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[1-31 Jan 1967]

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Reference No.

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.

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation A Sqs 3Caw 1 Regt

From 1 Jan 67

To 31 Jan 67

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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.

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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 an annex NIL will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, starting at B.

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EXPL 1

COMBAT DIARIES 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:

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

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C 2118 (Adapted)
Revised Jun, 1965

MONTH AND YEAR JAN 67

REFERENCE MAP Xa Binh Ba

UNIT/FORMATION 1 APC Sqn

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj Hagerty

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
Route 15 W	1 st JAN 67	0900	Stores run to 4 th loc on Op Duck II	
" "		0910	Cpl Greeg Medevac to V. Tau. Replacement flown out Tpr Smith W.T.	
" "	2 nd JAN 67	1330	33. Escort Convoy from Borie to 4 troop loc. and RTU.	
" "		1605	Urgent Requirement for field Repairs to 43A - 43B.	
Route 15 w	3 rd JAN 67	0935	98A Dept to 4 troop loc To effect Repairs.	
FRENCH FORT 400629		1610	31. Drop off of Recce Pl 5RAR commencing patrol.	
Nui Dat		1845	Resup and Veh Replacement Req by 4 troop Op Duck II	
400629		1930	31 Sec with Shotguns from 3 troop moved out to collect 1 VC WIA. and return him to 2 FD Amb Nui Dat.	

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REFERENCE MAP

UNIT/FORMATION

COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<i>3rd</i>	<i>0935</i>	<i>C/s 31 moved to G.R. 400629, picked up a wounded V.C. and delivered same to 2 FD. A.M.B.</i>	
	<i>3rd</i>		<i>Negative activity for remainder of day.</i>	
	<i>4th</i>		<i>Negative activity for this day.</i>	
	<i>5th</i>	<i>1145</i>	<i>C/s 2 + 3 under 9 moved to join C/s 4 + 8 to effect the lifting of 6 RAR on completion of OP. DUCK II</i> <i>Negative activity for the remainder of this day.</i>	
	<i>6th</i>	<i>1522</i>	<i>C/s 2 picked up 1 Coy of 5 RAR at Sue Tan.</i> <i>Negative activity for the remainder of this day.</i>	
	<i>7th</i>		<i>Negative activity for this day.</i>	
	<i>8th</i>		<i>Negative activity for this day.</i>	

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REFERENCE MAP XA BINH BA

UNIT/FORMATION 1 APC Sqn

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj Hagenty

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
Nui Dat	9 th JAN	0725	c/s 41 employed for day Security of Engineers Constructing By Pass Rd to west IATF.	
Nui Dat	"	1415	2 tp. Supplied Escort for Arty Recce along 5 and 6RAR Perimeter	
Binh Ba	10 JAN	0545	3 tp Moved out on Op Coloundra (Cordon Search Xa Binh Ba)	
Nui Dat		0730	c/s 21 on Engineer Security to the West.	
Long Phouc	11 JAN	0635	Sqn moved out to Cordon and Search Long Phouc Area due to intelligence report of platoon VC in that location Neg Finding RTU 1200H	
Nui Dat	"	0730	c/s 82 on Engineer Escort for Day	

1 BP Coy-275/65-55m

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REFERENCE MAP Xu Binh Bac

UNIT/FORMATION 1 APC Sqn

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj. Hagerty

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
GR 473658 Long Tan	12 JAN	0725	2 troop task Drop off of SRAR Platoon Patrol in Long Tan and RTU.	
Nui Dat	"	0730	82 Moved out on Daily Engineer Security Task at 0950. Reported Muntar Rds falling in vicinity of Engineer Wk Party at GR 435646. 82 Evacuated Engineers until Toc ordered Cease Fire of SRAR Morts.	
Nui Dat	"	1140	Visit of President Premier Nguyen Cao Ky who inspected area. Drove c/s 9 and subsequently issued a NS licence. Visit completed 1200.	
Phu My	"	1215	2tp Escort of "lost" American Truck to Phu My enroute to Bear Cat.	
Long Tan	"	1250	c/s 31 Moved out to GR 475655 to collect SRAR Patrol suffering from serious Bee Stings. RTU 1400.	

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REFERENCE MAP Xa Binh Ba

UNIT/FORMATION 1 APC Sq

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj Hugerty

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
Nui Dat	13 th JAN	0750	2tp Moved out Op Long Tan with 81 with tubes under Cond	
"	"	"	Tasks Drop off lat Patrol as directed. To establish 4 creek crossings along Soni Da Bang and to Practice Fire and Crash Actions	
"	"	0900	Permissin Asked for c/s 2' Test Fire Test Fire commenced 1032H.	
Nui Dat	"	1553	2tp Task Completed Back in location.	
LSM PAD GR 378574	"	1607	c/s 41 Escorted US ARMY 109am from LSM landing to IAF Area.	
Nui Dat	14 th JAN	0800	Op Mundaring Commenced 3-4 tps and 81 under Comd Capt Bryant. Capt Gymer in Sioux Aircraft to assist in map reading. A Mort FSIB set up in GS 4065. 2-4 Troops move west on different axis to Recce Creek Crossing on Song Dink Song Sai and Sui Na Nung water systems. Plus Test Fire to the West for TRK Purposes.	
Nui Dat	"	1307	Op Mundaring Completed. Adn 2 Vehs Gd 1 awaiting New Engine 1 awaiting New Transmission Pts	

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	15 th	0841	C/S 31 on Arty recon security G.S. 4469, 4470, 4471. Completed 151540 hrs.	
	"	1611	C/S 82 moved to LSM pad & escorted arty convoy to 1 ATF.	
	16 th	0550	Sqn involved in cordon & search of Hoa Song. All back in this loc 161816 hrs.	
	17 th	0600	Sqn involved in cordon & search of Hoa Song. All back in loc 171405 hrs.	
	18 th	0500	Sqn involved in cordon & search of Hoa Song. All back 181530 hrs.	
	"	2240	C/S 4 moved 1/83 standing patrol in due to suspected contact, negative contact with enemy made. C/S returned 190055 hrs.	
	19 th	1400	Sqn scrambled, sqn minus C/S 3 moved to G.R. Y5530568 with 1/43 ARVN Bn, negative contact all C/S back by 191900 hrs.	
	20 th	1035	One section (23) to G.R. 411654 to remove apprehended VCS.	
		1520	Sqn Test Fire.	
	21 st	0645	C/S 3 + 81 moved to Xa Binh Gia with 1 coy SRAR & allied shell drake to form a F.S.B.	
		1440	C/S 2 moved out for recon of SW Hoa Song, RTU 211545.	
	22 nd	-	Negative activity this day.	
	23 rd	0930	Sqn Test Fire.	
		1440	1 C/S to lift B/S from G.R. Y5. 465731. RTU 231615 hrs.	

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REFERENCE MAP *Y.S.*

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COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	<i>24th</i>	<i>0845</i>	<i>C/s 2 improved crossing at GR 463647.</i>	
	<i>25th</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Negative activity for this day</i>	
	<i>26th</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>" " " " "</i>	
	<i>27th</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>" " " " "</i>	
	<i>28th</i>	<i>0720</i>	<i>C/s 2 + Coy of foxhounds to Xi Binh Ba to show the flag.</i>	
		<i>1740</i>	<i>C/s 9, 4, 23, moved out on Op Woodlongong with P/6 + B/4.</i>	
	<i>29th</i>	<i>1405</i>	<i>C/s 33 picked up 3 children at GR 434664, dropped them at 1 ATF.</i>	
		<i>1435</i>	<i>P/5 contacted 15 VC, who retired leaving 2 KIA plus 1 S.M.G. elements of sqn in the area unable to reach contact area due to creeks. C/s 2 dropped guns at FSB, C/s 8 joined C/s 9 + 4, C/s 2 returned to base. 2 KIA from 620 Chou Duc Regional Coy.</i>	
	<i>30th</i>	<i>1307</i>	<i>C/s 4 discovered maze of sandal tracks at G.R. 353720, later he also came across several mines.</i>	
	<i>31st</i>	<i>1038</i>	<i>C/s 9, 23, 8 returned to this loc, C/s 4 returned at 1225 hrs. C/s 21 B brought one woman and one child from GR 422668 to 1 ATF</i>	

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5 RAR

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15 Jan 67

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Op O 2/67 (Op CAMDEN)

Maps : VIETNAM, 1:25,000, XA BINH BA SE, Sheet No 6430 111 SE.
1:5,000, HOA LONG (SPECIAL).

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. Annex A.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) No change.

(2) RF and PF forces in HOA LONG are to be retained within their compounds during the operation.

(3) 1 ATF will stop civilian traffic moving through the village past the following points :

(a) Moving NORTH past road junction 419636.

(b) Moving SOUTH past northern entrance to village at 426648.

c. Attachments and Detachments.

(1) Under command from 1600 hrs
15 Jan 67.

Det 1 ATF CA unit
6 Interpreters

(2) Under command from 0600 hrs
16 Jan 67

A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
One pl 1 ARU

(3) Remaining in direct support

103 Fd Bty.

(4) In direct support from 0630 hrs
16 Jan 67

One H13 161 Recce Flt

(5) In support from 0700 hrs 16 Jan 67

One psywar ac
12 National Policemen

(6) In support from 0545 hrs 16 Jan 67

One combat engineer
team 1 Fd Sqn

(7) In support from 0900 hrs 16 Jan 67

GVN Census Pers

(8) In support from 1600 hrs 16 Jan 67

10 TCVs

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2. MISSION. 5 RAR is to cordon and search area CARMEL of HOA LONG village on 16 Jan 67.

3. EXECUTION.

a. General Outline. The operation will be conducted in the following four phases:

(1) Phase 1. Two companies plus Recce Pl move on foot to form an outer cordon to the NORTH and NW positions of the area, immediately outside the bund and ditch.

(2) Phase 2. Two companies and APCs form an inner cordon from village northern entrance 426648 SOUTH to Rice Mill 419640 and WEST to bund 413642.

(3) Phase 3. The two companies forming the inner cordon, having been relieved of their tasks by A Sqn 3 Cav Regt, commence to search area CARMEL.

(4) Phase 4. Return by APC and TCV to base area.

b. A Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal attachments less SBs.

(b) Under command from 1600 hrs 15 Jan 67. 3 Interpreters.

(c) In support from 0600 hrs 16 Jan until commencement Phase 3. One tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(d) In support from 0715 hrs 16 Jan 6 National Policemen

(e) In support and on call during Phase 3. One combat engineer team 1 Fd Sqn.

(f) In support from 0915 hrs 16 Jan Half aval GVN Census Pers.

(g) In support during Phase 4 One tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

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(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1. NIL

(b) Phase 2.

- i. RV with APCs on CANBERRA Ave NORTH of junction with route TL 2 at 0600 hrs 16 Jan.
- ii. Depart RV on orders from Bn HQ.
- iii. Move in front of Bn HQ.
- iv. Cordon in position by 0700 hrs 16 Jan. See Annex P.

(c) Phase 3.

- i. On orders from Bn HQ move to EAST end of your area and commence detailed search of area CARMEL SOUTH.
- ii. Search from EAST to WEST.
- iii. Assist GVN Census personnel to undertake a house census within your area.
- iv. During your search remain in constant visual contact with D Coy on your RIGHT.
- v. Escort any suspects to Bn HQ.
- vi. Provide one NCO and two OR at 5 RAR base northern road block.

(d) Phase 4.

- i. RV and embus into APCs on orders from Bn HQ.
- ii. Return to base area next after D Coy.

c. B Coy.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Normal attachments less SBs.
- (b) Under command from 1600 hrs 15 Jan. Recce Pl.
- (c) In support during Phase 4. 5 TCVs.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1.

- i. RV on CANBERRA Ave NORTH at junction with route TL2 at 0230 hrs 16 Jan.
- ii. Depart RV on orders from Bn HQ.
- iii. Move in front of Bn HQ Tac Gp SOUTH along TL 2.

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- iv. Move into cordon along route shown on Annex P.
 - v. Cordon in position by 0630 hrs 16 Jan.
 - vi. Ensure cordon linked with A Coy/ APCs to your SOUTH and C Coy to your NORTH.
- (b) Phase 2. NIL.
- (c) Phase 3. Remain in cordon position.
- (d) Phase 4.
- i. On orders from Bn HQ move into junction Rice Mill track / TL2 419640 and RV with TCVs.
 - ii. Embus and return to base area in front of Bn HQ.

d. C Coy.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Normal attachments less SBs.
- (b) In support during Phase 4. 5 TCVs.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1.

- i. RV on CANBERRA Ave NORTH at junction with route TL 2 at 0230 hrs 16 Jan.
- ii. Depart RV on orders from Bn HQ.
- iii. Move behind Bn HQ Tac Gp SOUTH along TL2.
- iv. Move into cordon along route shown on Annex P.
- v. Cordon in position by 0630 hrs 16 Jan.
- vi. Ensure cordon linked with B Coy to your SOUTH and D Coy/ APCs TL2 to your EAST.

(b) Phase 2. Nil.

(c) Phase 3. Remain in cordon position.

(d) Phase 4.

- i. On orders from Bn HQ move to route TL2 at 426648 and RV with TCVs.
- ii. Embus and return to base area behind Bn HQ.

e. D Coy.

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e. D Coy.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Normal attachments less SBs.
- (b) Under command from 1600 hrs 15 Jan. 3 Interpreters.
- (c) In support from 0600 hrs 16 Jan until commencement Phase 3. One tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- (d) In support from 0715 hrs 16 Jan. 6 National Policemen.
- (e) In support and on call during Phase 3. One combat engineer team I Fd Sqn.
- (f) In support from 0915 hrs 16 Jan. Half aval GVN Census Pers.
- (g) In support during Phase 4. One tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Phase 1. Nil.
- (b) Phase 2.
 - i. RV with APCs at junction ENOGCERA RD/SCHEYVILLE LOOP 43856745 at 0600 hrs 16 Jan.)
 - ii. RV with 5 RAR (-) at junction CANBERRA Ave NORTH/ route TL 2 not later than 0615 hrs.
 - iii. Depart RV on orders from Bn HQ.
 - iv. Move behind Bn HQ.
 - v. Cordon in position by 0700 hrs 16 Jan. See Annex P.
- (c) Phase 3.
 - i. On order from Bn HQ commence detailed search of area CARMEL NORTH.
 - ii. Search from EAST to WEST.
 - iii. Assist GVN Censu personnel to undertake a house census within your area.
 - iv. During your search remain in constant visual contact with A Coy on your LEFT.
 - v. Escort any suspects to Bn HQ.
- (d) Phase 4.
 - i. RV and embus into APCs on orders from Bn HQ.
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ii. Return to base area in front of A Coy.

f. Mor Pl.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Pl less one section remain in base area.

(b) One sect at BINH BA.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Base area defence.

(b) Support for operation as required.

g. Recce Pl.

(1) Grouping. Under command B Coy from 1600 hrs 15 Jan.

(2) Tasks. Assist B Coy in its cordon tasks.

h. Aslt Pnr Pl.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal attachments.

(b) Remain under command Bn HQ.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide close protection for Bn HQ.

(b) On orders of Bn HQ secure area of school at 418643.

(c) Complete detailed search of school area.

(d) As directed by Adjt 5 RAR complete detailed recce of area for siting of PW Cages and 1ATF CA unit installations.

i. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under command from 0600 hrs 16 Jan. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(b) Under command A Sqn during Phase 3. One pl 1 ARU.

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(2) Tasks...

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(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1. NIL

(b) Phase 2.

i. A Sqn (-) report to CANBERRA Ave NORTH at junction with route TL2 by 0600 hrs 16 Jan.

ii. One tp A Sqn report to junction ENOGGERA RD/ SCHEYVILLE LOOP 43856745 at 0600 hrs 16 Jan. Embus D Coy and rejoin remainder A Sqn by 0615 hrs 16 Jan.

iii. Depart RV on orders Bn HQ (-) and move SOUTH along route TL2.

iv. Cordon in position by 0700 hrs 16 Jan. See Annex P.

(c) Phase 3.

i. With under command one pl 1 ARU assume cordon duties of A Coy and D Coy on orders of Bn HQ.

ii. Remain in cordon position.

iii. Do not permit civilians to move in or out of area CARMEL.

iv. As and when civilian traffic is permitted to use route TL 2 do not permit vehicles to stop in the cordon proximity.

(d) Phase 4.

i. Embus D Coy in your cordon position.

ii. Embus A Coy in your cordon position.

iii. Return both companies and Bn HQ to 5 RAR base area on orders from Bn HQ.

j. Arty.

(1) Grouping. 103 Fd Bty remains in direct support.

(2) Task. Fire support as required.

k. Engineers.

(1) Grouping. Under command from 0545 hrs 16 Jan.

One combat engineer team 1 Fd Sqn.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Report to BN HQ at CANBERRA Ave NORTH at its junction with route TL2 at 1700 hrs 15 Jan.

(b) Move with Bn HQ.

(c) Tasks as required.

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1. 1 ARU.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under command from 0600 hrs
16 Jan. One Pl 1 ARU.

(b) Passing to under command
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt during Phase 3. One Pl 1 ARU.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Report to Bn HQ at CANBERRA Ave NORTH at its junction
with route TL2 not later than 0600 hrs 16 Jan.

(b) Move one section with each troop of APCs.

(c) When cordon is in position pass to, under command
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

m. 1 ATF CA Unit.

(1) Grouping. One det under command from 1600 hrs 15 Jan.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Report to Bn HQ by 1700 hrs 15 Jan.

(b) Move with Bn HQ at 0600 hrs 16 Jan.

(c) Tasks.. as required.

n. Aviation.

(1) Grouping.

a. In direct support from 0630 hrs
16 Jan. one H13 161 Recce Flt

b. In support from 0700 hrs 16 Jan. One psywar ac.

(2) Tasks.

(a) 161 Recce Flt. On call at KANGAROO from 160630H.

(b) Psywar AC. Carry out psyops HOA LONG from 160700
H Jan.

o. Interpreters. Report to Bn HQ in 5 RAR base area by 1700 hrs
15 Jan.

p. National Policemen. Report to Bn HQ at school 418643 at 0700
hrs 16 Jan.

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q. GVN Census Personnel. Report to Bn HQ at school 418643 at 0900 hrs 16 Jan.

r. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) D Day. 16 Jan 67.

(2) Timings.

(a) 151700H Jan. Combat engineer team reports to Bn HQ.
Interpreters report to Bn HQ.
Det 1 ATF CA unit reports to Bn HQ.

(b) 160600H Jan. APCs report to both RVs.
Pl 1 ARU reports to CANBERRA Ave NORTH.

(c) 160630H Jan. Outer cordon in position.
H13 on call at KANGAROO.

(d) 160700H Jan. National policemen report to Bn HQ at school 418643.
Inner cordon in position.
Psywar ac cover HOA LONG.
Search commences.

(e) 160900H Jan. GVN census personnel report to Bn HQ at school 418643.

(3) Curfew. Curfew hours in HOA LONG lift at 0630 hrs.

(4) Order of March.

(a) On Foot to Outer Cordon. B Coy, Bn HQ Tac Gp, C Coy.

(b) In APCs to Inner Cordon. A Coy, Bn HQ (-) Gp, D Coy.

(c) Return to Base. D Coy, A Coy, B Coy, Bn HQ, C Coy.

(5) Routes. Annex P.

(6) Cordon. Annex P.

(7) Safety.

(a) All ranks are to wear red hatbands.

(b) RF and PF forces are to be retained in their compounds during the operation.

(c) 1 ATF will supply a liaison officer with ARVN forces.

(8) Rules of Engagement.

(a) Fire will only be opened under the following conditions:

i. When a Vietnamese other than ARVN soldiers, is seen to be carrying a weapon.

ii. When fired at.

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- iii. When a hostile act is about to be committed.
- (b) The cordon forces are not to fire into area CARMEL unless they can see a clearly definable target.
- (c) If in doubt do not shoot.
- (9) Rear Area Security. No change to Op WOLLONGONG.
- (10) Duties of Road Block Parties.
- (a) Stop and search all vehicles moving past the road block towards HOA LONG.
- (b) Check all identity cards.
- (c) Send all suspects under escort to HQ 1 ATF.
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- (e) In position at positions nominated by GSO2 HQ 1 ATF by 160630 hrs.
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4. Administration and Logistics.

- a. Rations. All troops carry one 24 hour ration pack.
- b. Water. Each man is to carry at least three filled water bottles when he leaves the base area. There will be no resupply.
- c. Medical. RMO to travel with Bn HQ.

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(1) Grouping.

(a) In support from 1600 hrs 16 Jan. 10 TCVs

(b) Three trucks $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton GS (5 RAR Transport) to move under command A Sqn 3 Cav Regt at 0600 hrs 16 J.

(2) Tasks.

(a) 5 RAR trucks are to report, one to each troop, on CANBERRA Ave NORTH by 0600 hrs 16 Jan.

(b) TCVs are to report at 1600 hrs 16 Jan as follo

i. Five to NORTH end of village 425648.

ii. Five to Rice Mill on TL2 at 419640.

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5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

a. Bn HQ Tac Gp.

(1) Phase 1. RV on CANBERRA AVE NORTH at junction with route TL 2 at 0230 hrs 16 Jan 67. Move behind B Coy.

(2) Phase 2. No change.

(3) Phase 3. Move to loc Bn HQ vic school 418643.

(4) Phase 4. No change.

b. Bn HQ (-).

(1) Normal Bn HQ personnel as per SOP are required less:

(a) Bn HQ Tac Gp consisting of CO, CO Operator, BC, BC Operator, RP Sgt and two RP. To move with forward coys.

(b) AQ Cell and operators, MFC party, Line party, Subd/Sigcon party, Radio Sgt, Sp Coy orderly and clerk.

(2) Phase 1. Remains present location.

(3) Phase 2.

(a) RV with APCs on CANBERRA AVE NORTH at junction with route TL 2 at 0600 hrs 16 Jan 67.

(b) Move behind A Coy to vic 420642 thence to school area vic 418643.

(4) Phase 3. The PR photographer with the Int Gp of Bn HQ are to move with GVN census teams and photograph every house in area CARMEL with the family group belonging to that house. Int Gp will require an additional camera.

(5) Phase 4. RV and embus in APCs and move behind B Coy to return to base area.

c. Radio.

(1) Current SOI apply.

(2) Bn Comd Net frequency - 37.8 MC/S

(3) Additional to Bn Comd Net:

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(a) From 0200 hrs 16 Jan 67 - LO Callsign 98.

(b) From 0600 hrs 16 Jan 67 - ARU Callsign I1. (INDIA one)

(4) Recce Pl to join B Coy internal net from time they come under command until after Phase 4.

d. Line. No line is to be laid.

e. Points of Origin, Q Hours, Passwords. As currently issued.

f. Codes.

(1) Period 152000H - 160800H - KAC-PI Book 1 Set 8
- KAC-QK Book 2 Day 15 period 1200Z-2359Z.

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g. Nicknames. As currently issued.

h. Code Words.

<u>Code Word</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Issued By</u>
FALCON	Search/Roundup commenced	A and D Coy
VALIENT (+) Time	Tpt required (+) time	B and C Coy

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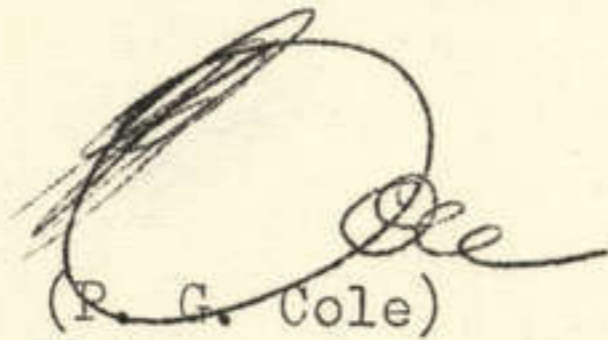
Acknowledge

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Annexes: A. Enemy.
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2. Despite an extensive Civic Action programme, there are still VC guerillas and pro-communists carrying out terrorist and subversive activities within and without the village.

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- b. CHAU DUC District Forces (C200 C21)
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- d. VC intelligence agents and cadre members.
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- b. During the month of December Task Force vehicles were shot at on three occasions. Fire came from the NORTH end of the village each time.
- c. LONG LE Sub Sector HQ has received SA fire on several occasions, including M79 rounds.

5. Instls.

- a. YS 421650 - Eight weapon pits.
- b. YS 421651 - Tunnel 20' long.
- c. YS 420650 - 3 concealed weapon pits.
- d. YS 416643 - Suspect house with doublê entrance hides.
- e. YS 427645 - 4 man hide.
- f. YS 427645 - 2 man hide.
- g. YS 426644 - 3 man hide.
- h. YS 425643 - 3 man hide.

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6. Suspected VC Meeting Place.

- a. YS 435655 - LONG XUYEN intersection.
 - b. YS 430608 - LONG-QUANG Pagoda.
 - c. YS 428653 - AP BAC hamlet.
- The following hostile elements are a threat to the effective position of HOA LONG:

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- a. 18 42100 - 1 man hidden
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While we think of our families at this time let us also remember that the future well-being of our Australian, Allied and Vietnamese friends, depends largely on the joint efforts of all friendly forces in Vietnam.

My best wishes to you for a Happy Christmas and Good Luck in 1967.

MESSAGE FROM ASSISTANT DEPUTY COMMANDING GENERAL USARV TO MAJOR GEN MACKAY

Christmas is traditionally the time when families and friends gather to celebrate the birth of Christ and the Noel season. Here in Vietnam even though we are seperated from our loved ones, their thoughts will be with us and our thoughts will be with them. With their support and God's help, this Christmas should find us nearer to success here in Vietnam where we are helping a dedicated nation to achieve the freedom that we enjoy.

Although thousands of miles seperate us from home and family, God is with us and the spirit of Christmas will prevail. As we pause in our duties to observe this traditional holy day, we should rededicate ourselves to defeating the forces of aggression and helping the beleaguered people of Vietnam. We should also remember to thank God that our countries are free, that our loved ones are secure, and that they are free to observe the Christmas season.

I extend my best wishes to you and your men for a very merry Christmas.

Sgd. RICHARD J SEITZ
Brigadier General, USA

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

Maj R E HAGERTY

OFFICER COMMANDING A SQN 3 CAVALRY REGIMENT

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DRESS

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Maj
OC A Sqn 3 CAV REGT

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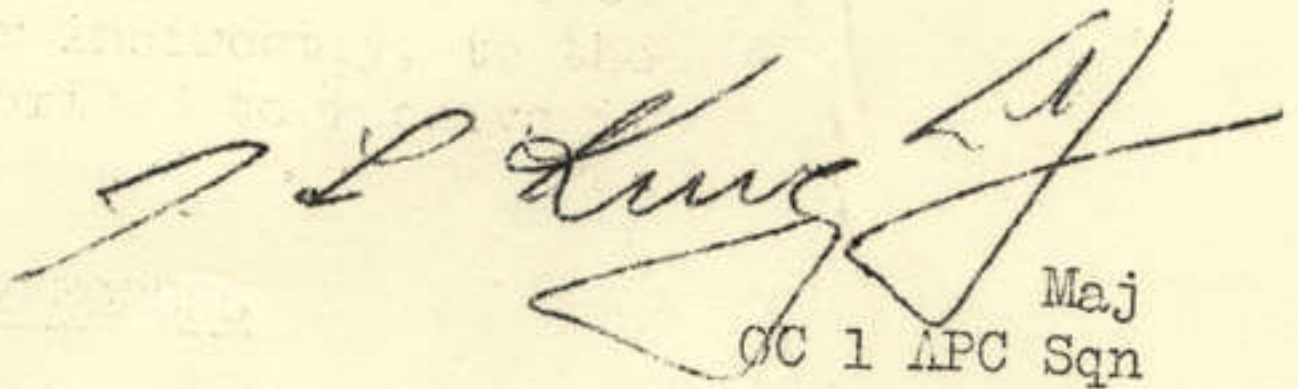
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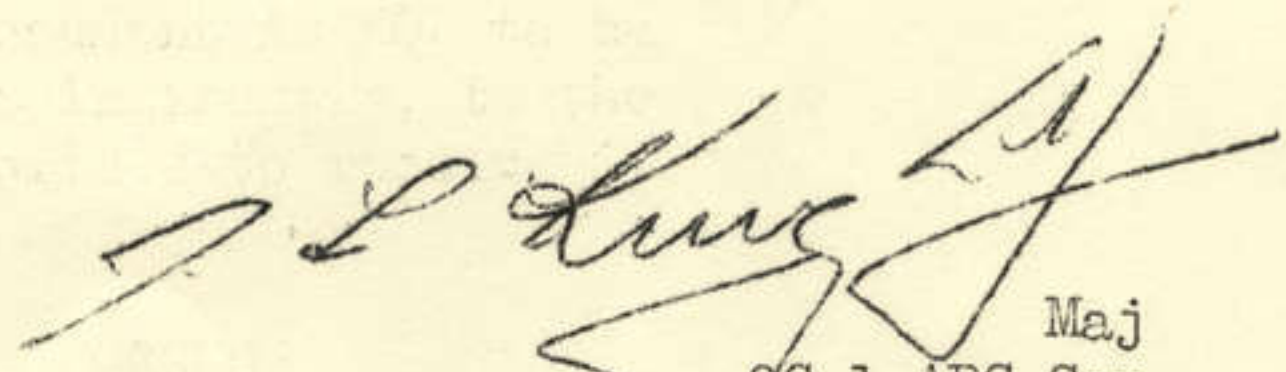
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HQ 1 ATF
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13 Jan 67

NOTES FROM COMMANDER 1 ATF CONFERENCE 1400 HRS 4 JAN 67

1. Present
- | | |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Lt Col JA Warr | Maj JM Murphy |
| Lt Col CM Townsend | Maj IG Doyle |
| Lt Col DR Begg | Maj FX Crowe |
| Capt R Guymer | Maj SJ Maizey |
| Maj B Florence | |

Follow up Action

Remarks

2. Comd outlined ops for Jan 67 - to be confirmed by Brig SC Graham OBE, MC.

3. Comd outlined major friendly ops for next two months.

4. Malaria.

- a. Comd emphasised 1 ATF instr.
- b. Greatest danger appears to be recently occupied VC camp sites. If tac feasible these camps should be avoided.
- c. Comds must balance tac feasibility against med risks.
- d. Worst areas appear to be NE and EAST of TF base area.
- e. 1 ATF will try to obtain any med int on future areas.
- f. Feasibility of aerial spraying prior to or during an op should be considered.
- g. Responsibility of ensuring 1 ATF instr carried out rests at all levels.

5. 5 RAR

a. Op CROWS NEST

(1) Tracks not completely equipped with accessories - particularly radios. Now equipped - radios. Subject to frequent repair problem.

(2) RAAF stand by DUSTOFF not equipped for task. Now fixed.

b. Op CANBERRA

(1) Task difficult to achieve due to a time factor. Consider there should be no time limit on Search and Destroy missions. Because of Op ROBIN time limit was necessary. Agreed. A rolling barrage, in front of own tps, should be considered if held up by enemy booby traps.

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(2) Need arose for a recce elm in front of bn - say three to four hours ahead. This elm could advise on en, going, water and thus allow main force to be directed to a target area quicker. The recce ptls should be equipped with VHF radio and should provide medium recce (medium recce in terms of distance not time). 6 RAR agrees with requirement for recce elm in this theatre but because tps need to be highly trained (SAS standard) there is neither the time nor the capability to undertake this task.

5 RAR Anti Tk Pl now used as a Recce Pl (selected volunteers trg under SAS guidance in Vung Tau for one month).

(3) Light fire team employed on area tgt but not effective. Subsequently employed on a pinpoint tgt most effectively.

c. Op ROBIN

(1) Friendly (ARVN) booby traps are haphazardly spread along the road. Main areas appear to be RE/PF compounds, culverts, verges of bridges. No records have been kept. Sector is unaware of mined areas.

Try to avoid wired and sandbagged areas. Exercise care.

(2) Any ops in swamp (RUNG SAT) must be preceded by prior training due to extremes which can be encountered.

Agreed. Reports from 2d/18 Bn.

d. Op QUEENBEYAN

(1) Value of gunships on pinpoint (caves) targets.

(2) Flame not effective in large caverns or multi layer tunnels.

(3) CS effective in caves but not effective when sprayed/dusted on countryside.

Report to II FFV on ineffectiveness of CS.

e. Op HAYMAN

(1) Security problem - value of cover plan - information on need to know basis. Local knowledge in Vung Tau well before

(2) Two man trg pack - this will allow the soldier a choice of four types of combat rations. 24 hr Aust, C ration, two man pack, SAS type pack.

DAQMG to bid for 8000 (1100 for 7 days)

(3) Need for scout cars for escorting. At present 106mm RCL vehicle converted. The requirement exists for these vehicles in the bn. 6 RAR agrees with need but not in the bn.

Cav tp not suitable. Recce tp of armd regt very suitable. Value of tks discussed - bid necessary.

6. 6 RAR

a. Lack of timely and accurate battle intelligence. During Op INGHAM intelligence available proved useless. Requirement for an intelligence plan of future tgt area. From 5 RAR are we using all sources? CO's

Int plan required. ?? TF agents. IOs to look at specific areas in conjunction with

to get a copy (from G2 to CO) of SAS patrol reports.

TF int agencies.

b. During Op INGHAM the value of fighting porters was proven as a means of providing security during ops.

c. Requirement for re-training of rifle coys.

7. 1 Fd Regt

a. Due to reaction requirement extreme difficulty in :

1 Fd Regt to investigate possibility of four guns per battery.

(1) allowing gunners to stand down

(2) retraining

(3) prepare base camp.

b. Restriction on use of VT fuze has been removed. Designers warn that up to 10% may burst after arming - probably much less.

c. Radar serviceability not good.

d. Radio security bad. Simple code for contact reports.

Conference OC 103 Sig Sqn, Unit ops offrs, G2 (Ops).

e. Clearances for tgts - paper to be issued.

8. 1 Fd Sqn

a. Requests for engr assistance for installations etc, destruction, search. Engrs prefer to be told what is there not what is required.

Agreed.

b. Throughout Op WOLLONGONG engr will provide two man teams and so obtain engr intelligence of TAOR. Teams to provide early warning of any engr requirement necessary.

c. Requirement for winching trg within engr sqn.

Agreed - mutual liason with 9 Sqn RAAF.

d. Protection for engr rd party - distance requires additional protection. Air to survey area prior to landing.

Sect APC agreed in lieu inf pl.

9. 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.

a. Op QUEENBEYAN - rebroadcast facilities now satisfactory. Delays are 45 mins to instal by day, 60 mins if outside normal hours. Warning appreciated. If requirement for rebro ac request it be shown under Avn para not Sig para of Op O.

b. Sioux hel - radio sets may drift off frequency therefore a need for "Squelch On" may become necessary.

Any station hearing an ac calling another station without success should request that station to switch to "Squelch On".

c. With aircraft flying most of the day any H and I tgt could be fired more accurately if the pilots could adjust fire. 1 Fd Regt agreed to provide a copy of the H and I programme for this purpose.

d. During air/int flights the pilot could fire an arty mission as well as report the incident.

Agreed. Arty/161 Recce Flt to liase.

10. 1 APC Sqn

a. If APCs are used in a blocking role it has been found, in some country, one or two APCs are sufficient. The remainder of the APC group could be used in a mobile role.

b. The H13 greatly assists the APCs in quickly locating good going and also in fixing and finding the enemy. Where possible it is requested that in a mobile role a H13 be in support of the APCs.

Agreed.

c. During Op INGHAM the gun ships, due to a lack of comms, fired on an APC group. Could clearance from ground elements be given first and control of these aircraft be decentralised to the lowest possible level.

Agreed.

11. 3 SAS Sqn

a. During Op HAYMAN the SAS LO was taken from 5 RAR and placed with HQ 1 ATF. This merely slowed down comms between the bn and the SAS groups. The LO should be at unit level.

Agreed.

b. During a recent op JADE con changed the FAC frequency without reference to SAS. This left SAS without any comms - where did the direction to change come from. The SAS frequency was 42.30 mc/s, the FAC was changed to 9 Sqn RAAF internal net.

USAF LO to investigate.

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OP ORD 1 - 67 OP WOLLONGONG

Reference: Maps Vietnam 1:50,000 Sheets 6430 II and III, Series 6701
1:25,000 Sheets 11N, 11S, 111N and 111S, L8020, Picto.

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Annex A.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 6 RAR is to destroy the enemy within its TAOR.
- (2) 1 APC Sqn is to have one troop on 30 minutes standby.
- (3) 1 Fd Sqn is to have one combat engineer team on 30 minutes stand by.
- (4) 3 SAS Sqn is to search areas SARAH, WENDY and JUNO.
- (5) 9 Inf Div continues Operation DUCK on Route 15 until 8 Feb 67.

c. Attachments and Detachments

(1) Under command during the following periods:

101600H until 16 Jan 67	
111630H until 16 Jan 67	
200730H until 25 Jan 67	
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251600H until 31 Jan 67	One combat engineer team
260800H until 31 Jan 67	of seven men.

(2) Under command from 200800H until E Coy debussed at track bend YS 468755. One tp 1 APC Sqn (11 x APC)

(3) Under command from 251600H until released by B Coy in base area. One tp 1 APC Sqn (11 x APC)

(4) Remaining in direct support. 103 Fd Bty

(5) In direct support from 5 Jan 67 One H13 161 (Indep) Recce Flt

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2. MISSION. 5 PAR is to destroy the enemy in TAOR BRAVO.

3. EXECUTION.

a. General Outline. The area will be cleared with four major patrol tasks as follows:

(1) Area 1. Cleared by A Coy and Recce Pl during the period 11-16 Jan 67.

(2) WEST side of TAOR ALFA. Cleared by D Coy during the period 12-16 Jan 67.

(3) Area 2. Cleared by B Coy, C Coy and Recce Pl during the period 20-25 Jan 67.

(4) Area 3. Cleared and ambushed by A Coy during the period 26 - 31 Jan 67.

b. A Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal attachments

(b) Under command from 101600H until 16 Jan 67

Recce Pl
One combat engineer team of seven men

(c) Under command from 251600H until 31 Jan 67.

One combat engineer team of seven men

(2) Tasks.

(a) Period 10/16 Jan 67

i. During night 10/11 Jan remain BINH BA

ii. On 11 Jan commence clearing Area 1 along general axis of the route shown at Annex P.

iii. When your company enters the western half of TAOR ALFA, you are to thoroughly search the general vicinity of 390703-395704 where C Coy and D Coy patrols have found portions of a large installation

iv. Search and destroy along the route shown.

v. Set ambush at night only where and when you consider these would be effective.

vi. Destroy all enemy installations you find during the period.

(b) Period 17/25 Jan 67. See Annex B.

(c) Period 26/31 Jan 67.

i. Company patrol and ambush operation in Area 3.

ii. Details issued separately.

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c. B Coy.

(1) Grouping

(a) Normal attachments.

(b) Under command from 200730H until 25 Jan 67

Recce Pl
One combat engineer team of seven men

(c) In support from 200800H until released at track bend 468755

One tp 1 APC Sqn (11 x APC)

(d) In support from 251600H until arrival at 5 RAR base area

One tp 1 APC Sqn (11 x APC)

(2) Tasks

(a) Period 11/19 Jan 67. See Annex B.

(b) Period 20/25 Jan 67.

i. Company patrol operation in Area 2.

ii. Details issued separately.

(c) Period 26/31 Jan 67. See Annex B.

d. C Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal attachments

(b) Under command from 200730H until 25 Jan 67

One combat engineer team of seven men.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Period 11/19 Jan 67. See Annex B

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ii. Details issued separately.

(c) Period 26/31 Jan 67. See Annex B.

e. D Coy

(1) Grouping

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- (a) Normal attachments.
- (b) Under command from 111630H until 16 Jan 67 (1) One combat engineer team of seven men
- (c) Under command from 260800H until 31 Jan 67 (1) One combat engineer team of seven men

(2) Tasks

(a) Period 11/16 Jan 67.

- i. No tasks allocated on 11 Jan 67.
- ii. On 12 Jan commence clearing western half of TAOR ALFA along general axis of the route shown at Annex P.
- iii. Search and destroy along route shown and completely destroy all enemy installations you find during the period.
- iv. Set ambushes at night only where and when you consider these would be effective.
- v. Thoroughly search the general vicinity of 390703-395704 where C Coy and D Coy patrols have found portions of a large installation.

9 (b) Period 17/25 Jan 67. See Annex B.

(c) Period 26/31 Jan 67.

- i. Platoon and company patrols in 5 RAR TAOR as considered necessary.
- ii. Details issued separately.

f. Mor Pl.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) One section to remain at BINH BA until 31 Jan 67.
- (b) Mor Pl (-) remain in base area.

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Base area defence
- (b) Fire support within the BINH BA TAOR
- (c) From both base plate positions support 5 RAR operations to the limit of your range.

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- (d) During the period, ensure that one section is always kept on 30 minutes notice to move.
- (e) Relieve the section at BINH BA every six days.

g. Recce Pl

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Normal attachments.
- (b) Under command A Coy from 101600H until 161600H Jan 67.
- (c) Under command B Coy from 200730H until 251600H Jan 67.

(2) Tasks. As directed by Bn HQ, A Coy or B Coy

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h. Aslt Pnr Pl. (b)

(1) Grouping. Normal attachments.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Operational commitments as directed by Bn HQ.

(b) Continue construction tasks on:

i. Chapel.

ii. Battalion CP/FCC.

i. 1 APC Sqn.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under command from 200800H until B Coy debussed at track bend YS 468755.

One tp 1 APC Sqn (11 x APC)

(b) Under command from 251600H until released by B Coy in base area.

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(2) Tasks.

(a) Report B Coy base loc at 200800H Jan and embus B Coy plus Recce Pl.

(b) Move B Coy group to track bend YS 468755.

(c) Revert to under command 1 APC Sqn.

(d) Report to track bend YS 465736 and embus B Coy group at 251600H Jan.

(e) Transport B Coy group to its base location.

(f) Revert to under command 1 APC Sqn.

(g) Confirmation of tasks to be issued separately.

j. Arty.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Remaining in direct support.

103 Fd Bty.

(b) If additional fire support is deemed necessary, arrangements will be made separately.

(2) Tasks. Provide fire support throughout the operation.

k. Engrs.

(1) Grouping. Allot one combat engineer team to each A Coy, B Coy, C Coy and D Coy as follows:

(a) A Coy. 101600H to 161600H Jan 67.

(b) F Coy.

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(b) D Coy. 111630H to 161600H Jan 67.

(c) B Coy. 200730H to 251600H Jan 67.

(d) C Coy. 200730H to 251600H Jan 67.

(e) A Coy. 251600H to 311600H Jan 67.

(f) D Coy. 260800H to 311600H Jan 67.

(2) Tasks. Engineer assistance as required.

1. 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.

(1) Grouping. One H13 aircraft in direct support from 5 Jan 67.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Report to TIGER 5 at 0730 hrs each morning.

(b) Be prepared to assist with radio rebroadcast for unit patrols.

(c) Tasks as allotted from time to time.

m. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Allocation of Tasks. Annex B. These tasks are:

(a) Task 1. TAOR patrols in company or platoon strength as directed.

(b) Task 2. Standby company on 10 minutes notice to move.

(c) Task 3. Nil work allocation.

(d) Task 4. Duty company. Duties are:

i. Provide one NCO and two OR to man the NORTH road block from 0800 hrs to 1830 hrs. The NCO is to report to the RP Sergeant for briefing on the afternoon prior to his duty. The company is to arrange meals for these men.

ii. Send out one close TAOR patrol of section strength before 1200 hrs and one other after 1200 hrs.

iii. Send two men to clear the MAYFAIR theatre between 0800 hrs and 1100 hrs daily.

iv. Have eight men report to HQ Admin Coy at 0800 hrs daily. These men are to be used on construction of unit buildings until 1700 hrs.

v. Provide a duty officer for the CP and a runner for Bn HQ.

vi. As considered necessary send up to one platoon to the beach for recreation. These men are to be accompanied by an officer and companies are to provide lunch and liquid refreshments. The following areas are out of bounds:

VUNG TAU township.
Bars on the Back Beach.
The Beachcomber bar.

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(2) Areas of

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- (2) Areas of Operation. Annex P.
- (3) Routes. Annex P.
- (4) Rules of Engagement.
 - (a) As per 1 ATF and 5 RAR SOPs.
 - (b) If in doubt do not fire.
- (5) Rear Area Security. Each rifle company, while it is absent from its base location, is to leave 10 men who are capable of carrying out an inner TAOR patrol in its base in addition of normal LOBs. The company second-in-command, or a platoon sergeant, is also to remain in the base to command all LOBs.
- (6) Curfew. Curfew hours on Route TL2 are between 1900 hrs and 0500 hrs each night.
- (7) Reports. Each company is to submit a patrol report, in legible draft, to the Bn CP by 1600 hrs on the day following its return to base. As appropriate attached to the patrol report should be contact reports and/or installation reports.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Rations.

- (1) Each company is to carry the necessary rations required for the duration of its patrol.
- (2) No resupply is to be arranged unless found to be necessary due to a change of task.
- (3) A Coy is to arrange with OC Admin Coy for its rations to be brought forward to BINH BA on 10 Jan 67.

b. Water.

- (1) Each man is to leave the base area with at least three filled water bottles.
- (2) Local water, suitably sterilized, should then be used whenever possible.
- (3) Only in an emergency will water be resupplied by air. Marker panels are to be carried.

c. Ammo. Current scales to be carried.

d. Med.

- (1) Normal attachments continue.
- (2) Normal medical kits and shell dressings to be carried.
- (3) MEDEVAC by DUSTOFF. If a request is necessary, company is to indicate on which of its frequencies it is operating.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL

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5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL


- a. Bn HQ. Remains present location.
- b. Radio.
 - (1) Current SOI apply.
 - (2) Rebroadcast. Provided if necessary by H13 aircraft.
 - (3) TAOR and close TAOR patrols will operate on the Bn Comd Net.
- c. Points of Origin, Q Hours, Passwords.
 - (1) As currently issued.
 - (2) Additional points of origin are to be issued to each rifle company before it commences its task.
- d. Codes. As currently issued.
- e. Nicknames. As issued from time to time.

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Annexes: A. Enemy.
B. Allocation of Tasks.
P. Areas of Operation and Routes.
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Annex A (Enemy) to OPORD 1 - 67 (OP WOLLONGONG)

General

1. Enemy activities in and around the areas to be searched consists mainly of sporadic movement through the TAOR. Usually this movement is made in small groups although some company sized formations have been reported. The nearest major VIET CONG bases are in the HAT DICH, in particular on the SONG XOAI, vic YS 370750, and the TA LUNG, vic YS 549740.

2. Both of these bases can support a battalion. The SONG XOAI base may be occupied by a battalion of 274 Regt. The TA LUNG base is thought to have contained the VC Provincial Headquarters in late 1966. Whether it is now occupied is not known.

Movement Patterns.

3. Track systems run along the SUOI CHAU PHA, SUOI DA DEN, SUOI LUP, SUOI SUOI, SUOI DA BANG and near the SUOI GIAU. There is also a track running NORTH-SOUTH in the re-entrant on the EAST of NUI NGHE, with a westerly branch to the former settlements of XOM LA VAN and XOM DA DUNG.

Enemy Installations

- 4. a. Area 1. Appendix 1.
- b. Area 2. Appendix 2.
- c. Area 3. Appendix 3.
- d. TAOR ALFA WEST. Appendix 4.
- e. TAOR ALFA EAST. Appendix 5.

VIETCONG Main Force

5. Locations and Strengths.

a. It is believed at least two battalions plus HQ 274 Regt are operating in the northern HAT DICH area - general area YS 3084. The presence of patrols from 173 AB Bde (Sep), regular artillery and airstrikes, plus the opportunities offered by the Christmas and New Year truce periods, may have enticed these elements to move EAST. Track activity, agent reports and lights at night suggest either:

- (1) The move has occurred, or
- (2) The battalion has been resupplied.

b. A battalion of 274 Regt is probably located in the vicinity of TAM BO YS 5080.

6. Activities

a. TAM BO Battalion.

- (1) Reported to have the PW from the attack on the VAN KEIP range, so is likely to be 265 Bn.
- (2) Reported to have recently killed one of their soldiers who wished to become a CHIEU HOI.
- (3) An HF radio transmitter is reported by the people at BINH GIA to be at YS 486804.

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(4) Recently 12 villagers from BINH GIA were detained for one day and questioned about Australian activities, the defences at BINH GIA and how much rice is in the village.

(5) It is suspected that the raid on VINH TRUNG YS 5077 was made by this battalion.

b. 274 Regt (-).

(1) At present elements of this group have been in contact with patrols of 173 AB Bde (Sep). To date they have elected not to become engaged in major battles and the nature of the country in which they are operating (YS3086) makes it difficult for US forces to trap them.

(2) Some or all of this group may have taken advantage of the truce periods to move EAST to Route TL2.

7. Intentions.

a. According to NAM HUNG's notebook, 274 Regt intends to attack somewhere along Highway 15 or NORTH of NUI DAT as part of its winter offensive.

b. Whichever plan they decide on, the Regiment is in a position to implement both attacks quickly as it is only a few hours march from both objectives - on Highway 15 possibly PHU MY (YS 2574) and on Inter-provincial route 2 probably BINH GIA, the rice stored there being a tangible prize as well as the blow to allied prestige such an attack would cause

VIETCONG PROVINCIAL FORCES.

8. Locs and Strs.

a. D445 Bn is currently unlocated but possible areas of operation are SOUTH of Route 23 between the LONG HAI mountains and AP THU AN BIEN (YS 6758), or NORTH of Route 23 in the TAN RU Area (YS 5770).

b. The strength of D445 Bn is approx 350.

9. Activities

a. Throughout December, D445 Bn activity increased markedly and included attacks and harrasing fire on PHUOC HAI (YS 5153), HOI MY (YS 5057), DAT DO (YS 5800) and TAM PHUOC (YS 5558).

b. In conjunction with the above offensive operations and utilising local labour, the battalion also transported rice and supplies to the TAN RU area in an effort to replace the 70 tons of rice lost during OP INGHAM.

10. Intentions. D445 Bn will continue sporadic raids and mortaring against ARVN outposts in the same general area to weaken the ARVN will to resist and to impress their presence on the local population.

VIETCONG LOCAL FORCES.

11. Locs and str.

a. CHAU DUC District Forces (C20 and C21) are probably operating in the area from HAT DICH, NCRPH and NE to NGAI GILO (YS 4479). Strength is estimated at about 70.

b. LONG DAT District Coy (C25) is still operating in the LONG HAI peninsular with a strength of 50.

c. XUYEN MOC District Pl (C23) is believed to be located SOUTH of XUYEN MOC at YS 6365 and has a strength of approx 30.

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12. Activities.

a. C20 and C21 combined with 265 Bn 274 Regt in the attack on the firing range 9 Dec and C20 was contacted by a combined ARVN/11 ACR force in the operation conducted around CU BI (YS 4382) and NANG SON (YS 4479) in November 1966.

b. C25 Coy has been assisting D445 Bn in their attacks on the LONG HAI Peninsular during December.

13.

Intentions. All local forces will continue to act as guides, reconnaissance troops and intelligence sources for main force units and D445 Bn. They will also carry out their normal tasks of trail watching, tax collection and intimidation of the local population.

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Appendix 1 (Enemy Installations Area 1) to Annex A
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BC = Base Camp

EK = Bunker

377750	BC	
378719	BC	
386745	BC	
387744	BC	
385720	BC	
395750	Scattered Pits	
397745	Bunker Complex	
397703	TL & BC	
400746	BC	
404745	Bunker Complex	
400733	Trenches	
402736	FH	
403733	Trenches	
405732	Coy BC & Village Pits	
418732	BC	
410720	BC	
418720	BC	
430717	40 Pits	
435722	Trench	
440740	Tunnel	
448731	Bunker	
373734	Disused resting place 18 mths old	
370732	Improvised Wharf on Creek	
376746	Footpad NE & STH of creek from 373747 to 383750	
3774	Explosions heard Sept	
3873	Numerous well used foot pads	
396748	Well used OP	
396728	Cave and tunnels	
395724	Cave and tunnel-impregnable to air strike	
399739	Xom La Van Village deserted and destroyed	

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396747 70 Pits (30 with O/H cover)

392751 Pits

409720 7 Graves

409725 Coy size camp

403729 Ruined hut

411717 Trench

415726 6 Pits - 3 Graves

429713 Several dugouts and 8 bunkers

427722 1 Pit & 1 hut destroyed

425734 Small hut and tunnel

437729 Small hut

432732 Air holes for tunnel

398710 BC

399681 BC

423708 3 Pits

427703 Pits

431700 Tunnel

444707 11 Pits

441697 Tunnel

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Appendix 2 (Enemy Installations Area 2) to Annex A
to OP ORD 1-67 (OP WOLLONGONG)

BC = Base Camp
BK = Bunkers

469742	9 pits
471720	BC
474719	BK
488742	9 pits
482726	BC
498754	BC
495752	Coy BC
507724	BC
502697	Pl posn
504696	Hut
508697	Pl posn
509695	BC
510690	BC
511756	Pl posn
518714	VC resup area (destroyed)
513706	Possible BC
511697	BC
514698	Bn posn
516697	BC
514693	BC
513691	10 pits
512638	BC
516633	BC (destroyed)
540716	Tunnel
541712	BC
542717	BC
544705	BC
538702	House
509695	BC
544700	BC

468742 9 Pits

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468742 9 pits
473743 Pits on slope.
4969 Camp 6 mths old
498707 OX cart tracks heading SOUTH
503693 Well defined ox cart track
530740 Destroyed VC trg camp
463699 Tunnel
473680 BC
485707 BC
488697 BC
488693 BC
487680 Tunnel

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Appendix 3 (Enemy Installation Area 3) to Annex A
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BC - Base Camp
BK - Bunkers

361721	BC
378719	BC
376708	P1 BC
377707	BC
377689	BC
380725	BC
381715	BC
389710	8 Pits
367716	4 Huts, 1 Pit and 1 Bunker
378694	Gun Emplacement
375696	Camp Site
370732	Improvised Wharf
383699	20 Pits
380711	2 Well constructed large buildings.
384698	20 Pits

Appendix 4 (Enemy Installations TAOR ALFA WEST) to
Annex A to OP ORD 1-67 (OP WOLLONGONG)

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BC - Base Camp

BK - Bunkers

- 384699 Tunnel
- 383699 20 Pits
- 389710 8 - 10 Bunkers
- 380711 2 Buildings
- 381714 Well, Hut
- 399678 Installation
- 395688 Installation 100m x 100m
- 398699 Wpn pits, bunkers, 8 houses
- 396704 Unfinished hut
- 397705 12 huts well
- 396718 Well, OP
- 402686 Burnt hut and 4 graves
- 402684 Destroyed bunker.
- 408688 Pl size camp
- 404685 6 pits
- 406821 Suspected camp
- 406690 1 grave
- 408705 Coy sized installation
- 403705 Large defensive posn
- 419684 Burnt hut
- 414696 Old destroyed village
- 418710 1 grave
- 417713 1 grave
- 411717 Trench
- 429701 Large destroyed installation with bunkers
- 427702 Bunker
- 423708 3 pits
- 425701 2 bunkers
- 427702 4 graves
- 429713 Dugouts and bunkers
- 430682 Huts and trench system
- 432700 House
- 434703 2 houses with bomb shelterd
- 434713 Huts
- 430717 30 - 40 pits
- 438703 Remains of huts and tunnel system

Appendix 5 (Enemy Installations TAOR ALFA EAST)
to Annex A to OP ORD 1-67 (OP WOLLONGONG)

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SOUTH VIETNAM
vic YS 441864

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BC - Base Camp
BK - Bunkers

444708 Huts
430682 Huts and trench system
438703 Remains of hut and tunnel system
455681 Tunnels
452683 16 bunkers and tunnels
458692 Trench system
453683 Installation
457692 Bunker system
458692 Trench system
461682 Tunnels
463699 Tunnels
468695 Hut
467697 Bunkers hut and well
462695 Bamboo platform
489691 Thick columns of smoke during airstrike
462683 Tunnel
455681 Tunnel
454682 BK
458697 BC
464699 Tunnel
459699 Tunnel
453698 Destroyed pit
456705 BC
457707 2 Huts
457714 BK 2

Annex B (Allocation of Tasks) to
OP ORD 1-67 (OP WOLLONGONG)

1. Throughout the following table the symbols appearing in brackets (eg "Hyg", "2IC", "A") refer to visits by the Bn Inspection Team. These inspections are to take place whether the company concerned is in base or not.

Period	A Coy	B Coy	C Coy	D Coy	Sp Coy	Admin Coy	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
10 Jan 67				-	-		a. Bn involved on OP CALLOUNDRA. b. A Coy regroups and remains BINH BA area. c. Battalion (-) returns to base loc approx 1600 hrs
11 Jan	1	4	2 (hyg)	3 (Q)	1 (A)	(2IC)	a. Recce Pl remains under command A Coy during the period.
12 Jan	1	4 (Hyg)	2 (Q)	1 (A)	1 (2IC)		b. Sp Coy Task 1 affects only the Recce Pl.
13 Jan	1 (Hyg)	4 (Q)	2 (A)	1 (2IC)	1		c. D Coy commences its operation on 12 Jan and completes the operation on 16 Jan 67.
14 Jan	1 (Q)	4 (A)	2 (2IC)	1	1	(Hyg)	
15 Jan	1 (A)	4 (2IC)	2	1	1 (Hyg)	(Q)	
16 Jan	1 (2IC)	4	2	1 (Hyg)	1 (Q)	(A)	
17 Jan							a. Operation CAMDEN is to occur on one of these days.
18 Jan							b. During the remaining period the allocation of tasks is :
19 Jan							A Coy - Task 2 B Coy - Task 3 C Coy - Task 1 D Coy - Task 4

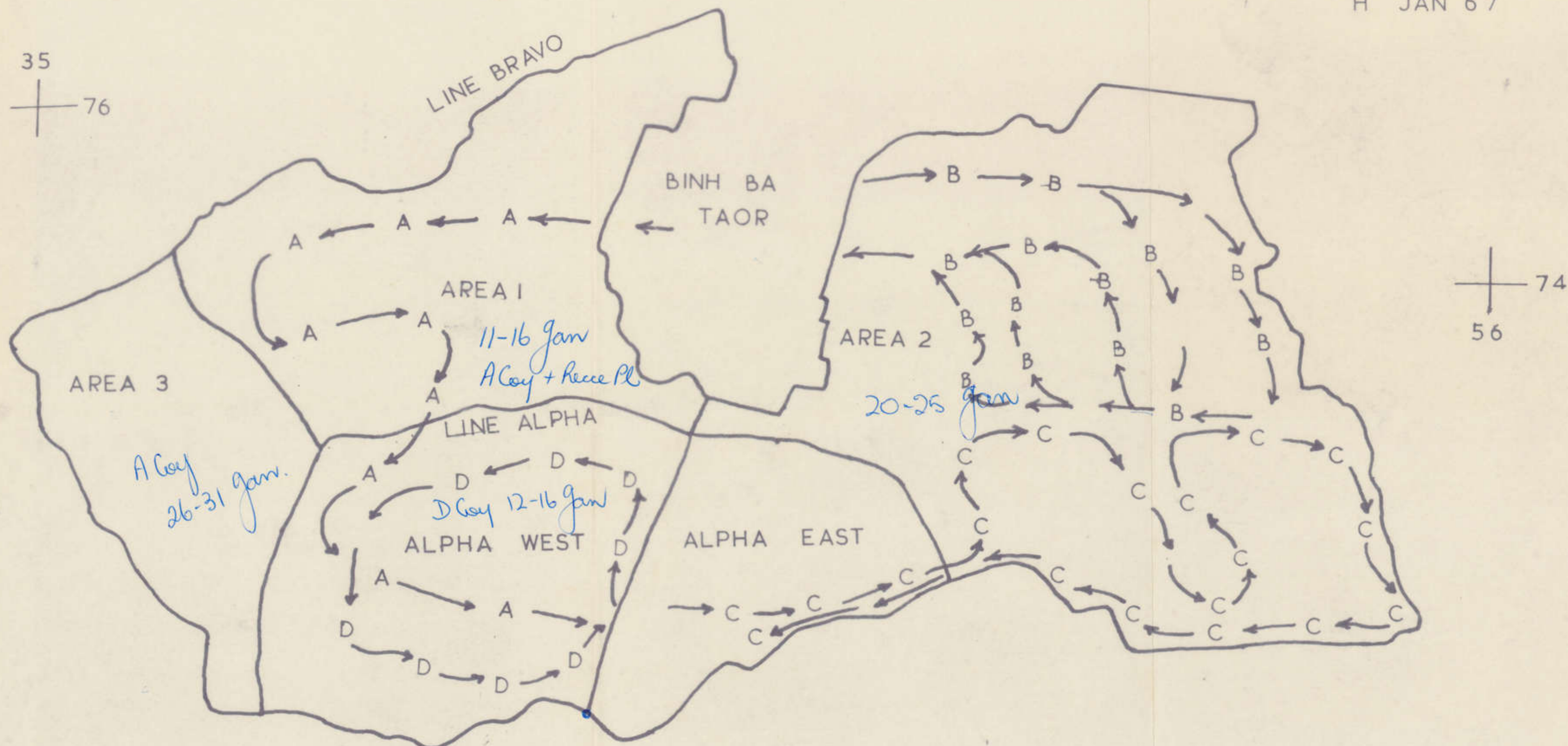
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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(n)
20 Jan	4	1	1 (Hyg)	2 (Q)	1 (A)	(2IC)	a. B Coy and C Coy on separate company operations within area 2. b. Sp Coy Task 1 affects only the Recce Pl
21 Jan	4	1 (Hyg)	1 (Q)	2 (A)	1 (2IC)		
22 Jan	4 (Hyg)	1 (Q)	1 (A)	2 (2IC)	1		
23 Jan	4 (Q)	1 (A)	1 (2IC)	2	1	(Hyg)	
24 Jan	4 (A)	1 (2IC)	1	2	1 (Hyg)	(Q)	
25 Jan	4 (2IC)	1	1	2 (Hyg)	1 (Q)	(A)	
26 Jan	1	2	4 (Hyg)	1 (Q)	(A)	(2IC)	a. A Coy on operation in Area 3 b. D Coy mounts platoon strength TAOR patrols during the period.
27 Jan	1	2 (Hyg)	4 (Q)	1 (A)	2IC		
28 Jan	1 (Hyg)	2 (Q)	4 (A)	1 (2IC)			
29 Jan	1 (Q)	2 (A)	4 (2IC)	1		(Hyg)	
30 Jan	1 (A)	2 (2IC)	4	1	(Hyg)	(Q)	
31 Jan	1 (2IC)	2	4	1 (Hyg)	(Q)	(A)	

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2. Period covered from 290001H to 292400H January 1967.
3. Summary of enemy activity for the period: There was one contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity:
 - (1) LAMP ENTRY (282032H). Boats in the area of YS56583 received fire from the beach.
 - (2) (291355H). A/5RAR contacted an estimated 15 VC, possibly Regional Force, at YS351714. A/5 Company detonated 2 claymore and the VC returned fire with M4 and M79 fire. There were 2 VC KIA, 1 x Thompson SIG captured and blood trails lead to the SOUTH EAST.
 - b-c Omitted.
 - d. Air Activity:
 - (1) (290315H). Visual reconnaissance observer found ox-cart and foot tracks that have been heavily used during the past 24 hours from YS569574 through ZS 565577 and to YS 550572, heading WEST.
 - (2) (290330H). VR observer reported a landing point at YS 569574 appears to have been used in the past 24 hours. An ox-cart trail joins another trail at YS567574.
 - (3) (290330H). VR observer reported a foot trail SOUTH from YS641612 has had recent use. A trail SOUTH-EAST from YS 641612 has had recent foot traffic. The foot trail goes into a clump of jungle in the re-entrant at YS673583.
 - (4) (290330H) VR observer reported at YS767635 there are unidentified drag marks across the beach, and foot trails lead NORTH off the beach at YS760620.
 - (5) (291425H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC base camp at YS573730. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage; Two hoochies and 3 shallow trenches were destroyed, and there were 2 secondary fires with grey and black smoke, which looked like oil burning.
 - (6) (291510H). FAC received one round of SA fire from YS 630030 and another 2 rounds from YS625820. Height and flying speed are unknown.
 - e-g Omitted.
 - h. Other Activity.
 - (1) (291505H). 6 RAR found and destroyed 1 ton of rice and 30 sheets of aluminium at YS 350605.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
 - a. KIA by

Ground Forces	Confirmed	Possible
	2	-
 - b-c Omitted.
 - d. Equipment destroyed or captured.
 - a. } Thompson SIG
 - b. } One
 - c. } U.S.
 - d. } YS351714
 - e. } Unknown
5. No change to Intsum No 8-67.
- 6 - 10 Omitted.
11. No change to Intsum No 9-67.

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12. Conclusions.

1. There appears to have been an increase in VC infiltration across the coast in PHOUO THY between YS7662 and YS5455. Where 1 ATF has conducted increased surveillance the infiltration appears to be restricted to small loads as only foot prints have been detected on the beach and in areas close by.
2. It is possible that this activity across the coast is due to an increased presence of US/PVMAF along Highway 15, which is astride the previously will-used infiltration route into the HAT DICH area from the RBSZ. This is indicated by a reduction in ox-cart traffic EAST of PHU MY (YS2574).
3. Continued contacts in the area YS3571 are with Local forces who are probably part of a defensive screen covering mainly administrative and political units of both the CHAU DUC District and Group 84. These units could have been forced further SOUTH than usual by the current 9th US Inf Div operation in SOUTHERN BIEN HOA Province.

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2. Period Covered: From 280001H to 282400H January 67.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity for the Period: There were three contacts with Task Force Elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

- (1) (280350H). A Bty 1/83 Arty Bn contacted 2 VC in front of their position in the vicinity YS4366. The VC were engaged with an M26 grenade and SA fire. The 2 VC then moved WEST rapidly. No further results. (ENI)
- (2) (281245H). D/6RAR contacted 1 local VC at YS348685. The VC withdrew SOUTH-WEST up the hill. (PRI)
- (3) (281450H). 3/A/5RAR contacted 6 local VC dressed in light green shirts and bush hats at YS352711. The VC were moving from SOUTH to NORTH and withdrew SOUTH. The leading VC was hit and the platoon followed the blood trail. No further results. (PRI)
- (4) (281705H). 6RAR found two groups of huts at YS348684. One group had been used recently and apparently abandoned last night. Food, equipment, documents and ammunition being evacuated to 1 ATF base area. The second group of huts were not occupied but were left in a clean condition. On the perimeter of the position were a series of panjis and sharpened bamboo stakes and also in the area were air raid shelters and pits.

b-c Omitted.

d. Air Activity.

- (1) (Late Entry 272025H). Visual Recce sighted 6 cooking fires at YS678582. Arty engaged area and there were no results.
- (2) (280945H). FAG received ground fire at YS520662. Arty engaged area with unknown results.
- (3) (281130H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC staging area at YS381802. No BDA due to smoke and foliage.
- (4) (281400H). An airstrike was conducted on a suspected VC base camp at YS653622. No BDA due to foliage.
- (5) (281635H). The LFT reported 9 figures in steel helmets at YS367679. The LFT engaged the area with unknown results.
- (6) (281743H). An airstrike was conducted in the area of YS358697. It resulted in 1 hut being destroyed by fire and 1 secondary fire producing black smoke.

e-h Omitted.

4. Enemy Personnel Losses.

- a. KIA by CONFIRMED POSSIBLE
Ground forces - 1
- b. Omitted
- c. Weekly Status Report on Detainees and Returnees for the Period 22Jan to 28Jan67.

(a.) Summary of Detainees.

- (1) 1
- (2) 1
- (3) NIL
- (4) NIL
- (5) NIL

(b) Omitted

(c) Carried over from 15Jan to 21Jan67.

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5. No change to Intsum No 8-67.

6-10. Omitted.

11-12. No change to Intsum No 9-67.

Ground Activity.
(1) (280320Z) A VC unit contacted...
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1. 1 AUSTRALIAN Task Force INTSUM No 27-67, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 260001H to 272400H Jan 67.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were two contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY.

(1) (270725H) Reference INTSUM No 26-67 paragraph 3,a,(1). Result of contact: 1 VC KIA (BC) and one M1 carbine recovered. Three blood trails were followed up with no further results.

(2) (271655H) A/5RAR contacted 25 local VC at YS354712. The VC approached from the SOUTH and on being engaged by sentry returned a large volume of fire. The VC broke contact and withdrew SOUTH, results one VC KIA (BC), one VC WIA (poss), blood trail, 24 rounds M1 Garand ammunition recovered. VC KIA wore black pyjamas and webbing but carried no rations or water bottle. COMMENT: There are possibly more VC in the area. (FRI)

b-c Omitted

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) (262200H) FAC observed seven lights SOUTH WEST of the intersection of Routes 328 and 23 (YS6365). Also lights NORTH of the intersection at YS6165, and 6164.

(2) (271140H) An airstrike was conducted against a VC base camp at YS573729. One large bunker was exposed and one secondary fire producing white smoke resulted. Further BDA at 1245H revealed an exposed pit inside a destroyed hootch. Something was burning inside the pit.

(3) (271215) An airstrike was conducted against a VC base camp at YS541713. Negative BDA due to smoke and foliage.

(4) (271430H) An airstrike was conducted against a tunnel, trench and bunker system at YS527743. One bunker was exposed with heavy logs on top. No further BDA.

(5) (271628H) A visual reconnaissance aircraft received at least 5 rounds of small arms fire from the area YS5377. A LFT was despatched with negative results.

(6) (271711H) An immediate airstrike was conducted against VC troops in contact at YS355706. Unknown results.

e-f Omitted.

g. Unknown

h. Other activity:

(1) (Late Entry 261630H) A report from Sector HQ stated that 500 VC, armed with mortars and MGs were located at YS5377, YS5477 and in a church at YS542763. The area was engaged by artillery, SPOOKY and a LFT with unknown results.

(2) BDA of artillery fired at YS390804 during the night 26/27 Jan revealed an uncovered 500 metre trench, 8-10 fox holes and one trench shaped like a fish hook. Also approx 15 trenches with 90 degree bends in them and some weapon pits.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.

a. KIA by CONFIRMED POSSIBLE
Ground force 2

b-c Omitted

d. Equipment Destroyed or Captured.

- 1. M1 carbine
- 2. 1
- 3. US
- 4. YS352719
- 5. Unknown

5. No change to INTSUM No 8-67.

6-10 Omitted

11-12 No change to INTSUM No 9-67.

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2. Unknown

h. Other activity:

(1) (Late Entry 20130H) A report from Sector HQ stated that 500 VC, armed with mortars and MGs were located at YS2377, YS2477 and in a church at YS2476. The area was engaged by artillery, SPOOKY and a LPT with unknown results.

(2) BDA of artillery fired at YS390804 during the night 26/27 Jan revealed an uncovered 500 metre trench, 8-10 feet deep and some trenches shaped like a fish hook. Also approx 15 trenches with 90 degree bends in them and some weapons pits.

1. Australian Task Force INTSUM No 26-67, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED from 260001H to 262400H Jan 67.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity for the Period. There was one contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY.

- (1) (261916H) A/5RAR contacted 15 unidentified VC at YS352719. They were dressed in greens and bush hats, had weapons slung and were moving from NORTH to SOUTH. Results were 2 VC KIA (probable) and an unknown number of VC WIA. (PRI)

b-c Omitted

d. AIR ACTIVITY

- (1) (261350H) An airstrike was conducted against a VC base camp at YS378803. One foot bridge was destroyed and there was one fire with black smoke.
- (2) (261413H) An airstrike was conducted against a VC base camp at YS572817. One bunker was destroyed and a secondary fire produced greysmoke.

e-h Omitted

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a.	KIA by Ground Forces	Confirmed -	Possible 2
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5. No change to INTSUM No 8-67.

6-10 Omitted

11-12 No change to INTSUM No 9-67.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 25-67, CP location YS4366.
2. Period covered from 250001H to 252400H January 1967.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were NO contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a-c Omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY.

(1) (250940H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS390810. It resulted in 2 bunkers and 6 foxholes being exposed and 2 tunnels being destroyed.

(2) (251420H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC staging area at YS527747. Results were 1 tunnel entrance exposed and 1 secondary fire producing white smoke coming from the tunnel entrance.

(3) (251715H) Visual recce today made the following observations:

a. Track running SOUTH from feature 126 at YS520718 to join in with tracks running through rice fields at YS523672. It has had light use in past 24 hours.

b. The trail from YS533723 to YS543715 has had use in past 24 hours.

c. The ground under the trees at YS533723 and YS541713 has been trampled due to heavy use.

d. Foot trail running from YS567694 to the NORTH EAST has received heavy use in last 48 hours.

e. Vehicles have used the track from YS612705 to Route 328 in the past 24 hours.

f. At YS360800 there are two oxcart trails which show considerable recent use.

g. A cleared area in Grid Square YS3682 shows foot trails indicating recent travel. One trail runs SOUTH EAST to a water hole.

4. NIL

5. No change to INTSUM No 8-67.

6-10 Omitted.

11-12 No change to INTSUM No 9-67.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 23-67, CP location YS4366.
2. Period Covered: From 230001H to 232400H January 67.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity for the Period: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. Ground Activity:
 - (1) (231723H). C/5 RAR found a hut containing 100 new gardening tools at YS542696. The tools were evacuated to 1 ATF.
 - b-c Omitted.
 - d. Air Activity:
 - (1) (231610H). An airstrike was conducted on the area of YS360796. It was 100% on target and had 100% target coverage; negative BDA.
 - e-h Omitted.
4. Nil.
5. No change to INTSUM No 8-67.
- 6-10. Omitted.
- 11-12 No change to INTSUM No 9-67.

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1. Australian Task Force INTSUM No 24-67, CP location YS0366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 240001H to 242400H Jan 67.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a-c. Omitted
 - d. AIR ACTIVITY:
 1. (240708H) An airstrike was conducted against a VC base camp at YS392809 resulting in 3-4 tunnel entrances being exposed, two structures destroyed, two 10-12ft square trenches destroyed and two VC KBA (possible) in the trenches. One secondary fire produced black smoke. Area recce'd by FAC at 241110H revealed a 300 metre trench. At the bottom of the trench, logs were still burning. Possible KBAs reported by FAC.
 2. (241000H) An airstrike was conducted against a VC staging area at YS398811 to YS395808. Negative BDA due to smoke and foliage.
 3. (241230H) A further airstrike was conducted against a VC camp and staging area at YS398811, YS395808 and YS392809. Eight foxholes were uncovered and one bunker destroyed.
 4. (241245H) FAC observed a number of square bunkers and trenches at YS402802. Also four large weapon pits and one grave.
 5. (241724H) FAC observed two well used foot trails in the vicinity of YS3682. Tunnels in the same area had been exposed by defoliation. Also an unmanned weapon pit at YS371823.
 6. FAC observed that a well used oxcart trail and foot trail, running EAST-WEST at YS368805 has been heavily used on the last several days.
 - e. Omitted.
4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

	a. KIA by 2nd Air Div	<u>CONFIRMED</u>	<u>POSSIBLE</u> 2
	b-c Omitted.		
5. No change to INTSUM No 8-67.
- 6-10 Omitted
- 11-12 No change to INTSUM No 9-67.


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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 20-67, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 200001H to 202400H Jan 67.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD. There were NO contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a-c Omitted
 - d. AIR ACTIVITY:
 - (1) (2 01422H). FAC sighted gardening activity and suspects camp between YS617728 and YS 616734.
 - (2). (201515H) A n airstrike was conducted against a base camp at YS573732. Two small and one large secondary fires resulted, producing brown smoke.
4. Nil.
5. No change to INTSUM No 8-67
- 6-10 Omitted
- 11-12 No change to INTSUM No 9-67

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 22-67, CP Location YS4366.
2. Period Covered - 220001H to 222400H Jan 67.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) (220820H) B/6RAR found 3 bodies at YS515678 and 1 body at YS522678, possibly a result of E and I fire.

(2) (221616H) C/5RAR found a Regimental sized camp at YS544714. It had not been used in 6 months. There were some short tunnels from which some miscellaneous items were recovered. The installation will be destroyed.

b-c Omitted.

d. Air Activity.

(1) (221045H) An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS579795. The strike was 100% on target and 100% target coverage. No further results due to smoke.

4. Nil
5. No change to INTSUM No 8-67.
- 6-10 Omitted
- 11-12 No change to INTSUM No 9-67.

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1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 21-67, CP location YS4366.

Period covered from 210001H to 212400H Jan 67.

Summary of Enemy Activity for the period. There were three contacts with Task Force elements during the period.

(1) (211600H) B/6RAR discovered a cache of 4 tons of paddy rice at YS507684. The rice was destroyed.

(2) (212125H) 1 Fd Sqn Engrs contacted 7 people moving in front of their position from WEST to EAST. They were engaged with SA fire. Results unknown.

(3) (212152H) A standing patrol of 6RAR engaged 5 VC with SA and mortars at YS448666. No results.

(4) (212220H) A/6RAR detonated a claymore at 2 persons on the wire at YS44956780. No results.

b-c Omitted.

d. Air Activity.

(1) Late Entry. (201700H). The LFT sighted new bunkers at YS548770. A well, tunnel and bunkers and weapon pits at YS535777. Also, 3 men were sighted in the area.

(2) (210945H) A sighting was made of foot trails leading to the entrances of 2 tunnels on the NE side of a small clearing at YS392702.

(3) (211120H) The LFT dispersed a VC road block at YS462819.

(4) (211410H) There is quite a bit of digging in the area of YS539720 with a trail leading to a possible base camp.

(5) (211415H) FAC sighted some trails and a cleared area under trees at YS587726. He suspects it to be a camp site.

(6) (211630H) LFT received an unknown number of rounds of ground fire from the vicinity of YS550576.

e-h Omitted

Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. Nil

b. Nil

c. Report of Detainees and Returnees for Period 15 Jan to 21 Jan 67

a. Summary of Detainees.

- 1: 13
- 2: 2
- 3: NIL
- 4: NIL
- 5: 11

b. Omitted

- c. Nguyen Van Ne
- Ngo Thi Xoai
- Nguyen Thi Buom
- Duong Ban Khach
- Vo Tui
- Tran Thi Be

- Ngo Van Co
- Nguyen Thi Thanh
- Le Van Khanh
- Huynh Van Hoa
- Tran Van Thuan

d. Disposition of doubtful cases. The names mentioned above are all located at Sector with the S2 for further interrogation.

e. Nil

5. No change to Intsum No 8-67

6-10 Omitted

11-12 No change to Intsum No 9-67.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTERUM No 19-67, CP location Y64366.
2. Period covered from 190001H to 192400H January 67.
3. Summary of enemy activity for the period. There were NO contacts with Task Force elements during the period.

a. Ground Activity.

b-c Omitted.

d. Air Activity.

(1) (190930H). An aircraft was fired on from Y622806. The aircraft was not damaged.

(2) (191200H) An airstrike was conducted on Y622806 where ground fire was received by aircraft. Results were: 1 oxcart trail uncovered and cut.


(3) (191400H). 65 cattle and three people were headed SOUTH at Y6385685. They were first engaged by ART but continued to head SOUTH. Arty then engaged with the result that some cattle were killed and the remainder fled SOUTH. The people with them fled and dispersed.

(4) (191407H). At Y6553748 there is a garden under the trees with a foot trail leading to it. Two trails led into the area of Y6553743 which looks like a possible camp. 1 VC was spotted and artillery engaged. No further results.

(5) (191530). An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp area at Y6608775. It resulted in 1 secondary fire, no further results.

(6). (191740H). Visual recon reported that between Y630653 and Y611680, along Route 328, there was evidence of very fresh heavy vehicle tracks.

5. No change to INTERUM 8-67.
- 6-10 Omitted
- 11-12 No change to INTERUM No 9-67.


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SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
200001H to 202400H Jan 67.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)

COPY TO: HQ AFV
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam.

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 1 ATF continued Operation WOLLONGONG with 5RAR, 6RAR, Task Force artillery. Platoon patrolling of TACR continued. There was negative contact.

(ii) BRAC.

a. Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

b. Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(iii) A Coy 3 Cav Regt conducted maintenance and refit in 1 ATF base.

(iv) Task Force artillery continued Operation WOLLONGONG. 200940H 101 Battery deployed to Fire Support Base at YS455782. 103 Battery remained deployed. A total of 34 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(v) 5RAR continued Operation WOLLONGONG. There was negative contact.

(vi) 6RAR continued Operation WOLLONGONG. There was negative contact.

(vii) Air Support. At 201430H a planned airstrike was conducted on to a VC base camp at YS57732. Results were two small secondary fires and one large secondary fire with brown smoke.

(viii) Plans for the next 24 hours. Operation WOLLONGONG continues. Platoon patrolling of the TACR continues.

b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through (9) no change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

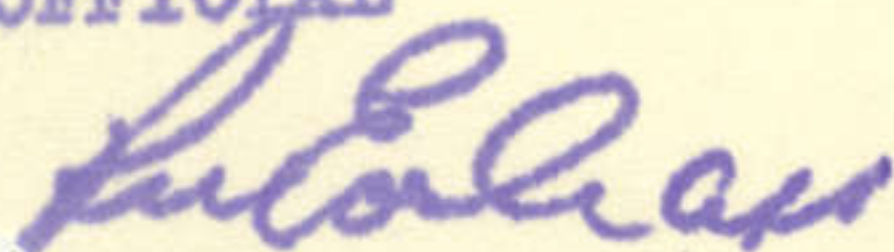
C. Objectives no change
D. Forces
K. Losses/Damages
K1 NIL
K2 NIL
K3 NIL
K4 NIL
K5 Company NIL
Platoon 5
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20 Jan 67

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (CITREP)
From 190001H to 192400H Jan 67.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)

COPY TO: II AFV (2)
HQ IZ Force, Vietnam

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 1 ATF continued Operation WOLONGONG with 5RAR and Task Force artillery with negative contact. Platoon patrolling of the TACH continued with negative contact.

(ii) RRRP.

a. Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours - NIL.

b. Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours - NIL.

(iii) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt from 1400H to 1900H assisted Sector forces in a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of YS5357. There was negative contact.

(iv) Task Force artillery is supporting 5RAR on Operation WOLONGONG and at 0746H 103 Battery moved to YS467716 with D/5RAR as protection. Negative H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

(v) 5RAR continued Operation WOLONGONG. There was negative contact.

(vi) 6RAR continued Operation WOLONGONG. There was negative contact.

(vii) AIR Support. At 1125H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to a VC Base Camp at YS622806. Results were 100% on target and exact trail uncovered and cut. At 1450H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to a VC Base camp at YS608775. Results were 100% on target and one secondary fire with white smoke.

(viii) Plans for the next 24 hours. Operation WOLONGONG continues. Platoon patrolling of 5RAR continues.

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b. Major Unit Operations
(1) through (9) no change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C.	Objective				
C1	Phuoc Tuy	Search and Destroy	190700H/190700H	190700H/	continuing
D.	Forces				
D1	5RAR	C1	190700H/Continuing	Aust	NIL
K.	Losses/Damages				
K1	NIL				
K2	NIL				
K3	NIL				
K4	NIL				
K5	Company - 3				
	Platoon - 3				
	Squad - 3				

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NOTE: Para 1 of INTSUM for 17 January 67 should read: INTSUM No 17-67.

2. PERIOD COVERED: From 180001H to 182400H January 67.

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) (181600H). 5 RAR detained 5 male and 4 female suspects during a cordon and search operation of HOA-LONG village (YS4264). The detainees are being held for further interrogation.

(2) (182209H). A standing patrol of the 1/83 observed two groups of VC, 4-6 VC in each group. One group was South of YS415655 and the second group was West of that area. The area was engaged by artillery with unknown results.

b-c. Omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) (180835H). FAC observed heavy ox-cart tracks on a trail from YS380800 to YS420830.

(2) (180355H). FAC observed signs of ox-cart traffic since an airstrike at YS521843. The trail leads to and across a ford at YS511831 where traffic is heavier.

(3) (181200H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC squad at YS403802 following a friendly patrol contact. No BDA due to foliage.

(4) (181015H). The pilot of a FAC believes that he was fired upon, possibly by a Recoilless Rifle at YS522675. A LPT was despatched to check the area with negative results. (ENI).

(5) (181222H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC base camp at YS587763 resulting in one small secondary fire of grey smoke. No further BDA.

(6) (181355H). FAC observed fresh red dirt diggings in 7-8 different places in the area of YS398811.

(7) (181450H). FAC observed fresh diggings under trees at YS431810. Also a trail under trees at YS431808.

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4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

a. Nil.

b. PW

RETURNEES

DETAINEES

Nil

Nil

9 Doubtful cases.

5. No change to INTSUI No 8-67.

6-10. Omitted.

11-12. No change to INTSUI No 9-57.

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1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 16-67, CP location YS4366.

2. PERIOD COVERED: From 170001H to 172400H January 67.

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR PERIOD:

a. GROUND ACTIVITY: Nil.

b-c. Omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) (171025H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS568689. The strike was 90% on target and 100% target coverage. There was no bomb damage assessment.

(2) (171050H). There appears to be an occupied dug in position at YS342837. Two columns of smoke were extinguished after aircraft flew over. A lot of freshly dug weapon pits about 5 metres apart are under canopy. The ground has been well trampled in this area.

(3) (171050H). Visual recon reported truck tracks leading into a patch of bush at YS592706. The track heads NE to Route 328.

(4) (171200H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS372773. Results were:- 1 foot bridge destroyed, 1 hut destroyed, and 2 secondary fires which produced black smoke.

(5) (171615H). FAC reported an ox cart trail and footpath at YS573733. It has been well used and is well hidden.

(6) (171730H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC area at YS590815. The strike was 80% on target with 100% target coverage. Results no further bomb damage assessment.

4. NIL.

5. No change to INTSUM No 8-67.

6-10. Omitted.

11-12. No change to INTSUM No 9-67.

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1. Australian Task Force INTSUM No 16-67, CP location YS4366.

2. PERIOD COVERED: From 160001H to 162400H January 67.

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR PERIOD:

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) Late entry. (152226H). Atk Pl/6RAR had a contact with 6 VC at YS431625. Result of the contact was 1 VC KIA (BG) and 1 weapon captured. (FRI).

(2) (161040H). A/5RAR found two tunnels at YS416642. One tunnel extended for 10 feet and the other extended for a total of 30 feet.

(3) (162028H). S/C/6RAR engaged 2 VC at YS449667. 6 RAR mortars engaged and an Arty BF was fired. VC withdrew SSE after the contact, no further results known.

b. Omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) (161330H). An airstrike was previously conducted at YS569682 but the road is still being used. A foot path branches South from the road at YS584685 and seems to terminate at YS586675 in dense trees.

(2) (161615H). Gunship received 1 round of SA fire at YS578729 and observed one man running. Engaged with minigun and rockets. Aircraft flying height 100ft and speed 90 knots.

(3) (161635H). An airstrike was conducted on YS373785. No bomb damage assessment due to foliage.

(4) (161804H). Gunships received heavy ground fire from YS384755. Area was engaged with artillery concentration, no further results known.

4. Enemy Personnel and Eqpt Losses.

a. KIA By	CONFIRMED	POSSIBLE
Ground forces	1	-

b-d. Omitted.

5. No change to INTSUM No 8-67.

6-10. Omitted.

11-12. No change to INTSUM No 9-67.

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1. Australian Task Force INTSUM No 14-67. GP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 140001H to 142400H January 1967.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a-c. Omitted.
 - d. AFR ACTIVITY:
 - (1) (141524H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC camp at YS358794. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage; there was one small secondary fire with white smoke and 1 hooch was destroyed.
 - e-h. Omitted.
4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:
 - a. Nil.
 - b. Nil.
 - c. Weekly Status Report of Detainees and Returnees for Period 08 January 67 to 14 January 67.
 - a. Summary of Detainees.
 - (1) 14.
 - (2) Nil.
 - (3) Nil.
 - (4) Nil.
 - (5) 14.
 - b. Data PW/Returnees - Nil.
 - c. Names of Doubtful Cases -
Total Numbers of Doubtful Cases - (15).
 - (1) Carried over from return 7 Jan 67
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 - (2) Detained during period 8 Jan 67 - 14 Jan 67 - 14.

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NGUYEN VAN LOI	NGUYEN VAN THANH
NGUYEN VAN TUONG	NGUYEN VAN TRON
PHAN VAN LOC	TRAN VAN DA
 - e. Additional Comments.
Reference report 7 January 67 - amendment -

Total Number released as innocent civilians	13
Doubtful cases	1
Total detainees	14

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5. No change to INTSUM No 8-67.
6-10. Omitted.
11-12. No change to Intsum No 9-67

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1. 1 Australian Task Force LINESUM No 15-67, OP location YB4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 150001H to 152400H January 67.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) (150132H). C/GRAR sighted lights at approx YB451670, the area was engaged with mortars and searched later this morning with negative results. FRI.

b-c. Omitted.

a. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) Late entry. (141430H). Visual reconnaissance observed a heavy concentration of recently well used trails in the area of YB5471. The area of prime concentration was around YB543716.

(2) (150805H). Visual reconnaissance observed many heavily used trails in the Northern portion of YB5567.

(3) (151040H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC base camp and supply area at YB352842. BDA revealed three cuts in a trail and one resting area destroyed. No further BDA due to foliage.

(4) (151405H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC camp at YB595825. One small fire producing white smoke resulted and one trench was destroyed. No further BDA due to foliage.

e-g. Omitted.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) (13 Jan 67). A Sympathiser revealed that there are many trenches and individual weapon pits North-East of HWY 15 in the vicinity of YB255695. The pits are reported to be 150 metres from the road, camouflaged with grass and leaves. The pits etc, are two days old. The source also stated that a squad of VC often come to this area to observe movement of troops.

4. Nil.

5. No change to LINESUM No 8-67.

6-10. Omitted.

11-12. No change to LINESUM No 9-67.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 13-67, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 130001H to 132400H January 1967.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR PERIOD: There was no contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) (131115H). 8/C/6 RAR located a fresh track running NORTH SOUTH at YS488677. The track was made last night or early this morning and then covered with dry leaves.

b-c. Omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) (131130H). FAC received very light small arms fire in the area of YS571780 where there were rice mats visible. Height and flying speed are not known.

(2) (131830H). There are numerous new foot trails entering a suspected cache at YS571644. Ox carts in the area are still being heavily used. COMMENT. Despite a heavy Artillery and Airstrike programme in this area, track activity continues to indicate that the VC are still regularly using the area.

e-h. Omitted.

4. Nil.
5. No change to Intsum No 8-67.
- 6 - 10. Omitted.
- 11 - 12. No change to Intsum No 9-67.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 11-67. CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: 110001H to 112400H January 1967.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
 - (1) (111145H). A/5 RAR located and destroyed a small foot-bridge and 5 small dams at YS426773.
 - (2) (111145H). Recce Pl/5 RAR located a hide for 5 men at YS424766. It was one week old.
 - b-c. Omitted.
 - d. AIR ACTIVITY:
 - (1) (101545H). In the NORTH WEST area of square YS3579 visual reconnaissance found signs of cart traffic entering the area. There are heavily used foot trails throughout the area indicating a possible VC base camp location.
 - (2) (101545H). Visual reconnaissance found possible base camp locations at YS372773 and YS375772.
 - (3) (110845H). An airstrike was conducted on YS589670. It was 100% on target and had 100% coverage; 1 hooch was destroyed and there was one secondary fire with white smoke. The secondary fire was still burning at 1210H. Sheets of corrugated iron covered what FAC believed to be rice. It was all destroyed by the fire.
4. Nil.
5. No change to INTSUM No 8-67.
- 6-10. Omitted.
- 11-12. No change to INTSUM No 9-67.

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2. PERIOD COVERED: From 120001H to 122400H January 1967.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a-c. Omitted.
 - d. AIR ACTIVITY:
 - (1). (121023H). An airstrike was conducted against VC ground forces at YS359794. No BDA due to foliage.
 - (2). (121625H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC base camp at YS358795. One hootch was destroyed, no further BDA due to smoke and foliage.
 - e-h. Omitted.
4. Nil.
5. No change to INTSUM No 8-67.
- 6-10. Omitted.
- 11-12. No change to INTSUM No 9-67.


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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 10-67, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 100001H to 102400H January 67.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There was ONE contact with Task Force Elements during the period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) (101330H). A search was conducted in BINH BA village (YS450740). Twelve 200lb bags of rice were confiscated and 14 VC suspects were detained.

(2) (101757H). Elements of 5 RAR had a contact at YS434766 with 7 VC. 3/A/5 RAR tried to apprehend the VC but were unable to do so and Arty engaged the area. Results unknown.

b-c. Omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) (100825H). A FAC aircraft picked up small arms fire looked like 30cal at YS324648. No further results.

e-h. Omitted.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES .

a. Nil.

b. PW	Returnees	Detainees
-	-	14

5. No change to INTSUM No 8-67.

6-10. Omitted.

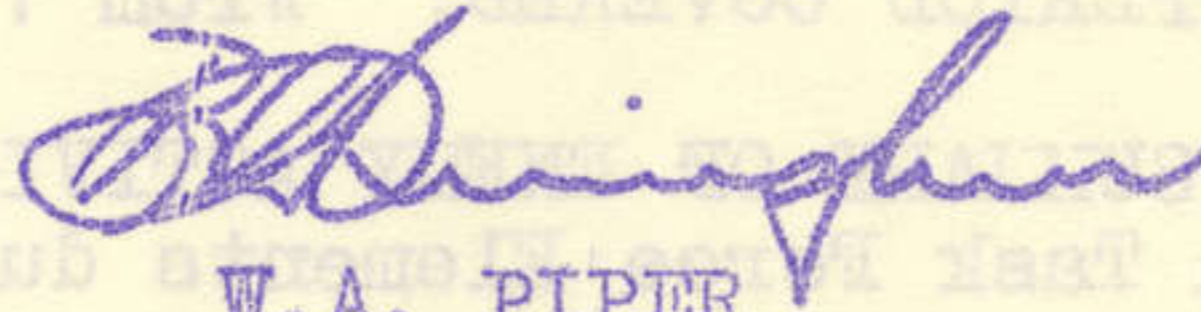
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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 9-67, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 090001H to 092400H January 67
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a-c. Omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) (091700H). Visual reconnaissance observed trail activity at YS374744 indicating a possible VC base camp. Also two very heavily used foot trails in the top Eastern area of grid square YS3677. The direction and the destination of the trails could not be determined due to long shadows. The area is to be further checked.

(2) (091400H). Visual reconnaissance observed what appeared to be a slit trench or weapon pit being dug under the trees at YS433814.

h. Omitted.

4. Nil.

5. No change to INTSUM No 8-67.

6-10. Omitted.

11. CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES:

a. Main force units are capable of launching ambushes along Highways 1 and 15 and also IP Route 2. On ground of their own choosing they also maintain the capacity to inflict heavy casualties on isolated allied units.

b. VC units remain vulnerable to artillery and air-strikes and are restricted by a slowly improving, but still inflexible logistical system.

12. CONCLUSIONS:

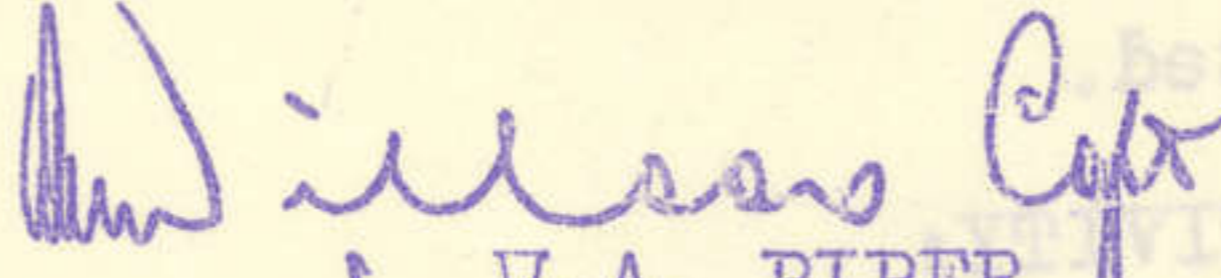
a. In view of US operations NW of the HAT-DITCH area, 274 Regt may move EAST across IP Route 2 to a safe training area in preparation for the monsoon offensive. According to NAM HUNG's notebook however, the second phase of 274 Regt Winter-Spring campaigns involves attacks against Highway 15 and IP Route 2 North of NUI-DAT. 274 Regt's present disposition makes both plans feasible.

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b. 275 Regt's plans are probably aimed at ambushes and quick attacks against Highway 1 and isolated outposts in LONG-KHANH.

c. Local and Provincial forces will continue their normal roles and assist main force plans wherever possible.


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1. Australian Task Force INTSUM No 7-67. CP location 4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 070001H to 072400H January 67.
3. SUMMARY OF MILITARY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were NO contacts for the reporting period.
 - a. NIL.
 - b-c. OMITTED.
 - d. AIR ACTIVITY:
 - (1) LATE ENTRY. (061725H). A trail running from EAST to WEST through the woods at YB612776 has had heavy use recently.
 - (2) (071010). An airstrike was conducted on a VC camp at YS588662. The strike was 75% on target with 75% target coverage. No further results due to smoke and foliage.
 - (3) (071215H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC camp at YB376723. The strike resulted in 2 small huts being destroyed.
 - (4) (071540H). An airstrike was conducted at YB607738. The result was that the road is still NOT satisfactorily cut, and 2 - 1000lb bombs dropped were DUDS and are still lying somewhere beside the road.
4. MILITARY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.
 - a. NIL.
 - b. NIL.
 - c. Weekly Status Report of Detainees and Returnees for period 1 Jan 67 to 7 Jan 67.
 - a. Summary of Detainees.

(1)	14
(2)	14
(3)	NIL
(4)	NIL
(5)	NIL
 - b. Data - PW/Returnees. NIL.
 - c. Doubtful cases. NIL.
5. No change to INTSUM No 102.
- 6.- 10. OMITTED.
11. No change to INTSUM No 153.
12. No change to INTSUM No 196.

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2. PERIOD COVERED: From 080001H to 082400H January 1967.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a - h. OMITTED.
4. NIL.
5. OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS:
 - a. National Highway 15. (PHU MY to BARIA). Amber.
 - b. National Highway 15. (BARIA to VUNG TAU). Green.
 - c. I.P. 2. (BARIA to NUI DAT). Green.
 - d. I.P. 2. (NUI DAT to YS460775). Amber.
 - e. I.P. 2. (From YS460775 to YS460820). Red.
- 6.-10. OMITTED.
11. No change to INTSUM No 153.
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2. PERIOD COVERED: From 060001H to 062400H. January 1967.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. NIL.
 - b - c OMITTED
 - d. AIR ACTIVITY:
 - (1) (061124H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC camp area at YS520714. Resulted in one secondary fire with white smoke. No further BDA
 - (2) (061240H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC base camp at YS608738 and YS612734. No BDA.
 - e - h OMITTED
4. OMITTED
5. No change to INTSUM No 102.
- 6.-10. OMITTED
11. No change to INTSUM No 153.
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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 5 - 67, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 050001H to 052400H January 1967.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
 - (1) LATE ENTRY (042128H). There was a lot of movement and 5 lights were sighted at YS437741. Mortars were fired from BINH BA and the VC moved SOUTH. In square YS4575 2 more lights were sighted. They moved WEST.
 - b - c OMITTED
 - d. AIR ACTIVITY:
 - (1) (050900H). An airstrike was conducted in the area of YS608738, YS612734 and YS603748. One road was cut.
 - (2) (051300H). An airstrike was conducted against YS572816 and YS585755. At YS572816 there was one secondary fire.
 - (3) (051520H). An airstrike was conducted against the area of YS402803. One trench was destroyed and there was one secondary fire with grey smoke.
 - e - h OMITTED
4. NIL.
5. No change to INTSUM No 102
6. - 10. OMITTED.
11. No change to INTSUM No 153.
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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 4-67. CP location YS4366
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 040001H to 042400H January 67.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There was one contact with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
 - (1) (042120H). C/5 RAR had a contact with one VC at YS423623. The contact resulted in one VC KIA (BC). (FRI).
 - b - c OMITTED.
 - d. AIR ACTIVITY:
 - (1) (040800H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC bridge and training area at YS589673 and YS629653. Results unknown.
 - (2) (041140H). An airstrike was conducted on YS282727. Result was one bridge destroyed, other BDA unknown.
 - (3) (041315H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp at YS574816. It resulted in 3 large bunkers being destroyed and 50 meters of trench and numerous weapon pits being uncovered.
 - (4) (041645H). VR spotted 2 VC hiding in a tree at YS589664. Artillery engaged resulting in 2 VC KIA (poss).
 - (5) (041730H). There are numerous well used foot trails in area YS5566; YS5570, YS6066, YS 6070, since those reported on 2 Jan 67. There is considerable activity in the area and in comparison it greatly exceeds any other area in the TAOR. Possible caches or base camps as indicated by trails are at:- YS556677, YS557687, YS571683, YS566682, YS573667, YS586660, and YS576684.
 - (6) (041915H). An airstrike was conducted on a VC supply area at YS498811. The strike resulted in 2 secondary fires, one producing white smoke and the other black smoke. There were also two secondary explosions of medium size.
 - e. OMITTED.
 - f. SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS:
 - (1) Friendly aircraft.
 - (2) 6 - 750 GPs.
6 - 750 Napalm
20mm cannon
 - (3) 2
 - (4)
 - (5) Unknown
 - (6)
 - g - h OMITTED.
4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:
 - a. KIA by

	CONFIRMED	POSSIBLE
Ground Forces	1	NIL
Artillery	-	2
TOTALS	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
5. No change to INTSUM No 102.

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- 6.-10. OMITTED
- 11. No change to INTSUM No 153.
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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No3 - 67, location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED from 03000H to 032400H January 67.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There was one incident of a LFT receiving ground fire during the reporting period and one ground contact.
 - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:
 - (1). (031553H). A LFT heard three AW's firing in grid square YS3870. The aircraft was then fired upon 500 meters north-west of an LZ at YS391702. No hits were recorded. (ENI).
 - (2). (031915H). Elements of 5 RAR challenged one VC at YS395636, the VC ran and was then shot and captured. The VC was evacuated to this location where he claimed to be an innocent fisherman. He is to be evacuated to VUNG TAU for hospitalization. (PRI).
 - b - c. Omitted.
 - d. AIR ACTIVITY:
 - (1). (031000H). An airstrike was conducted against suspected VC locations at YS541799, YS520827 and YS540807. Negative BDA.
 - (2). (031045H). A FAC sighted truck tracks running parallel to the road at YS622666.
 - (3). (031110H). A visual reconnaissance aircraft observed many recently used foot trails under cover of trees in vicinity of YS577732. Possibly a base camp.
 - (4). (031120H). Visual reconnaissance observed a possible VC base camp at YS585755. Many recently used foot trails exist in the area under the cover of trees.
 - (5). (031505H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC base camp at YS587809. Negative BDA.
 - (6). (031730H). An airstrike was conducted against a VC base camp at YS400821. Negative BDA.
 - e - f. Omitted.
 - g. Not known.
 - h. Nil
4. ENEMY PERSONAL AND EQUIPMENT LOSS ES:
 - a. Nil.
 - b.

<u>PW</u>	<u>RETURNEES</u>	<u>DETAINEEES</u>
VCPW 1.	-	-
 - c. Nil.
5. No change to INTSUM No 102.
- 6.-10. Omitted.
11. No change to INTSUM No 153.

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12. No change to INTSUM NO 196.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 2-67, CP location YS4366.
NOTE: Delete INTSUM No 213 from Para 1 of INTSUM 1 Jan 67 Insert INTSUM No 1-67.
2. PERIOD COVERED from 020001H to 032400H Jan 67.
3. SUMMARY of ENEMY ACTIVITY for the PERIOD. There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

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d. AIR ACTIVITY

(1) LATE ENTRY (011730H) VR reported that foot trails have had heavy use in squares YS5568, YS5567, YS5666, YS5766, YS5667, YS5668 and YS5966.

(2) (020747H) An airstrike was conducted against a VC base camp at YS350824. There was 1 secondary fire with white smoke.

(3) (020827H) An airstrike was conducted against a VC camp area at YS313732. Negative BDA.

(4) (021000H) VR reported that a trail at YS4367 runs parallel with the river to the NORTH-WEST and around the WEST side of the mountain at YS5271. The trail shows extensive recent use.

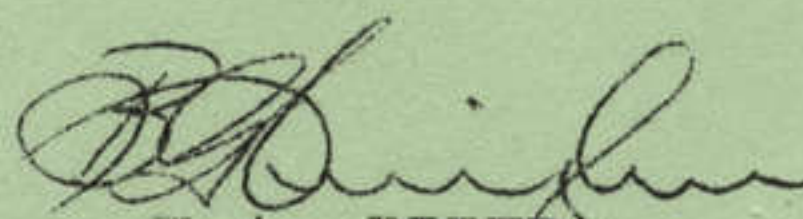
(5) (021030H) VR reported that Route 328 has been heavily used in the past 24 hours by motor vehicle and oxcart traffic.

(6) (021051H) An airstrike was conducted against a VC training area at YS553746. There was one secondary fire with white smoke.

(7) (021715H) An airstrike was conducted at YS608759. Negative BDA.

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4. NIL
5. No change to INTSUM No 102
- 6-10 OMITTED
11. No change to INTSUM No 153
12. No change to INTSUM No 196.


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HEAD QUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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29 Jan 67

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)

TO: Commanding General

II Field Force, Vietnam (4)

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
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1. Operations Summary

a. General

- (1) 1 ATF continued Operation WOLLONGONG with minor contact. Patrolling of TAOR continued with negative contact.
- (2) LRRP.
 - (a) No of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.
 - (b) No of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL.
- (3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt conducted two road patrols with negative contact. At 282820H the Squadron deployed with CP 6 RAR and A/6 RAR to YS385679.
- (4) Task Force Artillery continued Operation WOLLONGONG. Locations remain unchanged. A total of 36 II and I missions were fired in the reporting period.
- (5) 5 RAR continued Operation WOLLONGONG. At 281450H at YS352711 A/5RAI contacted 6 local VC dressed in greens and bush hats. VC were moving NORTH and were engaged at short range. Leading VC was soon to be hit and they fled NORTH. A follow up of a blood trail was with negative results. Result 1 VC WIA, 3 Aust WIA.
- (6) 6 RAR continued Operation WOLLONGONG. At 281200H at YS340685 D/6 RAR contacted one local VC armed with an automatic weapon. Fire was exchanged and VC fled SOUTH WEST. Results are unknown. At 281705H D/6 RAR at YS348684 found two groups of 8 huts each. One group had been occupied within previous 24 hours and hastily abandoned. Some documents, equipment and ammunition were recovered, and will be evacuated. Huts were destroyed. At 281820H CP 6 RAR and A/6 RAR deployed by APCs to YS385679 and CO 6 RAR took command of A/5 RAR in addition to D/6 RAR.
- (7) Air Support. At 281110H at YS381302 a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to a VC base camp. There was negative BDA due to smoke and foliage. At 281400H at YS653622 a diverted airstrike expended on a VC base area. There was negative BDA due to smoke and foliage. At 281620H Light Fire Team sighted 9 VC in steel helmets at YS357697. Area was engaged with unknown results. An immediate airstrike was conducted on the area and results were one secondary fire with black smoke and one hut destroyed.
- (8) Plans for next 24 hours. Operation WOLLONGONG continues.

b. Major Unit Operations.

- (1) through (8) no change.

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(9) Losses (accumulative.

Aust	Enemy
3 WIA	2 KIA (BC) 1 WIA

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives no change.

D. Forces.

D1. D/6 RAR	C2	281200H/281215H	Aust	NIL	NIL.
D2. A/5 RAR	C2	281450H/281530H	Aust	NIL	NIL.

K. Losses/Damages.

K1. Enemy Losses.

D1. D/6 RAR	1/Unk	Unk	NIL	NIL.
D2. A/5 RAR	6/Unk	1 WIA	NIL	NIL.

K2. Enemy Damages.

D3. D/6 RAR	Unk/Unk	16 huts	Documents Ammunition Equipment
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K3. Friendly Losses.

D2. A/5 RAR	6/Unk	3 WIA	NIL	NIL
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K4. NIL

K5. Company NIL

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NUI DAT

28 Jan 67

REF: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
270001, to 272400H Jan 67.

TO: Commanding General,
II Field Force, Vietnam.

FROM: HQ AFV
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam,
ALSG

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

1. 1 ATF continued Operation WOLLONGONG with minor contact. Platoon patrolling continued.

2. LRRP

a. Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

b. Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL.

3. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt remained in 1ATF Base.

4. Task Force artillery continued to support Operation WOLLONGONG with negative contact. Locations are unchanged. 26 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

5. 5RAR continued Operation WOLLONGONG with some contact. At 271655H at YS354712 A/5RAR contacted 25 local VC. Results were 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC WIA (BT) and also 24 rounds of M1 Garand ammunition was recovered. VC withdrew to SOUTH.

6. 6RAR continued Operation WOLLONGONG with minor contact. At 271600H at YS346682 D/6RAR contacted an estimated two squads of VC. Results are unknown. VC withdrew SOUTH WEST. At 1000H D/6RAR was airlifted to YS385690. At 1030H C/6RAR was airlifted from YS305633 to 1ATF base. At 1400H B/6RAR was airlifted to the FSB at YS303636 and A/6RAR was airlifted from there to the 1ATF Base.

8. Air Support. At 1140H an airstrike on a VC base camp at YS573729 exposed one bunker and started one secondary fire with white smoke. Negative further BDA due to smoke and foliage. At 1215H an airstrike on a VC base camp at YS541713 was 100% on target. Negative BDA due to foliage. At 1430H an airstrike on a VC tunnel and bunker system at YS527743 uncovered one bunker. At 1711H an immediate airstrike in support of troops in contact struck YS355706. Followup to be made morning of 28 Jan by A/5RAR.

8. Plans for next 24 hours. Operation WOLLONGONG continues.

b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through (8) no change.	
(9) AUST	ENEMY
NIL	2 VC KIA (BC)

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2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change
D. Forces
D1 A/5RAR 1655H/1715H AUST Immediate Airstrike/LFT NIL
K. Losses/Damages
K1 Enemy
D1 A/5RAR 25/UNK 1/NIL NIL 25 rounds M1 Garand
K2 NIL
K3 NIL
K4 NIL
K5 Company 2
Platoon 1
Squad 3

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NUI DAT

27 Jan 67

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
260001H to 262400H Jan 67

TO: Commanding General,
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)

COMINTO: HQ AFV (2).
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1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ACF continued Operation WOLLONGONG with minor contact. Patrolling of TAOR continued with negative contact.

(2) LRRP.

a. Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

b. Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - ONE.

(3) A Sq. 3 Cav Regt conducted escort patrols. There was no negative contact.

(4) Task Force artillery continued Operation WOLLONGONG. Locations remain unchanged. A total of 27 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(5) 5RAR continued Operation WOLLONGONG. At 261916H, A/5RAR contacted 15 VC. VC were moving from NORTH to SOUTH and were wearing greens, bush hats and had their weapons slung. Results were 2 VC KIA probable with groans from mortars heard. VC fled NORTH. A wounded VC was heard.

(6) 6RAR continued Operation WOLLONGONG. There was negative contact.

(7) Air Support. At 261345H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to a VC base camp at YS378803. There was one secondary fire with black smoke. At 261425H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to a VC base camp at YS572817. A bunker was destroyed.

(8) Plans for next 24 hours. Operation WOLLONGONG will continue. Platoon patrolling of TAOR continues

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (8) no change.

(9) Losses/(accumulative)
AUST ENEMY
NIL 2 KIA probable

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change.

D. Forces

D1 A/5RAR C2 261915H/262000H Aust NIL NIL

K. Losses/Damage

K1 Enemy

D1 A/5RAR 15/JNK 2KIA (prob) UNK UNK

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K2	NIL	
K3	NIL	
K4	NIL	
K5	Company	NIL
	Platoon	
	Signal	3

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26 Jan 67

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
250001H to 252400H Jan 6 7.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
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1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY.

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation WOLLONGONG with negative contact. Company and platoon patrolling of the TAOR continued with negative contact.

(2) LRRP.

a. Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

b. Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt remained in 1 ATF base.

(4) Task Force artillery continued in support of Operation WOLLONGONG. Locations remained unchanged. 28 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(5) 5RAR continued Operation WOLLONGONG with negative contact.

(6) 6RAR continued Operation WOLLONGONG with negative contact.

(7) Air Support. At 0915H a replanned airstrike onto VC base camps at YS390810 and YS399812 destroyed two tunnels. At 1420H a replanned airstrike on a VC staging area at YS527747 exposed a tunnel entrance and started a secondary fire with white smoke from the tunnel.

(8) Plans for the next 24 hours. Operation WOLLONGONG continues.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (9) no change

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives No change.
D. Forces
K. Losses/Damages
K1 NIL
K2 NIL
K3 NIL
K4 NIL
K5 Company 2
Platoon 3
Squad 3

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25 Jan 67

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
Period 240001H to 242400H Jan 67.

TO: Commanding General,
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)

COPY TO: HQ AFV
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam
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1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 1 ATF continued Operation WOLLONGONG. There was negative contact. Patrolling of TAOR continued with negative contact.

(ii) LRRP.

a. Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL

b. Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(iii) Task Force artillery continued Operation WOLLONGONG. At 241100H 101 Battery deployed to new fire support base at YS303637. 103 Battery closed to 1 ATF base at 241530H. A total of 27 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(iv) 5RAR continued Operation WOLLONGONG. There was negative contact.

(v) 6RAR continued Operation WOLLONGONG. There was negative contact.

(vi) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt conducted road patrols. There was negative contact.

(vii) Air Support. At 240715H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to a VC base camp at YS392809. Some bunkers and trenches were uncovered but there was negative further BDA due to foliage. At 241000H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to a VC base camp at YS398811. There was negative BDA due to smoke and foliage. At 241215H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on a VC camp at YS392809. 300 feet of trench and 8 foxholes were uncovered.


(viii) Plans for the next 24 hours. Operation WOLLONGONG continues. Patrolling of TAOR continues.

i. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through (9) no change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives no change.
D. Forces
K. Losses/Damages
K1 NIL
K2 NIL
K3 NIL
K4 NIL
K5 Company NIL
Platoon 2
Squad 3



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24 Jan 67

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 230000H to 232400H Jan 67.

Commanding General
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1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 1 ATF continued Operation WOLLONGONG with negative contact. Company and platoon patrolling of the EAOR continued with negative contact.

(ii) LRMP.

(a) No of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration
= NIL.

(b) No of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration
= ONE.

(iii) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt remained in 1 ATF base until 231500H when they lifted B/5 RAR from YS465731 to 1 ATF base.

(iv) Task Force artillery continued in support of Operation WOLLONGONG. Locations remained unchanged except elements of Battery A 2/35 Artillery Battalion who returned to 1 ATF base at 231525H after supporting Sector Forces operations from DAF DO YS5060. 19 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(v) 5 RAR continued Operation WOLLONGONG with negative contact. At 231720H C/5 RAR found a number of gardening tools in a hut at YS542696.

(vi) 6 RAR continued company and platoon patrolling of the EAOR with negative contact.

(vii) Air Support. At 231610H a preplanned airstrike was diverted onto a VC camp area at YS360796. 100% on target but negative further BDA due to smoke and foliage.

(viii) Plans for next 24 hours. Operation WOLLONGONG continues, company and platoon patrolling continues.

b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through (9) no change.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

Objectives no change

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K1. NIL.

K2. NIL.

K3. NIL.

K4. NIL.

K5. Company Nil

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23 Jan 67

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
Period 220001H to 222400H Jan 67.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)

COPY TO: HQ AFV
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1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 1 ATF continued Operation WOLLONGONG with 5RAR, 6RAR and Task Force artillery. Platoon patrolling of TAOR continued. There was negative contact.

(ii) LR P.

a. Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

b. Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(iii) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt conducted maintenance and refit.

(iv) Task Force artillery continued Operation WOLLONGONG. Locations remain unchanged. A total of 16 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(v) 5RAR continued Operation WOLLONGONG. At 221500H, C/5RAR at YS554714 found a Regiment size camp. Camp had not been used for six months and will be destroyed later. There was negative contact.

(vi) 6RAR continued Operation WOLLONGONG. There was negative contact.

(vii) Air Support. At 221015H at YS575795 a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to a VC camp. There was negative BDA due to foliage.

(viii) Plans for the next 24 hours. Operation WOLLONGONG continues. Platoon patrolling continues.

b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through (9) no change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives no change.

D. Forces

K. Losses/Damages

K1 NIL

K2 NIL

K3 NIL

K4 NIL

K5 Company -- NIL

Platoon -- 3

Squad -- 3

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Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
Period 2200H to 2240H Jan 67.

TO:

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OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 AFV continued Operation WOLFOGOND with 2RAR, 2RAR and Tank Force artillery. Platoon patrolling at TACR continued. There was negative contact.

(11) IR P.

a. Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - Nil.

b. Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - Nil.

(11) A 2nd Coy Regt conducted reconnaissance and relief.

(iv) Tank Force artillery continued Operation WOLFOGOND. Positions remain unchanged. A total of 12 B and 1 platoon were fired in the reporting period.

(v) 2RAR continued Operation WOLFOGOND. At 221500H, 2RAR at 182540H found a Regiment also camp. Camp had not been used for six months and will be destroyed later. There was negative contact.

(vi) 2RAR continued Operation WOLFOGOND. There was negative contact.

(vii) Air Support. At 2310H at 182540H a planned attack was conducted on a VC camp. There was negative contact due to fog.

(viii) Plans for the next 24 hours. Operation WOLFOGOND continues. Platoon patrolling continues.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (3) no change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

- c. Objectives no change.
- d. Losses
- e. Losses/ Damages
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NUI DAT

22 Jan 67

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
Period 210001H to 212400H Jan 67.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
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1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 1ATF continued Operation Wollongong with 5RAR and Task Force artillery with negative contact. 6RAR continued company and platoon patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact. Between 2125H and 2245H approximately 7 persons were sighted at YS442644 moving WEST to EAST and were engaged with small arms and mortars with negative results.

(ii) LRRP

a. Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

b. Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(iii) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt escorted 2 Platoons of Battery A, 1/83 Artillery Bn from 1 ATF Base to YS508769 at 0700H and return at 1700H. Patrolling of Route 2 between YS462775 and YS4 YS437691 was carried out with negative contact.

(iv) Task Force artillery continued to support Operation WOLLONGONG. 2 Pl Bty A 1/83 Artillery Bn at 0700H moved to YS508769 to carry out tasks in support of 2TFV and returned at 1700H. At 2130H illumination was fired after approximately 7 persons were engaged outside 1 ATF Base at YS442664. There were 33 H and I missions fired during the reporting period.

(v) 5RAR continued Operation WOLLONGONG with negative contact.

(vi) 6RAR continued company and platoon patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact. At YS507684 at 0910H B/6RAR found and destroyed 4 tons of rice. At 2150H mortars engaged approximately 7 persons at YS448666. Negative results.

(vii) Air support. There were no airstrikes in the TAOR during the reporting period. VR continued with negative significant sightings.

(viii) Plans for the next 24 hours. Operation WOLLONGONG continues. Company and platoon patrolling of the TAOR continues

b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through (9) no change.

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2 . STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives no change
D. Forces
D1 B/6RAR 0910H/0945H Aust Nil Nil

K. Losses/Damages

K1 NIL

K2 B/6RAR NIL NIL 4 Ton rice

K3 NIL
K4 NIL

K5 Company 2
Platoon 2
Squad 3

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HUI DAT

19 Jan 67

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 180001H to 182400H Jan 67.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ II Field Force, Vietnam

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF terminated Operation CALDEN at 181815H. 24 persons were detained and will undergo further questioning. Platoon patrolling of TAOR continued with negative contact.

(2) IRRP.

(a) Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - Nil.

(b) Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - One.

(3) A Sqn 3 Coy Regt terminated Operation CALDEN and closed to 1 ATF base at 181815H. There was negative contact. At 182345H a section deployed to YB405655 to pick up a standing patrol.

(4) Task Force artillery fired a total of 20 H and I missions in the reporting period. At 182130H a patrol from 1/83 Bn sighted 12 VC at YB405655. Artillery was fired with unknown results.

(5) 5 RAR carried out Phase 3 of Operation CALDEN. The North West sector of the village of HOA LONG YB4164 was cordoned and searched and all locals interrogated. 9 persons were detained for further questioning and investigation. 5 RAR closed to 1 ATF base at 181815H.

(6) 6 RAR conducted Platoon size patrols of TAOR. There was negative contact.

(7) Air Support. At 181200H at YB403002 an immediate airstrike was conducted on to a known VC occupied area. All ordnance was on target but there was negative EDA due to foliage. At 181222H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to a VC camp at YB587763. There was negative EDA due to smoke and foliage.

(8) Plans for next 24 hours. Operation WOLLONGONG is to resume. Patrolling of TAOR is to continue.

b. Major Unit Operations.

- (1) through (7) no change
- (8) 181815H Jan 67
- (9) Losses (cumulative)

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Enemy

Nil

9 detainees

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2. STATISTIC 1. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change

D. Forces

E. Losses/Damage

K1. Heavy Losses

D1. 5RAR UKR/UKR 9 detainees NIL NIL

K2. NIL

K3. NIL

K4. NIL

K5. Company NIL
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18 Jan 67

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 170001H to 172400H Jan 67

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ IZ Force, Vietnam

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation CAMDEN with a cordon and search of the South East area of HOA LONG YB4164. There was negative contact.

(2) LRRP.

(a) Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(b) Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - TWO.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt took part in Operation CAMDEN with negative contact.

(4) Task Force artillery fired 34 H and I missions.

(5) 5 RAR remained in 1 ATF base area. Close TAOR patrols were conducted with negative contact.

(6) 6 RAR continued Operation CAMDEN with a cordon and search of the South East area of HOA LONG YB4164. Search commenced 170700H. Two VC suspects were detained.

(7) Air Support. At 0950H at YB568689 a preplanned airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp. Negative BDA. At 1130H at YB372773 a preplanned airstrike was conducted on a VC base camp. Results were one foot bridge and one hut destroyed, and two secondary fires. At 1705H at YB590815 a preplanned airstrike was diverted onto a VC area. Negative BDA.

(8) Plans for next 24 hours. Operation CAMDEN continues. Platoon patrolling of the TAOR continues.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (4) no change
(5) 6 RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
(6) through (9) no change

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2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change

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D. Forces

K. Losses/Damages

K1. NIL

K2. NIL

K3. NIL

K4. NIL

K5. Company	NIL
Platoon	2
Squad	3

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NUI DAT

17 Jan 67

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 160001H to 162400H Jan 67.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF conducted Operation CAMDEN a cordon and search of the North West area of HOA LONG YS4164. There was negative contact.

(2) LRRP.

(a) Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(b) Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - ONE.

(3) 1 APC Squadron took part in Operation CAMDEN with negative contact. 1 APC Squadron has been redesignated with immediate effect is named A Squadron 3 Cavalry Regiment. Official abbreviation for the new title is A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(4) Task Force artillery fired a total of 17 H and I missions in the reporting period. 103 Battery closed to its base location at 151331H.

(5) 5 RAR at 160430H initiated Operation CAMDEN a cordon and search of the North West village of HOA LONG YS4164. The cordon closed at 0650H and the area was searched in detail. On completion of search census was taken. Some medical supplies were found and evacuated.

(6) 6 RAR continued platoon patrolling of TAOR. At 162015H C/6RAR contacted 2 VC at YS449667. VC were moving from South and withdrew South. Results unknown.

(7) Air Support. At 161526H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to a VC camp at YS373785. There was negative BDA due to smoke and foliage.

(8) Plans for next 24 hours. Operation CAMDEN continued. Platoon patrolling of TAOR will continue.

b. Major Unit Operations

- (1) Operation CAMDEN
- (2) Cordon and search
- (3) Capture stores and supplies
- (4) PHUOC TUY YS000000
- (5) 5 RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav Regt, Combat Engineers
- (6) 1 ATF
- (7) 160430H Jan 67
- (8) Unknown
- (9) Nil

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2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objective

C1. No change

C2. No change

C3. PHUOC TUY YS000000 Cordon and Search CALDET 160430H/UNK

D. Forces

D1. C/6RAR C2 162015H/162030H AUST NIL NIL

K. Losses/Damages

K1. NIL

K2. NIL

K3. NIL

K4. NIL

K5. Company NIL

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 Squad 3

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TUI DAT

16 Jan

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 150001H to 152400H Jan 67.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation WONGKONG with negative contact. Platoon patrolling; continued with minor contact.

(2) IRUP.

(a) Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(b) Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(3) 1 APC Squadron remained in 1 ATF base area.

(4) Task Force artillery remained in support of Operation WONGKONG. 42 II and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(5) 5 RAR continued Operation WONGKONG until 151600H when all elements returned to 1 ATF base area.

(6) 6 RAR continued platoon patrolling of the TAOR. At 152207H at YS431625 a patrol contacted 6 VC moving EAST. Results 1 VC KIA (BC).

(7) Air Support. At 151040H a preplanned airstrike on VC camp and supply area at YS352842 cut a trail in three places and destroyed one rest area. Negative further BDA due to smoke and foliage. At 151405H a preplanned airstrike on VC base camp at YS593825 destroyed one trench and started a small fire. No further BDA due to smoke and foliage.

(8) Plans for next 24 hours. Phase I of Operation CALDER commences 160600H. Patrolling of the TAOR will continue.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (9) no change.

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2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives no change

D. Forces

D1. 6 RAR 152207H/152215H AUST NIL NIL

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Enemy Losses

D1. 6 RAR 6/UNK ONE/NIL NIL NIL

K2. NIL

K3. NIL

K4. NIL

K5. Company NIL
Platoon 3
Squad 3

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15 Jan 67.

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 140001H to 142400H Jan 67.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY.

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation WOLLONGONG with negative contact. Platoon patrolling of TAOR continued with negative contact.

(2) LRRP.

(a) Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - Nil.

(b) Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - One.

(3) 1 APC Squadron conducted patrolling of TAOR. There was negative contact.

(4) Task Force artillery fired a total of 24 H and I missions in the reporting period. Locations remain unchanged.

(5) 5 RAR continued Operation WOLLONGONG. There was negative contact. At 140930H A/5 RAR at YB40672G found the wreckage of a USAF O1 aircraft approximately 7 or 8 months old. Aircraft contained remains of one body and one body was found outside the aircraft. Aircraft had bullet holes in wing and fuselage. USAF ALO investigated and evacuated required items.

(6) 6 RAR continued platoon patrolling of TAOR. There was negative contact.

(7) Air support. At 141524H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to a VC camp at YB358794. There was negative BDA due to smoke and foliage.

(8) Plans for next 24 hours. Operation WOLLONGONG continues. Patrolling of TAOR will continue.

b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through (9) No change.

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2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives no change.

D. Forces.

K. Losses/Damages.

K1. Nil.

K2. Nil.

K3. Nil.

K4. Nil.

K5. Company - Nil.
Platoon - 5.
Squad - 3.

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BRIG

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2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives no change

D. Forces

D1. 6 RAR 152207H/152215H ABST NIL NIL

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Enemy Losses

D1. 6 RAR 6/UNK ONE/NIL NIL NIL

K2. NIL

K3. NIL

K4. NIL

K5. Company NIL

Platoon 3

Squad 3

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14 JAN 67

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 130001H to 132400H Jan 67.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4).

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY.

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation WOLLONGONG with 5 RAR and Task Force artillery with negative contact. Patrolling of the TAOR continued with negative contact.

(2) LRRP.

(a) Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - Nil.

(b) Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - Nil.

(3) 1 APC Squadron lifted C/6 RAR to patrol areas and then conducted a patrol in the area of LONG TAN YS4865 with negative contact.

(4) Task Force artillery continued in support of Operation WOLLONGONG. 16 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(5) 5 RAR continued Operation WOLLONGONG with negative contact. At 131200H at YS398700 2 wells were found and destroyed. There was negative contact.

(6) 6 RAR continued platoon patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact at 131115H at YS488677 fresh foot trails covered with dry leaves were found.

(7) Air Support. VR continued with no significant sightings. There were no airstrikes in the TAOR during the reporting period.

(8) Plans for the next 24 hours. Operation WOLLONGONG and platoon patrolling of the TAOR continues.

b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through (9) No change.

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2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives No change.

D. Forces.

K. Losses/Damages.

K1. Nil.

K2. Nil.

K3. Nil.

K4. Nil.

K5. Company - Nil.

Platoon - 3.

Squad - 4.

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HUI DAT

12 Jan 67

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily situation Report (SITREP)
From 110001H to 112400H Jan 67.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam

1. OPERATIONS SULLIARY.

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF commenced Operation WOLLONGONG with 5 RAR and Task Force Artillery. There was negative contact. A cordon and search operation was conducted between 110630H and 111700H by 6 RAR and 1 APC Squadron in the area of YS4262/4362/4462 with negative results.

(2) LRRP.

(a) Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - Nil.

(b) Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - Nil.

(3) 1 APC Squadron provided the cordon for the cordon and search of the area YS4262/4362/4462. There was negative contact.

(4) Task Force artillery is supporting Operation WOLLONGONG from 1 ATF base area. 103 Battery is now located at YS436679. 38 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(5) 5 RAR commenced Operation WOLLONGONG at 110755H with A/5 RAR carrying out a search and destroy operation from BINH BA YS4474 in a South West direction.

(6) 6 RAR conducted a cordon and search between 110630H and 111700H of the area YS4262/4362/4462 with A/6 RAR with negative results. Platoon patrolling of the TAOR continued with negative contact.

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(7) Air Support. At 110815H a preplanned airstrike on a VC base camp at YS589670 destroyed one hut and started a secondary fire.

(8) Plans for the next 24 hours. Operation WOLLONGONG continues with 5 RAR. Patrolling of the TAOR continues.

b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through (9) Nil.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objective.

C1. PHUOC TUY Search and Destroy WOLLONGONG
110750H/continuing.

D. Forces.

D1. A/5 RAR C1 110750/continuing AUST NIL NIL

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Nil.

K2. Nil.

K3. Nil.

K4. Nil.

K5. Company - 2
Platoon - 3
Squad - 3.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

WUI DAT

13 Jan 67

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 120001H to 122400H Jan 67.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY.

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation WOLLONGONG and platoon patrolling of TAOR. There was negative contact.

(2) LRRP.

(a) Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - Nil.

(b) Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - One.

(3) 1 APC Squadron assisted in the displacement of patrols. There was negative contact.

(4) Task Force artillery fired a total of 24 H and I missions in the reporting period. Locations remained unchanged.

(5) 5 RAR continued Operation WOLLONGONG. There was negative contact.

(6) 6 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR. There was negative contact.

(7) Air support. At 121030H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to a known VC occupied area at YS369794. There was negative BFA due to foliage. At 121625H a preplanned airstrike was conducted onto a known VC occupied area at YS358795. There was negative BDA due to smoke and foliage.

(8) Plans for next 24 hours. Operation WOLLONGONG continues. Patrolling of TAOR continues.

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b. Major Unit Operations. (Late entry)

- (1) Operation WOLLONGONG.
- (2) Search and destroy.
- (3) Sanitize AO.
- (4) PHUOC TUY YS000000.
- (5) 5 RAR Task Force artillery.
- (6) 1 ATF
- (7) 110630H Jan 66.
- (8) Unknown.
- (9) Nil.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives No change.

D. Forces.

K. Losses/Damages.

K1. Nil.

K2. Nil.

K3. Nil.

K4. Nil.

K5. Company - Nil.

Platoon - 4.

Squad - 3.

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NUI DAT

11 Jan 67

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily situation Report (SITREP)
From 100001H to 102400H Jan 67.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY.

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF terminated Operation CALOUNDRA with 5 RAR and 1 APC Squadron. The search of the village of XA BINH BA YS450740 resulted in 14 detainees being evacuated.

(2) LRRP.

(a) Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(b) Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(3) 1 APC Squadron conducted Operation CALOUNDRA cordoning the Eastern side of the village. There was negative contact.

(4) Task Force artillery supported Operation CALOUNDRA. 103 Field Battery deployed to YS437681. A total of 28 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. At 101758H a fire mission was fired at YS422766 following the sighting of 7 VC.

(5) 5 RAR conducted the cordon and search of XA BINH BA YS470740. The cordon closed at 100440H and the search commenced at first light. 14 known VC were detained and have been evacuated for interrogation. The operation terminated at 101600H. At 101758H A/5 RAR at YS422766 sighted 7 VC. Artillery was fired and VC split up and fled North and South. Results are unknown.

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(6) 6 RAR conducted Platoon patrolling of PACR. There was negative contact.

(7) Air support. Surveillance of TAOR continued without significant result. There were no airstrikes.

(8) Plans for next 24 hours. Patrolling of TAOR continues.

b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through (7) No change.

(8) 101600H Jan 67.

(9) Results accumulative.

Aust Losses

Nil

Enemy Losses

14 detainees

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives No change.

D. Forces.

D1. 5 RAR C1 100440H/101600H Aust Nil Nil

K. Losses/Damages.

K1. Enemy Losses.

D1. 5 RAR Unk/Unk 14 detainees Nil Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Company - 1
Platoon - 4
Squad - 3

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Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 090001H to 092400H Jan 67.

OPERATION:

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)

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COPY TO: HQ AFHQ (2) - 3
II Field Force, Vietnam
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1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY.

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF prepared for Operation CALOONDRA with 5 RAR moving to the assembly area. 1 APC Squadron and Task Force Artillery prepared to support Operation CALOONDRA. 6 RAR continued platoon patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact.

(2) IRRP.

(a) Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(b) Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(3) 1 APC Squadron continued maintenance and refit in preparation to support Operation CALOONDRA.

(4) Task Force artillery supported 5 RAR movement to the assembly area for Operation CALOONDRA and at 2000H 103 Batry moved to YS435679. 43 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

(5) 5 RAR moved to the assembly area at YS463736 in preparation for Operation CALOONDRA. There was negative contact.

(6) 6 RAR remained in 1 ATF base area. Platoon patrolling of the TAOR continued to the EAST and WEST of 1 ATF base with negative contact.

(7) Air Support. Visual reconnaissance of the TAOR continued with no significant sightings. There were no airstrikes in the TAOR during the reporting period.

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(8) Plans for the next 24 hours. Operation CALOUNDRA commences at 100130H.

b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) Operation CALOUNDRA.

(2) Cordon and search.

(3) Clear VC from area of operation.

(4) BINH BA YS450740.

(5) 5 RAR, 1 APC Squadron, Task Force Artillery.

(6) 1 ATF.

(7) 100130H.

(8) Nil

(9) Nil

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objective No change.

D. Forces

K. Losses/Damages

K1

K2

K3

K4

K5 Company - Nil

Platoon - 3

Squad - 3

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NUI DAT

7 Dec 67

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 060001H to 062400H Jan 67.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96276

CCPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam
1 ALSG

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF conducted patrols of the TAOR with negative contact.

(2) LRRP.

(a) No of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration- NIL.

(b) No of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(3) 1 APC Squadron conducted maintenance and refit.

(4) Task Force artillery fired a total of 43 H and I missions in the reporting period.

(5) 5 RAR continued company size patrolling of TAOR. At 060945H B/5 RAR at YS476748 apprehended 12 males of military age. These were evacuated to 1 ATF but were released after interrogation proved they were woodcutters.

(6) 6 RAR carried out maintenance and refit.

(7) Air Support. At 061124H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to a VC camp at YS520714. Result was one secondary fire with white smoke. At 061240H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to Route 328 at YS608738 and YS612734. Ordnance was not on target

(8) Plans for next 24 hours. Patrolling of TAOR continues.

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b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (9) no change

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change.

D. Forces.

K. Losses/Damages.

K1. NIL.

K2. NIL.

K3. NIL.

K4. NIL.

K5. Company 1

Platoon NIL


Squad 3

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

HUI DAT

8 Jan 67

TO: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SIDREP)
From 070001H to 072400H Jan 67.

Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)
AFTH: AC of 3
APO 96276

BY: HQ AFV (2)
HQ IAF Force, Vietnam
1 ALSG

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF remained in base area. Platoon patrolling of the TAOR continued with negative contact.

(2) LRRP

(a) No of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(b) No of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(3) 1 APC Squadron remained in 1 ATF base area.

(4) Task Force artillery remained in 1 ATF base. 12 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(5) 5 RAR continued platoon patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact.

(6) 6 RAR continued platoon patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact.

(7) Air Support. At 070945H a preplanned airstrike on a VC camp area at Y3500662 was 75% on target. No further BDA due to smoke and foliage. At 071150H a preplanned airstrike on a VC base camp at Y3376723 was 100% on target and 2 trenches were destroyed. At 071515H a preplanned airstrike on a VC supply route at Y3607733 was 70% on target. The road was not cut.

(8) Plans for the next 24 hours. Platoon patrolling of the TAOR continues.

b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through (9) no change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives no change.

D. Forces.

K. Losses/Damages.

K1. NIL.

K2. NIL.

K3. NIL.

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K5. Company HILL.

Platoon 6

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NUI DAT

9 Jan 67

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 080001H to 082400H Jan 67.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96276

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam
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1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued patrolling of TAOR with negative contact.

(2) LRRP.

a. No of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration
- NIL.

b. No of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration
- NIL.

(3) 1 APC Squadron continued maintenance and refit in 1 ATF base.

(4) Task Force artillery fired a total of 37 H and I missions in the reporting period.

(5) 5 RAR continued platoon size patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact.

(6) 6 RAR continued platoon size patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact.

(7) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR continued without significant result. There were negative airstrikes.

(8) Plans for next 24 hours. Patrolling of TAOR continues.

b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through (9) no change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives No change.

D. Forces.

K. Losses/Damages

K1. NIL.

K2. NIL.

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K5. Company NIL

Platoon 7

Squad 3

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NUI DAT

6 Jan 67

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 050001H to 052400H Jan 67

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96276

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam
1 ALSG

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation DUCK II with 6 RAR, 5 RAR, 1 APC Squadron and Task Force artillery with negative contact until 051500H when Operation DUCK II terminated and elements returned to 1 ATF base area. Company and platoon patrolling of the TAOR continued with negative contact.

(2) LRRP.

(a) No of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(b) No of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(3) 1 APC Squadron continued in support of Operation DUCK II with negative contact. At 051500H 3 tps assisted in returning 6 RAR to 1 ATF base camp.

(4) Task Force artillery continued in support of Operation DUCK II until 051500H. 101 Battery have now returned to 1 ATF base area. 38 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(5) 5 RAR continued to support Operation DUCK II until 051500H when A/5 RAR returned to 1 ATF base area. Company and platoon patrolling continued with negative contact. The body of the VC KIA of 042116H at YS423623 was carried away during the night undetected by the VC.

(6) 6 RAR concluded Operation DUCK II at 051500H and returned to 1 ATF base area.

(7) Air Support. At 050900H a preplanned airstrike on the road at YS608738/YS612734/YS603748 did not cut the road but will hamper movement. At 051321H a preplanned airstrike on a VC base camp at YS589795 and YS585755 was 90% on target. Negative BDA. At 051520H a preplanned airstrike on a VC base camp was 100% on target, destroyed a trench and started a secondary fire with grey smoke.

(8) Plans for the next 24 hours. Company and platoon patrolling continues.

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b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (9) no change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change.

D. Forces.

K. Losses/Damages.

K1. NIL.

K2. NIL.

K3. NIL.

K4. NIL.

K5. Company 1

Platoon NIL

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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5 Jan 67

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
From 040001H to 042400H Jan 67.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96276

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam
1 ALSG

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation DUCK TWO with negative contact. Company size patrolling of the TAOR was conducted with only minor contact.

(2) LRRP.

(a) No of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(b) No of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(3) 1 APC Squadron continued in support of Operation DUCK TWO with negative contact.

(4) Task Force artillery continued in support of Operation DUCK TWO. Locations remain unchanged. A total of 34 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period. At 041645H VR aircraft reported 2 VC at YS 588664. Artillery engaged. Result 2 VC KIA possible.

(5) 5 RAR continued support for Operation DUCK TWO with negative contact. Company and platoon size patrols of TAOR continued with only minor contact. At 042116H C/5 RAR at YS423623 contacted 1 VC. Results 1 VC KIA body count.

(6) 6 RAR continued Operation DUCK TWO. Convoys passed through AO without incident. There was negative contact.

(7) Air support. At 040800H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to VC camp at YS589673. There was negative BDA due to foliage. At 041140H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to a bridge under construction at YS282727. Bridge was destroyed. At 041645H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to a VC supply area at YK498811. There were 2 secondary fires and 2 secondary explosions.

(8) Plans for next 24 hours: Operation DUCK TWO terminates. Patrolling of TAOR continues.

b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through (9) no change.

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2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

C. Objectives no change.

D. Forces.

D1. 1 ATF C2 041645H/041655H Aust NIL NIL

D2. C/5 RAR C2 042116H/042120H Aust NIL NIL

K. Losses/Damages.

K1. Enemy Losses.

D1. 1 ATF 2/unk 2 KIA (poss) NIL NIL

D2. C/5 RAR 1/unk 1 KIA (BC) NIL NIL

K2. NIL.

K3. NIL.

K4. NIL.

K5. Company 2

Platoon 1

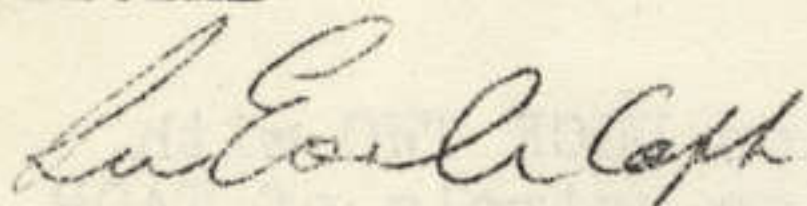
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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

NUI DAT

4 Jan 67

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
030001H to 032400H Jan 67.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96276

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam
1 ALSG

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continued Operation DUCK TWO with 6RAR, 5RAR, 1 APC Squadron and Task Force Artillery with negative contact. Platoon patrolling of the TAOR continued with minor contact.

(ii) LRRP.

a. Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL.

b. Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL.

(iii) 1 APC Squadron continued in support of Operation DUCK TWO with negative contact. At 031925H a section evacuated 1 VC WIA from YS395636 to 1 ATF Base.

(iv) Task force artillery continued in support of Operation DUCK TWO. A total of 36 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(v) 5 RAR continued to support Operation DUCK TWO. Platoon patrolling continued with minor contact. At 031907H a patrol of Support/5RAR contacted 1 VC at YS395636 who fled when challenged. Result 1 VC WIA and captured.

(vi) 6 RAR continued Operation DUCK TWO with negative contact. Convoy passed through the AO without incident.

(vii) Air Support. At 030935H a preplanned airstrike on a VC Base area at YS520824, 541799, 540807 was 100% on target. Negative BDA. At 031505H a preplanned airstrike on a VC Base camp at YS587809 was 100% on target. Negative BDA. At 031730H a preplanned airstrike on a VC staging area at YS400821 was 100% on target. Negative BDA.

b. Major Unit Operations.

(1) through (9) no change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change

D. Forces

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D.	Support/5RAR	031907H/031909H	AUST	NIL	NIL
K.	Losses/Damages				
K1.	Enemy				
D1.	Support/5RAR	1 VC/UNK	NIL/ONE	NIL	NIL
K2.	NIL				
K3.	NIL				
K4.	NIL				
K5.	Company	NIL			
	Platoon	1			
	Squad	3			

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3 Jan 67

SUBJECT: Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
020001H to 022400H Jan 67.

TO: Commanding General,
II Field Force, Vietnam (4)
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96276

COPY TO: HQ AFV (2)
HQ NZ Force, Vietnam.
1 ALSG

1. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 1 ATF continued Operation DUCK II with 6RAR, 5RAR, 1 APC Squadron and Task Force Artillery with negative contact. Patrolling of TAOR continued with negative contact.

(ii) LREP.

a. Number of patrols extracted of less than 24 hours duration - NIL

b. Number of patrols extracted of more than 24 hours duration - NIL

(iii) 1 APC Squadron continued in support of Operation DUCK II with negative contact.

(iv) Task Force artillery continued in support of Operation DUCK II. Locations remained unchanged. A total of 34 H and I missions were fired in the period 020700H to 022400H.

(v) 5RAR continued in support of Operation DUCK II. Platoon patrolling of TAOR continued with negative contact.

(vi) 6RAR continued Operation DUCK II with negative contact. Convoys passed through the AO without incident.

(vii) Air Support. At 020747H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to a VC Base camp at YS350824. There was negative BDA due to smoke and foliage. At 020827H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to a VC camp at YS313732. There was negative BDA due to . . .

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (9) no change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives - no change
D. Forces
K. Losses/Damages
K1 NIL
K2 NIL
K3 NIL
K4 NIL
K5 Company NIL
Platoon 5
Squad 3

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