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Regiment**

Narrative

1-31 March 1969

PART 1

COVERING LETTER

Reference No.

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHO

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

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PART 2

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COMMANDERS DIARY

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Unit or Formation A SQN 3CAV REGT.

From I MAR 1969

To 31 MAR 1969

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Enclosure Numbers

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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:
- Commanders of all formations.
 - Each branch of the staff at formation headquarters commanded by a brigadier or above.
 - Heads of services not below the rank of lieutenant colonel.
 - Personal staffs and officers holding special appointments.
 - Unit commanders.
 - Commanders of a detachment of a unit when so ordered.

COMPILATION

6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:
- Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
 - Index as printed on cover.
 - Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
 - 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 NII will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, starting at B.

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

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

TOP SECRET

ANNEX Z to

Commanders Diary of (Formation or Unit)

From to (Dates)

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

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION A Sqn 3 CAV REGT

MONTH AND YEAR MAR 1969

REFERENCE MAP

YT + YS

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj L O'DONNELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
I ATF TAOR + BIEN HOI PROVINCE.	1 MAR		SHQ conducted escort duties between FSPB KERRY (YT 1313) and FSPB BETTY (YT 1408)	
			1 Tp supported D Coy 9 RAR conducting RIF operations in AO ARUNDA. 1 and 3 Sects 1 Tp remain op con to 9 RAR	
			2 Tp supported D Coy of 4 RAR on RIF operations in AO BELCONNEN.	
			3 Tp and Sp Tp remained as RRF at I ATF base and carried out roadrunner and escort duties on QL 15	

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR... MARCH 1969

REFERENCE MAP YT + YS

UNIT/FORMATION A SQN 3 CAN 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	2 MAR		<p>SHQ remained in FSPB KERRY (YT 1313) co-ordinating the defense of IATF (Main) base. Elements of SHQ + D&E Pl conducted a road block at YT 0713 with results, 4 Vietnamese detained for irregularities in their papers.</p> <p>1 Tp() continued to support 9 RAR in AO ARUNDA. 2 asc remained at YT 134143</p> <p>2 Tp continued to support 4 RAR in AO BELCONNEN.</p> <p>3 Tp continued to support 5 RAR in AO BURRIN JUCK</p>	

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MONTH AND YEAR MAR 1969

REFERENCE MAP YTS

1 SQN 3 CAV REGT

MAJOR R. O'DONNELL OC

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION A Sqn 2 W REGT

MONTH AND YEAR MARCH 1969

REFERENCE MAP YS + YT

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj. H. O'DONNELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
I ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	4 MAR		SHQ remained in FSPB KERRY (YT1313) co-ordinating the defense of I ATF (Main) Base. Elements of SHQ + D+E Pl operated road block at YT0713.	
			1 Tp supported 9 RAR in AO ARUNDA. 2 dec became Opp Con to 9 RAR.	
			2 Tp supported 4 RAR in AO BELCONNEN. 1 dec supported 1/2 Inf (U.S.) in AO DRACULA. 2 dec Opp Con to 4 RAR	
			3 Tp supported 5 RAR in AO BURRIN JUCK	
			Dp Tp remained at NUI DAT as I ATF RRF	

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION A S O N 3 V R E B T

MONTH AND YEAR MARCH 1969

REFERENCE MAP V.S & Y.T

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj L. O'DONNELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
I ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	5 MAR.		SHQ remained in FSPB KERRY (YT 1313) co-ordinating the defense of I ATF (Main) base. Elements of SHQ carried out convoy duties on Routes 1 & 15.	
			1Tp + 2Tp(-) supported the move of B Coy and C Coy QRAR to AO BURRENDONG	
			3Tp supported 5RAR on operations in AO BURRINJUCK without contact	

1 B P Coy—275/65—55m

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION A SQN 3 CO REGT

MONTH AND YEAR MARCH 1969

REFERENCE MAP YS & YT

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj L O'DANIEL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
IATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	6 MAR		SHQ remained in FSPB KERRY (YT1313) co-ordinating the defense of IATF (MAIN) base. Elements of SHQ maintained road block at YT0713.	
			1 Tp supported 9 RAR.	
			2 Tp (-) conducted convoy escort to FSPB BETTY (YT1408)	
			3 Tp supported 5 RAR	
			Dp Tp elements provided convoy on QL15	

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION A SQN ? AV REGT

MONTH AND YEAR MARCH 1969

REFERENCE MAP YS + YT

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj. L O'DONNELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
I ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	7 MAR		SHQ remained in FSPB KERRY (YT1313) co-ordinating the defense of I ATF (MAIN) base. Elements of SHQ supported resupply to FSPB MARIA (YT 2907).	
			1 Tp (-) op con QRAR. 3 sect occupied YT162118.	
			2 Tp. 1 sect supported resupply to FSPB BETTY (YT1408). 2 sect op con 4 RAR. 3 sect occupied YT168102.	
			3 Tp op con 5RAR in AO BURRIN JUCK	
			Dp Tp elements conducted escort duties on QL 15	

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION A SQN 3-9 AV REGT

MONTH AND YEAR MAR 1969

REFERENCE MAP YT & YS

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj L O'DONNELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
I ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	8 MAR		SHQ (-) remained at FSPB KERRY (YT1313) and co-ordinated the defense of I ATF (main) base.	
			1Tp and SHQ (-) supported 9RAR in AO ARUNDA	
			2Tp supported 4 RAR on RIFops EAST of AO BELCONAEN	
			3Tp returned to I ATF base from supporting 5RAR in AO BURRIN JUCK	

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MONTH AND YEAR MAR 1969

REFERENCE MAP YT & YS

8 SQN 3 CAV REGT

MAJOR R. E. DONNELLY OC

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
I ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	9 MAR		SHQ (-) remained at FSPB KERRY (YT 1313) and co-ordinated the defense of I ATF (main) base.	
			1Tp continued to support QRAR in AO ARUNDA	
			2Tp supported 4RAR in AO BELCONNEN.	
			3Tp remained I ATF base	15136

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REFERENCE MAP

YS + YT.

UNIT/FORMATION A SQN 3 V REGT

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj. L. O'DONNELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
IATF TAOR.	10MAR	*	A SQN(-) supported the changeover of 5RAR and 9RAR in AO ARUNDA.	*
BIEN HOA PROVINCE			2 Tp(-) supported 1/2 INF (US) in AO DRACULA.	
			Dp Tp was deployed with elements at the HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962, AO BELCONNEN, AO ARUNDA, as well as continuing with tasks on QL15.	

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION A SQUADRON AV REGT

MONTH AND YEAR MAR 1969

REFERENCE MAP YT + YS

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj L O'DONNELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
I ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE.	11 MAR		SHQ remained in FSPB KERRY (YT 1313) and co-ordinated the defence of I ATF (main) base.	
			1 Tp and 3 HQ (-) supported 5RAR in AO ARUNDA.	
			2 Tp (-) inserted elements 1/2 INF into AO DRACULA.	
			3 Tp and Sp Tp remained in I ATF base as RRF and conducted road convoy escort tasks on QL15.	

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION A SQN 3 PIV REGT.

MONTH AND YEAR MAR 1969

REFERENCE MAP YT + YS

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj L O'DONNELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
I ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	12 MAR		A SQN(-) supported 5 RAR in AO ARUNDA and provided lift for move out of 1/2 INF.	
			2 Tp supported 4 RAR in AO BELCONNEN.	
			3 Tp carried out convoy escort duties on QL15.	
			Dp Tp continued support of 4 RAR at HORSESHOE HILL (YS 4962).	

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UNIT/FORMATION A SQN 3C V REGT

MONTH AND YEAR MAR 1969

REFERENCE MAP YT & YS

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	13 MAR		SHQ (-) remained in FSPB KERRY (YT1313) and co-ordinated the defense of IATF (main) base. Elements SHQ supported 5RAR operations in AO ARUNDA.	
			1Tp supported 2/52 INF (ARVN) in AO CAMPBELL	
			3Tp and Sp Tp remained in IATF base as RRF and provided escort for convoys on QL15.	

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UNIT/FORMATION A SQN 3rd REGT

MONTH AND YEAR MAR 1969

REFERENCE MAP YT & YS

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj. L. O'DONNELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
I ATF TAOR BIEN HOA PROVINCE	MAR 14		SHQ remained in FSPB KERRY (YT 1313) and co-ordinated the defense of I ATF (main) base.	
			A SQN(-) supported 5 RAR in AO ARUNDA.	
			2 Tp supported 4 RAR in AO BELCONNEN. 3 Sect 2 Tp moved to YT 115125 to establish road blocks.	
			3 Tp supported 9 RAR in vicinity I ATF base.	
			Dp tp continued escort duties on QL 15.	

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION A SQN? AV REGT.

MONTH AND YEAR MAR 1969

REFERENCE MAP YT & YS

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj L O'DONNELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
I ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	15 MAR		SHQ (-) remained at FSPB KERRY (YT 1313) and co-ordinated the defence of I ATF (main) base.	
			1 Tp (-) supported 2/52 INF (ARVN) in AO CAMPBELL. 2 Sect and elements of SHQ supported 5RAR operations in AO ARUNDA.	
			2 Tp continued to support 4RAR operations.	
			3 Tp remained as I ATF RRF.	
			Sp Tp continued escort tasks on QL 15.	

1 B P Coy—275/65—55m

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UNIT/FORMATION A SQN 3RD REGT.

MONTH AND YEAR MAR 1969

REFERENCE MAP YT 5 YS

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 MAR		SHQ and 1 Tp supported by elements of B SQN 1 ARMD REGT and A Coy 2/52 RIF (ARVN) conducted RIF operations in the vicinity of TRAN BOM (YT2011). At 0930H at YT 220094 1 Tp captured one enemy who was WIA. At 1110H at YT 217126 1 Tp located an empty enemy camp estimated to be of Battalion size	
			2 Tp remained FSPB KERRY (YT1313)	
			3 Tp remained as IATF RRF.	
			Sp Tp continued escort tasks on QL15.	

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UNIT/FORMATION A Sqn 3C¹ REGT

MONTH AND YEAR MAR 1969

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COMMANDING OFFICER Maj L O'DONNELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
I ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE.	17 MAR		SHQ (-) remained at FSPB KERRY (YT1313) co-ordinating the defence of I ATF (main) base	
			1 Tp plus 3 Tp B Sqn 1 ARMD REGT and C coy 5RAR conducted RIF in the area EAST of AO BELCONNEN.	
			2 Tp and elements of SHQ supported 5RAR in AO ARUNDA	
			3 Tp supported 9RAR in RIF in vicinity of I ATF base	
			8 Tp continued escort tasks on QL15.	

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UNIT/FORMATION A SQN 3 AV REGT

MONTH AND YEAR MAR 1969

REFERENCE MAP YT & YS

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj L O'DONNELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
I ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	18 MAR		A SQN (-) supported 5 RAR in AO ARUNDA without contact. 2 Tp supported 4 RAR in AO BELCONNEN.	
			3 Tp continued operations from I ATF base at 1719H at YS 285635 one APC from 2 Sect 3 Tp was hit by 2x RPG rounds. The enemy of unknown strength withdrew and the area was engaged by a Light Fire Team. Results were 1 aust wIA and 1 APC moderately damaged.	
			Dp Tp continued escort and convoy duties on QL 15.	

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION A SQN 7 AV REGT

MONTH AND YEAR MAR 1969

REFERENCE MAP YT + YS

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj L O'DONNELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
I ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	19 MAR		SHQ remained in FSPB KERRY (YT1313) and co-ordinated the defence of I ATF (main) base.	
			I Tp supported D Coy 5RAR operations EAST of TRANG BOM.	
			I Sect 2Tp and the HQ I ATF Def Pl occupied a night defensive position at YT 154123. 2 Sect 2Tp remains op con to 4 RAR	
			3Tp continued operations from I ATF base.	
			Sp Tp continues escort tasks on QL15.	

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UNIT/FORMATION A SQN 3 AV REGT

MONTH AND YEAR MAR 1969

REFERENCE MAP YT & YS

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj. L.O'DONNELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
I ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	20 MAR		SHQ remained in FSPB KERRY (YT1313) and co-ordinated the defence of I ATF (main) base.	
			A SQN (-) supported 5 RAR operations in AO ARUNDA.	
			2 Sect 2 Tp remained op con to 4 RAR.	
			3 Tp (-) supported 9 RAR operations in the I ATF TAOR. 1 Sect 3 Tp conducted escort tasks on QLIS.	
			Dp Tp continued roadrunner duties.	

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION A SQUAD C AV REGT

MONTH AND YEAR MAR 69

REFERENCE MAP YT & YS

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj. L. O'DONNELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
I ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	21 MAR		SHQ and 2Tp supported 5RAR in AO ARUNDA without contact.	
			2Tp also assisted 2/52 INF (ARVN) in troop redeployment.	
			3Tp remained at I ATF Base as RRF.	
			4Tp continued roadrunner tasks.	
			1Tp remained at FSPB KERRY (YT 1313)	

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MONTH AND YEAR..... MAR 1969

REFERENCE MAP

YT + ys

UNIT/FORMATION A Sqn 3-9V 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	22 MAR		SHQ remained in FSPB KERRY (YT 1313) and co-ordinated the defence of IATF (main) base.	
			1 Tp supported 5RAR in AO ARUNDA without contact.	
			2 Sect 2Tp remains op con to 4 RAR.	
			3Tp and SpTp (-) remain at IATF base as RRF and conducted escort tasks on route 15.	

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION A3QN 3 IV REGT

MONTH AND YEAR MAR 1969

REFERENCE MAP

YT + YS

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj L O'DONNELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
I ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE.	23 MAR		SHQ remained in FSPB KERRY (YT 1313) and co-ordinated the defence of I ATF (main) base	
			1 Tp(-) supported 5 RAR operations in AO ARUNDA	
			1 Sect 2 Tp and elements of the HQ I ATF Def Pl conducted a sweep of QL1 in the vicinity of YT 1311 without result 2 Sect 2 Tp remained in support of 4 RAR	
			3 Tp remained as RRF and 1pTp continued escort tasks on QL15	

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MONTH AND YEAR..... MAR. 1969

REFERENCE MAP

YT + YS

UNIT/FORMATION A SQN 300 V REGT

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj. L. O'DONNELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
I ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE	27 MAR		A SQN(-) supported 5RAR operations in AO ARUNDA and AO BANDIT centre of mass YT 2508 without incident.	
			3Tp relieved 1Tp at FSPB KERRY (YT 1313)	
			Convoy tasks on QL 15 continued	

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MONTH AND YEAR... MAR 1969.

REFERENCE MAP 4T & 4S

UNIT/FORMATION A SQN 3 AV REGT.

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj. L. O'DONNELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
I ATF TAOR BIEN HOA PROVINCE.	25 MAR		A spn(-) supported 5 RAR in troop deployment and resupply in AO's ARUNDA & BANDIT.	
			1 Tp remains in I ATF base as RRF.	
			2 Sect 2Tp remains under op con Q RAR	
			Sps Tp continued escort duties on PL 15 without incident.	

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UNIT/FORMATION A Sqn 3 AV REGT

MONTH AND YEAR MAR 1969

REFERENCE MAP YT + YS

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj L O'DONNELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
I ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE.	26 MAR		A sqn(-) supported 5RAR in Ao'b ARUNDA and BANDIT.	
			1 Tp supported 4 RAR into AO DRAYTON centre of mass 43 4786	
			2 sect 2 Tp remains op con 9 RAR	
			Sp Tp(-) carried out escort duties on QL15	

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION A SQN 3rd V REGT

MONTH AND YEAR MAR 1969

REFERENCE MAP YT & YS

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj. L. O'DONNELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
I ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE.	27 MAR		A SQN (-) supported the movement of elements of 5RAR + 9RAR into AO's MANUKA and RIED respectively. At 1005H at YS 157937 2x TCV's being escorted by elements of A SQN struck mines resulting in 7 Aust WIA, 1 US WIA and 2 TCV's damaged.	
			1 Tp (-) supported C Coy 4RAR operations in AO DRAYTON. at 1310H at YS 468866 elements of 1 Tp contacted 5 enemy without result.	Y45060
			Convey escort tasks on QL15 continued.	

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UNIT/FORMATION A SQN 3 AR REGT.

MONTH AND YEAR MAR 1969

REFERENCE MAP YT & YS

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj. L. O'DONNELL

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I ATF TAOR + BIEN HOA PROVINCE.	28 MAR		SHQ remained in FSPB KERRY (YT 1313) and co-ordinated the defence of I ATF (main) base.	
			I Tp (-) was released from under op con 4RAR and returned to I ATF base from AO DRAYTON.	
			2Tp (-) and elements of HQ I ATF Def Pl conducted RIF in AO ARUNDA. 3 Sect 2Tp became op con D Coy 9RAR.	
			I Sect 3Tp replaced 2 Sect 3Tp op con to D Coy 5RAR after returning from AO MANUKA to AO ARUNDA. 3 Sect 3Tp supported 3Tp B SQN 1 ARMD REGT in RIF operations in S-E of AO ARUNDA.	
			Convoy escort duties on QL 15 continued.	

1 B P Coy—275/65—55m

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UNIT/FORMATION A S Q N 301 REGT

MONTH AND YEAR MAR 1969

REFERENCE MAP

YT + YS

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	29 MAR		SHQ remained in FSPB KERRY (YT 1313) and co-ordinated the defence of IATF (main) base	
			I Tp remained at IATF base as RRF	
			2 Sect 2Tp plus HQ IATF Def Pl (-) and 3Tp BSGN 1 ARMD REGT conducted RIF in the Southern portion of AO ARUNDA and the Northern portion of AO BELCONNEN without results.	
			3Tp (-) conducted RIF in AO ARUNDA and found suspected rocket launching pads at YT 116167, YT 123194 and YT 103165. The sites were triangulated in shape laid on headings between South and West. Search scorch marks indicated that sites had been used in the last 36 hours.	

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UNIT/FORMATION A SQN 3 CAV REGT

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REFERENCE MAP YT + YS

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj L O'DONNELL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
I ATF TAOR	30MAR		SHQ remained at FSPB KERRY (YT 1313). + BIEN HOA PROVINCE.	
			I Tp supported 4 RAR in vicinity I ATF base	
			2Tp(-) plus one Sect HQ I ATF Def Pl carried out RIF in the Eastern portion of AO's ARUNDA and BELCONNEN at 0920H. 2Tp engaged an unidentified armed person who ran off as the Tp approached. One M1 carbine was recovered and the unidentified person was KIA. He has since been identified as a member of a local civil defence organisation.	
			3Tp(-) supported 4 Tp B SQN 1 ARMD REGT in RIF in AO ARUNDA.	
			Sp Tp (-) continued escort duties on QL 15.	

1 B P Coy—275/65—55m

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UNIT/FORMATION A SQN 3 CAU REGT

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YT + YS

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
I ATF TAOR BIEN HOA PROVINCE.	31 MAR		SHQ and 1 Sect SpTp remained in FSPB KERRY (YT 1313). 1 Tp and 2 Sect SpTp supported W Coy 4 RAR in AO LOIS (YS 3965) as a reaction force.	
			2 Sect 2 Tp operated with 3 Tp B SQN 1 ARMD REGT and elements of HQ I ATF Def Pl in RIF in AO ARUNDA 3 Sect 2 Tp remained op con to D Coy 9 RAR.	
			3 Tp (-) and HQ I ATF Def Pl conducted RIF in AO BELCONVEN. At 1220H at YT 199 121 a detained person was taken to TRANS BOM Post. At 1345H at YT 170 116 3 Tp (-) found 7 old bunkers. 1 Sect 3 Tp remained op con D Coy 5 RAR.	
			SpTp (-) continued escort duties on QL15.	