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Regiment**

Narrative

1-31 January 1969

PART 1

COVERING LETTER

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.

(Signature) *L. G. Jones*

Appointment *OIC ASON 3CAV REGT*
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

Received 15/1/70

PART 2

AF C 2119 (Adapted)
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SECRET

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation *ASON 3CAV REGT*

From *1 JAN 1969* To *31 JAN 1969*

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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.

GENERAL

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

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

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

During Operational Periods (1)

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

COMPILATION

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

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

ANNEXES

(including, but not limited to, orders, reports, maps, etc. as well as map references), establishment, equipment and personnel.

Orders given, orders received, the day's fighting, including company movements, and other matters of interest to the commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization and administration.

Annexes of potential importance, such as reports of officers, men and equipment, prisoners of war, equipment captured, and other matters of interest to the commander, are to be included. The type of equipment and personnel employed in the time not accounted for. The type of equipment and personnel employed in the time not accounted for.

Annexes should be prepared as far as possible to save work as much information as possible is to be included. Documents issued and received, routine returns, etc. All documents should be dated and the time of receipt or despatch is to be given.

Annexes are to be included in the diaries, but need not give a precis of any of them.

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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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ANNEX Z to

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

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

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

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C 2118 (Adapted)

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MONTH AND YEAR

JAN 1969

REFERENCE MAP

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UNIT/FORMATION

A SQN 3 CAV REGT

COMMANDING OFFICER

MAJ L O'DONNELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
1 ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA	1 JAN		<p>PHQ remained in FSPB JULIA YS 2281</p> <p>1 Tp secured LZ's vic YS 2380 for the air deployment of 1 RAR into FSPB CHEPNUK. The troop completed the security task and returned to FSPB JULIA YS 2281</p> <p>2 Tp returned to 1 ATF Base NUI DAT. Following an RF Contact at YS 225795 at 32040 2 Sect engaged 3 VC who withdrew EAST, leaving a wallet containing some documents</p> <p>3 Tp replaced 2 Tp in FSPB JULIA YS 2281</p> <p>Sp Tp continued to provide route security and convoy escort on QL 15 between BARIA and YS 236777 without contact.</p>	

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A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

COMMANDING OFFICER

MAJ L. O'DONNELL

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IATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	2 JAN		SHQ remained in FSPB JULIA, YS 2281 1 Tp(-) moved to FSPB BARBARA, YS 3093, and escorted 11 AB Bn (ARVN) to LONG THANH, YS 1392. The troop returned to JULIA without incident 2 Tp conducted RIF operations with A/1 RAR vicinity DUC THANH, YS 4782 without contact. The group returned to IATF NUI DAT. 3 Tp(-) with 1 Tp C Sqn and IATF DANDE PI conducted RIF south of FSPB CHESTNUT, YS 2280. At YS 246794 the troop found a recently vacated enemy camp. 1 x 8" and 1 x 105 mm shell, rigged as CB mines were found and destroyed. 100 lbs rice and 30 lbs of salt, plus some docs were recovered. At YS 242787 1 Sect found 200 lb of rice. The group returned to FSPB JULIA. 1 p Tp continued to provide route security and convoy escort on QL 15 without incident	

1 B P Coy-275/65-55m

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REFERENCE MAP YS + YT

UNIT/FORMATION A Sqn 3 Par Regt

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj L. O'Donnell

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
IATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	3 JAN		<p>S HQ remained in FSPB JULIA, YS 2281</p> <p>1 Tp supported IRAR operations astride QL 15. The Troop provided a cordon around XOM MY XUAN, YS 2573. The troop remained in support at YS 272654.</p> <p>2 Tp remained in IATF Base NUI DAT as TF reaction.</p> <p>3 Tp (-) conducted RIF to the south of FSPB JULIA. At 1021H, YS 240786. The group located and destroyed a 20lb ATK mine. Several small camps were located in YS 2479. A quantity of documents and some clothing was captured. The camps were destroyed. 3 Section moved to FSPB BARBARA YS 2093 and remained in that location.</p> <p>Sp. Tp continued to provide route security and convoy escort on QL 15 without contact.</p>	

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REFERENCE MAP YS +YT

UNIT/FORMATION A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

COMMANDING OFFICER MAJ L O'DONNELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
1 ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	4 JAN		<p>1 HQ remained in FSPB JULIA, YS 2281, providing defence command of the Base</p> <p>1 Tp continued to support 1 RAR operations outside QL 15. The troop assisted in the cordon and search of PHUOC HOA, YS 2862 and returned to FSPB JULIA.</p> <p>2 Tp remained in 1 ATF Base NUI DAT as TF reaction</p> <p>3 Tp (-) remained in FSPB JULIA YS 2281. 31 Section with elements of 1 ATF D+E Pl occupied night ambush positioned at YS 215803. 33 Section returned to FSPB JULIA from FSPB BARBARA YS 3093.</p> <p>4p Tp continued to provide route security and convoy on QL 15 between BARIA and YS 236777 without contact.</p>	


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REFERENCE MAP YS + YT

UNIT/FORMATION A-10N 3 CAV REGT

COMMANDING OFFICER MAJ L. O'DONNELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
IATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	5 JAN		<p>SHQ remained in FSPB JULIA YS 2281, co-ordinating defence of IATF (MAIN) Base.</p> <p>1 Tp(-) plus elements of C Sqn 1 Armd and IATF D+E P1 conducted RIF in area YS 1785. Recently occupied camps were found at YS 165845 and YS 183852. A total of 15 structures and bunkers were destroyed. The Tp(-) returned to FSPB JULIA. 2 Section occupied night ambush position at YS 166844.</p> <p>2 Tp remained in IATF Base as TF reaction Troop.</p> <p>3 Tp(-) occupied night ambush positions at YS 227740.</p> <p>1p Tp continued to provide route security and convoy escort on QL 15 without contact.</p>	

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COMMANDING OFFICER

MAJ L O'DONNELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
IATF TAOR / + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	6 JAN		<p>IHQ remained in FSPB JULIA YS 2281, co-ordinating the Base defence.</p> <p>1 Tp(-) remained in FSPB JULIA. 21 Section 1 Tp returned from night ambush at YS 16684A.</p> <p>2 Tp remained in IATF NUI DAT as TF reaction Troop.</p> <p>3 Tp(-) occupied night ambush at YS 227740 05 JAN at 060555H. This ambush was sprung resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC), 2 enemy KIA (POSS), 1 x 35 ton motorized junk and 1 x sampan sunk. The Tp(-) returned to FSPB JULIA.</p> <p>Sp Tp continued to provide route security and convoy escort on QL 15 without contact.</p>	

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UNIT/FORMATION A Sqn 3 Coy REGT

COMMANDING OFFICER MAJ L O'DONNELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
LATF TAOR	7 JAN		<p>SHQ remained in FSPB JULIA YS 2281, co-ordinating the base defence</p> <p>1 Tp conducted RIF within AO KILCOY vic YS 2379 and YS 2479 without contact, and returned to FSPB JULIA</p> <p>2 Tp remained in LATF Base NUI DAT as TF reaction Troop. The Troop provided the convoy escort on QL15 without contact</p> <p>3 Tp, with 1 Tp CSqn and elements of LATF D+EPI carried out RIF within AO KILCOY vic YS 2482 and YS 2483.</p> <p>At 1100H at YS 247821 an M26 grenade was detonated by an APC without damage.</p> <p>Sp Tp remained in LATF Base NUI DAT</p>	

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1 ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	8 JAN		<p>SHQ remained in FRPB JULIA YS 2281, co-ordinating base defence</p> <p>1 Tp conducted RIF within AO KILCOY VIC YS 2479, YS 2579 without contact. 2 Small camps were located and destroyed by the troop. 3 Section occupied night ambush position at YS 216803.</p> <p>2 Tp (-) remained in 1 ATF Base NUI DAT as TF reaction 1 Section 2 Tp provided route security and convoy escort on QL 15 between BARIA and YS 236777.</p> <p>3 Tp conducted RIF within AO KNIGHTS BRIDGE, centre of mass YS 2977. At 1055H at YS 277757, the troop contacted 5 enemy with the result 1 Aust WIA, 1 VC KIA (BC) 1 x AK47, documents and webbing captured.</p> <p>Sp Tp provided escort for CA activities to VC YS 5054 and returned to 1 ATF NUI DAT.</p>	

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UNIT/FORMATION A Sqn 3rd Av Regt

COMMANDING OFFICER MAJ L O'DONNELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
IATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	9 JAN.		<p>SHQ 1Tp(-) and 3Tp conducted RIF in AO KNIGHTSBRIDGE vic YS 2876, YS 2976, YS 2877, together with elements of IATF Dand E Pl. At 1750H at YS 265757 an APC from 1Tp detonated an anti-tank mine, believed to have been a 105mm shell, resulting in 1 AUST WIA and 1 APC lightly damaged. The force returned to FSPB JULIA YS 2281.</p> <p>13 Section abandoned night ambush position at YS 216803 and returned to FSPB JULIA.</p> <p>2Tp(-) remained in IATF Base as TF reaction Troop. One section 2Tp continued to provide route security and convoy escort on QL 15 without contact.</p> <p>Sp Tp remained in IATF Base.</p>	

1 B P Coy-275/65-55m


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UNIT/FORMATION A Sqn 3 Coy Regt

COMMANDING OFFICER MAJ L O BOWELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
1 ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	10 JAN		<p>SHQ remained in FSPB JULIA YS 2281, coordinating the defence of the 1 ATF (Main) Base.</p> <p>1 Tp (-) and elements of 1 ATF D and E Pl carried out RIF in areas YS 2673, YS 2773. without contact.</p> <p>12 Section plus elements of 1 ATF D and E Pl carried out night ambush at YS 276773.</p> <p>2 Tp (-) remained in 1 ATF Base as TF reaction Tp. One section 2 Tp continued to provide route security and convoy escort on QL 15 without contact.</p> <p>3 Tp provided escort for elements of 2 AB Bde (ARVN) from FSPB BARBARA YS 2294 to LONG THANH and returned to FSPB JULIA.</p> <p>83 Section provided security for Engr elements to PITUOC HAI and returned to 1 ATF Base.</p> <p>81 Section supported (RAR) operations in AO SEAFORTH centre of mass YS 2863.</p>	

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UNIT/FORMATION A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

COMMANDING OFFICER MAJ L O'DONNELL

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IATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	11 JAN.		<p>SHQ remained in FSPB JULIA YS 2281, co-ordinating the defence of the IATF (Main) Base</p> <p>1Tp(-) remained in FSPB JULIA</p> <p>12 Section abandoned night ambush at YS 276773 and returned to FSPB JULIA.</p> <p>11 Section, plus elements of IATF D and E Pl carried out night ambush at YS 166842</p> <p>2Tp(-) remained in IATF Base as TF reaction Troop. One section 2Tp continued the route security and convoy escort on QL 15 without contact</p> <p>3Tp(-) remained in FSPB JULIA. 31 Section carried out night ambush at YS 231802. At 1930H the section detained 1 male suspect.</p> <p>81 Section continued to support (RAR Land Clearing Operations in AO SEAFORTH vic YS 293624 without contact.</p>	

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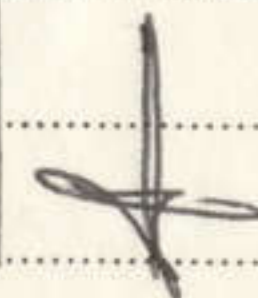
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UNIT/FORMATION A Sqn 7 Cav Regt

COMMANDING OFFICER MAJ L O'DONNELL

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IATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	12 JAN		<p>SHQ remained in FSPB JULIA YS 2281, co-ordinating the defence of the IATF (Main) Base.</p> <p>1 Tp(-) remained in FSPB JULIA. 11 Section abandoned night ambush position at YS 166842 and returned to FSPB JULIA. 12 Section, with IATF D and E PI conducted operations in areas YS 2080, YS 2180. At 1622H at YS 210799 this group detained 1 male with 2 sampans and 1 CHICOM grenade.</p> <p>2 Tp(-) inserted 2 SAS Sqn LRRP patrols into AO SHERMAN Centre of mass, YS 3382, and returned to IATF Base.</p> <p>One section 2 Tp continued the route security and convoy escort operations on QL15 between BARIA and YS 236777.</p> <p>3 Tp(-) remained in FSPB JULIA. 31 Section abandoned night ambush position at YS 231802. At 0730H at YS 229805 an APC from the section detonated an anti-personnel mine without result.</p> <p>81 Section concluded support of IRAR operations in AO SEAFORTH and returned to IATF Base.</p>	




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UNIT/FORMATION 1st Bn 3rd Cav Regt

COMMANDING OFFICER MAJ L. DONNELL

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IATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	13 JAN		<p>S HQ remained in FSPB JUNA YS 2281, Co-ordinating the defence of the IATF (Main) Base.</p> <p>1 Tp (-) provided LZ security for the fly-in of 1RAR elements into AO KILCOY, centre of mass YS 2184</p> <p>13 Section provided security for 1 Fd Bn operations in AO COLO, centre of mass YS 1886.</p> <p>2 Tp (-) remained in IATF Base as TF reaction Tp. One section 2 Tp continued the route security and convoy escort operations on QL 15 without contact.</p> <p>3 Tp (-) provided LZ security for the fly-in of 1RAR elements into AO KILCOY, and supported 1RAR RIF in AO KILCOY without contact.</p> <p>32 Section occupied night ambush positions at YS 232801 during night 12/13 Jan. At 2317H The section contacted 2 enemy with unknown results.</p> <p>Sp Tp remained in IATF Base</p>	

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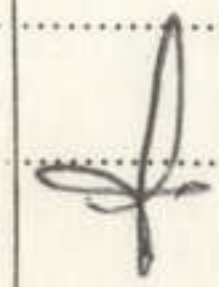
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UNIT/FORMATION A Sqn 2 Cav Regt

COMMANDING OFFICER MAJ L O'DONNELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
IATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	14 JAN		<p>SHP, (Tp(-) and 3Tp plus 4 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt conducted RIF in AO JHERMAN centre of mass YS 33821</p> <p>At YS 347749 1Tp located a company sized base camp</p> <p>At 1310H at YS 361787 a tank from 4Tp detonated a mine resulting in light damage. The force, less a security element for the mined tank, returned to FSPB JULIA YS 2281.</p> <p>31 Section supported 1 Fd Sqn operations in AO COLO centre of mass YS 1886, without incident</p> <p>2Tp (-) remained in IATF Base as TF reaction Troop</p> <p>23 Section supported Land Clearing operations in AO ASQUITH, centre of mass YS 4680, and returned to IATF Base</p> <p>One Section 2Tp provided the route security and Convoy escort on QL 15 without incident</p> <p>81 Section supported IRAR operations in AO KILCOY from within FSPB MARGARET YS 2081</p>	



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COMMANDING OFFICER MAJ L. DONNELL

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<p>1 ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE</p>	<p>15 JAN</p>		<p>SHQ remained in FSPB JULIA YS 2281 and co-ordinated the defence of the 1 ATF (Main) Base.</p> <p>1 Tp (-) supported 1RAR operations within AO KILCOY without contact.</p> <p>13 Section supported 1 Fd Sqn operations in AO COLO centre of mass YS 1886 without incident.</p> <p>2 Tp (-) remained in 1 ATF Base as TF reaction Tp. One section 2 Tp continued to provide route security and convoy escort on QL15 between BARIA and YS 236777.</p> <p>3 Tp (-) escorted elements of 2AB Bde (ARVN) from FSPB BARBARA YS 2294 to LONG THANH, YS 1392.</p> <p>81 section continued to support 1RAR operations in AO KILCOY within FSPB MARGARET YS 2084.</p>	<p></p>

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UNIT/FORMATION A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

COMMANDING OFFICER MAJ L. O'DONNELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
IATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	16 JAN		SHQ remained in FSPB JULIA YS 2281, co-ordinating the local defence of the IATF (Main) Base 1Tp(-) continued to support 9 RAR operations in AO WONDAL without contact and returned to FSPB JULIA. 13 Section carried out night ambush at YS 232802 2Tp(-) remained in IATF Base as TF reaction Tp 1 Section 2 Tp continued the route security and convoy escort on QL 15 between BARIA and YS 236777 without contact and returned to IATF Base. 3Tp(-) remained in FSPB JULIA 31 Section supported 1 RAR operations in AO KILCOY without contact and returned to FSPB JULIA 83 Section continued support of Land Clearing Operations in area YS 4957 without contact	

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UNIT/FORMATION A Sqn 3 Car Regt

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj L. O'Sullivan

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
IATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	17 JAN		<p>SHQ provided co-ordination for the local defence of FSPB JULIA YS 2281</p> <p>1Tp (-) redeployed B Coy 1RAR within AO KILCOY to area YS 1988 without contact and returned to IATF (Main) Base, FSPB JULIA.</p> <p>2Tp carried out LRRP insertion and extraction in AO SHERMAN, centre of mass YS 3382, without contact and returned to IATF Base.</p> <p>3Tp (-) remained in FSPB JULIA</p> <p>31 Section supported 1RAR operations in AO KILCOY</p> <p>33 Section supported C Sqn 1 Armd RIF in area YS 2873 without contact</p> <p>83 Section remained in support of 4 RAR land clearing operations via YS 4957 without contact.</p> <p>82 Section provide route security on QL 15 without contact</p>	

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UNIT/FORMATION A Sqn 3 Coy Regt

COMMANDING OFFICER MAJ L O'DONNELL

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1 ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	18 JAN		<p>SHQ provided resupply tasks for 1RAR in AO KILCOY At 1143H at YS 180825 c/s GE detonated an anti-tank mine estimated to have been of approximately 50lbs, resulting in 1 Aust ^(Dow) KIA, 2 Aust WIA and the APC damaged beyond repair.</p> <p>1 Tp replaced 2Tp as TF reaction Tp at NUI DAT and provided route security and convoy escort on QL 15 without contact.</p> <p>2Tp conducted RIF within AO SHERMAN without contact and returned to FSPB JULIA YS 2281.</p> <p>3Tp (-) remained in FSPB JULIA</p> <p>33 Section provided escort for 2 Marine Bde ARVN from FSPB BARBARA YS 2294 to LONG THANH YS 1392</p> <p>Sp Tp concluded support of 1RAR Land Clearing operations and returned to 1ATF Base</p>	

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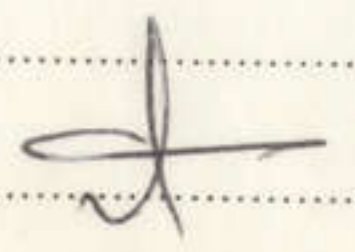
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UNIT/FORMATION AVN 3 CAV REGT
COMMANDING OFFICER MAJ L. O'DONNELL

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IATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	19 JAN		<p>S HQ remained in FSPB JULIA YS 2281, co-ordinating the defense of the IATF (Main) Base.</p> <p>1 Tp(-) remained in IATF Base @ TF reaction Troop 1 Section 1 Troop provided the route security and convoy escort on QL 15 and returned to IATF Base without contact</p> <p>2 Tp(-) moved to AO MREARE and supported ARVN operations without contact. The troop moved back to FSPB JULIA.</p> <p>22 Section plus IATF D and E platoon conducted RIF to the WEST of FSPB JULIA. At 1716H at YS 280809, the section contacted 3 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC) 2 enemy WIA (Bloodtrail), 1 x RPG 2 Launcher and 1 x RPG 2 round captured.</p> <p>3 Tp supported IDAR operations in AO WONDAT without contact.</p> <p>33 Section and IATF D+E Pl conducted night ambush at YS 231800. At 2023H the section contacted 12 enemy with result 1 enemy KIA (BC), 3 enemy WIA (Bloodtrail) 1 x rifle captured.</p>	

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1 ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	29 JAN		<p>S HQ remained in FSPB JULIA YS 2281, co-ordinating the defence of the 1 ATF (MAIN) Base.</p> <p>1 Tp remained in 1 ATF Base as TF reaction troop.</p> <p>1 Section 1 Tp provided route security on QL 15</p> <p>2 Tp supported A Bde ARVN Marines and 52 ARVN Regt deployment in AO MOOSE, centre of mass YS 2599, without contact and returned to FSPB JULIA</p> <p>3 Tp (-) remained in FSPB JULIA.</p> <p>33 Section, supported by 1 ATF D and E Pl conducted night ambush vic YS 231800. At 2023 H the group contacted an estimated 12 enemy with result of 1 en KIA (BC), 3 enemy WIA (Blood trails) 1 X GARRAND rifle + RPS and TRPS 2 rounds captured.</p> <p>Sp Tp remained in 1 ATF Base.</p>	

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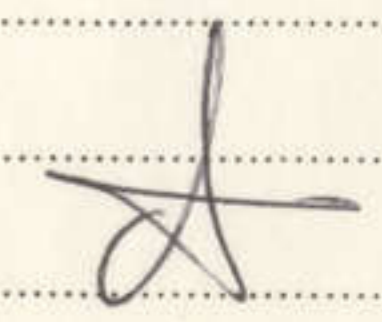
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1 ATF TAOR / + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	28 JAN		<p>SHQ remained in FSPB JULIA YS 2281, controlling the defence of the 1 ATF (Main) Base.</p> <p>1 Tp (-) remained in 1 ATF Base as TF reaction Troop. 1 Section 1 Tp continued the route security and convoy escort tasks on QL 15 between BARIA and YS 236777 without contact.</p> <p>2 Tp (-) remained in FSPB JULIA 23 Section plus 1 Tp C Sqn and elements of 1 ATF D and E Pl, conducted night ambush at YS 230799 without contact.</p> <p>3 Tp supported IRAR operations within AO KILCOY without contact.</p> <p>Sp Tp remained in 1 ATF Base</p>	



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1 ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	28 JAN		<p>SHQ remained in FSPB JULIA YS 2281, co-ordinating the defence of the 1 ATF (Main) Base</p> <p>ITP(-) remained in 1 ATF Base and TF reaction troop</p> <p>1 Section 1 Tp provided route security and convoy escort on QL 15 without contact.</p> <p>2 and 3 Tps supported 1RAR RIF operations in AO KILCOY and AO SHERMAN'S HORSE, centre of mass YS 3581, without contact.</p> <p>1 Section 3 Tp supported Land Clearing operations EAST of FSPB JULIA VIC YS 2381</p> <p>Sp Tp remained in 1 ATF Base.</p>	

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1 ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	<u>29 JAN</u>		<p>HQ remained in FSPB JULIA YS 2281, co-ordinating the defense of the 1 ATF (MAIN) Base</p> <p>1 Tp(-) remained in 1 ATF Base as part of 1 ATF RRF 1 Section 1 Tp provided route security and convoy escort on QL 15 without contact.</p> <p>2 Tp Support 2 Coy 1 RAR RIF within AO KNIGHTS BRIDGE centre of mass YS 2975 without contact</p> <p>3 Tp(-) supported C Coy 1 RAR RIF in AO SHERMAN'S HORSE, centre of mass YS 3581 without contact. 1 Sect 3 Tp provided security for Land Clearing Team operations WEST of FSPB JULIA.</p> <p>Sp Tp remained in 1 ATF Base.</p>	

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IATF TADOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	<u>2nd JAN</u>		<p>PHQ remained in FSPB JULIA, YS 2281 providing control of the defence of the IATF (Main Base)</p> <p>1 Tp(-) remained in IATF Base on TF reaction Tp 1 Section 1 Tp continued the route security and convoy escort operations on QL 15 without contact</p> <p>2 Tp supported 1RAR operations in AO KILCOY without contact and returned to FSPB JULIA</p> <p>3 Tp(-) provided escort for 18 ARVN DIV 1 + R Coy from LONG THANH, YS 1392, to FSPB BARBARA YS 2294 without contact, and returned to FSPB JULIA</p> <p>1 Section 3 Tp provided security for Land Clearing Team operations vic FSPB JULIA YS 2281</p> <p>Sp Tp(-) remained in FSPB IATF Base</p> <p>81 Section remained in FSPB MARGARET YS 2084.</p>	

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1 ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	24 JAN		PHQ remained in FSPB JULIA YS 2281, co-ordinating the defense of the 1 ATF (Main) Base. 1 Tp (-) remained in FSPB NUI DAT as 1 ATF reaction Tp. 1 Section 1 Tp continued the route security and convoy escort on QL 15 between BARIA and YS 236 777. 2 Tp supported 1RAR RIF operations in AO's SHERMAN'S HORSE and KILCOY without contact and returned to FSPB JULIA 3 Tp provided security for Land Clearing operations vic PHU MY YS 2377 and YS 2477 without contact Sp Tp (-) remained in 1 ATF Base 81 Section continued to support 1RAR operations from FSPB MARGARET YS 2084	

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I ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	28 JAN		<p>SHQ remained in FSPB JULIA YS 2281, co-ordinating the defence of the IATF (Main) Base.</p> <p>1 Tp(-) remained in IATF Base as TF reaction Troop 1 Section 1 Tp continued the route security and convoy escort operations on QL 15 without contact.</p> <p>2 Tp(-) remained in FSPB JULIA 21 Section carried out night ambush at YS 236788, AT 260800H, the section detained one suspect.</p> <p>3 Tp(-) provided convoy escort for ARVN elements from LONG THANH YS 1392, to FSPB BARBARA YS 2294. The Tp(-) then assisted IRAR operations in AO KILCOY without contact 1 Section 3 Tp assisted with Land Clearing operations vic PHU MY, YS 2475</p> <p>Sp Tp(-) remained in IATF Base 81 Section continued to support IRAR from FSPB MARGARET</p>	

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IATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	27 JAN		SHQ remained in FSPB JULIA YS 2281, co-ordinating the defence of the IATF (Main) Base. 1TP(-) remained in IATF Base as TF reaction Troop. 1 Section 1Tp continued the route security and convoy escort operations on QL 15 without contact. 2Tp(-) supported Land Clearing operations in AO KILCOY 23 Section provided escort for ARVN elements from FSPB BARBARA YS 2294 to FSPB KATHLEEN YS 2399 without 3Tp supported 1RAR RIF in AO SHERMAN'S SADDLE centre of mass YS 3179 without contact and returned to FSPB JULIA. Sp Tp(-) remained in IATF Base 81 Sect continued to support 1RAR operations FSPB MARGARET	

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1 ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	28 JAN		<p>SHQ remained in FSPB JULIA YS 2281, co-ordinating the local defence of the 1 ATF (Main) Base.</p> <p>1 Tp provided escort for D Coy 4RAR deployment from 1 ATF Base to FSPB DYKE YS 2780, and the extraction of B Coy 1RAR from AO KNIGHTSBRIDGE to 1 ATF Base.</p> <p>2 Tp (-) supported the extraction of Sp Coy 1RAR from FSPB MARGARET YS 2084 to 1 ATF Base.</p> <p>1 Section 2 Tp supported Land Clearing Operations via PITU MY YS 2476.</p> <p>3 Tp cleared and secured the trail from THAI THIEN YS 2279 to FSPB DYKE YS 2780, during 4RAR deployment into AO RIVERSDALE, centre of mass YS 2681.</p> <p>81 Section deployed into FSPB DYKE in support of 4RAR.</p> <p>83 Section provided route security and convoy escort on QL 15 without contact.</p> <p>At 2045 H, enemy movement on the wire at FSPB JULIA YS 2281, was taken under fire by elements of 2 and 3 Tps. Screams were heard but a sweep found nothing.</p>	

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1 ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	28 JAN		<p>SHQ remained in FSPB JULIA, YS 2281, providing control of the defence of the 1 ATF (Main) Base.</p> <p>1 Tp remained in 1 ATF Base as TF reaction Troop</p> <p>2 Tp carried out route clearance and convoy escort to FSPB DYKE YS 2780. The troop provided protection for Land Clearing via YS 2378. The troop carried out RIF in area YS 2180 - 22 Section remaining in ambush at YS 22811 - Enemy movement was heard but not engaged.</p> <p>3 Tp provided security for the deployment of W Coy 4 PAR into AO SHERMAN via YS 3379 without contact.</p> <p>81 Section remained in FSPB DYKE YS 2780, in support of 4 PAR operations</p> <p>83 Section continued route security and convoy escort on QL 15 without contact</p>	

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1 ATF TAOR & BIEN HOA PROVINCE	30 JAN		<p>S HQ remained in FSPB JULIA YS 2281, co-ordinating the defence of the 1 ATF (Main) Base.</p> <p>1 Tp deployed B Coy 1RAR into area PITHUMY YS 2377 from 1 ATF Base. The troop then replaced 2Tp at FSPB JULIA.</p> <p>2Tp returned to 1 ATF Base and assumed responsibility for TF reaction Troop.</p> <p>3Tp supported the 9RAR redeployment into FSPB MARGARET II YS 2284, without contact and returned to FSPB JULIA.</p> <p>81 Section continued to support 4RAR operations in FSPB DYKE YS 2780.</p> <p>83 Section continued the route security and convoy escort on QL 15 between BARIA and 236777 without contact.</p>	

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
IATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	31 JAN		<p>SHQ remained in FSPB JULIA YS 2281, co-ordinating the defense of the IATF (Main) Base.</p> <p>1Tp supported 9RAR in AO WANDAI.</p> <p>2Tp remained as RRF in IATF Base. Also conducted roadrunner + escort tasks on QL 15.</p> <p>3Tp(-) supported elements operating from FSPB JENNY YS 2285. 2 sec 3Tp supported land clearing operations in vicinity of YS 2378. At 1310H at YS 233773 2 sec 3Tp found a 10 lb pressure type mine set in the track.</p> <p>81 section continued to support 4RAR in FSPB DYKE YS 2780.</p> <p>8pTp(-) continued roadrunner tasks on QL 15 with elements of 2Tp without contact.</p> <p>The SQDN travelled a total of 32677 ^{track} miles during JANUARY and had an average vehicle mileage of 518.</p>	