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Annexes G9 – M2

1 – 31 Aug 1971

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 221/71 dated 9 Aug 71.
2. Period Covered from 090001H to 092400H Aug 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) NUI DAT Base

(091745H). A base defence position of 3 RAR received 3 rapid shots which impacted into trees ~~above~~ his position. The fire came from the N at a range of approx 500m.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance (Flown by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt unless otherwise stated).

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
091200H	E 51-54, N 79-81	No sign of activity.
091000H- 091200H	E 38-41 N 78-81	At YS413807 a regularly used track heading NE/SW used up to five days ago. No other sign of mov. <u>Comment:</u> poss made by friendly elms in area.
091030H	YS6891	3 logging trucks were stationary. A wood fire was also sighted in the area.
091730H	YS665923	One logging truck was seen on Route 330 at YS665923 and another at YS664927.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a., b., c., d. and e. omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR3

(1) KIA.....	2 VC	(15) 60mm Mor Rds... ..3.
(2), (3) and (4) omitted.		(16) and (17) omitted.
(5) Individual Wpns		(18) B-41 Rds..8 boosters,2 fins.
Action.....	2	(19) to (21) omitted.
(6) Omitted.		(22) SA Rds.....703.
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed..	25 lbs	(23) Grenades.....49.
(8) to (12) omitted.		(24) to (27) omitted.
(13) 82mm Mor Rds.....	1 & 6 fuses	(28) M-79 HE Rds.....5.
(14) Omitted.		(29) Trip Flares.....1.

5. Omitted.

6. Enemy Unit Identifications

Ref INTSUM 220/71 dated 8 Aug 71, para 11.f, the contact by 302 RF Bn at YS488520 on 8 Aug 71, the three KIA have been tentatively identified as:

a. NGUYEN THI HONG, a party member and a member of the Youth Cadre of PHUOC THO PC. (No record held by 1 ATF ORBAT).

b. Doctor TU DUC, the Asst Head of the Health Sect of LONG DAT (D).(Agrees with 1 ATF ORBAT holdings).

c. THI TRINH, a nurse in the Mil Med Sect of LONG DAT (D).(No record held by 1 ATF ORBAT).

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 32/71 dated 9 Aug.

9. and 10. omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a., b., c. and e. omitted.

d. Agent Reports

(1) Territorial Forces A0

(a) Received from Sector 9 Aug. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

On 6-7 Aug at YS334595, a sect of LONG HUONG Village Guerillas .../disguised

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disguised as woodcutters observed the regular boats carrying food and passengers from PHUOC TUY to LONG SON Island. They intend to stop the boats and confiscate the food.

(b) Received from Sector 9 Aug. Eval VN C1, 1 ATF F3.

At 0950H on 4 Aug at YS293556, three VC appeared and mov towards AP GO-SU.

(c) Received from LONG LE 9 Aug 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F6.

At 0930H on 7 Aug, 11 VC led by LE VAN UNG (PHU MY (V) guerilla) appeared at YS250775 where they stopped tractor drivers and asked who owned the tractors. The VC noted the details on the drivers' ID cards and warned them not to work in the area again.

(d) Received from LONG LE 9 Aug. Eval VN C1, 1 ATF F3.

At 0100H on 7 Aug, six or seven VC infiltrated HUONG SON (H) and threatened to kill a soldier. The VC asked for food and were supplied with cigarettes and 1,000 piastre.

(e) Received from LONG DAT 9 Aug. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

VC are planning to attack the hamlet office of AP THANH BINH, XA PHUOC THANH. They have reconnoitred the area on several occasions.

(f) Received from LONG DAT 9 Aug. Eval 1 ATF F4.

At 2400H on 8 Aug at YS4558, 40 VC infiltrated TAM PHUOC (YS4558). Six VC reconnoitred the village office and questioned a villager regarding the village's defences.

(g) Received from DAT DO 9 Aug. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 2200H on 8 Aug 10-15 VC infiltrated PHUOC THANH (YS488598).

(2) Other Areas

(a) Received from Sector 9 Aug. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

At 1430H on 2 Aug at YS672690, seven VC from C70 (XUYEN MOC Conc Coy) were co-ordinating with XUYEN MOC (V) Guerillas. Their intentions were unknown.

(b) Received from Sector 9 Aug. Eval 1 ATF F3.

At 0900H on 7 Aug at YS634670, six VC incl TRUNG (unk) of XUYEN MOC (V) PC moved from YS634670 to YS620720.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (090600H). At YS655690, NP detained 10 illegal residents. They were taken to XUYEN MOC for interrogation.

(2) (090845H). At YS615645, 2 RDC were ambushed by 6 VC. The VC withdrew E/SE after the ambush/ Results: 1 RDC KIA.

(3) (092030H). At YS375602, 386 RF Coy BARIA received 2 B-40 rds. There were no casualties.

(4) Prior to 091315H at YS438515 an elm of 36 USARV ITB contacted an unknown number of VC. Results: 1 friendly WIA. En cas unknown. NFI.

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 221/71
DATED 9 AUG 71

INTERROGATION REPORT
FURTHER INTERROGATION
P.W. - NGUYEN HUU TRI

Reference: Paras 7-12, Annex A to 1 ATF INTSUM No 218/71 dated 6 Aug 71.

Circumstances of Capture:

1. The subject was captured by 48 I & R Coy following an ambush at YT470011 at 031800H Aug 71. He had received orders from his OC to go with elms from CAO SU (D) Commo Liaison Sect to receive the monthly amount of \$100,000 VN for the purchase of food from the F & E Chief of BA LONG, LUCNG.

Past Activities

2. The subject joined the VC in May 65, and was sent to do an adjutants' course in TAY NINH Province. On the completion of this course in Nov 65, he was posted to D67 (D65) Engr Bn, which was then operating in the SUOI DA BANG area of TAY NINH (P). In Feb 66 he became a sect ldr in C2 Coy of D67 Engr Bn. In Feb 67, D67 moved to TRANG BOM (YT2011), BIEN HOA (P). In Nov 68 the unit moved into BA LONG (P) and operated in the PHU MY (YS2574), PHUOC HOA (poss YS2863) and PHUOC THAI (THAI THIEN YS2279) areas. In Jun 69 the subject was promoted to pl 2IC. In Sep 70 D67 was disbanded. At this time the subject became adjutant of C2 Engr Coy.

Comment: At the time of its disbandment D67 was known as D65).

Details of Disbandment

3. In Sep 70, on orders from VC MR7, D67 Engr Bn was disbanded. C2 Engr Coy was directly subordinated to BA LONG HQ, and was tasked with carrying out ops E and inclusive of Route 2. The majority of C4 Engr Coy went to MR7 to carry out unknown tasks. The majority of C6 Engr Coy was subordinated to SR4. A number of members of the Recce Pl and 17 members from C4 and C6 were sent to reinforce C1 Engr Coy of BA LONG who operate in the area of Route 15.

Comment: C1 Engr Coy, with the 17 members from C4 and C6, appear to be the engr unit in the northwestern PHUOC TUY area which is known as C2 Engr Coy of BARIA City. (See SUPINTREP 27/71 para 19.a.).

Information

4. C2 Engr Coy of BA LONG has a strength of 28. This incl 12 members in B1, Pl and 12 members in B2 Pl.

5. The tasks of C2 Engr Coy are to mine Route 2 and all tracks and areas used by Land Clearing Teams in southern LONG KHANH Province. The subject also stated that after the roadwork carried out by Aust tps was completed recently they were to mine Route 2, primarily to destroy armoured vehs using the road.

Comment: It would appear poss that C2 Engr Coy was responsible for the mine incident on Route 2 at YS458899 on 4 Aug 71, when a US veh belonging to C Bty 5/42 (US) Arty detonated a 20 lb CHICOM block of explosive.

Future Intentions

6. In Jun 71 the OC of C2 Engr Coy went to BA LONG HQ for 6 days. On his return he disclosed that the allied forces were about to withdraw. Prior to the withdrawal the Americans would conduct a large-scale operation to cover the withdrawal.

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C2 Engr Coy would be responsible for mining roads and tracks in the unit's area to interdict this operation. This meant that C2 would now have to commence assessing the situation as to the mines that they would require, and subsequently to requisition for the necessary number of mines from BA LONG.

Mine Cache

7. The subject stated that he knew of no mine cache available to C2. Once a month a resupply party is sent to BA LONG from C2 to draw 20-30 mines as required. He did not speak of a mine cache in YS6290 (INTSUM 218/71 Annex A para 11) and denied having spoken of it when the subject was raised.

ANNEX E

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

1.	<u>YO3A Mission</u>		
	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
	062310H Aug	YS494505	1 parked unlit truck
	062315H Aug	YS454481	1 light on beach
	062335H Aug	YS218801	3 lit sampans
	062345H Aug	YS209798	1 lit and 1 unlit sampan
2.	<u>Red Haze Activity</u>		
	5/6 Aug	E 20-40 N 60-90	Neg readings
	6/7 Aug	YS258758	1 emission in woods
		YS267540	1 emission in woods
		YS267758	2 emissions in open
		YS257750	1 emissions in woods
		YS265719	1 emission in woods
		YS305840	1 emission in woods
		YS262699	1 emission in woods
		YS260685	1 emission in woods
		YS289649	1 emission in woods
		YS283649	1 emission in woods
		YS274627	1 emission in swamp
		YS312587	1 emission in water
3.	<u>SLAR Activity</u>		
	052200H Aug	YS570780	1 moving in open
4.	<u>APD (Sniffer)</u>		
	090900H Aug	E 32-39 N 69-73	Neg significant readings

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9 Aug 71

1 ATF SUPINTREP 32/71
(PERIOD 2 AUG - 8 AUG 71)

NORTH VIETNAM

1. The daily average tonnage of supplies trucked South on routes 101C and 1AC, as indicated by SLAR, was 124 tons per day during the past week, as compared with 104 tons per day for the last 30 days.

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2. Truck movement throughout the PANHANDLE lines of communication, as indicated by sensor string activations, increased during the week. There were 154 activations recorded as compared to 102 during the previous week. The enemy is continuing in his attempt to maintain a high level of logistical activity during the current rainy season. Standing water on roads, flooded fords, cratering and mud slides continue to hamper his efforts.

3. In the MUONG PHALANE area (WD6041) irregular forces have reported strong enemy resistance. In several company size contacts during the week, irregulars failed to dislodge the enemy from well-prepared defensive positions on both sides of the SANG SOY river. These contacts resulted in 3 irregulars killed and 14 wounded. On 3 Aug, 2 irregular battalions operating near MUONG PHALANE received an attack by fire consisting of 40 82mm mortar rounds. Results were 13 friendlies wounded.

4. Increased enemy resistance is also being encountered around PAKSONG (XB 429794) and SARAVANE (XB195825). This stepping up of enemy activity is probably indicative of the enemy's intention to prevent further friendly gains as well as an attempt to protect caches.

5. The enemy has shown concern at the advances being made by General VANG PAO's forces in the PLAIN OF JARS area. Several heavy attacks by fire have been launched in this area, some of them using PT-76 amphibious tanks. Two enemy tanks were destroyed by airstrikes during the week.

CAMBODIA

6. Activity remained at a very low level. There have been no significant contacts initiated by enemy forces in CAMBODIA since early June. Indications are that the food and ammunition situation in some places is critical and some evidence of possible low enemy morale is provided by the fact that government forces report that a group of 70 Cambodian Communists rallied to government forces in the KAMPONG TRABEK area (WT5331) during the week.

7. On 2 and 3 Aug ARVN forces operating near SVAY RIENG had several contacts with small groups of enemy, resulting in two friendlies killed and 24 wounded to a large number of enemy reported killed and 12 detained. On 6 Aug ARVN forces supported by VNAF tactical air engaged two NVA companies. Results were 10 friendlies killed and 25 wounded to a reported 60 enemy killed. On 2 Aug a VNAF tactical airstrike near NEAK LUONG killed some 30 enemy and destroyed 10 structures.

8. On 3 Aug US aircraft escorting a convoy along the MEKONG River, 21km South of NEAK LUONG (WT149319), struck a known enemy location. Results were 14 enemy killed by air, one secondary explosion, and 3 structures and 7 sampans destroyed.

SOUTH VIETNAM

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9. Enemy initiated activity continued at a low level as enemy units apparently prepare for increased activity in late August.

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10. ARVN forces operating near FSB FULLER received an attack by fire of 200 rounds of mixed 82mm and 60mm mortar rounds. Interrogation of a PW and agent reports indicate that allied installations at CHU LAI (BT5505) will be subjected to a sapper attack in the near future. The PW stated that the enemy were using detailed models of the base to prepare for the attack.

MR 2

11. Activity remained at the same reduced level of the past month. On 2 and 3 Aug RF elements discovered two large caches near KONTUM City (AS876043). One contained 15 tons of miscellaneous ammunition which was evacuated, while the other contained 4 tons of rice which was destroyed. According to previous reports, elements of the KONTUM Provincial units have been experiencing supply shortages due to the priorities of major B-3 Front elements in the TRI-BORDER area. The capture of these caches should further contribute to the present low level of activity in KONTUM Province.

12. A reliable agent report from VC MR 5 indicates that the enemy intend staging kidnappings of VC supporters so that they can be given indoctrination courses in disrupting the GVN elections.

13. On 2 Aug 9km NE of SONG MAO (BN340500), ARVN elements on a search operation engaged an estimated enemy battalion, killing 15 enemy.

MR 4

14. Enemy initiated activity remained at the low level of previous weeks, with an average of only one attack by fire per day. There are no indications that the enemy plans to initiate tactical activity in the coming week.

15. Interrogation of several PWs and ralliers reveals that many enemy units in the Delta have been forced to operate in groups no larger than company size. This situation has been brought about by the aggressiveness of ARVN operations as well as by the need to avoid offering lucrative targets for tactical airstrikes.

MR 3

16. Enemy initiated activity remained at a low level. There were no terrorist acts in SAIGON. However, dissident students were involved in two firebomb incidents against US vehicles, and in one incident students stoned an Australian vehicle. According to a National Police report some extremist students have commenced an anti-US campaign, calling for US withdrawal.

17. In TAY NINH Province on 2 Aug RF elements discovered a two ton cache (XT292605). The cache was in good condition and was the third discovered in this area in the past two weeks. Three caches were discovered by US forces on 3 and 5 Aug near DINH QUAN (YT685525, YT678518, YT671522). The caches contained 14 tons of flour and one ton of salt. The flour had been manufactured in the US.

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General

18. 1 ATF troops were involved in two contacts during the week, resulting in two enemy killed. There were four contacts involving RVN troops, in which four enemy were killed and three were wounded, and one RF was wounded.

Enemy Unit Identification and Locations

19. D445. C1 Company of this unit are believed to be in the LONG HAIs. However, it is thought likely that an important element of the battalion are in the XUYEN MOC area. The location of the main body is uncertain.

20. LONG DAT. No positive identification was made of LONG DAT, but on 8 Aug a 302 RF Bn patrol killed three members of a five strong VC group near HON VUNG (at YS488520). One of the KIA was a woman, which suggests that the group were members of LONG DAT.

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21. 274 VC Main Force Regt

- a. There were no further contacts with 274 Regt elements and it is believed that both HQ 274 Regt and 1 Bn have probably withdrawn West from the TRAC Special AO to the area of the BIEN HOA/LONG KHANH border.
- b. On 2 Aug A Coy 3 RAR located a system of 16 bunkers (YS352905) which had clearly been used until 24 hours previously as a hospital, which included an operating theatre. Medical equipment and documents identifying C24 Convalescence Coy of 274 Regt were found. Reference was found in the documents to C23 Surgical Coy of 274 Regt and a record of treatments book was found, in which the latest entry was dated 27 Jul 71.

22. Sub-Region 4. On 2 Aug 3 RAR found some documents in an old bunker system near the SOUI SOC (YS401891) which included a letter written by an MR-7 political artist who had been killed by V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) 2000 metres to the South on 10 Mar 71 (see INTSUM 69/71 para 3. a. (2) (a)). Found with the letter were a quantity of high quality sketches of personnel.

23. MR-7 Rear Services. On 6 Aug West of XA BANG (at YS434865) C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) killed a VC identified from documents as a member of C5 Requisitioning and Purchasing Company of the disbanded 84 Rear Service Group which has now been integrated into the newly-formed 814 Rear Service Group of MR-7. The KIA was carrying some receipts indicating that he had provided some food and money to 274 Regt elements. According to an agent report received on 8 Aug a small party belonging to "84 RSG" have been seen just West of XA BANG (at YS442852), which has been reported to be a VC supply point (see INTSUM 220/71 para 11. d. (3) (a)).

24. C2 BA LONG Province Engineers. On 3 Aug West of BAO BINH (at YT471008) ARVN troops captured two members of this unit, which was formed from the element of the former D65 Engineer Battalion which had operated East of PHU MY prior to its disbandment in Sep 70. This unit is believed to have been responsible for most of the mine incidents which occurred East of COURTENAY (centre of mass YS4789) between Dec 70 - Feb 71. The PWs stated that one of the present tasks of the unit is to mine Route 2 and it is therefore thought that the unit may have been responsible for the mine incident on Route 2 on 4 Aug (YS458899. See INTSUM 216/71). The interrogation is continuing.

25. 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt is believed to remain in southern LONG KHANH in the area South of BAO BINH.

26. There has been no further identification of CHAU DUC but the unit probably remains in the HAT DICH (possible area YS3676 as indicated by sniffer).

27. Enemy suppliers now under interrogation by Sector authorities have claimed that the XUYEN MOC District Command Committee is now located South of Route 23 and near Route 328, their previous location between Route 328 and XUYEN MOC having been disrupted by 3 RAR operations in late July. An ambush of two RDC occurred in this area on Route 23 on 9 Aug. Enemy suppliers reportedly take supplies to collection points near the SONG HAO (YS6161) and near GO CAT (YS610630).

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

28. Further information has been received from TRAC indicating that both 274 Regt and 33 NVA Regt have received substantial reinforcements from NORTH VIETNAM. The battalions of 274 Regt are now thought each to number approximately 240 men compared with the previous estimate of roughly 90. 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt now has possibly 300 men instead of roughly 185 as previously. These reinforcements follow recent heavy infiltrations into VC MR-7 which have resulted in the reinforcement of many units.

29. TRAC have received further indications that enemy divisions now in CAMBODIA are preparing to move into MR 3. The recent reorganization of enemy rear service echelons is believed to have been in order to accommodate a division sized unit, and the enemy are thought to be pre-stocking a base in DINH QUAN District, northern LONG KHANH. When this base is ready TRAC expect that a

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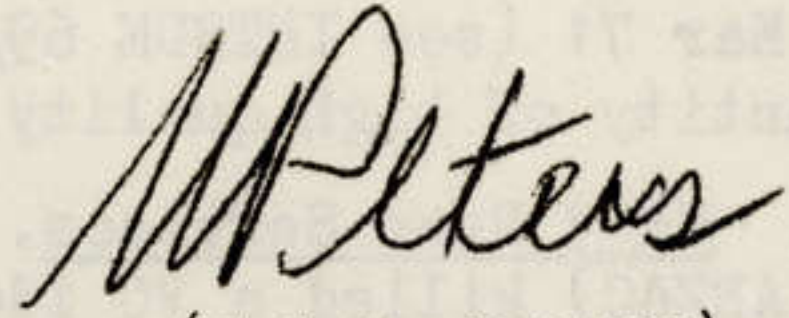
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surge in infiltration will commence. Some information of infiltration taking place at present was provided by a 3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) Ranger Team which observed considerable movement on the DONG NAI river on the night of 4 Aug. It is believed that the movement of enemy troops into northern LONG KHANH may be related to a planned attack in the SAIGON area at the time of the elections.

30. An upsurge of activity is expected in MR 3 on approximately 19 Aug. This is the anniversary of the Viet Minh's proclamation of power in HANOI and the date falls close to that of the Lower House elections (29 Aug).

31. In PHUOC TUY further agent reports have been received indicating VC opposition to the elections. However, no indication has been gained as to whether any military action during the election period is contemplated by the enemy.



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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 222/71.
2. Period covered from 100001H to 102400H Aug 71.
3. Summary for enemy activity. There were 2 contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) Late Report. (061400H). At YS473820 while returning from COURTENAY, C Sqn 1 Armd Regt found at least one bunker. OHP was supported by dressed planks of wood and there was several freshly constructed bamboo tables and sunshades in area. Believed last used approx 061400H (Ref INTSUM No 218/71 para 3. b. (2) last entry). System in good condition but not destroyed.

(b) (100855H). At YS476864 sentry positions of 3 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) sighted 2 pers approaching dressed in jungle greens and armed with AK47s. Engaged with SA and claymores. En approached from North but not on a track and withdrew South. Results 1 VC KIA (BC), CIA 1xAK47, 1 set webbing, 1 pack with food, clothing and notebook. No identifications. See Annex B.

(c) (102103H). At YS443893 (FSB DEBBIE) a group of poss 3-4 enemy were heard mov South to North on East perimeter. Engaged with 81mm mortar and enemy withdrew East.

(2) AO GLENELG

(a) (101230H). At YS713707 elms of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt found E-W track used by 2-3 persons moving West within last hour.

(3) AO DUC THANH

(a) (101122H). At YS435833, 11 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found a track used by 8 persons within the last 24 hours. Direction of movement SE-N then back again N - SE.

(4) AO PADDINGTON

(a) (100800H). At YS450645 elms of JWTC found entrances and airholes of an old tunnel. The area is 50mx30m and has been used by many civilians.

Comment: A number of old bunker systems are recorded in this area.

(5) XUYEN MOC and NUI NHON AO

(a) (101055H). At YS655713, a scout of 6 Pl B Coy 3 RAR sighted enemy on track and engaged. 6 more enemy where then sighted 40m to front, Enemy returned fire with AK47s, RPG-2, RPG-7, M79 and grenades. High percentage of M79 and grenades used were duds. Bushrangers, and Arty were used during contact which was broken at approx 101350H. Enemy withdrew N, NW and poss SW. Results: 1 enemy poss WIA, nil friendly cas. A sweep by 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt located a freshly used bunker system. Further info avail 11 Aug. No firm identification from docus. See Annex B. For Items found see para 4. e. (2) (a).

(b) (101400H). At YS632709, 11 Pl D Coy 3 RAR, found 3 bunkers in 30m triangular arrangement (1x"L" shaped and 2x"T" shaped bunkers). Bunkers were 2½ftx5ftx3ft deep with 10inches OHP. System renovated and last used approx one week ago.

(c) (101830H). At YS656697, outside FSB CENTENARY one pers was detained. He has been backloaded to 1 ATF for questioning. Initial interrogation report see Annex A.

(d) (102014H). At YS658696 (FSB CENTENARY) picquet heard SA and claymore fire 2500m to South. Later (102134H) movement was heard on the perimeter. At 102208H claymore lead was jerked from the hands of a sentry. 81mm illum was fired but revealed nothing. Search will be conducted at first light.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
101000H	E 52-55 N 87-90	No sighting of recent activity.
101200H	E 38-43 N 75-77	In GS 4176 old tracks sighted from rubber to West. Track seen at YS411752 used 1-3 weeks ago by 10 pers mov North. Probably friendly. No further sightings.
101600H	E 62-65 N 72-74	Fresh tracks parallel jungle edge on E side of clearing. GS6170. Used by 10-20 pers in last 2 days. Fresh oxcart tracks throughtout area.

.../(3) Aerial

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(3) Aerial Sensor Readings. See Annex E

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. Total KIA Occurring During This Reporting Period

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

b. Omitted

c. Detainees

- (1-4, and 6) Omitted
- (5) Sill undergoing interrogation 1. See Annex A for initial report.

d. Omitted

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

- (a) Individual 1
- (b) Omitted
- (c) Breakdown 1xAK47

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured

1xset webbing, 1xpack with clothing, food and docus, 25x radio batteries, quantity electrical wire, quantity med supplies, quantity personal equipment, quantity ammunition, M79 rds, RPG-7 rds with boosters and claymores.

(b) Omitted

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS655713	Rice	101b	Unknown
YS655713	Fish and other foodstuffs	101b	Unknown
YS473820	Various	51b	Unknown

(4) Captured Documents. See Annex B

(5) Omitted

f. Cumulative Totals for Month ; MR 3

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| (1) KIA 3 VC | (13) 82mm Mortar rounds 1 and 6 fuzes. |
| (2) Omitted | (14) Omitted |
| (3) Detainees 1 | (15) 60mm Mortar rounds 3 |
| (4) Omitted | (16-17) Omitted |
| (5) Individual Weapons Action 3 | (18) B-41 rds, 3 rds, 11 boosters and 2 fins |
| (6) Omitted | (19-21) Omitted |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 35 lbs | (22) SA rounds..... 863 |
| (8) Omitted | (23) Grenades 49 |
| (9) Med stores 2 lb | (24-27) Omitted |
| (10-12) Omitted | (28) M 79 HE rounds 5 |
| | (29) Trip Flares 1 |

5, 6 and 7 Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 32/71 dated 9 Aug 71.

9 and 10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMs

INTSUM 221/71 para 11. f. (3) delete all after "BARIA", insert "suspected they heard movement in bamboo approx 300m to West. They fired 2xM79rds. Nil results." INTSUM 221/71 Annex E para 3 after "1 moving in open" add "a later ground check showed no recent signs of activity. There were signs of pigs in the area."

c. Omitted

d. Agent Reports

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) Received from S 2 Sector 10 Aug. Eval 1 ATF T6

At 081600H Aug at YS317722 a group of about 26 VC appeared at loc. They were armed with 1xMMG, 4xB40, 2 pistols and individual weapons and dressed in greenish khaki and black with rubber sandals and cloth hats. Each man carried a bag with 2 litres of rice. The VC were deployed in harbour with 5-10 metres between two man positions. Sentries were about 20m from the perimeter.

.../(2) Other

(2) Other Areas

(a) Received from LONG LE 10 Aug 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F6

At 1300H on 8 Aug 71 at YS238724 a sect of VC asked fishermen about units in PHU MY area and requested cigarettes. Source believes elements are new to the area.

(b) Received from LONG LE 10 Aug 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

At 2400H on 6 Aug 71 at YS370613 two sect of an unknown VC unit infiltrated HUONG SON (H) and then dispersed. They wore mixed dress and were armed with 3xB40s and individual weapons.

(c) Received from LONG LE 10 Aug 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

At 1600H on 9 Aug 71 at YS348600 7 VC were seen in a motor boat. The group included NGUYEN HOANG HIEP of BARIA City Unit (ORBAT holds as Military Cadre, Security Sect, Wing 4, BARIA City Unit). They stopped fishermen to ask about RF ambushes in the RUNG SAT.

(d) Received from 525 MI Group 10 Aug 71. Eval US F3, 1 ATF F3

At 071830H two unident VC platoons (possibly of D445) strength approx 30 men, had just moved to the vicinity of YS5556 from the PHUOC BUU Forest (South of XUYEN MOC). They intended to coordinate with C1/D445 to harass friendly outposts in DAT DO.

(e) Received from S2 Sector 10 Aug 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

At 091500H Aug, C610 BARIA Special Action Unit and the LONG HUONG Village Guerillas were located at NGON HAI NHANH, YS347586. Their strength was approx 15, they wore mixed dress and were armed with 1xB40, AK47s and mines. They have a motorized sampan and intend to infiltrate LONG HUONG (YS3561) to obtain food and confiscate personal records, and ID cards.

(f) Received from S2 Sector 10 Aug 71. Eval VN B2, 1 ATF F6

At 092000H Aug about 2 coys of an unknown VC unit, strength approx 200 infiltrated LONG HUONG (YS3561) to force the populace to support them with rice and to contact local VC cadre. The majority of the soldiers were young NVN in mixed dress. The group was armed with 1xmortar, B40s and individual weapons. About 2200H they withdrew towards NUI THI (YS3565).

S 2 Comment: Two coys are possibly only two platoons. However, the agent is fairly reliable and the report is given a VN B2 rating. Enemy possibly from CHAU DUC, but mention of NVN soldiers casts doubts on this.

(g) Received 10 Aug 71. Eval VN B2, 1 ATF F2

Over the last few days a section of VC approx strength 7, dressed in ARVN greens and armed with AKs have been seen in vicinity YS545634. They intend stopping "Lambros" travelling from XUYEN MOC and NUI NHON to DAT DO to kidnap soldiers. They also intend ambushing soldiers travelling the same route by bicycle.

Comment: This has already happened. See INTSUM 221/71 para 11. f. (2).

e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) Other Areas

(a) (090930H). At YS463531 elms of 36 USARV Indiv Trg Bn found a shrine and two bunkers beside an E-W track. The bunkers were 10ftx6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ftx5ft deep with timber and rock OHP and in good condition. They found another bunker at YS459533. The group later found a further bunker at YS458532 which had been boobytrapped with a badly rusted M26 grenade attached to a trip-wire.

(b) (091310H). At YS457533 elms of 36 USARV IT Bn were ambushed. They were fired from 200m with B40 and AK 47 fire. Results: 1 friendly WIA. See earlier report in INTSUM 221/71 para 11. f. (4).

(c) (091355H). At YS286824 elms of RTAVF ambushed an estimated 5 VC. Results: 1 VC KIA, CIA were 1xAK47, 2xmags, 1xtorch, with 7 batteries, 1 bag rice, 6xsets clothing, quantity pers belongings and quantity docus. KIA was later identified from docus as a member of Med Services SR4.

(d) (091615H). At YS167874 an unknown VC elm fired a B40 round at an Aust jeep moving South along Route 15. 45 RF Coy reacted with 81mm mortar rounds with nil results.

(e) (Night 9/10 Aug) Camp fires were seen in general area parallel to creek E YS36-40, N YS94-95. One person seen crouching in ditch at YS3895. Fire later seen in vicinity YS3493, which LONG KHANH Sector believe to the location of an element of 274 Regt.

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(f) (102110H). At YS501572, 52 RF Pl ambushed an estimated 4-5 VC who were moving from NE. Nil results.

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INTERROGATION REPORT
INITIAL INTERROGATION
DETAINEE - PHAM VAN THOA

Biographical Data

1. a. Name: PHAM VAN THAO
- b. AKA: PHAM VAN LE
- c. D/POB: 1935, AP BAC (H), HOA LONG
- d. Unit: Farmers' Assoc, LONG DAT District Committee.
- e. Rank: Political Cadre.

Circumstances of Detention

2. The subject surrendered to Aust tps at FSB CENTENARY (YS658696) at 101830H Aug 71.

Information

3. The subject stated that he left the MINH DAM Secret Zone (centre of mass YS4751) and went to the XUYEN MOC area one month ago to try and persuade the people to increase food production. While there he worked with HAI QUAN, the PCS of XUYEN MOC (1 ATF ORBAT agrees), HAI THANH TICH, a member of the Farmers' Assoc XUYEN MOC (1 ATF ORBAT holds him as being the adjt of the XUYEN MOC Fwd Supply Council) and BA CONG, the 2IC of XUYEN MOC Village Guerillas. (1 ATF ORBAT agrees).
4. The subject stated that approx one month ago LONG DAT (D) and XUYEN MOC (D) amalgamated to form a single district, LONG DAT (D) under BA LONG (P).
5. The subject stated that approx ten days ago C2 and C3 Coys of D445 LF Bn left the NUI MAY TAOs and moved to an area N of XUYEN MOC. The subject stated that C2 Coy was at present in the area of YS6471, in a base comprised of five bunkers, and were approx 16 strong. Their wpns incl one MG, two B4Os, one M79, five AK47s, three carbines, three K54s. The morale of C2 is high and they are ready to fight. C3 Coy had continued on past XUYEN MOC along the SONG HOA down to the PHUOC BUU area (YS6362).

Comment

6. This is the first indication received by 1 ATF ORBAT of the combining of XUYEN MOC and LONG DAT Districts. The interrogation will continue.

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CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

1. Docus captured by V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) after a contact at YS476864 at 100855H Aug 71, offered no firm identification. The docus incl:
 - a. A handkerchief with the initials CCTXT (unk) - 1968 - Group 30 (poss DOAN 30 Transportation Group of BA LONG), embroidered on it.
 - b. A qty of unused envelopes.
 - c. A notebook with the name LOI (insufficient for ident) written on the first page. Other items of interest in the notebook were:
 - (1) A list of eqpt incl electrical cable, TNT and batteries. The list also incl a wpns state of an unknown unit. It was dated May 69.
 - (2) A food expenditure list.
 - (3) Poems by NGUYEN VAN CHUONG (unk).
 - (4) Poems by HA VAN LOI (unk).
 - (5) An entry which states that LOI (unk), PHAI (unk) and SUONG (unk) went with B1 (a pl or staff sect of any unit) to collect food from the people, dated 2 Jul 71.
 - (6) A rice ration list with the names: PHAT (unk), LOI (unk) and DUONG (unk), written on it.
2. Found at the same time as the docus was a US compass with the Vietnamese words "CUONG BINH" written on it twice. CUONG BINH translated means engineers.

B Coy 3 RAR

3. Docus discovered after a contact in a bunker system by B Coy 3 RAR at YS655714 on 10 Aug 71, give no positive ident but mention C3 Coy D445 LF Bn and C36 Sapper Recce Coy, BA LONG. The docus incl:
 - a. An envelope from DUC (insufficient for ident) of C3 Coy, D445 to TU (insufficient for ident) of C36 Province Sapper Recce Unit.
 - b. An envelope from TUYET MAI (unk) of LONG DAT to SAU HOANH (1 ATF records him as the CO of C3 Coy D445) of C3/D445, dated 17 Mar 71.
 - c. Two personal letters from HAI (insufficient for ident) to QUYET TIEN (unk) dated 22 Apr 71, and 8 Apr 71.
 - d. A poem writtem by TO HIEU (unk).
 - e. A mutilated page from a medical lesson.
 - f. A small qty of paper scraps with various writings on them.
4. Comment:C36 Sapper Recce Coy was formed in Nov 70 from C3 Coy D445 and K6 Coy of the disbanded D440 LF Bn. K9 Coy of D440 subsequently became C3 of D445. It is not poss to deduce whether the C3 Coy referred to is the coy that originally belonged to D445, or the new one that came from D440. The mentions of C36 also add confusion to any poss ident.

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AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

1. Omitted
2. Omitted
3. SLAR Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
090404H	YS570765	One mov on road
VR check of area 101600H	(YS568768 (YS571764	Foot tracks around shell crater. Hole 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft deep. No sign of movement.

4. APD (Sniffer).

<u>DTG</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>
100900H	YS362731	YS362745
	YS362734	
	YS362735	
	YS362738	
	YS362741	

Comment: Noticable lack of civilian activity South of 73 Northing and West of 36 Easting which is considered unusual by RAAF. Some normal activity East of NUI NGHE (YS4378).

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 223/71.
2. Period covered from 110001H to 112400H Aug 71.
3. Summary of enemy activity. There were 2 contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (111106H). At YS475859, 3 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn engaged 2-3 enemy in a staging camp with nil results. The enemy withdrew South then West after contact. The camp consisted of 3 bunkers with 18 inches OHP and 20 hootchie spaces with entry/exit tracks to NE-S and W. The system was in good condition although it was some months old. The area measured 50x75m and was vacated 2 hours prior to contact. For equipment and food located see para 4. e. (2) and (3). Documents identify elements of CHAU DUC, primarily the Engineer Cell, see Annex B.

(b) (111520H). At YS420859, 12 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a skull and two graves, also located was 1xAK47 magazine. Comment: This is close to the area of 2 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn contact at YS421855 on 25 Jun 71. (INTSUM 176/71 para 3. a. (1) (a) refers).

(c) (111940H). At YS436826, 11 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn contacted 2 enemy who had moved North to South prior to contact. Enemy were engaged with SA fire at a range of 50m whilst observing 11 Pls location. Enemy then moved South and were again engaged. VC withdrew East without returning fire. Enemy were seen to be carrying at least one unidentified weapon. Results unknown.

(d) (112155H). At YS450903 (COURTENAY HILL) HQ 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) reported sounds of wire cutting on the western perimeter. Four sentry posts reported movement. Sound engaged with M79s but noise again heard again after firing ceased. Movement also heard on northern perimeter. Enemy withdrew West down hill. Sentry post reported hearing 2 whistles and a voice saying "HOI LOI", as the enemy withdrew.

(2) AO GLENELG

(a) Ref INTSUM 222/71 of 10 Aug 71, para 3. a. (5) (a). Further details of bunker system located after the 6 Pl B Coy 3 RAR contact at YS655713. The system measured 150 ft x 36 ft and contained 6 "T" shaped bunkers, 10 ft x 4 ft x 4 1/2 ft with 2 1/2 ft OHP. Also located was a cooking area. The system was of circular shape and in good condition. The bunker OHP used timber and earth. One pit was sandbagged and had natural vegetation camouflage. The complex had been set-up with one claymore covering the northern approach and another lead covering the western approach. A quantity of electrical wire and batteries were found. The system was 2 months old. Also located were 1400xM60 link rounds of which 700 were in sealed boxes.

(3) Other Areas

(a) Detainee PHAM VAN THAO who rallied to FSB CENTENARY at 101830H has been classified as a HOI CHANH. (See Annex A for interrogation report).

(b) (111025H). At YS4750 an aircraft from 161 (Indep) Recce Flt received SA ground fire resulting in 3 hits. Results: Three bullet holes in the tail, nose and wing of aircraft. Nil casualties.

(c) (110910H). At YS819969, 8 suppliers were detained with a quantity of rice, clothing and other food supplies. 5 of these people have been identified.

b. Air Activity

(1) Aircraft Receiving Ground Fire

<u>DTG</u>	<u>ALTITUDE</u>	<u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>FRIENDLY RESPONSE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
111025H	1600 ft	2	Nil	Nil cas

Damage Code

2. Light damage.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance. (Flown by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt unless otherwise stated).

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
(1) 110730H	(2) First light Recce	(3) Approx 12 fishing nets in the SONG RAI between the mouth and the 595 northing. These have been layed in the last 48 hours at the most.

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(1)	(2)	(3)
110910H	YS607779	On route 328 a tiger 5 ft long 2½ ft high approx 250 lbs in weight was seen
111000H	E 62 - 66 N 73 - 75	1. At YS647733 three green trees had been freshly cut 3-5 days ago. Several tracks seen in the scrub close by, not recent. 2. Several tracks led into heavy bush at YS647749 which had been made by 10-20 people. Track up to one week old. 3. No other signs of recent movement.
111113H	YS572565	Aircraft in support of 3 RAR sighted a track made by 2-3 persons along the beach from the mouth of the SONG RAI to approx YS550550. Tracks had been made since last high tide.
111400H	E 66 - 70 N 81 - 83	1. At YS683826, a sect of a well worn path seen wandering amongst bomb craters, the path showed no sign of recent movement. Path ran in N-S direction. 2. At YS677803, a plastic imitation white pith helmet was seen on an old tank track. The helmet had been dropped sometime after the tanks had passed.
111430H	Approx YS4647	JADE aircraft sighted at the base of LONG HAI (M) 25 boats and 7 small boats.
111530H	E 70 - 74 N 80 - 82	1. Area only briefly covered before aborting due to storm in the area. Woodcutters tracks on East of Route 329, showed more recent use than those seen on the West.
111200H	E 36 - 39 N 68 - 71	1. A track runs from a creek at YS361701 and could be followed into thick scrub at YS359700. The track has been used by 15-20 persons in the last 2 to 3 days. 2. No other sign in area.

(3) Omitted

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a, b, c and d Omitted

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

- (a) Individual 1 SKS rifle
- (b) Omitted
- (c) Omitted

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured

5xRPG rockets	40xSKS rounds
1xtorch	2 full AK 47 mags
4 pairs Trousers	1 pair pliers
6 pairs Shorts	2xpacks
7xshirts	1 packet electrical dets
4½ pairs Canvas Boots	quantity assorted cooking utensils
Quantity of electric cable	quantity batteries
1400xM60 Link rounds	

(b) Omitted

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff

<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	
YS475859	Rice	2 bags)	Destroyed
YS475859	Rice	50 lbs)	
YS475859	Tobacco	2 lbs)	
YS475859	Corn	2 bags)	

(4) Captured Documents. See Annex B

(5) Omitted

f. Cumulative Totals for Month MR 3

(1) KIA	3 VC	(14) Omitted
(2) Omitted		(15) 60mm mortar rounds 3
(3) Hoi Chanh	1	(16-17) Omitted
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(4) Omitted	(18) B 41 Rds 8 rds, 11 boosters and 2 fins
(5) Individual Weapons Action 4	(19-21) Omitted
(6) Omitted	(22) SA rounds 2343
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 85 lbs	(23) Grenades 49
(8) Omitted	(24-27) Omitted
(9) Med Stores 2 lbs	(28) M79 HE Rds 5
(10-12) Omitted	(29) Trip flares 1
(13) 82mm mortar rounds1 and 6 fuzes	

5, 6 and 7 Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 32/71 dated 9 Aug 71

9 and 10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a, b and c Omitted

d. Agent Reports

(1) Territorial Forces AO

(a) LONG LE report received 11 Aug 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F6

On night 10 Aug 71, eight VC, and strangers, dressed in mixed uniforms, carrying packs and armed with individual weapons, were sighted moving by boat from YS347603 to YS344602.

(b) LONG LE report received 11 Aug 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F6

At 091900H NAM DEN (unk) told source during a chance encounter at YS343595 that an attack against LONG HUONG would be launched one day soon. He claimed that a large amount of explosive was already hidden in the village, and when this was detonated, people should seek shelter in bunkers, as this would initiate the attack.

(c) LONG LE report received 11 Aug 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

At 100730H. Five VC of BARIA City Unit, including TRAN XUAN CANG (1 ATF ORBAT holds CANG as PCS of LONG HUONG Wing 4) and THI MUOI PHAN (1 ATF holds PHAN as a member of BARIA Womens NLF Cell), dressed in mixed clothing and armed with 2xAK47s and a carbine, stopped fishermen at YS359598 and asked for info on LONG HUONG.

(d) Sector report received 11 Aug 71. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F6

Over the 3 days 25-27 Jul 71, a female cadre NGUYEN THI TIEM (unk) of PHUOC THO Village PC and 5 others, all armed appeared daily between 1400H and 1500H. They would appear at YS531639 and follow the civilian workers back. When they got to YS510617 they would cross Route 23 near YS515613 and follow the edge of the scrub to approx YS510603, or else go to the PHUOC SON rubber at YS500613. They would then wait until nightfall to infiltrate PHUOC THO (V) to propagandize and collect food. The following mornings at 0700H they would appear at YS500603 to follow the farmers out to the area of the KINH DAO stream at YS531639.

(e) LONG THANH Sub-Sector report received 11 Aug 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F4

On 7 Aug 71, at YS307794 an estimated 200 VC of an unidentified unit wearing green uniforms and armed with 2x82mm mortars, 2xunknown type of heavy weapons, 3xB40s, 2xCHICOM radios and individual weapons were located in the area. Intentions unknown.

(2) Other Areas

(a) Report extracted from Advisory Team 49 INTSUM No 155 of 9 Aug 71, received 11 Aug 71. Eval US F3, 1 ATF F3

On 4 Aug at 1500H, YS555996, approx 100 VC of an element of 33 NVA Regt appeared in this vicinity, South of BAO BINH III. Intentions unknown.

1 ATF Comment: Probably from 3 Bn of 33 NVA Regt.

e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) Further to PRU contact, LONG SON (I) 6 Aug 71, INTSUM 215/71 para 11. f.

(3) refers; This report is correct, new info reported in INTSUM 219/71 para 11. f. (4) was incorrect. Delete all reference. Initial report stands.

(2) (091000H). At YS270829, RTAVF troops located a bunker system consisting of 5 bunkers and measuring 2x3x2 metres, two bunkers had been recently used, two grenades were discovered in the system.

(3) (101230H). At YS231872, RTAVF troops located 3 bunkers 4x5x3 metres. Located in the system was, 3xKilos of rice, 1xNational radio, 3 rolls of claymore wire,

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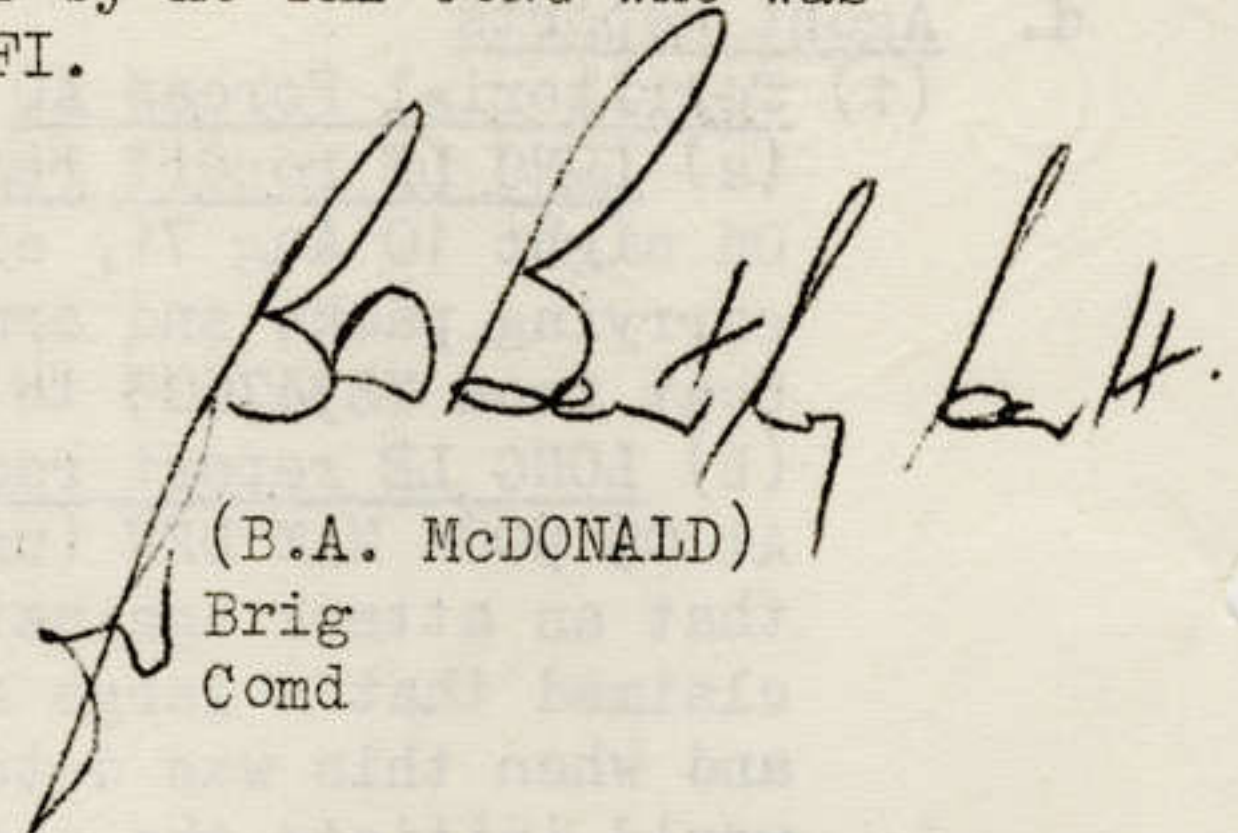
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250xAK47 rounds, 4xignitors, 3xTNT, 1xtrip flare, 1xprimer cord, 1x81mm mortar round, 1xclaymore, 1xTNT fuze, 5xempty ammunition cases, 1xM16 bayonet, 4x155mm artillery rounds, 33 other items.

(4) (102025H). At YT313097, 21 PF ambushed an approximate half squad sized VC group. Results: 1 VC WIA, 1 M26 grenade CIA. Enemy withdrew North after contact. A wounded detainee who was identified as LE HONG VIET 2Lt - RSG, 2 Bn 274 VC Regt was found during a later sweep of the area. (1 ATF ORBAT identifies VIET as probably Adj of D2 Bn 274 VC Regt).

(5) Further to detention of 10 illegal residents at XUYEN MOC 090600 Aug (INTSUM 221/71 para 11. f. (4)) the detainees are innocent but do not have formal approval to live in the area. This is to be arranged.

(6) (111300H). DAT DO Sub-sector received a Hoi Chanh, PHAN THI TRUC aka HUONG (unk) who left the LONG HAIs at 110800H. She is a nurse from HOI MY (V) PC. The Hoi Chanh was accompanied to sub-sector by HO THI CONG who was kidnapped by the VC at 092200H from her home. NFI.


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INTERROGATION REPORT

HOI CHANH - PHAM VAN THAO

1. The subject stated that BA LONG (P) had decided to amalgamate LONG DAT (D) and XUYEN MOC (D) because of difficulties in controlling the two separate districts. C70 Conc Coy of XUYEN MOC has been disbanded and incorporated into C25 Conc Coy of LONG DAT.
2. The details given by THAO of the new organisation indicate that personnel from the old LONG DAT (D) have taken over the key positions in the new LONG DAT (D), with personnel from XUYEN MOC filling only minor roles.
3. The subject stated that LONG DAT (D) resupplies itself from hamlets in DAT DO (D). Each 5-6 days a resupply party is organised. The hamlets most often used are PHUOC THANH (YS486596), PHUOC THO (YS4959) and HOI TRUONG (YS507550).
4. The subject stated that the future role of LONG DAT (D) is to continue to attempt to destroy the GVN Pacification Programme, and by means of propaganda make the people hostile to the GVN. LONG DAT also has the task of combining with D445 LF Bn, to infiltrate villages and hamlets in the DAT DO area to harass the PSDF. Any PSDF captured will be warned that if they continue working for the RVN they will be killed; they will be released to warn others in the villages and hamlets.
5. The subject stated that the OC of C2 Coy D445 had asked the XUYEN MOC (V) PC about RVN positions along Route 23 from YS620648 to XUYEN MOC. Evidently, his task was to attack vehs mov along Route 23.
6. The subject stated that the VC KIA by C Coy 3 RAR at YS585654 on 20 Jul 71 was not HO VAN DUNG, as identified by his mother in XUYEN MOC. (She emotionally identified him as the Security Chief of XUYEN MOC (V)). Instead he was DIEN (unk) of C2 Coy D445. THAO said that he had seen DUNG alive only three days before he rallied on 10 Aug.

Comment: Docus captured at the same time identified the Recce Pl of D445.

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CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Docus found in a bunker system following a contact by V Coy 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) identify CHAU DUC (D) Unit, specifically the Engr Cell. The docus incl:
 - a. A sketch map of Route 15 from PHU MY down to LONG HUONG. It is approx 1: 25,000 scale but contains no tactical info.
 - b. An NLF booklet on "How to Shoot Down Aircraft".
 - c. A propaganda booklet.
 - d. Part of a letter addressed to the "fighting soldiers", dated 1 Jul 71. The letter states that there was a group from SR4 returning to Province and they visited CHAU DUC on the way.
 - e. An envelope from BINH (unk) to GIAN (unk) dated 4 Jun 70.
 - f. An envelope from BAY (unk) of PHUOC HOA to BINH (unk) of 82/A5 (1 ATF ORBAT holds this as a cover designate for NGAI GIAO) CHAU DUC Engrs. It had been censored by SAU SANG (unk) on 12 Mar 70.
 - g. An envelope from 6282/VT (Admin Offr CHAU DUC) to the "Engrs"
 - h. An envelope from BINH (unk) to CHUNG (unk) of an unknown Rear Services.
 - i. A piece of paper with the name TRAN VAN CUONG (a cadre of C41 Conc Coy CHAU DUC).
 - j. Two expenditure lists.
 - k. Two pieces of paper which appear to have been used by someone learning to write.
 - l. A piece of paper with poems.
 - m. A piece of cardboard which gives the details of enlisting, joining the Party and promotions of an unknown pers of an unknown unit.
 - n. A diary belonging to NGUYEN THANH BINH (F/E Cadre of PHUOC HOA (V) PC) of an unstated engr unit; the last entry is dated 1969. It also contains political lessons.
 - o. An exercise book containing only one page of lessons for a Party member, dated 29 Apr 70.
 - p. A decision promoting NGUYEN VAN BINH (2IC CHAU DUC Engr Cell) from sect ldr to pl 2IC of CHAU DUC Engr Unit, signed by NGUYEN TRUNG HIEU (Political Offr CHAU DUC) and NGUYEN VAN KIEM (ex comd of CHAU DUC, now 2IC of BA LONG), dated 30 Nov 69.
 - q. A decision promoting NGUYEN VAN BINH (as above) from sect 2IC to sect ldr of CHAU DUC Engrs, signed by BUI CONG CHANH (unk) Comd CHAU DUC(D)Unit on 23 Jan 68.
 - r. Seven commendation certificates for NGUYEN VAN BINH of CHAU DUC dated between Aug 69 and Jan 71.
 - s. A decision promoting NGUYEN VAN BINH of CHAU DUC from sect ldr to pl 2IC, signed by NGUYEN MINH NINH (unk), Asst Political Offr of BA LONG dated 27 Aug 70.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 224/71 dated 12 Aug 71.
2. Period Covered from 120001H to 122400H Aug 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) Ref INTSUM 223/71 para 3.a.(1)(c). A sweep of the area conducted on 12 Aug, revealed a tunnel 2' x 2' x 3' deep, and five foot long. It is believed not to have been used for six months and to be incomplete.

(b) Ref INTSUM 223/71, para 3.a.(1)(d). A first light search revealed one partly untaped M26 grenade, found in a one-man position under a large log.

(2) AO XUYEN MOC/NUI NHON

(a) (121515H). At YS662652, 8 Pl C Coy 3 RAR were eng by an est 6 en from the rear, after friendly elm had passed a bunker system. The en fired RPGs and used crew served wpns. At 121600H RAAF gunships eng the area and received more fire than the ground tps in contact. En withdrew SW and SE. Results: 4 Aust WIA.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
120945H	E 57-59, N 70-74	Nil significant sightings.
121000H - 121200H	E 62-66. N 76-78	1. Elephants tracks 3 weeks old plus; mov E-W, in south western portion of VR area. 2. At YS626763 there appeared to be a mound of fresh earth, unable to be further identified. No other sign.
121200H - 121400H	E 69-72, N 72 - 75	1. At YS706737 two heavy foot tracks 10-20 people had left the jungle and headed NE across open grass land. 2-5 days old. 2. At YS691737 several tracks were seen in a close area, No signe of recent mov. Area within 150m of a serviceable woodcutters road. 3. After following the track from YS695725 to the SW, pilot observed heavy footprints of approx 20 pers a YS685720 joining the track. Track was followed to RF camp at YS672724.
121212H	YS590577 YS595580 YS584574 YS570570	1. (N SONG RAI) Jade ac sighted fishing nets. 2. 10 pers fishing 3. There were 51 boats W of Sandy Point of which 5-10 were within 50m of coast line. 4. At point of LONG HAIs (YS460473) there was one boat within 50m of the coast, and 10 approx 500m from the coast.
121300H		1. DS ac VR of Route 328 and beach E and W of Sandy Point sighted signs of mov during past 48 hrs of up to 10 pers mov S to N along the track at YS643580 to YS644606. Approx YS644606 the track seemed to branch into three directions generally to the N and E, and was finally lost in the vicinity of YS644612. 2. At YS643579 a fresh track about 12 hrs old of approx 4 pers, 1 wearing HCM .../sandals

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sandals were seen to emerge from the N-S track and move W along the beach to approx YS608579. These tracks met with that of two pers who had come from the W to that point. The tracks of the group with the HCM sandals then appeared to move along the water line to the coast and were lost.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a., b., c., d. and e. omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR3

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|-------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|
| (1) KIA..... | 3 VC | (13) 82mm Mor Rds. 1. and 6. fuses. |
| (2) Omitted. | | (14) Omitted. |
| (3) Hoi Chanh..... | 1 | (15) 60mm Mor Rds..... |
| (4) Omitted. | | (16) and (17) omitted. |
| (5) Individual Wpns | | (18) B-41 Rds..8 rds, 11 boosters, |
| Action..... | 4 | 2 fins. |
| (6) Omitted. | | (19) to (21) omitted. |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed.... | 85 lbs | (22) SA Rds..... |
| (8) Omitted. | | (23) Grenades..... |
| (9) Med Stores..... | 2 lbs | (24) to (27) omitted. |
| (10) to (12) omitted. | | (28) M79 HE Rds..... |
| | | (29) Trip Flares..... |

5., 6. and 7. omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 32/71 dated 9 Aug 71.

9. and 10. omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a., c. and e. omitted.

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMs.

- (1) Ref INTSUM 223/71 para 3.a.(2)(a) delete last sentence "Also loc were 1400 x M60 link rds of which 700 were in sealed boxes.
- (2) Ref 223/71 para 4.f. (22) delete 2343 insert 943, for cumulative totals correct as at 11 Aug 71.
- (3) Ref INTSUM 223/71 para 4.e.(2)(a) delete all ref to 1400 x M60 link rds.

d. Agent Reports

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) 525 MI Gp Report received 12 Aug. Eval US C3, 1 ATF F3.

At 081600H at YS317722, approx 26 men were seen. They were armed with one AR, four B-40s, two pistols (NFI) and individual wpns, and were camping in area.

(2) AO XUYEN MOC/NUI NHON

(a) Received from XUYEN MOC 12 Aug. Eval 1 ATF F3.

From 6 Aug, at YS653700, a woman has been collecting taxes from jungle workers. She carries no apparent wpn.

(b) 11 Aug, at YS585577 numerous clam diggers were seen

(c) 11 Aug, at YS680587 and YS770645, numerous veh tracks were seen in the sand.

(d) Source states that info points to an increase in coastal transshipment in PHUOC TUY (P) and BINH TUY (P).

(3) Territorial Forces AO

(a) Report received from PRU 12 Aug. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

At approx 090200H Aug, a gp of VC from XA TAM PHUOC PC together with elms of C21, strength approx 14, armed with B-40 and individual wpns led by NGUYEN VAN MAN (PCS of XA TAM PHUOC) infiltrated from the direction of PHUOC TRINH jungle into XA TAM PHUOC near YS452580. MAN then entered a house and collected a qty of supplies. The gp then withdrew towards the PHUOC TRINH jungle (near NUI DA DUNG). Comment: This is the first recent ref to "C21". According to unconfirmed reports C21 was formed from PSDF captured by the VC.

(b) Report received from PRU 12 Aug. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

On the night of 11/12 Aug, a gp of VC from XA TAM PHUOC PC were seen, strength approx 25, armed with B-40s and individual wpns, led by NGUYEN VAN MAN (PCS of TAM PHUOC) and TRAN VAN (unk). Their intention was to infiltrate TAM PHUOC. Comment: This did not occur, but may do in the future.

.../(c) Report

(c) Report received from Sector 12 Aug. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F6.
 Source states that approx 30 men from "C47 RSG" (poss tpt elm LONG DAT) were seen at YS599587. They were led by TRAN VAN HON, aka HIEN (unknown to 1 ATF ORBAT).

(d) Report received from LONG LE 12 Aug. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.
 (120730H). At YS2268, four VC were seen mov in a boat from NGON MUONG to BAN THACH. They were armed with Aks and an M16.

(e) Report received from LONG LE 12 Aug. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.
 (111930H). Five VC of an unknown elm, dressed in black and armed with two AK50s and two Colt .45s were sighted at YS399638. They were dressed as farmers, and stopped at the "Stone House" (YS398627) before withdrawing towards SUOI NGHE.

(4) AO DUC THANH

(a) Report received 12 Aug. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F4.
 (121300H). At YS452769, one VC pl of C41 CHAU DUC appeared. They were in mixed dress, and were well armed. They said they would attack and sabotage the election of deputies.

(5) Other Areas

(a) Report received from LONG LE 12 Aug. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.
 212 Recce/Sabotage Coy of 3 Bn 274 Regt has been reported as being in square YS3090. Comment: 212 Recce/Sabotage Coy is poss either C21A Sapper Coy or C21B Recce Coy, both of 274 Regt.

(b) Report received from HQ RTAVF 12 Aug. Eval RTAVF C3, 1 ATF F3.
 (101030H). At YS273797, an est 20 VC of THAI THIEN Guerillas and "C6 (Sapper)" were seen.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (110400H). At YS813964, RF/PF tps from XUAN LOC Subsector conducted a search of RUNG CA (H) resulting in the following items captured:

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| (a) 9 sand bags of rice | (i) 6 packets of cigarettes |
| (b) 2 bags of shrimp | (j) 3 bars of soap |
| (c) 12 loaves of bread | (k) 2 dresses |
| (d) 16 cans of fish | (l) 6 pairs of pants (black) |
| (e) 1 gas mask (US) | (m) 10 cans of meat |
| (f) 40 duck eggs | (n) 5 metres of nylon material |
| (g) 1 case of Chinese noodles | |
| (h) 4 bags of tobacco | |

There were also 13 pers detained, 12 of whom are suspected suppliers. The remaining pers as yet is unclassified.

(2) Report received from 3rd Coastal Zone IO

(a) On 11 Aug, at YS5253, a vessel approx 100' long was seen anchored. A smaller craft was seen anchored alongside. The vessel had 6 x 55 gal drums on the aft deck, and bags of unidentified material piled on the fwd deck. The vessel had a gray hull, red bottom, white superstructure and was numbered VT2214NTDC. It was flying the RVN flag. This was the first time a vessel of this type has been seen in these waters. The area was later observed, but all that was seen were fishing boats.

(3) From NP XUYEN MOC As a result of statements of PHAM VAN THAO (see INTSUM 223/71) three VCI have been arrested. They are TRAN VAN HANH (unk), NGUYEN VAN BA (member F and E sect XUYEN MOC) and NGUYEN VAN LO (unk).

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Annexes: A. Interrogation Report
 E. Aerial Sensor Readings

Distribution:

List A	BIEN HOA Sector	RSSZ (for IO)
HQ TRAC	Advisory Team 89	AATTV Advisor BARIA
MACV - CICV	Sector S2	All 1 ATF LOs
MACV- J2	3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM)	AATTV SAIGON
LONG KHANH Sector S2 XUAN LOC		

INTERROGATION REPORT
PW PHAM VAN DONG

Biographical Data

1. a. Name: PHAM VAN DONG.
- b. D/POB: 1946, NINH BINH, NVN.
- c. Rank/Appt: Cpl (NVA), Pl 2IC.
- d. Unit: C 23 Armoury, Sub Region 4.

Circumstances of Capture

2. The subject was captured by 8/116RF Coy, BINH TUY Province, on 26 Jul 71 at YT824004. He was carrying rice from Route 1 to his base camp when he became separated from his unit and was captured, as a result of his accidently walking into an ARVN location.

Information

3. The subject stated that C23 was originally a tank unit. In May 65 when the subject joined the unit it was located in TAY NINH Province. In Oct 67 the unit moved to the SUOI CA area (YS2891) and was subordinated to Sub Region 4. Due to its lack of tanks the unit was used primarily as a transportation unit. When SR 4 was disbanded to form BARIA Sub Region (No date), C23, with a strength of 17 at the time was transferred to MR-7, except for seven tank drivers who were sent to COSVN.

Comment:

4. No further information on the disbandment of SR 4 and the forming of "BARIA Sub Region" is contained in this report. The interrogation is continuing.

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AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

1., 3. and 4. omitted.

2. Red Haze Activity

At E 60-80, N 60-90 on night 11/12 Aug no readings.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 225/71.
- 2. Period covered from 130001H to 132400H Aug 71.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) Other Areas

(a) (130745H). At YS341918, a 1 ATF pl engaged a party of enemy moving tactically from North to South on a foot track, with two scouts armed with AK47s 20 metres in front of the main body. The size of the enemy force was at least ten and one female and male voices were heard after the initial firing.

Results: Four enemy KIA (BC); three enemy WIA (BT). Captured were: Two AK47; three K54 pistols; four packs; two transistor radios; approx 5 lbs docus and \$VN 30,000. Artillery was fired in support and four tactical airstrikes were flown in centres of mass YS345927 (2) and YS345932 (2). Initial BDA reported an old base camp uncovered at YS340925. Docus readout identifies an element of HQ 3 Bn 274 VC Regt. Two of the KIA may have been DAO MINH TAM (Assistant Political Officer 3 Bn 274 Regt) and NGUYEN QUOC DUONG (a Coy 2IC of 3 /274). One of the items captured was a "Determined to Win Warrior 3rd Class" medal, a NVN Youth League Badge and an NVA cap badge. (For other items captured see para 4. e. (2) this INTSUM).

(b) (122200H). Late Report. At YS425665, a bright torch light was seen flashing.

(2) AO GLENELG

(a) (121800H). Late Report. (See report of contact in INTSUM 224/71 para 3. a. (2). At YS661653, 8 Pl C Coy 3 RAR found two "T" shaped pits estimated to be 1-2 months old used approx two previously. Recovered were: 150 lbs corn; one fresh fish; two monkies prepared for cooking; six smoke grenades; two water bottles and a claymore firing device and lead.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance. (By 161 (Indep) Recce Flt)

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
130800H-	E 70 - 73	No fresh signs seen. VR cut chort.
131000H	N 69 - 72	
131000H-	E 67 - 69	Remains of old hut at YS677633. No other sign in area.
131200H	N 62 - 66	
131000H-	E 52 - 53	No sign of any recent movement in area.
131200H	N 85 - 87	
131200H-	E 60 - 65	
131430H	N 58 - 60	Track on map from YS644602 to YS644583 shows signs of regular use as reported in previous INTSUM. The Southern part seems to have been used in last 3-4 days. At YS644583 evidence of use by persons possibly cleaning fish or preparing bait for fishing. At YS640587, a green bucket was seen and a suspected bunker entrance. From YS644602 the track splits into 2-3 smaller tracks and runs East to Route 328. These tracks are up to 7 days old. Comment: Last use by friendly forces of this area was approx 3 weeks ago. Many old tracks in area which appear to fan out from old friendly lie-up areas. None appeared to have had recent use. No fresh sign of movement in the area.
131400H-	E 41 - 43	
131600H	N 77 - 80	

(3) Omitted

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. Total KIA Occurring During This Reporting Period

(1) Omitted

(2) Aust Inflicted 4 VC

(3) Omitted

b, c and d Omitted.

.../e. Enemy

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

- (a) Individual 5
- (b) Omitted
- (c) Breakdown ... Two AK-47; three K-54 pistols.

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured

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| 2xAmmunition belts | 3xK-54 holsters with belts |
| 76x7.62mm short rounds | 210x7.62mm rounds |
| 20x7.62mm (tracer) rounds | 8x0.45 cal rounds |
| 9xAK47 mags | 3xK-54 mags |
| 2½ lbs tea (VN) | 2xpacks cigarettes |
| 7xloose cigarettes | 3xService torches |
| 1xChicom compass and pouch | 1x"Standard" radio |
| 1x"National Panasonic" radio | 2xNew singlets |
| 1xpair HO CHI MINH sandals | 1xpair thongs |
| 1xelectric detonator | 1xSurvival flare gun |
| 7xSurvival flares | 15lbs Rice |
| 1½ lbs flour | 1lb dried fish |
| ½lb dried prawns | 1lb chillies |
| ½lb Sodium Gluconate | Several cloves of garlic |
| 2½ lb salt | 5 yds rubber thong |
| 2lb unpolished rice | 4x"C" cell batteries |
| 2x"D" cell batteries | 4xeating bowls |
| 2xset chop sticks | 1xhand fan |
| 8xnew torch globes | 1xradio ear plug |
| 1xpornographic photograph | 16 yds nylon cord |
| ½lb loose tobacco | 3xbottles vitamin tablets |
| 5xhammocks | 1xtube Anit-biotic tablets |
| 1xhandkerchief | 4xbandages |
| 1xAnti-snake bite tablet | 6xfood bags |
| 1xplastic comb | 1xbottle lighter fluid |
| 1xplastic bottle of toothpaste | |
| 1xplastic bottle of rifle oil | \$30,000VN |
| 4xcakes soap | 1xplastic box lighter flints |
| 1xmirror with name "RIENG" scratched on the back | |
| 2xmoney pouches, 1 with 35 Dong. | |
| 1xcigarette lighter | 1xreel black cotton |
| 2xhoochies | 3xsets of toobrushes and toothpaste |
| 20 square yards plastic | 6xpairs shorts |
| 3xpairs socks | 5xpairs trousers |
| 7xshirts | 12 square yards black nylon material |
| 3xponchos | 1xPhial iodine |

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

f. Cumulative Totals for Month ; MR 3

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| (1) KIA 7 VC | (13) 82mm Mor rounds 1 and 6 fuzes |
| (2) Omitted | (14) Omitted |
| (3) Hoi Chanh 1 | (15) 60mm Mor rounds 3 |
| (4) Omitted | (16-17) Omitted |
| (5) Individual Weapons | (18) B41 rounds 8 rds, 11 boosters |
| Action 9 | (19-21) Omitted |
| (6) Omitted | (22) SA rounds 943 |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 100 lbs | (23) Grenades 55 |
| (8) Omitted | (24-27) Omitted |
| (9) Med Stores 2 lbs | (28) M79 HE rounds 5 |
| (10-12) Omitted | (29) Trip flares 1 |

5, 6 and 7 Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 32/71 dated 9 Aug 71.

9 and 10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

.../a. Omitted

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- a. Omitted
- b. Correction to Previous INTSUMs
Ref INTSUM 224/71 para 11. d. (2), delete sub-para's (b) (c) (d) and insert detail in para 11. f. (2). (Other Items of Reporting Interest).
Ref INTSUM 224/71 para 11. d. (d) delete "Source states" insert "Coastal Zone IO states".
- c. Omitted
- d. Agent Reports
AO BIRDSVILLE
(1) NP LONG LE report received 13 Aug 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3
At 1400H on 12 Aug 71, seven VC of an unidentified group (which included two females) were loc at YS343603, where they asked fishermen about the security situation at AP DINH (YS373617). After approx 15 minutes they withdrew SW.
(2) NP LONG LE report received 13 Aug 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3
At 1930H on 6 Aug 71, six guerillas of 5 Gp BARIA City Unit stopped fishermen at YS378634, and asked for information of friendly military activities. After five minutes the VC withdrew towards HOA LONG (V).
Territorial Forces AO
(3) RD Cadre Report received 1 ATF 13 Aug 71. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F2
At 1300H on 10 Aug 71, approx five VC abducted NGUYEN VAN HUAN (born 1955) of PHUOC HAI (V) (YS5152).
(4) PSB report received 1 ATF 13 Aug 71. Eval 1 ATF F2.
At 2030H on 9 Aug 71, five VC led by LO VAN Y aka NHUT (member F and E Sect XA HOI MY Party Chapter) entered a house in AP HOI CUU (YS512543) and abducted HOI THI CONG (female born 1947). The party withdrew West.
(5) NP LONG LE report received 10 Aug 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3
At 0730H on 10 Aug 71, five VC of BARIA City Unit stopped fishermen at YS359598 and enquired about friendly troop activity in LONG HUONG (V). Source also stated the VC attempted to make arrangements to collect supplies from VC families in the village.
(6) PRU report received 1 ATF 13 Aug 71. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3
At 2100H on 8 Aug 71, four VC entered a house in HOA LONG (V) (YS414643) to receive supplies and withdrew in an unknown direction.
(7) NP LONG LE report received 1 ATF 13 Aug 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3
At 1600H on 9 Aug 71, seven VC of BARIA City Unit were seen in a motor boat at YS348600, where they asked fishermen for details of PF ambushes in the RUNG SAT. Source also stated the VC intend to attack the PSDF post in LONG HUONG (V). The VC left after five minutes.
(8) PSB PHUOC THO report received 1 ATF 13 Aug 71. Eval 1 ATF F6
At 2300H on 10 Aug 71, four VC entered AP HAI LAC (H) XA PHUOC HAI (V). The party entered a house where they received food and information. One VC was identified as TRAN SON TUNG aka OM. Comment: 1 ATF ORBAT holds TRAN as leader of PHUOC HAI Guerilla Unit.
Other Areas
(9) NP SAIGON report received 1 ATF 13 Aug 71. Eval 1 ATF F3
It has been reported recently the extremist student groups from some technical schools are apparently planning a series of public protests in SAIGON to take the form of suicides in the pre-election period and NP SAIGON have requested info regarding any similar plans in the provinces.
- e. Omitted
- f. Other Items of Reporting Interest
(1) (130830H). At YS273569, 577 RF Coy found 11 fighting pits approx 2 years old and in poor condition which were destroyed.
(2) (131150H). At YS360990, 176 RF Coy engaged an estimated enemy squad who withdrew South with unknown results.

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Annex B. Captured Documents.

Distribution: List A, HQ TRAC, MACV-J2, MACV-CICV, BIEN HOA Sector, Advisory Team 89, Sector S2, 3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM), RSSZ (For IO), AATTV (SAIGON), AATTV Advisor BARIA, LONG KHANH Sector S2 XUAN LOC, All 1 ATF LOs

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CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. A large quantity of documents were captured by a 1 ATF ptl following a contact at YS341918 on 13 Aug 71.
2. One document was a photocopy of a 1:50,000 map "AP BINH SON", sheet 6443 III. Sections of the map had been coloured green possibly by a "silk screen" process. This did not cover the complete jungle area although most of the green patches were located in jungle area. Most of the roads had been coloured in for emphasis, as was the village of AP BINH SON. The only mark of significance was a light red circle in biro with centre of mass YS326929 covering a diameter of approx 1500m. On the back of the sheet there were some rough expenditure notes and the name of the map. Comment: In Mar 71 a Hoi Chanh stated that an element of 3 Bn 274 Regt was located in in the approx area of YS326929.
3. A letter from HAI QUANG to NAM THANH (both Asst Chiefs of Staff 274 Regt) and TAN THA (unk) indicates that there is to be a meeting of elements from all units and supporting sub-units of 274 Regt to commence on 14 or 15 Aug. The letter deals with the arrangements for the meeting, but the reason the meeting being held is not stated. There are mentions of the following areas: Hill 50 (unk), Hill 70 (unk), Hill 74 (possibly YS282932), Route 90 (possibly a short land clearing route), UI CUT Road (unk).

4. A number of receipts which refer to buying of rice. The following is a summary:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>QUANTITY OF RICE</u>	<u>BUYER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
AP MOI	30 litres	HOANG THANH PHAN (unk) D3 (3/274)	-----
LONG AN	88 litres	NGUYEN TAN THANH D3 (Nurse 3/274)	Sep 70
AP MOI	49 litres	VU VAN DOC (Adjt 3/274 CIA Nov 70)	5 Nov 70
---	247 litres	LE VAN CHINH D3 (Rear Services Staff 3/274)	5 Nov 70
LONG AN	1575 litres	BUI VAN BA (QM Cadre 3/274) D3	3 Nov 70
AP MOI	1795 litres	HA VAN LU (unk)	25 Nov 70
VIET CUONG	13 litres	NGUYEN VAN DANG (unk)	29 Sep 70
AP MOI	862 litres	VU VAN DOC	3 Nov 70
LONG AN	680 litres	HOANG THANH PHAN D3	31 Jul 70
AP MOI	473 litres	HOANG THANH PHAN D3	---
BOT MOI	1221 litres	HOANG THANH PHAN D3	12 Jul 70
BOT MOI	823 litres	HOANG THANH PHAN D3	8 Aug 70

5. A large number of nominal rolls were found for H23 (3 Bn 274 Regt). One significant feature of these was that at the start of Jul 71 H23 appears to have 43 personnel, whereas in Aug they had 83 personnel. This is not believed to refer to the battalion's total strength although it could be its fighting strength. Current overall strength of 3 Bn is believed to be 250 persons approx although this is not mentioned in these docs. A significant feature in the large increase between Jul and Aug. This supports TRACs recent estimate of the large number of infiltrations into enemy MR-7 as a whole during this period.

6. One piece of paper referred to weapon and ammo caches, as follows:

- a. HUNG NGHIA area (YT3107) - K56-10 boxes; B40 - 68 rds; B41 - 20 rds; 60mm Mor - 196 rds; C4 - 20 kilograms; 2xB1 (unk); 1xB40; 5xRPG: Shaped Charges - 39 rds; dets - 140; electrical dets - 166.
- b. Hill 102 (possibly YS299974) - 82mm Mor - 80 rds; K53 - 11 boxes; Fuse -

.../50m

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50m (unk); Shaped Charge - 20 rds.

- c. SONG NHAN River (YT2701) - K56 - 3 boxes; B40 - 19 rds; M79 - 12 rds; 2x carbines; 2xRPG.
- d. BAC 25 (unk) - 75mm RCL - 34 rds; K56 - 4 boxes; 1xM60mm Mor; 2x12.8 HMG; 3xB41.

7. The remainder of the docus included:

- a. Eighteen Commendation Certificates for a number of personnel belonging to 3 Bn 274 Regt.
- b. Eighteen Decision Certificates promoting various members of 3 Bn 274 Regt.
- c. Forty personal letters to or from various members of 3 Bn 274 Regt. No tactical information; letters with information of interest are covered under separate sub-paras of this annex.
- d. Twelve letters of introduction. They appear primarily to be introducing members of 3 Bn to 274 Regt HQ.
- e. Twenty-one medal certificates for various members of 3 Bn 274 Regt. These were signed by NGUYEN MINH QUANG (previous CO 274 Regt), Comd E4 (274 Regt) dated 20 Feb 71.
- g. A letter from LE PHUOC NGHAI (unk) to HQ H23 (3 Bn 274 Regt), which is a reply to a request for uniforms. It states that the uniforms will cost \$VN2,000 each and that HQ H23 (3 Bn 274 Regt) will pay for them. The letter is receipted by NGO VAN DIEN (unk) on 28 Jul 71.
- g. An official letter sent to subordinate units of H10 (HQ 274 Regt) states that all units subordinate to H10 will be responsible for curing their own patients. It was signed NGUYEN MINH QUANG (Pol Offr 274 Regt) Field Grade Pol Offr for H10, dated 8 Sep 1971 (sic).
- h. A directive on propaganda signed by TRANG TIET QUANG (2IC Pol Staff Sect 274 Regt), Deputy Pol Offr of the Pol Sect E 4 (274 Regt), dated 25 Mar 1970.
- i. A receipt made out by LE VAN CHINH (member Rear Services Staff D3 Bn, 274 Regt) of Ordnance Sect 3 Bn, who received \$30,000VN from UT TAM (Asst Pol Offr D3, 274) dated 14 Mar 71. Comment: A sum of \$30,000VN was found following the contact.
- j. A notebook possibly belonging to LE VAN CHINH, containing Party lessons, receipts and notes on the writers past activities.
- k. A nominal roll of "good, better and best" party members of Party Chapters of 11, 13, 14 and 15 (Coys of 3 Bn), signed by Party Committee D3 on 31 Jul 71.
- l. A directive listing 37 ways the "Liberation" troops should conduct themselves in SVN, signed by NGUYEN THANH LIENG (previously 2IC Pol Staff 274 Regt, KIA by PRU 13 Jul 71) Deputy Pol Offr, dated 14 Jul 70.
- m. Minutes of a Party Committee meeting, held by an unknown unit on 5 Jun 71. It is signed by DAO MINH TAM (Asst Pol Offr 3 Bn, 274 Regt).
- n. A report on rear service tasks for the first six months of 1971 (Nov 70 to Jun 71) written by the Rear Services Staff, 274 Regt.
- o. Two rear service plans for Aug 71, signed by LUU NGUYEN (2IC RSS, 274 Regt) for HQ H13 (RSS 274 Regt), dated 7 Aug 71.
- p. A draft of a report on rear service tasks for the first six months of 1971, dated 25 Jun 71.
- q. A list of thirty-two names belonging to an unknown convalescence group. The list includes an amount of debts.
- r. A quantity of rice and money receipts for the following units; D3 (3 Bn), E 4 (274 Regt), C11 (a coy of 3 Bn), C13 (a coy of 3 Bn), and C14 (a coy of 3 Bn).

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- s. A notebook containing accounts and nominal rolls of VF 2 (unk), VF 1 (unk), C11, C13 and C14 (coys of 3 Bn).
- t. QM instructions, signed by TRAN CONG CHANH (2IC, 274 Regt), 4 Regt HQ (HQ 274 Regt) on 8 May 71.
- u. A directive explaining the four "motivational experiences" signed by NGUYEN HUU MAI (Chief of Pol Staff, 274 Regt), Pol Chief, dated 29 Jun 71.
- v. A report on the "family situation" of HUYNH VAN QUANG (unk), signed by DOAN TIEN NAM (unk), secretary, dated 13 Aug 71.
- w. An application for marriage by HUYNH VAN QUANG (unk), dated 30 Jul 71.
- x. A letter to MINH THUAN (unk) of H23 (3 Bn 274 Regt) asking for nominal rolls of all units of D3 (3 Bn). It was from H11 (Staff Office 274 Regt).
- y. An account list of an unknown convalescence group. It includes 27 names.
- z. A letter from HUYNH THAH TAO (CO, RSS, 274 Regt) to BAY PHUOC (Civil Proselyting, 274 Regt), TAM QUAN (unk) and LUU NGUYEN (2IC, RSS, 274 Regt), stating that at present C11 and C5 (Purchasing and Requisitioning Coys 814 RSG, MR 7) can provide from 2,000 to 3,000 litres of rice. It suggests the regiment send personnel to C11 and C5 to collect the rice. It is dated 7 Aug 71.
- aa. Three pieces of paper containing hand written poems.
- bb. Seven monthly account reports from Jan 71 to Jul 71 belonging to D3 (3 Bn), signed by QUANG TINH (unk) and HOANG THANH PHAN (unk).
- cc. Several lists of names showing personnel who received items of equipment from C13 and C14 of H23 (3 Bn, 274 Regt), dated between 1 Jul 71 and 14 Jul 71.
- dd. A notebook containing minutes of Party Committee meetings in Feb 71.
- ee. A number of reports dealing with administration and quartering of 3 Bn 274 Regt.
- ff. A piece of paper which records the following names: BARIA, CHAU DUC, NGAI GIAO, SP BA (3) (unk) and BA NHIEU (unk).
- gg. A report of damage belonging to C13 of H23 (3 Bn, 274 Regt), which states that on 1 Jul 71 a rice store was hit by artillery, resulting in 90 kilograms (198 lbs) of rice being destroyed.
- hh. A list which records the fact that 9 personnel belonging to D3 (3 Bn) were wounded and being treated at the Surgical Sect. It was signed by LE VAN SANG (unk), Asst Pol Offr K23 (Surgical Coy, 274 Regt) and by NGO VAN LUC (unk), Adjutant of K23, on 5 Oct 70.

8. General Comment: 3 Bn 274 Regt is normally located south-east of the BINH SON Rubber Plantation in BIEN HOA Province. The party ambushed were clearly members of the headquarters elements of 3 Bn, and from an examination of the personal docus captured the KIA probably included DAO MINH TAN (Asst Pol Offr of the Bn) and NGUYEN QUOC DUONG (a Coy 2IC of 3 Bn). The party were moving in what is believed to have been the general direction of elements of HQ 274 Regt and therefore were possibly moving to attend the conference mentioned in para 3 above. The documents provide further information on the recent reported reinforcements reaching bns of 274 Regt, and have provided some information regarding villages, including VIET CUONG (YS413877) from which 3/274 Regt obtain rice, and the location of arms caches.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 226/71 dated 14 Aug 71.
2. Period Covered from 140001H to 142400H Aug 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.

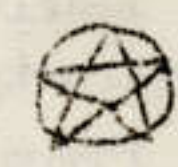
a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) Ref INTSUM 223/71 dated 11 Aug 71 para 3.a.(1)(b). The two graves loc by 12 pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contained the remains of one body. En believed KIA in C Sqn 1 Armd Regt and 2 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contact at YS421855 on 25 Jun 71. (INTSUM 176/71 para 3.a.(1)(a) amended by INTSUM 181/71 para 11.b.(4)(c).

(b) (141230H). At YS352837, a 1 ATF pt1 loc 2 old graves (2 or 3 yrs old) and one headstone marked as fol:

NGUTUVAN
NHONVIHB.Q.Y.
TIHBARIA



The first line is believed to be the man's name. The remainder suggests that he may have been a member of the med sect of BARIA City Unit.

(2) AO GLENELG

(a) (132250H). At YS6181, FSB ZIGGIE, 3 RAR sighted a green flare on a bearing of 1450 mils. Range could not be est.

(3) Other Areas

(a) (141220H). At YS5756, ac reports a large number of pers in the mouth of the SONG RAI fishing.

(b) (140950H). At YS683663, Albatross ac sighted a tractor mov S into jungle.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION(YS)</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
140800H	E 35-38, N 71-74	What appears to be a well is at YS372732. A rec used track with mov N-S passes the well. This track fol 150m to N and S of well before being lost.
141000H	E 50-54, N 90-92	No sign of recent activity.
141200H	E 72-75, N 75-78	Many tracks in area, some of which show signs of recent heavy use (20-30 pers). In YS7476 was seen signs of much mov. <u>Comment:</u> All believed to be 36 USARV ITB. VR diverted and checked NUI DAT rubbish tip, saw children (12-16 yrs) remov rubbish. MPs apprehended them at 1415 hrs.
141400H	E 74-77 N 72-75	Foot track running N-S was fol N from YS765748, and showed signs of light but continuous use. Poss same track picked up at YS767745 and fol S to YS765740. N-S track on Western edge of clearing 3-4 wks old at YS749720. 36 USARV ITB reports that their elms did not make these tracks.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a., c., d. and e. omitted.

b. Total KIA discovered during this reporting period that were killed but not reported in a previous period

(1) and (3) omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted 1 VC.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - 1 ATF

(1) KIA	7 VC	(13) 82mm Mor Rds..1 and 6 fuzes.
(2) Omitted.		(14) Omitted.
(3) Hoi Chanh	1	(15) 60mm Mor Rds 3
(4) Omitted.		(16) and (17) omitted.
(5) Individual Wpns Action	9	(18) B41 Rds..8 and 11 boosters.
(6) Omitted.		(19) to (21) omitted.
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed	100 lbs	(22) SA Rds 943
(8) Omitted.		(23) Grenades 55
(9) Med Stores	2 lbs	(24) to (27) omitted.
(10) to (12) omitted.		(28) M79 HE Rds 5
		(29) Trip Flares 1

5., 6., 7., 9. and 10. omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 32/71 dated 9 Aug 71.

11. Miscellaneous a., c., e. and f. omitted.

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.../b. Corrections

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b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMs

(1) Ref INTSUM 181/71 para 4.f.(1) delete monthly figure of 18 and insert 19. The Jun monthly figure now stands at 30.

d. Agent Reports

Territorial Forces A0

(1) Received from PSB. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F2.

(062400H). About two sects of VC infiltrated near YS370613, AP HUONG SON. They spread out in ambush along the road from AP HUONG SON to the village.

Comment: There have been several reported infiltrations into LONG HUONG recently and 2 reports that an attack is to be carried out in the area. There have been many reports indicating that part of BARIA City Unit is loc S of LONG HUONG (centre of mass of reports YS3458).

(2) Received from PSB. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

(111400H). Three VC appeared at YS370594. They often appear here to stop fishermen for info.

(3) Received from DUC THANH. Eval 1 ATF F3.

(121500H). Approx one VC sqd, consisting of members of CHAU DUC and NGAI GIAO PC, appeared in small gps in vic of YS438847. The sqd was in the area to try to purchase food to feed them during planned attacks on (GVN) units over the coming election period.

(4) Received from NP PHU MY. Eval 1 ATF F3.

(131400H). At YS232720, one sect of VC stopped local villagers and told them that when they are fully reinforced to pl size they would:

- (a) infiltrate the refugee village (YS277672) to take ID cards from the people,
- (b) destroy the water-piping along Route 15, and set up roadblocks along the Rte,
- (c) infiltrate PHU MY (V) (YS255746) to see ID cards and obtain copies of the voting papers.

The HQ of the sect is reported to be in the vic of YS232720.

Comment: there have been 3 other reports recently of a VC camp in this grid sq.

(5) Received from NP HQ. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

On 12 Aug at 1430H, seven VC appeared at YS343603. There they stopped fishermen in order to ask about the security situation of NUI DINH (H), and to enquire where RF ambushes were. VC withdrew towards ONG TAN (YS335602) of LONG HUONG(V).

(6) Received from NP LONG LE. Eval VN C1, 1 ATF F3.

(131600H). Six VC commanded by NGUYEN NGOC SANG from Wing 1, BARIA City Unit (unk to 1 ATF), are usually loc at vic YS36456035. They resup from the local people in AP DINH (H) (YS374610).

(7) Received from LONG LE Sub-sector. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

(131400H). There were five VC commanded by a member of C41 (CHAU DUC) of HOA LONG (V). On the night of 13 Aug 71, they collected a qty of food at YS417647 from a number of families who have relations in the VC.

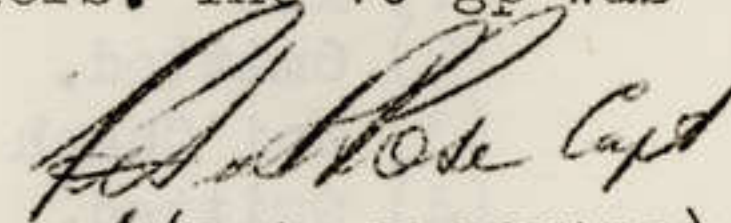
(8) Received from XUYEN MOC. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

Daily until 1800H, VC of the forest Finances and Economy Sect of XUYEN MOC District divide into two gps, the first consisting of DUONG BA BO (F/E Sect Chief), HOANG (unk), UT aka CHANH (unk), SON (member F/E Sect) and two others who set up a check point to collect tax in the vic of YS685760. The second gp, consisting of HAI QUAN (1 ATF ORBAT ident him as a cadre F/E Sect), TAM SANG (unk), 2IC and three guerillas collect tax and receive supplies from the wood truckers when they pass their tax point at YS7168. DUONG VAN BO usually travels around in order to control his sects.

(9) Received from MSS. Eval 1 ATF F3.

As at 13 Aug, 20 members of D445 were reported to be supporting the XUYEN MOC

(D) F/E sect in tax collection from the owners of wood trailers. The VC gp was reported to be in the area YS6970.


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Advisory Team 89	Sector S2	3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM)	RSSZ (for IO)	
AATTV SAIGON	AATTV Advisor BARIA	LONG KHANH Sector S2	XUAN LOC	All 1 ATF LOs

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 227/71.
- 2. Period Covered from 150001H to 152400H Aug 71.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (150240H). In a night harbour at YS445851 12 P1 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) heard mov of an est two en on Eastern perimeter. Eng with claymores. Search conducted at first light revealed no sign of en.

(b) (151420H). At YS504877 1 P1 V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contacted an est 7 en dressed in green. One en seen initially at 30m in creekline was eng and was subsequently seen to fall. However, no en cas were found. Fire was returned from further upstream. Search revealed a rest camp on S side of creek at YS503875 with entry/exit points to W and SW. The camp appeared as though vacated in a hurry as food was found still cooking. Camp contained 23 sleeping places. There have been a number of bunkers found in area under const. Items captured will be backloaded on 16 Aug.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	
150300H	E 36-37, N 65-68	Area above 500' not covered due to low cloud. No fresh signs.
151000H	E 62-64, N 78-82	At YS643808 several pieces of metal were seen. They appeared to be parts of ac frame. At YS643796 several ration tins were seen near what appeared to be a lie-up area. No sign of recent use.
151010H (Jade FAC ac)	YS700671	Tractor seen mov E from grid. One man only on tractor.
151200H	E 64-67, N 81-84	No sighting of recent activity in area.
151400H	E 67-70, N 81-84	At YS692834 3 old bunkers sighted, one caved in and the others in poor repair. No sign of recent use.
151600H	YS712940	Two wood trucks sighted, one painted yellow, the other bright orange.
	YS663920	One wood truck sighted. (All trucks stationary and facing E).
151430H (RAAF ac)	YS380894	6 freshly cut logs seen about 5' long and 6" in diameter.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a., b., c., d. and e. omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - 1 ATF

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| (1) KIA.....7 VC | (13) 82mm Mor Rds...1 and 6 fuses |
| (2) Omitted. | (14) Omitted. |
| (3) Hoi Chanh.....1 | (15) 60mm Mor Rds.....3 |
| (4) Omitted. | (16) and (17) omitted. |
| (5) Individual Wpns
Action.....9 | (18) B-41 Rds.....8 and 11 boosters. |
| (6) Omitted. | (19) to (21) omitted. |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed...102 lbs | (22) SA Rds.....1257 |
| (8) Salt Captured and Destroyed.....2½ lbs | (23) Grenades....55 |
| (9) Med Stores.....3 lbs | (24) to (27) omitted. |
| (10) to (12) omitted. | (28) M-79 HE Rds.....5 |
| | (29) Trip Flares.....1 |

5., 6. and 7. omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 32/71 dated 9 Aug 71.

9. and 10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a., b. and c. omitted.

.../d. Agent Reports

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d. Agent Reports

(1) Received from RTAVF 15 Aug 71. Eval THAI C3,1 ATF F3 (131200H). At YS260793 elms of 3/274 NVA Regt and THAI THIEN guerillas totalling an estimated 30 persons were seen. They wore black pyjamas and were armed with 1xB40, 1xB41, 1xM79 and individual weapons. Reportedly intend interdicting and mining Route 15.

e. New Enemy Weapons and Tactics

Extracted from PHUOC TUY Province INTSUM 223/71, dated 11 Aug 71. The VC in VINH BINH Province MR 3 have been found to use kites as a signal device to warn of friendly operations in an area. Personnel on an operation in VINH BINH (P) observed two red kites rise into the air on the commencement of an allied operation. Immediately following the sighting, a buzzing sound was heard in the operational area. Examination of the anchor points of the unattended kites revealed that each kite had a reed attached to it, which created the buzzing sound when spun by the wind. The sound produced was audible at a range of 1 to 1½ kilometres, and was thought to be intended as a warning for VC.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (131100H). At YS360990, 176 RF Coy contacted an estimated 1 VC Squad. Engaged with artillery. Nil results.

(2) (142210H). At YS278573 (LONG SON (I)) 577 RF Coy ambushed a VC group. Friendlies received artillery support. Results 2 VC KIA. No ident as yet.

(3) (150030H). At YS424597 22 RF Coy (LONG DIEN) compound was attacked by an estimated 2 squads of VC. VC withdrew to LONG DIEN market and are believed also to have approached from there. Results: 2 VC WIA (Heavy blood trails). 1 PF WIA. 3xB40 rds CIA and many propaganda leaflets found. 10xHONDA motorcycles within the compound were destroyed by VC.

(4) (150200H). At YS434519 on Route 44 an explosion occurred destroying half width of the road. Repairs are under way.

(5) (151200H). A male teenager from LONG HUONG states that at YS368603 he saw 30 VC including three women. The group was armed with B40s and individual weapons. Comment: See comment to INTSUM 226/71 para 11. d. (1) .

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Annexes: A. Interrogation Reports.
B. Captured Documents
E. Aerial Sensor Readings

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List A
HQ TRAC
MACV-J2
MACV-CICV
BIEN HOA Sector
Advisory Team 89
Sector S2
3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM)
RSSZ (For IO)
AATTV (SAIGON)
AATTV Advisor BARIA
LONG KHANH Sector S2 XUAN LOC
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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 227/71
DATED 15 AUG 71

INTERROGATION REPORT
RETURNEE - PHAN THI TRUC

Biographical Data

1. a. Name: PHAN THI TRUC
- b. AKA: HUONG
- c. D/POB: 1946, LONG DIEN
- d. Rank/Appt: Nurse
- e. Unit: HOI MY Village Unit

Circumstances of Return

2. The subject rallied to the AP CAU (YS5054) PF Post on 11 Aug 71. The subject was guarding a prisoner, HO THI (kidnapped by the VC from her home at AP CAU at 092200H Aug 71) when she decided to rally, she helped the prisoner to escape.

Information

3. The subject states that the HOI MY Village Unit is located at YS538568. She stated that on 10 Aug 71, all members had received instructions from HAI QUANG the Political Officer of LONG DAT Comd Committee as to their future tasks. These were to exterminate the "tyrants of the GVN", "destroy the oppressors" and motivate the people to destroy the PSDF, at the same time encouraging greater contributions to Revolutionary funds. These tasks were said to be primarily aimed at the October elections.

4. The subject stated that towards the end of Apr 71 she had heard that LONG DAT and XUYEN MOC Districts were to combine to form a single district. However, she had seen no evidence of the merger and could offer no details. Information offered by the subject agreed with the ORBAT of LONG DAT District previously held by 1 ATF and did not coincide with the revised ORBAT offered by HOI CHANH PHAM VAN THAO, who gave details as they applied following the apparent merger of LONG DAT and XUYEN MOC.

ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 227/71
DATED 15 AUG 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. A document discovered on a two month old body by D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS420859 at 111520H Aug 71, identify the body as having been DANG VAN HANH, a member of an element of 274 VC Main Force Regt. The document was a decision promoting DANG VAN HANH from Pl Comd of B2 (a staff sect or platoon) of 4 Regt (274 Regt) to Coy 2IC, dated 30 May 71.
2. It is believed that DANG VAN HANH was KIA in the C Sqn 1 Armd Regt and V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn contact with elms of 274 Regt at YS421855 on 25 Jun, bringing the confirmed enemy KIA in that contact to six.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 227/71
DATED 15 AUG 71

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

1. Omitted
2. Omitted
3. SLAR Activity
4. Omitted

DTG

132105H

LOCATION

YS630830

READOUT

One movement return on road.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 228/71.
2. Period covered from 160001H to 162400H Aug 71.
3. Summary of enemy activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) Further report to INTSUM 227/71 para 3. a. (1) (a). (151445H). At YS501876, 1 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a 70x50m rectangular bunker system. System contained 1 hut 10x10m, 2 large bunkers 12x14m, 6 tables and 23 sleeping positions (mostly half finished). System last used two days ago and in good condition. Located in the system were a quantity of medical supplies, maps and documents and miscellaneous personal equipment. System later destroyed. Documents identified C5 Purchasing and Requisitioning Coy of J85 Tpt Bn, MR-7. See Annex B.

(b) (161040H). At YS480900, elms of 2 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt sighted one person travelling North on a bicycle. When person saw the APC at a range of 200m he dismounted and ran SW. Sweep conducted with nil results.

(c) (Prior to 161740H). At YS438862, 10 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn located a cache (details to follow on 17 Aug). An AP was established and at 161927H 10 Pl contacted three enemy who were moving from the North-west on APC tracks. Enemy returned fire and further movement was heard to North of contact area. Results: 2 VC WIA and CIA, of whom one has DOW; CIA were 2 grenades, one pistol belt and two packs. Search to be conducted at first light.

(2) AO DUC THANH

(a) (161155H). At YS442778, 9 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn sighted one person. Person observed movement and then withdrew. Nil engagement. (Possibly a civilian).

(b) (161214H). At YS433847, 11 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn located a linear camp, parallel to a creek. Camp consisted of six hootchie spaces with entry/exit points to the N and SW. Camp area last used approx one week ago.

(3) AO GLENELG

(a) (161330H). At YS672777, 4 Pl B Coy 3 RAR found a cache of med stores in an old bunker system. Located were 30 phials of drugs, 2 syringes, 3lbs of plaster of paris, 1 roll elostoplast, 2 bandages and 1 bicycle frame, stores have been destroyed.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance (Flown by 161 Indep Recce Flt)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
160710H	YS5051	One boat on beach and four boats within 500m of beach.
160715H	YS5857	One boat on beach. Eight boats within 500m of coast.
160800H	E 52 - 55 N 87 - 90	No signs of recent activity.
161000H	E 35 - 38 N 77 - 80	No signs of recent activity.
161030H	YS442705	Ox carts and people in the rubber out of civil access.
161140H	YS455705	An ox cart heading East into rubber out of civil access.
161200H	E 70 - 74 N 30 - 82	Woodcutter tracks in area showed no signs of recent use.
161220H	YS718805	Four yam holes were seen. They appeared to have been dug in the last few days.
161225H	YS487494	Nine fishing boats sighted. Boats scattered when aircraft flew close to investigate.
161400H	E 72 - 74 N 69 - 74 YS723697	A N-S track, 2-3 weeks old, crosses clearing from YS736756 to YS736760 where there was a resting place for 15-20 persons. Four ox carts loaded with tree bark moving South to Route 23. Two carts flew national flag. Sighted were six males of military

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161530H YS5857
 161545H YS721695
 161725H YS680578

age and three females. Last seen moving towards XUYEN MOC.
 A well established N-S track wide enough for ox carts, ran through the jungle from YS728707 to YS728714. No sign of recent use. Sixteen persons and fishing nets near the mouth of SONG RAI.
 Four ox carts outside civilian access. Two boats 50m from Sandy Pt. Two more boats further to the West.

(3) 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) PW 1
- (2-6) Omitted

d. Omitted

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

- (1) Omitted
- (2) Captured and Destroyed Material
 - YS501876 Quantity of medical supplies.
 - YS672777 Refer para 3. a. (3) (a).
 - YS438862 Refer para 3. a. (1) (c).
- (3) Omitted
- (4) Captured Documents. See Annex B
- (5) Caches. YS672777

f. Cumulative Totals for Month ; 1 ATF

(1) KIA	8 VC	(13) 82mm Mortar rounds	1 and 6 fuzes
(2) PW	1	(14) Omitted	
(3) Hoi Chanh	1	(15) 60mm Mortar rounds	3
(4) Omitted		(16-17) Omitted	
(5) Individual Weapons		(18) B 41 rounds	8 and 11 boosters
Action	9	(19-21) Omitted	
(6) Omitted		(22) SA rounds	1257
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed	102 lbs	(23) Grenades	5'
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed	2½ lbs	(24-27) Omitted	
(9) Med stores	4 lbs	(28) M79 HE rounds	5
(10-12) Omitted		(29) Trip flares	1

5, 6 and 7 Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 33/71 dated 16 Aug 71

9 and 10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS

INTSUM 227/71 para 11. f. (3) delete "22 RF pl" and insert "22PF Pl and 578 RF Coy".

INTSUM 227/71 para 3. a. (1) (a) insert "D Coy" between "12 Pl and 4RAR/NZ(ANZAC)".

c. Omitted

d. Agent Reports

- (1) Received from MSS. Eval 1 ATF F3
 (120800H) In vicinity YS4853, one platoon of VC from C25 stopped fieldworkers. They enquired about the activities of 3/615 PF Bn.
- (2) Received from RDC. Eval 1 ATF F3
 (141600H). At YS375678, one unidentified VC platoon was sighted.
- (3) Received from NP. Eval 1 ATF F3
 Report from XUYEN MOC states that taxes being levied by VC on timber merchants varies from \$VN15,000 - \$VN20,000 per month and \$VN4,000 per month for chain saw operators. The above taxes are collected by XUYEN MOC F and E Sect and possibly elements of D445.

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Comment: Refer INTSUM 226/71 para 11. d. (8) and (9).

(4) Received from PSB. Eval 1 ATF F3

(091400H). Report that on 2 days DO VAN CHANH (resident of TAM PHUOC (V)) met about 30 VC at YS454583. The VC were led by TRAN NGOC SINH (unk) and collected supplies from CHANH.

(5) Received from PHUOC HOA NP. Eval VN C1, 1 ATF F2

(150900H). At YS363603, 30 VC abducted a young boy and questioned him about ARVN night ambushes and the security situation in BARIA. The group included three females.

(6) Received from LONG LE. Eval 1 ATF F3

(151030H). At YS230738, 4 VC were sighted. They crossed Route 15 and moved to YS290745.

(7) Received from BINH BA NP. Eval VN B3, 1 ATF F6

The BINH BA Party Chapter has been forced to split up and disperse due to the pressure by FWMAF forces. At present there is a cell of three persons: DUNG (PCS BINH BA), HUYNH VAN PHUONG (village guerilla leader) and one unident female. They live in a secret bunker in a cane field, vicinity YS430715. Their purpose is to re-establish VCI in SUOI NGHE and receive food and information from nearby workers.

e. Omitted

f. Other Items Of Reporting Interest

(1) Late Report. On nights of 14 and 15 Aug propaganda leaflets were dropped in HOI TRUNG (H) HOI MY (V) by an unknown number of VC. DAT DO Sub-sector will forward a copy of the pamphlet when they are available.

(2) (160015H). At YS382613, Lt Col TRI (District Chief) and Maj PHILLIPS (DSA LONG LE) and 3 PF soldiers were ambushed in BARIA by a small group of enemy. Enemy initiated contact with a mine. Followed by a possible 4 magazines of accurate AK47 fire. The vehicle was returning to HOA LONG compound when the ambush took place. Results were 3 VN KIA, Lt Col TRI WIA later DOW, DSA seriously WIA. VC approached across padi fields from the North-west, and cut wire to get into position.

(3) During the morning of 16 Aug 71 a group of VC gathered the workers of XUAN SON to spread propaganda and ask the people to buy food for them. Ident and strength of VC group unknown. A PF platoon reacted to the area (vicinity YS5777) at 1400H with unknown results.

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Annexes: B. Captured Documents

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM 228/71
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CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Documents captured by V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS504877 at 151420H Aug 71, identify C5 Purchasing and Requisitioning Coy J85 Transportation Bn, MR-7. The documents included:
- a. An exercise book with the name NGUYEN VAN CHUONG (unk) inscribed on the cover containing records of expenditure for food supplies.
 - b. Two exercise books containing records of expenditure for food supplies, one for 1966 and the other for 1970.
 - c. A Spring 1968 copy of "GIAI PHONG" (liberation) Magazine.
 - d. Two booklets containing lists of expenditure.
 - e. A piece of cardboard with the nam PHUONG (unk) inscribed upon it.
 - f. An unopened personal letter from SAU HAI (unk) dated 20 Dec 70, to MUOI TOAN of the Postal Section of an unknown unit.
 - g. A part of a map, scale 1:25,000 covering the area E 46 - 76, N 70 - 97. The map had no markings on it.
 - h. An envelope from B5 (possibly Supply Sect of the disbanded 84 RSG) X3 (possibly RSS, MR-7) to CHI LAN (unk) of C5K (Purchasing and Requisitioning Coy, J85 Tpt Bn, MR-7). It contained a personal letter from HOA KHOI (unk), a medical specialist.
 - i. A medical examination certificate for VO MIEN (unk), Coy Comd of C5K, signed by Dr VU BINH (unk) of BA LONG.
 - j. A quantity of receipts issued to CHUONG (unk) of C3 (RSS, BA LONG), of BA LONG Rear Service, dated between 1968 and 1970.
 - k. A report concerning the loss of a receipt by TRAN VAN HIEU (unk).
 - l. A quantity of expenditure notes.
 - m. A notebook containing a nominal roll of workers, and several expenditure notes.
 - n. A quantity of personal letters which offered no identification.
 - o. An exercise book containing medical records.
 - p. A notebook containing a stores list and the distribution of the stores.
 - q. A personal particulars form for VO THANH THUAN (unk).
 - r. A medical certificate for NGUYEN VAN CHUONG, a member of BARIA Engineers, who was wounded on 12 Oct 68.
 - s. A commendation certificate for NGUYEN VAN CHUONG, as sect 2 IC of BA LONG Engineers.
 - t. A promotion certificate for NGUYEN VAN CHUONG promoting him to Sect 2IC in BA LONG Engineers, dated in 1970.
 - u. A promotion certificate for VO THANH CUOC, promoting him from Pl 2 IC to Pl Comd in BA LONG Rear Services, dated 8 Mar 69.

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16 Aug 71

1 ATF SUPINTREP 33/71
(PERIOD 9 AUG - 15 AUG 71)

NORTH VIETNAM

1. Aerial photography of the ports of DING HOI and QUANG KHE revealed normal activity. Truck activity south on routes 101C and 1AC as revealed by SLAR showed a slight decrease over last week. An average of 117 tons of supplies per day were shipped south from DONG HOI, compared with 111 tons a day for the past 30 days.

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2. Truck movement through the PANHANDLE lines of communications, as indicated by sensor string activations, decreased slightly during the week. There were 127 activations recorded, as compared with 154 the previous week. This level of activity is well below the corresponding period last year in which there were 641 activations. This is probably due to the unusually heavy rains experienced this year as well as to allied air interdiction.

3. On 7 Aug an irregular company contacted an enemy company near SARAVANE. Tactical air strikes forced the enemy to withdraw leaving behind one killed. A cache was located in the area containing three rice storage warehouses, one destroyed ammunition bunker, 34 cases of B-40 rocket launcher rounds, one case of 60mm mortar rounds and 60 bales of clothing and blankets.

4. RLA forces have reported heavy resistance in the vicinity of PAKSONG (XB276795). The enemy were supported by B-40 and mortar fire. On 12 Aug two friendly battalions operating in the same area received an attack by fire of more than 400 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. There were no casualties reported.

CAMBODIA

5. Enemy initiated activity continued at an extremely low level. The enemy is apparently continuing to concentrate on logistic activity, training and repositioning of forces. The fact that some enemy units may be preparing to move back into SOUTH VIETNAM, in preparation for attempts to disrupt the forthcoming elections, is probably a contributing factor to the low level of activity.

SOUTH VIETNAM

6. Enemy activity increased. A recent agent report has revealed the presence of 38 NVA Artillery Regt in the south-central DMZ near CON THIEN (YD037713). The estimated strength of the unit is 200 men equipped with eight 105mm howitzers.

7. There have been several contacts with enemy troops and attacks by fire late in the reporting period. On 14 and 15 Aug, the Fire Support Bases facing the DMZ were subjected to heavy attacks by fire including barrages laid down by 130mm guns positioned north of the DMZ. One ARVN Fire Support Base was reported overrun on 15 Aug, in what was the first full scale daylight attack by North Vietnamese troops for some considerable time. The FSB was reportedly taken after hand to hand fighting. However, it was only held by the enemy for a few hours. B-52 strikes and US artillery was used to drive out the enemy. Further detail is awaited on these reports.

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8. Activity remained at a reduced level as enemy units possibly prepare for the upcoming Autumn campaign.

9. In the B-3 Front major enemy elements have continued to avoid contact during the past week. An agent has stated that two enemy companies intend to conduct attacks by fire against PLEIKU City between 15 and 20 Aug, and that they also plan to conduct ambushes along Route 14 between KONTUM City and PLEI KHOL (ZA199675) from 20 to 25 Aug. This is one of several reports received which state that PLEIKU City is one of the prime targets during the forthcoming Autumn campaign.

MR4

10. During the week enemy initiated activity remained at a low level, with a daily average of one attack by fire. Region-wide DONG KHOI operations probably contributed to the decline in enemy activity.

11. Debriefing of a Hoi Chanh has provided further indication of a decline in enemy morale in the Delta. The rallier is a former company commander and he stated that his unit's combat capability has deteriorated seriously in the past year because of morale problems. Some of the factors contributing to these problems were shortages of food, friction between NVA and VC, lack of popular support and depletion of the ranks due to personnel rallying. This statement corroborates those of other ralliers, indicating growing dissatisfaction and resultant deterioration of combat effectiveness. If these reports are accurate, morale may be a factor in the current lull in activity in the U MINH Forest.

MR3

12. Enemy initiated activity continued at a low level during the week. There were no reported terrorist incidents in SAIGON.

13. On 8 Aug RF elements killed seven enemy while on search operations west of CHON THANH (XT547647). The enemy were possibly elements of 101 NVA Regt. Friendly losses were one killed and three wounded. Also on 8 Aug VNN and RF/PF elements returning from an amphibious operation near BEN LUC were ambushed by an enemy force using B-40 and small arms fire. One VNN patrol boat was hit by two B-40 rounds, two friendlies were killed, 20 were wounded and two are missing. Enemy losses are unknown.

14. A usually reliable agent reports that the enemy intends to conduct ambushes against ARVN convoys in SR5. The ambushes are to occur along Highway 1A between PHU GIAO (XT9649) and BINH MY (XT9129). In probably related activity, on 6 Aug, ARVN forces were ambushed near PHU GIAO (XT964483) by an enemy force using claymores, B-40s and small arms fire. Results were eight friendlies killed, six wounded, one civilian wounded, 25 weapons lost and one 1½ ton truck destroyed. These reports tend to substantiate current reports of increased enemy emphasis on interdiction of lines of communication in GVN MR3.

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General

15. 1 ATF troops were involved in seven contacts during the week, resulting in five enemy killed, three wounded and one other possibly wounded. Four Australians were wounded.

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16. There were five contacts involving Sector forces, resulting in two enemy killed and two wounded; and one GVN soldier killed and two wounded. In a further incident which occurred outside the time frame of the reporting for this SUPINTREP, an ambush of a GVN vehicle in BARIA resulted in three Vietnamese soldiers killed, one Vietnamese officer died of wounds and one US officer wounded (see para 25 below). 36 USARV Individual Trg Bn troops had one contact resulting in one friendly wounded.

Enemy Unit Identifications and Locations

17. 274 VC MF Regt

- a. On 13 Aug a 1 ATF patrol engaged a party of at least ten enemy near the SUOI QUIT (at YS341918), killing four and wounding at least another three. The enemy were identified from documents as members of 3 Bn 274 Regt and the KIA probably included the Assistant Political Officer of the battalion. When contacted the party was moving in what is believed to have been the general direction of elements of HQ 274 Regt. A document indicated that there was to be a meeting of representatives of all units of 274 Regt to commence on 14 or 15 Aug and it is therefore thought that the party may possibly have been moving to attend this meeting. One of the KIA was carrying \$VN 30,000. He was possibly a member of the Rear Service Staff of 3 Bn. The main element of 3 Bn is usually located in south-eastern BIEN HOA Province.
- b. HQ 274 Regt is believed to remain in the SUOI QUIT area of the LONG KHANH/PHUOC TUY border.
- c. 1 Bn 274 Regt has not been positively located since the 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) and C Sqn 1 Armd Regt contact near the SUOI CA (YS394911) on 30 Jul. The battalion could have moved west or south from the SUOI CA.

18. Sub Region 4. On 9 Aug Thai troops killed a member of the Medical Services SR4 in a contact near the Firestone Trail (YS286824).

19. D445

- a. On 10 Aug 6 Pl B Coy 3 RAR contacted an enemy group in the area of a bunker system north of XUYEN MOC (YS655713). The enemy reacted aggressively and one enemy was possibly wounded. Captured documents provided a possible identification of C3 Coy D445.
- b. On 12 Aug 8 Pl C Coy 3 RAR were engaged south of XUYEN MOC (YS662652) by a small enemy force which again reacted aggressively, directing heavy fire at RAAF gunships. No identification was able to be made of the enemy, who may have been XUYEN MOC guerillas or members of D445.
- c. Early in the week reliable reports had been received of the presence of an important element of D445 in the XUYEN MOC area. These included Hoi Chanh reports of C2 Coy north and C3 Coy south of XUYEN MOC. 3 RAR operations in the area may have resulted in the movement of these elements away from the immediate XUYEN MOC area, although they may still remain in the XUYEN MOC District together with the Headquarters of the battalion. Other information suggests that an element of D445 remains in the MAY TAO area. C1 Coy probably remains in the LONG HAIIs.

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20. LONG DAT District

- a. A member of the Farmers' Association LONG DAT rallied to 1 ATF troops near XUYEN MOC on 10 Aug (YS658696). He stated that the enemy have combined enemy LONG DAT and XUYEN MOC Districts. Further information is required before this report can be accepted.
- b. A nurse from the HOI MY Party Chapter who rallied to Sector forces on 11 Aug claims that the HOI MY Village Unit, which would number no more than a dozen, is located in the Light Green (area YS538568).

21. CHAU DUC

- a. On 11 Aug 3 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) engaged 2-3 enemy in a camp east of XA BANG (at YS475859). Documents captured and equipment found indicated that the enemy were members of the Engineer Cell of CHAU DUC District Unit.
- b. On the previous day, in a contact several hundred metres to the north V Coy troops killed one enemy who also was identified as an engineer. It is not known whether he was a member of CHAU DUC or of C2 Coy BA LONG Engineers. These contacts indicate that, while the main element of CHAU DUC may remain in the CHAU PHA Valley and NUI DINHS, a small element at least is located east of Route 2.

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

22. According to a rallier LONG DAT elements are carrying out infiltrations into PHUOC THANH (YS486596), PHUOC THO (YS4959) and HOI MY (YS507550) on a basis of one every five or six days. Other reports suggest that infiltration is continuing into LONG HUONG and into other centres on a reasonably regular basis.
23. Many recent reports indicate that a small group of enemy believed to be the PHUOC HOA guerillas with possibly some elements of the BARIA City Unit have been carrying out regular taxing and confiscating and ransoming of fishing boats in the SONG MO NHAT area of the RUNG SAT (centre of mass YS2463). Separate reports show that another group of enemy is located in the RACH BAN THACH area (centre of mass YS2267) to which they refuse access to fishermen, declaring that the area is prohibited. The identity of this group is not positively known, however one report suggests that they may be members of D10 Sapper Bn. These reports indicate the refuge that the RUNG SAT presently provides for possibly a substantial number of enemy.
24. There has been some increase in enemy initiated activity during the past week. On the night 14/15 Aug a PF compound in LONG DIEN (YS424597) was attacked by a group of VC. One PF was wounded and ten motorcycles within the compound were destroyed. Two VC were wounded. On 9 Aug an RF Coy in BARIA (YS375602) received two B-40 rounds. There were no casualties. On 15 Aug a group of 30 VC were reportedly seen south-east of LONG HUONG (at YS368603) and two reports were received during the week of an enemy intention to attack LONG HUONG.
25. The increase in activity has included a recent upsurge in enemy interdiction of roads in the TAOI. Information from a PW suggests that C2 Coy BA LONG Engineers may plan to increase mining activity on roads, including Route 2, in the COURTENAY area (INTSUM 221/71 Annex A para 6). On 15 Aug a mine explosion on Route 44 near LO VOI (YS434519) partially destroyed the road. On 9 Aug an RDC member was killed

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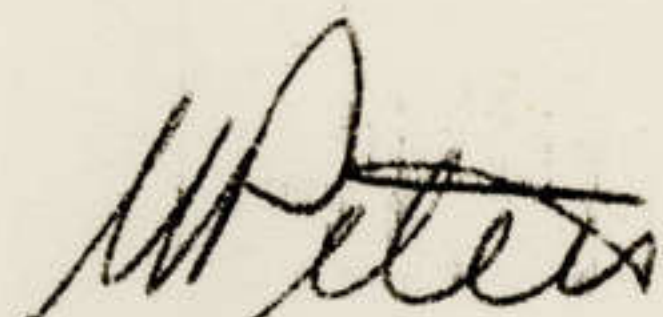
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in an ambush on Route 23 near XUYEN MOC (YS615645), following a reported threat that the road was to be interdicted. There has been an increase in sniping incidents on Route 15 in BIEN HOA Province. On the night 15/16 Aug a GVN jeep was ambushed in BARIA (YS382613) resulting in the death of the District Chief LONG LE and three Vietnamese soldiers and the wounding of the DSA. Other incidents of ambush have occurred in MR3, and MACV have advised that there are current reports of increased enemy emphasis upon road interdiction within MR3.

26. The recent increase in enemy activity in the TAOI may constitute part of an enemy campaign of increased aggressiveness during the period leading up to the elections. Further enemy activity can be expected in coming weeks.



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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 229/71.
2. Period Covered from 170001H to 172400H Aug 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) Ref INTSUM 228/71 para 3.a.(1)(c). Second VC died making results of ambush 2 VC KIA. Further found in cache: qty food, med supplies, 2 lb t tobacco, 10 packets cigarettes, 1 M26 grenade, 650 lb rice, qty pumpkins, Cache was above ground covered with plastic and camouflage. See para 4.e. (2)(a) for list of articles CIA. Docus captured indicate that VC KIA were possibly VU HIEN (PCS BINH BA and member of the Command Committee CHAU DUC) and NGUYEN VAN HAI (2IC Propaganda and Trg Sect BA LONG). See Annex B for full docu readout.

(2) AO GLENELG

(a) (171400H). At YS646784 12 Pl D Coy 3 RAR found a burnt out ox cart which had been in place approx 6 months. The ox cart had originally been moved from the NW and has been destroyed.

b. Air Activity

(1) omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance (161 (Indep) Recce Flt unless otherwise stated)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
170800H	E 65-70, N 87-90	Woodcutter trucks have moved to YS666882 to drop a qty of semi-circular sheets of corrugated steel. Also at this loc is a flat top two wheel trailer and an old 3 ton truck. Track has been used in last 2-3 days but apparently only to truck supplies south.
171000H	E 38-40, N 87-90	At YS388870 rest area sighted with cans in area (poss RF). At YS382863 rest area sighted with cleared sleeping area and numerous tracks used within last month. At YS372871 two heavy tracks from SE and SW meet and proceed N then NW into dense undergrowth. No recent use. At YS385882 yam hole seen. No other signs of recent movement.
171100H (RAAF)	YS710615	Fishing boat sighted moving out to sea. Tractor wheel marks seen on beach.
171200H	E 69-72, N 84-87	No sign of recent activity in area.
171200H (RAAF)	YS717817	Woodcutter base camp sighted. Extends from road NW and covers at least 400m diameter. Includes many trucks, tractors, shelters and many people. Fresh woodcutting in area. Bridge at YS718814 undergoing repairs.
171500H	E 37-40, N 89-92	No sign of woodcutting in area.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a., b., c., d. omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

- (1) Captured Weapons. Omitted.
- (2) Captured and Destroyed Material

.../(a) Captured

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(a) Captured

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| 1 M79 grenade | 10 packets cigarettes |
| 2 plastic switches | Qty civilian clothes |
| 3 electric detonators | 1 Aust water bottle |
| 8 torch batteries | 2 pistol belts |
| 2 army torches | Qty med supplies. |
| 2 lb tobacco | |

(b) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuff

At YS438862 the following items:

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| 3 tins meat | 3 blocks cheese |
| 2 tins milk | 1 box cereal |
| 2 lb sodium glutonate | 3 lb tea |
| 1 1/2 lb brown sugar | 1 bottle sauce |

(4) Captured Documents See Annex B.

(5) Caches

<u>DTG</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>CONTENTS</u>
161740H	10 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)	YS438862	650 lb rice qty pumpkins

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - 1 ATF

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| (1) KIA.....9 VC | (13) 82mm Mor Rds..1 and 6 fuses. |
| (2) Omitted. | (14) Omitted. |
| (3) Hoi Chanh.....1 | (15) 60mm Mor Rds.....3 |
| (4) Omitted. | (16) and (17) omitted. |
| (5) Individual Wpns
Action.....9 | (18) B-41 Rds.....8 and 11 boosters. |
| (6) Omitted. | (19) to (21) omitted. |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed.752 lbs | (22) SA Rds.....1257 |
| (8) Salt Captured and Destroyed...2 1/2 lbs | (23) Grenades.....57 |
| (9) Med Stores.....5 lbs | (24) to (27) omitted. |
| (10) to (12) omitted. | (28) M-79 HE Rds.....6 |
| | (29) Trip Flares.....1 |

5., 6. and 7. omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 33/71 dated 16 Aug 71

9. and 10. omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a., c. and e. omitted

b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMs

- INTSUM 228/71 delete para 4.f.(2)
amend para 4.f.(1) to read 9 VC KIA.
INTSUM 228/71 para 3.a.(2)(a) delete "9 Pl C Coy"
insert "6 Pl B Coy".

d. Agent Reports

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) Received from Sector 17 Aug. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F4.

On 161500H Aug C41, CHAU DUC District Unit were seen, strength about 50, moving from HAT DICH to YS330654. They were armed with many B-40s and individual wpns. Intentions are to increase activities along Route 15 and in villages prior to the elections.

(b) Received from Sector 17 Aug. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F4.

On 161400H Aug BARIA City Special Action Unit C610 and LONG HUONG guerillas totalling about 17 were seen at YS372675. They were dressed in greens and armed with B-40s, mines and individual wpns. Intentions are to infiltrate LONG HUONG for food supplies. Source also stated that the group .../usually

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usually carry the supplies across the BEN BA BAO (YS340608) at about 2200H.

(c) Received from DUC THANH 17 Aug. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F4.

On 14 and 15 Aug at 1600H at YS440780, three VC incl one woman, gathered some children together to obtain info and to teach them communist songs.

(2) Other Areas

(a) Received from Special Branch 17 Aug. Eval 1 ATF F3.

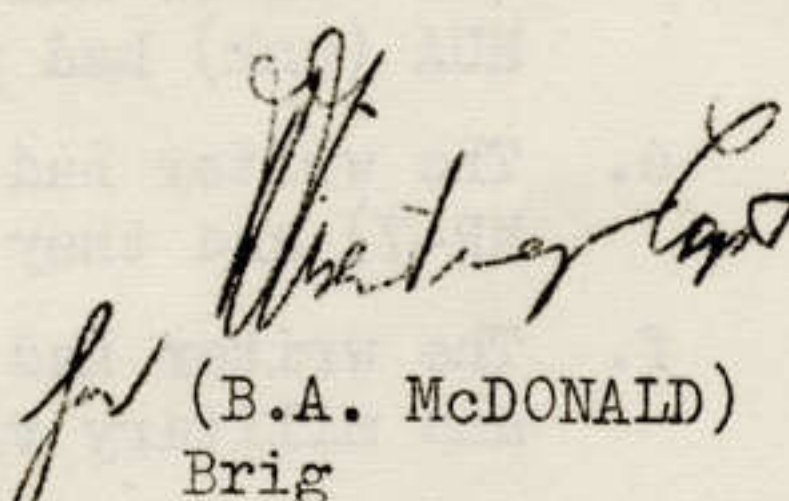
On 051200H Aug at YS476566, three VC were seen speaking to the locals. The VC incl DUONG THI NGAU aka TUYET, F/E Cadre (ORBAT holds as F/E Cadre of PHUOC HOA LONG) who told the locals not to take part in the elections. She also said there would be a major offensive in SAIGON and attacks will also take place in DAT DO District.

(b) Received from Sector 17 Aug. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF unevaluated.

On 082100H Aug at YS647677, VC were seen to receive 2 bags of rice, each of 100 kilos (220 lbs) from the sawmill manager. The rice had reportedly been brought from PHUOC LE to XUYEN MOC by a driver from 612 RF Coy.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (162315H). At YS451583 sentry of 61 PF Coy eng suspected en with M-79 but received no return of fire. At 170050H grenades were thrown at sentry who eng with SA. 81mm illum fired from 3/38 Gp and 155mm illum from FSB CARMEN. Nil Results.


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- Annexes: B. Captured Documents
E. Aerial Sensor Readings

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AATTV SAIGON
AATTV Advisor BARIA
LONG KHANH Sector S2 XUAN LOC
All 1 ATF LOs

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 229/71
DATED 17 AUG 71

CAPTURED CODUMENTS

1. Documents captured by D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS438862 at 161740H Aug 71 identified elements of BA LONG (P). Also mentioned were CAU SU District and CHAU DUC.
2. Another document was an "enemy" (FWMAF) situation report sent to the Current Affairs Committee of an unknown unit (possibly BA LONG). It stated that:-
 - a. The "enemy" were located in front of MUOI TUONG's (possibly Asst Pol Offr BA LONG Fwd Supply Council) house on the 15th, and moved through QUAN MINH (unk) on 18 Jul 71. The enemy went into VIET CUONG, and at TRANG VIET CUONG (TRANG means open area) close to BA CUNG (unk) set up an artillery team (FSB) and on 28 Jul 71 the enemy **set** up an artillery team at TAU DU.
Comment: This may refer to the establishment of FSB KATE at YS4288 on 27 Jul 71.
 - b. Combined enemy troops, including armoured vehicles, aeroplanes, and artillery operated in the area of CAM DUONG (YS360950), SUOI CA and Route 10 (unk), which is NNW of the VIET CUONG. The enemy also appeared in the VIET CUONG area.
Comment: This paragraph probably refers to 1 ATF ops against HQ 274 Regt and 1/274 Regt in the SUOI QUIT and SUOI CA areas in late Jul 71.
 - c. The VC operated in the CHAU LAC (YS4387), TU LAC, MUOI TUONG and RYBE Plantation. Rear Service elements purchased over 3,000 litres (6,000 lbs) of rice and sticky rice in Jul 71.
 - d. The writer had motivated the people to support the revolution financially. MUA (unk) had paid \$50,000 VN.
 - e. The writer had followed C5 (Purchasing and Requisitioning Coy, J85 Tpt Bn, MR-7) and they had "fired on the operation" (full meaning unclear).
 - f. The writer had spread propaganda to the people on the likelihood of a political and military victory for the revolution.
 - g. Rubber plantations had been ordered to cut fences and kill their dogs.
 - h. Adjutants (unclear) and owners of rubber plantations will have to pay tax to support the VC. This taxing will be carried out in Aug 71.
 - i. The writer mentioned a debt he had incurred by buying rice from the people of the VIET CUONG and CHAU LAC. He also stated that he had borrowed money to pay for his medical treatment.
 - j. The report was signed by NGUYEN VAN HAI (2IC Propaganda and Trg Sect BA LONG) in Aug 71.
3. The remainder of the documents included:
 - a. A personal letter to an unknown person in the Current Affairs Committee of an unknown unit dated 5 Aug 71.
 - b. A personal **letter** to BA (3) from NGUYEN VAN HAI dated 5 Aug 71.
 - c. A quantity of expenditure notes.
 - d. A quantity **of** personal letters offering no identification.
 - e. A quantity of medical notes.
 - f. A personal dairy. The last entry is dated 18 May 71.
 - g. A wedding invitation dated 19 Nov 70.
 - h. An exercise book recording expenditures. The writer is NGUYEN VAN VAN (F and E Cadre, BA LONG).
 - i. A transfer decision for HAI NGUYEN (Member Fwd Supply Council CAU SU (D)), from a District F and E Sect to B30 (unk) Village as PCS. It was signed by HAI CAN (member CAU SU Security Sect) for LX 10 (unk) at a plantation.
 - j. Two receipts signed by HAI NGUYEN (member Fwd Supply Council CAU SU) for the F and E Sect S 406 (CAU SU (D)), dated 20 Feb 70.

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- k. A personal letter from THANH KY (member F and E Sect CAU SU) to CHI KINH (member Comd Committee CAO SU) at the CHAU LOC Rubber Plantation, dated 1 Jun 71.
- l. Three letters from VU HIEN (member Comd Committee CHAU DUC) to unidentified persons.
- m. A letter from NAM HAI (liaison Cadre for F and E Sect CHAU DUC) to NAM (unk) in which H21 (1 Bn 274 Regt) is mentioned, dated 16 Aug 71.
- n. A letter from NAM HAI (as above) to ANH NAM (unk female) dated 15 Aug 71.
- o. A decision assigning HAI NGUYEN (as above) to Secretary of B30 (unk) Party Chapter, signed by NGUYEN VAN LIEN (Pol Offr CAO SU) for the Plantation Party Chapter, dated 5 Jul 71.
- p. A notebook containing a note that GVN forces were in a village NFI.
- q. Two notebooks listing expenditures.
- r. A letter from NGUYEN XUAN LE (unk) of K76 C (a hospital belonging to the disbanded 84 RSG), to his sister, dated 30 Jul 71.
- s. A personal letter from LE DUNG (unk) Pol Offr, Province Unit, to SINH (unk) dated 25 May 71.
- t. A commendation certificate for NGUYEN VAN HAI (2IC Propaganda and Trg BA LONG), signed by NGUYEN THANH LONG (Comd Front Committee BA LONG), Chairman of BA LONG Front, dated 24 Nov 69.
- u. A blank invitation form from the "BA LONG Plantation Front".
- v. An envelope from NGUYEN VAN DUC (member BA LONG Farmers' Association) to TAM SO (unk).
- w. A directive stipulating the conditions under which units will be awarded the "Honourable Flag", dated 25 May 71.
- x. An introduction certificate for TRAN NGUYEN (unk) to go from the Party Chapter of B30 (unk) to the Party Chapter of B32 (unk), signed by NGUYEN VAN LIEU (Asst PCS CAO SU), Asst Secretary, dated 5 Jul 71.

General Comment:

4. From these documents it seems possible that the two KIA were VU HIEN (PCS BINH BA and member of the Command Committee CHAU DUC (D) who possibly subsequently became a member of the BA LONG Rubber Plantation Peoples Revolutionary Committee) and NGUYEN VAN HAI (2IC Propaganda and Trg Section BA LONG). The documents mentioned a number of fairly senior cadre of BA LONG (P) Headquarters, and also mentioned members of CAO SU and CHAU DUC (D).

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 229/71
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1. The following has been received from TRAC:
 - a. The translation of 12 cassettes tapes captured by Cambodian forces 18 May 71 at approx YT4635 which were probably recorded by a cadre of SR6, has provided info on a possible en plan for mass uprisings in SAIGON. The VC are reported to believe that a govt favouring peace in SAIGON would greatly increase their chances of an overthrow of the present VN govt. Therefore, by fomenting mass demonstrations, the VC planned to discredit and possibly overturn the THIEU regime. They expected to replace the present govt with at least one that favoured peace. SAIGON was to be the centre of this activity because the narrator believed that the revolution could only be successfully ended here. The en pers also stated that this action could take as long as five years to complete.
 - b. Docus captured from an ambush 5 Aug 71 NE of DINH QUAN (YT6461) by a 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) Ranger Team have ident elms of 814 RSG. The docus indicate continuous mov of en pers into the DINH QUAN area of War Zone D.
 - c. Since 2 Aug 71, 3 Bde has uncovered four food caches in War Zone D in the vicinity of YT6752. A total of 11 tons of flour and one ton of salt have been captured. Contacts, ground to airfiring incidents and the ident of C4 Purchasing and Requisitioning Coy indicate that the area is a major entry/exit point along Route 20 for J95 Rear Services Bn of MR7 RSG.
 - d. Docus captured on 6 Aug 71 near DINH QUAN (YT6462)/^{which}ident elms of 814 RSG, contained entries dated early Apr 71 discussing the mov of 30 tons of supplies from DA NANG to the SAIGON area. The docus indicate that a meeting held on 6 Apr 71 dealt with a forthcoming long term supply transportation mission. Minutes of another meeting recorded the shipment of supplies to DALAT and it would appear from these docus that 814 RSG may have responsibilities other than supporting units in MR7, and possibly that supplies are being shipped to MR7 by sea.

ANNEX E

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

1. Omitted.
2. Omitted.
3. Omitted.
4. APD (Sniffer)

DTG

170900H

STRONG

YS783712
YS783713
YS783714

Comment: This mission was aimed at possibly locating elms of D445 or of the BINH CHAU Farmers. At YS787711 on 11 Apr 71 36 USARV Trg Coy contacted a small gp of en who may have been BINH CHAU guerillas, who are known to operate in this area.

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1. 1st Australian Army Task Force INTSUM No 230/71.
2. Period covered from 182400H to 182400H Aug 71.
3. Summary of enemy activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO GLENEELG

(a) (181520H) At YS628800 the A/Tk Pl of 3 RAR engaged one enemy dressed in black who withdrew South. No results.

(2) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (181245H). At YS475870, 3 Pl A Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found and later destroyed a base camp consisting of 15 sleeping places built above a swamp. It was estimated to be six months old with parts 2-3 weeks old and last used today. Entry/exit points were to the NE, NW and West. A quantity of cooking utensils were found and destroyed.

(b) (181250H). At YS435807, 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found 15 bunkers 8x3x3 ft with 1½ ft OHP. Estimated to be 6-12 months old and in poor condition. Entry/exit point to NW. The area had been used in the last month as a camp site. A quantity of old clothes were found and destroyed.

(c) (181330H). At YS436808, 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found two bunkers with 1½ ft OHP. The complex was 6-12 months old and last used then. It was in poor condition. Entry/exit points to West, North and NE.

(3) Other Areas

(a) (181520H). At YS445937 an APC of 2 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt detonated a pressure operated CHICOM mine containing an estimated 35lb charge. Results: Light damage to APC, nil casualties.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance (Flown by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt)

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
180654H	YS5657(Coast line) to YS6857	Large no of fishing boats offshore; some as close as 50m.
180800H-	E 64 - 68	At YS643613 a hut 6x4x5 ft was sighted. Const from wooden planks with half the roof missing; it did not appear to have been used recently. Old bunkers in area showed no sign of use.
180950H	N 59 - 61	
180900H-181100H	E 68 - 70 N 59 - 63	Nil sightings.
181000H-	E 33 - 36	Fresh ox cart tracks and wood cuttings at YS348788. No other sign in area.
181200H	N 79 - 82	
181200H-	E385 - 415	At YS390854 yam diggings 1-2 weeks old were seen. 1 hole 1 month old seen at YS381852, both diggings seemed to have been camouflaged. No further signs of recent use.
181400H	N 82 - 85	
181400H-	E 70 - 73	Distinct tracks in grass (probably less than one week old) on western bank of SUOI CONG. At YS708613 foot prints start. Track lost at YS715643, track used by approx 4 persons.
181600H	N 61 - 64	

(3) Aerial Sensor Readings See Annex E

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a, b, c, d, and e Omitted

f. Cumulative Totals for Month; 1 ATF

(1) KIA	9 VC	(13) 82mm Mor rounds	1 and 6 fuzes
(2) Omitted		(14) Omitted	
(3) Hoi Chanh	1	(15) 60mm Mor rounds	3
(4) Omitted		(16-17) Omitted	
(5) Individual Weapons		(18) B41 rds	8 and 11 boosters
Action	9	(19-21) Omitted	
(6) Omitted		(22) SA Rounds	1257
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed	752 lbs	(23) Grenades	57
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed	2½ lbs	(24-27) Omitted	
(9) Med Stores.....	5 lbs	(28) M79 HE rds	6
(10-12) Omitted		(29) Trip Flares	1

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications

a. Omitted

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps

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(1) Omitted

(2) Resulting In Friendly Losses

<u>DTG</u>	<u>CO-ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
181459H	YS445937	CHICOM A/Tk	Light damage to APC

6 and 7 Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 33/71 dated 16 Aug 71

9 and 10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMs

Ref INTSUM 229/71 dated 17 Aug 71 para 3. a. (1) (a) line 6 and Annex B refer to VU HIEN possibly KIA. Delete existing identification and insert "(possibly PHAN VAN CONG aka VU HIEN, ex PCS BINH BA (V) and member Comd Committee CHAU DUC (D))."

c. Omitted

d. Agent Reports

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) Received from 18 ARVN Div. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

At 1530H on 16 Aug 71 at YS385900 approx 80 VC armed with individual weapons, SMGs and carrying mortars, moved from the West to this grid. They told people not to go to SUOI CA. Comment: This may be an element of 274 Regt.

(b) Received from LONG LE (D). Eval 1 ATF F3

At 1500H on 17 Aug 71 in the vicinity of YS315735 6 VC halted ox cart drivers and demanded a tax of \$4,000 VN, payable within 10 days. 10 kilos of rice was also demanded from each driver. The latter stated that they would pay the tax and that the rice would be delivered during the period 20-25 Aug 71. Identified among the VC were LE VAN NIEU, LE VAN UNG and NGUYEN THI THANH.

Comment: 1 ATF ORBAT records identify the above as members of the F and E Sect of PHU MY Party Chapter.

(2) Other Areas

(a) DUC THANH report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F2

At 0800H 15 Aug 71, one platoon of VC, members of C2, D65 were sighted, with mines, in a base camp at YS473955. Source stated that their intentions were to mine Route 2 and harass allied troops in the DUC THANH area during the period 16-28 Aug 71. Current VC attitudes towards the coming elections indicate this report to be true. Comment: This report obviously refers to C2 Coy, BA LONG Engrs, formerly of D65.

(b) Received from NP. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

A report from XUYEN MOC states that at 2100H on 8 Aug 71 four VC, disguised as civilians, moved into AP NHAN-TRI, YS647677. They entered a sawmill where they received two bags of white rice (100 kilos per bag) from the mill manager. The rice had been brought from PHUOC LE to XUYEN MOC by a driver from 612 RF Coy.

(c) Received from NP Special Branch. Eval 1 ATF F3

At 1200H on 5 Aug 71 DUONG THI NGAU (F and E Cadre PHUOC HOA CONG PC) and two other VC were observed near YS476566. They asked for information about the local situation and told the villagers not to take part in the elections. They also stated that at election time there would be a major offensive in SAIGON and the provinces. They also said that DAT DO would be attacked.

(d) Received from S2 Sector. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F4

At 1600H on 17 Aug 71, one platoon from C25 dressed in ARVN uniforms were observed at the KENH DAO stream in vicinity of YS535634. Source stated their intentions were to ambush vehicles on Route 52.

(e) Ref INTSUM 228/71 para 11. f. (2). Report received from PRU indicates that the ambush party consisted of approx 20 men from the LONG HUONG PC and a section from C610 (Conc Coy of BARIA City unit).

Comment: The LONG HUONG PC belongs to the BARIA Special Zone. Its strength is unknown due to the lack of recent contact.

(f) Received from ONG TRINH. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

At 1600H on 17 Aug 71, 20 enemy (NVA) were sighted at YS244645. They were well armed, but their intentions and unit were unknown.

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(g) Received from 525 MI Group. Eval US F3, 1 ATF F3

At 0800H on 17 Aug source reported that a VC Engr unit of approx 20 personnel were located in a base camp at YS235654. They were equipped with one ton of TNT, four sampans and one motorized boat.

e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (171315H). At YS294067, RTAVF contacted an estimated 10 enemy. 10 bunkers were discovered and later destroyed. Captured were: Documents, two claymores, one grenade, one AK47 mag (plus rds), 23 kilos rice, a quantity of clothing and other miscellaneous items.

(2) (180710H). At YT287057 an RTAVF Ranger Patrol contacted an unknown number of VC. Results: 6 VC KIA (BC). Captured were: one AK 47 and nine packs.

(3) A message from HQ MR3, dated 13 Aug 71, reports that the VC are likely to launch a large and co-ordinated series of attacks from now until 22 Aug 71. It urges increased alertness in this period, particularly on 19 Aug the anniversary of the founding of the NVN government (1945).

(4) (171100H) At YT816071, 3 Bde tps located approx 75 bunkers 12x15x5 ft with 4 ft OHP. Also located were four classrooms 20x30ft with two rows of tables. The area was approx 900m in length and was used in the past three months.

Comment: Possibly used by HQ MR-7.

(5) (162319H). BIEN HOA Air Base (YTO03139) received four rds of 75mm RCL fire on the East end of the North runway. One round failed to detonate. Rds launched from approx YTO80145.

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Annexes: A. Interrogation Report
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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 230/71
DATED 18 AUG 71

INTERROGATION REPORT
FUTHER INTERROGATION PW PHAM VAN CHIEN

Reference: A. 1 ATF INTSUM 189/71 Annex A.

1. The subject stated that in late February 71, whilst on route (as a reinforcement) to 2 Bn 274 Regt he observed a group of approx 100 persons moving in a North Easterly direction at approx YT5043, They were carrying approx 60 x H12 Shells (107mm rockets) and 20 x DKB Shells (122mm rocket) components. Each H12 round was carried by one man, but the DKB components were carried by three men, one carried the projectile, while the other two carried the charges and detonator containers. CHIEN did not observe any launcher tubes for the rockets being carried by the group.

2. The subject gave an accurate description and listed the capabilities of the rocket. He also mentioned improvised launchers used when a launcher tube is not available. Crossed logs can be used to steady and aim the projectile.

FURTHER INTERROGATION OF
PW PHAN CONG NHA

3. NHA, who rallied to PHU MY on 16 Mar 71 was a member of C2 Engr Coy, BA LONG (previously a Coy of D65 Engr Bn disbanded Nov 70). He stated that on 3 Mar 71, he attended a 3 hour training class with six others on the DKB (122mm) Rocket. The training took place in the THAI THIEN Area (YS2480). The class was instructed by TRAN VAN KHIEM (unk), Coy Comd C2, 2 Bn 74 NVA Artillery Regt and a rocket specialist from the same Regt.

4. NHA claims that two DKB rockets were cached by the VC in the THAI THIEN Area. However, he did not know what plans existed for the use of the rockets.

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AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

1, 2 and 3 Omitted
4. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>STRONG</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>
181000H-	YS807711	YS810743	YS810746	YS776738
181150H		YS815805	YS810748	YS776723
		YS816704	YS810804	YS771718
		YS816706	YS805819	YS771723
			YS802771	YS771733
			YS782775	YS761724
			YS792743	YS761730
			YS776744	

Comment: See also Annex E to INTSUM No 229/71 for readings recorded on 17 Aug in the same area.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 231/71
2. Period covered from 190001H to 192400H Aug 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (191108H) At YS478878, 2 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn located a well used EW track which had been used during past 48 hours.

(2) AO GLENELG

(a) (191415H) At YS647608, 7 Pl C Coy 3 RAR heard voices approx 200 metres SE of their location. When checking the area a pair of sandals were found and an old track located showing signs of use approx 14 days ago. There was no sign of recent movement in the area.

(b) (191400H) At YS676595, 9 Pl C Coy 3 RAR located a series of ten graves in 2 rows; a paling was placed in the ground between the rows. The graves are estimated to be at least 6 months old.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance (Flown by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
190708H		A/c sighted 4 boats at YS4647, 2 boats at YS593577 and 3 boats at YS690590.
190800H-	E32 - 36	1. At 0810H, 13 oxcarts were seen proceeding East along the fire trail from YS315730. The carts were in small groups spread out with several carts carrying small bundles. Immediately after inspection by VR a/c, 3 carts moved away to the west. They were again checked at 0915H; all carts except 3 (unlocated) were returning West less the bundles. 1 cart took the track South from YS319-730. <u>COMMENT</u> : Jade a/w also reported the sighting.
191000H	N73 - 76	2. No other signs in area.
191200H-	E32 - 36	1. Foottrack of 3 - 4 persons, 3 - 4 days old heading approx S - N through the following grids: YS358683, 361685, 360688 YS358689.
191400H	N69 - 71	2. No other sightings in area.
191000H-	E73 - 76	1. Three sets of footprints (a total of eight persons) run from the waters edge to the scrub in the vicinity of YS744615. The prints had been made since the last high tide.
191200H	N Coast - 65	
191400H-	E72 - 74	1. Numerous well used tracks in the clearings along creeks in YS 7268, YS7368, YS7269, YS 7369. Two defensive positions also sighted. The clearings were at least 2 - 3 weeks old. Probably made by RF and PF.
191600H	N68 - 72	2. Extensive woodcutting has been carried out in YS7268, during past two weeks.

(3) Aerial Sensor Readings. See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

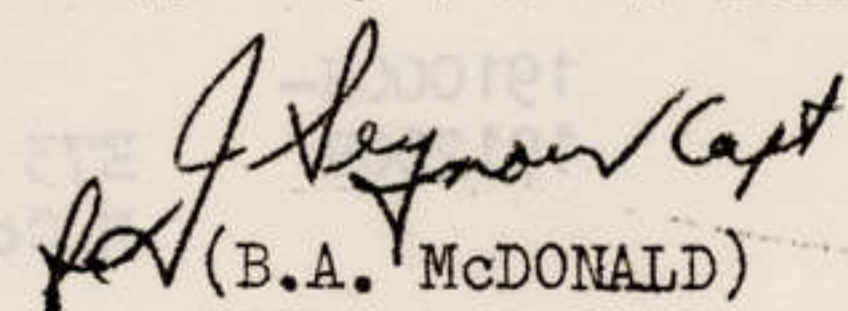
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f. Cumulative Totals for Month; 1 ATF

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| (1) KIA.....9 VC | (5) Individual Weapons Action9 |
| (2) Omitted | (6) Omitted |
| (3) Hoi Chanh.....1 | .../(7). Rice |
| (4) Omitted | |

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| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 752 lbs | (13) 82mm Mor rounds 1 and 6 fuzes |
| (8) Salt Captured and Destroyed 2½ lbs | (14) Omitted |
| (9) Med Stores.....5 lbs | (15) 60mm Mor rounds3 |
| (10) - (12) Omitted | (16 -17) Omitted |
| | (18) B41 rds 8 and 11 boosters |
| | (19 - 21) Omitted |
| | (22) SA rds1257 |
| | (23) Grenades 57 |
| | (24 - 27) Omitted |
| | (28) M79 HE rds.....6 |
| | (29) Trip Flares.....1 |
5. Omitted
6. Enemy Unit Identification, Location and Movements.
- a. Ref INTSUM 230/71 of 18 Aug 71 para 11d.(f) (2) Readout from documents captured by RTAVF after contact, identify C5/D2 of 74 NVA Artillery Regt.
- b. Ref INTSUM 217/71 dated 9 Aug 71, para 6. The enemy KIA by 302 RF Bn at YS488520 on 8 Aug 71, have been now identified by S2 Sector as:
- (1) HOANG MINH, aka, TU DUC, member of the Security Section, LONG DAT Dist.
 - (2) TANG VAN KIM, chief of Finance and Economy Sect LONG DAT Dist.
 - (3) TRAN THI NGOC ANH, member of Political Front Youth Sect BA LONG Province.
7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 33/71 dated 16 Aug 71
9. Omitted.
10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous
- a. Omitted.
- b. Corrections to previous INTSUMS. Ref INTSUM 230/71 of 18 Aug 71 para 3 a(2)(a) delete 3 Pl A Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn, amend to read 3 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn.
- c. Omitted.
- d. Agent Reports. See Annex C. e. Omitted
- f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
- (1) (182400H) At YS354614, Elements of VN national police whilst providing security at a US (RMK) Construction site received AK47 fire. The heavy weapons pl fired mortars in reaction with nil results.
 - (2) (182400H) At YS514534, a squad sized VC group initiated a 586 RF Coy mechanical ambush. A sweep was conducted with nil results.
 - (3) (18 Aug 71) At YS610638, a National Police search operation in GO CAT(H) (YS610638) accounted for 14 illegal residents and one VCI/VCS suspect, TRUONG VAN CHAU (UNK).
 - (4) XUAN LOC 18 ARVN Div (Rear) Ni 18/19 Aug 71, at YP458082, 4 x B40 rounds impacted. Results: 1 VN civilian injured.


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- ANNEXES:
- C. Agent Reports
 - E. Aerial Sensor Readings

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ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO231/71
DATED 19 AUG 71

AGENT REPORTS

AO BIRDSVILLE

1. 525 MI Group report. Eval US F6, 1 ATF F3

On 161000H Aug 71, at YS497816, 12 VC armed with 2xB40, 4xAk47, 3xCKC, 1xK54 pistol were seen. Source states that this could possibly be a Commo Liaison Team moving to the LONG DIEN or DAT DO area.

2. LONG LE report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

On 161030H Aug 71, at YS378644, 1 section of VC disguised as farmers including 2 females met woodcutters and asked about the security situation in HOA LONG (V). They also asked what unit is conducting exercises opposite the old FRENCH bunker on the road to BARIA. The bunker is located at approx YS396626, after 10 minutes the VC withdrew in an unknown direction.

3. LONG LE report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

On 181500H Aug 71, at YS379653, 10 VC from an unknown unit guided TRAN VAN TINH (unk) wearing mixed clothing and armed with 1xB40 and individual weapons were seen. The VC stopped wood cutters and asked about the security situation in HOA LONG (V). The VC demanded that the people resupply them and after 10 minutes the VC withdrew toward the ONG CAU mountains.

4. Extract from PHUOC TUY (P) INTSUM 229/71 of 17 Aug 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F5

On 17 Aug 71, at YS335735, one reported VC Bn was seen with a reported strength of 300. They were armed with crew served weapons and AA guns. A guerilla revealed that this VC Bn had just moved into the area from the direction of BIEN HOA. Their intentions are to reinforce an unknown unit and speed up harrasements until election time.

1 ATF Comment: It is considered unlikely that any major unit has moved into this area. However, it is possible that a much smaller group could be present. Refer to para 3. b. (2) of this INTSUM which reports a VR sighting of 17 ox carts West of the grid in this report.

Other Areas

5. Extracted from PHUOC TUY (P) INTSUM 229/71 of 17 Aug 71. Eval 1 ATF F3

Special Police Branch report that two VC at YS375596 stopped source for information on military forces providing security at the "new" bridge. They said that they will attack the bridge between BARIA and VUNG TAU and increase sabotage and terrorism to destroy ARVN and GVN officials.

6. LONG LE report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

On the nights of 9 and 10 Aug 71, at approx 2030H, 3 VC from an unknown unit were located at YS414643 (AP BAC (H)) where they moved to the house of NGUYEN CUU's (unk). The VC propogandized and then spoke to CUU's daughter, NGUYEN THI NHUNG, she later left with the VC.

7. LONG LE report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

On 160130H, 4 VC from Wing 4 BARIA City Unit, armed with 1xM16, 1xAk47 and 2 carbines, commanded by NGUYEN VAN SANG aka NAM DEN, (1 ATF ORBAT holds record of a NGUYEN VAN SANG as Comd of the Postal Sect, VUNG TAU Orderly room sect A3). The VC moved by rowboat to YS331589 where they propogandized fishermen and demanded supplies and tax.

8. 525 MI Group report. Eval US B3.

On 161400H at YT318075, one coy of 2/274 VC Regt was located with a strength of 40, armed with 2xCHICOM MGs and 3xB40s. A private soldier, BE (unk) revealed that his company has been ordered to provide direct support to 274 Regt Rear Service Section because the section has suffered from increased GVN activity in the past thirty days. The unit is still receiving a steady flow of foodstuffs each day, which are delivered by HUNG LOC villagers disguised as farmers. One depot utilized as a cache point is in the charcoal kiln located on QL 1 at YT315094.

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9. LONG DAT report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F5

On 21 Jul 71, at YS539579, 60 VC of and unidentified unit were seen carrying 1x60mm mortar and individual weapons

10. 525 MI Group report. Eval US F6, 1 ATF F3

On 161200H Aug 71, at YS431841, 10 VC armed with 1xB40, 4xAK47s, 2xcarbines and 1xpistol where checking the allied situation in the various villages in the area so the sapper element of CHAU DUC (D) can combine with local units to celebrate the VC revolution between 16 Aug - 15 Sept 71. The VC are contacting residents of this area and obtaining the current Allied Situation.

11. Special Police Branch report. Eval 1 ATF F3

On the 14th, 15th and 16th Aug 71 at YS345607 approx 1 VC squad were seen including TU CANG (1 ATF ORBAT holds CANG as F and E Chief BARIA City unit, previously PCS of LONG HUONG (V)). They stopped to acquire information on LONG HUONG (V) and to survey friendly forces stationed in the village. Intentions were to infiltrate into LONG HUONG (V) and to attack PF and PSDF units on 19 Aug 71.

12. LONG DAT report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

On 17 Aug 71 at YS479588, 2 armed VC were seen. NFI.

13. LONG DAT report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

On 181700H Aug 71, at YS497638, 3 male and 1 female VC armed with 1xcarbine and 1x.45 pistol stopped farmers and spread propaganda about the killing of the LONG LE (D) Chief. They also told the people that if they went to vote, they (the VC) would take away their ID cards. Identified was the LONG TAN PC.

14. LONG DAT report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

On 182300H Aug 71, 10 VC infiltrated LONG DIEN at YS440590. They were led by NGUYEN VAN TAN (security cadre of AN NHUT PC). The VC also said that if one of them was caught or shot they would come and get the informant. The VC withdrew South.

15. Extracted from RTAVF INTSUM 230/71 of 18 Aug 71. Eval RTAVF C 3, 1 ATF F3

On 171200H Aug 71, an estimated 30 VC of 274 Regt, wearing green uniforms and armed with 1x60mm mortar, 1xB40, 1xB41, were located near YS310960.

16. PRU report. Eval 1 ATF F3

On 171000H Aug 71 at YS276568, 4 VC were seen. Source reports that a group of 4 or 5 men usually appear in this location between 1000H and 1100H each day and ask the locals about troop dispositions. Among this group was CAI VAN BAY aka THO (1 ATF ORBAT holds no record of BAY) who carries an M16. The others carried 1xB40, 1xAK47, and a carbine.

17. PRU report. Eval 1 ATF F3

On 170700H Aug 71 at YS468745, 2 VC dressed in civilian clothes and armed with 1xcarbine, and 1xK54 pistol stopped jungle workers to ask for tobacco and information. Before they left they said that they would be back for the elections.

18. PRU report. Eval 1 ATF F3

On 171000H Aug 71, at YS438786 approx 12 VC in mixed dress and carrying individual weapons were seen. They collected up the young children herding cattle to ask for information, and then organised them for a revolutionary sing-song. See also INTSUM 229/71 para 11. d. (1) (c), for a similar report.

19. Sector Report. Eval 1 ATF F3

On 172200H Aug 71, at AP BAC (H) HOA LONG (V), VAN THANH aka BAY THONG a member of CHAU DUC RSG (1 ATF ORBAT holds THONG as 2IC CHAU DUC RSG) with two others infiltrated the hamlet and went to the house of his wife; LUA: BAY THONG took a radio from the house and then left.

20. RDC report. Eval 1 ATF F3

On 161500H Aug 71, 4 VC were seen on the road junction in the DONG XOAI area of XA AN NHUT. The group consisted of 3 men and a woman. They were armed with 2 rifles and dressed as farmers. Intentions were to carry food. They are often seen in this area. See also para 14.

21. LONG LE report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F2

On 121500H Aug 71 at YS238668, 1 VC approached 4 female wood cutters at TAC CON SU (vicinity YS238668) where he forbade them to cut wood in that area again. The VC was unidentified and unarmed.

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Comment: Many reports have been received of a VC group in this area forbidding people to enter the area (see SUPINTREP 33/71 para 23).

22. 525 MI Group report. Eval 1 ATF F3

On 171800H Aug 71 at YS358636, 30 VC were sighted. There is a VC sapper coy working in the area which is planning to attack a village on Route 15. The village is presumed to be PHUOC HOA. The purpose is to disrupt the elections and also to attack convoys and interfere with traffic.

23. 525 MI Group report. Eval US F3, 1 ATF F3

From information received 190900H Aug 71, RO (unk) of HOI MY guerillas reveals his units intentions to attack HOI MY administration building and RF outpost. RO approached an agent and asked for \$VN 1,000. He also enquired about RF defences in HOI MY (YS503561) and the location of the village admin building. RO said his unit planned to attack before 26 Aug 71, they will move on 27 Aug 71.

525 MI Group Comment: This provides another indication that the VC plan harrassment attacks on villages of DAT DO.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 231/71
DATED 19 AUG 71

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

- 1, 2 and 3 Omitted
- 4. APD (Sniffer)

No significant results. The only readings obtained were caused by timber cutters and a US helicopter operating in the area.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No232/71.
2. Period covered from 200001H to 202400H Aug 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO GLENELG

(a) (201400H) At YS666616, 7 Pl C Coy 3 RAR found an old cache containing a very large fishing net with weights attached and 2 - 3 dozen sandbags. Also found was a qty of plastic, wrapping, all materials were in very poor condition, estimated to be 7 - 8 months old.

(2) TRAC SPECIAL AO

(a) (200730H) At YS356901 a 1 ATF patrol contacted 1 en moving North to South. Results 1 en KIA (BC), qty of equip captured. (see para 4 e (2)(a) this INTSUM). The patrol sighted elements of a large en force in bunkers centre of mass YS348902. Artillery was fired in support and three tactical airstrikes were flown centres of mass YS345904(2) and YS 348902. Initial BDA reports 100% in target area.

(3) Ref INTSUM 230/71 18 Aug, (mine incident) further information from 1 Fd Sqn indicates that the mine consisted of 15 - 20 lb CHICOM BLOCK explosive. It was impossible to estimate how long it had been in position.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance (By 161 Recce Flt unless otherwise stated)

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
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Ref INTSUM231/71 of 19 Aug 71, para 3 b(2) VR report E72-74, N68-72.

Further information confirms that two defensive positions were seen at YS732699 and YS734687, but had definitely been constructed by RF and PF troops

200800H-	E30 - 35	1. At YS311720 three oxcarts were seen; carts then immediately turned around and proceeded North along a track.
201000H	N71 - 72	2. Another three ox carts sighted at YS310732 moving West towards the fire trail junction at YS3073. All carts flying National flag and occupied by two persons.

201200H-	E75 - 78	3. Fresh woodcutting in area YS3071.
201400H	N72 - 75	1. Elephant tracks seen in clearing at YS747-752 and YS766747. Tracks less than 3 days old. (Elephant sighted by HQ B Coy 3 RAR approx 4 Km North).

201200H-	E73 - 76	2. Old bunker system sighted at YS760753. It was partially caved in and showed no sign of recent use.
201400	N75 - 78	1. Numerous foot tracks seen in area YS732759 to 738765 heading N - S and E - W, 2 - 3 weeks old. Also elephant tracks in area.

201400H-	E30 - 33	2. E - W track st YS 770770, well established and clear.
201600H	N65 - 68	1. At the Western edge of the summit of the feature at YS307672, an old rest area was seen.

201135H	YS5564	2. No sign of recent movement in the area.
201220H	YS642901 YS661919	A RAAF ac sighted 2 VN dressed in black who appeared to hide in the bushes when seen.

RAAF ac sighted 1 bogged truck.
RAAF ac sighted 1 truck on a track. Around both trucks were freshly cut logs, numerous tracks and evidence of obvious wood cutting activity.

(3) Aerial Sensor Readings. See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a, b, c, and d omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material captured or destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons

(a) Individual 1. (b) and (c) omitted.

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- (2) Captured and destroyed material
 (a) Captured (In contact 200730H at YS356901).
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|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 x AK-47 | 4 x AK mags | 118 x 7.62 short rds |
| 1 x ammo belt | 1 x service torch | 1 x Aust bush shirt |
| 1 pr HCM Sandals | 2 shirts | 'marked' "CF31-Murphy" |
| 1 pr pants | 1 set underwear | 1 handkerchief |
| 1 NVA belt | 1 hammock | 2 carrying bags |
| Qty tobacco in Ovaltine tablet tin | | 3 sq yards dark green nylon |
| 5 sq yards plastic | | |

(3) Captured and destroyed Foodstuff

<u>CO)ORD</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
YS356901	Rice	15 lb	Destroyed
"	Salt	1 lb	Destroyed
"	Curry	Small qty	Destroyed

(4) and (5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month; 1 ATF

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|--|----------|-------------------------------------|
| (1) KIA | 10 | (13) 82mm Mor rds...1 and 6 fuzes |
| (2) Omitted | | (14) Omitted |
| (3) Hoi Chanh..... | 1 | (15) 60mm Mor rds.....3 |
| (4) Omitted | | (16-17) Omitted |
| (5) Individual Weapons
Action | 10 | (18) B-41 Rds.....8 and 11 boosters |
| (6) Omitted | | (19-21) Omitted |
| (7) Rice captured and destroyed | 767 lb | (22) SA rds.....1375 |
| (8) Salt captured and destroyed | 3 1/2 lb | |
| (9) Med Stores..... | 5 lb | (23) Grenades.....57 |
| (10) - (12) Omitted. | | (24-27) Omitted |
| | | (28) M79 HE rds.....6 |
| | | (29) Trip Flares.....1 |

5. Omitted

6. and 7. Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 33/71 dated 16 Aug 71

9. and 10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted.

b. Corrections to previous INTSUMS

Ref INTSUM 225/71 of 13 Aug 71, delete all reference to para 11 d (3).

c. Omitted

d. Agent Reports

AO DUC THANH

(1) DIOCC report. Eval 1 ATF F4.

An agent reportedly in the VC ranks states that a VC ~~arty~~ unit has moved from LONG KHANH to close to but South of DUC THANH Seb-sector HQ. The unit has 2x122mm weapons (type not stated) and 82mm mortars. The unit intends to shell District Offices (Sub-sector) throughout PHUOC TUY during the period of the elections. Comment: The reference to 122mm weapons obviously is to 122mm rockets (range 11,000m) TRAC have been asked to comment on this report.

(2) DIOCC report. Eval 1 ATF F3

Workers in the CU BI plantation (YS435823) report more mines / shells in area YS4382.

AO XUYEN MOC/NUI NHON

(3) Sector report. Eval VN B2, 1 ATF F3

On 181500H Aug 71, at YS660625 5 VC appeared. Their intentions were to kidnap and/or kill soldiers and civil servants moving on Route 23 and to steal food from vehicles they stop.

(4) Sector report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

On 200900H Aug 71, at YS665707, 4 VC including DUNG were sighted on the SUOI SOC. (1 ATF ORBAT holds DUNG as possibly being F/E cadre XUYEN MOC (D)).

(5) Sector report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

On 190900H Aug 71, at YS690765, 6 VC (4 men, 2 women) including BA HOANG, (1 ATF ORBAT holds him as being cadre Production Cell PHUOC BUU PC) and UT OANH (unk), were stopping wood trucks to obtain food and tax.

(6) NP XUYEN MOC report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

On 201300H Aug 71, at YS672713, 6 VC stopped timber trucks and demanded that

tobacco and petrol be procured and brought to them on 21 Aug 71. The VC included HAI QUAN (1 ATF holds QUAN as being PCS of XUYEN MOC (D) PC).

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(7) Sector Report. Eval 1 ATF F3

On 192015H Aug 71, in area YS265750 - 275747 - 278737, 20 VC were reported to have appeared.

(8) PSB report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

On 181030H Aug 71, at YS232702, 15 VC in mixed dress armed with 2xB40s and AKs appeared. They stopped locals and forbade them entry into the area. VC left after 10 minutes.

(9) PSB report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

On 151500H Aug 71, at YS375599, 8 VC including HUNG and THI THANH from XA LONG HUONG PC, armed with 1xB40, 1xM79 and individual weapons appeared. They stopped source to ask about activities of GVN forces, and stated that there would be a campaign of terror against PSDF and other GVN forces in LONG HUONG.

(10) PSB report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

On 151900H Aug 71, at YS345607, 1 squad of VC armed with 1xB40 and individual weapons were seen. They asked source for information on troops at the new bridge and about activities of PF and PSDF in XA LONG HUONG. VC withdrew after 20 minutes.

(11) PSB report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

On 052200H Aug 71, at YS488593, 1 VC squad led by NGUYEN VAN NHAN aka VU HAI (unk) infiltrated PHUOC TUONG (H) to obtain information on local GVN activities. They said they would return and eliminate GVN officials in DAT DO.

(12) PSB report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

On 141500H Aug 71, at YS345607, 5 VC including TRAN HUU CANG aka TU GANG, Chief F/E Sect and head of operations sect XA LONG HUONG PC and THI MUOI PHAN, appeared at RACH CAI LON. They stopped the source and asked him to take an engine to be repaired. VC withdrew into the RUNG SAT.

(13) PSB report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

161200H. Source states that over the last 2 days, during the time 1700H - 1900H, 4-6 VC appeared at YS246687, and 264684. Their purpose was to liaise with legal cadre for food and information.

(14) PRU report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

On 171000H Aug 71, at YS276568, 4 VC often stop locals to ask about local troop dispositions and ambush locations.

(15) PRU report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

On 181400H Aug 71, at YS482557, LE VAN LUC aka TU LUC of DAT DO (D) often supplies and communicates with the VC (LUC unk 1 ATF ORBAT). On 181400H Aug, LUC met NGUYEN VAN HAI aka TRAN DAT PCS XA LONG MY at YS482557. DAT told LUC to tell the people not to vote, and that the VC are going to disrupt the elections on 29 Aug 71.

(16) NP report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

A gp of 30 VC from C25, PHUOC HOA LONG guerillas and PHUOC THANH guerillas, led by BY (sic) TUAN aka CHAU (unk), and NO aka SON NAM (unk), were sighted recently (no date) at YS475542. The gp intended moving to PHUOC HOA LONG on 19 Aug 71 to receive supplies.

e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (201210H). At YS261752, 252 RF Coy contacted an unk number of VC. Results: 3 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC CIA. VC KIA was LE VAN NEU, F/E Chief PHU MY (V) PC. VC CIA was NGUYEN VAN TOT also of PHU MY. 1 ATF ORBAT holds no record of TOT. 1 x Carbine also CIA.

G. M. Field Capt

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Annexes B. Captured Documents
E. Aerial Sensor Readings

Distribution: List A, HQ TRAC, MACV-CICV, MACV-J2, BIEN HOA Sector, Advisory Team 89, 3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM), Sector S2, RSSZ (For IO), AATTV Saigon, AATTV Advisor BARIA, LONG KHANH Sector S2, XUAN LOC, All 1 ATF LOs

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ANNEX B TO

1 ATF INTSUM NO 232/71

DATED 20 AUG 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. A further report on the documents captured by a 1 ATF patrol at 130745H at YS341918 (refer to ANNEX B to 1 ATF INTSUM No 225/71) has been received from CDEC. The documents contained the following information additional to that previously reported:

- a. A letter written on 7 Aug 71 by HUYNH THANH TAO (possibly Chief of Rear Service Sect, 274 Regt) to BAY PHUOC (Chief Civil Proselyting 274 Regt), TAM QUAN (unk) and LUU NGUYEN (Asst Chief Rear Service Sect, 274 Regt) discussing the problems of procuring food from C5, C11 and C12 (probably elements of 814 RSG MR-7). The author also mentions problems in exchanging US currency for piastre in the area; the exchange rate is only \$1 (US) = 360 \$ VN although this well under the rate prescribed by higher echelon. He also mentions that C12 has fresh stocks of clothing and that allied ops in the area are severely restricting the supply of rice.
- b. A letter written by HAI QUANG (member of Staff Sect, HQ 274 Regt) to BA NGAN (Coy Comd, 3/274) requesting a new unifrom, advising the recipient that many attacks are to take place in the future and ordering him to buy 20 US shovels.
- c. A letter from HAI QUAN (Staff Sect HQ 274 Regt) dated 12 Aug 71, to HUE and HOA (unk) discussing the future missions of 274 Regt and a meeting to be held at Regt HQ at 131400H. The "artillery sect" (presumably C17 RR Coy) and C16 (Mor Coy) were to move to the HQ to receive their mission and were to be prepared to move out from there. The author advised the recipients to take enough rice for use until 20 Aug 71 "during your new mission", and were also cautioned not to be late for the meeting.

Comment: The letter indicates that it was intended that C16 and C17 were to be assigned a task to be completed by 20 Aug 71. C17 are armed with 75mm RRs which have a range of 6675metres. C 16 has possibly 82mm and 60mm mortars.

- d. An activity plan signed by LUU NGUYEN (Asst Chief Rear Services Group 274 Regt) detailing the Rear Services missions to be carried out by the Group in support of 274 Regt during Aug 71. They were to provide 19,000 litres (1 litre = 1.7 lbs) of rice for use until the end of Aug and a further 16,000 litres as reserve. Apart from rations, subordinate units would be required to purchase 3,745 litres for their own use. There was a reminder that medical equipment was to be properly stored; the regt medical station was to hold enough medicine for two months and enough malaria tablets for use until Sep 71. They were also to be prepared to supply spontaneous combat missions with ordnance items and to purchase enough saws and shovels, and also cleaning equipment for weapons to last until Aug 71.

Comment: This possibly indicates that the Chief of RSG (sub para a above) is obtaining supplies from Rear Services MR-7 to be distributed by LUU NGUYEN and suggests an extensive logistic programme on the part of the RSG in support of possible future operations of 274 Regt. 19,000 litres of rice will feed approximately 720 men for one month. The reserve of 16,000 litres coupled with the unit purchases of 3,700 litres would probably suffice for the Regt for at least one further month.

- e. A report dated 16 Jul from LY CHON TU (unk) to HQ 3 Bn, 274 Regt, stating that the Bn had a total strength of 92; 40 members in the two infantry coys, 25 in the Combat Sp Coy and 27 in Bn HQ. It also mentioned the weapons held by the Bn and the return of elements to the Bn's location in the near future. A later document, dated Aug 71, stated that the Bn's strength was now 83.

Comment: This throws some doubt on the recent reports of 274 Regt receiving a large number of reinforcements. However, 3 Bn is not known to have moved recently to the Regt HQ area and the recruits may not yet have moved to their respective bns.

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d. (1) A notebook belonging to DAO MINH TAM of 3 Bn 274 Regt (Asst Pol Offr of 3/274, probably KIA ~~in the contact~~). The notebook mentions a meeting which was held on 1 Aug 71 to discuss the missions to be carried out in August. These include intensified training, especially for recruits, consolidation of party organizations, attacks on FWMAF/RVNAF units and positions and the destruction of aircraft and vehicles. Emphasis was placed on capturing weapons. Sufficient rice supply was to be available until October. Specific 3 Bn missions were:

- (a) The conduct of a 15 day training course.
- (b) The conduct of 2 or 3 attacks in the area of Route 15.
- (c) The destruction of enemy units, three or four vehicles and one aircraft.
- (d) The preparation of two or three objectives for a bn size attack.
- (e) The provision of 274 Regt HQ with 500 kilograms of rice.

(2) The author mentions that, during the first six months of the year, his unit fought two battles, supposedly destroying a THAI pl, a vehicle and capturing two automatic weapons. However, several members displayed a cautious attitude and the unit was plagued with sickness during the rainy season.

Comment: This document indicates that 3 Bn was planning to begin operational training in the area of Route 15 and to launch some attacks in Aug in the Route 15 area. 3 Bn have not been aggressive in the recent past but were probably responsible for the abortive attempt to ambush an RAAF convoy on Route 15 South of LONG BINH on 17 May.

g. Two reports prepared by the armorer of 274 Regt, dated 7 and 9 Aug 71, give the detailed holdings of three ammunition depots at HUNG NGHIA (YT311070), DOI (YS298973) and at SONG NHAN (YS275013). The depots contain a large number of 60mm mortar rounds, C4 explosive and detonation equipment and a number of spare weapons (see INTSUM 225/71 Annex B para 6). The Regt appears to hold in these depots a total of 34 75mm RR rounds; 196 60mm mortar rds; and 80 82mm rounds.

h. An undated letter from HAI QUAN (Asst Chief of Staff, 274 Regt) to NAM THANH (Chief of Military Personnel, 274 Regt) and TAM THU instructing them to prepare for the Regt meeting in an area near the SUOI QUIT (north west of PHUOC TUY border) after 15 Aug 71. It states that AN (possibly Asst Pol Offr, 274 Regt) has the responsibility for preparing the site and administering the meeting. Nearly all the subordinate units and agencies of 274 Regt are mentioned as attending and the author stresses the importance of security.

Comment: At this meeting it was possibly intended to plan ops for the period Aug - Oct (election period) for Regt elms.

i. A letter dated 12 Aug 71 from HAI QUAN to CHINH (possibly Comd C19 Engr Coy, 274 Regt) and NHUAN (unk) to have BA NGAN (Coy Comd, 3 Bn, 274 Regt) expedite the disposal of two dud bombs so that the explosive may be used to help accomplish missions on 19 Aug 71. Addressees were to assist 3 Bn 274 Regt in military training and CHINH specifically was to train the Recce unit of 3 Bn to enable them to reconnoitre the objectives.

Comment: This document provides a further indication (see above) that 3 Bn, 274 Regt intends to attack certain objectives in Aug, and specifically on or about 19 Aug.

j. General Comment: The documents indicate that 274 Regt was conducting an important meeting of all elms of the Regt commencing on or about 15 Aug. It seems likely that this meeting was to plan activities including ops, for the election period Aug - Oct 71. 3 Bn is obviously meant to carry out certain attacks in the Route 15 area on or about 19 Aug, and C 16 Mor Coy and C17 RR Coy also were to be given objectives for about

19 or 20 Aug. An intensive logistical programme was prepared to assist the Aug - Oct plans. Although the attacks appear to be scheduled for 19-20 Aug, past experience shows that VC attacks often occur some days after the originally planned date. There is no mention in these documents of targets for 1 Bn or 2 Bn. However, it is thought that 1 Bn may regard a target in DUC THANH District as a possibility.

Redeployment of Units from CAMBODIA

2. Documents captured by an RF Coy in BINH DUONG (P) NW of SAIGON on 11 Aug 71 identify an element of 174 Regt, 5 VC Division.
3. The Combined Documents Exploitation Centre (CDEC) SAIGON has commented that the presence of an element of this Regt is very significant. It suggests that at least one element of 5 VC Division has possibly been redeployed from CAMBODIA to RVN MR3 to increase the capability for offensive operations in the coming RVN Presidential election period.
4. Other documents captured on 7 Aug in TAY NINH (P) by RVNAF Rangers also mention a planned redeployment of the Sapper Comd, HQ SVNLA from CAMBODIA to MR 3. One letter dated 2 Aug 71 read in part:

" The commanders (possibly of Sapper Comd) informed us that in late Sep or early Oct 71 the main command post (and sappers) will move down here (possibly meaning the command post and its sapper battalions will be redeployed to RVN MR3)preparations must be made immediately this redeployment will make our rear service (logistic) task more difficult. We should open all the (VC) entry/exit points in TAY NINH (P)..... It is imperative for us to purchase one third of the required quantity of rice from local resources. The remaining two-thirds will be channelled (to SVN territory) from the (Cambodian) frontier..... In short, everybody will be down here by late Sep or early Oct 71. Therefore we must be prepared to support them".

CDEC has commented that there is urgent tone in the documents concerning rear service support. The author appears to be positive that a **large** part of Sapper Comd, HQ SVNLA, will be redeployed from their present areas of operations in CAMBODIA to GVN MR 3 in late Sep or early Oct 71. CDEC comment that such a move is possibly to increase enemy offensive operations during the forthcoming RVN Presidential elections.

1 ATF Comment: These documents tend to support assessments that some enemy units are preparing to move back into SOUTH VIETNAM. See SUPINTREP 33/71 dated 16 Aug 71 para 5.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 232/71
DATED 20 AUG 71

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

- 1, 2 and 3 Omitted
4. APD (Sniffer)

(200900H) E 77 - 82, N 71 - 80.

Mission aborted due to weather conditions.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 233/71.
- 2. Period covered 210001H to 212400H Aug 71.
- 3. Summary of enemy activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO GLENELG

(a) (211115H). At YS709703, 4 Pl B Coy 3 RAR found a base camp of seven bunkers (6x3x3 ft) with 1 1/2 ft OHP. It was approx one year old, in good condition and last used four weeks ago. The bunkers were destroyed.

Comment: On 18 Jan 71 at YS708704, a camp of 30 new bunkers was found by 7 RAR. No record of the destruction of this camp is held.

(2) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (211300H). At YS432852, 11 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found signs of movement by two persons moving North - South in previous 48 hours.

(b) (211658H). At YS427855, 11 Pl D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found signs of movement by two - three persons moving West - East on old APC track. Movement estimated to have occurred in previous two - three days.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
210800H-	E 37 - 40	No significant sightings.
211000H	N 80 - 83	
211000H-	E 53 - 56	Ox cart tracks used in preceding 24-36 hours followed from YS523663 to YS533682. Track branches before crossing E-W creek and follows creek East to YS535678. The branch of this track then crosses creek moving NE to YS541679.
211200H	N 66 - 69	
211400H-	E 51 - 55	Numerous foot tracks in Western part of area. At YS514912, tracks enter large clearing under jungle canopy from NW, E, SE and S. At YS542927, on North bank of stream OHP for a suspected above ground cache. There was fresh ox cart movement on logging tracks in Eastern and Western extremities of area.
211600H	N 91 - 93	
211545H	YS470712	Foot tracks made by 3-4 persons moving NW to SE approx 1-2 weeks previously (See Annex E para 3 this INTSUM).

(3) Aerial Sensor Readings See Annex E

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a, b, c, d and e Omitted

f. Cumulative Totals for Month : MR 3

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|---------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-------------------|
| (1) KIA | 11 VC | (13) 82 mm Mortar rds | 1 and 6 fuzes |
| (2) Omitted | | (14) Omitted | |
| (3) Hoi Chanh | 1 | (15) 60 mm Mortar rds | 3 |
| (4) Omitted | | (16-17) Omitted | |
| (5) Individual Weapons | | (18) B 41 rds | 8 and 11 boosters |
| Action | 10 | (19-21) Omitted | |
| (6) Omitted | | (22) SA rounds | 1375 |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed | 767 lbs | (23) Grenades | 67 |
| (8) Salt Captured and Destroyed | 3 1/2 lbs | (24-27) Omitted | |
| (9) Med Stores | 5 lbs | (28) M 79 HE rds | 6 |
| (10-12) Omitted | | (29) Trip Flares | 1 |

5, 6 and 7 Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 33/71 dated 16 Aug 71

9 and 10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMs

(1) Reference INTSUM No 225/71 para 3. a. (1) amend result to : Five VC KIA

(BC) and at end of detail add "Four maps, docus and VN \$100,000 also captured".

(See Annex B for document readout. Body identified from docus as that of

HAI QUAN, Deputy C of S 274 Regt).

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(2) Ref INTSUM 231/71 para 11. f. (4) Attack by fire near Rear HQ 18 ARVN Div night 18/19 Aug 71. 3 of the B40 rounds impacted in a civilian house, approx 250m from MACV compound. The VC are thought to have been aiming for the PRU Chief's house.

(3) Ref INTSUM 232/71 para 3. a. (2) 1 ATF patrol contact at YS356901 at 200730H. No identification of the KIA was possible.

c. Omitted

d. Agent Reports

AO BIRDSVILLE

(1) NP HOA LONG report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F2.

At 1500H on 20 Aug 71, a section of VC from an unidentified unit were observed at YS381652, where they asked wood cutters about Aust ambush operations in the general area.

(2) PRU report. Eval 1 ATF F3

At 1700H on 19 Aug 71, two VC from an unidentified unit were observed at YS488802, where they informed local workers to supply $\frac{1}{2}$ or 1 litre of rice in future, if they wished to work in the area. The VC also asked for information.

(3) Sector S2 report. Eval VN B2, 1 ATF F4

At YS378675 at 211700H there were reported to be 200 VC.

Comment: See 1 ATF INTSUMs for 25 May and 1 Jul for unconfirmed agent reports of enemy groups of 90 and 60 respectively reportedly seen in the same grid square. On the second occasion a VR was flown to check the area and no sign of recent movement was seen. While a group may have been seen in this area on 21 Aug as reported, it seems unlikely that it was as large as 200.

Other Areas

(3) NP report. Eval 1 ATF F4

It has been reported that VC on LONG SON (I) have planted explosives at YS298568 to harass 12 PF Pl. Comment: At 1400H on 19 Aug 71, NP searched the area and found one M26 grenade only.

(4) PRU report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

At 0700H on 19 Aug 71, it was reported that a medical and sapper training course was being held at YS485509 and was due to graduate on 19 Aug 71. Source reported that during the night 19/20 Aug 71, the graduates were to practise infiltration into HOI TRUONG (H) HOI MY (V) and to collect food supplies.

(5) 525 MI Group report. Eval US F6, 1 ATF F3

On the night of either 15 or 16 Aug 71, approx 50 VC of C2 and C4 of D445 LF Bn moved from the LONG GREEN to vicinity YS4754. Source stated that their intentions were to co-ordinate with C25 (LONG DAT Conc Coy) and local guerillas to harass and attack GVN units, with the aim of demoralising them and to disrupt the coming Lower House elections.

(6) 525 MI Group report. Eval US F6, 1 ATF F3

At 1300H on 19 Aug 71, 18 men of DOAN 10 RSG were observed at YS210719, where they stopped fishing boats and enquired about RF activities in THAI THIEN (YS2279).

(7) RTAVF report. Eval RTAVF C3, 1 ATF F3

At 1200H on 18 Aug 71, approx 20 VC of Recce Unit, 274 Regt were located in vicinity YS263948. Source stated that they intended to mine the route from BINH SON (H) to AN VIENG (H) and to obtain information about THAI forces operations.

e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) Prior to 212255H AN NGAI (YS4459) reported a large explosion outside the compound. Sweep conducted, no results.

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Annexes: B. Captured Documents

E. Aerial Sensor Readings

Distribution: List A, HQ TRAC, MACV-CICV, MACV-J2, BIEN HOA Sector, Advisory Team 89, Sector S2, 3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM), RSSZ (For IO), AATTV SAIGON, ATTV Advisor BARIA, LONG KHANH Sector S2, XUAN LOC, All 1 ATF LOs

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ANNEX B TO

1 ATF INTSUM NO 233/71

DATED 20 AUG 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

SR 4 Combat Plan for 1970 - 71

1. A report on documents captured by B/2/5th Cav 3 Bde (sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) has been received from CDEC. The documents contain the following information:

- a. An activity plan undated and possibly prepared by a staff agency of MR 7 detailing tasks to be performed by SR 4 and other subordinate units in 1970 - 71. SR 4 was to work out a combat plan with the emphasis on counter pacification, and a command committee was to be formed to co-ordinate combat matters. 274 Regt, LONG THANH (D) and SR 4 were to be represented on the committee which would delegate areas of responsibility to subordinate units and encourage the development of local guerilla forces.

Comment: Recent reports suggest that HQ SR 4 is to be disbanded, if this has not already happened already. It is not known how the above plan may be affected by the current enemy reorganization.

Allied Ambushing of "BA LONG Corridor"

2. A report on documents, captured by C/1/12 Cav, 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) has been received from CDEC and contains the following information:

- a. A directive, signed by DANG QUANG (Co-ordination and Operation Committee of MR 7) stating that communications between the various agencies of MR 7 had been poor in 1970. A number of personnel operating along the "BARIA - LONG KHANH corridor" had left their posts when difficulties were encountered and this hampered the transmission of documents considerably. The liaison corridors had been cut several times by allied forces and this resulted in a breakdown of courier services. To remedy this the committee gave the following directions:
 - (1) Military postal sections in the liaison - communication corridors were to be strengthened and reorganized and were to follow the postal schedule laid down by MR 7.
 - (2) Personnel of BARIA liaison station at VIET CUONG (area YS4488) were to observe operating procedures and to stop delaying couriers.
- b. A report signed by MAI VAN BEN (Postal Transportation and Communications Section MR 7) dated Nov 70, describing the communications activities of the year. Generally, the operations were considered to be successful in spite of allied attacks on liaison corridors. However, personnel in BARIA VC (P) displayed irresponsibility and poor fighting spirit, leaving their posts for five months.
- c. A report signed by TRINH VAN PHONG (Postal, Transportation and Communications Sect, BA LONG KHANH (P)), dated Dec 70 describing operations for the past nine months. The documents stated that, in Dec 70, the section had 75 members. During the past nine months, the section had lost 17 KIA, 3 MIA, "3 deserters and 3 defectors". However, during that period, it had delivered approximately 7,000 letters, 45 kilograms of parcels and had guided 1,155 transient personnel.

Comment: The exact location of the "BARIA - LONG KHANH corridor" referred to cannot be stated. However, it may well refer to the general routes used by couriers travelling from the area of HQ MR 7 North of the MAY TAO and West through HQ BA LONG (P), and thence South West through the COURTENAY and VIET CUONG rubber plantations West towards Sub Region 4. In the COURTENAY area 1 ATF troops have had successes in ambushing, notably 8 RAR and 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC), resulting in many couriers killed, no doubt in part causing some of the enemy morale problems referred to in these documents.

Ambush by 1 ATF ptl near SUOI QUIT

3. Further to INTSUM 225/71 para 3. a. (1) (d) which reported an ambush, by a 1 ATF ptl on 13 Aug at YS341918 in which four members of 274 Regt were killed, on 18 Aug a fifth body was found. He was identified from documents as HAI QUAN, Assistant Chief of Staff 274 Regt. The docs included:

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a. A statement of the personnel and weapons in the subordinate units of the Regt as at Jul 71:

(1) 1 Bn 274 Regt - 137 members	2xB41
1xcolt .45	2xRPD
9xK54	1xMMG
51xAK-47	2x60mm mortars
1xM16	1x82mm mortar
10xB40	
(2) 2 Bn 274 Regt - 80 members	2xRPD
8xK54	1xMMG
40xAK-47	2x60mm mortars
1xM16	1xM79
6xB40	
(3) 3 Bn 274 Regt - 82 members	8xB40
4xcolt .45	1xB41
10xK54	1xRPD
32xAK-47	2x60mm mortars
4xM16	1xM79
(4) C 16 (Mortar Coy) - 27 members	5xSKS
3xK54	2xB40
11xAK-47	4x82mm mortars
(5) C 17 (RR Coy) 23 members	1xSKS
2xK54	1xB40
8xAK-47	2x75mm RR
(6) C 18 (AA/HMG Coy) - 26 members	3xSKS
3xK54	1xB40
12xAK-47	3x12.7 HMG
(7) C19 (Engr Coy) - 26 members	2xSKS
1xcolt .45	3xB40
13xAK-47	1xB41
(8) C 20 (Sig Coy) - 66 members	20xAK-47
2xK54	1xB40
(9) C 21 A (Recce Coy) - 37 members	20xAK-47
2xK54	1xB40
(10) C 21 B (Sapper Recce Coy) - 41 members	14xAK-47
1xcolt .45	3xB40
3xK54	
(11) C22 (Transportation Coy) - 24 members	5xAK-47
2xK54	4xSKS
(12) C 23 (Surgical Coy) - 52 members	1xM16
3xK54	1xB40
16xAK-47	1xM79
(13) C24 (Dispensary) - 29 members	1xCarbine
1xK54	2xM16
4xAK-47	2xB40
4xSKS	
(14) B1 (Militray Staff Regt HQ) - 100 members	1xCarbine
1xcolt .45	2xM16
25xK54	4xB40
35xAK-47	2xM79
(15) B 2 (Pol Staff, Regt HQ) - 29 members	1xCarbine
16xK54	2xM16
6xAK-47	
(16) B 3 (Rear Services Staff, Regt HQ) - 49 members	1xCarbine
9xK54	1xM16
13xAK-47	1xB40

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Comment: Other documents found following this contact (see INTSUM 225/71 Annex B para 5) suggest that reinforcements arrived in the Regt in Jul - Aug, significantly increasing the strength of the Regt.

- b. A report from 3 Bn to 274 Regt HQ on the situation in 3 Bn's AO and mentioning the areas of LONG THANH, LOC AN, and LONG AN; the report also mentioned that the Bn had been engaged in Engr and "guerilla tactics" training from 26 - 31 Jul 71.

Comment: A letter from HAI QUAN to NHAN (1 ATF INTSUM 232/71 Annex B, para 1 (c)). mentioned that the addressee's unit would be required to assist 3 Bn in Engr training. Although this letter was dated 12 Aug 71, it further indicates 3 Bn's interest in Engr training.

- c. A receipt book for money issued; the receipts were signed by HAI QUAN.

Comment: The subject was carrying VN\$100,000 when his body was found.

- d. A communique from the Current Affairs Committee mentioning the Paris Peace talks and the Student Moratorium Demonstrations in the US in 1969.

- e. A letter from NGUYEN QUANG (Pol Offr 274 Regt) to BON BE (unk) saying that he agrees that the "Signals" should go back to HUNG NGHIA (vicinity YT311070) to resupply.

Comment: HUNG NGHIA was the location of one of the three armouries mentioned in 1 ATF INTSUM 232/71 Annex B para 1. g.. Other logistic elements of the Regt are possibly also at this location. The "Signals" presumably refers to C20 Sig Coy of 274 Regt.

- f. A letter from LE VAN PHUNG (Comd 2 Bn 274 Regt) to the Staff Section of Regt HQ, undated, mentioning that his group had returned safely "with the reinforcements". The group took two months to return and arrived 26 Jul 71. No mention was made of the reinforcements.

Comment: This is further evidence that 274 Regt have recently received reinforcements. See comment to para 3. a. above.

- g. A sitrep from NGUYEN VAN NHOI of 2IB (Sapper Recce Coy) dated 9 May 71 to HAI QUAN, stating that half of the unit was engaged in political training. The unit was co-located with C 19 (Engr Coy).

- h. A number of maps of BIEN HOA, LONG KHANH and PHUOC TUY (P) with some markings on them. These do not have any apparent significance at this stage.

- i. A number of personal letters and receipts belonging to HAI QUAN.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 234/71 dated 22 Aug 71.
2. Period Covered from 220001H to 222400H Aug 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements.

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a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (221254H). At YS490836, 1 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) eng an estimated three en who were wearing black shirts and khaki trousers. En were mov S to N prior to contact and withdrew N. Results: one en KIA, one WIA (blood trail), one AK47, one mag (20 rds), two packs and docus CIA. For list of equipment in packs refer para 4.e.(2)(a). Docus not yet examined.

(2) AO GLENELG

(a) (221600H). At YS590800, a Jade ac received small arms fire with nil results.

Comment: At YS583788, crew of a RAAF ac saw smoke coming through the trees on 22 Jul. On night 5/6 Aug, a US night surveillance ac reported one pers moving along a track at YS570785 (INTSUM 218/71 para 3.b.(2) first item). On 3 Aug a ptl from FSB ZIGGIE heard a burst of MG fire and chopping sounds coming from approx YS595805. At this grid, ptl found a track used by 2-3 pers in bare feet in previous 24-48 hours moving SW (INTSUM 215/71 para 3.a.(2)(a)). Sniffer being placed over this area 23 Aug.

b. Air Activity. Omi

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
220800H	E 37-40, N 77-80	YS408772 heavy tracks seen running W then S for approx 200m. Not used since last rain. Several tracks seen on small ridge at YS390778. No further sign of recent movement.
221000H	E 34-37, N 75-78	YS328767, 5 carts with 7 pers loading logs. At YS335770 ox carts sighted. Several mins later 2 pers emerged from the jungle to the N and drove away to the W. Track indicating movement of 10-15 pers in Southerly direction through clearing centre of mass YS3476 within last 10 days.
221200H	E 56-58, N 72-76	No sign of recent movement in the area.
221700H	YS611847	2 bunkers were seen with several cleared areas nearby. The area appeared recently used with well worn tracks through system. The tracks appeared approx 1 week old with exit track running NW. A track was followed from YS616847 through YS617856 to YS629856. It appeared regularly used, well worn and approx 1 week old.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. Total KIA Occurring during This Reporting Period

(1) and (3) omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted. 1 VC.

b., c. and d. omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons

(a) Individual 1

(b) Omitted

(c) Breakdown AK47

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured

1 torch battery, 1 set webbing, 3 tents, 1 mosquito net, 3 prs trousers, 1 black shirt, 2 hammocks, qty food.

(b) Omitted.

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f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR3

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| (1) KIA | 12 VC | (13) 82mm Mor Rds..1 and 6 fuses. |
| (2) Omitted. | | (14) Omitted. |
| (3) Hoi Chanh..... | 1 | (15) 60mm Mor Rds..3 |
| (4) Omitted. | | (16) and (17) omitted. |
| (5) Individual Wpns | | (18) B-41 Rds.....8 and 11 boosters. |
| Action..... | 11 | (19) to (21) omitted. |
| (6) Omitted. | | (22) SA Rds.....1397 |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed... | 767 lbs | (23) Grenades.....67 |
| (8) Salt Captured and Destroyed..... | 3 1/2 lbs | (24) to (27) omitted. |
| (9) Med Stores..... | 5 lbs | (28) M-79 HE Rds...6 |
| (10) to (12) omitted. | | (29) Trip Flares...1 |

5., 6. and 7. omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 33/71 dated 16 Aug 71.

9. and 10. omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a., b., c. and e. omitted.

d. Agent Reports

A0 BIRDSVILLE

(1) Received via MACV Advisory Team 48. Eval USC3, 1 ATF F4.

(131130H). At YS585865, an estimated 150 en with AA, MG, mortars and 4 PRC-10 radios were located. Comment: this report is probably an exaggeration. The last report from this area was a maximum sniffer reading in area YS582868 on 29 Apr. VR ac checked area on 22 Aug but saw no sign of recent activity.

Other Areas

(2) Received from Sector S2. Eval VN B2, 1 ATF F5.

The following is the full report of the agent report included in 1 ATF INTSUM 233/71 para 11.d.(3): at 211700H, 200 VC were seen in ARVN greens with 82mm mors, and AA wpns, and carrying 10 litres of rice plus ammo bags containing mor rds at YS378675, They told woodcutters that they intended to mortar VAN KIEP on 29 Aug. Comment: Sighting is considered unlikely as VR ac checked area 22 Aug and found no sign of recent activity. However report concerning possible mortaring of VAN KIEP later in month could be true.

(3) Received from RTAVF. Eval RTAVF C3, 1 ATF F3.

(201200H). At YS295825 approx 40 VC of 3 Bn 274 Regt were located.

(4) Received from RTAVF. Eval RTAVF C3, 1 ATF F3.

(201230H). At YS259887 approx 20VC of Rear Service Sect 274 Regt were **located**.

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(5) Received from RTAVF. Eval RTAVF C3, 1 ATF F2.

(191200H). At YS230865, approx 30 VC of an unidentified unit were located

Comment: Probably element of 3 Bn 274 Regt

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (210600H). NP from XUYEN MOC carried out a search operation against VCI suspects in NHAN TRI (H) resulting in 8 pers being detained.

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Annexes:

- B. Captured Documents
- E. Aerial Sensor Readings

Distribution:

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| List A | HQ TRAC | MACV - CICV | MACV - J2 | BIEN HOA Sector |
| Advisory Team 89 | Sector S2 | | 3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) | |
| RSSZ (for IO) | AATTV SAIGON | | AATTV Advisor BARIA | |
| LONG KHANH Sector S2 | XUAN LOC | | All 1 ATF LOs | |

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 234/71
DATED 22 AUG 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Further to INTSUM No 232/71 Annex B, a further report on documents captured by a 1 ATF patrol at YS341918 on 13 Aug 71 has been received from CDEC. The documents contain the following information:

- a. A letter from LE SY HUE (Bn 2IC D6 Arty Bn) to an unspecified unit, dated 25 Mar 71, asking if there was any change in the situation and whether they had any trouble in obtaining supplies. He regretted that he could not send any B-41 rounds as the member who had concealed the grenades in the DOI DA (unk) was absent at the time. He also stated that a VC unit had lost 8 KIA and all their equipment in a battle in the "P LAI" area (unk).

Comment: D6 (Arty Bn, SR4) was believed to have been disbanded approx Jun 70 and very little is known about the subsequent deployment of its members. The DOI DA supply area may be the same as the DOI 102 area (YS298973) mentioned as an ammunition cache in the armourer's report to HQ 274 Regt. (1 ATF INTSUM No 232/71, Annex B, para 1.g.).

- b. A letter from TRAN VAN QUANG (Asst Political Offr, 274 Regt) to UT TAM (Asst Political Offr, 3 Bn, 274 Regt) mentioning that the author was busy securing the base area to enable "his friends to move out for activities". QUANG recently learnt that TAM's unit had received "a number of new men" and warned him of allied sweep operations. The letter was dated 31 Jul 71.

- c. A letter dated 13 Aug 71 from HOANG SANH (possibly Exec Offr 3 Bn, 274 Regt) to brother CHINH (possibly comd C19 Engr Coy) asking about the progress of training in 3 Bn and suggesting that the addressee report on future training requirements to the staff section of Regt HQ. He states that "at home" everybody has moved out on combat missions and the author himself is about to depart on a "TDY" mission.

Comment: This letter further confirms earlier indications of 3 Bn's involvement in engr trg (1 ATF INTSUM No 233/71 Annex B, para 3.b.).

- d. A notebook containing entries dated Jun-Jul 71 evidently maintained by a member of the Rear Services Section of 274 Regt. One entry gave the financial state of the three bns combined to be \$VN 949,837. The strengths of the bns are also mentioned and are almost identical to those given in 1 ATF INTSUM No 233/71 Annex B, para 4.a.

- e. Two notebooks maintained by HOANG THANH PHAN (Adjt 3 Bn 274 Regt) dated from Mar 70 to Aug 71 giving past strength reports of the Bn and mentions that from Nov 70 to Jul 71 the unit lost 37 KIA. The Bn strength fell from 104 in Nov 70 to 43 in Jun 71 and then increased to 83 by 25 Jul 71.

Comment: These figures agree with those held by HAI QUAN (1 ATF INTSUM No 233/71 Annex B, para 4.a.). However it is not known whether these figures include the group of reinforcements who arrived at the Bn on 26 Jul 71 (Ibid para 4.f.).

- f. Two financial reports by LUU NGUYEN (2IC Rear Services Section, 274 Regt), dated 5 Jun 71, stating that the total messing allowances spent for 37 recruits of 3 Bn and the 67 recruits of 1 Bn for Jun and Jul amounted to 14,700 Riels (approx \$US 290.). In addition, the monthly salary of each member was 84 Riels (\$US1.54) and would be paid after being exchanged (presumably into SVN piastre).

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Comment: The fact that the messing allowances and pay for the recruits was paid in Riels (Cambodian currency) indicates that the finance elements of MR7 handle both Cambodian and SVN currency. The payment of allowances in Riels to 274 Regt, a unit with no connections to CAMBODIA, possibly suggests a surplus of Cambodian currency in VC MR7.

- g. Report signed by DUONG HOA (Political Offr C17 RR Coy, 274 Regt) dated 9 Aug 71, mentioned that the Coy spent one and a half days carrying arty supplies from E (HQ 274 Regt) to H (one of the Regt's bn locations). It was also stated that members of the Coy were attending a professional course and would return to H (presumably the same as above) after receiving a supply of rice.

Comment: DUONG HOA was possibly one of the addressees of the directive to C16 and C17 dated 12 Aug 71 (1 ATF INTSUM No 232/71 Annex B, para 1.c.). No mention is made of the meeting on 13 Aug 71 in the above letter but this letter provides an indication that C17 was preparing for an operation with one of the bns.

- h. A circular, dated 21 Mar 71, signed by TRAN CONG CHANH (Rear Services Section, 274 Regt), outlining the policy for crop cultivation in 1971. A resolution by the Party Committee of MR7 stated that units must increase their efforts in agricultural production for 1971 and responsible cadre should be appointed to supervise the programme. C18 (Anti Aircraft Coy) and C22 (Transportation Coy) were ordered to carry out their production missions within their present areas.

Comment: The directive by MR7 possibly indicates that the Rear Services Group may not be able consistently to meet the supply requirements of the Main Force units during 1971. Therefore, these units have been directed to start their own cultivation programme in order to become partially self supporting.

- i. A directive dated 14 Jul 71, signed by TRANG VAN QUANG (Deputy Chief Political Sect, 274 Regt) outlining political training to be conducted during the wet season. The document states that, in the past, 1 and 2 Bns have achieved significant victories against allied forces. The Regt's aim is to break allied control of the villages and hamlets and to gain control of the population. To do this, the political and technical knowledge of members should be increased and all subordinate units were to conduct training courses during the wet season to improve military skills and motivation.

- j. A letter from HAI QUAN, dated 12 Aug 71 to BA AN (unk) asking for a report on the state of underground shelters in his location. This reply was to be sent to NAM THANH's location (Chief of Military Personnel, 274 Regt). NAM THANH had been instructed to prepare shelters for subordinate units of the Regt who would arrive in his location on 14 or 15 Aug 71. He was also advised to construct a conference room and cover it with plastic sheeting.

Comment: This letter refers to the Regt conference mentioned in 1 ATF INTSUM No 232/71 Annex B, para 1.h.

2. Further to INTSUM 233/71 Annex B, documents captured by a 1 ATF patrol at YS341918 on 18 Aug 71 contained the following additional information:

- a. A letter from PHUC (possibly Exec Offr, Group 30, BA LONG Province) of

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FK (possibly Group 30) to 274 Regt discussing the collection of supplies by the Regt. He states that a coy of Group 30 met HAI LONG (unk) and another person, name unknown, of B3 (possibly Rear Services Cell, 274 Regt). They had the following supplies for the Regt:

- (1) 1 B-40 and 30 rounds.
- (2) 10,000 K-63 rounds (possibly CHICOM 7,62mm).
- (3) 50 60mm mortar rounds.
- (4) 55 DKZ rounds (122mm rockets or 75mm RR rounds).
- (5) 27 AT rounds (unk).

Comment: DKZ generally designates a heavy rocket and is used for both 75mm rounds and 122mm rockets. It is considered unlikely that 274 MF Regt would be supplied with 122mm rockets, especially such a large number. C17 (RR Coy) has two 75mm RRs and the reference is probably to fifty five 75mm rounds intended for these weapons.

b. The markings on the maps may symbolize the following information:

- (1) A Bn HQ located at YS210930.
- (2) An observation post at YT410065.
- (3) An unknown HQ at YS440970. (The proximity of this location to BLACKHORSE implies that it is not a permanent location).
- (4) Movement both east and west, possibly an infiltration-supply route in the area YT4201.
- (5) Movement north across the PHUOC TUY/LONG KHANH Provinces border in the area YS4389 with 10/8 written alongside (possibly 10 Aug 71).
- (6) Movement in a westerly direction along the Province border in the area YS4189 with 8/8 written alongside (8 Aug 71).
- (7) Easterly movement in the area YS2893 to a HQ or installation at YS290933 of unknown size or type.
- (8) A series of dots marked at the following locations (meaning unknown).

(a) YS328808	(b) YS322802	(c) YS318802	(d) YS315802
(e) YS313802	(f) YS310801	(g) YS307795	(h) YS303794
(i) YS303788	(j) YS304784		

Comment: During Jul and Aug 71 at least five apparently separate agent reports have been received of an enemy group located in YS3079.

- (9) The boundaries of the RTAVF AO are marked accurately with the AO names marked in English. This indicates that the maps are almost certainly from a US or Aust source.

ANNEX E

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

- 1., 2. and 3. omitted.
4. APD (Sniffer)

Mission aborted due to technical difficulties.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 235/71 dated 23 Aug 71.
- 2. Period Covered from 230001H to 232400H Aug 71.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) Late Report. (222230H). At YS456877, 2 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt eng movement from N to S with claymores. A search at first light revealed nil results.

(b) Late Report. (222010H to 230930H). At YS450904 Sp Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) heard an estimated two en moving NE and then withdrawing W. At 2010H definite movement 40m from perimeter was eng. Grenades and illum were fired and sounds of withdrawal were heard. At 2020H a pers was sighted. At 2100H possible moaning was reported. At 230005H more noise was heard and eng with grenades. At 0225H possible voices were heard in front of position. At 0630H a first light search revealed fresh drag marks and similar marks were found further down hill. At 0900H a VR of area indicated fresh tracks approaching hill from SW.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
230845H	E 52-55, N 67-70	No sign of movement in area.
231000H	YS543675	A six-ft long cylinder containing five smaller cylinders was seen in creek (possibly disposable rocket pods).
	YS576690	A cake of soap seen lying on river bank. No fresh signs visible.
	YS576688	Grass on river bank laid completely flat by heavy movement within last week. Area concerned approx 25m x 25m. No tracks leading to or from area were visible. Area surrounded by heavy bamboo.
	YS559693	Fresh (1 week approx) digging of what appears to be a weapon pit. Close inspection impossible due to thick jungle.
231200H	YS585864	Track leading from water to S and higher ground. Track well concealed and 1-2 weeks old.

(3) Aerial Sensor Readings. See Annex E.

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

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR3

(1) KIA.....12 VC	(13) 82mm Mor Rds..1 and 6 fuses
(2) Omitted.	(14) Omitted.
(3) Hoi Chanh.....1	(15) 60mm Mor Rds..3
(4) Omitted.	(16) and (17) omitted.
(5) Individual Wpns	(18) B-41 Rds.....8 and 11 boosters.
Action.....11	(19) to (21) omitted.
(6) Omitted.	(22) SA Rds.....1397
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed.767 lbs	(23) Grenades.....67
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed..3 1/2 lbs	(24) to (27) omitted.
(9) Med Stores.....5 lbs	(28) M-79 HE Rds...6
(10) to (12) omitted.	(29) Trip Flares...1

5. Omitted.

6. Omitted.

7. Omitted.

.../8. Capabilities

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8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 34/71 dated 23 Aug 71.
9. Omitted.
10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous

a., b., c., e. and f. omitted.

d. Agent Reports

(1) Received from NP PHUOC HAI. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

Between 2000H and 2330H on nights 21 and 22 Aug, three VC identified as NGUYEN VAN BUA, MAI CHI HANG and NGUYEN VAN MUOI entered HAI LAC(H) PHUOC HAI(V) to obtain food supplies. (1 ATF ORBAT holds no record of these names).

(2) Received from NP DAT DO. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

Every second day between 1500H and 1600H at YS498632 six VC of PHUOC THANH Party Chapter contact farmers to ask for food and supplies.

(3) Received 23 Aug. Eval 1 ATF F3.

Report that VC are forcing people in the refugee village (south of PHU MY) to give them clothes and to pay \$VN4,000-5,000 tax. The VC charge this tax for the privilege of cutting wood in the area. The area around the pagoda at YS266675 is a regular resupply/infiltration point for the VC and is probably used by PHU MY PC.

(4) Received from Sector S2. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F2.

(190800H). At YS350590 one squad of VC were seen in a motorized boat.

(5) Received from Sector S2. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

On 19 Aug at YS288735, a guerilla pl consisting of PHUOC HOA and PHU MY village units were seen. The VC obtained supplies from the woodcutters in the area.

(6) Received from NP. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

(201030H). At YS441649, three VC from HOA LONG guerilla unit stopped villagers and propagandized them about the elections. Source reports there is a bunker somewhere nearby that is used as a base.

(7) Received from PSB. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

(201800H). At YS349591 20 VC from BARIA City Unit including HIEP, stopped fishermen and asked for information on the situation in LONG HUONG. HIEP also boasted about the ambushing and killing of the LONG LE District Chief.

Comment: 1 ATF ORBAT holds NGUYEN HOANG HIEP as a military affairs cadre of BARIA City Unit.

(8) Received from PRU. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

(171500H). At YS603652, seven or eight VC from XUYEN MOC District Party Chapter, led by village unit leader, BAY NGO aka NAM LONG and XUAN were seen. Source said the group often appears in the area.

(9) Received 23 Aug. Eval 1 ATF F3.

(212135H). SAU PHO and BAY THONG (CHAU DUC cadre) were sighted at AP BAC(H) HOA LONG (V). They spread anti-election propaganda and asked the people for food to be stored. Source also revealed that from 25-29 Aug CHAU DUC elements may fire B-40 or 60mm mortars at posts around the village.

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Annexes: B. Captured Documents
E. Aerial Sensor Readings

Distribution:

List A	HQ TRAC	MACV-CICV	MACV-J2	BIEN HOA Sector	Sector S2
Advisory Team 89		3 Bde 1st (US)	Cav Div (AM)	RSSZ (for IO)	AATTV SAIGON
AATTV Advisor BARIA		LONG KHANH Sector S2	XUAN LOC	All 1 ATF LOs	

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CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Documents captured by V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS490836 with a KIA at 221254H Aug contained the following information:

- a. Part of a report on "High Point" results dated 8 Mar 71. Political discussion only.
- b. Part of a half-yearly report for 1971 for K7 Group Chapter. On the reverse side is a nominal roll, breaking the group up into an Orderly Room of nine personnel, one group of six and two other groups of five. There is a reference to the majority of these groups as being "new members" and making satisfactory progress.

Comment: K7 may possibly designate a coy of the former D440 LF Bn, 2 Bn 274 Regt or 814 Rear Services Group MR7. No identification can be made from the names shown on the nominal roll. These are not listed on 1 ATF ORBAT files and several are quite unusual, characteristic of the Central Highlands and Laotian border areas. No identification was able to be made of the body.

2. Further to INTSUM No 228/71 Annex B, a further report has been received on the documents captured by V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS504877 (campsite) at 151420H Aug. The report contains the following information:

- a. A letter sent from HOA KHOI, medical specialist (unk) to LAN (possibly NGUYEN LAN, F & E cadre, Rear Services Group MR7) requesting him to report to B5-X3 (Engrs of MR7 possibly combined with a med coy). He stated that the form of the "special business" had been completed by the date fixed, so "the military med sect of SR. BARIA" could perform the work more easily. The letter was dated 29 Jul 71.

Comment: This is one of the first mentions of a unit of "Sub Region BARIA" found in captured documents. Although it is specifically mentioned in the text of the document, there is no further information in the document of the reported new organisation.

3. Documents captured by 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS444925 in a tunnel at 211300H Aug include the following:

- a. Two GVN travel warrants issued to VO VAN THO in 1964 and to TRAN THI DEO in 1967. Both persons were from CAM MY.
- b. Personal letter to THO from VO VAN QUOI of XUAN LOC dated 1 Jun 71.
- c. Part of a political lesson plan.
- d. A small number of propaganda leaflets.

Comment: VO VAN THO and VO VAN QUOI are probably brothers, but no information is held regarding them.

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

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1., 2. and 3. omitted.

4. APD (Sniffer) (230800H)

MAXIMUM: YS560824, YS572783, YS595775, YS595778, YS580828

STRONG : YS565825, YS580825

MAXIMUM: YS590823, YS590825, YS590827, YS590829, YS595826, YS595824

STRONG : YS595828, YS595825

Comment: This sniffer was flown because of the incident of ground to air fire on 22 Aug (See INTSUM No 234/71)

TIDE DATA FOR CAPE SAINT JACQUES

SEPTEMBER 1971

DATE	TIME	HT FT	TIME	HT FT	TIME	HT FT	TIME	HT FT
1	0111	9.4	0402	9.2	0815	9.7	1719	2.5
2	0148	10.0	0627	8.9	1033	9.7	1828	1.8
3	0216	10.5	0728	8.2	1155	10.2	1925	1.5
4	0241	10.8	0808	7.2	1302	10.8	2014	1.1
5	0307	11.2	0845	6.1	1402	11.3	2057	1.3
6	0331	11.3	0920	4.9	1457	11.8	2138	1.8
7	0356	11.3	0957	3.9	1550	12.0	2215	2.6
8	0421	11.5	1036	3.0	1644	11.6	2252	3.8
9	0446	11.5	1117	2.3	1742	11.2	2328	5.1
10	0510	11.3	1203	2.0	1848	10.5		
11	0003	6.4	0535	11.2	1254	2.0	2007	9.8
12	0041	7.7	0600	11.0	1352	2.1	2155	9.4
13	0122	8.7	0628	10.5	1503	2.5	2357	9.7
14	0235	9.4	0702	10.0	1627	2.8		
15	0111	10.0	0611	9.4	0931	9.5	1750	2.8
16	0148	10.3	0722	8.4	1128	9.5	1855	2.8
17	0215	10.5	0753	7.5	1241	10.0	1946	2.8
18	0235	10.7	0820	6.6	1339	10.3	2026	3.1
19	0254	10.7	0848	5.6	1427	10.8	2059	3.4
20	0311	10.8	0913	4.8	1509	11.2	2129	3.9
21	0326	11.0	0940	3.9	1547	11.2	2156	4.6
22	0343	11.0	1006	3.4	1623	11.2	2222	5.2
23	0357	11.0	1034	3.1	1702	10.8	2248	6.1
24	0412	11.2	1104	2.8	1744	10.5	2312	6.9
25	0427	11.2	1138	2.6	1835	10.2	2338	7.7
26	0445	11.2	1216	2.8	1945	9.8		
27	0005	8.5	0504	11.0	1304	2.8	2128	9.7
28	0044	9.2	0529	10.7	1403	3.1	2327	10.0
29	0203	9.7	0557	10.3	1518	3.3		
30	0023	10.5	0515	9.7	0711	9.7	1645	3.4

LIGHT DATA FOR BIEN HOA

SEPTEMBER 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	0557	0644	1903	1950	1548	0234	78	
2	-	-	1903	1949	1641	0335	87	
3	-	-	1901	1948	1731	0434	93	
4	-	-	1901	1048	1819	0533	98	
5	-	-	1901	1948	1906	0630	100	Full Moon
6	-	-	1900	1947	1951	0728	99	
7	-	-	1859	1946	2039	0826	95	
8	-	-	1858	1945	2127	0926	88	
9	-	-	1858	1945	2220	1026	79	
10	-	-	1857	1944	2315	1127	69	
11	-	-	1857	1944	XXXX	1229	58	
12	-	-	1856	1943	0012	1328	47	Last Half
13	-	-	1856	1943	0110	1424	37	
14	-	-	1855	1942	0208	1514	27	
15	-	-	1854	1940	0303	1601	19	
16	-	-	1853	1939	0393	1643	12	
17	-	-	1853	1939	0443	1722	6	
18	-	-	1852	1938	0529	1759	2	
19	-	-	1851	1937	0613	1834	0	New Moon
20	-	-	1850	1936	0657	1909	0	New Moon
21	-	-	1850	1936	0741	1945	2	
22	-	-	1850	1936	0827	2023	5	
23	-	-	1849	1935	0914	2104	10	
24	-	-	1848	1934	1003	2148	17	
25	-	-	1847	1933	1055	2235	24	
26	-	-	1847	1933	1149	2327	33	
27	-	-	1846	1932	1243	XXXX	43	
28	-	-	1845	1931	1336	0022	53	First Half
29	-	-	1844	1930	1428	0120	63	
30	-	-	1844	1930	1518	0217	73	

BMNT and SR remain the same through the month.

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23 Aug 71

1 ATF SUPINTREP 34/71
(PERIOD 16 AUG - 22 AUG 71)

LAOS

1. On 18 Aug four Laotian battalions preparing for an attack on PAKSONG were attacked by an enemy force $3\frac{1}{2}$ kms west of that location (XG 2978). The enemy were supported by recoilless rifles, mortars and probably tanks. The friendly units retreated with one killed and 32 wounded. An APC and a jeep were also destroyed. On 19 Aug irregular forces at BAN PHAKKOUT (XB2280) received an attack by fire of 100 mortar and artillery rounds which killed one friendly and wounded two.

2. Interrogation of two PWs from 6 Bn 148 Regt 316 NVA Div has provided information which indicates the concern that the enemy has for his caches in the Plain of Jars and his determination to prevent, as far as possible, any further inroads into the Plain by General VANG PAO's forces. The PWs stated that air strikes and desertions had reduced the Bn's strength to only 30%. The PWs had been part of a 300 strong group that had been infiltrated by truck to reinforce 6 Bn with the express intention of recapturing the Plain of Jars. The fact that the enemy reinforcements arrived following VANG PAO's move into the Plain, and the fact these reinforcements were rushed into northern LAOS by truck, indicates the importance which the enemy attaches to holding the Plain.

CAMBODIA

3. On 17 Aug an ARVN bn engaged an enemy force 13 km south of NEAK LUONG (WT283320). Results were 9 enemy killed and 15 weapons captured. Also on 17 Aug Cambodian forces engaged a large enemy force near KAMPONG TRABEK (WT604195) resulting in five friendlies killed and five wounded to 42 enemy killed and eight detained.

4. On 18 Aug an enemy sapper force attacked a bridge on Route 16 near KAMPOT (VS1562) which was being guarded by Cambodian elements. The enemy succeeded in dropping a 50m span of the bridge and killing four of the defending force.

SOUTH VIETNAM

MR 1

5. Activity continued at a moderate level in northern QUANG TRI Province while remaining at a low level elsewhere in the Region.

6. In the B-5 Front 84 NVA Artillery Regt has been conducting attacks by fire in both the central and eastern DMZ areas. In the central area attacks were launched against Fire Support Base (FSB) FULLER (YD019593), FSB KHE GIO (YD024564) and CAMP CARROL (YD063544). These attacks were heaviest on 15 Aug and were probably timed to support the enemy ground assault on NUI BA HO (YD0151). Below the eastern DMZ, the enemy's plans to strike A-4 (CON THIEN, YD115703), C-2 (YD135645), and C-1 (YD215675) were executed with a series of attacks that began on 12 Aug.

7. Between 14 and 17 Aug allied elements located in FSB SARGE (YD029478) and operating in the vicinity of NUI BA HO received numerous attacks by fire and ground attacks. On 15 Aug allied elements located 3 km NNW of FSB SARGE received a ground attack from a large enemy force. Results were 31 friendlies killed or missing to an estimated 200 enemy killed. It was reported that allied forces withdrew from NUI BA HO under heavy enemy pressure. On 17 Aug allied elements operating 3.5 kmNW of NUI BA HO engaged an enemy force resulting in 22 friendlies killed and 51 wounded to 142 enemy killed by body count.

MR 2

8. During the past week activity remained at a reduced level, although there was a slight increase in attacks by fire in the coastal provinces.

9. Reports of an intended attack against PLEIKU continue to be received and therefore it seems likely that PLEIKU may be subjected to some kind of attack in late Aug.

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10. In MR-5 activity remained at a reduced level as major enemy elements continued to avoid contact. In BINH DINH Province, on 17 Aug, in QUI NHON Harbour (CR100244), a US freighter was sunk by an estimated 500 to 600 lbs of explosives placed externally on the hull. The ship was carrying military cargo. Four persons were wounded.

MR 4

11. During the week activity continued at a low level, with a daily average of two attacks by fire. The continued lull may be due to final preparations and planning for election-oriented activity during the coming week. There have been numerous indications that an increase in activity is planned.

12. Translation of a directive from COSVN in a captured document gives an indication of enemy intentions regarding both the lower house and Presidential elections. The directive calls for intensification of political activities. Major missions assigned are propaganda activities and the exploitation of student organizations and other social groups in urban areas. Other reports suggest encouragement or guidance of the people to vote for candidates whom the VC consider favourable to their cause; while in some cases the people are to be called upon either to void their ballots or not to vote at all.

MR 3

13. During the past week activity remained at a low level. There was one terrorist incident reported in SAIGON during the week. This incident, which was the first this month, occurred when 6 lbs of explosive was placed against the gate of an ARVN installation. Results were one ARVN soldier wounded and the gate **lightly damaged**.

14. In TAY NINH Province on 14 Aug, US and ARVN forces conducting land clearing operations 8 km east of KHIEN HANH (XT512356) discovered a very large enemy tunnel system containing 60 to 80 tunnels. Although the complex was in excellent condition, it had been abandoned.

15. On 17 Aug elements of the LONG AN PRU on search operations near CAN GIOUC (XS925712), with VNAF tactical air and gunship support, engaged probable elements of 508 VC Bn. The contact lasted 2 hours and resulted in 4 friendlies wounded to 6 enemy killed and a quantity of ammunition captured.

16. On 16 Aug, BIEN HOA airbase received an attack by fire of 4 rounds of 75mm RR fire. The rounds impacted near the runway and resulted in no casualties and only slight damage to the runway, which was closed for 12 hours.

17. Further large caches of US manufactured flour have been discovered in the vicinity of DINH QUAN. These latest discoveries mean that 6 caches totalling 24.4 tons of flour and salt have been found within a 2 mile radius (of YT680530) recently.

18. On 11 Aug documents were captured north-west of SAIGON which identified an element of 174 Regt of 5 VC Div. Other documents captured on 7 Aug in TAY NINH Province indicated that rear service planning has been taking place for a likely move of the Sapper Command HQ SVNLA from CAMBODIA into GVN MR 3 to take place in late Sep or early Oct. These documents support earlier assessments that some enemy units are preparing to move back into SOUTH VIETNAM.

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19. There were four contacts involving 1 ATF troops during the week, resulting in four enemy killed and one wounded. Sector forces were involved in four contacts in which two enemy were killed, and four GVN soldiers were killed and one US was wounded. (The total casualties for Sector contacts includes the result of the vehicle ambush in BARIA on the night 15/16 Aug which was mentioned in the previous SUPINTREP, para 16).

Enemy Unit Identification and Locations

20. D445. There is no further information concerning the current location of this unit. It seems likely that a substantial element remains in XUYEN MOC District,

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while C1 Coy is in the LONG HAIs.

21. 274 VC Main Force Regt

- a. On 20 Aug a 1 ATF patrol observed elements of a substantial enemy force in bunkers north of the SONG CA (in area YS356901). They were probably members of 274 Regt. One enemy was ambushed and killed but he was not able to be identified. Artillery and air-strikes engaged the area.
- b. One further body has been found in the area of the 1 ATF patrol contact on 13 Aug (YS341918; see SUPINTREP 33/71 para 17. a.) bringing the enemy KIA from that **contact to five**. The body was identified from documents as that of HAI QUAN, Assistant Chief of Staff of 274 Regt. He was carrying \$VN120,000 and some valuable documents.
- c. The main element of the Regimental Headquarters is probably north-west of the TRAC Special AO. 1 Bn 274 Regt has not recently been contacted but it is quite possible that the unit could be inside north-western PHUOC TUY, since it has been located in this area in the past.

22. HQ Military Region 7

- a. On 17 Aug, 3 Bde (Sep) 1 Cav Div (AM) troops located a camp of 75 bunkers and four class-rooms in western BINH TUY Province (YT816071). The camp seems certain to have been used by elements of HQ MR 7.
- b. On 15 Aug near NUI LE (YS501876) V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) troops found documents identifying C5 Purchasing and Requisitioning Coy of J85 Tpt Bn of MR 7. This the MR 7 element responsible for Rear Service support in northern PHUOC TUY and southern LONG KHANH. Documents identifying the same element had been found by 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) troops on 6 Aug west of XA BANG (YS434865 see SUPINTREP 32/71 para 23).

23. BA LONG and CHAU DUC

- a. The documents found by V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) near NUI LE (para 22. b. above) also provided an identification of the BA LONG Engineers.
- b. On 16 Aug D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC), while ambushing the location of an enemy cache of 650 lb of rice west of XA BANG (at YS438862), killed two VC who were apparently members of a larger group. The KIA were identified as a member of the Command Committee CHAU DUC who is also a member of the "BA LONG Rubber Plantation Peoples Revolutionary Committee"; and the 2IC of the Propaganda and Training Section BA LONG. Other documents were found in the area which mentioned a number of senior cadre of BA LONG Province Headquarters and of CAO SU District. One of these documents made mention of "enemy" combined arms operations in the SUOI QUIT and SUOI CA areas which was a clear reference to 1 ATF operations against HQ and 1 Bn 274 Regt in late July.
- c. On 20 Aug RF troops killed two VC in a contact east of PHU MY (at YS261752). One was identified as the Finance and Economy Chief of the PHU MY Party Chapter.

24. 74 NVA Rocket Regt. On 18 Aug in western LONG KHANH Province a Thai Ranger patrol killed six NVA in an ambush (YT287057). They were identified as members of 74 NVA Rocket Regt.

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

25. Documents captured recently by 3 Bde 1 Cav Div (AM) troops indicate that during the second half of 1970 enemy couriers operating along the "BARIA LONG KHANH corridor" suffered many casualties. Morale problems resulted, which gave rise to MR 7's accusing the liaison personnel of exhibiting "poor fighting spirit". The "BARIA LONG KHANH corridor" possibly refers to the general routes used by couriers travelling from the area of MR 7 north of MAY TAO, west through BA LONG Province Headquarters and south-west through the COURTENAY and VIET CUONG rubber plantations towards Sub Region 4. In the COURTENAY area 1 ATF troops have had successes in ambushing, notably 8 RAR and 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC), resulting in many couriers killed, no doubt in part causing some of

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the enemy morale problems which are referred to in the documents.

26. Documents captured by the 1 ATF patrol on 13 Aug (para 22. b. above) provided a clear indication that plans had been made for 274 Regt elements to carry out offensive missions on 19 Aug. 3 Bn was to receive training from the Engineer Coy prior to carrying out certain attacks in the Route 15 area on or about 19 Aug. C 16 Mor Coy and C 17 RR Coy were to be given objectives for about 19 or 20 Aug. An intensive logistic programme had been prepared to assist the plans of the Regt over the Aug - Oct election period (Annex B to INTSUM 232/71). No plans for 1 Bn were mentioned in the documents captured but it is thought likely that a target in DUC THANH could possibly be planned by 1 Bn. As far as is known no attacks were carried out by 274 Regt on 19 Aug (although on the night 18/19 Aug three B40 rounds were fired at the 18 ARVN Div (Rear) compound at XUAN LOC (YT459082), wounding one civilian). However past experience shows that VC attacks often occur some days after the original planned date, and some action by 274 Regt units is still thought likely.

27. These 274 Regt documents indicated that the Regt was conducting an important meeting of all elements commencing on or about 15 Aug. It seems likely that this meeting was to plan activities, including operations, for the election period Aug - Oct 71. Some further indications have been received from within PHUOC TUY Province that the enemy plans increased activity during the election period, with DAT DO, HOI MY and LONG HUONG having been mentioned as possible target areas. D445 are possibly in a position to threaten XUYEN MOC. However it is not known what percentage of the enemy effort will be directed towards purely propagandizing as against any planned military action or terror.

28. Enemy activity is expected to increase during the coming week, and a report has been received that an enemy offensive may be planned to commence on either the night 24/25 Aug or 25/26 Aug.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 236/71 dated 24 Aug 71.
2. Period Covered from 240001H to 242400H Aug 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (241055H). At YS416819, 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a number of tracks, estimated to be five days old, leading N and E, used by approximately six persons.

Comment: Tracks possibly made by an element of 274 VC Regt.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
241000H-	Area YS E 56-59	No sighting of recent activity. In cleared areas along banks of SONG RAI, there are tracks made by a large number of wild cattle moving through long grass. These tracks could be mistaken for tracks made by persons. The cattle leave flattened areas resembling camp sites.
241200H	N 80-83	
241200H-	Area YS E 55-58	No fresh signs
241340H	N 77-80	
241400H-	Area YS E 55-58	No sign of movement
241600H	N 74-77	

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a., b., c., d. and e. omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - 1 ATF

(1) KIA.....12 VC	(13) 82mm Mor Rds...1 and 6 fuses.
(2) Omitted.	(14) Omitted.
(3) Hoi Chanh.....1	(15) 60mm Mor Rds...3
(4) Omitted.	(16) and (17) omitted.
(5) Individual Weapons	(18) B-41 Rds.....8 and 11 boosters.
Action.....11	(19) to (21) omitted.
(6) Omitted.	(22) SA Rds.....1397
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed....767 lbs	(23) Grenades.....67
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed.....3½ lbs	(24) to (27) omitted.
(9) Med Stores.....5 lbs	(28) M-79 HE Rds....6
(10) to (12) omitted.	(29) Trip Flares....1

5., 6. and 7. omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 34/71 dated 23 Aug 71.

9. and 10. omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a., b., c. and e. omitted.

d. Agent Reports

AO BIRDSVILLE

(1) DUC THANH Report. Eval 1 ATF F5.

Villagers at XA BANG (YS4685) reported that on the night 16/17 Aug, 50 VC passed the village heading NNW.

Comment: 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn report no evidence of recent movement of a large en group in the area.

(2) Sector S2 Report. Eval VN F., 1 ATF F4

At 1000H on 22 Aug, an unidentified VC unit of approx 32 men were observed at the foot of NUI TOC TIEN (YS318722). Source stated that the unit was split into groups of 5-10 men with approx 10 metres between each group and that the unit had "many mines".

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(3) PHUOC HOA report. Eval C3, 1 ATF F3

At 1830H on 20 Aug 71, 12 VC including NGUYEN VAN THAM (PHU MY guerilla leader) and NGUYEN VAN HAI moved from BA PHONG (NFI) to vicinity YS325635.

(4) NP HOA LONG report. Eval VN B2, 1 ATF F3

At 1600H on 21 and 22 Aug 71, seven VC (incl one female) of BARIA City Unit were observed at YS379631, where they asked civilians about allied activities in the area. They left and went to vicinity YS381634.

AO GLENELG(5) XUYEN MOC report. Eval 1 ATF F3

On approx 15 and 16 Aug 71, two VC (incl one female) were reported to have positioned themselves in the vicinity of SUOI DA (YS6867 and YS6968) to observe any allied activity.

Other Areas(6) PHUOC HOA report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

At 1900H on 22 Aug 71, seven VC were observed in a boat at YS258585, from which they travelled to YS284617.

(7) NP HOA LONG report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

At 1700H on 22 Aug 71, four VC from Wing 4 BARIA City Unit were observed in a sampan at YS345604 where they asked fishermen about friendly activities in LONG HUONG (V).

(8) NP HOA LONG report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

At 1630H on 22 Aug 71, six VC in a boat were observed at YS223625, where they spoke to fishermen about the forthcoming election. They also asked for information about the area in the vicinity of the grid. After 15 minutes they withdrew towards LONG SON Island.

(9) RDC PHUOC HOA LONG report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F2

A group of VC, usually six in number, are reported to infiltrate approx three times weekly from the South of YS479584 to a temple at YS479585. The group is reported consistently to use this route and last used it on 22 Aug 71.

(10) 525 MI Group report. Eval US B3, 1 ATF F3

At 2400H on 20 Aug 71, 1 Bn 274 VC Regt, with one 122mm RL and one 82mm mortar were reported at YT280001. Source stated that this unit intended to shell US and RTAVF units.

Comment: There have been earlier reports that a group from 1/274 are in this area (INTSUM 233/71 para 11. d. (7)) and docus captured on 13 Aug 71 (INTSUM 225/71 Annex B para 6) suggested that a 274 VC Regt support weapons cache might also be in this area.

(11) 525 MI Group report. Eval US F3, 1 ATF F3

It has been reported that LONG DAT District has ordered all its personnel to find out the date on which voting cards are to be issued, as C 25 has been instructed to enter the hamlets and villages in GVN LONG DIEN (D) and DAT DO (D) on the night of issue and to destroy the cards. The destruction of the voting cards is to be a concerted effort to discredit the elections and the GVN.

(12) PHUOC HAI report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

It has been reported that on 9 Jul 71, LONG DAT (D) PC issued orders to all its subordinate Village PCs that they were each to kidnap at least 10 boys or girls aged between 14 and 25 years.

(13) LONG LE report. Eval 1 ATF F3

On the afternoon of 24 Aug 71, a VC squad was observed at YS355627. (NFI).

e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (241500H) At YS427825, three parallel foot-tracks, approx 25 metres apart, each made by approx 10 persons heading South were observed. Local rubber tappers stated that the tracks had been made by a large number of VC.

Comment: 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn advise that these tracks could have been made by one of their sub-units.

Extracts from 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) INTSUM

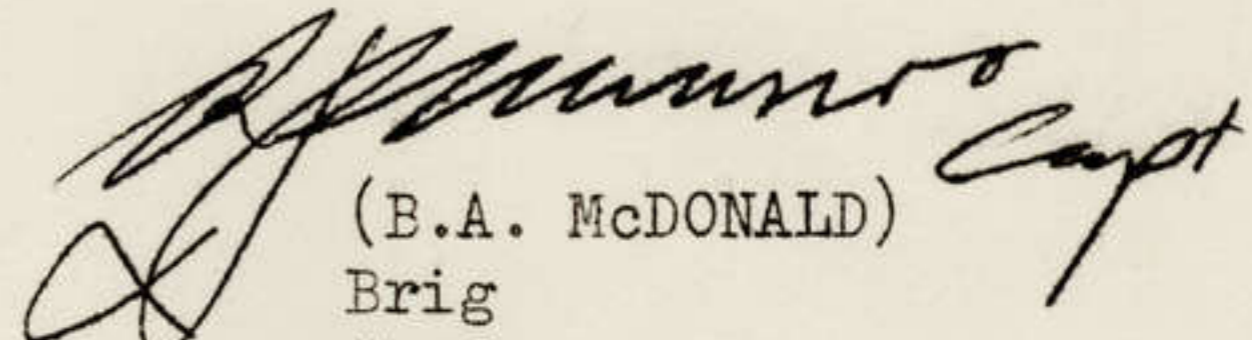
(2) (231545H). At YS573982, 3 Bde tps engaged three enemy who returned fire and withdrew in an unknown direction with unknown results. There were no friendly casualties.

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- (3) (231600H) At YS582973, a VR ac observed a base camp of 10 bunkers and four huts under construction. An airstrike was conducted on the system, resulting in two bunkers and two huts destroyed.
- (4) (231715H). At YS569965, a VR ac observed 17-20 enemy in a bunker system which was engaged with unknown enemy losses.
- (5) (231730H) At YS565955, a VR ac observed 17-20 enemy moving South on a North - South track.
- (6) (231820H). At YS572962, a VR ac observed a North - South foot-track used by an unknown number of persons, travelling in an unknown direction in the previous 24 hours.


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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 237/71.
2. Period Covered from 250001H to 252400H Aug 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) 1 ATF Base Area

(a) From 0130H until 0540H 25 Aug what appeared to be a single torchlight was sighted by various picquets 500m-800m out from the Eastern 1 ATF perimeter. The light appeared to move from the NUI DAT 2 area (YS4868) towards 1 ATF and then generally South to North. Single shots were also heard close to the light.

(2) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (241945H). At YS420797 4 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) heard estimated three persons talking approx 100m East of their loc. M-79 illum was fired and no further noise was heard.

(3) AO GLENELG

(a) (251500H). At YS531678 10 Pl D Coy 3 RAR engaged 1-2 enemy with M-79 and M-26 grenades. A sweep discovered a faint track which was followed for 150m. Nil Results.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance

DTG

251100H E 65-68,
N 77-80

1. Elephant tracks crossed creek at YS677776 mov N to S, one week old.
2. Track sighted between grids YS677768, YS676768, YS674772 and YS673773 then lost in dense scrub. Used within one week by 20-30 pers. Possibly RF.
3. Track sighted running W to E across clearing at YS664776 used by 20-30 pers up to one week ago.
4. Track sighted on ridge at YS651783 led to destroyed tin huts at YS650783. No sign of recent use.
5. Bomb crater at YS650784 had paper or plastic floating in the water.
6. Camp site sighted at YS654796 appeared 1-2 weeks old. 50m E of camp a track was seen running S to N up to one week old.
7. At YS667789 evidence of old camp site seen. In area was one piece of bamboo furniture, one thong and two pieces of cloth, one of which appeared to be a bandolier.
Comment: Possibly movement by coys of 3 RAR in area.

251200H E 57-60,
N 85-88

Fresh light tracks at Western edge of CU MY clearing possibly made by animals were seen. SW corner of area not covered.

251400H E 31-34,
N 71-74

1. Grids YS318722 and YS335734 checked but showed no signs of recent movement.
2. Tracks sighted at YS326712 moved in all directions and within past 48 hrs. Possibly animal tracks.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a., b., c., d. and e. omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - 1 ATF

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| (1) KIA.....12 VC | (13) 82mm Mor Rds..1 and 6 fuses. |
| (2) Omitted. | (14) Omitted. |
| (3) Hoi Chanh.....1 | (15) 60mm Mor Rds..3 |
| (4) Omitted. | (16) and (17) omitted. |
| (5) Individual Weapons | (18) B-41 Rds.....8 and 11 boosters. |
| Action.....11 | (19) to (21) omitted. |
| (6) Omitted. | (22) SA Rds.....1397 |
| (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed.....767 lbs | (23) Grenades.....67 |
| (8) Salt Captured and Destroyed.....3½ lbs | (24) to (27) omitted. |
| (9) Medical Stores.....5 lbs | (28) M-79 HE Rds...6 |
| (10) to (12) omitted. | (29) Trip Flares...1 |

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5. Omitted.
6. Omitted.
7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 34/71 dated 23 Aug 71.
9. Omitted.
10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous

a., b., c. and e. omitted.

d. Agent Reports

(1) Received from PRU. Eval 1 ATF F3.

At 1300H on 25 Aug 10 VC were seen moving along SUOI CAC YS6666 towards jungle armed with two B-40s. They possibly intend setting up an ambush position on Route 23 between now and election day.

(2) Received from NP PHUOC HOA LONG. Eval VN C1, 1 ATF F2.

At 2400H on 23 Aug 30 VC carrying individual wpns and food supplies were seen exfiltrating DAT DO at YS479854. This exfiltration point is reported as being used often.

(3) Received from 525 MI Group. Eval US F6, 1 ATF F3.

At 0930H on 22 Aug there were reportedly 15 VC loc at YS415815. They were armed with two B-40s, two CKCs, two K54s, four AK47s and three kg TNT. They intend attacking DUC THANH HQ by fire and friendly tps along Route 2 on 28 Aug. They also intend infiltrating the DUC THANH area with sappers disguised as civilians, to sabotage voting booths with explosives.

Comment: This report could well be true as it is believed an elm of 274 Regt may be in this general area. This elm could have CHAU DUC guides. The intentions quoted could possibly be those of the 274 Regt elm.

(4) Received from PRU. Eval 1 ATF F3.

At 0200H on 23 Aug the guerilla unit of PHUOC HOA LONG led by NG VAN BE aka BE THANG (1 ATF ORBAT holds as such) infiltrated HOA HOI at YS485590. At 0220H they withdrew via YS486589.

(5) Received from PRU. Eval 1 ATF F6.

At 2200H on 21 Aug one guerilla squad led by SON of PHUOC THANH (possibly NGUYEN NAM SON held as chief of NLF, PHUOC THANH PC) reportedly infiltrated via YS486607 to destroy election posters and to call upon people to vote for a certain member of the Province Council.

(6) Received from PRU 25 Aug 71. Eval 1 ATF F6.

At 2135H on 20 Aug a squad of eight VC led by TRAN VAN BE aka BE CUONG, PCS PHUOC THANH (1 ATF ORBAT holds a TRAN VAN BE as PCS PHUOC THO) infiltrated THANH LONG at YS485606 to destroy election propaganda at a meeting.

(7) Received from S2 Sector. Eval 1 ATF C3.

At the present time, LONG DAT and CHAU DUC District Committees are ordering subordinate village organisations to infiltrate cadres into villages and hamlets make secret bunkers and conduct clandestine activities during the time of the elections. Infiltration has been noted in the villages of PHUOC THANH, PHUOC THO and HOI MY of DAT DO and LONG HUONG (V) in LONG LE. The rate of the infiltration is considered as regular, one VC per 5-6 days.

S2 Comment: The present VC efforts consist of infiltrating men into villages and hamlets to reorganise the infrastructure uncovered by GVN local authorities. The VC intend to be active during the GVN elections.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) Other Areas

(a) On 21 Aug at YT424157, 133 RF Coy ambushed two groups of VC. In a series of contacts four RF were KIA and three were WIA. One VC was KIA, two AK47 mags were CIA and heavy blood trails were found in the area. The KIA was identified from docus dated May 71 as TRAN DANH TRON (1 ATF ORBAT has no record), a pl leader of K8 Coy, BARIA Sector.

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Comment: This is almost certainly K8 Coy Combat Support of the former D440 LF Bn. There has been no confirmed contact with the coy for several months. It was last tentatively identified on 7 Jun by 2/8 Cav 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) during Operation OVERLORD in the vicinity of YS5594.

(b) (241755H). At YS569967 elms of 3 Bde 1 ACD found an observation post. It was 4' x 4' and 6' off the ground in a tree.

(c) (241940H). At YS875995 FSB JEFFRIES (3 Bde 1 ACD) received two suspected 60mm or 82mm mor rds from the S impacting 500m E of perimeter. Nil casualties.

(d) (241945H). At YS867918 a trip flare was detonated on the perimeter of NDP of elms of 3 Bde 1 ACD. Movement engaged with unknown results.

(e) (250600H). At YS513541 a road clearing ptl of 701 RF Coy was ambushed by an estimated two VC. One RF was KIA. Ambush composed of 10 hand-made claymores which were command-detonated. Two failed to explode.

Comment: VC mine incidents occurred at YS512543 on 10 Feb 71 and at YS513544 on 22 Jul 71 (see INTSUMs for these dates). There were no casualties in these earlier incidents.

(f) (250900H). At YT432301 a US arty convoy was ambushed by unknown sized enemy force which employed claymores and SA. Nil casualties.

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Annexes: E. Aerial Sensor Readings

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AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

1. and 3. omitted.

2. Red Haze Activity (250001H)

Readings at YS331930, YS297878, YS319843, YS321851, YS325759, YS332864 and YS343853.

Comment: In same general area of readings - YS331930 a red circle was marked on one of the 274 Regt maps captured by a 1 ATF ptl on 13 Aug. The reading at YS325759 could possibly be related to CHAU DUC. Readings at YS321851 and YS332864 are in the area of a recent report of the location of elm of D2 Bn SR4 and of LONG THANH Trg Det contact of 27 Jul.

4. APD (Sniffer) (250930H at YS804734)

Comment: At this loc there is an old friendly base camp with many bunkers, wpn pits and crawl trenches which remain intact. However a VR was conducted of the area and there was no sign of recent activity. Nevertheless the maximum reading above cannot be explained and it is possible that a small gp could have been using the area in the thick jungle. Approx 20 fishing boats also seen in the area of YS8269.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 238/71.
2. Period covered from 260001H to 262400H Aug 71.
3. **Summary of enemy activity.** There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO GLENELG

(a) (261450H) At YS545678, 11 Pl D Coy 3 RAR found several piles of grass. The grass was piled 4-5 ft wide, and cut to 6 ft lengths, 6 inches deep.

(2) AO OTAGO

(a) (251640H) At YS451642, an ARU ptl found a number of old tunnels, estimated to be approx 12 months old, which had possibly been used 2-3 months ago. There were many civilian tracks in the area. Comment: Many old tunnels have been found in this general area in the past.

(3) TRAC Special AO

(a) (250910H) At YS445925, A/tk Pl 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn and elements of 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt found a tunnel and hide system located under 7 houses, with extensive entry/exit points. Comment: Documents found in this system on 21 Aug were described in INTSUM 235/71 Annex B para 3. No identification was able to be made from the documents.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
261010H	E 325 - 375 N 73 - 77	Although there has been extensive woodcutting on the western side of this area, no woodcutters were seen at the time of the VR. 1. Heavy track sighted at YS392859, Movement was from N-S, approx 1 week ago, and was in excess of 20 persons. Track lost in thick bamboo. 2. Tree cut down at YS369878 in the past 2-3 days. Tree approx 8 inches in diameter. Scuff marks from footwear around the base of the tree. An E-W track was seen at approx YS371879, 1 week old, used by 10 plus persons. <u>Comment:</u> The track could have been made by either elements of 274 Regt or D Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn. An RAAF aircraft sighted 10-15 boats 50-100m off the coast. 4 nets were seen across creek.
261210H	E 38 - 40 N 86 - 90	

261047H 1. SONG RAI -
 Province Border
 2. YS5958

(3) Aerial Sensor Readings See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

(1) KIA	12 VC	(13) 82mm Mor rounds	1 and 6 fuzes
(2) Omitted		(14) Omitted	
(3) Hoi Chanh	1	(15) 60mm Mor rounds	3
(4) Omitted		(16-17) Omitted	
(5) Individual Weapons ..		(18) B41 rounds ...	8 and 11 boosters
Action	11	(19-21) Omitted	
(6) Omitted		(22) SA-rounds	1397
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed	767 lbs	(23) Grenades	67
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed	3 1/2 lbs	(24-27) Omitted	
(9) Med Stores	5 lbs	(28) M 79 HE rounds	6
(10-12) Omitted		(29) Trip Flares	1

5, 6 and 7 Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 34/71 dated 23 Aug 71.

9 and 10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMs

INTSUM 237/71, para 11. d. (3), which reports an agent report that 15 VC were sighted at YS415815 on 22 Aug. These were mentioned by the agent as members of C41 CHAU DUC Concentrated Coy.

INTSUM 237/71, para 11. d. (2), delete "YS479854" and insert "YS479584".

c. Omitted

.../d. Agent Reports

d. Agent Reports

TRAC have advised that reports have been received that:

- (1) A "high point" is to commence on the night 26-27 Aug.
- (2) 33 NVA Regt has moved west from the area of the LONG KHANH Province border in order to be in a more favourable area in which to support 274 Regt in any activities along roads.
- (3) 274 Regt is to attack base camps along Route 1 and 20.
- (4) A co-ordinated attack is to take place in the BIEN HOA-LONG BINH area.

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(5) PRU report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3
(212200H), at YS486607 approx 1 section of VC were seen in mixed dress. They infiltrated PHUOC THANH, and spread propaganda about the elections. They said they would return possibly to attack local government offices.

(6) PSB report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3
(191700H), at YS354598, 4 VC from BARIA City Unit were seen. They stopped fishermen to ask whether LONG HUONG (V) had issued voting cards yet.

(7) PSB report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3
(190830H), at YS218629, 4 VC from PHUOC HOA(V) were seen. They were led by DANG VAN SANG, Village Unit leader, and NGUYEN VAN DU 2IC Village Unit. They stopped fishermen and asked for food, and requested them to buy 10 litres of rice for them.

(8) PSB report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3
(191800H), at YS228671, approx 1 section of VC (unit unknown) were seen. They were armed with 1xB40. After speaking to fishermen they sent them to find out where GVN units were stationed at ONG TRINH (V).

(9) RTAVF report. Eval RTAVF C3, 1 ATF F3
(221600H), at YS311830, approx 40 VC from 274 NVA Regt were seen, they were armed with 1x60mm mortar, 2xB40 and 2xB41s. Their intentions are to threaten people in TAM TIEN and THAI TIEN (H) not to vote in the elections.

(10) RTAVF report. Eval RTAVF C3, 1 ATF F4
(231200H), at YS335929, approx 100VC from 274 NVA Regt were seen.

(11) Sector Report. Eval 1 ATF F3

A civilian from LONG HUONG (V) observed 1 VC squad at YS355627 on 24 Aug 71. VC were armed with individual weapons and wore black clothing (NFI).

(12) DUC THANH report. Eval VN B3, 1 ATF F3
(241000H) At YS430726, DUYEN and MUN (unk) met DUNG (BINH BA PCS). After a period of approx 20 minutes they returned to SUOI NGHE with a package which had been given to them by DUNG.

(13) XUYEN MOC report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3
(251500H), at YS638637, 3 VC in mixed dress were seen. They were led by HO VAN DUNG (1 ATF ORBAT golds him as Security cadre XUYEN MOC (V) PC). Their missions was to harass NHAN TRI (H) for harassment on election day.

Comment: HO VAN DUNG was originally thought to have been the enemy who was KIA by 3 RAR on 20 Jul at YS585654. However, subsequent information by a rallier suggests that this identification may be wrong and that HO VAN DUNG could still be alive.

(14) 525 MI Group report. Eval US F6, 1 ATF F5
(241530H), at YS294685, 16 VC of 3 Bn 274 Regt were seen. They were armed with 1x60mm mortar, 4xCKC, 2xK54 and 2xcarbines. Their intentions are to ambush ARVN troops travelling on Route 15 from 27-28 Aug, and collection of taxes at PHUOC HOA (V).

Comment: It is most unlikely that an element of 3 Bn 274 Regt would be inside PHUOC TUY. Therefore the report is graded F5. However, the stated intention of 3 Bn to ambush Route 15 over this period is quite possible since interdiction of Route 15 is one of 3 Bn's stated tasks (although rarely attempted). See also SUPINTREP 34/71 para 26 which reports captured documents which indicate that 3 Bn has been given the specific task of carrying out attacks in the Route 15 area during the present period.

(15) Sector report. Eval VN B2, 1 ATF F3
25 Aug 71. According to a VC cadre, the VC are plotting details for sabotaging the lower house elections. They intend to confiscate ID cards and voting cards, threaten citizens and blow up polling booths.

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- (16) Sector Report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3
(251700H), at YS535555 C25 Concentrated Coy LONG DAT (D) combined with local guerillas were seen. They numbered approx 40 and were armed with 1xHMG, 2xB40s, AK's and M16s. Their intentions are to disrupt the elections procedures in the DAT DO area on election day.
- (17) Sector Report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3
(251500H) At YS401562, approx 1 section of VC were seen.
- (18) Sector Report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3
(250900H), at YS250620, approx 7 VC of the PHUOC HAI guerillas were seen. They were seen in a motorboat flying the GVN flag. Source states that these VC often stop locals to keep them out of the area.
- (19) Sector report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3
(231700H), at YS247660, approx 25 VC were seen. Source states that in the past they have stopped fishermen to levy taxes and obtain food.
- (20) Sector report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3
(241600H), at YS510660, approx 1 pl of VC from LONG TAN/PHUOC THANH (V) guerillas were seen. They were in mixed dress and often infiltrate hamlets in the area for food and information on PSDF and RF in DAT DO.
- (21) Sector report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3
(151800H), source states that at present the VC LONG DAT (D) HQ has given orders to all party chapters to obtain National Police Field Force uniforms to enable them to infiltrate various hamlets to assassinate officials and create confusion
- (22) LONG LE report. Eval VN C1, 1 ATF F3
On 232330H, 3 VC armed with individual weapons infiltrated PHUOC HOA LONG (YS484594),
- (23) LONG LE report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3
Source states that VC have told the people of TAM PHUOC (H) to buy stocks of food in readiness for the projected blowing of the road on either side of the hamlet.
- (24) LONG LE report. Eval 1 ATF F3
Source states that elements of CHAU DUC (D) and LONG DAT (D) are infiltrating the villages of PHUOC THANH, HOI MY, DAT DO and LONG HUONG. They intend to attack and harass the villagers on election day, and to conduct extensive propaganda meetings.
- e. Omitted
- f. Other Items of Reporting Interest
- (1) Other Areas
- (a) (250950H) At YS575968, (South of FSB OLESEN), a US ground reconnaissance patrol found 3xUS claymore mines tied to a tree, pointing South, 1 box of non-electric blasting caps (28), 8lbs of C-4 and 1 US fragmentation grenade.
- (b) Further to INTSUM 237/71 para 11. f. (1) (f). On 250900H, at YT432301, (NW of FSB WISHART), a US $\frac{3}{4}$ ton truck was ambushed on Route 20. Ambush was initiated by claymore and SA fire. Enemy withdrew North and NW. Results: 1 US KIA, 2 US WIA, $\frac{3}{4}$ ton truck and trailer combat loss, enemy losses unknown.
- (2) Territorial Forces AO
- (a) (251740H) At YS245783, RF/PF contacted 8 VC. Unknown results.
- (b) (260340H) Suspected movement as heard on both sides of DUC THANH compound. Movement was engaged with claymores and grenades, and illumination was fired with no results.

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AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

1. Omitted
2. Red Haze Activity
(262330-2350H) YS7967 - YS7990 Nil results.
3. Omitted
4. APD(Sniffer)
260900-1100 E 77 - 83 N 70 - 74 Nil significant readings.

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 238/71
DATED 26 AUG 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Details of documents captured by RTAVF at YT287057 on 18 Aug 71 (six members of the former 74 NVA Rocket Regt were killed by Thai Ranger tps) have been received from CDEC. The documents identify elements of 74 NVA Rocket Regt and contain the following information:

- a. A notebook, maintained by an unknown member of 2 Bn 74 Regt, containing an entry stating that, on 8 Mar 71, elements of 2 Bn 74 Regt were co-located with 3 Bn 274 Regt. Another entry, undated, mentions that "the goods" (possibly ammunition) were stored in SUOI SAU (unk) and that the rear base was in an area adjoining the surgical unit of 274 Regt.
Comment: This indicates that there has been close liaison between 74 Rocket Regt and 274 Regt in the past.
- b. A notebook maintained by TRAN DO (Assistant Political Officer, B5, 2 Bn 74 Rocket Regt) contained an undated entry stating that primary objectives for future "attacks by fire" would be LONG BINH and VAN KIEP National Training Centre, (YS4060).
- c. Notes taken from an indoctrination session, dated 12 Aug, stating that V2 (2 Bn, 74 Arty Regt) was to contact "local village forces" to procure ammunition for "attacks by fire" to be conducted on enemy objectives on 10 Sep 71. From 15 to 20 Aug 71, the unit was to be prepared to receive missions and from 21 Aug to 10 Sep it was to conceal "goods" (possibly ammunition). Recce elements were to prepare supplies and complete reconnaissance by 10 Sep 71. The first recce group was to depart on 22 Aug 71 and a second group on 28 Aug 71. C5 of 2 Bn 74 Regt was to complete the preparation of "goods" and firing positions for the "attacks by fire" on LONG BINH on 10 Sep 71.
Comment: The connection between "local village forces" and a supply of artillery ammunition is unusual and no plausible explanation of that statement can be made at this stage. 10 Sep 71 (Anniversary of the founding of the VIETNAM National Front, 1955) appears to be the date set for a harassing fire attack on LONG BINH. Several mentions are made of this date in the text and there is also one mention of a similar attack upon SAIGON on the same day.
- d. An entry concerning VC operations from 5 Jul 71 to 5 Aug 71 and an assessment of the enemy (RVNAF/FWMAF) situation which states that 18 RVNAF Division was "still bogged down" in CAMBODIA with a few units still operating between XUAN LOC and BINH THUAN Province. However, due to sweep operations conducted by "satellite troops" (presumably Australians and Thais) along Routes 2, 15 and 25, some VC units had suffered losses and all activities were hindered.

General Comments

2. The documents indicate that rocket attacks are planned to take place against LONG BINH and SAIGON on or about 10 Sep. Within PHUOC TUY, VAN KIEP also is a planned target, but there is no indication as to the date. As an element of 74 Rocket Regt has been located with 3 Bn 274 Regt, it appears quite possible that another element of the Regt could be with 1 Bn 274 Regt which is believed likely to be in north-western PHUOC TUY. Refer also to recent unconfirmed agent reports that VAN KIEP was to be mortared, and that some 122mm weapons (presumably rockets) had possibly been seen in PHUOC TUY (INTSUMs 234/71 para 11. d. (2) and 232/71 para 11. d. (1)). See also INTSUM 234/71 Annex B para 2. a. which described a document which indicated that 274 Regt was to receive "55 DKZ" rounds. It was thought that this term probably referred to 75mm RR rounds, but now that it appears quite possible that elements of 74 Rocket Regt could be with 274 Regt units, it seems just as likely that "DKZ" may refer to 122mm rockets.

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 239/71 dated 27 Aug 71.
- 2. Period Covered from 270001H to 272400H Aug 71.
- 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (271045H). At YS485897, Aslt Pnr Pl 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) challenged (3 times) four stationary en who quickly dispersed. Three en moved E and one en N. One of the en fired an AK47 at the pl which then eng. Results: 1 KIA. Later at YS490899 a ptl from the A/Tk Pl and a tracker team loc the spot where the three remaining en appeared to have rested and later split up.

(b) (271355H). At YS435800, 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found 10 piles of grass 4-5 ft wide, 6 ft long and 6 ins deep. Also found were a number of tracks; 2 running N, 1 NNW at 5,900 mils, 1 NW at 5,700 mils (more recent) and one at 2,400 mils. See also INTSUM 238/71 para 3.a.(1)(a) which reports piles of grass at YS545678 with the same dimensions. DUC THANH and DAT DO have commented that the grass is possibly cattle fodder.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
270800H	E 32-35, N 77-80	Several heavy tracks seen crossing large clearings S to N. Up to one mth old and appeared to be animal tracks. 6 slit trenches seen at YS345778 approx 1 mth old. YS336771, a pile of chopped up bamboo was seen beside a track up to 1-2 weeks old.
271000H	E 40-43, N 83-86	Heavy tracks along top of hill at YS415863 made by 20-30 pers within last mth (poss 4 RAR). Track used by 20-30 pers within last 2 weeks runs from YS431860 to YS433857 where it was lost. A bunker system at YS394846 has been filled in, but wooden beams for OHP are intact. Suspect some attempt has been made at rebuilding within approx last 6 weeks.
271200H	E 37-40, N 82-85	No fresh signs in area.
271400	E 52-55, N 88-91	Paper and soap seen in water filled crater at YS534885. No other signs in area.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. Total KIA Occurring during This Reporting Period

(1) and (3) omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted: 1

b., c., d. and e. omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - 1 ATF

(1) KIA.....13 VC	(13) 82mm Mor Rds...1 and 6 fuses.
(2) Omitted.	(14) Omitted.
(3) Hoi Chanh.....1	(15) 60mm Mor Rds...3
(4) Omitted.	(16) and (17) omitted.
(5) Individual Wpns Action.....11	(18) B-41 Rds.....8 and 11 boosters.
(6) Omitted.	(19) to (21) omitted.
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed.....767 lbs	(22) SA Rds.....1397
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed.....3½ lbs	(23) Grenades.....67
(9) Med Stores.....5 lbs	(24) to (27) omitted.
(10) to (12) omitted.	(28) M-79 HE Rds....6
	(29) Trip Flares....1

5., 6 and 7 omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 34/71 dated 23 Aug 71.

9. and 10. omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a., b., c. and e. omitted.

.../d. Agent Reports

d. Agent ReportsTerritorial Forces AO(1) Received from PSB. Eval 1 ATF F3.

(260900H Jul 71). At YS727814, 6 VC of F/E Sect XUYEN MOC PC were seen. The VC stated that all logging trucks had to supply 20 litres of rice as they entered the jungle. Because 1 ATF are operating in the area (as at 30 Jul when source reported info), the VC must move the checkpoint to BANG LA stream in vic YS727814.

(2) Received from PSB. Eval 1 ATF F2.

(170800H). At YS228664, approx 8 VC (unit unk) were seen on a sail boat. They stopped fishermen to ask where they came from and asked whether they had their voting cards yet.

Comment: There have been many reports of a VC group in this area who forbid locals to enter the area. According to one report, they are members of D10 Sapper Bn.

(3) Received from MI Gp. Eval US F3, 1 ATF F3.

On 22 Aug at YS2466, approx 25 VC (unit unk) stopped a number of fishing boats to collect taxes and receive foodstuffs.

(4) Received from NP Special Branch. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

The VC will increase their activities in various areas of LONG DIEN district during the election period. They will infiltrate LONG HAI to kidnap PSDF members, spread pamphlets and attempt to cause trouble on election day.

(5) Received from DAT DO. Eval 1 ATF F3.

(242000H). 1 squad infiltrated PHUOC LOI, led by NGUYEN VAN MUOI (no ident). The group came from the LONG GREEN area.

(6) Received from DAT DO. Eval 1 ATF F6.

A large number of VC are reported at YS5065. Farmers were stopped from working in the area by the VC. NFI.

(7) Received from PRU. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.

On night 25/26 Aug, at YS468562, a VC unit (unk), strength about 50 was sighted.

(8) Received from RD Cadre. Eval 1 ATF F3.

(261700H). At YS304551 and YS290550 about 5 VC stopped locals and told them not to vote in the elections.

(9) Received from XUYEN MOC. Eval VN B2, 1 ATF F3.

(241430H). At YS622638 5 VC were seen. They collected info on XUYEN MOC situation from woodcutters.

AO BIRDSVILLE(10) Received from DUC THANH. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F4.

(251700H). At YS435880 a VC coy was seen. NFO

AO KINGSGROVE(11) Received from DUC THANH. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

(271000H). At YS410717, 3 VC were seen. They stopped woodcutters going to work and asked about where voting cards would be distributed. They also told the locals that they would be killed if they voted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (271140H). At YS816943 3 Bde 1 ACD tps contacted approx 12 en mov E to W, who withdrew S. Results: 2 en KIA.

(2) (262400H). At YS507551 (HOI TRUNG) ten VC infiltrated the village and spread propaganda leaflets. They also hung a VC flag in the area. The leaflets spoke of US and RVN defeats in LAOS, CAMBODIA and SOUTH VIETNAM.

(3) (270900H-271130H). At centre of mass YS0996 there were four instances of ground to air fire and suspected SA. An OH6 (small US helicopter) was downed and recovered. Tps were inserted and found a cache containing a claymore, some SA rds, food and clothing. At 1400H, at YS0898, an OH6A ac received a direct hit from a B-40 and crashed, destroying the ac and wounding two US passengers.

(3) Late Report. (241940H). FSB JEFFRIES at YS877994 received two 105mm rds from a firing position 200m ESE of the FSB. One exploded 500m to E of the perimeter and the other was an airburst above the CP. The firing site was 5-10 ft wide and 5 ft deep surrounded with boards and sandbags. The pit had been dug in past 24 hrs and was used by 4-5 pers.

Comment: On 8 Feb 71 FSB FONTAINE (YS803593) received six 105mm and 155mm rds possibly also launched ("lobbed") by explosives buried in holes in the ground. On 21 Feb 71 FSB LEOPARD (YS399995) received three US 105mm rds which failed to det. They apparently used buried charges to propel them. In a later check of the

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launching area, a large crater and 10 lbs of CS gas were discovered resting on top of buried C4 explosive. The device was aimed towards the FSB. Several sets of footprints were also discovered. It was thought that following the expected 105mm and CS gas explosions, a sapper attack on the base was planned, while the defenders suffered blindness from the CS gas. (See 1 ATF SUPINTREP 8/71 para 17 and INTSUM 54/71 dated 23 Feb para 11.e.).

(4) Reference INTSUM 237/71 para 11.f.(1)(c) which reported FSB JEFFRIES (YS875995) receiving two mor rds. (261355H). At YS877990, 3 Bde tps loc a N-S, N-E and E track used in last 8-10 hrs. 100m E heard woodcutters at work.

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Annexes: E. Aerial Sensor Readings

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AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

1. Omitted.
2. Omitted.
3. Omitted.
4. APD (Sniffer)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
270945H	E 70-76, N 67-73	Nil significant readings

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 240/71
2. Period Covered from 280001H to 282400H Aug 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO PADDINGTON

(a) (272100H). At YS452642, an ARU pl found a tunnel system estimated to be two months plus old.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted.

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
281020H	E 49-51 N 64-68	A fresh track can be followed from YS506663 to YS498659 where it meets tracks used by civilians. The track has been used by 10 plus people in the last 24 hrs.
281200H	E 42-45 N 84-87	No fresh signs in area.
281400H	E 34-37 N 91-95	1. Heavy track seen at YS342930 running N-S through recently demolished bunker system. Difficult to discern if it had been used recently due to high trees. 2. Similar track seen at YS345923 running N-S. 3. No positive signs of recent movement in the area.
270655H	YS583573	A RAAF ac sighted a boat on the SONG RAI with one pers on board.
280730H	Mouth of SONG RAI	1. A RAAF ac sighted one man on a small boat inside mouth of SONG RAI (YS574570). 2. Fishing net from YS576569 to YS575571. Net had large floats attached.
281315H	Route 320	1. A USAF Jade ac reports that on both sides of Hwy 320 at the 35 grid line heavy tracks and footprints could be seen. 2. From 34-37 grid line heavy tracks. 3. YS345952 a footpath going W into rubber made by approx 50 people. 4. Difficult to estimate age of tracks.

Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a., b., c., d. and e. omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month -- 1 ATF

(1) KIA.....13 VC	(13) 82mm Mor Rds....1 and 6 fuses.
(2) Omitted.	(14) Omitted.
(3) Hoi Chanh.....1	(15) 60mm Mor Rds....3
(4) Omitted.	(16) and (17) omitted.
(5) Individual Weapons Action.....11	(18) B-41 Rds.....8 and 11 boosters.
(6) Omitted.	(19) to (21) omitted.
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed....767 lbs	(22) SA Rds.....1397
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed.....3½ lbs	(23) Grenades.....67
(9) Medical Stores.....5 lbs	(24) to (27) omitted.
(10) to (12) omitted.	(28) M-79 HE Rds.....6
	(29) Trip Flares.....1

5. Omitted.

6. Omitted.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 34/71 dated 23 Aug 71.

9. Omitted.

.../10. Omitted.

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10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous

a., b., c. and e. omitted.

d. Agent Reports

A0 BIRDSVILLE

(1) Sector Report. Eval VN C6, 1 ATF F3.

25 Aug 71. Source states that COSVN has issued orders to units near SAIGON to await orders for a "general offensive".

(2) NP Report. Eval VN B2, 1 ATF F3. Info originated from NP in GVN MR1.

Source states that the VC issued instructions to prepare for a general sapper offensive over the whole country, to be called the Q4 Campaign, and to begin at 282300H Aug.

Comment: Several predictions have been received recently regarding an expected offensive with the anticipated date varying with each report. It is thought that an offensive of some kind is quite possible but experience in the past shows that the actual date of an offensive is rarely able to be deduced accurately in advance.

(3) Received from 525 MI Gp. Eval US F3, 1 ATF F4.

(241000H). At YS476845 16 VC armed with two B-40s were seen. They intend to obtain food supplies from the local residents of XA BANG rubber plantation (YS4685).

(4) Received from 525 MI Gp. Eval US F6, 1 ATF F3.

(251430H). At YS395704 15 VC armed with one B-40 were seen. They intend to ambush Route 2 and attack tps at SUOI NGHE (H) (YS428715) on the night 28/29 Oct.

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(5) Received from 525 MI Gp. Eval US C6, 1 ATF F3.

(260900H). At YS302756 13 VC armed with two B-40s were seen. They intend to harass PHU MY (V) (YS253746).

(6) Sector Report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.

(270900H). At YS344592 17 VC from the BARIA Special Action Unit (C610) and the LONG HUONG guerillas were seen. They were armed with one B-40, and intend to infiltrate LONG HUONG (V) to obtain food and taxes.

(7) PSB Report. Eval 1 ATF F3.

(242300H). At YS426599 approx one pl of VC infiltrated LONG LAM (YS426599) to collect taxes.

(8) PSB Report. Eval VN B2, 1 ATF F5.

(251430H). At YS467535 approx 50 VC armed with one 60mm mor and three B-40s and or B-41s were seen. Their intentions are to harass the elections in the villages of PHUOC HAI, HOI MY and PHUOC HOA LONG. Source of info stated that the VC unit had just come down from en CHAU DUC District.

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(9) XUAN LOC Report. Eval 1 ATF F3.

(281200H). At YS350955 a bn of VC were reportedly seen. A RAAF ac searched the area. See VR report this INTSUM para 3.b.(2).

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (272225H). At YTO25137 a US convoy received SA fire from both sides of the road. No cas reported as yet.

Extracts from 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) INTSUM

(2) (271030H). At YS821946 approx 20 pers were seen in a campsite.

(3) (271116H). At YT832955 US tps eng five en. En did not return fire, and withdrew in an unknown direction. Results: two en KIA, one SKS with eight rds, four M-16 mags (80 rds) CIA. A search of the area discovered a cache which yielded 1 lb tea, 3 lb sausages, 1 lb soap, 14 packs of cigarettes, 75 lbs polished rice (destroyed), 25 lbs canned goods, 30 lbs clothing, 3 lbs egg noodles, 3 US cups canteen, 7 flashlights, 12 batteries () and 8 lbs med supplies.

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Extract from RTAVF INTSUM

(4) (251235H). At YS327844 RTAVF tps eng an estimated 3-5 en armed with one B-40. Nil results.

The Following Reports are Extracted from a 36 USARV ITB Report received 1 ATF 27 Aug.

(5) (211100H)Jul). At YS707704 20 T-shaped bunkers were found.

(6) (271710H Jul). At YS804767 a bunker system was found. 8-10 bunkers with 2' OHP. System was estimated to be at least six mths old, and had been occupied by 2-3 pers within the preceding two weeks.

(7) (291800H Jul). At YS800732 an area estimated to have been occupied by approx 25 pers was found.

Comment: This loc conforms generally with the single maximum sniffer reading of 25 Aug (see INTSUM of that date). An en group may be in this area. See also following item.

(8) (301030H Jul). At YS793741 a number of footprints were found, estimated to be approx two days old. Also found were a number of footprints in area YS789743; they were estimated to be 2-5 days old and made by pl-sized unit wearing jungle and BATA boots.

(9) (021700H Aug). At YS777773 tracks were found made by an estimated 3-5 pers in the previous two days.

(10) (101030H Aug). At YS876743 a recently used camp was found. An estimate of the size of the party was impossible, as many signs had been obliterated.

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ANNEX B TO
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CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Further to INTSUM 232/71 ANNEX B, para 2, a detailed report on documents captured by a 1 ATF patrol at YS341918 on 18 Aug 71 has been received from CDEC. The documents contain the following additional information:

- a. A Notebook maintained by HAI QUAN, (Assistant Chief of Staff, 274 Regt) containing entries, dated 5 Aug 71, stating the major missions of the battalions of 274 Regt. These were to increase observation of enemy (RVANF/FWMAF) activities and prepare themselves for future combat operations. C3 of 1 Bn 274 Regt was to occupy NGAI GIAO (presumably YS463793) and "CL area" (unk). 2 Bn was to sieze "H NGHIA" (possibly HUNG NGHIA YT301095), "TL" (possibly TAN LAP YT390079) and "HG area" (unk). 3 Bn was to continue refresher training and to reconnoiter objectives for possible future attacks.

Comment: This suggests that enemy action in NGAI GIAO (H) may be anticipated.

ANNEX E

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

1. Omitted.
2. Red Haze Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
Night 25/26 Aug	E 20-30 N 80-90	1. One confirmed sighting at YS24728250. 2. One confirmed sighting at YS33409280.

Comment: This coincides with agent reports of reported loc of a 274 Regt element.

3. Omitted.
4. APD (Sniffer)

281500H - 281630H	E 64-70 N 59-65	No significant readings. Area will be flown again 29 Aug.
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VC DATES OF SIGNIFICANCE IN AUGUST

1. 2 Sep
 - a. Independence Day. (1945).
 - b. Celebration of unconditional Surrender of JAPAN (1945).
 - c. National Festival of the Democratic Republic of VIETNAM (1945).
2. 3 Sep Anniversary of HO CHI MINH's death.
3. 9 Sep National Festival of the People's Republic of BULGARIA (1944).
4. 10 Sep VIETNAM Fatherland Front (also called VIETNAM National Front) organized in NVN (1945).
5. 12 Sep
 - a. Organization of Communists in NGHE TINH Province (1930).
 - b. Peasant Revolt in HO CHI MINH's native province, NGHE AN where an attempt had been made by communist cadre to set up a soviet.
5. 13 Sep NGUYEN DU's Anniversary.
6. 14 Sep Signing of the Hodus Vivendi (DA LAT Treaty, VN and FRANCE, 3 point Agreement 1946).
7. 15 Sep - 22 Sep Week of mutual help for the Combatants of the South (1945).
8. 18 Sep Mid Autumn Festival.
9. 23 Sep
 - a. NAM BO Revolution (Anniversary of the resistance of the South (1945)).
 - b. TRAN HUNG DAO's Anniversary.
10. 25 Sep LE LOI's Anniversary.
11. 27 Sep Anniversary of Insurrection Day in BAC SON, NVN (1940).

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- 1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 241/71.
- 2. Period covered from 290001H to 292400H Aug 71.
- 3. Summary of enemy activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (291500H). At YS357651, 9 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found an "X" shaped bunker system 80m square. It contained 8 bunkers with 3ft OHP, 2 wells and a drainage system. The two crossed lines of bunkers were aligned East to West and North to South. The system was estimated to be 8 - 10 months old and last used 8 months ago. The system was in poor condition and was destroyed.

(b) (291615H). At YS474901, 3 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found several propaganda leaflets, written in English and signed from the LONG KHANH Revolutionary Movement.

(2) AO PADDINGTON

(a) Between 2100 and 2200 on 28 Aug approx 12 hand held flares were seen from two 1 ARU posts. Bearings intersect at YS440639 (LONG PHUOC area). NFI.

(3) TRAC Special AO

(a) Late Report. (261646H). At YS356906, a 1 ATF patrol engaged 3 enemy moving North. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), CIA ; 1 pack, 1xAK47, 2xAK47 mags, approx 60x7.62mm short rounds, 1xM26 grenade, 1xpistol belt with pouch, 2x bandage rolls, 1xhammock, 8 sq yds plastic, 1 sq yard nylon, 1xpr used thongs, 1xpr new black gymboots, 3xsmall bottles medical drugs, pair black pyjamas, 1xpair US-style green trousers, 1xcivilian shirt (badly torn), 1 pair chopsticks and eating bowl, 1xUS style bread and butter knife, 1xblack nylon bush hat with chin strap, quantity docus. Enemy KIA was probably NGUYEN PHOI, a Pl Leader, C6, Rear Services Staff SR4. See Annex B for docus readout.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
290800H	E 41 - 43 N 88 - 93	No signs of recent activity other than obvious friendly movement.
291000H	E 43 - 455 N 82 - 86	Various tracks seen but all probably friendly No other frsh signs of movement.
291200H	E 63 - 66 N 73 - 76	1. At YS669775 a white plastic jerry-can with red cap, (capacity approx 2 gal) seen lying on its side. Several possible fresh tracks seen in vicinity. 2. At YS657759 a track running NE to SW showed signs of use by pigs in last 24 hours. Also seen was a bootprint up to 7 days old.
291400H	E 50 - 54 N 87 - 88	A single set of foot prints seen on N - S track which passed through old bunker system at YS516878. Estimated 2-3 days old.

(3) Aerial Sensor Readings See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. Omitted

b. Total KIA Discovered During This Period That Were Killed But Not Reported In A Previous Period

(1) Omitted

(2) Aust Inflicted 1 VC

(3) Omitted

c and d Omitted

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed

(1) Captured Weapons

(a) Individual 1

(b) Omitted

(c) Breakdown 1 AK - 47

(2) Captured and Destroyed Material

(a) Captured

See para 3. a. (3) (a) above.

(3) Omitted

(4) Captured Documents See Annex B

(5) Omitted

.../f. Cumulative

f. Cumulative Totals For Month ; MR 3

(1) KIA.....	14 VC	(13) 82mm Mor rds	1 and 6 fuzes
(2) Omitted		(14) Omitted	
(3) Hoi Chanh	1	(15) 60mm Mor rds	3
(4) Omitted		(16-17) Omitted	
(5) Individual Weapons Action	12	(18) B-41 rds	8 and 11 boosters
(6) Omitted		(19-21) Omitted	
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed ...	767 lbs	(22) SA rounds	1457
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed ...	3½ lbs	(23) Grenades	68
(9) Med Stores	5½ lbs	(24-27) Omitted	
(10-12) Omitted		(28) M 79 HE rounds	6
		(29) Trip Flares	1

5, 6 and 7 Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP NO 34/71 dated 23 Aug 71.
9 and 10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a. Omitted

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMs

INTSUM 240/71 Annex F - heading should read " VC DATES OF SIGNIFICANCE IN SEPTEMBER"
INTSUM 240/71 para 11. f. (3) delete "YT832955, insert "YS832955".

c. Omitted

d. Agent Reports

(1) Received from LONG LE. Eval 1 ATF F2

Ref INTSUM 232/71 para 1.. f. (1). Contact by 252 RF Coy at 201215H at YS263749.

Results originally reported 3 KIA, 1 CIA. Agent reports further 2 WIA who escaped, both female. One was wounded in the hand, the other in the arm.

(2) Received from LONG LE. Eval 1 ATF F3

At 2400H on 26 Aug 71 a group of VC are reported to have infiltrated the Cambodian refugee hamlet 2-3km South of PHU MY to obtain med supplies.

(3) Received from RTAVF. Eval RTAVF C3, 1 ATF F3

At 1030H on 27 Aug 71 approx 40 VC were seen at YS257886. They were fully armed and were possibly members of D3/274 Regt.

(4) Received from RTAVF. Eval RTAVF C3, 1 ATF F3

At 1200H on 27 Aug 71 approx 30 VC armed with individual weapons were seen at YS265824. They reportedly intended to infiltrate GO DAU (YS213789) to obtain food supplies.

e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (290639H) At YS315564 (LONG SON (I)) 1 PF soldier of 59 PF Pl was KIA by detonation of a claymore attached to a trip-wire. NFI.

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Annexes: B. Captured Documents
E. Aerial Sensor Readings

Distribution:

List A
HQ TRAC
MACV-CICV
MACV-J2
BIEN HOA Sector
Advisory Team 89
Sector S2
3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM)
AATTV (SAIGON)
AATTV BARIA
LONG KHANH Sector S2 XUAN LOC
All 1 ATF LOs

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 241/71
DATED 29 AUG 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Documents captured by a 1 ATF patrol at YS356906 on 26 Aug 71, in a contact which resulted in one enemy KIA, have been received and contain the following information:
 - a. A standard booklet of guidelines for party members, run off on a printing press.
 - b. A letter of introduction form (not filled in).
 - c. Part of a diary belonging to NGUYEN PHOI (possibly platoon 2IC, C6, Rear Services Staff, SR4) containing the minutes of several party chapter meetings. At one meeting on 25 Jul 71, a recent operation was discussed and it was noted in the diary that there were no results due to allied operations in the area. Nine members attended this meeting including HAI NGHIA (possibly squad leader, C6, Rear Services Staff, SR4) and NGHIA X (unk). There were subsequent meetings on 28 Jul, 8 Aug and 17 Aug 71 at which unit morale, allied operations and the unification of local units were discussed. At the final meeting it was noted that one unspecified unit was reduced to a strength of one man.
 - d. A sketch map showing routes through rubber into AP SUOI CA (YS420940).

Comment: The enemy KIA was probably NGUYEN PHOI, platoon 2IC, C6, Rear Services Staff, SR4. The area in which he was killed by the 1 ATF patrol is not very far from a former location of HQ SR4 in area YS406895 in Jun 71. (Reference INTSUM 174/71, Annex A, Interrogation Report of PW, DUONG VAN DAM). The area of AP SUOI CA is also on the route used by the enemy group ambushed by elements of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt at YS442941 on 21 Jun 71. There are indications that HQ SR4 has since left the area, but these documents indicate that elements of the Rear Services Group are still operating near the SUOI CA.

ANNEX E

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

1. Omitted.
2. Red Haze Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>READOUT</u>
290400H- 290600H	E 60-80 N 60-90	Nil readings

3. Omitted.

4. APD (Sniffer)

290900H	E 64-70 N 59-65	Nil readings because of unsuitable weather conditions.
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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 242/71.
2. Period covered from 300001H to 302400H Aug 71.
3. Summary of enemy activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (301230H) At YS426799, 4 Pl B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn sighted one possible enemy moving west and then north. Person was dressed in a green uniform with bands on left upper arm and carried no weapon or pack. Nil engagement. 4 Pl conducted a sweep with nil results.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
300800H	E 45 - 49 N 69 - 71	No sign of movement in area.
301000H	E 51 - 54 N 69 - 72	No sign of recent movement.
301200H	E 52 - 55 N 72 - 75	No sign of recent activity.

(3) Aerial Sensor Readings; See Annex E

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a, b, c, d and e Omitted

f. Cumulative Totals For Month : 1 ATF

(1) KIA.....	14 VC	(13) 82mm Mor rds	1 and 6 fuzes
(2) Omitted		(14) Omitted	
(3) Hoi Chanh	1	(15) 60mm Mor rds	3
(4) Omitted		(16-17) Omitted	
(5) Individual Weapons		(18) B 41 rds	8 and 11 boosters
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(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed	767 lbs	(23) Grenades	68
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed	3 1/2 lbs	(24-27) Omitted	
(9) Med Stores	5 1/2 lbs	(28) M79 HE rds	6
(10-12) Omitted		(29) Trip Flares	1

5, 6 and 7 Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities; No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 35/71 dated 30 Aug 71.

9 and 10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a, b and c Omitted

d. Agent Reports

(1) Received from DUC THANH. Eval 1 ATF F4

(281730H). At YS4673, YS4674 five VC were seen moving north along the SUOI DA BANG.

(2) Received from LONG LE. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F4

Ref INTSUM 241/71 para 11. d. (1). Ref 252 RF Coy contact in which two females were subsequently reported by an agent to have been WIA. The same agent has since reported that both females died from loss of blood. Total results from contact are now possibly 4 VC KIA, 1 VC CIA.

e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) Late Report (251720H) At YS245783, LONG THANH District PRU contacted six VC. Results were 3 VC KIA, 3 VC WIA (CIA). Also CIA was 1 AK47, 1 M2 carbine, and 1 M3 SMG. WIA were identified as THI CUE (female) of C41 CHAU DUC, DUONG of C41 CHAU DUC and KHOI of "A2 Engrs". The prisoners were taken to a SAIGON hospital and are undergoing interrogation. Report will be advised.

(2) Ref INTSUM 240/71 para 11. f. (3), 3 Bde (sep) 1st Cav Div (AM) advise that documents CIA from 2 KIA at YT832955 identify B5B Medical Supply Depot, RSG MR7. B5B's function is to transport and maintain med supplies for DT 9 Dispensary and K76 Hospital (both located in NUI BE), and is also apparently to train personnel for VC BA LONG (P) (particularly D445 LF Bn). B5B is supplied by C10 Requisitioning and Purchasing Coy, J85 Tpt Bn, RSG MR 7.

(3) (291108H). At YS472943, 1 3 Bde VR sighted trails in all directions used in the past 48 hours by an unknown number of persons. Also sighted were five "lean-to's" each 2x6ft.

(4) (290920H) At YS563983, 3 Bde tps discovered four huts and one bunker and heard six signal shots, range 400m.

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Annexes: E. Aerial Sensor Readings

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- 3 Bde1st (S) Cav Div (AM)
- RSSZ (For IO)
- AATTV (SAIGON)
- AATTV Advisor BARIA
- LONG KHANH Sector S2 XUAN LOC
- All 1 ATF LOs

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1 ATF INTSUM NO 242/71
DATED 30 AUG 71

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

- 1. Omitted
 - 2. Omitted
 - 3. Omitted
 - 4. APD (Sniffer)
- | | | |
|------------|---------------|----------------|
| <u>DTG</u> | <u>STRONG</u> | <u>MINIMUM</u> |
| 300900H | YS673759 | YS673750 |
| | | YS673755 |

Comment: These readings are in civil access area north of XUYEN MOC.

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30 Aug 71

1 ATF SUPINTREP 35/71
(PERIOD 23 AUG - 29 AUG 71)

NORTH VIETNAM

1. Traffic density on routes 101C and 1AC, as detected by SLAR, showed an average of 75 tons a day being trucked south during the week. This represents a drop from the recent 30 day average of 116 tons a day.

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2. The significant decrease in truck activity on the Laotian Panhandle lines of communications as detected by SLAR continued. There were only 12 activations recorded this week compared to 32 last week.

3. On 23 Aug an irregular battalion discovered a large enemy cache of over 5 tons of ammunition and fuel near SARAVANE (XC3331). The cache later was destroyed by airstrike. On 24 Aug SARAVANE airstrip received enemy harassing fire of eight 122mm rockets, resulting in damage to one RLAF aircraft. Irregular forces reported that 35 enemy were killed, 27 were wounded and 15 cases of rockets were destroyed by an airstrike near SARAVANE on 23 Aug.

4. On 25 Aug two irregular battalions attacked three NVA battalions near PAKSONG (XB289829, XB200820). The friendlies reported early successes, capturing some radios and a large quantity of supplies. Later during the day as the friendlies were preparing to advance on PAKSONG the enemy counter attacked. The irregulars were routed by an estimated two enemy battalions using five 82mm recoilless rifles. The enemy forces pursued the irregulars and sporadic contact continued during the rest of the day. Results of the action were friendlies, 32 killed, 39 wounded and 191 missing, and a reported 100 enemy killed.

5. The area around XIENG KHOUANG Airfield has seen much activity in the last 10 days. On 20 Aug irregulars discovered a large ammunition cache which they destroyed. On 21 Aug irregulars were attacked by a large enemy force six km north east of the airfield (vic UG0957). Although the friendly forces were forced to withdraw they later reoccupied their positions. On 26 Aug four Cambodian companies contacted two enemy companies 18 km west of XIENG KHOUANGVILLE. The friendlies killed 10 enemy with airstrikes and artillery. Also on 26 Aug an irregular position 12 kms NNE of the airfield received harassing fire from two PT-76 tanks which fired a reported 60 76mm tank rounds.

CAMBODIA

6. Activity remained at a very low level. There was only one contact of any significance which occurred early in the week near PURSAT (UU8988). In this contact friendly forces reported killing 35 Cambodians for no friendly losses. There was no significant activity reported in the area around PHNOM PENH.

SOUTH VIETNAM

MR 1

7. Activity decreased in QUANG TRI Province. It increased slightly, however, in southern MR1 as enemy elements initiated their Autumn Campaign.

8. In the B-5 Front, 52 NVA Regt has lost over 500 casualties in its operations in the Fire Support Base SARGE area from ground contacts and allied air and artillery strikes.

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9. In the eastern DMZ, NVA units continue to maintain pressure on allied forces and outposts. During 23-24 Aug there were heavy contacts with ARVN forces south west of A-4 (YD118701).

10. In enemy MR5, enemy forces initiated their planned period of accelerated activity on the night of 24-25 Aug with a rocket attack against DANANG and several incidents of enemy harassing fire in QUANG NAM Province. The harassing fire at DANANG consisted of three 122mm rockets, resulting in heavy damage to a civilian housing area. Additional enemy attacks in QUANG NAM Province may have been pre-empted by a US operation involving a contact west of DIEN BAN District HQ (BT031588) on 20 Aug.

MR 2

11. During the past week activity increased in the coastal provinces. On 25 Aug, 11 km north west of PLEIKU City, an RF compound at PLEI YEN Hamlet received harassing fire followed by a sapper attack. The compound was reportedly overrun, an estimated 20 sappers entering the hamlet. Results were six friendlies killed, eight wounded and 14 missing. The enemy lost one killed, while 9 lbs of explosives, two grenades and two B-40 rounds were captured.

12. Of notable significance was a sapper attack and harassing fire on the tri-service ammunition storage area at CAM RANH Bay (CPO98234), on the night 24-25 Aug.

13. On 24 Aug in the vicinity of SONG MAO (BN277445) 44 ARVN Regimental CP received 20 82mm mortar rounds and a sapper attack. Two friendlies were killed, and eight (including three US) were wounded. One enemy was killed.

MR 4

14. There was a small increase in activity only, and no reports of particular significance.

MR 3

15. There was a slight increase in activity. In the SAIGON area there were three reported terrorist incidents involving explosive devices being thrown from motor cycles. There were no casualties. On 28 Aug two 122mm rockets impacted on TON SON NHUT airbase but they failed to explode.

16. On 22 Aug US forces providing security for ARVN land clearing operations 6 km east of GO DAU HA (XT445525) were engaged by an enemy force using B-40 and small arms fire. US helicopter gunships reinforced the US elements. Results were two US killed, four US wounded to seven enemy killed.

17. On 21 Aug RF elements near BEN LUC (XS665835) received a ground attack. A further attack occurred on 22 Aug on an RF element north of BINH CHANH (XS722848). ARVN artillery and US helicopter gunships supported both contacts. Results of the two actions were seven friendlies killed and 17 wounded to four enemy killed by air.

18. During the past week US forces have continued to exploit a cache area north east of DINH QUAN. Since 3 Aug 12 caches totalling 48.6 tons of flour have been captured in this area. The caches were probably maintained by J-95 Transport Bn RSG MR7 and destined for use by Main Force units in MR7.

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19. 1 ATF troops were involved in three contacts during the week, resulting in

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two enemy killed. There were two contacts involving Sector forces, in which one RF soldier was killed. One PF soldier was killed in a mine incident (YS315564).

Enemy Unit Identifications and Locations

20. D445. There is still no positive information on the location of this unit. One possible guide may be that 36 USARV Individual Trg Bn have reported finding in late Jul the tracks of a possible 25 enemy in the eastern Province border area (YS800732 and YS789743). This report conforms with a maximum sniffer reading of 25 Aug. In addition 1 ATF patrols have reported a heavy track (YS7776) and a cache of six new mortar bombs (YS773768) north west of this location. The fact that the area of the sniffer reading has been used in the past by D445 was shown by a series of 1 ATF patrol contacts in Nov 70. However this evidence is as yet flimsy and requires confirmation. C1 Coy is believed still to be in the LONG HAI.
21. 274 VC Main Force Regt. In view of lack of contacts the Headquarters element of the Regt is thought to be in south western LONG KHANH. 1 Bn is probably in north western PHUOC TUY; 2 Bn is probably in the Route 1 area of BIEN HOA/LONG KHANH; and 3 Bn remains in south western BIEN HOA.
22. 33 NVA Regt.
- a. TRAC have advised that a report has been received that the main element of 33 Regt has moved west from their former location in BINH TUY Province. On 23 Aug elements of 3 Bde (Sep) 1 (US) Cav Div (AM) contacted a group of enemy (YS575982) in southern LONG KHANH, and later observed a base camp under construction (YS582973); observed approximately 20 enemy in a bunker system (YS569965); and then saw a further 20 enemy moving south (YS565955). It is believed most likely that elements of HQ 33 Regt are now located north east of COURTENAY in the TRAC Special AO. Since 1 Bn 33 Regt is known normally to operate with the Regt it is quite likely that 1 Bn also is located in this area; while it has been believed for some weeks that 3 Bn of the Regt is also in the area. 2 Bn is believed to be north of NUI CHUA CHAN in XUAN LOC District.
 - b. The strength of 33 Regt, including reinforcements recently received via CAMBODIA, is believed to be approximately 1250 men. Regt HQ and support weapons companies 378; 1 Bn 300; 2 Bn 270; 3 Bn 300. All figures are approximate.
23. CHAU DUC. On 25 Aug BIEN HOA Province PRU engaged six VC east of THAI THIEN (at YS245783), killing three and wounding and capturing the other three. Two of the prisoners have been identified tentatively as members of C41 CHAU DUC. This identification suggests strongly that CHAU DUC are again using THAI THIEN and possibly PHU MY as supply points, as they have done in the past. The main element of CHAU DUC is probably east of THAI THIEN or in the CHAU PHA Valley while an element probably remains in the Route 2 area.
24. Sub Region 4. A member of SR4 Rear Services was killed by a 1 ATF patrol north of the SUOI CA (at YS356906) on 26 Aug.
25. K8 Combat Support Coy. On 21 Aug RF troops had a series of contacts with a group of VC in LONG KHANH Province north of XUAN LOC (at YT424157). Four RF were killed and three were wounded. One enemy was killed and several blood trails were found. The enemy KIA was identified as a member of K8 Combat Sp Coy of BA LONG, which regularly allots elements to support D445. This is the first identification of K8 since Apr 71.

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Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

26. On 24 Aug FSB JEFFRIES (YS877994) received two 105mm rounds which were lobbed from a firing pit 200 metres east of the base. There were no casualties (see INTSUM 239/71 para 11.f.(3)). The technique used was similar to those used in two incidents in Feb 71. In the second of these, at FSB LEOPARD (YS399995) three 105mm rounds projected in this fashion were clearly meant to explode in conjunction with a satchel charge of CS gas which was apparently meant to be followed by a ground attack (SUPINTREP 8/71 para 17). The attempt failed.

27. Documents captured on 16 Aug (SUPINTREP 34/71 para 23.b.) indicate that the " BA LONG Rubber Plantation Peoples Revolutionary Committee " planned during Aug to collect taxes from the owners of rubber plantations in the COURTENAY area (INTSUM 229/71 Annex B para 2.h.). A letter was captured which instructed the manager of the NGUYEN HIEP C Plantation (YS4588) to be present on a certain day, presumably to be contacted with regard to taxing. It is believed that plantations in the Route 2 area contribute substantial taxes to the VC.

28. Study of documents captured by the Thai Ranger patrol on 18 Aug (YT287057) in a contact in which six members of 74 NVA Rocket Regt were killed (SUPINTREP 34/71 para 24) indicates that in Mar 71 elements of 74 Regt were co-located with 3 Bn 274 Regt. It is quite possible that other elements of 74 Regt are allotted to units of 274 Regt which may therefore possess a rocket capability. Another recent document (INTSUM 234/71 Annex B para 2.a.) indicated that 274 Regt was to receive 55 " DKZ " rounds. This term may refer to rockets. The documents captured by the Thais show that 74 Regt plans to carry out rocket attacks against LONG BINH and SAIGON on or about 10 Sep. VAN KIEP National Training Centre (YS4060) is mentioned as a target in PHUOC TUY but no date is given. Such an attack could be carried out by 1 Bn 274 Regt which could have an element of 74 Rocket Regt attached and is probably in north western PHUOC TUY.

29. Further information from the documents captured on 18 Aug from the body of the Assistant Chief of Staff of 274 Regt (SUPINTREP 34/71 para 21.b.) indicates that C3 Coy of 1 Bn 274 Regt, as at 5 Aug, had been given the task of " occupying " NGAI GIAO (YS463793). 2 Bn was to seize " H NGHIA " (possibly HAU NGHIA YT301095).

30. Several further reports have been received of an anticipated enemy " high point " of activity associated with the present election period. This may take the form of mainly propaganda activity or may be a combination of military and propaganda action. An increase in activity has occurred in the country but it has been localized so far. In the PHUOC TUY area D445 presents a threat to XUYEN MOC. According to one report 33 Regt's move to the west has been to support any 274 Regt action along roads, and the Headquarters; 3 Bn; and probably 1 Bn 33 Regt present a threat in the Route 2 area of the Province border. 1 Bn 274 Regt possibly contemplates some action in the NGAI GIAO area, while a harassing fire incident in which ten rounds of 60mm mortar were fired at an RF post near Route 15 (YS215823) on 28 Aug may well have been an attempt by 3 Bn 274 Regt to carry out its known mission of undertaking attacks in the Route 15 area (there were no casualties). Enemy activity could increase during the coming week.



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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 243/71.
2. Period covered from 310001H to 312400H Aug 71.
3. Summary of enemy activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity

(1) AO BIRDSVILLE

(a) (311625H) Further to bunker system located by 9 Pl C Coy 4RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn at YS357651 on 29 Aug 71, also located was a booby trap consisting of a 105mm shell fitted with a pressure ~~release~~ initiator and marked with a forked stick. The booby trap was placed adjacent to a tree, near a bunker on a track. The trap was destroyed in place. (for previous details of bunker system, refer INTSUM 241/71 para 3. a. (1)).

(2) AO GLENELG

(a) (311215H). At YS511712 a 1 ARU ptl apprehended 9 civilians who were carrying I.D. cards. They were all equipped with wood cutting tools and were cutting branches. They were ~~directed~~ out of non-civil access area.

(3) Other Areas

(a) Late Report. (302240H) At FSB CENTENARY (YS660698) movement was engaged in the rubber 100m to the East of location. Movement ceased after engagement. Sweep revealed nothing.

b. Air Activity

(1) Omitted

(2) Visual Aerial Reconnaissance

(Flown by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt unless otherwise stated)

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIGHTING</u>
311000H	E 47 - 50 N 85 - 88	1. At YS479870 what appeared to be three wpn pits which have been dug in last 1-2 weeks were seen. 2. A cardboard carton full of clothes was seen together with a new bicycle. <u>Comment</u> : All sign believed likely to be friendly.
311200H	E 58 - 61 N 73 - 76	Several tracks were seen in area but none showed sign of recent movement.
311400H	E 35 - 39 N 80 - 82	1. A track junction was seen at YS387806, heading from the East to South-southeast and then North. Old ration wrappings were seen beside the track 10m from the grid. The South-south east track was lost at YS392803. The tracks had been last used 1-2 weeks ago by approx 5-7 people. <u>Comment</u> : C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn was in this area early in July but not since. The signs may possibly have been made by 1 Bn 274 VC Regt elements.

The following locations were covered in order to check SLAR aerial sensor readings: (Annex E refers)

311420H	YS425900	A track with no sign of recent use was seen.
311420H	YS350800	The area was searched to a radius of 250m from the grid, which is a bamboo clump. Nothing seen.
311420H	YS395790	A thick secondary growth was seen which could conceal any movement. Nothing else seen.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a, b, c, d and e Omitted

f. Cumulative Totals for Month ; 1 ATF

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5. Enemy Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications

a. Omitted

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps(1) Destroyed by Friendly ForcesBOOBY TRAPS

YS357651, 1x105mm booby trap.

(2) Omitted

6 and 7 Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 35/71 dated 30 Aug 71.

9 and 10 Omitted

11. Miscellaneous

a, b and c Omitted

d. Agent ReportsAO BIRDSVILLE(1) Sector Report. Eval VN F, 1 ATF F3

On 302000H at YS341726, a group of VC were situated to the SE of SUOI-MU-U near YS341726, strength approx 14. They were armed with 2xB40's. Each member appeared to have approx a litre of rice in a pouch on his belt. They were seen moving along the SUOI-MU-U from approx YS342726 to YS339725 with a spacing of 10-15m between men. Source states that these men are strangers.

Other Areas(2) RDC Report. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3

On 271700H at YS505576, approx 1 Pl of VC from D445 were seen.

(3) Sector Report. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3

According to the boasts of a VC cadre to a youth at LONG DIEN, the VC have completed their recce of defensive positions of the post at TAM PHUOC. The youth was told to dig himself a bunker and place in some food supplies for them. They also spoke of an intended attack upon the post (YS451584) soon.

e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (302100H) At YS454919, 177 RF Coy engaged an estimated squad sized VC element who approached an RF mechanical ambush from the NE. A search of the area revealed a blood trail. It is believed the VC withdrew NE along a creek line. Lights were reported in the vicinity of YS460935 after the contact. NFI.

(2) (302320H) At YS424604, 578 RF Coy engaged 6-7 VC who were leaving a house in the location. Results: 1 VC KIA, 1 female VC informant KIA, 1 VC CIA PW. Captured was 1 SKS, 1 pack containing a poncho and a green silk uniform, 1 pair sandals, 1 torch, 1 pair shoulder straps, 1 wallet. The KIA has been identified as VO VAN AN who was carrying a letter appointing him as VC Village Chief of LONG DIEN (V). The PW has been identified as HUYNH VAN DANG an ex PSDF member and has now been granted Hoi Chanh status.

(3) (311223H) At YS633587, RF troops located a lecture area where the following equipment was captured: 1xwardrobe, 4xtables, 6xchairs, quantity of large planks, a large redwood table.

1 ATF Comment: Tracks were seen in this area on 12 Aug by VR. A suspected bunker entrance was seen on 13 Aug. Enemy are probably VC XUYEN MOC (D) elms. Extract from 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) INTSUM 142 of 30 Aug 71

(4) (301135H) At YS553963, 3 Bde troops located a bunker system consisting of 11 bunkers with 3 ft of OHP. Three bunkers had been destroyed. The bunkers showed recent use during past 24 hours by a possible 30-35 individuals. A N-S track ran through the complex.

Extracts from HQ TRAC INTSUMS 66 28/29 Aug 71

(5) (280550H) At YS215823, 461 RF Coy received 10x60mm mortar rounds. Nil friendly casualties or damage. NFI.

(6) (280030H) At YS530995, 305 RF Coy engaged an unknown number of enemy. 1 AK47 CIA. NFI.

(7) (282340H) At YTO79055, LONG BINH post received SA fire and 1 unknown type HE round. Nil friendly casualties or damage. NFI.

(8) (251355H) At YS327845 a training detachment received SA, automatic and mortar fire from an unknown sized enemy group. Nil friendly casualties or damage. NFI.

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- ANNEXES: E. Aerial Sensor Readings
F. VC Units in 1 ATF Tactical Area of Interest

Distribution:

List A
HQ TRAC
MACV-J2
MACV-CICV
BIEN HOA Sector
Advisory Team 89
Sector S2
3 Bde 1st (US) Cav Div (AM)
RSSZ (For IO)
AATTV (SAIGON)
AATTV Advisor BARIA
LONG KHANH Sector S2 XUAN LOC
All 1 ATF LOs

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 243/71
DATED 31 AUG 71

AERIAL SENSOR READINGS

1. Omitted
2. Red Haze Activity

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
310400H-	E 70 - 90
310600H	N 60 - 90

READOUT
Only 30% of area was covered due to weather conditions. Nil readings in completed area. Area to be reflown night 1/2 Sep.

SEAR

<u>DTG</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
* 290230H	YS395790
290235H	YS260730
* 292115H	YS425900
292138H	YS450490
292138H	YS440510
292142H	YS260767
* 292348H	YS350800
302038H	YS305900
302108H	YS485555

READOUT
1 moving return in open
1 moving return on road
1 moving return on road
1 moving return on road
1 moving return on road
1 stationary return on road
2 moving returns in open
1 moving return on track
2 moving returns on track

Comment: This track leads up the fire-trail towards NUI DIEN BA.

302109H	YS350500
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1 moving return in open

NOTE:

All readings which are marked with an asterisk were covered subsequently by visual air reconnaissance (para 3. b. (2) refers)

4. APD (Sniffer)

311000H Mission aborted due to bad weather conditions.

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1 ATF INTSUM NO 243/71

DATED 31 AUG 71

VC UNITS IN 1 ATF TACTICAL AREA OF INTEREST

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ESTIMATED STRENGTH</u>	<u>CURRENT PROBABLE LOC</u>
HQ MR-7/SVNLA	973	SE of GIA RAY
33 NVA Regt/MR-7	1250	
HQ elm and Sp units	378	Southern LONG KHANH
1 Bn	300	Probably Southern LONG KHANH
2 Bn	270	North of NUI CHUA CHAN
3 Bn (D2/BARIA)	300	Southern LONG KHANH
274 VC MF Regt/MR-7	1040	
HQ elm and Sp units	300	North HAT DICH and BINH SON area
1 Bn	235	NW of NGAI GIAO
2 Bn	250	South of HUNG NGHIA (H)
3 Bn	250	South of BINH SON Plantation
BA LONG (P) HQ MR-7	449	Vicinity NUI TRANO
D445 LF Bn/BA LONG	135	
Bn HQ and C5	68	Possibly PHUOC TUY/BINH TUY border
C 1 Coy	24	LONG HAI Mountains
C 2 Coy	22	Possibly as for Bn HQ
C 3 Coy	26	Possibly as for Bn HQ
C 4 Coy	17	Possibly as for Bn HQ
K8 Combat Sp Coy/BA LONG	65	Possibly XUAN LOC area
C36 Sapper Recce Coy/BA LONG	50	LONG KHANH
CAU SU (D)/BA LONG	60	Possibly YT3903
XUAN LOC (D)/BA LONG	125	SW of XUAN LOC
CHAU DUC (D)/BA LONG	78	(Possibly CH AU PHA Valley and
C 41 Conc Coy	19	(NUI DINHS
LONG DAT (D)/BA LONG	67	YS4851
C25 Conc Coy	24	YS4851
XUYEN MOC (D)/BA LONG including C 70 Conc Coy	38	Specific locations are estimates only
BARIA Special Zone/BA LONG including C 610 Special Action	36	In RUNG SAT SW of BARIA and possibly in eastern NUI DINHS
VUNG TAU Special Zone/MR-7	20	RUNG SAT north of LONG SON
A 31 Eastern Special Action Unit	23	LONG HAI Mountains YS4851
A 32 Western Sapper Unit	22	area YS2558
SR 4 HQ/MR-7	528	HAT DICH area
D 10 Sapper Bn/SR 4	228	Specific loc unknown. Possibly NHON TRAC (D) BIEN HOA and in RUNG SAT
D 2 SR 4	75	South of BINH SON Plantation

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BY

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ORDER NO. 222 - AMENDMENT TO ROUTINE ORDERS

1. C Sqn 1 Armd Regt Routine Order Part 1. Number 218 is amended as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Officer</u>
27 Jul 71	Capt PERCIVAL
28 Jul 71	WO2 AGNEW
29 Jul 71	WO2 GOSS
30 Jul 71	WO2 WEBSTER
31 Jul 71	Capt PERCIVAL
01 Aug 71	WO2 AGNEW
02 Aug 71	WO2 GOSS

ORDER NO. 223 - DUTIES

1. <u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Officer</u>	<u>Duty Sgt</u>	<u>PICQUET</u>
03 Aug 71	WO2 WEBSTER	Sgt HARRIS	To be advised by 0900 hrs daily.
04 Aug 71	LT CORNELL	Sgt REEVES	
05 Aug 71	Capt PERCIVAL	Sgt GOLDRING	
06 Aug 71	WO2 AGNEW	Sgt BURTON	
07 Aug 71	WO2 WEBSTER	Sgt BROWN	
08 Aug 71	LT CORNELL	Sgt GODFREY	
09 Aug 71	Capt PERCIVAL	Sgt STRATTON	

2. <u>Date</u>	<u>Officers/Sgts Mess</u>	<u>OR's Mess</u>
03 Aug 71	LAD - 5 Tp	MAIR - ALTUS
04 Aug 71	" - "	" - "
05 Aug 71	" - "	1 Tp - Admin
06 Aug 71	" - "	" - "
07 Aug 71	" - "	" - "
08 Aug 71	" - "	" - "
09 Aug 71	" - "	" - "

Personnel rostered for duty in the Officers/Sgts Mess and OR's mess are to mount duty on the date shown at 0630 hrs to 1830 hrs.

3. The Sqn duty driver is to mount duty from 1815 hrs to 0700 hrs daily.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Driver</u>
03 Aug 71	Tpr BRACKENREG
04 Aug 71	To be advised.
05 Aug 71	
06 Aug 71	
07 Aug 71	
08 Aug 71	
09 Aug 71	

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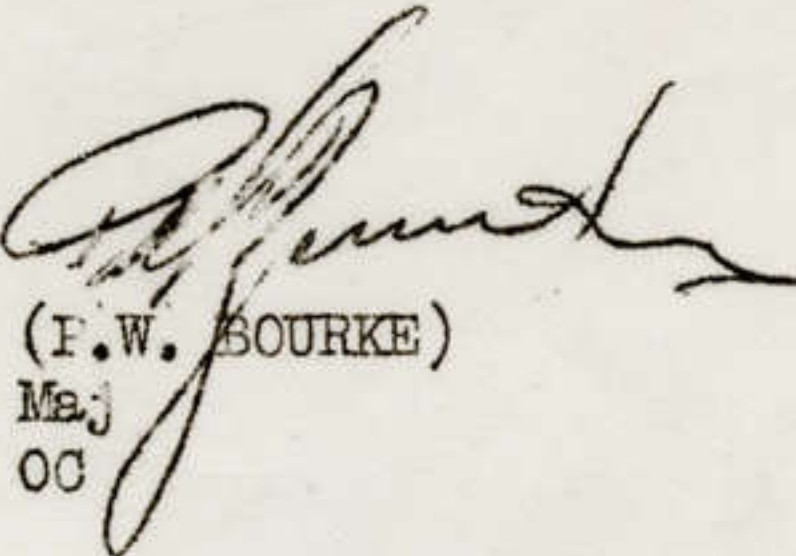
ORDER NO. 224 - MEDALS

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

Lcpl DICKINSON, Tpr HINGST, Cfn MILNE.

ORDER NO. 225 - PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST MALARIA

1. With effect from 2 Aug 71, all members of 1 ATF are to take one Paludrine tablet and one 25 mgm Dapsone tablet each morning and one Paludrine tablet each afternoon. Members of 2 SAS Sqn who, due to operational commitments, cannot commence taking Dapsone on 2 Aug 71 are to do so as soon as they return to their unit area.
2. Troop Sgts are to personally ensure that all ranks under their charge swallow the suppressants as detailed in paragraph 1 and are to record the taking of the tablets in the troop Paludrine roll book.
3. The only exception to the taking of Dapsone is when a member is due to return to Australia permanently. Members of 1 ATF who RTA permanently are to cease Dapsone treatment fourteen (14) days before their date of arrival in Australia and immediately commence the standard fourteen day Chloroquine/Primaquine anti-malarial course. Dapsone is NOT to be taken concurrently with Chloroquine/Primaquine.


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NOTICE

OFFICER CADET SCHOOL PORTSEA JAN 1972 INTAKE

1. The closing date for Jan 1972 intake is 6 Sep 71. Members wishing to apply should ensure their applications are submitted to SHQ by 28 Aug 71.
2. Applicants who have previously been interviewed by an AHQ Selection Board and not selected will not be considered by AFV Selection Board unless they:
 - a. were invited to re-apply; or
 - b. are recommended by the unit to be considered as special cases.
3. Any member wishing to apply is to ensure he obtains his birth certificate and education certificate to enable date of birth and education qualifications to be verified prior to application being submitted.

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ORDER NO. 226 - DUTIES

<u>1. Date</u>	<u>Duty Officers</u>	<u>Duty Sgt</u>	<u>Picquet</u>
10 Aug 71	WO2 YEATES	SGT SMITH	To be advised by 0900 hrs daily.
11 Aug 71	WO2 GREENTREE	SGT HARRIS	
12 Aug 71	CAPT SCALES	SGT REEVES	
13 Aug 71	CAPT WATTS	SGT BURTON	
14 Aug 71	CAPT PERCIVAL	SGT MARYCHURCH	
15 Aug 71	LT HIND	SGT BROWN	
16 Aug 71	LT HIND	SGT GODFREY	

<u>2. Date</u>	<u>Officers/Sgts Mess</u>	<u>OR's Mess</u>
10 Aug 71	LAD - 1 Tp	3 Tp - 3 Tp
11 Aug 71	" - "	" - "
12 Aug 71	" - "	" - 1 Tp
13 Aug 71	" - "	" - "
14 Aug 71	" - "	" - 3 Tp
15 Aug 71	" - "	" - "
16 Aug 71	" - "	" - 1 Tp

Personnel rostered for duty in the Officers/Sgts Mess and OR's Mess are to mount duty on the date shown at 0630 hours to 1830 hours.

3. The Sqn Duty Driver is to mount duty from 1815 hours to 0700 hours daily.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Driver</u>
10 Aug 71	To be advised by 0900 hours daily with Picquet Roster.
11 Aug 71	
12 Aug 71	
13 Aug 71	
14 Aug 71	
15 Aug 71	
16 Aug 71	

4. The following NCO's are to supervise all meals in the OR's mess and report the condition of each meal to the Squadron Duty Sgt.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty NCO</u>
10 Aug 71	Cpl VAN HOOFF
11 Aug 71	Lop1 LOWE
12 Aug 71	Cpl McDONALD
13 Aug 71	Cpl CORMACK
14 Aug 71	Lop1 LOWE
15 Aug 71	Lop1 BOYLE
16 Aug 71	Lop1 ROBERTS

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ORDER NO. 227 - MEDALS

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

Tpr LANGE, Cfn WARE.

ORDER NO. 228 - INJECTIONS

The following personnel are to have injections between the 7 Aug 71 and 17 Aug 71.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Cholera</u>	<u>Plague</u>	<u>TAB</u>	<u>TET</u>	<u>S/POX</u>
Major	BOURKE	X	X			
Cpl	ANDERSON H.	X	X			
Sgt	BURTON	X	X			
Tpr	CAMERON D.M.	X	X			
Cpl	COLFER	X	X			
Cpl	GORMACK					
Tpr	COLLES	X	X			X
Tpr	EVERETT	X	X			
2Lt	FARRATE	X	X			X
Sgt	GOLDRING	X	X	X	X	
Tpr	JONES	X	X			
Tpr	MCGRAITH-KERR	X	X			X
Tpr	LOWE J.S.	X	X			
Cpl	MCDONALD	X	X			
Sgt	MARZOUQUE	X	X			
Lcpl	PALMER	X	X			
Tpr	READING	Course	X			
Sgt	REEVES	X	X			
Tpr	ROESLER	X	X			
Cpl	SPENCER D.J.		X			
Cfn	SMITH	Course	X			
Tpr	SABOLTO	X				
Sgt	SMITH	X	X			
Cfn	SPILLDEN	X	X			
Cfn	STANTON	Course	X			
Tpr	TULL	X				
Capt	WATTS	X	X	X		
Cfn	WARE					
Wos	YEATES	X	X	X		X

ORDER NO. 229 - 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. The moustache must be neatly trimmed and extend

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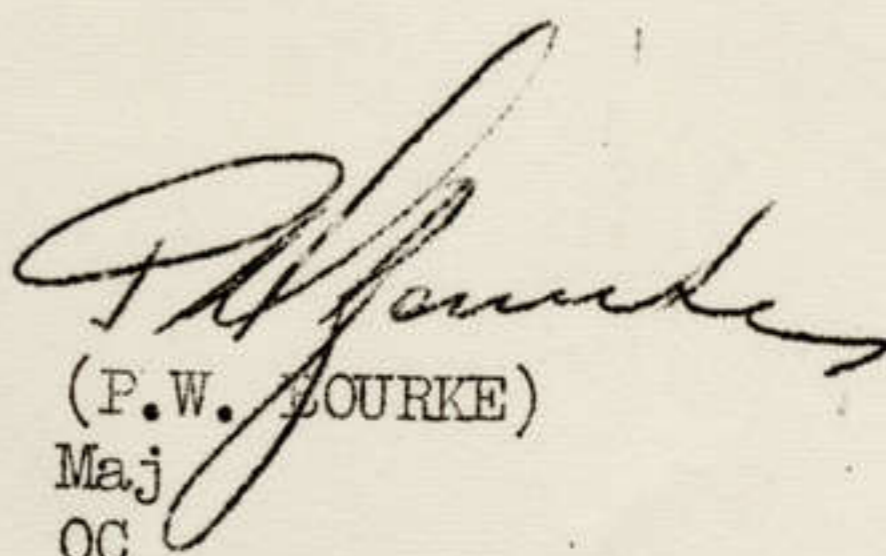
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no further than, the corners of the mouth, in any direction. Beards may not be worn except by officers and soldiers who have been ordered not to shave by a medical officer. The hair must be neatly cut. The hair down to the neck line is to be tapered and not square cut and the taper is to 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 cheek bone. They 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 230 - DUTIES

a.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Officer</u>	<u>Duty Sgt</u>	<u>Picquet</u>
17 Aug 71	2Lt Hind	Sgt Stratton	To be advised
18 Aug 71	2Lt Hind	Sgt Smith	by 0900 hrs.
19 Aug 71	2Lt Hind	Sgt Marychurch	
20 Aug 71	2Lt Hind	Sgt Goldring	
21 Aug 71	2Lt Hind	Sgt Colquhoun	
22 Aug 71	2Lt Hind	Sgt Godfrey	
23 Aug 71	2Lt Hind	Sgt Brown	

b.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Officers/Sgt Mess</u>	<u>OR's Mess</u>
17 Aug 71	LAD-1 Tp- Tulk	3 Tp- 1 Tp
18 Aug 71	LAD-1 Tp- Tulk	3 Tp- 1 Tp
19 Aug 71	LAD-1 Tp- Tulk	3 Tp- 1 Tp
20 Aug 71	LAD-1 Tp- Tulk	3 Tp- 1 Tp
21 Aug 71	LAD-1 Tp- Tulk	3 Tp- 1 Tp
22 Aug 71	LAD-1 Tp- Tulk	3 Tp- 1 Tp
23 Aug 71	LAD-1 Tp- Tulk	3 Tp- 1 Tp

Personnel rostered for duty in the Offrs/Sgt and OR's Mess are to mount duty on the date shown at 0650 hrs to 1830 hrs.

c. The Sqn duty driver is to mount duty at 1815 hrs to 0700 hrs daily and is not to leave the Sqn Area without permission of the Sqn duty officer or duty Sgt.

d. The OR's Canteen, Picture Area and Red Shield Hut is to be cleaned by the picquet members by 0700 hrs daily.

e. The following NCO's are to supervise all meals in the OR's Mess and report the condition of each meal to the Sqn duty Sgt.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Duty Sgt</u>
17 Aug 71	Cpl Van Hoof	Sgt Marychurch
18 Aug 71	Lcpl Powell	Sgt Goldring
19 Aug 71	Cpl Spehr	Sgt Colquhoun
20 Aug 71	Lcpl Lowe	Sgt Godfrey
21 Aug 71	Lcpl Dickinson	Sgt Brown
22 Aug 71	Lcpl Boyle	
23 Aug 71	Cpl Cormack	

ORDER NO. 231 - MEDALS

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

Tpr D.J. Burvill, Tpr R.N. Bonny, Tpr R.G. Hill & Tpr R.J. Tull

Personnel rostered for duty in the Offrs/Sgt and OR's Mess are to mount duty on the date shown at 0650 hrs to 1830 hrs.

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c. The Sqn duty driver is to mount duty at 1815 hrs to 0700 hrs daily and is not to leave the Sqn Area without permission of the Sqn duty officer or duty Sgt.

d. The OR's canteen, picture area and Red Shield Hut is to be cleaned by the picquet members by 0700 hrs daily.

ORDER NO. 232 - IMPORTING OF EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE STORES & FIREARMS INTO TAIWAN

1. Members of C Sqn proceeding to Taiwan on R and R are not to import small arms, trip flares, or any explosives into the Republic of China.

ORDER NO. 233 - TRUCKS $\frac{3}{4}$ TON TECHNICAL - CARRIAGE OF PERSONNEL

1. It is extremely dangerous to carry passengers on the tray of $\frac{3}{4}$ ton vehicles with platform trays. The maximum number of personnel which may be carried in these is two, including the driver.
2. No member of C Sqn or C Sqn Sect 1 Arm'd Regt LAD is to be carried, or ride as a passenger on the trays of $\frac{3}{4}$ ton vehicles fitted with platform trays.

ORDER NO. 234 - FIRE PREVENTION

1. It is suspected that tent fires can be caused by concentration of the sun's rays by a concave 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.
2. To avoid this possibility, members of C Sqn are not to leave concave mirrors exposed to sunlight where they may cause a fire. Concave mirrors are to be secured in lockers, trunks or wardrobes when not actually in use.

ORDER NO. 235 - MAXIMUM ROAD SPEEDS A AND B VEHICLES

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 road speed limits for non tactical movement are to be adhered to by members of C Sqn driving 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;
- d. Through towns and villages - 15 mph;
- e. Within C Sqn Area - 10 mph.

ORDER NO. 236 - CASSETTE VOICE TAPES - REQUIREMENT FOR POSTING

1. Members of C Sqn despatching cassette voice tapes to Australia are to have both the Customs Declaration and the Certificate of Inspection completed correctly and affixed to the voice tape package.

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2. Failure to comply could delay delivery of the tape to the addressee as the examination by customs personnel can only be performed in the presence of the addressee.

3. All cassette tapes being despatched from Australia should be suitably marked 'Air Mail' and 'Forces Concession'. Failure to comply will mean that the cassette will move as second class mail and take up to six weeks to arrive in country.

ORDER NO. 237 - ACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE ON DEFENCE CHARTER

1. Complaints on the size of hand baggage carried onto Defence Charters have been received from Qantas.

2. The 10 pounds available is equivalent in size to a normal airways bag.

3. Personnel are warned that in future, articles exceeding this weight and size may be refused by Qantas cabin staff.

ORDER NO. 238 - CUSTOMS - MAILING OF LIQUOR TO AUSTRALIA

1. The Department of Customs has reported that they are receiving a considerable number of complaints from recipients of liquor parcels sent from this theatre.

2. Briefly, rules covering gift parcels of liquor are as follows:

a. There is no provision for the duty free entry of liquor sent through the post. If liquor is not accompanied by the member, it is subject to duty.

b. Liquor should only be sent through the post if it has a flash point of less than 80 degrees Fahrenheit. Customs have laboratories in Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra and problems could occur if they decide to test some brands being mailed.

c. Liquids must be packed properly in accordance with Part 3, Section 9, paragraph 1266 of HQ AFV (Army Component) SOP. Some bottles are being sent wrapped in clothing only.

3. It is understood that duty is sometimes not collected and sometimes charged at a reduced rate. Members should treat this as a bonus and not a change in the rules.

4. Any member who intends sending bottles of liquor through the post is asked to inform the recipient of the information contained in paragraphs 2 and 3.

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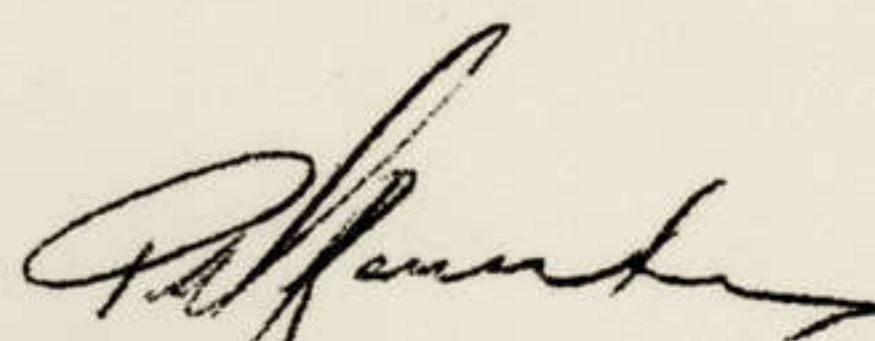
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ORDER NO. 239 - SMOKING IN ARMY HOSPITALS

1. DGMS Administrative and Clinical Instruction No 21 of 13 Jul 71 states that visitors should not smoke when visiting patients in wards of Army Hospitals as this could have adverse effects on the recovery of patients suffering from certain medical conditions, especially respiratory conditions.
2. For similar reasons, smoking is not permitted in "Out Patient" and "Emergency" departments of Army Hospitals frequented by patients.


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AHBS INCREASES

1. Substantial increases have been made or will be made in Public Hospital charges throughout Australia.
2. To offset this the Government has decided that benefit funds are to provide total coverage of Public Hospital charges, by restructuring their hospital benefit tables to provide cover for the three public ward classifications - Public ward, Intermediate ward and Private ward. This new scheme commences on 1 Aug 71.
3. Under this scheme a member will be assured of full coverage against Public Hospital charges, including extra services for treatment in the ward classification nominated by him.
4. With the revised Commonwealth coverage, membership in more than one registered medical and Hospital Benefit Fund is not permitted and the member who belongs to two or more funds must cancel all but one of the funds to which he belongs.
5. To facilitate these changes, AHBS has introduced three new tables: MH6, MH7 and MH8, which will come into effect on 1 Aug 71. The existing tables, MH1-5 inclusive will close on 1 Aug 71.
6. To ensure immediate coverage, all members will be transferred automatically from their existing tables to the new tables, as follows:

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- a. MH1, MH2 and MH3 become MH6, Public ward.
 - b. MH4 becomes MH7, Intermediate ward.
 - c. MH5 becomes MH8, Private ward.
7. The new fortnightly contribution rates are as follows:
- a. Category of member One - military member with more than one dependant:
 - MH6 \$ 2:48
 - MH7 \$ 3:30
 - MH8 \$ 4:10
 - b. Category of member Two - military member with one dependant:
 - MH6 \$ 1:36
 - MH7 \$ 1:74
 - MH8 \$ 2:16
 - c. Category of member Three - Civilian member with dependant/dependants:
 - MH6 \$ 2:70
 - MH7 \$ 3:46
 - MH8 \$ 4:30
 - d. Category of member Four - Civilian member with no dependants:
 - MH6 \$ 1:36
 - MH7 \$ 1:74
 - MH8 \$ 2:16

These new rates compare favourably with organizations in all states, having regard to the level and range of benefits provided by AHBS.

8. APAC will automatically increase existing allotments to AHBS in accordance with paragraph seven, effective as of 15 August. The increased benefit cover will be effective from 1 Aug 71.

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9. A member may decide to remain in one of the old tables MH1-5. If so he should immediately notify in writing, The Secretary AHBS, Chancery House 485 Bourke St, Melbourne 3000, to enable action to be taken to cancel the automatic increase in contribution. Contribution to these old tables will remain in force only until 31 Oct 71, after which their membership will be terminated.

10. The same medical benefits are paid irrespective of the table to which a member belongs. The only difference between tables is the amount of hospital benefit payable.

11. Members who wish to change their cover between tables MH6, MH7 and MH8, or withdraw from AHBS should contact their unit pay representative.

WEARING OF MEDAL RIBBONS

1. Attention is drawn to MBIs 102-2,3,4 and 5 concerning the correct sequence for the wearing of medal ribbons. The following is the order in which they are to be worn:

- a. British Commonwealth honours and awards in order of seniority,
- b. British Commonwealth campaign stars and medals in order of receipt,
- c. Medals for long service and good conduct, for example MSM, LS and GCM, ED, and
- d. Foreign awards.

2. The United Nations Medal for Korea is not classified as a foreign award but all other UN medals are. The Vietnamese Campaign Medal is a foreign award.

3. An example of the above would be a soldier who had served in Korea and Vietnam and who had been awarded the LS and GCM. He would wear his ribbons in the following order:

Korea Medal
United Nations Medal - Korea,
Vietnam Medal,
Long Service and Good Conduct Medal,
Vietnamese Campaign Medal.

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ORDER NO. 240 - DRESS FOR C SQN

General

1. AFV (Army Component) Routine Order No. 138 dated 22 Jun 71 outlined the principles of dress to be observed by members of AFV. This Routine Order details the requirements for dress in C Sqn.
2. All items of uniform are to be maintained in a neat and clean condition, in good repair and are to be replaced when unserviceable.
3. Only authorised items of dress are to be worn; unauthorised embellishments are not to be worn.

Orders of Dress

4. Only three orders of dress are to be worn by members of C Sqn these are:
 - a. Summer Dress;
 - b. Jungle Green Dress, Ceremonial; and
 - c. Field Dress.
5. The orders of dress applicable to C Sqn are detailed in Annex A.
6. Field Dress will be the dress of the day.
7. Variations to the orders of dress may be approved by DAAG 1 ATF.

Wearing of Orders of Dress

8. The various orders of dress applicable to C Sqn will be worn on the following occasions:
 - a. Summer Dress. When proceeding on R and R or RPA.
 - b. Jungle Green Dress, Ceremonial.
 - (1) Ceremonial parades or guards of honour.
 - (2) Visits to Allied Headquarters as appropriate.
 - c. Field Dress. All other occasions.

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Headdress

9. Headdress is to be worn at all times by members of C Sqn when outside C Sqn lines, or when ordered.

Shirts

10. Shirts are to be worn at all times, except when a member is actively participating in sport or organized physical training.

11. Shirts which are designed to be worn inside the trousers are to be tucked in at the waist; these shirts are not to be modified and worn outside the trousers. Shirts are to be buttoned on the front except that the neck button is to be left undone.

12. Shirt sleeves may be rolled in accordance with the Dress Manual 1963, paragraph 370, between 0630 and 1830 hours daily.

13. Woven or stencilled name tags may be worn on shirts above the right breast pocket.

14. Laundry marks are not to be placed on the outside of shirts, they are to be marked inside the neckband or the double thickness across the back of the shirt. (Note: Shirts with laundry marks on the outside now may continue to be worn rather than replaced, but new issues are to be marked in accordance with this paragraph.).

Trousers and Shorts

15. Shorts are not to be worn except when a member is actively engaged in sport or organized physical training.

16. Laundry marks on trousers and shorts are to be placed inside the waistband. (Note: Trousers with laundry marks on the outside now may continue to be worn rather than replaced, but new issues are to be marked in accordance with this paragraph).

Badges of Rank

17. Badges of rank are to be worn at all times.

18. For warrant officers and NCO's, badges of rank are to be sewn on all shirts except the combat shirt worn outside the trousers. When the combat shirt is worn, badges of rank are to be worn on a brassard on the right arm or on a strap on the right wrist.

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19. Brassards are to be worn fastened by a loop from the shirt epaulette and to extend down the arm to the centre of the fold when shirt sleeves are rolled. The brassard is to encircle the arm at the latter point.

20. Badges of rank for officers are detailed in Annex A.

Identity Discs and Cards

21. Identity discs are to be worn by members of C Sqn at all times.

22. Identity cards are to be carried by C Sqn members when in the Vung Tau Special Zone, when visiting Saigon, Allied establishments and when proceeding on R and R or RTA.

Flying Suits

23. a. Flying suits are not to be worn during normal daylight working hours.

b. Flying suits are not to be worn outside C Sqn lines.

Boots

24. Boots are not to be worn with polyester uniform unless specifically ordered.

25. When boots are worn with jungle green trousers, socktops are to be concealed, socktops may be rolled over boots when wearing shorts.

Sunglasses

26. Sunglasses are not to be worn by members of C Sqn in uniform when on parade, within a building or after sunset, unless the member is required to wear medically prescribed sunglasses or tinted lenses.

Wearing of Rings

27. The wearing of wedding or other rings creates a hazard, in particular when:

- a. repairing equipment;
- b. driving, loading or unloading vehicles;
- c. mounting and dismounting vehicles;
- d. operating plant or equipment;

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- e. packing or unpacking stores; or
- f. handling weapons

28. Although there is no complete prohibition on wearing of rings, rings should be removed whenever operational or employment requirements justify it.

Shoulder Titles and Embellishments

29. The only metal title to be worn by members of C Sqn is the metal shoulder title "Australia". Metal branch or service titles are not to be worn. Embroidered titles "Australia" are not to be worn.

30. Metal titles are to be fitted in one of the following methods:

- a. to a shoulder board with badges of rank (officer only);
- b. to the epaulette on the shirt; or
- c. to a cloth band slipped on the epaulette; the cloth band to be the same colour as the shirt on which it is worn.

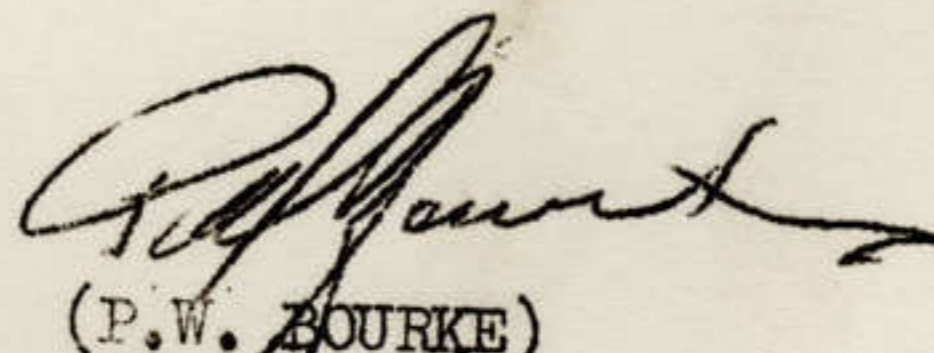
31. Woven AMF shoulder signs (gold badge on green background) may be worn on green shirts sewn on the left sleeve only.

Carrying of Weapons

32. Members of C Sqn carrying long barrelled weapons in the 1 ATF Base Area and not moving as part of a formed body of troops are to carry the weapon at either the "Trail" or "Shoulder Position".

Cancellation

33. C Sqn Routine Order No. 24 dated 8 Jan 71 is cancelled.


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ANNEX A TO
C SQN 1 ARMD REGT
ROUTINE ORDER NO. 240
DATED 16 AUG 71

ORDERS OF DRESS

1. Summer Dress.

- a. Beret
- b. Shirt khaki polyester (1) (2).
- c. Lanyard
- d. Necktie khaki (1) (2).
- e. Trousers khaki polyester.
- f. Trouser belt.
- g. Socks khaki.
- h. Black shoes.
- i. Ribbons of orders, decorations and medals.
- j. Titles metal "AUSTRALIA".
- k. Insignia rank officers anodized on khaki shoulder boards.

Note:

1. Sleeves to be worn buttoned at wrist and ties worn on arrival in Sydney.
2. Ties are not required and sleeves may be rolled when proceeding on R & R to places other than Australia.

2. Jungle Green Dress, Ceremonial.

- a. Beret
- b. Shirt Green (to be tucked into trousers).
- c. Trousers Green.
- d. Lanyard.
- e. Socks khaki.

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- f. Boots GP.
- g. Black web belt.
- h. Ribbons of orders, decorations and medals.
- i. Titles metal "AUSTRALIA".
- j. Insignia rank officers anodized on green shoulder boards.

3. Field Dress

- a. Beret.
- b. Shirt green.
- c. Trousers green.
- d. Socks khaki.
- e. Boots GP (1).
- f. Pistol belt.
- g. Insignia rank officers FS woven (1) (2).

- Note:
- 1. Shoes and insignia rank officers anodized on green shoulder boards may be worn as alternative items between 1630 and 0630 hours daily.
 - 2. Insignia rank officers anodized on green shoulder boards may be worn as alternative when visiting HQ AFV.

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ORDER NO. 241 - DUTIES

a. <u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Officer</u>	<u>Duty Sgt</u>	<u>Picquet</u>
24 Aug 71	2Lt Hind	Sgt Thiessens	To be advised by 0900 hrs daily.
25 Aug 71	2Lt Hind	Sgt Stratton	
26 Aug 71	2Lt Hind	Sgt Marychurch	
27 Aug 71	2Lt Hind	Cpl Hamuszewicz	
28 Aug 71	Capt Percival	Sgt Goldring	
29 Aug 71	2Lt Cameron	Sgt Colquhoun	
30 Aug 71	WO2 Agnew	Sgt Godfrey	

b. <u>Date</u>	<u>Officers/Sgt Mess</u>	<u>OR's Mess</u>
24 Aug 71	LAD-1 Tp- 5 Tp	3 Tp- 3 Tp
25 Aug 71	LAD-1 Tp- 5 Tp	Tpt - 1 Tp
26 Aug 71	LAD-1 Tp- 5 Tp	Tpt - 5 Tp
27 Aug 71	LAD-1 Tp- 5 Tp	1 Tp- 5 Tp
28 Aug 71	LAD-1 Tp- 5 Tp	1 Tp- 5 Tp
29 Aug 71	LAD-1 Tp- 5 Tp	Tpt - 1 Tp
30 Aug 71	LAD-1 Tp- 5 Tp	Tpt - 5 Tp

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

c. The Sqn duty driver is to mount duty at 1815 hrs to 0700 hrs daily and is not to leave the Sqn area without permission of the Sqn duty officer or duty Sgt.

d. The OR's Canteen, Picture area and Red Shield Hit is to be cleaned by the picquet members by 0700 hrs daily.

e. The following NCO's are to supervise all meals in the OR's Mess and report the condition of each meal to the Sqn duty Sgt.

<u>Date</u>	
24 Aug 71	Cpl Van Hoof
25 Aug 71	Lcpl Powell
26 Aug 71	Lcpl Palmer
27 Aug 71	Cpl Spehr
28 Aug 71	Lcpl Boyle
29 Aug 71	Cpl Cormack
30 Aug 71	Lcpl Watson

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ORDER NO. 242 - DUTIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Officer</u>	<u>Duty Sgt</u>	<u>Picquet</u>
31 Aug 71	WO2 Webster	Sgt Brown	To ne advised by 9000 hrs daily.
1 Sep 71	Lt Cornell	Sgt Stratton	
2 Sep 71	Capt Watts	Sgt Harris	
3 Sep 71	2Lt Cameron	Sgt Goldring	
4 Sep 71	Lt Hoskin	Sgt Marychurch	
5 Sep 71	Capt Scales	Sgt Thiessens	
6 Sep 71	2Lt Hind	Sgt Colquhoun	
7 Sep 71	WO2 Yeates	Sgt Godfrey	

<u>Date</u>	<u>Officers/Sgt Mess</u>	<u>OR's Mess</u>
31 Aug 71	LAD-1 Tp- 5 Tp	Bird-Giles
1 Sep 71	" " "	Sabolic-Lang
2 Sep 71	" " "	" "
3 Sep 71	" " "	" "
4 Sep 71	" " "	" "
5 Sep 71	" " "	" "
6 Sep 71	" " "	" "
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<u>Date</u>	
31 Aug 71	Lop1 Dickinson
1 Sep 71	Lop1 Palmer
2 Sep 71	Lop1 Powell
3 Sep 71	Cpl Cormack
4 Sep 71	Lop1 Watson
5 Sep 71	Cpl Van Hoof
6 Sep 71	Cpl Hamuszewicz
7 Sep 71	Cpl Spehr

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ORDER NO. 243 - INJECTIONS

1. The following people require needles for the month of September.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>CHOLERA</u>	<u>PLAGUE</u>	<u>T.A.B.</u>	<u>TET</u>
Cpl	Anderson H.			X	X
Tpr	Brackenreg	X			
Lcpl	Boyle	X	X	X	
Sgt	Burton		X		
Tpr	Bayly			X	
Lt	Canagon			X	X
Lt	Cornell	X	X		
Tpr	Colles		X		
Tpr	Carns	X	X		
Tpr	Clark	X	X		
Tpr	Everett		X		
Lcpl	Forbes	X	X	X	
Tpr	Giles	X	X		
Sgt	Halse			X	X
Lt	Hoskin	X	X		
Cpl	Hanuszwicz	X	X		
Tpr	Iry		X		
Tpr	Jolley	X	X	X	
Tpr	Jones	X	X	X	X
Tpr	Jagoe	X	X		
Cfn	Kofoed			X	
Tpr	Kelly	X	X		
Tpr	Lucas T.D.			X	X
Tpr	Liefman	X	X		
Cfn	Milne	X	X	X	X
Tpr	McEvoy			X	
Cpl	McDonald	Course	X		
Lcpl	Palmer			X	
Pte	Poole	X	X		
Cfn	Roche	X	X	X	X
Tpr	Reading	Course	Course		
Cpl	Spehr	X		X	
Capt	Scales			X	
Tpr	Thompson D.J.			X	
Sgt	Thiessens	X	X		
Cpl	Van Hoof	X	X		
WO2	Webster	X	X		
Cfn	Ware			X	X
Lcpl	Watson	X	X	X	



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C SQN COMBAT OPERATIONS
AFTER OPERATIONS REPORT
OPERATION HERMIT PARK

Name and Type of Operation

1. Operation HERMIT PARK bunker destruction.

Controlling HQ

2. 4 RAR HQ was located at DeCourtney Hill (450904).

Location

3. The operation was conducted in Phuoc Tuy Province within AO BIRDSVILLE E40, 47, N79, 87.

Task Organization of C SQN

4. C Sqn Group consisted of:
 - a. Under command: 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt (-)
four mini teams 1 Fd Sqn
1 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ
 - b. In support: 104 Fd Bty
elements 161 Recce Flt
elements No. 9 Sqn RAAF

Intelligence

5. Very little information was available for the suspected bunker system at 405870. Intelligence available before the second system was assaulted was that an unidentified enemy force was occupying a bunker system in vicinity of 420355. 2 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ had contacted one enemy moving South to North in the area earlier in the day and then on following up of this engagement had been engaged from a large bunker system (100m-150m in width) with heavy machine gun and RPG fire and by claymore mines. During 2 Pls initial withdrawal the enemy had followed up delivering large volumes of fire from both flanks.

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6. The bunker system was bounded to the North, the West and partially to the East by a creek line. Additionally beyond the creek to the West and North West was a swamp. The approaches to and the system itself were covered by large trees dense vine forest and intermingled were bamboo thickets.

Mission

7. To destroy the enemy in the bunker systems.

Concept of Operation

8. The plan was for a quick attack by C Sqn Group on the bunker system with fire from 104 Fd Bty in a blocking and cut off role and 2 Pl V Coy deployed in a blocking position to the West of the creek and system.

Execution

9. A sequence of events is attached at Annex A.

10. HQ of C Sqn and 5 Tp was deployed on 23 Jun 71 and went into a Night Defensive Position (NDP) at 420824. Early next morning 5 Tp and the Squadron CO moved to support C Coy 4 RAR in an assault on a suspected bunker system in the vicinity of 406810. The bunker system was not found and the axis of the assault was changed to a suspected camp area in the vicinity of 404801. Results were again negative. C Coy and 5 Tp went into an NDP in the vicinity of 403314. A second NDP was formed by vehicles under repair at 405810.

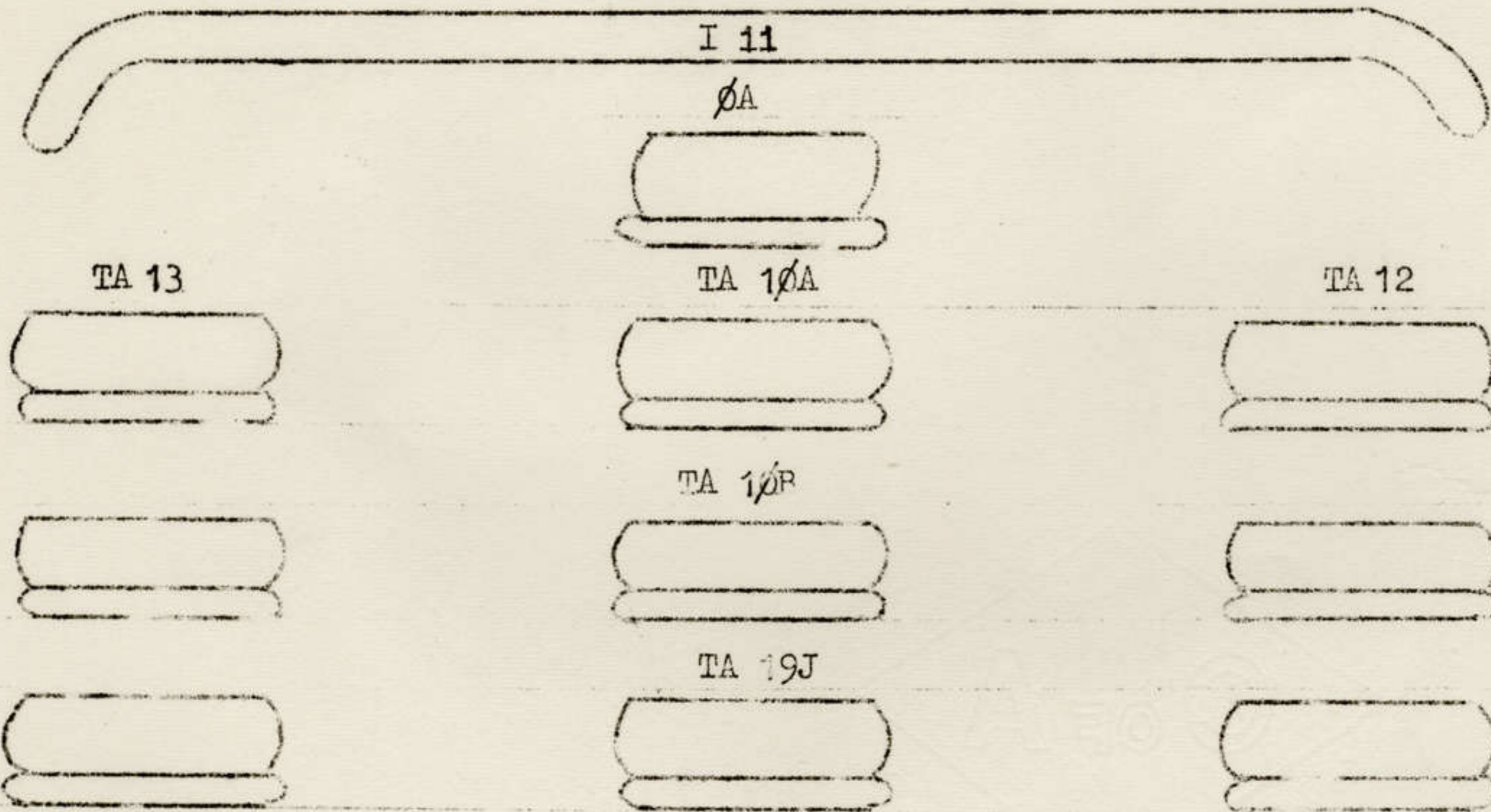
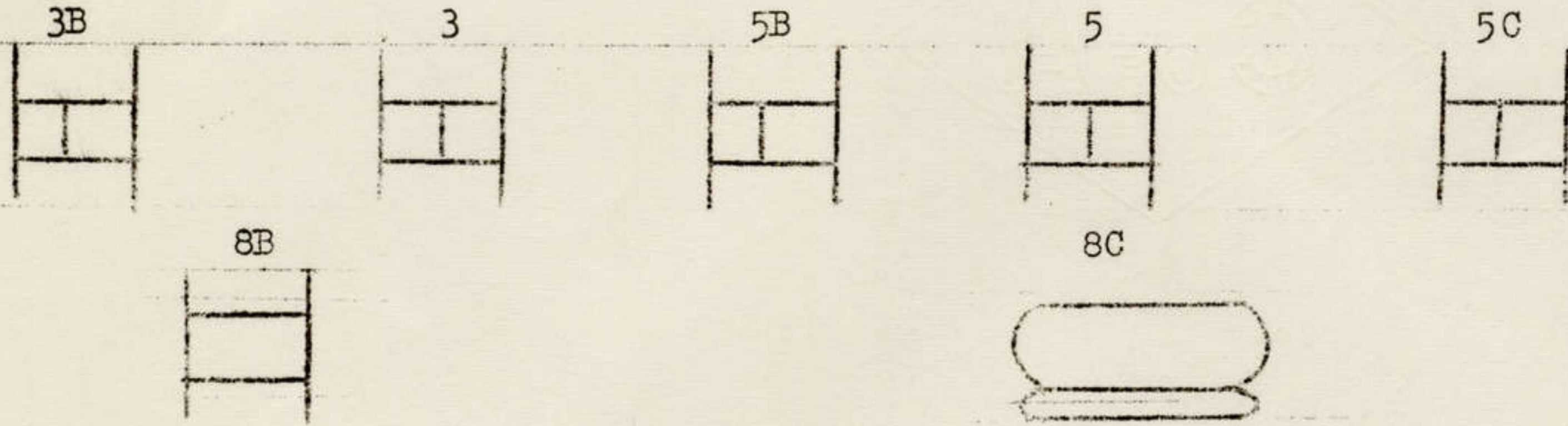
11. On 25 Jun 71, SHQ and 5 Tp were released by 4 RAR to return to Nui Dat. Shortly afterwards the release was cancelled and the Squadron Commander, 5 Tp and 3 Tp concentrated in Forming Up Place (FUP) at 428853 with 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt less one section and 1 Pl V Coy 4 RAR to form the C Sqn Group under the command of OC C Sqn.

12. Orders for the assault on the bunker system at 420855 were issued at 251435H and the group crossed the start line on bearing of 5100 mils at 251445H. The formation adopted is shown below:

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13. After moving 150 metres two unoccupied bunkers were discovered and destroyed. An area of ground thought to contain a cache was also discovered near the bunkers. In the same area the group started taking CS gas, however it was found that the group was through the affected area before any violent effects were felt. After about 350 metres the group adjusted its axis to a bearing of 5300 mils. During this adjustment the driver of Troop Leader 5 Tp was injured by falling timber and evacuated.

14. The group continued on the same bearing for 50 metres when first contact was made. Enemy fired two RPG rounds in rapid succession at a tank Callsign (C/S) 3B whilst it was endeavouring to smash down a bamboo clump. One of these rounds struck the crew commander's MG, destroying the MG and wounding the crew commander and operator. The radio set was penetrated by a small piece of shrapnel. C/S 5 discovered the firelane used by the enemy and immediately returned fire. C/S 3 moved to the left of C/S 3B and suppressed the area with fire. The position was consolidated and the wounded immediately evacuated by an element of 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. C/S 3 was regrouped under command of C/S 5.

15. The assault was recommenced and a second adjustment of the axis was made. Immediately following the change of axis, C/S 5 was engaged by RPG fire. The round struck the gun barrel and the driver received head wounds from the splash. The area was saturated with fire and the enemy returned small arms fire over a frontage of 150 metres. The whole group returned heavy fire, the small arms fire ceased. C/S 5C was fired on by three RPG's, two of which hit the tank. The first struck the muzzle damaging it. The second struck down low on the running gear. C/S 5C destroyed the source of the fire with an APCBC round that removed 8½ inches of the damaged muzzle. He followed this up with five canister rounds and MG fire. The position was consolidated and the casualty evacuated by an element of 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

16. As the casualty was approaching the DUSTOFF pad (427853) the tanks at the pad took small arms fire. This was suppressed by canister and MG fire. Ammunition resupply was brought forward to the pad by C/S 4B and the pad was again secured. The DUSTOFF was completed and the ammunition resupply sent forward to 3 and 5 Tps. Both Tps were resupplied and the pull back to the FUP commenced.

17. The tanks at the DUSTOFF pad heard more movement and saw one man dive into the long grass on the edge of the clearing. They fired immediately with canister. Movement ceased. The squadron group went into an NDP in the FUP.

18. Next morning 1 and 2 Tps were reacted to the FUP. 1 Tp from NDP Dianne (545725) and 2 Tp from Nui Dat. The tanks with the damaged guns and a tank with electrical leads damaged were withdrawn to Route 2 for repair by a Forward Repair Team from 106 Fd Wksp. Repair completed, these tanks returned to Nui Dat.

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19. The remaining tanks in the night location were refueled and 3 Tp and 5 Tp were reconstituted with tanks from 2 Tp. The squadron group then moved back into the bunker system at 1050 hrs. The bunker system was secured by 3 Tp, 5 Tp and 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and then searched by 1 Pl V Coy and the Engineer Mini Teams. The search was completed in the late afternoon and the group returned to the FUP and went into a NDP.

20. On 27 Jun 71, 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt less one section and 1 Pl V Coy 4 RAR were released back to under command 4 RAR. C Sqn(-) moved to a leaguer position on the edge of Route 2 (453863). The squadron remained in this position at 15 minutes notice to move in support of Companies of 4 RAR until 1600 hrs 30 Jun 71. The squadron then reverted to under command 1 ATF. 5 Tp was detached to under operational control of 12 Fd Regt at FSB Mary (456893) and the remainder of the squadron returned to Nui Dat.

Results

21. The maximum range of contact was 25 metres, minimum range 10 metres.

22. Documents captured identified the enemy force as a group from 1 Bn 274 Regt.

23. Friendly Casualties:

a. KIA Nil

b. WIA 5

24. Equipment damaged:

a. 2 x 20 pr gun barrels

b. 1 x .30 Browning MG

c. 1 x C42 radio set

25. Rounds fired:

a. 60 x 20 pr GNSTR

b. 2 x 20 pr APCBC

c. 4 x 20 pr HE

d. 44 x .30 MG liners

e. 8 x .50 MG liners

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26. Enemy casualties:
- a. KIA 5 possibly 12
 - b. WIA unknown
 - c. CIA Nil

Although the remains of only five bodies were found, it is believed from the density of the bunkers engaged and the volume of fire put out that the enemy's casualties were far more considerable.

27. The following equipment was CIA during the search of the bunker system on the morning of 26 Jun 71:

- a. 6 x M16 magazines full
- b. 1 x Magnesium flare
- c. 3 x M79 rounds - 1 live, 2 expended
- d. 1 x Claymore - markings LDP-2-147-70 slightly damaged
- e. 5 gallon drum of oil
- f. 2 x bandoliers containing 5 x AK 47 magazines, all full
- g. 1 x RPG 2 - damaged
- h. 1 x B40 round
- i. 1 x M16 foregrip
- j. 1 x Aust type green shirt with corporal chevrons.

Administration

28. Ammunition and fuel resupply was carried out by C Sqn according to C Sqn SOP's and found to be satisfactory.

29. Dustoff requests were relayed to C Sqn CP (rear) at Nui Dat and dustoff was very efficient.

Lessons Learnt

30. It would appear that the enemy when in contact with tanks will withdraw by moving to the flanks and then dashing past the tanks firing small arms in a sporadic fashion hoping to inflict casualties on the turret crews. This is the second contact in which this has occurred. In both contacts artillery has been employed in cut off very close to the enemy's rear.

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31. The enemy will fight tanks from inside his bunkers if he is forced to do so. It must be assumed that he accepts the backblast of the RPG into his bunker. This has also occurred in the last two contacts.

32. When engaged by heavy tank fire the enemy has fired RPG's into the trees above the tank, no doubt hoping to inflict casualties on the turret crews with the splash from the round.

33. Infantry platoon commanders when operating under command of armour must ensure their operators maintain continuous radio watch and that the operator stays very close by them at all times.

34. The positioning of blocks close to the contact area must be weighed very carefully against the obvious advantages of giving the tanks complete freedom of fire with all types of ammunition.


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Annexes: A. Sequence of events,
B. Diagram of Bunker System.

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C Sqn R569-1-27
Dated 15 Jul 71

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Serial (a)	Date/Time (b)	Event (c)
1	23 Jun 71 1420	5 Tp left Nui Dat to RV with C Coy 4 RAR at YS420824.
2	1600	ØB left Nui Dat for RV.
3	1640	5 Tp at RV.
4	1700	ØB at RV.
5	1705	ØA left Nui Dat to RV with ØB and 5 Tp.
6	1805	ØA at RV.
7	2015	1 Tp warned out to move if required to aid 5 Tp.
8	24 Jun 71 0715	ØA and 5 Tp left night loc to RV with 131 at 409814.
9	1015	H Hour. Assault on suspected bunker system started.
10	1205	C/S ØA had hydraulic problems.
11	1402	C/S ØE warned out to move to 409814 with spare gearbox.
12	1652	C/S ØE left Nui Dat.
13	1820	C/S ØE RV'd with ØB at 420824. Night location ØA and 5 Tp 414810.
14	25 Jun 71 0825	Chinook refueled 5 Tp. Repair carried out.
15	1210	5 Tp ordered to move to FV, 454858 and to be prepared to support V Coy 4 RAR.
16	1217	3 Tp ordered to move from FSB Mary to RV.
17	1250	ØA moved to RV.
18	1305	ØB left night loc for FSB Mary.
19	1410	ØA, 3 and 5 Tp at RV.
20	1425	C/S 9 given command of group of 19.
21	1435	Orders issued.
22	1445	Crossed SL.
23	1455	Located and destroyed unoccupied bunkers. CS gas encountered.

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(a)	(b)	(c)
24	1458	Tops of 44 gallon CS containers found.
25	1545	Cooking area discovered.
26	1550	Minor change of axis.
27	1555	C/S 5A reports discovery of possible cache.
28	1600	Tpr Jones driver of 5 Tp leader injured and evacuated to dust off area (FUP 428853) by 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Coy. C/S 5A moved to secure dust off pad.
29	1610	Replacement driver for C/S 5 (Tpr Lodge) arrives.
30	1615	Contact 2 RPG rounds fired at Call Sign 3B. Immediate suppressive fire put down.
31	1617	C/S 5 reports fire lane to front and puffs of smoke.
32	1627	Position consolidated casualty evacuation commenced.
33	1634	Two casualties backloaded to FUP for dust off.
34	1640	C/S 5 regrouped under C/S 5.
35	1650	Advance recommenced.
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37	1705	Dust off complete.
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59	0730	CB moves to join squadron in night location.
60	0800	2 Tp arrives night location with 1 Fwd Del Tp and forward Repair Team from 106 Fd Wksps.
61	0845	Damaged tanks, 1 Fwd Del Tp and the Forward Repair Team moved out to Route 2 to commence repair task, arriving 0912 hours.
62	0847	Report by C/S 5A that suspected cache contained coffin and body burned before burial.
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64	0855	Refuel commenced.
65	0900	3 Tp and 5 Tp reconstituted.
66	1015	1 Tp reached night location.
67	1020	Refuel complete.
68	1030	Orders issued.

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69	1050	Crossed Start Line (3 Tp, 5 Tp, HQ).
70	1110	Reached bunker system and secured. 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav carrying 1 Pl V Coy moved to bunker system.
71	1118	1 Pl V Coy dismounts and secures to rear of tanks.
72	1135	Bunker system assaulted.
73	1154	Communication wire found linking forward pits.
74	1202	Half bunker system secured. 1 Pl V Coy ordered to commence search.
75	1221	First body found as result of digging out of bunker.
76	1229	3 Tp and 5 Tp ordered to push on through the system.
77	1241	Bunker system secure.
78	1250	Damaged RPG and B40 round found in bunker with body.
79	1251	3 Tp reported tracks leading to the south.
80	1303	3 Tp requests Possum to indicate going as it had run into very thick jungle.
81	1311	Drag Marks found by D and E Pl in area night location - followed up but disappeared after 100 metres.
82	1342	List of items to 4 RAR HQ. 2 x bodies. 6 x M16 magazines all full. 1 x magnesium flare. 3 x M79 rounds - 1 live 2 exploded. 1 x Claymore - LDP - 2 - 147 - 70 slightly damaged. 1 x 5 gallon drum of oil. 2 x Band 10rs containing 5 x AK 47 magazines all full. 1 x RPG 2 - damaged. 1 x B40 round. 1 x M16 rifle fore grip. 1 x Aust type green shirt with corporal chevrons. Documents - personal letters, notes, part of book containing story of Normandy Invasion.
83	1405	Documents despatched HQ 4 RAR.
84	1500	Further Documents collected and despatched to HQ 4 RAR.
85	1520	Search of Area engaged at serial 72 by 1 Pl V Coy. Nil results
86	1521	3 Tp and 5 Tp ordered to destroy the bunker system.

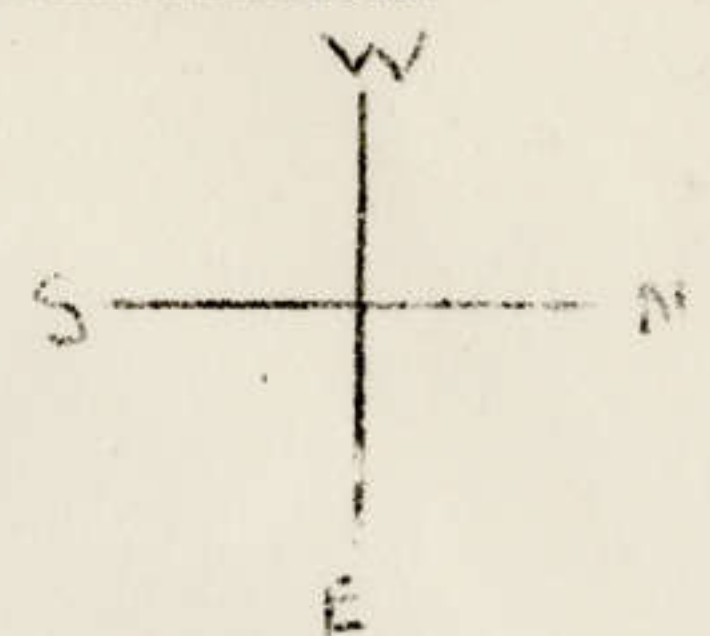
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87	1525	Aircraft ordered for air reconnaissance of anticipated next task.
88	1540	Bunker destruction complete and move out commenced.
89	1550	In night location at 428853.
90	1608	Departure on air reconnaissance of bunker system at 417841 and route. C Sqn Gp secure in night location.
91	1820	Diagram of bunker system despatched Acorn 1 ATF.
92	27 Jun 71 0725	HQ 4 RAR informed. C Sqn Gp ready for movement. OC called to Courtenay for orders.
93	0815	All captured equipment less documents from bunker system sent to HQ 4 RAR.
94	0820	1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav reverted to under command of 4 RAR.
95	0930	C Sqn (-) moved to form Leaguer at 453863.
96	1115	Leaguer secure at 15 minutes notice to move in support of company contacts.

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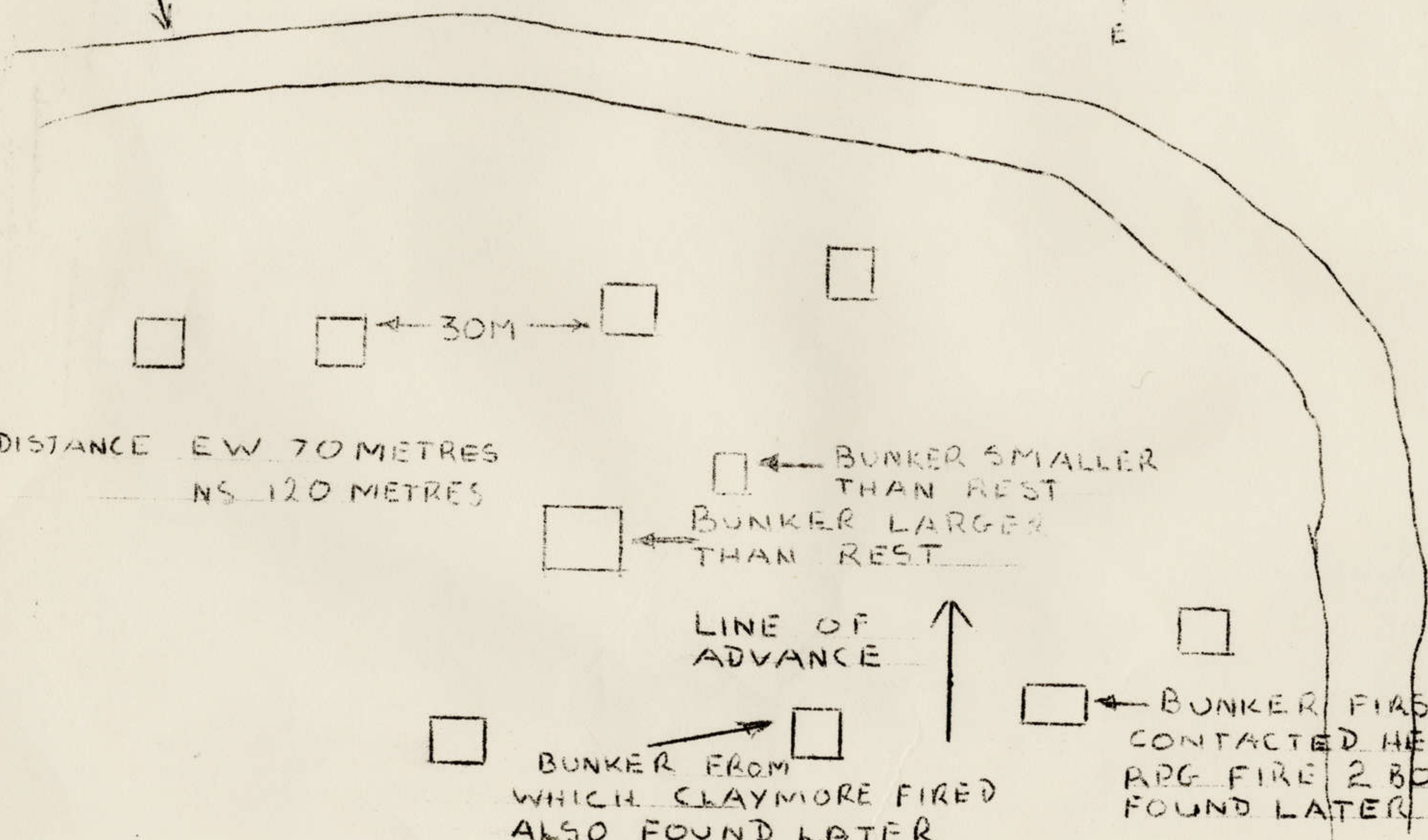
BUNKER LAYOUT

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CREEK LINE



DISTANCE EW 70 METRES
NS 120 METRES

← 30M →

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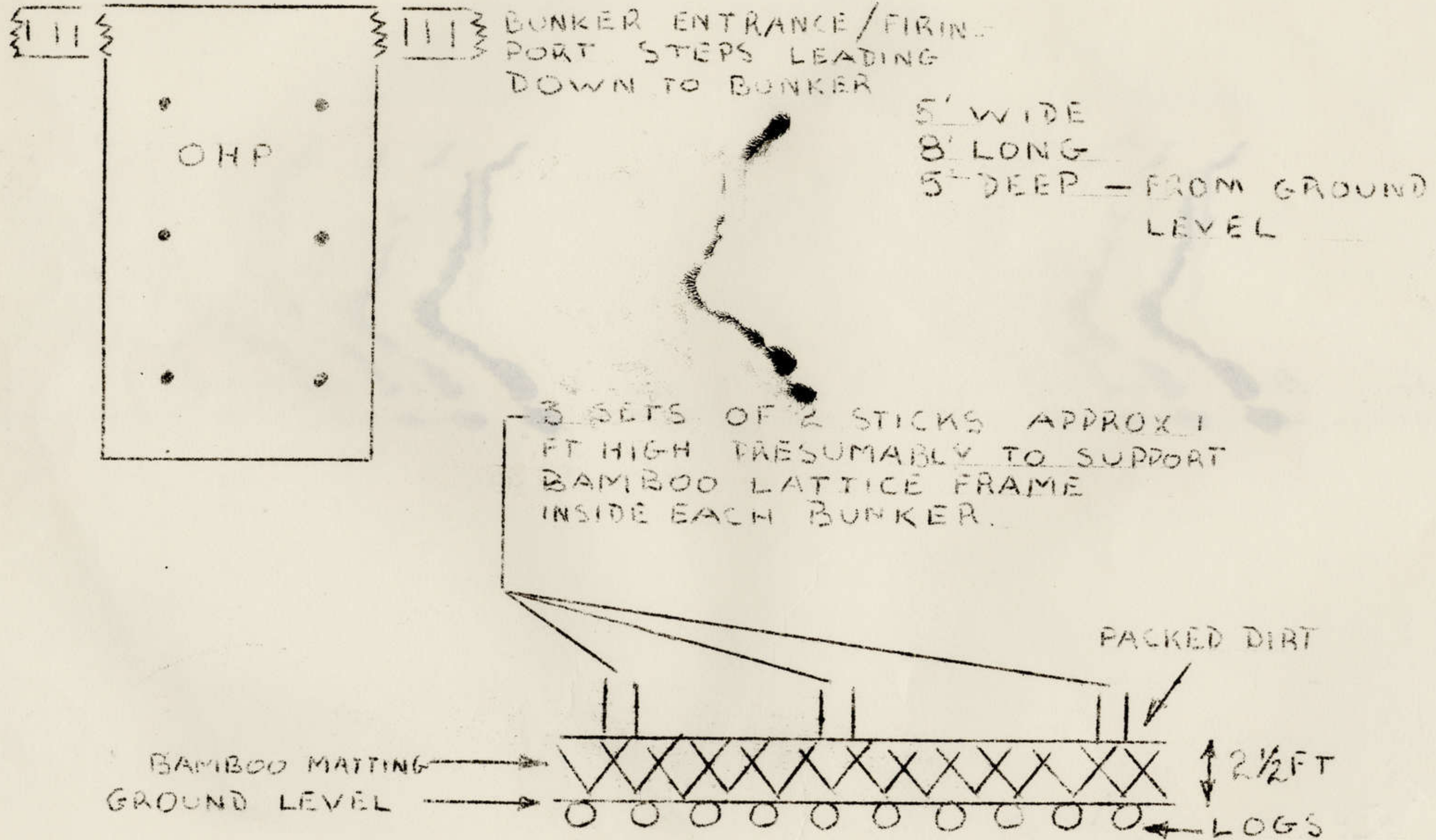
← BUNKER LARGER THAN REST

LINE OF ADVANCE ↑

← BUNKER FROM WHICH CLAYMORE FIRED ALSO FOUND LATER

← BUNKER FIRST CONTACTED HEAVY RPG FIRE 2 BODIES FOUND LATER

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6. The bunker system was bounded to the North, the West and partially to the East by a creek line. Additionally beyond the creek to the West and North West was a swamp. The approaches to and the system itself were covered by large trees dense vine forest and intermingled were bamboo thickets.

Mission

7. To destroy the enemy in the bunker systems.

Concept of Operation

8. The plan was for a quick attack by C Sqn Group on the bunker system with fire from 104 Fd Bty in a blocking and cut off role and 2 Pl V Coy deployed in a blocking position to the West of the creek and system.

Execution

9. A sequence of events is attached at Annex A.

10. HQ of C Sqn and 5 Tp was deployed on 23 Jun 71 and went into a Night Defensive Position (NDP) at 420824. Early next morning 5 Tp and the Squadron CC moved to support C Coy 4 RAR in an assault on a suspected bunker system in the vicinity of 406810. The bunker system was not found and the axis of the assault was changed to a suspected camp area in the vicinity of 404801. Results were again negative. C Coy and 5 Tp went into an NDP in the vicinity of 403814. A second NDP was formed by vehicles under repair at 405810.

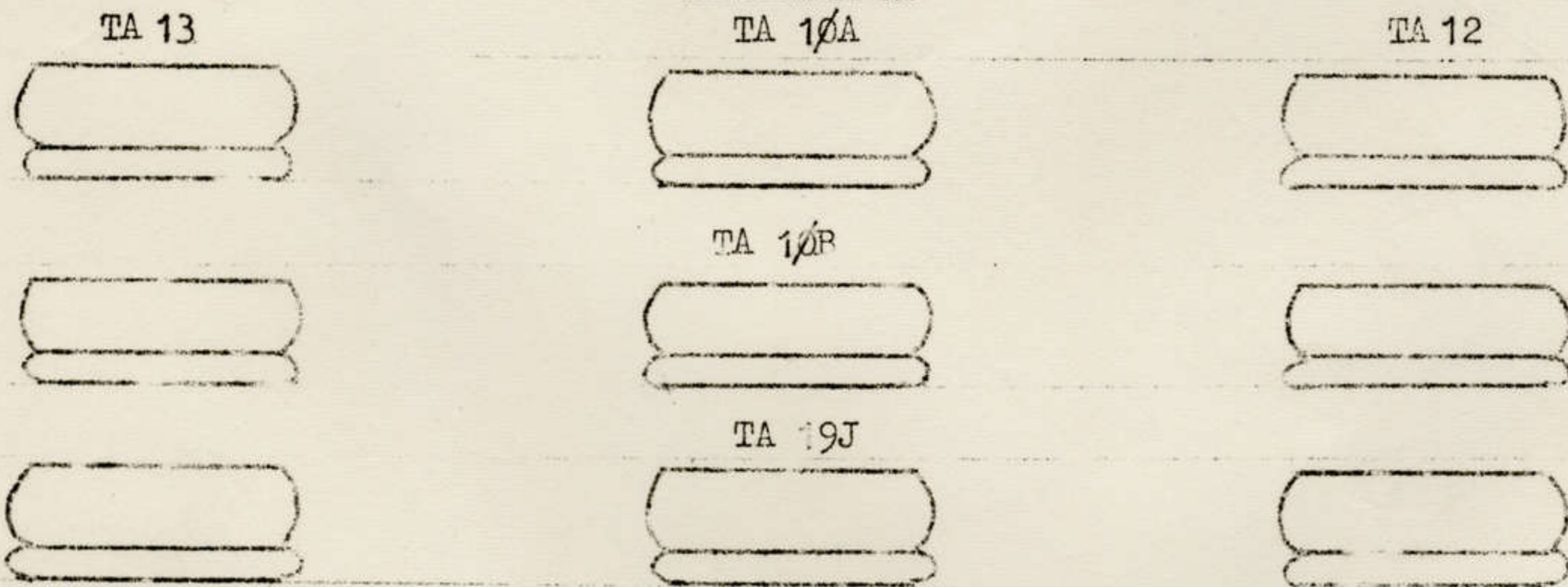
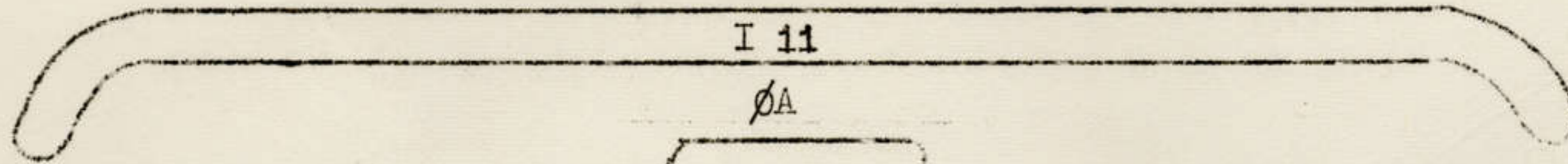
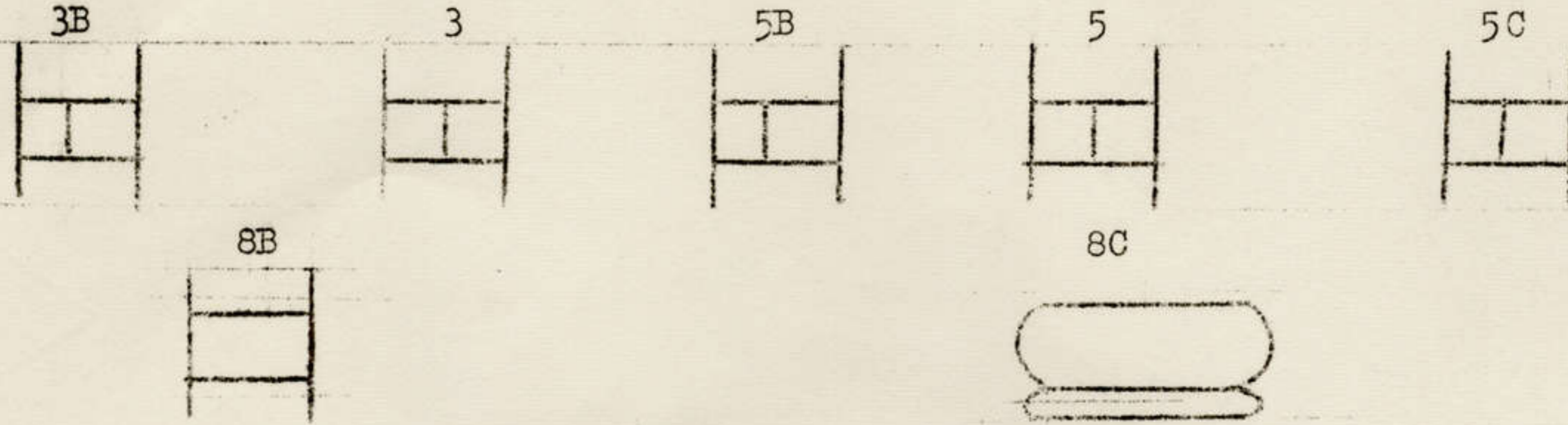
11. On 25 Jun 71, SHQ and 5 Tp were released by 4 RAR to return to Nui Dat. Shortly afterwards the release was cancelled and the Squadron Commander, 5 Tp and 3 Tp concentrated in Forming Up Place (FUP) at 428853 with 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt less one section and 1 Pl V Coy 4 RAR to form the C Sqn Group under the command of OC C Sqn.

12. Orders for the assault on the bunker system at 420855 were issued at 251435H and the group crossed the start line on bearing of 5100 mils at 251445H. The formation adopted is shown below:

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13. After moving 150 metres two unoccupied bunkers were discovered and destroyed. An area of ground thought to contain a cache was also discovered near the bunkers. In the same area the group started taking CS gas, however it was found that the group was through the affected area before any violent effects were felt. After about 350 metres the group adjusted its axis to a bearing of 5300 mils. During this adjustment the driver of Troop Leader 5 Tp was injured by falling timber and evacuated.

14. The group continued on the same bearing for 50 metres when first contact was made. Enemy fired two RPG rounds in rapid succession at a tank Callsign (C/S) 3B whilst it was endeavouring to smash down a bamboo clump. One of these rounds struck the crew commander's MG, destroying the MG and wounding the crew commander and operator. The radio set was penetrated by a small piece of shrapnel. C/S 5 discovered the firelane used by the enemy and immediately returned fire. C/S 3 moved to the left of C/S 3B and suppressed the area with fire. The position was consolidated and the wounded immediately evacuated by an element of 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. C/S 3 was regrouped under command of C/S 5.

15. The assault was recommenced and a second adjustment of the axis was made. Immediately following the change of axis, C/S 5 was engaged by RPG fire. The round struck the gun barrel and the driver received head wounds from the splash. The area was saturated with fire and the enemy returned small arms fire over a frontage of 150 metres. The whole group returned heavy fire, the small arms fire ceased. C/S 5C was fired on by three RPG's, two of which hit the tank. The first struck the muzzle damaging it. The second struck down low on the running gear. C/S 5C destroyed the source of the fire with an APCBC round that removed 8½ inches of the damaged muzzle. He followed this up with five canister rounds and MG fire. The position was consolidated and the casualty evacuated by an element of 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

16. As the casualty was approaching the DUSTOFF pad (427853) the tanks at the pad took small arms fire. This was suppressed by canister and MG fire. Ammunition resupply was brought forward to the pad by C/S 0B and the pad was again secured. The DUSTOFF was completed and the ammunition resupply sent forward to 3 and 5 Tps. Both Tps were resupplied and the pull back to the FUP commenced.

17. The tanks at the DUSTOFF pad heard more movement and saw one man dive into the long grass on the edge of the clearing. They fired immediately with canister. Movement ceased. The squadron group went into an NDP in the FUP.

18. Next morning 1 and 2 Tps were reacted to the FUP. 1 Tp from NDP Dianne (545725) and 2 Tp from Nui Dat. The tanks with the damaged guns and a tank with electrical leads damaged were withdrawn to Route 2 for repair by a Forward Repair Team from 106 Fd Wksps. Repair completed, these tanks returned to Nui Dat.

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19. The remaining tanks in the night location were refueled and 3 Tp and 5 Tp were reconstituted with tanks from 2 Tp. The squadron group then moved back into the bunker system at 1050 hrs. The bunker system was secured by 3 Tp, 5 Tp and 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and then searched by 1 Pl V Coy and the Engineer Mini Teams. The search was completed in the late afternoon and the group returned to the FUP and went into a NDP.

20. On 27 Jun 71, 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt less one section and 1 Pl V Coy 4 RAR were released back to under command 4 RAR. C Sqn(-) moved to a leaguer position on the edge of Route 2 (453863). The squadron remained in this position at 15 minutes notice to move in support of Companies of 4 RAR until 1600 hrs 30 Jun 71. The squadron then reverted to under command 1 ATF. 5 Tp was detached to under operational control of 12 Fd Regt at FSB Mary (456893) and the remainder of the squadron returned to Nui Dat.

Results

21. The maximum range of contact was 25 metres, minimum range 10 metres.

22. Documents captured identified the enemy force as a group from 1 Bn 274 Regt.

23. Friendly Casualties:

- a. KIA Nil
- b. WIA 5

24. Equipment damaged:

- a. 2 x 20 pr gun barrels
- b. 1 x .30 Browning MG
- c. 1 x C42 radio set

25. Rounds fired:

- a. 60 x 20 pr CNSR
- b. 2 x 20 pr APCBC
- c. 4 x 20 pr HE
- d. 44 x .30 MG liners
- e. 8 x .50 MG liners

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26. Enemy casualties:
- a. KIA 5 possibly 12
 - b. WIA unknown
 - c. CIA Nil

Although the remains of only five bodies were found, it is believed from the density of the bunkers engaged and the volume of fire put out that the enemy's casualties were far more considerable.

27. The following equipment was CIA during the search of the bunker system on the morning of 26 Jun 71:

- a. 6 x M16 magazines full
- b. 1 x Magnesium flare
- c. 3 x M79 rounds - 1 live, 2 expended
- d. 1 x Claymore - markings LDP-2-147-70 slightly damaged
- e. 5 gallon drum of oil
- f. 2 x bandoliers containing 5 x AK 47 magazines, all full
- g. 1 x RPG 2 - damaged
- h. 1 x B40 round
- i. 1 x M16 foregrip
- j. 1 x Aust type green shirt with corporal chevrons.

Administration

28. Ammunition and fuel resupply was carried out by C Sqn according to C Sqn SOP's and found to be satisfactory.

29. Dustoff requests were relayed to C Sqn CP (rear) at Nui Dat and dustoff was very efficient.

Lessons Learnt

30. It would appear that the enemy when in contact with tanks will withdraw by moving to the flanks and then dashing past the tanks firing small arms in a sporadic fashion hoping to inflict casualties on the turret crews. This is the second contact in which this has occurred. In both contacts artillery has been employed in cut off very close to the enemy's rear.

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31. The enemy will fight tanks from inside his bunkers if he is forced to do so. It must be assumed that he accepts the backblast of the RPG into his bunker. This has also occurred in the last two contacts.

32. When engaged by heavy tank fire the enemy has fired RPG's into the trees above the tank, no doubt hoping to inflict casualties on the turret crews with the splash from the round.

33. Infantry platoon commanders when operating under command of armour must ensure their operators maintain continuous radio watch and that the operator stays very close by them at all times.

34. The positioning of blocks close to the contact area must be weighed very carefully against the obvious advantages of giving the tanks complete freedom of fire with all types of ammunition.


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Annexes: A. Sequence of events,
B.. Diagram of Bunker System.

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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Serial (a)	Date/Time (b)	Event (c)
1	23 Jun 71 1420	5 Tp left Nui Dat to RV with C Coy 4 RAR at YS420824.
2	1600	ØB left Nui Dat for RV.
3	1640	5 Tp at RV.
4	1700	ØB at RV.
5	1705	ØA left Nui Dat to RV with ØB and 5 Tp.
6	1805	ØA at RV.
7	2015	1 Tp warned out to move if required to aid 5 Tp.
8	24 Jun 71 0715	ØA and 5 Tp left night loc to RV with L31 at 409814.
9	1015	H Hour. Assault on suspected bunker system started.
10	1205	C/S ØA had hydraulic problems.
11	1402	C/S ØE warned out to move to 409814 with spare gearbox.
12	1652	C/S ØE left Nui Dat.
13	1820	C/S ØE RV'd with ØB at 420824. Night location ØA and 5 Tp 414810.
14	25 Jun 71 0825	Chinook refueled 5 Tp. Repair carried out.
15	1210	5 Tp ordered to move to FV, 454858 and to be prepared to support V Coy 4 RAR.
16	1215	3 Tp ordered to move from FSB Mary to FV.
17	1250	ØA moved to RV.
18	1305	ØB left night loc for FSB Mary.
19	1410	ØA, 3 and 5 Tp at RV.
20	1425	C/S 9 given command of group by 19.
21	1435	Orders issued.
22	1445	Crossed SL.
23	1455	Located and destroyed unoccupied bunkers. CS gas encountered.

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(a)	(b)	(c)
24	1458	Tops of 44 gallon CS containers found.
25	1545	Cooking area discovered.
26	1550	Minor change of axis.
27	1555	C/S 5A reports discovery of possible cache.
28	1600	Tpr Jones driver of 5 Tp leader injured and evacuated to dust off area (FUP 428853) by 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Coy. C/S 5A moved to secure dust off pad.
29	1610	Replacement driver for C/S 5 (Tpr Dudge) arrives.
30	1615	Contact 2 RPG rounds fired at Call Sign 3E. Immediate suppressive fire put down.
31	1617	C/S 5 reports fire lane to front and puffs of smoke.
32	1627	Position consolidated casualty evacuation commenced.
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C SQN COMBAT OPERATIONS
AFTER OPERATIONS REPORT
OPERATION HERMIT PARKName and Type of Operation

1. Operation HERMIT PARK bunker destruction.

Controlling HQ

2. 4 RAR HQ was located at DeCourtney Hill (450904).

Location

3. The operation was conducted in Phuoc Tuy Province within AO BIRDSVILLE E40, 47, K79, 87.

Task Organization of C SQN

4. C Sqn Group consisted of:
 - a. Under command: 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt (-)
four mini teams 1 Fd Sqn
1 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ
 - b. In support: 104 Fd Bty
elements 161 Recce Flt
elements No. 9 Sqn PAAF

Intelligence

5. Very little information was available for the suspected bunker system at 405870. Intelligence available before the second system was assaulted was that an unidentified enemy force was occupying a bunker system in vicinity of 420855. 2 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ had contacted one enemy moving South to North in the area earlier in the day and then on following up of this engagement had been engaged from a large bunker system (100m-150m in width) with heavy machine gun and RPG fire and by claymore mines. During 2 Pls initial withdrawal the enemy had followed up delivering large volumes of fire from both flanks.

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