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Item: C Squadron 1 Armoured
Regiment

Annexes
G7 – K7

1 – 31 March 1971

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 66/71
2. Period covered from 070001H to 072400H Mar 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were 3 contacts with Task Force Elements.

- a. Ground Activity

- (1) AO DEBORAH

(a) (070920H) At YS610730, 7 Pl C Coy 3 RAR contacted 1 en dressed in black who wdr south without returning fire. Nil results.

(b) (071247H) At YS546700, 1 Pl A Coy 3 RAR loc a suspected fresh watering point. At YS548698 the pl heard chopping and smelled cooking smells.

(c) (Prior to 072150H) At YS599679 (FSB BETH), 5 Pl B Coy 3 RAR saw red and white flares several times on a bearing of 1080 mils at approx 2,000 m range. Rifle shots also heard which appeared to be signals.

AO LISA.

(a) (070845H) At YS352654, a ptl of Atk Pl Sp Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn loc an overnight camp 20x30 m with 4-6 sleeping spaces. Tracks led NW and SE. Area 2-3 weeks old.

(b) (071045H) At YS635627 an ARV from C Sqn 1 Armd Regt detonated a 40-50 lb pressure mine. Veh moderately damaged but no cas.

Comment. There have been four other mine incidents within approx 300 m of this mine over the past 2 1/2 months. All but one of these have been anti-tank mines. Technical examination reveals that the mine today was probably emplaced within the past two months, but it was probably armed only within the past two weeks, since APCs of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt were operating in this area on 17, 19, 20 and 21 Feb. The mine today may have been laid by an element of D445. See INTSUM 17/71 Annex A which reported a statement by a Hoi Chanh that in Jan 71 a small group from D445 were left behind to mine a section of Route 329, the target being armoured vehicles. This group may also have carried out some mining on Route 328. A group of D445 soldiers are known to have been in the area of today's mine incident in Jan 71 with the task of collecting rice. Mine incidents since May 69 in the area of today's incident have been as follows:- YS630620 1. 221955H May 69 B/3 Cav Det 30lb HE 2 WIA, Mod Dam to APC. YS637627 2. 041305H Jun 69 B/3 Cav loc 45 lb HE Dest insitu NB. TILT SWITCH. 636627 3. 081347H Jan 70 B/3 Cav; 578 RF Coy Det 30 lb HE 1 RF KIA, 2 RF WIA. YS634620 4. 09H Mar 70 2/D/8 loc 1x M16 Dest insitu. YS637628 5. 200900H Apr 70 B/3 Cav, 5/B/8 Det 40 lb Chicom 11 WIA, APC Hvy Dam. 637627 6. 312040H May 70 VN Det AP Mine (NFI) YS644618 7. 221054H Jun 70 Sp/7 RAR Det M16 4 WIA (Another 3' away). YS639620 8. 171723H Nov 70 6/B/7 loc 2xM16 Dest insitu. YS640620 9. 141558H Dec 70 B/7 RAR Det 1xM16 1 WIA. YS650609 10. 01H Jun 69 B/3 Cav Det 40lb HE NFI. YS610615 11. 10H Aug 69 480 RF Command Det DH8 1 RF KIA; 4 RF WIA. YS642612 12. 071415H Aug 69 480 RF Det AP Mine 1 KIA. YS643612 13. 29H Oct 69 Friendlies (NFI) Ap Mi loc. YS647607 14. 011605H Feb 71 Sp/7 RAR Det 1xM16 1 KIA, 4 WIA. YS635627 15. 071045H Mar 71 C Sqn 1 Armd Regt Det 40-50 lb pressure mine No cas.

(c) (071402H) At YS395788, ac of 9 Sqn RAAF sighted 3 persons wearing light clothing and moving west. Ready Reaction Force was inserted and sighted 1 en mov- west. 1 old destroyed bunker was loc.

(d) (071427H) At YS395846, a ptl of 8 Pl C Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn contacted 2 en who approached from the east. Results, 1 VC KIA, 1xAK47, docus, and qty misc items CIA.

(e) (071650H) At YS391841, HQ C Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn engaged 2 en dressed in green jackets, blue trousers, thongs webbing and wearing packs. Results, 1 VC KIA, 1xAK47, 60 rds AK47 ammo, docus and qty misc items CIA. Heavy track in area running north/south.

Comment: Docus identify both en as members of D2 Bn SR4. See Annex B for docu read out. D2 Bn was believed in late Feb 71 to be loc south of BINH SON Rubber Plantation (centre of mass YS2293). It is yet known why members of D2 should be located in north-western PHUOC TUY. They may have been moving on a liaison task to HQ SR4 (approx YS3891).

b. Omitted.

4. b.c.d. Omitted.

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4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
- a. Total KIA Occuring During This Reporting Period.
(1) Omitted.
(2) Aust Inflicted 2 VC
(3) Omitted.
- e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.
(1) Captured Weapons
(a) Individual 2
(b) Omitted.
(c) Breakdown 2xAK47
(2) Omitted.
(3-4) Omitted.
- f. Cumulative Totals for Month ; MR-3
(1) KIA 9 VC (16) 75 mm RCL rds 3
(2) PW 1 (22) SA rds 630
(5) Individual Wpns (23) Grenades 1
Action 7 (26) TNT 1 lb.
Caches -
(3-4) Omitted, (6-15), (17-21), (24-25), (27) Omitted.
5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.
a. Omitted.
b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.
(1) Omitted.
(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

DTG	CO-ORD	TYPE	RESULTS
071045H	YS635627	Atk	ARV moderately damaged.
- 6,7,9,10. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilites. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 9/71 dated 2 Mar 71.
11. Miscellaneous
a.b.c.d.e. Omitted.
f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
(1) Ref 1 ATF INTSUM 61/71 para 11.f. (8) which reported that an elm of 2/25 Bde at YT420011 had received 14-15 rds of RCL fire, 3 rds of RPG fire, M79 and Ak47 fire on 2 Mar 71, resulting in 13 US WIA. No firm ident of the en force was able to be made, however; 2/25 Bde believe the unit concerned was possibly an element of 1 Bn 274 Regt.
(2) Ref 1 ATF INTSUM 61/71 para 11.f. (9) which reported that 2/25 Bde at YT520157 contacted an unk no of en in a bunker system. No firm ident has been made of the en unit, however, 2/25 Bde believe that the en unit involved in this contact was probably 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt.
Extracts from 3 Bde 1 (US) Cav Div (AM) INTSUM: Late Report.
(3) (050930H) At YS865920 2 Pl B Coy 2/8 Cav engaged 1 en who was mov east to west. Results: 1 NVA KIA, 1xAK47, 1 map, showing loc of FSPB FONTAINE, small qty docus and misc items CIA. KIA was poss a member of HQ STAFF SECTION MR7.
(4) (051815H) At YS861931, 3 Pl D Coy 2/8 Cav loc a cache of 1,000 lbs of flour 200 m from the above loc. Area not fully searched due to tactical situation, but area under observation.
(5) (051435H) At YS805948, D Coy 2/8 Cav detained one person who stated he was 1 of 5 persons in a bunker complex of 4 bunkers at YS795948.
(6) (051445H) At YS865925; recce elm of 2/8 Cav engaged 8 persons on a bunker, and 5 persons inside bunker. En returned fire with AK47 fire. En reinitiated contact at 051530H from same direction. Results 1 Kit Carson Scout KIA, 1 US WIA. Observation heli received three rds of ground fire and was forced to land.
(7) (051600H) At YS884995 a US recce ac recd 3 rds fire, wounding the pilot and causing engine damage to ac. Ac forced to land and secured by tracks.
Area East Of XUYEN MOC
(8) (071100H) At YS705664 woodcutters saw 20 VC. Report is unevaluated and unconfirmed.



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Annexes

B - Captured Documents.

6 - Agent Reports.

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Distribution:

List A
MACV J2
HQ IFFORCE V
MACV-CICV
RTAVF

18 (ARVN) Div
3 Tac Fighter Wing
12 Cbt Avn Gp
BIEN HOA
TAC

Advisory Team 89
Phuoc Tuy Sector S2
2/25 (US) Bde
1 (US) Cav Div(AM)
3 Bde 1 (US) Cav Div (AM)

ANNEX B
1 ATF INTSUM No 66/71
DATED 7 MAR 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Two VC KIA in seperate contacts with C Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn the afternoon 7 Mar 71 at YS395846 and YS391841 both carried docus which identified them as members of 2 Bn SR4. One was HUYNH VAN DI, possibly Pl Comd, and the other BUI VAN TIEN, possibly Sect Comd.

ANNEX C
1 ATF INTSUM No 66/71
DATED 7 MAR 71

AGENT REPORTS

Report from DUC THANH 1 ATF Eval C3.

Road running SW from Route 2 at YS458841 is mined. Location and extent of mining unk.

ANNEX E
1 ATF INTSUM No 66/71
DATED 7 MAR 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
070830H	E74-77 N71-74	Nil significant sightings.
071200H	E70-73 N69-72	Nil significant sightings.
071000H	E74-77 N68-71	Nil significant sightings.

2.3.4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>AREA COVERED</u>
070745H	YS6058-6063-7063-7058.

All readings recd were from smouldering trees, stumps and one fire.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 67/71.
2. Period covered from 080001H to 082400H Mar 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was 1 contact with Task Force elements.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) AO DEBORAH
 - (a) (Prior to 081315H) at YS602748, 8 Pl C Coy 3 RAR loc fresh marks on a tree with some branches cut to points. Cart wheel marks visible plus a poss sentry posn. NFI.
Comment: On 5 Feb 71 a 161 Recce Flt ac reported possible mines in this area, from YS605743 to YS599756. The pilot sighted diggings on APC tracks and footprints around diggings on either side of the track. (See INTSUM 36/71 para 11 f. (5)). The shaping of the branches observed by 8 Pl may indicate mine markers, and the presence of mines.
 - (b) (080930H) at YS594753, ptl of C Coy 3 RAR loc a track showing mov of 10-20 pers heading south in last 48 hrs.
 - (c) (Prior to YS080030H) at YS557669, 3 Pl A Coy 3 RAR loc a bunker system. NFI.
 - (d) (081904H) at YS556688, 1 Pl A Coy 3 RAR heard sounds of poss cooking utensils and persons moving about.
 - (2) AO LISA
 - (a) Late report (071500H) at YS393844, 8 Pl C Coy 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn loc a bunker system consisting of 9 bunkers 8'x5'x3' with 2 ft OHP plus a tunnel system. System was freshly constructed, had been used within the previous hour and was in excellent condition. A US claymore mine was set up covering the north entrance. Loc in system were a number of penicillin packets, surgical face masks, qty of used bandages, qty of cooking utensils, 3 claymores less det and explosive, 1 lead and 1 firing device and a cylinder 12" longx1 1/2" diam made of cardboard. Cylinder appears to contain explosive.
 - (b) Ref tunnel system loc by ptl of C Coy 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn at YS372824 on 5 Mar 71 (INTSUM 65/71 para 3 a. (1) (b) refers). Investigation by Engr team on 7 Mar showed entry of approx 250 lb bomb which had failed to detonate. Shaft had been entered, hollowed out at bottom and bomb extracted by hauling out through entry hole. Engrs believe that tunnel was dug only for the extraction of the bomb and not as a tunnel system as previously reported.
 - (c) (081500H) at YS377889, B Coy 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn loc 3 old bunkers with a bag of 163xM16 rds beside one and 1 old plasma bottle. Items to be destroyed in situ.
 - (3) OTHER AREAS
 - (a) Late report (Prior to 072240H). Picquet of 3 RAR at YS444686 sighted a static light on a bearing of 1900 mils at a range of 800-1000m. No action taken.
 - (b) (082000H) at YS463739, a ptl from JWTC contacted 2 VC coming from the NW. The en wdr NE with unk res. No friendly cas.
 - b. Air Activity
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses
 - a.-e. Omitted.
 - f. Cumulative Totals for Month: MR-3

(1) KIA - 9 VC.	(17)-(21) Omitted.
(2) PW - 1.	(22) SA rds - 793.
(3)(4) Omitted.	(23) Omitted.
(5) Individual Wpns	(24) AP mines - 1.
Action 7	(25) Omitted.
(6)-(15) Omitted.	(26) TNT - 1 lb.
(16) 75mm RCL rds - 3.	(27) Omitted.
5. - 7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 9/71 dated 2 Mar 71.
9. 10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous
 - a.-c. Omitted.
 - d. Agent Reports - See ANNEX C.
 - e. Omitted.

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f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (081135H) at YS483548, 4 Coy 302 RF Bn were engaged by an unk number of VC who fired on them with AK47s. En wdr SW, resulting in nil friendly cas and en cas unk.

(2) Late report (072150H) at YS223791, an ARVN AP eng 1 Pl of VC resulting in 1 VC KIA. Remainder of en wdr south. Only ident avail is that KIA is an NVA.

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Annexes: C. Agent Reports.

E. Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution:

List A	RTAVF	BIEN HOA TAC	1 (US) Cav Div (AM)
HQ II FFORCE V	18 ARVN Div	Advisory Team 89	3 Bde 1 (US) Cav Div (AM)
MACV-J2	3 Tac Fighter Wing	PHUOC TUY Sector S2	
MACV-CICV	12 Cbt Avn Gp	2/25 (US) Bde	

ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO. 67/71
DATED 9 MAR 71

AGENT REPORTS

- Further to agent report on the laying of mines vic YS458841 (INTSUM 66/71 Agent Report refers), a DIOCC agent reported that the mines were laid on the road between YS435826 and YS458841. VR checked the area today with nil results.
- Agent report received from BARIA at 081100H. Eval 1 ATF F6. (071730H) at YS440630, RDC at HOA LONG sighted 2 female guerillas carrying indiv weapons and 1xM79. NFI.
- Agent report received from BARIA at 081100H. Eval 1 ATF F6. (072200H) at YS424643, RDC reported 13-14 VC (guerillas) infil at this point carrying indiv wpns. NFI.
- Agent report received from BARIA at 081500H. Eval ARVN C2. (071800H) at YS247596, NP agent reported 15 VC from PHUOC HOA guerillas carrying indiv and B-40 wpns at this loc. NFI.
- Agent report received from BARIA at 081500H. Eval ARVN C3. (070700H) at YS239653, NP agent reported 1 squad of PHUOC HOA guerillas collecting info on 1 ATF forces in PHUOC TAN hamlet. They were carrying indiv wpns and were mov on a boat.
- Agent report received from BARIA at 081500H. Eval ARVN C3. (071130H) at YS296694, NP agent reported that 15 PHU MY guerillas were spreading propaganda. They were carrying indiv wpns plus 1xB-40 and AK47s.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO. 67/71
DATED 9 MAR 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
081000H	YS671782	Old bunker system with no signs of recent use.
081000H	YS642793	A foot pad joins an oxcart track at this point and heads south. Appears to have been used recently.
081000H	YS636782	A track crosses a creek.
	YS644787	Very large old bunker system which seems to have seen recent movement. Some bkrs quite usable. Impossible to VR SE quarter of area due to large amount of illegal woodcutting.
080800H	E62-65 N76-79	Along tracks through the following grids - YS641779, YS639776, YS638777 and YS657767 is evidence of the illegal yam diggers. Sections of track look fresh.

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HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

8 Mar 71

1 ATF SUPINTREP 10/71
(PERIOD 1 MAR - 7 MAR 71)

LAOS

1. Operation LAM SON 719 continues to make progress in the face of heavy opposition. A 2,000 man ARVN force heli-lifted into the area has succeeded in capturing the junction town of TCHEPONE and linking up with the main force driving up Route 9. Enemy interdiction continues and further counter attacks are expected. The enemy force committed is believed to consist of ten infantry regiments, one tank regiment of T-34, T-54 and PT-76 tanks, artillery and rockets including vehicle mounted 122mm rockets and 90-95 anti-aircraft guns ranging in calibre from 23mm to 85mm. It is estimated that the enemy has lost the equivalent of 8 out of the 30 battalions committed, between 35 and 40 tanks and 1,000 to 1,500 personnel from the Rear Services force supporting the combat operations. On 3rd March, for the first time, three SAM missiles were identified as being launched against Allied aircraft operating south of the DMZ. No hits were recorded.

2. Further south, the force comprising Operation "DESERT RAT" has been clearing major enemy supply routes against light opposition but on 2nd March reported its first significant contact with NVA forces some 16 km south of MUONG PHINE.

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3. Heavy fighting continues in the area of Operation "TOAN THANG" and some ARVN units are reported to have withdrawn from Route 75 to take up positions along Route 7. There are indications of an additional regiment moving east to reinforce enemy units already involved. From the intensity of attacks on ARVN positions by rocket and mortar, including one of 700 rounds, it is obvious that the enemy regard this as a key base area. On 2nd March the KOMPONG SOM Oil Refinery was subjected to five hours of sporadic rocket and mortar fire for the first time. The refinery itself was not hit but an estimated 60% of the storage capacity was lost.

SVN: MRs 1, 2 and 4

4. Following the initial up-surge in activity during the commencement of a new phase of the Winter-Spring Campaign, enemy initiated activity subsided during the week to a low to moderate level throughout most of SVN. However, the intensity of enemy harassment and interdiction against Operation "LAM SON" lines of communication in northern MR-1 continues and some heavy battalion size contacts have been reported in the current operation against enemy base area 609 in the Tri-Border region of MR-2.

MR-3

Enemy Activity

5. Although there was a moderate increase in attacks by fire and ground contacts in the BIEN HOA and southern LONG KHANH Provinces of MR-7 during the week, the general level of enemy initiated activity in MR-3 remained low. On 2nd March, US forces in an NDP NNW of BLACKHORSE received RPG and small arms fire resulting in 13 US wounded. One enemy was killed. The enemy were probably an element of 274 VC Regt. On the same day 2 Bde 25 US Div troops became involved in a two hour contact probably with 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt, which resulted in three Americans killed and eleven wounded, and an APC destroyed. That evening a PF OP about 3 km NNE of the contact site (YT530184) received a ground probe in which five PF were wounded. Again the enemy was probably an element of 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt

6. Further west in SR-1, on 4th March an ARVN NDP 11 km WSW of BEN CAT (XT638285) received a ground probe lasting two hours during which the enemy penetrated the perimeter. Five friendlies were killed and 21 wounded for no known enemy casualties. The enemy force was thought to have been an element of 268 VC Sapper Bn, SR-1.

7. There was one terrorist incident in SAIGON during the week, in which a home made bomb composed of TNT and ball bearings packed in cement exploded near MACV HQ wounding 15 US personnel. Three firebombs were thrown at a US vehicle but caused no damage or injuries.

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On 27th February, National Police discovered a munitions cache in a house some 4 km from MACV HQ. The cache contained five AK-47 rifles with folding stocks, an amount of small arms ammunition and 220 lbs of TNT. The cache was probably maintained and intended for use by one of the Special Action Groups from SR-6.

Enemy Intentions and Capabilities

8. The interrogation of a Hoi Chanh from the LONG AN Sub Region has provided information concerning intensive indoctrination and training of VC selected to become false ralliers. The source reported that he was one of a group of 17 who participated in an intensive course run near BA THU (XT1702) in March 1970. Individual training of potential false ralliers has been reported in MR-4 but this is the first indication that such training may be conducted on a group basis.

Assessment for MR-3

9. The brief localised increase in activity in BIEN HOA and LONG KHANH Provinces is not indicative of an increased capability on the part of the enemy forces involved and it is probable that the present low level of activity will continue in the coming week.

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General

10. 1 ATF troops were involved in 17 contacts during the week. This constitutes a noticeable increase compared with the previous week, and follows from a series of 3 RAR contacts east of NUI DAT and 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn contacts in the SUOI SOC area.

11. Eight enemy were killed in ground contacts and a probable six were wounded. In addition one enemy was killed and one was captured following an engagement by RAAF gunships. ^{Two} Two Australians were killed and two were wounded.

Enemy Unit Identifications and Locations

12. C5, the Headquarters element of D445, is believed still to be in the NUI BE area. However companies of D445 may have commenced to move from NUI BE towards the LONG HAIS (see para 27 below).

13. LONG DAT remains in the LONG HAIS.

14. A PW has confirmed that A31 VUNG TAU City Unit is also in the LONG HAIS, on NUI DIEN BA (YS467534). The unit numbers 20 but it carries out no aggressive role.

15. On 5th March in NUI BE US troops had a contact with an enemy group which may have been a protective element of HQ MR-7 (YS865925). A Kit Carson Scout was killed, one American was wounded and a helicopter was forced to land as a result of receiving ground fire. Enemy casualties were unknown.

16. A Hoi Chanh has stated that the BINH CHAU Farmers Association, which numbers about 6, remains in the BINH CHAU area but is not in contact with other VC units.

17. No confirmed contact has been made with CHAU DUC or with C36.

18. Headquarters BA LONG Province is believed still to be in the northern SONG RAI area in southern LONG KHANH Province (YS6599).

19. Documents found in a camp south-east of NDP GARTH on 1st March by 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn tentatively identified members of CAU SU District Forces (YS473875). The main CAU SU elements are believed to be further north in southern LONG KHANH.

20. In an operation in the SUOI SOC area 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn have killed two members of Rear Services Sub Region 4 (YS397883) and wounded two other enemy. 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn troops have also found several camp sites in the area, including one containing documents (YS398886) which identified SR-4 Rear Services and suggested that H10 Hospital of SR-4 had used the camp several months ago. Another camp found in the area (YS381898) may be that of C24 Dispensary of 274 Regt which was described by a recent PW. These sightings and the contact have occurred in a known base area for SR-4 and 274 Regt Rear Services (SUPINTREP 9/71 para 16).

21. On 5th March 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn troops killed another two members of SR-4 Rear Services, one of whom was a member of J600 Transportation Group (YS441872). Another enemy was wounded. The party, which numbered 12, was engaged on a rice supply mission.

22. On 7th March 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn troops killed two members of D2 VC Bn SR-4 near the SUOI CHA RANG (YS395846 and YS391841). D2 Bn was believed in late February to have been located south of the BINH SON Rubber Plantation (centre of mass YS2293). It is not yet known why members of D2 Bn should be found in north-western PHUOC TUY, but they were probably engaged on resupply or liaison tasks with Headquarters SR-4 on behalf of D2.

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

23. On 5th March a 100 lb mine was found in the water at DE LONG Pier, VUNG TAU (YS300491). The mine had probably been emplaced by swimmer sappers from A32 VUNG TAU Marine Engineer Unit who may have intended HMAS JEPARIT, when next in dock, as a target (INTSUM 65/71 para 11 f. (3)). The mine was similar to one emplaced at CAT LO (YS347517) on 28th December 1970, also probably by A32 (INTSUM 363/70 para 11 f. (6)). Earlier reports have been received of the movement of sampans carrying mines in the RUNG SAT east of LONG SON Island and further sabotage attempts in the CAT LO/DE LONG area can be expected.

24. On 1st March a further mine incident occurred east of NDP GARTH (YS470895). The mine was again an anti-tank mine of the type employed by D65. On the same day 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn troops killed a member of BA LONG Province Engineers (YS473875), which provides further evidence that this unit has been participating in the mining.

25. On 7th March an ARV from C Sqn 1 Armd Regt detonated a 40-50 lb mine on Route 328 west of NUI KHO (at YS635627). The mine was probably emplaced and armed by a small group from D445 known to have been left behind in January in the area of XUYEN MOC for the purpose of mining, their target being armoured vehicles.

26. During the night 2nd/3rd March east of NUI DAT Two (at YS497692 and YS506685) C and D Coys of 3 RAR contacted an estimated 20 enemy. The enemy employed small arms and possibly B40 fire and used whistles and red flares as signalling devices. The enemy remained in the area for several hours, apparently to evacuate casualties. A morning sweep by D Coy revealed blood trails and drag marks. Two Australians were killed and two were wounded. It has not been possible as yet to identify the enemy force. However it may have been a sub-unit of D445 moving towards the LONG HAIS, since a Hoi Chanh stated recently (INTSUM 17/71 Annex A para 21) that this area is used during infiltration from NUI BE to the LONG HAIS. On the other hand light contacts have continued in the area throughout the week suggesting that the enemy force could have remained. In this case the enemy group may have been C36 Sapper Reconnaissance Company of BA LONG. A soldier probably belonging to this unit was killed by 3 RAR on 1st March south west of NUI NUA (at YS529742), and another member of C36, who was killed in January north-east of BINH GIA (INTSUM 21/71 Annex B para 4) carried maps suggesting that some villages on Route 2 near NUI DAT Two were possible C36 targets (SUOI NGHE and BINH BA; see INTSUM 21/71 Annex B). Further information is required before an identification can be made.

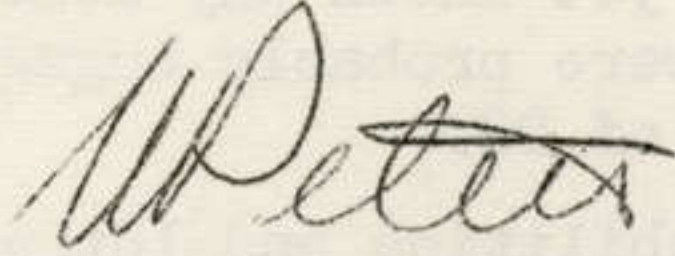
27. There have been some recent strong indications that sub-units of D445 have moved back into the Province from NUI BE over the past week, although the Headquarters group is believed still to be in NUI BE. Their likely destination is the LONG HAIS (see SUPINTREP 9/71 para 17), although some elements might attempt to stage in camps north and east of DAT DO prior to a possible attack upon Territorial Forces. Agent reports suggest that one or possibly two enemy company sized groups have passed near the mouth of the SONG RAI and possibly into the LONG HAIS. On 4th March an RF company contacted a group of enemy near the mouth of the SONG RAI who may have been C3 (YS590597).

28. In addition sniffer and VR reports (areas YS7275, YS6274) show that there has been recent movement north-east and north-west of XUYEN MOC and across the SONG RAI north of NUI NHON (YS5872 and YS5876). On 3rd March 20-30 VC, possibly an infiltrating

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company, were seen north east of DAT DO (YS529650). Two persons were recognized as members of C25 LONG DAT. These may have been guides. Eighty new bunkers were found near this area on 5th March (YS554644 and YS553633). They had been used two days previously, probably by the infiltrating group.



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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 68/71.
2. Period covered from 090001H to 092400H Mar 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were 2 contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO DEBORAH.

(a) (Prior to 082150H). At YS525637 5 Pl B Coy 3 RAR sighted lights around their perimeter. Area eng with arty and more lights were visible. At 082240H 5 Pl again sighted lights 50-200m North of their loc (YS525637) and area eng with arty. 5 Pl reported that screams were heard when shells impacted. Observers reported flares in the impact area. Sweep conducted this morning and loc 1 drag mark poss confirming report of screams.

(b) (090430H). At YS520633 5 Pl B Coy 3 RAR reported a red flare. Area eng with arty and no further flares were sighted. This morning a check failed to reveal anything of interest except for the drag mark in vic YS525637 ref para above.

(c) (091215H). At YS537647 6 Pl B Coy 3 RAR loc an overnight camp used last night by an unk no of pers. Loc in area were cooking tins. Comment: Possibly used by the gp of en responsible for the activation of flares at YS525637 and YS520633 last night (para 3.a.(1)(a) and 3.a.(1)(b) refer).

(d) (Prior to 090930H). At YS556688 1 Pl A Coy 3 RAR loc 21 bunkers containing ration tins. Pl reported that system may have been fought in but no contact in this vicinity on record.

(e) (Prior to 091057H). At YS595694 10 Pl D Coy 3 RAR loc a rest area 3 years old and poss used by hospital unit due to medicine bottles found.

(f) (091450H). At YS547646 5 Pl B Coy 3 RAR were engaged by 1 en. Arty and Bushrangers engaged area and 5 Pl swept area from where fire received. Pl loc a fresh scrape and cigarette indicating en fire came from a sentry.

(g) (091730H). At YS625773 8 Pl C Coy 3 RAR loc footprints less than 24 hours old of 4-5 pers moving North to South.

(h) Further to bunker system at YS557669 loc by 3 Pl A Coy 3 RAR at 070800H (INTSUM 67/71 para 3.a.(1)(c) refers). System consisted of bunkers 6'x3'x4' well const with 2' OHP. Entry/exit NW. System of unk age, showed signs of occupation 2 weeks ago and is partly destroyed. Poss used by a hospital unit as drugs were loc in system.

(i) (1620H). At YS559687 1 Pl A Coy 3 RAR loc 2 fresh footprints. NFI.

(2) AO LISA

(a) (091515H). At YS361883 4 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn loc 5 bunkers 4'x4' x3' with 18-24" OHP and 2 fighting pits 2'x2'. Entry/exit points North, South and West. System 18 mths old, last used 6 mths ago and in fair condition.

(b) Late Report. (081500H). At YS361888 6 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn loc a ~~ferming~~ up base and transit camp 150mx100m circular in shape containing 15 bunkers 8'x5x3ft with 2'OHP and 5 fighting pits 4x2/x3ft. Entry/exit pts NE, E and S. Camp 1-2 yrs old, used in last 2 wks and in dirty condition. Camp destroyed.

(c) (091925H). At YS459890 pt1 of 2 Pl V Coy 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn eng 2 en dressed in green shirt and trousers, wearing basic webbing moving South to North, and second VC who was withdrawing in an unk direction. Res: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK47, 1 torch, field dressing and 2 AK47 mags CIA.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA Occurring During This Reporting Period.

(1), (3) Omitted.

(2) Aust inflicted 1 VC.

b.c.d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual 1

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown 1xAK47

(2)(3)(4)(5) Omitted.

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f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR-3

(1) KIA 10 VC	(16) 75mm RCL rds 3
(2) PW 1	(17)-(21) Omitted
(3)-(4) Omitted.	(22) SA rds 853
(5) Individual Wpns	(23) Omitted
Action 8	(24) AP mines 1
Caches Nil	(25) Omitted.
(6)-(15) Omitted.	(26) TNT 1
	(27) Omitted.

5.6.7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 10/71 dated 8 Mar 71.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Ref INTSUM 67/71.

(a) Para 3.a.(1)(b) Amend "last 48 hrs" to read "last 14 days".

c.e. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.

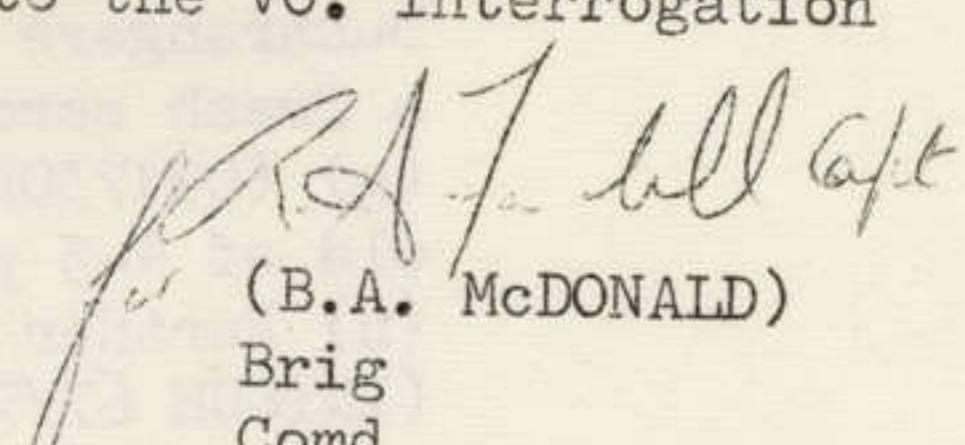
f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Further to contact by JWTC at YS463739 at 082000H (INTSUM 67/71 para 3.a.(3)

(b) refers). JWTC moved to YS456727 after the contact and at 082240H heard AK47 fire from the area of contact. Sweep conducted this morning with nil results.

(2) (091200H). At YS466536 elements of 302 RF Bn received 6x60mm mortars fired from an unk position and inflicting nil friendly cas.

(3) (Prior to 091152H). At DAT DO (YS4860) PRU detained TRAN THI CHINH, LE THI BE and MAI THI CHINH suspected of supplying info and money to the VC. Interrogation continuing.


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Annexes: C. Agent Reports.

E. Aerial Reconnaissance

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ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 68/71
DATED 9 MAR 71

AGENT REPORTS

1. Agent Report received from BARIA 9 Mar 71. VN Eval C2, Aust Eval C3. At 081000H a pl of VC from LONG HUONG guerillas wearing mixed uniforms and armed with 1xB40 and personal weapons set up a taxation point at YS312593. Comment: This report adds to the already numerous reports of taxation in this general area.

2. Agent Report received from DAT DO 8 Mar 71. Aust Eval C3. On the night of 5/6 Mar at 2200H a pl of C25 guided by PHUOC THO Party Chapter Mmembers, entered PHUOC HOA LONG at YS503589 for resupply and information gathering purposes. Comment: The villages on R44 and R23 are regularly used as resupply points for elements of LONG DAT District.

3. Agent Report received from PHU MY 8 Mar 71. VN Eval C2, Aust Eval F3. At 071600H 5 VC comd by LE MINH THUAN (F/E PHU MY) wearing black uniforms and armed with 1x45 colt, 1x44 colt, 2 xAK47 and a carbine appeared at YS228741. Their intention was to stop boats and collect tax. Comment: This area has been previously suspected as being a VC tax collection point. The PHU MY PC and guerillas are thought normally to live in the area to the East of PHU MY.

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4. Agent Report received from LONG LE PLOCC 8 Mar 71. VN Eval C2, Aust Eval F6. At 041530H 1x Coy of VC (80 persons) armed with individual weapons and wearing irregular uniforms appeared at YS333644 - YS331643, HANG to Pagoda, PHUOC HOA. The VC stopped people in order to ask about Aust activities at PHUOC HOA village. Comment: There is no known unit of this size thought to be in the NUI DINHS. A normal VC Coy equates to 30-35 men. This report could tie in with a possible location of BARIA CITY Unit, which has about 30-35 men and normally operates in the general area described in this agent report.
5. Agent Report received from HOA LONG 8 Mar 71. VN Eval C3, Aust Eval F4. At 041330H 6 guerillas of HOA LONG village armed with individual weapons, dressed in irregular uniforms appeared at YS378652. They stopped people in order to collect information about Aust activities and collect monthly taxes of VN\$1,000-00. Comment: Since approx Aug 70 HOA LONG guerillas have been co-located with CHAU DUC District. It is thought unlikely that this org would conduct taxation activities in this area. It is known that some members of HOA LONG PC live in secret bunkers in the village, and it is considered more likely that if taxation was to be carried out it would be done from inside the village and at night.
6. Agent Report received from DUC THANH 9 Mar 71. VN Eval C3, 1 ATF F3. At 091500H at YS435796 2 VC were sighted armed with indiv wpns and dressed in greens. VC then moved off towards NUI NHAN (YS4379).

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 68/71
DATED 9 MAR 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
081200	E 78-81, N 69-72	Nil significant sightings.
081400	E 70-73, N 72-75 YS697725	Many hvy tracks in area but difficult to tell age. Three sets of parallel tracks running E-W and able to be followed for 400m only before they were lost under canopy. May have been made up to a month ago but age difficult to tell. Could have been more recent. Each set of tracks consisted of two individual tracks 10-30m apart and there was approx 100m between each set of tracks. Therefore there was a total of 6 tracks. Movement apparently East to West. Not able to get close to determine age because of high winds.
	YS727696	There were tracks made by 5 plus elephants. They were probably wild as seemed to have been milling about. Tracks seemed a month old but hard to judge because of strong winds.
091000	E 69-72, N 80-83	No recent signs of activity.
091200	YS622790 and YS638782 From YS641796 through YS641794, 642787, 632781, 634777 to YS629774 a track was followed.	Old bunker systems. No sign of recent activity.
091400	E 73-76, N 68-71 YS723696	Many tracks in area most of which appeared quite old and poss made by friendlies. Many footprints in some dried mud in an area of heavy track activity. These tracks also quite old.

2.3.4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer).

<u>DTG</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>	
090800-	YS717693	YS749725
090910	716695	749727
	749722	

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 69/71
2. Period covered from 100001H to 102400H Mar 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were 3 contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO DEBORAH

(a) (091145H) At YS536645 5 Pl B Coy 3 RAR located a sleeping area consisting of 30 sleeping bays. Camp two weeks old, used two-three days ago and in good condition. Located were field bandages and 10 VC ration tins.

Comment: This was reported briefly (INTSUM 68/71 para 3.a.(1)(c)) as an overnight camp used night 8 Mar 71 by unknown no of pers.

(b) (100740H) At YS575695 11 Pl D Coy 3 RAR contacted 3 en moving North across a stream. En returned fire with AK47s and withdrew North. En cas unk.

(c) (101057H) At YS549696 ptl from 2 Pl A Coy 3 RAR contacted 2 en wearing cam greens who were moving South. En withdrew North on contact. Nil cas. A Coy conducted a sweep which revealed footprints in stream. Arty engaged area with unknown results. IAITWUHP1000

(d) (101130H) At YS548638 Atk Pl 3 RAR loc a bunker system in an area 100m x100m consisting of 4 bunkers and eight pits with bamboo OHP. The system was one-two months old and in good condition. Located were one pressure stove which was later destroyed.

(e) (101445H) At YS574698 11 Pl D Coy 3 RAR located one cluster bomb unit and destroyed it.

(f) (101533H) FSB BETH (YS5967) reported hearing 12 rifle shots approx 1000m from their loc in vicinity of YS6166. Area engaged with mortars with unk results.

(2) AO LISA

(a) (101035H) At YS402873, 10 Pl V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted one en who approached from the NW. En was dressed in a blue shirt and green trousers. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 NZ WIA (DOW), 1 NZ WIA, 4lbs rice, a qty of other food and documents captured. Comment: From docus VC appears to have been an artist (painter) from either COSVN or MR7, who was visiting SR4 at the time of the contact. See Annex B.

(b) (101530H) At YS395860 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc two tunnels 3ft wide x 4ft high on a high stream bank. One tunnel 6ft long and 4ft above water level and the other tunnel 15ft long and 20 ft above water level. Tunnels 6 months old and in good condition no recent signs of use.

(3) Other Areas

(a) (100425H) At YS471691 one flare seen from HORSESHOE (YS4962).

(b) (100435H) At YS476680 one flare seen from HORSESHOE (YS4962).

(c) (100438H) 1 Armd Regt observed one flare at YS485685.

(d) (100502H) At YS490680 one flare seen from HORSESHOE (YS4962).

b. Omitted

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses. IAITWUHP1000

a. Total KIA Occuring This Reporting Period.

(1) Omitted

(2) Aust Inflicted 1 VC

(2) Omitted

b.c.d. Omitted

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured Or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons

(a) Individual 1

(b) Omitted

(c) Breakdown 1xAK47

(2)(3)(4)(5) Omitted

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3

(1) KIA 11 VC

(2) PW 1

(3)(4) Omitted

(5) Individual Wpns

Action 9

(6)-(15) Omitted

(16) 75mm RCL rds 3

(17)-(21) Omitted

(22) SA rds 893

(23) Omitted

(24) AP mines 1

(25) Omitted

(26) TNT 11b

(27) Omitted

5.6.7. Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 10/71 dated 8 Mar 71.

9.10. Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

Delete para 3.a.(1)d. INTSUM 68/71 and substitute the following:

(090830H) At YS555687 1 Pl A Coy 3 RAR located a camp 100mx150m containing 21 pits on East side of Stream and 2 pits on the West side. Four pits had OHP. Sentry post on East side side of stream. Camp not used for at least 6 months and is in an unusable condition.

c.d.e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) II FFV has provided information on a COSVN Resolution No 10 which reportedly deals with en tactics to be used during 1971. The source, a HOI CHANH from TAY NINH Sapper Recce Unit (C2/45) who rallied on 12 Feb, stated that he had attended a one month study session on the Resolution held by the TAY NINH Party Committee in CAMBODIA. Reportedly, the resolution stated that US troops would be withdrawn completely by Jun 71, leaving the GVN with the burden of an expanded war in INDO-CHINA. This will allow the en to launch a general offensive using massive terrorist tactics and political pressure to force the GVN to end the war and accept a coalition govt. In implementing this Resolution, enemy TAY NINH Province has ordered all available forces to return to the Province and to station themselves in areas around main villages. They are to provide political elements with military support in establishing a network of en agents in GVN controlled areas. The HC also reported that COSVN no longer believes in a military solution even with the withdrawal of US troops and is now aiming for a coalition government which reportedly could be subverted quickly. The HC also stated that the VC will support Gen DUONG VAN MINH ("BIG MINH") for the presidency during 1971 because they feel that he will more likely agree to a coalition government as a means of ending the war. II FFV Comment: There have been previous indications of a COSVN desire for a cease fire and coalition government, given the realization that a military take-over would be impossible. It is highly likely that such a resolution does exist and that the current sapper effort and a possible rise in terrorist activity will be manifestations of such a policy.

(2) (101010H) At YS594614, 955 RF Coy located a previously destroyed bunker system used in the preceding 48 hrs by an estimated en squad sized group. A look out point was loc in a tree 40ft high in the vicinity.

(3) (101115H) At YS868929 tps from 1st (US) Air Cav Div loc ten bunkers 6ft by 8ft with 1ft OHP. A track running SE to NW was also loc. No signs of recent use.

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Annexes: B. Captured Documents
E. Aerial Reconnaissance

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RTAVF	TAC	3 Bde 1 (US) Cav Div (AM)

ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM 69/71
DATED 10 MAR 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Documents found on a VC KIA in a contact with V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS402873 on 10 Mar 71 identified NGUYEN HIEN. Included in the documents were several introduction certificates entitled "Liberation Army Of People of SVN" and addressed to units with unknown cover designations. Among the addresses however were MR7 and possibly MR10. There are two indications (a photograph and an extract from a letter) to show that the VC KIA was an artist. He may have been a political artist from either COSVN or MR7. He appeared to have been visiting units in the area. At the time of the contact he was apparently working in SR4, as he had in his possession an introduction certificate signed by the Commander of (possibly) the Staff Section, SR4.

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2. Documents found on a body following a contact by V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS459890 on 9 Mar 71 identify NGUYEN QUANG NAM as a member (possibly Sect Comd) of A2 Coy of the former D65 Engr Bn.

Comment: The ident of this man as a member of the former D65 tends to substantiate earlier reports that a Coy from this Bn had been transferred to BA LONG Province. It now seems most likely that some members from D65 are being used as instructors to teach the technique of mining to BA LONG Engrs, who are almost certainly taking part in the mining activities to the East of NDP GARTH. (Refer 1 ATF INTSUM 54/71 ANNEX F para 6.) At YS473875 on 1 Mar 71, a VC KIA by 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn was ident as a member of BA LONG Province Engrs. (Refer 1 ATF INTSUM 60/71, para 3.a.(1)(d).)

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 69/71
DATED 10 MAR 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. VISUAL RECCE

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
100920H	YS575569	Seven pers in two sampans mov E to W across mouth of SONG RAI River. They picked up bicycles and one HONDA m/cycle and continued to row West.
101330H	E70-73 N72-75	No significant sightings.
101400H	E35-38 N81-84	No significant sightings.
101625H	E73-76 N71-74	No significant sightings.

2.3.4.5. Omitted

1. 1st Australian Land Force INTSUM No 70/71
2. Period covered from 110001H to 112400H Mar 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) AO DEBORAH
 - (a) Late report (102000H) At YS559677, 1 Pl A Coy 3 RAR heard mov. Arty illuminated area. Sweep at first light revealed nil results. A number of old destroyed bunkers also loc in area.
 - (b) (Prior to 111735H) At YS576704, 11 Pl D Coy 3 RAR loc a junction of three tracks. Tracks ran north, east and south. 3-4 pers used eastern track within last 24 hours. Tracks loc during follow up from a contact.
 - (c) (Prior to 111241H) At YS557646, E Coy 3 RAR loc 15 old bunkers and 17 wpn pits 6-12 months old with no evidence of use within the last 3 months. Bunkers to be destroyed.
 - (d) (Prior to 111241H) At YS562649, B Coy 3 RAR loc 7 bunkers 7 months old with no evidence of use within the last 2 months. Bunkers to be destroyed.
 - (e) (111930H) At YS557664, Aslt Pnr Pl Sp Coy 3 RAR contacted 4 en (3 men and 1 woman). En wdr east. Mov later seen in area, and area engaged with mor.
 - (f) (112115H) At YS540680, 2 Pl A Coy 3 RAR engaged mov to their front with claymore and automatic wpn fire. Mov ceased.
 - (2) AO LISA
 - (a) (Prior to 112047H) At YS393845, 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn sighted lights at 40m. Area engaged with SA fire and likely wdr routes engaged by arty.
 - b. Omitted.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a, b, c, d, and e Omitted
 - f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3

(1) KIA 11 VC	(16) 75mm RCL rds 3
(2) PW 1	(17) to (21) Omitted
(3) and (4) Omitted	(22) SA rds 893
(5) Individual Wpns	(23) Omitted
Action 9	(24) AP mines 1
(6) to (15) Omitted	(25) Omitted
	(26) TNT 1 lb
	(27) Omitted
- 5, 6 and 7 Omitted
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 10/71 dated 8 Mar 71.
- 9 and 10 Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous
 - a. Omitted
 - b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS.
 1. Ref Intsum 69/71
 - (a) Para 3 a (2) (a) delete "10 Pl" insert "1 Pl" and add "1 x AK 47 CIA".
 - c, d and e Omitted.
 - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
 - (1) On 9 Mar 71 at YS665645, an old man from XUYEN MOC saw approx 20 VC. With them was DOAN VAN TRUNG, a former member of the XUYEN MOC PSDF, who disappeared after going fishing on 20 Feb 71 in the same general area. The old man reported that DOAN had his hands tied, and that no speech passed between them. The VC saw the old man. Comment Both the Village Chief and the Deputy for Security of XUYEN MOC believe the report to be true, but are of the opinion that the VC would have moved by now. See also INTSUM 66/71 para 11 f (8) which a report of 20 VC seen at YS705664 on 7 Mar 71 by a woodcutter. This may be the same gp.

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(2) (Prior to 111910H) A report from XUYEN MOC states that 12 VC, armed with 1 x B40, were seen along the SONG HOA from YS665660 to YS644635.

(3) (Prior to 111745H) At YS 876861, elms of 3 Bde 1 (US) Cav Div (AM) contacted 13 pers in what is a poss base camp.

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ANNEX C TO 1 ATF INTSUM
NO 70/71 BATED 11MAR 71

AGENT REPORTS

Unevaluated report from a DIOCC agent. That 150 VC from D445 moved from YS495680 to YS563679 at 111130H. NFI. Comment: It is possible that an en gp moved in the area as reported, although no other info has been received to support the report. The group could also possibly be an element of D445. However the number is obviously a considerable exaggeration. D445 number approx 149 of which approx 30 are confirmed in the LONG HAIS and a substantial group are almost certainly still in NUI BE.

ANNEX E TO 1 ATF INTSUM
NO 70/71 DATED 11 MAR 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
110800H	E54 - 58 N69 - 72
111000H	YS574818 E57 - 60 N82 - 85
111200H	E75 - 78 N75 - 78
111430H	YS751854

SIGHTING

Nil significant sightings

Junction of 3 hy tracks with small lie - up points along the tracks. The tracks appeared quite old. Several other hy tracks in the area, but all old.

Nil significant sightings

Small logs placed across the road and parallel to each other with a foot track crossing the road between them from east to west. Age of track not determined.

2, 3 and 4 Omitted

5. ADP (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>STRONG</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>
110800H			YS542847 544847 547847 567836

Comment: Scattered fires caused many high readings in the first five runs. These readings have been omitted. Minimum readings above are in the general area of an east - west track reported from sniffer on 23 Feb and later (24 Feb) confirmed by VR

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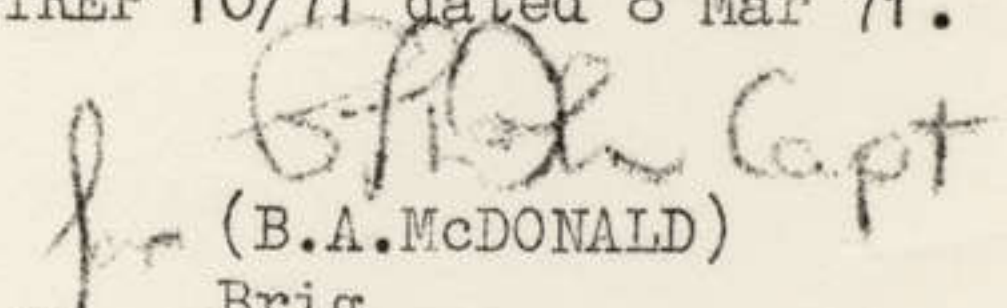
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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 71/71.
2. Period covered from 120001H to 122400H Mar 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were 2 contacts with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) AO DEBORAH
 - (a) (Prior to 121010H). At YS541679, A Coy 3 RAR loc an old cache 1-2 yrs old in collapsed condition.
 - (b) (120855H). At YS582702, D Coy 3 RAR eng poss 1 en approaching from the north. Area sweep revealed nil results. Noise engaged may have been an animal.
 - (2) AO LISA
 - (a) Further to engaging lights at YS393845 on 11 Mar by 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ (INTSUM 70/71 para 3a(2)(a) refers). Full report follows. (112015H). At YS393845, 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn eng est 5 en who approached from the SW to within 40m of AP. En were carrying 2 torches and were 40m from AP for 15 mins before contact was initiated. Results nil friendly cas, en cas unk. Sweep of area this morning revealed nil results.
 - (b) (121532H). At YS408849, 3 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn contacted 2 en wearing HCM sandals, black pants, grey shirts and both carrying K54 pistols. On contact the en were in a staging camp, 1 en returned fire and wdr SW. Res 1 VC KIA (BC), 1xK54 pistol, 2 crossbows, 1xM26 grenade with qty of detonators and a large qty docus, clothing and cooking utensils CIA. Sweep revealed a bunker system under construction.
 - (c) (121532H). At YS408849, 3 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn loc 2 bunkers under construction, 5 sleeping spaces and 3 fire places. The system was 1-2 days old and last used immediately prior to contact. A track parallel to a creek ran through the north side of the camp.
 - (d) (121745H). At YS411845, 2 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn contacted 1 en wearing a black shirt and trousers, moving W to E. Res in 1 VC KIA (BC), 1x7.62 chicom pistol and a qty of docus CIA.
 - b. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. Total KIA Occuring During This Reporting Period
 - (1) and (3) Omitted.
 - (2) Aust Inflicted 2 VC.
 - b, c and d Omitted.
 - e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.
 - (1) Captured Weapons
 - (a) Individual 2.
 - (b) Omitted.
 - (c) Breakdown 1xK54 pistol and 1x7.62 chicom pistol.
 - (2) and (3) Omitted.
 - f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR3

(1) KIA 13 VC	(22) SA rds 893
(2) PW 2	(23) Grenades 1
(5) Individual Wpns - Action 11.	(24) AP mines 1
(16) 75 mm RCL rds 3	(26) TNT 1 lb

- 5, 6 and 7 Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 10/71 dated 8 Mar 71.
- 9, 10 and 11 Omitted.


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Annexes: C. Agent Reports E. Aerial Reconnaissance

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ANNEX C TO 1 ATF INTSUM
NO 71/71 DATED 12 MAR 71

AGENTS REPORT

1. (101700H). Aust Eval F4. At YS380652, NP agent sighted 1 sqd of HOA LONG guerrillas carrying carbines and 1x.45 pistol. They were gathering info and spreading propaganda. Comment: Thought to be unlikely as HOA LONG guerrillas have been co located with CHAU DUC District for a period of approx 7 mths.
2. (102030H). Aust Eval F4. At YS381563, NP agent sighted 6 PHUOC LE guerrillas. NFI.
3. From NP chief XUYEN MOC: Aust Eval F3.
NP agent states that there are 4 VC living in 2 grass houses and 1 bunker approx 2km from the road at YS676777. They are poss of F&E Sect XM Dist. They are; BA HOANG, SON, MOI and UT OANH. There is poss a camp near by.
4. From same agency, an agent states that VC are being supplied with food at a point 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ km from XUYEN MOC South.
5. Sympathizer report from XUYEN MOC. Eval VN C2.
At 111230H, 1 VC unit with small arms, 82mm mortars and GVN uniforms moved to YS654624 for 2 days. The unit was lead by HOANH (poss comd C3/D445). Sympathizer said they poss intend to shell XUYEN MOC with 82mm mortars.

ANNEX E TO 1 ATF INTSUM
NO 71/71 DATED 12 MAR 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
121000H	E57 - 60 N85 - 88	A network of timber tracks heading South or SE but nothing of significance seen.
121400H	E47 - 50 N68 - 71	Woodcutters have been throught western half of area recently. No further significant sightings.
121210H	YS533680 & YS534678	Oxcart tracks cross the SUOI LO O'NHO at these locations and join up with a foot track on eastern side of river and appear quite old.
121210H	YS532664	4 old fighting pits under a clump of trees and showed no signs of recent use but immediate vicinity has been used fairly recently as a rest place.
121210H	YS554644	A lie up place with 5 positions having stones for protection.
121210H	YS515655	Cooking gear found but poss belong to civilians.
120800H	E27 - 30 N74 - 77	Many tracks in the area, both in land cleared and jungle areas. Poss belong to civilians.

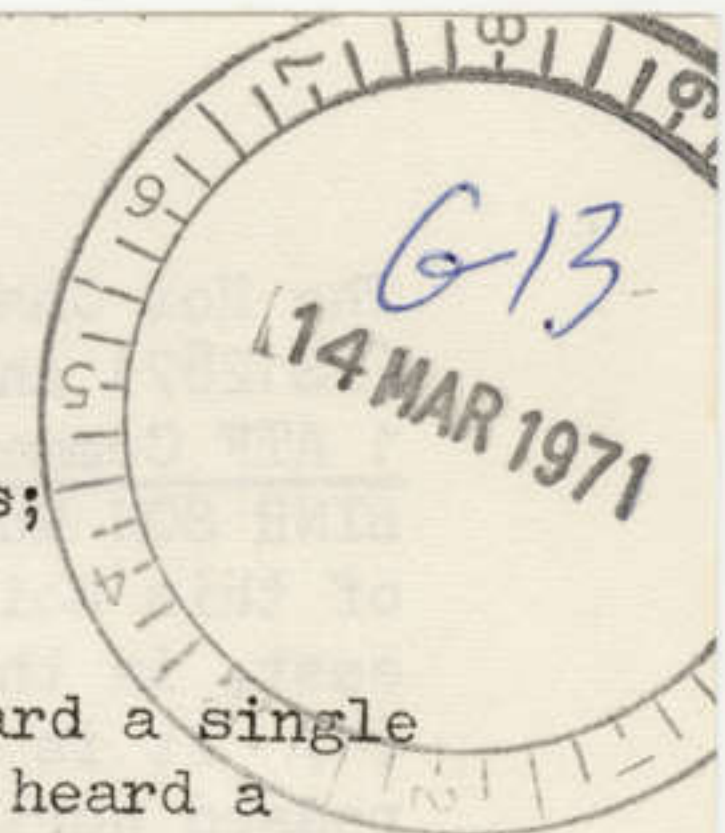
2, 3, and 5 Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity:

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
120312H	YS275800	Reading on road.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 72/71
2. Period covered from 130001H to 132400H Mar 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force elements;

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO DEBORAH

(a) Late report. (122110H) From FSB BETH (YS598678), Sp Coy 3 RAR heard a single rifle shot on a bearing of 1400 mils, range approx 1500m. At 2200H. heard a burst of MG fire on a bearing of 1400 mils, range 2000m.

(b) Late report. (122330H) At YS487616, a ptl from B Coy 3 RAR sighted a group of approx 9 pers, well spaced and moving close to the scrub line, heading SE towards DAT DO. Not engaged due to proximity of housing.

Comment: It would be most unusual for LONG DAT or C1 to infiltrate DAT DO from the NORTH. On 7 Jan 71 at YS486635 a group from CHAU DUC was ambushed by B Sqn 3 Cav Regt whilst attempting to infiltrate DAT DO from the North (INTSUM 7/71 para 3a (1) (c)). It is therefore possible that this group also may have been CHAU DUC.

(c) (130830H) At YS564681, 1 Pl A Coy 3 RAR sighted 1 pers dressed in black, moving to the SE. The tracks were followed up but later lost in a rocky area.

(d) (131020) At YS557637, a ptl from 3 Pl A Coy 3 RAR engaged 2 en who were moving SE and were about to fire on the ptl. The en wore black clothing, cowboy hats and carried packs. En wdr immediately on contact with unk cas; a sweep loc 1 pack containing a few med sups but no docus.

b. Air Activity

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses. a. b. c. d. e. Omitted

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3

(3) (4), (6) to (15), (17) to (21), (25), (27) Omitted.

(1) KIA 13 VC (16) 75 mm RCL rds 3 (26) TNT 1 lb

(2) PW 1 (22) SA rds 893

(5) Individual Wpns (23) Grenades 1

Action 11 (24) AP mines 1

5. 6. 7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 10/71 dated 08 Mar 71.

9. 10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous. a. b. c. e. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports. (See Annex C).

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late report (12 Mar) At YS665737, RF and MATT. 8 loc and destroyed a nose cone, cartridge and booster charge for a 60mm mor. NFI.

(2) (13 Mar) Two woodcutters who work at PHU MY (V), DANH TRUNG and TRUONG VAN KICH, claim that they were detained by 8 VC on 101130H Mar 71 and released on 121530H Mar. The subjects were driving two trucks when they were stopped by the VC at approx YS3073. The VC remain unident, but there were 3 NVA, 1 Central VN and 4 SVN in the group. The truck drivers claim that they were blind-folded and taken to a VC camp at approx YS3273. One of the 2 men was then told to return to PHU MY and obtain \$VN2,000,000 from their employer. The VC claimed that this money was owed in taxes for wood cutting privilages. After waiting for 2 days, the VC set fire to one of the trucks and released the other man. One of the subjects heard the VC say that they only have enough food for 3 days, they would then have to return to their battalion.

Comment: There is no known en bn held to be operating in the area to the north of NUI THI VAI. However see Annex C para 1.

(3) II FFV have advised that interrogation in Feb 71 of a Hoi Chanh who rallied on 14 Feb near NHON TRACH (YS0185) has provided a further indication that 3 Bn, 274 Regt may have been reorganized. The source, who stated he was the Political Officer of 3 Bn, reported that the strengths of each of the Bn's line Companies was 14, with a Bn HQ strength of 4. II FFV Comment: Including the Bn's support troops, total strength of the unit was only 66 men. Docus captrd on 28 Jan had indicated that 1 and 3 Bns of 274 Regt would be reorganized into Company-sized units and the strength given for the downgraded 3 Bn was 60-80 men. The strength figure of 66 provided by this HC corresponds closely with the newly organized company strength in the captured docu. Further interrogation of the HC may reveal info on the supposed downgrading.

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The Hoi Chanh claimed that resupply was conducted every 8-10 days out of PHUOC LAI (YS1287) and QUAN TRE (YS1589).

1 ATF Comment. The current loc of this Bn is believed to be in the area of the BINH SON Rubber Plantation (centre of mass YS2393). However from a further statement of this Hoi Chanh it appears likely that an element of the unit are further to the east, in the area YS325930.

(4) It is believed that a group of enemy, numbering at least 20 and possibly 40 passed north east through approx area YS7178 on the evening of 12 Mar.

Comment: Possibly two coys of D445 may have been moving north-east to rejoin the Headquarters group of the Bn, which is believed to be on the western edge of NUI BE.

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 72/71
DATED 13 MAR 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Documents found in a wallet on a VC KIA following the contact by A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn at YS408849 on 12 Mar 71 (1 ATF INTSUM 71/71 para 3a (2) (b) refers) identify NGUYEN THANH TAM. According to promotion and posting orders among the documents, TAM held the equivalent rank of Bn Comd, and had occupied the following positions: 1965, Political Officer, TAY NINH City Unit; 1966 an unstated position in SR4; Apr 70, the Asst Comd, Civil Military (Militia) Section, MR7. When killed he was probably the Asst Political Officer SR4.

2. Documents found in a bunker system at the above location (1 ATF INTSUM 71/71 para 3 a (2) (c) refers) identify elms of HQ SR4. A great number of documents are yet to be translated.

3. Documents found on a VC KIA by A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn at YS411845 on 12 Mar 71 (1 ATF INTSUM 71/71 para 3 a (2) (d) refers) possibly identify NAM PHONG of an unknown unit.

Comment: Due to the proximity of the contact in relation to the one at YS408849 (para 1 above refers), it is possible that this KIA is also a member of SR4.

ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 72/71
DATED 13 MAR 71

AGENT REPORTS

1. Report received by 525 MI Gp, uneval.

(100900H Mar 71) Source reported an unident 120 man element of 5 VC Div loc at YS340774, constructing fox holes and other defensive posns. The en were reported to be dressed in green and black uniforms, canvas hats and jungle boots; arms and eqpt incl 1 x AA MG, 2 x MG, 2 x 82 mm mors, 14 x B40, individual AK's and 2 x CHICOM radios. The unit reportedly intends to attack outposts along Rte 15 and also intends to counter attack against allied ops in the area.

Comment: There is no other information to suggest that any sub unit from 5 VC Div is likely to be present in PHUOC TUY Province. It is thought that 3/33 Regt has been placed Op con to BA LONG Province to take the place of the now defunct D440 Bn. 33 Regt used to be 5 VC Div formation but was placed subordinate to MR7 when the division went to CAMBODIA.

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The present loc of 3/33 Regt is presently thought to be approx YT4916. Apart from the report at para 11 f (2). There is no other info to suggest that a new en unit is in the area mentioned in this report.

2. Agent Report received from LONG HUONG on 13 Mar 71, VN Eval C2 Aust Eval F3. At 101300 Mar 71, approx 1 Coy of VC, ident unk, wearing mixed uniforms, green neckerchiefs and armed with individual weapons, were moving along a track at YS371638. They propagandised some villagers for approx 30 mins, and asked about the arrival and departure times of troops using the firing range. Comment: This is the third report of a group of VC operating in this general area. It is felt that the size of this group may be exaggerated. BARIA City have previously been known to have bases in the south eastern portion of the NUI DINHS, and the group reported may be this unit.

3. II FFV have advised of an agent report as yet unconfirmed that the en will soon launch a nationwide campaign in SVN aimed at forcing ARVN units to return. Reportedly, large ground attacks will be carried out in MRs 1 and 2, while en units conduct primarily indirect fire attacks in MRs 3 and 4, especially in the Provinces surrounding SAIGON. The attacks are scheduled to take place near the close of the lunar month (24-26 Mar). Large numbers of liaison, rear service and labour pers have been dispatched to MR2 from MRs 3 and 4 and from CAMBODIA in preparation for the forthcoming attacks. II FFV Comment: It can be expected that an increase in activity within SVN will take place, in view of the set-backs suffered by the en in LAOS. The sending of rear service pers to reinforce MR2 can not, however, be substantiated as such an action would be inconsistent with the current needs of en units in MRs 3 and 4 for rear service support.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 72/71
DATED 13 MAR 71

AERIAL RECCONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
130800H	E 66-69 N 77-80	Nil significant sighting except for woodcutting trucks passing through the gen area of YS676777 and many tracks that appear to have had no recent use.
131000H	E 64-67 N 90-93	Nil significant sightings.
131200H	E 31-34 N 74-77	Signs of fresh woodcutting throughout the area; no significant sightings.
130815H	YS498672 YS513668 YS515752	1 pers with an ox cart. 3 pers with ox carts. 3 pers with timber cuttings.
131430H	YS725797 YS698818	A recent track ran from this loc to YS714800 where a white cylinder, 3ft x 1ft diam, was seen under a tree. A partly covered tunnel entrance with a camouflaged bunker, 12 x 6 ft, in the vicinity. Due to hy undergrowth, no tracks or other bunkers were seen.

2. 3. 4. Omitted.

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130815H Minimum readings at YS499679, 504680, 508680 and 493738.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM 73/71.
2. Period covered from 140001H to 142400H Mar 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO DEBORAH

(a) Late Report. (131845H). At YS582710, 11 Pl D Coy 3 RAR loc a VC obstacle course consisting of:

(1) One double cattle fence with one concertina fence between it.

(2) One double apron fence.

(3) One single cattle fence.

(4) One caved in bunker which appeared to be the objective. Several small tracks and main tracks lead SW.

Comment: The complex appears approx one year old and is est to have been used in the past six months. It was probable used by D445 Coys in trg in the period up until mid 1970, when D445 wdr to MAY TAOs.

(b) Late Report. (132030H). At YS571675, a ptl from 1 Pl A Coy 3 RAR heard four shots which appeared to have been fired in the vicinity of NUI NHON (YS5764).

(c) Late Report. (132230H). At YS558638, 3 Pl A Coy 3 RAR engaged an unk no of en, who were filling water containers, with unk results. En did not return fire.

(d) (140746H). At YS566681, 1 Pl A Coy 3 RAR engaged one en wearing black pyjamas, who wdr S with no results.

(e) (140900H). At YS563639, 3 Pl A Coy 3 RAR found three two man bunkers with 3' OHP and three fighting pits in good condition, last use one week ago. Tracks in the area ran E to W. A quantity of 105mm shell blinds (NFI) and a quantity of Cluster Bomb units (NFI) were recovered and destroyed. A quantity of docus was captured. (Readout not yet available).

(f) (141035H). At YS557637, 3 Pl A Coy 3 RAR found two bunkers 14'x3' with 3' OHP used in the last few days by an unk no of en. Recovered were: clothing, drugs and a mace (NFI).

(g) (141050H). At YS546643, 2 Pl A Coy 3 RAR loc a mine marker (skull and crossbones with VN phrase "Don't pass - mined area" written in coloured pencil. Inside the area two "T" shaped bunkers and two pits were found. Est bunkers last used three to five days ago.

(h) (Prior to 141520H). At YS563637, 2 Pl A Coy 3 RAR loc three bunkers. One was new and measured 14'x4'x4' with OHP. Second was under construction and third was very old. There were many fresh tracks in the area est to be 48hrs old.

b. Omitted.

4. a.b.c.d.e. Omitted

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3

(3), (4), (6)-(15), (17)-(21), (25) and (27) omitted.

(1) KIA 13 VC

(22) SA rds 893

(2) PW 1

(23) Grenades 1

(5) Individual Wpns - Action 11

(24) AP mines 1

(16) 75mm RCL rds 3

(26) TNT 1 lb

5.6.7. Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 10/71 dated 8 Mar 71.

9.10.11. Omitted

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 73/71
DATED 14 MAR 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Further to documents found in a bunker system at YS408849 by A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC Bn on 12 Mar 71 (1 ATF INTSUM 72/71 ANNEX B para 2 refers), more detailed translation has confirmed that the bunker system was used by elms of HQ SR 4. There is also mention made of NAM PHUONG, the VC KIA at YS411845 on 12 Mar 71 (1 ATF INTSUM 72/71 ANNEX B para 3 refers). Comment. This probably confirms that NAM PHUONG is a member of HQ SR 4 (possibly of Ord Room) and suggests that NAM PHUONG was the one who escaped from the contact at YS408849 at 121532H in which the Assistant Political Officer of SR 4 was killed (INTSUM 71/71 para 3 a.(2)(b) refers).

ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 73/71
DATED 14 MAR 71

AGENT REPORTS

1. Agent report received from Sector on 13 Mar 71, VN Eval C2, Aust Eval F4. At 111300H Mar 71 a Coy of VC called "Coy 25", with a str of approx 90, infiltrated from the area of the NUI THI VAI to the NUI DINH'S at approx YS330650. They are armed with 1x82mm mortar, RCL, and personal weapons, dressed in black with some being in ARVN uniforms, with many of the members being NVN. Comment. This report possibly coincides with the movement of friendly forces in the DINH'S, and is very doubtful.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 73/71
DATED 14 MAR 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
141000H	YS 73-77E YS 79-81N	No recent movement observed.
141200H	YS 636764	Bunker showed no sign of recent use.
141200H	YS 623805 TO YS 645795	Track along creek bed which leaves creek and finishes in by the jungle.
141200H	YS 623805	Track along creek bed divides and finishes at YS 642786 where it joins a heavy cart track.
141345H	YS 33-36E YS 76-79N	Two ox carts with logs observed at YS 337840. No other significant sightings.
141400H	YS 494870	A track from YS 492873 to reference observed. At YS 494870 a green box 3'x1½'x1' was seen on the track. Box had one lengthwise steel band and two cross bands. No other significant sightings. <u>Comment:</u> Box could be munitions container.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 74/71.
2. Period covered from 150001H to 152400H Mar 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.

Ground Activity

(1) AO DEBORAH

- (a)(150800H) At YS563638, 3 Pl A Coy 3RAR sighted 1 VN male in dark clothing believed to be observing patrol. When approached suspect withdrew SE.
- (b)(150900H) At YS566633, 3 Pl A Coy 3RAR loc a bunker system consisting of 7 bunkers in semi-circular shape. Bkrs measure 7'x2'x5' with 2' OHP. Bunkers 12-15 months old, last used 3-5 days ago in good condition. Recovered were qty of docs, CBU, tins, and mixed clothing. Bunkers to be destroyed.
- (c)(150930H) At YS539641, 2 Pl A Coy 3RAR loc bunker system 30mx30m consisting of 1 bkr 10'x3' with 2' OHP, bkr 12 mths old, used 1-2 weeks ago and in excellent condition.
- (d)(151030H) At YS512677, a tank from C Sqn 1 Armd Regt loc and des 1 fighting pit 3'x4'x2' with 1½' OHP. Entry/Exit pt S. Pit 9-12 months old, last used 7-14 days ago, and in good condition.
- (e)(151515H) At YS540643, A Coy 3RAR heard 2 single shots at a bearing of 4500 mils, range unk.
- (f)(152020H) At YS685644, 5 Pl B Coy 3RAR heard movement at their perimeter. The area was eng with AW fire with unk results.
- (g)(152000H) At YS644650, B Coy 3RAR detected lights and movement. The area was eng with AW fire and a sweep is to be conducted at first light.

(2) AO LISA

- (a)(151300H) At YS405898, Ptl of 2 Pl V Coy 2RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc and des bunker system consisting of 1 bkr 8'x6' with cooking space and 2ft OHP. Entry/Exit NE, then West. System 1 week old, used in last 2-3 days and in very good condition.
- (b)(151230H) At YS405835, 3 Pl A Coy 2RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc and des bkr system consisting of 2 bkrs. Entry/Exit from SE to NE. System 2 yrs old, last used 6 months ago. 1 bkr had previously been destroyed, the other is in good condition.
- (c)(151630H) At YS407894, 11 Pl D Coy 2RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc a suspected bunker system. Arty engaged area. Sweep to be conducted at first light. (NFI).

b. Air Activity

(1) Aircraft Receiving Ground Fire

DTG	CO-ORDS	ALTITUDE	TYPE OF FIRE	DAMAGE	FRIENDLY RESPONSE	RESULTS
151215H	YS479514	100'	AW	Light Damage	(a) Bushranger (b) Vulcan Strike (c) A/S	Bombs within 20m of target

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a.b.c.d.e. Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals For Month: MR3

(3-4)(6-15)(17-21)(25)(27) Omitted.

(1) KIA	13 VC	(22) SA rounds	893
(2) PW	1	(23) Grenades	1
(5) Individual Weapons Action	11	(24) AP mines	1
(16) 75mm RCL rds	3	(26) TNT	1 lb

5.6.7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1ATF SUPINTREP 11/71 dated 15 Mar 71.

9.10. :. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS

(1) Ref INTSUM 73/71

- (a) Para 3.a.(1)(g) amend "YS546643" to read "YS540643".
- (b) Para 4.f.(23) Amend to read "2".

c.d.e. Omitted.

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f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1)(151215H) At YS479514, AC conducting A/S road automatic ground fire. AC withdrew whilst Bushrangers engaged area. 2 airstrikes were conducted : area. AC received only light damage.

(2)(151700H) 945 RF Coy detained a VC supplier E of BINH BA.(YS448740). Supplier was BINH who went to BINH BA with \$VN2000 to buy food. Binh was given the money by DUNG, Party Chapter Secretary BINH BA at 151000H. BINH was captured when returning to jungle E of BINH BA.

(3)(151600H) At YS635940. FSB MACE reports loc a bke system occupied by 10-15 pers. Enemy fired B40, LMG and small arms.

(4)(152112H) At YS663683, 3 VC entered NAN THAN hamlet and tried to abduct a PSDF soldier. The soldier escaped, and VC withdrew SW. Arty engaged, nil res.

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Annex B to
1 ATF INTSUM No. 74/71
Dated 15 Mar 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Documents captured by 3 Pl A Coy 3RAR at YS563639 on 140900H Mar (INTSUM 73/71 para 3.a.(1)(e) probably identify LONG DAT District.
2. Those captured by 2 Pl A Coy 3 RAR at YS540643 on 141050H Mar (INTSUM 73/71 para 3.a.(1)(g) also identify the same group.

Annex E To
1 ATF INTSUM No 74/71
Dated 15 Mar 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
Late Report (141510H)	YS725797 to YS714800	A track observed showing signs of recent use. At YS714800 a white cylinder seen under a tree, cylinder measured 3' long x 1' in diameter.
Late Report (141510H)	YS692818	Partly covered tunnel entrance sighted at YS698818, also bkr under light cover, bunker measured 12'x6'. Heavy undergrowth prevented further sightings.
(151115H)	E34-37, N64-67	No recent activity.
(151200H)	E31-34, N66-69	No recent activity.
(151535H)	E73-76, N84-87	No recent activity.
(151600H)	E77-80, N67-80	No recent activity.

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15 Mar 71

1 ATF SUPINTREP 11/71
(PERIOD 8 MAR - 14 MAR 71)

LAOS

1. The axis of movement in Operation "LAM SON 719" shifted during the week. The capture and destruction of the base areas, road junction and airfield at TCHEPONE was the most westerly objective of the operation, and having achieved this ARVN forces withdrew and swung south. Moving along three main axes the ARVN force is aiming at Route 914, another infiltration complex. Some heavy fighting continues north of Route 9 but the bulk of activity is taking place to the south where NVA forces have prepared strong defensive positions overlooking Route 9.

2. Cumulative casualty figures for the operation as at 12th March are ARVN 710 killed, 2,633 wounded and 165 missing, US 85 killed, 430 wounded and 26 missing. A figure of 49 helicopters lost does not include those shot down and subsequently recovered. The enemy are reported to have lost over 7000 men, 357 tons of ammunition, nearly 1500 tons of rice, and 275 trucks.

3. Further south, Operation "DESERT RAT" continues its task of ambushing convoys and blocking roads and trails with rockfalls, trees and cratering charges. So far, the small force involved has successfully avoided any major clash with superior enemy forces.

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4. Phase II of Operation "TOAN THANG" has been initiated with a drive towards DAMBE. The enemy is countering with heavy mortar, rocket and ground attacks on ARVN and Cambodian positions along Route 7. Casualty figures to 12th March are reported to be 347 ARVN killed, 1700 wounded and 122 missing with over 3000 enemy reported killed. There have been 17 US casualties.

SVN: MRs 1, 2 AND 4

5. A moderate to high level of activity continued in only three areas of South Vietnam during the week: along the LAM SON lines of communication in QUANG TRI Province in MR1, near the south eastern corner of Base Area 609 in MR2 and in a ROK initiated action against local and guerilla forces in southern MR2. Elsewhere in Military Regions 1, 2 and 4, the level of enemy initiated activity remained low.

MR3

6. The low level of enemy-initiated activity continued throughout MR3 during the week. There were two terrorist incidents in SAIGON, both within 3 km of MACV HQ and both involving thrown explosive charges.

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7. IIFV have estimated that the enemy will attempt to increase the level of his offensive activity during the remainder of the month. According to PWs a region-wide sapper offensive had been planned for the second half of March. The enemy has three sapper battalions operating in the western and central areas of the MR and it is in this area that any attacks will probably take place. IIFV are also anticipating a possible increase in the number of attacks by fire from about 26th March.

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8. There were twelve contacts during the week involving 1 ATF troops. Four enemy were killed. One New Zealand officer died of wounds and another New Zealand soldier was wounded.

Enemy Unit Identifications and Locations

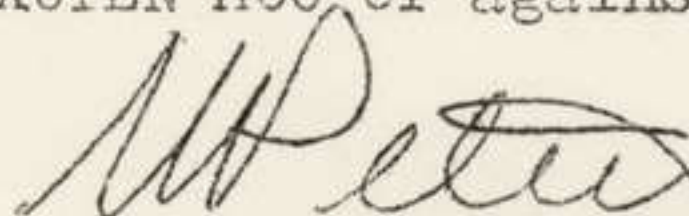
9. D445.

- a. There have been further indications that during the past week several sub-units of D445 left NUI BE and were operating in the area of the SONG RAI and XUYEN MOC.
- b. There have been several reports that a group of approximately 20 VC are in the SONG HOA/NUI KHO area south of XUYEN MOC. Many signal shots have been heard in this area between 12th and 14th March and there is now a second possible indication that this group may be C3.
- c. In the past week 3 RAR have had light contacts and several other sightings of enemy in the area west and north west of NUI NHON. In this area documents found on 14th March by 3 RAR show that two senior members of LONG DAT were probably in the area very recently (YS563639). The presence of LONG DAT District Forces, possibly engaged in bunker building, may account for the 3 RAR contacts. However there were other indications in early March that a party had crossed the SONG RAI and it may well be that a group from D445 are also in the area.
- d. Heavy north-east to south-west tracks found above XUYEN MOC (areas YS7277, YS7376, YS7075; see INTSUM 68/71 Annex E) further suggest that possibly a company from D445 have been in the area north of XUYEN MOC or in the SONG RAI area recently. However it is believed that on the night of 12th March possibly two companies of D445 moved north-east from the area of Route 329 (through approximate area YS7178). These companies may have been moving to rejoin C5 south-west of NUI BE.

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- e. Further information is required to establish the location of D445. However a company may be south of XUYEN MOC (possibly C3); a group may be with LONG DAT forces west and north-west of NUI NHON; and a third, larger group was probably north of XUYEN MOC earlier in the week but may now have returned to join C5 south west of NUI BE. C1, with the Battalion Commander, are believed still to be in the LONG HAI.
10. The main elements of LONG DAT are believed still to be in the LONG HAI. On 9th March an RF patrol approaching an area often used by C25 (YS466536) received six 60mm mortar rounds but suffered no casualties.
11. On 9th March troops of 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn killed a member of A2 Company of the former D65 Engineer Battalion in the area of the VIET CUONG Plantation (YS459890).
12. On 12th March a senior political officer from SR4 was killed by 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn near the SUOI CHA RANG (YS408849). Another member was killed nearby (YS411845) on the same day. From documents found in the area and the presence of new bunkers it is clear that a group from HQ SR4 were based in the area. They have probably since moved to the west. The main elements of Headquarters SR4 are still thought to be in the SUOI SOC and SUOI CA areas in the region of the north-western border.
- Enemy Capabilities and Intentions
13. The identification of a member of the former D65 Engineer Battalion in the area of the VIET CUONG Plantation tends to substantiate earlier reports that a group, possibly a company, from this battalion, had been transferred to BA LONG Province Headquarters. It also supports the earlier assessment (SUPINTREP 7/71 para 16) that the techniques of mining used east of GARTH suggested the presence of D65 members.
14. With regard to the IIFV assessment for MR3, no specific indications have been received that attacks are to be carried out in PHUOC TUY in mid and late March with the exception of an unconfirmed agent report that elements of 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt, at present in southern LONG KHANH, may attempt an attack in the Route 2 area. This is considered unlikely in the coming week. It is much more likely that any such attack would be carried out by C36 and CHAU DUC. There has been an increase in the number of agent reports concerning enemy presence in the NUI DINHS and NUI THI VAI. These have not been substantiated. The most likely enemy offensive activity in the coming week would be an attack by companies of D445 against XUYEN MOC or against a hamlet on Route 23.



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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 75/71.
2. Period covered from 160001H to 162400H Mar 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) AO DEBORAH
 - (a) Ref report from B Coy 3 RAR at YS644650 on 15 Mar 71 of lights and movement on their perimeter. (INTSUM 74/71 para 3.a.(1)(g) refers). Sweep conducted this morning with nil results.
 - (b) (Prior to 161210H). At YS550637 2 Pl A Coy 3 RAR loc a grave containing a decomposed body approx 14 days old. Some old webbing was lying across the grave but nothing else was loc. Comment: Difficult to attribute KIA to a particular contact. There have been several recent 3 RAR contacts in area, and also contact at NUI DAT TWO (ni 2/3 Mar). RF also had a contact at YS562628 on 11 Feb (INTSUM 42/71 para 11.f.(5)).
 - (c) (161400H). At YS542633 2 Pl A Coy 3 RAR loc 1 pit with 2ft OHP in an area 20m sq. Pit was est to be 1-2 yrs old, used 3-4 months ago and in excellent condition. Docus were loc in the pit. Readout not yet avail.
 - (2) AO LISA
 - (a) (161255H). At YS405898 2 Pl V Coy 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn eng 1 en dressed in a blue shirt who approached from the NW. En wdr South. Sweep conducted with nil results.
 - b. Air Activity
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses
 - a.b.c.d.e. Omitted.
 - f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3

(3)-(4), (6)-(15), (17)-(21), (25),	(27) Omitted.
(1) KIA 13 VC	(16) 75mm RCL rds 3
(2) PW 1	(22) SA rds 893
(5) Individual Wpns	(23) Grenades 2
Action 11	(24) AP mines 1
Caches -	(26) TNT 1
- 5.6.7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 11/71 dated 15 Mar 71.
- 9.10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous
 - a.c.e. Omitted.
 - b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS
 - (1) Ref INTSUM 74/71
 - (a) Para 3.a.(1)(b) amend "YS566633" to read "YS567637".
 - (b) Para 3.a.(2)(c) amend "11 Pl D Coy" to read "2 Pl V Coy".
 - (c) Para 11.f.(4) delete all ref.
 - (d) ANNEX E Item 1 and 2 delete all ref.
 - (e) Para 11.f.(1) delete and replace the following: (151215H). At YS479514 ac on task for A/S received automatic fire. Ac then threw smoke to mark the posn for the Bushrangers to eng and received automatic fire again. Bushrangers eng area, followed by a Vulcan strike and an A/S. Ac was hit by the ground fire but received only light damage. Ref INTSUM 74/71 para 3.b.(1) for report of ac receiving ground fire.
 - d. Agent Reports. Omitted.
 - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest
 - (1) (160015H). At YS423712 480 RF Coy eng an est sqd of VC who approached their AP from the West. En returned fire with grenades and then wdr West. Sweep conducted with nil results.
 - (2) (160930H). At YS437629 586 RF Coy eng 3 VC who approached from the NE. 160935H VC wdr NE leaving 1 pack behind. Pack contained 1 kilo rice and other misc and pers items.
 - (3) (160715H). At YS660697 NP detained 2 woodcutters who were in possession of \$5,000VN. They said they were from LONG KHANH Prov and had been working in the area for 8 days. Still being questioned by NP at XUYEN MOC.

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(4) (161000H). At YS477535 302 RF Bn and 1 Sect 2 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt received 4 or 5 rds of 60mm mortar fire. US ac in vic reported that the mortar was fired from YS467535. Mortars impacted at YS473537. Bushrangers and arty eng area and there were 3 secondary explosions at YS470537. Res: Nil cas inflicted by attack and en cas unk. Comment: Loc from which mortar rds fired correspond closely with a reported regular posn of C25 LONG DAT (YS468532). In the same area (YS466536) a ptl of 302 RF Bn received 6 60mm mor rds on 9 Mar 71 (INTSUM 68/71 para 11.f.(2)). (5) (Prior to 161300H). At YS672942 tps of 3 Bde 1 Cav Div (AM) reported sighting 5 en moving South. NFI.

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF INTSUM 75/71
DATED 16 MAR 71

INTERROGATION REPORT
DETAINEE - VO BINH

1. Reference the suspected VC supplier ^{detained} by 945 RF Coy at YS448740 (1 ATF INTSUM 74/71 para 11.f. (2) refers), subject claims that at 151000H he was working at YS465740 when he was approached by two VC named DUNG and THANG (unit and appointments unknown) and threatened with death if he did not purchase food for them. DUNG gave him 2,000 piastre with which to buy food at BINH BA (YS448740), and he was apprehended when returning to deliver the food to the VC. Subject insists that apart from this occasion he has had no contact with the VC.
2. (Extract from 3 Bde 1 (US) Cav Div (AM). INTSUM 72/71 ANNEX E Interrogation Report - NGUYEN THI XI). Subject, the head nurse in the BA LONG Hospital Section, which is with BA LONG Prov in the MAY TAO area (YS720910), claims that the Sections present and future task is to care for the wounded of D445. At present there are 3 patients from D445 being treated. The subject claims that the Section has been treating the wounded of D445 since she joined the unit in 1968. The last time D445 patients were admitted was in Feb 71 when 16 members of D445 carried 4 others with leg wounds to this loc for treatment. XI disclaimed all knowledge of other units.

ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM 75/71
DATED 16 MAR 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Documents found in a bunker system at YS567637 by 3 Pl A Coy 3 RAR on 15 Mar 71 (INTSUM 74/71 para 3.a.(1)(b) refers) possibly identify elms of LONG DAT District. Included in the docus is a list of names (family names only are recorded), which have tentatively been identified as members of various sub-sections of LONG DAT Dist, including the Org, Security, Mil Int and Postal Sections.

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ANNEX E TO
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DATED 16 MAR 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
Prior to 161312H	YS537671	2 ox carts loaded with bamboo mov NW. 700m SE 1 ox cart with several persons cutting bamboo. 3 RAR checked area and ox carts had moved out of the area onto Route 23. Nil fresh signs in area.
161000H	E 79-82, N 80-83	Nil fresh signs in area.
160800H	E 77-80, N 74-77	Many hy tracks in area not used for several months. Nil other sightings.
161200H	YS7173 and YS7174 YS710734	Many old tracks in area. A very large rock shelf approx 5' thick had several large holes through it. The soil underneath had been eroded away and it now offers very good natural protection and concealment. A hy track passes through this loc but appeared more than 2 weeks old and poss made by animals.
161400H	YS674794 E 65-68, N 77-80	A 3' sq hole with a log rim. Approx 50m to SW there are approx 4 old large bunkers with no fresh signs. Although there is evidence of large scale woodcutting in the area there are a number of tracks running from the SW corner of BAU NON (YS6781) to the SW. They can be followed for about 3000m and appear to have been used recently. (Refer Sniffer reading ANNEX E para 5).

2.3.4. Omitted.

5. APD Sniffer

<u>DTG</u>	<u>STRONG</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>
160800H	YS699787	YS686786 686802 702787 707786

NOTE: All locs except YS686802 are in civil access.

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 76/71
2. Period Covered from 170001H to 172400H Mar 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were 4 contacts with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) AO DEBORAH
 - (a) Late Report (162100H) At YS561660, 1 Pl A Coy 3 RAR engaged one en who approached their AP from the north and wdr north when fired on. Sweep conducted with nil results.
 - (b) (171030H) At YS611753 C Coy 3 RAR reported 2 en approached from west following APC tracks. They were detected by sntries who fired at 15-20m range. En withdrew to SW with unk results.
 - (c) (171035H) At YS634734, 9 Pl C Coy 3 RAR engaged 4-5 pers who approached from the east. En initiated the contact and then split up and wdr NE and NW. Pl followed track to NW and loc docs AK47 and mag and the track to the NE and loc 1xM16 and one pack with blood stains and bullet holes. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC) 1 VC WIA (BT), 1xAK47, 1xM16 and 1 pack CIA. Pack did not belong to KIA. KIA ident as KHOAN formerly of K9 D440, now of C3 D445. (See Annex B for document readout).
 - (d) (171500H) At YS483655, 5 Pl B Coy 3 RAR, loc one linear tunnel 20'x20' with 30" of OHP. Tracks running north to south. Tunnel 2 years old and used periodically in last 2 years. Tunnel is in good condition and is to be destroyed.
 - (e) (171620H) At YS539625 2 Pl A Coy 3 RAR found a VC fragmentation grenade. Grenade destroyed.
 - (f) (171910H) At YS544633, 2 Pl A Coy 3 RAR, sighted 2 men approaching AP heading SE. They sensed presence and ran away. They were wearing greens, carrying packs. No weapons sighted. One man wearing new greens.
 - (g) (172110H) At YS628755, 7 Pl C Coy 3 RAR have loc fresh footprints poss less than 24 hours old. Footprints of 10-15 men moving in south-north direction. Will follow up at first light.
 - (2) AO LISA
 - (a) (170945H) At YS413842, 3 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn loc a cache 5'x2' with 2 parallel logs 3' diam and 2' apart on top and covered with plastic. Cache contained 13x60 mm mor bombs rusted but in fair condition with fuses in excellent condition. 5 bags of powder were also loc and nine tins containing 3 fuses each. Mortars protected by an anti-lift device. Cache 12 months old and last used 12 months ago. System to be destroyed.
 - (b) (171100H) At YS403894, Ptl of 2 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn loc a bunker system 75x25 m containing 5 bunkers 8'x10'x6' with 3' of OHP. Tracks running north to south and east to west. System one month old and used 24 hours ago and in very good condition. Qty cooking utensils and a latrine loc in system. System destroyed.
 - (c) (171400H) At YS433857, 3 TP C Sqn 1 Armd Regt loc 3 "L" shaped pits 3'x12' with 3' OHP. Tracks running SW east, SE and north. Pits 12 months old. Not known when last used but in good condition.
 - (d) (171915H) At YS429804 3 Sect, 3 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt loc a pit capable of holding 8 people which had entry/exit points to the north and south. It was 6 months old, last used 2 days ago and in good condition. Loc was one letter dated 25 Dec 70 and VC ration tins. To be destroyed. Comment Captured letter mentioned fol CHAU DUC personalities: HAI CO- F+E, BA THANG- F+E, DAO- F+E, NAM HUNG- orward Supply Council. LOAN ths may refer to THI HAI LOAN, CIA by B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on 7 Jan 71 north of DAT DO, or to LOAN, a nurse. HAI-OC F+E, CIA Jan 71.
 - (3) OTHER AREAS
 - (a) (Prior to 170457H) At YS455657 ptl of 1 ARU engaged an unk number of pers moving SW towards HOA LONG. Sweep conducted and loc was a pool of blood and a piece of clothing on a fence. Also loc were a pair of thongs in the contact area. Blood was found on trees but to be followed.
 - (b) (172045H) Perimeter post of A Sqn 1 Armd Regt observed flares and lights out to the east approx 1500 m in area of YS4667. White light used but NFI.

b. Omitted.

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- 4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. Total KIA Occuring During This Reporting Period.
 - (1) US Inflicted 3 VC.
 - (2) Aust Inflicted 1 VC.
 - b.c.d. Omitted.
 - e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

- Captured Weapons
 - (a) Individual 1xAK47, 1xM16.
 - (2) Captured and Destroyed Material
 - (a) Omitted.
 - (b) Destroyed. 30x60 mm mortar bombs.
 - (3-4) Omitted.
 - (5) Caches.

DTG	UNIT	CO-ORD	CONTENTS/COMMENT
170945H	2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)	YS413842	13x60 mm mor rounds, 5 bags of powder 27 fuses. To be destroyed.

- f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3
 - (1) KIA 14 VC
 - (2) PW 1
 - (5) Individual Wpns
 - Action 13
 - Caches 1
 - (15) 60 mm Mor rds 13
 - (3-4), (6-14), (17-21), (25), (27) All omitted.

- (16) 75 mm RCL rds 3
- (22) SA rds 933
- (23) Grenades 3
- (24) AP Mines 1
- (26) TNT 1

6.7.9.10 All omitted.
 8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 11/71 dated 15 Mar 71.

11. Miscellaneous:

- a.b.c.e. Omitted.
- d. Agent Reports. (See Annex C).
- f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) Late Report. (150830H) From NP PHOUC HOA VILLAGE 6 VC geurillas at YS214622 are reported to be collecting tax of 200P per boat. VC carrying 1xAK47, 2xSKS, 2x Carbines, VN Eval C2. Aust eval F3.
- (2) Late Report (151030H) From NP PHOUC HOA VILLAGE 4 VC at YS467667 for info gathering. Carrying individual weapons and in mixed dress. VC also had a motor bike. VN eval C2. Aust eval F3.
- (3) Late Report (161700H) PHAM CONG NHA member of C2 BARRIA City Engr Unit based in NUI THI VAI Mts rallied to FBU MY carrying 1xAK47 and bandalier. See Annex A for initial Interrogation Report.
- (4) (170400H-170630H) At LONG LAM hamlet YS425599, LONG DIEN, 54 and 64 PF Pls, NPFF, NP, PSDF and LONG DIEN S2 conducted a cordon and search resulting in 5 suspected VC suppliers detained. They were VANG VAN QUANG, NGUYEN JAN SA, VO VAN CHUC, NGUYEN VAN QUYEN and TO TH TU LANG. They are being held at LONG DIEN.
- (5) (Prior to 170915H) At YS657968 tps of 3 Bde 1 Cav Div had a mechanical ambush detonated. Results 3 VC KIA (BC) and 3 AK47's CIA. Comment: KIA identified as members of Security Sect BA LONG Province Headquarters, suggesting that BA LONG Province has made a noticeable move recently to the ESE towards NUI MAO TAO.
- (6) (171130H) At YS294708, ac sighted a VC OP and engaged it resulting in OP being destroyed and cave entrance closed.
- (7) (171140H) At YS527668, Bushranger sighted 2 oxcarts.
- (8) (171245H) Sector detained 3 VCS who have been classified as HOI CHANHS. They are NGUYEN VAN CHUI, PHONH THUN LAM and NGUYEN HI.

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1 ATF INTSUM 76/71
DATED 17 MAR 71

INTERROGATION REPORT
RETURNEE -- PHAN CONG NHA

Biographical Data

1. Name : PHAN CONG NHA
D/POB : 1935 VING PHUC (NVN)
Rank : Sgt
Unit : C2/BARIA City Engr Unit
Circumstances of rally: Subject rallied to PHU MY Village on 16 Mar 71 bringing with him an AK47 and 2 mags.

Information

2. Subject claims his unit, previously designated A2/D65 Engineer Bn, has been operating in the Rte 15 area between PHU MY (YS2574) and THAI THIEN (YS2279) for the past two weeks. The company has a strength of approx 27, organized as follows:
 - a. Hq Elm Commanded by HAI-HOI, (who was previously the Asst Coy Comd A2/D65) strength 7, armed with K54's.
 - b. 1 Platoon. commanded by TIEN: Strength 8; armed with 1xB40, 1xB41 and individual weapons, presently located in the THAI THIEN area, works with the HAT DICH Village Party Chapter and is supplied by THAI THIEN Village.
 - c. 2 Platoon. Commanded by DUNG, strength 12; armed with 1xB40, 1xB41 and individual weapons; presently based in bunkers at YS253759, works with the PHU MY Village.
 3. Subject also gave a detailed ORBAT of the PHU MY Party Chapter and Guerrillas, and of the HAT DICH Party Chapter, and is supplied by PHU MY Village.
 4. NHA further stated that C2 is operationally controlled by the BARIA City Unit, and its role is harassment along Rte 15.
- Comment: Interrogation continuing.

ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM 76/71
DATED 17 MAR 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Documents found on the body of a VC KIA by 9 Pl C Coy 3 RAR at YS634734 identify LE THANH KHOAN, a member of C3 Coy D445. Included in the documents were a certificate admitting KHOAN to the Party, signed by NGUYEN VAN BAO, Party Chapter Secretary D440 and a promotion certificate appointing KHOAN Section Commander K9 Coy D440, signed by the Political Officer and 2 IC of D440, dated 14 Aug 70. Comment: In approx Sep 71, D440 was disbanded and K9 became a company of D445 with the designator C3. The original C3 was transferred to BA LONG Province Headquarters in Sep 70 to form a part of the new C36 BA LONG Sapper Recce Coy. ORBAT records show that KHOAN retained his rank on reappointment and subsequently was promoted to the rank of Platoon Commander with C3.
2. A letter dated 6 Mar 71 from HAI MINH to DUONG and TUAN (rank and appointments unk) gave the following information:
 - a. The battalion had received several (NFI) reinforcements for the Recce Sub Unit. Comment: C5, the Headquarters elm of the Bn, contains a Recce Pl which is believed to have lost nine killed and a number wounded in the contact with 7 RAR and B Sqn 3 Cav Regt at YS69-0668 on 31 Dec 70. (See INTSUM 365/70). A group of five persons believed to be with SAU THU (Bn Comd) in the LONG HAI may well be from the Recce Pl.
 - b. CHIEN and LOI are well and are back in the unit. Comment: CHIEN and LOI are known to have been wounded in the contact on 31 Dec (See Comment above). They have probably recently returned to D445 from the BA LONG Province Hospital Sect in NUI MAY TAO (See INTSUM 75/71 Annex A para 2).
3. Also found amongst the docs was a diary kept by KHOAN sketchily covering the period from 31 Dec to 11 Mar 71. These items indicate that C3 was probably in the general XUYEN MOC area from approx 19 Feb and visited the PHUOC area south of XUYEN MOC over the period 7-9 Mar in order to collect rice.
4. Specific items in the diary include the following:-
31 Dec. There is no reference to the heavy contact on this date nor is there a reference to it on 1 Jan's entry.
Suggesting that C3 was not present.

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1 Jan 71. Crossed the road (Route 329 north of XUYEN MOC) safely to DIET A1 base camp (Unk).

2 Jan 71. Arrived base camp BK (or CUP KUM KUM meaning unclear) Comment: 'BK' Camp may well be the BUNG KE Camp in area YS696793 which was referred to in an agent report of 7 Jan 71. This report stated that a group of 30 en, incl some from TAY NINH, were in this camp. Reference to TAY NINH considered unlikely, but a camp may well still be in use in this approx loc. Refer sniffer readings of 16 Mar 71 at Annex E to INTSUM 75/71; in addition report received 17 Mar of presence of two VC women in YS6877 involved in tasking woodcutters to assist in resupply; reports received 8 Feb and 11 Feb of a small VC gp in area YS689775; and report of a gp from XUYEN MOC Finance and Economy Sect in area YS 676776, received 10 Mar.

3 Jan 71. Started Ration Scale 15^o Tomorrow will go to NB.

Comment: NB is almost certainly NUI BE commenced its move towards NUI BE at this approx time. 'Ration scale 15 means that each soldier was limited to a subsistence level of 1½ cans of rice gruel per day.

4 Jan 71. On way to QY-NB. 5 Jan 71. 'Same as 4th Jan 71).

6 Jan 71. Arrived QY (presumably a loc at NUI BE) tired but happy because met old friends.

8 Jan 71. On the way to ANH MUOIs place (Unk).

9 Jan 71. Reference to the task of C130 (Unk).

10 Jan 71. Arrived BINH TRUAM area (Unk). Will go to the entry and exit point with Rear Services Comment: This almost certainly refers to Entry Exit Point 63 at YS832937. On the northern edge of NUI BE. A rallier has described how D445 drew rations from this point, bring them to a D445 camp in western NUI BE (In YS7990). It may well be this camp in which C3 was based at the time. (See INTSUM 17/71 Annex A para 19).

21 Jan 71. This TET seems better than last TET.

30 Jan 71. Heard the sound of a helicopter.

31 Jan 71. The base camp countered a sweep. My Coy did not open fire but a friendly (VC) Coy did and killed many enemy. Comment: 3 Bde 1 Air Cav Div reported several contacts with VC in the NUI BE area on 31 Jan 71, but none which resemble the diary description (1 ATF INTSUM 33/71 para 11F(6) (c), (i) and (k) refer).

2 Feb 71. Established new base camp (NFI)

16 Feb 71. Moved out on mission.

19 Feb 71. Arrived at base camp, but did not see anyone. Will stop vehicle and ask about situation tomorrow. Comment: Most likely refers to stopping carts on road north of XUYEN MOC.

20 Feb 71. Contact with District.

21 Feb 71. Stayed at F & E Section District. Comment: This and following references to 'District' possibly refers to enemy XUYEN MOC District Headquarters. Loc of F & E Sect unk, but there was a recent reference (see 2 Jan item above) to the loc of several members of F & E Sect.

23 Feb 71. Penetrated hamlet (NFI) situation quiet.

27 Feb 71. Returned to District.

28 Feb 71. Carried out missions in village.

4 Mar 71. Rested in District.

7 Mar 71. Went to PHUOC BUU (YS635629) to carry rice.

8 Mar 71. Rested in rice padi, met the people.

9 Mar 71. On the way to District. Comment: The item for 7-9 Mar suggest that C3 was south of XUYEN MOC in the PHUOC BUU area over this period. This tends to support the two recent reports received of a group of 20 VC south of XUYEN MOC on 7 Mar and 9 Mar respectively (INTSUM 70/71 para 11 f (1), and INTSUM 66 /71 para 11 f 8.). Another report was received of a group of 20 reported seen on 11 Mar led by HOANH which is the name of the Commander of C3 (INTSUM 71/71 Annex c para 5).

10-11 Mar 71. Rested at District (last entry). Comment: Loc of District not known However in the area in which KHOAN was killed several D445 camps have been reported. On 17 Jan a Hoi Chanh stated (INTSUM 17/71 Annex A para 21) that D445 use a camp north of XUYEN MOC and south of the SUOI DONG, at approx YS645723, when moving east-west from MAT TAO to DAT DO. On 17 Jan 7 RAR recovered a cached 82 mm mortar at YS658727 and located another camp nearby at YS659728 on 15 Jan (INTSUM 17/71 para 3a(3)(c) and INTSUM 15/71 para 3a(1)(a)).

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ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM 76/71
DATED 17 MAR 71

AGENT REPORT

1. Agent report received from 101 Coy on 17 Mar 71 Vn eval C2, Aust eval F4. At 160530H Mar 71 a gp of VC consisting of the F and E Sections from CHAU DUC and PHU MY were sighted moving to YS279749 and then onto the NUI THI VAI Mt. There were a total of approx 10 VC, in mixed dress and carrying personal weapons. The source stated that the VC are carrying rice into the NUI THI VAI Mt to approx YS297725. Comment: CHAU DUC District has been known to attempt resupply from PHU MY, though with little apparent success and it is thought unlikely that enough resupply could be collected from this area to feed the District forces.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM 76/71
DATED 17 MAR 71,

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
171200H	Gr YS294708	OP loc under rocky ledge. Track ran 20m west to cave mouth which had 18"x24" stone wall in front of it. Track went north from cave 200m up hill to sleeping area. DP would have had good view at R15 from PHU MY to AP PHU HAI. OP destroyed (see para 11 f (6)).
170645H	DAT DO	Red signal flare seen coming from centre of DAT DO. A heavy track seen emerging from jungle at YS528747 and moving south crossing stream at YS528745 and YS528743. Followed to YS526739 where it continued in SW direction. Movement appeared to be southerly and approx 4 weeks old.
171000H	E 53-56, N 71-74	No sign of activity in area.
171400H	E 51-53, N 71-75	Further to track sighting at 170645H. Track probably friendly and over 2 weeks old. No further sign of fresh activity.
171600H	E 54-57, N 90-93	No sign of fresh activity.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 77/71.
- Period covered from 180001H to 182400H Mar 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were nil contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO DEBORAH

(a) (181100H) At YS634707, 8 Pl C Coy 3 RAR loc a bunker system of eight "L" and "Z" shaped bunkers, 3ft x 5ft. System covered area of 200 metres x 50 metres, was one month old, and est to have been used in past seen days. Recovered were: One bag of explosives (NFI), six rds 5.56mm ammo, and one green uniform.

(b) (181220H) At YS508639, 6 Pl B Coy 3 RAR located a base camp consisting of 10 pits with 4ft OHP, approx 12 months old in good condition.

(2) AO LISA

(a) Late report (172000 - 2130H) In the area YS40-43 E and YS77-80N, a voice aircraft received one rd of SA fire. The damage was not discovered until after the ac landed.

(3) AO JOSEPHINE

(a) (181700H). At YS584603, LCT located a suspected mine marker. Area check revealed nothing.

(b) (181700H) At YS586607, LCT located a rough frame structure, possibly an overnight shelter.

(c) (181700H) At YS587604, LCT located three fresh tracks.

(d) (181700H) At YS555608, LCT located and destroyed one 155mm arty shell.

b. Air Activity

(1) Aircraft Receiving Ground Fire

DTG	CO-ORDS	ALTITUDE	TYPE OF FIRE	*DAMAGE	**FRIENDLY RESPONSE	RESULTS
171600-171730H	S LONG HAI MTS (YS4756)	unk	SA	None	A	None
172000-172130H	Area E40-43 N77-80	unk	SA	1	A	None

*DAMAGE CODE: 1 - Neg hits, 2 - Light damage, 3 - Moderate damage,
4 - Downed, 5 - crashed.

**RESPONSE CODE: A - No response, B - Returned fire with organic weapons,
C - Called in Arty, D - Inserted ground forces, E - Engaged
with aerial weapons systems (specify).

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.

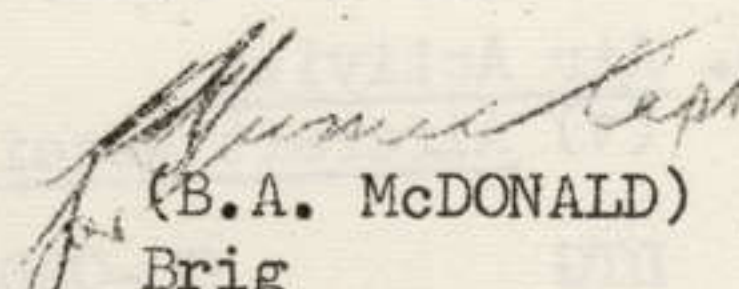
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. to e. (incl) - Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| (1) KIA 14 VC | (15) 60mm Mor Rds 13 |
| (2) PW 1 | (16) 75mm RCL rds 3 |
| (3) Hoi Chanh - | (22) SA rds 939 |
| (4) VCI - | (23) Grenades 3 |
| (5) Individual Wpns
Action 13 | (24) AP mines 1 |
| (6) to (14) Omitted | (26) TNT 1 lb. |
| | (17) to (24) Omitted. |

5. Omitted. 6. Omitted. 7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 11/71 dated 15 Mar 71.
9. 10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous:
 - a. Omitted.
 - b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS.
 - (1) Reference INTSUM 75/71 para 11 f (1) - Delete all reference.
 - (2) Reference INTSUM 76/71 para 3 a (3) (b) Amend A Sqn to C Sqn.
 - (3) Reference INTSUM 76/71 para 4 e (2) (b) Amend 30 to 13 60mm mortar bombs.
 - (4) Reference INTSUM 76/71 para 4 f (5) delete caches - 1.
 - (5) Reference INTSUM 76/71 Annex B para 4 1 Jan 71 add '?' after XUYEN MOC.
 - (6) Reference INTSUM 76/71 Annex B para 4 10 Jan 71 Amend BINH TRUAN to BINH THUAN.
 - c.d.e. Omitted.
 - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
 - (1) Late Report (172100H) At YS413648), PF and PSDF in an AP observed a small number of VC at YS418649, who were eng by mor. A sweep was conducted with no result.
 - (2) (17 Mar 71) At HOA LONG (YS4163) LONG LE PF detained two suspected VC suppliers named TRAN THI LE and TRAN THI DANG (NFI).
 - (3)(181430H) At YS485544, members of 3 Coy 302 RF Bn detonated two M16 mines resulting in 2 RF KIA and 5 RF WIA.
 - (4)(181630) At YS498565, one member of 3 Coy 302 RF Bn detonated an unk type mine resulting in one RF WIA (NFI).


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ANNEXES: ANNEX E - Aerial Reconnaissance

Distribution:

List A	18 ARVN Div	Sector S2
HQ II FFORCE V	3 Tac Fighter Wing	2/25 (US) Bde
MACV-J2	12 Cbt Avn Gp	1 (US) Cav Div (AM)
MACV-CICV	BIEN HOA TAC	3 Bde 1 (US) Cav Div (AM)
RTAVF	Advisory Team 89	

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ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM 77/71
DATED 18 MAR 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
180810H to 181000H	YS706839	Suspected cement bunker 30 ft by 6 ft
" "	YS754830	Suspected Grave
" "	YS756825	Garden Plot
" "	Area YS790765	One elephant (probably wild)
180800H to 181000H	YS346822	Old foot track running E to W
" "	YS342830	Wood cutters' tracks from timber to fire trail. Extensive cutting between fire trail and creek in W portion of area. No apparent use of fire trail by wood cutters S of the reference.
" "	YS396746- YS393751- YS389764	A very heavy fresh track passed through these points. <u>Comment:</u> Probably wood cutters; there is another hy wood cutter track to the SW.
181000H to 181200H	BINH GIA (YS4678) to YS512793	Oxcart tracks.
" "	YS512793 - YS514805	Foot track goes W passing through YS520810, YS530814, to a track junction at YS541815 with tracks leading South East and North East. All tracks are over two weeks old.
181200H to 1400H	YS819875	Two stretches of track one N to S possibly been used in past seven days.
181400H to 181600H	YS564766	A white cylinder 5 ft long and 1 ft in diameter. pointed at each end with two red painted bands on one end.
" "	YS577756	Old track leading up hill and turning E around hill top.

2. and 3. Omitted.

4. SLAR Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
170125H	YS452910 YS465790	One moving return " " "

5. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>STRONG</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>
180810H- 181000H		YS800822	YS797821 YS799821 YS733826

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 78/71

Period covered from 190001H to 192400H Mar 71.

3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO DEBORAH

(a) (Prior to 191220H). At YS640778 7 Pl B Coy 3 RAR located 4 x 75mm RCL Rds (2xHE Anti-tank rds, 1x HE rd and 1xCannister) COMMENT: Possibly to be used for the production of mines.

(b) (191640H). At YS626761 C Coy 3 RAR located 3 old bunkers in good condition except minor cave-ins. Bunkers were 8x4x3 ft and capable of holding up to six persons each. An overgrown but well defined E/W track runs through the area. No signs of recent movement. There were Aust and US ration tins in area.

(c) (191945H). At YS633754 9 Pl C Coy 3 RAR located a large ~~en~~ installation that had been shelled and bombed. There were 20-30 bunkers capable of holding approx 100 men. Located were 300x.30 cal rounds and 30x7.62mm rounds and used med supplies. Two tracks, SE and SW (used in past 5 days) were also located.

(2) Other Areas

(a) Late Report. (Prior to 182200H) From YS434674 piquet sighted 5 red lights and flares in vic YS3667. Area engaged at 182245H and only 1 light remained after area engaged, Nil results.

(b) (191300H). At YS693848 an APC of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt located and partly destroyed a bunker system consisting of 25-30 bunkers with 18-30" OHP and 20 huts. There were entry/exit points to north, south, east and west. Located were 1 pair of VC sandals and 1 NVA helmet.

(c) Late Report. (182240H). At YS666716 3 Sect 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged an unknown number of enemy who approached their AP from the south. Enemy withdrew south with unknown results.

b. Omitted.

4. a,b,c,d,e, Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3

(1) KIA 14 VC

(2) PW 1

(3)-(4) omitted

(5) Individual weapons

Action 13 Caches -

(6) to (14) omitted.

(25) and (27) omitted

(15) 60mm Mor Rds 13

(16) 75mm RCL Rds 3

(17) 57mm RCL Rds 4

(18) to (21) omitted

(22) SA Rds 1269

(23) Grenades 3

(24) AP Mines 1

(26) TNT 11lb

5. Omitted 6. Omitted 7. Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1-ATF SUPINTREP 41/71 dated 15 Mar 71.

9. 10. Omitted

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted

b. Correction to previous INTSUMS.

(1) Reference INTSUM 77/71 para 11 f (4) amend "3 Coy 302 RF Bn" to read "955 RF C Coy" and insert "mine" as "M14".

c.d. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (190925H). At area YS465537-468532-YS469528 an airstrike destroyed 2 caves.

(2) (190900H). At YS452576 576 RF Coy located one home made anti-tank mine, unexploded and 20lbs in weight. It consisted of 2 sticks of TNT, stones and panji sticks. To be destroyed.

(3) (191310H). A Coy 302 RF Bn found the following: AP from the south. Enemy

(a) At YS466538 one bunker with OHP dug into solid rock.

(b) At YS478537 one new bunker

(c) At YS475537 one new bunker

(4) Late Report. (182100H). Sub sector detained 2 persons in HOA LONG. They are LE THI DAU (DOB 1944 HOA LONG) a suspected VCI (Aka NAM SEN), and TRAN VAN DAU (aka NAM HUONG) (D/POB 1930 PHUOC LE) a suspected VCS.

(5) Late Report.

(5) Individual weapons

(6) to (14) omitted.

(25) and (27) omitted

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(5) Late Report. (171135H). At YS839941 11 ACR while conducting ground recce located 22,000 lbs flour cache. The flour was in bags on a bamboo platform and covered with green plastic, in good condition and estimated to be in place one week. Near the cache were four booby traps consisting of CHICOM grenades with trip wire firing devices. They were camouflaged and in place approx 1-4 weeks.

(6) (190320H). At YS508547 189 RF GOY engaged 1 squad of enemy moving SE to NW. The VC returned fire with AK47's and withdrew SE with unknown results. Sweep conducted with nil results. After the contact the VC burnt 1 civilian vehicle.

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Annexes: B. Captured Documents.
E. Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution:

List A	3 Tac Fighter Wing	2/25 Bde (US)
HQ II FForce V	12 Cbt AVN Gp	1 (US) Cav Div (AM)
MACV-J2	BIEN HOA	3 Bde 1 (US) Cav Div (AM)
MACV-CICV	TAC	
RTAVF	Advisory Team 89	
18 ARVN Div	Sector S2	

ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM 78/71
DATED 19 MAR 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Further readouts have been received from CDEC, MACV, SAIGON on the documents captured by A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS408849 on 12 Mar 71. (INTSUM 72/71 Annex B). There was no further information of tactical value.
2. The documents contained a considerable amount of ORBAT information on SR4, HQ and Units as well as reports to and from higher HQ. They were mainly administrative.
3. One undated directive possibly prepared by the Current Affairs Committee of COSVN, provides guidance on the establishment of revolutionary governments at various echelons throughout SVN. The directive states that SVN is going through a revolutionary process which is to turn the country into an independent and democratic state as the first step.
4. The next step calls for the reunification of North and South Vietnam together with the implementation of Socialism and Communism. This means that democratic and other basic rights would be granted to certain social classes of the population including workers, farmers, lower bourgeois, and "popular bourgeois". On the other hand, totalitarian rule would be applied to all "reactionaries" such as the rich landowners and the capitalists whose interests are connected to those in the US.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM 78/71
DATED 19 MAR 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
190800-191000	YS519804	New track made by woodcutters. One large track and 5 civilians at this loc
	YS433790	Several tracks leading west and south west from this grid. No sign of recent use.

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<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
191000-191155	YS E28-31 N69-72	No sign of any activity
191200-191400	YS693849	A heavily used foot track passed NE/SW through this grid. To the NE it led towards NUI BE and to the SW it linked with a complex of foot tracks. Grids to be established.
191400-191600	YS375813 YS377818 YS378814 YS367813	Destroyed pits and bunkers Pits appear to have fresh soil around edges or have just been destroyed. Track in area approx weeks old. Root digger holes in area.

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<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
191000-191155	YS E28-31 N69-72	No sign of any activity
191200-191400	YS693849	A heavily used foot track passed NE/SW through this grid. To the NE it led towards NUI BE and to the SW it linked with a complex of foot tracks. Grids to be established.
191400-191600	YS375813 YS377818 YS378814 YS367813	Destroyed pits and bunkers Pits appear to have fresh soil around edges or have just been destroyed. Track in area approx weeks old. Root digger holes in area.

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<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
191000-191155	YS E28-31 N69-72	No sign of any activity
191200-191400	YS693849	A heavily used foot track passed NE/SW through this grid. To the NE it led towards NUI BE

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 79/71.
2. Period covered from 200001H to 202400H Mar 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity
 - (1) AO DEBORAH
 - (a) (200850H) At YS630761 a ptl of C Coy 3 RAR eng 2 en dressed in black or green, armed with unk type of rifles and moving South. En returned fire and wdr South. Sweep revealed many small tracks in the area.
 - (b) (201035H) At YS630718 a ptl of A Coy 3 RAR loc a stopover camp consisting of a small circle of pits and a wpn pit just off a cart track. Pits were old, in fair condition but not used for some time.
 - (c) Further to installation loc at YS633755 by 9 Pl C Coy 3 RAR on 19 Mar (INTSUM 78/71 para 3.a.(1)(c) refers). The camp consisted of 20-30 bkrs in a circular layout with a lge CP typs bkr in centre. Individual pits connected by tunnels were also in the camp. Bkrs had 2ft OHP and the area had been shelled with little effect. Camp est to be 2 yrsold and could easily be restored to a usable state.
 - (d) (Prior to 202030H) At YS647785 4 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt eng mov to the North and West. Mov ceased.
 - (e) (201347H) At YS648786 8 Pl C Coy 3 RAR engaged an unk number of en who were in a bunker system. En employed RPG and SA fire. Results: 2 Aust KIA (incl 1 Bushranger co-pilot), 2 Aust WIA, Bushranger hit with SA fire and forced to land at FSB BETH from where it was recovered; en cas unk.
 - (2) AO LISA
 - (a) Late Report. (191600H) At YS436832 3 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn loc and des a cache 4 ft deep, 2 ft in dia burrowed out of a creek bank. Entry/exit to SE. Cache was 6 months old, last used 6 months ago and in fair condition. Loc were 2x black shirts and trousers, 1xcooking pot and 2 lge sheets of plastic. All items des.
 - (b) (201400H) At YS476891 ptl of 3 Pl V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn eng 12+ en dressed in greens and assorted black and blue clothing armed with AK47, SKS and RPG moving NE to SW. En returned fire with RPG and SA fire. Two en were seen to fall at the start of the contact but no evidence was found during the sweep. Sweep hampered by scrub fire. Res: 1 NZ WIA, 2 VC WIA. poss.
 - (3) AO JOSEPHINE
 - (a) (201230H) At YS582599 1 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt loc a triangular shaped camp 30x30x30 ft consisting of 10 fighting pits with 12 ins OHP. Camp 12 months old, last used 12 months ago and was overgrown.
 - (b) (Prior to 202010H) LCT at NDP REBECCA (YS5760) reports automatic fire to their North bearing 200°, range 1000-1500 m. NFI.
 - b. Omitted
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses
 - a.b.c.d.e. Omitted
 - f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3

(1) KIA 14 VC	(17) 57 mm RCL rds 4
(2) PW 1	(18)-(21) Omitted
(3)(4) Omitted	(22) SA rds 1269
(5) Individual Wpns	(23) Grenades 3
Action 13	(24) AP mines 1
(6)-(14) Omitted	(25) Omitted
(15) 60 mm Mor rds 13	(26) TNT 1 lb
(16) 75 mm RCL rds	(27) Omitted
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 11/71 dated 15 Mar 71.
- 9.10. Omitted
11. Miscellaneous a.b.c.d.e. Omitted
 - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
 - (1) RF report that signal shots were heard at YS473520 at 191420H and 191600H. At YS478498 an explosion of unk cause was heard.
 - (2) (200820H) RF report that 3 VC were sighted at YS461541, dir of mov unk. NFI.
 - (3) (201000H) At YS465534 1 Coy 302 RF Bn were eng by an unk no of en with B4Os and AK47s. En wdr in an unk direction. En cas unk.
 - (4) (201204H) At YS465540 1 Coy 302 RF Bn eng 2 VC who wdr west. Loc were 2x

B40 chargers, 2xgrens, 1 shirt, 1 trouser docus, 1 cooking pot, 1 web belt (US) 1 rice pack (man indiv), 1 eating utensil and 1x7.62 rd. Loc in area was 1 bkr 12-18ins OHP. 1 Coy made progress up the hill but hampered by sporadic sniper fire from higher ground. Docus CIA ident. HANH poss Pl Comd A31 (VUNG-TAU) and PHONG, poss a Mil Cell or Admin cell member of VUNG TAU City Unit.

(5) Further to contact by 189 RF Coy at YS508547 at 190320H and subsequent burning of a vehicle by the en (INTSUM 78/71 para 11.f.(6) refers). RF report that 2 VN contractors' trucks were at this loc and the est squad of VC burnt the vehicle at 200400H.

- Annexes: A. Interrogation Reports
- C. Agent Reports
- E. Aerial Reconnaissance

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List A	18 ARVN Div	Advisory Team 89
HQ II FFORCE V	3 Tac Fighter Wing	Sector S2
MACV-J2	12 Cbt Avn Gp	2/25 (US) Bde
MACV-CICV	BIEN HOA	1 (US) Cav Div (AM)
RTAVF	TAC	3 Bde 1 (US) Cav Div (AM)

ANNEX A TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 79/71
DATED 20 MAR 71

INTERROGATION REPORTS

VC Plans for 1971

1. II FFV have provided info from the intg of a PW who surrendered on 8 Feb 71 in SVAY RIENG Province. The PW stated that a Counter Pacification Plan had been prepared for 1971. During 1971 Main Force Units were to be broken down into pl-sized units and were to be sent to hamlets in order to counter pacification plans. These pl-sized groups were to co-ord with existing Local Forces in attacking pacification forces and government outposts.

II FFV Comment: This plan may be an expansion of what has already occurred in parts of SVN, in that some Main Force units have been downgraded into Local Force status. The report also indicates that as early as Oct, en appreciated the effect that the LAOS and CAMBODIAN campaigns would have on his logistical efforts. Allied out-of-country ops will probably be a major contributing factor in further downgrading of en MF units.

ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 79/71
DATED 20 MAR 71

AGENT REPORTS

1. Received from Sector. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3:-
 - (a) (191640H) NP Agent reported that at YS443647 4 pers asked about 1 ATF ops in area and then wdr towards DAT DO. Pers had 1 x AK47 and 1 x 45 pistol.
 - (b) (191700H) An NP agent reported 8 pers in a sampan at YS264643 collecting tax and distributing propaganda.
 - (c) (191600H) NP agent reported 6 pers of LONG HUONG Village Party Chapter in a sampan at YS353597, incl TRAN XUAN CANG (PCS LONG HUONG). VC asked about APs in the area.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATE INTSUM NO 79/71
DATED 20 MAR 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1.	<u>Visual Recce</u>		
	<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
	200800H	E64-67 N60-63	Nil sighting of fresh activity
	201000H	E74-77 N72-75	Many old tracks in area poss friendly

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<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
201400H	E48-51 N 72-75	Nil significant sightings

<u>APD (Sniffer)</u>		<u>STRONG</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>
<u>DTG</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>		
200815H			YS711682 YS721663 YS742695 YS743692 YS742668 YS749670

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 80/71.
2. Period covered from 210001H to 212400H Mar 71.
3. Summary of enemy activity. There were four contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity(1) AO DEBORAH

(a) Late Report. Further to contact at 201347H by 8 Pl C Coy 3 RAR previously reported at YS648786 (INTSUM 79/71 3 (1)(c) refers) contact grid now changed to YS651787. Loc were 2 bkr systems. First at YS651787. This was a circular camp 15x30m consisting of 5 bkrs in early stage of construction with 30+ freshly cut logs 5" thick, in the area. Entry/exit points were north and South camp only 1-2 days old and last used during contact (INTSUM 79/71 3 a (1)(e) refers). Pl found remains of RPG, 4 grenades, hat, black jacket, trousers, sandals, plastic sheeting, basket, dish, AK47 expended rounds, bottle of oil, food container, 7 handles, 1 part of letter, battery torch, knife, .50 cal pull through, 1 towel, water bottle, digging tool handle, 1 green shirt, 1 sand bag and 2 spoons. All to be backloaded.

Second system at YS656784 was poss a HQ bkr system. During the contact fire was received from both locs. 3 Bushrangers received fire from HQ posn. There were a large number of people constructing the posn. Some bkrs are new and some are old. C Coy 3 RAR are still finding bkrs and equipment. Bushman Scout believes that this was an HQ bkr system. No further details on numbers of bkrs yet available as coy still searching.

(b) Late Report. (201547H). Vic of YS643722 1 Pl, 2 Pl, 3 Pl, A Coy 3 RAR heard two long bursts of automatic fire. Fire came from centre of them all. They thought they possibly fired at passing ac during 8 Pl C Coy contact (Ref INTSUM 79/71 3 a (1) (e) refers) or as warning to other en in the area.

(c) Late Report. (201550H). At YS626788 Atk Pl Sp Coy 3 RAR contacted an unk number of en moving to the east along a track north of their loc. Nil results.

(d) (211150H). At YS619831, an APC from SHQ 3 Cav Regt detonated a 3lb mine which resulted in light damage to APC. Nil cas. 1 Fd Sqn believe there was most likely an RPG head attached to the mine.

(2) AO LISA

(e) (210207H). At YS458889, Ptl from 3 Pl V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn contacted an unk number of en carrying torches moving W to E, S of their loc. En did not return fire and wdr in an unk direction. Sweep of area revealed nil results. A morning sweep produced neg results.

8 (b) (Prior to 210805H). At YS494904 (old FSB BASS) 3 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt loc 4 fresh foot prints near this loc and during the sweep through BASS they found prints of sandals. The fresh prints of boots were small, possibly RV point for 4 people last night.

(c) (210930H). At YS514877, 7 Pl C Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn loc a camp 100x50m consisting of 7 bkrs measuring 6'x6'x4' and 1' OHP. Entry/exit points were S and SE. The system was 12 months old, last used 3 months ago and partly destroyed. Loc was 1 body which had been buried in a destroyed bkr for 9 months. System not previously reported.

(d) (210955H). At YS382853, ptl from 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn contacted 1 en approaching from the SW. En was wearing black trousers, blue shirt, sandals and carrying 1xAK47 plus pack. Res 1 VC KIA, 1xAK47 and pack containing 10 lbs meat, qty clothing, personel eqpt, province map and qty docs CIA. Body ident as NGUYEN VIET LOAN of 11.0 HOSP staff. (See Annex B for docs readout).

(e) (211400H). At YS420893, 2 Pl V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn loc an anti-tank mine set with a bamboo/electrical off-set switch in the centre of an bld APC track. The mine was made from 1x105mm round, UXB and 1xCHICOM atk grenade, and it was est to have been laid during last wet season. Comment. Probably laid by 274 Regt or HQ SR4.

7 (f) (211615H). At YS376855 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn loc a crawl trench 250m long constructed in a zig zag with a fork at N end. Also loc were hides and fighting pits at 5m intervals with 1 central arch large enough to hold command elems. Entry/exit points W and E. System at least 2 years old, last used 1 year ago and in a poor and overgrown condition. System to be destroyed.

(3) OTHER AREAS

(a) Late Report. (202050H). At YS413625 tanks from 2 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt sighted a flashing torch 400m W of their loc plus signalling lights coming from HOA LONG number 1 bkr.

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(b) (210930H). At YS463536 an Albatross doing a resup for 1/302 RF Coy received AK fire while 15' off the ground, resulting in 2 Aust WIA and ac forced landed at YS495555. Fire came from S,SW.

b. Air Activity.

DTC	CO-ORDS	ALTITUDE	TYPE OF FIRE	* DAMAGE	**FRIENDLY RESPONSE	RESULTS
210930H	YS463536	15'	SA	4	UNK	2 AUST WIA

* DAMAGE CODE: 1 - Neg hits, 2 - Light damage, 3 - Moderate damage, 4 - Downed, 5 - Crashed.

**RESPONSE CODE: A - No response, B - Returned fire with organic weapons, C - Called in Arty, D - Inserted ground forces, E - Engaged with aerial weapons systems (specify).

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

b, c and d Omitted

a. Total KIA Occuring During This Reporting Period.

- (1) Omitted
- (2) Aust Inflicted VC 1.
- (3) RVNAF Inflicted VC 1.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

- (1) Captured Weapons
 - (a) Individual 1xAK47
 - (b) and (c) Omitted.
- (2) Captured and Destroyed Material.
 - (a) Captured: Clothing, sandles, 4 grenades, cooking materials, battery torch, .50 cal pull through and personal eqpt.
 - (b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff

CO-ORD	TYPE	QUANTITY	DISPOSITION
YS382853	Meat	10 lbs	-

- (4) Captured Documents See Annex B
- (5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3

- (1) KIA 15 VC
- (2) PW 1
- (5) Individual Wpns: Action 16
- (15) 60mm Mor rds 13
- (3), (4), (6) to (14), (18) to (21), (25) AT mines 2
- (24) and (27) Omitted.
- (16) 75mm RCL rds 3
- (17) 57mm RCL rds 4
- (22) SA rds 1269
- (23) Grenades 8
- (26) TNT 1 lb

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

- a. Omitted.
- b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps. (1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces. 2 AT Mines
- (2) Omitted.

6. and 7 Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 11/71 dated 15 Mar 71.

9. and 10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous. a, b, c, d and e Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) 1st Cav Div (AIRMOBILE) report that at 181720H 2 US advisers and the ARVN (a) S3 from TANH LINH District, BINH TUY Province, were ambushed while driving on LTL 335 in a 1/4 ton truck. As they were travelling S on highway they observed a child lying in the middle of the road at YT930278. They stopped to render assistance and were eng with small arms and M79 fire, which they returned with small arms. During the ensuing 3 minute contact the child jumped up and ran into the woodline and the District S3 was killed. A reaction force from TANH LINH later apprehended 4 VC suspects. A search of the ambush site revealed expended AK47 and M79 brass. Comment. This incident serves as a reminder that the en has no qualms about using children and elderly persons to assist in a tactical situation.

- (b) Late Report. (202120H). At YS509544 189 RF Coy ^{was} contacted by a ptl (+) of VC who were reinforced by a ptl (-) who supported the VC withdrawal at 2215H in a SW direction. Res, 1 VC KIA. En ident as MAI VAN LU.

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Annexes: B Captured Documents, E Aerial Reconnaissance
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CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Docus CIA by A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn on a body at YS382853 on 21 Mar 71 were ident as longing to NGUYEN VIET LOAN, Pl Comd, H10 Hospital, SR4.
2. A notebook belonging to LOAN was kept in a diary from, with comments written in, commencing from 7 Mar 71. An extract is as follows:
 - 1 Mar 71, returned to SUOI XOAI (area YS3784)
 - 8 Mar 71, slept at SUOI SOC (area YS3688)
 - 9 Mar 71, went 100m from SUOI and continued sleeping.
 - 10 Mar 71, operations continue along SUOI CA (area YS3588). Arty fires nearby.
 - 11 Mar 71, Still at old place. Must get food to eat with bananas.
 - 12 Mar 71, Those who went out are back. En sit quite.
 - 13 Mar 71, Eating Bananas.
 - 14/15/16 Mar 71 eating jackfruit.
 - 17/18 Mar 71, shot a 100 kg deer and eating deer meat.
 - 20 Mar 71, Still far from unit. Still eating deer meat. Many en in area. (Writer appears to have ended hurriedly).
3. The wpn state for H10, unsigned and undated, revealed that at one time the unit had 10xAK47, 1xSKS, 1x Carbine, 3xK54 and 1xB40.

 ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 80/71
DATED 21 MAR 71
1. Visual Recce

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
210800H	E 67-70 N 80-83	A track was followed from the N edge of BAU NON at YS672818 through to YS676813, YS676809, YS671803 to YS662779. At this point it joined a wood cutters track which went into to YS680776 and E to R 329. <u>Comment:</u> This track, therefore leads into area of reported elm of F and E. Sect XUYEN MOC (See INTSUM 71/70 Annex C para 3) in which area there may be a further camp. The track appeared very fresh, under one week old and used by 10 or more people. Prints on track showed sandal like impressions. Old bkr system seen at YS695825, Contained 8 destroyed bunkers and a well at YS693825. No fresh track sighted in that area. 3 old bkrs were sighted near the track at YS676804.
211000H	E 67-70 N 82-85	At YS684847, a track moving around E of tree line crosses APC tracks at this point. In the opinion of the pilot, 20+ people moved S after APC's had passed. The tracks then moves SW to YS670819, the W end of lake BAU NON. Track crosses lake, moves to S edge and follows path down to YS678809 where fresh track moves W than SW and leads off into C Coy 3 RAR contact area of 20 Mar. A track which leads E to NE from the recent 3 RAR contact (YS651787) to approx YS675803 indicates mov possibly both ways. This track links up with the above track, which leads N and NW to YS670819. The only mov on this part of the track is definitely going from N to S.
211000H	E 56-59 N 73-78	Old wpn pit with OHP sighted at YS571770. 4 pits were seen and two other holes, possibly bkrs. No recent mov seen.
211200H	E 37-40 N 80-83	Old bkrs and fighting pits were seen at YS368805, YS365819, YS390820 and YS390823. 3 to 5 pits and bunkers in each location and showed no signs of recent use. Several hy tracks in area but assumed to be friendly.
211400H	E 67-70 N 75-80	Light tracks seen on clearing from YS677773 heading NW to YS674778.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 81/71
2. Period covered from 220001H to 222400H Mar 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were 3 contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity(1) AO JOSEPHINE

(a) (220730H) At YS572597, a ptl of ARU and a mini team from 1 Fd Sqn loc a half burned UXB in a crater. Also loc were 7 poss Chicom containers 7 in x 1½ in diameter in a plastic bag. Containers had Chinese writing on them. (Translation will be provided when backloaded). One container was opened and found to contain poss mor fuses. Containers had been in plzce for 12 months.

(2) AO DEBORAH

(a) (Prior to 221120H) At YS660789, 7 Pl C Coy 3 RAR loc signs of a gp of en crossing a creek in the last 24 hrs. Tracks were made by sandal type footwear and ran SE to North. Track was fol both ways and sounds of chopping were heard NE of track. Sounds ceased when a member of the Pl made a noise. From small ptl believed camp may be loc in area.

(b) (221500H) At YS686826 9 Pl C Coy 3 RAR contacted 4 en who approached from the SW. Results 1 VC KIA (BC) 1 VC WIA CIA DOW, 10 Chicom grenades less striker mechanisms, 8 electric det, 14 of which were home made), 1xAK47, 3 full AK47 mags (90 rds) 1xM1 carbine, 1 full M1 mag (30 rds) 1 claymore lead with det, small qty med sups, qty of webbing and pers eqpt and a qty of docus. Also loc were two ox carts which were destroyed. The VC WIA stated before he died that he was a member of the BA LONG Ordnance Factory. He was one of 4 persons who came from NUI MAY TAO and were moving toward YS6781. See ANNEX B for docus readout. Purpose of going to YS6781 not clear but loc of factory was stated as being in MAY TAO. COMMENT. The 2 ox carts destroyed were first loc on 14 Mar 71 by 1 ATF ptl. At that time there were 12 sheets of roofing iron, 4x44 gal drums and a qty of aluminum from a crashed ac lying by the carts. This was not loc today and has therefore been moved in the past week. One of the VC dead has been ident as a member of BA LONG Ordnance Factory and it is of interest to note that scrap aluminum such as that previously lying by the carts is used by this unit for melting down and casting into various components of the explosive devices that the unit manufactures. The BA LONG Ordnance Factory was last contacted on 19 Jan when a 1 ATF ptl located the factory at YS733864. A large qty of eqpt for the manufacture of explosive devices was found and removed from this loc or destroyed. See INTSUM 19/71 dated 1 Jan 71 para 4e (2). The unit naturally would have had to come from YS7386.

(c) Late Report (211000H) At YS656784, HQ C Coy 3 RAR loc a bunker system consisting of 19x2 man bunkers and pits. System 3 months old, last used 2 days ago and still under construction. To be destroyed.

(d) (Prior to 222100H) At YS683807, 2 Pl A Coy 3 RAR heard VC voices shouting every time a mor rd from PSPB TOBY impacted. Rds were impacting approx 1000 m from persons shouting. Mors were adjusted to area of voices.

(e) (Prior to 222100H) At YS687803 an elm of HQ A Coy 3 RAR saw a torch approaching their posn. Area was engaged. Results unk as yet.

(3) AO LISA

(a) (220357H) At YS462897, a ptl of 3 Pl V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn sighted a light to the west of their AP. Light was mov north. AP moved west and engaged light. Sweep conducted with nil results.

(b) (221250H) At YS852903 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn contacted 2 en initially and 5-10 en a little later. 1 VC was killed in the initial contact, but the body could not be recovered at that time. A sweep later revealed drag marks. En wdr NE and NW. A bunker system has also been loc, and will be searched tomorrow. 1 (US) claymore and 1x155 mm HE shell wer setup for cond detonation Also loc were 3x M79 rds, 2xM26 grenades and a small qty of food. Some old blood stained bandages were also loc. Results 1 VC KIA (pcss) See para 11. f. (2) for report of by track seen later by an ac to north of this contact.

(c) (221950H) At YS488339, elms of 3 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and a ptl of Aslt Pnr P3 Sp Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn contacted 1 en who approached from the west and

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wdr west. Sweep to be conducted at first light . At approx 222105H mov was detected and the area was engaged with unk results.

b. Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. Total KIA Occuring During This Reporting Period.

- (1) Omitted.
- (2) Aust Inflicted 2 VC.
- (3) Omitted.

b.c.d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

- (a) Individual 2
- (b) Omitted.
- (c) Breakdown 1xAK47 1xM1

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

- (a) Captured. At YS686826 3xAK47 mags, 1xM1 mag, qty med sups, 10 Chicom grenades, 8 electric dets.
- (b) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Total for Month - MR 3

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| (1) KIA 17 VC | (17) 57 mm RCL rds 4 |
| (2) PW 1 | (22) SA rds 1389 |
| (5) Individual Wpns | (23) Grenades 17 |
| Action 16 | (24) AP mines 1 |
| | (25) AT mines 1 |
| (15) 60 mm Mor rds 13 | (26) TNT 1 lb. |
| (16) 75 mm RCL rds 3 | (27) |
| (3-4), (6-14), (18-21), (27) Omitted. | |

5.6.7.9.10. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 11/71 dated 15 Mar 71.

11. Miscellaneous.

a.b.c.d.e. Omitted

f. Other Items Of Reporting Interest

- (1) The following is a summary of the days activity by 1 Coy 302 RF Bn.
 - (a) (220715H) Received SA and mor fire (NFI).
 - (b) (220945H) Unit in contact (NFI)
 - (c) (221130H) At YS459535, unit sighted 6 VC observing their fwd elms (NFI).
 - (d) (221300H) AT YS459535, unit sighted 3 VC observing their mov . VC wdr at 221330H (NFI).
- (2) (Prior to 221752H) At YS355912, ac of 9 Sqn RAAF sighted a fresh track showing signs of hy mov east west. A large number of bunkers were also seen within a 500 mm radius. (See para 3.a.(3)(b) Comment This track probably indicates that HQ SR4 is loc east of the sighting.
- (3) (22105H) At YS498565, 955 RF Coy and 62 PF Pl contacted 4 VC who approached from the west. Initial sweep produced nil results.

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Annexes: B. Captured Documents. E. Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 81/71
DATED 22 FEB 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

9 Pl C Coy 3 RAR

1. Documents taken from two bodies KIA by 9 Pl C Coy 3 RAR at YS686826 on 221500H Mar identify one KIA as probably TRAN TAN HUNG (unk to 1 ATF ORBAT records) and one other unk. HUNG stated before dying that he belonged to BA LONG Ordnance Factory.
2. The documents included ammunition issue receipts and food receipts dated Feb/Mar 71 and a promotion certificate for HUNG dated 3 Aug 69 from the BA LONG Province Unit promoting him from Sect Cond to Platoon 2IC of the Province Unit Armament Section.
3. Among the ammunition issue receipts were two issues from T36A (Ordnance Depot J95 Bn; MR 7 Rear Svcs) to (BA LONG) Province Workshops). The issues were for batteries and grenades and dated 8 and 9 Mar 71. See Comment incl with para 3 a (2) (b).

8 Pl C Coy 3 RAR

4. Documents captured by 8 Pl C Coy 3 RAR in a bunker system at YS651787 on 21 Mar 71 included a letter and an envelope.
5. The undated letter was from HAI LE (unk) to ANH HAI (possibly from the Recce Pl (ofC5) D445) stating to the latter that resupply was not currently possible because the writer was short of supplies himself.
6. The envelope was from HAI AN (unk) of DINH QUAN (District) LONG KHANH Province) to HAI TAM (possibly aka TU TAM XO/C of 5 D445) of 1st Bn (a Known aka designator for D445). For comment see SUPINTREP issued 22 Mar 71.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 81/71
DATED 22 MAR 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATIONS</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
220825H	YS591721	A creek crossing with a heavy track running NE-SW. The track appeared quite old.
	YS614741	Several tracks, 1-2 weeks old in a small clearing
	YS556723	A hy foot track approx 4 days old crossing the stream from east to west.
221000H	E 69-72, N69-72	Nil significant sightings.
221200H	E 72-76, N 82-84	Nil significant sightings.
221400H	E 70-73 N74-71	Nil significant sightings.

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1 ATF SUPINTREP 12/71
(PERIOD 15 MAR - 21 MAR 71)

LAOS

1. The southward thrust of Operation LAM SON 719 was unable to penetrate enemy defences to reach the Route 914 complex and the main body finally withdrew to BAN DONG, a junction town between the LAOS /SVN border and TCHEPONE. Strong enemy forces supported by armour, artillery and AA guns, have closed about the town and the NVA is attempting to prevent the ARVN withdrawal. Heavy fighting also continues north of Route 9.
2. Operation DESERT RAT continues to avoid major contact and is succeeding in its mission of ambushing and interdicting along the north/south infiltration routes around MUONG PHINE. There is, as yet, no suggestion that this force will be withdrawn.

CAMBODIA

3. Phase II of Operation TOAN THANG has continued with a sweep west from Route 75 to the CHUP Plantation. Opposition to this sweep has been moderate and the search operations have recovered only 62 tons of rice and small quantities of materiel. The enemy continues to attack the forces along Route 7 and the deployment of 7 NVA Div further to the east suggests that any ARVN operations towards the SNUOL/NIMOT/KRATIE area would be strongly contested.

SVN : MRs 1, 2 and 4

4. In MR 1, particularly in the northern provinces, the level of activity increased as enemy forces intensified their efforts to disrupt support for Operation LAM SON 719. KHE SANH Airfield and other support facilities have been subject to daily artillery and rocket attacks, and numerous attacks by fire and ambushes have been launched against convoys and lines of communication. Allied airstrikes against these forces have met with heavy AAA and missile fire. On the 14th March an RAAF Canberra bomber operating against enemy forces in northern QUANG TRI Province, was possibly shot down by a SAM. Both crew members ejected successfully and were subsequently recovered.

MR 3

5. Enemy initiated activity remained at a generally low level throughout MR 3 although a slight increase in sapper and stand-off attacks, confined to TAY NINH Province and central MR 3 between 16th and 18th March, probably constituted the high point projected for 15th March. The two most significant attacks occurred on 16th March when BIEN HOA Airbase received 5 122mm rockets, the first attack since 22nd January, and on 18th March when 2 75mm RCL rounds impacted near KATUM Airfield (XT 322900) destroying 20,000 gallons of JP-4 and a quantity of mortar ammunition.
6. On 15th March, THAI forces east of BEAR CAT (YS 239989) lost 3 killed, 19 wounded and 2 M-113 APCs damaged in two mine incidents. The mines are believed to have been laid by elements of 274 VC Regt. In SAIGON, a grenade thrown at an ARVN jeep exploded near a large crowd killing 2 civilians and injuring 28 others.

Assessment for MR 3

7. II FFV estimate that a low level of activity will continue in MR 3 for the coming week.

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8. During the week there were fourteen ground contacts involving 1 ATF troops resulting in two enemy killed and a possible four wounded. Two Australians were killed including an RAAF pilot. Four Australians including one RAAF were

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wounded, and one New Zealand soldier was wounded.

Enemy Unit Identifications and Locations.

9. D445

a. On 17th March north of XUYEN MOC troops of 3 RAR killed a platoon commander of C3 Company D445 (YS634734). A captured notebook showed that he, and presumably all of C3, had re-located from NUI BE to the XUYEN MOC area on 19th February and had remained in the area since. The company had spent 7th to 9th March in the PHUOC BUU area (area YS 6362) collecting rice. This information confirms earlier reports suggesting that C3 had been in the NUI KHO area during this approximate time (SUPINTREP 11/71 para 9 e.), and C3 may have been responsible for the mine incident on Route 328 on 7th March (YS 635627 SUPINTREP 10/17 para 25). At the time of contact C3 seem to have been co-located with enemy XUYEN MOC District Headquarters, possibly in the suspected base area near the SUOI DONG (area YS 6472). They probably still remain north of XUYEN MOC.

b. On 20th March troops of 3 RAR engaged a group of enemy in a bunker system which was under construction in the area south-west of BAU NON (YS 651787). The enemy employed RPGs and a satchel charge and struck a Bushranger aircraft with small arms fire, forcing it to land. The Platoon Commander and a Bushranger co-pilot were killed and two Australians were wounded. There may have been some 16 enemy in the immediate area of the contact, but there were estimated to be more enemy troops in an adjoining camp at the time. Documents captured in the area have tentatively identified HAI TAM the Chief of Staff of D445, and the Reconnaissance Platoon. It seems likely that a further group from C5 were in the area. (The Reconnaissance Platoon of C5 numbers 9-12). Aerial reconnaissance has located a possible route down into the contact area from the area of Lake BAU HAM (YS 684847-670819-678809-651787). This is a most likely route for movement of D445 parties down from NUI BE, and other groups may be in the area. C1 Company probably remains in the LONG HAI.

10. LONG DAT. Further documents found west of NUI NHON identify elements of LONG DAT who are possibly involved in bunker building (YS 567637, see INTSUM 75/71 Annex B). A member of C25 Concentrated Company was killed by Sector forces near LO GOM on 20th March (YS509544).

11. A US contact on 15th March (YS635940) and identifications following a mechanical ambush (YS 657968 17 Mar) indicate that Headquarters BA LONG Province has moved east recently to the area north-west of NUI MAY TAO. The BA LONG Hospital Section, whose regular task is to care for the wounded of D445, has been reported in NUI MAY TAO (YS 7291, see INTSUM 75/71 Annex A).

12. On 21st March west of SUOI CHA RANG (YS 382853) troops of 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn killed a member of the staff of HIO Hospital of SR4. A diary found on his body confirms that HOI is in the SUOI SOC area as previously reported (See SUPINTREP 9/71 para 16). Mention is made of the operations conducted by 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn in the SUOI SOC on the 9th/10th March. The location of the contact (YS 382853) provides further evidence that SR4 units are now located in the CHA RANG/GIA HOP area (centre of mass YS3984; see reports of HQ SR4 and D2 Bn KIA, documents and bunkers in SUPINTREP 11/71 para 12 and SUPINTREP 10/71 para 22; also sniffer readings of 25 Feb).

13. A Hoi Chanh has stated that the small element of D65 Engineer Battalion which was left behind in the Route 15 area upon the disbandment of that unit (SUPINTREP 44/70 dated 10 Nov 70 para 15) is still in the area of PHU MY (YS2574) and THAI THIEN (YS 2279). The unit is designated C2. It has a strength of 27. Its task is harassment of Route 15 but it is obviously ineffective.

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

14. A further large cache of 22 short tons of flour has been found by American troops in the area of Entry Exit Point 63 north of NUI BE. Over 40 tons of flour and large quantities of rice have been found in this area over the past two months (YS9393).

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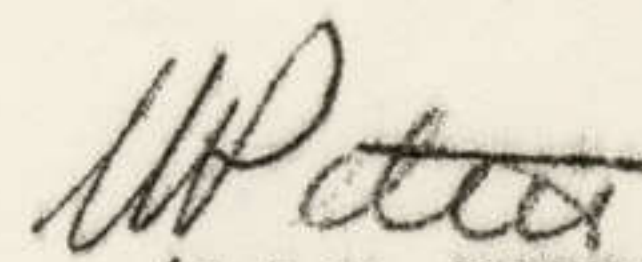
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Entry Exit Point 63 is an important resupply point for MR 7 units, including D445, in the area of NUI BE. Supplies are brought to it from Route 1 (SUPINTREP 6/71 para 15).

15. No recent contact has been made with CHAU DUC and C36, but on 18th March US troops captured documents near Route 1 (YT 655035) which mentioned certain rice issues between December and February from BA LONG Rear Services to CHAU DUC, C36 and K8, amongst other units. The location of the contact suggests that the issues were made from a BA LONG Rear Services cache which is serviced via Route 1. There may be no particular shortage for these units since K8 receives sufficient to allow each man to have a normal full combat ration of one litre (1.2 lbs) per day.

16. RF troops operating near a known base area of C25 LONG DAT and A31 VUNG TAU in the LONG HAIS (YS 468532) have received a further light mortar attack. On 21st March AK47 fire from the same feature resulted in a resupply Albatross being forced to land. Two Australians were wounded.

17. It is now clear that D445 intend commencing operations. The most likely targets at present still appear to be XUYEN MOC or a hamlet on Route 23 such as NUI NHON.


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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 82/71
2. Period covered from 230001H to 232400H Mar 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were three contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO LISA

(a) Late report (222045H) At YS488839, 3 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged 1 VC dressed in a fawn shirt and black trousers who appeared to approach from the west along a track. VC immediately wdr in an unk dir. At 2115H, detected and engaged movement to the south. A morning sweep revealed nil results.

(b) Further to initial report of bunker system loc during a post contact sweep of B Coy 2 RAR/NZ contact at YS352903 (INTSUM 81/71 para 3 a (3) (b) refers), full report follows: At YS352903 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ loc a linear shaped camp extending for 100m, comprising 6 bunkers with 2½ ft OHP, 4 fireplaces, 3 latrines, an old comms trench and other old, previously destroyed bunkers running east from the main camp, 2 of which had been rebuilt. Entry/exit was to all 4 cardinal pts, NE and NW. The camp was 12 months old, 2 of the central bunkers had been used just prior to discovery with the remainder of the camp last used 2-3 weeks ago. Defence arrangements consisted of a claymore mine set for comd detonation on the northern track, a 105mm U x B set for comd det on the eastern track and 1 claymore lead and detenator was found laid from 1 bunker along the NE track. A qty eqpt was loc (see para 4 e (2) (b) for eqpt). Camp and equipment to be destroyed.

(c) (231205H) At YS373866, 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ engaged 2 VC dressed in black clothing who approached from the east and wdr east without returning fire. Res: 1 VC WIA (hy blood trail), 1 x AK47 and 1 pack containing food and clothing CIA. Blood trail was followed 400m to the east end with nil results.

(d) (231340H) At YS359882, 4 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ engaged 2 en dressed in green and black, believed to be sentries for a gp of 8-10 further en who were in a bunker system and who wdr NE on contact. Res: 2 VC KIA; 1 x AK47 and 4 mags, 1 x 9mm SMG, 1 x RPG 2 and 2 rds, 1 gren, lge qty med sups, food and cooking utensils and docus CIA. One of the VC KIA showed signs of very recent med treatment. The bunker system comprised 2 bunkers with 2 ft OHP (1 incomplete), 1 unfinished sentry pit and 10 hammock spaces. Entry/exit pts were to the North, east and west. The camp was est to be 2 weeks old. To be destroyed.

(e) (231430H) At YS473852, 3 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt loc a 30 ft long tunnel with a bunker at one end, 4 ft below the ground. The tunnel was 2 yrs old, last used 12 months ago and in a poor condition. Tunnel to be destroyed.

(2) AO DEBORAH

(a) (Prior to 231030H) at YS655772, 8 Pl C Coy 3 RAR loc tracks of 2 pers, 1 wearing sandals and the other barefoot, made 1-2 hrs earlier. NFI.

(b) (231515H) From FSB MARJ (YS578778), B Coy 3 RAR heard single shots for a period of 30 mins on a bearing of 1500 mils. Also heard 2 explosions on a bearing of 1700 mils. 3 Sect 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and a ptl from 5 Pl B Coy 3 RAR reacted to the area of the reported explosions and at YS608782, loc 2 craters. The craters were caused by the explosions of 2 mines of 15-25 lbs and it was assessed that a scrub fire in the vic activated the mines. The mines were emplaced 10m apart, on the western side of the Rt 328 and it is believed that other mines could be in the vicinity.

(3) Other Areas

(a) Late report (221556H) At YS569596, 1 Fd Sqn loc and destroyed 1 x 140mm rocket.

(b) (prior to 232058H) YS416656, 2 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt sighted a light moving slowly through the rubber at this loc. At 2145H 2 Tp reported that there were now 2 lights.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.

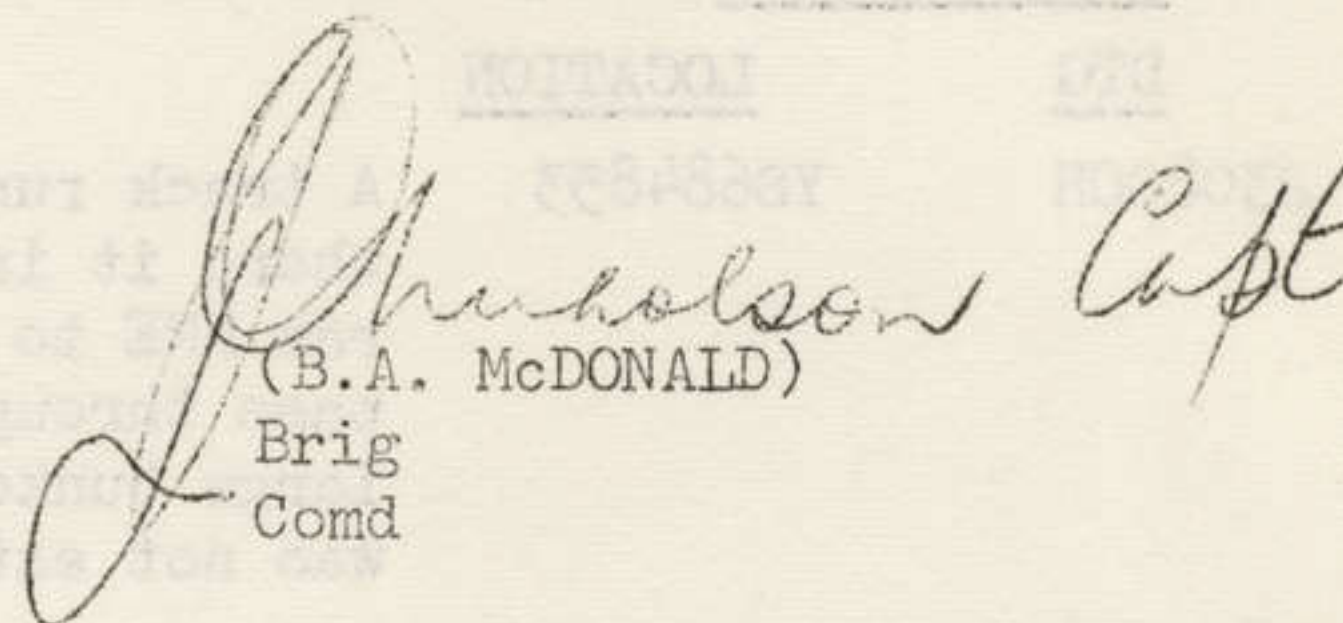
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4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
- a. Total KIA Occuring During This Reporting Period.
- (1) (3) omitted.
- (2) Aust Inflicted 2 VC
- b. c. d. Omitted
- e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or destroyed.
- (1) Captured Weapons
- (a) Individual 3
- (b) Crew served 1
- (c) Breakdown 2 x AK47
1 x 9mm SMG
1 x B40
- (2) Captured and Destroyed Material.
- (a) Omitted
- (b) Destroyed. At YS360882: 1 x105 HE rd, 1 x US claymore, 2lb block of CHICOM explosive, 1 x RPG 2 booster, 3 x M79 HE rds, 2 x M26 grens, 1 x US trip flare, 3 x claymore clackers, 4 x claymore leads, qty opened US rations and qty unopened US rations, qty used med phials
- (3) Omitted
- (4) Captured Documents. Batches at YS373866, YS359882.
- (5) Omitted.
- f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3. (3), (4), (7) to (14), (18), (20), (21)(27)
Omitted
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|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) KIA 20 VC | (15) 60 mm Mor rds 13 | (24) AP mines 2 |
| (2) PW 1 | (16) 75 mm RCL rds 3 | (25) AT mines 1 |
| (5) Individual Wpns | (17) 57 mm RCL rds 4 | (26) TNT 3 lb |
| Action 19 | (19) B 40 rds 2 | |
| (6) Crew served wpns | (22) SA rds 1389 | |
| Action 1 | (23) Grenades 23 | |
5. 6. 7. Omitted
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 12/71 dated 22 Mar 71.
9. 10. Omitted
11. Miscellaneous a. c. d. e. Omitted.
- b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS.
1. Ref INTSUM 80/71
- (a) Para 11 f (2) after MAI VAN LU add "a member of 2 Pl C25 LONG DAT.
2. Ref INTSUM 81/71
- (a) Para 3 a (3) (b) amend "YS852903" to read "YS352903".
- (b) Para 3 a (1) (a) UxB loc YS572597, but fuses were loc at YS569596 and were wrapped in grease proof paper thus amend accordingly.
- f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
- Extracts from 3 Bde 1 (US) Cav Div (AM) INTSUM:(late reports)
- (1) (190825H) At YS848938, 3 Bde tps contacted 6 en dressed in black and green who returned fire with AK47 and SKS before wdr NE. Res 2 VC KIA, 2 x AK47 and small qty docus CIA.
- (2) (191140H) At YS843957, 3 Bde tps recd AK fire from 1-2 en, 200m to their NE. Fri returned fire and the en wdr SSE. At 1400H, same unit engaged 4 en who returned fire with 1 rd of RPG before wdr north. Res: 1 VC KIA and 1 pack containing pers items and docus CIA.
- (3) (191815H) At YS834947, 3 Bde tps loc a camp of 5 bunkers and 1 hut and a trg site with fences on both sides, 10 tables and black board. Area had been used by 50 pers withing the last 6 hrs.
- (4) (190605H) At YS 842957, 3 Bde tps in an NDP recd 5-6 rds of AK47 fire from an est 1-2 en, 30m to their NW. Fri returned fire but a sweep of the area revealed nil results.
- (5) (210915H) At YS847937, 3 Bde tps captured a PW who gave a poss loc of a hosp and POW camp at YS822885. Comment: MR 7 have a PW Sect, the loc of which is not known.
- Other Areas.
- (6) Late report (221300H) LONG SON (V) YS2957, PRU detained CAI VAN CUONG as a suspected VC. Currently held at NFFF screening centre.

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- (7) Late report (222100H) at CAM MY (V) Southern LONG KHANH Province YS4692 approx 10 VC approached a 285 RF Coy AP. A firefight ensued and the VC wdr south. Results unk.
- (8) (230200-0830H) PHUOC HOA (V) YS286630, PRU /I&R P1/NPFF conducted a cordon and search of the village and detained 5 VC suspects, 2 deserters and 2 illegal residents. All currently held at NPFF screening centre.
- (9) Further to the B Coy 2 RAR/NZ contact at YS352903 on 22 Mar 71 (INTSUM 81/71 para 3 a (3) (b) refers) the 1 VC KIA (poss) has been claimed as 1 VC KIA. Totals have been amended accordingly.


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- Annexes: A. Interrogation Reports
B. Captured Documents
E. Aerial Reconnaissance

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List A	RTAVF	BIEN HOA	2/25 (US) Bde
HQ II FFORCE V	18 ARVN Div	TAC	1 (US) Cav Div (AM)
MACV-J2	3 Tac Fighter Wing	Advisory Team 89	3 Bde 1 (US) Cav Div (AM)
MACV-CICV	12 Cbt Avn Gp	Sector S2	

ANNEX A TO
1 ATF INTSUM 82/71
DATED 23 MAR 71

INTERROGATION REPORT

RETURNEE - PHAN CONG NHA

- Further to interrogation of PHAN CONG NHA, member of C2/BARIA CITY Engr Unit who rallied to PHU MY Village on 16 Mar 71 (ANNEX A to 1 ATF INTSUM 76/71 refers), subject has given some information on the disbanding of D65 Engr Bn. C2 (A2) was (subjects unit) assigned to BA LONG Province in Oct 70, strength 37, with an AO along Rte 15 between PHUOC THAI (YS2279) and PHUOC HOA (YS2863) C4 (A4) went to MR7 in Oct 70 and were subordinated to MR7 with an AO along Rte 2. C5(A5) is now the independent Coy of MR7 with an AO along Rte 1 and based at BAU CA; approx YS235100. C6 (A6) was assigned to SR4 and are active in THAI THIEN (YS2279), LONG AN and LONG PHUOC.
- From Jun 70 to Sep 70 the subjects unit has been interested only in rice collection from PHUOC THAI (THAI THIEN). The unit has since occasionally shot a vehicles on Rte 15 between PHU MY and THAM THIEN (YS2182). C2/BARIA CITY Engr Unit's general policy is to evade detection. Since D65 disbanded, C2/BARIA CITY Engr Unit has received no reinforcements.
- Subject claims that in addition to his own unit, HAT DICH Village Unit C6/D65 (SR4), and CHAU DUC District Unit get supplies from THAI THIEN. He knows nothing of these unit's activities, nor of C36, BA LONG Engrs, and other BARIA CITY Units.
Comment: Subject had previously stated that his unit is operationally controlled by the BARIA CITY Unit, but has now stated that it remained subordinate to BA LONG Prov. It is thought unlikely that a former Coy of D65 would be controlled by a unit of BARIA CITY Unit's apparent ineptitude.

ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM 82/71
DATED 23 MAR 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

- Documents found in a pack (probably the pack of one of the VC KIA) in a bunker system at YS359882, the loc of a contact by B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn on 23 Mar 71 identifies elms of D2 Bn/SR4. As yet the 2 VC KIA have not been identified, but documents translation is continuing.

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AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
230800H	YS684853	A track runs NE after crossing an APC track at this loc, to where it intersected a north.south track at YS706861. Track then ran NNE to meet an old track at YS715864 and then appeared to pass through an old bunker system at YS717870. At this camp, two large bunkers were seen to be still in good condition but it was not estb whether they had been used recently.
230945H	YS491676	6 Ox carts were seen at this loc with another 6 at YS493680. There were a total of 15-20 people with loose Oxen in the area and the carts were not loaded. Also, 1 loaded ox cart was seen at YS493682.
231000H	E33-36 N81-84	Apart from woodcutters operating in the western part of the area, nil significant sightings.
231120H	YS5787	All tracks in this area and in area of grid sqs YS5887 and YS5987 are well used.
231200H	YS704841	Two bunkers on the side of a river bank, 1 of which appears to be in usable condition. 50m to the west was a NW/SE track that appeared to have had some use in the last two weeks.
231430H	YS631763	A hy track running north/south along the main path. The track appeared to be less than 3 months old, but could have been recent.

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A document found in a pack (probably the pack of one of the VC KIA) in a bunker system at YS706861, the loc of a contact by 5 Coy 3 RAB (ARVN) on 23 Mar 71. The document is a list of names and addresses of VC KIA, but the names are not identified, but the document translation is available.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 83/71.
2. Period covered from 240001H to 242400H Mar 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were 5 contacts with Task Force elements.

Ground Activity(1) AO LISA.

(a) (240920H). At YS384866, 2 Pl A Coy and HQ A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn engaged 3 en dressed in blue and black, HO CHI MINH sandals, green bush hats and armed with 1xP38 pistol and 1 AK47. En approached from the east and wdr NE to NNE without returning fire. Res: 2 VC KIA(BC), 1xP38 pistol, 1xAK47, 1 pack containing qty of food, med and camp stores, docus and money CIA. COMMENT. For docu readout see Annex B. No identification possible. However as in other recent contacts in this area en KIA will almost certainly have been members of HQ SR4 or D2 Bn SR4.

(b) (241715H). At YS378879, 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn engaged at least 5 en wearing black trousers and shirts and carrying unidentified wpns. The en were moving east to west and wdr west, east and SE. Res: 1 VC KIA(Poss) drag marks loc, 1 pack containing food, clothing and a theodolite CIA.

(2) OTHER AREAS

(a) (Prior to 241040H). At YS675785, 7 Pl C Coy 3 RAR loc a trail leading north. Track thought to have been made by 1 person preceding night.

(b) (231630H). At YS673805, 3 Pl A Coy 3 RAR loc an old bunker system circular in shape and 300m in circumference, containing 2 large bunkers 14'x10'x8' with 10' OHP. Entry/exit points were east to west. The system was used in the last 48 hrs and is in an overgrown state. To be destroyed.

(c) (Prior to 241255H). At YS706834, A tk Pl 3 RAR loc a fresh track moving SE. On investigation pl loc fresh signs of a small party moving SE in last 48 hrs.

(d) (Prior to 241310H). At YS675783, 7 Pl C Coy 3 RAR loc a qty of shellac (varnish) and heard chopping. NFI.

(e) (241030H). At YS589599, a tank of 1 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt loc and destroyed a bunker system of an unk number of overgrown bunkers with approx 6" OHP. The system was 12 months old, last used 12 months ago and was in poor condition. Loc were cooking utensils and used phials, all of which were destroyed in situ.

(f) (241805H). At YS671803, 3 Pl A Coy 3 RAR engaged movement of an unk number of pers moving west to east. Screams were heard on a bearing of 2800 mils. Due to lack of light, sweep was not conducted.

(g) (241830H). At YS673805, 2 Pl A Coy 3 RAR engaged poss 1 en wearing black clothing. Sweep of area revealed neg result.

(h) (241200H). At YS602598, a Land Clearing Team loc an 82mm Chicom Mortar round less fuse.

(i) (241500H). At YS592598, a Land Clearing Team loc a 5" naval shell which was blown in situ. At YS588602, Team loc a 4" rocket which was also blown in situ.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA Occurring During This Reporting Period. (1) and (3) Omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted 2 VC.

b.c.d.e. Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3

(3), (4), (7)-(12), (14), (18), (20), (21) and (27). Omitted.

(1) KIA 22 VC	(17) 57mm RCL rds 4
(2) PW 1	(19) B 40 rds 2
(5) Individual Wpns. Action 19.	(22) SA rds 1389
(6) Crew served wpns. Action 1.	(23) Grenades 23
(13) 82mm Mor rds 1	(24) AP mines 2
(15) 60mm Mor rds 13	(25) AT mines 1
(16) 75mm RCL rds 3	(26) TNT 3 lb

5.6.7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 12/71 dated 22 Mar 71.

9.10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a.b.c.d.e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (240630H). At YS428602, NP, NPFF, 54 PF Pl and 64 PF Pl conducted a cordon and search operation resulting in 1 VCI or VCS suspect detained. Name of detainee: PHAN THI NHO, Born 1941, Address: 2/14 LONG DIEN.

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(2) (Prior to 241015H). At YS746874, elms 3 Bde 1 Cav Regt loc a 12" wide track showing signs of light to moderate use in the last 2-3 days. The track was moving in a SW direction.

(3) (232135H). At YS469540, 124 RF Coy NDP sighted flashlight and eng with SA and M79 fire. The VC returned fire with 1 wpn. The en was believed to be a water party and wdr in a SE direction. Res unk.

(4) At YS429592, PSDF reported that at 222240H 4 VC conducted a meeting to explain VC victories in Southern LAOS. About 15-25 pers attended. NFI.

Extracts from 3 Bde 1(US) Cav Div(AM) INTSUM (Late Reports).

(5) (220300H). At YS901942, 3 Bde tps engaged 1 pers 300m away. Sweep revealed no results.

(6) (220730H). At YS837957, 3 Bde tps loc 4 bags of corn on a platform covered with green plastic which had been in place approx 3 days to 2 weeks.

(7) (221230H). At YS838957, 3 Bde tps loc a north/south track heavily packed and recently used by 3-7 pers in last 2 days. Also loc 2 anti-personnel pressure mines of unk size which were blown in situ. Nearby was a tree with 2 slashes and three dots cut in it. Comment. Poss mine marker.

(8) (221200H). At YS802970, a truck moving west on Route 1 received 2 B 40 rds with neg hits or cas. Rds were fired from north of road.

(9) (210800H). At YS867964, 3 Bde tps loc freshly dug holes, partly covered, and 2 large blood pools and blood trails leading to the south.

(10) (210800H). At YS818964, 3 Bde tps noticed only 3-4 people left a village from which large groups normally leave.

(11) (211100H). At YS839957, 3 Bde tps loc 6 bags of flour (660 lbs) on a platform covered with green plastic and used in last 48 hrs. Also loc a north/south track used in last 48 hrs. Comment. Near Entry/Exit Point 63.

(12) (210915H). At YS847937, 513 RF Coy observed 6 pers 30m to North and engaged. En returned fire and wdr N resulting in 2 VC KIA, 1 VC POW. En were wearing green shirts and black pants. Also loc 2 blood trails.

(13) (202010H). At YS867964, 3 Bde tps engaged 3 pers, poss leading larger groups who were moving east-west across a stream 5m east of friendlies. En returned fire and wdr in an unk direction. Res unk.

(14) (201520H). At YS726955, 3 Bde tps received 3 rds SA fire from 200m to the west. Approx 400m from where shots came, persons emerged into view. Pers detained. Later classified as innocent civs.

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Annex: A. Interrogation Reports. B. Captured Documents.
C. Agent Reports. E. Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution:

List A	MACV-CICV	3 Tac Fighter Wing	TAC	2/25 (US) Bde
HQ II FFORCE V	RTAVF	12 Cbt Avn Gp	Advisory Team 89	1(US) Cav Div(AM)
MACV-J2	18 ARVN Div	BIEN HOA	Sector S2	3 Bde 1(US) Cav Div(AM)

ANNEX A TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO. 83/71
DATED 24 MAR 71

INTERROGATION REPORTS

1. A HOI CHANH, NGUYEN VAN DUNG, who rallied on 19 Feb 71 to the HAU NGAI Chieu Hoi Centre and who identified himself as the Secretary of HIEP HOA, has revealed additional info in the VC policy towards HOI CHANHS.
2. The source stated that HCs were classified into three types:-
 - a. Official Party Members.
 - b. Those who lead Allied Forces to cadre sites.
 - c. Those who joined the VC to avoid GVN conscription and who subsequently rallied due to hardships.
3. Those HCs who were classified in either of the first two categories were reportedly to be assassinated as quickly as possible, while those of the last group were to be apprehended and re-educated into the VC cause.

Comment by S2 Advisor HAU NGHIA: HOI CHANH assassinations have been averaging 4 or 5 per month, thus lending credence to the testimony of the HC.

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Additionally, in 1970 out of 1342 HCs in HAU NGHIA (P), only 402 were considered "significant", that is had occupied posns other than that of simple labourers. This assassination policy may well be a contributing factor to the low percentage of significant ralliers, and reportedly it has become very rare for an important middle or high ranking cadre to Chieu Hoi.

1 Att Comment: Another reason for the lack of middle and high-ranking ralliers is their relatively high level of indoctrination. The majority of the high ranking cadre are hard core communists who are unlikely to be affected seriously by the rigours of VC life in the jungle. It would seem that the Chieu Hoi programme has more appeal to the lower ranking VC who are not as politically motivated towards the VC cause, than to the hard core Communist.

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO. 83/71
DATED 24 MAR 71

1. Documents found on 2 VC KIA at YS384866 on 24 Mar 71 by A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn contained nothing of tactical interest. The documents comprised only a few personal letters and a list of medicines. Two of the letters were addressed to CHI TU, but ORBAT holds no record of this name, No ident of personalities or the unit involved is possible.

2. Documents found in the area of the B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn contact at YS352903 on 22 Mar 71 (1 ATF INTSUM 81/71 para 3.a.(3)(b) refers) consisted only of scraps of paper (nothing of tactical value), and one decision transferring DO NHAT OANH, PO of C20 to PO of C21, signed by NGUYEN MINH QUANG, CO of 274 Regt, 20 Dec 70.

Comment: ORBAT holds no record of the name, but C20 is the Signals Coy and C21 probably the Recce Coy of 274 Regt. It seems likely that the squad of enemy contacted were members of Recce Coy 274 Regt.

3. Further to documents captured in a bunker system at YS359882, the site of the contact by B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn on 23 Mar 71 (1 ATF INTSUM 82/71 ANNEX B refers), detailed translation has provided possible identification of the 2 VC KIA. Letters identified PHAM VAN TAN AKA PHAM VAN HUNG, whom ORBAT lists as Pl Comd, C3/D2/SR4. One of these letters was found on a body and the remainder in the bunkers. A large number of documents found in the bunker system, including letters, books and commendation certificates, identified several members of C3/D2/SR4, including VO VAN PHUC AKA VO VAN TON, a Pl Comd; VO VAN MINH AKA NGUYEN VAN MINH, Pl 2IC; and TRAN VAN TIEN, a Sect 2IC. A discharge certificate from HI Dispensary/SR4 in the name of TRAN VAN TIEN was included in the documents, along with several medical prescriptions, treatment sheets and about 5 lb of medical supplies. One of the KIA had his leg in a splint. Also found in the bunker system was a quantity of womens underwear (used), probably indicating the presence of nurses.

Comment: The medical supplies have been examined and are of a type used in surgery indicating that the base was permanent and for advanced medical treatment. C3/D2/SR4 since Dec 70 has been assigned to protect HI Dispensary. It is certain that the group contacted were members of C3/D2/SR4, and the bunker system is one of several used by HI Dispensary. The second KIA, although possibly any one of the 3 named above, is most likely to be TRAN VAN TIEN.

AGENT REPORTS

ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO. 83/71
DATED 24 MAR 71

1. From XUYEN MOC:-

a. Grading 1 ATF B2. The VC integral to XUYEN MOC District believe that Australian ops are so extensive at present that it has been necessary for them to break into teams of 3 men, disguised as civilians (usually woodcutters) in order to avoid the Australians.

b. 1 ATF B3. A week ago (approx 17 Mar) VC transferred a large quantity of ammunition from area eastings YS73-75, northings 81-85 (area known to VC as HAM TAN) to area YS676776. Ammo was transferred by use of a woodcutters truck (not stated whether Route 329 or a combination of other tracks was used). Ammo reported to incl B40, B41 and mor rds, and also reportedly rockets.

Comment: The stated destination of the ammo was the general location of a known XUYEN MOC F and E group (see INTSUM 71/71 Annex C para 3 and comment in INTSUM 76/71 Annex B para 4 item in captured notebook for 2 Jan). A woodcutters track approaches this area from the west, linking with other tracks (VR report for 21 Mar-INTSUM 80/71).

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This area would seem to be a good DiStribution point.

c. 1 ATF B2. About 2km north of PHUOC BUU in area known as GO CAT (PHUOC BUU is in YS6362) the VC have a communications point from which runners operate. They receive their orders from three locations:-

- (1) approx area YS7277
- (2) area YS6777
- (3) area YS6578

The runners carry their messages on very tiny pieces of paper to allow ease of concealment in places such as fountain pens.

Comment: The three locations mentioned above at which the runners are reported to receive their orders are, respectively, a hub of tracks generally running NE to SW; the general location of the XUYEN MOC F and E Section (as mentioned above); and the area of the 3 RAR contact of 20 Mar with what appears to have been the Recce Pl of D445, who were apparently constructing a new bunker system. It seems likely that by use of this reported runner system D445 has been attempting to co-ordinate its operations with the XUYEN MOC District VCI and Unit (whose combined strength is 25 approx).

d. 1 ATF B2. A group of VC from LONG DAT were reported to be in area south of XUYEN MOC recently. Because of Australian activity they were blocked from carrying out their task.

Comment: This report is the likely explanation for the signal shots heard in area YS6762, 6764, 6765, 6865 over the period 9 - 14 Mar. The LONG DAT pers may have been trying to contact C3, known to have been in the NUI KHO area 7-9 Mar, possibly in order to pass on the results of recce on behalf of D445.

2. From LANG PHUOC HAI NPFF, graded 1 ATF F3:- 4 VC from C25 were KIA by air strikes conducted after Aust. helicopter was downed on 21 Mar.

3. Agent report received from S2 Sector on 241200H. Eval VN C2:- Approx 5 VC appeared in vic YS430709 recently wearing black uniforms and carrying indiv wpns. They held a propaganda meeting telling people they were going to enter BINH BA (H) (vic YS450740) and DUC MY (vic YS448730) to collect food.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO. 83/71
DATED 24 MAR 71

AERIAL RECCONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
240900H	E 64-67 N 61-64	Nil significant sighting.
241000H	E 71-74 N 61-65	No signs of recent movement in area.
241100H	E 71-74 N 76-79	No fresh signs of en seen in the area.
241200H	E 62-66 N 70-73	Many tracks and oxcarts in the area.
240910H	YS600579	Sighted 2 fishermen and followed a trail to YS640581 where trail was lost. A further 2 fishermen were sighted at YS595578 who had apparently walked along the beach from LANG PHUOC HAI.

1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 84/71
2. Period covered from 250001H to 252400H Mar 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1) AO LISA.
 - (a) (Late Report 240710H). At YS396861, Ptl from 2 Pl V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) engaged 3 en dressed in dark clothing moving North. En fired 1 shot, poss from a pistol. Sweep revealed a body 150 metres north of contact area, at YS396862. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK47, 2 full mags and apack CIA.
 - (b) (250718H). At YS432867, 2 Pl V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) engaged 4 enemy dressed in black and moving SE to NW. Results: 3 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA (BT), 1 AK50, 1 x 45 pistol, 1 x M1 carbine, mags, 1 x M26 grenade, 3 US torches, 100lbs of uncooked rice, 63lbs of assorted food, docus, med supplies, assorted webbing and equip, and 4 claymore detonators captured. For Docu readout see Annex B.
 - (c) (251145H) At YS375908 a ptl from B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located a burnt out Iroquois helicopter. The only visible marking was the number, 220. Wreck estimated approx two years old.
 - (d) (251345H) At YS484853, 3 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt located a tunnel/bunker system with a 5ft tunnel leading to a bunker which had 4 ft of OHP. Entry/exit North and South. System was approx 3 years old, estimated to have also been used 12 months ago, and in poor condition. To be destroyed.
 - (e) (251620H) At YS432867, ptl from 2 Pl V Coy 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) located a lay up place 50 metres south of the contact grid, used last night by 4 people. (Refer to sub-para (b) above).
 - (2) AO DEBORAH.
 - (a) Late Report. (242015H) At YS675791, 7,8 and 9 Pls C Coy 3 RAR, heard a single rifle shot. Arty engaged the area, and a secondary explosion was heard
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. Total KIA Occurring during this Reporting Period. (1) and (3) Omitted
(2) Aust inflicted : 3 VC
 - b.c.d.e. Omitted.
 - f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3
(3), (4), (9)-(12), (14), (18), (20-21) and (27) omitted.

(1) KIA 26 VC	(16) 75mm RCL Rds 3
(2) PW 1	(17) 57mm RCL Rds 4
(5) Individual wpns. Action 25	(19) B40 Rds 2
(6) Crew served wpns. 1	(22) SA Rds 1489
(7) Rice captured and destroyed 100lb	(23) Grenades 24
(8) Salt captured and destroyed 15lbs	(24) AP Mines 2
(13) 82mm Mor Rds 1	(25) AT Mines 1
(15) 60mm Mor Rds 13	(26) TNT 3 lb.
- 5.6.7. Omitted
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 12/71 dated 22 Mar 71.
- 9.10. Omitted.
11. a.. c.d.e. Omitted.
 - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
 - (1) (251145H) At YS454530, members of 3 Pl 1 Coy 302 RF Bn, detonated a M16 mine. Results: 7 RF WIA, RF soldiers were DustedOff by 1 ATF.
 - (2) (251447H) At YS468540, 189 RF Coy contacted 1 VC squad who were wearing green shirts and shorts. Enemy withdrew NW. Results: 1 VC KIA. VC was identified as NGUYEN VAN RANH, 2IC of HOI MY Guerillas. 1 M1 carbine, 1 US belt with AK47 mags were CIA.
- b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS.
 - (1) Ref INTSUM 83/71. Para 3.a. (1) (b), delete ref "Theodolite", insert, "Artillery aiming circle for orientating guns or mortars. The instrument is of SOVIET origin"

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C. Agent Report
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ANNEX B TO 1 ATF INTSUM 84/7
DATED 25 MAR 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. A directive dated 25 Nov 70 captured at YT445145 on 15 Mar 71 dealing with maintenance of Security possibly used by HQ MR - 7 reads as follows:

Security Maintenance During the 1970-1971 Dry Season, VC Military Region 7.

A steady effort was to be made to neutralize the effect of enemy (RVN) psywar and Chieu Hoi activities on friendly (VC/NVA) personnel. It was imperative to preclude all desertion and defection attempts in friendly units and agencies.

All personnel were to be instructed to strengthen security regulations by avoiding any disclosure of information concerning friendly troop concentrations, operation orders, storage areas or planned movements.

All regulations pertaining to the recruitment of personnel should be strictly observed. No persons should be recruited unless cleared by personnel security agencies. All individuals recommended to assume vital positions were to be subject to a thorough security investigation.

Intensive counter intelligence activities were to be carried out to detect all enemy intelligence and psywar elements operating in the liberated (VC-controlled) areas, as well as all enemy agents planted in friendly units and agencies.

2. Documents CIA by 2 PAR/NZ (ANZAC) at YS432867 on 25 Mar 71 in a pack were identified as belonging to Rear Services SR4. One of the VC KIA may possibly have been NGUYEN CHANH MINH aka HOANG MINH, Pl 2IC of Rear Services SR4. The remainder of the Docs contained nothing of tactical value.

ANNEX C TO 1 ATF INTSUM 84/71
DATED 25 MAR 71

AGENT REPORTS

1. Agent report received from DUC THANH 25 Mar 71. WN eval C2, Aust eval F3. A report received from a VC who is a member of C3 Sapper Unit CHAU LAC Plantation, states that they are going to attack 40 PF Pl at NGAI GIAO on the night 25/26 Mar 71. COMMENT: The unit being referred to is probably C36 Sapper Unit. This unit is a threat to hamlets and villages on Route 2, and the possibility of such an attack remains.

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ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM 84/71
DATED 25 MAR 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
251300 H	E57 - 60 N70 - 73	Numerous tracks in the area, however these show no definite pattern and appear up to a week old. Possibly friendly tracks.
251245 H	E53 - 56 N68 - 71	Bottom portion of area showed no recent use. Rest of VR cancelled due to technical difficulties.
251045 H	E61 - 63 N66 - 70	Nil significant sightings East of Route 328. At YS613667 an area 100 x 50 metres with numerous flat areas covered with palms fronds, which have been cut from the immediate area. A cart track leads to the south and a foot track leads East towards Route 328. Track under 3 months old.
251640 H	E58 - 61 N65 - 67	Old oxcart and woodcutter activity in East of the area. Nil significant sightings in the rest of the non-civil access areas.

2.3.4. Omitted.

5. ADP (Sniffer)

DTG	MAXIMUM	STRONG	MINIMUM	YS535719		
250800 -		YS574685	YS547682	YS581686	YS542713	YS565714
250930H		YS576685	550682	586687	548701	569714
			564686	578677	553713	561708
			572686	583677	556713	564708
			574686	570693	557708	564702
			576686	532719	557721	567702
			542706	537713	568722	572722
			577702	576710	573711	575722

COMMENT: Readings in area YS5570-5572, YS5870-5872 are of primary interest, and indicate that movement has occurred in this area, almost certainly of D445.

Readings in area YS5371-5471-YS5470, indicates that possibly a patrol of D445 has been through the area.

Readings in area YS5767-5768-5867-YS5868, also indicates that possibly a patrol of D445 has been through the area.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 85/71.
2. Period covered from 260001H to 262400H Mar 71.

Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO LISA

(a) Late Report (252352H) At YS461904 a ptl of 3 Pl V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn eng a light moving SE to NE. Sweep conducted with nil results.

(2) AO DEBORAH

(a) Late Report (251730H) At YS676818 a ptl of HQ A Coy 3 RAR eng 1 VC dressed in black mov east. Sweep conducted with nil results.

(b) (260905H) At YS624662 an APC of 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt det a 40lb mine, buried 18" below surface. Result: Moderate damage to APC, nil cas. Ptl of Aslt Pnr Pl 3 RAR reacted and detained 2 females (approx 20 yrs) and 1 old man. Pers had no docus. Detainees taken to XUYEN MOC but so far have refused to answer questions. Comment No info yet avail of tech details of mine. There have been a number of recent mine incidents on Route 328. Further north (YS608782) on 23 Mar two 15-20 lb mines were det by a fire (INTSUM 82/71 para 3 a (2) (b) refers). At YS619831 on 21 Mar an APC det a 3 lb mine (INTSUM 80/71 para 3 a (1) (d) refers). At YS602748 on 8 Mar 8 Pl C Coy 3 RAR loc mine markers (INTSUM 67/71 para 3 a (1) (a) refers) in an area where a possum pilot had sighted an indication of mining on 5 Feb (INTSUM 36/71 para 11 f (5) refers) and there was a mine incident at YS635627 on 7 Mar (INTSUM 66/71 para 3 a (2) (b) refers). The mine today could have been activated by a man seen in same area (YS634653) by a pilot on 25 Mar. The man was seen to remove some sticks from the road prior to, riding off on a lambo. These may have been a mine marker. The incident was reported to XUYEN MOC who are investigating. See also first agent report at Annex C reporting a gp of en on 25 Mar at approx YS623673. See also following item(sub para C).

(c) (261300H) At YS612643 APC of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt loc a 25lb atk mine (CHICOM VC local manufacture) pointed out by a civ. Comment: Civ being sought by XUYEN MOC for questioning. The explosive had been in place for approx 3-4 months, while the bamboo off set switch had been in place for only a few hrs. The explosive was of CHICOM manufacture. Mine may have been laid by small mining party from D445 believed to have seen left behind when unit wdr to NUI BE early Jan 71.

(d) (260025H) At YS603679 ptl of Sp Coy 3 RAR heard mov around their AP east to west and then west to east. At 260245H ptl eng green light near their AP. Sweep conducted with nil results.

(e) (Prior to 261005H) At YS493683 6 Pl B Coy 3 RAR detained 47 pers in 27 ox-carts. Pl checked their docus and turned them south to civil access.

(f) (261545H) At YS672714 a ptl of A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn op con to 3 RAR loc and destroyed a bunker system 50 x 150m consisting of 20 bkrs 8'x5' with 3' OHP (bedspaces for 50 pers). Entry/exit north and south. System six mnths old used by en 6 mnths ago. Good condition.

(g) (251835H) At YS573688 11 Pl D Coy 3 RAR loc a track running south and west from this point and used this morning by 20+ en poss moving west.

(3) AO DEBORAH

(a) (Prior to 261715H) At YS663766 7 Pl C Coy 3 RAR loc a new bkr with table and fireplace. Docus were loc in bkr; refer ANNEX B for readout.

b. Omitted.

4. a, b, c, d and e Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3

(3), (4), (9), (10), (11), (12), (14), (18), (20), (21) and (27) Omitted.
 (1) KIA 26 VC (2) PW 1
 (5) Individual Wpns - Action 25 (13) 82mm Mor rds 1
 (6) Crew served wpns - Action 1 (15) 60mm Mor rds 13
 (7) Rice captured and destroyed 4.057 tons (16) 75mm RCL rds 3
 (8) Salt captured and destroyed 415 lbs (17) 57mm RCL rds 4

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- (19) B 40 rds 2
- (22) SA rds 1489
- (23) Grenades 24

- (24) AP Mines 2
- (25) AT Mines 2
- (26) TNT 3 Lb

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications

- a. Omitted.
- b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces

AT MINES

1 at YS612643

(2) Results in Friendly Losses

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
260905H	YS624662	ATK	Moderate damage to APC

6 and 7 Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 12/71 dated 22 Mar 71.
9 and 10 Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a, b, c, d Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (260445H) At YS476536 578 RF Coy eng 6 en who approached their AP from the NW Contact broken at 260500H when VC wdr SSW. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), CIA were 1 x AK 47, 2 mags, 1 x M26 gren, pistol belt, 2 x ammo pouches and foodstuffs. No ident of body could be made because of wounds. Comment: KIA and other members of ptl were carrying large qty of rice, indicating that they had been on a resup mission from LONG HAIs.

(2) (252000H - 252200H) At YS424604 (LONG LIEN hamlet) NPFF, PSDF and a PF pl conducted a cordon and search resulting in 6 suspected VC sqd members detained and now under interrogation at LONG DIEN DIOCC.

(3) (260955H) At YS280560 637 RF Coy loc 6 wpn pits containing a large water container of 90 kilos (198 lbs) of rice, 1xCKC was also loc.

(4) (261450H) At YS465542 a member of 4 Coy 302 RF Bn det an M14 mine. Results: 1 VN WIA.

(5) (Prior to 260855H) At YS379571 (CAU CO MAY Bridge) a VN boat ptl loc a 300 lb explosive charge in a plastic bag which was placed in a petrol drum. EOD reported that the charge consisted of 10 blocks of US 25 lb TNT and 2 blocks of CHICOM explosive approx total 50 lb. The blocks were bound together by sticks and twine and fishing floats were used for flotation. Ignition consisted of friction igniters, US safety fuze and US detonators. Comment: Charge was originally positioned under an old bridge by suspected swimmer sappers using tide and cover of darkness. Unit probably the A32 Water Sapper Unit (VUNG TAU) operating from the RUNG SAT. This unit also probably laid the 100 lb mine at DE LONG PIER on 5 Mar (INTSUM 65/71 para 11 f (3) refers) and the 50-75 lb mine at CAT LO on 28 Dec 70 (INTSUM 363/70 para 11 f (6) refers).

(6) (Prior to 261400H) At NGAI GIAO (YS4679) Sector forces in a cordon and search detained NGUYEN THI LANG AKA THI BE (Sect CHAU DUC District Committee Orderly Room. Refer ANNEX A for interrogation report.

(7) (262140H) At YS424650 (HOA LONG) 5 VC were sighted on the wire by picquet and eng 3 VC wdr NW while 2 en remained to return fire. Sweep to be conducted.

(8) (262110H) At YS555600 955 RF Coy eng 4 VC in two gps of 3 and 1. VC wdr south RF suspect VC were a recce gp of a larger gp in the area.

Annexes

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ANNEX A TO 1 ATF INTSUM
85/71 DATED 26 MAR 71

INTERROGATION REPORT
PW - NGUYEN THI LANG

Biographical Data

1. Name: NGUYEN THI LANG
AKA: THI BE
P/DOB: 1952 HOA LONG
Appt: Secretary
Unit: CHAU DUC District Committee Orderly Room

Circumstances of Capture: Subject had left her unit's camp on 23 Mar 71 and was on her way to her parents' home in HOA LONG when apprehended by Sector force in NGAI GIAO village, DUC THANH.

Exploited Information

2. Subject has been with the VC since 1968. The Orderly Room has a strength of 7, but she has no knowledge of the policy or future plans of her unit, nor does she admit knowing details of any other elms of CHAU DUC District Forces. She claims the Orderly Room is located in the area YS6888, YS6889, YS6988, YS6989 and that the unit resupplies from CAM MY Village (YS4692). Food supplies are low at present.

Comment Subject is evading answering all questions and is obviously lying. She probably knows much more than she is at present prepared to discuss, and the location of both the unit base area and their resupply point must be considered improbable.

A COY 2 RAR¹/NZ (ANZAC) BN

3. A docu dropped by a VC following a contact by A Coy 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn at YS373866 on 23 Mar 71 (1 ATF INTSUM 82/71 para 3 a (1) (c) refers) possibly identifies NGUYEN THANH TAM, rank Coy Comd, appt unknown, of C205 (Recce Coy SR4). The certificate was a medical statement for the abovenamed, wounded on 30 Nov 69, but at present in good health. It was signed by the PO, K3 (Convalescence HQ, SR4) and Dr PHAM VAN TAI. Also recovered was 7,500 piastres.

Comment 2 VC contacted probably members of C205 Recce Coy, SR4.

C COY 3 RAR

4. A few scraps of paper, mainly peices of unrelated letters, found in a new bunker at YS663766 by C Coy 3 RAR on 26 Mar 71 contained nothing of tactical value. Two names (family name only) could be identified, but a letter box number found on a small scrap of paper indicated the Refugee Section, BA LONG Province. No definate ident possible.

ANNEX B TO 1 ATF INTSUM
85/71 DATED 26 MAR 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Documents found on a VC KIA by 3 Bde 1 Cav Div at YS848938 on 19 Mar 71 included the following letter: "Yesterday, 17 Mar, our troops followed close and reconnoitred the cache area. We lost our cache, which was in a flat area, consisting of 9950 kilograms of flour. This cache was very safe because the enemy was not interested and it was camouflaged very well. That was the flour we had planned to give D3/33. We believe that the enemy might send recce pers as woodcutters, to get information and to find out where the caches are located and send the tanks to pick up the cache. Around the cache there are not any ground troops. The tank ignited five grenades and was damaged leaving a spring. On 18 Mar the enemy came into the outside cache area at SUCI LANH. One cache guard was killed, XUAN. After that the other cache guards withdrew; a few minutes later the enemy had helicopters in the area and were firing down at them. Then ground troops came into the area.

The situation here is very serious, the enemy come here every day, the helicopters come every day close to our compound, Accordingly, the enemy will circle around us.

We report to TAM that we still have 2050 kilograms of flour and over 1000 litres of rice, laying at KHAU LE. The enemy activity is very serious; the tanks are staying on the

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road going to KHAU LE. If we move we will ^{/be} identified. So I let you know when you get this that you should send someone up to get the rice.

MUOI TRUG is in KHAU LE and MAI TU is also there. TAM, would you tell HAI HUONG to telephone BA CU and tell him about losing the cache and the death of XUAN, because the roads from CLOB to CLOC have been blocked". Signed by the PO of CLO HQ'S, VO THAI VAN.

Comment: Docs identify C10 purchasing and requisitioning Coy, J85, Rear Services MR7. The docs do not definitely identify the KIA, but the group of 6 contacted was almost certainly a courier element of C10. The 9950 KGS of flour (22000 Lbs) referred to was captured by 1 ACD tps at YS841948 on 17 Mar 71. D3/33 is 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt. The loss of this rice should seriously hamper 3/33 NVA Regt, as 1 ACD estimates that such a loss would deny them 220 days staple diet. The death of XUAN refers to a contact at YS842961 on 18 Mar 71. These locations gives some guide to the "KHAU LE" area referred to as the site of the remaining cache of rice and flour. It is possibly in the area at the junction of the SUOI GIA OI (prob the stream named in the letter as SUOI LANH) and the unspecified streams running parallel to it to the south, approx YS844960. It is noted that MAI TU, the CO of C10, is in that area. Both C10B and C10C are elements of C10, located to the south of the cache area.

From XUYEN MOC

AGENT REPORTS

ANNEX C TO 1 ATF INTSUM
85/71 DATED 26 MAR 71

1. 1 ATF B2. On 25 Mar a VC cadre gp from XUYEN MOC Finance and Economy Section (HAI QUAN, THI BINH, CONG and DUNG) met two civs from NHAN TRI (YS649678 approx) at YS623673 near the creek. The purpose of the meeting was for the F and E gp to obtain info regarding troops and movement of vehs in XUYEN MOC and along Routes 23, 328 and 329. Comment: XUYEN MOC gp will be in close contact with D445 at present. This info will be being sought for D445 and also will be related to recent mining incidents (see paras 3 a (2) (b) and (c) of this INTSUM). THI BINH, a woman is pregnant it has been reported that she was stopped some days ago by an Australian in company with an interpreter, in approx area YS6777 but this incident has not yet been explained, and the report may not be accurate.

2. 1 ATF F3. Approx 25 Mar at 1630 hrs 4 VC in camouflage type uniforms, one wearing two pistols were sighted at YS654662. They were watching the road.
Comment: Probably a D445 recce eln.

3. 1 ATF F3. On 12 Mar 8 production members of LONG DAT District were seen moving on 2 fishing boats in area YS605608 (SONG R.). The group forbade people to fish, They were armed with three carbines and one AK.

Comment: Possibly related to report of LONG DAT pers south of XUYEN MOC recently who were blocked from carrying out their task. See INTSUM 83/71 Annex C para 1 d.

4. 1 ATF F2. A VC hospital is reported to be located between E79-82, N84-88. A recent patient moved down to XUYEN MOC area after treatment by means of truck and ox carts.
Comment: General Loc stated is a possibility as there are many reported tracks, camps and lie up areas in this region. This hospital may be a branch of BA LONG Hospital Sect reported recently by a Hoi Chanh as being in area YS7291. There are other VC hospitals in NUI BE area.

ANNEX E TO 1 ATF INTSUM
85/71 DATED 26 MAR 71

<u>Visual Recce</u>		<u>AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE</u>
<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTINGS</u>
260800H	YS637726	A small track across creek to YS636723.
	YS634708	A small track passing through YS625695 and YS621689.
	E60-65	No sign of crossings along the SUOI BEN KE or SUOI DONG.
26100H	N70-73 E 55-58	Many friendly tracks in area. Nil significant sightings.
261200H	N68-71 E63-65	Many woodcutters and ox carts in the area. Fresh tracks in area but impossible to distinguish between friendly and en.
	N71-74	No sign of extensive movement from the north.
261400H	E65-67	Nil significant sightings.
	N71-74	

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM 86/71
2. Period covered from 270001H to 272400H Mar 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were 6 contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO DEBORAH

(a) (270245H) At YS564688, sentry from D Coy 3 RAR heard movement West to East and engaged with claymores and automatic fire. Sweep produced no results.

(b) (270745H) Between YS671803 and YS668802, HQ A Coy 3 RAR crossed several North/South tracks regularly used. Tracks were wide enough for one man at a time only.

(c) Late Report. (261530H) At YS661767, C Coy 3 RAR loc a new camp 50mx50m consisting of one bunker for two men in good condition and containing a table and sleeping areas. Est to have been used in last 3-4 days and approx 7 days old. Some clothing and docus found.

(d) (271430H) At YS668757, 5 Pl B Coy 3 RAR loc a base camp consisting of 2 bunkers, (Z shaped) and 6 fighting pits which were est 6 mnths old. Fresh camouflage was used with logs that had been cut one month ago and re-cut into small size 1-2 days ago by chain saw. The bunkers were in good condition and one letter and a wheel brace for a motor vehicle were found.

(e) Late Report. (262230H) At YS673769, 5 Pl B Coy 3 RAR sighted lights 600m away on a bearing of 0600 mils. At 2355H Pl sighted lights moving in a southerly direction and going on and off. Engaged by arty with neg results.

(f) (270200H) At YS662766, 7 Pl C Coy 3 RAR engaged est 2-3 pers moving West to East. A signal light was also engaged. Sweep of the area produced nil results.

(g) (271345H) At YS573688, 11 Pl D Coy 3 RAR followed up a track located last night. Difficult to determine division of movement due to heavy tracks in area.

(h) (271100H) At YS659798, ptl from HQ A Coy 3 RAR loc a bunker and pit with entry/exit points South and SW, est 2yrs old and last used 2-5 days ago.

(i) (270850H) At YS552770, HQ Coy 3 RAR heard a truck moving North. Truck had nervously moving West. At YS668791, 3 Pl ACoy 3 RAR heard the same truck to their East. On hearing this report, 5 Pl B Coy 3 RAR detained 3 vehicles and 19 pers, the pers being taken to XUYEN MOC for questioning. It is believed that these civs were the same as a gp who had been warned a few days previously to stay out of area.

(2) AO FARRIER

(a) (271445H) At YS377893, 4 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn contacted approx 6-10 VC who were in a bunker system. Bushrangers assisted Pl and en wdr NW and North. Sweep located a blood trail, cooking equipment, clothes, 3 AK mags and an empty casing of a CHICOM military radio. Many wires found in area and Pl suspect the existence of another camp nearby.

(b) (271430H) At YS375908, 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn contacted 1 en dressed in greens and carrying unidentified type of wpn. En wdr South on contact and a sweep revealed nil results.

(c) (271515H) At YS373903, 5 Pl b Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn contacted 2 en, one dressed in black carrying an AK47, and the other in green and carrying a 9mm pistol. VC approached AP from the South. 1 en wdr West on contact. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 9mm pistol, 2 mags, 2 transistor radios, 1 wallet, a pack containing mixed items and another pack containing docus and maps.

Comment: En ident as probably a 2IC of C8 Militia Office SR4. For readout of docus see Annex B. For reproduction of markings on map and for comment on map see Appendix 1 to ANNEX B.

b. Omitted

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. Total KIA Occuring During This Reporting Period.

(1) Omitted

(2) Aust Inflicted 1 VC

(3) Omitted

b. Omitted

c. Detainees

(1) Omitted

(2) Innocent Civilians 9

(3)-(6) Omitted

d. Omitted

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e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

- (1) Captured Weapons
 - (a) Individual 1
 - (b) Omitted
 - (c) Breakdown 1 x 9 mm pistol
- (2)-(5) Omitted

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3

- | | |
|---|-----------------------|
| (1) KIA 27 VC | (15) 60 mm Mor rds 13 |
| (2) PW 1 | (16) 75 mm RCL rds 3 |
| (3)(4) Omitted | (17) 57 mm RCL rds 4 |
| (5) Individual Wpns
Action 26 | (18) Omitted |
| (6) Crew Served Wpns
Action 1 | (19) B 40 rds 2 |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed .057 tons | (20)-(21) Omitted |
| (8) Salt Captured and Destroyed 15 lbs | (22) SA rds 1489 |
| (9)-(12) Omitted | (23) Grenades 24 |
| (13) 82mm Mor rds 1 | (24) AP mines 2 |
| (14) Omitted | (25) AT mines 2 |
| | (26) TNT 3 lb |
| | (27) Omitted |

5.6.7. Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 12/71 dated 22 Mar 71.

9.10. Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a.b.c.d.e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) II FFV have advised that throughout GVN MR3 numerous reports from PWs, HOI CHANH and agents have indicated that the enemy has planned increased offensive action to climax his dry season campaign. The specific period of 15-30 Mar has been mentioned in some of these reports. While it appears unlikely that the enemy has the capability to launch large scale ground attacks, he does possess the capacity to conduct limited attacks by fire, attacks on small isolated outposts, and interdiction of lines of communication.

Comment. There have been no specific reports which suggest that a "high point" in the province is imminent. Nevertheless it should be noted that D445 have recently returned to the Province. On the last occasion when this occurred (mid Nov 70) the re-entry of D445 was followed by an attack by that unit upon an RF Post (XUYEN MOC on 29 Nov) which was one stroke of a co-ordinated "high point" in MR3 and BINH TUY Province. D445's presence in the XUYEN MOC - SUOI GIAU area is most likely to be a prelude to offensive activity.

(2) (271545H) At YS475529, 189 RF Coy AP contacted approx 6 VC who returned fire with B40, M60 and SA fire. En wdr West with neg en cas. A follow up located shirts and shorts and a blood trail.

(3) Late Report (262100H) At YS555600, 455 RF Coy contacted 3 VC who wdr South. They were thought to be a recce unit. Sweep produced nil results.

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(4) (251600H) At YS823924, 3 Bde tps SE of FSB FONTAINE discovered 20 bkrs showing no sign of recent use. System destroyed.

(5) (250510H) At YS825935, 3 Bde tps engaged movement 100m NW of loc with 81mm mortar. Morning sweep produced no results.

(6) (251250H) At YS848954, 3 Bde tps loc 40 lbs of flour and 25 lbs of corn, No recent activity in area.

(7) (252230H) At YS861961, 3 Bde tps observed 2 lights 150m East of their loc. At 2345H, engaged movement 100m South of location with 81mm mortar. Morning sweep produced nil results.

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- Annexes: B Captured Documents
- C Agent Reports
- E Aerial Reconnaissance

Distribution:

List A	RTAVF	BIEN HOA	Sector S2
HQ II FFORCE V	18 ARVN Div	TAC	2/25 (US) Bde
MACV-J2	3 Tac Fighter Wing	Advisory Team 89	1 (US) Cav Div (AM)
MACV-CICV	12 Cbt Avn Gp	Sector S2	3 Bde 1 (US) Cav Div

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

Documents taken from the body of a VC KIA by 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS373903 at 271515H Mar 71 identified the KIA as probably a 2IC of C8 (Militia Office SR4), NGUYEN VAN BIEN aka BAY BIEN. His commendation certificates from 1964-69 were captured among other documents.

2. Included were strength states for Mar-May 70, reports and decisions of (mainly) SR4 units, and food and money lists.

3. Also included were a number of LBNs and cover designators for SR4 units dated 15 Jan 71.
Map

4. A GVN 1:100,000 map taken from a French survey was also taken from KIA. It was in a plastic container and covered the area from SAIGON to the YS73 Easting, and from VUNG TAU to the YT18 Northing.

4. The map itself is reasonably old and has red markings as shown in Appendix 1.

6. The overlay in Appendix 1 should be studied in conjunction with 1 ATF Special over print 1:100,000, Edition 1. The tracks marked will be seen to pass along cleared fire trails between old allied sites, and probably indicate routes for quick and easy movement. Since the lines are marked in red they could indicate routes thought by the enemy to be used by friendly GVN (FWMAF) forces. The two criss-crossed areas seem to conform with two large land-cleared areas.

7. There are some faint markings in red upon the plastic which indicate possible movement routes from LONG THANH (BIEN HOA) NW to the DONG NAI, and then North to LONG BINH. A further mark then passes NE to XT1712.

7 Pl C Coy 3 RAR

8. Documents captured by 7 Pl C Coy 3 RAR at YS661767 on 26 Mar 71 included a quantity of torn pages of VC propaganda.

9. Also included were a number of strength states in 1970 of 2nd or 1st Battalion. (Probably D440 or D445.)

10. There was also a separate list of names which did not agree with those held for D445.

11. Further investigation and cross-checking of these documents will be carried out.

3 Pl A Coy 3 RAR

12. 3 Pl A Coy 3 RAR found a document at YS661780 at 271445H Mar 71. The document described the loss of a GVN ID card by THACH THI HAI who was born in 1935 in TRA CU District, TAY NINH Province. It listed his occupation as paddy worker and cited two witnesses, TRAN THI THANH and TRAN THI NO. The report was dated 18 Feb 71.

Appendix 1. Trace of captured map (see para 4 above)

Agent Reports

1. Agent report received from National Police PHU MY 26 Mar 71, VN eval C2, Aust eval F3. At 251300H Mar 71, a section of VC from the PHU MY Finance and Economy Section appeared at YS295725 where they stopped oxcarts to levy taxes and to ask about the security situation in PHU MY. The group were armed with 5xAK47, 3x Redstockrifles and 1xB40. Comment: This area is thought to be used constantly by the VC from PHU MY for the purpose of taxation.

2. Agent report received from LONG LE National Police 26 Mar 71, VN eval C2, Aust eval F3. At 241630H Mar 71, 1 squad of VC (approx 8) armed with individual wpns and 1xB40, were seen on 2 motor boats moving from YS273627 to YS257622. They stopped fishermen in order to spread propaganda, and left after 45 mins. Comment: This is not an uncommon occurrence for this area.

3. Agent report received from PHU MY 27 Mar 71, VN eval C2, Aust eval F3. At 241500H Mar 71, 1 Coy of VC, (approx 60, wearing mixed dress with individual and crew served wpns, were at SUOI SAO, YS297725. Source also reports that local guerillas were halting ox-carts to levy taxes, and sending people to buy food and medicine. Comment: The numbers of en are thought to be exaggerated. A Pl from C2 Engr Coy, str approx 12, may be operating in this area in conjunction with the PHU MY guerillas.

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1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sighting</u>
271115H	YS603876	A track approx 200m long running East/West. Track was well worn and last used within 2 weeks. It leads into heavy timber near rivers edge but does not appear to cross the water.
271200H	YS540802	Old bunker system and adjoining trenches, mostly overgrown, seen. No fresh signs of movements.
271400H	YSE68-72 N70-73 YS574684	Many old heavy tracks in Eastern portion but appeared to be old friendly activity. A bunker in good condition was sighted on Western bank and footprints seen in mud about 100m SW of the bunker.

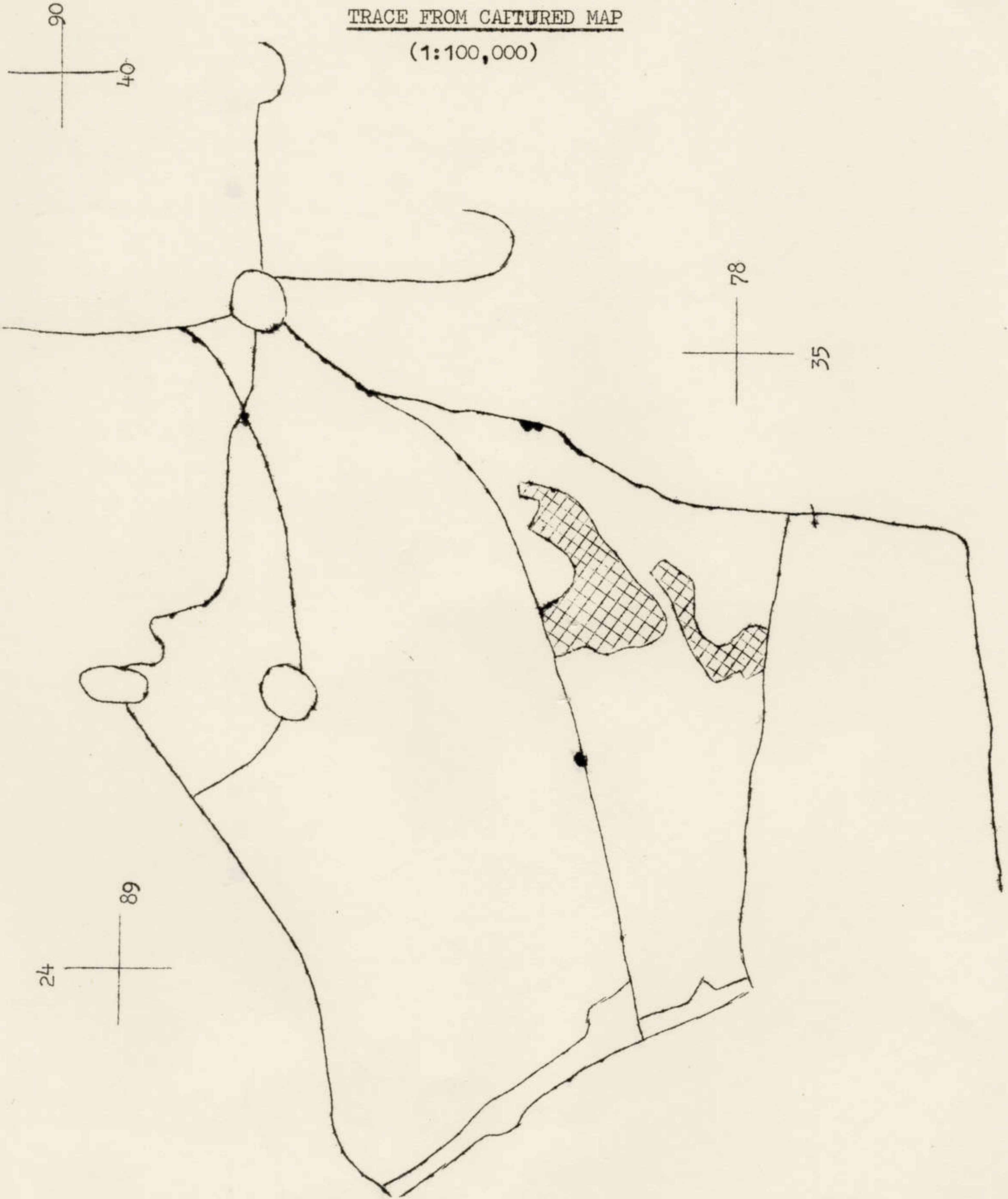
2.3.4.5. Omitted

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1 ATF INTSUM NO 86/71
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APPENDIX 1 TO
ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM 86/71
DATED 27 MAR 71

TRACE FROM CAPTURED MAP
(1:100,000)



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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 87/71.
2. Period covered from 280001H to 282400H Mar 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There 2 Contacts with Task Force Elements.
 - a. Ground Activity.
 - (1) AO DEBORAH.
 - (a) Further to report of mine detonated at YS624662 on 260905H (INTSUM 85/71 para 3 a. (2) (b) RAE advice is that mine had been in posn approx three months. Bamboo switch was found approx 50m away from site of explosion, but not known how long switch had been in posn.
 - (b) Late report (271130H) at YS5154 (NDP BRIGID) a ptl from A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn(op con 3 RAR) found six M16 mines on its perimeter. Mines were in very good condition and believed to be part of the old minefield running from HORSESHOE (YS4962) to BRIGID.
 - (c) (281820H) At YS651752 C Coy 3 RAR contacted 2 en dressed in black with coloured hats, one having a weapon. Enemy withdrew SW. Sweep produced negative results.
 - (2) AO LISA
 - (a) (281446H) At YS376894 5 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn eng one en in black with no weapon while they were clearing the bkr system reported yesterday (refer INTSUM 86/71 3a.(2)(a)) En moving SE to NW and wdr NW. Sweep conducted with nil results. Refer para 3a.(2) (b) below for installation report.
 - (b) Late report (271500H). Refers to same bunker system as in contact today, (refer para 3a.(2)(a) above). At YS374894 4 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn loc 14 bunkers, average size 2 ft x 2ft x 3ft. Bunkers were 2 weeks old, used very recently and in excellent condition. A qty engineers stores were located. For details refer para (4) e (2)(b). The stores poss booby trapped using a clacker, booster and RPG round.
 - (c) (Prior to 281650H). At YS393904, HQ B Coy and 6 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn observed 1 VC crawling past perimeter. Sweep conducted found no crawl marks. COMMENT: Movement may have been an animal.
 - b. Omitted.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a, b, c omitted.
 - d. Enemy Ammunition Expenditure
 - (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) omitted.
 - (6) RPG 7 - 1
 - e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2)(a) Omitted
 - (b) Destroyed

Qty batteries, one transistor, 10 x 1/2lb blocks CHICOM explosive, one aerial, 1 multi meter, 1 soldering iron, qty electric lead solder, 1 claymore (US), 2 claymore clackers, one RPG 7 round, 3 electric dets, qty cooking utensils and clothing.
 - (3) Omitted.
 - f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3

(1) KIA - NVA 29 VC	(15) 60mm Mor rds 13
(2) PW 1	(16) 75mm RCL rds 3
(3) and (4) omitted.	(17) 57mm RCL rds 4
(5) Individual Wpns	(18) B41 rds nil
Action 26	(19) B40 rds 2
(6) Crew served - Action 1	(20), (21) omitted
(7) Rice captured and Destroyed .057 tons	(22) SA rds 1489
(8) Salt captured and Destroyed 15 lbs	(23) Grenades 24
(9) to (12) omitted.	(24) AP mines 9
(13) 82 mm Mor rds 1	(25) AT mines 2
(14) 81 mm Mor rds - nil	(26) TNT 8 lbs
	(27) Bangalore Nil

5. Omitted.
6. Omitted.
7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 12/71 of 28 Mar 71.
9. Omitted.
10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous:
- a. Omitted.
- b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS.
- (1) Ref INTSUM 86/71.
- (a) Para 3 a (1) (i) delete "nervously" and insert "previously been".
- (b) ANNEX B para 6 line 2 amend "Edition 1" to read "Edition 8".

c., d., e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

- (1) (281100H) At YS410603 (LONG TAN hanlet) sector forces loc one M16 mine, one claymore and one grenade. Mines were hidden near 25/04 LONG TAN hanlet (the house of DOAN VAN DINH). He was one of the seven pers detained in cordon of LONG DIEN on 25 Mar (ref INTSUM 85/71 para 11 f.(2)).
- (2) (281330H) At YS667613 an airstrike was conducted. Negative BDA.

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- (3) (260925H) At YS828897 tps of 1 Cav Div observed 2-3 pers nov east to west and eng. En withdrew east. Res: 1 VC KIA (BC). CIA were one M1 carbine, 2 mags, 1lb rice, docus and misc field eqpt.
- (4) (260830H) At YS826926 tps of 1 Cav Div loc a well 4 x 3 ft, and a recently used bunker 4x4x8ft with 3ft OHP.
- (5) (260845H) At YS826940 tps of 1 Cav Div loc 15 bunkers each 10ft x 6ft x 5ft with 4ft OHP and 2 bunkers 2ft x 2ft x 4ft with 1 ft OHP. Area not recently used.
- (6) (260930H) At YS899931 a vehicle det a 60lb mine with pressure type firing device. Mine was in place approx 12 hours and veh sustained mod damage. No cas.
- (7) (262015H) At YS964974 (FSB BOLAN) base defence eng 1 en. Search to be conducted at first light.

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- Annexes: A. Omitted.
- B. Captured Documents
- C. Agent Reports
- D. Omitted
- E. Aerial Reconnaissance
- F. Light data
 Tide data.

Distribution

List A	18 ARVN Div	2/25 (US) Bde
HQ II FFORCE V	3 Tac Fighter Wing	1 (US) Cav Div (AM)
MACV-J2	12 Cbt Avn Gp	3 Bde 1 (US) Cav Div (AM)
MACV-CICV	BIEN HOA	
RTAVF	TAC	
	Advisory Team 89	
	Sector S2	

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM 87/71
DATED 28 MAR 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1 Fd Sqn

1. Documents captured by 1 Fd Sqn on the ground at YS576593 at 280945H Mar 71 were not of tactical value.
2. They were 2 pages of a GVN ARVN booklet listing the operational results of equipment captured and destroyed. There was also an extract from a VC letter with the words "Comrades, what can we do to stop rallying?"
3. The province map reported (INTSUM 80/71 para 3a.(2)(d) as having been captured by A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn at YS382853 on 21 Mar 71 from the body of a Pl Cond of H10 Hospital Staff SR4, included a number of markings in biro on the plastic covering of the map. These markings were:

Marking

Area

- | | |
|----------------------------|--|
| One cross at YS595635 | Just east of NUI NHON Military Post and 1500m West of the PHUOC BUU cache area. |
| One dot on map at YS421664 | On Route 2 by-pass west of NUI DAT. |
| One cross at YS267712 | Between NUI THE VAI and Route 15. |
| One cross at YS248754 | Hanlet of PHU MY, just west of Route 15. |
| One dot at YS402881 | Area of reported SR4 Rear Service Infiltration route as reported by PW on 26 Feb 71. |
| One dot at YS395902 | Open area near the poss loc of HQ SR4. |
| One dot at YS384572 | Near another SR4 Rear Service Infiltration route as reported by HC on 13 Feb 71. |
| One dot at YS368853 | General SR4 area in HAT DICH. |
| One dot at YS330898 | Near current REAVE NDP |
| One dot at YS258898 | Near loc of SR4 camp location as reported by HC on 13 Feb 71. |

General Comment: No firm conclusion can be reached consideration of these markings, except for a further possible indication of areas of movement of SR4 units. The marking in the area of NUI NHON / PHUOC BUU cannot be explained. So far as is known there is no contact between SR4 and the PHUOC BUU rice cache area, whose stocks may be depleted.

ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM N087/71
DATED 28 MAR 71

AGENT REPORTS

1. 1 ATF F3. On 240900H Mar 71 at YS428775 eight men, incl BA QUY (leader of NGAI GIAO (V) unit), armed with 2 AK 47, 4 SRS, one pistol and grenades were sighted. They wore black pyjamas, canvas hats, rubber sandals and carried one kilo of rice per man. The NGAI GIAO (V) unit on 22 Mar escorted unidentified VC units from LONG THANH to DUC THANH(D). These units intend to harass the GVN outpost and allied operations in the area.
 2. 1 ATF F3. On 281900H Mar 71 at YS451738 three VC armed with AK47s were sighted. Intention unk.
- Comment: Poss members from NGAI GIAO guerilla unit.
3. Report received from LANG PHUOC HAI 25 Mar 71 concerning the poss death of 4 VC KIA (airstrike) on 23 Mar 71 in the LONG HAI Mtns. One of the dead VC was poss LE VAN BI (name not held ORBAT).

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ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 87/71
DATED 28 MAR 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
270800H	YS488729 E48-51 N69-72	Wood cutters have been as far as this loc. No signs of any other fresh movement
271000H	YS667613	Several large des bkrs with two bkrs still in a useable condition. One was dug underneath an old anthill. Several sheets of iron in the area but could not tell if they were used as shelter. Approx 50m SE, a hut in good condition made from corrugated iron. Hut approx 8x12 ft. Several tracks in this general vicinity - age undeterminable.
	YS655608	A square hole in the ground with an area hollowed out underneath. Sheets of iron laid out on the ground nearby approx 8'x 8' with grass or seeds on top. Poss for drying rice or as a cover for something. Several old des bkrs nearby. Several trks in the vicinity appeared approx 1 month or more old.
	YS671617	A track junction. The trks appeared to have recent light use. An old destroyed bkr system at this loc. Also large part of aircraft wreckage.
280800H	E67-70 N63-66	No fresh signs in the area.
281000H	E74-77 N71-74	No significant sightings.
281200H	E60-63 N71-74 YS627713 YS625716	No significant sighting west of Route 328. Numerous tracks within civilian access areas. Six old fighting pits, no recent use. One large bkr with OHP partially des. Shows signs of recent attempts to camouflage it.
281400H	E60-63 N59-62	Nil significant sightings.

3. and 4. - Omitted.

5. APD(Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>STRONG</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>
270800H	-	-	YS565702 YS565705

Comment: These were the only two readings of interest as much of the area was affected by smoke. They conform with other reports of the possible loc of D445.

LIGHT DATA FOR BIEN HOA

APRIL 1971

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BMNT</u>	<u>SR</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>EENT</u>	<u>MR</u>	<u>MS</u>	<u>ILLUM(%)</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
1	0603	0650	1904	1951	1121	XXXX	33	
2	0602	0649	1904	1951	1219	0037	43	
3	0602	0649	1904	1951	1314	0131	53	First Half
4	0601	0648	1904	1951	1407	0219	63	
5	0600	0647	1904	1951	1456	0303	72	
6	0600	0647	1904	1951	1544	0344	80	
7	0600	0647	1904	1951	1628	0421	87	
8	0559	0646	1904	1951	1712	0456	93	
9	0558	0645	1904	1951	1755	0531	97	
10	0558	0645	1904	1951	1841	0606	99	
11	0557	0644	1904	1951	1927	0642	100	Full Moon
12	0557	0644	1904	1951	2015	0720	99	
13	0557	0644	1904	1951	2107	0803	95	
14	0556	0643	1904	1951	2201	0850	91	
15	0555	0642	1901	1951	2251	0941	84	
16	0555	0642	1901	1951	2353	1035	76	
17	0553	0641	1901	1952	XXXX	1133	66	
18	0553	0641	1901	1953	0047	1232	56	
19	0552	0640	1905	1953	0138	1329	45	Last Half
20	0551	0639	1905	1953	0228	1427	34	
21	0551	0639	1905	1953	0315	1523	23	
22	0550	0638	1905	1953	0400	1620	14	
23	0550	0638	1905	1953	0445	1716	7	
24	0550	0638	1905	1953	0531	1815	2	
25	0549	0637	1905	1953	0620	1915	0	New Moon
26	0549	0637	1905	1953	0712	2019	1	
27	0548	0636	1905	1953	0808	2122	5	
28	0548	0636	1905	1953	0906	2223	11	
29	0547	0635	1905	1953	1006	2321	19	
30	0547	0635	1905	1953	1104	XXXX	28	

TIDE DATA FOR CAPE SAINT JAQUES

APRIL 1971

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>FT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>FT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>FT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>FT</u>
1	0711	10.8		1158	8.2		1705	11.5				
2	0048	2.0		0829	10.2		1236	8.9		1725	11.2	
3	0144	3.0		1020	9.8		1328	9.5		1739	10.5	
4	0253	3.6		1202	10.2		1605	9.9		2052	9.8	
5	0422	4.3		1251	10.5		1943	8.5		2224	8.9	
6	0549	4.6		1318	10.5		1936	7.9				
7	0003	9.2		0652	4.6		1340	10.5		1952	6.9	
8	0108	9.8		0738	4.6		1358	10.8		2012	5.6	
9	0157	10.5		0814	4.9		1415	10.8		2035	4.9	
10	0237	10.8		0846	4.9		1432	11.2		2058	3.9	
11	0314	11.5		0914	5.3		1449	11.2		2123	3.0	
12	0350	11.5		0943	5.9		1505	11.5		2150	2.3	
13	0425	11.8		1009	6.6		1523	11.5		2218	2.0	
14	0507	11.5		1037	7.2		1542	11.5		2251	1.6	
15	0553	11.2		1105	7.9		1602	11.8		2327	1.6	
16	0650	10.8		1137	8.5		1624	11.5				
17	0010	1.6		0803	10.5		1216	9.2		1650	11.2	
18	0101	2.3		0937	10.2		1317	9.5		1722	10.8	
19	0203	2.6		1105	10.5		1511	9.5		1809	9.8	
20	0321	3.3		1154	10.8		1728	8.9		2114	9.2	
21	0448	3.9		1226	10.8		1825	7.5		2325	9.8	
22	0603	3.9		1255	11.2		1906	5.9				
23	0042	10.5		0705	4.3		1321	11.5		1944	4.3	
24	0145	11.5		0756	4.9		1348	11.5		2021	3.0	
25	0241	12.1		0839	5.3		1413	11.8		2058	1.6	
26	0332	12.1		0917	5.9		1440	12.1		2137	0.7	
27	0423	12.1		0953	6.9		1505	12.1		2214	0.3	
28	0515	11.8		1027	7.5		1532	12.1		2254	0.3	
29	0612	11.5		1102	8.2		1556	11.8		2337	0.7	
30	0713	10.8		1142	8.9		1620	11.2				

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 88/71.
2. Period covered from 29000H to 292400H Mar 71.
3. Summary of enemy activity. There were 2 contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.(1) AO DEBORAH

(a) Late Report. (282140H). At YS641770 3 Pl A Coy 3 RAR eng mov in the bamboo near AP. Sweep conducted this morning with nil results.

(2) AO LISA

(a) (Prior to 291208H). At YS455837, Albatross 02 sighted one pers dressed in black, moving W. Ac was too high to identify any wpn.

(3) AO JOSEPHINE

(a) (290721H) At YS568590 a ptl of 1 ARU loc a cache 4ft x 4ft covered by a sheet of iron. Cache contained 9 x 82MM rds, 2 x RPG 7 rds, 1 x AP directional mine, 100 x SKS rds, 100 x .30 cal rds, 1 x rpg 7 booster, 2 tins of 82MM mortar fuses and 1 tin of base charges. Cache was 6-12 months old, used 6-12 months ago and in poor condition. Cache destroyed and items backloaded.

(4) Other Areas

(a) Late Report. (282225H). At YS673740 4 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt eng mov on their perimeter after flares were fired and silhouette sighted. 3 small arms tracer rds sighted 100 metres to E at above loc. Sweep conducted this morning with nil results.

(b) (Prior to 290930H). From YS437660 tower picquet sighted 8 pers at YS437655. Ptl from 1 ARU with a sect of tanks reacted to detain pers. 2 pers were detained. Sweep conducted with nil results. 2 detainees released after questioning by Det 1 Div Int Unit at 291158H.

b. Omitted

4. a. b. c. and d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1), (3), (4) and (5) Omitted.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured. 9x82mm rds
 2xRPG7 rds
 1x AP Directional mine
 100xSKS rds
 100x.30 cal rds
 1xRPG7 booster
 2 tins of 82mm mortar fuses
 1 tin of base charges

(b) Omitted

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| f. (3), (4), (9) to (12), (14), (20), (21) and (27) Omitted | (16) 75mm RCL rds 3 |
| (1) 27 VC KIA | (17) 57mm RCL rds 4 |
| (2) 1 PW | (18) B 41 rds 3 |
| (5) Individual wpns; Action 26 | (19) B 40 rds 2 |
| Caches 2 | (22) SA rds 1319 |
| (6) Crew served wpns; Action 1 | (23) Grenades 24 |
| (7) Rice captured and destroyed .057 tons | (24) AP mines 4 |
| (8) Salt captured and destroyed 15 lbs | (25) AT mines 2 |
| (13) 82mm Mor rds 10 | (26) TNT 8 lbs |
| (15) 60mm Mor rds 13 | |

5. 6. 7. 9. and 10 Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 12/71 of 22 Mar 71.11. Miscellaneous.

a. b. c. d. and e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (Prior to 290410H). At YS826957 tps of 3 Bde 1 Cav Div loc a cache in two parts, 50m apart. Cache contained 2000 lbs of flour, 675 lb rice, 50 lbs salt, 20 lb powdered milk, 3275 lbs rice and 50 lb of corn. NFI.

(2) (291100H). At YS250696 a squad from 386 RF ambushed 2 VC dressed in mixed uniforms carrying 1xM16 and carbine. Result 1 VC WIA (BT).

(3) (291600H) At approx YS517594 a young boy attending cattle reported 11 VC of whom 10 were armed. They were dressed in black. It is believed that party may infiltrate PHUOC THO Village.

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ANNEXES: E. Aerial Reconnaissance
F. 3 (US) Bde Ops in NUI BE Area.

Distribution:

List A	18 ARVN DIV	Advisory Team 89
HQ II FFORCE V	3 Tac Flight Wing	Sector S2
MACV-J2	12 Cbt Avn Gp	2/25 (US) Bde
MACV)CICV	BIEN HOA	1(US) Cav Div (AM)
RTAVF	TAC	3 Bde 1 (US) Cav Div (AM)

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 88/71
DATED 29 MAR 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
291010H	E 59-62 N 79-82	No significant tracks or signs were seen in the area.
291210H	E53-56 N79-82	At YS564811 some cleared areas under the trees and many tracks were sighted in the area. All tracks appeared quite old.
291400H	E48-51 N71-74	Extensive woodcutting activity sighted in W of area. There were also several old tracks in the Eastern portion of the area. These tracks have been reported previously and show no sign of recent use.
291600H	E64-67 N61-64	There were several old destroyed bkrs and tin huts in the area. None of these showed signs of recent activity.

2, 3, and 4 Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>STRONG</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>
290930-1100	-	-	YS755755 YS765750

Sighting: A track was sighted running through YS750755 in a NW/SE direction. Could not establish if track had recently been used.

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3 (US) BDE OPS IN THE NUI BE AREA

1. The following is extract from 2 Bde 1 (US) Cav Div (AM) INTSUM 82-71 concerning ops in the NUI BE area
2. During the period 26 Dec 70 to 13 Jan 71, the 3rd Bde conducted a full brigade incursion into the area commonly known as base area 305, NORTH and NORTH WEST of old FSB SILVER. In addition elements of the 2/11 ACR provided blocking and screening support in the Southern portion of the base area, while 2/8, 2/5 and 1/5 Bns swept S from NW, N and NE postures in an effort to isolate and destroy T-7 HQ. The operation completely disrupted and routed the elms of T-7 HQ in base area 305 and it is known that on or about 11 Jan 71, due to pressure from US sweep operations, T-7 evaded S and relocated on the NUI BE mountain complex S of Route 1. Intelligence reports substantiated the Southern evasion to NUI BE by T-7. As a result, preparations were made and on 28 Jan 71, 2/8 elms operating out of FSB FONTAINE & 2/11 elms from FSB DOLAN began incursions into NUI BE.
3. In addition to T-7 HQ, other en elms known or thought to be on the mountain include:
 - a. D445 local force BN/BA Long (P).
 - b. K76A Hospital /T-7.
 - c. DT9 Dispensary /T-7.
 - d. K16 Hospital/T-7.
 - e. C10 Purchasing and Requisitioning Coy J85 Transportation Bn/T-7.
 - f. 63 C10 Entry and Exit Point, BA Long (P).
4. For elms of T-7 HQ, NUI BE had become a sanctuary and area of regroupment as well as reorganization having been thoroughly routed from base area 305 N of Route 1. D445 Local Force Bn has continually exploited the NUI BE mountain complex since mid 1970 as refitting, retraining, regrouping, re-supply and general R&R centre as well as a staging area for offensive moves against Aust and Gvn targets in XUYEN MOC (D), PHUOC TUY (P). Intelligence sources early in Jan confirmed suspicions that D445 had relocated from PHUOC TUY (P) to NUI BE as a result of extremely heavy losses at the hands of 1 ATF during Dec 70.
5. C10 Purchasing & Requisitioning Coy has been in the area of the Northern and NW slopes of NUI BE since their being routed from their former base area vicinity NUI NHON (ZSO697) in Jul 70 by elms of 199th LIB. C10 had established highly lucrative and sophisticated rear service storage and distribution operation on NUI BE supplying numerous elms of T-7 and the 33rd VA Regt with food, clothing and medical supplies through the exploitation of the Shadow Supply System off Route 1. The medical facilities mentioned above exploited the natural terrain cover and sanctuary atmosphere as well as the central pivotal location of NUI BE to provide all types of medical support to include surgery to elms in LONG KIANG and BINH THY Provinces.
6. Results were:
 - a. Man made defences.

(1) Bkrs destroyed or compromised	242
(2) M/S destroyed or compromised	132
(3) Sleeping positions	48
(4) Fighting positions	34
(5) BBT's	6
(6) Mines	3
 - b. Enemy units identified VIA documents.
 - (1) C2 Political Staff Section/T-7 HQ.
 - (2) C3 Rear Service Staff Section/T-7 HQ.
 - (3) B1 Admin Sect/C3 Rear Service Staff Sect/T-7 HQ.
 - (4) B3 QM Sect/C3 Rear Service Staff Sect/T-7 HQ.
 - (5) B2 Military Intelligence Sect/C1 Military Staff Sect/T-7 HQ.
 - (6) C4 Recon Coy/B2 I.I. Sect / C1 Military Staff Sect/T-7 HQ.
 - (7) A15 Squad/B11 Security Sect/C3 Rear Service Staff Sect/T-7 HQ.
 - (8) C10B P1 /C10 Purchasing and Requisitioning Coy/J85 Trans Bn/C3 Rear Service Staff Sect/T-7 HQ.
 - (9) C10K P1/C10 Purchasing and Requisitioning Coy/J85 Trans Bn/C3 Rear Service Staff Sect/T-7 HQ.
 - (10) B5 Medical Sub Staff Sect/C3 Rear Service Staff Sect/T-7 HQ.
 - (11) K16 Hospital /C3 Rear Service Staff Sect/T-7 HQ.
 - (12) DT9 Dispensary/C3 Rear Service Staff Sect/T-7 HQ.
 - (13) K8 Hvy Wpns Coy (Upon D445 Local Force Bn)
 - (14) C5 HQ/D445 Local Force Bn.
 - (15) BA LONG (P) Psychological Warfare and Entertainment Sect/Political Staff Sect/BA LONG (P) HQ.
 - (16) C4 Hvy Wpns Coy/D445 Local Force Bn.

(16) Possibly BA LONG (P) Hospital.

7. During the period there have been a total of 13 en KIA by actual body count. These KIA were identified from docus as belonging to the following units :

- a. 1x KIA-C10 Purchasing & Requisitioning Coy.
- b. 1x KIA-B1 Admin Sect/C3 Rear Service Staff Sect/T-7 HQ.
- c. 1x KIA B3 QM Sect/C3 Rear Service Staff Sect/T-7 HQ.
- d. 1x KIA Unspecified elm of T-7 HQ.
- e. 1x KIA Coy XO of C4 Recon Coy/B2 M.I. Sect/C1 Military Staff Sect/T-7 HQ.
- f. 1x KIA-C10K P1/C10 Purchasing and Requisition Coy
- g. 1x KIA QM of C10K P1/C10 P & R Coy.
- h. 1x KIA Unidentified.
- i. 2x KIA-C10 Purchasing and Requisitioning Coy Courier Messenger elms.
- j. 2x KIA-Poss from C4 Recon Coy/C 2 M.I. Sect/C1 Military Staff Sect/T-7 HQ.
- k. 1x PW -CFFR, Coy XO, Poss of C4 Recon Coy.

8. Foodstuffs Denied to the enemy

- a. 2303 lbs rice
- b. 1240 lbs corn
- c. 1840 lbs salt
- d. 1220 lbs brown sugar
- e. 94815 lbs flour (47.4 tons)
- f. A total of 101,418 lbs of foodstuffs or 50.7 tons of foodstuffs.

9. CONCLUSION. 2/8 & 2/11 incursions into NUI BE since 18 Jan 71 have thoroughly disrupted the normal operations of T-7 HQ. The HQ and staff have been constantly on the defensive, & forced to constantly relocate. Channels of courier liaison/communication have been disrupted. The operations of C10 Purchasing & Requisitioning Coy have been stagnated. It is doubtful that any supplies are coming into C10 via Route 1 on the N. C10 cache locations have been compromised. The remaining caches are close to being compromised and efforts are being made to relocate & break down those caches making detection more difficult. T-7 has been thwarted in its desire to reorganize following the evasion out of base area 305.

. It is believed that T-7 HQ & the majority of its Rear Service Staff & elms remain in and will remain exploiting the sanctuary that NUI BE has become.

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HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

29 Mar 71

1 ATF SUPINTREP 13/71
(PERIOD 22 MAR - 28 MAR 71)

LAOS

1. Forces of Operation 'LAM SON 719' have now withdrawn from LAOS without completing the destruction of the Route 914 complex. However a key section of the infiltration route was seriously disrupted, heavy losses were inflicted and the enemy pressure on the western MR 1 border has been relieved to permit the withdrawal of US forces in western QUANG TRI Province and their replacement by ARVN troops who are now establishing AOs in that region. A new threat is being imposed by another enemy build-up of troops, artillery and possibly armour within the Demilitarized Zone. Figures for the operation in LAOS show some 7000 weapons captured or destroyed, together with 14,000 tons of ammunition, 1,600 tons of rice, 210,000 gallons of POL and 7,900 tons of medical supplies. ARVN losses are nearly 1,200 killed and over 4,000 wounded and missing. Enemy losses were stated to be very much higher. US losses are 147 killed, 853 wounded and 42 missing.

2. To the south, troops of Operation "DESERT RAT" ran into heavy opposition during an attack on MUONG PHALANE and the remnants of that force have been driven west from where they will probably be extracted in the immediate future.

3. Enemy activity around the capital, LUANG PRABANG, has been increasing steadily and the city, its airfield and defensive positions are being subjected to heavier and more sustained attacks by fire and ground probes.

CAMBODIA

4. Operation "TOAN THANG" forces have withdrawn from the CHUP Plantation and appear content to maintain route security and defensive patrols from static positions along Route 7, in the face of enemy harassment.

SVN: MRs 1, 2 and 4

5. Following the withdrawal of forces from LAOS, the level of enemy interdiction along lines of communication and around support bases has declined slightly although KHE SANH and other FSBs close to the border are still being subjected to repeated enemy attacks by fire. Elsewhere in Military Regions 1, 2 and 4 a low level of enemy initiated activity prevailed.

MR 3

Enemy Activity

6. A low level of enemy initiated activity continued throughout MR 3 during the week. There were two ground contacts, in BINH DUONG Province (XT845460) on 19th March and in TAY NINH Province (XT338459) on 23rd March in which 46 enemy were killed for a friendly loss of 2 killed, 4 wounded and 4 missing. On 22nd March KATUM Airfield received five 82mm mortar rounds which impacted in storage areas, destroying 24 tons of ammunition and a further 28,000 gallons of jet fuel. The enemy involved in this attack have been tentatively identified as an element of 7 NVA Div.

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

7. Documents captured in SR 5 (YT154373) indicate that the enemy plans to take advantage of Allied troop commitments in LAOS and CAMBODIA to implement a 6 point programme which will include stepped-up assassination of GVN officials, and increased propagandizing designed to deter ARVN forces from fighting willingly in CAMBODIA and LAOS. The documents emphasise that ARVN redeployments into CAMBODIA provide an excellent opportunity to intensify political activity.

Assessment for MR 3

8. II FFV have estimated that enemy initiated activity will remain at a generally

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low level, but that the enemy may attempt a limited upsurge at the end of the month.

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9. During the week there were 19 contacts which involved 1 ATF troops. Twelve enemy were killed and three were wounded. In addition Sector forces had seven ground contacts in which two VC were killed and one was wounded. Nine GVN soldiers were wounded on mines.

Enemy Unit Identifications and Locations

10. D445. No confirmed contact has been made with D445 since 3 RAR contacted the Recce Pl of C5 south of BAU NON on 20th March (YS651787); SUPINTREP 12/71 para 9 b.). However sniffer readings indicate that an element, probably the main body, are west of Route 328 in the SONG RAI/SUOI GIAU base area. It is not known whether C3 has remained in the area north of XUYEN MOC, where it was last contacted on 17th March (YS634734), or whether it is with the main body. The main body probably comprises C2, C4 and C5. Since it is believed that D445 has come to the area from NUI BE on an offensive task, it is likely that K8 Heavy Weapons Company of BA LONG is also with the unit (K8 joined D445 on the unit's last offensive mission) or is soon to join it. Since D445 is now deployed close to the LONG HAIIs it is most likely that SAU THU, the Battalion Commander, will leave the LONG HAIIs and rejoin the unit for operations.

11. 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn has been conducting operations in the portion of the Headquarters Sub Region 4 main base which is located in the SUOI CA/SOC and SUOI CHA RANG region (YS E35-41 N84-92). Nine enemy have been killed and two wounded, and three bunker complexes have been entered and destroyed. Enemy units contacted have included C8 Militia Office and C205 Recce Coy of SR 4 (the protection element for HQ SR 4) a group from 274 Regt, and C3 Coy of D2 Bn, which is the protective element for H10 Hospital of SR 4.

12. On 26th March the Secretary of the CHAU DUC District Committee Orderly Room was arrested by Sector forces during a cordon and search at NGAI GIAO (YS4679).

13. On 22nd March south of BAU HAM (at YS686826) troops of 3 RAR killed two enemy of whom one, before he died, stated that he was a member of the BA LONG Ordnance Factory. This unit was last contacted on 19th January by a 1 ATF patrol to the east (YS733864) and may have re-located to the BAU HAM area.

14. The 2IC of the HOI MY guerillas was killed by RF troops on 25th March near NUI DIEN BA (YS468540)

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

15. On 26th March a 300lb mine was discovered attached to the pilings of the eastern most of the CAU CO MAY bridges on Route 15 (YS379571). The timing of the incident may have been related to that of the present SEATO meetings in VUNG TAU. The mine was probably laid by A32 VUNG TAU Water Sapper Unit (possible strength 22) which operates from the RUNG SAT. A32 also probably laid the recent mines at DE LONG Pier (YS300491 on 5th March) and CAT LO (YS347517 on 28th Dec) and further mining attempts can be expected.

16. Enemy troops on NUI BE who have been opposing 3 Bde of 1st Cav Div (AM) operations in the area have now lost 14 killed since the US operation commenced on 28th January. The main US target is Headquarters Military Region 7, which sought refuge in January in NUI BE following US operations in its normal AO, Base Area 305, to the north. US operations have caused the loss to the enemy of over 52 tons of food, mainly flour. This food has been seized from caches in the area of Entry/Exit point 63 (YT8393) and its loss, together with disruption of supply routes down from Route 1 will have lessened the value of the NUI BE cache area, a source of food, clothing and medical equipment for MR 7 units. Pressure upon Headquarters MR 7 may result in its being forced eventually to relocate to

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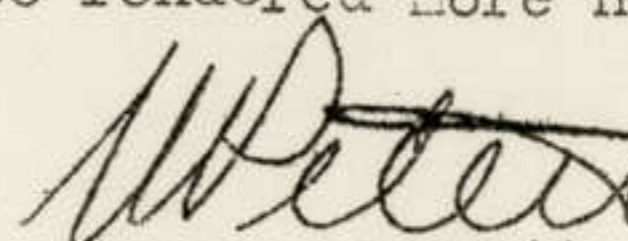
the southern portion of NUI BE. However it is believed that the majority of the MR 7 Headquarters and Rear Service elements will be able to maintain their security in the NUI BE sanctuary.

17. Information from a captured letter indicates that the 22 short tons of flour captured by US troops on 17th March at Entry Exit Point 63 (INTSUM 78/71 para 11. f. (5)) had been intended for 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt which seems to have moved back recently to its old area near the SONG VONG River (area YSYT5500) from the area north east of XUAN LOC, where 3 Bn has been located for the past two months. The loss of this flour, estimated at 220 days staple diet for 3 Bn, should hamper any offensive plans on the part of the unit. A second agent report has been received suggesting that an element of 3 Bn may have been ordered to operate in DUC THANH District, but no firm indication has been received.

18. On 26th March RF troops contacted a resupply party departing DAT DO for the LONG HAIs killing one who was unable to be identified because of wounds (YS476586). Insufficient information is available but it is clear that DAT DO and LONG DIEN are infiltrated regularly by LONG DAT and C1 parties, probably providing sufficient food for the estimated 150 enemy in the LONG HAIs.

19. In the past week there have been three mine incidents on Routes 328 and 23 near XUYEN MOC (YS619831 21 Mar 71; YS 624662 26 Mar 71). These mines, together with the mine detonated on the 7th March (YS635627) and the mine marker found by 3 RAR on 8 March (YS602748), may have been the work of a group of possibly 10 members of C4 D445 who were left behind when D445 withdrew to NUI BE in January. The D445 party are probably assisted by XUYEN MOC guerillas, and the enemy probably intends to continue mining in the area, for its harassing and propaganda effect.

20. D445's return to the Province coincides with II FFVs assessment that a limited upsurge in activity may be attempted in MR 3. D445 timed its last move into the Province (mid-November) to enable it to take part in such an upsurge, which occurred in MR 3 on 29th November. D445 is believed to have an operational mission at the moment. Its target will probably be a territorial post. BA LONG Province is known to have designated LONG DAT District as the area of primary importance, and D445's association with LONG DAT further suggests DAT DO or LONG DIEN as possible target areas. No further clues exist to suggest the battalion's plan except that the attack will probably be carried out before the wet season commences (mid-May), when withdrawal will be rendered more hazardous.


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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 89/71.
2. Period covered from 300001H to 302400H Mar 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements.
 - Ground Activity
 - (1) AO DEBORAH
 - (a) (301705H). AT YS594748, C Coy 3 RAR engaged one enemy, dressed in black, who was moving from E to W. The enemy withdrew W. A sweep revealed no result.
 - (2) AO LISA.
 - (a) (301715H). At YS410888, 7 Pl C Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found one body, approx two months old, which appeared to have been killed by a mechanical ambush. (On 15 Jan 71 Recce element of 1-27 US Inf engaged two enemy after a mechanical ambush in vicinity YS409889 resulting in one VC KIA (BC)).
 - (b) Air Activity
 - (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a.b.c.d. Omitted
 - e. Captured and Destroyed Material.
 - (1), (2), (3) and (5) omitted.
 - (4) Captured Documents. See Annex B.
 - f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3
 - (3), (4), (9)-(12), (14), (20), (21) and (27) omitted.
 - (1) 27 VC
 - (2) PW 1
 - (5) Individual Wpns. Action 26. Caches 1.
 - (6) Crew served wpns. Action 1
 - (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed. .057 tons.
 - (8) Salt Captured and Destroyed. 15 lb.
 - (13) 82mm Mor rds 10
 - (15) 60mm Mor rds 13
 - (16) 75mm RCL rds 3
 - (17) 57mm RCL rds 4
 - (18) B 41 rds 3
 - (19) B 40 rds 2
 - (22) SA rds 1639
 - (23) Grenades 24
 - (24) AP mines 4
 - (25) AT mines 2
 - (26) TNT 8 lb
- 5.6.7. Omitted
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 13/71 dated 29 Mar 71.
- 9.10. Omitted
11. Miscellaneous.
 - a. Omitted
 - b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS.
 - (1) Reference INTSUM No. 88/71:
 - (a) Para 3.a.(2)(a): Amend "YS455837" to read "YS425837".
 - (b) Para 3.a.(4)(b): "Delete ref to a sect of tanks reacted".
 - (c) Reference INTSUM 87/71 para 3.a.(2)(b): Amend number of bunkers to 20.
 - c.d.e. Omitted
 - f. Other Items of Reporting Interest
 - (1) (300130H). At YS297564, five VC entered BA TRAU(H) LONG SON ISLAND and killed NGUYEN VAN BA, a former HOI CHANH and PRU agent.
 - (2) (301105H). At YS423760, 655 RF Coy contacted 10 VC moving W. Res: One VC KIA, 1 AK47 and a qty of docus captured. The enemy wdr West. The VC KIA was identified by the docus as TRAN VAN THI leader of BINH BA Military Proselyting Section. (See Annex B for details of docus captured.)

Extracts from 1 Cav Div (AM) INTSUM

- (3) (271210H). At YS826900, a recce ptl was engaged by two enemy. The enemy wdr NW with unknown losses. One US was WIA.
- (4) (270937H). At YS833925, a recce ptl engaged four enemy who wdr W. Res: One enemy KIA (BC), one AK47 and 100 lb flour captured.
- (5) (271140H). At YS858931, 292 RF Coy found four bags of flour (440 lb) camouflaged on the ground.

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Annex: A. Interrogation Reports. B. Captured Documents. C. Agent Reports.
E. Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution:

List A	MACV-CICV	3 Tac Fighter Wing	TAC	2/25 (US) Bde
HQ II FForce V	RTAVF	12 Cbt Avn Gp	Advisory Team 89	1 (US) Cav Div (AM)
MACV-J2	18 ARVN Div	BIEN HOA	Sector S2	3 Bde 1 (US) Cav Div (AM)

ANNEX A TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO. 89/71
DATED 30 MAR 71

INTERROGATION REPORT

Biographical Data

- a. Name: DUONG THI DAC aka DUONG NGOC LIEU
- b. D/POB: 1945, PHUOC THO (NHON TRACH)
- c. Rank/Appt: Nurse
- d. Unit: H10 Hosp, Group 12.
- e. Circumstances of rally: To Chieu Hoi Centre, Vung Tau 23 Mar 71, after being persuaded by her family.

Information

- 1. Subject joined the VC in 1965 and was posted to the Q store of LONG THANH District Unit as a cook. Between 1967 and Mar 70 her unit was integrated into SR4.
- 2. In Mar 70 she attended a Nurses course at H10 Hospital SR4 which lasted 3 months. The hospital was continuously attached until Feb 71 around the area YS300900 and so moved to the TRAU Stream at approx YS254905. They were accompanied by 2 Coy 2 Bn SR4 (strength approx 70) as protection.
- 3. H10 was still in the area with the protection Coy when the subject left. There are a number of old bunkers in the area which have now been repaired. Each can hold 3 persons.
- 4. H10 has the task of treating all wounded from 2 Bn SR4, including surgery. It has the capacity for 20 patients, but currently holds only 3.
- 5. The subject asked to go on a resupply mission so as to give her one month old child to her family. The route taken was from the camp at approx YS254905, across an unknown creek to THAI THIEN (YS2279). When her group started to return she fled and joined her relatives who took her to VUNG TAU to rally. She claims to know nothing of the detailed supply route taken by her group or any others from the unit. This, the subject states, was the first trip she had made.

ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO. 89/71
DATED 30 MAR 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

- 1. Docs recovered from a body at YS423760 after a contact by 655 RF Coy, contained ORBAT information of 302 RF Bn, 655 RF Coy, 626 RF Coy, 945 RF Coy and PSDF at BINH BA.
- 2. Documents captured in a bunker system by 4 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) at YS377893 on 27 Mar included a receipt for 1000p given by THIET, adjutant of C6 to BA TANH dated 18 Feb 71.
- 3. Recent shopping lists (incl one dated 30 Feb 71) and part of an SR4 Directive concerning living in and around villages were also found. One of the lists dated 4 Dec 70 has on the back of it. "If going to D2, then go to Uncle Ut and Rome Town and new location, night 25, moving morning 26."

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1 ATF INTSUM NO. 89/71
DATED 30 MAR 71

AGENT REPORTS

- 1. (301215H). 1 ATF eval F2. Since 25 Mar 71, six VC arrive at YS504644 daily to 0900H and 1600H and then disperse. They are armed with one M79 and two AK47 and are believed to be from either LONG TAN or PHUOC THANH Village Guerilla Units.
Comment: Area slightly suspect, as it is too far EAST of either units normal AO.

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DATED 30 MAR 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
300800-0910H	E YS56-59 N YS79-82	No recent movement.
301000-1208H	YS604643	Hvy track across Route 328, probably made by friendly forces.
301200-1400H	E YS50-53 N YS70-73	No sign of recent movement in area.
301400-1600H	E YS36-39 N YS79-82	No fresh signs of activity in the area.

2.3.4. Omitted

5. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>STRONG</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>
300700H	YS541712	YS546705	YS541719
	546708	546707	541718
	553703	546718	541717
		546719	553713
		546722	553708
		553706	

Comment: There were friendly forces to the East of these groups and it is possible some of the readings were a result of their presence.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 90/71.
2. Period covered from 310001H to 312400H Mar 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was 1 contact with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO DEBORAH

(a) (311440H - 1900H) At YS584722 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn op con to 3 RAR contacted unk number of en. Pl was fol track that was showing signs of immediately recent use when a gp of en were sighted and engaged. Five en were seen to fall. En returned fire with several types of wpns incl grenades, 2 x 60 mm mor, RPG 7 and one .50 cal. Pl was attacked on three sides. DS heli and Dust-Off ac struck by ground fire and forced to land. Two Bushrangers also hit by ground fire. One RAAF WIA and DOW. En fol up wdr of 1 Pl and 3 RAR pnts and wounded one man. Fol wdr, LFT continued to receive ground fire from contact area until last light. Results: 9 WIA of whom 2 DOW (incl 1 RAAF); One M60 and one other wpn lost. Comment: En force most probably unidentified elm of D445.

(2) AO LISA

(a) (311010H) At YS417870 a ptl of 7 Pl C Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn loc one freshly dug grave containing one very old decayed body. No docus on body.

(3) AO JOSEPHINE

(a) (310840H) At YS573598 1 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt loc and destroyed 100 plus pits with command pit in centre. Pits in circular shaped area 100-150m in diameter. Pits had 18" OHP. Comp 18 mths - two yrs old, last used one year ago. Some pits were in good condition while others were in poor condition.

b. Air Activity

(1) Aircraft Receiving Ground Fire.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORDS</u>	<u>TYPE OF FIRE</u>	<u>*DAMAGE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
311535H	YS586722	SA	4	During contact 3 a (1) a.
311547H	YS586722	SA	3	
311715H	YS586722	SA	4	
311905H	YS586722	SA	1	

* DAMAGE CODE: 1 - Neg hits, 2 - Light damage, 3 - Moderate damage, 4 - Downed, 5 - Crashed.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. to e. Omitted

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3

(3), (4), (9) to (12), (14), (20), (21), (27) Omitted

(1) KIA 27 VC	(13) 82 mm Mor rds 10	(22) SA rds 1639
(2) PW 1	(15) 60 mm Mor rds 43	(23) Grenades 24
(5) Individual Wpns	(16) 75 mm RCL rds 3	(24) AP mines 4
Action 26	(17) 57 mm RCL rds 4	(25) AT mines 2
Caches 1	(18) B 41 rds 3	(26) TNT 8 lb
(6) Crew served wpns	(19) B 40 rds 2	
Action 1		
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed .057 tons		
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed 15 lb		

5. 6. 7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 13/71 dated 29 Mar 71.

9. 10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous:

a. c. d. e. Omitted

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Ref INTSUM 89/71 para 11 b (c) delete all ref. Reference INTSUM 87/71 para 3a (2)(b) after "(Refer para 3 a (2) (a) above insert: At YS374894 4 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn loc a bunker system semi circular and 300m diam. System consisted of 19 bkrs 8'x8'x4' each with own cooking area, 2 holes 4'x2'7', 1 hole 4'x2'x3½', 1 smal kitchen and five water points. Bkrs had 2½-3' OHP. Entry/exit north, west and SE. System 2-3 weeks old, was occupied when located, was in excellent condition and is to be destroyed.

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Loc in a bkr was a booby trap consisting of 1 claymore clacker connected to RPG booster, For items loc refer para 4 e (2) (b) below.

(2) Ref INTSUM 89/71

(a) ANNEX E amend "YS604643" to read "YS604743".

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (301600H) At DUC THANH Sector forces detained two persons: NGUYEN VAN GIAO (PSDF leader in BINH BA) fol mention of his name in docus CIA from KIA 30 Mar at YS423760 (INTSUM 89/71 para 11 f (2) refers). Subject has confessed to giving info to the VC. Also detained was NGUYEN THI HONG whose name was also mentioned in the above docus. Refer ANNEX A for interrogation report.

(2) (311400H) XUYEN MOC Sub sector reported that TRAN VAN MINH aka SON rallied at that loc. He had been a member of C1/D445 until two years ago but until time of rallying was a member of BAU LAM Production Cell. Currently at BARIA undergoing interrogation.

(3) Late report (302110H) At YS490697 384 RF Coy detained 2 pers. The RF had entered a house and two pers had attempted to escape. They are being questioned at LONG LE Sub Sector. Further info to follow.

(4) (311935H) Report from XUYEN MOC. At YS711616 a boat with 4 pers approached shore. They were apprehended by MSF. One was found to be wounded and has been taken to VUNG TAU. The other three (one old man and two boys) are being questioned by XUYEN MOC police.

EXTRACTS FROM RTAVF INTSUM 89/71

(5) (301430H) At YS253957 RTAVF tps loc and destroyed four bkrs, while two dud 155 mm arty rds, C4 explosive, two detonators, three claymore mines, 10 dry cell batteries, qty C - rations, five pairs canvas shoes, one broken radio and one canteen were CIA.

(6) (301600H) At YS252958 RTAVF tps loc 3 bkrs each 12 ft x 6 ft x 6 ft. CIA were 100 M60 rds, one knife and personal effects.

EXTRACTS FROM 3 BDE 1 CAV DIV (AM) INTSUM

(7) (290845H) At YS865945 3 Bde tps loc an eight foot wide track running east/west. Track was pressed hard and used by two pers in last 24 hrs.

(8) (290900H) At YS811873 3 Bde tps loc a track used by one- four pers in both directions during past 24 - 48 hrs.

(9) (290904H) At YS811874 3 Bde tps loc an east/west track, pressed hard, 12" wide and recently used by unk no of pers.

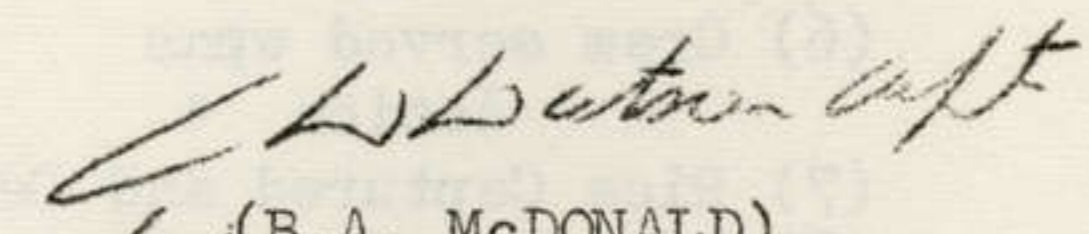
(10) (290930H) At YS857947 3 Bde tps loc two bkrs 8'x10', one M16 mag, one 10lb bag of salt and a north/south track not recently used. Bunkers destroyed.

(11) (291000H) At YS814876 3 Bde tps loc one 55 gal drum of CS. Destroyed in situ.

(12) (291055H) At YS795018 3 Bde tps loc a north/south track running along side of river. NFI.

(13) (291600H) At YS857953 3 Bde tps loc one 250 lb bomb partly submerged in water. EOD team requested.

(14) (292005H) At YS874956 3 Bde tps heard mov of 4-5 persons in direction NW/SE. Claymores fired. At 2015H mov continued and claymores again fired. Sweep revealed nil results.


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ANNEXEX: A. INTERROGATION REPORTS
B. CAPTURED DOCUMENTS
C. AGENT REPORTS

E. AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE
F. ENEMY CASUALTY FIGS

Distribution:

List A	18 ARVN Div	Advisory Team 89
HQ II FFORCE V	3 Tac Fighter Wing	Sector S2
MACV-J2	12 Cbt Avn Gp	2/25 (US) Bde
MACV-CICV	BIEN HOA	1 (US) Cav Div (AM)
RTAVF	TAC	3 Bde 1 (US) Cav Div (AM)

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 90/71
DATED 31 MAR 71

INTERROGATION REPORTS

Biographical Data

- a. Name: NGUYEN THI HONG
- b. D/POB: 1951, ONG QUE, XUAN LOC
- c. Rank/Appt: Nurse
- d. Unit: BINH BA Village Unit
- e. Circumstances of Pick-Up: By DUC THANH Police, 30 Mar 71 as a VC suspect. HONG was a rallier; departed CHIEU HOI Centre Jul 70.

Information

1. Since Jul 70 HONG has worked as a rubber tapper in BINH BA. In Jan 71 she met TAI and TUT, VC proselyting cadre of CHAU DUC District. (Both have since been killed). TAI asked her for details of ARVN and allied forces in the area, but HONG refused to provide these.
2. She gave limited ORBAT details of the BINH BA Party Chapter and stated that their approx location had been at YS432773.
3. Comment: Subject is suspected agent. Her story is not fully believed.

ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 90/71
DATED 31 MAR 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. A communique captured by 2 Regt RTAVF on 20 Mar 71 at YS247887 gives details of possible VC minefields. It was dated 24 Aug 70 and signed by PHAM VAN CON, Chief of the Political Section C6 (Rear Svc Staff SR4).
2. The communique states that to protect friendly (VC) base camps and counter enemy (FWMAF/RVNAF) sweep operations, mines had been planted by C6 in the following areas:
 - a. Along the path from the locations of C6 and C8 (Militia Office SR4) to the location of C4, (Political Staff SR4), former location of D2 (MF Bn SR4) and the TRANG TRANH (unk) area; along the new path from the location of H10 (Hospital) to Route THONG NHUT (unk), in the vicinity of the BAU MAI area; along the new path linking the loc of (unk) C 17 to TAM LANG road (unk) in the area between TAM LANG road and the alternate camp of H10, and in the location of TS2 (unk) (between the TRANG TRANH and TAM LONG areas) and the locations of C6 and C8.

ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 90/71
DATED 31 MAR 71

AGENT REPORTS

1. Agent report received from DIOCC DAT DO, VN eval C3 Aust F3. On 23 Mar, 1 VC unit of approx 60 men may have moved from area YS5358 to area YS6363.
2. Agent report received from DIOCC PHUOC THANH 30 Mar 71, VN eval unk, Aust eval F4. At 251400H Mar 71 at YS539583, C3/D445 were sighted moving east. They had 2 x B40 and pers wpns and were dressed in mixed clothing. Comment Paras 1 and 2. There have been a number of low grade unevaluated reports of gps of VC being present in the LONG GREEN. There has however been no firm identification of any of these gps.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 90/71
DATED 31 MAR 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
310800H	E64-67 N61-64	No significant sightings and no sign of recent movement.

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<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
311000H	E69-72 N73-76	No sign of recent movement. En route to area 4 ox carts and approx 6 people were seen collecting wood east of NUI DAT 2.
311245H	YS308699	Appeared to be a recent track that crossed the saddle in an east-west dir at this grid. <u>Comment</u> : Probably woodcutters.
311150H	YS495675	Four persons and two ox carts sighted.
311015H	YS510685	Five ox carts plus civilians sighted.
311400H	E62-65 N73-76	Nil significant sightings.
311200H	E67-70 N79-82	Recent friendly activity has left some heavy tracks through the area.
	YS678812	Two old bks in poor condition.
	YS692823	Several destroyed bkrs and a destroyed tin hut with light track activity in the vicinity.
	YS682798	A foot track crosses a recently made armoured vehicle track at this loc. The foot track showed moderate use and approx 3-4 wks old.
	YS697794	A track was followed from this loc to YS703810. The track showed light use and approx 3 weeks old.

2. 3. 4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>STRONG</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>
310715H	YS612740	YS622745
	612738	627747
	617740	627745
	622746	632738
	622748	637738
	627738	642742
	632742	652730
	637736	652740
	642739	652747
		662730
		662734

Comment: There were numerous fires in the northern area of the mission area and for this reason some readings have been omitted. The emphasis in the readings lies in squares YS6173, YS6274, YS6273, YS6373. However recent moves of friendly tps could have given rise to these readings.

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ANNEX F TO
INTSUM 90/71
DATED 31 MAR 71

ENEMY CASUALTIES AS A RESULT
OF 1 ATF OPS JUL 68 - FEB 71 INCL

	KIA, incl Killed by Air and Killed by Arty	PW	HC	Individual Wpns Captured	Crew Served Wpns Captured
1968					
JUL	46	1	-	16	2
AUG	54	-	-	20	3
SEP	49	2	-	36	-
OCT	98	1	-	76	3
NOV	33	2	-	30	-
DEC	129	5	-	64	16
	409	11	-	242	24
1969					
JAN	95	3	-	96	12
FEB	70	2	-	67	11
MAR	54	1	1	28	2
APR	80	1	2	95	-
MAY	62	-	-	33	2
JUN	179	16	-	101	12
JUL	42	2	-	48	2
AUG	94	1	1	40	5
SEP	67	2	-	66	2
OCT	48	1	-	110	2
NOV	79	5	-	48	1
DEC	66	12	8	181	16
	874	46	12	913	67
1970					
JAN	88	9	3	70	3
FEB	82	4	2	105	1
MAR	28	2	7	21	1
APR	55	7	6	49	3
MAY	60	5	-	34	-
JUN	24	1	-	20	-
JUL	37	1	1	19	1
AUG	44	8	2	36	2
SEP	20	2	-	16	1
OCT	11	1	2	19	3
NOV	10	3	3	12	1
DEC	48	-	1	27	4
	507	43	27	428	20
	1790	100	39	1583	111
1971					
JAN	36	6	4	29	2
FEB	10	5	-	19	-

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VEHICLE STATE FOR FEB 71

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CENSUS CODE	VEH REG NO	C/S	RADIO	MONTHLY MILEAGE	TOTAL VEH MILEAGE	ENGINE MILEAGE	REMARKS
6718A	169017	2B	C42/B47	146	446	446	MUA CHANGE: Traverse Gyro, Elev Gyro
6718A	169026	2C	C42/B47	110	2056	98	MUA CHANGE: M/E, charging set
6718A	169029	1	C42/B47	165	685	685	MUA CHANGE: Gear box
6718A	169030	4B	C42/B47	106	2113	672	MUA CHANGE: Tuar Gyro, charging set
6718A	169036	3A	C42/B47	126	2585	420	MUA CHANGE: LH Final drive
6718A	169037	3	C42/B47	154	462	27	MUA CHANGE: M/E
6718A	169039	2	C42/B47	114	745	46	MUA CHANGE: 2 x M/E
6718A	169043	1A	C42/B47	141	2534	890	MUA CHANGE: Idler
6718A	169048	1B	C42/B47	134	1345	20	MUA CHANGE: Clutch M/E
6718A	169049	2A	C42/B47	116	286	286	
6718A	169053	3	C42/B47	144	1280	717	MUA CHANGE: Aux Gen
6718A	169056	92C	C42/B47	69	1181	271	
6718A	169068	4	C42/B47	96	1983	380	MUA CHANGE: JCU, Elev & Trav Gyro, Idler axle & wheel
6720	169071	92A	C42/B47	64	2223	139	
6718A	169083	1C	C42/B47	150	1566	154	
6719A	169084	ØE	C42/C42/B47	100	2178	935	
6718A	169087	3B	C42/B47	NIL	1589	NIL	VEH IN WKSPS FEB MINE DANAGE: ME, Sus Station, Gear Box
6719A	169091	ØD	C42/C42/B47	89	837	837	MUA CHANGE: Charging Set & fuel pump. JCU. Trav Gyro
6718A	169103	4A	C42/B47	90	1048	348	MUA CHANGE: Oil cooler
6718A	169108	4C	C42/B47	104	996	996	MUA CHANGE: Clutch, idler wheel, Elev Gyro
6760A	169112	8D	C42	116	387	387	MUA CHANGE: Idler
6760A	169122	8B	C42	137	825	825	
6770	169541	92D	C42/B47	47	2384	989	
6770	169544	92B	C42/B47	NIL	1772	265	
6600	134174	ØA	524/524/125	22	14560	8781	Veh AAF F406'd
6600	134344	ØB	524/524/125	323	7457	7457	
6600	134412	ØA	524/524/125	309	433	433	
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6608	134372	8A	524	172	2562	8346	
6608	134375	8E	524	123	4589	4589	
6607	134459	ØC	524/524/125	48	6491	6491	

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169037	/	A	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
169039	A	A	/	R	R	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
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MILEAGE STATISTICS FEB 711. Mileage by Vehicle Type

a. MBT	1965	Average/Mileage	115
b. Control MBT	189	" "	145
c. Centurion Dozer	64	" "	64
d. Centurion B/Layer	47	" "	47
e. ARV	253	" "	126
f. M113A1	654	" "	327
g. Fitter M113A1	598	" "	199
h. ACV 577	48	" "	48

2. Mileage by Troops

a. 1 Troop	530
b. 2 Troop	486
c. 3 Troop	424
d. 4 Troop	396
e. SHQ Troop	891
f. SBQ Troop	180
g. LAD	851

3. C Sqn Track Mileage For Feb 71

3818

4. C Sqn Track Mileage Since Assuming Operations 17 Dec 70

10153

5. Troop Track Mileages Since 01 Jan 71

<u>SHQ</u>	<u>1 TP</u>	<u>2 TP</u>	<u>3 TP</u>	<u>4 TP</u>	<u>SBQ</u>	<u>LAD</u>
2687	909	1144	1059	859	483	1471

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ORDER NO 116 USE OF AFV CANTENEN FACILITIES

1. AFV Canteen Facilities are:
 - a. All ASCO retail outlets.
 - b. All Concessionaire retail outlets located in AFV areas and under contract to ASCO. These are:
 - (1) Concession shop in FVMAO Compound, Saigon.
 - (2) Concession shop in 1 ATF at NUI DAT.
 - (3) Concession Shops in 1 ALSG area, VUNG TAU.
 - (4) Concession shop in 2 Sqn RAAF area, PHAN RANG.
2. The following are entitled to use AFV Canteen Facilities:
 - a. Members of the Australian Armed Services.
 - b. Members of Philanthropic organisations accredited to AFV.
 - c. Official Australian Concert Parties.
 - d. Australian journalists accredited to AFV.
 - e. Australian Embassy staff and surgical aid teams.
 - f. Members of NZ V Force.
 - g. NZ Embassy staff.
3. Purchase by the above entitled personnel of items from ASCO facilities or concessionaires licensed by ASCO are to be by the production of a MACV Ration Card.
4. The sale of rationed items is to be in accordance with Force Routine Order 8/71.
5. Members of AFV are not to:
 - a. Transfer by sale, gift, exchange or rental any merchandise, articles or items purchased or otherwise obtained from any US or Freeworld (other than Australian) wholesale or retail canteen, mess, exchange or similar outlet to any individual in Vietnam not entitled to use those outlets.
 - b. Transfer by sale, gift, exchange or rental any merchandise, articles or items purchased or otherwise obtained from any AFV canteen, or Concessionaire licensed by ASCO to any individual not entitled to use of these outlets.
 - c. Transfer by sale, gift, exchange loan or rental, any item, on issue or otherwise, which is the property of any Free World Government or its members to any person not authorised to receive such items.

- d. Possess, have in their possession, obtain or acquire by any means any quantity of unrationed canteen, exchange or mess items in excess of their own immediate personal needs.
 - e. Possess, have in their possession, obtain or acquire by any means any quantity of rationed canteen, exchange or mess items in excess of the limits of the entitlements specified on the Ration Card on issue to them.
6. A single exception is made to the limitations in paragraph 5 above in the case of bona fide non-rationed gifts items under a retail value of US \$10. Each gift is to be accompanied by a note containing:
- a. Full name of recipient.
 - b. Each item of gift listed and valued.
 - c. The signature and full name of the donor together with unit and duty phone number.
7. Members of AFV are not entitled to use American PX outlets unless serving with American forces in a locality in which they do not have access to ASCO canteen facilities.
8. Goods stocked by US PXs may be purchased by members of AFV by placing orders through ASCO. However supply is dependent on availability at the time the order is placed.

ORDER NO 117 USE OF RATION CARDS IN AFV CANTEN FACILITIES

1. With effect from 7 Mar 71, the following canteen and concessionaire goods are to be rationed to each authorised customer:
- a. Cameras (still and movie).
 - b. Projectors (slide and movie).
 - c. Radios.
 - d. Record players.
 - e. Tuner/amplifiers.
 - f. Tape recorders.
 - g. Watches.
 - h. Typewriters.
 - i. Electric fans.
 - j. TV.
 - k. Refrigerators.
 - l. Air conditioners.

2. The sale of these goods is to be in accordance with the entitlement specified in the MACV Ration Card (MACV FORM 333 of 1 Apr 68), with the following exceptions.

a. An entitled customer (See Routine Order Number 116/71) may purchase up to six watches. Evidence of purchase will be recorded in the two squares of the ration Card marked "Watch" and in the four smaller squares marked 1 to 4 beneath the second "Watch" square.

b. TV sets, refrigerators and air conditioners (not shown on the card) can not be purchased unless the authorised customer has the written approval of his CO. In the case of a civilian, approval of his senior officer in country is required.

3. When a rationed item is purchased, the canteen representative or Concessionaire representative making the sale is to:

a. Sight the purchaser's identity card and ensure that the particulars thereon correspond with the particulars on the MACV Ration Card.

b. Cancel the appropriate square of the MACV Ration Card. (Cancellation is to be made by using a mechanical punch).

4. Exception. The exceptions to this order are as follows:

a. 1 ATF Personnel: 1 ATF personnel are to abide by the intent of this order. However the sale of rationed items will not be recorded on the MACV Ration Card; the section of each ration card listing rationed items is to be cancelled for all 1 ATF personnel resident in NUI DAT. 1 ATF personnel may only purchase rationed items from the canteens and Concessionaire in NUI DAT; if a member of 1 ATF wishes to purchase a particular rationed item from one of the other AFV Canteens or Concessionaires, he may ask for the item to be sent to NUI DAT and be reserved for his purchase at NUI DAT.

b. Members of AFV Authorised to use the American PX. These members are to abide by the American Directives applicable to the use of Ration Cards and the purchase of rationed items. The local PX Manager will advise on these regulations. Members in this category are to abide by this Order when making purchases in AFV canteens and Concessionaire shops.

ORDER NO 118 CONTROL AND ISSUE OF RATION CARDS

1. A MACV Ration Card (MACV form 333 of 1 Apr 68) is to be issued to each member of AFV and to other persons entitled to use AFV canteen facilities.

2. MACV Form 333 is an accountable document and its issue is to be controlled as follows:

a. AFV Requirements are to be obtained from MACV by AFV Ration Card Control Officer. The SC 'Q' HQ AFV (Army Component) is the AFV Ration Card Control Officer and he is responsible for:

- (1) Obtaining bulk stocks of cards from MACV.
- (2) Custody of bulk stocks.
- (3) Issuing in bulk to Area Ration Card Control Officers.
- (4) Maintaining records of receipts and issues in Accordance with the appropriate MACV Directive.

b. Area Ration Card Control Officers are to be appointed by 1 ATF, 1 ALSG, HQ Coy HQ AFV and HQ RAAF. Each Area Ration Card Control Officer is responsible for:

- (1) demanding bulk supplies, by signal, from the AFV Ration Card Control Officer.
- (2) receipt, secure storage and issuing in bulk to administered units.
- (3) maintaining records of issue and receipts of cards.
- (4) for HQ Coy AFV, direct issue to authorised personnel. This includes:
 - (a) members of HQ AFV.
 - (b) members of official Australian Concert Parties.
 - (c) Australian Embassy staff and surgical aid teams.
 - (d) Service visitors to AFV.

c. Units are to appoint Unit Ration Card Control Officers who are to be responsible for:

- (1) Obtaining bulk supply of cards from Area Ration Card Control Officer as required.
- (2) Receipt, secure storage and issue to authorised personnel.

3. The appointment of Area and Unit Ration Card Control Officers is to be notified in Area and Unit Routine Orders. HQ AFV is to be notified of the Area Ration Card Control Officers appointed with effect from 7 Mar 71. Where there is a change of incumbents, a handover of accountable documents is to be carried out in accordance with Equipment Instructions, Paragraph 1270.

4. Personnel issued with a MACV Ration Card are not to:

- a. Transfer that card to any other person by gift, loan, sale, exchange or by any other means.

- b. Use, obtain or have in their possession a MACV Ration Card (Form 333) not issued by a person authorised to issue the same.
 - c. Possess or have in their possession more than one Ration Card (Form 333).
 - d. Alter, erase, deface or in any way interfere with any MACV Ration Card save in a manner authorised.
 - e. Retain any Ration Card (MACV Form 333) after the completion of their of duty in SVN. Ration cards are to be returned to the officer or person responsible for the issue of Ration Cards.
5. All ration card accounts are to be subject to Army Audit examination at regular interval.
6. The C Sqn 1 Armd Regt Ration Card issuing Officer is Sgt G.R. BROWN.


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ORDER NO. 119 - DUTIES

a.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY OFFICER</u>	<u>DUTY SGT</u>	<u>PICQUET</u>
8 MAR 71	WO2 AGNEW	SGT SMITH	FDT - 3 & 4 TP
9 MAR 71	CAPT SCALES	SGT GODFREY	LAD - 5 TP
10 MAR 71	LT CORNELL	SGT RILEY	ADMIN TP
11 MAR 71	CAPT WATTS	SGT YEATES	FDT - 3 & 4 TP
12 MAR 71	CAPT SUTTON	SGT STRATTON	LAD - 5 TP
13 MAR 71	CAPT POWER	SGT THIESSENS	ADMIN TP
14 MAR 71	WO2 WEBSTER	SGT BURTON	FDT - 1 TP

b.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS/SGT MESS</u>	<u>OR's MESS</u>
8 MAR 71	FDT - LAD - DENNIS	5 TP - T/PORT - 3 TP
9 MAR 71	" - " - "	" - " - "
10 MAR 71	" - " - "	SHQ - 1 TP - WILLIAMS
11 MAR 71	" - " - "	" - " - "
12 MAR 71	" - " - "	HILL - STEWART - BAYLY
13 MAR 71	" - " - "	" - " - "
14 MAR 71	" - " - "	ROSEWARNE - MAHONEY - COURT

Personnel rostered for duty in the OFFRS/SGT and OR's mess will mount duty on the date shown at 0630 hours to 1830 hours.

c.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OR's CANTEEN, PICTURE AREA & RED SHIELD HUT</u>
8 MAR 71	ADMIN TP
9 MAR 71	FDT
10 MAR 71	SHQ
11 MAR 71	1 TP
12 MAR 71	5 TP
13 MAR 71	LAD
14 MAR 71	SEQ

d. The following NCO's will supervise all meals in the OR's MESS on the date shown.

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The duty NCO will inspect the OR's MESS 10 minutes before each meal and report any complaints to the Sqn Duty Sgt.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY NCO</u>
8 MAR 71	CPL BARLOW
9 MAR 71	CPL REDSHAW
10 MAR 71	L/CPL HUNTER
11 MAR 71	CPL BUTTERS
12 MAR 71	CPL BATTY
13 MAR 71	CPL SPEHR
14 MAR 71	L/CPL ROBERTS

- e.
1. The Sqn duty driver will mount duty from 1815 hours to 0645 hours daily.
 2. The Sqn duty driver will not leave the Sqn Area without the permission of the Sqn Duty Officer or Duty Sgt.
 3. The Sqn duty driver will sleep in the Sqn Transport Tent.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY DRIVER</u>
8 MAR 71	TPR COTTER
9 MAR 71	TPR BONNY
10 MAR 71	TPR EVANS
11 MAR 71	TPR FUHRMAN
12 MAR 71	TPR TULL
13 MAR 71	TPR GASON
14 MAR 71	TPR CAMERON

ORDER NO. 120 - MEDALS

1. The following personnel are eligible to wear the ribbon of the Vietnam Medal subject to verification by CARO.

Tpr A.M. MACKINNON, Tpr K.W. BAYLY, Tpr T.W. ROSEWARNE,
Tpr G.A. WYND.

ORDER NO. 121 - ASSISTANT FIRE OFFICERS

1. Troop Sgts are appointed as Assistant Fire Officers.
2. Their duties include:
 - a. Weekly check of fire fighting equipment in their troop area,

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report to the Fire Officer (OC LAD) regarding serviceability, deficiencies etc.

- b. Ensure all members of the troop are familiar with fire drills.
 - c. Liaise with Fire Officer.
3. The Sgt Cook is responsible for fire fighting equipment at the OR's kitchen and Offrs/Sgts Mess kitchen.
4. All fires must be reported immediately to the Fire Officer.
5. When an extinguisher is used a report must be submitted immediately to the Fire Officer, and action taken to replace that extinguisher.

ORDER NO. 122 - DAILY ROUTINE

	<u>MON - SAT</u>	<u>SUN</u>
PICQUET STANDS TO	0615	0615
TOWER PICQUET COMMENCES	0630	0630
REVEILLE	0630	0730
DEFAULTERS PARADE	0630 - 0645	-
BREAKFAST	0700 - 0730	0800 - 0830
MORNING PARADE	0800	0900
MORNING TEA	1000 - 1030	1000 - 1030
LUNCH	1215 - 1315	1215 - 1315
CEASE WORK	1630	1630
DEFAULTERS PARADE	1630 - 1645	-
OR CANTEEN OPENS	1700 - 1730	1530 - 1730
OR EVENING MEAL	1730	1730
OC ORDERS GROUP	1730	-
OFFRS/SGT EVENING MEAL	1800 - 1830	1800 - 1830
PICQUET MOUNES	1815	1815
SLEEVES DOWN LONG TROUSERS	1830	1830
TROOPS ORDERS GROUP	1845	-
DEFAULTERS WORK PARADE	1900 - 2100	-
OR CANTEEN OPENS	1930 - 2115	1930 - 2115
OR CANTEEN CLEARED	2200	2200

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FILM COMMENCES	1935	1935
NO NOISE IN AREA AFTER	2300	2300

The following Routine Order is Cancelled:

Serial 2/70 Number 51.


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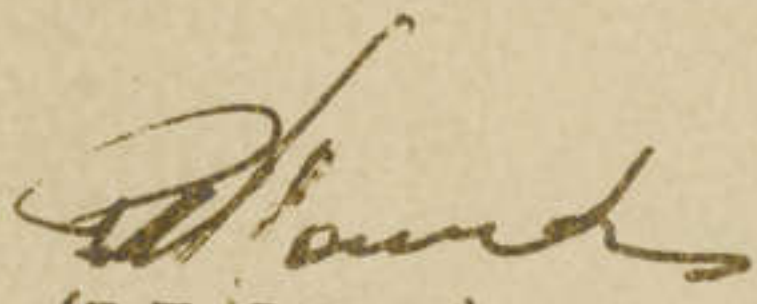
ORDER NO. 123 - HAIRCUTS

1. Current Army regulations on haircuts as contained in the Dress Manual have been reviewed, and an amendment to para 23 of the Dress Manual may be anticipated. Until the amendment is received the following conditions apply:

A male officer or soldier may grow a neat moustache, otherwise his face is to be clean shaven. Beards may only be worn by Jewish chaplains, members of the Sikh religion and officers and soldiers who have been ordered not to shave by a medical officer. The hair should be neatly cut. The hair down to the neck line will be tapered and not square cut and the taper will commence not less than one half inch above the shirt collar when buttoned. Sideburns, if worn, may be no longer than a line drawn horizontally through the centre of the ear canal, must be evenly tapered and not thick or bushy and must not increase in width throughout their length. A member of the Sikh religion who has obtained permission to wear a turban is not required to have his hair cut

2. The following Routine Order is Cancelled:

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ORDER NO. 124 - DUTIES

a. <u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Officer</u>	<u>Duty Sgt</u>	<u>Picquet</u>
15 MAR 71	WO2 AGNEW	Sgt BROWN	LAD - ADMIN/SEQ
16 MAR 71	WO2 YEATS	Sgt RILEY	ADMIN TP
17 MAR 71	CAPT WATTS	Sgt GODFREY	FDT - 2 TP
18 MAR 71	LT PRICKETT	Sgt GOLDRING	LAD - ADMIN/SEQ
19 MAR 71	WO2 GREENTREE	Sgt THIESSON	ADMIN TP
20 MAR 71	CAPT SCALES	Sgt BURTON	FDT -
21 MAR 71	CAPT SUTTON	Sgt LANCASTER	LAD -

b. <u>Date</u>	<u>Officers/Sgt Mess</u>	<u>OR's Mess</u>
15 MAR 71	FWD-LAD-McCULLAGH	T/PORT-BIRD-GREGG
16 MAR 71	FWD-LAD-McCULLAGH	T/PORT-BIRD-GREGG
17 MAR 71	FWD-LAD-McCULLAGH	2 TP -SHQ -WILLIAMS
18 MAR 71	FWD-LAD-McCULLAGH	2 TP -SHQ -WILLIAMS
19 MAR 71	FWD-LAD-McCULLAGH	BAYLY -STEWART-MAHONEY
20 MAR 71	FWD-LAD-McCULLAGH	BAYLY -STEWART-MAHONEY
21 MAR 71	FWD-LAD-McCULLAGH	COLLES- 5 TP -COURT

Personnel rostered for duty in the Offr/Sgt and OR's Mess will mount duty on the date shown at 0630 hrs to 1830 hrs.

c. <u>Date</u>	<u>OR's Canteen, Picture Area & Red Shield Hut</u>
15 MAR 71	ADMIN TP
16 MAR 71	FDT
17 MAR 71	SHQ
18 MAR 71	2 TP
19 MAR 71	SEQ
20 MAR 71	LAD
21 MAR 71	5 TP

d. The following NCO's will supervise all meals in the OR's Mess on the date shown.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty NCO</u>
15 MAR 71	Lcpl FORBES
16 MAR 71	Cpl TULK
17 MAR 71	Lcpl FLYNN
18 MAR 71	Lcpl WAKEFIELD
19 MAR 71	Cpl BARLOW
20 MAR 71	Cpl REDSHAW
21 MAR 71	Cpl BICHENO

1. The Sqn duty driver will mount duty from 1815 hrs to 0645 hrs daily.
2. The Sqn duty driver will not leave the Sqn Area without the permission of the Sqn Duty Officer or Duty Sgt.
3. The Sqn duty driver will sleep in the Sqn Transport Tent.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Driver</u>
15 MAR 71	Tpr BRACKENREG
16 MAR 71	Tpr BONNY
17 MAR 71	Tpr EVANS
18 MAR 71	Tpr FUHRMAN
19 MAR 71	Tpr TULL
20 MAR 71	Tpr CAMERON
21 MAR 71	Tpr GASON

ORDER NO. 125 - MEDALS

1. The following personnel are eligible to wear the ribbon of the Vietnam Medal subject to verification by CARO.

Tpr M.A. COLLES

2. The following personnel are eligible to wear the ribbon of the Vietnam Campaign Medal subject to verification by CARO.

Tpr COTTER, Lcpl WILLIAMS, Cpl ANGOW, Tpr THOMPSON

ORDER NO. 126 - STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE

1. For Press. Defence PR No 434/71 Tuesday 2 March 1971. Comment on Daily Telegraph report that the Joint Intelligence Organization (JIO) had been ordered to report on the Australian Army activities in Vietnam. Statement by the Minister for Defence the Hon Malcolm Fraser, MP.

2. The Joint Intelligence Organization has not been ordered to report on the Australian Army activities in Vietnam. The Minister for Defence Mr Malcolm Fraser today said the Joint Intelligence Organization does not prepare material on the Australian Army nor would it do so. The JIO was not an intelligence gathering organization. Its task was to assist in assessing and interpreting information from sources such as Foreign Affairs and the armed services.

3. The intelligence task was to make assessments on Indo-China and South Vietnam including PHUOC TUY Province. Information from Foreign Affairs, the services and from South Vietnamese Government sources was used as a basis for the assessments which naturally included material on the results of military operations in all of South Vietnam and progress of Vietnamisation and pacification.

4. Mr Fraser said the Army in Vietnam had never engaged in military activity outside the area covered by its directives. When it had left its own task force area of responsibility it had always done so in accordance with its directives. All military operations in the third military region had always been co-ordinated with allied operations. Civic action policy had been explained in the Parliament last week for comment on that he referred to Parliamentary record. The Government strongly held the view that the army and other armed services had performed in Vietnam with great distinction. Nothing had occurred to alter that view.

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5. For Press. Defence PR No 435/71. Wednesday 3 Mar 71. Comment on Bulliten article headed "The Australian Army's revolt in Vietnam". Statement by the Minister for Defence the Hon Malcolm Fraser, MP.

6. The suggestion by "The Bulliten" dated Mar 6 1971 that there is a "revolt" in Vietnam is nonsense. It is prejudicial to the reputation and morale of a fighting force that has over the years performed with the highest distinction. The Army has not given misleading accounts of its activities. Its daily situation report together with its regular monthly reports cover its activities in full. It has not failed to consult ministers about changes in policy. The Army did not oppose the expansion of civic action in Vietnam. It has supported it wholeheartedly as an important extension of military activities. It had been concerned that National Service specialists would be continually available. I am advised that there are agricultural specialists using their particular knowledge in Vietnam at the present time. The future of civic aid and the status of the proposed guide-lines have already been fully explained in the Parliament. These planning guide-lines were to enable the Army in Vietnam to form its own view. Having formed its view it would then be put to the Embassy for discussion and then to the Government where the policy decisions are made.

7. It is the Governments policy at least to maintain and if possible to increase Civic Action. The record of recent years shows that the civic activities have been increased year by year. The role of the intelligence assessments has been fully explained in a statement I issued on Tuesday. JIO does not report on the army. The intelligence task is to assess information given by the army and other services, Foreign Affairs and South Vietnamese government agencies in making broad assessments of external political and defence interests to Australia. The government had fully approved the directives to Australian forces in Vietnam. As I said yesterday, the Army had always rigidly adhered to those directives. During and after the TET Offensive in the overall interests of the Third Military region elements of the Task Force spent some time out of Phuoc Tuy. If this resulted in some temporary loss of security in Phuoc Tuy it was made necessary by the overall military requirement of the Third Military region. These activities were also covered by the Directives. In the following year any such loss of security was made good and since then considerable advances have been made. "The Bulletin", report ignores the vastly changed circumstances between the time of the Prime Ministers initial statement concerning "One out, all out" in the latter half of 1969 and the time in which he announced the Governments decision, on 22nd April 1970, based on Military advice to withdraw one Battalion and some supporting elements but at the time to increase markedly the Army's training activities in Phuoc Tuy province.

8. The circumstances have changed meanwhile, the process of Vietnamisation has continued and in the changing circumstances it is not surprising that the military advice given to the government has changed. I have discussed this matter with Lieutenant General Sir Thomas DALY Chief of the General Staff at great length. He gives this statement his fullest support.

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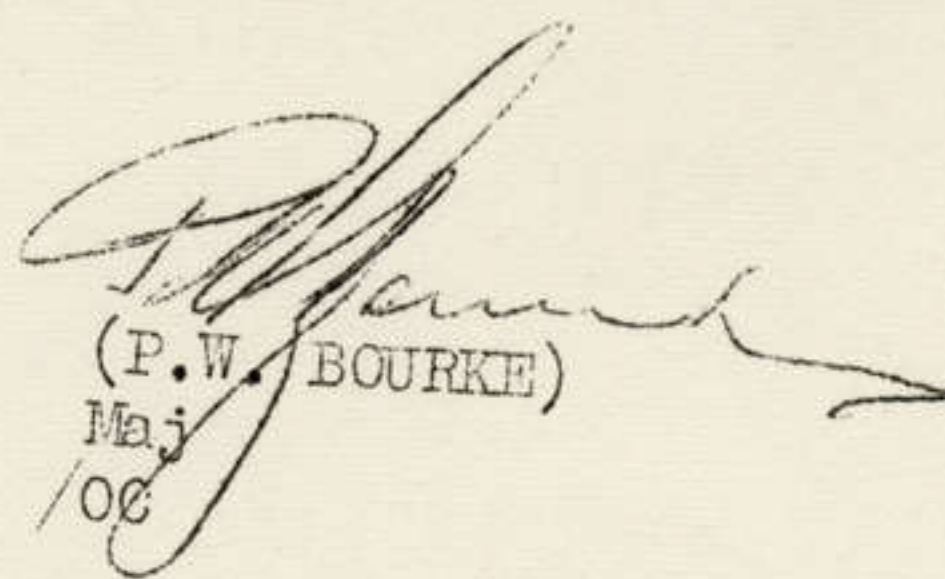
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ORDER NO. 127 . RANGE MAINTENANCE AND SUPERVISION

1. The responsibilities of units for the maintenance and supervision of 1 ATF ranges are as follows:
 - a. User units are to ensure that at the conclusion of a practice all produce and range stores are removed, and that the range is left in a clean and tidy condition.
 - b. Range owner units are to conduct regular inspections of ranges and facilities and conduct maintenance on target holders and arc markers where required. Bids for tasks beyond unit resources are to be made to G Branch Hq 1 ATF.
 - c. Steel pickets are not to be used for target stands or holders and targets are not to be made from steel or metal.
 - d. 1 ARU is responsible for the overall supervision and inspection of ranges on behalf of HQ 1 ATF. 1 ARU is to report any instance of infringement of this Routine Order or 1 ATF SOP's Part 1 Chapter 4 Sect 1.
 - e. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

ORDER NO. 128 - 1 ATF RUBBISH TIP

1. No member is to deposit rubbish on the 1 ATF rubbish tip except between the hours of 0330-1500 hours daily.
2. Drivers of rubbish-carrying vehicles are to have the rubbish covered by a tarpaulin whilst the vehicle is on the move.


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ORDER NO. 129 - R&R DATES APR/MAY 1971

1. The following members are to R&R on the dates shown in April 1971.

a. APRIL 1971

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2 APR 71 Cpl K. HAMER
5 APR 71 Tpr P. LUCAS
9 APR 71 Tpr G. POTTS
12 APR 71 Tpr R. WILLIAMS
16 APR 71 Sgt N. CALLISS
19 APR 71 Tpr D. PALMER
23 APR 71 Tpr G. COURT
26 APR 71 Capt J. SCALES

TAIPEI

30 APR 71 Tpr A. MACINTYRE
30 APR 71 Pte D. POOLE

b. MAY 1971

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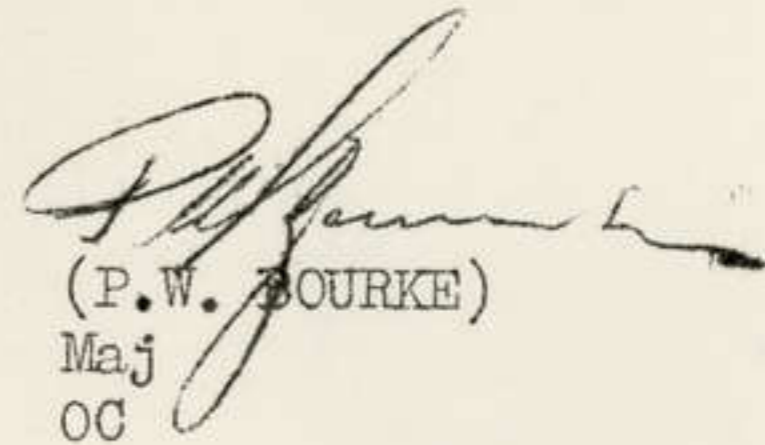
2 MAY 71 Cfn P. HUNTER
3 MAY 71 Tpr T. LUCAS
5 MAY 71 Cpl L. CLARKE
9 MAY 71 Cpl G. VAN HOOFF
12 MAY 71 Cfn K. CORNELIUSEN
14 MAY 71 Sgt T. MARYCHURCH
16 MAY 71 Tpr R. CHAISTY
16 MAY 71 Cpl P. DOBSON
16 MAY 71 Tpr A. McGRATH-KERR
19 MAY 71 Lcpl D. McDONALD
21 MAY 71 WO2 B. AGNEW
21 MAY 71 Sgt B. BURTON
23 MAY 71 Cfn L. GREEN
28 MAY 71 Cpl A. BUTTERS
30 MAY 71 Tpr B. JANIC
30 MAY 71 Tpr A. DENNIS
30 MAY 71 Tpr P. ~~WATSON~~
31 MAY 71 Sgt G. BROWN

HONG KONG

15 MAY 71 Tpr J. MCKENZIE
15 MAY 71 Tpr J. SIBLY
27 MAY 71 Tpr R. THOMPSON
31 MAY 71 Tpr P. BARWICK
29 MAY 71 Tpr B. IMLACH

TAIPEI

4 MAY 71 Tpr D. CAMERON
16 MAY 71 Tpr G. EVANS
28 MAY 71 Lcpl E. WILLIAMS
28 MAY 71 Cfn J. WOOLFORD
28 MAY 71 Cfn J. COLLINS


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ORDER NO. 129 - DUTIES

a.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY OFFICER</u>	<u>DUTY SGT</u>	<u>PICQUET</u>
22 MAR 71	WO2 AGNEW	SGT BROWN	ADMIN TP
23 " "	CAPT SCALES	SGT THIESSENS	FDT - 4Tp/ADMIN TP
24 " "	CAPT POWER	SGT GODFREY	LAD - 2Tp
25 " "	CAPT SUTTON	SGT RILEY	ADMIN TP
26 " "	WO2 WEBSTER	SGT BURTON	FDT - 4Tp/ADMIN TP
27 " "	WO2 YEATES	SGT LANCASTER	LAD - ADMIN TP
28 " "	WO2 AGNEW	SGT BROWN	ADMIN TP

b.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICERS/SGT MESS</u>	<u>OR's MESS</u>
22 MAR 71	FDT - LAD - POTTS	T/PORT - MEDLEY - MAHONEY
23 " "	" " "	" " "
24 " "	" " READ	2Tp - 4Tp - CUBIT
25 " "	" " "	" " "
26 " "	" " "	SHQ - BAYLY - STEWART
27 " "	" " "	" " "
28 " "	" " "	ROGERS - JEWELL - 2Tp

Personnel rostered for duty in the Offr/Sgt and OR's Mess will mount duty on the date shown at 0630 to 1830 hrs.

c.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OR's CANTEEN, PICTURE AREA & RED SHIELD HUT</u>
22 MAR 71	ADMIN TP
23 " "	FDT
24 " "	SHQ
25 " "	2 TP
26 " "	SEQ
27 " "	LAD
28 " "	5 TP

d. The following NCO's will supervise all meals in the OR's Mess on the date shown.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY NCO</u>
22 MAR 71	LCPL ROBERTS
23 " "	CPL SPEHR
24 " "	CPL HAMER
25 " "	CPL TAYLOR
26 " "	LCPL STEWART R.A.
27 " "	LCPL FLYNN
28 " "	LCPL BOYLE

- e.
1. The Sqn duty driver will mount duty from 1815 hours to 0645 hours daily.
 2. The Sqn duty driver will not leave the Sqn Area without the permission of the Sqn duty officer or duty sergeant.
 3. The Sqn duty driver is to sleep in the Sqn Transport Tent.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY DRIVER</u>
22 MAR 71	TPR BRACKENREG
23 " "	" BONNY
24 " "	" EVANS
25 " "	" FUHRMAN
26 " "	" TULL
27 " "	" CAMERON
28 " "	" GASON

ORDER NO. 130 - MEDALS

1. The following personnel are eligible to wear the ribbon of the Vietnam Medal subject to verification by CARO.

TPR R.G. READING CFN B. SHEDDEN TPR A.G. WOOD

ORDER NO. 131 - QUARTERMASTER GENERAL BRANCH

REFRIGERATORS TRANSPORTABLE

1. Following the grounding of 150 cubic foot Trailer Mounted Refrigerators, 150 cubic foot Transportable Refrigerators mounted on 2½ and 5 ton trucks have been used in lieu.

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2. Attention is drawn to safety requirements for these refrigerators, particularly when they are mounted on vehicles.
3. All refrigerators are to be effectively earthed as follows:
 - a. Connect 15 feet of 6145-66-017-0370 Cord Electrical 23/0076 3 core, with all three cores bared and twisted into one, from the earth connection on the refrigerator alternator body to an approved earth stake or to 6 feet of 470-66-015-0419 Pipe Steel Galvanised 1 inch Conduit. Star Pickets may be used in lieu of the Earth Stake for short term use only, provided an effective earth is obtained.
 - b. The water pipe with the earth wire attached is to be carried with the refrigerator at all times.
4. When these refrigerators are installed on a semi-permanent basis, the holding unit is to have the refrigerators properly earthed by RAE Electrical Tradesmen.

ORDER NO. 132 - UNNECESSARY USE OF ELECTRICITY

1. Due to the present overloading of the various power stations within 1 ATF, all ranks are to observe economy in the use of electricity. Users are to switch off all lights when not required for working or for security by night. This applies particularly to messes, canteens, workshops, storehouses and offices.
2. Electric fans, air conditioners, kitchen equipment and other appliances are to be used only when required and are not to be left on for convenience.

ORDER NO. 133 - TRUCKS ¾ TON TECHNICAL LOADING - CARRIAGE OF PERSONNEL

Reference: A. 1 ATF R746/1/5

1. It is extremely dangerous to carry passengers on the tray of ¾ 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.
2. This order is to be reproduced in unit Routine Orders.
3. HQ AFV (ARMY COMPONENT) Routine Order Part 1 :58/69 is cancelled.

ORDER NO. 134 - FIRE PREVENTION

Reference: A. : " " R371/69/8

1. It is suspected that tent fires can be caused by concentration of the sun's rays by a concave shaving mirror commonly used in theatre. The focal length of the mirror is approximately two feet and it has been demonstrated that material similar to tentage can be ignited in about one minute by this means.

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2. To avoid this, concave mirrors are not to be left exposed to sunlight where they may cause a fire, but secure in lockers, trunks or wardrobes when not actually in use.
3. This instruction is to be repeated in unit routine orders quarterly.
4. HQ AFV (ARMY COMPONENT) Routine Order Part 1:95/69 is cancelled.

ORDER NO. 135 - MAXIMUM ROAD SPEEDS WHEELED A AND B VEHICLES

Reference: A. R234/1/1

1. A review of maximum road speeds has been made taking into account the frequency of accidents, road conditions including dust hazards, local regulations and prevention of damage to roads. The following maximum speed limits are to be adhered to for all non tactical movement of wheeled A and B vehicles, whether in convoy or single vehicles:
 - a. Sealed roads - 30 mph;
 - b. unsealed roads - 25 mph;
 - c. within AFV installations 15 mph; and
 - d. through towns and villages - 15 mph.
2. HQ AFV (ARMY COMPONENT) Routine Order Part 1: 61/69 is cancelled.


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ORDER NO. 137 - DUTIES

a. Date Duty Officer Duty Sgt Picquet

29 Mar 71	WO2 AGNEW	Sgt GOLDRING	FDT - ADMIN TP
30 Mar 71	Capt SCALES	Sgt THIESSEN	LAD - 2 TP
31 Mar 71	Capt POWER	Sgt RILEY	ADMIN TP
1 Apr 71	Capt SUTTON	Sgt GODFREY	FDT - 4 TP/ADMIN TP
2 Apr 71	WO2 WEBSTER	Sgt BURTON	LAD - 3 TP/ADMIN TP
3 Apr 71	WO2 YEATES	Sgt LANCASTER	ADMIN TP
4 Apr 71	Lt HOSKIN	Sgt BROWN	FDT - 2 TP
5 Apr 71	Capt WATTS	Sgt STRATTION	LAD - 4 TP/ADMIN TP

b. Date Officers/Sgt Mess OR's Mess

29 Mar 71	FDT -LAD-JEWELL	READ-ROGERS- 2 TP
30 Mar 71	FDT -LAD-JEWELL	READ-ROGERS- 2 TP
31 Mar 71	FDT -LAD-JEWELL	READ-ROGERS- T/PORT
1 Apr 71	FDT - LAD-JEWELL	READ-ROGERS- T/PORT
2 Apr 71	FDT - LAD-JEWELL	READ-ROGERS- SEQ
3 Apr 71	FDT -LAD -JEWELL	READ-ROGERS- SEQ
4 Apr 71	FDT -LAD -JEWELL	READ-ROGERS- 3 TP

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c. Date OR's Canteen, Picture Area & Red Shield Hut

29 Mar 71	ADMIN TP
30 Mar 71	FDT
31 Mar 71	SHQ - 3 TP
1 Apr 71	2 TP
2 Apr 71	SEQ
3 Apr 71	LAD
4 Apr 71	4 TP

d. The following NCO's will supervise all meals in the OR's Mess on the date shown.

29 Mar 71	Cpl BARLOW
30 Mar 71	Cpl REDSHAW
31 Mar 71	Cpl SNELLING
1 Apr 71	Cpl TULK
2 Apr 71	Lcpl WAKEFIELD
3 Apr 71	Cpl CORMACK
4 Apr 71	Cpl TAYLOR

e. The Sqn duty driver will mount duty from 1815 hrs to 0645 hrs daily.

The Sqn duty driver will not leave the Sqn Area without the permission of the Sqn Duty Officer or Duty Sgt.

The Sqn duty driver is to sleep in the Sqn Transport Tent.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Driver</u>
29 Mar 71	Tpr BONNY
30 Mar 71	Tpr EVANS
31 Mar 71	Tpr FUHRMAN
1 Apr 71	Tpr TULL
2 Apr 71	Tpr CAMERON
3 Apr 71	Tpr GASON
4 Apr 71	Tpr ROESLER

ORDER NO. 138 - MEDALS

1. The following personnel are eligible to wear the ribbon of the Vietnam Medal subject to verification by CARO.

Lt M. HOSKIN

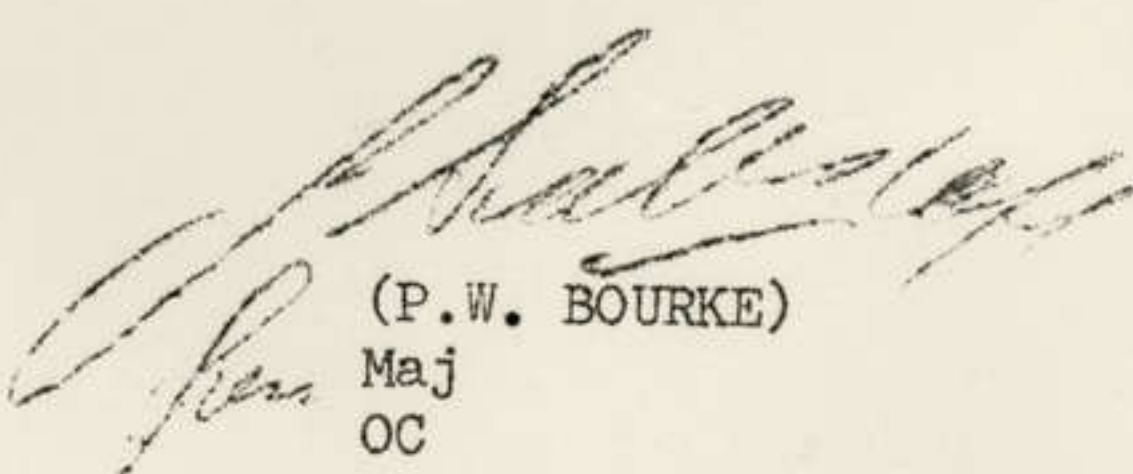
ORDER NO. 139 - UNNECESSARY USE OF ELECTRICITY

1. Due to the present overloading of the various power stations within 1 ATF, all ranks are to observe economy in the use of electricity. Users are to switch off all lights when not required for working or for security by night. This applies particularly to messes, canteens, workshops, storehouses and officers.

2. Electric fans, air conditioners, kitchen equipment and other appliances are to be used only when required and are not to be left on for convenience.

ORDER NO. 140 - OUT OF BOUND'S

1. The Officers/Sgt Mess kitchen is out of bounds to all personnel except those on duty.


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NOTICE

Scorpatus's

1. All care will be taken with the Handling of scorpatus orders from the Unit Canteen, but no responsibility will be taken for any item.

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