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**Narrative**

**1-30 June 1970**

## **COVERING LETTER**

*Reference No.*

*To:* OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

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

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# COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

**Unit or Formation** B Squadron The Third Cavalry Regiment

**From** 1 Tim 70

To 30 Jun 70

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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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**DISPOSAL**

13. **Original Commander's Diary.** This is to be forwarded monthly, unless otherwise ordered, on 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.

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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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2. The names are to be recorded in the groups shown on the cover. If no other space for annexes will be entered on the cover. If additional names are required, the number of annexes, listing of all

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B SQN 3 CAV REGT  
*Maj H. J. COATES*  
MAJOR R E ROOKS, OC

Place & Grid Reference	Date	Time	Event or Information
AO CATHY	1 Jun	-	2.82.83.98B. Opn 7 RAR. OP CONCRETE II.
AO WICKHAM	"	-	13.81. Opn 2 RAR. OP CAPRICORN.
HORSESHOE	"	-	Opn LCT.
LONG DIEN	"	p.m.	Opn 8 RAR as RRF.
LE LOI	"	p.m.	Moved out to LE LOI with a combat engr team for route clearance to KYLIE.
525550	..	1805	29J reported that 22A had detonated an M16 or small pressure mine. One track blown off. 22 towed the damaged vehicle back to BRIDGETTE. No personal casualties.
AO CATHY	2 Jun	-	2.82.83.98B. Opn 7 RAR. OP CONCRETE II.
AO WICKHAM	"	-	3(-).98A. Opn 2 RAR. OP CAPRICORN.
HORSESHOE	"	-	Opn LCT.
LONG DIEN	"	p.m.	Opn 8 RAR as RRF.
KYLIE	"	-	11.85A. Opn D+E Pl.
AO CATHY	3 Jun	-	2.82.98B. Opn 7 RAR. OP CONCRETE II

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AO WICKHAM	3 Jun	-	3(-). 98A. Opcn 2 RAR. Op CAPRICORN.
KYLIE	--	-	11. 85A. Opcn ARTE PL.
HORSESHOE	--	-	86. 9A. Opcn LCT.
LONG DIEN	--	p.m.	86. 9G. Opcn 8 RAR as RRF
488511	--	1148.	22A reported that 22 svt and a tank hoop were engaging one vc in a cave. POSSUM checked afterwards - results unknown.
AO CATHY	4 Jun	-	2. 82. 98B. Opcn 7 RAR. Op CONCRETE II.
AO WICKHAM	--	a.m.	3(-). 98A returned to NUI DAT.
NOLA	--	a.m.	83 moving to AO WICKHAM. Opcn 2 RAR. Op CAPRICORN.
AO WICKHAM	--	-	32. Opcn 2 RAR. Op CAPRICORN.
HORSESHOE	--	-	86. 9G. Opcn LCT.
KYLIE	--	-	11. 85A. Opcn ARTE PL.
LONG DIEN	--	p.m.	86. 9G. Opcn 8 RAR as RRF.
EAST of XUYEN MOC	--	1345	OCs recce by POSSUM for an impending, joint operation with XUYEN MOC RF.

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441862	4 Jun	1122	11 found an enemy installation (unoccupied) comprising several bunkers in good condition.	
470658	"	1908	13 was reacted to an infantry contact. 13 did not become involved in any action.	
BRIDGETTE	"	2117	22 engaged an estimated 5VC between his position and the beach. There were no results from the contact.	
AO CATHY	5 Jun	-	2. 82. 98B. Oplan 7 RAR. Op CONCRETE II.	
AO WICKHAM	"	-	32. 83. Oplan 2 RAR. Op CAPRICORN.	
HORSESHOE	"	-	86. 9G. Oplan LCT.	
KYLIE	"	-	11. 85A. Oplan DTE pl.	
LONG DIEN	"	A.M.	86. 9G. Oplan 8RAR as RRF.	
AO WICKHAM	"	1800	3. 33. Deploy to AO WICKHAM.	
KYLIE	"	0900	OCS visit.	
454570	"	1000	10B. 12. 31. insert 10 pl D coy 8RAR and extract 12 pl D coy 8RAR.	

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AO CATHY	6 Jun	-	2. 82. 98B.	opon 7 RAR. Op CONCRETE II.
AO WICKHAM	"	-	3(-). 83. 98A.	opon 2 RAR. Op CAPRICORN.
KYLIE	"	-	11. 85A.	opon D+E pl.
HORSESHOE	"	-	84. 9G.	opon LCT.
LONG DIEN	-	N.n.	84. 9G.	opon 8RAR as RRF.
252 736	--	0414	30B reported his ambush sprung by engaging an estimated two enemy. Later the following same morning a local RF post apprehended two women who were breaking curfew. One of these women was wounded and evacuated to BARIA hospital. Interrogation indicated that the woman had been wounded in 30Bs ambush - both women claimed to have been out looking for frogs to eat.	
AO CATHY	7 Jun	-	2. 82. 98B.	opon 7 RAR. Op CONCRETE II.
AO WICKHAM	"	-	3(-). 83. 98A.	opon 2 RAR. Op CAPRICORN.

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AO TENNANT	7 Jun	-	11. 85A. Option D+E pl.
LONG DIEN	--	p.m. 84. 9G.	Option SRAR as RRF.
AO WICKHAM	--	1345	OCS visit.
AO CATHY	8 Jun	-	2. 82. 98B. Option 7 RAR. OP CONCRETE II.
AO WICKHAM	--	-	3(-) 83. 98A. Option 2 RAR. OP CAPRICORN.
AO WICKHAM	--	0700	31 deploys to join 3(-).
AO TENNANT	--	-	11. 85A. Option D+E pl.
LONG DIEN	--	p.m. 84.	Option SRAR as RRF.
AO CATHY	9 Jun	-	2. 82. 98B. Option 7 RAR. OP CONCRETE II. Troop in base during the day and redeploys late p.m.
AO WICKHAM	--	-	3(-) 83. 98A. Option 2 RAR. OP CAPRICORN.
AO WICKHAM	--	1245	32 deploys to join 3(-).
AO TENNANT	--	-	11. 85A. Option D+E pl.
AO CATHY	10 Jun	-	2. 82. 98B. Option 7 RAR. OP CONCRETE II.
AO WICKHAM	--	-	3. 83. 98A. Option 2 RAR. OP CAPRICORN. 3 TO returned to NUI DAT late last night to refuel. At 0630 this

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Continuing	10 Jun	-	morning, 2 RAR informed Capt ASHMAN that the lift planned for today had been cancelled and that 3 TA would not now be required until tomorrow.
AO TENNANT	-	-	11. 85A. Opcon D+E Pl.
AO CATHY	11 Jun	-	2. 82. Opcon 2 RAR. Op CONCRETE II.
AO TENNANT	-	-	11. 85A. Opcon D+E Pl.
AO WICKHAM	--	-	83. Opcon 2 RAR. Op CAPRICORN.
AO WICKHAM	--	0900	3. 98A. 85B. Deploy to join 83. 85B is required for 24 hours at FSPB TESS until 2 RAR has completed the move from FSPB NOLA to FSPB TESS.
AO CATHY	12 Jun	-	2. 82. Opcon 7 RAR. Op CONCRETE II.
AO TENNANT	--	-	11. 85A. Opcon <del>2 RAR</del> D+E Pl.
AO KIPPER	--	-	3. 83. 98A. Opcon 2 RAR. Op CAPRICORN.
AO BEVERLEY	--	-	1(-). 81. 86. 98B. RIF op in conjunction with elements of 612 RF by from XUYEN MOC Sub-Sector.
LONG HAI hills	--	0800	84. 85. Opcon LCT - deploy to establish an NDP.

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FSPB TESS	12 Jun	1630	33.85B. Return to NUI DAT.
AO BETSY	13 Jun	-	2.82. Opcon 7 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.
FSPB KYLIE	--	-	11.85A. Opcon 8 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.
AO JETSON	--	-	3(-).83. 98A. Opcon 2 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.
AO BEVERLEY	--	-	1(-).81. 86. 98B. RIF op in conjunction with elements of 612 RF Coy from XUYEN MOI Sub-Sector.
LONG HAI hills	--	-	84.85. Opcon LCT.
AO CENTAUR	--	0800	13 Sect deploys to Tango face under opcon A+E pl. 1TP A Sqn 1 Armd Regt also in support.
AO JETSON	--	0900	33 Sect redeploys with elements of W coy 2 RAR into ambush positions. Opcon 2 RAR.
AO BEVERLEY	-	1000	OC, 9C, 9E and WO2 HUDSON to visit 1TP(-) by ALBATROSS. 1TP also taking mortar ammunition and water resupply.
804698	--	0930	1TP located a two to three month old, two man bunker containing a couple of small personal items. Bunker destroyed by mini-team.



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747686	13 Jun	1204	1 Tp found a small camp considered to have been used by an enemy squad of five men about a week ago. This was also destroyed by the mini-teams.
774709- 774704	--	1644	1 Tp. found an extensive but old bunker system and a fairly recent <del>bunker</del> <sup>tank</sup> system, capable of housing 30 people.
782691	--	1825	1 Tp destroyed a vc paddy system.
AO BETSY	14 Jun	2.22	Opcon 7 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.
KYLIE	--	-	11. 85A. Route 2 const. Opcon 3 RAR.
AO JETSON	--	-	3. 83. 98A. Opcon 2 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.
AO BEVERLEY	--	-	(C). 81. 86. 98B. Operating in conjunction with 612 RF Coy from XUYEN MOI.
LONG HAI Hill	--	-	84. 85. Opcon LCT.
AO CENTAUR	--	-	13. Opcon DME pl. (Tango force).
737676	--	1150	1 Tp found another bunker used approximately one week ago by three men.

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572517	14 Jun	1502	21A detonated on 80-100lb anti-tank mine resulting in: one Australian engineer KIA, one Australian infantryman WIA, and two crewmen WIA (PIPER had a leg amputated below the knee, both he and DAVIES received fragmentation wounds, severe laceration and second degree burns). The APC sustained a 3'x4' hole in the flooring and considerable blast damage. Both Cavalry members are off RTA as a result of their injuries.
489532	--	1730	84 reported locating an area which appeared to have had a VC mine-laying accident. From a skull and various bits of equipment laying around, including a live M16 mine, 84 deduced that a VC mine laying party of three or four men had succeeded in destroying at least one of their party and possibly two.

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AO BETSY	15 Jun	-	2. 82. Operation 7 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.
KYLIE	--	-	11. 85A. Operation 8 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.
AO JETSON	--	-	3. 83. 98A. Operation 2 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.
LONG HAI Hill	--	-	84. 85. Operation LCT.
AO CENTAUR	--	-	13. Operation DRE M. (Tango force).
AO BETSY	16 Jun	-	2. 82. Operation 7 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.
KYLIE	--	-	11. 85A. Operation 8 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.
AO JETSON	--	-	3. 83. 98A. Operation 2 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.
LONG HAI Hill	--	-	84. 85. Operation LCT.
AO CENTAUR	--	-	13. Operation DRE M (Tango force).
THUA TICH area	--	0800	9, 9E, 10A, 10B did an air reconnaissance of Route 328 and Route 330 to Route 1 via THUA TICH. Considerable evidence of illegal heavy vehicular movement was seen.
426523	-	2000	208, 22 and 22B were in an ambush position just SOUTH WEST of LO NOI on Route 44. The sky had become very overcast and a great deal of lightning was

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continuing	16 Jun	-	incident. At approximately 2000 hours local time a bolt of lightning apparently arced across the radio antenna on 22B, grounding through the body of an infantryman unfortunate enough to have leaned against the vehicle. A Sioux aircraft lifted his body out to 8 Fd Amb at NHQ SAT. Vehicle damage sustained was minor: two antennae burnt beyond repair, a 1780 burnt out and at least one AMU burnt out.
AO BETSY	17 Jun	-	2. 82. Operation 7 RAR. Op CUNA CHUNG.
KYLIE	"	-	11. 85A. Operation 8 RAR. Op CUNA CHUNG.
AO JETSON	"	-	3. 83. 98A. Operation 2 RAR. Op CUNA CHUNG.
LONG HAI Hill	"	-	84. 96. Operation LCT. WO2 BIRCH and Tpr TILIGARIE were extracted and Sgt BUCKINGHAM and Tpr GREAVES inserted as a routine change of personnel.
AO CENTAUR	"	-	13. Operation DTE PL - Tango Face.

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KYLIE	17 Jun	1000	OC departed by road to visit 13 Sect.
LE LOI	-	1200	OC visited Lt Col O'NEILL, CO & RAR.
<del>1 APH, 1 ALSG</del>	-	1400	OC, 2IC and 2PA (Capt P.T. MURPHY) visited PIPER and DAVIES at 1 APH.
481525	-	1550	A bulldozer from the Land Clearing Team detonated an estimated 40 pound Chicom anti-tank mine very close to one of 84s casings, resulting in a wounded engineer plant operator and an extensively damaged bulldozer.
274735	-	1702	83 reported that a cow had detonated a mine, type and size unspecified, on the limestone rail.
NOTE:	-	-	Throughout PHUOC TUY Province, FNMAF suffered nine mine contacts during the twenty four hour period.
AO BETSY	18 Jun	-	2. 82. Option 7 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.
KYLIE	-	-	11. 85A. Option 8 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.

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AO JETSON	18 Jun	-	3.83. 98A. Opcon 2 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.
LONG HAI Hills	-	-	84. 85. Opcon LCT.
AO CENTAUR	-	-	Opcon D&E Pl. Tango Force. The armoured elements of Tango Force have now used all of AO CENTAUR which can be used by armoured during the wet season and the OC is attempting to have AO CENTAUR extended EASTWARDS to include Route 328, THUA THIEN and Route 330.
454879	--	1700	11A detonated an explosive device of unknown size and description. No personnel casualties. The vehicle hull was not penetrated but the explosion caused some damage to the engine and transmission. Vehicle to be recovered tomorrow morning.
AO BETSY	19 Jun	-	2.82. Opcon 7 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG. FSPB DISCOVERY being resupplied today. 2 Pl is involved ferrying three companies of 7 RAR into DISCOVERY.

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KYLIE	19 Jun	-	1112. 85A. 11 Sect, at present under option to 8RAR, is being swapped with 12 Sect as a result of yesterday evening mine/UXB incident. 11A is being recovered by RAEME means.
AO JETSON	-	-	3. 83. 98A. Option 2 RAR. Op CINA CHING. OC LAD and FARADAY (unit C/S for radio mechanic) are visiting 31 Sect at TESS this morning.
LONG HAI HILLS	--	-	84. 85. Option LCT.
AO CENTAUR	--	-	13. Option D/E pl. Change of AO now appears set for 22 Jun 70 to the area mentioned in yesterday's diary.
Vicinity 4557	--	0800.	86. 9G. Option 8 RAR for a platoon patrol insertion.
XUYEN MOC	--	0800	19 Jun is Vietnamese Army Day and the District Chief at XUYEN MOC is holding a form of Gala Day. As a result of the military and civic action assistance which this unit has provided, we

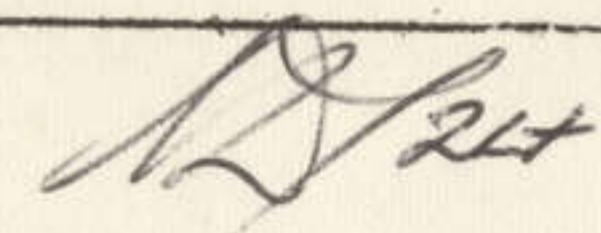
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continuing	19 Jun	0800	have been invited to provide two volley ball teams to participate in the XUYEN MOC Games. It is also intended to discover what the results of the arrest of seven suspected VC1 two nights ago have been. (The VC1 were arrested following the discovery of a quantity of documents after a contact between the District Chief body guard and the remnants of the XUYEN MOC guerrillas several kilometres NE of XUYEN MOC last Sunday).
LONG HAI Hills	--	1500	84, option to 2 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt, was reacted by TF to the SOUTHERN LONG HAI Hill, initially to provide fire support to and then to extract 577 RF Coy in contact with an unknown number of enemy. This was eventually completed after 577 RF Coy had sustained 2 KIA and 20 WIA.



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VIC FSPB DISCOVERY	20 Jun	-	2.82. Operation 7 RAR. OP CUNG CHUNG. As a result of SAS identification of elements of C3 and C4 of D445 BN in the area SOUTH of XUYEN MOC, FSPB DISCOVERY has been reinforced with the insertion of C Btry 2 BN 35 US Arty Regt and a section of 106 Regt A 7th Regt. Three companies of 7 RAR have also been deployed in an effort to contact these elements of D445.
KYLIE	--	-	12. 85A. Operation 8 RAR. OP CUNG CHUNG.
AO JETSON	--	-	3. 83. 98A. Operation 2 RAR. OP CUNG CHUNG.
LONG HAI Hill	--	-	84. 85. Operation LCT. 84 Sect rejoined the LCT early this morning to continue its normal task.
AO CENTAUR	--	-	13. Operation A&E pl. 13 Sect was this morning instructed to return to NUI DAT to prepare for the reconstitution of a larger Tango Force under the command of 1 TP B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
LONG HAI Hill	--	0900	86. Sect 1 TP operation 8 RAR for a time to form how

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continuing	20 Jun	0900	task of insertion and extraction.
NOTE:	-	-	whilst at XUYEN MOE yesterday, the OC ascertained that the seven suspected VC arrested several days ago provided some reasonably good information concerning other VC in XUYEN MOE. Investigations by local authorities are continuing.
NUI DAT	-	-	1. 13 Sect returned to base this morning as Tango Force has cleared. 2. 84 and 85 returned to base this evening as the LCT has virtually ceased to exist. VC mine warfare in the NE LONG HAI hills has rendered inoperable all but one of the bulldozers available through TF resources.
VIC FSPB DISCOVERY	21 Jun	-	2. 82. Opcon 7 RAR. Op CLUNG CHUNG.
KYLIE	--	-	12. 85A. Opcon 8 RAR. Op CLUNG CHUNG.
AO JETSON	--	-	3. 83. 98A. Opcon 2 RAR. Op CLUNG CHUNG.
530 750	--	0730	86. Insertion of an ARVN pn.

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465687		21Jun	1000	11 Sect took a combat engr team and explosives out to a 2RAR pt who had found some deserted bunkers.		
HORSESHOE		22Jun	-	2. 82. Opcn 7 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.		
KYLIE		--	-	12. 85A. Opcn 8 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.		
AO JETSON		--	-	3.83. 98A. Opcn 2 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.		
KYLIE		-	0915	86 changes with 12 Sect at KYLIE. 12 Sect returns to NUI DAT to prepare for another operation.		
HORSESHOE		23Jun	-	2. 82. Opcn 7 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.		
KYLIE		--	-	86. 85A. Opcn 8 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.		
AO JETSON		--	-	3.83. 98A. Opcn 2 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.		
530750		--	0945	84 carried out a routine extraction of an ARVN pt.		
Route 328		-	0815	OC carried out a reconnaissance by air.		
FSB TESB		-	0930	OC carried out a routine visit to 3 Tp and the CO 2 RAR.		
HORSESHOE		24Jun	-	2. 82. Opcn 7 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.		
KYLIE		--	-	86. 85A. Opcn 8 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.		

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AO JETSON	24 Jun	-	3. 83. 98A.	Opion 2 RAR.	OP CUNG CHUNG.
XUYEN MOC	--	0730	13 Sect opion A+E pl for a four day protection task at XUYEN MOC during the National election period.		
VIC THUA THICH	--	0730	THQ( ) and a sect from 1 TP commence executing CAMBODIAN troops back to the junction of Route 23 and 328 in XUYEN MOC District.		
KYLIE	--	0800	84 Sect departs for KYLIE to relieve 86 Sect. This will allow the following officer changes to take place: a. Lt STOREY RNZAC to 2 TP as TP off. b. 2Lt STACH to 86 Sect. c. 2Lt SMITH to XUYEN MOC as 1 ATF LO.		
HORSESHOE	--	0800	9 and 95 visited 2PA at the HORSE SHOE.		
TESS	--	1100	95 visited 3PA.		
VUNG TAU	--	1100	9 and 9E visited PIPER and DAVIES at 1 AFH.		
HORSE SHOE	25 Jun	-	2. 82.	Opion 7 RAR.	OP CUNG CHUNG.
KYLIE	--	-	84. 85A.	Opion 8 RAR.	OP CUNG CHUNG.

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AO JETSON	25 Jun	-	3. 83. 98A.	Opcn 2 RAR.	Op CUNG CHUNG.
XUYEN MOC	--	-	13. 19M.	Opcn D+E pl.	Assist District Chief in village protection during forthcoming National elections.
VIC FSPB LE LOI	--	1000	9, 9E, 10A	undertook an air reconnaissance for a forthcoming operation with 8 RAR.	
HORSESHOE	26 Jun	-	2. 82.	Opcn 7 RAR.	Op CUNG CHUNG.
KYLIE	--	-	84. 85A.	Opcn 8 RAR.	Op CUNG CHUNG.
AO JETSON	--	-	3. 83. 98A.	Opcn 2 RAR.	Op CUNG CHUNG.
XUYEN MOC	--	-	13. 19M.	Opcn D+E pl.	Assist District Chief in village protection during forthcoming National elections.
FSPB LE LOI	--	0800	OC visiting CO 8 RAR and 84 Sect who are down from KYLIE on a task for 8 RAR.		
HORSESHOE	27 Jun	-	2. 82.	Opcn 7 RAR.	Op CUNG CHUNG.
KYLIE	--	-	85A.	Opcn 8 RAR.	Op CUNG CHUNG.
MATHEW	--	-	84.	Opcn 8 RAR.	Op CUNG CHUNG.
AO JETSON	--	-	3. 83. 98A.	Opcn 2 RAR.	Op CUNG CHUNG.

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XUYEN MOC	27 Jun	- 13.19M.	Opcn 4th pl. Assist District chief with village protection during forthcoming National elections.
XUYEN MOC	-	0800	86 Sect deploys to take over from 13 and 19M, who then return to NUI DAT.
LE LOI	-	0805	OC visited CO 8 RAR reference forthcoming operations commencing 29 Jun 70.
TESS	-	1330	85 deploys to provide 2 RAR with command post facilities during the closing of FSPB TESS. Expected time of completion 291200H Jun 70.
HORSESHOE	28 Jun	- 2(-), 82.	Opcn 7 RAR. OP CUNG CHUNG. 23 Sect returned to NUI DAT at first light this morning to prepare to take part in 8 RAR's operation, commencing tomorrow, against suspected elements of D440 LF Bn.
MATHEW	--	- 84.	Opcn 8RAR. OP CUNG CHUNG.
AO JETSON	-	-	3, 83, 98A, 85. Opcn 2 RAR. OP CUNG CHUNG. Battalion group completes cessation of operations tomorrow and 3 Tp, group revert under

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CONTINUING		28 Jun	-	command of this headquarters.
XUYEN MOC		--	-	86. Opcon D+E pl. Continues to assist District Chief with village protection during today's National elections. Due to recent urban command this headquarters tomorrow morning.
LE LOI		-	0800	OCS visit to CO 8 RAR to attend a final planning conference concerning the commencement of tomorrow's operation against suspected elements of D440 LF Bn.
HORSESHOE		29 Jun	-	2.82. Opcon 7 RAR. QP CLUNG CHUNG.
MATHEW		-	-	84. Opcon 8 RAR. QP CLUNG CHUNG.
KYLIE		-	-	85A. Opcon 8 RAR. OP CLUNG CHUNG.
XUYEN MOC		--	-	86. Opcon D+E pl. Today concludes assisting District Chief with local protection during National elections.
TESS		-	..	85. Opcon 2 RAR. Returning to base today.
LE LOI		--	0800	1.81. Moving out opcon to 8RAR for operations against elements of D440.
LE LOI		-	1100	3.83. 23. Moving out opcon to 8RAR for operations against

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Continuing	29 Jun	1100		elements of A440.
LE LOI	--	0800	ØA. 9. 98B.	Moving out opion to 8RAR and to control the APC group during the coming operation.
442889	--	1815.	33.	while moving into his final ambush position, one of 33 Section detonated what was probably an M14 anti-personnel mine without any damage or casualties.
HORSESHOE	30 Jun	-	2(-). 82.	Opion 7 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.
MATHEW	--	-	84.	Opion 8 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.
KYLIE	--	-	85A.	Opion 8 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.
AO MULLET	--	-	1.81. 3.83. 23.	Opion 8 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.
LE LOI	--	-	ØA. 9. 98B.	Opion 8 RAR. Op CUNG CHUNG.
HORSESHOE	Tue	21	20	

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