver x	1	V4	797 = <u>797</u>
			\$VN 7567

Plus margin 20% for family allowances, overtime,
holiday pay - 1515
\$VN 9082
=£A 56

It is expected that the Centre will open mid -
January.


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2/ 4. Arrangements in mind

4. Arrangements in mind for the engagement, control, and pay of civilian staff are:-

- a. Engagement of staff within approved establishment is to be made by Centre Manager from Nationals referred by US Employment Office. Advice of employment is to be forwarded to Financial Adviser.
- b. Daily attendance records are to be kept at Centre. Personnel Occurrence Returns are to be forwarded to Financial Adviser.
- c. Discipline is to be a matter for Centre Manager. Termination of service is to be referred to Financial Adviser for confirmation.
- d. Fortnightly wage sheets, ending Sunday night, are to be prepared by Centre Administrative Warrant Officer and certified correct and due for payment by Centre Manager.
- e. Paymaster is to arrange 100% check of wage sheets prior to issue of advance for pay to Centre Paying Officer. Pay is to be issued on normal Army pay Thursday.
- f. Financial Adviser is to maintain personal history file for each employee and advise Paymaster of occurrences affecting pay.
- g. Acquitted pay sheets are to be referred to Financial Adviser for scrutiny before despatch to AHQ with Field Return.

5. Detailed instructions are to be issued to staff members concerned to ensure that normal controls are observed as far as is possible under local conditions.

 LtCol
Financial Adviser

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23 Dec 65

COMUSMACV
US Forces APO 96243

(Attention MACCO)

REIMBURSEMENT FOR ACTUALS PROVIDED
BY THE UNITED STATES TO AUSTRALIA
IN THE PERIOD 2 AUG 65-28 SEP 65.

Reference your memorandum 5777 dated 1 Dec 65.

1. Included in your schedule of actuals for reimbursement are a few items which it is considered are covered under Section II, Articles 11 and 111 of the Financial Working Arrangement. These are -

Insecticides
Insect Repellants
Soaps
Disinfectant
Pickets Steel, 5' and 6'.

The last mentioned item was obtained for construction of unit defences, and the others are regarded as normal expense stores.

2. Your acceptance that items above are to be excluded from the schedule of Actuals, and adjustment of extension errors in items Headband Liner Helmet Steel and Shaker Pepper will result in an amended grand total of \$US27,115.86.

3. Upon confirmation of this amount action will be taken to have a cheque drawn in the manner requested.

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FIELD OPERATIONAL RESEARCH SECTION

Reference AHQ 319:R1:11 dated 30 Nov 65.

General

1. A Field Operational Research Section (FORS) has been raised at AHQ and detached (on a long term basis) to HQ AAFV. The Section will comprise:-
 - a. One GSO 2 (Major) (CCOO)
 - b. One GSO 2 (Major) (or rank equivalent to civilian status of appointee) Regular Army Supplement who will be seconded from the Australian Defence Scientific Service.
 - c. One Serjeant Clerk GD (CC 50)
2. The Role of the Section is to provide operational research support for the Australian Army Force, VIETNAM. It will:-
 - a. Conduct operational research into the tactical employment of forces and the operational effectiveness of weapons and equipment.
 - b. Examine operational requirements for new weapons and equipment.
 - c. Advise on the operationally effective employment of newly introduced weapons, equipment and tactical methods.
 - d. Collect data applicable to studies current at AHQ or foreseen in the future.

Duties

3. The tasks of the FORS will be allocated from time to time by COMAAFV. In general tasks will necessitate the collection and analysis of quantitative data on a particular aspect of operations so that trends can be detected and examined and the statistical significance of events can be determined. Initially the Section will concentrate on aspects concerned with combat and equipment development but mathematical and data processing tasks involving other aspects will be undertaken when facilities are available. At first most effort will be directed towards gathering data to allow objective decisions to be made.

Schedule of Tasks

4. The initial schedule of tasks for the Section will be:-
 - a. Maintain as close as possible liaison with the Joint Research and Test Activity (JRATA) and in particular with the Army Concepts Team in VIETNAM (ACTIV) to ensure that Australian troops are given the benefit of the research conducted there.
 - b. Analysis of the reports of contacts to gather data required for the AHQ Firepower Study.
 - /c. Determine the operational

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- c. Determine the operational effectiveness of the M79 Grenade Launcher and the ARMALITE Rifle in the light of the experience of 1 RAR.
- d. Examine the logistics of 1 US Division to determine the advantages of the system as it is deployed in this theatre.

Robert Johnson
Brig
Comd

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Reference AND 319/111 dated 30 Nov 65.

General

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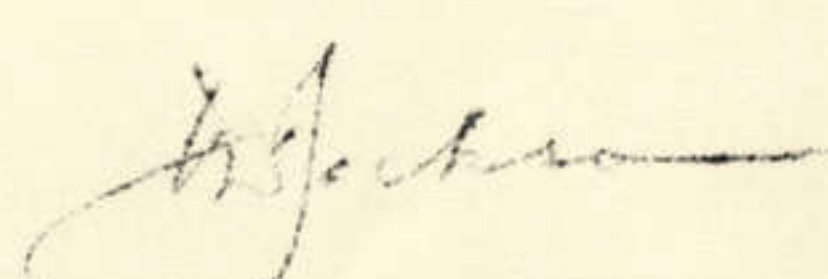
THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

FORM OF REQUEST UNDER SECTION 25(3) OF DEFENCE (VISITING FORCES) ACT 1963

W H E R E A S by an Order in Council dated 13th December 1963 it was declared that the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of AUSTRALIA and the Military Forces of the Dominion of NEW ZEALAND do serve together wheresoever serving A N D W H E R E A S part of the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of AUSTRALIA and part of the Military Forces of the Dominion of NEW ZEALAND are serving in the Republic of VIETNAM A N D W H E R E A S NEW ZEALAND is a country in relation to which Section 25(3) of the Defence (Visiting Forces) Act 1963 applies.

N O W T H E R E F O R E I, Brigadier Oliver David JACKSON, OBE, Commander, Australian Army Force, VIETNAM pursuant to the said Section 25(3) of the Defence (Visiting Forces) Act 1963 D O H E R E B Y R E Q U E S T you the Commander, NEW ZEALAND Army Force, VIETNAM to direct all members of the NEW ZEALAND Army under your command serving in the Republic of VIETNAM to arrest any person who being a member of the Australian Army Force, VIETNAM, is inferior in rank to the member making such arrest and who is alleged to have committed or is reasonably suspected of having committed an offence punishable under Australian service law and to deliver such person into the custody of an officer of the Australian Army Force, VIETNAM for preference his own unit.

Dated at SAIGON the *sixteenth* day of *December* 1965


Brigadier
Commander, Australian Army Force, VIETNAM

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MINUTES OF THE COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE

held at

0900 hours 31 Dec 65

Present: Brig O. D. JACKSON OBE COMAAAFV and Chairman

Lt Col R. G. McNAMARA :

Majs R. JOSHUA

I. J. MEIBUSCH

F. W. DEANE

M. A. NAUGHTON

A. S. HINDS

Cpts J. A. BROWNE

G. A. QUAIL

R. L. TWISS

R. H. PARKER

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SO	Topic and Detail	Action By
COMAAAFV	<p><u>Gen Tac Situ</u></p> <p>COMAAAFV opened conf by inviting GSO 2 to give a resume of activities since last conference. Further to outline forthcoming operations.</p>	
COMAAAFV	<p><u>TRUCE</u></p> <p>Commander spoke on the concept of 30 hour truce.</p> <p><u>Transmitter Site</u></p> <p>GSO 2 directed to produce letter to Embassy on Transmitter site. Capt TWISS agrees to continue erection work after departure of project Sqn</p>	
DAAG	<p><u>Reinforcements</u></p> <p>Spoke on reinforcement policy effective after arrival of HQ clerks, 14 days Battle Efficiency Course at JTC.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 RAR still holding first reinforcement of 50 men AATTV 13 deficient on strength WO BIRKETT due to 1 RAR in either 4 - 10 days <p><u>Entertainment</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Tommy HANLON show at DANANG at present last show will be at 1 ALSC and 2 Jan show moves to THAILAND. RSL show has been to BIEN HOA, VUNG TAU. Shows are at present on BOQ, BEQ circuit. Returning to AUSTRALIA at varying times commencing with Lucky STARR on 11 Jan. Future shows are to be on a frequency of once per month next show due at Easter. <p><u>GS Medal</u></p> <p>Approval granted for Aust soldiers in VIETNAM to receive GS medal subject to requirements.</p> <p><u>Cremations</u></p> <p>Commander directed that in future requests for cremations be referred to CANBERRA to ensure that NOK are aware of methods employed.</p>	<p>Comd directed that signal be sent to CARO requesting action necessary by AAFV, AATTV personnel RTA will return wearing GS medal</p>

SO	Topic and Detail	Action By
	<p><u>R & R</u></p> <p>United States are in process of establishing R & R centres at TAIPEH, TOKYO, and MANILA. Outlined principles involved in Australian participation as far as US concerned. Comd directed that Embassy be asked if the areas available to AUSTRALIA are acceptable for Aust troops. Comd will speak to J1 on answer from Embassy</p> <p><u>Customs</u></p> <p>Many servicemen are taking weapons back to AUSTRALIA consequently having same seized Further soldiers are getting into difficulties with customs tax on certain imports. Comd directed that NO person will take weapons to AUSTRALIA without AAFV authority. Further that the personal weapon carried will be stated on MOB 3. For private weapons the permission of the Police Commissioner in State concerned must be produced. Again stated that soldiers need details of customs import tax available from Embassy.</p> <p>Ord LO Build up of stocks gradually improving with arrival of indented stores by sea.</p> <p>Generators situation (6) on order. Received (1) at sea (2) in AUSTRALIA (3).</p> <p>Stated intention of purchase of generator for R & R centre VUNG TAU.</p> <p>Comd stated that information from AUSTRALIA indicated shipping to VIETNAM in order of 30 days. OLO of the opinion that transshipment at SINGAPORE was a factor in delays in the shipments.</p> <p>Stationery critical as units indents made when unit holdings very low however initial problem overcome by local purchase</p>	

3/. Spoke on availability

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	<p>Spoke on availability of 25 sets. Comd directed that sets be issued to 1 RAR and necessary documentation follow up.</p> <p>15 Feb 66 is the date accepted by MACV for responsibility for spares equipments etc. However at the same time duplication requests will be made to AUSTRALIA in case of inability of MACV to meet demands.</p>	
FORS	In effort to answer AHQ requests for information on M16 and M17 liaison visits have been made to 1 RAR. Comd directed Bn be given date by which comments are required	
Chaplain	Soldiers had most favourable response to Australian Christmas parcels.	
SO Sigs	<p>Receiver site completed Comd advised he would visit area of Receiver site with SO Sigs.</p> <p>Communications NOT good as atmospheric conditions fluctuating.</p>	
PRO	<p><u>Christmas Period</u></p> <p>Christmas cover of Australian Troops made on 650 feet of TV film. 50 feet Colour film. 70 black and white pictures</p> <p>Australian press coverage seen:-</p> <p>ABC MELBOURNE HERALD GROUP AAP</p> <p><u>Accreditation</u></p> <p>MACV have instituted an amended system of press accreditation, covering three separate periods:-</p> <p>a. 30 days b. 3 months c. 6 months</p>	

4/. Further a correspondent

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	<p>Further a correspondent must be in possession of a letter of introduction as a representative of a firm. Also must be in possession of an authorisation from the Australian Embassy.</p> <p>Vietnamese representation will now be a maximum of eight at any one time.</p>	
SMO	<p><u>Malaria</u></p> <p>Subject of malaria will be discussed with Professor BLACK one particular representation is to be acceptance of combination measures. Comd directed a repeat be made of letter to commanders on malaria precautions. To stress checking of Junior leaders and that the present implementation of preventative measures are properly recorded. Reports indicate that in all future operations the battalion group will take mosquito nets.</p>	<p>Comd directed DAAG to check relationship of R & R with incidence of malaria.</p>
Paymaster	<p>Pay in "green" to R & R personnel rests with HQ AAFV either day before or on actual day of leaving. Spoke of provision of cash office at BIEN HOA. Comd NOT satisfied on security aspects. Deputy commander is to investigate factors of introduction of cash office.</p> <p>Advised conference that a new series may be issued of MPC also that the army may take over pay. Conversion of series would mean that all MPC carried by troops would need to be converted within 24 hours.</p> <p><u>Decimal Currency</u></p> <p>Conference to be held 3 Jan 66 HQ AAFV for unit pay reps. Tuesday will be next payday. 20 Jan will be normal pay. 3 Feb will be a double pay the only payday in that month, being the last pay prior to decimal currency. From 3 Feb onward all Australian Forces paybooks will be converted at HQ AAFV. Comd indicated offer of conference room to facilitate handling of documentation.</p>	

5/. Notified conference on

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<p>HQ Comdt</p> <p>FA</p> <p>DCOMAAFV</p>	<p>Notified conference on outstanding items of furniture and equipment. Commander directed that a check be made to ensure that furniture and equipment holdings be on minimum basis.</p> <p>Stocktake cut-off date is to be 31 Jan 66. Referred conference to detail timing of RAP sick parades.</p> <p>Recent support and costing conference detail discussion included factors for costing are real when basing estimates. Figures from June for ammunition allocate £500,000 for 65/66. Financial adviser's estimates from conference indicate £415,000 this gives a substantial excess to the end of the current financial year.</p> <p>Costing on vehicles on the per capita gives a \$500 per month outlay which by experience has NOT been utilised.</p> <p>FA proposes elimination of per capita basis and introduce a costing per vehicle with and without driver.</p> <p><u>R & R Centre</u></p> <p>Propose to staff R & R centre with 13 civilian staff. Commander indicated preference on employment of civilian staff outside conference. Financial adviser spoke the desirability on an approach to Army to ascertain the factors comprising the Vietnamese allowance.</p> <p><u>R & R Centre</u></p> <p>PX profits have made available \$5000 towards amenities at R & R centre.</p> <p>Points made to all staff officers:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Staff to concentrate on co-ordinating activities. 	

6/2. SOP's in preparation

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Comd	<p>2. SOP's in preparation</p> <p>3. Spoke on man management Particularly BEQ's require examination more consideration of amenities and security of BEQ's. Further supervision of BEQ.</p> <p><u>General Staff Brief</u></p> <p>1. Desires all branch heads to commence separate task function on relief of Battalion group.</p> <p>2. Plan must be simple and operationally acceptable.</p> <p>3. Proposals may follow lines of:-</p> <p>a. Battalion helilift off HMAS SYDNEY.</p> <p>b. Take over equipment in the line.</p> <p>4. Branch heads further to consider aspects of phase 2 of American support programme.</p>	

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VIETNAM COMMAND AMENITIES FUND

1. The VIETNAM Command Amenities Fund has now been established with a grant from the Central Amenities Fund.
2. The purpose of the Fund is to provide amenities for the units of the Australian Army Force VIETNAM (other than those provided from Unit Regimental Funds and other sources).
3. To provide a basis for the operation of the Fund, and to enable the equitable distribution to be made to units from the fund, the following information is required:-
 - a. Whether a Regimental Fund has been established and if so the
 - b. Balance of the Fund
 - c. Source of income to establish the fund.
 - d. Sources of subsequent income
 - e. Where the funds are held. and,
 - f. Bids from units for amenities items that may be provided from the Command Amenities Fund.
4. Units in considering paragraph 3f must be aware that initially priority will be given to monies needed to adequately outfit the Australian R and R Centre at VUNG TAU.
5. A meeting of representatives of 1 RAR (for Battalion Group), 105 Fd Bty, RAA, 1 ALSC, AATTV will be called at HQ AAFV at a convenient time during 6-10 Jan 66 to discuss in detail 3(a)-(f).

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REIMBURSEMENT FOR US SUPPORT IN
THE RAAP TRANSPORT FLIGHT VIETNAM

Shown below is the schedule of support charges for
RAAP Transport Flight VIETNAM for November 1965.

Average Personnel Strength

Officers	-	15 at \$US 142.00	=	2,130.00
Other Rank (EM)	-	71 at \$US 74.00	=	5,254.00

Vehicles

8 at \$US 50.00	=	400.00
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Caribbean Flying Hours

481 at \$US 123.00	=	59,123.00
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TOTAL	\$US	67,909.00
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FORCE ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

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65.	MT Testing Officers and NCOs - VIETNAM Command

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65. MT TESTING OFFICERS/NCOS

Reference SOVOS (1961) Section 4.

1. Selected Officers/NCOs may be appointed as MT Testing Officers/NCOs subject to paragraph 32 of the reference which states:-

"32. a. An Officer/NCO appointed as MT Testing Officer/NCO must be:-

(1) Qualified as an MT Testing Officer at an appropriate Army Training Establishment, ie,

'A' Vehicles - Armoured School

'B' Vehicles - RAASC Centre
Command Trade Training Centre RAASC
(Syllabi to be approved by RAASC Centre)

'C' Vehicles - School of Military Engineering

NOTE:

Or mobile wings of the three Army Schools referred to.

(2) Promulgated in Formation/Command Routine Orders, shewing the Code Letter of vehicles for which he is qualified to test.

(3) Qualified at a MT Testing Officers Refresher Course at least once every five years (or sooner if required by a Command).

2. To retain the qualification as a MT Testing Officer/NCO paragraph 42 of the reference will apply. This reads:-

"42. In order to ensure that Vehicle Officers/NCOs and MT Testing Officers remain competent to train and test drivers they will be required to attend a refresher course at an appropriate Army Training Establishment at least once every five years (or sooner if required by a Command). Any Vehicle Officer/NCO or MT Testing Officer/NCO who fails to attend a refresher course within the prescribed period or who, at the conclusion of the course is found to be incompetent in his duties will have his authority to train or test drivers rescinded."

3. At ANNEX A is the list of authorised MT Testing Officers in the VIETNAM Command.

4. In column (h) of ANNEX A is the year in which authorization will expire. CO/OCs will arrange for Officers/NCOs to be retested in accordance with SOVOS paragraph 42 before the date of expiration.

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For COMAAFV

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GSO 2

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MT TESTING OFFICERS AND NCOS - VIETNAM COMMAND

Serial	Personal Particulars			Unit	Licence Codes	Qualifying or Refresher Course	Expiry	Trg Estb
	Army No	Rank	Name					
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
1.	13215	WO2	BURTON VC	HQ AAFV	A.B1.B2.C.E.K1	27/62 ARA (AA) VO/NCO Wheeled	1967	RAASC Centre
2.	5263	WO2	EDWARDS SE	1 ALSC	A.B.C.D.E.F3.G1.G2.G3. G4.J3.K1.K2.K3.L1.	1/62 ARA Testing Offr Refresher	1967	W Comd TTC
3.	235261	Lt	HANNELL DM	1 ALSC	A.B1.B2.C.K1.E.	31/64 ARA (AA) VO/NCO Wheeled	1969	RAASC Centre
4.	311106	Capt	PRITCHARD PHB	1 ALSC	A.B1.B2.C.K1.	25/62 ARA (AA) VO/NCO Wheeled	1967	RAASC Centre
5.	28988	Sgt	SPINNEY AA	HQ AAFV	A.B1.B2.C.E.K1.L1.L2.	2/64 MC Testing Offrs	1969	RAASC Centre

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AMQ SD 30196 OF 010705Z DEC 65 (.) NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE OF 28 NOV ARTICLE BY
WILLIAM TUCHT (.) TUCHT WAS ASKED IF HE WOULD DISCUSS REFERENCES TO AUST WARRANT
OFFICER WITH COMAARV (.) MEETING WAS FINALLY ARRANGED FOR 1000 HRS 4 DEC AT HQ
AARV (.) PRESENT WERE COMAARV CMM TUCHT CMM AND PRO (.) COPY OF ARTICLE CONCERNED
WAS MADE AVAILABLE FROM MACV INFORMATION OFFICE (.) DISCUSSION LASTED APPROX
FORTY MINUTES (.) COMAARV STRESSED THAT ALLEGED INCIDENT WAS COMPLETELY FOREIGN TO
AUST WAY OF LIFE CMM TO MILITARY TRAINING OF AUST SOLDIERS CMM TO AUST SOLDIERS
ATTITUDE TO WAR PRISONERS AND TO PREVIOUS RECORD OF AATV (.) HE SAID THE
ALLEGATION WAS OF NATIONAL CONCERN CMM THAT IT CAST REFLECTIONS ON THE INTEGRITY AND
CHARACTER OF FIFTY ODD AUST ADVISORS SERVING IN THE AREA PARTICULARLY CMM AND GENERALL
TO ALL AUST TROOPS IN VIETNAM (.) COMAARV SAID HE CONSIDERED THE ALLEGATION VERY
SERIOUS (.) THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE IT WAS TRUE CMM BUT THAT IF IT WAS CMM THE
THE WARRANT OFFICER CONCERNED HAD COMMITTED A SERIOUS OFFENCE AND MUST BE SUBJECT TO
DISCIPLINARY ACTION (.) HE SAID THAT AUSTRALIA CMM AATV AND THE WARRANT OFFICER
CONCERNED CMM AS A MATTER OF JUSTICE IF NOTHING ELSE CMM SHOULD BE GIVEN AN
OPPORTUNITY TO ANSWER THE ALLEGATION CMM TO DISPROVE IT OR TO CORROBORATE IT (.)
COMAARV ASKED TUCHT THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS (.) ARE YOU COMPLETELY SATISFIED THE
INFORMATION YOU HAVE IS TRUE (.) ANSWER (.) YES (.) QUESTION (.) WERE YOU THERE (.)
ANSWER (.) NO CMM I WAS GIVEN THE INFORMATION FROM A FELLOW CORRESPONDENT (.) QUESTION
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WILL YOU TELL ME THE NAME OF THE WARRANT OFFICER OR AT LEAST WHEN OR WHERE THE EVENT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE (.) ANSWER (.) NO CMM I WOULD NOT WANT TO GET HIM INTO TROUBLE (.) COMAARV POINTED OUT THAT THE ISSUE WAS WIDER THAN THE NEED TO PROTECT AN INDIVIDUAL (.) TUCHY SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE WAS SATISFIED THE STORY WAS TRUE CMM CERTAIN NUANCES COULD HAVE BEEN LOST IN THE REPEATED TELLING OF THE STORY (.) HE SAID THAT IN HINDSIGHT HE COULD SEE THAT HE SHOULD NOT HAVE IDENTIFIED THE ADVISOR AS AN AUSTRALIAN (.) QUESTION (.) WILL YOU ATTEMPT TO CHECK BACK TO THE ORIGIN OF THE STORY TO ASCERTAIN ITS ACCURACY OR OTHERWISE (.) ANSWER (.) YES I MIGHT BE ABLE TO (.) COMAARV TOLD TUCHY THAT IF HE WOULD NOT COOPERATE IN THE INVESTIGATION THAT WAS NOW IN PROGRESS COMAARV WOULD HAVE NO RECOURSE BUT TO TAKE THE MATTER FURTHER (.) TUCHY TOLD COMAARV HE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THE MATTER FURTHER THOUGHT DURING THE WEEKEND AND WOULD ADVISE THE PRO ON MONDAY 6 DEC OF HIS FINAL DECISION AS TO WHETHER HE WOULD DISCLOSE THE WARRANT OFFICERS NAME AND OR CONFIRM THAT HIS SOURCE OF INFORMATION HAD BEEN ACCURATE IN DETAILS (.) TUCHY DID NOT CONTACT THE PRO ON MONDAY (.) ADVICE IS REQUESTED AS TO THE EXTENT TO WHICH PRESSURE SHOULD BE APPLIED TO TUCHY CMM IT IS MOST UNLIKELY THAT ANY POSITIVE RESULTS WILL COME FROM ANY OTHER LINE OF INVESTIGATION

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	NOTICES
	DCM : 14012 Sgt A. J. J. LIGHTFOOT, BEM, RA Inf
	Greetings from the AG Maj Gen J. W. HARRISON, OBE

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55. EMERGENCY LEAVE TO AUSTRALIA FOR MEMBERS SERVING OVERSEAS

1. EMERGENCY Leave with free travel to AUSTRALIA may be granted by the Military Board in exceptional circumstances connected with domestic affairs only in accordance with MBI 128-1 paragraph 62(c).

2. A guide to the circumstances in which EMERGENCY Leave with free travel to AUSTRALIA may be granted is shown at ANNEX A to this Order.

3. Applications are to be processed as follows:-

a. EMERGENCY Circumstances Notified to a Command in AUSTRALIA

(1) The Command is to investigate and signal a recommendation (together with details of the case) to AHQ (CANBERRA) with a copy to the Australian HQ of the overseas command in which the member is serving.

(2) AHQ will advise both headquarters of the decision by signal.

b. EMERGENCY Circumstances Notified to Australian Headquarters Overseas

(1) The Australian headquarters of the overseas command will signal a request for investigation to the command in AUSTRALIA concerned, copy to AHQ (CANBERRA) giving all available particulars.

(2) The command in AUSTRALIA is to signal a recommendation and details of the case to AHQ with a copy to the Australian headquarters of the overseas command.

(3) AHQ will advise both headquarters of the decision by signal.

4. To avoid delay it is important that:-

a. Signals clearly state whether the application or recommendation is for EMERGENCY Leave or EMERGENCY Leave plus reposting to AUSTRALIA. The abbreviation RTA is NOT to be used in connexion with EMERGENCY Leave.

b. Signals requesting investigation and recommending EMERGENCY Leave are given "OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE" priority.

c. Signals from commands giving results of investigations contain an outline of the investigation with enough information to establish whether or NOT the member's presence in AUSTRALIA is necessary.

d. A copy of this Routine Order is to be made available to Duty Officers for use during 'after duty' hours.

5. Members serving overseas should be advised in Unit Orders to inform their relatives, in cases of emergency, to contact the headquarters of the command in which they reside. The conditions under which EMERGENCY Leave to AUSTRALIA is normally approved should also be stated, together with the conditions under which a member may transfer free travel granted with EMERGENCY Leave to his wife. The conditions of transfer are shown in the Note to subparagraph 1(c) of ANNEX A.

56. MILITARY PAYMENT CERTIFICATES (MPC) - EXCHANGE OUTSIDE VIETNAM

1. All members of AAFV are reminded that MCP are NOT legal currency outside VIETNAM and therefore cannot be exchanged outside the country. Adequate exchange facilities are available in VIETNAM either at HQ AAFV or at the point of exit from VIETNAM.

2. A few isolated cases of MEDEVACS to AUSTRALIA may occur where the member arrives with MPC in his possession. In such cases the MPC should be surrendered to the CPM of the Command who will forward it to Pmr AAFV through AHQ. In due course a Credit to the member's pay account will be processed. In NO other cases will MPC be exchanged outside VIETNAM.

3. This Order is to be republished in Unit and Sub Unit Routine Orders at six monthly intervals.

57. PROMOTION QUALIFICATIONS

Reference Promotion Manual PART 3 Sections 9 and 10.

Current service in areas such as BORNEO and VIETNAM does NOT constitute War Service for promotion purposes as per references. Considerable consideration is being given to accepting certain categories of recommended operational service in VIETNAM and BORNEO as part qualifications for promotion to and within NCO and Warrant Rank. The results of such considerations will be promulgated as soon as possible.

58. TAXI FARES (MACV Bulletin 254-10)

1. Taxi fares for the SAIGON Area are regulated by the SAIGON City Government. The below listed tariffs and regulations are a part of the official ordinance. All MACV personnel will be familiar with the instructions indicated below.

2.
 - a. Upon entry into the vehicle the driver is required to activate the mechanical meter which will indicate a starting tariff of 2.50 VN.
 - b. The meter will advance at a rate of .50VN per 166M or 3.00 VN per kilometer.
 - c. Minimum fee per trip is 6.00 VN.
 - d. Taxis are authorised to charge 25.00 VN per hour or fraction thereof for waiting time.
 - e. Taxi fare between 2200-0500 hours is computed by adding 50% to the figure indicated on the meter.
 - f. Fares outside SAIGON (normally considered civilian terminal, TAN SON NHUT, Golf Course, ie, but NOT the military entrance of TAN SON NHUT) are computed by adding 100% of the fare indicated on the meter (double fare).
 - g. In the event of differences of opinion arising pertaining to the fare, personnel will:-
 - (1) Pay the fare requested.
 - (2) Record the incident in the "PASSENGERS' COMPLAINT BOOK" (each driver is required to maintain a complaint book).
 - (3) Record the time, date, location and taxi number (painted on the vehicle door) and forward this information (to include the fare paid) to the Provost Marshal, Headquarters Support Activity, SAIGON.

59. VIETNAM COMMAND AMENITIES FUND

1. In accordance with "Rules for Operating and Accounting for Command and Overseas Amenities Funds" the VIETNAM Command Amenities Fund has been established.

2. Accordingly the Commander has appointed the following:-

a. The Board of Trustees

Lt Col R. G. McNAMARA	Chairman
Lt Col W. T. MURPHY	Member
Maj F. W. DEANE, RAAC	Member

b. Secretary/Accountant

Capt L. R. SUMMERS, RAE

60. ADDRESS FOR INCOMING PERSONAL MAIL

1. The correct address is as shewn hereunder:-

Army No, Rank and Name
Unit
Australian Army Force VIETNAM
AFPO 1
GPO SYDNEY

2. Units are to note the inclusion of "AFPO 1" in this address and an appropriate amendment to AHQ Postal Instruction may be anticipated.

3. This Order is to be repromulgated in Unit Routine Orders.

61. ANIMAL AND PLANT QUARANTINE

1. With the deployment of the Army in VIETNAM and other SOUTH EAST ASIA Areas, and with the consequent back and forth movement of personnel and equipment every practical means must be taken to ensure strict compliance with MBI 15-1 (Animal and Plant Quarantine).

2. This will greatly reduce any risk of introduction of serious diseases of animals and plants into AUSTRALIA. At the same time it will greatly assist the Department of Customs and Excise whose officers examine incoming baggage and prevent disappointment to personnel if it became necessary to seize certain items prohibited entry by quarantine.

3. Because of the animal and plant disease situation in ASIA, there is a significant possibility of animal and plant diseases being introduced in soil, &c., on the boots, gaiters and clothing of returning personnel and on equipment and vehicles.

4. This matter is rather urgent as it is known for example, that foot and mouth disease of cloven footed animals is present in VIETNAM and if introduced into AUSTRALIA, this disease could have a calamitous effect on our export of trade in meat, wool and other animal products as well as causing severe losses to our livestock industries.

5. Units, individuals and movement control personnel are to ensure that all footwear, clothing, equipment and vehicles are free from soil, animal manure, &c., before embarkation for transportation to AUSTRALIA.

6. This Order is to be reprinted in Unit Routine Orders at six monthly intervals. (R699:1:1)

62. LOSS OF PERSONAL ISSUE WEAPON

1. An OSMC No 15993 has been lost. Units are to make an immediate 100% check of all weapons of this category held in the unit, and report to this headquarters accordingly.

2. NIL Returns are required.

(S:5:1A))

63. MAIL : DISPOSAL OF INCORRECTLY STAMPED AND/OR ADDRESSED ARTICLES

1. When postal items bearing insufficient postage or wrong addresses (such as foreign countries) are received at AFPO 1 the following action is to be taken:-

a. If the senders name and address are enfaced on the letter it is returned to the sender.

b. If there is NO senders name and address, but if the unit concession stamp is on the letter, the letter can thereby be identified with a unit, and it is to be accordingly returned to that unit.

c. If the letter bears NO name and address or unit concession stamp, but is addressed to an Australian addressee, it is forwarded to AUSTRALIA as a taxed article. Full international postage is then subsequently recovered from the addressee.

d. If the letter is to a foreign address and bears NO senders name or address or unit stamp, it is advertized as a Notice to Force Routine Orders, If NOT claimed within a reasonable period it is then routed through international postal channels as a taxed item. Such a letter could well become eventually a "dead letter".

2. It is suggested that units use notices to Routine Orders to try to identify senders of letters in category 1b above.

3. Letters will NOT be opened under any circumstances by AFPO 1.

/4. This Order is

4. This Order is to be repeated in Unit Routine Orders at six monthly intervals.

64. TENTAGE : EFFECTS OF FUNGUS GROWTH

1. Samples of fungus affected tentage from BIEN HOA were sent to the Defence Standards Laboratories in AUSTRALIA for analysis of the growth and its effects. The results are as follows:-

- a. The fungus will (in due course) affect the "tear strength" of the canvas, but NOT its waterproofing qualities.
- b. NO remedial treatment is available.
- c. The normal life of the tentage will be reduced but NOT drastically.

2. The continued development of fungus on unit tentage should NOT give rise to alarm. Steps are being taken to provide adequate reserves.

(R8340:1:2)

AUTHENTICATION

For COMAAFV

Maj
DAAG

NOTE:
A member granted EMERGENCY leave with free travel because of the illness of a child, may transfer the free travel to his wife provided both the following conditions apply:-
(1) The wife has been removed to the overseas post at Commonwealth Expense.
(2) EMERGENCY leave has been granted in respect of a child of the member who has been left in AUSTRALIA and the member himself is prevented by the exigencies of the Service from taking the EMERGENCY leave or proving that his wife should take his place.

d.	Death of Wife	Return of the husband is essential to provide care for the children.
e.	Death of Parent or Other Person in loco Parentis	The other parent is destitute or aged and infirm and NO other relative is available

GUIDE TO CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH EMERGENCY LEAVE MAY NORMALLY BE GRANTED
AMF PERSONNEL SERVING OVERSEAS

1.

Serial	Category	Example
a.	Illness of Wife	(1) Wife dangerously ill or dying (2) Presence of husband may assist recovery. (3) Wife has become mentally unstable. (4) There are children under 16 needing care and wife is seriously ill.
b.	Illness of Parent or Other Person in Loco Parentis	(1) Either parent is dangerously ill and NO suitable relative is available. (2) The return of the individual is necessary to save life or reason. (3) Either parent is dying and expectation of life is short. In this case leave will NOT be granted if the soldier's presence is desired for sentimental reasons, but only when some positive good can be achieved by the soldier's presence, such as care of the sick parent or putting into order the parent's affairs where NO other close relative is available to do so.
c.	Illness of Child	(1) The parent's presence is essential to save life or reason. (2) The child is dangerously ill or dying and expectation of life is short.

NOTE:

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- (2) EMERGENCY Leave has been granted in respect of a child of the marriage who has been left in AUSTRALIA and the member himself is prevented by the exigencies of the Service from taking the EMERGENCY Leave or prefers that his wife should take his place.

d.	Death of Wife	Return of the husband is essential to provide care for the children.
e.	Death of Parent or Other Person in Loco Parentis	The other parent is destitute or aged and infirm and NO other relative is available

Serial	Category	Example
f.	Death of Child	(1) Mental stability of child's mother is seriously affected. (2) Death of only child.
g.	Dangerously Ill or Dying Brother or Sister	The dangerously ill brother or sister has NO parents, is unmarried and has NO sisters or brothers, other than the individual serving overseas.
h.	Domestic Hardships	(1) Serious criminal charge against wife (2) Wife has become morally unstable and or neglects the children.

2. It is stressed that the above schedule is a guide only and each case must be investigated and Military Board approval granted before the member can be given EMERGENCY Leave with Free Travel.

3. In certain cases, where Military Board approval has NOT been given, the Australian headquarters of the overseas command, if the member so desires, permit him to proceed on leave to AUSTRALIA at his own expense. In this case, EMERGENCY Leave plus ARL at credit may be granted.

4. In NO circumstances is EMERGENCY Leave to UK with free travel to be granted. Applications should only be made for permission for the member concerned to travel to the UK at his own expense in accordance with MBI 128-1 paragraphs 133-34.

NOTICES

DCM : 14012 Sergeant ALLAN JAMES JOSEPH LIGHTFOOT, BEM, RA INF

1. 14012 Sergeant Allan James Joseph LIGHTFOOT, BEM, RA INF was arraigned before a District Court Martial convened by COMAAFV and held at BIEN HOA on 29 Jul 65 on the charge of "STRIKING HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER" with a plea of "NOT GUILTY".

2. The member was found GUILTY and was sentenced on 30 Jul 65 to be "Reduced to the substantive rank of Corporal".

3. The sentence was reviewed by the Confirming Authority (Brigadier O. D. JACKSON, OBE, COMAAFV) on 12 Nov 65 who varied the sentence to read as follows:- "To take rank and precedence as if his appointment in the rank of Sergeant bore the date 16 Jan 63 and to be severely reprimanded and I confirm the Finding and Sentence as varied".

GREETINGS FROM THE AG, MAJ GEN J. W. HARRISON, OBE

After his recent visit to VIETNAM the AG Maj Gen J. W. HARRISON, OBE requested the following messages be passed:-

a. To All Ranks of the Australian Army Force VIETNAM (less AATTV)

"IT WAS WITH GREAT PLEASURE TO SEE YOU ALL, AND I CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE SPLENDID JOB YOU ARE DOING. THERE ARE NONE BETTER."

b. To Members of the Australian Army Training Team, VIETNAM

"I REGRET THAT I WAS UNABLE TO SEE YOU DURING MY BRIEF VISIT TO VIETNAM BUT PLEASE ACCEPT MY BEST WISHES."

In Reply Please Quote		
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Headquarters
 Australian Army Force VIETNAM
 12 Tran Quoc Toan
 CHOLON
 7 Dec 65

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MOVEMENT OF HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIAN ARMY FORCE, VIETNAM

1. Headquarters, Australian Army Force, VIETNAM ceased operations at 2 Tran Hoang Quan CHOLON and relocated at 12 Tran Quoc Toan on 1 Dec 65.

2. Two ARVN telephones are situated at the new location, the numbers being:-

60798 Commander and GSO 2
 60862 DAAG and Duty Offr

3. The remainder of extensions for various branches and services are extended from DEER Switchboard. DEER Switchboard may be reached by the following methods:-

- a. From AIR DIV dial 33 then 60387,40410,60770,60781,60783.
- b. From LION dial 5 then 60387,40410,60770,60781,60783.
- c. From ARVN dial 5 then 60387,40410,60770,60781,60783.
- d. From TIGER dial 1 then 60387,40410,60770,60781,60783.

After reaching DEER Switchboard the following are the extensions to the various Branches and/or Services:-

Floor	Office	Ext
First	System Control Officer	1172
	SQMS (Sigs)	1152
	OC 709 Sig Tp,	1095
	SO 2 Sigs	1096
	Orderly Room (Signals)	1093
	Signal Centre	1099
Second	Commander	1019
	GSO 2	1042
	GSO 3	1040
	DAAG	1074
	SCA	1077
	DAQMG	1014
	DADES	1015
	LO	1016
	Central Registry	1017
	Conference Room	1049
Third	Deputy Commander	1150
	Financial Advisor	1112
	SMO	1042
	RAP	1057
	CQMS (HQ AAFV)	1171
	Camp Commandant	1148
	Cash Office	1027
	Paymaster	1056
	Pay Representative	1028
	AATTV Orderly Room	1138
	AATTV Adm Offr	1146

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4. Further two hot lines to BIEN HOA are installed (an administrative line located in the DAAG's office and an operational line situated in the GSO 2/Duty Room.) Both lines are effective for separate functions.

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- c. From ARVN dial 5 then 60387, 40410, 60770, 60781, 60783.
- d. From TIGER dial 1 then 60387, 40410, 60770, 60781, 60783.

After reaching DEER Switchboard the following are the extensions to the various Branches and/or Services:-

Floor	Office	Ext
First	Signal Centre Orderly Room (Signals) SO 2 Stg OC 709 Sig Tp SOMS (Sig) System Control Officer	1099 1099 1099 1099 1099 1172
Second	Conference Room Central Registry IO DADS DACH SCA DAAG GSO 3 GSO 2 Commander	1099 1017 1016 1015 1014 1013 1012 1011 1010 1009 1008 1007 1006 1005 1004 1003 1002 1001
Third	AATTV Admin Offr AATTV Orderly Room Pay Representative Paymaster Cash Office Camp Commandant GMS (HQ AAFV) RAF SNO Financial Advisor Deputy Commander	1146 1138 1098 1096 1097 1148 1171 1097 1097 1097 1097 1097 1097 1097 1097 1097 1097 1150

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MINUTES OF THE COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE

held at

0900 hours 4 Dec 65

- Present: Brig O. D. JACKSON, OBE COMAAFV and Chairman
- Lt Col W. T. MURPHY
- Majs R. JOSHUA
F. W. DEANE
M. V. QUEALY
M. A. NAUGHTON
E. CARTER
- Cpts J. A. BROWNE
L. R. SUMMERS
R. L. TWISS
P. DAVIS
G. A. QUAIL
R. D. MANLY
- S sgt K. W. WALTON (Representing Pmr AOD)

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SO	Topic and Detail	Action By
COMAAFV	<u>Gen Tac Situ</u> COMAAFV opened the conf by inviting GSO 2 to give a resume of the weeks activities in this dir.	
GSO 2	<u>Liaison Visit</u> Will make a liaison visit to 105 Fd Bty to determine the op plans forthcoming for this unit. <u>Occupation of the Madame NHU Building</u> (1) Offrs to place telephones in final posn as instl of them will be carried out today by sigs. (2) Branch, Sections, &c., having further requirements for Map Boards &c. will submit details to Camp by 1600 hrs Tue 7 Dec for consolidation. (3) Telephone Directory will be issued Mon morning. (4) Door mats NOT presently aval and all pers are to coop by keeping offices as clean as possible. (5) Items of staty and eqpt which have accumulated are to be returned to Camp. (6) Replacement clerk arriving and in conjunc with Chief Clerk will allocate clerks to branches. (7) There will be a Security check on Wed 8 Dec 65. (8) Keys to doors and containers are to be handed to GSO 2 (with exception of Cash Office). Combinations to be in double sealed envelope and will be kept in the GSO 2's Class A container.	
	<u>Visitors</u> Lt Col DUKE from DPR Lt Cols D'ARCY and McLEAN from the DS of AUST STAFFCOL.	
DAAG	<u>Taxation</u> Approval to hand for members to pay tax cheques into pay accounts. However special forms are involved and are under consideration and clearance is likely to be 3 mths. <u>FWMAO Building Flag Raising Ceremoney</u> (16 Dec 65 pm) To be officiated by Air Vice Marshal KY and attended by the 7 nations in the Assistance Force. Two AUST soldiers will be flag raisers. Invitations extended to 10 assorted ranks from each comd, plus the Ambassador and MA of every country involved either mil or politically. Followed by a cocktail party and general open house inspection of the building.	
DAQMG	<u>Stocks</u> A build up is incr and stockholding policy is to be reviewed. There will be NO extra couriers provided. <u>Controlled Stores</u> a. Radio sets are causing concern and will receive attn. b. Repair Pool Vehs are being used as US incr. Issues of FLA vehs have been made and an examination will be made to assess whether estb amdt action is warranted. <u>US Rates on Eqpt</u> Sapre parts still a problem. There is NOT a 100% scaling of veh and ac parts and so grounding action for lack of spares is being taken.	

SO	Topic and Detail	Action By
DAQMG	<u>Couriers</u> Now designated Army Courier with first arriving Sat 11 Dec 65. Special flt also on 12 Dec 65 to del RSL Xmas Parcels from BUTTERWORTH. These will be off-loaded at BIEN HOA. <u>Accn Stores</u> (1) Timber for flooring now coming in at steady rate. Will be able to be put straight into use when bn &c. stand down from present op. (2) There are a no of furniture items arriving from AUST. However the aval of suitable items in country will mean an ex of local purchase spending in this dir. <u>VUNG TAU Rest Centre</u> Received favourably at AHQ and a Treasury decision is awaited (either way) within the week. Venture will mean extra eqpt, vehs, pers backing from AUST.	COMAAFV dir DAAG to seek suitable offr from within force with min rank of Lt.
SMO	<u>Incr to HQ AAFV Estb</u> With opening of 93 EVAC Hosp SMO expl need for another med liaison member of the rank of cpl who would be fully integrated into that unit although accounted for on the str of HQ AAFV.	
Camp	<u>MERCURY House BEQ</u> Now occupied and with only 4 beds to spare. All pers now accn either DUC TAN or MERCURY House. (COMAAFV queired security aspects and dir that 2 sentrys would be mtd until the aval of a VN guard). <u>Stolen HQ AAFV Veh</u> Veh AMF 113023 illegally removed from WEST side of building at approx 031830 hrs local. (NOTE THIS VEHICLE FOUND AT 041200 HRS PARKED OUT SIDE THE NANH VI BACHELOR OFFICERS' QUARTERS).	
SO Sigs	<u>Telephone(s)</u> Americans are reallocating certain nos on the DEER ext and may cause minor upsets to certain offr.	
COMAAFV	Closed the conf at 040955 hrs Dec 65.	5

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YOUR OPS31927 OF 202359Z (.) OP NEW LIFE (.) ALFA (.) US CMM AUST PARTICIPATION
CEASED WITH DEPLOYMENT SOUTH OF XUAN LOC (.) REMAINING IN RICE BOWL ONE BN ARVN
10 DIV AND TWO COY REGIONAL FORCES AREA VO DAT VO ZU (.) ONE BN ARVN 10 DIV AND
EXPANDED SPECIAL FORCES CIDG AREA TAY LINH (.) RICE HARVEST IS STILL CONTINUING (.)
BUT RESULTS OF HARVEST POOR CMM HIGH WEED CONTENT AND VERY POOR INITIAL ESTIMATES
INDICATE AREA WILL PROBABLY BE RICE DEFICIENT FROM THIS HARVEST (.) USOM PLANNING
TO SHIP RICE IN FOR PERIOD TO NEXT HARVEST AND TO ADVISE ON PROPER PLANTING AND
CULTIVATION FOR NEXT HARVEST (.) BRAVO (.) 1 DIV ELMS WERE EXTRACTED TO PHUOC
VINH ON 15 DEC FOR POSSIBLE USE IN MICHELIN PLANTATION (.) CHARLIE (.) DISPOSNS
ALLIED FORCES III CTZ 19 DEC 65 (.) 1 DIV (.) 1 BDE PHUOC VINH (.) 1/28 BN
CONDUCTING SEARCH AND DESTROY OP VICINITY YT 051460 (.) 2 BDE LONG THANH VICINITY
YS 198840 SEARCH AND DESTROY OP (.) 1/26 BN AND 2/16 BN SECURES BIEN HOA AND UNDER
OPCON 173 BDE (.) 3 BDE BEN CAT RESPONSIBLE FOR COVERING EXTRACTION 1 BDE 101 AIRBORNE
DIV TO BIEN HOA FOR RETURN BY AIR TO PHANG RANG (.) THIS IS NOW COMPLETED (.) 133
BDE PLANS SUMMARY IN LAST SITREP (.) DELTA (.) IN II CTZ (.) 1 BDE 1 AIR CAV DIV
SECURES DIV BASE AN KHE AIRFD AND OPS IN PLIEKU AREA (.) 2 BDE 1 AIR CAV DIV
SECURES AN KHE SECTOR AND OPS HIGHWAY/EAST TO BR 627472 (.) 3 BDE OP EAST OF
PLIEKU WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT CONTACT (.) ROK DIV OP AREA QHI NONH (.) ROK MARINE
BDE OP AREA DONG BA THIN (.) ANTICIPATE FURTHER INFO ON ALLIED FORCES AND OPS
NEXT TWO DAYS AND WILL ADVISE

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R. JOSHUA

GSO 2 (OPS AND SD)

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23 Dec 65

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TECHNICAL INVESTIGATION - DEFECTS IN 81mm MORTAR AMMUNITIONBackground

1. On the night of 3 Dec 65 a harassing and interdiction shoot was conducted from a base plate position in the area of HQ 1 BAF. Sporadic single rounds were fired at intervals of from 5 to 10 minutes. At 2303 hours a bomb was loaded which appeared to be normal in all respects. This bomb detonated in flight at a distance of about 30 metres from the base plate, wounding an Australian Press Representative in the leg.

Technical Data

..... 2. Report of premature in accordance with MBI 14-1 is attached at Annex A. This report was investigated by Capt C. A. QUAIL of HQ AAFV.

Cause of Premature

3. The cause of the premature can NOT be established from the information available. However, it can be stated with reasonable certainty that the ammunition was at fault as there is NO suggestion of incorrect drill, obstructed bore, faulty weapon, or any other factor within the control of the mortar crew.

4. From a study of the ground, it is evident that a bomb fired on the stated bearing and elevation would NOT have been obstructed in flight.

5. Discussions with MACV (J4) indicate that this fuse may have been involved in a previous premature in the United States but details were NOT available.

Restrictions

6. It is understood that the ammunition lot concerned has been withdrawn from use in VIETNAM.

Misfires and Blinds

7. There have been complaints from 1 BAF to 173 Airborne Bde, in accordance with the latter's SOP for reporting malfunctions of ammunition, about the high incidence of blinds and misfires experienced with HE M43 A1. There appears little doubt that the major contributing factor is the unsatisfactory storage of the ammunition before it arrives at the battalion.

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8. As ammunition supplied from US sources does NOT pass into Australian hands until it is issued to the user unit in the forward area, it appears to be beyond the scope of AAFV technical ammunition personnel to take any effective action other than to reject rounds which are visibly unserviceable. Every effort is being made at a staff level to ensure that the condition of bombs on arrival at 1 RAR is improved.

9. All defects reported by units of AAFV will continue to be investigated in accordance with AMF procedures.

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ANNEX 'B' to MBI 14-1

FORM A - REPORT OF A PREMATURE OR AMMUNITION ACCIDENT

To be used for all artillery, mortar and other ammunition of 15mm calibre and over, except rocket ammunition and flame ammunition and weapons.

Item	Heading	Report
1	<u>Equipment</u>	
	(a) Nature and Mark	M29
	(b) Registered Number	T106-141
2	Time and date of Premature or Accident	2303 3 Dec 65
3	Unit	1 RAR
4	Place where premature or accident occurred	GR808359
5	Description of premature or accident (e.g. premature outside bore)	Premature 30 ft metres from bore
6	Injuries	Minor calf injury Mr Connolly AAP
7	Damage to equipment (for damaged guns, position of damage from commencement of rifling, and sketch)	NIL
8	(a) Barrel number	T 106-141
	(b) Fitted/not fitted muzzle brake	N/A
	(c) Type	M29
	(d) Date of last inspection	
	(e) Horizontal measurement last inspection	
9	(f) Vertical measurement last inspection	
	(g) Total rounds fired to date	
	(h) Rounds fired since last inspection	400
	(j) Other relevant detail	
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Item	Heading	Report
9	Nature of ammunition (See note 1)	
	(a) <u>Projectile</u> Give lot or serial number of	
	(i) Actual round	MA4-239
	(ii) Next round	NK
	(If BL shell, was top exploder fitted when shell was received)	
	(b) <u>Cartridges</u> Give details, including batch /lot, nature and size of propellant and charge used for :-	
	(i) Actual round	NK
	(ii) Next round	NK
	(c) <u>Primer or Tube</u> : Give full details	NK
	(d) <u>Fuse</u>	
	(i) Number	M52A2
	(ii) Mark	
	(iii) Filler and date	
	(iv) Lot number(filled). State if detail taken from actual fuze, next round or box markings).	MA 3-964 -3/54
	(v) Fired cap on/off	N/A
	(vi) Fixed SQ/Time/Delay	N/A
	(e) <u>Tracer</u>	
	(i) Number	
	(ii) Mark	
	(iii) Lot Number	
	(f) Quantity of ammunition available for investigation.	
10	(a) Any difficulty in ramming.	No abnormality
	(b) Any evidence of round slipping back after ramming	
11	<u>Fragments</u>	
	(a) Source of fragment, e.g., gun, shell	
	(b) Weight and description of some of the larger fragments.	
	(c) Type of fragment, i.e., jagged or square cut edges.	No fragments could be recovered
	(d) From where fragments recovered and distance from gun.	
	(e) Any evidence of unconsumed filling adhering to fragments.	
	(f) Are fragments land marked or smooth.	

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ANNEX 'B' to MBI 14-1

Item	Heading	Report
12	<u>Obstructions</u>	
	(a) In the bore, e.g. sand, gravel rain	NIL
	(b) Infront of gun, e.g. branches of trees	Line of trees say 100 metres distant
13	<u>Weather</u>	
	(a) At the time of accident, e.g; Rain, snowstorm, sandstorm	Clear
	(b) Temperature	70° F
	(c) Estimated change temperature	70° F
	(d) Daylight/half-light/dark	Dark
14	<u>Rate of Fire</u>	
	(a) How long was round in gun awaiting fire	
	(b) Was the gun hot from recent firing	NO
	(c) Rate of fire; number of rounds fired	Single Rds say 5-10 min intervals
15	<u>Effects</u>	
	(a) Colour, size and appearance of the flame and smoke cloud.	
	(b) Was the sound of discharge or burst different than normal	NO
	(c) If a premature, was the burst a detonation, partial detonation or explosion	Full det
	(d) If the premature occurred externally, give distance from muzzle	30 metres
16	<u>Quadrant elevation</u>	1109 mils

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ANNEX 'B' to MBI 14-1

Item	Y	Heading	Report
17		<u>Time Fuzes</u> (a) Set by hand or MFS (b) If by MFS, was setting checked (c) When was MFS last checked, and how many rounds since (d) What setting was used	
18		Comments of officer submitting report	

Date. 11 Dec 65

Signed. [Signature]

Appointment. [Signature]

Capt.

Ord LO HQ AAFV

- Notes 1. (a) The information called for in item 9 must include :
- Lot/Batch numbers of the ammunition and components and mark of components.
- (b) Where a premature occurs and no details of the actual rounds are recorded, the information should be taken from the next round to be loaded and a remark made against the relevant detail.
- (c) The whole of the lot or batch affected will be segregated for later inspection if required.
2. Reference item 8, sub paragraphs (e) and (f). For 5.5 in equipments, the mean diameter will be calculated from four diametrical measurements, i.e. vertical, horizontal, and at 45° either side of the vertical.

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