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Australian Army commanders' diaries

Royal Australian Armoured Corps

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**Item: C Squadron 1 Armoured  
Regiment**

Narrative, Annexes

1-31 May 1968

PART 1

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. 707-1-1

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

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

2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature) John F. Wilson

Appointment Lt. Col. C SQN 1 ARMoured REGIMENT

(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

PART 2

AF C 2119 (Adapted)  
Revised Jun, 1965

SECRET

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~~DUPLICATE~~ }

Strike out where  
not applicable

COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation C Sqn 1 Armoured Regt

From 1 May 68 To 31 May 68

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Narrative (AF C 2118)

ANNEXES

- \* A Duty officer's log
- \* B Messages connected with log
- C Operation orders and instructions issued
- D Operation orders and instructions received
- \* E Sitreps issued
- F Orders of battle and location reports issued
- G Intelligence reports and summaries issued; appreciations made
- H Administrative orders and instructions issued
- I Administrative orders and instructions received
- J Administrative reports and bulletins; ammunition returns; field strength returns
- \* K Standing orders issued
- L Commander's policy and demi-official letters
- 5 M Action reports (if required)
- N Other papers, eg, maps and diagrams, air photos, reports from sub units
- O Periodical summaries of operations
- Z Top Secret Supplementary Diary

Enclosure Numbers

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† RETAINED  
† Despatched to AHQ  
on 4 Nov 69

\* Only to be included during operations.  
† Cross out whichever is not applicable.

PART 3

COMMANDERS DIARIES  
INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

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

GENERAL

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

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

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

During Operational Periods (1)

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

COMPILATION

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

for operations form Annex "Z", "TOP SECRET" stamp on the document. It is to be prepared and disposed of as

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as well as map references), establishment, equipment and personnel, orders given, the day's fighting, including company movements, and the commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

of tactical importance. Details of the activities of officers, men and equipment, including the number of personnel captured, and the number of personnel employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

of orders issued and received, routine returns, etc. All details and the time of receipt or despatch is to be given.

of annexes, but need not give a precis of any of them.

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COMMANDERS DIARIES  
DUPLICATE ORIGINAL  
SECRET

DISPOSAL

13. **Original Commander's Diary.** This is to be forwarded monthly, unless otherwise ordered, by the seventh day of the succeeding month direct to AHQ.

14. **Duplicate Commander's Diary.** This must be clearly marked as a duplicate. It is to be sent separately from the original to AHQ one month after the original has been despatched but not before the former has been acknowledged.

15. When overseas, both copies of diaries are to be sent through the Army Records organization in the overseas theatre but at different times.

16. **TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.**

a. The documents referred to in Paragraph 9 together with a list of them made out on AF C 2118 (Adapted) must be placed in separate cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted). All details must be filled in and the cover clearly marked in red: "ANNEX Z — OFFICER ONLY". It may be convenient to group the papers by appendices.

b. Supplementary diaries must be forwarded under the normal rules for TOP SECRET correspondence, to AHQ. The inner envelope must be plainly marked:

TOP SECRET

ANNEX Z to

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

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

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

CORRELATION

Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:

- a. Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
- b. Index as printed on cover.
- c. Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
- d. Appendix as shown in the Index.

7. All details of the unit or formation to which the diary is concerned, the name of the person concerned and exclusive members of the narrative are to be shown on the cover. If there has been a change since the last report, the date of assumption by the new commanding officer is to be shown.

8. The narrative are to be numbered in the margin of the cover. If there are any entries which are not numbered, they are to be numbered in the margin of the cover. If any entries are numbered for a particular purpose, this is to be shown in the margin of the cover.

No operations form Annex "Z", TOP SECRET, is to be prepared and despatched.

INDEX

The index is to be prepared in the margin of the cover and is to be numbered in the margin of the cover. It is to be prepared and despatched in the same manner as the narrative.

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# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C 2118 (Adapted)  
Revised Jun, 1965

MONTH AND YEAR

May 68

REFERENCE MAP

UNIT/FORMATION

Csgw 1st Regt

COMMANDING OFFICER

May P. BROADMAN

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	1-10 May		During this period C/S 32C was fitted with large I beams back and front to assist in mine clearing. The remainder of the sqw continued building our base at NUI DAT and carried out a comprehensive gunnery programme on our range.	
	10 May		A half Squadron investigated the effects of an airstrike near Binh Co monastery.	O11
	11 May		2Tp deployed with 1AKU to 516543 to attempt further mine clearance. The 21C was deployed to BEAR CAT as a Task Force duty officer. With all bus deployed the HQ was becoming stretched.	
	12-13 May		Mine clearance commenced and approx 240 mines were detonated.	

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REFERENCE MAP

UNIT/FORMATION C Sqn 1st Arkt

COMMANDING OFFICER P. L. BADMAN

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	12-13		before the operation was stopped as too much damage was occurring to the tanks and the detonating device was not efficient. The 240 mines were from an area carrying some 3,000 mines. 2Tp returned to NVI DAT and 1Tp was committed as protection for land clearing operations Co of Mass 4173	014
	14-21		1Tp continued in sp of the LCT. During this period 308 detonated a mine on Route 2 but the main charge did not go off. This was to be the first of many in that area.	
	22 May 68		On 20 May 1Tp returned to NVI DAT. C Sqn were called forward to FSPB CORAL. YT 9379. Reces showed the route near Route 2 + 1 to	

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MONTH AND YEAR May 68

REFERENCE MAP

UNIT/FORMATION C Sqn *Blackhorse*

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj *P. Brennan*

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
			<p>Long Binh and thence to COLAC. This was the longest haul the tanks had faced and everyone was looking forward to the challenge. North of Blackhorse 92A a dozer tank struck a mine and ripped off a suspension unit. It was backloaded by US AAV to Blackhorse and a team flown from NVI DAT to repair it. Strangely the only mechanical problems were from dozer tanks. They had seen a problem since arrival and the second dozer was left at Long Binh this night. The Sqn arrived at Long Binh on at 1830hrs 22 May 68. We were accommodated at 11 ACH staging area and people worked hard to be ready for</p>	<p>023</p>

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MONTH AND YEAR May 68

REFERENCE MAP .....

UNIT/FORMATION Csqw 1st Regt  
COMMANDING OFFICER Major P.L. BARNMAN

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	23 May 68		<p>The final move the next day. At approx 1100 the group less the two Coy's moved with elements of A Sqw 3 Caw to Coral arriving at 1430hrs. Over this stretch there were 7 bridges of less than C 60 construction. All went slightly but there were no dramas. The sqw was located on the perimeter at CORAL by virtue of the layout and 2TP was warned for a move to FSPB BARMORAL to support 3RAR operations in that area. 2TP were kept off the perimeter and 1TP were remote from Sqw HQ causing some inconvenience.</p>	
	24 May 68		<p>There was a lot of minor repair to be carried out and 2TP prepared to move the following day to BARMORAL.</p>	



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REFERENCE MAP .....

UNIT/FORMATION Csqn 1st Regt  
COMMANDING OFFICER Plaj P. B. BARNMAN

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<u>25 May 68</u>		<u>2Tp with B Coy 1RAR moved to FSPB base BALMORAK and had a contact. They were in location by 1500 hrs that afternoon.</u>	<u>M1</u>
	<u>26 May 68</u>		<u>At 0330 hrs 2Tp and FSPB BALMORAK received an attack by fire &amp; a ground assault by approx 100 + strength NVA force. During that day 2Tp followed up the contact 2Tp were involved in on the previous day. They moved with B Coy 3RAR and had a successful day.</u>	<u>M2</u>
	<u>27 May 68</u>		<u>Both troops remained in their respective FSPB.</u>	<u>M3</u>
	<u>28 May 68</u>		<u>CORAK received mortar &amp; RPG attack. BALMORAK received fire and ground attack. Lt M. J. BUTLER OC 2Tp Csqn and his gunner were wounded in the initial mortar attack on BALMORAK.</u>	<u>M4</u>

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MONTH AND YEAR May 68

REFERENCE MAP .....

UNIT/FORMATION CSgt [Signature]

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj PR BARDMAN

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<u>28 May 68</u>		<u>1 Tp with A Coy 1RAR conducted RIF ops with minor contact.</u>	<u>029</u>
	<u>29 May 68</u>		<u>1 Tp with B Coy 1RAR conducted RIF ops without contact</u>	<u>030</u>
			<u>2 Tp went N + NE of BALMORAL with A &amp; C Coy 3RAR without contact</u>	<u>030</u>
	<u>30 May 68</u>		<u>Lt G.M. McCORMACK and Sgt REEVES moved to assist C Coy 1RAR after a heavy contact. The use of the tanks in this situation was the major factor in upsetting the enemy and allowing C Coy to break contact.</u>	<u>031</u> <u>M5</u>
	<u>31 May 68</u>		<u>1RAR received mortar and RPG fire at approx 0200 hrs. BALMORAL received fire into their perimeter that afternoon and the area was engaged by tanks without result.</u>	

1 B P Coy-275/65-55m

C SQ. 1 ARMD REGT TANK STATE AS AT 11.7.00.H. (M.A.I.)

Serial (a)	Call Sign (b)	Sub Unit (c)	Radio (d)	Gunnery (e)	D & S (f)	Remarks (g)
1.	30 D	) SHQ	OK	OK	OK	
2.	30 E		OK	OK	OK	
3.	31	) 1 Tp	OK	OK	OK	⊕ MAIN ENGINE CHANGE DUE - STILL OPERABLE ⊕ MAIN ENGINE CHANGE COMPLETED - TESTS TO BE MADE OK 02-1030 H?
4.	31 A		OK	OK	FAIR	
5.	31 B		OK	OK	NIL	
6.	31 C		OK	OK	OK	
7.	32	) 2 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
8.	32 A		OK	OK	OK	
9.	32 B		OK	OK	OK	
10.	32 C		OK	OK	OK	
11.	92 A	) Dozers	OK	OK	OK	
12.	92 C		OK	OK	OK	
13.	92 B	) Br Layer	OK	OK	OK	
14.	92 D		OK	OK	OK	
15.	38 B	) ARVs	OK	OK	OK	
16.	38 D		OK	OK	OK	
17.	36	) Fwd Del Tp	OK	OK	OK	WKSPs AWAITING PARTS.
18.	36 A		OK	OK	OK	
19.	36 B		OK	NIL	NIL	

*By Sella Capt.*

Serial (a)	Call Sign (b)	Sub Unit (c)	Radio (d)	Gunnery (e)	D & S (f)	Remarks (g)
1.	30 D	} SHQ	OK	OK	OK	MAIN ENGINE CHANGE DUE 3 MAY 68
2.	30 E		OK	OK	OK	
3.	31	} 1 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
4.	31 A		OK	OK	FAIR	
5.	31 B		OK	OK	OK	
6.	31 C		OK	OK	OK	
7.	32	} 2 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
8.	32 A		OK	OK	OK	
9.	32 B		OK	OK	OK	
10.	32 C		OK	OK	OK	
11.	92 A	} Dozers	OK	OK	OK	
12.	92 C		OK	OK	OK	
13.	92 B	} Br Layer	OK	OK	OK	
14.	92 D		OK	OK	OK	
15.	38 B	} ARVs	OK	OK	OK	
16.	38 D		OK	OK	OK	
17.	36	} Fwd Del Tp	OK	OK	OK	
18.	36 A		OK	OK	OK	
19.	36 B		OK	NIL	NIL	

WKSPTS - AWAITING PARTS

*OK Sullivan Capt*

Serial	Call Sign	Sub Unit	Radio	Gunnery	D & S	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1.	30 D	} SHQ	OK	OK	OK	(f) MAIN ENGINE CHANGE OK 032400 H?  HYDRAULIC PUMP US. VEH CAN STILL OP AS GUN TK WITH FIXED BLADE.  WKS PS. AWAITING PARTS.
2.	30 E		OK	OK	OK	
3.	31	} 1 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
4.	31 A		OK	OK	NIL	
5.	31 B		OK	OK	OK	
6.	31 C		OK	OK	OK	
7.	32	} 2 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
8.	32 A		OK	OK	OK	
9.	32 B		OK	OK	OK	
10.	32 C		OK	OK	OK	
11.	92 A	} Dozers	OK	OK	OK	
12.	92 C		OK	OK	OK	
13.	92 B	} Br Layer	OK	OK	OK	
14.	92 D		OK	OK	OK	
15.	38 B	} ARVs	OK	OK	OK	
16.	38 D		OK	OK	OK	
17.	36	} Fwd Del	OK	OK	OK	
18.	36 A		OK	OK	OK	
19.	36 B		OK	—	—	

*[Signature]* Capt.

C SQN 1 ARMD REGT TANK STATE AS AT 24.1.70 H.....

Serial (a)	Call Sign (b)	Sub Unit (c)	Radio (d)	Gunnery (e)	D & S (f)	Remarks (g)	
1.	30 D	} SHQ	OK	OK	OK		
2.	30 E			OK	OK		
3.	31	} 1 Tp	OK	OK	OK		
4.	31 A			OK	OK		
5.	31 B			OK	OK		
6.	31 C			OK	OK		
7.	32	} 2 Tp	OK	OK	OK		
8.	32 A			OK	OK		
9.	32 B			OK	OK		
10.	32 C			OK	OK		
11.	92 A	} Dozers	OK	OK	FAIR		f, ENGINE CHANGE RECD. CAN STILL MOTOR. HYDRAULIC PUMP JS
12.	92 C			OK	OK		
13.	92 B	} Br Layer	OK	OK	OK		
14.	92 D			OK	OK		
15.	38 B	} ARVs	OK	OK	OK		
16.	38 D			OK	OK		
17.	36	} Fwd Del Tp	OK	OK	OK		
18.	36 A			OK	OK		
19.	36 B			OK	NIL		WKSPs AWAITING PARTS

*By Sullivan Capt-*

Serial (a)	Call Sign (b)	Sub Unit (c)	Radio (d)	Gunnery (e)	D & S (f)	Remarks (g)		
1.	30 D	} SHQ	OK	OK	OK			
2.	30 E			OK	OK			
3.	31	} 1 Tp	OK	OK	OK			
4.	31 A			OK	OK			
5.	31 B			OK	OK			
6.	31 C			OK	OK			
7.	32	} 2 Tp	OK	OK	OK			
8.	32 A			OK	OK			
9.	32 B			OK	OK			
10.	32 C			OK	OK			
11.	92 A	} Dozers	OK	OK	POOR		(f) MAIN ENGINE CHANGE REED - STILL MOBILE IF NECESSARY HYDRAULIC PUMP US	
12.	92 C			OK	OK			
13.	92 B	} Br Layer	OK	OK	OK			
14.	92 D			OK	OK			
15.	38 B	} ARVs	OK	OK	OK			
16.	38 D			OK	OK			
17.	36	} Fwd Del Tp	OK	OK	OK			WKSPS - AWAITING PARTS
18.	36 A			OK	OK			
19.	36 B			OK	—			

*OK Sullivan Capt*

C SQN , ARMD REGT TANK STATE AS AT ... 6.17.00.H .....

Serial	Call Sign	Sub Unit	Radio	Gunnery	D & S	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1.	30 D	} SHQ	OK	OK	OK	MINOR IGNITION FAULT - CAN MOTOR - OK 070800H?
2.	30 E		OK	OK	FAIR	
3.	31	} 1 Tp	OK	OK	OK	COOLANT LEAK - OK 061800H?
4.	31 A		OK	OK	OK	
5.	31 B		OK	OK	NIL	
6.	31 C		OK	OK	OK	
7.	32	} 2 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
8.	32 A		OK	OK	OK	
9.	32 B		OK	OK	OK	
10.	32 C		OK	OK	OK	
11.	92 A	} Dozers	OK	OK	NIL	NEW ENGINE BEING FITTED HYDRAULIC LEAK - OILED STEERING BRAKES. OK 081200
12.	92 C		OK	OK	NIL	
13.	92 B	} Br Layer	OK	OK	OK	
14.	92 D		OK	OK	OK	
15.	38 B	} ARVs	OK	OK	OK	
16.	38 D		OK	OK	OK	
17.	36	} Fwd Del Tp	OK	OK	OK	WKSP AWAITING PARTS
18.	36 A		OK	OK	OK	
19.	36 B		OK	NIL	NIL	

*B. J. Sullivan* Capt.



C SQN 1 ARMD REGT TANK STATE AS AT 07.17.00 H. (MAY)

Serial (a)	Call Sign (b)	Sub Unit (c)	Radio (d)	Gunnery (e)	D & S (f)	Remarks (g)
1.	30 D	} SHQ	OK	OK	OK	
2.	30 E		OK	OK	OK	
3.	31	} 1 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
4.	31 A		OK	OK	OK	
5.	31 B		OK	OK	OK	
6.	31 C		OK	OK	OK	
7.	32	} 2 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
8.	32 A		OK	OK	OK	
9.	32 B		OK	OK	OK	
10.	32 C		OK	OK	OK	
11.	92 A	} Dozers	OK	OK	NIL	ENGINE CHANGE IN PROGRESS GCE FAULT. MAIN BRAKES OVERHAUL (OILED SHOES) OK 081200 H?
12.	92 C		OK	HAND ONLY	POOR	
13.	92 B	} Br Layer	OK	OK	OK	
14.	92 D		OK	OK	OK	
15.	38 B	} ARVs	OK	OK	OK	
16.	38 D		OK	OK	OK	
17.	36	} Fwd Del Tp	OK	OK	OK	WKSRS - AWAITING PARTS
18.	36 A		OK	OK	OK	
19.	36 B		OK	NIL	NIL	

C SQN 1 ARMD REGT TANK STATE AS AT 02/03.04 (MAY).....

Serial (a)	Call Sign (b)	Sub Unit (c)	Radio (d)	Gunnery (e)	D & S (f)	Remarks (g)
1.	30 D	} SHQ	OK	OK	OK	
2.	30 E		OK	OK	OK	
3.	31	} 1 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
4.	31 A		OK	OK	OK	
5.	31 B		OK	OK	OK	
6.	31 C		OK	OK	OK	
7.	32	} 2 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
8.	32 A		OK	OK	OK	
9.	32 B		OK	OK	OK	
10.	32 C		OK	OK	OK	
11.	92 A	} Dozers	OK	OK	OK	HYDRAULIC PUMP VS - AWAITING PARTS
12.	92 C		OK	OK	OK	
13.	92 B	} Br Layer	OK	OK	OK	
14.	92 D		OK	OK	OK	
15.	38 B	} ARVs	OK	OK	OK	
16.	38 D		OK	OK	OK	
17.	36	} Fwd Del Tp	OK	OK	OK	WIKERS - AWAITING PARTS
18.	36 A		OK	OK	OK	
19.	36 B		OK	NIL	NIL	

*BR Sullivan Capt*

Serial (a)	Call Sign (b)	Sub Unit (c)	Radio (d)	Gunnery (e)	D & S (f)	Remarks (g)
1.	30 D	} SHQ	OK	OK	OK	
2.	30 E		OK	OK	OK	
3.	31	} 1 Tp	OK	OK	OK	(e) MINOR GCE FAULT - OK 100800H?
4.	31 A		OK	OK	OK	
5.	31 B		OK	FAIR	OK	
6.	31 C		OK	OK	OK	
7.	32	} 2 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
8.	32 A		OK	OK	OK	
9.	32 B		OK	OK	OK	
10.	32 C		OK	OK	OK	
11.	92 A	} Dozers	OK	OK	OK	HYDRAULIC PUMP US - AWAITING PARTS (e) MINOR GCE FAULTS - OK 100800H?
12.	92 C		OK	FAIR	OK	
13.	92 B	} Br Layer	OK	OK	OK	
14.	92 D		OK	OK	OK	
15.	38 B	} ARVs	OK	OK	OK	
16.	38 D		OK	OK	OK	
17.	36	} Fwd Del Tp	OK	OK	OK	WKSHPs - AWAITING PARTS
18.	36 A		OK	OK	OK	
19.	36 B		OK	NIL	NIL	

Alan Wickens Capt  
M 21C

C SQ 1 ARMD REGT TANK STATE AS AT 1900 H (MAY).....

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Serial (a)	Call Sign (b)	Sub Unit (c)	Radio (d)	Gunnery (e)	D & S (f)	Remarks (g)
1.	30 D	} SHQ	OK	OK	OK	
2.	30 E		OK	OK	OK	
3.	31	} 1 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
4.	31 A		OK	OK	OK	
5.	31 B		OK	OK	OK	
6.	31 C		OK	OK	OK	
7.	32	} 2 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
8.	32 A		OK	OK	OK	
9.	32 B		OK	OK	OK	
10.	32 C		OK	OK	NIL	(f) WKSHPs - RETAIRING STEERING + MAIN BRAKES - OK 110800H?
11.	92 A	} Dozers	OK	OK	NIL	
12.	92 C		OK	OK	OK	(f) WKSHPs - BROKEN CLUTCH YOKE
13.	92 B	} Br Layer	OK	OK	OK	
14.	92 D		OK	OK	OK	
15.	38 B	} ARVs	OK	OK	OK	
16.	38 D		OK	OK	OK	
17.	36	} Fwd Del Tp	OK	OK	OK	
18.	36 A		OK	OK	OK	
19.	36 B		OK	NIL	NIL	(par f) WKSHPs - AWAITING PARTS.

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Serial (a)	Call Sign (b)	Sub Unit (c)	Radio (d)	Gunnery (e)	D & S (f)	Remarks (g)
1.	30 D	} SHQ	OK	OK	OK	
2.	30 E		OK	OK	OK	
3.	31	} 1 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
4.	31 A		OK	OK	OK	
5.	31 B		OK	OK	OK	
6.	31 C		OK	OK	OK	
7.	32	} 2 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
8.	32 A		OK	OK	OK	
9.	32 B		OK	OK	OK	
10.	32 C		OK	OK	OK	
11.	92 A	} Dozers	OK	OK	OK	
12.	92 C		OK	OK	OK	
13.	92 B	} Br Layer	OK	OK	OK	
14.	92 D		OK	OK	OK	
15.	38 B	} ARVs	OK	OK	OK	
16.	38 D		OK	OK	OK	
17.	36	} Fwd Del Tp	OK	OK	OK	
18.	36 A		OK	OK	OK	
19.	36 B		OK	NIL	NIL	

(e+f) WKSHPs - Awaiting Parts  
*Wampler Capt.*

C SQN, ARMD REGT TANK STATE AS AT 21700 H. (MAY).....

Serial (a)	Call Sign (b)	Sub Unit (c)	Radio (d)	Gunnery (e)	D & S (f)	Remarks (g)
1.	30 D	} SHQ	OK	OK	OK	
2.	30 E		OK	OK	OK	
3.	31	} 1 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
4.	31 A		OK	OK	OK	
5.	31 B		OK	OK	OK	
6.	31 C		OK	OK	OK	
7.	32	} 2 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
8.	32 A		OK	OK	OK	
9.	32 B		OK	OK	OK	
10.	32 C		OK	OK	FAIR	
11.	92 A	} Dozers	OK	OK	OK	
12.	92 C		OK	OK	OK	
13.	92 B	} Br Layer	OK	OK	OK	
14.	92 D		OK	OK	OK	
15.	38 B	} ARVs	OK	OK	OK	
16.	38 D		OK	OK	OK	
17.	36	} Fwd Del Tp	OK	OK	OK	
18.	36 A		OK	OK	OK	
19.	36 B		OK	NIL	NIL	

(f) HOLE IN RADIATOR - DOES NOT IMPEDE RUNNING - OK 130800 ?

(e & f) WKSHTS - AWAITING PARTS.

*Jackman W N*

Serial	Call Sign	Sub Unit	Radio	Gunnery	D & S	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1.	30 D	) SHQ	OK	OK	OK	
2.	30 E		OK	OK	OK	
3.	31	) 1 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
4.	31 A		OK	OK	OK	
5.	31 B		OK	OK	OK	
6.	31 C		OK	OK	OK	
7.	32	) 2 Tp	OK	OK	OK	EXTERNAL DAMAGE FROM MINES TO BE INSPECTED & REPAIRED
8.	32 A		OK	OK	OK	
9.	32 B		OK	OK	OK	
10.	32 C		OK	OK	OK	
11.	92 A	) Dozers	OK	OK	OK	HYDRAULIC PUMP US - AWAITING PARTS SMALL OIL LEAK GEARBOX - OK 141600H?
12.	92 C		OK	OK	POOR	
13.	92 B	) Br Layer	OK	OK	OK	
14.	92 D		OK	OK	OK	
15.	38 B	) ARVs	OK	OK	OK	
16.	38 D		OK	OK	OK	
17.	36	) Fwd Del	OK	OK	OK	WKS PS - AWAITING PARTS
18.	36 A		OK	OK	OK	
19.	36 B		OK	NIL	NIL	

*BT Sullivan Capt*

C SQN , ARMD REGT TANK STATE AS AT 1700 H (MAY)...

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Serial (a)	Call Sign (b)	Sub Unit (c)	Radio (d)	Gunnery (e)	D & S (f)	Remarks (g)
1.	30 D	) SHQ	OK	OK	OK	
2.	30 E		OK	OK	OK	
3.	31	) 1 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
4.	31 A		OK	OK	OK	
5.	31 B		OK	OK	OK	
6.	31 C		OK	EMERGENCY	OK	
7.	32	) 2 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
8.	32 A		OK	OK	OK	
9.	32 B		OK	OK	OK	
10.	32 C		OK	OK	POOR	
11.	92 A	) Dozers	OK	OK	OK	HYDRAULIC PUMP - US - AWAITING PARTS.
12.	92 C		OK	OK	OK	
13.	92 B	) Br Layer	OK	OK	OK	
14.	92 D		OK	OK	OK	
15.	38 B	) ARVs	OK	OK	OK	
16.	38 D		OK	OK	OK	
17.	36	) Fwd Del Tp	OK	OK	OK	WKSHPs - AWAITING PARTS.
18.	36 A		OK	OK	OK	
19.	36 B		OK	NIL	NIL	

*By Sullivan Capt*



Serial (a)	Call Sign (b)	Sub Unit (c)	Radio (d)	Gunnery (e)	D & S (f)	Remarks (g)
1.	30 D	) SHQ	OK	HAND ONLY	OK	GLE OK 151800?
2.	30 E		OK	OK	OK	
3.	31	) 1 Tp	OK	OK	OK	WKSHPS - MAIN ENGINING CHANGE IN PROGRESS - OK 160800H?
4.	31 A		OK	OK	OK	
5.	31 B		OK	OK	OK	
6.	31 C		OK	OK	NIL	
7.	32	) 2 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
8.	32 A		OK	OK	OK	
9.	32 B		OK	OK	OK	
10.	32 C		OK	OK	POOR	
11.	92 A	) Dozers	OK	OK	OK	MINE DAMAGE RECTIFICATION IN PROGRESS
12.	92 C		OK	OK	OK	
13.	92 B	) Br Layer	OK	OK	OK	HYDRAULIC PUMP US - AWAITING PARTS
14.	92 D		OK	OK	OK	
15.	38 B	) ARVs	OK	OK	OK	
16.	38 D		OK	OK	OK	
17.	36	) Fwd Del Tp	OK	OK	OK	WKSPS - AWAITING PARTS.
18.	36 A		OK	OK	OK	
19.	36 B		OK	NIL	NIL	

*BR Sullivan Capt*

Serial (a)	Call Sign (b)	Sub Unit (c)	Radio (d)	Gunnery (e)	D & S (f)	Remarks (g)
1.	30 D	) SHQ	OK	OK	OK	MINE DAMAGE RECTIFICATION IN PROGRESS
2.	30 E		OK	OK	OK	
3.	31	) 1 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
4.	31 A		OK	OK	OK	
5.	31 B		OK	OK	OK	
6.	31 C		OK	OK	OK	
7.	32	) 2 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
8.	32 A		OK	OK	OK	
9.	32 B		OK	OK	OK	
10.	32 C		OK	POOR	POOR	
11.	92 A	) Dozers	OK	OK	OK	
12.	92 C		OK	OK	OK	
13.	92 B	) Br Layer	OK	OK	OK	
14.	92 D		OK	OK	OK	
15.	38 B	) ARVs	OK	OK	OK	
16.	38 D		OK	OK	OK	
17.	36	) Fwd Del Tp	OK	OK	OK	
18.	36 A		OK	OK	OK	
19.	36 B		OK	—	—	

WKSPS - AWAITING PARTS

*BA Sullivan Capt*

C S 1 ARMD REGT TANK STATE AS AT 72200 H (MAY)

Serial (a)	Call Sign (b)	Sub Unit (c)	Radio (d)	Gunnery (e)	D & S (f)	Remarks (g)
1.	30 D	) SHQ	OK	OK	OK	
2.	30 E		OK	OK	OK	
3.	31	) 1 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
4.	31 A		OK	OK	OK	
5.	31 B		OK	OK	OK	
6.	31 C		OK	OK	OK	
7.	32	) 2 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
8.	32 A		OK	OK	OK	
9.	32 B		OK	OK	OK	
10.	32 C		OK	OK	OK	
11.	92 A	) Dozers	OK	OK	OK	
12.	92 C		OK	OK	OK	
13.	92 B	) Br Layer	OK	OK	OK	
14.	92 D		OK	OK	OK	
15.	38 B	) ARVs	OK	OK	OK	
16.	38 D		OK	OK	OK	
17.	36	) Fwd Del Tp	OK	OK	OK	
18.	36 A		OK	OK	OK	
19.	36 B		OK	NIL	NIL	

WKSRS - AWAITING PARTS

BH Sullivan Capt

Serial (a)	Call Sign (b)	Sub Unit (c)	Radio (d)	Gunnery (e)	D & S (f)	Remarks (g)
1.	30 D	} SHQ	OK	OK	OK	
2.	30 E		OK	OK	OK	
3.	31	} 1 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
4.	31 A		OK	OK	OK	
5.	31 B		OK	OK	OK	
6.	31 C		OK	OK	OK	
7.	32	} 2 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
8.	32 A		OK	OK	OK	
9.	32 B		OK	OK	OK	
10.	32 C		OK	OK	OK	
11.	92 A	} Dozers	OK	OK	OK	
12.	92 C		OK	OK	OK	
13.	92 B	} Br Layer	OK	OK	OK	
14.	92 D		OK	OK	OK	
15.	38 B	} ARVs	OK	OK	OK	
16.	38 D		OK	OK	OK	
17.	36	} Fwd Del Tp	OK	OK	OK	
18.	36 A		OK	OK	OK	
19.	36 B		OK	NIL	NIL	

WKSAS AWAITING PARTS

OK Sullivan Capt

C SQN 1 ARMD REGT TANK STATE AS AT 1800 H (MAY)...

Serial (a)	Call Sign (b)	Sub Unit (c)	Radio (d)	Gunnery (e)	D & S (f)	Remarks (g)
1.	30 D	} SHQ	OK	OK	OK	
2.	30 E		OK	OK	OK	
3.	31	} 1 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
4.	31 A		OK	OK	OK	
5.	31 B		OK	OK	OK	
6.	31 C		OK	OK	OK	
7.	32	} 2 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
8.	32 A		OK	OK	OK	
9.	32 B		OK	OK	OK	
10.	32 C		OK	OK	OK	
11.	92 A	} Dozers	OK	OK	OK	
12.	92 C		OK	OK	OK	
13.	92 B	} Br Layer	OK	OK	OK	LAUNCH PIN BUSH US : OK 192300 H
14.	92 D		OK	OK	OK	
15.	38 B	} ARVs	OK	OK	OK	
16.	38 D		OK	OK	OK	
17.	36	} Fwd Del Tp	OK	OK	OK	WKSRS
18.	36 A		OK	NIL	OK	
19.	36 B		OK	NIL	NIL	

BK Sullivan Capt

Serial (a)	Call Sign (b)	Sub Unit (c)	Radio (d)	Gunnery (e)	D & S (f)	Remarks (g)
1.	30 D	} SHQ	OK	OK	OK	<p>CHARGING SET FUEL PUMP US : OK 210830 H ?                      LEFT HAND FINAL DRIVE US : OK 211001 H ?                      CLUTCH TO BE CHANGED : OK 211200 H ?                      MAIN ENGINE MAY REQUIRE CHANGE - TO BE INSPECTED.</p>
2.	30 E		OK	OK	OK	
3.	31	} 1 Tp	OK	EMERGENCY	OK NIL	
4.	31 A		OK	OK	OK POOR	
5.	31 B		OK	OK	OK POOR	
6.	31 C		OK	OK	OK	
7.	32	} 2 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
8.	32 A		OK	OK	OK	
9.	32 B		OK	OK	OK	
10.	32 C		OK	OK	OK	
11.	92 A	} Dozers	OK	OK	OK	
12.	92 C		OK	OK	OK	
13.	92 B	} Br Layer	OK	OK	OK	
14.	92 D		OK	OK	OK	
15.	38 B	} ARVs	OK	OK	OK	
16.	38 D		OK	OK	OK	
17.	36	} Fwd Del Tp	OK	OK	OK	
18.	36 A		OK	OK	OK	
19.	36 B		OK	NIL	NIL	

WIKSPS AWAITING PARTS

OK Sullivan Capt

C SQN 1 ARMD REGT TANK STATE AS AT 21.17.30 H (MAY).....

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Serial (a)	Call Sign (b)	Sub Unit (c)	Radio (d)	Gunnery (e)	D & S (f)	Remarks (g)
1.	30 D	} SHQ	OK	OK	OK	
2.	30 E		OK	OK	OK	
3.	31	} 1 Tp	OK	OK	OK	HAS CHANGED WITH 36 A.
4.	31 A		OK	OK	OK	
5.	31 B		OK	OK	OK	
6.	31 C		OK	OK	OK	
7.	32	} 2 Tp	OK	OK	OK	
8.	32 A		OK	OK	OK	
9.	32 B		OK	OK	OK	
10.	32 C		OK	OK	OK	
11.	92 A	} Dozers	OK	OK	OK	
12.	92 C		OK	OK	OK	
13.	92 B	} Br Layer	OK	OK	OK	
14.	92 D		OK	OK	OK	
15.	36 B	} ARVs	OK	OK	FAIR	COOLING PROBLEM: OK 211930H?
16.	36 D		OK	OK	OK	
17.	36	} Fwd Del Tp	OK	OK	OK	CHANGED WITH 31 B. MAIN ENGINE US AWAITING PARTS WKSP. AWAITING PARTS
18.	36 A		OK	OK	NIL	
19.	36 B		OK	NIL	NIL	

*B.R. Sullivan Capt*

AFTER ACTION REPORT

RT 1

1. TOAN THANG
2. Report by: 1731558 2LT MICHAEL J BUTLER
3. 2 TP., C SQN, 1 ARMD REGT
4. FOUR CENTURION TANKS, 1 ARV, M 113 FITTERS VEH, 25 men PLUS B COY (-) 1 RAR.
5. Date of action: 25 MAY 68 Time: 1132 HRS. Duration 2 HRS
6. XT 931311 and later at XT 933313
7. To move to FSPB BALMORAL by last light.

8. At 1132 hrs the fwd pl which was providing cover for my vehs, was fired on by 2 en riflemen. We were called fwd to give fire support. The en broke contact and withdrew in a NORTHERLY direction.

At 1142 hrs the fwd pl again came under fire from an estimated en pl in bunkers. My four tanks took up posns on the left flank of the leading pl, the ARV and M 113 covered our rear along with the rear pl.

The Tp Sgt had just moved into posn as left flanking tank when 2 RPG projectiles were fired at him in quick succession. The projectiles exploded above him in the trees. He returned fire by firing a cannister round. On inspection of the area later, 1 en KIA was found. We were unable to continue the search for his weapon, as the area had to be vacated ASP to allow an air strike to go in.

2 Tp also supported the leading pl when they swept through the area to their front. Cannister, HE, .50 and .30 cal were used to give this fire sp.

The ARV also cleared an LP for the DUSTOFF aircraft.

The four tanks put down fire in the direction of the en when the DUSTOFF took place. The idea was to neutralise any reaction the en might make whilst the DUSTOFF was taking place.

When we commenced to move again we were again called fwd to fire into an area where 1 en was seen withdrawing. Results of this engagement are unknown.

9. Primary growth with a canopy 20' to 40', with thick undergrowth. Visibility from 5 to 50 metres. Main area of contact 10 metres.
10. En fired at tanks from 10 metre with RPG and small arms.
11. En not seen until he fired RPG.
12. Looking for the enemy.
13. His firing.
14. NVA pl, dress:- greens, pith helmets, webbing, sandles.
15. En, 10 metres
16. Cannister, HE, .30 and .50 spotter
17. No reaction after cannister round.
18. All tanks put down fire to the front and left flank.
19. 1 En. KIA (BC)
20. Cannister.



21. None to 2 Tp. B Coy 1 RAR had 1 WIA.
22. Shot in ankle by small arms fire.
23. Total Tp expenditure: 35 Cannister  
8 HE  
5000 rounds of .30 cal

24. Nil

25. Inf in this type of country can move quicker than tanks, due to their better visibility at ground level. Therefore they must maintain visual contact with tanks if they want tank to quickly and effectively. In the initial stages of the contact the tanks lost sight of the inf in front of them because the inf moved quickly to support the pl under fire.

26. When infantry are moving with tanks in close country it is essential that the infantry commander keep the tank commander informed of the disposition of his troops at all times for the following reasons:

- a. Tank fire, in particular Cannister, cannot be used against the en until the infantry positions are known.
- b. Speculative fire for the protection of the tank troop, cannot be used for the same reason.

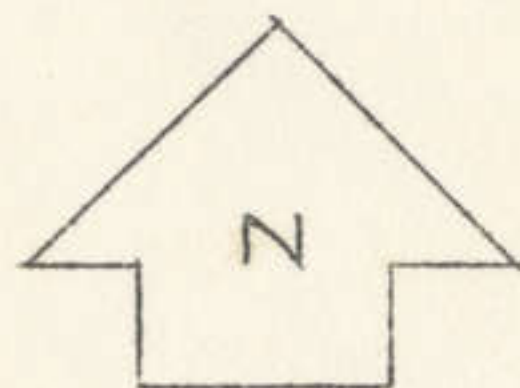
PART 2 SQN COMD'S COMMENTS

30. Initially during this contact, the troop were unsure of the positions of the escorting infantry and when contact was first made could not move quickly to give support.

31. I support the troop leader's remarks in para 26. I believe that the necessary information can be passed by radio and that one man suitably marked with, say, a white cloth, should be told off to act as a guide for the troop leader. A good man for this task is the CSM.

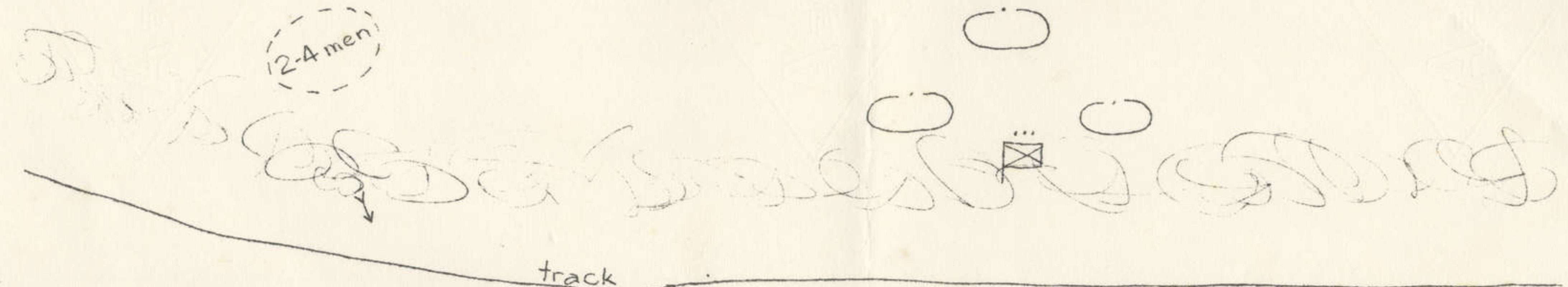
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POSITION ON INITIAL CONTACT WITH EN.

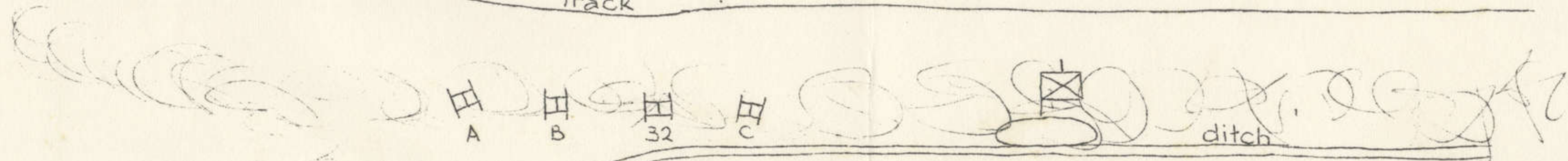


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12-4 men



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A B 32 C

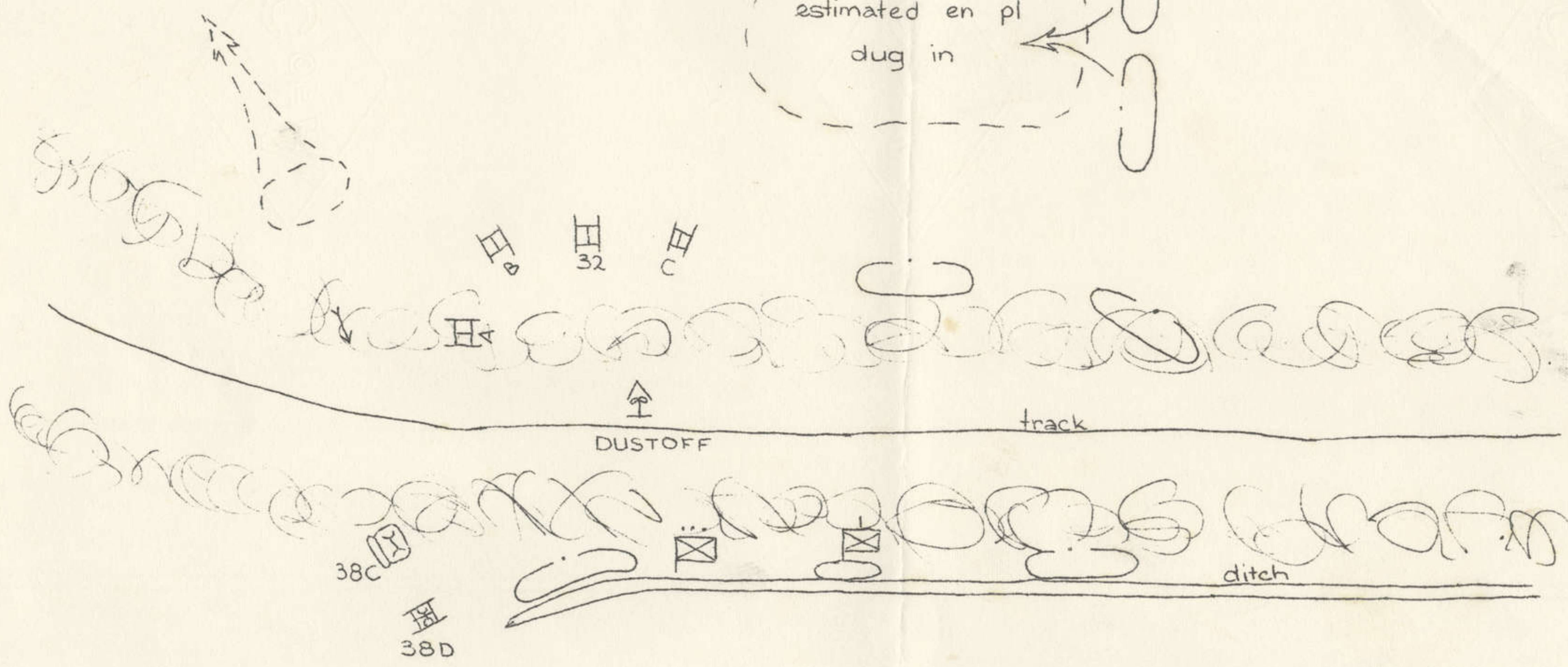
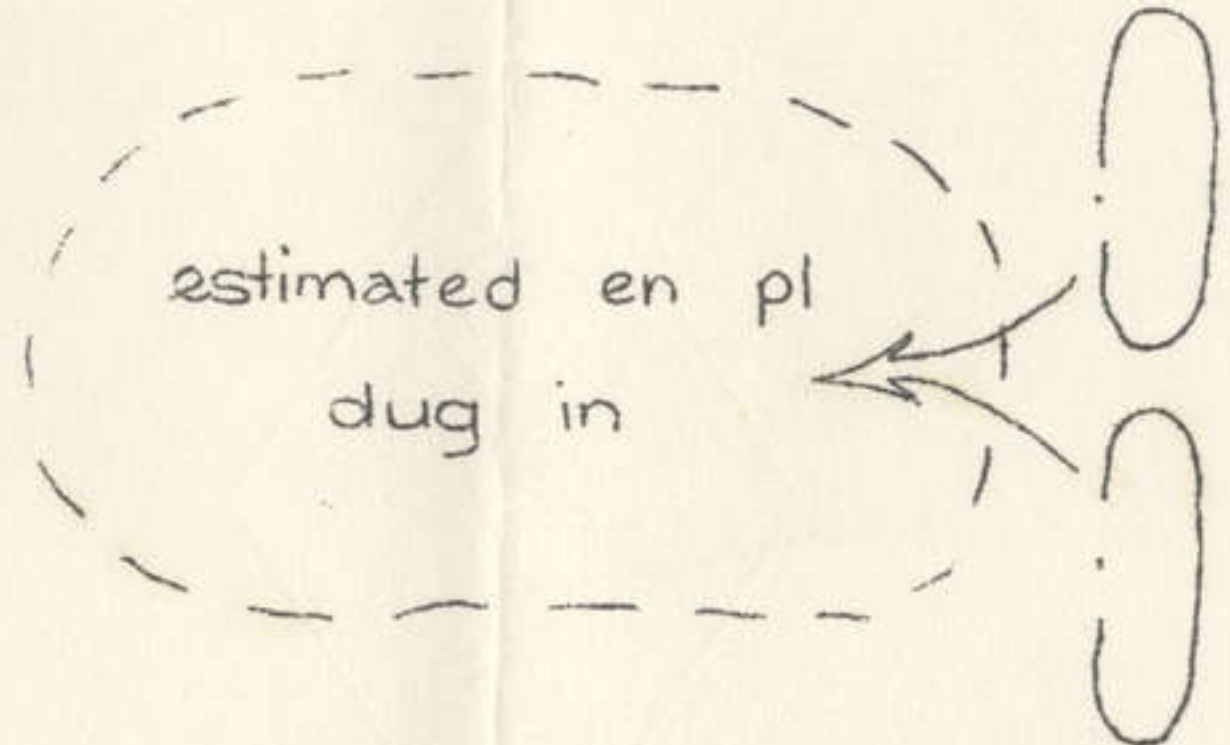
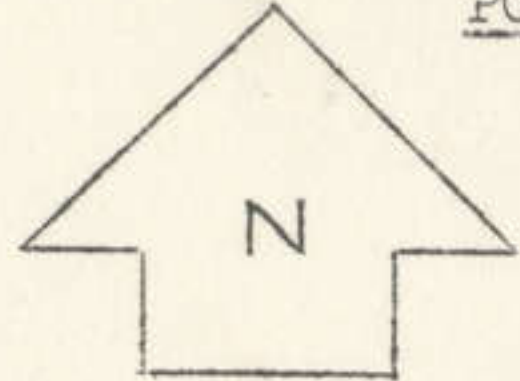
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38 D



25 1142 hrs

POSITIONS WHILST IN SP OF INF SWEEP AND COVER FOR DUSTOFF



25 1215 hrs

AFTER ACTION REPORTPART .

1. TOAN THANG
2. 1731558 2LT MICHAEL J BUTLER
3. 2TP, C SQN 1 ARMD REGT
4. 4 CENTURION TKS, 1 ARV, M113 FITTERS VEH
5. 26 MAY 68 0330 HRS 3 HRS
6. FSPB BALMORAL XT 934338
7. To defend the Northern sector of FSPB BALMORAL
8. This section of the report will be divided into two sections. Section I the action involving Tp Ldr and Tp Cpl (32 and 32C) and Section II the action involving Tp Sgt and Tp Cpl (32A and 32B).

## Section I

The attack was initiated by the en who bombarded the FSPB with mors and RPG fire. 32 and 32C had seven RPG rounds fired in their direction. They also received small arms fire, automatic and single shot.

As this was the Tps first night in the FSPB, I did not want to fire the main armament, and give our posn away, but when the RPG fire started falling close to the tanks, I engaged the RPG posn with cannister and HE.

We could see the flash of the en RPG fire and this was what we fired at. Targets were engaged with either HE, Can, or MG. The en successfully used the craters, made by B52 strikes, for cover from our fire.

We did not use infra red once the area was illuminated, as the flares nullified its use, nor was white light used in this action.

.50 cal spotter was used to indicate targets to the LFT, and this was requested by them the second night BALMORAL was attacked.

The en made several efforts to get to the wire but was repulsed. As he sought cover in the bomb craters, we were able to bring mor fire in, using the Bn Comd Net.

The infantry often requested our fire by radio. To get on target we used .50 spotter and .30 cal MGs.

At 0615 hrs, by request of D Coy 3 RAR, 32 and 32A fired on a mor plate posn.

En dead were found just outside our wire and at the mor plate position.

## Section II

32A and B were positioned on the LEFT flank of D Coy 3 RAR. They received no mortar or RPG fire in their immediate area. At one stage 32B engaged a target indicated by the trace of an inf MG. Apart from that no other targets were engaged. 32A did fire with 32 at 0615 hrs on en mor base plate posn.

32A and B because of their position, were able to run out remote hand pieces to C and D Coy pl comds flanking their positions. This means and radio were used successfully.

9. The ground in front of 2 Tp consisted of open country varying from 40 metres, to 600 metres in depth. Visibility under flares was good to 400

- metres. Without illumination visibility was back to 60-80 metres.
10. En were seen under flares at 50 metres, on or in the vicinity of the wire.
  11. 32C
  12. Picquet
  13. The en were only picked up by the muzzle flash when they fired their weapons.
  14. NVA dress was greens, pith helmet, sandals and bare feet, webbing and entrenching tools.
  15. En fired first. Mors at 600 to 300 metres and RPG fire from 40 metres on the wire, to 300 metres across open ground.
  16. Main and secondary armment along with comds MG. Cannister, HE .50 and .30 cal were used.
  17. When fired upon, the en, when he could, continued to return fire. He alternated his positions and if pinned down, he dug himself a shell scrape under fire.
  18. Continued to put down neutralising fire, then walk the mortars up to the perimeter.
  19. En cas were four KIA (BC) outside the wire and two drag marks. Two en KIA (BC) were found at the mor base plate position. A blood soaked bandage was found indicating a chest or stomach wound.
  20. The areas engaged by the tanks were also engaged with inf MG fire, artillery and mortars. It is generally accepted however, that the more chopped around bodies found, were caused by cannister or HE at close range. Most of the en dead were found in this condition.
  21. Nil to 2 Tp, 3 RAR suffered 2 KIA 17 WIA ( 2 of the WIA remained on duty)
  22. Mortars.
  23. 2 Tp ammo expenditure
 

CAN	-	17
HE	-	28
.50	-	400
.30	-	2250
  24. An unknown number of RPG 2's and 7's, AK 47's (see 3 RAR report)
  25. When indicating the perimeter with flares for LFTs, a hole should be dug, so as the fwd pits can throw the flare into it. This was not done on this occasion and the flares illuminated the tanks, causing us to receive fire.
- The picquet between the hrs of 0100 to 0400, must be done by the crew of the guard tank, as it is too dangerous for the picquet to get out and make for their positions during a mor attack. In this case the infantry were sharing picquet duties in the tanks.
26. .50 cal spotter is an excellent means for indicating targets at night. The crews settles down well after the initial opening burst, and continued to combine well with good inf/tk tgt indication, by means of radio and remote hand set.

PART 2 TP COMD'S COMMENTS

27. )
28. ) Not applicable
29. )

PART 3 SQN COMD'S COMMENTS

30. Not applicable

31. This attack brings out the fact that if tanks are sited on the perimeter then crews must sleep in their tanks, or run the risk of enemy fire whilst getting out of pits to stand to.

32. If infantry are to share picquets on tanks they must have some training in tank armaments.

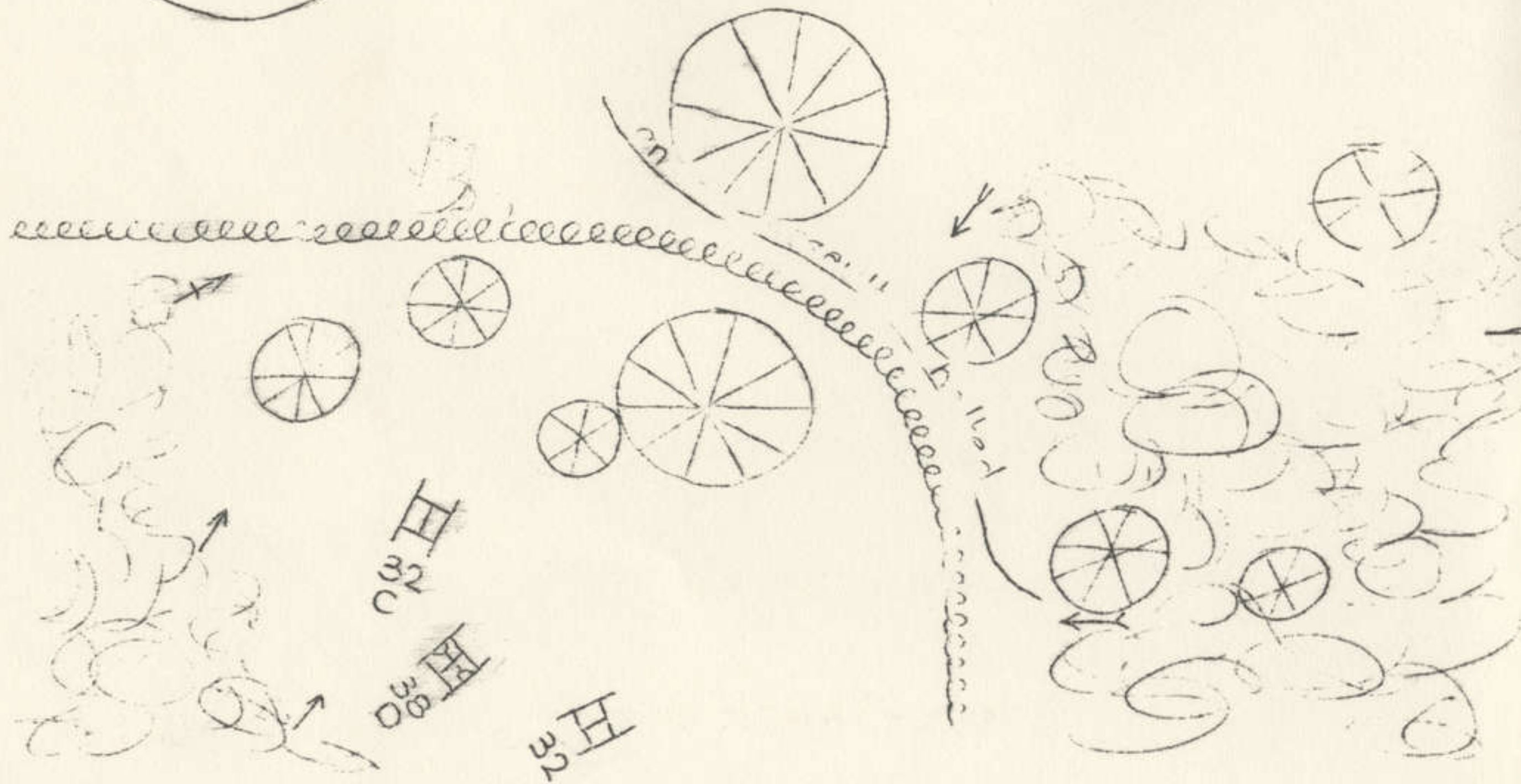
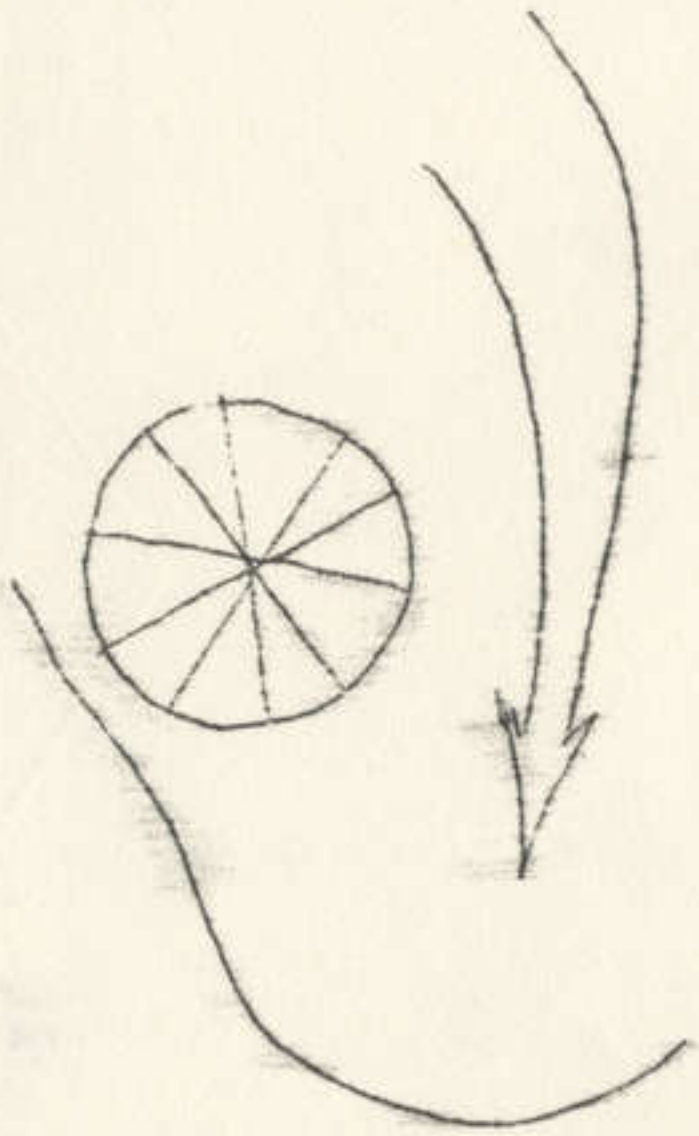
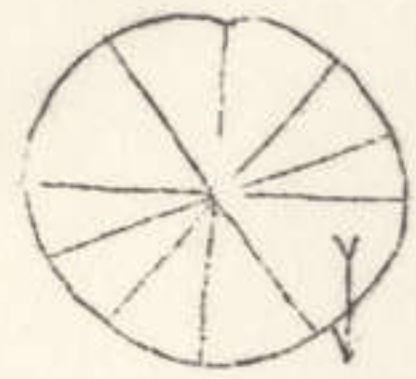
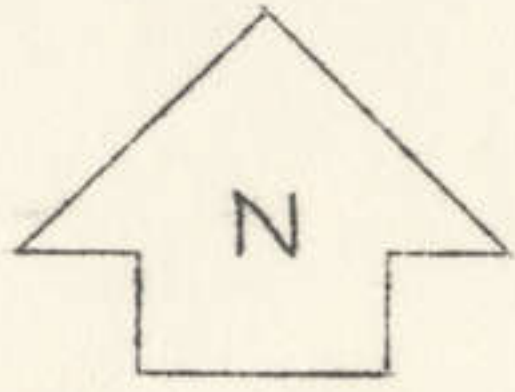
33. If the troop is split, its ability to man guard tanks on a perimeter is severely hampered.

*Michael J. Rathbun*  
.....Tp Comd

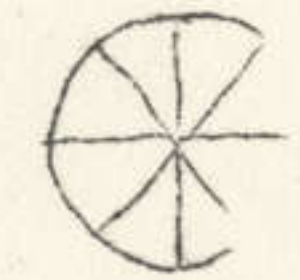
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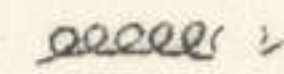
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craters from B 52 strikes



concertina wire



primary - secondary growth

CONTACT AFTER ACTION  
REPORT

PART 1

1. OPERATION TOAN THANG
2. 235305 Lt G. McCORMACK.
3. 1 TP C SQN 1 ARMD REGT.
4. 4 x tanks (31, 31A, 31B, 31C), 1 x M113 Fitters (38A), 1 x ARV (Centurion) (38B), D Coy 1 RAR.

5. 26 May 68           Phase 1    1140 - 1300  
                          Phase 2    1400 - 1530.

6. Phase 1 x T 931310.  
Phase 2 x T 931313.

7. Recce in Force of D Coy AO.

8. Phase 1.

- a. D Coy was moving NORTH NORTH EAST, order of march ANNEX A.
- b. 10 Pl sighted two VC, 1 was KIA the other ran off to the NORTH.
- c. OC D Coy ordered 1 Troop to move to the LEFT of and level with 12 Pl.
- d. Whilst 1 Troop was moving 12 Pl came under AW fire from their LEFT FRONT.
- e. When 1 Troop drew level with 12 Pl 31B (LEFT HAND LEAD TANK) was hit by 3 RPG-2 rockets, 31 and 31C received AW fire. See ANNEX B for final positions.
- f. Tanks 31B 31 and 31C fired cannister and MG in the direction of the enemy and uncovered four bunkers.
- g. The bunkers were engaged with APCBC to open them, and then cannister and MG.
- h. The Reorganisation was completed when 10 Pl cleared the immediate front of the tanks.
- i. The bunkers and dead were searched.
- j. 1 Troop returned to its position behind Coy HQ.

Phase 2

- a. D Coy had just shaken out and started to move on its original axis when 10 Pl (FRONT RIGHT) received AW fire from their FRONT RIGHT.
- b. OC D Coy ordered 1 Troop to support 10 Pl.
- c. OC 10 Pl positioned 1 Troop to his FRONT RIGHT. Final position see ANNEX C.
- d. 31C and 31 were fired at by at least 1 RPG-7 and 3 RPG-2 rockets.
- e. 31C 31 and 31B came under heavy AW fire from at least five sources.
- f. 31C 31 and 31B fired cannister and MG in the direction of the enemy and uncovered 9-12 bunkers, at least three with two or more enemy in them.

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- g. The tanks engaged the bunkers with APCBC, cannister and MG.
- h. 1 Troop advanced about 20m into the swathe cleared by fire and again received AW fire. It was dealt with as above.
- i. After the enemy fire had been stopped 12 PL cleared the area. A detailed search was not carried out due to a lack of time.
- j. One pit was searched and contained at least 3 bodies, an area was covered with pieces of flesh and blood where a VC was hit with a cannister round as he jumped a fallen tree.
- k. D Coy and 1 Troop returned to FSB CORAL.
9. Flat, thick scrub, visibility 2-5m.
10. Phase 1 1-2m.  
Phase 2 3-5m.
11. Commanders of 31B 31 and 31C (Cpl W BURTON, Lt G McCORMACK, Cpl P REEVES) simultaneously.
12. Searching for en to their front.
13. His firing.
14. Phase 1. 4-6 (probable rear guard of a pl) dug in with substantial overhead cover.  
Phase 2. 8-12 (probable rear guard of a coy) dug in with similar cover.
- NVA.
15. Enemy Phase 1. 1 - 2m  
Phase 2. 3 - 5m.
16. Commanders .30 MG, 20 pd cannister and APABC.
17. Keep firing till killed.
18. Keep firing till the enemy stopped.
19. Phase 1. 3 KIA BC 3 possible (buried)  
Phase 2. 3 KIA BC 8-12 possible (buried and in pits not searched).
20. .30 MG, 20 pr cannister, APCBC, tank tracks.
21. Nil.
22. Not applicable.
23. Phase 1 20 pr Cannister 45  
APCBC 4  
.30 Cal 4,000  
Phase 2 20 pr cannister 60  
APCBC 6  
.30 Cal 6,000
24. Phase 1 2 x AK 47, 3 mags, 100 rds 7.62 short, 1 x RPG-2  
5 rockets.  
Phase 2 1 x SKS rifle and 3 x Chicom grenades.
25. a. Inf/tank communications must be perfect.

/3. b. Inf commander

b. Inf commander must be able to position the tanks using their noise as a guide. He must then indicate clearly the limits of the friendly positions.

26. Nil.

PART 2 TP COMMANDERS COMMENTS

27. )  
28. ) Not applicable.  
29. )

PART 3 SQN COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

30. The noteworthy points about this action are:-

a. The formation adopted by the company commander was excellent for control and protection of the tank troops;

b. Inf/tk communications were good throughout the action and the majority of orders issued to the tanks were given by radio;

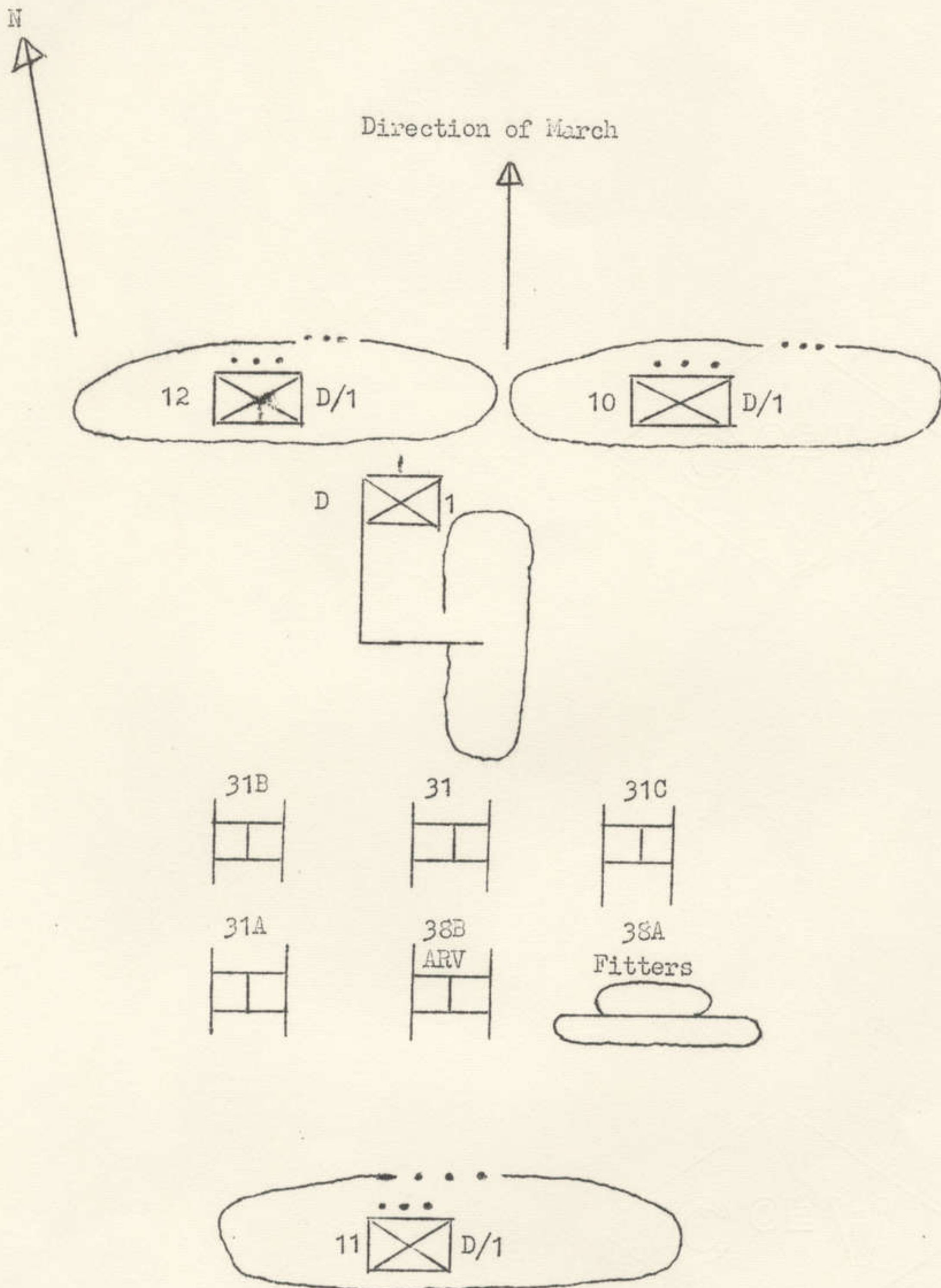
c. The company commander did not hesitate to use the tanks once he had established contact and followed up the assault of the tank troop closely with infantry using flame throwers and grenades;

d. The reduction of both camp sites which were very well dug in, was accomplished with no casualties to the friendly forces involved, because of the huge amount of accurate fire which was quickly brought to bear by the tank troop, and the consequent shock to the enemy. In short a classical example fo what is meant by the terms "intinate fire support" and "shock action".

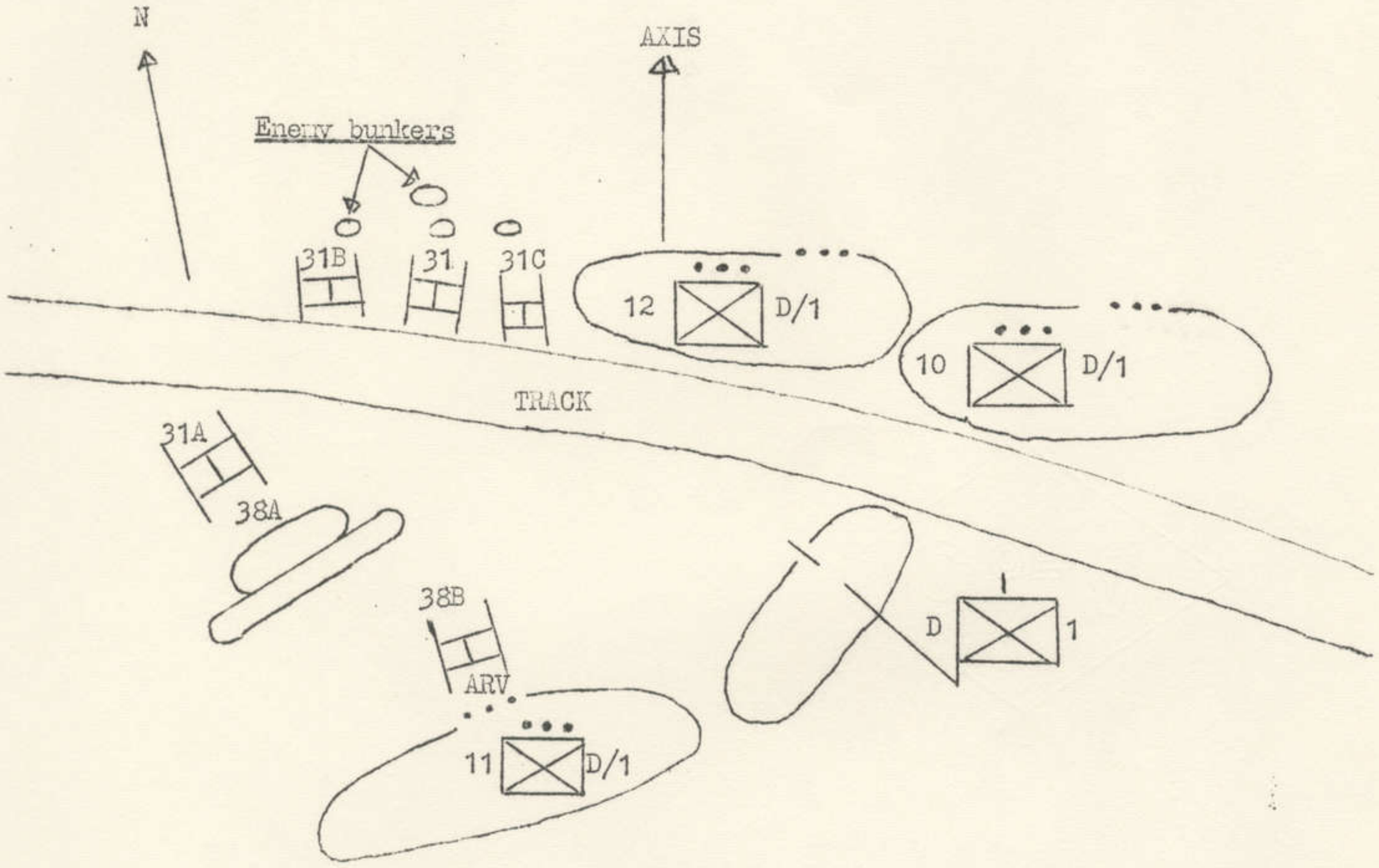
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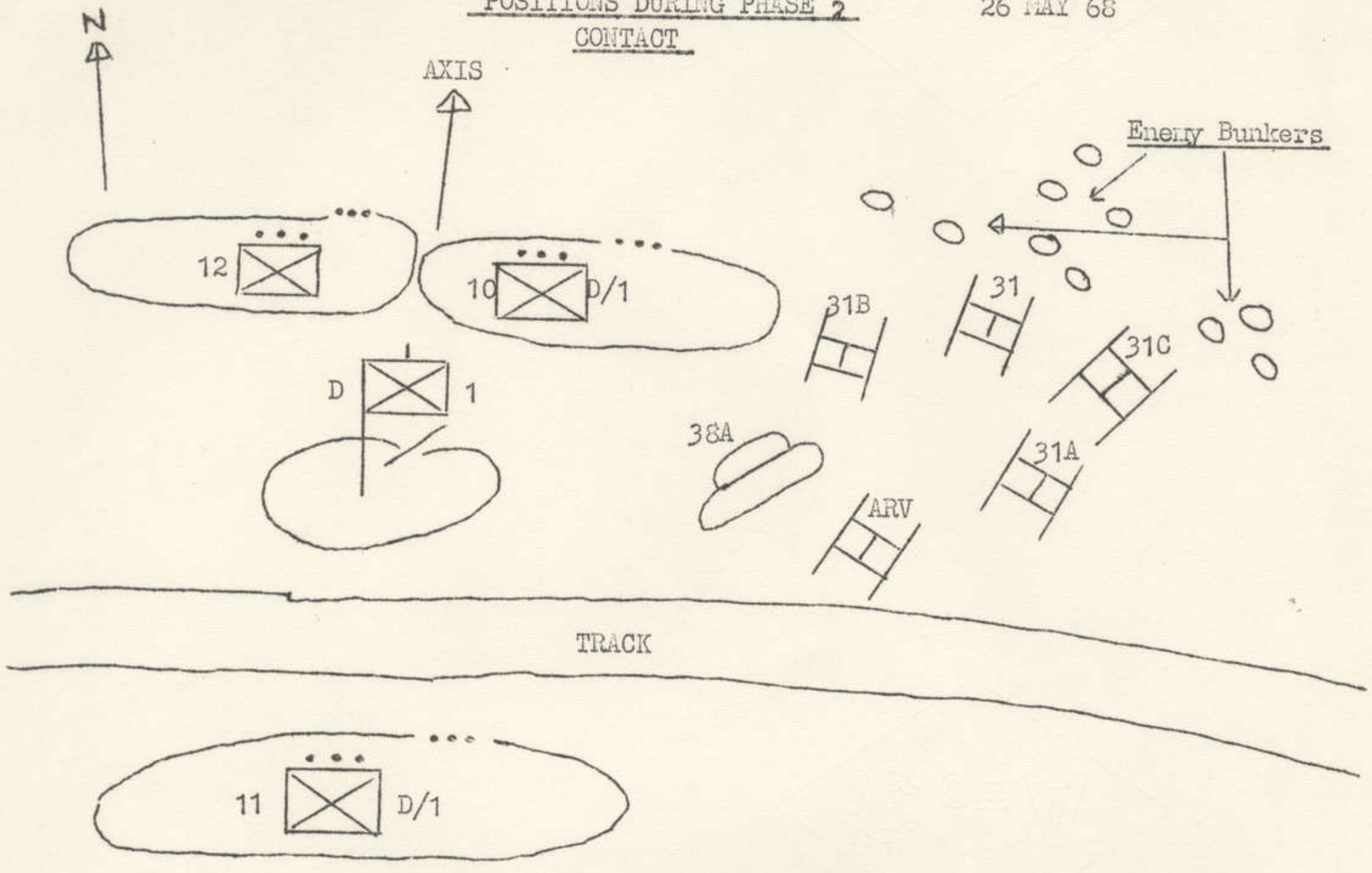


POSITIONS DURING PHASE 1 CONTACT



ANNEX 'G' TO  
CONTACT REPORT  
26 MAY 68

POSITIONS DURING PHASE 2  
CONTACT



AFTER ACTION REPORTPART 1

1. TOAN THANG
2. 1731558 2Lt Michael J BUTLER
3. 2 TP C SQN 1 ARMD REGT
4. Four tanks (32, 32A, 32B, 32C ), total of 16 men.
5. 28 MAY 68      0230 hrs      5 hours
6. FSPB BALMORAL XT 934338
7. To defend the northern sector of FSPB BALMORAL.
8. This paragraph of the report will be divided into three sections, Section I 32 and 32C involvement, Section II 32A and 32B involvement in the attack. Section III 32, 32B and 32C movement outside the perimeter.

## a. Section I

The attack commenced at 0230 hrs. Mortars and RPG fire preceded the ground assault. It is thought, due to the heavy mortaring around 32 and 32C, that the en were trying to neutralise the tanks by knocking out the crews as they climbed into the turret. 32 received a hit from a mortar round, wounding the turret crew lightly. The gunner Tpr R Goold was evacuated at 0800 hrs. All remained on duty through the attack.

Several RPG rounds were fired at the tanks, all missed, although some exploded on the bund protecting the hull.

This appeared to be a more determined attack than that on 26 May. The en were seen to run, crouched, from one position to another. Again making use of the B52 craters. These had been booby trapped with flares and grenades. To the best of my knowledge only one trip flare was set off. This happened in front of 32 and the en was duly shot. The area from which en fire was received, was engaged with HE, Can, .30 and .50 cal.

A mortar position, approx 100 metres in front of 32C was engaged with HE and MG. This was silenced and blood trails were found the next morning.

A LFT was fired upon by a sniper 70 metre to 32's front. He was engaged by two tanks, two APC's and 3 MG pits. He also was silenced. Again .50 spotter was used to indicate targets to the LFT and inf.

This was also the first occasion white light was used. It was used for indicating targets, picking up targets and sweeping the area when the flares failed.

Two mor and two RPG positions were fired on with HE at 400 metres. No more fire was received from these posns.

## b. Section II

32A and 32B did not receive mortar fire. Seven RPG rounds were fired at them with no result. The en in their area moved in close to the perimeter, under the mor attack. A bangalore torpedo was exploded on the wire in front of 32A. Seven withdrawing figures were engaged with cannister at a range of 50 metres.

At this stage 32A's gunner, who was caught by the mortar and RPG fire in his pit did not make the turret with the rest of the crew. He was called back to a pit by an inf sect comd. Here he was given a M79 and he engaged a B52 crater from which RPG fire was coming. There was no more RPG fire from the crater. Unable to

resume his position in the turret, he remained in the vicinity of the tank, unstrapping .30 ammo from the basket and passing it to the crew.

It is estimated at least a coy attacked this sector. 32A and 32B did not use white light. .50 spotter was used to indicate target for the LFT. The fighting in this area was a classic of inf/tk co-operation. From 0430 hrs onward most of the firing was neutralising fire in an effort to keep the en pinned down.

27 En KIA and 7 PW's WIA were found in this area and 6 KIA in 32 and 32C sector.

c. Section III

At 0615 hrs 32 and 32C moved outside the perimeter to engage or capture en pinned down in 32A/B area. One en pinned down by tank and inf fire for 1½ hrs was shot by 32C. 32 and 32C then moved among the craters to look for en WIA. In all seven en WIA were captured and sent towards 32A location. On my request inf came out and escorted them in. ~~Ten en were shot for either resisting or for making a dangerous move.~~ RMO 3RAR was wounded when an en slid a grenade from under him towards the doctor. A warning was shouted but the doctor did not hear it and was accordingly wounded.

Approximately seven of en were smoldering either from HE at close range or from the white phosphorus of the .50 spotter. The majority of the bodies were mangled indicating they were hit with HE, Can and .50 at close range.

The en had advanced across open ground, using the craters, then digging shell scrapes on the northern side of the craters.

32/B and 32C did a sweep around the fringe of the open area then came back inside the perimeter.

9. To the East and West close country at 50 metres from tank positions. To the north open ground 300 to 400 metre with B52 craters.

10. 30 metres

11. 32A and 32

12. Standing to and waiting

13. Flares made it able for tank crews to see enemy.

14. 32A and 32B area - at least Coy strength (NVA)  
32 and 32C area - Coy strength (NVA)

15. En 400

16. Main armament and MG

17. Continued to return fire and where possible change his position.

18. Continuous by return fire.

19. Within 2 Tp area of engagement.

En. 33 KIA (BC)

7 PW's WIA

10 drag marks.

20. Hard to say.

21. 3 WIA. remained on duty one later CASEVAC.
22. Mortar schrapnel
23. 2 Tp total:           HE           37  
                                   CAN           16  
                                   .50           700 rounds  
                                   .30           18000 rounds
24. RPG's 2 and 7, SKS rifles, AK 47's, RPD's MG, grenades, bangalore and claymore type mines. (See 3RAR report)
25. When using white light, have one tank illuminate whilst the other fires on his beam. Alternate tanks for short periods. Although we did **not receive an increase in fire it is recommended the light is on for a short period only.**

Crew if possible, to sleep in turret. Danger of being wounded while mounting veh is unnecessary.

- 26 a. Bunds for armoured vehs in a defensive position are a must.
- b. Although the enemy main assaults were from the NE and NW and for this reason the comd had tanks sited on the NE NW corners, it is surprising to find he attacked again from the same direction the second time.
- c. The troop displayed discipline under fire and the little individual acts cannot go without mention. The inf/tk co-operation was first class and all combined well.

PART 2 - TP COMMANDERS COMMENTS

27.    )  
 28.    )    Not applicable  
 29.    )

PART 3 - SQUADRON COMMANDERS COMMENTS

30. During this attack the devastating effects of cannister fire were plainly seen, particularly in the arc of fire of the troop sergeants tank.
31. It is also plain that the enemy expended a major part of his effort on the open approaches which he knew to be covered by tanks. This raises a number of questions,
- a. Did he think that the tanks were guarding a vital area eg Bn HQ?
- b. Was his aim to tie down the tanks to prevent their movement to another part of the perimeter.
- c. Do tanks "~~draw~~ the crabs" no matter where they are as many people believe.
- d. Was he incapable of attacking in force from any other direction because of lack of training and difficulties in control.
32. Regardless of the answers to the above questions the fact remains that he did attack onto the tanks, when he knew their positions. Although the tanks were withdrawn during the day, their bunded fire positions were obvious to daylight recce and also their night positions had been disclosed during the attack on the 26th May.
33. Problems experienced by the troop because of being sited on hte perimeter were



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a. The troop was split into three groups (including the att RAEME) and administrative and tactical control by the troop leader was difficult. In fact the troop fought in two separate groups.

b. In order to man one tank in each sector during the night the crews had to have assistance from the infantry who are not trained in tank armaments nor radio.

c. Initially crews slept in pits under their tanks. When this attack came in they had to run the gauntlet of en mortar fire whilst getting into their positions in the tank and infantrymen had to do likewise getting out of the tanks. Because the tanks were on the perimeter it was necessary for the crews to mount during the mortar bombardment in order to be ready to meet the expected attack which closely followed. Two men were wounded by mortar fire whilst mounting their tank.

d. After this attack crews slept in their tanks. This is extremely uncomfortable and does not permit the tank to traverse during Infra Red sweeps.

34. In my opinion therefore the employment of tanks in the defence should be as follows:

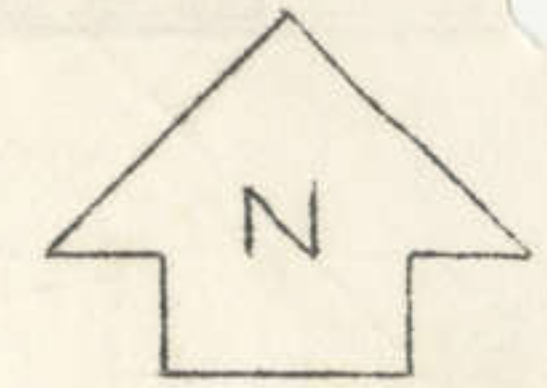
a. They should be held centrally in the position, and have carefully chosen routes to selected fire positions around the perimeter. In this way the whole perimeter may expect to get tank support.

b. Tank positions should not be disclosed to enemy recon.

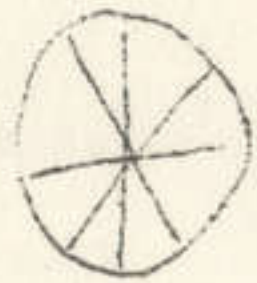
c. Tank crews could afford to wait until any preliminary bombardment had ceased before mounting as they would not be in the front line against an attack closely following such a bombardment.

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.....P. P. Bowman.....Sqn Comd

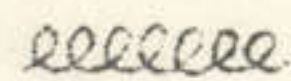
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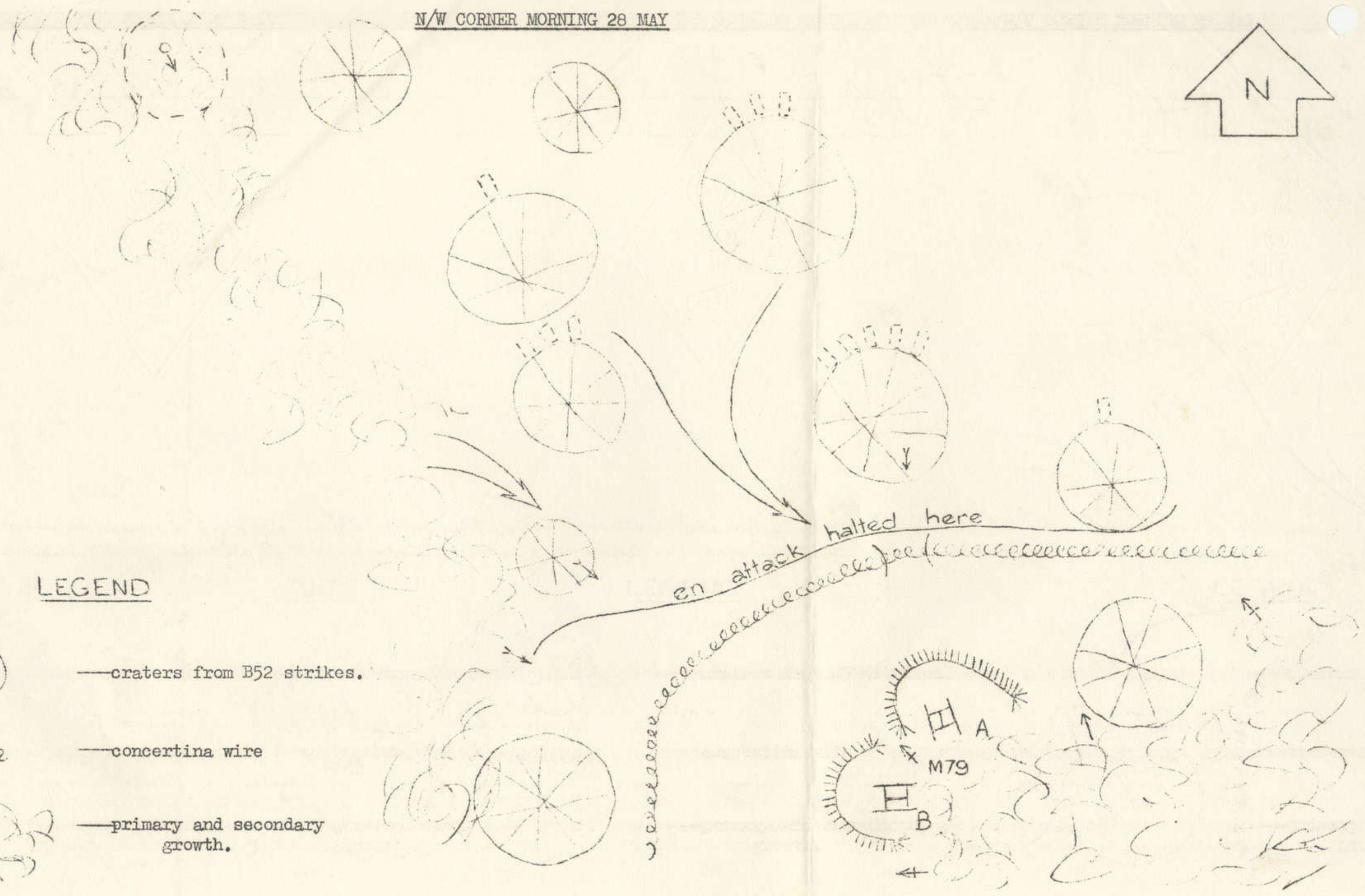
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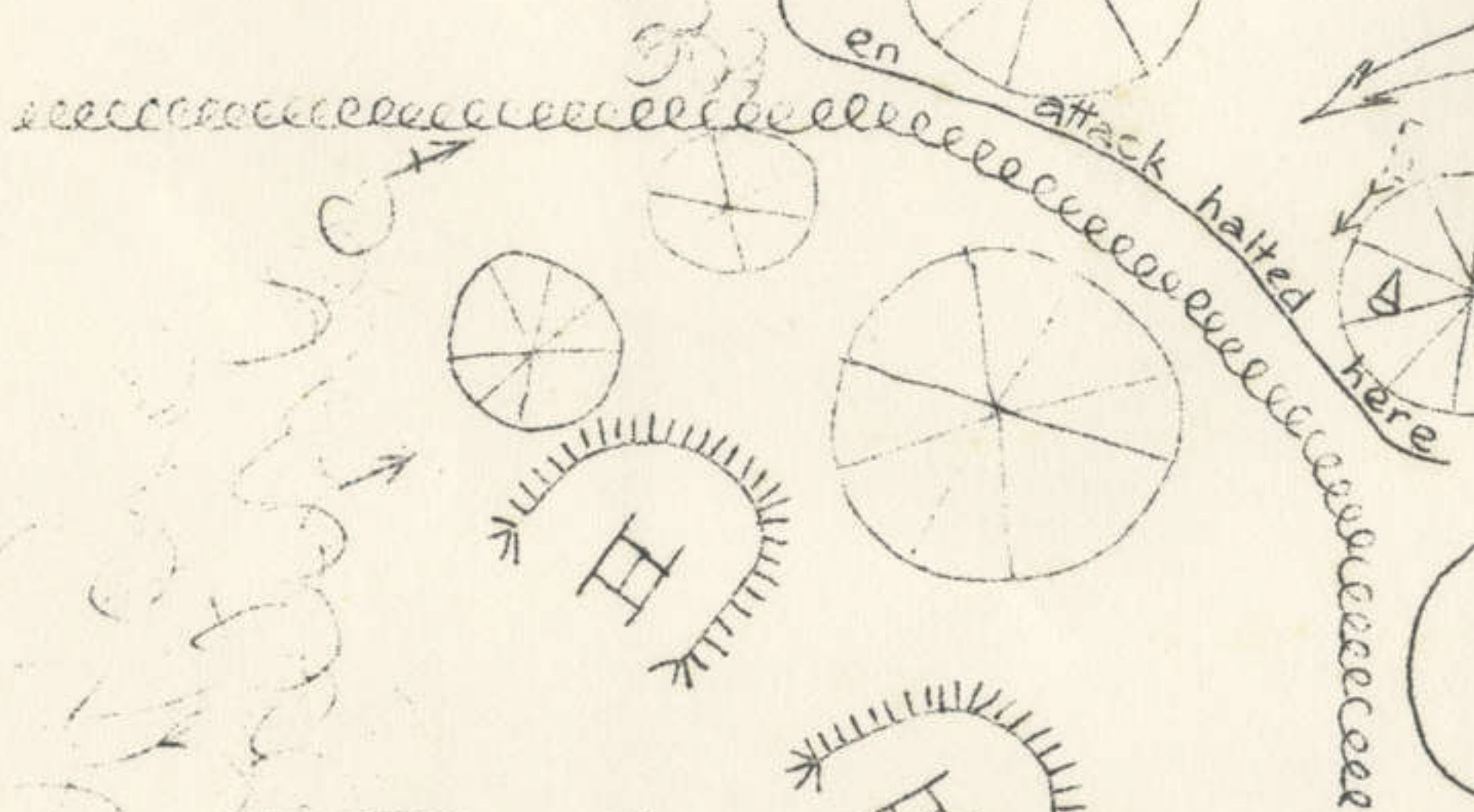
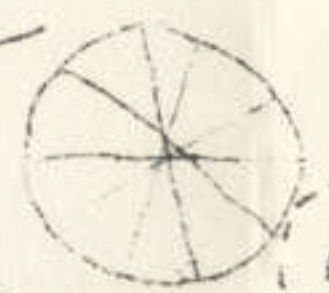
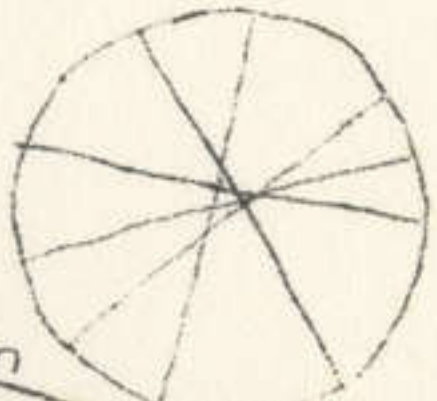
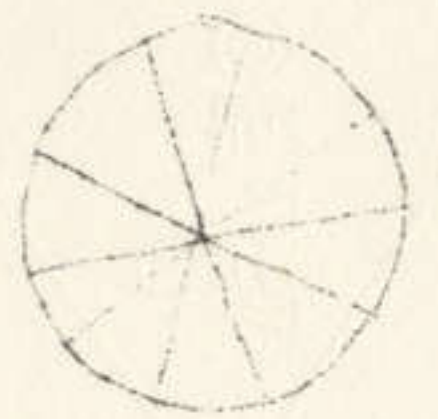
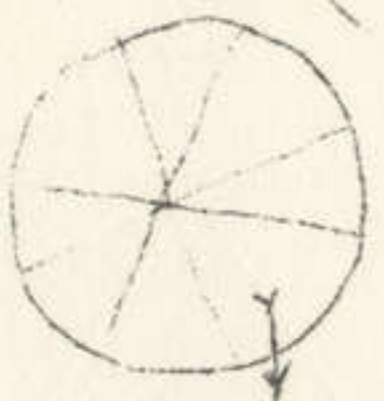
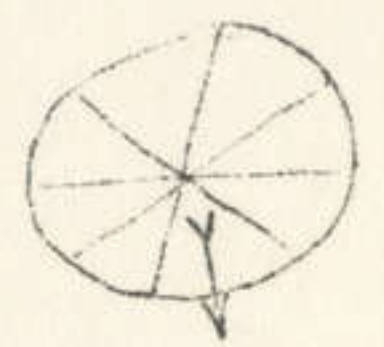
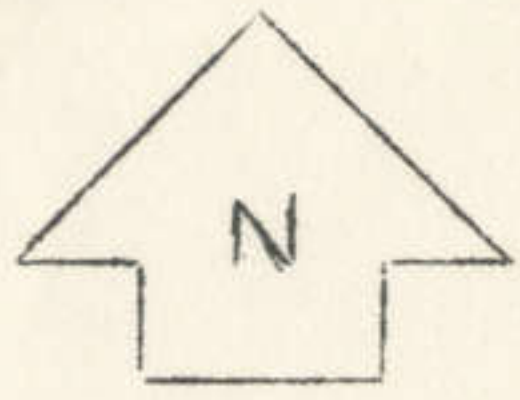
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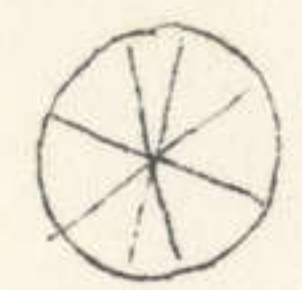


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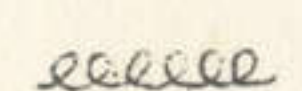


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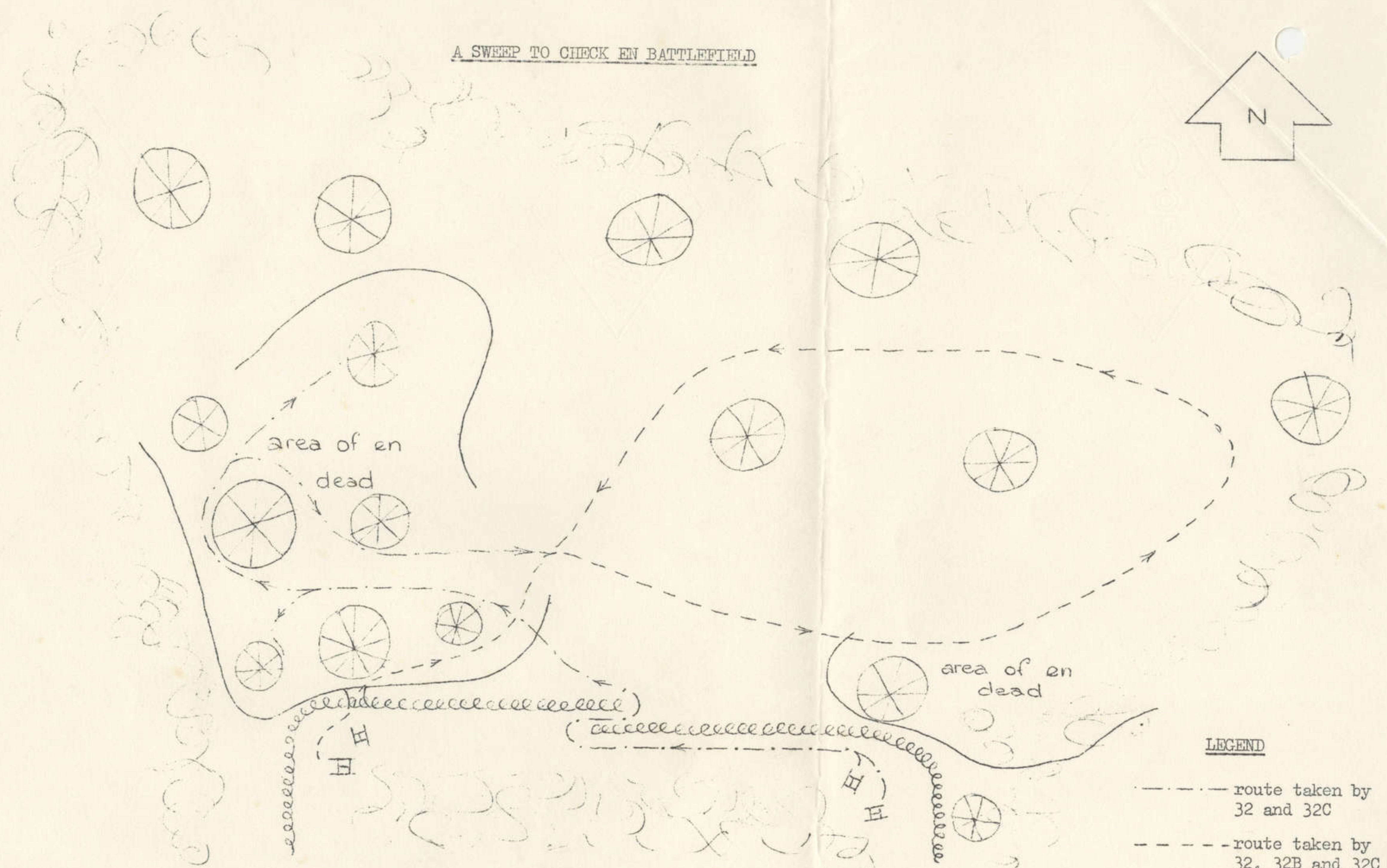


concertina wire



primary secondary growth

A SWEEP TO CHECK EN BATTLEFIELD



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- . - . - route taken by 32 and 32C
- - - - - route taken by 32, 32B and 32C

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CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

PART 1

1. OPERATION TOAN THANG
2. 235305 LT G. McCORMACK
3. 1 TP C SQN 1 ARMD REGT
4. 2 x tanks (31, 31A), 1 x M113 Fitters (38A), 1 x ARV Centurion (38B), 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav.
5. 30 May 68. Time 1030 hrs to 1345 hrs.
6. XT 963291
7. Allow C Coy 1 RAR to break contact.
8.
  - a. C Coy had made contact and were unable to recover their KIA or WIA to withdraw.
  - b. 31 and 31A were to follow 1 Sect 1 Tp A Sqn through the scrub and neutralise the enemy fire. C Coy would then mount the APCs and withdraw.
  - c. 1 Sect A Sqn were unable to push through the timber so I ordered 31A to pass the APCs. I ordered 38A and 38B to remain with HQ 1 Tp A Sqn.
  - d. I established communications with OC 9 pl (the pl with the most cas and also the nearest to me) and he positioned the tanks 2m in front of his wounded. This put my tank over an occupied bunker. See ANNEX A
  - e. 31 and 31A were immediatly fired on by at least 3 VC with RPG-2s and AW from another 3 sources.
  - f. The RPG fire came from our right (south) but due to the position of 9 Pl forward sect we could not return fire with our 20pr.
  - g. 9 Pl withdrew enabling us to reverse and engage the bunkers.
  - h. I also received AW fire from the edge of the bunker that my tank was on. I dropped two M26 grenades into the bunker and the fire stopped.
  - i. We engaged the bunkers with cannister (to expose them) and APCBC (to open them) then followed with cannister and MG.
  - j. The enemy continued to fire RPG-2s and AW. All the RPG-2s missed or exploded on trees before reaching the tanks.
  - k. After all the nearby bunkers had been silenced there was a lull of 10 - 20 minutes in firing, however we were again fired upon from the edges of the swathe cleared by fire. The enemy were dressed in tiger suits and a majority were armed with AK47s.
  - l. About this time six to nine rounds of enemy mortar landed in or around the clearing.
  - m. As C Coy began to embus 31 and 31A withdrew to the area where we first came under fire. See ANNEX B.
  - n. 1 Sect A Sqn 3 Cav came under RPG fire from the north, a rocket hit 11B but there were no Casualties and the APC was not immobilised.

o. C Coy now mounted in 1 Tp A Sqn withdrew, 31 and 31A at the rear. See ANNEX C. On the way out of the scrub the tanks received AW fire. We returned fire with 20pr and MG.

p. Once in the open a firm base was established, casualties were flown out and the tanks replenished with ammo.

q. Due to failing light C Coy, 1 Tp A Sqn and 1 Tp C Sqn returned to FSPB Coral.

9. Flat, thick scrub, visibility 2 - 5m.
10. 1m
11. Crew Commanders of 31 and 31A (Lt G McCormak and Cpl P Reeves)
12. Searching for enemy.
13. His firing.
14. Company, NVA, tiger suits.
15. Enemy 1m.
16. Commanders MG, M26 grenades.
17. Return fire.
18. Fire MG until 9 Pl withdrew then reverse and engage with 20pr.
19. 6 BC 12 possible (buried or obliterated)
20. 20pr Cannister, APCBC, .30 MG, M26.
21. 1 Tp Nil.
22. N/A
23. 20pr           60 cannister  
                  6 APCBC  
                  6 HE  
  
      .30 Cal     9,000
24. 2 x AK47  
      1 x RPG-2 launcher  
      5 rockets
25. The enemy having found out that his RPG-2 did not immobilise the tank is now aiming at the turret and/or crew commander.
26. Tanks were able to provide more intimate fire support more quickly than had been expected.

PART 2 - TROOP COMMANDERS COMMENTS.

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27. )  
28. ) Not Applicable  
29. )

PART 3 - SQUADRON COMMANDERS COMMENTS

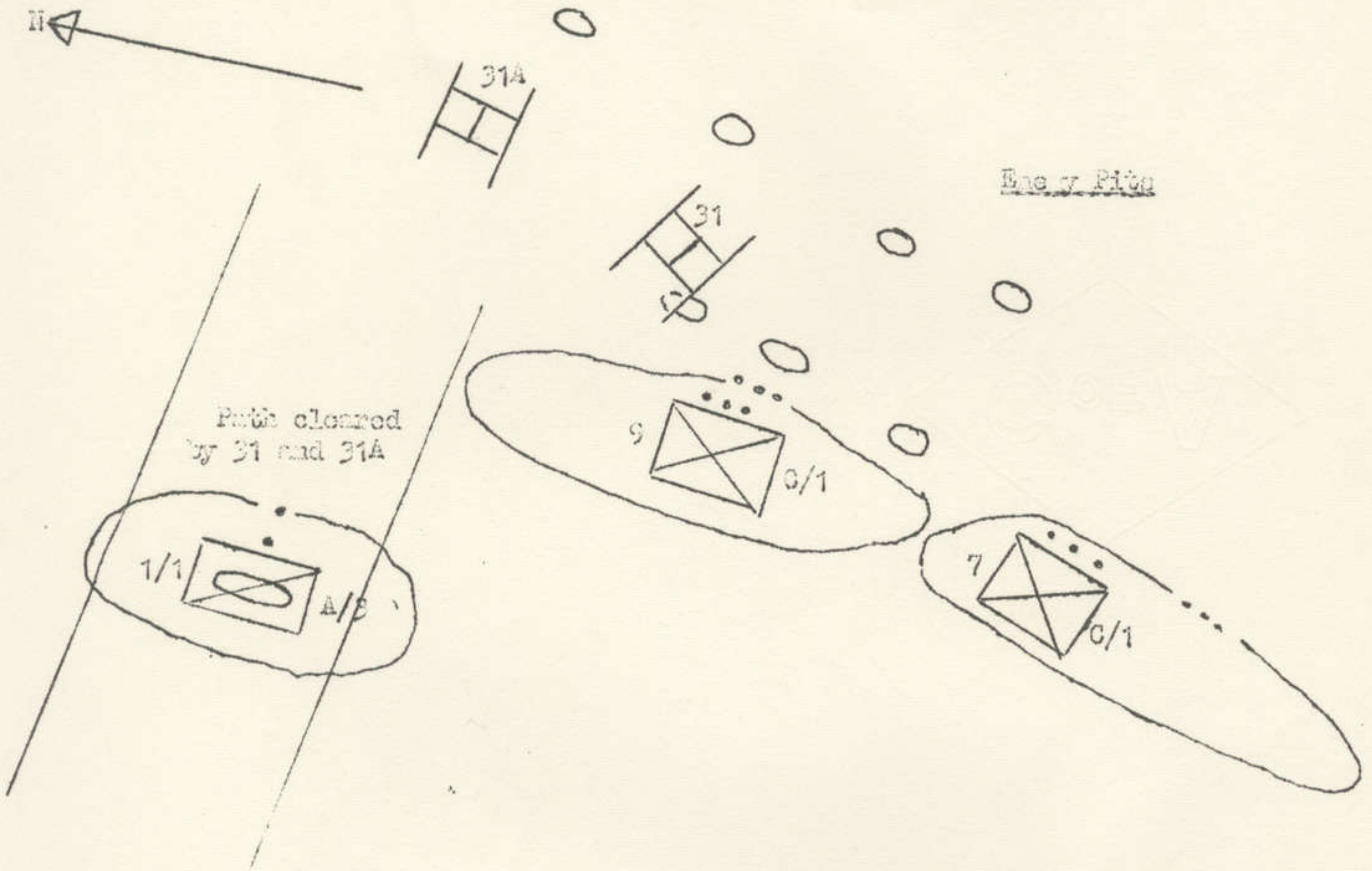
30. The tank troop moved from FSPB ~~GORAL~~ with only two tanks because of mechanical problems with the other two, 31B and 31C.
31. Although the mission was accomplished I believe it is unwise to move tanks in such small groups unless adequately supported by other armour such as cavalry.
32. At one stage during the contact these two tanks were virtually isolated in the middle of an NVA Camp without adequate support.
33. Whilst the situation was urgent and demanded quick action, and although the action was successful, such a situation is to be avoided where possible.
34. It is significant that a patrol into the contact area three days later found the camp in the same condition it was in when the action was broken off i.e. enemy dead remained where they had fallen, enemy weapons were recovered and an M60 MG lost by C Coy during the action was recovered.
35. I concluded from the above that the shock effect of even a half troop of tanks against a dug in position, and without benefit of surprise, was sufficient to make the enemy abandon his position so rapidly that he neglected to clear the battlefield, a practice which he normally observes even in the most difficult of conditions.

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.....Tp Comd

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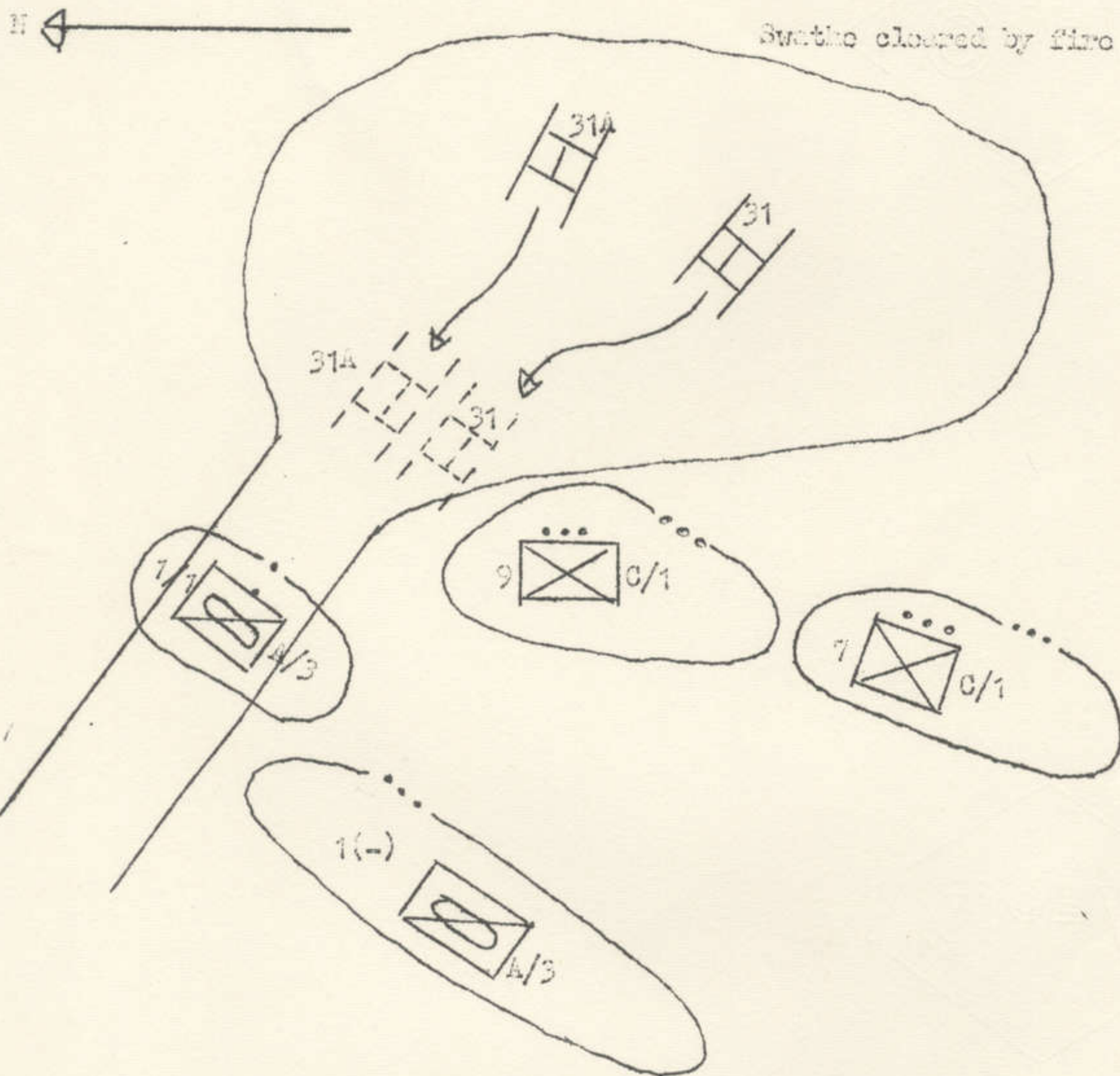
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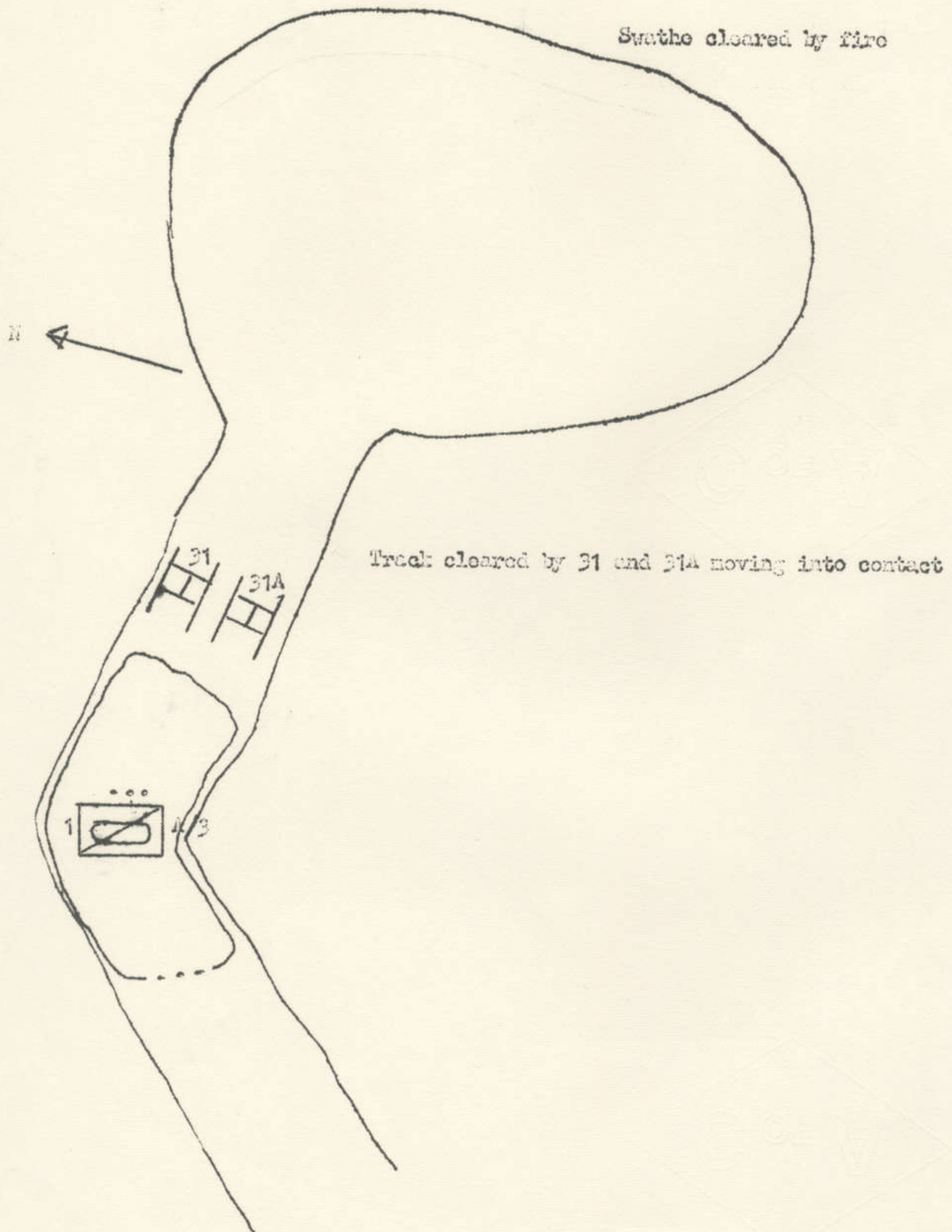
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POSITIONS WHEN 1 BATT 1 TP MET WITH REG-2



ANNEX C TO  
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POSITIONS DURING WITHDRAWAL



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<u>RO Number</u>	<u>Subject</u>
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102.	AMENDMENT TO RO 95/68
103.	AMMUNITION POINT
104.	UNIT MESSING CONFERENCE
105.	UNIT CORRESPONDENCE
106.	PAY PROCEDURES
Notice:-	UNIT BADGES
Notice:-	RSL - HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

100. DUTIES

1. Duty Officer

5 May 68	WO2 Lilley	9 May 68	WO2 Maxwell
6 May 68	Lt Jones	10 May 68	Lt McCormack
7 May 68	WO2 Pettet	11 May 68	WO2 Gallagher
8 May 68	WO2 Garcia		

2. Orderly Officer

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

3. Duty NCO

1900-0100 hrs		0100-0645 hrs	
3 May 68	Cpl Coward	Sgt Snape	
4 May 68	Cpl Ambrose	Sgt Russell	GI
5 May 68	Cpl Britten	Sgt Allen	
6 May 68	Cpl Lord	Sgt Smith	
7 May 68	Cpl Vearings	Sgt Goss	
8 May 68	Cpl Lowe	Sgt Wells	
9 May 68	Cpl Lancaster	Sgt Jeffrey	
10 May 68	Cpl Murphy	Sgt Russell	SG
11 May 68	Cpl Tregenza	Sgt Millington	

101. DUTIES - DUTY NCO

The duties for C Sqn Duty NCO, as shown below, are to apply from 29 Feb 68:

- The Duty NCO will mount at Stand To of an evening and dismount at Stand Down next morning.

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2. He will not leave the Squadron area without the approval of the Duty Officer.

3. He will perform the following tasks:

- a. Supervise the Duty Operator.
- b. Ensure the CP is completely blacked out at all times.
- c. Close the Unit Canteen at the designated time.
- d. Ensure that the Duty Operator,
  - (1) Calls for a radio check of the C Sqn defence net every 45 minutes.
  - (2) On each radio check calls for a SITREP.
- e. Conduct a lights out check at 2210 hrs.
- f. Ensure that the CP is cleaned out prior to dismounting.

4. At no time is the Duty NCO to be absent himself from the CP if the Duty Officer is absent.

5. He will ensure that, when the Duty Officer is absent from the CP, he is aware of where he can be contacted.

6. He will arouse the Duty Officer:

- a. When any guard tank or pit reports activity of any type in the area of the perimeter wire.
- b. At any other time he considers it necessary.

7. On mounting duty he will ensure that the following are available in the CP.

- a. 1 ATF SOPs.
- b. 1 ATF SOIs.
- c. C Sqn SOPs.

8. On mounting or dismounting he will raise/lower the Sqn flags.

102. AMENDMENT TO RO 95/68

Delete 2Lt Wilson, insert WO1 Juers.

103. AMMUNITION POINT

The ammunition point is out of bounds unless on authorized duty. Authorization is to be gained from the SSM.

104. UNIT MESSING CONFERENCE

On 8 May 68 at 1430 hrs a Unit Messing Conference will be held in the CR's Canteen.

105. UNIT CORRESPONDENCE

1. To enable the fast distribution and action of unit correspondence, the following systems are to be effected:-

- a. Troop/Section are to ensure that their official mail box located in SHQ is cleared twice a day. Suggested times 1000 hrs and 1500 hrs.
- b. On a file being passed to a person for action the following is to take place:-

(1) Endeavour to action file on receipt and return to SHQ as soon as possible.

(2) If for some reason action can not be taken on the day of the file being issued, the file is to be brought forward and returned to SHQ.

c. No file, without the filing clerk being notified, will be retained for more than 24 hours.

106. PAY PROCEEDURE

1. Except for members returning from operations, all remittances of undrawn pay, allotment changes and general pay queries will be brought forward to the pay clerk on Tuesdays and Wednesdays after pay day. If for some urgent domestic circumstance the member requires to remitt monies outside the stated days, he is to notify his Troop/Section Sgt.

2. All individual pay requirements are to be submitted to troop or platoon Sgts. Whether pay is required or not. The pay lists are to be submitted to the pay clerk by 1600 hrs on Thursdays prior to paydays. Members will not alter pay requirements subsequent to this date unless exceptional circumstances exist.

3. Members are not to proceed direct to the ATF cash office to draw pay without authority from the Adjutant. Such authority will be given only in exceptional circumstances.

*Alan Mickus*  
 (P. R. Badman) Capt  
 Maj  
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NOTICE

UNIT BADGES

Ssgt Laker has 18 badges for C Sqn flying suits which are for sale from him at 75c MPC each.

People interested in purchasing the badges can contact the SQMS at the Q Store any day between 0900 and 1700 hrs.

RSL - HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

1. All personnel who are due to return to Australia within the next three months are eligible to obtain honorary membership of the RSL. Honorary membership is valid for the balance of the year in which the member returns to Australia.

2. All applications are to be made (Verbally) to the Adjutant prior to 4 May 68.

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<u>RO Number</u>	<u>Subject</u>
107	R & R LEAVE - JUN 68

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107. R&R LEAVE JUN 68

AUSTRALIA

DATE OF DEPARTURE IS THE DATE SHOWN AND DATE OF ARRIVAL SYDNEY IS DATE AFTER DEPARTURE DATE. PERSONNEL WILL BE CALLED TO SHQ ORD ROOM SIX DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE DATE FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND BRIEFING.

<u>DATE OF DEPARTURE</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>
3 Jun 68	Lcpl	DAVIDSON
4 " "	Pte	NOLAN
9 " "	Sgt	DE JONG
10 " *	Sgt	ASKIN
10 " "	Cfn	STAPLES
13 " "	Lcpl	NOONAN or Cfn CLACK
18 " "	Tpr	CLAYDON
18 " "	Cpl	REEVES
24 " "	2Lt	CATTERALL
27 " "	Sgt	MILLINGTON
27 " "	Cfn	MATE
26 " "	Tpr	INGRAM (STAND BY SEAT)

BANGKOK

DEPART NUI DAT AFTERNOON PRIOR TO DATE OF DEPARTURE. PERSONNEL WILL BE CALLED UP TO SHQ ORD ROOM 6 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR MEDICAL AND BRIEFING.

6 Jun 68	Tpr	CONDON
9 " "	Lcpl	KIELLERUP
17 " "	Sgt	WELLS
17 " "	Sgt	JENSEN
19 " "	Tpr	CCSGROVE
25 " "	Cfn	MATUSZCZAK
25 " "	Tpr	ALE

HONG KONG

DEPART NUI DAT ON DATE OF DEPARTURE SHOWN. PERSONNEL WILL BE CALLED UP TO SHQ ORD ROOM 6 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE DATE FOR MEDICAL AND BRIEFING.

3 Jun 68	Cpl	TREGENZA
5 " "	Lcpl	PANTON
10 " "	Pte	PRICE
10 " "	Cfn	BENTLEY
11 " "	Cpl	BROOKS
16 " "	WO2	GARCIA
22 " "	Tpr	LEWIS
23 " "	Cfn	KEARTON
23 " "	Cfn	MEADOWS
25 " "	2Lt	OWENS

TAIPEI

DEPARTURE DATE ON DATE SHOWN. PERSONNEL ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE PASSPORTS AND VISAS AND THE VISAS WILL COST EACH MEMBER 300 Pia, THIS MONEY TO BE PAID INTO R&R CLERK AT LEAST 3 WEEKS BEFORE DEPARTURE. PERSONNEL WILL BE CALLED UP TO SHQ ORD ROOM 6 DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR MEDICAL AND BRIEFING.

1 Jun 68	Sgt	RUSSELL G.I.
6 " "	Tpr	COONEY
15 " "	Cfn	OLIVER
20 " "	Cfn	WILLIAMS
21 " "	Tpr	NIELD
21 " "	Cfn	KELLY

SINGAPORE

DEPART NUI DAT AFTERNOON PRIOR TO DATE OF DEPARTURE. PERSONNEL WILL BE CALLED UP TO ORD ROOM 6 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR MEDICAL AND BRIEFING.

10 Jun 68	Tpr	HOLLAND
10 " "	Pte	BISHOP
15 " "	Pte	ONGHEEN
27 " "	Lcpl	PRYCE
30 " "	Cpl	COOK C.B.
30 " "	Cpl	BEDFORD

PENANG

DEPART NUI DAT AFTERNOON PRIOR TO DATE OF DEPARTURE. PERSONNEL WILL BE CALLED UP TO SHQ ORD ROOM 6 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR MEDICAL AND BRIEFING.

1 Jun 68	Tpr	ENGLAND
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<u>RO Number</u>	<u>Subject</u>
108.	PALUDRINE PARADES

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108. PALUDRINE PARADES

1. Within C Sqn each paludrine parade is to be supervised by an Officer/NCO. One parade is to be held in the early morning hours and the other during the late afternoon.
2. A record of all ranks who have been issued with paludrine on each parade is to be entered in a "Paludrine Roll Book".
3. If a soldier is absent from a paludrine parade the supervising Officer/NCO is to make separate arrangements for the man to take paludrine under his supervision.
4. R & C and R & R necessitates the provision of ample quantities of paludrine to cover individuals requirements for the period of leave. This will be done by the R & R Clerk when final arrangements for the leave are completed at SHQ. Sufficient tablets will be issued to cover a ten day period.
5. Parades will be conducted by the following people:-
  - a. 0800 Parade
    - (1) SHQ - Sqn Sig Sgt
    - (2) 1 TP - 1 Tp Sgt
    - (3) 2 TP - 2 Tp Sgt
    - (4) 3 TP - 3 Tp Sgt
    - (5) OpCon TP - Cpl Rainey MR
    - (6) Admin TP - SSM
    - (7) Q TP - SQMS
    - (8) Wksps and Stores - As per directive of OC Wksps
  - b. 1630 individual Tp parades to be supervised by the same NCOs as in para 5 (a) above.



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6. Supervising NCOs will submit paludrine roll to the 2IC by 1000 hrs each Friday for inspection. Wksps supervising Officer/NCOs will submit their's to OC Wksps by the same time.

7. The Sgt Cook will also have paludrine available in all messes at all times.

8. Supervisors can draw paludrine pills at any time from the Q Store.

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<u>RO Number</u>	<u>Subject</u>
109	DUTIES
110	TRADE TESTING OFFICERS
111	DRUGS AND NARCOTICS
112	FIRING DEVICE DEMOLITION M3
113	STATE ELECTIONS SOUTH AUSTRALIA
114	SAFETY PRECAUTIONS - PASSENGERS TRAVELLING IN SIOUX AIRCRAFT
115	VIETNAM MEDAL
Notice:-	SGTS MESS - GENERAL MEETING

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109. DUTIES

1. Duty Officer

12 May 68	WO2 Jackson	16 May 68	It Jones
13 May 68	WO2 Simpson	17 May 68	WO2 Pettet
14 May 68	2Lt Catterall	18 May 68	WO2 Garcia
15 May 68	WO2 Lilley		

2. Orderly Officer

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

3. Duty NCO

	1900 - 2300	2300 - 0300	0300 - 0700
12 May 68	Cpl Dzeidzic	Sgt Taylor AM	Cpl Burton
13 May 68	Cpl Rainey MR	Sgt Zsolt	Sgt Blakeney
14 May 68	Cpl Spencer	Sgt Calliss	Sgt Jensen
15 May 68	Cpl Cook	Sgt Craig	Cpl Wilson
16 May 68	Cpl Hughes	Sgt Walker-Smith	Sgt Dejong
17 May 68	Cpl Langridge	Sgt Jago	Cpl Noonan
18 May 68	Cpl Szélost	Sgt Pettit	Cpl Brooks

110. TRADE TESTING OFFICERS

Reference: R797/28/1

The following NCO is authorised to conduct Trade Tests, in the trades shown, whilst posted to this theatre:-

213253 Sgt R. J. Snape                      C Sqn 1 Armd Regt

A2, A3, A6, A8, B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, B7, B10, B11, B15.

111. DRUGS AND NARCOTICS

Reference: R6505/1/2

1. A member is not to:
  - a. Have in his possession any drug or narcotic such as opium, marihuana or cannabis.
  - b. Partake of any such drug or narcotic.
  - c. Engage in trafficking in any such drug or narcotic.
  - d. Knowingly permit any other member to possess or partake of, or engage in trafficking in, any such drug or narcotic.

112. FIRING DEVICE DEMOLITION M3

1. Any attempt to neutralize a booby trap armed with this firing device is considered dangerous.
2. DATM 9-1375-200 will be amended to remove instruction for neutralizing subject item and the following inserted "Warning do not attempt to neutralize firing device for Recovery Booby Traps Utilizing Firing Device Demolition M3 Pull Release. Type must be neutralized by blowing in place."

113. STATE ELECTIONS SOUTH AUSTRALIA

1. Notices to electors who appear to have failed to vote are being forwarded by the Re-turning Officer for the State to the member concerned.
2. Notices are not normally sent to members serving overseas, but members who have given their home address as their place of living may receive notices requesting reasons for not voting.
3. Any member who receives a notice, Form 45, is to endorse the form "Serving Overseas" and return it to the State Electoral Dept, 83 Currie Street, Adelaide South Australia 5001.
4. The forms are to be certified by an Officer after endorsement by the member.

114. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS-PASSENGERS TRAVELLING IN SIOUX AIRCRAFT

1. Instances have occurred recently of personnel approaching and departing from sioux aircraft without the pilots knowledge thereby causing a hazard both to the aircraft and passengers.
2. No passenger should approach or leave an aircraft without the pilot's consent. Even on flat ground the rotors can be tilted to within 5 feet 4 inches of ground level. On sloping ground this height is further reduced. On Op PINNAROO instances occurred where a passenger approached the aircraft without the pilots prior consent and was very nearly hit by the rotor blades.
3. On landing the passenger should not leave the aircraft without the pilot's consent. If a passenger departs the aircraft when it has just touched down and only lightly on the skids, a sudden change of centre of gravity (caused by someone leaving the aircraft) can cause the aircraft to tilt and be placed in a hazardous situation.

115. VIETNAM MEDAL

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

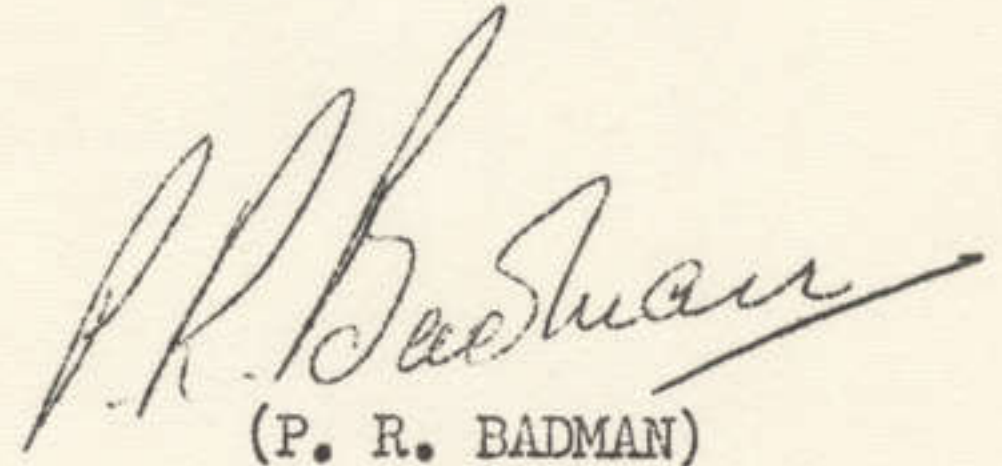
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DET 1 FWD DEL TP

15301 Cpl N. Spencer

1 ARMD SQN WKSP

5714504 Cfn W.J. Hanson



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NOTICE

SGTS MESS - GENERAL MEETING

A Quarterly General Mess meeting of C Sqn Sgts Mess will be held on Thursday 23 May 68 at 1530 hrs in the Sgts Mess. Any members wishing to bring up business on the agenda are to notify the Secretary in writing at least 5 days in advance of the meeting.

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116	DUTIES
117	NON-OPERATIONAL LOSS OF INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS
118	VIETNAM MEDAL
119	APPLICATION FOR NATURALIZATION OR REGISTRATION

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116 DUTIES

1. DUTY OFFICER

19 May 68	WO2 Maxwell	23 May 68	2Lt Butler
20 May 68	WO1 Jures	24 May 68	WO2 Jackson
21 May 68	2Lt Wilson	25 May 68	WO2 Simpson
22 May 68	2Lt Owens		

2. ORDERLY OFFICER

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

117 NON-OPERATIONAL LOSS OF INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS

Reference: R793/68/46

1. In all cases the loss of an individual weapon is regared as a serious matter, and particularly so when there is evidence of neglect and carelessness on the part of the member

2. In order to prevent such losses and the resultant avoidable waste of time and effort, the following corrective action and procedures are to be applied.

a. Corrective Action

(1) All ranks are to be reminded at frequent intervals that the security of a weapon is the personal responsibility of the individual to whom that weapon is issued.

(2) Under no circumstances when out of contact with the enemy is a weapon to change hands without a receipt being given or the change being offically recored, and it is the responsibility of the individual handing over the weapon to check that either action is taken. The only occasion when a check might not be possible is in the case of a casualty evacuation, when the procedure to be followed is as specified in AFV (ARMY Component) Admin Instr No/28

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VIETNAM MEDAL

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1 ARMD BQM WKSPS

243117 Lt J.J. HILL

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APPLICATION FOR NATURALIZATION OR REGISTRATION

Reference: R715-1-1

1. The Australian Department of Immigration have advised that members of the Australian Force are eligible to apply for naturalization after three months satisfactory service. This may apply to certain members, other than British, who may wish to apply for naturalization while in Vietnam. Members who are British subjects need only apply for registration.

2. In both cases the applicant is required to complete two copies of the Australian Department of Immigration form M126 and arrange through HQ AFV to attend the Australian Embassy Saigon (Consular Section) for interview and processing.

3. All requests of this nature should be submitted to SHQ.

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APPOINTMENT TITLES AND SERIAL NUMBERS  
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APPOINTMENT TITLES

SUNRAY - MAJ BADMAN  
SUNRAY MINOR - CAPT VICKERS  
ACORN - SGT ASKIN  
MOLAR - CAPT THOMPSON  
MANHOLE - LT HOWELL  
STARLIGHT - CPL COWARD  
SHOTGUN - CAPT SULLIVAN  
PRONTO - SGT SWARBRICK

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Number - Name

1	N.L. ALLAN	32	J.F. GEORGE	63	G.L. MILLINGTON
2	J.A. ADAMS	33	R.J. GOOLD	64	G.A. MURPHY
3	RESERVED	34	G.L. HARRIS	65	B.J. MIONNET
4	M.J. BUTLER	35	A.J. HACKNEY	66	P. MERRILL
5	R.D. BRITTEN	36	H.G. HARBERTS	67	B.J. MUNARI
6	W.T. BURTON	37	K.J. HUNTER	68	D.J. MAHAR
7	C.S. BAVISTOCK	38	P.H. HUTTON	69	D.R. McROBERTS
8	A.C. BAKER	39	T.J. HOWLETT	70	T.P. McINERNEY
9	R.J. BEMMER	40	M.J. HOLLAND	71	D.I. McMASTER
10	B.F. BURT	41	J.D. HADRICK	72	P.D. MEAD
11	T.J. BOWMAN	42	R.B. INGRAM	73	G.J. NEVILLE
12	N.J. CALLISS	43	P.R. JEFFREY	74	R.J. NIELD
13	L.J. CADZOW	44	R.E. JAY	75	M.L. NOLAN
14	I.F. CAINES	45	L.A. JUKES	76	R.L. OWENS
15	C.W. CLAYDON	46	A.E. JERVIS	77	D.F. OCTIGAN
16	A.T. CRUCE	47	K.W. JOHNSTON	78	P. O'LOUGHLIN
17	R.J. CONDON	48	R.D. JAQUES	79	G.P. ONHEEN
18	D.W. CARRA	49	D. JARDINE	80	J.F. OSBORNE
19	T.M. COSGROVE	50	M.J. JACKSON	81	J.M. PANTON
20	M.J. COONEY	51	B.W. KAY	82	R.J. PRYCE
21	J. DZIEDZIC	52	D. HENRY	83	C.J. PETTIFOR
22	D.J. DAVIDSON	53	T.C. KELLY	84	B.J. POLLOCK
23	L.G. DAY	54	E.J. KEILLERUP	85	A.E. POWERS
24	J.K. DYSON	55	T.T. LOWE	86	J.D. PLUMRIDGE
25	M.H. DJUKIC	56	E.F. LANCASTER	87	N.A. PHILLIPS
26	B.F. ELLIS	57	K.J. LAKER	88	H.T. PRICE
27	A.G. EFFIMOV	58	N.J. LUFF	89	P.L. PAYNE
28	C.M. ENGLAND	59	R.E. LEES	90	P.J. REEVES
29	P.J. FRANCIS	60	B.C. LEWIS	91	R.W. ROBERTSON
30	I.G. GOSS	61	P.W. LUKIES	92	E.P. ROWLEY
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95	R.J. SNAPE	103	H.C. WILSON		
96	J.C. SCHNAARS	104	B.R. WYLIE		
97	A.M. TAYLOR	105	D.R. WEIGALL		
98	I.L. TREGENZA	106	A. ZSOLT		
99	W.C. THOMPSON	108	RESERVED		
100	B.C. TARRAN	109	TAN HUYNH-TON		
101	P.D. VALE				
110	L.N. ARMSTRONG	139	K.H. JONES	168	S.M. POLLOCK
111	N.E. BLAKENEY	140	D.A. JUERS	169	D.K. PRESTON
112	A.A. BARLOW	141	A.J. JAGO	170	S.G. RUSSELL
113	N.W. BAVISTER	142	N.O. JENSEN	171	E.L. RICHARDS
114	J.C. BENTLY	143	L.T. JACOBS	172	A. ROSS
115	J.T. BLACKFORD	144	G.G. JOHNSTON	173	G.T. ROWLEY
116	T.F. BROOKS	145	C.D. JONES	174	K.A. STEVENS
117	G.D. BUTCHER	146	B.J. KEARTON	175	T SZELEST
118	K.J. CRAIG	147	W.J. KENIHAN	176	M.B. STAPLES
119	C.B. COOK	148	A. KEREKES	177	B. SHEDDON
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121	I.R. CLOUGH	150	G.J. LORD	179	W.J. TAYLOR
122	B.J. COOK	151	B.A. LANGRIDGE	180	R.G. TINDALL
123	R.B. DITTMAR	152	F.C. MAXWELL	181	L.V. TOPP
124	P.J. DE-JONG	153	RESERVED	182	J.A. TIVENDALE
125	G.J. DOAK	154	P.R. McCAMISH	183	B.R. VEARING
126	B.G. EVANS	155	S.G. MATE	184	P.F. VANNY
127	E. EDEN	156	K. MATUSZCZAK	185	N.T. WELLS
128	L. ELLIOT	157	B.J. MEADOWS	186	L.J. WALKER-SMITH
129	I.W. FINCH	158	R. MOXEY	187	R.M. WATTS
130	B.J. FULLER	159	E.H. NAUGHTON	188	B.J. WARWICK
131	S.R. GARCIA	160	L.J. NOONAN	189	L.J. WILDEBOER
132	R.C. GLOVER	161	P.N. OLIVER	190	R.L. WILLIAMS
133	D.J. HUGHES	162	R.A. PETTET		
134	K.J. HARRIS	163	R.G. PETTIE		
135	J.G. HAYWARD	164	J. PARKINSON		
136	M.A. HIGGINS	165	A.J. PEARCE		
137	M.C. HOUSTON	166	RESERVED		
138	B.J. HUXLEY	167	I.G. PLACE		
191	G.J. ARNBUCKLE	195	H.E. DUMMETT	199	P.A. ROBINSON
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206	D.R. McINTOSH	214	J.D. GREGORY	222	M.R. RAINEY
207	R. WELSH	215	L.D. HOUSTON	223	J.L. ANDERSON
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ANNEX A To  
1 ATF FRAG No 7 To  
OPO No 19/68  
Dated 22 May 68

ENEMY SITUATION AO'S SURFERS/NEWPORT

As At 211200H May 68

Reference: A. Annex A to Frag No 6 to OPO 19/68 dated 10 May 68.

General.

1. In addition to the main points made in the above reference, the following information is provided.
2. A trace of main enemy base camps already located by US/ARVN forces in AO NEWPORT has been issued separately to 1RAR and 3RAR.
3. PW reports placed 165 NVA Regt as follows on 3 May 68:
  - a. 4th Bn - XT919351
  - b. 5th Bn - XT938357
  - c. 6th Bn - XT958368
  - d. RHQ - XT943369

These reports were generally substantiated on 17/18 May by VR sightings of fresh diggings, bunkers and trail activity in these areas.

4. It is suspected that HQ 7 NVA Division or some other major HQ is located in vicinity XT9534 - 9634. Tunnel entrances, freshly dug bunkers, reports of sighting green communication cables and activity of enemy AAHMG fire in and near this general area, all ~~lead~~ to indicate the location of an important enemy HQ or base area in this general vicinity.
5. Agent reports dated 17/18 May 68, which cannot yet be evaluated, indicate that elements of both the DONG NAI Regt and the independent PHU LOI II Bn are located to the East and North East of AO BONDI.

Enemy Identification.

6. It can now be assumed from contacts, PW reports and captured documents, that elements of the following enemy main force units are located in or near AO SURFERS/AO NEWPORT:
  - a. HQ 7 NVA Div
  - b. 141 NVA Regt
  - c. 165 NVA Regt
  - d. 275 NVA Infiltration Gp
  - e. 269 NVA Infiltration Gp
  - f. DONG NAI Regt (NVA/VC)
  - g. PHU LOI II Indep Bn (NVA)
  - h. 81 and 83 Rear Services Gps
  - i. Elements of 69 VC Artillery Command.

Enemy Weapons.

7. Enemy forces have already launched two heavy attacks, utilizing very considerable medium mortar and RPG fire, supplemented by heavy AW and AAHMG fire. It can be anticipated that as soon as enemy forces have re-grouped and to some extent, redeployed, that further heavy attacks, both by fire and by ground assault, will be undertaken against FSPB CORAL or forward elements.

Enemy Tactics.

8. Indications to date show the following significant trends in enemy tactics:
  - a. Moving close-up to objectives some two or three hours before attacking.
  - b. Heavy and accurate mortar and RPG fire.

- c. Infantry assault pushed home with determination.
- d. Positioning of AAHMG's within or extremely close to our FEBA in order to minimise return fire from LFT's.
- e. Willingness to continue his attacks after first light.
- f. Rapid dispersal and concealment immediately after breaking contact.
- g. Determination to undertake very close-in daylight reconnaissance despite our constant air observation.

9. It must be remembered that we are operating into a major, and very extensive enemy base area, which possesses an extremely complex group of bunkers, trenches, camps and food and arms caches. These are located underground with good overhead cover from both air and artillery strikes. It is not expected that extensive minefields will be encountered. Scattered mines may be found along or adjacent to Routes 16, 1A or the more important trails.

Conclusion:

10. There are numerous enemy troops in the area, representing elements of at least three infantry regiments, plus Divisional and Rear Service units, and a strong artillery component. They are fighting in their home base areas, with very extensive and immediate logistic support available to them.

11. It should be anticipated that the enemy will adopt extremely aggressive tactics in attempting to deny us entry into his home areas. Any further attack against FSPB CORAL can be expected to utilize stronger forces or heavier firepower than previously employed.

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ENEMY SITUATION AO SURFERS II

AS AT 291200 MAY 68

Reference: A. Annex A to 1 ATF FRAG No 7 to OPO No 19/68 dated 22 May 68.

General

1. Enemy action in the last few days culminated in attacks by fire and ground assaults against FSPB BALMORAL and attacks by fire against FSPB CORAL during night 27/28 May 68.

Infiltration Groups

2. Interrogation of the latest six PW taken by 3 RAR after the action at BALMORAL has provided valuable information on enemy infiltration groups which are entering our area of influence.

3. The infiltration groups so far identified by 1 ATF are as follows:

	<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>ARRIVAL FROM NVN</u>
a. 269	?	?
b. 275	?	?
c. 745	?	Dec 67
d. NAM HA	500	13 May 68
e. 233	100	25 May 68
f. D280	400	26 May 68
g. 165	500	17 May 68

4. These groups, (representing a troop strength in excess of 1500 men), provide a ready reserve from which HQ 7 NVA Div is drawing its infantry to flesh out units of both 165 and 141 NVA Regts. Elements of 269 and 275 Infiltration Groups took part in attacks against FSPB CORAL on 12/13 and 15/16 May in conjunction with, or as part of K2, K3 Bns, C17 RR Coy and C18 AA Coy of 141 NVA Regt.

5. Elements of the remaining groups took part in attacks against FSPB BALMORAL on 27/28 May as part of K2, K3 and possibly K5 Bns 165 NVA Regt.

6. It appears that 165 NVA Regt is operating in the North of AO NEWPORT and 141 NVA Regt is deployed in the East of AO BONDI. Any new attack will probably be mounted by 141 Regt against FSPB CORAL itself or 1 ATF elements operating out from CORAL. Radio Hanoi and local Communist propaganda material claims a great victory by 141 Regt against Australian forces on 13 May 68.

7. A PW from 165 Regt claimed that his Regt had been ordered to "emulate the victory achieved by 141 Regt" and had been committed against FSPB BALMORAL for this reason. It is now 14 days since 141 Regt's infantry elements have been in action and HQ 7 Div may decide to use them again, in order to allow 165 Regt more time to recover from its recent losses.

8. Current overall enemy losses to 291200H May 68 are 205 KIA (BC), 6 PW, 1 Chieu Hoi, 33 crew-served and 90 individual weapons.

Assessment of Probable Enemy Intentions

9. During the next few days the enemy will continue to re-group, resupply and reconstitute his forces. He will attempt to increase attacks by fire, both in order to harass our forces and to cover the movement of supplies and personnel. In addition he will use these attacks to demonstrate his continued presence and influence in this area.

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1 May 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 300001H to 302400H April 1968.

TO: See Distribution List

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Campaign TOAN THANG in AO MURRAY BRIDGE, BLAXLAND, BURGUNDY and the 1 ATF TAOR.

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

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support operations in AOs MURRAY BRIDGE, BLAXLAND and BURGUNDY. Locations: A Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YT245009; 2 Tp YS471541; 3 Tp FSPB CLOWES YS3963.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 91 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt BEARCAT YT1600; 102 Fd Bty FSPB CLOWES YS3963; 108 Fd Bty FSPB HUNT YT2501; 161 Fd Bty FSPB EVANS YT2206; A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO BLAXLAND and the TAOR with minor contact. At 2025H at YS330653 D Coy contacted 1 VC without result. In a further search of the camp found at YS330651, on 29 Apr D Coy found 2 claymores, 12 grenades, 1 RPG2 rocket, 1 two-way radio, 800 lbs rice, 50 lbs fish, 4 80mm mortar rounds, 500 rounds SA ammunition and a quantity of documents, medical supplies and clothing. Locations: 1 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy FSPB CLOWES YS3963; D Coy YS335654.

(e) 2 RAR continued operations in AO MURRAY BRIDGE without contact. At 0815H at YT286036 9 Pl found 40 60mm mortar rounds, 25 Chicom grenades, 1 RPG2, 1 RPG2 rocket and 1 Chicom burp gun in a partly destroyed camp. At 1326H at YT244068 B Coy detained an unarmed person wearing greens and without an identity card. At 1450H at YT298990 V Coy located a fresh camp still under construction. W Coy with 1 Tp A Sqn carried out an identity card check to the West of AP AN VIENG YT2400. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB HUNT YT2501; B Coy YS319994; C Coy YS277999; V Coy YS298990; W Coy YT245009. A Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 3 RAR continued operations in AO MURRAY BRIDGE without contact. A Coy moved by air to YT232033; D Coy moved by air to FSPB HUNT YT2501. Locations: Bn HQ and C Coy FSPB EVANS YT2206; A Coy YT232033; B Coy YT245085; D Coy FSPB HUNT YT2501.

(g) The Land Clearing Team cleared 700 metres of trail in the LONG HAI Hills YS4654. 1 ARU continued to provide protection.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
301443H	YS273795	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker damaged, 20 metres trench damaged.
301457H	YS273795	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged, 25 metres trench damaged.

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(i) Results.

1 AUST LOSSES: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES: 40 60mm mortar bombs; 37 Chicom grenades; 1 RPG2, 2 RPG2 rockets; 1 Chicom burp gun; 2 claymores; 1 two-way radio; 4 80mm mortar round bombs; 800 lbs rice; 50 lbs fish; 500 rounds SA ammunition.

b. Plans summary for the next 24 hours. Operations in AO BLAXLAND conclude. Operations in other AOs continue.

c. Small Unit Actions:

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has one LRRP deployed.

(3) At 1700H at YS613666 a LRRP received automatic weapon fire and was extracted. At 2050H at YS507609 2 Pl A Coy 2 RAR engaged 20 VC with SA, artillery and mortars with unknown results. A sweep of the area will be done at first light.

(4) Results. Nil.

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2 May 68

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

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

1. OPERATION SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Campaign TOAN THANG in AO's MURRAY BRIDGE, BURGUNDY and the 1 ATF TAOR and concluded operations in AO BLAXLAND.

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

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support operations in AO's MURRAY BRIDGE and BURGUNDY and concluded operations in support of 1 RAR in AO BLAXLAND. 3 Tp returned to 1 ATF Base from FSPB CLOWES YS3963. Locations: A Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base VT245009.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 102 Bty returned to 1 ATF Base from FSPB CLOWES YS3963. 29 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: HQ 12 Fd Regt YT1600; 108 Fd Bty FSPB HUNT; 161 Fd Bty FSPB EVANS 65226; 102 Fd Bty and a Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 RAR concluded operations in AO BLAXLAND. D Coy returned to 1 ATF Base by helicopter. B Coy abandoned FSPB CLOWES YS3963. At 0310H 4-5 VC were engaged on the perimeter of FSPB CLOWES YS3956 without results. At YS330654 12 Pl found 250 lbs rice, one grenade, some medical supplies, small arms ammunition and clothing in a cave. Locations; 1 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(e) 2 RAR continued operations in AO MURRAY BRIDGE without contact. B, C and V Coys moved SOUTH into AO SWAN centre of mass YS2897. W Coy and 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt patrolled the rubber plantation area center of mass YS2399. Locations; Bn HQ FSPB HUNT YT2501; A Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; B Coy YS330964; C Coy YS277959; V Coy YS289963; V Coy YT245009.

(f) 3 RAR continued operations in AO MURRAY BRIDGE. 3 RAR patrolled on a line from FSPB HUNT YT2501 to 2002 metres NORTHEAST of FSPB EVANS YT2206. Locations; Bn HQ and C Coy FSPB EVANS YT2206; A Coy YT232033; B Coy YT221078; D Coy FSPB HUNT YT2501.

(g) The Land Clearing Team cleared 800 metres of trail in the LONG HAI Hills YS4654. 1 ARU continued to provide protection.

(h) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
011213H	YS273798	VC Base Camp	1 bunker damaged, 2 bunkers destroyed, 50 metres trench uncovered and damaged.
011242H	YS568840	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged, 1 military structure destroyed.
011631H	YS657902	VC Base Camp	4 bunkers damaged, 25 metres of covered trench damaged, 2 fighting positions uncovered, 1 tunnel entrance uncovered.

At 1858H a 9 Sqn RAAF helicopter engaged two sampans at YS275583. The sampans which carried objects wrapped in green material were damaged.

(i) Results.

1 AUST LOSSES: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: Nil

b Materiel: 250 lbs rice, 1 grenade, qty medical supplies, qty small arms ammunition, qty of clothing and 2 sampans damaged.

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- b. Plans summary for the next 24 hours. Present operations continue
- c. Small Unit Actions

- (1) Company - Nil  
Platoon - Two  
Squad - Nineteen

- (2) 2 SAS has one LRRP deployed.

- (3) At 2005H at YS515624 - Pl 2 RAR ambushed 12 VC resulting in 5 VC KIA (BC) and the capture of 1 mortar tripod (type unknown possibly 81 or 82MM) and 2 small arms.

- (4) Results:

- 1 Personnel: 5 VC KIA (BC)

- 2 Materiel: 2 small arms, 1 mortar tripod (possibly 81 or 82 MM).

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3 May 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 020001H to 022400H May 68.

TO: See Distribution List.

1. OPERATION SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued campaign TOAN THANG in AOs MURRAY BRIDGE, and BERGUNDY and began moving into AO BELIZE, Centre of mass YS3191.

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

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. 1 Tp moved with W Coy 2 RAR into BELIZE. Locations A Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS274934; 2 Tp YS471541.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 29 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: HQ 12 Fd Regt BEARCAT; 108 Fd Bty FSPB HUNT YT2501; 161 Fd Bty FSPB EVANS YT2206; 102 Fd Bty and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 RAR remained in 1 ATF area. Locations: 1 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(e) 2 RAR completed in AO MURRAY BRIDGE and began moving into AO BELIZE without contact. Locations; Bn HQ FSPB HUNT YT2501; A Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; B Coy YS332943; C Coy YS302929; V Coy YS302932; W Coy YS274934.

(f) 3 RAR continued to patrol a line from FSPB HUNT YT2521 to 2000 metres West of FSPB EVANS YT2206 without contact.

(g) The Land Clearing Team cleared 1100 metres of trail in the LONG HAI HILLS YS4624. 1 ARU continued to provide support.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Descriptions	Bomb Damage Assessment
021210H	YS315725	VC Base Camp	2 Bunkers destroyed, 1 tunnel entrance destroyed, 4 weapon pits uncovered and damaged.
021235H	YS425842	VC Base Camp	6 bunkers destroyed, 2 military structures destroyed.
021255H	YS425854	VC Base Camp	4 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged.
021322H	YS609884	VC Base Camp	1 Bunker destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged, 20 metres trench damaged

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(i) Results.

- 1 AUST LOSSES; Nil
- 2 ENEMY LOSSES: Nil.

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. Operations in AO MURRAY BRIDGE conclude, and Operations in AO BELIZE commence. 3 RAR move by air to 1 ATF Base. 1 RAR moves by air from 1 ATF Base to FSPB WATTLE YS3591.

c. Small Unit Actions:

- (1) Company - Two  
Platoon - Two  
Squad - Eighteen
- (2) 2 SAS have two LRRPs deployed.
- (3) At 1710H 1 ARU sighted 1 VC at YS439552. 2 Tp 3 Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged VC with no result.
- (4) Results: Nil

d. Remarks. At first light 1 Pl 2 RAR swept the area of contact YS315624 of 012005H. The complete list of items captured is now, 1 M1 Carbine, 1 .45 Inch SMG, 1 Chicom . 45 inch rifle, 1 bipod of an 82 mm mortar, 3 82 mm mortar bombs and 3 grenades.

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4 May 68

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

TO: See Distribution List

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Campaign TOAN THANG in AO BURGUNDY, concluded operation in AO MURRAY BRIDGE and commenced operation in AO BELIZE.

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

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. 1 Tp moved to FSPB WATTLE YS3591 and is now op con comd FSPB WATTLE. 3 Tp escorted a convoy from 1 ATF Base to BEARCAT YT1600 and carried out a going reconnaissance of Route 15 on the return journey. Locations: A Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp FSPB WATTLE YS3591; 2 Tp YS471541.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 102 Fd Bty moved by air to FSPB WATTLE YS3591 from 1 ATF Base. 108 Fd Bty moved from FSPB HUNT YT2601 to FSPB WATTLE YS3591. 161 Fd Bty moved by air from FSPB EVANS YT2206 to 1 ATF Base. 40 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) FSPB WATTLE YS3591; 161 Fd Bty and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 RAR moved by air to FSPB WATTLE YS3591 to commence operations in AO BELIZE. At 2045H the Anti Tank Pl engaged 1 VC on their perimeter of FSPB WATTLE with unknown results. Locations: Bn HQ and A Coy FSPB WATTLE YS3591; B Coy YS337912; C Coy YS344908; D Coy YS346888.

(e) 2 RAR commenced operations in AO BELIZE without contact. At YS285919 W Coy found an unoccupied VC Battalion or Regimental sized base camp. The camp which contained approximately 250 bunkers has not been used for about one month. Locations: Bn HQ and V Coy YS301933; A Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; B Coy YS330935; C Coy YS306921; W Coy YS279906.

(f) 3 RAR concluded operations in AO MURRAY BRIDGE and returned to 1 ATF Base by air. Location: 3 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(g) The Land Clearing Team cleared 800 metres of trail in the LONG HAI Hills YS4664. 1 ARU continued to provide protection.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
031157H	YS312803	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 1 bunker damaged, 50 metres trench uncovered and damaged, 1 circular weapon pit uncovered.
031157H	YS301792	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers exposed.
031410H	YS301792	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 10 metres trench uncovered.
031515H	YS348788	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 6 bunkers damaged, 1 secondary fire.

(i) 1 Aust CA Unit progress report for the period 29 Apr to 3 May 68. Work continues on following:

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- completed. 1 Refugee housing LONG BINH: 21 house frames
- 2 Market AP SUOI NGHE: 25 percent complete.
- complete. 3 3 classrooms BARIA High School: 95 percent
- 4 Library and science block: 10 percent complete.
- 5 PHUOC LE School block: 10 percent complete.
- 6 LONG HUONG School repairs: 70 percent complete.
- 7 LONG XUYEN School: 50 percent complete.
- 8 HOA LONG School: 20 percent complete.
- 9 LONG DIEN School: 5 percent complete.
- 10 LONG SON ISLAND School: 20 percent complete.

Education advice, agricultural assistance, province survey, hygiene inspectors and MEDCAPS continue.

(j) Results.

- 1 JUST LOSSES: Nil
- 2 ENEMY LOSSES: Nil

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

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - Two.  
Platoon - Two.  
Squad - Eighteen.
- (2) 2 SAS has one LRRP deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact. Nil.
- (4) Results. Nil.

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5 May 68

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

TO: See Distribution List

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Campaign TOAN THANG in AO BELIZE and the 1 ATF TAOR, and concluded operations in AO BURGUNDY.

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

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. Locations: A Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp FSPB WATTLE YS3591.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 40 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) FSPB WATTLE YS3591; 161 Fd Bty and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO BELIZE with minor contact. At 1141H at YS341883 11 Pl sighted 1 VC. At 1156H at YS344884 10 Pl contacted 1 VC with no result. At 1228H at YS350886 12 Pl contacted 3 VC with no result. Locations: Bn HQ and A Coy FSPB WATTLE, YS3591; B Coy YS316895; C Coy YS343892; D Coy YS347868.

(e) 2 RAR continued operations in AO BELIZE without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and V Coy YS301933; A Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; B Coy YS319909; C Coy YS303908; W Coy YS279906.

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

(g) The Land Clearing Team and 1 ARU completed operations in the LONG HAI Hills and returned to 1 ATF Base.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
041013H	YS553898	VC Base Camp	1 military structure destroyed, 5 bunkers damaged, 15 metres trench uncovered.
041215H	YS265795	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 1 military structure destroyed.
041514H	YS267843	VC Base Camp	20 metres trench damaged, 2 rectangular pits destroyed, 2 bunkers uncovered.
041538H	YS428853	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 2 large bunkers damaged, 2 L shaped fighting posns damaged.
041653H	YS553898	VC Base Camp	100 metres of covered trench damaged, 15 metres trench exposed, 3 bunkers destroyed, 1 weapon pit destroyed.

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(i) Results.

1 AUST LOSSES: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES: Nil

b. Plans summary for the next 24 hours. Operations in AO COLUMBUS commence.

c. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has two LRRPs deployed.

(3) A Coy 3 RAR, 1 Div Int Unit, and elements of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt conducted a search in the area of PHU MY YS2574 without result.

(4) Results. Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

6 May 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREO)  
From 050001H to 052400H May 1968.

To: See Distribution List

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued campaign TOAN THANG in the 1 ATF TAOR and commenced operation in AO COLUMBUS 111.

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

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. 1 Tp with elements of A Coy 1 RAR moved to BLACKHORSE en route to FSPB HARRISON YT1716. HQ A Sqn and 2 Tp provided an escort for a Bty 2/35 Arty (US) from NUI DAT to FSPB ANDERSEN YT2012 and then came under operational control of 2 RAR. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB ANDERSEN YT2012; 1 Tp BLACKHORSE YS4395; 3 Tp 1 ATF base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF Operations. 119 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. 102 Fd Bty moved by Air to FSPB HARRISON YT1716 and 108 Fd Bty moved by air to FSPB ANDERSEN YT2012, FSPB WATTLE was abandoned. A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) moved by road to FSPB ANDERSEN YT2012. Locations: HQ 12 Fd Regt and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB ANDERSEN YT2012; 161 Fd Bty 1 ATF base.

(d) 1 RAR moved by air to FSPB HARRISON YT1716 and commenced operations in AO COLUMBUS 111. A Coy (-) moved with 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt to BLACKHORSE YS4395 en route to FSPB HARRISON. Locations; Bn HQ, D Coy and 1 Pl A Coy FSPB HARRISON YT1716; A Coy (-) BLACKHORSE YS4395, B Coy YT153168, C Coy YT147195.

(e) 2 RAR moved by air to FSPB ANDERSEN YT2012 and commenced operations in AO COLUMBUS 111. Locations: Bn HQ and V Coy FSPB ANDERSEN YT2012, A Coy Horseshoe Hill YS4962, B Coy YT200131, C Coy YT222148, W Coy YT197122.

(f) 3 RAR remained in 1 ATF base. Location: 3 RAR 1 ATF.

(g) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
051336H	YS553898	VC Base Camp	Total of three Airstrikes.
051348H			7 Punks destroyed.
051653H			2 Bunkers damaged. 150 metre trench destroyed. 50 metres trench uncovered. 100 metres trench damaged. 1 Observation Post destroyed. 1 Rectangular fighting position uncovered, 1 weapon pit destroyed.
051245H	YS525885	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed. 1 VC KIA (poss)

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(h) Results.

- 1 1 AUST LOSSES: NIL
- 2 ENEMY LOSSES: 1 VC KBA (poss)

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

- (1) Company - One
  - Platoon - Two
  - Squad - Nineteen
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has no LRRPS deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.
- (4) Results: Nil.

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7 May 68

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

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Campaign TOAN THANG in AO COLUMBUS III and 1 ATF TAOR.

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

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. 3 Tp provided escort for A Bty 5/42 Arty (US) from BEARCAT to NUI DAT. Locations: A Sqn 3 Cav Regt (-) FSPB ANDERSEN YT2012; 1 Tp YT117204; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 148 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. A Bty 5/42 Arty (US) became in general support of 1 ATF and moved by road from BEARCAT to NUI DAT. Locations: HQ 12 Fd Regt BEARCAT YT1600; A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) and 108 Fd Bty FSPB ANDERSEN YT2012; 102 Fd Bty FSPB HARRISON YT1716; A Bty 5/42 Arty (US) and 161 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO COLUMBUS III without contact. Locations: Bn HQ YT152171; A Coy YT117204; B Coy YT137181; C Coy YT147195; D Coy FSPB HARRISON YT1716.

(e) 2 RAR continued operations in AO COLUMBUS III with minor contact. At 1600H at YT225153 8 Pl engaged 6 VC moving along a track. The VC were the scout group for a party of approximately 20. Contact was broken at 1715H with the result 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA, 1 AK47 with 5 full magazines, 1 RPG2 with 6 rockets, 7 Chicom grenades, 1 anti tank grenade, 1 block Chicom TNT and a quantity of medical supplies and documents captured. Locations: Bn HQ and V Coy FSPB ANDERSEN YT2012; A Coy HORSESHOE HILL; B Coy YT183148; C Coy YT222148; W Coy YT168126.

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

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
060934H	YS303792	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 3 bunkers damaged, 1 military structure damaged, 60 metres of trench uncovered.
061553H	YS607886	VC Base Camp	5 bunkers damaged, 1 rectangular pit uncovered.
061632H	YS553898	VC Base Camp	7 bunkers destroyed, 4 bunkers damaged, 100 metres trench destroyed, 15 metres of trench uncovered.

(h) Results.

- 1 AUST LOSSES: Nil.
- 2 ENEMY LOSSES:

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- a Personnel: 2 VC KIA (BG)  
1 VC WIA
- b Material: 1 AK47  
5 AK47 magazines  
1 RPG2  
6 RPG2 rockets  
7 Chicom grenades  
1 anti tank grenade

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

c: Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company -- One  
Platoon -- Two  
Squad -- Eighteen
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has no LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact. Nil.
- (4) Results. Nil.

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

TO: See Distribution List

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Campaign TOAN THANG in AO COLUMBUS III and 1 ATF TAOR.

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

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. Locations: A Sqn 3 Cav Regt (-) FSPB ANDERSEN YT2012; 1 Tp FSPB HARRISON YT1716; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 563 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: HQ 12 Fd Regt BEARCAT YT1600; 102 Fd Bty FSPB HARRISON YT1716; 108 Fd Bty and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB ANDERSEN YT2012; 161 Fd Bty and A Bty 5/42 Arty (US) 1 ATF.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO COLUMBUS III without contact. At YT135155 B Coy found a 122mm rocket site used approx 2-3 months ago. Locations: Bn HQ YT152170; A Coy YT125217; B Coy YT135155; C Coy YT156191; D Coy FSPB HARRISON YT1716.

(e) 2 RAR continued operations in AO COLUMBUS III without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and V Coy FSPB ANDERSEN YT2012; A Coy HORSESHOE Hill YS4962; B Coy YT173148; C Coy YT222148; W Coy YT168126.

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

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
070858H	YS283922	Occupied VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 3 bunkers damaged.
071006H	YS283922	Occupied VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 5 bunkers damaged, 4 bunkers exposed.
071115H	YS323708	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 1 military structure damaged, 2 secondary fires.
071329H	YS303793	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 5 bunkers damaged.
071329H	YS537887	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 1 bunker damaged, 50 metres of trench exposed.
071600H	YS628829	VC Base Camp	2 military structures destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged.

(h) Results.

- 1 AUST LOSSES: Nil
- 2 ENEMY LOSSES: Nil

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

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - One  
Platoon - Two  
Squad - Sixteen
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn have no LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contacts. Nil.
- (4) Results. Nil.

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9 May 68

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

TO: See Distribution List

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Campaign TOAN THANG in AO COLUMBUS III and the 1 ATF TAOR.

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

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operation. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB ANDERSEN YT2012; 1 Tp YT140195; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 188 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: HQ 12 Fd Regt BEARCAT YT1600; 102 Fd Bty FSPB HARRISON YT1716; 108 Fd Bty and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) YT2012; 161 Fd Bty and A Bty 5/42 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 RAR continued operation in AO COLUMBUS III with minor contact. At 0615H at YT125214 2 Pl contacted 4-5 VC resulting in 3 VC KIA (BC) and the capture of 1 x AK50, 1 x M1, 1 Garrand rifle, 1 PPS HK50, 1 x .45 pistol and 4 grenades. Locations: Bn HQ YT152170; A Coy YT125217; B Coy YT132154; C Coy YT140194; D Coy FSPB HARRISON YT1716.

(e) 2 RAR continued operation in AO COLUMBUS III without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and V Coy FSPB ANDERSEN YT2012; A Coy HORSESHOE Hill YS4962; B Coy YT161145; C Coy YT122148; W Coy YT167137.

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

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
080941H	YS542858	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers damaged, 20 metres of trench uncovered.
081247H	YS546887	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker uncovered and damaged.
081256H	YS578877	VC Base Camp	Earth dam damaged, 2 KBA (possible).
081510H	YS312842	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged, 50 metres of trench damaged, 25 metres of trench uncovered.

(h) Results.

1 AUST LOSSES: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 3 VC KIA (BC)  
2 VC KBA (Poss)

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- a Material: 1 x AK50  
1 x M1  
1 x Garrard rifle  
1 x PPS HK50  
1 x .45 inch pistol  
4 x grenades

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

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - One  
Platoon - Two  
Squad - Seventeen
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn have no LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact. Nil.
- (4) Results. Nil.

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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 090001H to 092400H May 68.

TO: See Distribution List

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Campaign TOAN THANG in AO COLUMBUS III and the 1 ATF TAOR.

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

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB ANDERSEN YT2012; 1 Tp FSPB HARRISON YT1716; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 209 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: HQ 12 Fd Regt BEARCAT YT1600; 102 Fd Bty FSPB HARRISON YT1716; 108 Fd Bty and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB ANDERSEN YT2012; 161 Fd Bty and A Bty 5/42 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO COLUMBUS III without contact. Locations: Bn HQ YT152171; A Coy YT125217; B Coy YT146156; C Coy YT151203; D Coy FSPB HARRISON YT1716.

(e) 2 RAR continued operations in AO COLUMBUS III without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and V Coy FSPB ANDERSEN YT2012; A Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; B Coy YT161145; C Coy YT222148; W Coy YT167137.

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

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
090755H	YS400817	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 50 metres of trench destroyed, 50 metres of trench uncovered.
090835H	YS440572	ARVN troops in contact	5 KBA (Poss)
091247H	YS341857	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 40 metres of trench destroyed, 50 metres of trench uncovered.

(h) Results.

1 AUST LOSSES: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES: Nil

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b. Plans summary for the next 24 hours. 1 ATF continues operations in AO COLUMBUS III. 3 RAR relieves 2 RAR of their task. 2 RAR returns to 1 ATF Base.

c. Small Unit Actions.

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

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2 platoons destroyed of target destroyed of target destroyed	VO Base Camp	DESTROYED
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11 May 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 100001H to 102400H May 1968.

TO: See Distribution List

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Campaign TOAN THANG in AO COLUMBUS III and 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt investigated the base camp at YS440572 struck by air at 090835H (see para (1) (g) previous SITREP) and found two graves containing the bodies of 3 VC. Location: C Sqn 1 ATF Base.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. Locations: FSPB ANDERSEN YT2012; 1 Tp FSPB HARRISON YT1716; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 180 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. 161 Fd Bty relieved 108 Fd Bty in AO COLUMBUS III. Locations: HQ 12 Fd Regt BEARCAT YT1600; 102 Fd Bty FSPB HARRISON YT1716; 108 Fd Bty and A Bty 5/42 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base; 161 Fd Bty and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB ANDERSEN YT2012.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO COLUMBUS III with minor contact. At 1206H at YT124216 1 Pl contacted 1 VC with the result 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 Chicom pistol captured. Locations: Bn HQ YT152171; A Coy YT125217; B Coy 140156; C Coy YT151203; D Coy FSPB HARRISON YT1716.

(e) 2 RAR concluded operations in AO COLUMBUS III and moved to 1 ATF by air. Locations 2 RAR 1 ATF Base.

(f) 3 RAR moved by air to relieve 2 RAR in AO COLUMBUS III. At 2040H two rockets of unknown type impacted 600 metres SE of A Coy. The probable launch area was engaged by artillery with unknown results. Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy FSPB ANDERSEN YT2012; A Coy YT222148; B Coy YT172147; C Coy YT172141.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
100343H	YT229195	Actual target hit was previously known NNW of scheduled tgt. VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 4 bunkers damaged
101238H	YS448537	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed. 150 metres of trench uncovered, 6 fighting positions uncovered.

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101333H	YS608884	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged, 20 metres of trench destroyed, 30 metres of trench damaged.
101418H	YS478848	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 6 bunkers damaged, 20 metres of trench uncovered and damaged.

(h) Results.

1 AUST LOSSES: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 1 VC KIA (BC)

b Material: 1 Chicom pistol

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has one LRRP deployed.

(3) Small Unit Action with contact: Nil

(4) Results: Nil

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12 May 68

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

TO: See Distribution List

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Campaign TOAN THANG in AO COLUMBUS III and the 1 ATF TAOR, and commenced operations in AO NAPIER.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 2 Tp supported 1 ARU in mine clearing operations in AO NAPIER. Locations: C Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp YS516654.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB ANDERSEN YT2012; 1 Tp YT176177; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 136 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: HQ 12 Fd Regt BEARCAT YT1600; 102 Fd Bty FSPB HARRISON YT1716; 108 Fd Bty and A Bty 5/42 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base; 161 Fd Bty and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB ANDERSEN YT2012.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO COLUMBUS III without contact. Locations: Bn HQ YT172171; A Coy YT176177; B Coy YT151173; D Coy FSPB HARRISON YT1716.

(e) 2 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base. Locations: 2 RAR 1 ATF Base; A Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 3 RAR continued operations in AO COLUMBUS without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy FSPB ANDERSEN YT2012; A Coy YT222148; B Coy YT173147; C Coy YT172143.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
110928H	YS341857	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged, 1 fighting position exposed, 30 metres of trench uncovered.
111125H	YS778786	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged, 1 military structure damaged.
111440H	YS230195	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed.

(h) Results.

1 AUST LOSSES: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES: Nil

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. Operations in AO COLUMBUS III conclude and operations in AO SURFERS centre of mass XT9228 commence.

c. Small Unit Actions.

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

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- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has one LRRP deployed.
- (3) 1 ARU supported by 2 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt and elements of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt commenced mine clearing operations in AO NAPIER centre of mass YS5154. 27 mines were detonated and 100 metres cleared during the reporting period. Locations: 1 ARU YS516543.
- (4) Results. Nil.

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Time	Location	Target Description	Disposition
1100H	YS5154	40 base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged, 1 bunker destroyed
1115H	YS5154	40 base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged, 1 bunker destroyed
1130H	YS5154	40 base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed

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13 May 68

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

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Campaign TOAN THANG. Operations in AO COLUMBUS III were concluded and 1 ATF elements moved to AO SURFERS (centre of mass XT9329). Minefield clearing operations in AO NAPIER continued.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 2 Tp continued minefield clearing operations in AO NAPIER. Locations: C Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 2 Tp YS514539.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Locations: A Sqn (-) BEARCAT; 2 Tp at BIEN HOA in support of A Bty 2/35 Arty (US); 3 Tp YS516543.

(c) Task Force Artillery fired 93 H and I missions in the reporting period. Locations: HQ 12 Fd Regt, BEARCAT; 102 Fd Bty FSPB CORAL XT9329; 108 Fd Bty, 1 ATF Base; 161 Fd Bty, FSPB CORAL; A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), BIEN HOA; A Bty 5/42 Arty (US), 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 RAR commenced operations in AO SURFERS with minor contact. At 121815H 11 Pl D Coy contacted approximately 10 VC at XT939309 resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 AK47 captured. 1 Aust WIA was evacuated. At 121935H 4 Pl contacted 10 VC at XT964280 with unknown results. Locations: Bn HQ XT934289; A Coy XT946303; B Coy XT964278; C Coy XT948263; D Coy XT940311.

(e) 2 RAR remained at 1 ATF Base. Locations: 2 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; A Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 3 RAR commenced operations in AO SURFERS with minor contact. At 121445H a sentry of C Coy engaged 3 VC at XT907287 without result. At 121809H 12 Pl contacted 1 VC at XT931295 with unknown result. Locations: Bn HQ and D Coy XT931295; A Coy XT908282; B Coy XT923273; C Coy XT905294.

(g) 1 ARU continued to protect minefield operations in AO NAPIER without contact. Location: 1 ARU YS516543.

(h) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
120803H	YS427854	VC Base Camp	6 bunkers destroyed. 1 bunker damaged.
120932H 121115H	YS425843	VC base Camp	2 VC KBA (BC). 4 VC KBA (Poss). 1 bunker destroyed. 2 bunkers damaged. 1 secondary explosion with grey smoke 400'. 1 military structure damaged. 20 metres trench uncovered. 1 small secondary explosion.
121412H	YS312758	VC Base Camp	100 metres trench damaged. 2 bunkers destroyed. 2 bunkers damaged. 1 wpn pit destroyed.
121622H	YS313780	VC Base Camp	50 metres trench uncovered. 2 bunkers destroyed. 1 military structure destroyed.

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(i) Results.

1 AUST LOSSES: 1 WIA (evac)

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 1 VC KIA (BC)  
2 VC KBA (BC)  
4 VC KBA (Poss)

b Materiel: 1 AK47 captured.

b. Plans summary for the next 24 hours. Present operations continue. 1 ATF (MAIN) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) move to FSPB CORAL XT925284.

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - Two.  
Platoon - Two.  
Squad - Sixteen.
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has one LRRP deployed in 1 ATF TAOR.
- (3) Troops involved in minefield clearing operations cleared 107 mines in the reporting period.
- (4) Results. Nil.

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

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Campaign TOAN THANG in AO SURFERS and 1 ATF TAOR and concluded minefield clearing operations in AO NAPIER. Land clearing operations in vicinity AP SUOI NGHE, centre of mass YS4173, commenced.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt deployed one troop to AP SUOI NGHE on land clearing operations and one troop returned to 1 ATF Base from AO NAPIER. Locations: C Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS413732.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations in AO SURFERS and 1 ATF TAOR and concluded operations in AO NAPIER. Locations: A Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp FSPB CORAL XT9329; 2 Tp FSPB COOGEE XT8929.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations in AO SURFERS and 1 ATF TAOR. 89 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. Locations: HQ 12 Fd Regt, 102 Fd Bty, and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), FSPB CORAL; 161 Fd Bty FSPB COOGEE, 108 Fd Bty and A Bty 5/42 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 RAR continued Campaign TOAN THANG with major contact. Between 130145H and 130800H an estimated VC Battalion attacked FSPB CORAL, using rockets, mortars and small arms. Results: 51 VC KIA (BC), 1 PW, 3 detainees and a quantity of assorted weapons, including RPG7s and RPG2s captured. Own casualties: 9 KIA, 28 WIA, 1 105mm How damaged and 2 81mm mortars damaged. At 130934H D Company contacted 5 VC at XT941309, resulting in 3 VC KIA (BC), 3 AK47 and 3 Chicom grenades captured. Locations: 1 RAR FSPB CORAL.

(e) 2 RAR continued operations in 1 ATF TAOR and commenced land clearing operations, in conjunction with Aust Land Clearing Team in vicinity of AP SUOI NGHE. Locations: 2 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; A Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy (-) YS413732.

(f) 3 RAR continued Operation TOAN THANG in AO SURFERS with minor contact. At 131600H D Company contacted 5 VC at XT898308 resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 M16 rifle, 2 81mm mortar rounds, 1 60mm mortar round, 20lbs rice and a quantity of documents captured. At 131925H B Company contacted 3 VC at XT901261 with unknown result. At 132233H A Company contacted 5 VC at XT897275 resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and one VC WIA (Poss). Further search to be conducted at first light.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
130912H	YS477846	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 10 metres trench uncovered, 3 fighting posns damaged.
131340H	YS322834	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged.

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(h) Results.

1 AUST LOSSES:

- a Personnel: 9 KIA, 28 WIA
- b Materiel: 1 105mm How damaged  
2 81mm mortars damaged

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

- a Personnel: 56 KIA (BC)  
1 PW  
3 Detainees
- b Materiel: To be advised in next SITREP.

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

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - Three  
Platoon - Two  
Squad - Seventeen
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has one LRRP deployed in 1 ATF TAOR.
- (3) Nil.
- (4) Results. Nil.

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15 May 68

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

To: Commanding General  
II Field Force Vietnam  
Attn: AVFBC-RE

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Campaign TOAN THANG in AO SURFERS and the 1 ATF TAOR.

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

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. Locations: Sqn HQ and 1 Tp FSPB CORAL XT9329; 2 Tp FSPB COOGEE XT8929; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 67 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: HQ 12 Fd Regt, 102 Fd Bty and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB CORAL XT9329; 161 Fd Bty FSPB COOGEE XT8929; 108 Fd Bty and A Bty 5/42 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO SURFERS. At 1200H at XT924307 12 Pl were ambushed by approx 3 VC with result 1 Aust KIA and 3 Aust WIA. The VC opened contact by firing a RPG, and then withdrew NE. VC casualties are unknown. At 1253H at XT942282 5 Pl contacted 10 VC with the results 2 VC WIA (Poss). At approx 1630H at XT945293 2 Pl contacted approx 13 VC. The VC split into two groups on contact, one withdrawing South and one North. At 1700H at XT942300 7 Pl contacted 9 VC, presumed to be from 2 Pl contact. The result of this contact was 1 Aust KIA, 1 Aust WIA, 7 VC KIA (BC), 2 VC PW, 1 M16A1 rifle, 1 pistol, and 7 AK47 captured. At 1730H at XT942282 a section of 5 Pl was ambushed by 4-6 VC, with the result 1 Aust KIA, 1 Aust WIA, 4 VC KIA (BC) and 1 M16A1 rifle and 1 claymore captured by the VC. At 1800H at XT940293 3 Pl received one incoming RPG round with the result 2 Aust WIA. The area the RPG was fired from was engaged by MG and artillery with unknown results. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB CORAL XT9329; A Coy XT939292; B Coy XT938288; C Coy XT935294; D Coy XT933294.

(e) 2 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base. C Coy supported the land clearing team in operations in area AP SUOI NGHE. Locations: 2 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; C Coy AP SUOI NGHE.

(f) 3 RAR continued operations in AO SURFERS with minor contact. At 0900H at XT986275 A Coy contacted an unknown number of VC with unknown results. At 0730H at XT897273 contacted 2 VC with results 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1255H at XT898260 5 Pl engaged 1 VC with no results. Location: Bn HQ and C Coy FSPB COOGEE XT8929; A Coy XT900280; B Coy XT900258; D Coy XT898306.

(g) The Land Clearing Team, supported by C Coy 2 RAR, commenced operations in area of AP SUOI NGHE. 104 acres were cleared.

(h) Air Support. At 1830H at YS460810 an H13 received ground fire from an approx 1 squad of VC dug in bunkers. The VC were engaged with LFT and artillery with unknown results.

(i) Results.

1 AUST LOSSES:

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a Personnel: 3 Aust KIA  
7 Aust WIA (evac)

b Materiel: 1 M16A1 rifle  
1 claymore

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 12 VC KIA (BC)  
1 VC KIA (poss)  
2 VC WIA (poss)  
2 PW

b. Materiel: 1 M16A1 rifle  
1 pistol  
7 AK47

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

c. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - Two  
Platoon - Four  
Squad - Fifteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has one LRRP deployed.

(3) At 1630H at YS345705 a LRRP contacted 4 VC with the result  
1 VC KIA (BC). The LRRP was not extracted.

(4) Results. 1 VC KIA (BC).

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16 May 68

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

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

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued campaign TOAN THANG in AO SURFERS and the  
1 ATF TAOR

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp continued to support land  
clearance operations in area AP SUOI NGHE YS4173. Location: C Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base;  
1 Tp IS413732.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations.  
Locations: Sqn HQ and 1 Tp FSPB CORAL XT9329; 2 Tp FSPB COOGEE XT8929 3 Tp  
1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF  
operations. 78 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.  
Locations: HQ 12 Fd Regt, 102 Fd Bty, and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB CORAL  
XT9329; 161 Fd Bty FSPB COOGEE XT8929; 108 Fd Bty and A Bty 5/42 Arty (US)  
1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO SURFERS with minor  
contact. At 0340H at XT939292 2 Pl engaged 2 VC with no result. At XT923297  
10 Pl found a recently used company sized camp. A small amount of webbing and  
clothing was found in the camp. Locations: Bn HQ FSPB CORAL XT9329; A Coy  
XT939293; B Coy XT938288; C Coy XT935294; D Coy XT933294.

(e) 2 RAR carried out TAOR patrols and continued to  
support land clearing operations. Locations: 2 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; A Coy  
Horseshoe Hill YS4962 C Coy (-) YS413732.

(f) 3 RAR continued operations in AO SURFERS with minor  
contact. At 1028H at XT901289 7 Pl contacted 3 VC with no result. At 1440H  
at XT901282 A Coy contacted 1 VC with the result 1 VC KIA (BC). Locations:  
Bn HQ and C Coy FSPB COOGEE XT8929; A Coy XT900280; B Coy XT900258; D Coy  
XT 898306.

(g) The land clearing team continued operations in area  
AP SUOI NGHE YS4173. 117 acres were cleared during the reporting period.  
C Coy 2 RAR continued to provide support.

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(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes for the previous reporting period and for this reporting period were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
131611H	XT988290	VC Base Camp	6 bunkers damaged. 1 Poss secondary explosion.
142120H	XT987890	VC Base Camp	5 Bunkers destroyed, 75 metres trench uncovered, 1 large pit uncovered
141227H	XT986293	VC Base Camp	1 tunnel entrance closed, 1 military structure destroyed
150922H	XT972300	Suspected VC Div HQ	4 bunkers destroyed, 10 metres trench destroyed
151020H	XT970302	VC Base Camp	4 bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker uncovered, 2 'L' shaped trenches uncovered
151150H	XT313780	VC Base Camp	200 metres of trench damaged, 100 metres of trench uncovered. 2 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged, 1 military structure destroyed
151157	XT982278	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers damaged.

At 1420H YS291653 an IROQUOIS sighted 5 VC. They were engaged by a LFT which was in the area with the result 2 VC KBA (BC).

(i) Results.

1 AUST LOSSES: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSESS

a 1 VC KIA (BC)

b 2 VC KBA (BC)

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

c. Small Unit Actions

(1) Company - Two  
Platoon - Five  
Squad - Fifteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has one LRRP deployed.

(3) Small unit action with contact: NIL

(4) Results NIL

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2. Remarks. Amend SITREP for period 130001H to 132400H May 68 as follows:

a. Para A (1) (D) Amend 'Results' in line 3 to read "'51 VC KIA (BC) 2 PW, 2 pistols, 3 RPG7, 4 RPG2, 2 SKS, 19 AK47 and a quantity of ammunition for these weapons captured."

b. Amend para A (1) (h) results accordingly

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17 May 68

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

TO: See Distribution List

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Campaign TOAN THANG in AO SURFERS and the 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) FSPB CORAL XT9329 was attacked by an estimated VC battalion group supported by RPG and mortar during the night 15/16 May. Contact was made at 0345H and broken at 0730H. Two separate attacks were made on different points. Total results: 5 Aust KIA, 19 Aust WIA, 2 US WIA, 34 VC KIA (BC), 1 PW, 16 small arms, 11 crew served weapons and a quantity of ammunition was captured.

(b) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt continued to support land clearing operations in area AP SUOI NGHE YS4175. Location: C Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS413732.

(c) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. At 1145H at XT943287 1 Tp contacted 2 VC with the result 2 VC KIA (BC). Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB CORAL XT9329; 2 Tp FSPB COOGEE XT8929; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 44 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: HQ 12 Fd Regt, 102 Fd Bty and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB CORAL XT9329; 161 Fd Bty FSPB COOGEE XT8929; 108 Fd Bty and 5/42 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(e) 1 RAR continued operations in AO SURFERS. During the attack night 15/16 May 1 RAR suffered 4 Aust KIA and 15 Aust WIA. At 0905H at XT942293 B Coy contacted 1 VC with the result 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 AK47 captured. Locations: Bn HQ XT938290; A Coy XT939392; B Coy XT938289; C Coy XT935294; D Coy XT932293.

(f) 2 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base. Locations: 2 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; A Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy AP SUOI NGHE area YS4173.

(g) 3 RAR continued operations in AO SURFERS without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and C Coy FSPB CORAL XT8929; A Coy XT900289; B Coy XT898258; D Coy XT898306.

(h) The Land Clearing Team cleared 104 acres during the reporting period. C Coy 2 RAR continued to provide support if needed.

(i) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
160458H	XT945294	Troops in contact	Silenced 2 x 50 cal. 10 VC KBA (Poss).
160507H	XT947293	Troops in contact	
160703H	XT947293	Troops in contact	
160820H	XT924308	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers damaged, 10 metres trench uncovered.

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160933H	XT959329	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 1 military structure destroyed, 15 metres trench uncovered.
161259H	XT971304	VC Location	2 bunkers damaged.

(j) Results.

1 AUST LOSSES:

a Personnel: 5 Aust KIA  
19 Aust WIA (15 evacuated)  
2 US WIA

b Materiel: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 37 VC KIA (BC)  
10 VC KBA (Poss)  
1 PW

b Materiel: 17 small arms  
11 crew served weapons

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

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - Two  
Platoon - Four  
Squad - Fifteen
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has one LRRP deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact. Nil.
- (4) Results. Nil.

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Remarks
160933H	XT959329	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 1 military structure destroyed, 15 metres trench uncovered.
161259H	XT971304	VC Location	2 bunkers damaged.

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18 May 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 170001H to 172400H May 68.

TO: See Distribution List

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Campaign TOAN THANG in AO SURFERS and the  
1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt continued to support land clearing  
operations on Route 2. Locations: C Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS8929.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations.  
Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB CORAL XT9329; 2 Tp FSPB COOGEE XT8929.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF  
operations. 43 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.  
Locations: HQ 12 Fd Regt, 102 Fd Bty and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB CORAL XT9329;  
161 Fd Bty FSPB COOGEE XT8929; 108 Fd Bty and A Bty 5/42 Arty (US) 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO SURFERS with minor  
contact. At 1718H at XT938288 5 Pl engaged 1 VC with result 1 VC KIA (BC). At  
XT931297 12 Pl found two 82mm mortar and two 60mm mortar base plate positions.  
Three of the positions had been used recently. 35 60mm bombs, prepared for  
firing, were found. At XT941280 5 Pl found a satchel containing two B40  
rockets. Locations: Bn HQ XT938290; A Coy XT939291; B Coy XT938289; C Coy  
XT935294; D Coy XT932293.

(e) 2 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base. Locations: 2 RAR (-)  
1 ATF Base; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; C Coy YS413732.

(f) 3 RAR continued operations in AO SURFERS. At 2140H at  
XT900279 A Coy engaged 4 VC with unknown results. A sweep will be carried out  
at first light. At 1811H at XT900248 engaged 2 VC with results of 1 VC WIA  
(Poss). The area will be swept at first light. At 1700H at XT892264 5 Pl  
sighted approx 34 VC moving to the North East. They were engaged by artillery  
and LFT with the result 6 VC KIA (BC) and 5 VC KIA (Poss). At 1812H at  
XT902280 A Coy contacted 6 VC with the result 1 VC KIA (BC), 2 PW, 2 AK47 and  
1 AK50 captured. As a result of information gained from these PW the area of  
5 Pl's sighting was again engaged by Spooky and artillery with unknown result.  
Locations: Bn HQ and C Coy FSPB COOGEE XT8929; A Coy XT901288; B Coy XT898258;  
D Coy XT899306.

(g) The Land Clearing Team cleared 500 metres along Route 2  
in YS4173. C Coy 2 RAR continued to provide support.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
170858H	XT926332	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker damaged, 15 metres trench uncovered.
170959H	XT972300	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 2 fighting positions damaged, 35 metres trench uncovered.
171116H	XT919320	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged.

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(i) Results.

1 AUST LOSSES: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 8 VC KIA (BC)  
5 VC KIA (Poss)  
2 PW  
1 VC WIA (Poss)

b Materiel: 35 60mm mortar bombs  
2 B40 rockets  
2 AK47  
1 AK50

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

c. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has one LRRP deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact. Nil.

(4) Results. Nil.

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Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Remarks
1700Z	1700Z	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker damaged, 12 mortar trench uncovered.
1700Z	1700Z	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 2 lighting positions damaged, 12 mortar trench uncovered.
1700Z	1700Z	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 2 lighting positions damaged.

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19 May 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 180001H to 182400H May 1968.

To: Commanding General  
11 Field Force Vietnam  
ATTN: AVFBC-RE

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued campaign TOAN THANG in AO SURFERS and the 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt continued to support Land Clearing Operations. Locations: C Sqn(-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS413732.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF Operations. Locations: A Sqn(-) FSPB CORAL YT9329; 2 Tp FSPB COOGEE YT8929.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF Operations. 43 H and I Missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: HQ 12 Fd Regt, 102 Fd Bty and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB CORAL YT9329; 161 Fd Bty FSPB COOGEE YT8929; 108 Fd Bty and A Bty 5/42 (US) 1 ATF base.

(d) 1 RAR continued Operations in AO SURFERS without contact. Locations: Bn HQ YT938290; A Coy YT939291; B Coy YT938289; C Coy YT935294; D Coy YT932293.

(e) 2 RAR remained in 1 ATF base. V Coy relieved A Coy on Horseshoe Hill YS4968.

(f) 3 RAR continued Operations in AO SURFERS with minor contact. At 0630H at YT898258 4 Pl contacted 1 VC while carrying out sweep of area of contact at 1218H with the result 1 VC KIA (BC) in the sight of contact at 172140H they found 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK50 and 2 grenades. At YT898279 9 Pl found a VC who had been dead 4-5 days. At YT901278 1 Pl found 3 VC who had been dead 2 days. 1 pistol was captured. Locations: Bn HQ and C Coy FSPB COOGEE YT8929; W Coy YT900280; B Coy YT900263; D Coy YT899306.

(g) The Land Clearing Team cleared 17 acres during the reporting period. C Coy 2 RAR continued to provide support.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	COordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
180151H	YT977293	Suspected VC Location	2 Bunkers destroyed, 20 metres Trench destroyed.
181136H	YT961341	VC Communication Line	1 Fighting position destroyed, 1 Communication line (Green cable) cut.

(i) Results

- 1 Aust Losses: NIL
- 2 ENEMY LOSSES:
  - (a) PERSONNEL: 7 VC KIA (BC)
  - (b) MATERIAL: 1 AK47  
1 AK50  
1 Pistol  
2 Grenades

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- b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. Present Operations continue.
- c. Small Unit actions.
  - (1) Company - Two  
Platoon - Four  
Squad - Fifteen
  - (2) 2 SAS Sqn has one LRRP Deployed.
  - (3) Small Unit actions with contact: Nil.
  - (4) Results: Nil.

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From 190001H to 192400H May 68.

TO: See Distribution List

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Campaign TOAN THANG in AO SURFERS and the 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 1 Tp continued to support land clearing operations in area AP SUOI NGHE YS4173. Locations: C Sqn (-) 1 ATF Base; 1 Tp YS413732.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB CORAL XT9329; 2 Tp FSPB COOGEE XT8929.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 23 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. A Bty 5/42 Arty (US) ceased to be in general support 1 ATF. Locations: HQ 12 Fd Regt, 102 Fd Bty and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB CORAL XT9329; 161 Fd Bty FSPB COOGEE XT8929; 108 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO SURFERS with minor contact. At 0745H at XT899278 1 Pl engaged 4 VC with negative result. Locations: Bn HQ XT938290; A Coy XT939292; B Coy XT938289; C Coy XT935294; D Coy XT932293.

(e) 2 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base. Locations: 2 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS413732; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 3 RAR continued operations in AO SURFERS without contact. At XT927296 11 Pl found 1 VC body approx 2 days old. Locations: Bn HQ and C Coy FSPB COOGEE XT8929; A Coy XT900280; B Coy XT900261; D Coy XT899306.

(g) The Land Clearing Team cleared 600 metres of trail in the area of AP SUOI NGHE YS4173. C Coy 2 RAR continued to provide support.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
190908H	XT935330	VC Base Camp	5 fighting positions destroyed, 15 metres trench uncovered.
190958H	XT919320	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 20 metres trench uncovered, 1 military structure destroyed, 1 military structure damaged, 1 small secondary explosion with white smoke to 25 ft.
191121H	XT927313	VC Base Camp	3 large rectangular storage pits uncovered.
191315H	XT952343	Suspected VC Div HQ	1 old fighting position destroyed, 1 metal structure damaged.

(i) 1 Aust CA Unit carried out the following activities during the period 11 May to 17 May 68:

1 Construction of 3 classrooms at BARIA High School completed.

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- 2 Restoration of houses in LONG DIEN (42 now completed).
- 3 Construction of market at AP SUOI NGHE.
- 4 Construction of library and science block at BARIA High School.
- 5 Repairs to various schools in area.
- 6 Medical, hygiene, agricultural, and education assistance continued.

(j) Results.

- 1 AUST LOSSES: Nil
- 2 ENEMY LOSSES: 1 VC KIA (BC)

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

c. Small Unit Actions.

- (1) Company - Two  
Platoon - Five  
Squad - Fourteen
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has no LRRPs deployed.
- (3) Small Unit Actions with contact. At 182330H at YS446636 a TAOR patrol of 3 RAR contacted an estimated 2 VC. At 190010H a grenade was thrown towards the patrol's position. At 190145H approx 6 VC engaged the patrol with SA. There were no friendly casualties and VC casualties are unknown.
- (4) Results. Nil.

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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 200001H to 202400H May 68.

TO: See Distribution List

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued campaign TOAN THANG in AO SURFERS and the  
1 ATF TAOR.

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

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF Operations.  
Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB CORAL XT9329 2 Tp FSPB COOGEE XT8929.

(c) Task Force artillery continued to support 1 ATF  
Operations: 47 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.  
Locations: HQ 12 Fd Regt, 102 Fd Bty, A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB CORAL XT9329,  
161 Fd Bty FSPB COOGEE XT8929, 108 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO SURFERS without  
contact. At XT942398, 7 Pl found 1 VC body possibly 2 days old. Locations:  
Bn HQ XT936293, A Coy XT938293, B Coy XT932290, C Coy XT935294, D Coy XT931291.

(e) 2 RAR. W Coy joined C Coy in support of Land Clearing  
operations in area AP SUOI NGHE YS4173. Locations: 2 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base,  
C Coy YS413732, W Coy YS388742, V Coy Horseshoe Hill YS4962.

(f) 3 RAR continued operations in AO SURFERS without  
contact. Locations: Bn HQ and C Coy FSPB COOGEE XT8929, A Coy XT900280,  
B Coy XT900261, D Coy XT899306.

(g) The Land Clearing Team cleared 1300 metres of Trail  
during the reporting period. C Coy and W Coy 2 RAR gave support.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
200807H	XT982278	VC Base Camp	4 large bunkers destroyed. 2 large bunkers damaged. 8 Rect fighting positions uncovered.
201032H	XT959329	VC Base Camp	3 firing positions destroyed. 30 metres trench uncovered. 1 Tunnel entrance damaged.
201432H	XT867348	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers damaged, 20 metres trench exposed.
201539H	XT960343	VC Base Camp (Suspected VC Div HQ)	3 bunkers destroyed, 4 bunkers damaged.

At 1250H at XT953322 a POSSUM aircraft received ground fire from a HMG. The  
area was engaged by aircraft and artillery with unknown result. At 1815H at  
YS610703 a POSSUM aircraft received ground fire from an estimated 6 VC. The  
aircraft returned the fire with the result 2 VC KIA (Poss).

(i) Results.

1 AUST LOSSES: Nil

2 ENEMY LOSSES: 1 VC KIA (BC)  
2 VC KIA (Poss)

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

c. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - Three  
Platoon - Four  
Squad - Sixteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has one LRRP deployed.

(3) At 1500H at YS418647 Det 1 Div Int accompanied by a platoon of 2 RAR found 2 tunnels and detained 2 persons. 9 Thompson SMG magazines (full), 1 pistol, 2 CBUS and some documents were captured.

(4) Results.

(a) AUST LOSSES: Nil.

(b) ENEMY LOSSES:

1 Personnel: 2 detainees  
2 Materiel: 1 pistol  
2 CBUS

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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 210001H to 212400H May 68.

To: See Distribution List

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Campaign TOAN THANG in AO SURFERS and the 1 ATF TAOR.

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

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. At 0825H at XT888308 an APC of 2 Tp detonated a mine with the result 1 Aust WIA. The APC was severely damaged. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB CORAL XT9329; 2 Tp FSPB COOGEE XT8929.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 41 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt, 102 Fd Bty, A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB CORAL XT9329; 108 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base; 161 Fd Bty FSPB COOGEE XT8929.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO SURFERS without contact. At XT944293 9 Pl found 1 VC body and 2 AK47's. Locations: Bn HQ XT936293; A Coy XT938293; B Coy XT932290; C Coy XT935294; D Coy XT931291.

(e) 2 RAR continued to support land clearing operations in area AP SUOI NGHE. Locations: 2 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; C Coy YS413732; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962; W Coy YS388742.

(f) 3 RAR continued operations in AO SURFERS without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and C Coy FSPB COOGEE XT8929; A Coy XT900280; B Coy XT900262; D Coy XT894317.

(g) The Land Clearing Team cleared 1250 metres of trail in the area of AP SUOI NGHE during the reporting period. C and W Coys 2 RAR continued to provide support.

(h) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
210924H	XT973296	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 3 rectangular fighting positions destroyed, 4 fighting positions uncovered.
210943H	XT972295	VC Base Camp	2 fighting positions destroyed, 10 metres trench destroyed, 5 fighting positions uncovered, 10 metres trench uncovered.
211023H	XT997292	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 1 secondary explosion with white smoke to 50 ft.
211126H	XT965346	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers damaged, 15 metres trench uncovered.
211311H	XT960341	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers uncovered, 30 metres cable destroyed.
211301H	XT965346	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged, 5 fighting positions uncovered, 10 metres trench exposed.

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(i) Results.

1 AUST LOSSES:

- a Personnel: 1 Aust WIA (evac)
- b Materiel: 1 M113 damaged (base repair)

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

- a Personnel: 1 VC KIA (BC)
- b Materiel: 2 AK47's

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

c. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - Three  
Platoon - Two  
Squad - Fifteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has two LRRPs deployed.

(3) At YS417638 and YS427644 Det 1 Div Int Unit found tunnels containing 1 Mossin Nagant rifle, 1 Chicom claymore, 4 grenades, 1 RPG2 rocket, 2 57mm rockets, and a quantity of documents.

(4) Results.

(a) AUST LOSSES: Nil

(b) ENEMY LOSSES: 1 Mossin Nagant  
1 Chicom claymore  
4 grenades  
1 RPG2 rocket  
2 57mm rockets

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23 May 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 220001H to 222400H May 68.

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1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Campaign TOAN THANG in AO SURFERS and the 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) FSPB CORAL received Mortar and RPG Fire between 0205H and 0240H. There were no casualties and no damage to equipment.

(b) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt departed 1 ATF Base for FSPB CORAL XT9329, staying overnight at LONG BINH. On Route 2 in vicinity of BLACKHORSE a tank detonated a mine. The Tank sustained damage, but there were no casualties. Location: C Sqn LONG BINH.

(c) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF Operations. Locations: Sqn HQ (-) FSPB CORAL XT9329; 2 Tp FSPB COOGEE XT8929.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF Operations. 50 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt, 102 Fd Bty, A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB CORAL XT9329; 108 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base; 161 Fd Bty FSPB COOGEE XT8929.

(e) 1 RAR continued Operations in AO SURFERS without contact. At 1230H in vicinity XT946295 C Coy found 1 VC body approximately 1 week old. The VC had been KB Arty. 5 x 60mm Mortar bombs, 2 Chicom grenades, 1 AK47, 1 RPG sight (new) and 2 Mortar aiming posts were also found. Locations: Bn HQ XT936293; A Coy XT938293; B Coy XT932290; C Coy XT935294; D Coy XT931291.

(f) 2 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base. Locations: 2 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; V Coy Horseshoe Hill YS4962.

(g) 3 RAR continued Operations in AO SURFERS without contact. At XT901274 3 Pl found 29 x 90mm shells, 13 CS grenades and 1 M60 (Serial Number 37461R). This location shows signs of having been the scene of a heavy contact. Locations: Bn HQ and C Coy FSPB COOGEE XT8929; A Coy XT900280; B Coy XT900262; D Coy XT899306.

(h) The Land Clearing Team concluded Operations in area AP SUOI NGHE YS4173. Elements of C and W Coys 2 RAR remained in the area to protect machinery.

(i) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
221102H	XT973295	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers damaged, 110 metres trench damaged.
221206H	XT973295	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers damaged, 10 metres trench destroyed.
221304H	XT965333	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers uncovered.
221315H	XT965333	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 1 tunnel entrance uncovered, 20 metres trench uncovered.
221348H	XT965333	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers uncovered, 2 fighting positions uncovered.
221430H	XT965346	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers damaged, 2 fighting positions uncovered, 15 metres trench uncovered.

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(i) Results.

1 AUST LOSSES: 1 Centurion Tank (repairable)

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 1 VC KB Arty

b Materiel: 1 AK47; 1 GPMG M60;  
5 x 60mm mortar bombs;  
2 Chicom grenades; 29 90mm rds;  
1 RPG7 sight; 13 CS grenades;  
2 mortar aiming posts.

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

c. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - Three  
Platoon - Two  
Squad - Sixteen

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has two LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact. Nil.

(4) Results. Nil.

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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report  
From 230001H to 232400H May 68.

TO: See Distribution List

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Campaign TOAN THANG in AO SURFERS and the 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt completed move to FSPB CORAL.  
Locations: C Sqn FSPB CORAL XT9329.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations.  
Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB CORAL XT9329; 2 Tp FSPB COOGEE XT8929.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 50 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.  
Locations: HQ 12 Fd Regt, 102 Fd Bty and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB CORAL XT9329; 108 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base; 161 Fd Bty FSPB COOGEE XT8929.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO SURFERS with minor contact. At 0940H at XT929304 D Coy engaged 1 VC with no result. Locations: Bn HQ XT936293; A Coy XT938293; B Coy XT932290; C Coy XT935294; D Coy XT931291.

(e) 2 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base. Locations: 2 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 3 RAR continued operations in AO SURFERS without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and C Coy FSPB COOGEE XT8929; A Coy XT900280; B Coy and D Coy XT899306.

(g) Air Support.

1 At approx 1600H at XT944194 a BIRDDOG aircraft of 161 (Indep) Recce Flt crashed, killing the pilot. The cause of the accident is not known.

2 Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
230245 - 230300H	Tgt Box XT938382 - XT948382	VC Base Camp	XT948376 - 3 rectangular pits exposed and damaged. XT944368 - 1 bunker destroyed, 2 bunker exposed. XT942365 - 3 bunkers destroyed, 4 bunkers exposed. XT946371 - 1 large bunker destroyed. XT944367 - 1 bunker destroyed. XT940374 - 75 metres trench destroyed, 200 metres trench exposed, 3 large command bunkers destroyed, 6 small bunkers and pits exposed and damaged. XT941376 - 3 bunkers destroyed. XT948374, XT944379 - trail cut.
230515 - 230530H	Tgt Box XT930360 - XT930340 XT940360 - XT930340	VC Base Camp	XT934345 - 1 L shaped fighting position uncovered. XT934344 - area shows recent foot traffic since impact.

230715H	Tgt Box	VC Base Camp	<p>XT953344 - 140 metres of covered trench uncovered and damaged, 8 bunkers destroyed, 19 bunkers uncovered and damaged.</p> <p>XT957344 - 100 metres trench uncovered and damaged, 25 metres trench destroyed, 3 bunkers destroyed.</p> <p>XT960343 - 1 large L shaped fighting position uncovered.</p> <p>XT959343 - 1 large square pit uncovered.</p> <p>XT953341 - 1 large rectangular pit or bunker uncovered and damaged, 8-10 smaller bunkers uncovered and damaged possibly more destroyed (all grouped around crater).</p> <p>XT955340 - 3 bunkers uncovered and damaged.</p>
231044H	XT919354	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 3 bunkers uncovered.
231110H	XT973295	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers damaged, 5 bunkers uncovered, 3 fighting positions uncovered: 10 metres uncovered.
231253H	XT973295	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers damaged, 2 bunkers uncovered.
231340H	XT914370	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed.
231423H	XT958380	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed, 11 bunkers uncovered, 2 tunnel entrances uncovered.
230050H	XT969325	VC Base Camp	1 bunker damaged, 2 bunkers uncovered.

## (h) Results.

1 AUST LOSSES:a Personnel: 1 Aust KIAb Materiel: 1 CESSNA 01 (BIRDDOG) aircraft2 ENEMY LOSSES: Nil

b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. Operations commence in AO SURFERS II. 1 RAR remains present area. 3 RAR moves to area XT9333.

## c. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has four LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact. Nil.

(4) Results. Nil.

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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report  
From 240001H to 242400H May 68.

TO: See Distribution List

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued campaign TOAN THANG. Operations in AO SURFERS concluded, and operations in AO SURFERS II commenced.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt remained in FSPB CORAL. Location : C Sqn FSPB CORAL XT9329

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. At XT917327 2 TP found a Honda motor cycle. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB CORAL XT9329; 2 TP XT931340.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF. 33 Hand I missions were fired during the reporting period. 161 Fd Bty moved by air from FSPB COOGEE to FSPB CORAL. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB CORAL XT9329; 108 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO BONDI of AO SURFERS II without contact. Locations Bn HQ XT936293; A Coy XT938293; B Coy XT932290; C Coy XT935294; D Coy XT931291.

(e) 2 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base. Locations: 2 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 3 RAR abandoned FSPB COOGEE XT8992 and moved by foot and air to AO NEWPORT of AO SURFERS II and established FSPB BALMORAL at XT931340. At 0550H at XT920327 D Coy contacted 1 VC with the result 1 VC KIA (BC). The VC was unarmed. At 0610H at XT920327 D Coy contacted 4 VC with the result 1 Aust WIA and 1 M26 Grenade captured. At 0744H at FSPB COOGEE 1 VC surrendered. He was carrying a Chieu Hoi pass. At 0937H at XT923331 2 VC engaged the leading elements of D Coy with the result 1 Aust WIA. At 1155H at XT934339 D Coy engaged 1 VC with no result. At XT920327 D Coy found 10 bunkers that appeared to have been occupied the previous night. Locations: 3 RAR FSPB BALMORAL XT9334.

(g) Air support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
241131H	XT974295	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers damaged, 1 structure damaged
241220H	XT974295	VC Base camp	4 bunkers damaged, 1 small structure destroyed.
241421H	XT988310	VC Base Camp	6 bunkers destroyed 4 bunkers damaged
241439H	XT964345	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers damaged 1 bunker destroyed
241459H	XT972301	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers uncovered, 1 bunker damaged 1 tunnel entrance uncovered.
242203H	XT965348	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker uncovered
240225H	XT961338	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers uncovered

(h) Results.

1 AUST LOSSES: 2 Aust WIA (not EVAC)

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 1 VC KIA (BC)  
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B Material: 1 Honda Motor cycle  
1 M26 Grenade

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

c. Small Unit Actions

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has three LRRP s deployed.

(3) At 2215H at YS457640 4 Pl 1 ARU contacted 3 VC with unknown result. A Sweep of the area will be carried out at first light.

(4) Results: Nil

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Time	Location	Remarks
2215H	YS457640	4 Pl 1 ARU contacted 3 VC with unknown result.
		A Sweep of the area will be carried out at first light.
		Results: Nil



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26 May 68

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From 250001H to 252400H May 68.

TO: See Distribution List

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Campaign TOAN THANG in AO SURFERS II and 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. 2 Tp moved to FSPB BALMORAL.  
Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB CORAL XT9329; 2 Tp FSPB BALMORAL XT9333.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations.  
Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB CORAL XT9329; 2 Tp FSPB BALMORAL XT9333.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 57 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.  
Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB CORAL XT9329; 108 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO SURFERS II with minor contact. B Coy escorted 2 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt to FSPB BALMORAL XT9333. At 1058H at XT932312 6 Pl engaged 2 VC with no results. At 1132H at XT931311 2 VC were again engaged with no result. At 1142H at XT931311 B Coy/2 Tp C Sqn received MG and RPG fire from an estimated VC platoon in bunkers. The fire was returned with the result 1 Aust WIA and 2 VC KIA (BC), one by canister shot from 2 Tp C Sqn. 1 AK47 was captured. The area was later subjected to air-strikes and will be further checked 26 May 68. At 1335H at XT933313 1 VC was engaged with negative results. At XT947299 C Coy found a VC body approx 1 week old. Locations: Bn HQ XT936293; A Coy XT938293; B Coy XT932290; C Coy XT935294; D Coy XT931291.

(e) 2 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base. Locations: 2 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 3 RAR continued operations in AO SURFERS I without contact. Location: 3 RAR FSPB BALMORAL XT9333.

(g) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
250145H	XT98953015	Suspected VC Base Camp	1 bunker damaged, 1 bunker uncovered.
251129H	XT959329	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed, 5 bunkers exposed and damaged.
251341- 251409H	XT931312	VC Location - Troops in Contact	3 bunkers uncovered.
251603H	XT977308	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed.

(h) Results.

1 AUST LOSSES: 1 Aust WIA (evac)

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 3 VC KIA (BC)

b Materiel: 1 AK47.

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

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SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 260001H to 262400H May 68.

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1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Campaign TOAN THANG in AO SURFERS II and the 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) FSPB CORAL XT9329 received mortar (82mm and 60mm), 75mm RR and RPG fire between 0415H and 0430H with the result 1 Aust KIA and 1 Aust WIA.

(b) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB CORAL XT9329; 2 Tp FSPB BALMORAL XT9333.

(c) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB CORAL XT9329; 2 Tp FSPB BALMORAL XT9333.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 61 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB CORAL XT9329; 108 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base.

(e) 1 RAR continued operations in AO SURFERS II. Elements of A, B and C Coys carried out RIF operations to the East, NE and South of FSPB CORAL respectively. D Coy, accompanied by 1 Tp C Sqn, carried out RIF operations to the North in area of B Coy's contact 25 May. At 0025H at FSPB CORAL a sentry of 10 Pl engaged movement with SA. The VC returned the fire by throwing a grenade which wounded the sentry. At 1227H at XT931130 10 Pl contacted an unknown number of VC. Fire support was given by 1 Tp C Sqn and the VC broke contact at 1315H. During the sweep on initial contact 1 VC appeared to surrender but fired upon the troops who approached him. Results 3 VC KIA (BC). At 1420H at XT930313 an unknown number of VC engaged 10 Pl with SA fire. It was subsequently discovered the VC were all in a well constructed bunker complex of approx company size and equipped with MG and RPG, several of the latter being fired at 1 Tp without any hits. Before contact was broken at approximately 1520H 14 bunkers were destroyed, some of them occupied. These bunkers were not searched due to lack of time, and the number of VC killed in bunkers is not known. There were 3 VC KIA (BC) and a number of SA captured. At XT951291 2 Pl found 16 newly dug weapon pits, 15 x 75mm RR spent cases and carrying cases, and approximately 33 x 60mm mortar nose caps. Locations: 1 RAR FSPB CORAL XT9329.

(f) 2 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. Locations: 2 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(g) 3 RAR continued operations in AO SURFERS II. C Coy carried out RIF in XT9234. A and D Coys carried out RIF operations to the immediate North and NE of FSPB BALMORAL. At approximately 0345H FSPB BALMORAL XT9333 received a mortar attack from the North and NE. This was followed by a ground attack from NE supported by RPG and LMG. At the same time as the attack voices and movement were heard to the South. The VC withdrew at approximately 0500H, but movement was heard outside the perimeter for some time after this. It is estimated a Bn group was present, with ground attack being carried out by a company. A subsequent sweep revealed the following: 6 VC KIA (BC), 1 RPG LMG, 2 AK50, 1 RPG7 Launcher and 6 RPG7 rockets, 30 x 60mm mortar bombs, 8 x 82mm mortar bombs, 2 claymores, 3 bangalore torpedoes, 10 stick grenades and a quantity of webbing and clothing. At XT938343 90 freshly dug pits were found and at XT936344 5 x 82mm mortar pits with 105 82mm mortar nose caps. During the attack there were 2 Aust KIA and 15 WIA, one of whom subsequently DOW. Location: 3 RAR FSPB BALMORAL.

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(h) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Description
261107H	XT938322	VC Base Camp	3 fighting positions uncovered, 1 bunker uncovered.
261140H	XT969325	VC Base Camp	1 bunker damaged, 3 bunkers uncovered.

(i) Results.

1 AUST LOSSES: 3 Aust KIA  
1 Aust DOW  
15 Aust WIA (15 evac)

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

a Personnel: 12 VC KIA (BC)

b Materiel: 1 RPG LMG, 2 AK50, 1 RPG7 Launcher, 6 RPG7 rockets, 30 x 60mm mortar bombs, 8 x 82mm mortar bombs, 2 claymores, 3 bangalore torpedoes, 10 stick grenades.

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

c. Small Unit Actions.

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

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has four LRRPs deployed.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact. Nil.

(4) Results. Nil.

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28 May 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 270001H to 272400H May 68.

TO: See Distribution List

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Campaign TOAN THANG in AO SURFERS II and the 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations.. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB CORAL XT9329; 2 Tp, FSPB BALMORAL XT9333.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. Locations: A Sqn, FSPB CORAL XT9329; 2 Tp FSPB BALMORAL XT9333.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 38 H & I missions were fired during the reporting period. After an aircraft recieved ground fire from XT987372 the area was engaged with 155mm and 175mm guns with the result 9 buildings exposed 6 of which were destroyed or severly damaged, 3 large bunkers damaged, 1 large bunker destroyed, 5 large excavations exposed, 1 rice cache (Approx 1/2 ton), 1 large bunker exposed, and numerous fighting pits and trenches exposed/damaged. One of the buildings damaged was approx 120ft by 30ft. The area will be subject to H & I missions during the night 27/28 May and to Airstrike 28 May 68. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB CORAL XT9329; 108 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO SURFERS II. C Coy carried out RIF to the east to area XT9629. 3 Pl patrolled to the SE XT9428 and 5 Pl patrolled to the west XT9129. At 1200H at XT965299, C Coy engaged 12 VC with no result. At 1310H at XT967295, while clearing the area of previous contact, C Coy contacted 5 VC armed with AK47 and RPG2 with the result 3 Aust WIA, and 1 VC KIA (BC). 1 RPG2 launcher (loaded) was captured and destroyed in situ. Locations: 1 RAR FSPB CORAL XT9329.

(e) 2 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR Patrols. Locations: 2 RAR, 1 ATF Base; V Coy Horseshoe Hill YS4962.

(f) 3 RAR continued operations in AO SURFERS II. B Coy carried out RIF in the SE in area XT9433. 1 Pl patrolled to the south of BALMORAL in vicinity of XT9333, and 8 Pl to the west vicinity XT9233. At 1010H at XT949338 B Coy engaged 3 VC with the result 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA (poss), and 2 chicom grenades captured. The VC KIA was unarmed and was carrying a radio battery. At 1325H at the same position B Coy again contacted 3 VC with the result 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK47, 1 grenade and 1 bicycle captured. Locations: 3 RAR FSPB BALMORAL XT9333.

(g) Air Support. Significant airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
271012H	XT932311	Occupied VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed.
271120H	XT932311	VC Base Camp	2 tunnel entrances uncovered, 4 bunkers damaged, 6 fighting positions damaged.
271140H	XT932311	VC Base Camp	25 metres trench uncovered. 1 bunker damaged, 2 fighting positions uncovered.
271310H	XT988372	Source of ground fire	3 bunkers uncovered.

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271440H	XT982278	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers uncovered.
271440H	XT982278	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers uncovered. 25 metres trench uncovered.

(h) Results.

1 AUST LOSSES: 3 WIA

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

A Personnel: 3 VC KIA (BC)  
1 VC WIA (Poss)

B Materiel: 1 RPG 2 Launcher  
1 RPG 2 Rocket  
1 AK47  
3 Grenades.

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

(1) Company - One  
Platoon - Six  
Squad - Twelve

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has two LRRP's deployed.

(3) LRRP reported a camp occupied by 10 VC at YS413757. This was engaged by artillery with unknown result.

(4) Results: Nil.

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29 May 68

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 280001H to 282400H May 68.

TO: See Distribution List.

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General  
(1)

1 ATF continued campaign TOAN THANG in AO SURFERS II and the 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) FSPB CORAL received mortar and rocket attack between approximately 0245H and 0300H, it is estimated in excess of 40 x 82mm mortar fell in the position but no ground attack received. Results: 5 US WIA, two of whom were evacuated.

(b) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. During the attack on FSPB BALMORAL 2 Tp suffered 2 WIA. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB CORAL, XT9329; 2 Tp FSPB BALMORAL, XT9333.

(c) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. 3 Tp carried out Recce in force to the South West of FSPB CORAL, West of Route 16 in the area XT9128. Locations: A Sqn (?) FSPB CORAL, XT 9329; 2 Tp FSPB BALMORAL, XT9333.

(d) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 167 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. 108 Bty was replaced by 104 Bty. A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) had 3 US WIA during the attack on FSPB CORAL. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) FSPB CORAL XT9361; 104 Bty 1 ATF Base.

(e) 1 RAR continued operations in AO SURFERS II. A Coy and 1 Tp C Sqn carried out Recce in force in the East area XT9361. Elements of B, C and D Companys patrolled to the East, North East and North West respectively. At 1530H at XT969312, 3 Pl A Coy was engaged with automatic weapons. Fire was returned by 1 Tp with no result. At XT951301 4 Pl found 5 VC KIA (BC). At XT 954291 4 Pl found a mortar base plate position from which 25 - 30 rounds had been fired. At XT938295 A Coy found 1 partly decomposed VC body. Location: 1 RAR FSPB CORAL XT 9329.

(f) 2 RAR remained in the 1 ATF base and carried out TOAR patrols. Locations: 2 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; V Coy HORSE SHOE HILL YS496624.

(g) 3 RAR continued operations in AO SURFERS II. The Anti Tank Platoon patrolled to the West of FSPB BALMORAL to area XT9243. At 0230H FSPB BALMORAL received a mortar and rocket attack followed by a ground attack from the South. This attack ceased at approximately 0310H, and was followed by movements and attempts to cut the wire on the North East. At 0340H a small probe was made from the East. All movement had ceased by 0500H. SPOCKY. Light Fire teams and Artillery engaged the enemy during the action. Continuous illumination was produced by A Bty 2/35 Arty (US) from approximately 0500H until first light to limit VC movement and recovery of casualties. At 1020H a clearing patrol to the North East discovered extensive blood trails. Results: 1 Aust KIA, 6 Aust WIA, 42 VC KIA (BC), 12 VC KIA (Poss), 1 VC WIA (FW) who later DOW, 6 VC FW. 3 RPDLMG, 18 x AK47, 2 x SKS, 9 x RPG 2 Launchers, 12 x RPG2 Rockets, 41 Stick grenades, 2 Bangalore torpedoes, 3 x 60mm mortar bombs, and a quantity of personal equipment and small arms ammunition were captured. It is estimated two battalions participated in the attack. Locations: 3 RAR FSPB CORAL XT9333.

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(h) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
280808H	XT234315	VC Base Camp	2 bunkers destroyed. 3 bunkers damaged. 1 military structure destroyed.
280931H	XT934315	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed. 3 bunkers uncovered and 1 L shaped fighting position damaged.
281011H	XT960355	VC Base Camp	3 bunkers destroyed. 5 bunkers exposed and damaged.

(i) Results.

1 AUST LOSSES: 1 Aust KIA  
8 Aust WIA (5 Evac)  
3 US WIA (2 Evac)

2 ENEMY LOSSES: 47 VC KIA (BC)  
12 VC KIA (Poss)  
6 VC PW

b Materiel: 3 RFD IMG  
18 AK47  
2 SKS  
9 RPG2 Launchers  
12 RPG2 rockets  
41 stick grenades  
2 Bangalore torpedoes  
3 x 60mm mortar bombs

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

c. Small Unit Action.

- (1) Company - one  
Platoon - six  
Squad - twelve
- (2) 2 SAS Sqn has one LRRP deployed.
- (3) Small unit actions with contact. Nil.
- (4) Results. Nil.

2. REMARKS. Reference SITREP for period 270001H to 272400H, para a, (1)(c) area XT9837 was not subjected to airstrike due to the presence of friendly troops in the area.

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From 290001H to 292400H May 68.

TO: See Distribution List

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Campaign TOAN THANG in AO SURFERS II and the 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB CORAL XT9329; 2 Tp FSPB BALMORAL XT9333

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. Locations: A Sqn (-) FSPB CORAL XT9329; 2 Tp FSPB BALMORAL XT9333.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 119 H & I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt and A Bty 2/35 (US) FSPB CORAL XT9329; 104 Fd Bty 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO SURFERS II without contact. D Coy carried out recce in force to the West and North in area XT9120 and XT9130. B Coy and 1 Tp C Sqn carried out recce in force to the East in area XT9128. 9 Pl and Sect 1 Tp A Sqn patrolled to the South, area XT9426. 3 Pl patrolled to the east area XT9528. At XT963285 5 Pl found a bunker/trench complex with overhead cover. It was capable of holding 30VC and appeared 7 to 14 days old. At XT914284 a further tunnel complex with partially completed overhead cover was found. Locations: 1 RAR FSPB CORAL XT9329.

(e) 2 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. Locations: 2 RAR 1 ATF Base; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 3 RAR continued operations in AO SURFERS II without contact. A Coy, C Coy and 2 Tp C Sqn carried out recce in force to the North and North-East in XT9135 and XT9234. Elements of B Coy patrolled to the East and North East in XT9433. Locations: 3 RAR FSPB BALMORAL XT9333.

(g) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes Were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
290348H	XT950349	Suspected VC Base Camp	1 trench line opened up (CSS)
290910H	XT939367	VC fighting and Anti Aircraft position	1 bunker destroyed, 1 bunker uncovered, 50 metres trench uncovered.
291015H	XT981276	VC Base Camp	4 large bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged, 1 road cut.
291402H	XT932311	VC Base Camp	2 large bunkers destroyed, 4 bunkers damaged. 3VC KIA (Poss) 1 Secondary explosion with grey smoke to 100 ft, 1 secondary explosion with white smoke to 150 ft.
291441H	XT958339	VC Base Camp	1 bunker destroyed, 40 metres trench destroyed.

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(h) Results.

- 1 AUST LOSSES: NIL
- 2 ENEMY LOSSES: 3 VC KBA (Poss)

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

c. Small Unit Actions:

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

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31 May 68

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
From 300001H to 302400H May 68.

TO: See Sistribution List

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Campaign TOAN THANG in AO SURFERS II and the 1 ATF TAOR.

(a) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. Locations: C Sqn (-) FSPB CORAL XT9329; 2 Tp FSPB BALMORAL XT9333.

(b) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued to support 1 ATF operations. 3 Tp returned to 1 ATF Base. Locations: A Sqn (-), FSPB CORAL XT9329; 2 Tp FSPB BALMORAL XT9333; 3 Tp 1 ATF Base.

(c) Task Force Artillery continued to support 1 ATF operations. 112 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Locations: 12 Fd Regt (-) and A Bty 2/35 Arty (US), FSPB CORAL XT9329; 104 Fd Bty, 1 ATF Base.

(d) 1 RAR continued operations in AO SURFERS II. C Coy carried out recce in force to the East in area XT9629, and local patrols were conducted by remaining Coys. At 0830H at XT963301 C Coy contacted an estimated company (Plus) of regular enemy troops. The leading elements of C Coy initially engaged 3 VC, and then came under heavy fire from a bunker complex. Between approx 0850H and 0900H mortars fell in the general area of C Coy whilst moving to a flank, 7 Pl was pinned down by Small arms and RPG fire. At 1000H C Coy was reinforced by tanks of 1 Tp C Sqn and APC's of 1 Tp A Sqn, which assaulted the enemy position enabling 7 Pl to withdraw. During this assault RPG's were fired inflicting minor damage to one APC. At least 8 occupied bunkers were destroyed. C Coy recieved mortar fire again at 1120H. Artillery and Light Fire Teams supported this action. At 1155H contact was broken as C Coy withdrew to allow the area to be engaged by Airstrikes. At XT967297 VC were observed moving in an open clearing and engaged with Artillery with the result 13 VC KIA (Poss). Results 1 Aust KIA, 7 Aust WIA, 1 M60 captured by enemy; 24 VC KIA (BC), 21 VC KIA (Poss). Locations: 1 RAR FSPB CORAL XT9329.

(e) 2 RAR remained in 1 ATF Base and carried out TAOR patrols. Location: 2 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; V Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS4962.

(f) 3 RAR continued operations in AO SURFERS II. D Coy with 2 Tp C Sqn and elements of 2 Tp A Sqn carried out recce in force to the North in area XT9336. A, B, C, and support Coys conducted local patrols. At XT938354 D Coy found 15 x 60 lb bags of Salt which were destroyed in situ. Location: 3 RAR FSPB BALMORAL XT9333.

(g) Air Support. Significant Airstrikes were:

Time	Coordinates	Target Description	Bomb Damage Assessment
300936H	XT965348	VC Base Camp	2 large bunkers destroyed, 3 smaller bunkers destroyed, 20 metres trench uncovered

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301224H	XT919320	VC Base Camp	1 bunker uncovered, 20 metres trench uncovered.
301200H	XT965294	Occupied VC Base Camp Troops in contact	2 bunkers destroyed. 3 bunkers uncovered.
301320H	XT975294	Occupied VC Base Camp. Troops in contact	2 bunkers destroyed, 20-30 metres trench uncovered.
301432H	XT934364	VC Base Camp	4 large bunkers destroyed, 3 small bunkers destroyed, 4 fighting positions destroyed, 60 metres trench destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged. 50 metres trench uncovered.
301522H	XT031314	VC Base Camp	9 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged.

(h) Results.

1 AUST LOSSES:

A Personnel: 1 AUST KIA  
7 AUST WIA (EVAC)

B Materiel: 1 M60  
M113 (Repairable)

2 ENEMY LOSSES:

A Personnel: 24 VC KIA (BC)  
21 VC KIA (Poss)

B Materiel: 900lbs Salt.

3 Progressive total enemy personnel losses Campaign

252 VC KIA (BC)  
64 VC KIA (Poss)  
3 VC WIA  
4 VC WIA (Poss)  
13 PW  
2 Detainees  
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b. Plans summary for next 24 hours. Present operations continue.

c. Small Unit Actions.

(1) Company - One  
Platoon - Seven  
Squad - Fourteen

(2) SAS Sqn have two LRRP's deployed in 1 ATF TAOR.

(3) Small Unit Actions with contact: Nil.

(4) Results: Nil

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