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[1-28 Feb 1966]

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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UNIT 1 RAR

DATE AND TIME From 010735 Feb 66 to

Maps: BIEN HOA 1 : 50,000

TAN UYEN 1 : 50,000

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFS TO APPENDICES, DIARIES etc
BIEN HOA	1 Feb	0735	A B 52 strike was made on the area NORTH of 1 RAR's TAOR across the DONG NAI River. The raid was in sp of the ARVN operation.	
		2000	Patrolling of the TAOR continued. NO contact was made.	
	2 Feb	0900	The ARVN elms operating near 1 RAR's TAOR were to return through the TAOR during the day.	
		1540	The two hour standby that had been applied to 1 RAR was cancelled.	
		2000	Patrolling of the TAOR continued.	
	3 Feb	0750	Preparation for operation HOUNDHOUSE (4 Feb) continued. A recce by hel was made of the area by Coy Comds.	
		1610	Patrols returned from the TAOR.	
	4 Feb	0700	Operation HOUND HOUSE commenced. The rd mov by B Coy, 1 APC Tp and elms of E 17 Cav to PHUOC LOC (XT987325) was the first phase of the operation.	
		1035	First lift of hel departed the SNAKE PIT for LZ PHOENIX (XT 993331).	
PHUOC LOC (XT 987325)	4 Feb	1150	Mov of all elms to the operational area was completed.	041150 Feb 66

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DATE AND TIME From 041245 Feb 66 to 041700 Feb 66

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFS TO APPENDICES, DIARIES etc
XT 992320	4 Feb	1245	E 17 Coy located a VC truck and some looby traps. During this operation little contact was made with VC elms but a total of 250 tons of rice was discovered, along with quantities of salt, peanuts, cooking oils and other VC supplies. In addition 5 X 2 ¹ / ₂ ton trucks ^{which} had been stolen from ARVN a few days prior to the operation were captured. It was evident that 1 RAR Gp had entered an area which was being used by the VC as a supply staging area in the resupply of units in War Zone D to the NORTH EAST and NORTH WEST. The capture of these supplies in the period 4 - 9 Feb 66 would have an effect on the VC's ability to adequately feed a few of his Main Force Units.	
		1448	E 17 Coy reported that they had discovered a total of 4 Trucks along with 50 X 100 lb bags of rice. E 17 Coy received some SA fire from YTO10322.	
		1700	B Coy Gp harboured at XT 989325, 1 RAR (- A Coy) at XT 989323. There were NO incidents during the night although 2 tunnels were located by	

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DATE AND TIME From 041700 Feb 66 to 051800 Feb 66

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFS TO APPENDICES, DIARIES etc
Continued	4 Feb	1700	A Coy at XT 985330.	
PHUC LOC	5 Feb	060235	Ba Her was heard at XT 984340 and a DF was fired at it.	
		0907	It had been decided on the previous day to remain in the PHUC LOC area for a further day as it was believed that further VC supplies might be located following the finds of the previous day.	
XT 984340		0955	E 17 located a cache containing 300 X 100 lb bags of rice and a quantity of peanuts.	
		1025	A claymore mine was detonated by the VC in front of an E 17 Veh. One person was injured in the blast.	
		1105	E 17 received intensive SA fire at XT 983357.	
XT 984353		1400	E 17 contacted an estimated VC Pl. One of E 17 Coy Trooper's was wounded. Estimate 1 VC was KIA or WIA.	
		1800	During the day 60,000 lbs of rice, two 2½ ton trucks, 9 truck tyres and 1 Jeep had been found. Action was commenced to backload these items to	

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UNIT I RAR

DATE AND TIME From 051800 Feb 66 to 062200 Feb 66

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFS TO APPENDICES, DIARIES etc
Continued.	5 Feb	1800	173 Bde.	
		2200	1 RAR harboured in the same loc as on the previous ni. NO contact occurred during the ni.	
PHUC LOC	6 Feb	0815	Two Mor rounds believed to have been received in the Bn area from XT 995328 or XT 963326.	
		0840	E 17 Cav found a further 25,000 lb rice and 1500 lbs of salt at XT974323. They had two wounded from enemy action in that area.	
		0930	A and C Coys commenced their mov from the Bn loc. They were to move to the NE searching the area for VC and any further supplies that could be loc.	
XT 978354		1700	The Bn (- A Coy Gp) harboured for the ni at 978354. Further quantities of rice and other VC supplies had been located during the day. A total of 85,000 of rice found and 4000 lbs of salt found had been located.	
		2030	Noises and voices were heard at XT 982351. Arty was fired on this loc.	
		2200	NO contact was made with the VC during the night.	

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UNIT 1 BAR

DATE AND TIME From 070900 Feb 66

to

071930 Feb 66

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFS TO APPENDICES, DIARIES etc
KT 978354	7 Feb	0900	Bn Hq Co remained in loc during the day while A, C and D Coys searched the area to the EAST, NORTH and WEST. Some contact was made with the VC.	
		1009	D Coy (Maj I S HIGHER) had contact with a single rifleman at XT 981355. The VC made off to the NORTH EAST.	
		1125	C Coy contacted 1 VC at XT 991350.	
		1300	D Coy contacted an estimated VC sect at XT 984357. They suffered 1 WIA from this contact.	
		1408	A Coy leading element hit a booby trap. 1 member was wounded. Later 4 VC were contacted at XT 979360. The VC made off. A Coy (Maj J B HEALY) suffered 1 WIA.	
		KT 982370		1633
1930	1 VC had been killed during the day by C Coy (Maj JJ TATTAN). 75,000 lbs of rice had been discovered. In addition a further large cache was discovered by A Coy.			

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UNIT 1 RAR

DATE AND TIME From 08030 Feb 66

to 082045 Feb 66

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFS TO APPENDICES, DIARIES etc
XT 978354	8 Feb	0830	Mov commenced from the Bn position to the extraction LZ at XT 969363.	
XT 976357		1055	C Coy found a large cache of rice at XT 976357. This cache was eventually found to total approx 2000 bags. Because of extraction difficulties it was decided that 1 RAR remain in loc for a further day while either the rice was backloaded or destroyed. The rice was located about 30 yds off a well used track track in dumps of 300/400 bags.	
		1700	As many of the bags as possible were backloaded by hel. A PI of C Coy (9 PI 214 R IOFTUS) remained with the rice at XT 974352 until loading was completed. The PI was to rejoin the unit early the next morning.	
		1900	A Coy contacted 3 VC at 978361 and claimed 2 possible VC KIA. The Bn harboured at XT 969363 and the mov out was planned to commence at 1000 hrs the following morning by helicopter.	
		2045	C Coy listening post fired at 3 VC on the track in their area. The VC made off.	

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DATE AND TIME From

090731 Feb 66

to

102200 Feb 66

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFS TO APPENDICES, DIARIES etc
KT 969363	9 Feb	0731	Two further VC moved down a track and contacted G Coys listening post at XT 973355. The VC made off when fired at.	
		1000	The extraction commenced, D Coy were the first to load.	
KT 9430	9 Feb	1021	B Coy reported that B Bty 3/319 Pd Arty Bn had suffered 6 cas when a comd detonated mine exploded under a vehicle in SQ XT 9431.	
BIEN HOA		1200	1 RAR less D Coy Gp closed at BIEN HOA base camp. B Coy Gp closed by road later in the day.	
		1356	Advice was received that Mr RIORDAN (Secretary of the Federated Clerks Union of Australia) and Col MAXWELL the Australian Army Attache at SAIGON would visit 1 RAR on 12 Feb 66.	
BIEN HOA		2000	Patrolling of the TDR at BIEN HOA had been continued by IOD elements during the period of operations.	
	10 Feb	1700	Patrolling of the TDR recommenced.	
		2200	NO contact was made with the VC.	

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UNIT 1 RAR DATE AND TIME From 110900 Feb 66 to 121030 Feb 66

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFS TO APPENDICES, DIARIES etc
BIEN HOA	11 Feb	0900	A malaria research team from the Walter Reed Hospital arrived to take blood samples from 100 members of B and C Coys and 100 members of Admin Coy.	
		0945	Advice was received that an ARVN convoy would move through the TDR from WEST to EAST during the day.	
BIEN HOA	11 Feb	1225	Maj A HINDS (AUSA) would visit 1 RAR on the following day.	
		1815	A member of the US Security Service (responsible for the security of the US President and High Government Officials) visited 1 RAR. The purpose of the visit was to check on security arrangements for the visit of the Vice President Hubert HUMPHREY, Mr Averell HARRIMAN, General WESTMORELAND (Cmd USMACV) and other senior US officials who would visit 1 RAR on 12 Feb 66.	
BIEN HOA	12 Feb	0830	Mr ANDERSON (Asst Ambassador to RVN) and Brig G D JACKSON (Cmd AAFV) arrived at 1 RAR to receive the Vice President.	

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFS TO APPENDICES, DIARIES etc
BINH HOA	12 Feb	1220	The official visiting party arrived in eight helicopters on the NORTH pad. The party was met by Lt Col PHENGE and met Officers of 1 RAR, 1 APC Tp, 105 Fd Bty, 101 HEVA Fd Bty, 3 Fd Tp and 1 ASAC and then inspected B and C Coy lines.	
		2200	Patrolling of the TDR continues.	
		2215	D Coy standing patrol reported that they had fired on 2 VC at YT 003162. No trace of any VC bodies were found on the following morning.	
		2245	A 'Black Watch' report - An radio station of VC also - was reported located at YT 103232.	
		2305	Capt D F PAUL (2IC A Coy) was appointed Investigating Ofcr to inquire into the death of Pte GHELLS who was missing believed drowned at VUNG TAU (The Rest and Quative Centre).	
BINH HOA	13 Feb	2200	Patrolling of the TDR continues.	
		2250	From 2250 on 13 Feb to 0035 on 14v Feb, arty was fired on an estimated	

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UNIT 1 BAR

DATE AND TIME From 132250 Feb 66 to 161800 Feb 66

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFS TO APPENDICES, DIARIES etc
Continued	13 Feb	2250	VC PL that had crossed the IDING HAI River and was engaged in an attack on OIG HUONG village (XT 044182). The VC were repulsed with the loss of probably 3 dead (2 by body count). The Popular Forces victory was a lift in morale for the Popular Forces who had seen an element of 14 wiped out on 26 Dec 65 at BIN IONH outpost (XT 990210).	
BIEN HOA	14 Feb	1815	A Beating of Retreat ceremony was held on the In Parade Ground. Guest of honour was Brig Gen WILLIAMSON the Commanding General of 173 Bde. (He was due to relinquish command towards the end of the month) Brig BROWN (Allied War Graves) and Brig O D JACKSON also attended.	
		2200	There were NO incidents in the TDR.	
BIEN HOA	15 Feb	2200	Patrolling of the TDR continued - NO contact made.	
BIEN HOA	16 Feb	0900	District Court Martials commenced at 1 ALSC for 4 soldiers. Maj S J HARPER (OC Admin Coy) was President of the Board.	
		1800	Warning Order for operation 4/66 was issued. This operation was to last	

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PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFS TO APPENDICES, DIARIES etc
Continued	16 Feb	1800	approx 11 days and would be conducted in the NEW CLAY PHUOC VINH area. 1 Bde, 1 Inf Div would conduct the operation.	
		2030	Two suspected VC were sighted at 2030 hrs at YT 044159 and again at 2050 hrs. They were fired on but results not known at that time.	
		2220	A VC Dn was reported at YT 075213 and would be hit with concentrated arty fire.	
		2300	No further contact was made with the VC.	
	17 Feb	0845	Conference at 1 Bde SOUTH of PHUOC VINH at cp ROLLING STONE was attended by CO (Lt Col AV FREECE), 2IC (Maj J HOOPER), OC Sp Coy (Maj J ESSEY-CLARK), RSO (Capt MJ CARROLL) and IO (Capt JG DEEMODY).	
		1500	Preparations for the forthcoming operation went ahead.	
		2200	Patrolling of the TAOR continued - NO contact.	
	18 Feb	0900	O Gp held in Information Tent.	
		1100	Air Chief Marshal Sir John GRANDY, C in C FARLEP visited 1 RAR.	

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UNIT 1 RAR

DATE AND TIME From 190723 Feb 66

to 201200 Feb 66

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFS TO APPENDICES, DIARIES etc
Bien Hoa	19 Feb	0723	C Coy (Maj JJ TATTAN) departed 1 RAR for SNAKE PIT. C Coy was to be the reaction force band on the SNAKE PIT which would be flown in by helo if any counter force to any en action was required.	
		0740	A Coy departed in the convoy for TENT PEG (XT 883385).	
		1045	All elements incl C Coy (By helicopter) closed at TENT PEG (XT 883385). The road and air convoy was completed without incident. 1 RAR was then under comd 1 Bde and had ceased to be under comd of 173 Bde.	
XT 883385		2200	1 RAR dug in, in the temporary position. No contact was made with the VC during the day or night.	
	20 Feb	0730	C Coy moved from the overnight location to secure the road as far as XT 835364.	
		1200	All elements closed at the new loc at XT 787323. At this site the Bn relieved the 2nd/1st Bn which was then to proceed on a further operational task in the area WEST of BIN CAT. At the Bn base at XT 787323 1 RAR was	

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DATE AND TIME From 201200 Feb 66 to 212000 Feb 66

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFS TO APPENDICES, DIARIES etc
Continued.	20 Feb	1200	to protect the Engr base, from 1st Div, which was constructing the rd from BEN CAT (XF 743331) EAST to XF 887366. In the area in which 1 BAR was deployed there was a laterite pit which was being used to supply laterite for the road.	
		1212	A Coy moved out on securing tasks at the head of the Engr party at XF 819346. Later A and D Coys moved out to secure the flanks of the Engr parties.	
		2000	1 VC was sighted by 1 APC Tp (Capt R HILL) at XF 818345 at 1340 hrs. This was followed up by B Coy but there was no result.	
		2030	Ambush patrols were placed around the wide defensive perimeter held by 1 BAR.	
XF 883385	21 Feb	2000	Securing tasks were carried out by 1 BAR during the day. 2 VC suspects were apprehended but after checking by 1 Bde they were released. At 1806 hrs a sniper fired from XF 788316 at a party bathing in a creek wounding one trooper from 1 APC Tp (36994 Tpr H F JOSE). He was evacuated by hel.	

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UNIT 1 BAR

DATE AND TIME From 212048 Feb 66 to 230735 Feb 66

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFS TO APPENDICES, DIARIES etc
	21 Feb	2048	C Coy reported hearing digging at a distance of 150 yds from their posn. the loc was fired on.	
XT 883385	22 Feb	0735	Sub units recommenced their securing tasks along the road.	
XT 832357		1021	B Coy located two booby traps at XT 832357 and XT 832362. Both were destroyed. D Coy (Maj IS FISHER) found a hut with tunnels and bunkers leading from it. This was also destroyed.	
		1835	Report received of 1000 VC at XT 780345 and one VC Regiment at XT910417 from ARVN sources.	
		1935	Ambush patrols were deployed to secure the Bn position.	
		2008	A Coy (Capt DF PAUL as Maj JB HEALY was ill in Bien Hoa) pti fired on 5 VC at XT 787322. Apparently 1 VC was wounded as a haf and theng were found in the area where the fire was directed. Later 2 further VC were contacted in the area.	
XT 883385	23 Feb	0735	Companies recommenced securing tasks along the road. Preparations were	

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UNIT 1 RAR DATE AND TIME From 230735 Feb 66 to 231939 Feb 66

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFS TO APPENDICES, DIARIES etc
Continued.	23 Feb	0735	made for a move from the Base loc to a new BN Base loc at XT 834364. The Rngr Bn was to move its base that day to the road corner at XT 835362. Companies were resited around the Rngr Base to provide protection.	
XT 834364	23 Feb	1600	1 RAR reorganised in the new location. In clearing the new area numbers of 3 Pl Tp (Capt AG McGREGOR) found 29 grenades of which 12 were set as Booby traps. All were disarmed.	
		1939	9 Pl C Coy (Lt R LOFTUS) fired on a VC party in front of their perimeter. (As indicated the following morning there were at least four VC in the party as 4 ^{four three} weapons were recovered from the site. the VC bodies were recovered.	
			NOTE: This contact proved to be the forerunner of a number during the night. Elements of VC engaged in a VC Regimental attack on HQ 1 Bde which was protected by 1/26 Bn struck the perimeter of 1 RAR on the night 23/24 Feb. Apparently 3 VC Bns - J10 Bn of 761 Bgt, 707 Bn of	

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UNIT 1 BAR DATE AND TIME From 231939 Feb 66 to 240500 Feb 66

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFS TO APPENDICES, DIARIES etc
NOTE: continued.			<p>763 Regt and B800 Bn (All Main Force Bns) had formed up at BA DA (YT 057356) at 1600 hrs on 23 Feb 66. These units had then marched to attacking positions surrounding 1 Bde HQ at approx XT 855365 by 2000 hrs on 23 Feb. The main attack was launched with a mortar attack on the Bde area at 0230 hrs on 24 Feb. The fire fight continued until 0700 hrs on 24 Feb. Later a total of 154 VC bodies were recovered and it was estimated that 200 VC REMOVED were WIA, 15 were captured. US losses were 11 KIA and 72 WIA of which 54 were evacuated. 1 BAR killed 17 VC, recovered 17 weapons and suffered 1 WIA - who remained on duty.</p>	
XT 855365	24 Feb	0230	VC launched their attack on 1 Bde and 1/26 Bn.	
		0302	An ambush patrol of A Coy opened fire on 3 VC in front of their posn.	
		0345	Bde armoured elms were receiving recoilless rifle fire.	
		0440	54593 Pte W BRINALLI was WIA but remained on duty.	
		0500	Continual contact was made with VC groups around the perimeter.	

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UNIT 1 BAR

DATE AND TIME From 240621 Feb 66 to 250900 Feb 66

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFS TO APPENDICES, DIARIES etc
XT 834364	24 Feb	0621	161 Pd Bty and 1 BAR Mortars assisted in firing on 1 Bde targets.	
		0908	SPR 14 VC bodies were collected and 2 VC WIA were captured. from the action of the night before.	
		0910	Securing activities for the Engr Base continued.	
		0930	One booby trap was located in the Bn CP area by (Sgt F.J. HOBBS) the G Clerk. This was disarmed.	
		1424	A Coy (Maj JB HEALY had resumed comd) made contact with 2 VC at XT 833374. 1 VC was KIA. Grenades and shovels were recovered.	
		1835	A Coy found a mor emplacement and some ammo at XT 852347. The material was destroyed in site.	
		2000	NO contact was made with the VC that night although D Coy heard movement to their front and threw grenades towards that loc at 2100 hrs.	
		25 Feb	0725	Companies moved out to road securing tasks.
		0900	G Coy sighted 1 VC at XT 836364 and pursued him with negative results.	

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D.4661/7.45-C.6546

Unit 1 RAR

Date and Time.— From 251045 Feb 66 To 261055 Feb 66

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
XT 844357	25 Feb	1045	4 Pl B Coy found a quantity of ammo incl 3 PIAT type projectiles at XT 844357. Some of this equipment was evacuated to 1 Bn Bde.	
		1335	A convoy proceeding from LAI KHE via BEN CAT to the Engr Bn hit a Comd detonated mine and was fired on at XT 770330. A number of US personnel were WIA. 1 APC Tp rendered assistance.	
XT 834364	25 Feb	2002	Ambush patrols were placed in posn around the Bn perimeter.	
		2140	VC continued to probe around the perimeter. 3 Figures were seen by C Coy at XT 835366. These were fired on with no result.	
	26 Feb	0730	1 RAR remained in loc and prepared for the mov from the Bn area to the extraction LZ at XT 857367.	
		0905	1/26 Bn received small arms and mortar fire into their loc. This action delayed the relief of 1 RAR by 1/26 Bn but did not delay the extraction from the LZ which was scheduled to commence at 1300 hrs	
		1055	1 Apc Tp, B Coy 1 RAR and 161 Fd Bty commenced their rd mov to BIEN HOA via TAN UYEN (XT 965228).	

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D.4661/7.45-C.6546

Unit

1 RAR

Date and Time.— From

261100 Feb 66

To

271139 Feb 66

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
XT 834364	26 Feb	1100	The handover 1 RAR to 1/2 Bn was completed.	
		1300	At 1300 hrs the lift out was commenced.	
		1515	The helicopter lift to 1 RAR base camp via the SNAKE PIT was completed.	
		1520	All rd elms closed at BIEN HOA.	
BIEN HOA		1800	All coys were in loc at BIEN HOA and were preparing to patrol the TAOR.	
		1925	Warning order was issued for the anticipated mov of 1 RAR to assist 2/503 Bn which had moved that day to XT 8926 and which had struck a coy of VC. 2/503 had suffered some casualties from their own air strike.	
BIEN HOA	27 Feb	0700	1 APC Tp plus C Coy 1 RAR moved by rd to XT 925286. Remainder 1 RAR moved to the SNAKE PIT in preparation for helicopter lift to XT925286.	
		0945	1 APC Tp carried out LZ preparation at XT 925286.	
		1050	Order was given by 173 Bde releasing 1 RAR from their task as 2/503 Bn had resumed their advance and had NOT struck VC. C Coy was to remain at the LZ (X-RAY) XT 924286. 1 RAR was to remain on 2 hrs notice to move.	
		1139	17665 L cpl T SUTER was killed when a grenade he was storing in his	

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TRIPPLICATE

ARMY FORM C 2119

SECRET

COMMANDER'S DIARY
OF

1 An RAR - VIETNAM

Name of Commanding Officer Lt Col A Y PREECE MVO

From 1 Feb 66 to 28 Feb 66

Signature of OC unit or senior staff officer

J. J. Dermody Capt.

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 ammunition returns ; field strength
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- L Standing orders issued to
- M Commander's policy and demi-Official
 letters to
- N Action reports (if required) to
- O Other papers eg, maps and diagrams, air
 photos, reports from sub units to
- P Periodical summaries of operations to

Z Top Secret Supplementary Report

NIL
RETAINED
DESPATCHED to
.....
on
 (date)

1 BAR

271139 Feb 66

282000 Feb 66

Continued	27 Feb	1139	bunker in A Coy exploded.
		1800	2/503 occupied objective BETTY (XF 898270).
		2000	C Coy and 1 APC Tp had NO contact with VC during the night 27/28 Feb.
BIEN HOA	28 Feb	1620	C Coy was resupplied by helicopter.
		2000	C Coy and 1 APC Tp had NO contact.

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1 Feb 66

1 RAR COMMANDERS DAILY SITUATION REPORT

PERIOD COVERED : From 311800 Jan to 011800 Feb 66

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER : 153

1. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY : Nothing to report.
2. OPERATIONS SUMMARY : The Bn continued to patrol the TAOR.
 - a. Major unit actions : Nil
 - b. Small unit actions : Nil
 - (1) Total number of night contacts : Nil
 - (2) Total number of day contacts : Nil
 - (3) Total number of contacts : Nil
 - c. Small unit actions without contact.
 - (1) Normal clearing patrols of the unit perimeter. Nothing to report.
 - (2) Standing patrols of Sec strength. Nothing to report.
 - (3) Fighting/ambush patrols of Pl strength as follows.
 - (a) 1 Pl A Coy patrolled sectors J, F, D and C of the TAOR. Present location GR 021180. Nothing to report.
 - (b) 4 Pl B Coy patrolled sectors G, H and E of the TAOR. Present location GR 037177. Nothing to report.


Lt Col
CO 1 RAR

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3 Feb 66

1 RAR COMMANDERS DAILY SITUATION REPORT

PERIOD COVERED : From 021800 to 031800 Feb 66

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER : 155

1. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY : Nothing to report.

2. OPERATIONS SUMMARY : The Bn recalled patrols from the TAOR for Operation 3/66.

a. Major unit actions : Nil

b. Small unit actions : Nil

(1) Total number of night contacts : Nil

(2) Total number of day contacts : Nil

(3) Total number of contacts : Nil

c. Small unit actions without contact.

(1) Normal clearing patrols of the unit perimeter.

(2) Standing patrols of section strength. Nothing to report.

(3) Fighting/Ambush patrols of Pl strength as follows.

(a) 2 Pl A Coy returned to this location at 030830 Feb 66.

(b) 6 Pl B Coy returned to this location at 030800 Feb 66.

 Lt Col
CO 1 RAR



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 173D AIRBORNE BRIGADE (SEPARATE)
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96250

7 February 1966

AVAB-CG

Lieutenant Colonel Alexandria Preece
Commanding Officer
1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment
Bien Hoa, Vietnam

Dear Lieutenant Colonel Preece,

As I conclude my command of the 173d Airborne Brigade I would like to express to you and all your countrymen my sincere appreciation and deep admiration for the manner in which all of you have performed here in Vietnam. I have always had the feeling of confidence and assurance that the Australians would produce the desired end result under all circumstances. This feeling has been confirmed many times. You, your officers and men, have every right to be extremely proud of the contributions that you made toward the security of the Free World.

Each time I meet an Australian I will think of your fine organization with many fond memories.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Ellis W. Williamson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name.

ELLIS W. WILLIAMSON
Brig Gen, U.S. Army
Commanding

FILE

R569-1-1 Feb 66

Precedence

Date-Time-Group

Priority

03 *0220* Z

FROM: 1 RAR

TO: A Coy B Coy C Coy D Coy Sp Coy Admin Coy
1 APC Tp 105 Fd Bty 3 Fd Tp '161 Recce Flt

Security Classification
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Originator's Number

G 12

INFO: 161 Fd Bty RNZA Int Sec 2IC TO Chief Clerk

REAR AREA SECURITY (.) REFERENCE SOPRAS (.) TO arrange CP duty roster to take over with effect 031200 hrs local time (.) Admin Coy ptl Cpl and 5 CMM no move before 1230 hrs (.) A/D Coys and B/C Coys standing ptls tonight (.) ptl comds briefing 1100 hrs today (.) rear party coord conf 041400 hrs

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Copy No. 49
1 RAR
Bien HOA
3 Feb 66.

CONFIRMATORY NOTES
OF CO 1 RAR VERBAL ORDERS 031500H
(No change from VO's)

1. Mission. TF 1 RAR is to conduct a search and destroy op between 4 to 7 Feb 66 in the allotted AO - see Anx P.

2. Execution.

a. Gen Outline. The op is to be conducted in 4 phases.

(1) Phase 1. Move of Fire Sp Base by rd to posn at GS 9832. (Nickname PHOENIX)

(2) Phase 2. Mov of 1 RAR () by hel to LZ at GR 992330. (Nickname APPLE near PHOENIX)

(3) Phase 3. Conduct of search and destroy op.

(4) Phase 4.

(a) Extraction of 1 RAR (-) by hel.

(b) Return of Fire Sp Base by road to BIEN HOA.

b. A Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Remaining under comd : MFC
Med Asst

(b) Under comd from 1700 hrs
D Day - 1. : 4 SB's
FOO Party 105 Fd Bty
2 Inl. Teams from 3 Fd Tp.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 2.

i. Second in order of move after D Day by hel to LZ at GR 992330. (Nickname APPLE).

ii. RV at NORTH end of LZ APPLE until rel to har posn.

iii. Occupy NORTH and WEST side of har posn for ni of D Day.

iv. Be prep to provide fighting/ambush ptl on ni of D Day.

(b) Phase 3. Conduct search and destroy op along routes and within boundarys as allotted.

(c) Phase 4. To be issued separately.

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.../2. c. B Coy.

c. B Coy.(1) Grouping.

- (a) Remaining under comd : MFC
Med Asst
- (b) Under comd from 1700
hrs D Day until arrival
1 RAR (-) : FAC Team
- (c) Under comd from 1700
hrs D Day - 1 : 4 SB's
FOO Party B Bty 3/319
Mor Pl (-)
1 APC Tp
1 Tp 17 Cav
1 Dml Team from 3 Fd Tp
- (d) In loc posn GS 9832
(Nickname PHOENIX) : 105 Fd Bty
B Bty 3/319.

(2) Tasks. Form part of the Fire Sp Base as follows.(a) Phase 1.

- i. Move by rd with Fire Sp Base Gp to posn at GS 9832 (Nickname PHOENIX).
- ii. Provide security during mov of rd convoy elmn.
- iii. Secure Fire Sp Base at PHOENIX and LZ at GR 992330 (Nickname APPLE) for hel landing 1 RAR (-) and info CO 1 RAR when secure.

(b) Phase 2. Continue security of APPLE during hel landing 1 RAR (-).(c) Phase 3.

- i. Responsible for security of PHOENIX and clearing approaches to it.
- ii. Security of the extraction rd to the SW from PHOENIX to GR ~~922330~~

(d) Phase 4. Responsible for security of rd mov from PHOENIX to BIEN HOA.d. C Coy.(1) Grouping.

- (a) Remaining under comd : MFC
Med Asst
- (b) Under comd from 1700
hrs D Day - 1. : 4 SB's
FOO Party B Bty 3/319
Interpreter 1 RAR.
2 Dml Teams from 3 Fd Tp

(2) Tasks.(a) Phase 2.

- i. Last in order of move after Bn HQ Gp by hel to LZ at GR 992330 (Nickname APPLE).

ii. RV at EAST side of LZ APPLE until rel to har posn.

iii. Occupy NORTH and EAST side of har posn for ni of D Day.

iv. Be prep to provide fighting/ambush pti on ni of D Day.

(b) Phase 3. Conduct search and destroy op along routes and written bdys as allotted.

e. D Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Remaining under comd : Med Asst

(b) Under comd from 1700 hrs
D Day - 1 : 4 SB's
FOO Party 105 Fd Bty.
2 Dml Teams from 3 Fd Tp

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1. Standby coy at SNAKE PIT as reaction force for the rd mov column (Fire Sp Base) from 0800 hrs D Day.

(b) Phase 2.

i. First in order of mov by hel to LZ at GR 992330 (Nickname APPLE).

ii. RV at SOUTH end of LZ APPLE until rel to har posn.

iii. Occupy SOUTH end of har posn for ni of D Day.

iv. Be prep to provide fighting/ambush ptls on ni of D Day.

(c) Phase 3. Conduct search and destroy op along routes and within bdys as allotted.

f. Mor Pl.

(1) Grouping.

(a) MFC's det to A Coy, B Coy and C Coy.

(b) Pl (-) move with 1 APC Tp and under comd OC B Coy for duration of op.

(c) One sec remain BIEN HOA and provide fire sp for 1 RAR TAOR.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 3. Fire sp 1 RAR (-) while within range.

(b) DF tasks for Fire Sp Base once 1 RAR (-) out of range.

g. Ablt Prr .1.

(1) Grouping. Move with Bn HQ Gp.

- (2) Tasks.
- (a) Assist in the protection of Bn HQ.
- (b) Carry out Aslt Pnr tasks as ordered.
- h. Anti Tk Pl.
- (1) Grouping. Move with Bn HQ Gp.
- (2) Tasks. Assist in protection of Bn HQ Gp throughout op.
- j. 1 APC Tp (PWLH).
- (1) Grouping. Under comd OC B Coy (Fire Sp Base Comd) for op.
- (2) Tasks.
- (a) Phase 1. Assist in the protection of the Fire sp Base during rd mov to fire sp posn GS 9832 (Nickname PHOENIX)
- (b) Phase 3.
- i. Assist in protection of Fire Sp Base at PHOENIX.
- ii. Other tasks as allotted.
- (c) Phase 4. Assist in the protection of the mov of Fire Sp Base convoy from PHOENIX to BIEN HOA. Details to be issued later.
- k. E Tp 17 Cav. Orders issued separately by OC B Coy.
- l. 105 Fd Bty.
- (1) Grouping.
- (a) FOO Parties det to A Coy and D Coy 1700 hrs D Day-1.
- (b) Bty (-) move with Fire Sp Base.
- (c) B Bty 3/319 under comd for duration of op.
- (2) Tasks.
- (a) Phase 1. Move by rd with Fire Sp Base to GS 9832 (Nickname PHOENIX) as ordered by OC B Coy and estb gun posn.
- (b) Phase 2. Be prep to sp mov of 1 RAR (-) into LZ at GR 992330 (Nickname APPLE).
- (c) Phase 3. Fire sp for duration of op.
- (d) Phase 4. Mov by rd convoy from PHOENIX to BIEN HOA
DETAILS TO BE ISSUED LATER.
- m. B Bty 3/319.
- (1) Grouping.
- (a) FOO Parties to be det to B Coy and C Coy from 1700 hrs D Day - 1.
- (b) Under comd OC 105 Fd Bty for op.
- (2) Tasks. Same as 105 Fd Bty.

n. 3 Fd Tp.(1) Grouping.

(a) Dml Teams each of three men det under comd from 1700 hrs D Day - 1 to.

i. A Coy - 2 Teams

ii. B Coy - 1 Team

iii. C Coy - 2 Teams

iv. D Coy - 2 Teams

(b) Tp (-) move with Bn HQ Gp.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1. Be prep to clear and repair the rd for convoy as necessary.

(b) Phase 2.

i. Dml Teams prep to destroy en booby traps and mines as required.

ii. Tp (-) assist in protection of Bn HQ Gp.

o. Air.(1) Grouping.

(a) FAC Team det under comd OC B Coy from 1700 hrs D Day - 1 for mov to Fire Sp Base at GS 9832 (Nickname PHOENIX) and then to Bn HQ Gp as ordered.

(b) FAC Offr move with Bn HQ Gp.

(2) Tasks. Provide air cover as required.

p. Avn.

(1) Comd and Liason Hel. UH-1B to be avail for CO's Party from 0800 hrs D Day at 1 RAR SOUTH helipad.

(2) One H 13 hel to remain on call daily.

q. Co-ord Instrs.(1) Road convoy for Fire Sp Base.

(a) Comd of the Fire Sp Base and the rd convoy is OC B Coy. (Maj McFARLANE).

(b) Embussing Areas. Indicated separately.

(c) Order of march. As directed by OC B Coy.

(d) SP. The 'T' junction between 161 Fd Bty RNZA and B Bty 3/319 areas.

(2) Timings.

(a) As per sequence of events issued separately.

(b) Stand To and Stand Down.

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i. Stand To is to be at 0645 hrs in the morning and 1915 hrs at ni.

ii. Stand Down, provided all clearing ptls have reported in will be at 0715 hrs in the morning and 1945 at ni.

- (3) D Day. 4 Feb 66.
- (4) H Hr. To be advised. Subject to securing of LZ at GR 992330 (Nickname APPLE).
- (5) Order of mov to SNAKE PIT. Issued separately.
- (6) Rules of Engagement SOP.
- (7) Reports. SOP.
- (8) Recognition. SOP.
- (9) Marker Balloons. SOP.
- (10) Poaching. SOP.
- (11) Tear Gas. As per OpO 2/66.

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4.

Admin and Log.a. Rats.

- (1) Breakfast present loc D Day.
- (2) Two days rats per man carried.
- (3) Rats expire breakfast D Day + 2.

b. Water.

- (1) SOP - Local sources.
- (2) Milbank filters to be carried.
- (3) All water to be sterilised and filtered before being consumed.

c. Resupply.

- (1) SOP.
- (2) First resup for 1 RAR (-) early morning D Day + 2 (Sun 6 Feb) unless the tac sit dictates otherwise.
- (3) Resup for fire sp base as required and ordered by OC B Coy.

d. Batteries.

- (1) 25 Sets. One new battery in each wireless set and one spare battery is to be carried.

e. VCC.

- (1) SOP.
- (2) All indigeneous civilian persons in the AO are to be apprehended and backloaded direct to Bde HQ by hel.

f. En docus or wpns.

- (1) SOP.
- (2) All are to be correctly marked (Tagged) as per instrs.

g. Casevac. SOP.

h. Noticas. All Batcas are to be Noticas incl those WIA and remaining on duty.

j. Dustoff/Crepe Mesh. SOP.

k. RAP. Moves with Bn HQ Gp throughout op.

l. Anti Mite Repellant. All clo and eqpt taken or worn on op is to be treated with Anti Mite Repellant prior to departure BIEN HOA area.

m. Malarial Precautions.

- (1) Mosquito nets are to be carried by every individual and used whenever possible.
- (2) Strict attention is to be paid to the issue of paludrine at Stand TO both morning and night.

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5.

Comd and Sig.

a. Bn HQ.

(1) Phase 2. Less CO's party, move third in order of mov after A Coy. On arrival LZ APPLE, RV on WEST side until rel to harbour.

(2) Phase 3. To be ordered.

b. Signals.

(1) Radio.

(a) Codes. SOE item 20 - 13, KAC - HE 743 and KAC = JJ 257 are in effect for the operation.

(b) Radio Diagram. Annex D and E.

(1) The fire sp base net is to operate from 0700 hrs D Day until completion of the op.

(c) Netting.

i. Bn Comd Net and Admin log net are to estb comms at 040700H.

ii. Step up nets are to estb on arrival of road convoy at PHOENIX.

iii. Fire sp base net is to estb comms at 040630H.

(2) Line.

(a) Rifle Coys. Coys (excl B Coy) are to carry 1 X CE 11 reel unit and 1 telephone.

(b) B Coy. B Coy is to carry 2 dispensers of D 10 cable, one swbd 993 GT with 10 jacks.

(c) UC units with road convoy are to lay line to B Coy HQ on estb of fire sp base.

(d) Bn HQ SOP.

(3) Security. To avoid compromise, care is to be taken in the use of nicknames. Locstats which may be current for more than 4 hrs are to be sent in KAC - JJ code.

c. Nicknames.

(1) Summary.

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Summary of Nicknames.

Serial	Nickname	Meaning	issued by
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	HAT RACK	Have reorg, have RV, or, am in harbour..	
2.	SORE FEET	Am moving, or move.	
3.	GIPSY TAP	Am ready, to move.	
4	APPLE	LZ GR 993334	
5	PHOENIX	Fire Sp Base 986328.	
6	LONG LEGS	Road GR 922287 NE to PHOENIX.	
7	GAY NINETIES	Creek SUOI NGAN	
8	SWEET DOLL	Creek SUOI DIA	
9	GOLDEN GATE	Harbour area GR 977-353	
10	KING PIN	Harbour area GR 985370	
11	DRY SUMMER	LZ GR 971372.	
12	LITTLE BEN	Road from PHOENIX to GOLDEN GATE.	
13	BIG BEN	Eastern loop rd from GOLDEN GATE to PHOENIX.	
14	OLD BAG	Burnt out village GR 970354.	
15	FOX HUNT	Track from 974321 NORTH to OLD BAG.	

(2) Block Nicknames.

Serial	A Coy	B Coy	C Coy	D Coy	Bn HQ
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1	SPIN WHEEL	WING NUT	SLOW HARE	LARGE LETTER	NEW HOUSE
2	ORANGE BLOOM	BRASS TACK	LARGE OBJECT	HIGH JUMP	UNCLE SAM
3	ROUND TABLE	BOLT HEAD	NEW LIFE	ALE HEAD	TENT FLAP
4.	BOAT SAIL	TYPE CAR	HEART BEAT	BIG DADDY	SHARP PENCIL
5.	STEEL LADDER	HAIKY CHEST	BORROW TIME	RUM WATER	SET SQUARE
6	LEAD CAP	DARK NIGHT	DREAM WORLD	LITTLE BOY	DRAWING PIN
7	PETROL TANK	BIF SHIP	BIG KNOB	WOODEN BOX	LAZY FEET
8	INSECT BITE	BENT RUDDER	COLD BEER	SAG TENT	LONG HAIR
9	CARBON SHEET	NEW HAT	LUCKY STRIKE	DRY GRASS	PAPER WEIGHT

d. Q Hr. Q Hr for the complete operation is 0600 hrs.

e. Passwords. The following passwords are to be used for the operation only.

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Serial	Time	Challenge	Password
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	031800 - 041800	5	4
2	041800 - 051800	3	7
3	051800 - 061800	6	2
4	061800 - 071800	4	9
5	071800 - 081800	2	6
6	081800 - 091800	7	3
7	091800 - 101800	9	8

f. Points of origin. The following points of origin are to be used only for the operation.

Serial	Time	Points of Origin
(a)	(b)	(c)
1	032000-042000	BOY 9631 COUNTRY 0134
2	042000-052000	CITY 0232 CIGARETTE 9636
3	052000-062000	GIRL 9735 RIVER 0333
4	062000-072000	DOG 9834 BEER 0338
5	072000-082000	STATE 0239 GIRL 9636
6	082000-092000	CAR 9632 COUNTRY 0138
7	092000-102000	RIVER 9535 BOY 0437

g. Synchronization.

(1) A time check is to be given on Bn Comd net at approx 0715 hrs daily.

(2) Pre-op time check is to be given at 040715.

Authentication.



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Adj 1 RAR

M V PREECE Lt Col
CO 1 RAR

Annexes.

- A - ISUM
- B - Sequence of Events (Issued separately)
- D - Radio Diagram
- E - Radio Diagram
- F - Air Grid System

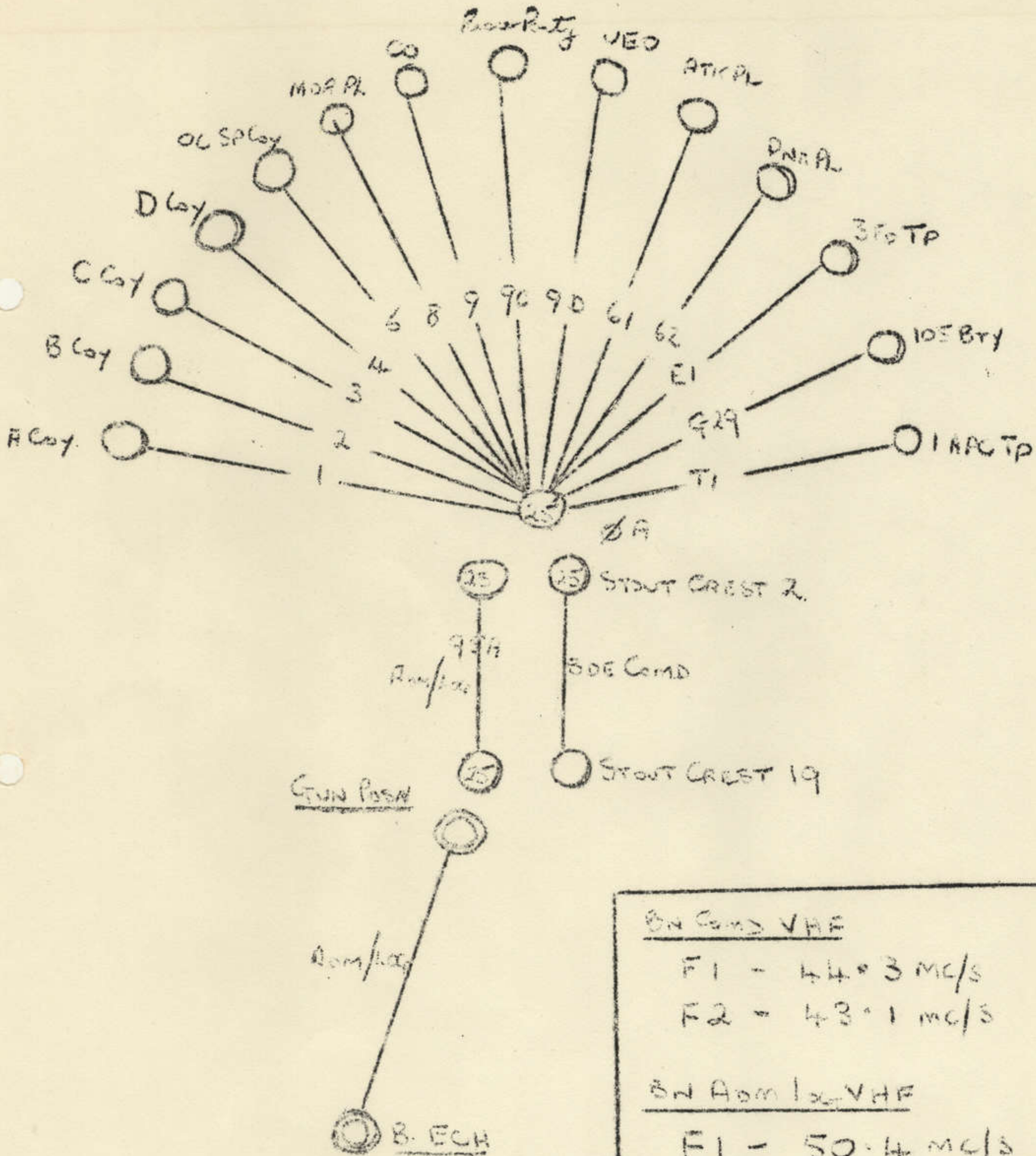
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ANNEX D To
IRAR OP 3/66
dated 3 Feb 66

RADIO DIAGRAM

BN COM NET/ADM LOG NET



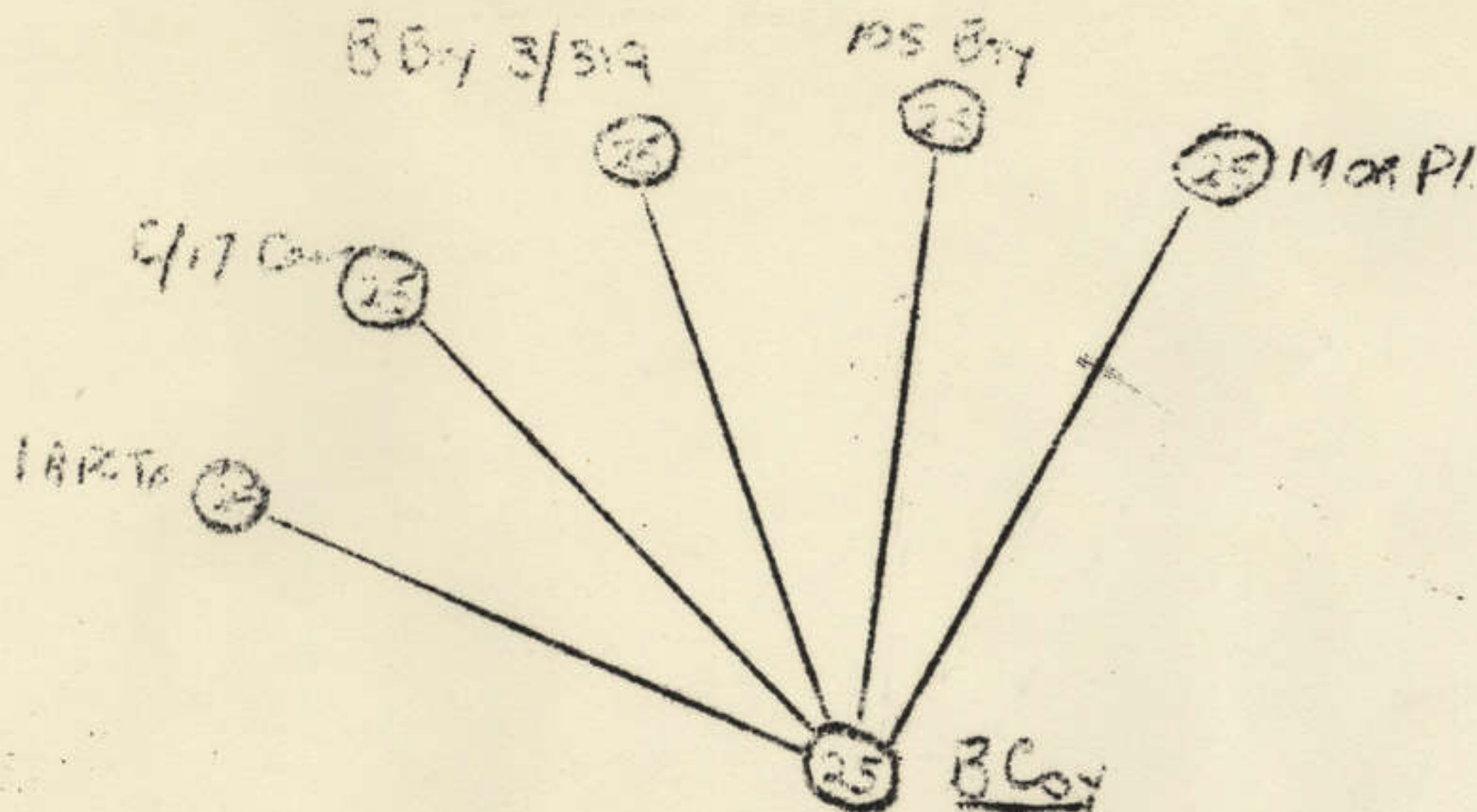
<u>BN COM VHF</u>	
F1	- 44.3 MC/S
F2	- 43.1 MC/S
<u>BN ADM LOG VHF</u>	
F1	- 50.4 MC/S
<u>AUTH</u>	MJC 3/2

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ANNEX E TO
IRAR OP 3/66
Dated 3 Feb 66

RADIO DIAGRAM
FIRE SP BASE NET



1. CALLWORDS.

I APC TP - IRONSIDES
EIT Cav - STOUT CREST 1.
B BTy 3/319 - STOUT CREST 5
105 BTy - GOLF 3
MOR PL - SUNRAY 8
NCS - SUNRAY 2

NOTE: DOUBLE CALLSIGN PROCEDURE IS TO BE USED.

2. FREQ

F1 - 43.0 MC/S

3. AUTH

MJC 3/2.

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1 RAR
BIEN HOA
Feb 66

INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE - OPERATION 3/66

SUMMARY OF ENEMY UNITS.

1. The following are the most recent reported units operating in the area of interest.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Evaluation</u>
303 Bn	976374	30 Jan 66	C3
U/I Bn	925350	30 Jan 66	C2
900 Bn	999296	25 Jan 66	C3
500 Bn	037297	19 Jan 66	C3
800 Bn	035442	18 Jan 66	C3
D62 Arty Bn	Sq 0430	10 Jan 66	C2

2. Both mobile and main force units are reported to have operated in the area of interest which takes in the south western corner of War Zone "D". Local forces (guerillas) are also active and they would almost certainly have reporting and guiding roles for the VC units passing through the area as well as normal harrassing tasks.

3. Units that have been consistently reported as operating in the area are the 303, 800, and 900 Battalions. These units could be reinforced by others drawn from within War Zone "D". Total strength of the three battalions would be approximately 1,200. Weapons held by these battalions include 75 and 57mm RR's, 81 and 60mm mortars, 30 and 50 cal MG's and assorted automatic rifles. The VC have on one occasion used 20mm MG's as anti-personnel weapons in this area.

MAIN FORCE REGIMENTS

4. Main Force Regiments which have ^{previously} been located in 111 Corps area are at present unlocated. These units would include 271, 272, 273, 275 and 94th VC Regiments. Recent reports indicate that two of these regiments (probably 271 and 273) are moving from the Michelin Rubber Plantation to the "D" Zone.

5. A letter recovered recently indicates that J104 Bn 272 Regt would be at 983578 (north of the area of interest) on 1 Feb 66.

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6. Air recce flights have indicated the following VC fortifications
- 23 Jan - AA site approx 4 metres in diameter is loc in vicinity 93453375 (1st Inf Div).
 - 27 Jan - The road going north from 992391 branches off to a tunnel entrance at 993401 (1st Inf Div).

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NEW ENEMY TACTICS AND WEAPONS

7. a. TACTICS: Counter measures for Heliborne operations. The VC prepare selected landing sites, then deploy personnel into the cleared area ostensibly to surrender. Helicopters upon landing have been fired upon with grenades and small arms.

b. WEAPONS: 8 Jan - During operation CRIMP by the 173 Abn Bde smoke trails were noted extending from VC positions towards air-borne helicopters. This is the third report of this nature indicating the VC might be employing some type of Surface to Air Missile.

10 Jan - A PF sqd discovered and cut a wire stretched across a road. After following the wire and upon locating the explosive device and while disarming it it was command detonated. The VC are using as many as four wires on a single explosive device. These explosive devices are also being employed in pairs. When one has been discovered and is being disarmed or removed it is command detonated. Then a second device positioned in the same area is detonated moments latter while friendly elements are conducting damage assessment.

8. SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER OF BATTLE DATA

Supplementary order of battle information on units listed above is as follows:

a. 303 BATTALION

Locations: XT976374, 30 Jan 66
Strength: 400
Sub Units: C70 Arty Company (?)
Weapons:
2 - 81mm mortars
4 - 60mm mortars
2 - AA guns, (12.7mm ?)
6 - AR's
4 - M79 grenade launchers
4 - 30 caliber MG's
1 - 50 caliber MG
adequate small arms

b. 900 Battalion

Location: XT999296
Strength: 400
Sub Units: 3 rifle companies reported as C-4, C-5 and C-6, also known as 55, 60 and 65. The C62 Company has also been reported as subordinate to the 900 Battalion. The 900 Battalion has also been reported as having an artillery element.

c. 800 Battalion

Location: YT035442
Strength: 400
Sub Units: 3 rifle companies, one coy has been reported as C304.
Weapons:
2 - 81mm mortars
3 - 60mm mortars
3 - 57mm RR's
2 - AA weapons (50 caliber ?)
4 - 30 caliber MG's
assorted small arms
One report received states they have 2 - 75mm RR's.

d. 500 Battalions

Locations: YT037297 19 Jan 66
Strength: 400
Sub Units: C35 Recon Company, C40 Rifle Company, C45 Rifle Company, C50 Rifle Company.

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d. Weapons

- 1 - 81mm mortars
- 3 - 60mm mortars
- 1 - 57 mm RR
- 2 - 50 caliber MG's
- 2 - 30 caliber MG's
- assorted small arms

This unit has been reported with 9 - 105mm type mines.

e. D62 Artillery Battalion

Locations: YT Sq 6430

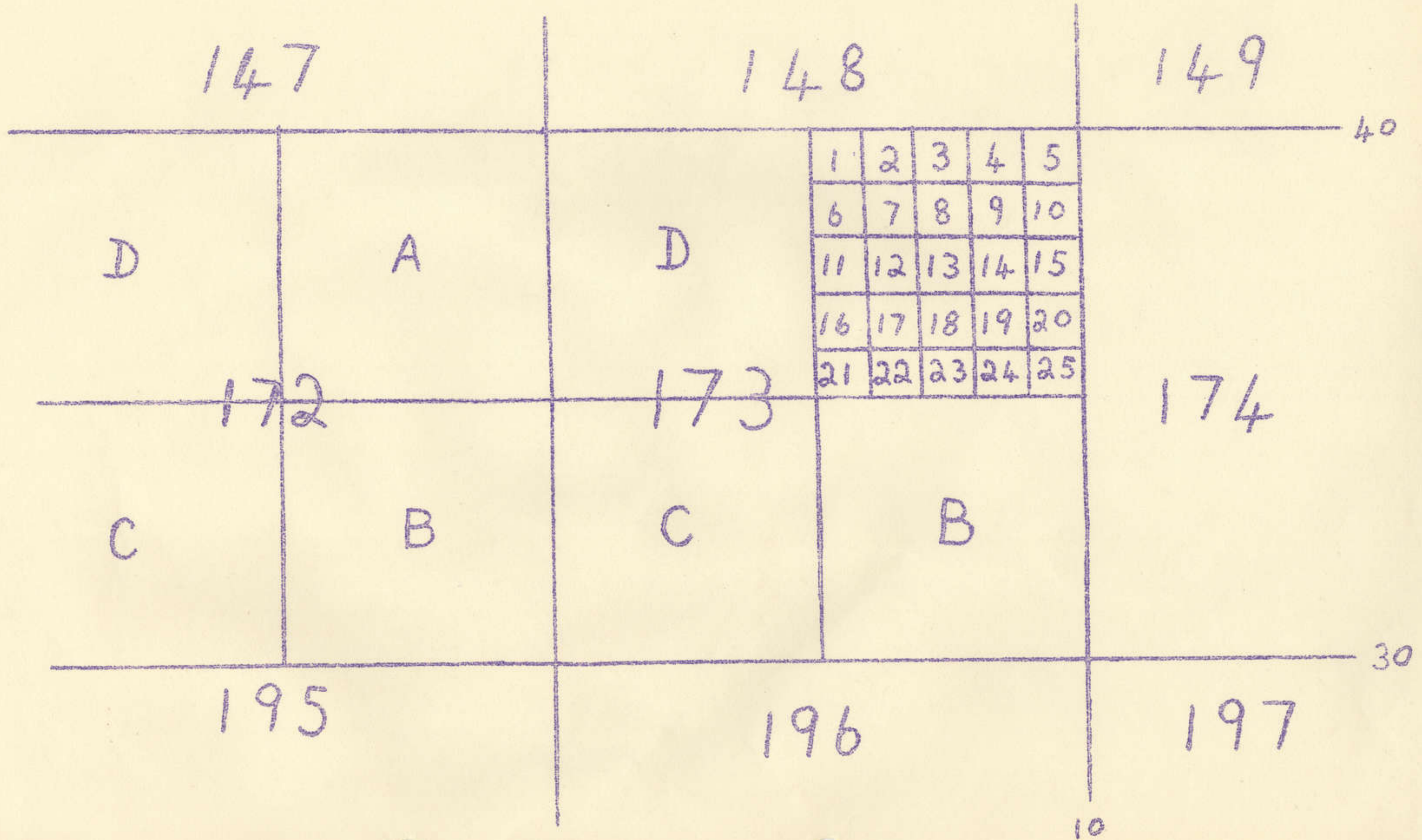
Strength: 200

Two reports have been received on this unit, one report indicated this unit has a strength of 200, the second report involved an unidentified platoon of this unit in a different area.

J. Darnley

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Annex B to
I RAR Op 3/66
dated 3 Feb 66

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Serial	Time	Occurance
1	031500	Orders Group I RAR
2	040630	Advance rd convoy passes SP.
3	040700	Main convoy passes SP.
4	040730	Tpt for D Coy arrives I RAR Car Park.
5	040735	D Coy embuss.
6	040740	D Coy depart for SNAKE PIT
7	040800	IO Slicks A/82 arrive SNAKE PIT.
8	040800	D Coy arrive SNAKE PIT. On stand by as reaction force for rd convoy.
9	040915	Tpt for A Coy, C Coy and Bn HQ arrives I RAR.
10	040925	A Coy, Bn HQ and C Coy arrive embussing point.
11	040930	A Coy, Bn HQ and C Coy depart for SNAKE PIT.
12	041000	A Coy, Bn HQ and C Coy arrive SNAKE PIT.
13	041000 (Est)	Road convoy arrives PHOENIX.
14	041130 (approx)	B Coy reports APPLE secure.
15	041145	1st lift takes off from SNAKE PIT.
16	041200	1st lift arrives LZ APPLE.

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Annex H (Enemy Composition and Disposition--OB) to Intelligence Estimate;
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A. Summary of Enemy OB in Area of Interest:

1. The area of interest is one that has main force and local forces reported in it. It is in the southwestern corner of the "D" War Zone. During the absence of the Brigade on the last operation, the VC seemed to move from this area south toward the Dong Nai River. In the mentioned time phase, the VC harassed hamlets and outposts along the river and numerous sightings of the VC crossing the river were reported.

2. Units that are continuously reported in the area of interest are the 303, 800, and 900 battalions. It is not known if the 800 and 900 battalions are those belonging to the 94th (Dong Nai) Regiment. A study of these units indicate that they are battalions, probably mobile local force, who were formed with the responsibility of fulfilling the missions of the old D800 and D900 battalions who seem to be the two major units of the 94th Regiment. It is further felt that the 303 and 900 battalions interchange code designations.

3. These three battalions could effect an operation in the area of interest. They could be reinforced by any number of VC drawn from locations within the "D" Zone. Total strength for the three battalions would be approximately 1,200. Weapons encountered would be 75 and 57 mm RRs, 81 and 60mm mortars, 30 and 50 caliber machine guns and many types of automatic rifles. The VC have on one occasion used 20mm machine guns as anti-personnel weapons in this area.

4. Unconfirmed units reported in the area are 316, 500, 512, and Phuoc Bien Battalions. The 316 battalion was reported moving east on 24 January. The 512 Battalion was reported on 30 January with the intention of moving south across the Dong Nai River. This code name maybe used by elements of the 272 Regiment. The Phuoc Bien Battalion was reported to have been hit by an airstrike and moving to an unknown location. No further information is available on the 500 battalion. It should be noted that if these four battalions are still in the area, the VC would have an additional force 1,500 personnel. It is highly unlikely that all of these units are truly present. Until confirmed, we must consider these units as only possible.

5. At this time the main force regiments (271, 272, 273, 275 and 94th) are unlocated. Indications have been received that two of these forces (271, 273 ?) are/have been moving from the Michelin Rubber Plantation to the "D" Zone. This movement has not been confirmed; however, if true, they could have a tremendous effect on the area of interest. In addition, if the above mentioned 800 and 900 battalions are the ones subordinate to the 94th regiment, the VC would have another regiment that could effect the area of interest.

6. The following units were reported to be in the area of operations: 303 Battalion, 900 Battalion and one unidentified company.

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B. The following Units have been reported in or near the AO:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
303 Bn	XT 976374	30 Jan 66	C/3
900 Bn	XT 999296	25 Jan 66	C/3
800 Bn	YT 035447	18 Jan 66	C/3
500 Bn	YT 037297	19 Jan 66	C/3
D62 Arty Bn	YT 040300	10 Jan 66	C/2
C310 CM Co	YT 065395	13 Jan 66	F/3

C. Supplemental data on various units reported in or near the area of interest.

1. Unit

a. 303 Battalion (Local Force Mobile)

Location: XT 976374, 30 Jan 66

Strength: 400

Sub Units: C70 Arty Company (?)

Weapons:

- 2 - 81mm mortars
- 4 - 60mm mortars
- 2 - AA guns, (12.7mm ?)
- 6 - ARs
- 4 - M79 grenade launchers
- 4 - 30 caliber MGs
- 1 - 50 caliber MG
- adequate small arms

A C303 Company has been previously reported to be operating in the area of interest. Unconfirmed reports of a 303 Battalion operating in this area have recently been received. It is possible these reports pertain to the C303 Company.

b. 900 Battalion (Local Force Mobile)

Location XT 999296

Strength: 400

Sub Units: 3 rifle companies reported as C-4, C-5 and C-6, also known as 55, 60, and 65. The C62 Company has also been reported as subordinate to the 900 Battalion. The 900 Battalion has also been reported as having an artillery element.

c. 800 Battalion (Local Force Mobile)

Location: YT 033447, 18 Jan 66

Strength: 400

Sub Units: 3 rifle companies, one company has been reported as C304.

Weapons:

- 2 81mm mortars
- 3 - 60mm mortars
- 3 - 57mm RRs
- 2 - AA weapons (50 caliber ?)

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4 - 30 caliber MGs
assorted small arms

One report received states they have 2 - 75mm HRs.

d. 500 Battalion (Local Force Mobile)

Location: YT 037297 19 Jan 66

Strength: 400

Sub Units: C35 Recon Company, C40 Rifle Company, C45 Rifle
Company, C50 Rifle Company

Weapons:

1 - 81mm mortar
3 - 60mm mortar
1 - 57mm HR
2 - 50 caliber MGs
5 - 30 caliber MGs
assorted small arms

This unit has been reported with 9 - 105mm type mines.

e. D62 Artillery Battalion

Location: YT 040300 10 Jan 66

Strength: 200

Two reports have been received on this unit, one report indicated this unit has a strength of 200, the second report involved an unidentified platoon of this unit in a different area.

f. C310 Quartermaster Company

Location: YT 065395, 13 Jan 66

Strength: 100

Weapons:

1 - 60mm mortar (possible)

This unit is responsible for the logistics of War Zone "D".

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OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS

3 FIELD TROOP RAE

1. SUBUNIT 3 Field Troop RAE
2. COMD Capt A. H. MacGREGOR
3. OPERATION No 3/66
4. DURATION 4 Feb 66 to 9 Feb 66
5. OUTLINE SUBUNIT TASKS
 - (a) Be prepared to clear and repair the road for convoy as necessary
 - (b) Demolition teams (two with each company) to destroy enemy booby traps and mines as required
 - (c) Troop (-) to assist in protection of Bn HQ.
6. ORGANISATION AND EQUIPMENT

See Annex A
7. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Throughout the operation demolition teams moved with two platoons in each company as such carried out a normal infantry role. Only tasks actually carried out by sappers when they were called by their respective commanders will be mentioned.

DAY	EVENT AND/OR TASK	PERSONNEL AND/OR EQPT	COMMENT (cl)
D Day	Heli borne assault to PHOENIX	Two teams each with A, C and D Coys. 1 Offr and 10 ORs with Bn. HQ.	
D+1	Company patrolling Destroyed one A pers mine and 5 CBUs	Demo teams accompanied platoons Demo teams att B Coy	CBUs were actually handled by personnel from 105 Bty. These bombs arm when they hit the ground and will normally go off when moved. Personnel were very lucky.

/ D+2

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
D+2	Move to new harbour position	All demolition teams attached to Bn HQ and companies with the exception of B Coy	Hand grenade was old and rusty therefore dangerous to handle
	Buried a small home made hand grenade	Demo team C Coy	The grenades were fragmentation, instantaneous, with friction igniters. This type had not been encountered before.
	Neutralized two booby trapped hand grenades	Demo team Bn HQ	Two infantry personnel were wounded when one booby trapped grenade was activated.
D+3	Cleared 3 booby trapped grenades at rice cache	Demo team A Coy	A photo was taken but member was reproached for wasting time. Whenever possible sappers must take photos and if possible neutralize the grenade and return it to 3 Fd Tp HQ. This is the only way all sappers will benefit when new or different type of equipment used by the VCs are found.
	Destroyed 16 mortar blinds	Demo team B Coy	Some bunkers were destroyed by using TNT with some 50 VC grenades that were found in location.
	Home made hand grenade found	Demo team D Coy	Shell could not be blown until area was clear. At this stage the extraction date was postponed to D+5
	Clean bunkers and huts	Pl D Coy Demo team	C Coy with Bn HQ group found a rice cache of 1800 bags. The area was laced with booby traps. All the rice was extracted.
	Prepare 8" shell for destruction	Demo team B Coy	
D+4	Patrol to extraction LZ	Demo teams with all Coys	

/D+4 (cont)

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
D+4	Clear rice cache (80 tons) area of booby traps. Establish a track system for APC and 2 1/2 ton GS trucks for extraction of rice. Aid in extraction of rice.	1 Offr and 10 ORs at Bn HQ plus two demo teams from C Coy together with FOXHOUND, IRONSIDE and PLAYTIME elements	The tracks into the area were laced with booby trapped fragmentation friction igniter grenades. Some grenades were found tied to the corner of broken rice bags with grenade inside the rice. This type c could be activated when picking up the bag by the corners. An indication of booby traps in the area was broken branches laid across
<p>the tracks. Vines were tied to the broken branches and hence to the grenade. An area close by the main cache contained 10 bags of rice and was probably set up as a ruse for the main cache. There were 9 grenades set as booby traps in this area alone. One sapper ignited one booby trap but luckily the detonator did not detonate although the friction igniter did detonate. As the bags were taken from the rice cache sappers watched closely for booby traps within the rice. Two only were found.</p>			
D+5	<p>Destroy 8" shell. Destroy two 10' bridges for road denial. Two cratering charges detonated in the road. Detonate 16 mortar blinds Destroy 20 hand grenade</p> <p>Extraction by air</p> <p>Extraction by road</p>	<p>Demo team B Coy</p> <p>Demo teams with A, C, D Coys And Bn HQ.</p> <p>Demo team with B Coy</p>	<p>Explosive obtained from E17 Cav was used. In this particular operation a store of explosives could have been carried by an APC. In fact when APCs are used in future operations on could be allotted for engineer stores.</p>

8. ASSESSMENT OF OPERATION

- (a) This is the first time engineers have been used with the forward platoons of the companies. There is no doubt, (even though a small amount of engineer tasks were accomplished), that here the sapper can best support the infanteer.
- (b) Booby traps, mines, hand grenades of all types found by the platoons should if possible be reported to the demolition team attached. If the booby trap, mine or hand grenade is of a type unfamiliar to the sappers then the article should be photographed and if possible neutralized and brought back to BIEN HOA. Here familiarization can take place by all sappers so that if met by the same type article, the sapper or infanteer does not have to deal with an unknown

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OC 3 Fd Tp RAE

B Coy
1 RAR
11 Feb 66.

2 See
1 RAR.

REPORT ON VC WEAPON.

1. At 0815 hrs 6 Feb 66, two explosions occurred at Phuoc hoc GR 989325 between two M113 APCs. There were no troops exposed in the immediate vicinity and the APCs were stationary at the time.
2. Primary explosions were reported from numerous sources to the EAST, SOUTH and WEST. The range to these primary explosions were reported to be about 1000 metres from the above grid reference.
3. The explosions left two holes about 50 feet apart and 4 inches deep in very hard ground.
4. A search of the area revealed the fragments in the attached envelope. One of the ball bearings was embedded up to its top in the side of one APC.
5. It is requested that these fragments be forwarded to the appropriate authority for recognition and identification and that we be advised of the result.

W. D. Fauler Major

AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Operation No. 3/66
2. Report by No. 54726 Rank 2Lt Name JP. DYER
3. Sec 7 Pl C Coy
4. a. Time of action 1100 hrs
- b. Duration 15 Minutes
- c. Date 7 Feb 66
- d. Location GR 991349
5. Unit / Sub-unit tasks

Search and destroy

6. Was it?
- a. Contact Yes
- b. Incident

7. Summary of action in chronological sequence :

As the platoon began to move after a halt the machine gunner of the right forward section spotted 2 VC at approx 20 yds moving towards him on his right flank. He fired a burst at one, swung the gun onto the other VC and immediately had a stoppage. The 2 VC fled and the reserve section swept up on the right flank and found a blood trail leading away.

The platoon continued the sweep up the trail and found 1 wpn and further on the body of one VC. The second VC was not seen again.

8. VC

- a. Strength 2
- b. Type of VC (Main force or local) Local
- c. VC Cas
- i KIA 1
 - ii WIA
 - iii VCG
- d. Were VC disposed of by
- i Hel evac
 - ii Buried.....Location
 - iii Other means.....
- e. Summary of docus and kit recovered 1 poncho, 30 rds of ammo
- f. Type and number of wpns recovered 1 CHICOM Carbine
- g. Wpns identified on action As above
- h. VC dress Black shirt, long black trousers, sandals and home made bandolier

j. Summary of VC action Returned fire when fired on and then fled south away from contact

9. Own cas

KIA Nil
WIA

10. Lessons learned Target positions, descriptions etc must come immediately the contact begins to ensure immediate actions can be carried out ASP

11. Comments by Coy Comd

No further comments

Comd..... JP DWYER 2 Lt Coy Comd..... JJ TATHAM Maj

AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Operation number . 3/66
2. Report by 6280 Sgt J.W. CANNES
3. 12 Pl D Coy
4.
 - a. Time of action 1115 hrs
 - b. Duration . 1 hr
 - c. Date. 7 Feb 66
 - d. Location . GR 984357
5. Unit tasks
Search and destroy
6. Was it contact. Yes
7. Summary of action in chronological sequence.
 - a. Approx 100 metres previous to contact -- early warning system in form of scrub cut from waist to knee height and facing out from defensive position and one bunker in scrub - listening post presumably
 - b. One hutchie, bunker and trenching system encountered
 - c. One section to the left - section to the right were deployed for support fire - while pl comd took remainder section in to clear.
 - d. VC opened fire inflicting one casualty on forward section section pinned down - VC strength and position too strong therefore called in another pl to sweep and clear out front, encountered larger fortified position to our front during sweep.
 - e. Bunker cleared in area - NO VC bodies found.
8. VC
 - a. Strength approx 10 men
 - b. Type of VC. R Forces
 - c. VC cas. unknown.

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AFTER ACTION REPORT

- 1. Operation No. 3/66
- 2. Report by No. 16264 ~~Ref~~ LT Name W. GILES
- 3. 11 Sec 11 Pl D Coy
- 4. a. Time of Action 1130
- b. Duration 30 min.
- c. Date 7 Feb 65
- d. Location GR 984357

5. Unit / Sub-unit tasks
To clear an estimated 2 secs of VC from a defensive complex.

- 6. Was it?
 - a. Contact Yes
 - b. Incident

7. Summary of action in chronological sequence

1. 12Pl had started to clear the edge of the complex when they were fired on by 2 MGs. 12Pl returned fire but were pinned down by other VC riflemen who entered the fight. One man from 12Pl was injured in the initial burst.
2. 11Pl was moving off on another task and at the time of contact was deployed to the rth of 12Pl. On OC D logs order 11Pl swept down from the rth and across 12Pls front.
3. Contact was made with the en first in front of 12Pl and the VC were pushed out of the sth end of the complex.

- 8. VC
 - a. Strength estimated 2 sections
 - b. Type of VC (Guerrilla, RF or Main Force) not known.
 - c. VC cas
 - i KIA 1 possible.
 - ii WIA
 - iii VCC

8. d. Were VC cas disposed of by
- i. Hot evac.....^{NA}.....Time.....
 - ii. Buried.....^{NA}.....Location.....
 - iii. Other means.....

e. Summary of docs and kit recovered.....
 Receipt books, 500 lbs of rice, clothing, propaganda leaflets, peanuts, and personal mail.

f. Type and number of wps recovered.....
 50 trench grenades, two stick grenades, 40 rds SMA, 2 anti tank rifle grenades.

g. Wps identified on action.....

h. VC dress.....

j. Summary of VC actions

The VC were in bunkers and trenches and returned fire from the left flank and from the front. They appeared to withdraw by fire and movement.

9. Own cas

KIA ^{nil}.....

MIA ¹.....

10. Lessons learned

1. more practice required on fire and movement during the assault.
2. more practice required on fire control orders.
3. Caution should be exercised when entering a complex of a village even though it appears to be old and deserted.

11. Comments by Coy Comd: Emphasises importance of fully cordoning old in position before clearing.

Comd. *[Signature]*

Coy Comd. *[Signature]*

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AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Operation No 3/66
2. Report by 38175 2Lt C. WILLIAMS
3. 3 Pl A Coy
4. a. Time of Action 1345
b. Duration 1 minute
c. Date 7 Feb 66
d. Location 979361
5. Unit/Sub unit
Secure the road for PWLH and E 17 at GR 979361
6. Was it?
b. Incident Yes
7. Summary of action in chronological sequence. We were moving towards the rd through the scrub when we came to the clearing. The lead Sec had just started moving around the clearing when fire was received from 4 VC on the other side. Lead Sec provided covering fire while the second Sec advanced on the left flank. The VC withdrew. Subsequent investigation showed the VC were part of the rear protection for a platoon ambush and the road. 2 claymore type mines were recovered from the edge of the road.
8. VC
a. Strength Platoon
b. Type of VC RF
c. VC cas
Unknown

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AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Operation No. 3/66..
2. Report by No 38175 Rank 2 Lt Name C. WILLIAMS
3.Sec 3 Pl A Coy
4.
 - a. Time of Action 0700 hrs
 - b. Duration 5 minutes
 - c. Date 8 Feb 66
 - d. Location 980363
5. Unit/Sub unit Ni ambush at GR 979361
6. Was it?
 - a. Contact Yes
 - b. Incident
7. Summary of action in chronological sequence. 3 VC were observed on the road to the NORTH at a distance of 200 m and were engaged by the MG. 1 VC was seen to collapse into the scrub. Arty was fired on the area soon afterwards. A sweep later in the morning did NOT locate the VC.
8. VC
 - a. Strength 3 VC
 - b. Type of VC Guerilla
 - c. VC cas
 - ii WIA unknown/

AFTER ACTION REPORTS

1. Operation No..... 3/66
2. Report by No. 215573 Rank. 2Lt Name..... RD LOFTUS
3.Sec..... 9 Pl C Coy
4. a. Time of action 1415 hrs
- b. Duration..... 30 minutes
- c. Date..... 7 Feb 66
- d. Location..... GR 985357
5. Unit/sub-unit tasks
- Search and destroy

6. Was it?
- a. Contact..... Yes
- b. Incident.....

7. Summary of action in chronological sequence:

The platoon was searching a newly found cache when a listening post saw 2 VC approaching. When the VC were 30 yds away Pte LUDZIG fired 1 mag of AR 15 at them. Immediately another section swept forward to the edge of a small clearing and engaged the en for a few seconds before they fled. The other two sections moved around the clearing and swept through the area but no traces of the en were found.

8. VC
- a. Strength 2
- b. Type of VC Local
- c. VC Cas

- i KIA
- ii WIA Nil
- iii VCC

- d. Were VC disposed of by
- i Hel evac.....Time.....
 - ii Buried.....Location.....
 - iii Other means.....
- e. Summary and number of wpns recovered
- f. Type and number of wpns recovered
- g. Wpns identified on action 2 rifles
- h. VC Dress Black

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7. SPAR Activity: The ground bordering the Suoi Cai stream from YT 077320 to YT 110286 has been an area of SPAR activity in recent weeks. SPARs were located as follows:

<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Date</u>
YT 094290	2 February
YT 083282	28 January
YT 097281	30 December
YT 080277	29 January
YT 097292	3 February

8. Red Haze Activity:

<u>Coordinates</u>	<u># of Emissions</u>	<u>Date</u>
YT 134304	13	8 February
YT 136305	14	8 February
YT 134309	5	8 February
YT 150285	1	8 February
YT 138279	11	8 February
YT 152260	1	6 February
YT 132305	1	6 February
YT 064266	1	6 February
YT 054264	4	6 February
YT 119204	1	6 February
YT 115206	1	6 February
YT 113207	2	6 February
YT 116224	2	6 February
YT 078241	10	31 January
YT 079244	3	31 January
YT 081247	8	31 January
YT 084248	3	31 January
YT 091242	1	31 January
YT 100248	4	31 January
YT 103244	8	31 January
YT 094297	1	29 January

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<u>Platoons</u>	<u>Eval</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Date</u>
a. U/I	C/2	YT 117156	Unk	1 Feb
b. U/I	C/2	YT 117156	Unk	1 Feb
c. Quye Chen	F/3	YT 089146	Unk	14 Feb

* 900 Battalion probably moved east as a result of Operation "Roundhouse"

6. The following is a breakdown of enemy units which could reinforce VC units presently in the AO:

Battalions:

500 Local Force Bn

Subordinate units:

C35 Recon Company
C40 Rifle Company
C45 Rifle Company
C50 Rifle Company

Weapons:

1 - 81mm mortar
3 - 60mm mortar
1 - 57mm RR
2 - 50 cal MGS
5 - 30 cal MGS

assorted small arms. This unit has been reported with 9 - 105mm type mines.

316 Battalion Local Force

Subordinate units: Unknown

Weapons: Unknown

C303:

Weapons:

2 - Light MGs
6 - ARs
4 - M79 grenade launchers
1 - 60mm mortar
1 - 57mm RR

C306:

Subordinate units: 1, 2, 3, Platoons

Weapons:

2 - MGs (Unk Light or Heavy)
2 - 60mm mortars
6 - ARs
4 - Rifle type grenade launchers

There have also been reports of two U/I platoons and a guerrilla platoon known as the Quye Chen operating adjacent to the AO but information on these units is unavailable.

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C102 Company: No Information

900 Main Force Bn of the 94th (Dong Nai) Regiment:

Subordinate units:

C-4 AKA 55

C-5 AKA 60

C-6 AKA 65

The C62 Company has also been reported to be part of the 900.Bn. (unconfirmed)

C62

CO: Thing

Strength: 130

Weapons:

1 - 60mm mortar

1 - Light MG

303 Local Force Battalion: This battalion has been reported with a C70 Arty Company but this is unconfirmed.

Weapons:

2 - 81mm mortars

4 - 60mm mortars

2 - AA guns (12.7mm ?)

6 - ARs

4 - M79 grenade launchers

4 - 30 cal MGs

1 - 50 cal MG

Subordinate Units:

D62 Arty Bn: This unit would attach units to MF units rather than operating as a battalion.

C70 Arty Co: No information

5. There are several units which could effect operations within the area of operations. These units have the capability of reinforcing the committed units within a period of 24 to 48 hours.

<u>Battalions</u>	<u>Eval</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Date</u>
a. 500 Bn	C/3	YT 057296	400	19 Jan
b. 900 Bn/94	C/3	*XT 999295	400	25 Jan
c. 303 Bn	C/3	XT 977375	400	30 Jan
d. D/62 Bn (Arty)	C/2	XT 040800	200	10 Jan
e. 316 Bn	C/6	YT 006238	Unk	24 Jan
f. U/I Bn.	C/2	YT 125211	Unk	29 Jan

Companies

a. U/I	C/3	YT 022269	Unk	29 Jan
b. U/I	C/3	XT 089178	Unk	12 Jan
c. U/I	C/4	XT 989339	Unk	15 Jan
d. C303	C/2	YT 102375	150	28 Jan
e. C306	C/2	YT 102375	100	28 Jan

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1. General: Information regarding the area of operations is essentially unchanged from previous operations conducted in this same general area. VC units reported in and near the area of operations since 10 January 1966 are covered in paragraphs 3 through 6.

2. OB Summary: The hill mass covering the southern two thirds of the area of operation is an area where many VC units have been reported in the past. This area has never been cleared by a Brigade operation, therefore its exact nature is unclear. This area might well be used as a staging area for VC units crossing the Song Dong Nai and/or Song Be. There is a high probability of contacting a main force unit within this hill complex. The most logical main force unit might be contacted would be one or more battalions of the 94th (Dong Nai) Regiment. Elements of this Regiment have been reported to be in or near the AO almost constantly during the past month. Contact with local force elements (up to company size) is almost assured—if a thorough search of the area is conducted.

3. The following VC units have been reported in the AO as indicated:

<u>Battalions</u>	<u>Eval</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Date</u>
a. 800 Bn/94	C/3	YT 094292	400	2 Feb 66
b. U/I Bn/94	C/3	YT 111261	Unk	5 Jan 66
c. 512 Bn	C/3	YT 105247	Unk	30 Jan 66
d. U/I Bn	C/3	YT 127277	Unk	28 Jan 66

Companies

a. C101	C/3	YT 112249	60	12 Jan 66
b. C102	C/3	YT 112249	Unk	12 Jan 66
c. U/I Company	C/3	YT 090230	Unk	29 Jan 66

4. The following is a breakdown of units reported in the area of Operations:

800 Main Force Bn of the 94th (Dong Nai) Regt:

Three rifle companies, one which is known as the C304.

Weapons:

- 2 - 81mm mortars
- 3 - 60mm mortars
- 3 - 57mm RR
- 2 - AA wpns (50 cal ?)
- 4 - 30 cal MGs

Assorted small arms. One report has stated that they have two 75mm RR.

512 Battalion: No information

C101 Company (Local Force Mobile)

Weapons:

- 3 - Light MG (30 cal)
- 2 - 50 cal MG
- 3 - 60mm mortars
- 2 - 81mm mortars

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7. SPAR Activity: The ground bordering the Suoi Cai stream from YT 077320 to YT 110286 has been an area of SPAR activity in recent weeks. SPARs were located as follows:

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YT 083282	28 January
YT 097281	30 December
YT 080277	29 January
YT 097292	3 February

8. Red Haze Activity:

<u>Coordinates</u>	<u># of Emissions</u>	<u>Date</u>
YT 134304	13	8 February
YT 136305	14	8 February
YT 134309	5	8 February
YT 150285	1	8 February
YT 138279	11	8 February
YT 152260	1	6 February
YT 132305	1	6 February
YT 064266	1	6 February
YT 054264	4	6 February
YT 119204	1	6 February
YT 115206	1	6 February
YT 113207	2	6 February
YT 116224	2	6 February
YT 078241	10	31 January
YT 079244	3	31 January
YT 081247	8	31 January
YT 084248	3	31 January
YT 091242	1	31 January
YT 100248	4	31 January
YT 103244	8	31 January
YT 094297	1	29 January

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<u>Platoons</u>	<u>Eval</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Date</u>
a. U/I	C/2	YT 117156	Unk	1 Feb
b. U/I	C/2	YT 117156	Unk	1 Feb
c. Quye Chen	F/3	YT 089146	Unk	14 Feb

* 900 Battalion probably moved east as a result of Operation "Roundhouse"

6. The following is a breakdown of enemy units which could reinforce VC units presently in the AO:

Battalions:

500 Local Force Bn

Subordinate units:

- C35 Recon Company
- C40 Rifle Company
- C45 Rifle Company
- C50 Rifle Company

Weapons:

- 1 - 81mm mortar
- 3 - 60mm mortar
- 1 - 57mm RR
- 2 - 50 cal MGS
- 5 - 30 cal MGS

assorted small arms. This unit has been reported with 9 - 105mm type mines.

316 Battalion Local Force

Subordinate units: Unknown

Weapons: Unknown

C303:

Weapons:

- 2 - Light MGs
- 6 - ARs
- 4 - M79 grenade launchers
- 1 - 60mm mortar
- 1 - 57mm RR

C306:

Subordinate units: 1, 2, 3, Platoons

Weapons:

- 2 - MGs (Unk Light or Heavy)
- 2 - 60mm mortars
- 6 - ARs
- 4 - Rifle type grenade launchers

There have also been reports of two U/I platoons and a guerrilla platoon known as the Quye Chen operating adjacent to the AO but information on these units is unavailable.

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1. General: Information regarding the area of operations is essentially unchanged from previous operations conducted in this same general area. VC units reported in and near the area of operations since 10 January 1966 are covered in paragraphs 3 through 6.

2. OB Summary: The hill mass covering the southern two thirds of the area of operation is an area where many VC units have been reported in the past. This area has never been cleared by a Brigade operation, therefore its exact nature is unclear. This area might well be used as a staging area for VC units crossing the Song Dong Nai and/or Song Be. There is a high probability of contacting a main force unit within this hill complex. The most logical main force unit might be contacted would be one or more battalions of the 94th (Dong Nai) Regiment. Elements of this Regiment have been reported to be in or near the AO almost constantly during the past month. Contact with local force elements (up to company size) is almost assured--if a thorough search of the area is conducted.

3. The following VC units have been reported in the AO as indicated:

<u>Battalions</u>	<u>Eval</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Date</u>
a. 800 Bn/94	C/3	YT 094292	400	2 Feb 66
b. U/I Bn/94	C/3	YT 111261	Unk	5 Jan 66
c. 512 Bn	C/3	YT 105247	Unk	30 Jan 66
d. U/I Bn	C/3	YT 127277	Unk	28 Jan 66

Companies

a. C101	C/3	YT 112249	60	12 Jan 66
b. C102	C/3	YT 112249	Unk	12 Jan 66
c. U/I Company	C/3	YT 090230	Unk	29 Jan 66

4. The following is a breakdown of units reported in the area of Operations:

800 Main Force Bn of the 94th (Dong Nai) Regt:

Three rifle companies, one which is known as the C304.

Weapons:

- 2 - 81mm mortars
- 3 - 60mm mortars
- 3 - 57mm RR
- 2 - AA wpns (50 cal ?)
- 4 - 30 cal MGs
- Assorted small arms. One report has stated that they have two 75mm RR.

512 Battalion: No information

C101 Company (Local Force Mobile)

Weapons:

- 3 - Light MG (30 cal)
- 2 - 50 cal MG
- 3 - 60mm mortars
- 2 - 81mm mortars

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C102 Company: No Information

900 Main Force Bn of the 94th (Dong Nai) Regiment:

Subordinate units:

- C-4 AKA 55
- C-5 AKA 60
- C-6 AKA 65

The C62 Company has also been reported to be part of the 900. Bn. (unconfirmed)

C62

CO: Thing

Strength: 130

Weapons:

- 1 - 60mm mortar
- 1 - Light MG

303 Local Force Battalion: This battalion has been reported with a C70 Arty Company but this is unconfirmed.

Weapons:

- 2 - 81mm mortars
- 4 - 60mm mortars
- 2 - AA guns (12.7mm ?)
- 6 - ARs
- 4 - M79 grenade launchers
- 4 - 30 cal MGs
- 1 - 50 cal MG

Subordinate Units:

D62 Arty Bn: This unit would attach units to MF units rather than operating as a battalion.

C70 Arty Co: No information

5. There are several units which could effect operations within the area of operations. These units have the capability of reinforcing the committed units within a period of 24 to 48 hours.

<u>Battalions</u>	<u>Ev. Eval</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Date</u>
a. 500 Bn	C/3	YT 057296	400	19 Jan
b. 900 Bn/94	C/3	*XT 999295	400	25 Jan
c. 303 Bn	C/3	XT 977375	400	30 Jan
d. D/62 Bn (Arty)	C/2	XT 040800	200	10 Jan
e. 316 Bn	C/6	YT 006238	Unk	24 Jan
f. U/I Bn.	C/2	YT 125211	Unk	29 Jan

Companies

a. U/I	C/3	YT 022269	Unk	29 Jan
b. U/I	C/3	XT 089178	Unk	12 Jan
c. U/I	C/4	XT 989339	Unk	15 Jan
d. C303	C/2	YT 102375	150	28 Jan
e. C306	C/2	YT 102375	100	28 Jan

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c. Medical Support:

- (1) Bde clearing station supports from present location.
- (2) Requests for medical evacuation will be relayed over the Bde Command Net.

d. Personnel. SOP

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

- a. Current SOI in effect.
- b. Bde CP remains at Bien Hoa.

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ANNEXES:

- A-Operations Overlay
- B-Intelligence
- C-Z-Not Used

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- 1 CG
- 2 DCO
- 3 XO
- 4 C1
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- 7-10 C3
- 11 C4
- 12 C5
- 13 ALO
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- 15-19 3/319
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- 25-26 2/503
- 27-28 1/RAR
- 29 161 RNZ Arty
- 30 HHC
- 31 Admin Co
- 32 E/17
- 33 D/16
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Task Organization:	<u>TF 1/503</u>	<u>TF 3/319</u>	<u>E/17</u>
	1/503	C Btry, 3/319	
	D/16 (-SPAT Plat)	161st Fld Btry RNZA	
	Engr Team		
	1 FAC Party		
	1 RRU Team		
	3 Vietnamese Policemen		

1. SITUATION:

- a. Enemy Forces: Current INSUM.
- b. Friendly Forces:

- (1) 5th Special Forces Group constructs special forces camp at junction of Dong Nai and Song Be Rivers (XT 153288), commencing 120800H Feb 66.
- (2) 339th Company, CIDG, secures French Fort, West bank, Song Be River vic (XT 148285), commencing 120930H Feb 66.
- (3) 33d ARVN Ranger Battalion secures fire support base for ARVN 38th Corps Artillery element and TF 3/319 vic GC (XT 1132).

2. MISSION: 173d Abn Bde (Sep) supports 5th Special Forces construction of Special Forces Camp by conducting search and destroy operations in assigned AO.

3. EXECUTION:

- a. Concept of Operation:

(1) Maneuver. TF 1/503 commences motor convoy movement 120800H Feb along Route GREEN, and crosses Dong Nai River with APC's and engineer boats; establishes Bn base camp vic XT 1429, and conducts search and destroy operation in assigned AO.

(2) Fire Support: TF 3/319 establishes fire support base vic Dai An (XT 117232). Supporting fire for motor convoy and river crossing provided by 3/319 (-).

- b. 1/503:

- (1) Released from responsibility for security of 2d Bde TAOR 091200H Feb 66,
- (2) Move by motor convoy to Dai An commencing 120800H Feb 66.
- (3) Cross Dong Nai River using APC's and Engineer Boats.
- (4) Establish Bn base vic XT 1327.
- (5) Coordinate with 339th CIDG Co located vic XT 147285.
- (6) Conduct search and destroy operation in assigned AO.

c. 2/503: Assume responsibility for security of 2d Bde TAOR NLT 091200H Feb 66.

d. 1/RAR: Maintain one company on 2 hour alert as reaction force for TF 1/503. Bn (-) on 4 hour alert status.

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e. 3/319:

- (1) TF 3/319 in direct support of TF 1/503.
- (2) TF 3/319 move by motor convoy to vic Dai An (XT 117232), commencing 120730H Feb 66 and establish fire support base.
- (3) One Btry in direct support of 2/503 in 2d Bde TAOR.
- (4) Bn (-) provide supporting fires for motor convoy and river crossing operation commencing 120700H Feb 66.

f. D/16: Attached to 1/503.

g. E/17: Conduct route clearing operation along Route GREEN, commencing 120700H Feb 66. Secure South bank of river crossing site. When river crossing is complete, provide security for Engineer elements and wheel vehicles for return to Bde Base Camp.

h. Engineer Co (-):

- (1) Provide support for river crossing.
- (2) Conduct instruction on use of Engineer boats for personnel of TF 1/503 prior to 12 Feb 66.
- (3) Upon completion of river crossing, return to Bde Base Camp with E/17th Cavalry.

i. Bde (-): Continue present mission.

j. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Attachments effective 120700H Feb 66.
- (2) One FAC and one Arty FO on airborne station during convoy move and river crossing operation.
- (3) One OLF aircraft on 24 hour airborne station for radio relay, as required.
- (4) PMO coordinate route clearance and TCP's for Route GREEN.
- (5) Plan for 16 Engineer boats for river crossing. Capacity, 10 Infantrymen each boat.
- (6) Direct coordination between Co TF 1/503 and Co, CIDG forces in AO authorized.
- (7) Direct coordination between CO, Engineer Co and CO, 1/503 authorized for conduct of engineer boat instruction.
- (8) CO, E/17 coordinate security of South bank, river crossing site with CO 38th Ranger Bn upon arrival at Dai An.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:

a. Supply. All classes as prescribed by CO, TF 1/503 and CO, TF 3/319 for respective TF's. Resupply will be accomplished on D+2 under control of TF CO's.

b. Transportation: TF's will submit requests for required motor transport support to the Bde Motor Transport Officer (Provide 42) NLMT 101200H Feb 66.

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INSTALLATION REPORT

Report on (instl) 143 x 20mm rds at GR 998331

Date/Time found 08 1500 H

by 14746 Sgt M J KIRBY of 6PI B Coy 1 BAR

1. Type of instalations: 4 Wpn Pits.

2. Defensive Layout

- a. Were there wpn pits only? Yes
- b. Type of construction used:- Wpn pits dug only.
- c. Number of pits:- 4.
- d. Size of unit or sub unit you estimate would occupy defensive layout:- Section.
- e. Were pits in ALL ROUND DEFENCE:- Yes.
- f. Were the pits individual:- Yes.
- g. How old were the pits:- 6 months
- h. Was the defensive layout near a track:- Yes.
- j. Were there any early warning posts or devices:- No.

3. Village Instl

- a. Number of huts:- 2
- b. Presently occupied:- No.
- c. How old:- 6 months.
- d. Do you consider this instl was used as Transit:- Yes.
- e. Was defensive layout part of hamlet:- No.
- f. What building materials were used:- Local timber and bamboo.

4. Remarks (including your unit/sub unit actions or destructions of village defensive complex etc).

Ammunition recovered and handed in to coy comd.

.....M J Kirby.....Sgt

INSTALLATION REPORT

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Report on Village at GR 424701 found at 071145 by 53760 Sgt TE PROSSER 2ic 5 Pl B Coy

1. Type of instl. 2 Bunkers. Wpn pits.

Area covered by instl. 70 x 50 - 3500 Sq yds.

2. a. Defensive Layout. Wpn pits only.

b. No of pits. 6

c. Size of unit or sub unit you estimate would occupy defensive layout. Section

d. Were pits in all round defense. Yes

e. Were the pits individual. Yes

f. How old were the pits. 1 year

g. Was the defensive layout near: Track

3. Village instl.

a. Number of huts. 4

b. Family. Yes

c. Presently occupied. Yes

4. Do you consider this instl was used as.

Hospital. Yes Base Camp Yes Other. Cadre HQ

Occupied by how many people. 12 permanent

5. Obstacles. Dense bamboo

6. Does it appear that the area was bombed or strafed recently. Yes

How long ago. Approx 1 month. No hits

7. Remarks. A few documents were found and backloaded. The huts were burnt.
6 recent (2 months) graves were close by.

Sgt TE PROSSER

INSTALLATION REPORT

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Report on instl. VC Camp posns in area to SE of gun posn BUGS BUNNY
By 2Lt WF HINDSON.

1. Type of instl. VC transit camps at GR 098424, 098422, 102422, 102420, 102419
2. Area covered by instl. Average 5,000 sq yds.
3. Number of pits and tunnels and unit or sub unit you estimate would occupy them.
Approx 20 - 30
4. All camps were over 6 months old.
5. All camps were on tracks

WF HINDSON 2Lt

INSTALLATION REPORT

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Report on instl Defended area at GR 092429
by 2Lt WF HINDSON

1. Area covered by instl. 400,000 sq yds
2. Size of unit. Bn size
3. No of Pits. Over 40 pits and bunkers.
4. Bunkers were in ant hills with entrances from pits along side.
5. Type of construction. Bag only
6. Pits were in all round defence in approx platoon size positions. Each Pl sized posn had a central bunker (CP type) and 2-3 huts.
- 7 The area had not been occupied for over 6 months
8. The area had been bombed and strafed.
9. There were no obstacles in any of the positions

WF HINDSON 2Lt

INSTALLATION REPORT

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Report on instl. VC Village at GR 103415
by 2Lt WF HINSON

1. Area covered by instl. 50,000 sq yds
2. Size of unit. possibly 50 persons
3. Village was on track system
4. Had been bombed and strafed within the past 6 months
5. Village was over 6 months old

2Lt WF HINSON

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Report on Camp at GR 430715 found at Date/Time 031130 by 37931 2 Lt CJ McINTYRE
comd 6 Pl B Coy 1 RAR.

1. Type of instl. Bankers, Trenches, Wpn Pits, Hut.

2. Area covered by instl. 1,000 sq yds.

3. Defensive Layout. Wpn pits only.

Type of construction used. Wpn pits revetted

No of pits. Approx 12

Size of unit or sub unit you estimate would occupy defensive layout..
Squad - possibly Platoon

Were pits in ALL ROUND DEFENCE Yes

Were pits individual Yes
2 Man Yes
Y

How old was the instl. No older than a month

Were there any early warning posts or devices Yes sentry
Which direction from instl. WEST

4. Do you consider this instl was used as Training. Yes

Occupied by how many people. 10

Was defensive layout part of Hamlet. No

Were building materials used. Yes Local timber and bamboo, thin metal sheeting.

5. Obstacles 2 Brief description. Electrically detonated mine. Untied trip gren.

6. Does it appear that the area was bombed or strafed recently. No

7. Remarks. Marker balloon erected for air strike. 2 air strikes ineffective

2Lt CJ McINTYRE
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INSTALLATION REPORT

Report on (instl) 143 x 20mm rds at GR 998331

Date/Time found 08 1500 H

by 14746 Sgt M J KIRBY of 6Pl B Coy 1 BAR

1. Type of installation: 4 Wpn Pits.

2. Defensive Layout

- a. Were there wpn pits only? Yes
- b. Type of construction used:- Wpn pits dug only.
- c. Number of pits:- 4.
- d. Size of unit or sub unit you estimate would occupy defensive layout:- Section.
- e. Were pits in ALL ROUND DEFENCE:- Yes.
- f. Were the pits individual:- Yes.
- g. How old were the pits:- 6 months
- h. Was the defensive layout near a track:- Yes.
- j. Were there any early warning posts or devices:- No.

3. Village Instl

- a. Number of huts:- 2
- b. Presently occupied:- No.
- c. How old:- 6 months.
- d. Do you consider this instl was used as Transit:- Yes.
- e. Was defensive layout part of hamlet:- No.
- f. What building materials were used:- Local timber and bamboo.

4. Remarks (including your unit/sub unit actions or destructions of village defensive complex etc).

Ammunition recovered and handed in to coy comd.

.....*M J Kirby*.....Sgt

INSTALLATION REPORT

Report on (instl) Rice Cache at GR 970325

Date/Time found 06 0845H

By 37479 2Lt W HINDSON of 5 Pl B Coy 1 BAR

1. Type of instl:- Rice Cache.
2. Area covered by instl:- 50 square yards.
3. Defensive layout:- Nil.
4. Village Instl:- Nil.
5. Do you consider this instl was used as supply:- Yes.
6. Obstacles: 2 x Booby Traps.
Brief description: 2 x frag grenades (instantaneous fuse) set at waist height on camouflaged tracks from vehicular track to cache.
7. Does it appear that the area was bombed or strafed recently? No.
8. Remarks (including your unit/sub unit actions or destructions of village defensive complex etc):

400 x 100 lb bags Rice and 30 Bags Salt in cache removed by captured civilian trucks and Aust trucks. Grenade booby traps removed and destroyed at posn PHOENIX.


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INSTALLATION REPORT

Report on (instl) at GR 984357 found at 071130 by 46264 Lt W. GILES comd
11 Pl D Coy 1 RAR.

1. Type of instl. Bunkers, Trenches, Single Bunkers and Wpn Pits.
2. Area covered by instl 40000 sq yds.
3. Defensive layout
 - a. Wpn pits only
 - b. N/A
 - c. N/A
 - d. Type of construction used.
Wpn pits: Revetted and dug only
 - e. Number of pits: 50
 - f. Size of unit or sub unit you estimate would occupy defensive layout : 2 coys
 - g. Were pits in all round defensive: Yes
 - h. Were the pits:
 - (1) Individual: Yes
 - (2) 2 man: Yes
 - (3) 3 man : Yes
 - j. How old were:
 - (1) Pits: 3 mths
 - (2) Tunnels: N/A
 - (3) Bunkers: 3 mths
 - (4) Huts: 2 weeks
 - k. The defensive layout was near a river.
 - l. Listening posts were SW from instl.
4. N/A
5. Obstacles yes Brief description. The small trees in front of the trench system had been cut down at waist level and left to lie on the ground their forming an obstacle that would slow up an attack. This was at the sth end.
6. The area was NOT bombed or strafed recently.
7. Remarks. The complex was occupied at the time by an estimated two secs After driving them out we proceeded to burn and wreck as much as we could. Some fifty grenades were destroyed by engrs. It is my opinion that the people in occupation were renovating the area for a larger force.

(SIGNED) W. GILES Lt

INSTALLATION REPORT

Report on (instl) Rice Cache at GR 983367 found at Date/ 8 Feb 66
Time 1200 hrs by (name, rank, No.) 335092 Maj J.B. HEALY Comd A Coy 1 RAR.

4. g. Were building materials used
- | | | |
|-----|---------------------------|---|
| (1) | Local timber & bamboo. | X |
| (2) | Plastic | - |
| (3) | Others (describe briefly) | - |
- i Cache size 20 ft by 10 ft.
ii Floor raised above ground level.
iii No walls. Contained estimated 600 bags of rice, mostly paddy, and 25 bags of salt.
iv Corrugated Iron roof.
5. Obstacles..... Brief description. Two wooden handled friction type booby traps. One found with trip wire. The other was buried, with a vine tied to a branch across the track.
6. Does it appear that the area was bombed or strafed recently NO.
7. Remarks (including your unit/sub unit actions or destructions of village defensive com;ox etc).

The buried booby trap was not found in the search of the area, and exploded when the branch was moved and second time.

60 bags of rice were removed by helicopters. approx 100 by APCs and the rest of the cache was destroyed by explosives.



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j. Summary of VC action: He fired a couple of shots and ran to the East in a crouching position

9. Own cas

KIA NIL
WIA

10. Lessons learned: When firing at a fleeting target shots must be aimed low in case en adopts a crouching position

11. Comments by Coy Comd: No further comments

Comd....RW..WRIGHT...Col..... Coy Comd....JJ TAPPAN Maj.....

AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Operation No 3/66
2. Report by: No. 213673 Rank. Cpl Name. RW WRIGHT
3. 3 Sec 8 Pl G Coy
4. a. Time of action. 0745 hrs
- b. Duration 10 minutes
- c. Date. 9 Feb 66
- d. Location. GR 971366
5. Unit/Sub-unit tasks: Coy defense in Bn Harbour
6. Was it ?
 - a. Contact Yes
 - b. Incident.
7. Summary of action in chronological sequence: Whilst part of the pl defense on the LZ my right hand pit saw one VC 15 yds away moving towards the pl area. One member of the pit fired four rounds of SLR in the vicinity of them. The en saw this member before the shots were fired and ran towards the East in a crouching position. Before turning he fired 3 quick shots into the pl area. The VC was observed running past the listening post who fired one mag of M16 on full auto in his direction. A section sweep was put in covering 200 yds East and then 200 yds SW but to no avail
8. VC
 - a. Strength One
 - b. Type of VC Local
 - c. VC Cas
 - i KIA Nil
 - ii WIA
 - iii VCC
 - d. Were VC disposed of by :
 - i Hel evac. Time
 - ii Buried. Location.
 - iii Other means
 - e. Summary of docs and kit recovered: Nil
 - f. Type and number of wps recovered: Nil
 - g. Wps identified on action: not applicable
 - h. VC dress: Black pants and shirt, red scarf

f. Summary of VC actions: Once fired on fell to ground and did not return fire

9. Own cas

KIA Nil
WIA

10. Lessons learned: Necessity for communications within ambush patrol

11. Comments by Coy Comd : No further comments

Comd..... DW EVANS L cpl Coy Comd..... JJ HATTAM Maj

AFTER ACTION REPORTS

1. Operation No 3/66
2. Report by: No. 42688 Rank, L cpl Name DW EVANS
3. 2 Sec 8 Pl C Coy

4. a. Time of action 2045 hrs
b. Duration 5 minutes
c. Date 8 Feb 66
d. Location GR 971366

5. Unit/Sub-unit tasks: Search and destroy

6. Was it?

a. Contact Yes

b. Incident

7. Summary of action in chronological sequence: At approx 2045 hrs my four man ambush party was moved into GR 971366. The ambush was set up in such a way as to give all round defence and cover North, North East and South East. At 2045 hrs the fire gp consisting of 1 SLR and one M16 saw a figure approaching from the East along the track. The fire group tried to give early warning at the same time firing at the VC. The fire gp was seen by the VC who immediately went to ground. Two well aimed shotswere fired from 20 ft and the M16 fired 1 mag on auto in the direction of the VC. Not knowing VC strength, my patrol, as ordered by the Pl Comd at briefing, moved back to the coy position using fire and movement. We threw a grenade in the vicinity of the enemy. A search next day proved negative

8. VC

a. Strength One

b. Type Local

c. VC cas

i KIA Not known
ii WIA
iii VCG

d. Were VC disposed of by

i Hel evac Time

ii Buried Location

iii Other means

e. Summary of docus and kit recovered : Nil

f. Type and number of wpns recovered : Nil

g. Wpns identified on action: Nil

h. VC dress: Black

8. Summary of VC action Returned fire a few minutes then fled to the North

9. Own cas

KIA Nil
WIA

10. Lessons learned As the VC were seen approaching the listening post should have gone back to the pl and warned them so that they could set an ambush

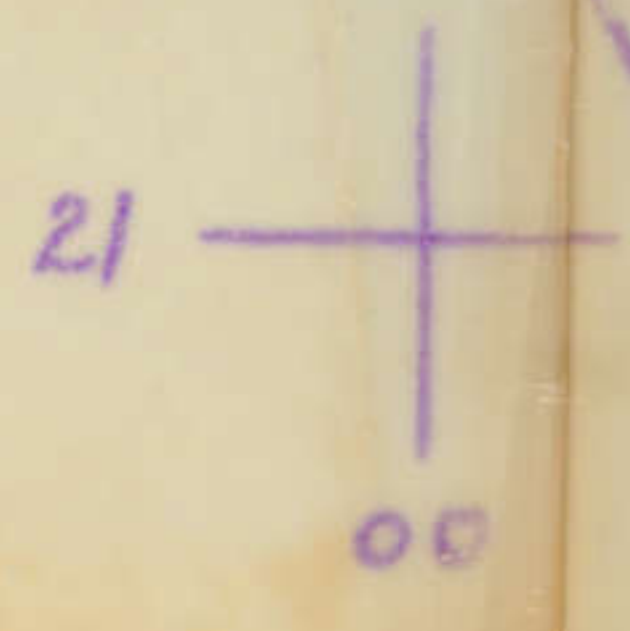
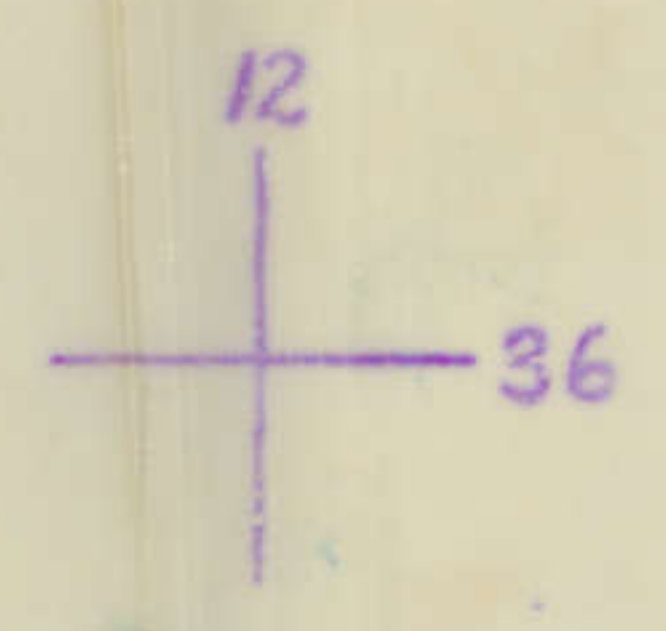
11. Coy Comd's comments No further comments

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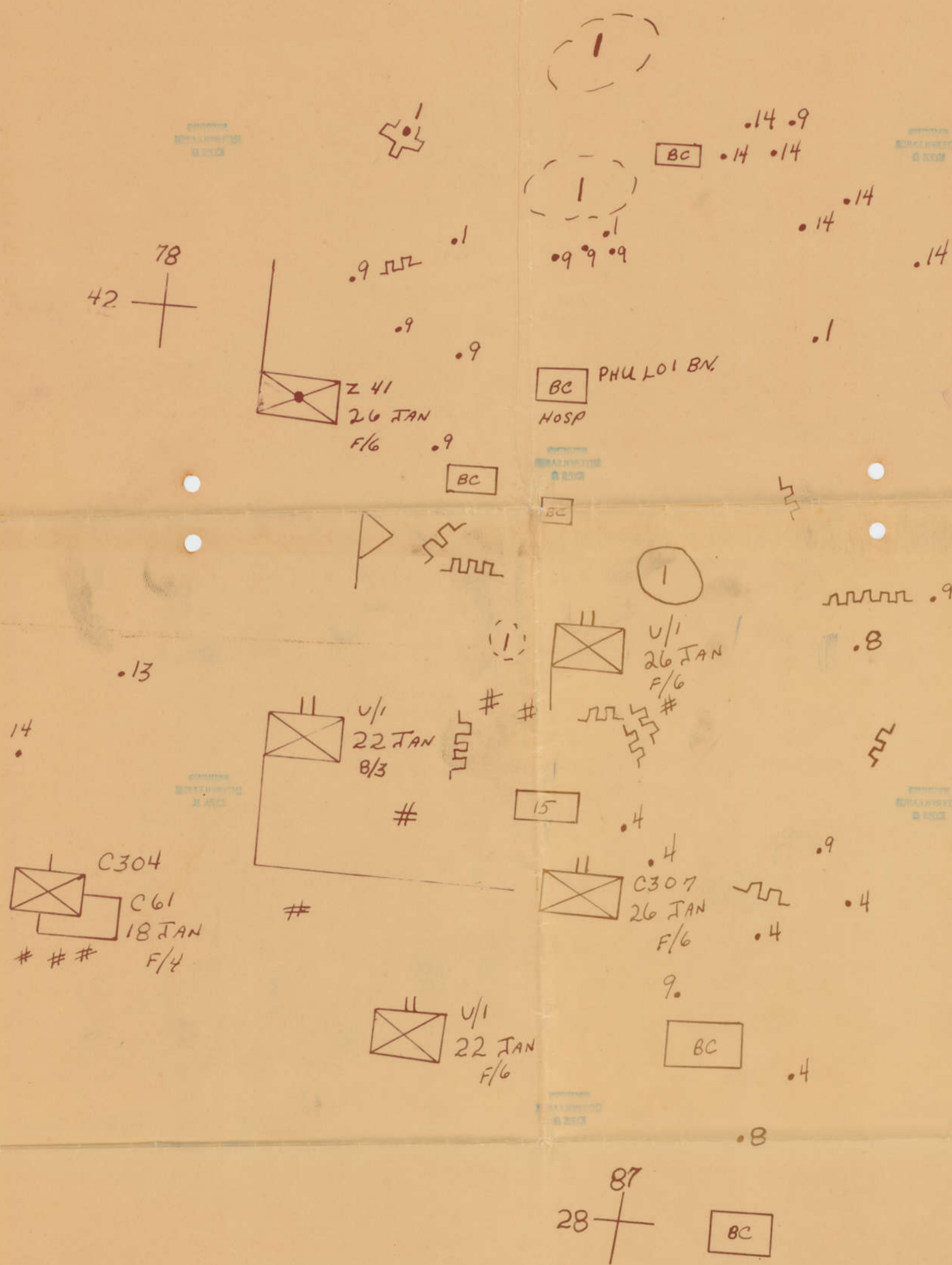
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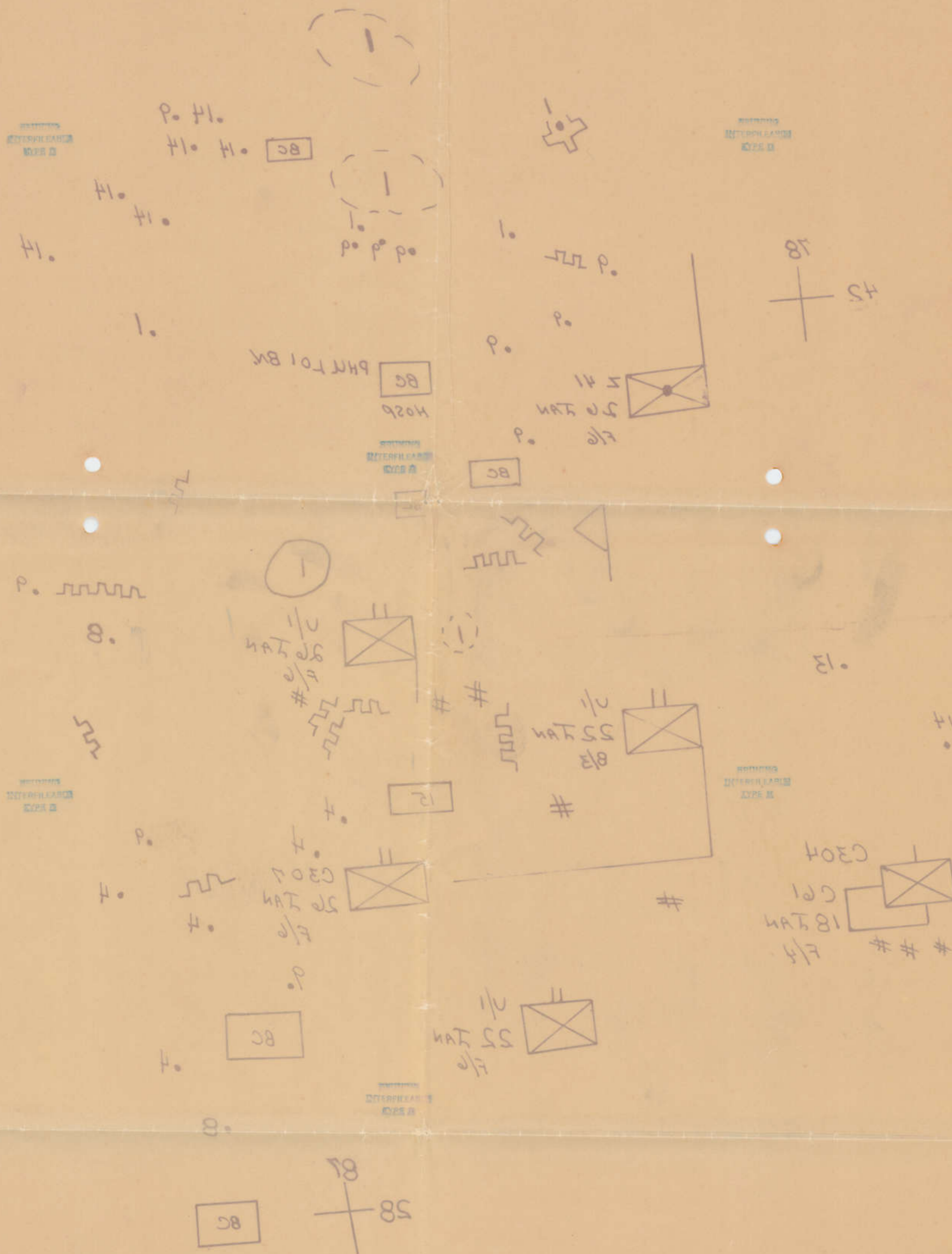
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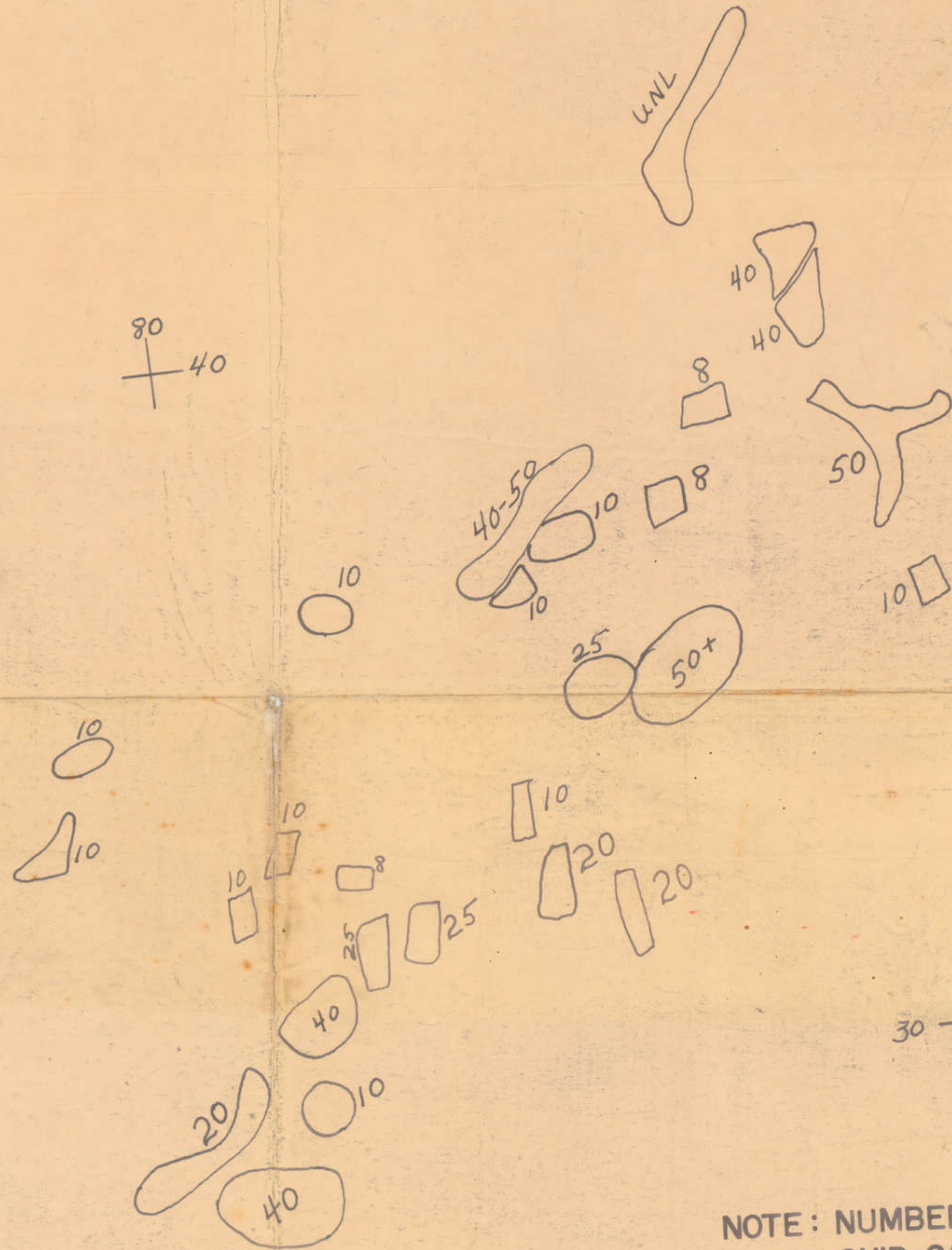
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Annex D (Administration and Logistics) to OPORD 6-66 (ROLLING STONE)

REFERENCE: Maps, Vietnam, 1:50,000, sheets 6344 I - IV.

1. (C) GENERAL: This annex provides for the admin support for the 1st Brigade TF in Operation ROLLING STONE. Admin support is to be conducted in three phases.

- a. Admin Phase I - Preparation for and movement of the 1st Bde TF from PHUOC VINH to the operational area.
- b. Admin Phase II - Support of units in PHUOC VINH and the operational area. Brigade Logistical Control Post (BLCP) located in operational area.
- c. Admin Phase III - Preparation for and movement of 1st Bde TF from operational area to PHUOC VINH. To be announced.

2. (C) MATERIEL AND SERVICES:

a. Supply:

(1) General - Supply point distribution of all classes of supply to units will be from Bde Trains Area, PHUOC VINH. No forward logistical base will be established.

(2) Class I:

(a) Admin Phase I:

- 1. Units take one day of "B" ration and one day of "C" ration. One additional ration (3 meals) of "C" ration will be issued to each individual prior to departure from PHUOC VINH.
- 2. Units maintain adequate "B" and "C" rations in operational area.
- 3. "B" rations will be fed whenever possible; "C" rations will be used for emergency purposes only.
- 4. Units transport five days of sundry packs to operational area. Units submit request ASAP to S & T Section to attain required level.
- 5. Normal schedule for distribution of "A" and "B" rations.
- 6. Units will take necessary field ranges to operational area for preparation of meals.

(b) Admin Phase II:

- 1. Following units or elements attached to 1/5 Arty for rations and feeding. CO, HHC, 1st Bde coordinate with S-4, 1/5 Arty
 - a. HHC, 1st Bde (-) (approximately 90 personnel).
 - b. Water point, A/1 Eng (3 personnel).
 - c. Shower point, 624 OM Co (4 personnel).
 - d. Maintenance Contact Team, D/701 Maint (8 personnel).
- 2. Units committed to operation submit request for sundry packs three days prior to last issue from unit supplies. Request on a five day basis.

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(3) Class II and IV:

(a) Admin Phase I - Units carry portion of PLL for equipment being utilized in the operational area.

(b) Admin Phase II:

1. Units and elements in PHUOC VINH base area submit DX and job order items to D/701st Maint.

2. Units and elements in the operational area submit DX and job order items to Maint Contact Team.

(4) Class III:

(a) Admin Phase I:

1. Units insure all vehicle tanks, fuel containers, and fuel transporters are topped off prior to movement.

2. Units carry 30 day supply of oil and lubes.

(b) Admin Phase II:

1. Normal bulk and retail supply point distribution at PHUOC VINH.

2. Aerial or road resupply by units to their elements in the operational area.

3. Requests for 55 gallon drums of fuel to operational area will be coordinated between units and S & T Section, PHUOC VINH.

(5) Class IIIA - all phases. Supply point distribution from PHUOC VINH Airfield.

(6) Class V:

(a) Admin Phase I:

1. Units carry basic load of ammunition to operational area (less ammunition required for security element in PHUOC VINH).

2. Bde S-4 will bulk request Class V items from LONG BINH or TAN SON NHUT ASP to support the operation.

3. Units submit Transportation Order 581 (TO 581) in two copies to Bde S-4 NLT 13 Feb 66. Amounts requested will be based on ASR times 25 days. Unit TO 581 will be used for issues from Bde ASP, PHUOC VINH.

(b) Admin Phase II - Supply point distribution from Bde ASP.

(7) Water:

(a) Water point 1 - PHUOC VINH vic 1/28 Inf base area. B/588 Eng will establish water point prior to 13 Feb 66.

(b) Water point 2 - located in operational area. Opening and location TBA. A/1 Eng (-) move water point to operational area with HHC, 1st Bde.

(c) Locally available water will be used for drinking purposes only after proper use of water purification tablets.

(8) Captured VC Materiel:

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(a) Armament (weapons, mines, ammo) and medical supplies through logistic channels to Bde S-4.

(b) Edible items (rice, salt), farm implements, building materials through CA channels to Bde S-5.

b. Transportation:

(1) Admin Phase I - Units submit requirements for additional 2½ T trucks and trailers for transport of supplies and personnel to operational area. Request submitted orally to Bde S-4 ASAP.

(2) Admin Phase III:

(a) ISL - Route RED.

(b) Road resupply convoys - TBP.

(c) TCP's will be established as required in operational area. Location and time of opening TBA.

(d) Aerial Resupply:

1. Inf and Arty Bns will receive two UH-1 aircraft per day for resupply. Aircraft will report to Asst Bde S-4 at PHUOC VINH Airfield for dispatch to unit base areas in PHUOC VINH.

2. Bn S-4's coordinate with Asst Bde S-4 on scheduled resupply runs, emergency runs, and release of aircraft.

3. Request for Chinook helicopters for resupply will be submitted thru Asst Bde S-4 at PHUOC VINH.

c. Technical Services:

(1) Medical:

(a) Battalions provide primary medical support through forward aid stations.

(b) 1/5 Arty provide primary medical support for Bde TAC CP when co-located with artillery elements.

(c) D/1 Med remains at PHUOC VINH and provides necessary medical and dental support.

(d) Bde Surgeon located at BLCP.

(e) Medical supplies, to include foot powder and salt tablets, requisitioned through medical channels.

(2) Ordnance: Maintenance Contact Team, D/701 Maint will be located vicinity of BLCP. Repair or evacuation requirements of units equipment in operational area will be requested through this element.

(3) Quartermaster:

(a) Shower Point:

1. One shower point will be established in the operational area. Location and time of opening TBA.

2. If tactical operations permit, shower point will displace

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(b) Laundry:

1. Units evacuate to PHUOC VINH base area for laundry service. Resupply aircraft will be utilized for this purpose.

2. Units in operational area have priority over PHUOC VINH units for laundering of clothing at QM laundry point.

(c) Graves Registration: Evacuate U.S. personnel (KHA) to GR Section, PHUOC VINH.

(d) Salvage: Units evacuate to PHUOC VINH. Request assistance from Bde S-4, BLCP, for items not within unit capability to evacuate.

d. Labor: Annex E (Civil Affairs/PSYOPS).

3. (C) MEDICAL EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION:

a. Evacuation:

(1) By organic vehicles to aid stations when possible.

(2) By DUSTOFF or other available aircraft from Bn aid station or operational area as required.

(3) DUSTOFF requests through Bde TAC CP.

b. Hospitalization:

(1) Following treatment facilities to be utilized at discretion of medical officers.

(a) D/1 Med - PHUOC VINH.

(b) B/1 Med - LAI KHE.

(c) HQ A/1 Med - DI AN.

(d) 616 Clearing Co - PHU LOI.

(e) 93d Evac Hospital.

(f) 3d Surg Hospital.

(2) Head injuries will be evacuated to 3d Field Hospital.

4. (C) PERSONNEL:

a. Maintenance of unit strengths:

(1) Strength Reports: Submit to S-1, Bde Rear, PHUOC VINH.

(a) Personnel daily summary submitted by 2000 hrs as of 1600 hrs daily.

(b) Weekly strength report submitted by 1400 hrs each Sunday as of 1200 hrs.

b. Personnel Management:

(1) Personnel procedures: All rotatees will be processed through Bde S-1 to repl sec at Div Hqs.

(2) Prisoners of War:

(a) Bde POW collecting point vic Bde CP XT 882402.

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(b) Guards delivering POW to collecting point remain under control of PM until released.

c. Development and Maintenance of Morale - Morale and Personnel Services:

(1) R & R quotas previously announced remain in effect.

(2) Pass policy previously announced remains in effect.

5. (C) CIVIL AFFAIRS: Annex E (Civil Affairs/PSYOPS).

6. (C) LOCATIONS, REPORTS, AND COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

a. Locations (Appendix 1, Overlay).

(1) PHUOC VINH:

(a) Bde Trains Area remains in present location.

(b) Composition of Bde Trains:

1. Bde Trains CO - Asst Bde S-4.

2. Fwd Spt Section, 1 S & T.

3. D/701 Maint (-).

4. D/1 Med.

5. Class I, II and IV, III, IIIA, V POINTS.

6. Water Point 1, B/588 Eng.

7. Laundry Det, 624 QM Co.

(2) Operational Area:

(a) Bde Log Control Post (BLCP).

Bde S-4.

Bde Surgeon.

(b) Maint Contact Team, D/701 Maint.

(c) Water Point 2, A/1 Engr.

(d) Shower Point, 624 QM Co.

b. Reports:

(1) Admin Phase I - No Change.

(2) Admin Phase II:

(a) General:

1. PALOG Report:

a. Report 40mm ammunition for M79 grenade launcher as

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b. Report 5.56mm ammunition on hand in the following format:

2w 5.56mm TOTAL

2w-1 5.56mm Ball

2w-2 5.56mm Tracer

2. Ammunition Expenditure Report:

a. Add following line numbers and nomenclatures to existing report:

Line 3a - 5.56mm Ball.

Line 3b - 5.56mm Tracer.

Line 95 - 175mm Gun.

b. Use Line 96 and above to indicate ammunition expenditures by type not indicated in Lines 1-95. Indicate DODAC and nomenclature.

(b) Units and elements remaining in PHUOC VINH:

1. Reports submitted to Asst Bde S-4, Bde Trains Area.

a. PALOG Report - Due NLT 1000 hours daily as of 0800 hours. Submit normal written report in two copies. Report only those personnel supported in the PHUOC VINH area or supplies in the PHUOC VINH area.

b. Ammunition Expenditure Report - Due NLT 1000 hours daily as of 0800 hours. Submit normal written report in two copies. Report only those expenditures in the PHUOC VINH area.

c. Monthly Ammunition Expenditure Report (Inf Bns only). Due NLT 041600 Mar 66 for February expenditures. Format as follows:

COL 1 - UNIT

COL 2	COL 3	COL 4 - EXPENDITURES	COL 5 - WEAPONS DENSITY
DODAC NR	NOMENCLATURE	COL 4A 5.56MM	COL 5A M-14
		COL 4B 7.62MM	COL 5B M-16

d. RED BALL Reports - Due NLT ninth day of reporting period for the previous 10 days.

2. Report submitted to D/701 Maint:

Weekly Non-availability Report - Due on normal schedule.

(c) Units and elements in operational area - submitted to BLCF.

1. PALOG Report - Due NLT 1000 hours daily as of 0800 hours.

a. Submit oral report by line items and follow up by written report ASAP.

b. Asst Bde S-4 submit consolidated report of PHUOC VINH units by most expeditious means but NLT 1400 hours daily.

2. Ammunition Expenditure Report - Due NLT 1000 hours daily as of 0800 hours.

a. Submit oral report by line items and follow up by written report ASAP.

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b. Asst Bde S-4 submit consolidated report of PHUOC VINH units by most expeditious means but NLT 1400 hours daily.

3. Resupply Report - Due NLT 1600 hours each Sunday for previous weeks resupply. Format as follows:

LINE 1 - Reporting unit

LINE 2 - Aerial Resupply - Total tons _____

COL 1
TONS

COL 2
(Indicate UH-1,
CHINOOK, C-123,
C-130)

LINE 2A CLASS I

LINE 2B CLASS II AND IV

LINE 2C CLASS III

LINE 2D CLASS V _____

LINE 3- Road Convoy - Total tons _____

LINE 3A CLASS I

LINE 3B CLASS II AND IV

LINE 3C CLASS III

LINE 3D CLASS V

LINE 4- Aerial Supply (Asst Bde S-4 only) - Total tons _____

LINE 4A CLASS I

LINE 4B CLASS II AND IV

LINE 4C CLASS III

LINE 4D CLASS IIIA

LINE 4E CLASS V

LINE 4F OTHER (SPECIFY)

4. Radar Report - Due NLT 13th and 29th day of month for previous period. Submit by standard format.

5. Monthly Medical Report - Due NLT 1st day of month for previous month.

c. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Bde S-4 has the following additional responsibilities:

(a) Bulk order batteries to support operations.

(b) Bulk order insect repellent and aerosol to support operations.

(c) Coordinate the bulk order of Class I, III, IIIA, and V to support operations.

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(2) Distribution of supplies bulk ordered by Bde S-4 for units committed to the operation.

(a) Normal unit request for Class I.

(b) Normal bulk and retail distribution of Class III and IIIA or as specifically directed in this annex.

(c) Distribution of batteries and insecticides will be automatic supply based on availability, special request submitted on DF from units, or as determined by Bde CO.

(d) Issue of Class V will be as stated in para 2 a (6) (a) 3.

(3) Request for imprest fund purchases will be submitted to Asst Bde S-4, PHUOC VINH.

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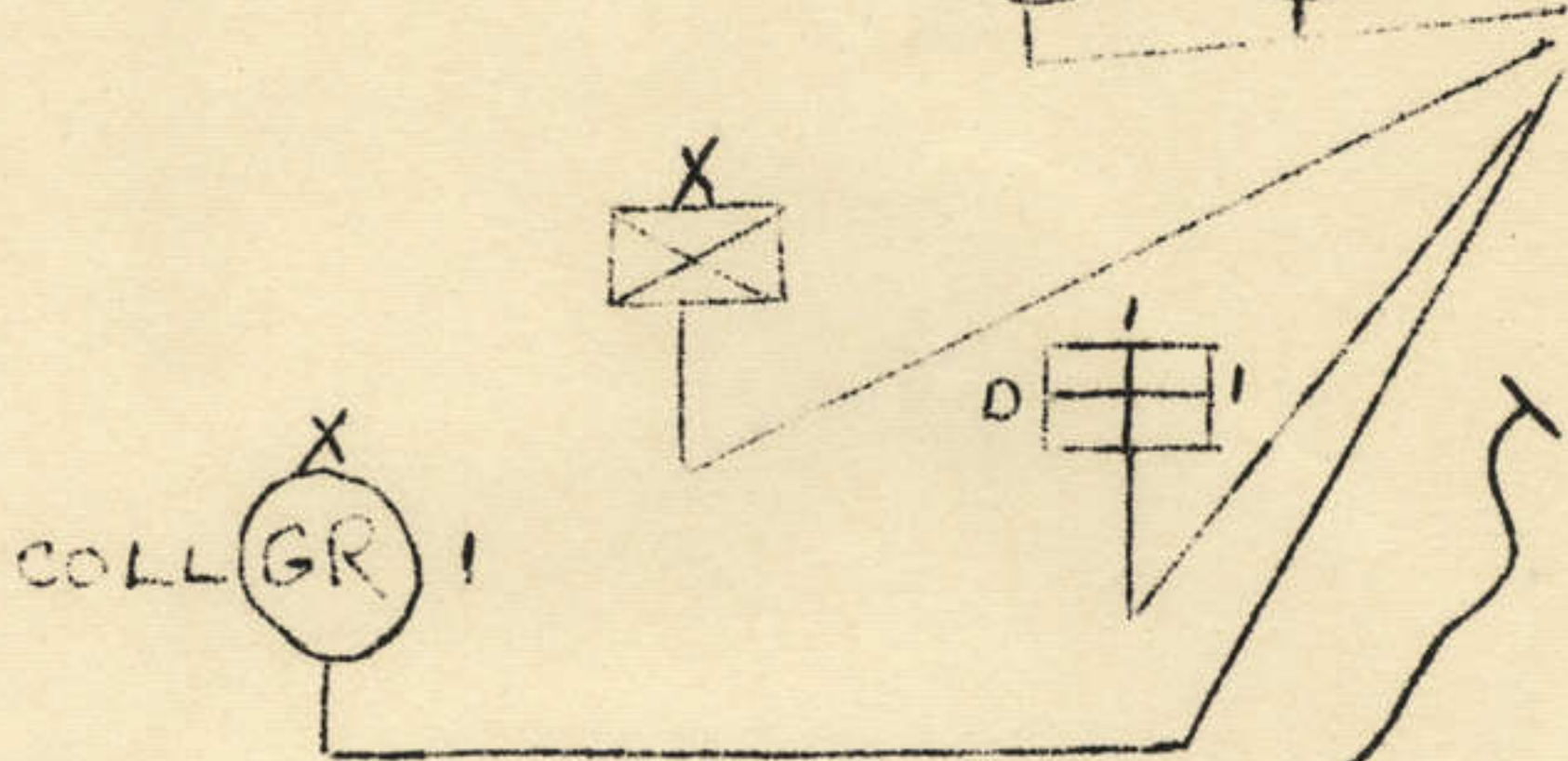
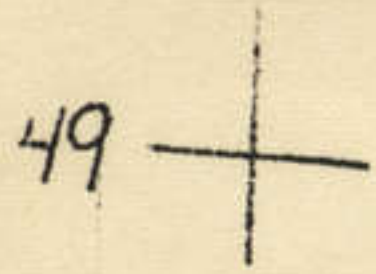
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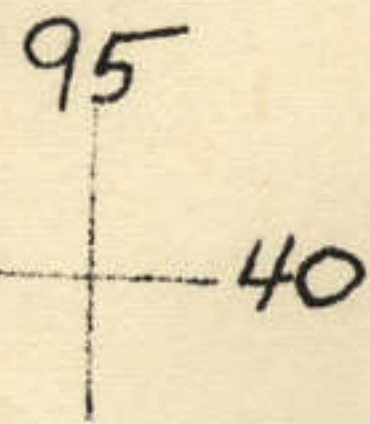
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OPORD 6-66 (Operation ROLLING STONE)

REFERENCE: Maps, Vietnam, 1:50,000, sheets 6344 I thru IV.

1. (C) SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: Annex A (Intelligence).

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) 1st Infantry Division provides helicopter support for this operation.

(2) 2d Air Division (USAF) provides close air support.

(3) 6/27 Arty (GS) reinforcing 1/5 Arty (DS).

(4) 2/33 Arty (-) reinforcing 1/5 Arty (DS).

c. Attachments and Detachments:

(1) VA Team Nr 14, 41st Civil Affairs Company, attached 1 Feb 66.

(2) "D" Team, 21st Civil Affairs Platoon (ARVN), attached 9 Feb 66.

(3) VIS Team BINH DUONG Province, attached 9 Feb 66.

(4) VIS Team, III ARVN Corps, attached 9 Feb 66.

(5) 2/28 Inf OPCON 1st Brigade effective 140600 Feb 66.

(6) Tanks Troop A and B 1/4 Cav attached effective upon arrival 1st Engr Base Camp area.

2. (C) MISSION: 1st Brigade Reinforced moves by motor to base areas, conducts search and destroy operation between Route 16 and BEN CAT, provides security for 1st Engr Bn repairing Route ORANGE between Route 16 and BEN CAT, conducts Civic Action/PSYOPS program during the period 13 Feb 1966 to 5 Mar 1966.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operations:

(1) Maneuver: This operation will be conducted in 6 phases.

PHASE I (11 Feb 66): 2/28 Infantry moves to Engr Base Camp area vic XT 755327, provides security for Engr Base Camp area and work parties repairing Route ORANGE. Annex B (Operation Overlay).

PHASE II (12 Feb 66): At 120900 Feb 66 1/28 Inf and B 1/5 Arty (DS) move by motor to defensive perimeter at PHUOC HOA Airfield (XT 912429), prepare to secure Route RED on 13 Feb 66. Annex B (Operation Overlay).

PHASE III (13 Feb 66): 1/28 Inf secures Route RED from PHUOC VINH (XT 9648) to XT 888374 by 131000 Feb 66. At 131000 Feb 66 1/2 Inf and B 1/4 Cav move by motor to Brigade Base Area XT 877385. Upon completion of motor convoy, 1/28 Inf returns to PHUOC HOA Airfield, occupies RON position, prepares to secure Route RED on 14 Feb 66. Annex B (Operation Overlay).

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PHASE IV (14 Feb 66): 1/28 Inf secures Route RED from PHUOC VINH (XT 9648) to XT 888374 by 141000 Feb 66. At 141000 Feb 66 1/26 Inf, 1/5 Arty (-) (DS), and 1st Bde TAC CP move by motor to Brigade Base Area XT 877385. B 1/5 Arty commences move from PHUOC HOA Airfield to Brigade Base Area upon clearance of 1/26 Inf convoy at PHUOC HOA. Upon completion of motor convoys 1/28 Inf returns to PHUOC VINH.

PHASE V (15 Feb 66): At 150800 Feb 66 tanks of Troop B 1/4 Cav move on Route ORANGE from Engr Base Camp (XT 755327) to Brigade Base Area (XT 877385).

PHASE VI (16 Feb 66 - 5 Mar 66): 1/2 Inf, 1/26 Inf and 2/28 Inf continue operations in respective AO's. 2/28 Inf prepares to return to OPCON 3d Brigade on or about 20 Feb 66. One (1) Infantry Battalion 1st Bde will assume mission of securing 1st Engr Bn upon release of 2/28 Inf to 3d Bde.

b. 1/2 Inf. Two (2) demo teams A 1st Engr (SPT):

(1) B 1/4 Cav attached effective 130600 Feb 66.

(2) Move by motor to base area XT 877385 commencing 131000 Feb 66. Annex B (Operation Overlay).

(3) Conduct sweep operations in and around Brigade Base Area 13 Feb 66 - 14 Feb 66.

(4) Prepare to release B 1/4 Cav to this Hqs on 14 Feb 66.

(5) Conduct search and destroy operations within AO GRAPE. Primary attention initially to the northwest portion of AO.

(6) Conduct Civic Action/Psy Ops program within AO GRAPE. Annex F (Civil Affairs/Psy Ops).

(7) Prepare to assume mission of securing 1st Engr Bn on or about 20 Feb 66.

c. 1/26 Inf. Two (2) demo teams A 1st Engr (SPT):

(1) Move by motor to Brigade Base Area (XT 877385) commencing 141000 Feb 66.

(2) Coordinate movement of 1/5 Arty (-) (DS) and 1st Brigade TAC CP to Brigade Base Area.

(3) Conduct search and destroy operations in AO PLUM.

(4) Remove obstacles from Route ORANGE within capability from XT 833360 to XT 889367.

(5) Restrict operations in AO PLUM to that area north of east-west grid line 34 until released by this Hqs.

(6) Conduct Civic Action/Psy Ops program within AO PLUM.

(7) Prepare to assume mission of securing 1st Engr Bn on or about 20 Feb 66.

d. 1/28 Inf:

(1) At 120900 Feb 66 conduct motor march to and occupy defensive perimeter at PHUOC HOA Airfield.

(2) Coordinate movement of B 1/5 Arty (DS) to PHUOC HOA Airfield on 12 Feb 66.

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(3) Provide sufficient area within perimeter for B 1/5 Arty (DS).

(4) Secure Route RED from PHUOC VINH (XT 9648) to XT 888374 not later than 1000 hours on 13 and 14 Feb 66.

(5) Move B 1/5 Arty (DS) to Brigade Base Area on 14 Feb 66.

(6) Release one (1) rifle company to CO, Div Arty on 18 Feb 66.
Details TBP.

(7) During PHASE VI conduct search and destroy operations adjacent to PHUOC VINH Base Camp area.

(8) Prepare to execute 1st Brigade OPLAN 2-65 (STOP GAP).

e. 2/28 Inf:

(1) Moves to and secures 1st Engr Bn base camp vic XT 755327 on 11 Feb 66. Annex B (Operation Overlay).

(2) Tanks A and B Troop, 1/4 Cav attached upon arrival 1st Engr Base Camp (with concurrence of CO, 2/28 Inf).

(3) Release tanks of B 1/4 Cav to this Hqs at 150800 Feb 66.

(4) In coordination with CO, 1st Engr Bn, provide security for Engineer Base Camp, work and recon parties repairing Route ORANGE.

(5) Conduct search and destroy operations within AO PEACH consistent with security mission.

(6) Conduct Civic Action/Psy Ops program within AO PEACH.

(7) Prepare to return to operational control 3d Brigade on or about 20 Feb 66.

f. 1/5 Arty (DS): Coordinate arty fire to insure continuous support.

g. B 1/4 Cav:

(1) Attached to 1/2 Inf effective 130600 Feb 66.

(2) 1st Brigade Rapid Reaction Force upon return to control of this Hqs on 14 Feb 66.

(3) Coordinate movement of organic tanks to Brigade base on 15 Feb 66.

(4) Prepare to receive organic tanks on 15 Feb 66.

h. A 1st Engr Rear (DS): Provide four (4) engr demc teams, two (2) each to 1/2 Inf and 1/26 Inf.

i. HHC 1st Brigade:

(1) Move 1st Brigade TAC CP to Brigade Base Area on 14 Feb 66.

(2) Provide and coordinate support of 1st Brigade TAC CP during conduct of the operation.

j. 1/1 MP (DS):

(1) Provide two (2) squads to HHC 1st Bde for defense of 1st Bde TAC CP.

(2) Platoon (-) continue present mission.

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k. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) One Command and Control aircraft available to Brigade assigned on mission basis.
- (2) Two (2) UH1D aircraft per infantry battalion daily for resupply.
- (3) Command and Control aircraft (UH1D/LOH) available on mission basis.
- (4) Riot control agents authorized only upon approval of this Hqs.
- (5) Bns use close-in indirect fires around defensive perimeters during hours of darkness.
- (6) Units carry sufficient smoke grenades and marking panels to mark positions during air and arty strikes.
- (7) Destroy VC caches in place only on approval of this Hqs.
- (8) Units participating in Operation ROLLING STONE leave minimum forces behind to provide base camp security.
- (9) Commanders will insure that non-combatants and their property are safeguarded consistent with the tactical situation.
- (10) Fire Coordination Lines (FCL) are the boundaries of respective battalion AO's.
- (11) CO, 1/28 Inf is designated PHUOC VINH Base Camp Commander effective 141700 Feb 66.

4. (C) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Annex D (Administration and Logistics)

5. (C) COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal:

- (1) Current SOI and SSI in effect.
- (2) Call signs and frequencies for armed helicopters and FAC's. TBP.
- (3) Points of origin, Map Grid Reference System, dtd 8 Feb 1966 (supercedes Incl 1 to Ltr, Hqs, 1st Bde, subj: Map Grid Reference System, dtd 6 Dec 65).
- (4) Annex E (Signal).

b. Command:

- (1) 1st Bde Command Group airborne during convoy movement, PHASES III and IV.
- (2) 1st Bde TAC CP vic XT 877385.

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(3) 1st Bde Base Camp. No change.

(4) Inf Bns select and report TAC CP locations when separated from Brigade Base Area.

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ANNEX C (Fire Support Plan) to OPORD 6-66 (Operation ROLLING STONE).

REFERENCE: Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000, Sheets 6344 I & IV, 6343 II.

1. (C) SITUATION: See OPORD 6-66.

2. (C) MISSION: 1st brigade conducts search and destroy operations between Route 16 and BEN CAT, provides security for 1st Engineer Battalion repairing Route ORANGE between Route 16 and BEN CAT, conducts Civic Action/PsyOps program during the period 13 Feb 66 to 5 Mar 66.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operations: See OPORD 6-66.

b. Air Support:

(1) General: Two (2) fighters on air alert or strip alert during daylight hours of the operation. All missions will be cleared through Bde TOC. Armament—mixed loads.

(2) Allocations:

(a) FAC allocated as follows: One to each Inf Bn. One to Bde.

(b) Miscellaneous: Appendix 1, Air Fire Plan TBP.

c. Army Aviation:

(1) General: 1st Inf Div will furnish Command and Control aircraft, armed helicopters and resupply helicopters to support operation during entire period.

(2) One (1) armed Fire Team on air alert during convoy movements.

(3) One (1) armed Fire Team on strip alert at PHUOC VINH (XT 9648).

d. Artillery Support:

(1) General: Arty supports the five phases of operations from positions vic PHUOC VINH (XT 9648) and LAI KHE (XT 7637). One (1) 105mm Btry vic PHUOC HOA (XT 9143) during the period 12-14 Feb 66.

(2) Organization for Combat:

(a) Field Artillery:

1. 1st Bn, 5th Arty (DS)

2. 2nd Bn, 33rd Arty (-) (Rein 1/5 Arty)

3. 6th Bn, 27th Arty (-) (GS-rein 1st Bn, 5th Arty).

Btry B (8" How)

Btry C (175mm Gun)

(b) Air Defense: None

(c) Nuclear: None

e. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Battalion air support plan and arty fire plans to Bde NLT

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(2) Arty air observer will be on station/strip alert during daylight hours throughout operation.

(3) Arty Fire Plan: Appendix 2 (TBP).

(4) Heavy arty will habitually use one gun in adjustment and one gun in-effect unless the observer directing the fire specifically requests additional tubes, or unless the location and nature of the target dictate a different method of attack.

(5) All artillery personnel/units supporting Operation ROLLING STONE will be prepared to operate on order in the following nets: (1/5 Arty: Call Sign, SKETCHY VOLLEY)

Cmd Net - 35.8

F1 - 35.4

F2 - 35.9

F3 - 37.3

F4 - 35.1

4. (C) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: Annex D to OPORD 6-66.

5. (C) COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal:

(1) Current SOI and SSI in effect.

(2) FAC call signs will be (SIDEWINDER).

b. Command: OPORD 6-66.

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Appendices: 1. Air Fire Plan (TBP)
2. Arty Fire Plan (TBP)
3. Aircraft Warning Grid System for Fire Control. *TBP*

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Annex E (Signal) to OPORE 6-66 (Operation ROLLING STONE)

1. (C) SITUATION: Annex A (Intelligence).

2. (C) MISSION: 1st Bde communication personnel will install, operate and maintain communication systems within the 1st Bde AO for "Operation ROLLING STONE" (OPORE 6-66).

3. (C) CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS:

a. Communications with Division Main and Division North will be by telephone (VHF) and radio teletype (RTT). Secure traffic will be by RTT. Extension of telephone circuits within Bde operations area will be organic field wire when feasible. Normal FM radio communications will be used between Bde TAC CP and Bn TAC CP. Communications between Bde TAC CP and Bde Rear will be FM radio and AM radio as required. Division Signal Bn provides 4 channels to 1st Engr Bn.

(1) Hot to Devil 3.

(2) Hot to Fencer 3.

(3) Common User to Diehard Rear.

(4) Common User to Danger North.

b. BL/121st Sig Bn (SPT). Provide two AN/MRC-69's for VHF terminal between Bde TAC CP and (1) Division Main and (2) Division North.

c. Comm Plt, HHC, 1st Bde: Install, operate and maintain signal communications facilities between Bde TAC CP and Bde Rear as required. Provide Bde internal communications for TF elements as required.

d. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) All units operating in the Bde Command Net (FM) will erect antenna RC-292.

(2) When voice is used, appropriate codes from current SOI will be utilized.

4. (C) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: Annex D (Administration and Logistics).

5. (C) COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal: Index 1-2 Bde SOI in effect.

b. Command:

(1) Bde Base CP: No change.

(2) Bde TAC CP to be announced.

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Annex F (Civil Affairs/Psy Ops) to OPORD 6-66 (Operation ROLLING STONE)

REFERENCE: Maps, Vietnam, 1:50,000, sheets 6344 I thru IV.

TASK ORGANIZATION: VA Team #11, 41st CA, CO - Capt Horn; Psy Ops Team #1, 20/26 Psy Ops Detachment, MACV, Team Leader - Lt Jacobs; ARVN CA Team, CO - Lt Tinh; VIS Team, III Corps.

1. (C) SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces:

(1) Annex A (Intelligence).

(2) Enemy capabilities:

(a) An established VC infrastructure can effectively control areas not physically occupied by GVN and Free World Allies (FWA).

(b) VC cadre living within the hamlets collect taxes and control government functions.

(c) Hecklers could be introduced into crowds to hamper information programs.

(d) Subversion and counter-propaganda can be employed ahead of and behind US Forces.

(e) Sabotage and ambushes can be conducted on Civil Affairs and Psy Ops units.

(f) The VC can re-establish effective political control of the operational area upon departure of forces of GVN and FWA.

b. Friendly Forces: Districts of Ben Cat and Phu Giao are requested to accomplish the following:

(1) Provide emergency relief in the vicinity of Phuoc Vinh and Ben Cat to refugees desiring to leave the area of operation.

(2) Provide assistance to individuals desiring to resettle in RVN controlled areas.

(3) Conduct non-combat operations in areas controlled by GVN-FWA that would weaken or destroy VC influence in the AO.

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c. Attachments: Task Organization.

d. Area Intelligence:

(1) With the exception of Bo La (XT 882398), the population is dominated by VC. The majority of the population is related, friendly, or at best indifferent to the presence of the VC. Villagers are misinformed about US objectives. A minimum of cooperation from the populace is to be expected. VC cadre live in hamlets and give their version of current news and trends from VC sources. Villagers have had little previous contact with US Forces.

(2) No RVN civil government cadres or security cadres are programmed to enter the AO for at least a year. No RVN civil government presently exists in the AO except at Bo La (XT 882398).

(3) Availability of local materials for use in Civic Action projects is expected to be minimal.

(4) A high rate of illiteracy is anticipated in the AO.

(5) The population is subject to the following endemic diseases: Yaws, Plague, Typhoid, Cholera, Malaria, TB, and VD. Malnutrition and under-nutrition is widespread. Vitamin deficiencies contribute to the severity of many diseases.

(6) Population concentrations. Appendix 1 (Overlay)

2. (C) MISSION: Civil Affairs/Psy Ops teams assist in the Brigade's mission of encouraging disaffection with the Viet Cong cause; gaining support and assistance of the population for the GVN; and restoring the area of operations to GVN control.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation:

(1) Tactical units conduct Search and Destroy operations in zone to seek out and destroy VC units and resources, identify and secure population concentrations, provide security for civil government, Civic Action, and Psy Ops teams operating in Brigade AO, and conducts civic action.

(2) Civil affairs and Psy Ops elements conduct civic action and Psy Ops in the area of operations.

b. Civil Affairs and Psy Ops Units:

(1) Psy Ops Team #1.

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(a) Phase I. Supports tactical operations with leaflets, posters, loudspeakers and face to face communications.

(b) Phase II. Supports Search and Destroy and Civic Action of the Brigade. Coordinates with and supports the operations of RVN and Brigade elements, enters all population centers (See Overlay), and conducts extensive Psychological Operations. Supports RVN in other areas as required.

(2) VI. Team #14, 41st CA Co.

(a) Phase I. Conducts Civic Action in the vicinity of Bo Ia (XT 882398); assists Brigade units to plan Civic Action projects; provides MEDCAP back-up for Brigade units; collects, feeds, treats, and evacuates refugees.

(b) Phase II. Continues Phase I operations, supports the Civil Government and Civil Affairs tasks of RVN and Brigade, and in conjunction with those elements, operates in population areas (See Overlay) deemed essential to RVN operations. Coordinates the movement of RVN officials and units into areas secured by Brigade forces.

(3) Attached ARVN and VIS Units.

(a) Act as the Brigade's direct contact with the people in the area of operations.

(b) Establish discussion groups, public gatherings and other means of face to face communication with the population.

(c) Assist in the distribution of relief supplies.

(d) Assist in screening of villagers and refugees.

c. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) All commanders will emphasize that the most essential Civic Action/Psychological operation is the conduct of the individual soldier. The Brigade troops, not special elements, will create the most lasting impression in the minds of the Vietnamese people. Every soldier, by his actions, should enhance the Brigade's reputation of being fierce fighters but fair and honest to those who show no signs of hostility toward us. A callous act can undo all efforts to win the hearts and minds of the people. A generous gesture can do more than the most well planned speech.

(2) Psy Ops and Civil Affairs support requests through S-5 channels.

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(3) Support of District Officials will be coordinated through S-5 channels. Coordination with village leaders or key communicators, such as monks or teachers (where available), is encouraged and will be reported in the Daily Sitrep.

(4) Support of RVN CI/Psy War activities in the AO will receive priority over all other Civic Action and Psy War operations.

(5) All civil government activities, civic action, and Psy Ops conducted and planned will be reported in the Daily Sitrep.

(6) Control of the civilian population is a responsibility of the RVN except when security of US Forces is threatened. In the absence of civil government, commanders have the responsibility for the well being of the civilian population to the degree required by the Geneva Convention of 1949 and international agreements adhered to by the United States.

4. (C) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:

a. Governmental Functions:

(1) Civil Government. RVN governmental officials will visit population centers in areas secured by US Forces. Other Civil Government activities deemed useful to RVN operations by District Officials will be conducted in secured areas within the limitations of the tactical situation.

(2) Public Safety. RVN National Police Forces will conduct screening, registration, interrogation, and other activities useful to the RVN pacification effort. Commanders should be prepared to inform police officials of intelligence information necessary to assist in local tactical operations, and to exchange information useful to police operations. Police now attached to Battalion will be able to cross district boundaries. Police from other districts will be made available by other districts as their operations permit.

(3) Public Health. MEDCAP activities will be conducted by all units within their capabilities. Treatment of civilians at US Army facilities and evacuation of civilian casualties or cases of serious illness by any available means is authorized. Where possible, members of the casualty's family will be evacuated with the patient to assist in the care of the injured person. Where possible, MEDCAP activities should be exploited by Psy Ops or RVN personnel, i.e. Crowds gathered for sick call would receive indoctrination by Psy Ops personnel.

(4) Public Education. Assistance to schools in the Bo Ia area is encouraged.

(5) Labor. All local labor in the AO used on CI projects is to be voluntary and self-help in nature. No hired labor will be available in the AO.

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b. Economic Functions:

(1) Property Control. VC caches of rice and other food and building materials will be evacuated through S-5 channels. Stores will not be destroyed except as authorized by this headquarters.

(2) Civilian Supply. Rice and other relief supplies will be distributed only in quantities necessary to meet immediate daily needs. Efforts will be made to insure that relief supplies do not reach VC hands. Measures such as checking ID cards or issuance of special identification to prevent repeated passage through relief lines will be taken.

c. Public Works: Civic action construction, with the exception of Route Orange, will be conducted using both local and troop labor. Exclusive use of troop labor on village projects is to be avoided where possible. Suitable projects would include ditching of village streets, repair of religious buildings, schools, wells, and small bridges. Permanent vertical construction in areas that cannot be controlled by RVN on departure of US Forces will not be accomplished. All work will be coordinated with RVN officials, when available, and with the Brigade S-5 when no representative of the RVN is in the area.

d. Special Functions:

(1) Refugees. No forced evacuation of civilians from the area of operations will be accomplished without authority this headquarters. Except for cogent reasons, forced evacuation of civilians (excluding VC suspects) will be authorized only on the request of the RVN government. Commanders may request CA-Psy Ops support to assist in relocating those civilians in the AO who desire to move to areas under RVN control. The Brigade will operate a refugee collection point at Bo La (XT 882398). The district will operate a refugee collection point at vicinity of Phuoc Vinh. Villagers will be encouraged to report to collection points in their district. Medical treatment and food will be made available to refugees at Brigade Collection Point. Refugees arriving at the Brigade collection point will move to Phuoc Vinh on foot, their own transportation and when available, resupply vehicles and aircraft. Ben Cat District will operate a refugee collection point in vicinity of Ben Cat.

(2) Psychological Operations (Civil Information).

(a) Leaflet Support.

1 Phase I. Leaflet support will be available stressing the following themes:

- a Why are American forces here?
- b VC taxes are unfair.

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c. You help the Army, the Army helps you.

d. Help us help you by pointing out mines and by staying away from military camps at night.

e. Safe Conduct Passes.

2 Phase II. In addition to Phase I leaflets, the support will be available with the theme of; The inevitable victory of ARVN and Allied Forces.

(b) Loudspeaker support. Air loudspeaker broadcasts will stress the Chieu Hoi program and civilians pointing out mines and VC equipment. Ground loudspeaker broadcasts will be locally oriented and will stress themes directed by troop commanders. Commanders may request ground and air loudspeaker support through S-5 channels. When possible, the air loudspeaker requests will be made at least three days in advance. Wherever possible, specific themes or messages should be suggested. Coordination with ARVN and RVN Psy Ops and civil information elements in the area can result in immediate ground loudspeaker support. Coordination with local government officials while in the area of operations will result in more useful and tailored propaganda. Other local leaders and civilians are useful when the content of their message can be checked by friendly elements.

(c) Posters and News Sheets. Posters will be available with the following themes:

1 What is future of your family in VC territory? What is the future of your family in ARVN controlled territory?

2 Current news sheets.

(3) Religious affairs. Support to religious organizations is encouraged. Caution is to be exercised to avoid the appearance of supporting specific religious groups at the expense of others. Particular care should be taken to avoid inproportionate support of minority religious groups.

5. (C) COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Annex E (Signal).

b. CA/Psy Ops elements initially with Brigade base vic XT 877385.

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ANNEX A (Intelligence) to OPORD 6-66 (Operation ROLLING STONE)

REFERENCE: Maps, Vietnam, 1:50,000, Sheets 6344 I thru IV.

1.(C) SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. See Appendix 1, Activity and O. B. Overlay.
- b. See current INTSUM.

c. The area of operations is dominated by the Viet Cong. Villages and hamlets in the area are not responsive to ARVN or government control. Although all the people are not VC or VC suspects, they are forced to condone the activities of the VC. VC units move through the area without fear of compromise. This area is astride one of the main VC supply and liaison routes between War Zone "C", the Delta, and War Zone "D". Base camps, a hospital and storage areas are known to exist within our area of operations (See Appendix). These base camps and surrounding jungle areas have not been molested by either U.S. or ARVN troops in at least two years. A minimum of two local guerrilla platoons and one local company operate within ROLLING STONE area. We can expect these units to harass U.S. Forces by sniping and the employment of command detonated mines. The Regional or Main Force battalion sized units located in the area will attack U.S. forces only if they discover a weakness. They will defend only if they are trapped or caught by surprise by U.S. forces. At present the VC can reinforce the TAOR with 3 battalions within 24 hours, with one (1) battalion and one (1) regt within 48 hours. It is unlikely that VC will reinforce within the TAOR unless they discover a weakness or our actions force him to react.

2.(C) EEI & OTHER INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS

a. EEI

- (1) What is the location, strength, and disposition of VC forces in the TAOR?
- (2) What is the location, composition and manner of employment of VC minefields/booby traps and ambush positions in the area?
- (3) What is the current attitude of civilians in the TAOR toward GVN and U.S. Forces? What is the extent of VC influence over the local populace?
- (4) What is the location and type of VC mortar, anti-aircraft and other automatic weapon position? What are the means and source of their ammo resupply?
- (5) What is the location and composition of VC base camps, supply caches, tunnels, bunkers and fortifications throughout the TAOR?
- (6) Will the VC resist or withdraw from our operations in the TAOR? How? Where? If they resist, will they be reinforced? By what forces, strength and direction?

b. Other Intelligence Requirements:

- (1) What is the specific nature and location of current civic needs of the people in the villages throughout the TAOR?
- (2) How will the local population react to the Brigade Psy Opns/Civic Action program? To what extent will it gain the people's support of our other operations in the area and produce ralliers/surrender from the VC?

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(3) Identify VC units, type weapons and equipment encountered in the area.

(4) Report nomenclature, type and source of all VC medicines and medical supplies found in the area, particular attention to village of CHANH LUU (XT 8232).

(5) Report type, size, source and cargo of VC transportation means. What stop points, direction and destination are indicated?

3.(U) INTELLIGENCE ACQUISITION TASKS:

a. Orders to subordinate and attached units:

(1) Report as soon as obtained detailed answers to any of the questions listed in para 2.

(2) Arty LO's, FO's and FAC's report answers directly to supported unit.

b. Requests to higher, adjacent and coordinating units: See para 2, above.

4.(C) CAPTIVES, CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AND MATERIEL:

a. Captives:

(1) Captives will be evacuated under guard by the capturing unit to the 1st Brigade IPW Compound in vicinity forward CP XT 833390.

(2) VC bodies will not be removed.

(3) Wounded captives will be sent to the Brigade forward clearing station Co D 1st Med Bn for initial treatment and interrogation.

(4) Captives will be handled in the manner prescribed by the MACV card, "The Enemy in Your Hands."

(5) Tag all captives with data as to date/time, location and circumstances of capture.

(6) Captives will not be integrated into the refugee flow.

b. Captured Materiel:

(1) All captured materiel, supplies and weapons will be reported to **Brigade S-2**.

(2) Medicines and medical supplies will be tagged and evacuated to Brigade S-4. Information required includes:

(a) Date/Time, location and circumstances of capture.

(b) Nomenclature and type.

(c) Any numbers on bottles, packages, etc.

(d) Name and nationality of manufacturer.

(3) Other materials of intelligence value including all weapons and small arms ammunition will be tagged and evacuated to Brigade S-4. Foodstuffs and building materials evacuated to Brigade S-5.

(4) In event of VC mortar attacks, projectile fins and other fragments which might aid in identifying the weapons employed will be forwarded along with the shell report to the Brigade S-2 without delay.

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(5) Do not handle captured high explosives in any form; i.e., grenades, mines, booby-traps, bomb duds without first coordinating with supporting demolition teams. Do not evacuate high explosives.

(6) Any VC vehicles which may be captured, damaged or destroyed will be reported with regard to type, size and number of axles.

5.(U) WEATHER, TERRAIN AND LIGHT CONDITIONS:

a. Weather and Light Conditions: See light and moon data for current month previously issued.

b. Terrain:

(1) See Map Correction Sheet previously issued.

(2) The terrain is flat to rolling and consists mainly of rice fields and rubber plantations. The western and northwestern portions of the TAOR consist of jungle and secondary growth. Route ORANGE has numerous road cuts; (See Appendix 1) by-passes for wheeled vehicles are immediately available but may be mined. The roads and trails throughout the TAOR are trafficable as long as it remains dry. Bridge vic XT 811323 has been destroyed, but by-pass is available. Rice paddies and some low areas along the streams are wet to inundated. There are three streams within the area, of which the RACH BEN CHA VI on the northwest and the SOU BONG TRUNG in the center of the TAOR have sufficient water to establish water points. The third stream, SOU CAN DINH, southeast portion of the TAOR, does not have sufficient water until it reaches the most southern portion of the TAOR.

(3) Villages:

(a) CHANH LUU	XT 822322	Pop. 5,319
(b) BO LA	XT 834398	Pop. 339
(c) BINH MY	XT 906335	Pop. 937
(d) TAN BINH (CAU DINH)	XT 858360	Pop. 2,543
(e) CAU SUI TRE	XT 755320	Pop. 500
(f) AN LOI	XT 858298	Unk
(g) Unknown	XT 824292	Unk
(h) Unknown	XT 796344	Pop 200

Individual farms are scattered throughout the southern portion of the TAOR.

6.(C) LANDING ZONES: See Appendix 2.

7.(C) COUNTER INTELLIGENCE:

a. Communications security will be stressed. Current map coordinate code will be utilized exclusively in reporting activity in and around troop locations.

b. Personnel in the operational area will carry only ID card, Geneva Convention Card, and MACV CARDS entitled "9 Rules" and "The Enemy In Your Hands."

c. Tactical operations will be discussed only on a need-to-know basis.

8.(C) REPORTS:

a. Spot Reports: As information is obtained; follow up reports as information becomes available.

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b. The following specific intelligence collection requirement reports will be submitted to the Brigade S-2 as soon as possible:

- (1) VC Mine Report.
- (2) VC Tunnels, camps and supply caches
- (3) VC medicine and medical supplies.
- (4) VC vehicles.
- (5) Overlay of roads and trails not on map.

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2. Landing Zones

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1. Situation.

a. Enemy Forces. Annex A (Intsum)

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 1 RAR OPCON 1 Inf Bde from time of arrival at XT 913295 on 19 Feb 66 until completion op 4/66 on approx 5 Mar 66.
- (2) 1 Inf Bde is conducting search and destroy op 'ROLLING STONE' in area between BEN CAT (XT 7433) and Rd JUNG (XT 888367) and providing security for 1 Engr Bn repairing and constructing road between BEN CAT and XT 888367. 1 Inf Bde is also conducting CA/PSYOPS programme in this area.

c. Atts and Dets.

- (1) Remaining under comd FAC team USAF
- (2) Under comd from 1600 hrs 18 Feb 66 RRU team
- (3) In DS and under comd for mov from 1200 hrs 16 Feb 66 161 Field Bty RNZA
- (4) In Sp from 0700 hrs 19 Feb 66 until completion of rd move to Bn harbour area XT 880385 E/17 Cav
- (5) In Sp from 0800 hrs 19 Feb 66 One FW ac for air op/ recce. One ac RW (H-13).
- (6) Detached to Comd 1 Div from 1200 hrs 16 Feb 66 105 Field Bty RAA

2. Mission. To secure 1st Engr Bn base and protect road construction between Engr base and rd junction XT 888367.

3. Execution.

a. Gen Outline. Op will be conducted in five phases. Overlay Annex P.

- (1) Phase 1.
 - (a) Road move of Bn (-), 1 APC Tp, 161 Field Bty, 3 Fd Tp (-) to harbour area at TENT PEG (XT 880385).
 - (b) Hel lift of res Coy from 173 Bde helipad to TENT PEG (LZ THIMBLE TOP XT 878384)
- (2) Phase 2. Bn harbour night 19/20 Feb at TENT PEG.
- (3) Phase 3. Move of Bn, Gp to Engr base area at SQUARE BLOCK (posn to be advised) by APC, and veh (161 Field Bty only) on morning 20 Feb 66.
- (4) Phase 4. Security of SQUARE BLOCK and protection of recce and road constr parties during period 20 Feb to 5 Mar 66.

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(5) Phase 5. Extraction from op area.

b. A Coy.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Remaining under comd. MFC
Med Asst
- (b) Under comd 1600 hrs 18 Feb Interpreter 1 RAR
Four SBs
FO Party 161 Field Bty
Two dml teams 3 Fd Tp
- (c) Under comd from 0700 hrs 3 Fd Tp (-)
19 Feb until arrival
TENT PEG
- (d) Under comd for movement Recce/Svy party 161 Fd Bty.
from 0700 hrs 19 Feb until
arrival TENT PEG.

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Phase 1. Move with APC Tp. 1st in order of movc.
Move direct to TENT PEG.
- (b) Phase 2. Harbour in loc shown in Annex T, when
harbour complete, secure LZ THIMBLE TOP
(XT 878384) for insertion C Coy. (RIPE PEANUT) Be
prepared to provide one fighting patrol
for night 19/20 Feb 66.
- (c) Phase 3 - 5. On order.

c. B Coy.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Remaining under comd MFC
Med Asst
Vietnamese Interpreter
- (b) Under comd from 1600 hrs Four SBs
18 Feb 66. Two dml teams 3 Fd Tp
- (c) Under comd for movement One sec mors.
from 0730 hrs 19 Feb 66.

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Phase 1. Move by TCV. Last in order of move after
161 Field Bty. Debuss on rd SOUTH of Coy
posn shown in Annex T.
- (b) Phase 2. Harbour in area shown in Annex T. Prepare
to provide one fighting patrol for ni 19/20
Feb 66.
- (c) Phase 3 - 5. On order.

d. C Coy.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Remaining under comd MFC
Med Asst

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- (b) Under comd from 1600 hrs Four SBs
18 Feb 66. FO Party 161 Field Bty
Two dml teams 3 Fd Tp

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Phase 1. Move to Bde helipad. Standby as Bn res to move by hel on order. On receipt JINGLE BELL on 5 mins notice to depart. Orders received in flight. On completion of rd move, move by hel to TENT PEG on receipt CLEAR MAN.
- (b) Phase 2. Harbour in area as indicated Annex T. Be prep to provide one fighting patrol for ni 19/20 Feb 66.
- (c) Phase 3 - 5. On order.

e. D Coy.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Remianing under comd MFC
Med Asst
- (b) Under comd from 1600 hrs Four SBs
18 Feb 66. FO Party 161 Fd Bty
Two dml teams 3 Fd Tp

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Phase 1. Third in order of move after Bn HQ Gp. Debuss SOUTH of Coy posn shown in Annex T.
- (b) Phase 2. Harbour in posn shown in Annex T. Be prepared to provide one fighting patrol ni 19/20 Feb 66.
- (c) Phase 3 - 5. On order.

f. Mor Pl.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) MFC's remain with rifle coys.
- (b) One sect with sp sect 1 APC Tp.
- (c) One sect with D Coy.
- (d) One sect remains op base BIEN HOA.

(2) Tasks. Provide sp within range. Be prep to use both sects during rd mov.

g. Aslt Pnr Pl. Protection BHQ and Bn res tasks. Move with BHQ/ Sp Coy Gp all phases.

h. Anti Tank Pl. Protection BHQ and Bn res tasks. Move with BHQ/ Sp Coy Gp all phases.

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j. 1 APC Tp PWLH.

(1) Phase 1.

(a) Convoy comd OC PWLH.

(b) Provide carriage for

A Coy
1 Sect 1 RAR Mor Pl
161 Fd Bty Recce party
Bn HQ tac CP Gp
40 rds 105 ammo (type decided
by BC 161 Fd Bty).

(2) Phase 2. Harbour in area as indicated in Annex T.

(3) Phase 3.

(a) Grouping.

Under comd from 0730 hrs
20 Feb until completion
move TENT PEG to SQUARE
BLOCK.

15 APC M 113 from 1/4 Cav
Tank escort (Two sects)
Cav Tp.

(b) Task. Move 1 RAR Gp by shuttle programme from TENT
PEG to SQUARE BLOCK.

(4) Phase 4 - 5. On order.

k. 161 Field Bty

(1) Grouping.

(a) Detached to A Coy for mov Recce Party
from 0700 hrs 19 Feb 66.

(b) Detached to each of A,C and One FO Party
D Coys.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1. Provide immediate fire sp en route.

(b) Phase 2. Provide fire sp to 1 RAR harbour. Harbour
as shown in Annex T. (22 rpg.).

(c) Phase 3 - 5. On order.

l. 3 Fd Tp.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under comd each rifle Coy Two dml teams.
from 1600 hrs 18 Feb 66.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide engr assistance as required. HQ element moves
with Bn HQ Gp.

m. Air. FAC USAF moves with CO. Be prep to sp Bn tasks during
rd mov and op.

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n. Coord Instrs.

- (1) Timings. Annex C. Sequence of Events.
- (2) Boundaries. Sectors, Annex P.
- (3) Road mov. Annex S.
- (4) Rules of engagement. SOP.
- (5) Curfew in area. 1800 hrs to 0600 hrs.
- (6) Dress and Recognition. SOP.
- (7) Coord and con of LZ THIMBLE TOP. A Coy.
- (8) VCC, en docus. SOP.
- (9) Reporting. SITREPS every hour at 15 mins to the hour.
During movement - SOP.
- (10) Fire Plan. Annex B.
- (11) Orders Group. All comds should be prep to attend an orders group at Bn HQ at 1500 hrs 19 Feb 66.
- (12) Air. 161 Recce Flight will be estb op base at PHUOC VINH to provide air op/recce ac on call from 0800 hrs 19 Feb 66.

4. Admin and Logistics.

- a. Under op control 1 Bde responsible own admin and log.
- b. Resup.
 - (1) Arty ammo through Arty Bn 1 Bde.
 - (2) Other commodities through A Echelon remaining present loc. Planned first resup D + 2 for two days.
- c. Rat. Three days on the man.
- d. Water.
 - (1) One day in cans with sub units.
 - (2) WP at new loc by US Engrs.
 - (3) Filter and sterilize all locally collected water.
 - (4) A Echelon delivers one days water on call.
 - (5) AQM prepare to estb shower pt using US Engr treated and delivered water.
- e. Medical.
 - (1) DUSTOFF. See new SOI's.
 - (2) RAP. Loc with Bn HQ.
 - (3) Evac. Normal. 1 RAR pers to arrange permanent liaison usual hospitals.

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- (4) Anti Mite. All clothing including that put in sect kit bags to be treated before op.
- (5) Malarial Precautions. Paludrine twice daily. Nets and repellent to be used.
- f. Clothing. Each sect prepare two sets of sect kitbags to be held at Coy Q Stores. One set to be called fwd first.
- g. Ammo.
 - (1) First Line. SOP.
 - (2) Resup. SOP.
 - (3) 81 mm Mor.
 - (a) On APC. 370 rds HE
20 rds WP
10 rds Illg
 - (b) With sect on TCV 20 rds HE
 - (4) 105 mm. 40 rds carried by 1 APC Tp.
- h. Str Reports. Forward op str and nominal roll of rear parties by 1600 hrs D - 1.

5. Comd and Sig.

a. Bn HQ.

- (1) Phase 1. 2nd in order of move behind A Coy/1 APC Tp.
- (2) Phase 2. Estb at TENT PEG as indicated in Annex T.
- (3) Phase 3 to 4. Loc at 1 Engr Bn sp base.
- (4) Phase 5. To be advised.

b. Signals.

(1) Radio.

- (a) Codes. The following SOI and codes apply for the op only. A new SOI and codes are to be issued during the op for March.
 - i. Authentication 19 - 28 Feb (2 pages)
 - ii. Grid coordinate system with instructions from 19 - 28 Feb incl (3 pages). JJ code is NOT to be used.
 - iii. Radio/Telephone suffix system.
 - iv. Bde comd net.
 - v. Bn comd net per SOI 24-13 (173 Bde) with amendments as per radio diagram Annex R.
 - vi. Dustoff proforma. Dustoff is to be tasked on Bde comd net as per new SOI issue.
- (b) Radio Diagram. Annex R attached.

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(c) Netting. Bn comd net is to open at 190700H. Bn Admin/Log net is to open on estb of Bn def posn.

(d) Additional links. A radio telephone link is estb between the Engr base and Bde HQ.

(2) Line.

(a) Rifle Coys. Coys are to carry one reel unit CE 11 filled and one tele K. Line is to be laid on estb of Bn def posn.

(b) Bn HQ. SOP. Line is to be laid to Engr swbd upon estb in Bn def posn.

c. Nicknames.

(1) Summary.

Serial	Nickname	Meaning	Issued By
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	BIG ENOS	Move, or am moving	
2	SOUND OFF	Prepare to move	
3	BLOCKS OFF	Contact pt with 1 Bde at XT 913295	
4	TUNING FORK	Rd junction at XT 884387	
5	TENT PEG	Harbour posn night 19/20 at XT880385	
6	THIMBLE TOP	LZ at XT 878384	
7	SQUARE BLOCK	Base of 1 Engr Bn	
8	JINGLE BELL	C Coy prepare to move by hel as Bn res.	CO
9	CLEAR MAN	C Coy to THIMBLE TOP ASP	CO
10	INK BLOT	Have reorg or am in a def posn	
11	TATTERED TOOL	Route BEN CAT to TUNING FORK	
12	BILLY CAN	Rd/Rly crossing XT 821345	
13	BLINKY BILL	Village at XT856361	
14	WILD BUNYIP	ARVN/PF	
15	DREAM BOAT	STAND DOWN	
16	RIPE PEANUT	LZ THIMBLE TOP secure	A Coy

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(2) Block Nicknames.

Serial	A Coy	B Coy	C Coy	D Coy
1	BIG KNOB	SLIDE RULE	PRINT PLASTIC	IRON TRACK
2	LARGE DIP	SET SQUARE	STAPLE HEAD	SOFT SHOE
3	SUMMER SMILE	PENCIL PAD	STICKY TAPE	BRASS PIN
4	COLD BEER	GREASY HANDS	PAPER PINT	LARGE NAIL
5	PLEASANT PLACE	DESK CHAIR	LEAD WAIT	PAPER COOK
6	MUDDY RIVER	OLD TENT	PRINT PRESS	HORSE CART
7	THUNDER STORM	BROKEN BRIDGE	COLOUR HILL	TIN BOX
8	RISING FAST	TENT FLAP	WET RIVER	BIG DEN
9	LITTLE CORPSE	BROKEN GLASS	RUB STONE	STEEL PIN
10	LEAD PENCIL	WINDOW PANE	DARK NIGHT	WOOD STOOL

Serial	Bn HQ	PWLH
1	CLUE BOARD	HILL TOP
2	PHOTO PLATE	BACK LASH
3	WOODEN BOX	BORROWED TIME
4	TALL TREE	RULE LINE
5	HARD HEAD	FLAT TABLE
6	SQUARE TIN	TENT FLOOR
7	SILK SCARF	NEW HOUSE
8	WRITING PAD	STEEL TUBE
9	GREEN TAPE	FIN TAIL
10	SLATTED WALL	PICKET FENCE

- d. Points of Origin. The fol points of origin are to be used for the op only. Any point of origin may be used on any day from 180001H to 282400H Feb 66.

<u>Coordinate</u>	<u>Designation</u>
XT 9040	FOOD
XT 9030	MONTH OF THE YEAR
XT 8030	SPORTS

- e. Passwords. Passwords will be issued daily. They are effective from 1200 hrs one day to 1200 hrs on the next.
- f. Q Hr. Q Hr for the complete op is 0800 hrs.
- g. Synchronization.
- (1) Pre op. A pre op time check is to be given at 190702H.
 - (2) During op. Daily time checks are to be given by radio at 0715 hrs.

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Lt Col
CO 1 RAR

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Annexes.

- A - Intsum No 9 (Issued)
- B - Fire Plan (To follow)
- C - Sequence of Events
- P - Op Overlay
- Q - AGS
- R - Signals Diagram
- S - Rd mov detail (Mov table to follow)
- T - Dispositions at TENT PEG.

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OC Sp Coy (S3)

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Annex C to
1 RAR OpO 4/66
dated Feb 66

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Serial	Time	Occurrence	Remarks
1		Issue Warning Order	
2	170830	LO from 1 Bde arrives 1 RAR	Met by Asst S3
3	170900	Orders Group	1 RAR Briefing tent
4	171400	Hel recce from 1 RAR SOUTH pad to operational area	OC Rifle Coys Pl Comds A Coy OC 3 Fd Tp Sect Comds PWLH OC E/17 Cav Asst S3 to coord.
5	171430	LO to 1 Bde	
6	171630	Vehs arrive for rd mov	Briefed by TO
7	180700	E/17 departs on escort duty	
8	180715	a. Loading on vehs commences b. C Coy moves to Bde helipad	
9	180725	Lead elements of convoy move	
10	180730	1st Veh 1 APC Tp crosses SP	
11	181000 Approx	1st Veh 1 APC Tp reaches XT 913295 (BLOCKS OFF)	Change to under comd less admin 1 Bde
12	181230 Approx	Convoy complete at (TUNING FORK) XT 884387	
13	181245 Approx	Convoy commences to return to BIEN HOA	
14	181330	LZ THIMBLE TOP secure, C Coy moves on receipt CLEAR MAN	
14	190730	1/4 Cav Tp and APCs from 1 Bde arrive at TENT PEG	Under comd Capt R K HILL
15	190800	Move to SQUARE BLOCK commences	

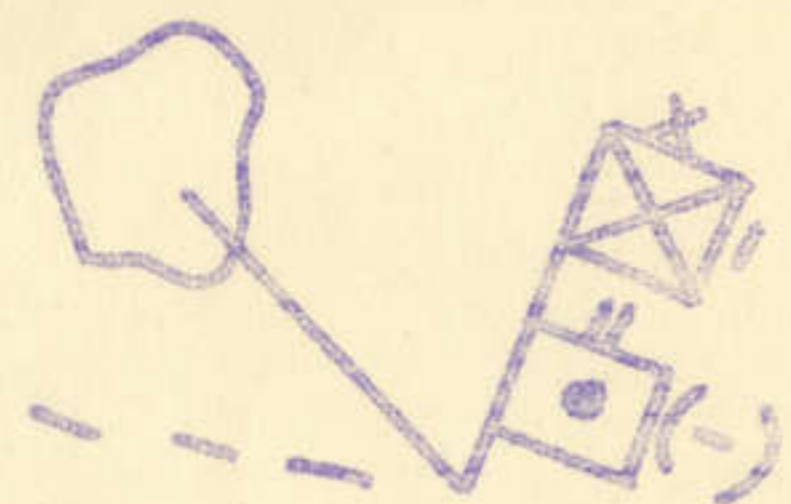
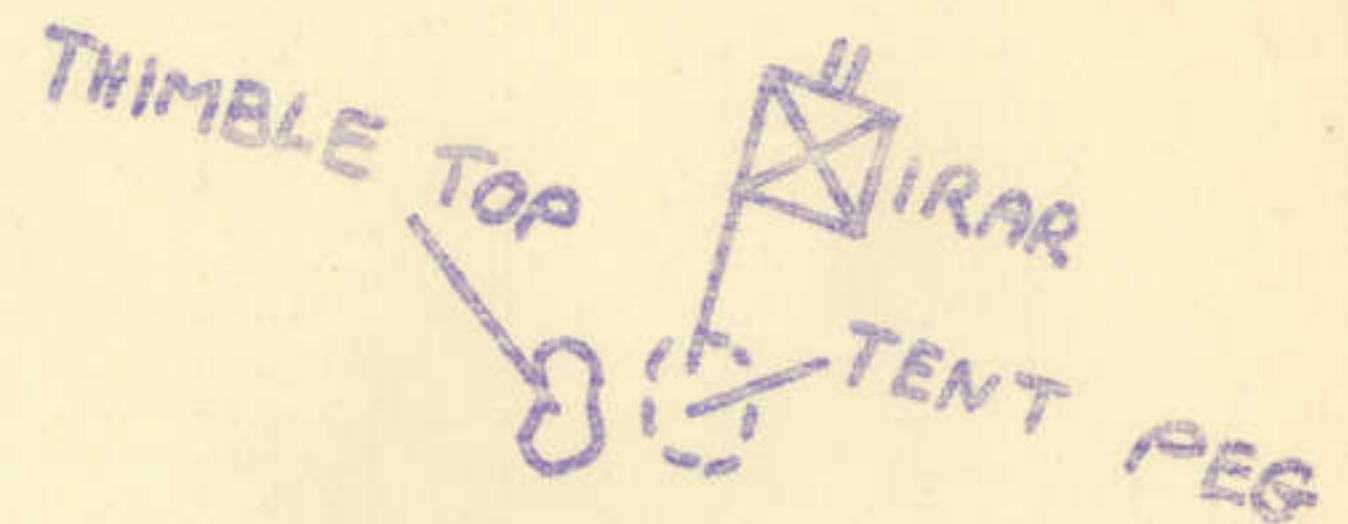
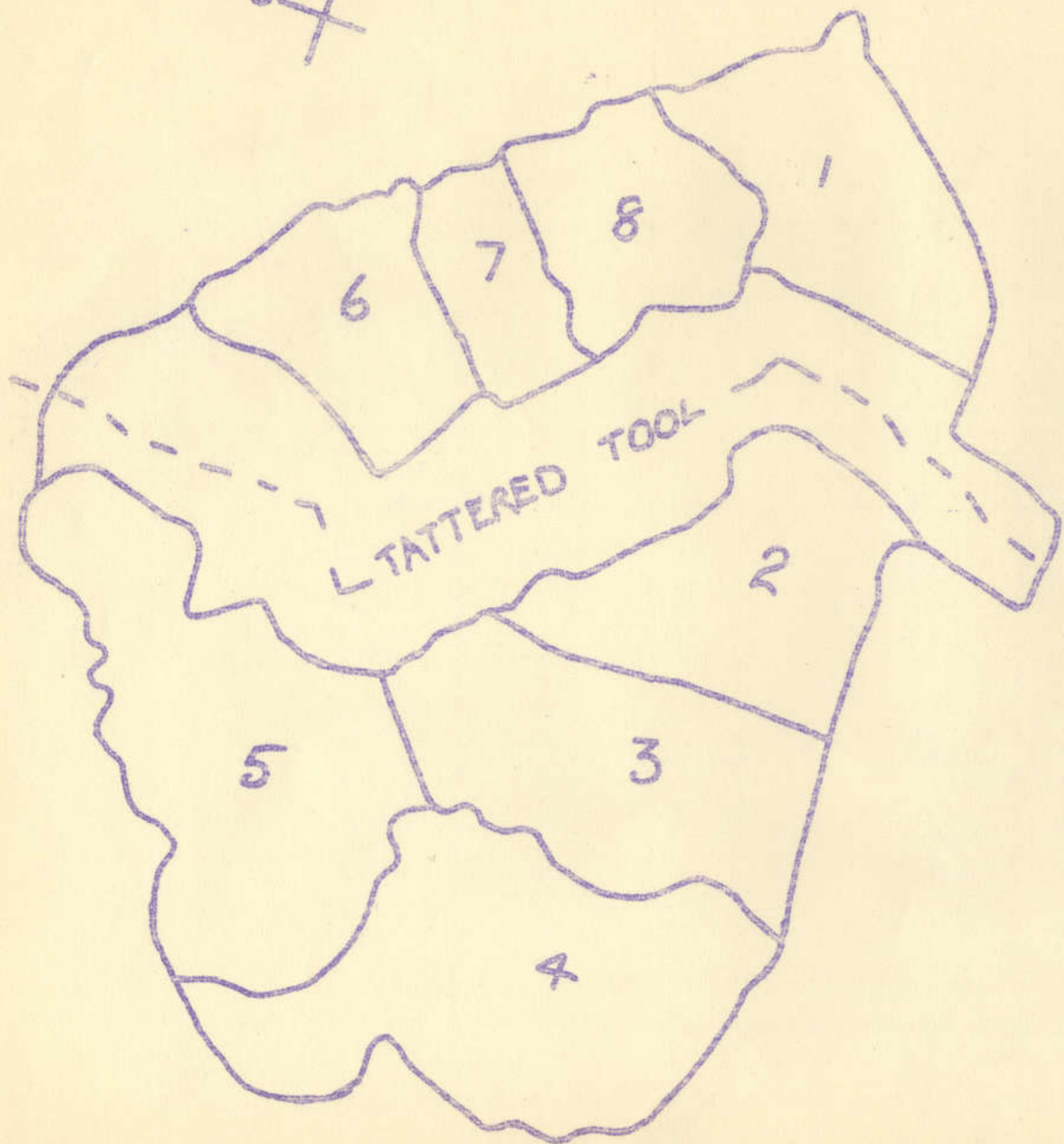
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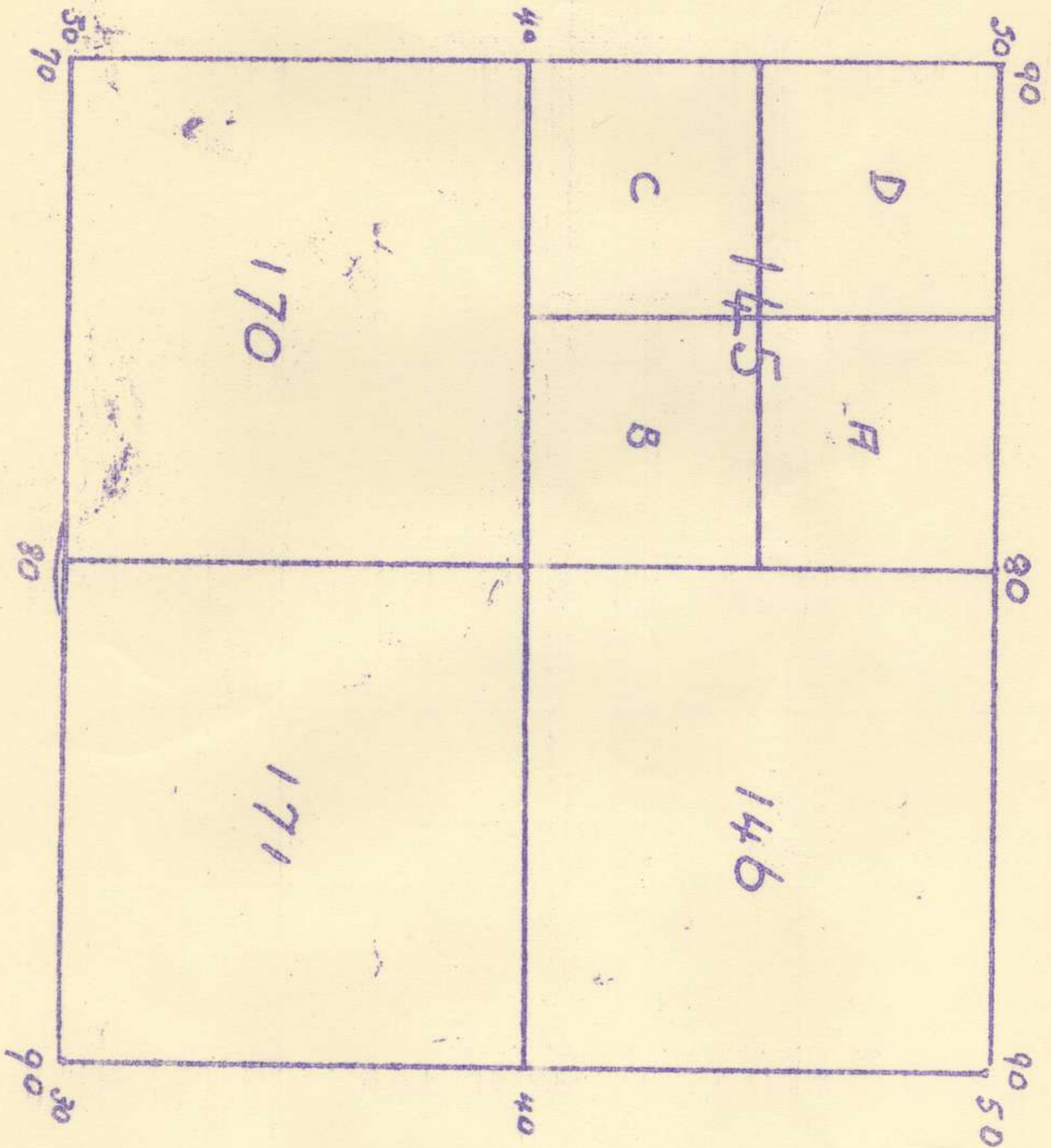
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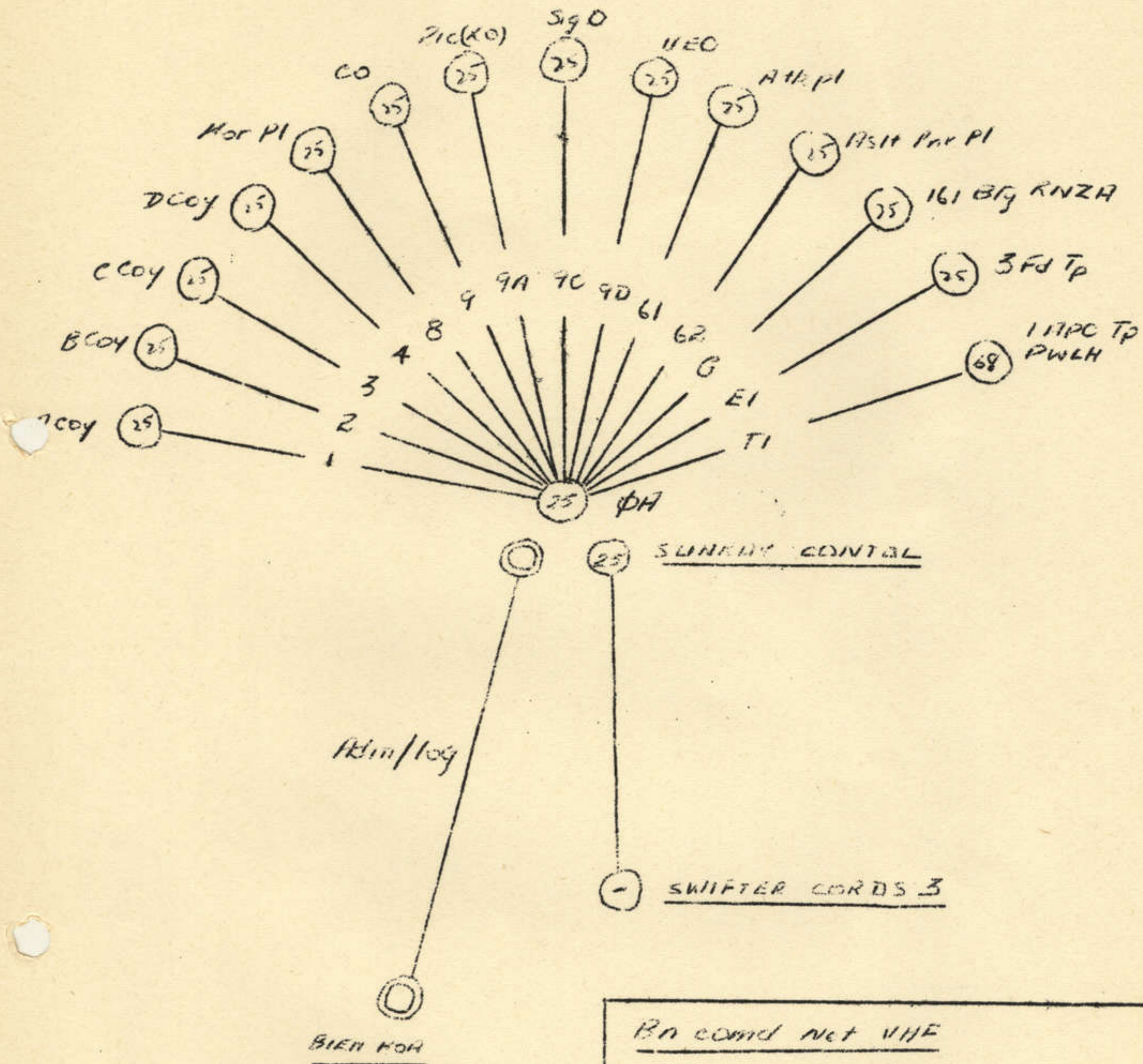
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RADIO DIAGRAM

Annex R' 10
#RAR 0P0 4/66
DATED 18 FEB 66



Bn Command Net VHF
 f1 - 30.7 Mc/s
 f2 - 44.3 Mc/s

Bn Admin/Log Net
 f1 - 3519 Kc/s
 f2 - 3780 Kc/s
 f3 - 7715 Kc/s
 f4 - 8615 Kc/s

Auth. M.J.C. of 17/2.

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Annex S to
1 RAR OpO 4/66
dated 8 Feb 66.

CONVOY DETAILS

1. Comd. OC 1 APC Tp is convoy comd.
2. Order of march.

Packet	Details	Remarks
Pkt 1 Comd OC A Coy	One sect APC Pl A Coy Comd APC T1 HQ A Coy One sect APC Pl A Coy One sect APC Pl A Coy Sp sect APC Sect Mor Pl	Incl: Bty recce party (3) 3 Fd Tp (-) (15) Bn HQ recce group (6)
Pkt 2 Comd Asst S3	HQ sect APC Bn Tac CP RAP	CP Group (16) Rap (5)
Pkt 3 Comd OC Anti Tank Pl	8 TCV	Anti Tank, Asly Pnr Fls Bn HQ Gp
Pkt 4 Comd OC D Coy	7 TCV	
Pkt 5 Comd BK 161 Fd Bty	4 LR and 105 Pack/how 5 LR and tlr 1 RRU veh	
Pkt 6 Comd OC B Coy	8 TCV 1 Recovery veh	

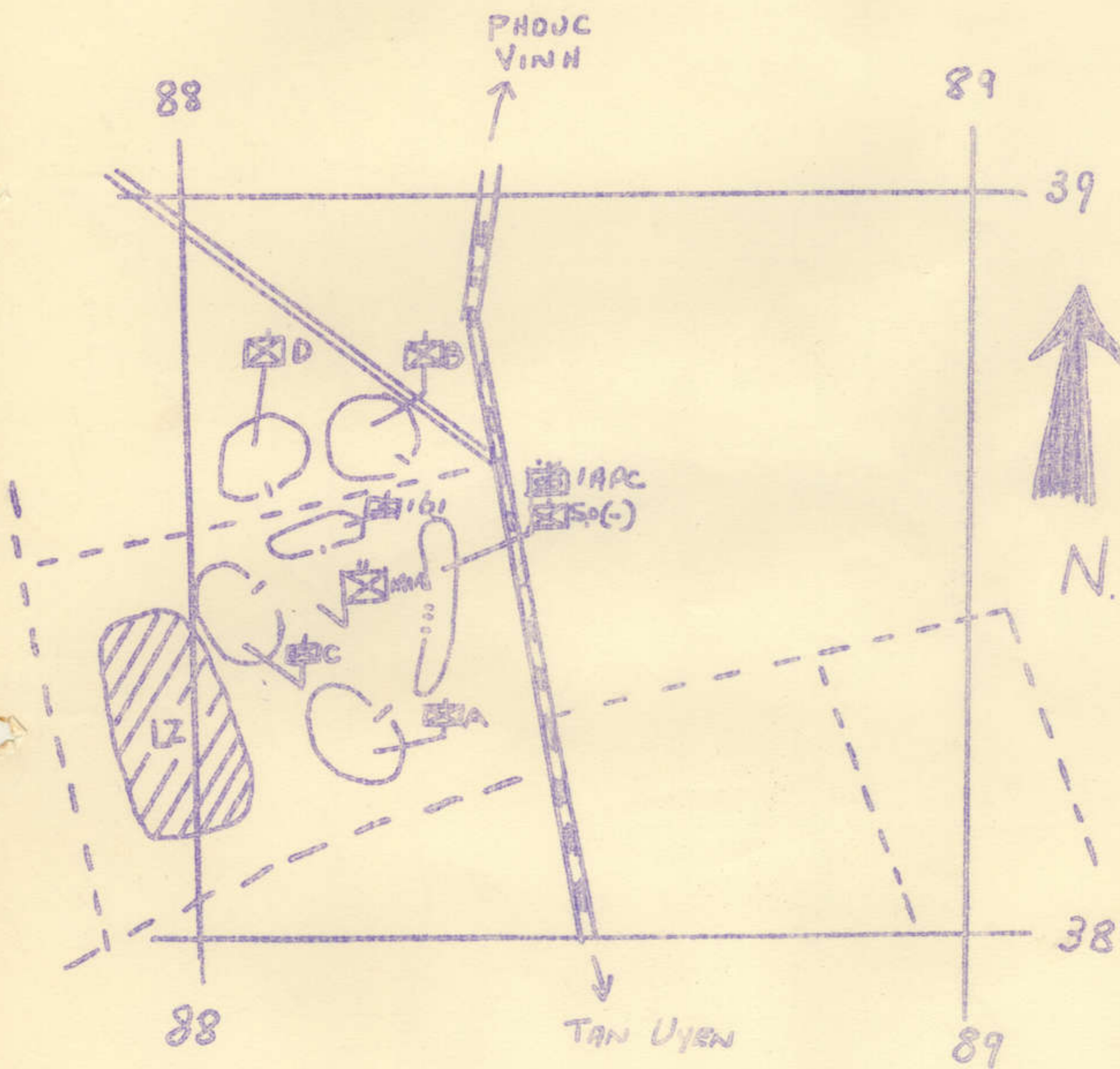
3. Vehs are to be loaded with 16 men.
4. Veh spacing. 50 metres, or dust distance ; but visual contact must be maintained at all times.
5. Distance between packets 400 metres.
6. Security. SOP.
7. Action on contact. SOP.
8. Recovery. Overtake damaged or defective vehs. Pkt comd resp for protection. Recovery by recovery vehicle at tail of column.
9. Average speed. 20 MPH.
10. Rd table movement to follow after issue by 173 AB Bde (Sep)

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Annex 'T' to
IAR OpO 4/66
dated 18 Feb 66

BN LAYOUT POSN TWT PEG
HARBOUR NIGHT 19/20 FEB



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Annex 'A' to
1 RAR Op O 4/66
Dated ~~19~~ Jan 66.

18 FEB

ISUM NO 9

Introduction

1. The area of interest has been dominated by the VC for a considerable period. Villages are not under Government or ARVN control and generally the local civilians in the area have been forced to condone the activities of the VC.
2. The area is astride one of the main VC supply and liaison routes between War Zone 'C', the Delta, and War Zone 'D'. It is reasonably certain that some of the rice captured by units of 1 Bde and 1 RAR in the area of PHUOC LOC (XT 987325) originated from and was transported through the BEN CAT (XT 742330) - XT 887366 area.

Enemy Forces

3. A minimum of two local guerilla platoons and one local company operate within the area of interest. These units can be expected to carry out supply and probing attacks on 1 RAR elements and to set anti-personnel and vehicle command detonated mines. In particular these harassing tactics will be applied as the construction force reaches the Eastern area of the AO. (This area has had the lightest US presence over the past twelve months).
4. The following Main and Mobile Force elements have been located in the AO:-

<u>Location</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Evac</u>
XT 796429	241 Arty Bn	26 Jan	F6
XT 850361	U/I Bn	26 Jan	F6
XT 840380	Phu Loi Bn	12 Feb	F6
XT 772322	C304, C61 Coy	18 Jan	F4
XT 849331	U/I	22 Jan	B3

5. The following installations, obstacles and campsites have been reported:-

<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>
XT 845414	Base Camp and hospital
XT 833398	Base camp
XT 847393	Base camp
XT 850345	Hospital
XT 830340	Road Cut
XT 840360	Road Cut
XT 846360	Road Cut
XT 869363	Road keyholed
XT 836355	Trench system
XT 857362	Trench system
XT 863363	Trench system
XT 863358	Trench system

Civil Population

6. The following is the estimated population of the villages in the area of interest:-
 - a. CHANH LUU XT 822322 Pop 5,319
 - b. TAN BINH (CAU DINH) XT 858360 Pop 2,543
 - c. Unknown XT 796344 Pop 200.

Operations to 17 Feb 66

7. 1 Bde has had only minor contact with VC local force elements since

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Operation ROLLING STONE commenced (11 Feb 66). Battalion locations have been harassed at night by Local Force VC elements. The largest VC unit seen was 30/40 strong.

8. On 16 Feb 66 a VC Hospital was discovered in the area sq XT 8339. The hospital was large enough to accommodate 200 patients and it was clear that the occupants had fled just prior to the entry of US Forces.

8. A rice storage was discovered in sq XT 8437. 300 lbs of mail was captured by a VC patrol on 16 Feb 66. Much of this mail referred to the PHU LOI Bn. (Order of Battle indicates that this Bn was loc at XT840380 on 12 Feb 66).

10. The VC have carried out mining activities on the main route running through the area. This mining has been of an anti-personnel nature. The mines have been set over an area previously cleared before patrols returned on the following morning.

Conclusion

11. Units operating in the area will be subject to enemy Local Force probing attacks and occasioned sniping fire. The VC have the ability to bring a Mobile Force battalion against any elements with considerable degree of surprise. The presence of 241 Arty Bn has not been confirmed. Its main armament would be 81 mm and 60 mm mortars. Mining activities on tracks must be anticipated.

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AFTER ACTION REPORT

Operation No 6/66

Report by 37931 2nd Lt CJ McINTYRE Comd 6 Pl B Coy

1. Time of action 1530 hrs

Duration N/A

Date 11 Mar 66

Location GR 100420

2. Sub unit tasks Search and Destroy

3. Was it Contact
Incident Yes

4. Summary of action in chronological sequence. The forward section came across a track on which two packs had been left. They were of the sugar bag type and contained clothing, personal articles and documents.

ID McFARLANE Maj

AFTER ACTION REPORT

CP

Operation No 6/66

Report by 37931 2Lt CJ McINTYRE Comd 6 Pl B Coy 3 BAR

1. Time of action. 1430 hrs

Duration 5 mins

Date. 10 Mar 66

Location. GR 092423

2. Sub unit tasks. Search and Destroy

3. Was it?
Contact Yes

4. Summary of action in chronological sequence. While the Pl was moving EAST along a ridge the forward scout of the point section, Pte JONES saw one VC about 30 metres to his right front about to fire his weapon at him. He engaged the VC getting away the first shot. Another VC then began firing. Both VC were then engaged by the forward section while the second section cleared up on the right flank. The VC were heard withdrawing EAST. After the action a bloodstained hat was found and there was blood on the leaves at about shoulder height. A quick follow up down the ridge did NOT locate the VC.

5. VC

a. Strength 2

b. Type. Unknown

c. VC Cas. 2 WIA

d. Wpus. 2 x 30 cal carbines

e. VC action. Withdrew EAST when engaged

6. Own Cas. Nil

7. Coy Comd Comments. Nil

ID McFARLANE Maj

INSTALLATION REPORT

6/66? CD

Report on instl Defended area at GR 092429
by 2Lt WF HINDSON

1. Area covered by instl. 400,000 sq yds
2. Size of unit. Bn size
3. No of Pits. Over 40 pits and bunkers.
4. Bunkers were in ant hills with entrances from pits along side.
5. Type of construction. Dig only
6. Pits were in all round defence in approx platoon size positions. Each Pl sized posn had a central bunker (CP type) and 2-3 huts.
- 7 The area had not been occupied for over 6 months
8. The area had been bombed and strafed.
9. There were no obstacles in any of the positions

WF HINDSON 214

INSTALLATION REPORT

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Report on instl. VC Camp posns in area to SE of gun posn HUGS BUNNY
By 2Lt WF HINDSON.

1. Type of instl. VC transit camps at GR 098424, 098422, 102422, 102420, 102419
2. Area covered by instl. Average 5,000 sq yds.
3. Number of pits and tunnels and unit or sub unit you estimate would occupy them.
Approx 20 - 30
4. All camps were over 6 months old.
5. All camps were on tracks

WF HINDSON 2Lt

Diary

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

File : H 563-1-1

1st Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
NHEW HOA

10 Feb 66

1 RAR COMMANDERS DAILY SITUATION REPORT

PERIOD COVERED : From 09:300 to 10:300 Feb 66

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER : 156

1. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY : Nothing to Report.

2. OPERATIONS SUMMARY : The Bn returned from Operation 3/66 and continued to patrol the TDR.

a. Major unit actions : Nil

b. Small unit actions : Nil

(1) Total number of night contacts : Nil

(2) Total number of day contacts : Nil

(3) Total number of contacts : Nil

c. Small unit actions without contact

(1) Normal clearing patrols of the unit perimeter.

(2) Standing patrols of Section strength. Nothing to report.

(3) Fighting/Amtrak patrols of Platoon strength as follows.

(a) A Patrol from Bn Base Details patrolled sectors J and K of the TDR and returned to this location at 10:1700 Feb 66.

(b) 3 Pl A Coy departed this location at 1700 hrs to patrol sectors J and K of the TDR.

[Signature]
Lt Col
CO 1 RAR

PREFERENCE ACTION
ROUTINE

Feb 66
DATE/TIME GROUP
10 0600 Z

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

From : 1 RAR

UNCLAS

To : A Coy B Coy C Coy D Coy Sq Coy
Admin Coy 1 APC Tp 105 FA Bty
3 FA Tp 161 Rescue Flt.

ORIGINATORS NUMBER

0 10

Info : 2IC Adj IO RSM

CO's CONFERENCE : To be held at 0900 hrs 14 Feb 66 . 1 RAR Op 3/66
debrief after CO's conference on 14 Feb 66

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

File: R 569-1-1

1st Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
BIEN HOA

11 Feb 66

1 RAR COMMANDERS DAILY SITUATION REPORT

Period Covered : From 101800 to 111800 Feb 66.

Situation Report Number : 157

1. Intelligence Summary : Nothing to report.
2. Operations Summary : The Bn continued to patrol the TAOR.
 - a. Major unit actions : Nil
 - b. Small unit actions : Nil
 - (1) Total number of night contacts : Nil
 - (2) Total number of day contacts : Nil
 - (3) Total number of contacts : Nil
 - c. Small unit actions without contact.
 - (1) Normal clearing patrols of the unit perimeter.
 - (2) Standing patrols of Section strength. Nothing to report.
 - (3) Fighting/Ambush patrols of Platoon strength as follows.
 - (a) 3 Pl A Coy returned to this location after patrolling sectors C and E of the TAOR.
 - (b) 1 Pl A Coy moved out to patrol sectors F, G and A of the TAOR at 111230 hrs. Present locstat GC 016197. Nothing to report.
 - (c) 6 Pl B Coy continued to patrol sector B of the TAOR present locstat GC 025192. Nothing to report.

G. L. A. 2 Lt.

Lt Col
CO 1 RAR

FILE.

PRECEDENCE ACTION
PRIORITY

Feb 66
DATE/TIME GROUP
110220 Z

From : 1 RAR

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

SECRET

To : A Coy B Coy C Coy D Coy Sp Coy
Admin Coy 1 APC Tp 105 Pd Bty
3 Pd Tp

ORIGINATORS NUMBER

G 13

ADJt

Info : CO ZIC IOA RHE 161 Recce Flt

WARNING ORDER . Sp to 1/503 Op 4 - 66 Area of Op SONG BE and DONG HAI
River . Standby Coy on 2 hrs notice to move from 120600 hrs . 1 RAR
Op (-) on 4 hrs notice to move from 120800 hrs . Briefing to Coy Comds
C and D Coys by OC Sp Coy 1130 hrs in briefing tent . 105 Pd Bty to
provide FO Party to C Coy at 111600 hrs . Admin . 2 days rat to be
carried by standby Coy if committed . Local leave SAIGON/BINH HOA ceases
111700 hrs

*(a) Paul J
f.
Haj*

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE

File # 503-1-1

1st Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
RMR HQ
12 Feb 66

RAR COMMANDERS DAILY SITUATION REPORT

Period Covered : From 11:00 to 12:00 Feb 66.

Situation Report Number : 198

Intelligence Summary : Nothing to Report.

Operations Summary : The Ia continued to patrol the TDR.

a. Major unit actions : Nil

b. Small unit actions : Nil

(1) Total number of night contacts : Nil

(2) Total number of day contacts : Nil

(3) Total number of contacts : Nil

c. Small unit actions without contact.

(1) Manual clearing patrols of the unit perimeter.

(2) Standing patrols of section strength. Nothing to report.

(3) Fighting/Amish patrols of Platoon strength as follows.

(a) 6 Pl B Coy returned to this location at 1630 hrs after patrolling sectors B, E and G of the TDR.

(b) 5 Pl B Coy moved out to patrol sectors B, G and H of the TDR at 1530 hrs. Nothing to report.

(c) 1 Pl A Coy continued to patrol sectors A and G of the TDR. Present location GC 01920. Nothing to report.

(4) Task Force PRK consisting of 1 sec of MIA and 1 sec of APC's moved out to GC 016192 to support the move of 1/503 across the SONG HONH HAI.

3. US Vice President Hubert H Humphrey and party visited the Ia area from 121815 to 121840 Feb 66.

[Signature]
1st Lt Col
1 RAR

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

File: R 569-1-1

1st Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
Battalion Group
ELITE HOA

13 Feb 66

1 RAR COMMANDERS DAILY SITUATION REPORT

Period covered : From 12:00 to 13:00 Feb 66.

Situation Report Number : 129

1. Intelligence Summary : Nothing to report.

2. Operations Summary : The Bn continued to patrol the TDR.

a. Major unit actions : Nil

b. Small unit actions : 1

(1) Total number of night contacts : 1

(2) Total number of day contacts : Nil

(3) Total number of contacts : 1

c. Small unit actions with contact.

(1) A standing patrol from Sunray 43 contacted 2 VC at
GC 003162. Enemy cas not known. Own cas - Nil.

d. Small unit actions without contact.

(1) 5 Pl D Coy continued to patrol sectors E, G and H of
the TDR. Nothing to report.

(2) 1 Pl A Coy returned to this location at 1030 hrs.
Nothing to report.

(3) 10 Pl D Coy moved out to patrol sectors F, D, G and A
of the TDR at 0900 hrs. Nothing to report.

Dwyer 2.8T
1st Lt Col
CO 1 RAR

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

File R 569-1-1

1st Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
Battalion Group
BIEN HOA

14 Feb 66

1 RAR COMMANDERS DAILY SITUATION REPORT

Period Covered : From 14:00 to 15:00 Feb 66

Situation Report Number : 161

1. Intelligence Summary : Nothing to report

2. Operations Summary : The Bn continued to patrol the TADR.

a. Major unit actions : Nil

b. Small unit actions : Nil

(1) Total number of night contacts : Nil

(2) Total number of day contacts : Nil

(3) Total number of contacts : Nil

c. Small unit actions without contact.

(1) Clearing patrols of the unit perimeter.

(2) Standing patrols of Section strength. Nothing to report.

(3) Fighting/ambush patrols of Platoon strength as follows.

(a) 2 Pl A Coy continued to patrol sectors J, F, G and A of the TADR. Nothing to report.

(b) 3 Pl A Coy continued to patrol sector F of the TADR. Nothing to report.

(c) 4 Pl B Coy continued to patrol sectors G, H and B of the TADR. Nothing to report.

(d) 6 Pl B Coy continued to patrol sector H of the TADR. Nothing to report.

3. ~~Event~~ Event. Beating the Retreat was played by 1 RAR Band at 1815 hrs on 14 Feb 66 as a farewell ceremony to Brig Gen E C WILLIAMS.

P. Dwyer 2JH
Lt Col
CO 1 RAR

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

File: R 569-1-1

1st Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
Battalion Group
NEW HOA

16 Feb 66

1 BAR COMMANDERS DAILY SITUATION REPORT

- Period Covered : From 151800 to 161800 Feb 66.
- Situation Report Number : 162
1. Intelligence Summary : Nothing to report.
 2. Operations Summary : The Bs continued to patrol the TAOB.
 - a. Major unit actions : Nil
 - b. Small unit actions : Nil
 - (1) Total number of night contacts : Nil
 - (2) Total number of day contacts : Nil
 - (3) Total number of contacts : Nil
 - c. Small unit actions without contact.
 - (1) Clearing patrols of the unit perimeter.
 - (2) Standing patrols of Section strength. Nothing to report.
 - (3) Fighting/Ambush patrols of Platoon strength as follows.
 - (a) 3 Pl A Coy returned to this location at 1100 hrs. Nothing to report.
 - (b) 2 Pl A Coy continued to patrol sector A of the TAOB. Present locstat GC 017193. Nothing to report.
 - (c) 4 Pl B Coy returned to this location at 1430 hrs. Nothing to report.
 - (d) 6 Pl B Coy patrolled from a fixed base at GC 039184. Nothing to report.

B.G.L. 211

Lt Col
CO 1 BAR

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PRECEDENCE ACTION
PRIORITY

DATE/TIME GROUP
16 0918 Z

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

From : I RAR

SECRET

ORIGINATORS NUMBER

To : A Coy B Coy C Coy D Coy Sp Coy
Admin Coy 1 APC Tp 103 FA Bty
3 FA Tp

6 14

Info : 161 Field Bty MFA
161 Base Flight

WARNING ORDER . Op 4/66 . Search and destroy op in area
en route between BIN CAT (7433) and rd junction XT 888366 .
Commencing 19 Feb 66 duration approx 11 days . NO move before
0800 hrs 19 Feb . Orders Group 0900 hrs 18 Feb . May 6344
iv . Move by hel for Coy Comd . OC PWLN . OC 161 FA Bty .
OC 3 FA Tp . From I RAR SOUTH pad 1400 hrs 18 Feb . Movement
En (-) by road . Reaction force Coy (+) by hel . Patrolling
TAOR ceases 1200 hrs 18 Feb . Leave ceases 1730 hrs 18 Feb .
2 days rts to be carried

J. J. Darnley Capt 6/1
8/3

IO (Comdr Diary)

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

R569-1-1

1st Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
Battalion Group

BIEN HOA

17 Feb 66

1 RAR COMMANDERS DAILY SITUATION REPORT

Period Covered: From 161800 to 171800 Feb 66.

Situation Report Number: 163.

1. Intelligence Summary: Nothing to report.

2. Operations Summary: The Bn continued to patrol the TAOR.

a. Major unit actions: Nil.

b. Small unit actions: Nil

(1) Total number of night contacts: Movement was seen to front of Aslt Pnr Pl at 152025 hrs. This was fired at but with no result.

(2) Total number of day contacts: Nil.

(3) Total number of contacts: 1.

c. Small unit actions without contact:-

(1) Clearing patrols of the unit perimeter.

(2) Standing patrols of section strength. Nothing to report.

(3) Fighting/ambush patrols of platoon strength as follows:-

(a) 2 Pl A Coy return this loc at 1000 hrs with NTR.

(b) 1 Pl A Coy moved out at 1200 hrs to ptl sec DF Loc Stat 009169.

(c) 6 Pl B Coy returned this loc at 0755 hrs NTR.

(d) 7 Pl C Coy and atts of 1 Sect commenced ptl sec BGE. Present Loc Stat GR 0317.

Lee Lt Col
for CO 1 RAR

AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Operation No 4/66
2. Report by No 54828 Rank Sgt Name PG HAMERSLEY
3. 4 Pl B Coy
4. Date 21 Feb 66
Location GR 832362
5. Was it?
Incident Yes
6. Summary of action in chronological sequence The patrol was moving through rubber towards the scrubline when the forward scout passed back the information that he had found a booby trap. Sgt HAMERSLEY checked the booby trap which appeared to have been previously located and placed in the fork of a gate post. The engineers were brought forward and confirmed that the booby trap was safe. So it was brought in.
7. Type and number of wps recovered One fragmentation type stick grenade
8. Own Cas Nil

Comd Sgt PG HAMERSLEY Coy Comd Maj ID McFARLANE

AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Operational Number 4/66
2. Report by No 14746 Rank Sgt Name MJ KIRBY
3. Commanding fighting patrol from 6 Pl
4.
 - a. Time of action 2015
 - b. Duration 5 min
 - c. Date 23 Feb 66
 - d. Location 832342
5. Unit/Sub-unit tasks Ambush on road
6. Was it?
Contact Yes
7. Summary of action in chronological sequence. Soon after arriving in the ambush position movement was heard on the road and five figures could just be made. As soon as the ambush fired the VC ran into cover on the other side of the road. A quick sweep was made of the area recovering some equipment. A further search in daylight found more.
8. VC
 - a. Strength 5
 - b. Type Unknown
 - c. VC Cas Unknown
 - d. Summary of docs and kit recovered. 1 Grenade, footwear, rations
9. Own Cas Nil
10. Lessons Learned. The MG should have been placed at one end of the ambush to achieve enfilade fire.


Comd Sgt MJ KIRBY Coy Comd Maj ID McFARLANE

AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Operation no 4/66
2. Report by 2411980 L cpl AE MIRANDA
3. 9 Sec 9 Pl C Coy
4. a. Time of action : 2000 hrs
b. Duration : 15 minutes
c. Date : 23 Feb 66
d. Location : 825365
5. Unit/Sub unit tasks : Perimeter defence
6. Was it?
 - a. Contact : Yes
7. Summary of action in chronological sequence :

Pte RW CURRALL had mounted picquet at 1945 hrs 23 Feb 66 . At 2000 hrs he heard movement on the track which his M60 covered. He waited until he saw the VC coming towards him. Approx 20 yds from the pit the VC stopped and squatted behind a bush growing beside the track. Pte CURRALL then opened fire and the remainder of the pl, who could, brought fire to bear on the position indicated by the tracer from the gun. A clearing patrol next morning recovered 2 bodies, 3 weapons and 4 sets of webbing.
8. VC
 - a. Strength : Unknown
 - b. Type : Mobile
 - c. VC Cas
 - i KIA 2+1 probable
 - d. Were VC disposed of by ?
 - i Buried: Yes Location GR 825325
 - e. Summary of docus and kit recovered: Webbing, food, personal docus, spare ammo
 - f. Type and no of wpns recovered: 1 CHICOM Jungle Carbine, 1 CHICOM AK Aslt Rifle, 1 RUSSIAN SKS Carbine
 - g. Wpns identified on action: VC returned fire with single shots
 - h. VC dress: JG trousers, coloured shirts, webbing packs, cloth bush hats
 - j. Summary of VC action: Moving down track, heard something, stopped. When fired on, returned fire and broke contact
9. Own cas : Nil
10. Lessons learned. Sentry should allow VC to approach as close as possible before firing

Comd L cpl AE MIRANDA Coy Comd Maj JJ TATTAM



AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Operation No 4/66
2. Report by No 61162 Rank Cpl Name LJ MANAMARA
3. 13 Sec 5 Pl B Coy
4. a. Time of action 0020
b. Duration 1 Min
c. Date 24 Feb 66
d. Location GR 839360
5. Unit / Sub-unit tasks Night sentry on gun post 13 Sec.
6. Was it ?
a. Contact Yes
7. Summary of action in chronological sequence . A small number of VC approached the sec following the line of the road on the South side. They did not appear to know they had reached the 1 RAR perimeter. The M60 fired on the VC and the No2 gunner threw a grenade. At first light 2 VC bodies were recovered one with GSW and the other with grenade wounds. At no stage was fire returned by the VC. Two Russian carbines were recovered.
8. VC
a. Strength 3
b. Type of VC (Guerilla, RF or Main Force) Main Force
c. VC cas
1 KIA
11 ?
d. Were VC cas disposed of by
1. Buried Yes Location GR 839361
e. Summary of Docs recovered Ammo belt and pouches. Ammo for 7.62 carbine sleeping gear and rice.
f. Type and number of wps recovered: 2 x 7.62 Russian Carbines
g. Wps identified on action N/A No VC fired
h. VC dress Black trousers, blue shirts.
j. Summary of VC actions. Approached gun post and received fire with returning fire.

9.

Own cas
KIA Nil
WIA Nil

10.

Comments by Coy Comds Nil

Comd L/ McNAMARA Coy Comd Maj ID McFARLANE

AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Operation No 4/66
2. Report by No 54593 Rank Pte Name BRUNALLI
3. 1 Sqd 4 Pl B Coy
4. a. Time of Action 0245 hrs
b. Duration 20 sec
c. Date 24 Feb 66
d. Location 843359
5. Sub-unit tasks Standing Patrol/Ambush at track junction GR 843359
6. Was it Contact Yes
7. Summary of action in chronological sequence . At 0230 hrs three enemy approached ambush site from the NORTH where they went to ground when a flare was fired from the main Brigade position. They were approx 25 metres from the patrol position Pte BRUNALLI directed the MG to open fire and fired a long burst of M16 himself. Two of the VC were seen to move out of the killing ground heading NORTH and the other heading EAST. Pte BRUNALLI directed more MG fire at these fleeting targets but the result was unknown. A sweep of the area after first light confirmed one VC dead when fire was first opened.
8. VC
 - a. Strength 3
 - b. Type of VC Main Force
 - c. VC Cas
KIA One confirmed
 - d. Were VC cas disposed of by
 - i. Buried Yes Locat.on GR 843359
 - e. Summary of docs and kit recovered. Belt, water bottle with plastic and grenades pouch with magazine for M1
 - f. Type of wps recovered 2 M1 carbines
 - g. VC dress Black
 - h. Fled, no shots fired in return
9. Own Cas Nil
Comd Pte BRUNALLI Coy Comd Maj ID McFARLANE

AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Operation no 4/66
2. Report by 54804 L cpl KW BROWN
3. Sp Sec CHQ C Coy
4. a. Time of action: 0300 hrs
b. Duration: 5 minutes
c. Date: 24 Feb 66
d. Location: GR 838365
5. Unit/ Sub unit tasks : Standing patrol opposite water point
6. Was it?
a. Contact: Yes
7. Summary of action in chronological sequence: One VC sighted moving from EAST to NORTH WEST across our front. All pnts opened fire simultaneously firing two M16 rifles, one M60, one M79 and two SLRs. The VC was seen to drop after firing and was heard entering the bush. A sweep of the area was conducted the next morning but the bodies were not found by us. Three bodies were found in the area by HOLDFAST on the morning of the 26th

Annex 'B' to
Intelligence Info Reports

8. VC
 - a. Strength: 3
 - b. Type of VC: Mobile
 - c. VC cas
 - i KIA 3
 - j. Summary of VC action: There was no return fire from the VC

AFTER ACTION REPORT

Comd Lcpl KW BROWN Coy Comd Maj JJ TATTAM

1. Time of action: 0300 hrs
2. Duration: 5 minutes
3. Date: 24 Feb 66
4. Location: GR 838365
5. Unit/ Sub unit tasks : Standing patrol opposite water point
6. Was it?
a. Contact: Yes
7. Summary of action in chronological sequence: One VC sighted moving from EAST to NORTH WEST across our front. All pnts opened fire simultaneously firing two M16 rifles, one M60, one M79 and two SLRs. The VC was seen to drop after firing and was heard entering the bush. A sweep of the area was conducted the next morning but the bodies were not found by us. Three bodies were found in the area by HOLDFAST on the morning of the 26th

Annex 'B' to
Intelligence Info Reports

8. VC
 - a. Strength: 3
 - b. Type of VC: Mobile
 - c. VC cas
 - i KIA 3
 - j. Summary of VC action: There was no return fire from the VC

Comd Lcpl KW BROWN Coy Comd Maj JJ TATTAM

Annex 'B' to
Intelligence Info Reports

AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Operation No 4/65
2. Report by No 54593 Rank Pte Name BRUNALLI
3. 1 Sec 4 Pl B Coy
4.
 - a. Time of action. 0330 hrs
 - b. Duration 2 min
 - c. Date 4 Feb
 - d. Location GR 843359
5. Sub-unit tasks Standing patrol at track junction GR 843359
6. Was it ?
Contact Yes
7. Summary of action in chronological sequence. At 0330 hrs a group of approx 15 enemy approached track opposite patrol site from the East. Pte BRUNALLI who had previously changed his patrol post slightly opened fire with his M16. As the first burst was fired all wps of the patrol fired. The leading group was seen to go down. As the dusk and smoke cleared no sign of the enemy was seen. The Coy Comd ordered the patrol to withdraw. As Pte BRUNALLI was directing the withdrawal another group of approx. ten enemy approached the main road from the East. The MG engaged this group with short bursts as the patrol withdrew. The enemy were seen to disperse with no known casualties.
8. VC
 - a. Strength 25
 - b. Type of VC Main Force
 - c. VC cas 6
 - i 1 KIA 1
 - ii WIA 2 (captured)
 - d. Were VC cas disposed of by
 - i Med evac 2 Time Approx 0830
 - ii Buried 4 Location 843359
 - e. Summary of docs and kit recovered. Wallets, VC cert of merit, photos, 7.62 short cart bandoliers, rice packs, shovels and small picks

8. f. Type and No of wps recovered 1 x K47 sub machine gun, 15 grenades
5 x SA Chicom rifles 1 x Very pistol
- g. VC dress Black, One VC dressed in blue . HOCHI MIN sandals
- h. Summary of VC actions No fire was directed at the ptl
9. Own Cas Nil

Comd PteBRUNALLI Coy Comd Maj ED McFARLANE

AFTER ACTION REPORTS

1. Operation No 4/66
2. Report by No 54593 Rank Pte Name BRUNALLI
3. 1 Sec 4Pl B Coy
4.
 - a. Time of Action 0400
 - b. Duration 10 secs
 - c. Date 24 Feb 66
 - d. Location 840360
5. Was it ?
Contact Yes
6. Summary of action in chronological sequence. Whilst pti was withdrawing a VC came out of the line of rubber alongside the rear man of the patrol. The rear man fired twice at him and the MG gunner fired a short burst killing the VC instantly
7. VC
 - a. Strength One
 - b. Type of VC Main Force
 - c. VC cas
1 KIA One
 - d. Were VC cas disposed of by
 - i. Buried Yes Location GR 143359
 - e. Summary of docs and kit recovered: d. Belt, grenades, water bottle, entrenching tool.
 - f. Type and number of wps recovered: d 2 x SA Chicom rifles
 - g. VC dress Black HQ BHI LIN sandals
 - h. Summary of VC actions Apparently thinking patrol was VC tried to join the group and spoke to it. No VC fire was received.
9. Own Cas Nil

10. Comments by Coy Comd. This was the last incident in a highly commendable display of good soldiering. In all this patrol engaged 28 VC and inflicted considerable casualties on the enemy without even receiving fire in return.

Comd Pte BRUNALLI

Coy Comd Maj ID McFARLANE

AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Operation No 4/66
2. Report by No 215573 Rnk Sgt Name RD LOFTUS
3. 9 Pl C Coy
4. a. Time of Action: 0500 hrs
b. Duration: 10 mins
c. Date: 24 Feb 66
d. Loc: Ba Def Posn at GR 835365
5. Sub Units Tasks:
Defensive Perimeter
6. Was it a Contact? Yes
7. Summary of action in chronological sequence:
During all the firing on the ni 23/24 Feb, a VC had evidently brept up to the Pl perimeter and at 0500 hrs, he stood up and ran through a reasonably thick scrub between two pits into the Pl area. A burst of M16 was fired at him, but in the dark it missed him. As the VC came through the perimeter, he tripped over a cord supporting a hutchie, and dropped his weapon. He then ran across the back of three pits, proceeded to walk out again along a track. However he walked into a M60 pit and darted off to the right. In doing this he ran into another pit and was killed by Lep1 GE BLAND with a short burst of M16 at a range of 10 feet.
8. VC:
 - a. Strength One
 - b. Type of VC Mobile
 - c. VC Cas
 1. KIA One
 2. WIA Nil
 3. OVCC Nil
 - d. VC were disposed of by
Buried at GR 835362
 - e. Summary of Docs Recovered
Personal Docs and Webbing
 - f. No and Type of Weapons Recovered.
One Chikon AK Assault Rifle
 - h. VC Dress All Black with special webbing (factory made) to carry his mags.
Cloth sack with 10 rice supply etc and spare ammo.
 - j. Summary of VC Action: Believed the VC was confused by all the fire, both small arms and mortar and was trying to get out of the area, but instead ran into the 1RAR Def Posn.
9. Own Cas Nil
10. Lessons Learnt By remaining silent and not moving and waiting an enemy who had penetrated a perimeter can be spotted without to much risk to our own troops.
11. Comments by Coy Comd.

Comd. rd loftus

Coy Comd. Maj JJ Tattan

AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Operation No 4/66
2. Report by No 215573 Rnk Sgt Name RD LOFTUS
3. 9 Pl C Coy
4. a. Time of Action: 0500 hrs
b. Duration: 10 mins
c. Date: 24 Feb 66
d. Loc: Ba Def Posn at GR 835365
5. Sub Units Tasks:
Defensive Perimeter
6. Was it a Contact? Yes
7. Summary of action in chronological sequence:
During all the firing on the ni 23/24 Feb, a VC had evidently crept up to the Pl perimeter and at 0500 hrs, he stood up and ran through a reasonably thick scrub between two pits into the Pl area. A burst of M16 was fired at him, but in the dark it missed him. As the VC came through the perimeter, he tripped over a cord supporting a hutchie, and dropped his weapon. He then ran across the back of three pits, proceeded to walk out again along a track. However he walked into a M60 pit and darted off to the right. In doing this he ran into another pit and was killed by Lcpl GE BLAND with a short burst of M16 at a range of 10 feet.
8. VC:
 - a. Strength One
 - b. Type of VC Mobile
 - c. VC Cas
 1. KIA One
 2. WIA Nil
 - B. CVCC Nil
 - d. VC were disposed of by
Buried at GR 835362
 - e. Summary of Does Recovered
Personal Does and Webbing
 - f. No and Type of Weapons Recovered.
One Chikon AK Assault Rifle
 - h. VC Dress All Black with special webbing (factory made) to carry his mags.
Cloth sack with 10 rice supply etc and spare ammo.
 - j. Summary of VC Action: Believed the VC was confused by all the fire, both small arms and mortar and was trying to get out of the area, but instead ran into the IRAR Def Posn.
9. Own Cas Nil
10. Lessons Learnt By remaining silent and not moving and waiting an enemy who had penetrated a perimeter can be spotted without too much risk to our own troops.
11. Comments by Coy Comd.

Comd. rd loftus

Coy Comd. Maj JJ Tattan

Annex B to
Intelligence Info Reports

AMFTR ACTION REPORT

1. Operation no : 4/66
2. Report by 213673 Cpl RW WRIGHT
3. 3 Ssg 8Pl C Coy
4. a. Time of action : 1100 hrs
b. Duration : 5 minutes
c. Date : 24 Feb 66
d. Location : GR 823369
5. Unit/Sub Unit tasks : Search and clear
6. Was it?
a. Contact : Yes
7. Summary of action in chronological sequence :

The pl was moving to the WEST from the Bn night lee through thick bush when the forward scout saw one VC approx 30 yards away run from the SOUTH to the NORTH into thick bush on the other side of a small clearing.

He fired one magazine of M16 into the bush. I brought the M60 up on the RIGHT and fired one hundred rounds into the area. I then fired one magazine of M16 into the scrub and through a grenade into the bush where he disappeared. There was a scream from the bushes but nothing was found on the sweep by the pl.

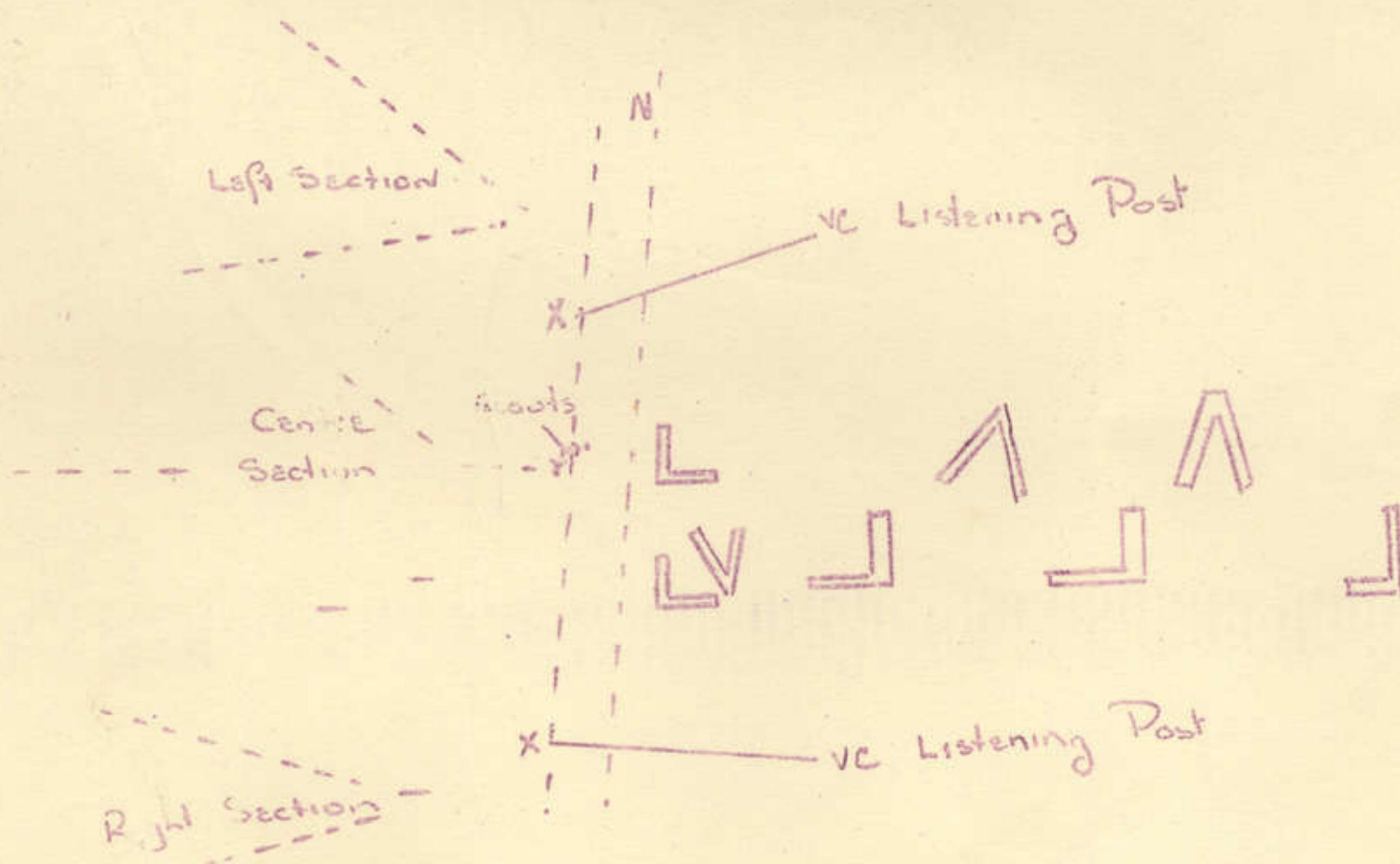
8. VC
a. Strength: One
b. Type of VC: Local
c. VC Cas: Nil
h. VC Dress: All black clothing with white T-shirt hanging outside pants.
j. Summary of VC Action: The VC ran across the front of the section into thick bush and was not seen again.

Comd. Cpl RW Wright

Coy Comd. Maj JJ Tattan

AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Operation no 4/66
2. Report by 53652 Sgt GA SMITH
3. 9 Pl C Coy
4. a. Time of action : 1410 hrs
 - b. Duration : 15 Minutes
 - c. Date : 24 Feb 66
 - d. Location : GR 834374 BINH CAT MAP
5. Unit/sub unit tasks : Clear area 1000 yds NORTH of Engrs base camp
6. Was it?
 - a. Contact : Yes
7. Summary of action in chronological sequence: Pl was sweeping area in a one up sec fm. The forward scout reached a track and was about to move across it when a rfn on the left flank was fired on by a VC. The fwd sec went to ground to engage the a. The LEFT flank sec swept through and was halfway to posn when a VC fired on RIGHT flank sec. The RIGHT flank sec was then ordered to sweep through and as they drew level with the fwd and LEFT flank sec the pl swept through the area. The three sec front covered the VC posn completely. The posn consisted of 8 pits being dug approx 2ft 3 in deep. En left in a hurry leaving behind considerable equipment. The layout of the pits suggested that it was an ambush posn being laid to cover the track



8. VC
 - a. Strength : 6 sighted (8 pits under construction)
 - b. Type : Mobile
 - cc. VC Gas
 - i. KIA 1 none probable

8. d. Were VC disposed of by

i Buried at GR 834374

e. Summary of docus and kit recovered: On body :- Water bottle (US) 1 basic pouch(US) ammo bandolier across chest, 2 grenades (home made- one cast iron frag) wallet with docus. Other kit in area :- 3 entrenching tools, bag containing wallet, docus food, ammo, 2 water bottles;

f. Type and number of wpns recovered:

1 SIMONOV SKS Carbine 7.62 with 100 rds of ammo

g. Wpns identified on action : 3 rifles

h. Dress of VC : Black trousers, civilian shirts, scarves and head dress

j. Summary of VC actions: Fired on patrol and then fled leaving behind eqpt. It is believed the two VC who fired were listening posts out as protection and early warning for others digging pits.

9. Own cas : Nil

10. Lessons learned: Quick action, plus accurate info from fwd sec is essential

Comd Sgt GA SMITH Coy Comd Maj JJ TATTAM

Annex 'B' to
Intelligence Info ReportsAFTER ACTION REPORTS

1. Operation No 4/66
2. Report by No 37931 Rank 2Lt Name CJ McINTYRE
3. Commanding fighting patrol of 14 from 6 Pl B Coy
4.
 - a. Time of action 2045
 - b. Duration 3 min
 - c. Date 23 Feb 66
 - d. Location 835363
5. Unit/Sub-unit tasks. Ambush on latrine pit and approaches
6. Was it ?
Contact Yes
7. Summary of action in chronological sequence. At about 2015 hrs firing was heard from an ambush about 1700 yards along the track leading to our position. At about 2045hrs two Vietnamese voices were heard calling to each other about 50 yds apart on one of the approaches to the latrine pit. One of the VC then started moving along the edge of the pit examining it with a torch. He was engaged but withdrew into the reentrant immediately to his rear. A search of the area during daylight revealed the footprints of 3 persons.
8.
 - a. Strength 3
 - b. Type Unknown
 - c. VC Cas Unknown
9. Own Cas Nil
10. Lessons learned Even when a target shows a light at night it is best to wait until it is in a position with no withdrawal route.

Comd 2nd Lt CJ McINTYRE Coy Comd Maj ID McFARLANE

AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Operation No 4/66
2. Report by No 213643 Rank Cpl Name EVANS
3. 2 Sec 4 Pl B Coy
4. a. Time of Action Incident between 0930 - 1030
b. Duration 1 hour
c. Date 25 Feb 66
d. Location Between GR 844357 - GR 845354
5. Sub-unit tasks Patrolling 25 meters each side of track from GR 844357 to GR 845354
6. Was it?
Incident Yes
7. Summary of action in chronological sequence. While section was patrolling each side of track. We found. 5 stick type grenades, 2 frag type grenades. After moving down the track approx 250 metres we found 1 satchel containing 3 rockets and also 2 home made Bangalor torpedoes.
8. a. Summary of docs and kit recovered. 1 x Rocket carrying satchel
1 x gren pouch holding 2 grenades, Bangalor torpedo enclosed in bamboo carrying frame.

Comd R EVANS Cpl Coy Comd Maj ID McFARLANE

INSTALLATION REPORT

Report on instl. Wpn Pits at GR 845355

at 1000 hrs by Cpl R EVANS

1. Type of instl Shallow wpn pits
2. Defensive layout
 - a. Wpn pits only Yes
 - b. Type of construction used
 - i. Wpn pits Shallow shellisrapes (one man and two man pits)
 - c. Number of pits and tunnels and unit or sub-unit you estimate would occupy them. 50
 - d. Direction pits were facing. In gh
 - e. Were the pits ?
 - i Individual 40
 - ii 2 Man 10
 - f. How old were the pits 2 days
 - g. Was the defensive layout near, river, track, road, ford etc. track
 - h. Was there any early warning posts or devices ? No
3. a. For what use do you consider this instl was used?
Protection for gp as they recognised.
b. By how many people? 50
4. Remarks (Incl your unit/sub-unit actions on destruction of village, defensive complex etc.)
Most of the pits were shallow or about 4" depth so they were left intact and inspected again in the afternoon at 1430 hrs where a check was made of the number to confirm the previous count.

Date 27 Feb 66

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INSTALLATION REPORT

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 - g. Was the defensive layout near, river, track, road, ford etc.
track
 - h. Was there any early warning posts or devices ? No
3. a. For what use do you consider this instl was used?
Protection for gp as they reorganised.
b. By how many people? 50
4. Remarks (incl your unit/sub-unit actions on destruction of village, defensive complex etc.)
Most of the pits were shallow or about 4" depth so they were left intact and inspected again in the afternoon at 1430 hrs where a check was made to the number to confirm the previous count.

Date 27 Feb 66

Signature Sgt HAMERSLEY

1 RAR
BIEN HOA
17 Feb 66

File: R 569-1-25

OpO 4/66

Maps: 6344 - i, 6344 - ii, 6344 - iii, 6344 - iv.

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1. Situation.

a. Enemy Forces. Annex A (Intsum)

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 1 RAR OPCON 1 Inf Bde from time of arrival at XT 913295 on 19 Feb 66 until completion op 4/66 on approx 5 Mar 66.
- (2) 1 Inf Bde is conducting search and destroy op 'ROLLING STONE' in area between BEN CAT (XT 7433) and Rd JUNG (XT 888367) and providing security for 1 Engr Bn repairing and constructing road between BEN CAT and XT 888367. 1 Inf Bde is also conducting CA/PSYOPS programme in this area.

c. Atts and Dets.

- (1) Remaining under comd FAC team USAF
- (2) Under comd from 1600 hrs 18 Feb 66 RRU team
- (3) In DS and under comd for mov from 1200 hrs 16 Feb 66 161 Field Bty RNZA
- (4) In Sp from 0700 hrs 19 Feb 66 until completion of rd move to Bn harbour area XT 880385 E/17 Cav
- (5) In Sp from 0800 hrs 19 Feb 66 One FW ac for air op/recce. One ac RW (H-13).
- (6) Detached to Comd 1 Div from 1200 hrs 16 Feb 66 105 Field Bty RAA

2. Mission. To secure 1st Engr Bn base and protect road construction between Engr base and rd junction XT 888367.

3. Execution.

a. Gen Outline. Op will be conducted in five phases. Overlay Annex P.

- (1) Phase 1.
 - (a) Road move of Bn (-), 1 APC Tp, 161 Field Bty, 3 Fd Tp (-) to harbour area at TENT PEG (XT 880385).
 - (b) Hel lift of res Coy from 173 Bde helipad to TENT PEG (LZ THIMBLE TOP XT 878384)
- (2) Phase 2. Bn harbour night 19/20 Feb at TENT PEG.
- (3) Phase 3. Move of Bn, Gp to Engr base area at SQUARE BLOCK (posn to be advised) by APC, and veh (161 Field Bty only) on morning 20 Feb 66.
- (4) Phase 4. Security of SQUARE BLOCK and protection of recce and road constr parties during period 20 Feb to 5 Mar 66.

(5) Phase 5. Extraction from op area.

b. A Coy.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Remaining under comd. MFC
Med Asst
- (b) Under comd 1600 hrs 18 Feb Interpreter 1 RAR
Four SBs
FO Party 161 Field Bty
Two dml teams 3 Fd Tp
- (c) Under comd from 0700 hrs 3 Fd Tp (-)
19 Feb until arrival
TENT PEG
- (d) Under comd for movement Recce/Svy party 161 Fd Bty.
from 0700 hrs 19 Feb until
arrival TENT PEG.

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Phase 1. Move with APC Tp. 1st in order of movc.
Move direct to TENT PEG.
- (b) Phase 2. Harbour in loc shown in Annex T, when
harbour complete, secure LZ THIMBLE TOP
(XT 878384) for insertion C Coy. (RIPE PEANUT) Be
prepared to provide one fighting patrol
for night 19/20 Feb 66.
- (c) Phase 3 - 5. On order.

c. B Coy.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Remaining under comd MFC
Med Asst
Vietnamese Interpreter
- (b) Under comd from 1600 hrs Four SBs
18 Feb 66. Two dml teams 3 Fd Tp
- (c) Under comd for movement One sec mors.
from 0730 hrs 19 Feb 66.

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Phase 1. Move by TCV. Last in order of move after
161 Field Bty. Debuss on rd SOUTH of Coy
posn shown in Annex T.
- (b) Phase 2. Harbour in area shown in Annex T. Prepare
to provide one fighting patrol for ni 19/20
Feb 66.
- (c) Phase 3 - 5. On order.

d. C Coy.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Remaining under comd MFC
Med Asst

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j. 1 APC Tp PWLH.

(1) Phase 1.

(a) Convoy comd OC PWLH.

(b) Provide carriage for

A Coy
1 Sect 1 RAR Mor Pl
161 Fd Bty Recce party
Bn HQ tac CP Gp
40 rds 105 ammo (type decided
by BC 161 Fd Bty).

(2) Phase 2. Harbour in area as indicated in Annex T.

(3) Phase 3.

(a) Grouping.

Under comd from 0730 hrs
20 Feb until completion
move TENT PEG to SQUARE
BLOCK.

15 APC M 113 from 1/4 Cav
Tank escort (Two sects)
Cav Tp.

(b) Task. Move 1 RAR Gp by shuttle programme from TENT
PEG to SQUARE BLOCK.

(4) Phase 4 - 5. On order.

k. 161 Field Bty

(1) Grouping.

(a) Detached to A Coy for mov Recce Party
from 0700 hrs 19 Feb 66.

(b) Detached to each of A,C and One FO Party
D Coys.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1. Provide immediate fire sp en route.

(b) Phase 2. Provide fire sp to 1 RAR harbour. Harbour
as shown in Annex T. (22 rpg.).

(c) Phase 3 - 5. On order.

l. 3 Fd Tp.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under comd each rifle Coy Two dml teams.
from 1600 hrs 18 Feb 66.

(2) Tasks.

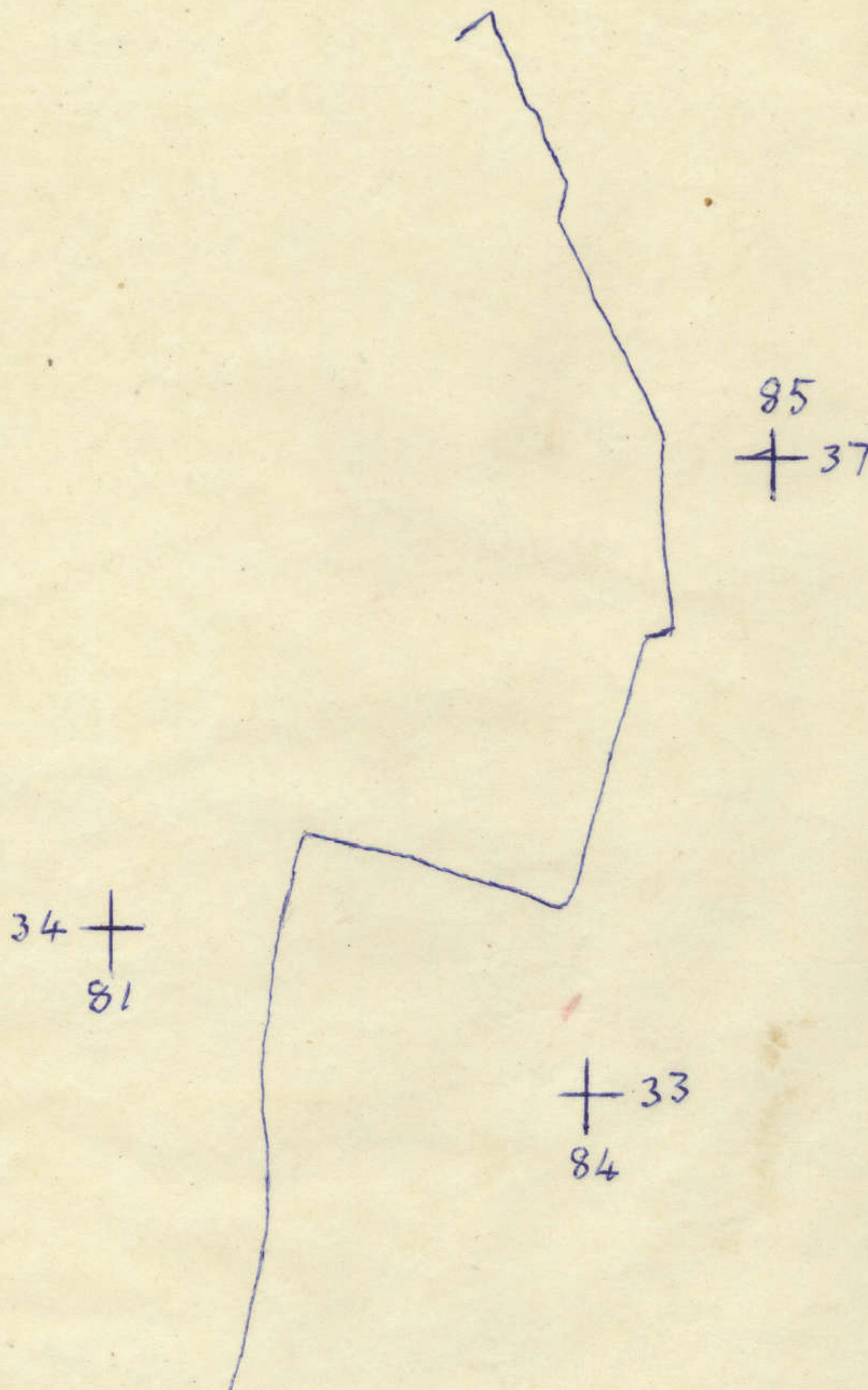
(a) Provide engr assistance as required. HQ element moves
with Bn HQ Gp.

m. Air. FAC USAF moves with CO. Be prep to sp Bn tasks during
rd mov and op.

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OVERLAY SHOWING CHANGE
TO EASTERN BOUNDARY IRAR AO/FCL
EFFECTIVE FROM 230700 HRS



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n. Coord Instrs.

- (1) Timings. Annex C. Sequence of Events.
- (2) Boundaries. Sectors, Annex P.
- (3) Road mov. Annex S.
- (4) Rules of engagement. SOP.
- (5) Curfew in area. 1800 hrs to 0600 hrs.
- (6) Dress and Recognition. SOP.
- (7) Coord and con of LZ THIMBLE TOP. A Coy.
- (8) VCC, en docus. SOP.
- (9) Reporting. SITREPS every hour at 15 mins to the hour.
During movement - SOP.
- (10) Fire Plan. Annex B.
- (11) Orders Group. All comds should be prep to attend an orders group at Bn HQ at 1500 hrs 19 Feb 66.
- (12) Air. 161 Recce Flight will be estb op base at PHUOC VINH to provide air op/recce ac on call from 0800 hrs 19 Feb 66.

4. Admin and Logistics.

- a. Under op control 1 Bde responsible own admin and log.
- b. Resup.
 - (1) Arty ammo through Arty Bn 1 Bde.
 - (2) Other commodities through A Echelon remaining present loc. Planned first resup D + 2 for two days.
- c. Rat. Three days on the nan.
- d. Water.
 - (1) One day in cans with sub units.
 - (2) WP at new loc by US Engrs.
 - (3) Filter and sterilize all locally collected water.
 - (4) A Echelon delivers one days water on call.
 - (5) AQM prepare to estb shower pt using US Engr treated and delivered water.
- e. Medical.
 - (1) DUSTOFF. See new SOI's.
 - (2) RAP. Loc with Bn HQ.
 - (3) Evac. Normal. 1 RAR pers to arrange permanent liaison usual hospitals.

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- (4) Anti Mite. All clothing including that put in sect kit bags to be treated before op.
 - (5) Malarial Precautions. Paludrine twice daily. Nets and repellent to be used.
 - f. Clothing. Each sect prepare two sets of sect kitbags to be held at Coy Q Stores. One set to be called fwd first.
 - g. Ammo.
 - (1) First Line. SOP.
 - (2) Resup. SOP.
 - (3) 81 mm Mor.
 - (a) On APC. 370 rds HE
20 rds WP
10 rds Illg
 - (b) With sect on TCV 20 rds HE
 - (4) 105 mm. 40 rds carried by 1 APC Tp.
 - h. Str Reports. Forward op str and nominal roll of rear parties by 1600 hrs D - 1.
5. Comd and Sig.
- a. Bn HQ.
 - (1) Phase 1. 2nd in order of move behind A Coy/1 APC Tp.
 - (2) Phase 2. Estb at TENT PEG as indicated in Annex T.
 - (3) Phase 3 to 4. Loc at 1 Engr Bn sp base.
 - (4) Phase 5. To be advised.
 - b. Signals.
 - (1) Radio.
 - (a) Codes. The following SOI and codes apply for the op only. A new SOI and codes are to be issued during the op for March.
 - i. Authentication 19 - 28 Feb (2 pages)
 - ii. Grid coordinate system with instructions from 19 - 28 Feb incl (3 pages). JJ code is NOT to be used.
 - iii. Radio/Telephone suffix system.
 - iv. Bde comd net.
 - v. Bn comd net per SOI 24-13 (173 Bde) with amendments as per radio diagram Annex R.
 - vi. Dustoff proforma. Dustoff is to be tasked on Bde comd net as per new SOI issue.
 - (b) Radio Diagram. Annex R attached.

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(c) Netting. Bn comd net is to open at 190700H. Bn Admin/Log net is to open on estb of Bn def posn.

(d) Additional links. A radio telephone link is estb between the Engr base and Bde HQ.

(2) Line.

(a) Rifle Coys. Coys are to carry one reel unit CE 11 filled and one tele K. Line is to be laid on estb of Bn def posn.

(b) Bn HQ. SOP. Line is to be laid to Engr swbd upon estb in Bn def posn.

c. Nicknames.

(1) Summary.

Serial	Nickname	Meaning	Issued By
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	BIG ENOS	Move, or am moving	
2	SOUND OFF	Prepare to move	
3	BLOCKS OFF	Contact pt with 1 Bde at XT 913295	
4	TUNING FORK	Rd junction at XT 884387	
5	TENT PEG	Harbour posn night 19/20 at XT880385	
6	THIMBLE TOP	LZ at XT 878384	
7	SQUARE BLOCK	Base of 1 Engr Bn	
8	JINGLE BELL	C Coy prepare to move by hel as Bn res.	CO
9	CLEAR MAN	C Coy to THIMBLE TOP ASP	CO
10	INK BLOT	Have reorg or am in a def posn	
11	TATTERED TOOL	Route BEN CAT to TUNING FORK	
12	BILLY CAN	Rd/Rly crossing XT 821345	
13	BLINKY BILL	Village at XT856361	
14	WILD BUNYIP	ARVN/PF	
15	DREAM BOAT	STAND DOWN	
16	RIPE PEANUT	LZ THIMBLE TOP secure	A Coy

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(2) Block Nicknames.

Serial	A Coy	B Coy	C Coy	D Coy
1	BIG KNOB	SLIDE RULE	PRINT PLASTIC	IRON TRACK
2	LARGE DIP	SET SQUARE	STAPLE HEAD	SOFT SHOE
3	SUMMER SMILE	PENCIL PAD	STICKY TAPE	BRASS PIN
4	COLD BEER	GREASY HANDS	PAPER PINT	LARGE NAIL
5	PLEASENT PLACE	DESK CHAIR	LEAD WAIT	PAPER COOK
6	MUDDY RIVER	OLD TENT	PRINT PRESS	HORSE CART
7	THUNDER STORM	BROKEN BRIDGE	COLOUR HILL	TIN BOX
8	RISING FAST	TENT FLAP	WET RIVER	BIG DEN
9	LITTLE CORPSE	BROKEN GLASS	RUB STONE	STEEL PIN
10	LEAD PENCIL	WINDOW PANE	DARK NIGHT	WOOD STOOL

Serial	Bn HQ	PWLH
1	CLUE BOARD	HILL TOP
2	PHOTO PLATE	BACK LASH
3	WOODEN BOX	BORROWED TIME
4	TALL TREE	RULE LINE
5	HARD HEAD	FLAT TABLE
6	SQUARE TIN	TENT FLOOR
7	SILK SCARF	NEW HOUSE
8	WRITING PAD	STEEL TUBE
9	GREEN TAPE	FIN TAIL
10	SLATTED WALL	PICKET FENCE

d. Points of Origon. The fol points of origⁿ are to be used for the op only. Any point of origⁿ may be used on any day from 180001H to 282400H Feb 66.

<u>Coordinate</u>	<u>Designation</u>
XT 9040	FOOD
XT 9030	MONTH OF THE YEAR
XT 8030	SPORTS

e. Passwords. Passwords will be issued daily. They are effective from 1200 hrs one day to 1200 hrs on the next.

f. Q Hr. Q Hr for the complete op is 0800 hrs.

g. Synchronization.

(1) Pre op. A pre op time check is to be given at 190702H.

(2) During op. Daily time checks are to be given by radio at 0715 hrs.

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Lt Col
CO 1 RAR

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Annexes.

- A - Intsum No 9 (Issued)
- B - Fire Plan (To follow)
- C - Sequence of Events
- P - Op Overlay
- Q - AGS
- R - Signals Diagram
- S - Rd mov detail (Mov table to follow)
- T - Dispositions at TENT PEG.

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OC Sp Coy (S3)

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Admin Coy	6 - 7	
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Sig Pl	10	
Aslt Pnr Pl	11	
Anti Tank Pl	12	
1 APC Tp	13 - 15	
161 Field Bty RNZA	16 - 20	
3 Fd Tp RAE	21	
709 Sig Tp	22	
161 Recce Flight	23	
E/17 Cav Tp	24	
3/319 Arty Bn	25	
105 Field Bty RAA	26	
Bde Provost Marshall		27
ALO 173 AB Bde (Sep)	28	
A/82nd Avn Coy	29	
RRU	30	
FAC	31	
1 Bde		32 - 35
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1/26 Bn		37
1 Div		38
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Annex C to
1 RAR OpO 4/66
dated Feb 66

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Serial	Time	Occurrence	Remarks
1		Issue Warning Order	
2	170830	L0 from 1 Bde arrives 1 RAR	Met by Asst S3
3	170900	Orders Group	1 RAR Briefing tent
4	171400	Hel recce from 1 RAR SOUTH pad to operational area	OC Rifle Coys Pl Comds A Coy OC 3 Fd Tp Sect Comds PWLH OC E/17 Cav Asst S3 to coord.
5	171430	LO to 1 Bde	
6	171630	Vehs arrive for rd mov	Briefed by TO
7	180700	E/17 departs on escort duty	
8	180715	a. Loading on vehs commences b. C Coy moves to Bde helipad	
9	180725	Lead elements of convoy move	
10	180730	1st Veh 1 APC Tp crosses SP	
11	181000 : Approx	1st Veh 1 APC Tp reaches XT 913295 (BLOCKS OFF)	Change to under comd less admin 1 Bde
12	181230 Approx	Convoy complete at (TUNING FORK) XT 884387	
13	181245 Approx	Convoy commences to return to BIEN HOA	
14	181330	LZ THIMBLE TOP secure. C Coy moves on receipt CLEAR MAN	
14	190730	1/4 Cav Tp and APCs from 1 Bde arrive at TENT PEG	Under comd Capt R K HILL
15	190800	Move to SQUARE BLOCK commences	

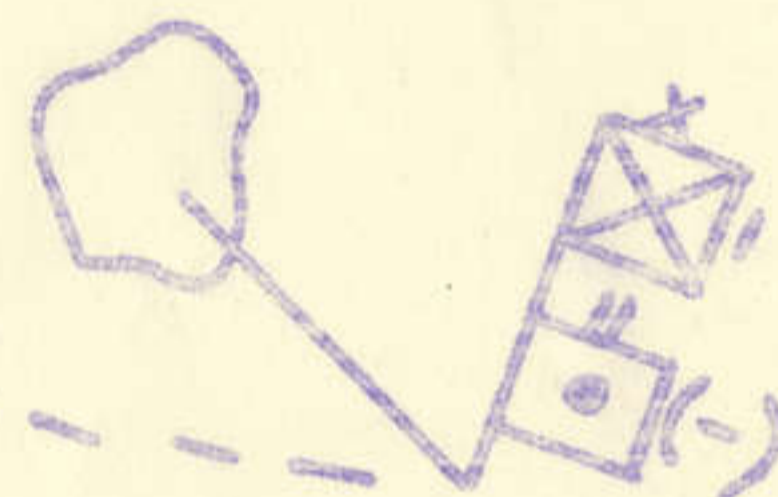
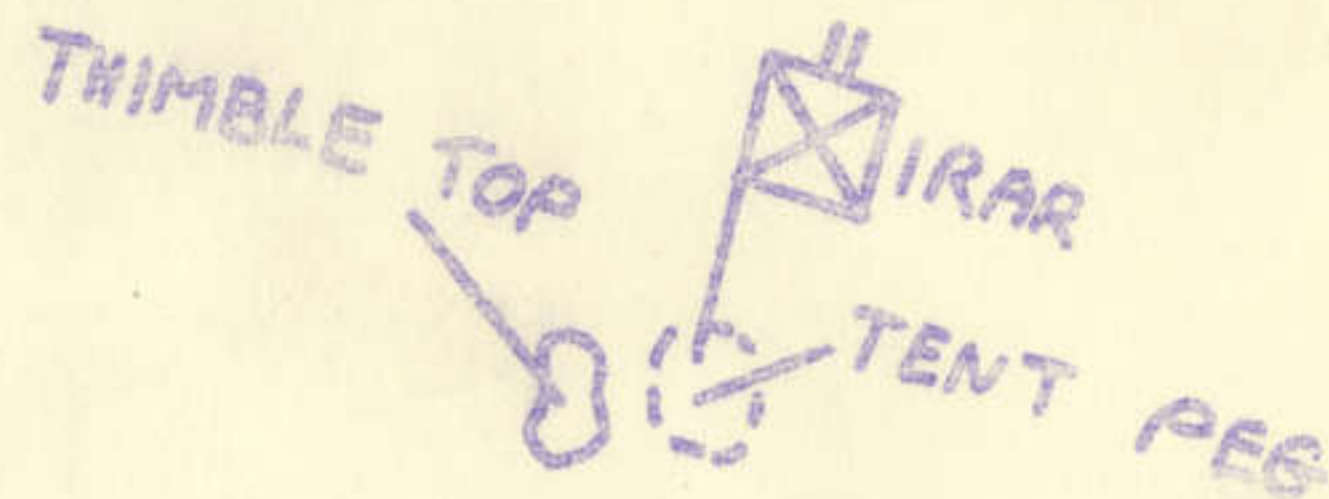
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IRAR OPO 4/66
Dated 18 FEB 66

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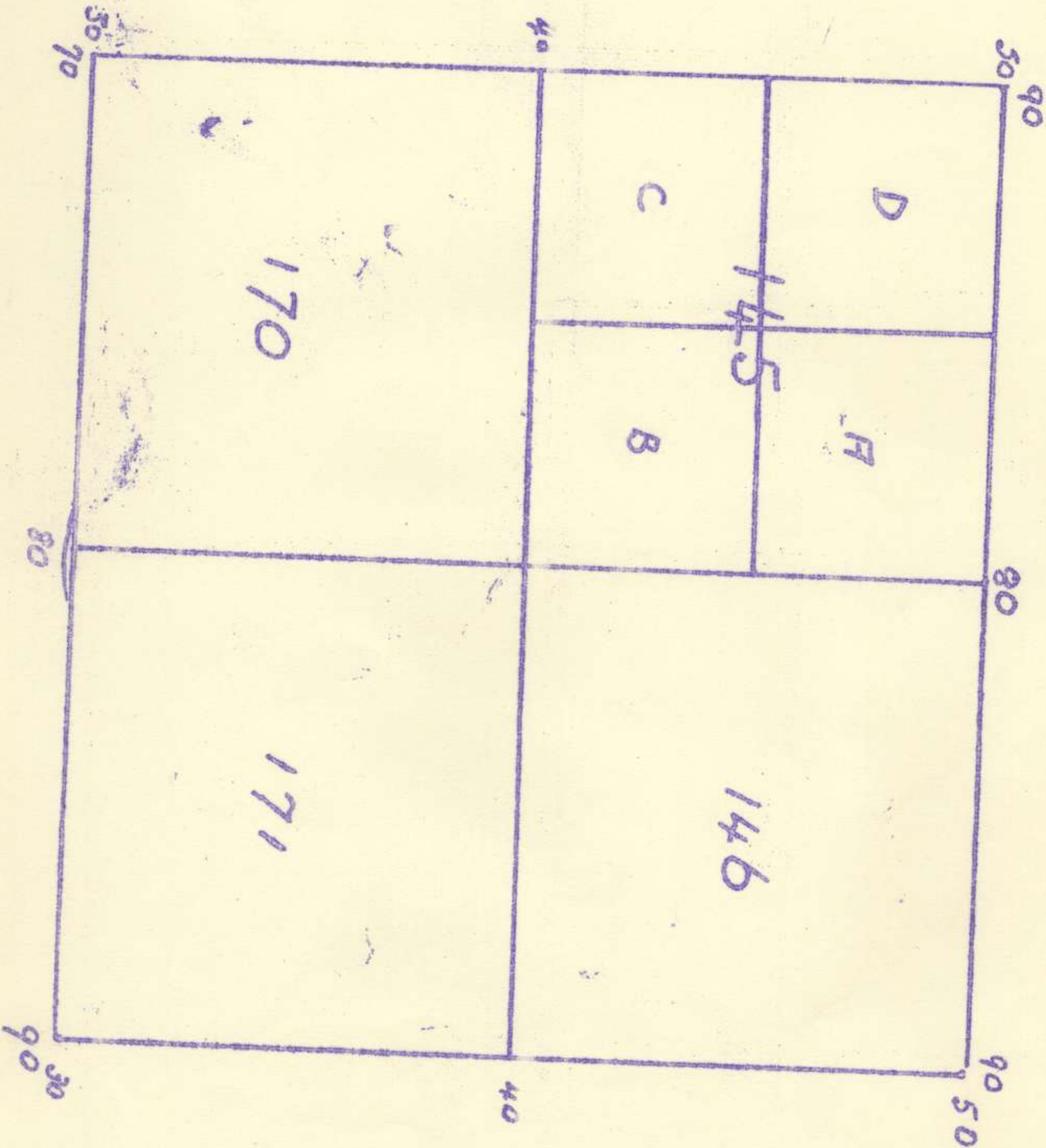
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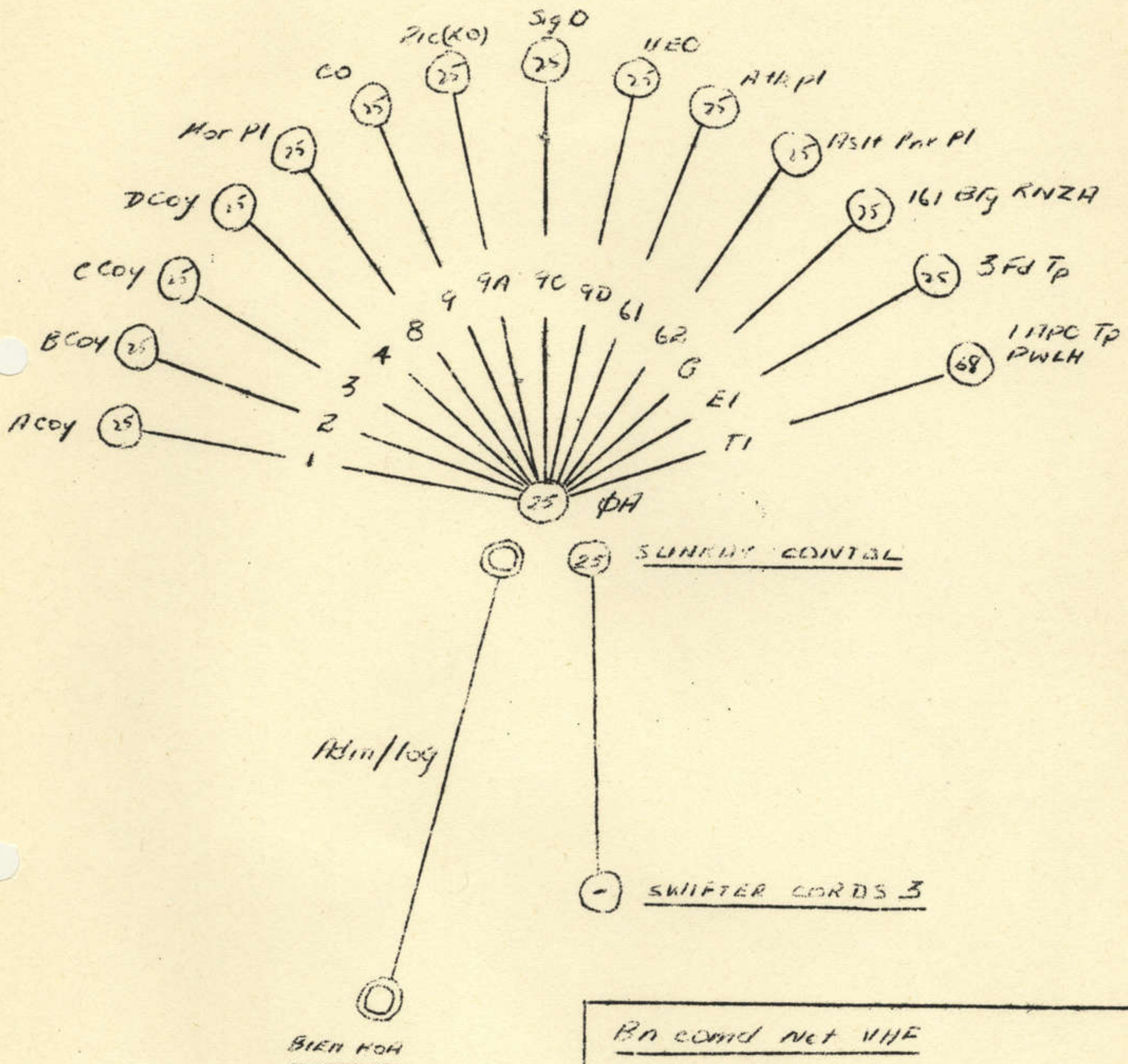
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RADIO DIAGRAM

ANNEX R' 10
#RAR 0904/66
DATED 18 FEB 66



Bn comm net VHF
f1 - 50.7 Mc/s
f2 - 44.3 Mc/s

Bn Admin/Log net
f1 - 3519 Kc/s
f2 - 3780 Kc/s
f3 - 7715 Kc/s
f4 - 8615 Kc/s

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Annex S to
1 RAR OpO 4/66
dated 8 Feb 66.

CONVOY DETAILS

1. Comd. OC 1 APC Tp is convoy comd.
2. Order of march.

Packet	Details	Remarks
Pkt 1 Comd OC A Coy	One sect APC Pl A Coy Comd APC T1 HQ A Coy One sect APC Pl A Coy One sect APC Pl A Coy Sp sect APC Sect Mor Pl	Incl: Bty recce party (3) 3 Fd Tp (-) (15) Bn HQ recce group (6)
Pkt 2 Comd Asst S3	HQ sect APC Bn Tac CP RAP	CP Group (16) Rap (5)
Pkt 3 Comd OC Anti Tank Pl	8 TCV	Anti Tank, Asly Pnr Pls Bn HQ Gp
Pkt 4 Comd OC D Coy	7 TCV	
Pkt 5 Comd BK 161 Fd Bty	4 LR and 105 Pack/how 5 LR and tlr 1 RRU veh	
Pkt 6 Comd OC B Coy	8 TCV 1 Recovery veh	

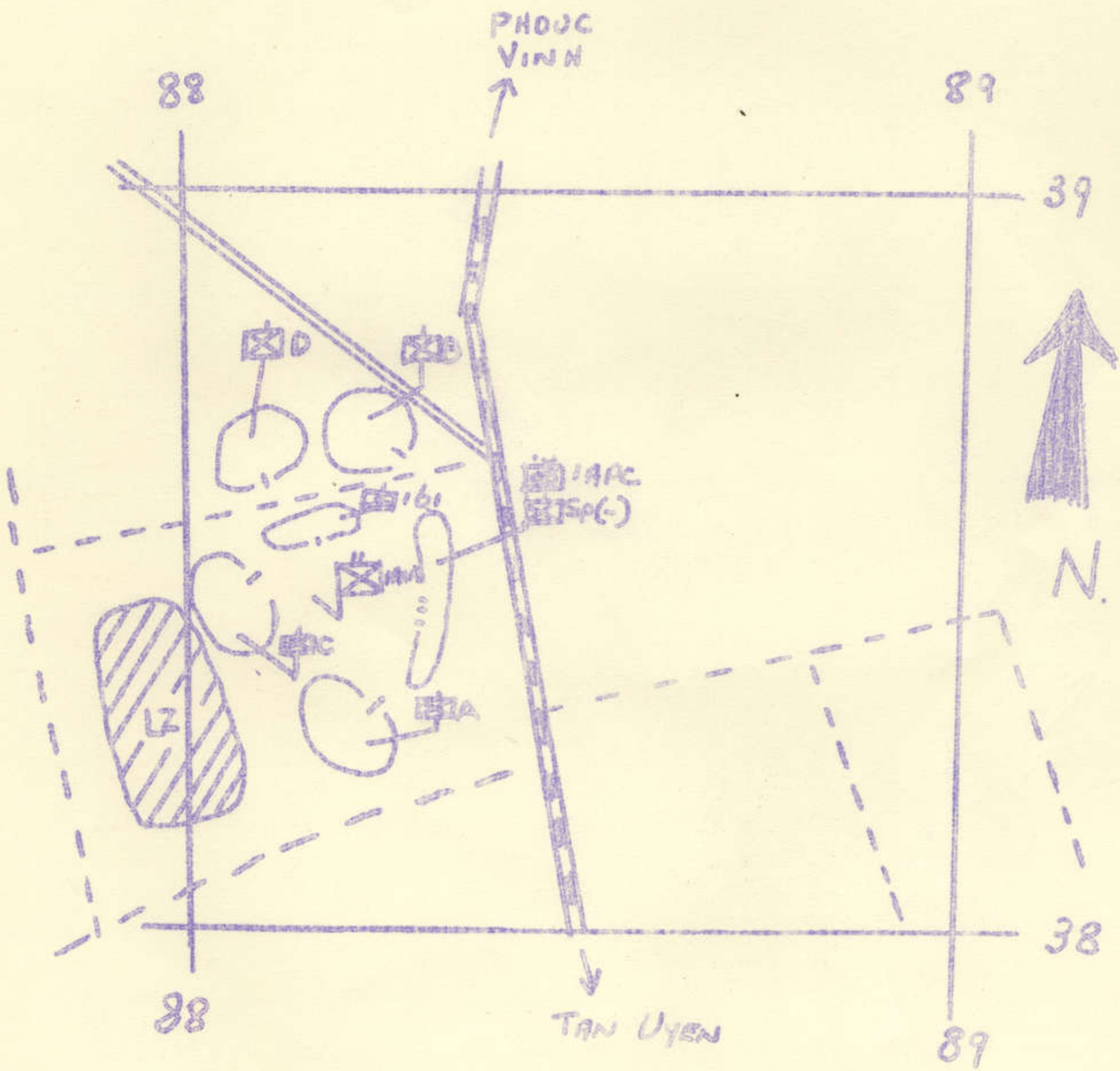
3. Vehs are to be loaded with 16 men.
4. Veh spacing. 50 metres, or dust distance ; but visual contact must be maintained at all times.
5. Distance between packets 400 metres.
6. Security. SOP.
7. Action on contact. SOP.
8. Recovery. Overtake damaged or defective vehs. Pkt comd resp for protection. Recovery by recovery vehicle at tail of column.
9. Average speed. 20 MPH.
10. Rd table movement to follow after issue by 173 AB Bde (Sep)

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Annex 'T' to
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BN LAYOUT POSN TENT PIRG
HARBOUR NIGHT 19/20 FEB



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ANNEX G (Sequence of Events) to OPORD 30-65 (Operation KICKOFF)

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS (Corrected Copy)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>"D" DAY</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
1	0630		TF E/17 crosses SP
2	0630		TF 1/503 station time at SNAKEPIT
3	0650		1st element TF 1/503 load A/C
4	0700		1st element TF 1/503 departs SNAKEPIT
5	0700		CH-47 helicopters arrive 3/319th area for loading of C Btry
6	0700		TF 3/319 crosses SP moves to and occupies position Whiskey
7	0720		1st element TF 1/503 lands LZ Whiskey
8	0730		C 3/319 departs BH
9	0750		C 3/319 land vicinity LZ Whiskey
10	0805		2d element TF 1/503 lands LZ Whiskey
11	0810		Advance party and mortar platoon 2/503 station time Bde Rear LOC
12	0830		A/C refuel at SNAKEPIT
13	0840		Advance party and mortar platoon depart rear LOC via CH-47 helicopters
14	0845		TF 1/RAR station time at SNAKEPIT
15	0900		Advance party and mortar platoon 2/503 land Bao Trai airstrip
16	0905		1st element TF 1/RAR load A/C
17	0915		1st element TF 1/RAR departs SNAKEPIT
18	0935		1st element TF 1/RAR lands LZ Whiskey
19	1020		2d element TF 1/RAR lands LZ Whiskey
20	1045		A/C refuel at SNAKEPIT
21	1100		TF 2/503 station time at SNAKEPIT
22	1120		1st element TF 2/503 load A/C
23	1130		1st element TF 2/503 depart SNAKEPIT
24	1130-1330		3/319 Arty conducts registration on LZ Vodka
25	1150		1st element TF 2/503 lands LZ Whiskey
26	1240		2d element TF 2/503 lands LZ Whiskey
27	1300		A/C refuel at SNAKEPIT

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ANNEX G SEQUENCE OF EVENTS (Continued)

- H {
- 28 H-45 TAC Air Strike LZ Vodka
 - 29 H-40 A/C depart SNAKEPIT
 - 30 H-40 Mortar platoon TF 1/503 station time at Bde Rear LOC
 - 31 H-25 Mortar platoon TF 1/503 load A/C
 - 32 H-20 A/C land LZ Whiskey
 - 33 H-20 1st element TF 1/503 load A/C
 - 34 H-15 1st element TF 1/503 departs LZ Whiskey
 - 35 H-15 Arty preparatory fires LZ Vodka
 - 36 H-5 Armed helicopter strike, mark and recon LZ Vodka
 - 37 H-Hour(1425) 1st element TF 1/503 lands LZ Vodka
 - 38 H+5 Mortar platoon TF 1/503 lands LZ Vodka
 - 39 H+30 2d element TF 1/503 lands LZ Vodka
 - 40 H+35 Mortar platoon 1/503 lands LZ Vodka
- X {
- 41 X-1:05 A/C refuel at SNAKEPIT
 - 42 X-45 TAC Air strike LZ Scotch
 - 43 X-35 A/C depart SNAKEPIT
 - 44 X-15 Arty preparatory fires LZ Scotch
 - 45 X-15 A/C land LZ Whiskey
 - 46 X-15 1st element TF 1/RAR load A/C
 - 47 X-10 1st element TF 1/RAR depart LZ Whiskey
 - 48 X-5 Armed helicopter strike, mark and recon LZ Scotch
 - 49 X-Hour(1620) 1st element TF 1/RAR lands LZ Scotch
 - 50 X+30 2d element TF 1/RAR lands LZ Scotch
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- 1 H-45 TAC Air strike LZ Wine
 - 2 H-35 A/C depart SNAKEPIT
 - 3 H-15 Arty preparatory fires LZ Wine
 - 4 H-15 A/C arrive LZ Whiskey
 - 5 H-15 1st element TF 2/503 load A/C
 - 6 H-10 1st element TF 2/503 depart LZ Whiskey
 - 7 H-5 Armed helicopter strike, mark and recon LZ Wine
 - 8 H-Hour(0800) 1st element TF 2/503 lands LZ Wine
 - 9 H+30 2d element TF 2/503 lands LZ Wine
 - 10 H+35 Mortar platoon 2/503 lands LZ Wine

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Reference: Maps, Vietnam: 1:50,000, Series L701, Sheets 6344 II, 6343 I

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: See current ISUM

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) 173d Abn Bde (Sep) reinforces 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div with 1/RAR; furnishes RAA Battery to OPCON, 1st Inf Div Arty and secures the base camp of 2d Bde, 1st Inf Div, and rock quarry vicinity 977023. 173d Abn Bde (-) continues current mission.

(2) 2/503 continues mission.

(3) 1/RAR conducts operations under operational control of 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div commencing with motor march at 190730 Feb.

(4) C3/319th Arty GS of 1/503 operating in 1/RAR TAOR.

c. Attachments and Detachments: None

2. MISSION: 1/503 assumes responsibility for 1/RAR TAOR effective 191000 Feb; prepare to assume mission of securing RMK rock quarry vic Saigon University with one rifle platoon and the base camp of 2d Bde, 1st Inf Div at Bear Cat Range with one rifle company, on order.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of operation: 1/503 conducts daylight search and destroy patrols and establishes night ambush sites in 1/RAR TAOR as indicated below. Security missions for 1st Inf Div TAOR to be executed on order. Annex A, Operations Overlay, depicts patrol zones in 1/RAR TAOR.

b. A1/503:

(1) 200900 - 210900 Feb - 2 plats patrol zone B; establish 2 ambush sites zone B.

(2) 210900 - 220900 Feb - 1 plat patrol zone H; establish 1 ambush site zone H.

(3) 250900 - 260900 Feb - 1 plat patrol zone A; establish 1 ambush site zone A.

c. B1/503:

(1) 191000 - 200900 Feb - 2 plats patrol zone A; establish 2 ambush sites zone A.

(2) 220900 - 230900 Feb - 2 plats patrol zone C, E & G; establish 2 ambush sites zone G.

d. C1/503:

(1) 230900 - 240900 Feb - 2 plats patrol zones D, E & B; establish 2 ambush sites zone B.

(2) 240900 - 250900 Feb - 2 plats patrol zones B & H; establish 2 ambush sites zone H.

e. Recon Plat: Attached to A1/503 for missions below.

(1) 210900 - 220900 Feb - 1 plat (40 men) patrol zone H; establish 1 ambush site zone H.

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e. (2) 250900 - 260900 Feb - 1 plat patrol zone B; establish 1 ambush site zone B.

(3) Provide security for motor transport

f. Mortar Plat:

(1) DS of all patrols and ambushes in 1/RAR TAOR.

(2) Displace to firing position vic CP, 1/RAR on order.

g. 1/503 (-) continues current mission.

h. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Patrols and ambushes will be mutually supporting.

(2) Arty and 4.2 FO's with each patrol.

(3) Starlight devices will be carried.

(4) "C" Rations as prescribed by unit commanders.

(5) 1/RAR, Rear Detachment, retains control of zones J, K & F south of GL 17 (Annex A, Operations Overlay).

(6) SITREPS hourly on the hour.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: S-4 provide transportation to and from RP vic O22178.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal:

(1) Current SOI in effect.

(2) Patrols and ambushes on Bn Command Net.

(3) 1/RAR Rear Detachment, monitors 1/503 Command Net.

(4) Arty FO's monitor F-1 frequency.

b. Command: CO at this location.

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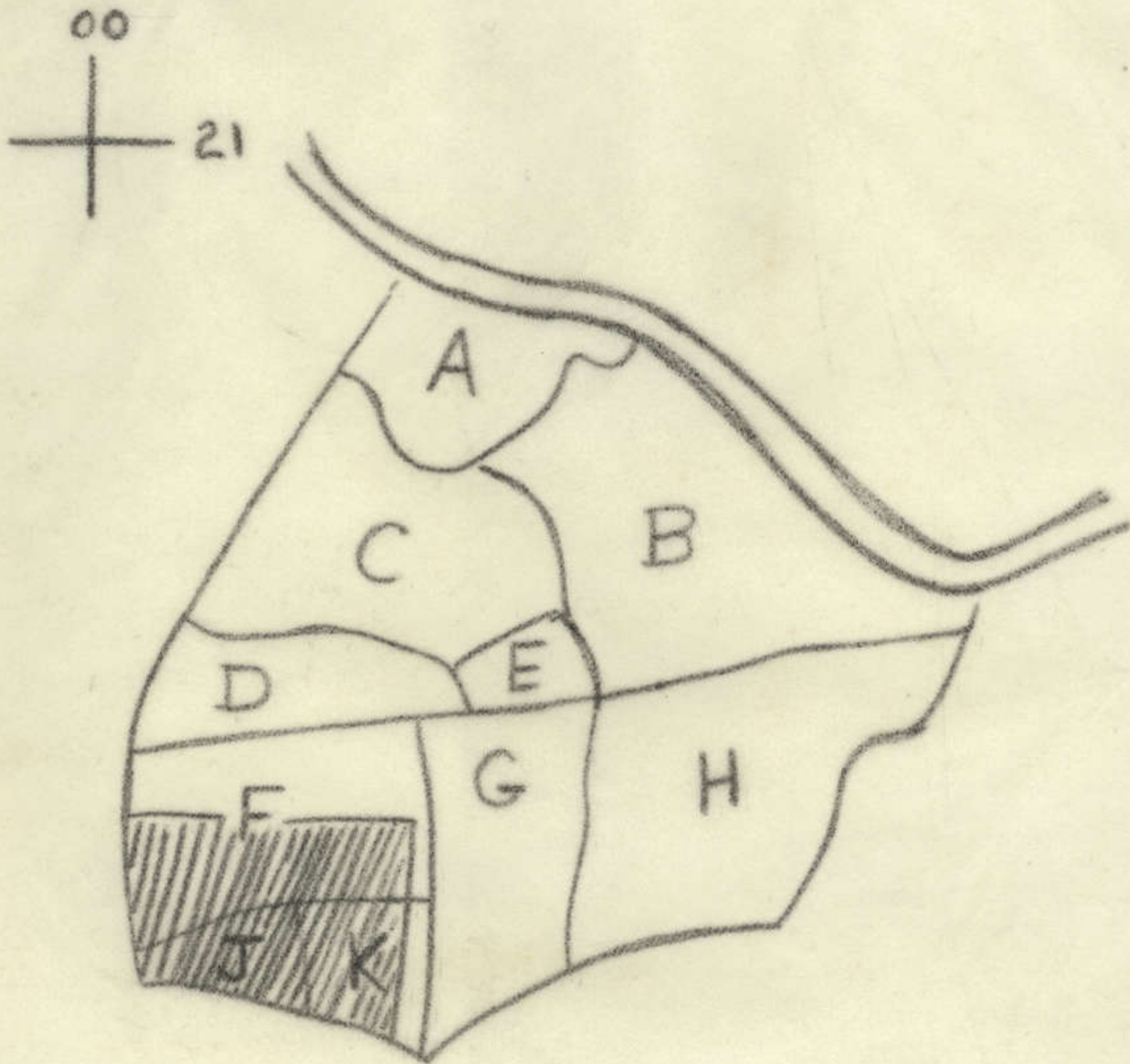
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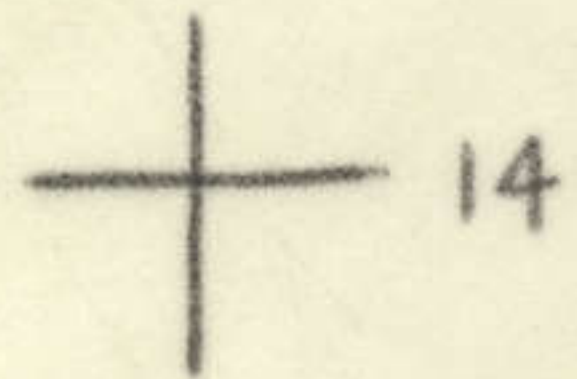


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References: Map Sheet Series L701, Sheets 6344II, III

Time Zone: Hotel

1. SITUATION:
 - a. Enemy Forces: Annex A
 - b. Friendly Forces: 173d Abn Bde reacts to destroy VC force in Tan Uyen Phu Loi area.
 - c. Attachments & Detachments: Current Task Organization.
2. MISSION: 2/503 searches assigned AO. to destroy any VC forces.
3. EXECUTION:
 - a. Concept of Operation:
 - (1) Maneuver: 2/503 assault LZ CHRIS in order of B, A and Command Group. C Co remains at Camp Zinn in reserve. 2/503 searches assigned area and prepares for extraction ON ORDER.
 - (2) Fire Support: Arty preparation on LZ CHRIS from 0830 to 0850. TAC Air preparation from 0850 to 0905. Fire Team from A Co 82d Avn Bn will provide suppressive fire on LZ for lifts. One (1) 8" Arty Btry and one (1) 105mm Btry in direct support.
 - b. A 2/503: 2nd company on LZ. Assemble on north side of LZ CHRIS. ON ORDER, move along Axis RED to seize and secure Obj CAROL. Be prepared to continue attack to Obj BETTY ON ORDER.
 - c. B 2/503: Secure LZ CHRIS for Bn. ON ORDER, move along Axis WHITE to seize and secure objective KITTY. Be prepared to continue attack to ELSIE ON ORDER.
 - d. C 2/503: Remain at Camp Zinn as Bn Reserve. Be prepared to move to Bde helicopter pad for deployment ON ORDER.
 - e. HHC, 2/503: Last element on LZ CHRIS. Assemble on south portion of LZ. Initially follow A Co on Axis RED.
 - f. Coordinating Instructions:
 - (1) Points of Origin: BEER 9126
STATES 8827
 - (2) Time Code: X-Hour 0900
Y-Hour 1215
Z-Hour 1630
 - (3) Units report situation hourly on the 3/4 hour.
 - (4) S-4 will provide transportation for 400 personnel at 0745 hours and have transportation for 180 personnel stand by with C Co.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: Two (2) C-ration meals will be carried.
Ammunition: SOP.
5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:
 - a. Signal: Current SOI in effect.
 - b. Command: Bn CO Airborne initially. Remainder of command group follows A Co on Axis RED.

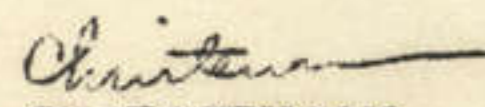
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1. 0745 - B Co load trucks.
2. 0755 - Trucks depart Camp Zinn
3. 0815 - A Co and Cmd Group load truck.
4. 0820 - A Co and Cmd Gp departs .
5. 0840 - 1 lift load aircraft.
6. 0850 - 1 lift departs.
7. 0910 - 1 lift land LZ CHRIS.
8. 0935 - 2 lift land LZ CHRIS.
9. 1000 - 3 lift land LZ CHRIS.

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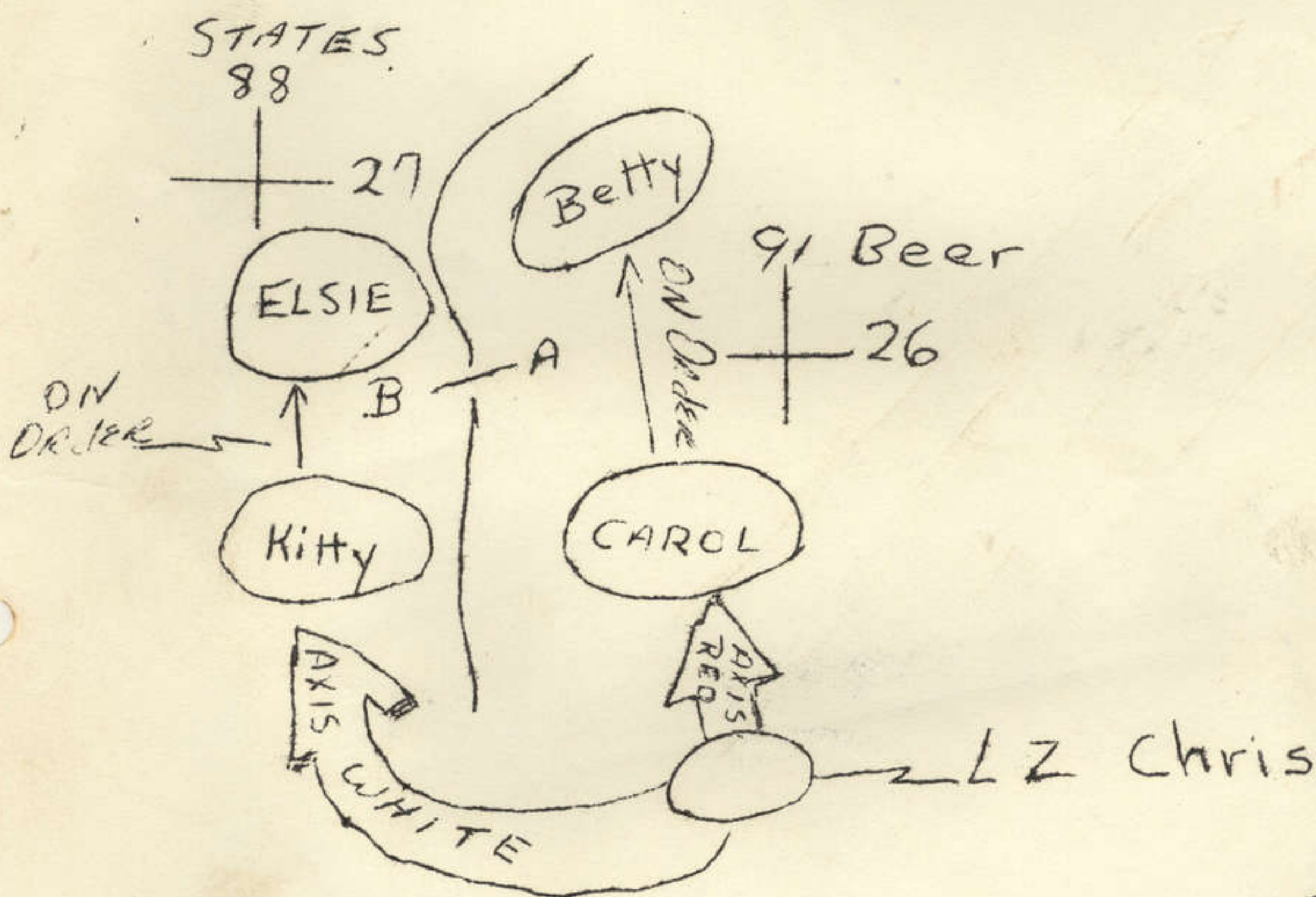
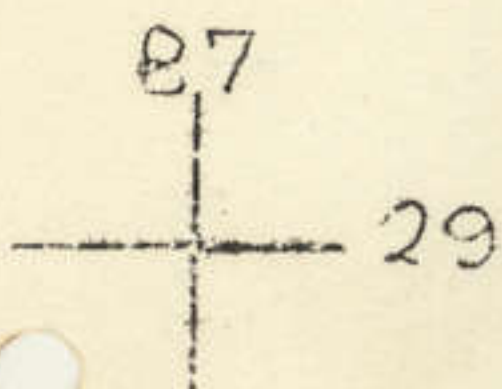
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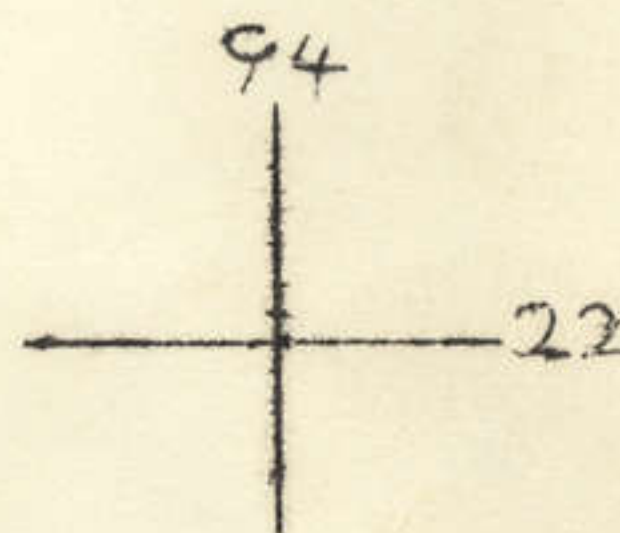
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TASK ORGANIZATION: TF E/17
E/17th Cav
Mortar Plat, D/16

TF 1/RAR
1/RAR
161st Fld Btry RNZA
RRU Team

1. (C) SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: Current INSUM.

b. Friendly Forces:

- (1) 1st Inf Div (-) conducts Operation MASTIFF.
- (2) 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div continues repairing road between Ben Cat (XT 741331) and Route 16 (OPERATION ROLLING STONE).

2. (C) MISSION: 173d Abn Bde (Sep) reinforces 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div with 1st Infantry Battalion RAR, furnishes Australian Artillery Battery to OPCON Divarty; and secures 2d Bde Base Camp and RMK Rock Quarry.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation:

(1) Maneuver: TF E/17 clears route RED commencing 190700H Feb 66. 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div secures route RED from RP to CP7. TF 1/RAR (-) moves over route RED to 1st Bde Base commencing 190730H Feb 66. TF RAA moves over route BLUE to PHU LOI commencing 200830H Feb 66.

(2) Fire Support: 3/319 coordinates fire support for motor convoy through A Btry 6/27 Arty (8 in SP). 1st Bde provides fire support for convoy on 19 Feb after convoy passes RJ vic GC 921288. TAC Air support on call.

b. TF 1/RAR:

(1) Maintain a 130 man reaction force to be moved by 10 slicks from Bde Pad commencing 190730H Feb 66. Plan on 6 persons 1st lift, 7 persons 2d lift.

(2) Bn (-) move by motor convoy over Route RED to 1st Bde base commencing 190730H Feb 66.

(3) Conduct operations under operational control of 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div, commencing on arrival 1st Bde Base.

(4) Return to operational control of 173d Abn Bde on order.

c. 1/503:

(1) Assume responsibility for 1/RAR TAOR effective 191000H Feb 66.

(2) Prepare to assume mission of securing RMK Rock Quarry vic Saigon University with not less than one rifle platoon NLT 201200H Feb '66.

(3) Prepare to secure 2d Bde Base Camp at Bear Cat Range with one rifle company NLT 201200H Feb 66.

d. TF E/17:

(1) Conduct route clearance of route RED commencing 190700H Feb 66. 1st Bde will secure route RED from RP to CP7.

(2) Escort wheel vehicle convoy on return trip to Bien Hoa, 19 Feb.

(3) Conduct route clearance Route BLUE with not less than one platoon, commencing 200800H Feb 66, and return to Bien Hoa when TF 105 Btry RAA closes at PHU LOI.

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e. 3/319:

- (1) Coordinate supporting fire for convoy with A Btry, 6/27 Arty (8 in, SP) and 1/5 Arty (DS, 1st Bde).
- (2) Be prepared to furnish DS btry to CO 1/503 in Bear Cat Range Area.

f. TF 105 Fld Btry, RA:

- (1) Move to PHU LOI (XT 8314) over Route BLUE commencing 200830H Feb.
- (2) Released to operational control of 1st Inf Divarty upon arrival at PHU LOI.

g. A/82:

- (1) Provide fire team for support wheel convoy during movement.
- (2) Provide air lift for reaction force.

h. Bde (-): Continue present mission.

i. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Attachments effective 190600H Feb 66.
- (2) Operational control of 1/RAAR passes to 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div when TF 1/RAAR reaches RP, GC XT 888366.
- (3) Wheel vehicles used to transport 1/RAAR will return under control of CO TF E/17.
- (4) Reaction Force deploys by air to 1st Bde Base Camp on order, if not deployed prior to arrival of TF 1/RAAR (-) at that location.
- (5) One FAC and one Arty FO will remain on airborne station during wheel convoy movement on 19 Feb 66.
- (6) Report crossing of check points, SP and RP.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:

a. Resupply:

- (1) 1/RAAR resupply will be requested from unit to which attached.
- (2) RAAR will be resupplied by Divarty.

b. Medevac: Requests for air Medevac will be submitted through 1st Inf Div channels.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

- a. Current SOI in effect.
- b. Bde CP remains at Bien Hoa.

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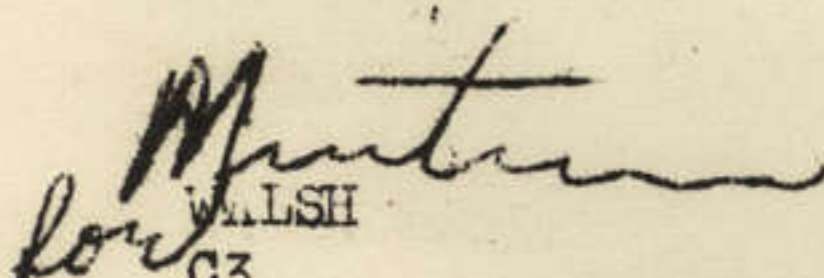
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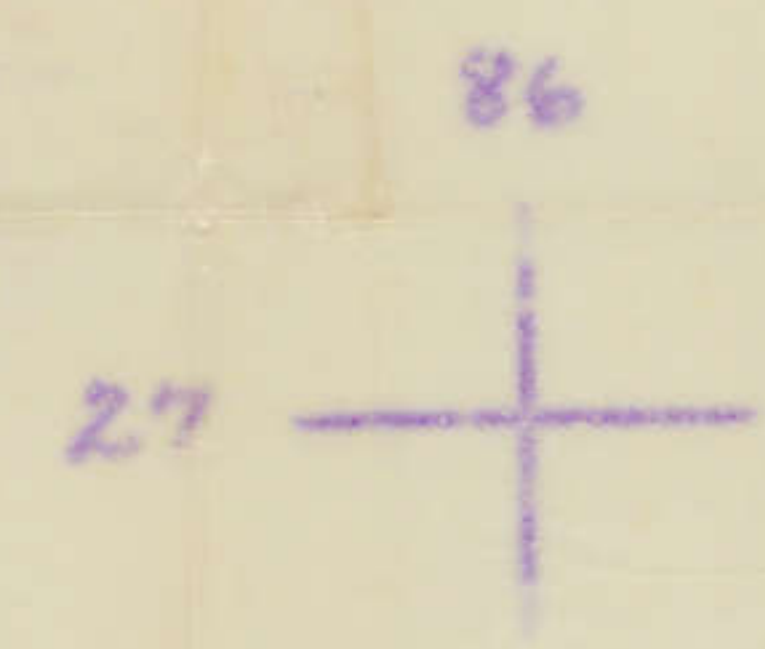
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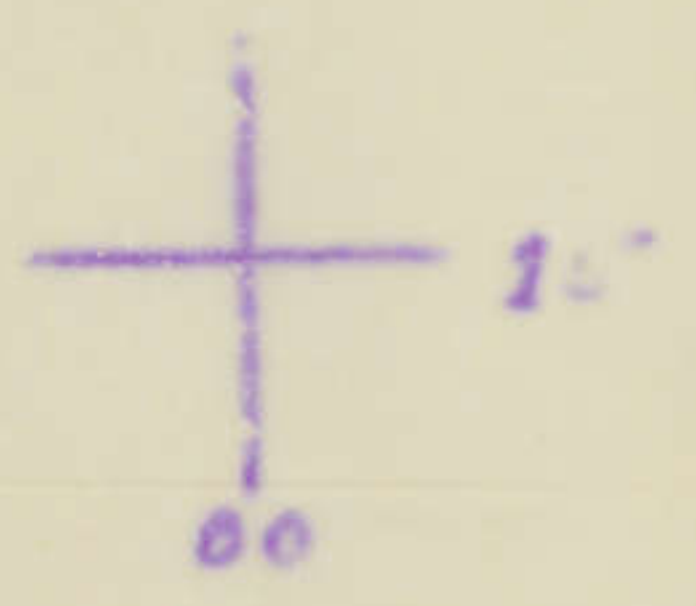
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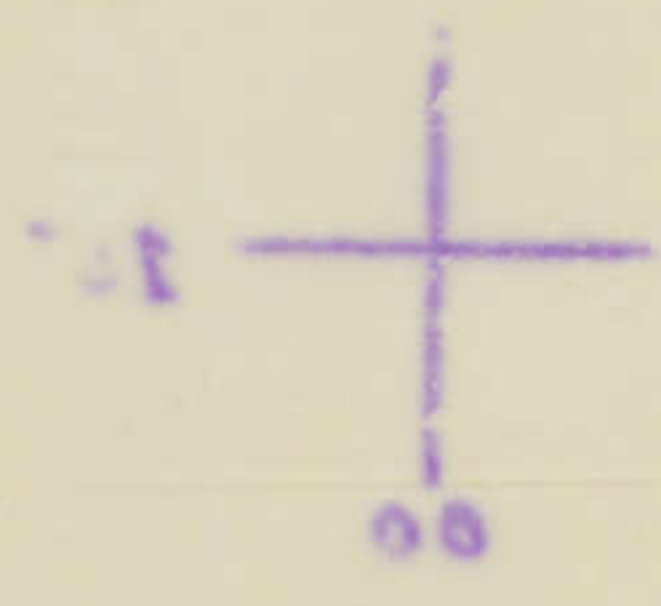
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1. (C) SITUATION:

a. Friendly:

- (1) 1st Inf Div (-) conducts Operation MASTIFF.
- (2) 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div, continues Operation ROLLING STONE.

b. Enemy: Current INSUM.

c. Attachments and Detachments: 1/RAR and 161 RNZA released to OPCON 1st Bde on 19 Feb 66. 105 Fld Btry, RAA, released to OPCON 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div on 20 Feb 66.

2. (C) MISSION: 173d Abn Bde (Sep) (-) continues to secure Bde TAOR; protects 2d Bde base camp (BEAR CAT Area); and conducts small unit operations in the vic of 2d Bde base camp near Bien Hoa during Operation MASTIFF.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation: 173d Abn Bde (Sep) (-) continues defense of Bde TAOR; secures rock quarry vic US Army Staging Area; and protects the base areas of 2d Bde, by positioning forces in areas of responsibility as required and conducting extensive patrolling.

b. 1/503:

(1) Position one rifle company in the vic of 2d Bde base camp (YT 165000) NLT 201200H Feb 66, to protect base camp area; provide security for engineer work parties; and secure water point (YS 122970).

(2) Company remains under control of parent battalion.

(3) Assume mission of securing rock quarry vic US Army Staging Area with not less than one rifle platoon NLT 201200H Feb 66.

(4) Conduct small unit operations within 2d Bde base camp TAOR near Bien Hoa.

(5) Assume responsibility for 1/RAR TAOR effective 191000H Feb 66.

c. 3/319:

(1) Furnish DS Btry to CO, 1/503 in BEAR CAT area.

(2) Btry to be positioned vic YT 167999 NLT 201200H Feb 66.

(3) Move with company 1/503.

d. 2/503: Be prepared to conduct small unit operations within 2d Bde base camp TAOR near Bien Hoa.

e. E/17 Cav: Be prepared to conduct small unit operations within 2d Bde base camp TAOR near Bien Hoa.

f. Bde (-): Continue present mission.

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f. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Units may be rotated as desired.

(2) Operations and security missions in the BEAR CAT area will be coordinated with BEAR CAT Coordinator (Captain SACCO, representative of 2d Bde, 1st Inf Div, located at the base camp-Callsign BEDLOW SCHEMER 24-Freq 41.3) who is responsible for daily coordination with engineer units; the BEAR CAT training camp (ARVN) and Long Thanh Province; and will advise as to their activities and movements.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:

a. Resupply: Resupply of units in the BEAR CAT area will be accomplished by parent units.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Current SOI in effect.

b. Bde CP remains at Bien Hoa.

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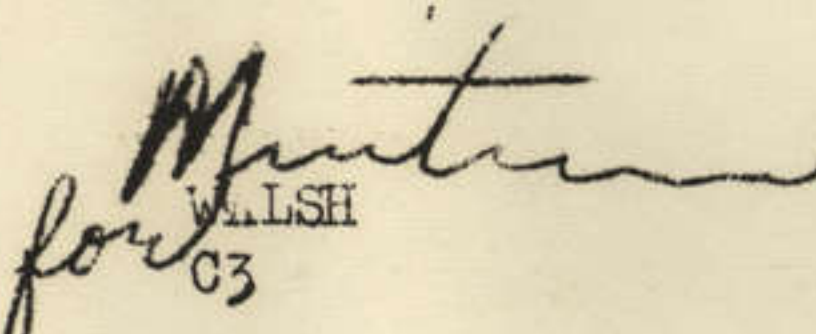
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40 Mile TDM
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North East Base Coordination
Center VI 165533

40 Mile TDM
(Main Road)

The area depicted by the Overlay will
be open to all 4th AFU aircraft
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North East Base T-100
Base VI 165533

40 Mile TDM

Relative location for
area VI 165533

Water Point
VI 162900

Accession

VI 162900
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References: Maps Vietnam: 1:50,000, Series L701, Sheets 6344 II, 6343 I, 6343 II, 6443 IV; Frag Order 6-66, Hq 173d Abn Bde (Sep), 181800 Feb 66.

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: No change

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) No change

(2) No change

(3) No change

(4) No change

(5) B 3/319 Arty DS A 1/503 in Bear Cat area.

c. Attachments and Detachments: None

2. MISSION: 1/503 continues securing 1/RAR TAOR; secures RMK rock quarry vic Saigon University with 1 rifle platoon effective 201200 Feb; secure 2d Bde Base Camp at Bear Cat Range with 1 rifle company effective 201200 Feb and conducts small unit operations within 2d Bde base camp TAOR near BIEN HOA.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation: 1/503 conducts daylight search and destroy patrols and establishes night ambush sites in 1RAR TAOR and secures 1st Inf Div area as indicated below.

b. A 1/503: (Effective 201200 Feb)

(1) Protect 2d Bde, 1st Inf Div base camp (YT 165000)

(2) Provide security for engineer work parties

(3) Secure water point (YS 122970)

c. B 1/503: (See Annex A to OPORD 4-66)

(1) Attach one (1) 81mm Mort Sqd and FDC to Recon Plat.

(2) 191000 - 200900 Feb - 2 plats patrol Zone A;
establish 2 ambush sites Zone A.

(3) 210900 - 220900 Feb - 2 plats patrol Zone H;
establish 2 ambush sites Zone H

(4) 230900 - 240900 Feb - 2 plats patrol Zones D, E & B;
establish 2 ambush sites Zone B

(5) 250900 - 260900 Feb - 2 plats patrol Zones A & B;
establish 1 ambush site in Zone A and 1 in Zone B.

d. C 1/503: (See Annex A to OPORD 4-66)

(1) Attach one (1) 81mm Mort Sqd to Recon Plat

(2) 200900 - 210900 Feb - 2 plats patrol Zone B;
establish 2 ambush sites Zone B

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(3) 220900 - 230900 Feb - 2 plato patrol Zones C, E & G;
establish 2 ambush sites Zone G

(4) 240900 - 250900 Feb - 2 plato patrol Zones B & H;
establish 2 ambush sites Zone H

e. Recon Plat:

Attached: Two (2) 81mm Mort Sqds and FDC.

(1) Secure RMK rock quarry effective 201200 Feb

a Protect civilian workers and equipment during day-
light hours.

b Secure equipment and facilities during hours of
darkness.

(2) Conduct motorized patrols within 2d Bde base camp
TAOR vic YT 055110 during daylight hours

(3) Provide security for motor transport from Camp Ray to
RP vic C22178 daily.

f. Mort Plat:

(1) No change

(2) No change

g. 1/503 (-) continues current mission

h. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Patrols and ambushes in 1/RAR TAOR will be mutually
supporting

(2) Arty and 4.2 FO's with each patrol in 1/RAR TAOR.

(3) No change

(4) See par 4, ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICS below

(5) No change

(6) SITREPS:

a Units in 1/RAR TAOR

1 On departure from Camp Ray

2 On arrival at RP

3 Hourly on the hour

b A 1/503: Hourly on the half hour

c Recon Plat: Hourly on the hour

(7) A 1/503 and Recon Plat submit overlays of defensive
positions and patrols daily.

(8) The following Points of Origin will be used during
effective time only:

<u>EFFECTIVE DATE/TIME</u>	<u>POINTS OF ORIGIN (Bear Cat Range)</u>
191200 - 201200	GIRL - 1602
201200 - 211200	BOY - 1700
211200 - 221200	DOG - 1501

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<u>EFFECTIVE DATE/TIME</u>	<u>POINTS OF ORIGIN</u>	<u>Near Cat Range Cont'd</u>
221200 - 231200	RIVER (US)	- 1400
231200 - 241200	SPORT	- 1800
241200 - 251200	FISH	- 1701
251200 - 261200	CITY	- 1503
	<u>POINTS OF ORIGIN</u>	<u>(2d Bde TAOR)</u>
191200 - 201200	CITY	- 1110
201200 - 211200	FISH	- 1410
211200 - 221200	BOY	- 1209
221200 - 231200	SPORT	- 1108
231200 - 241200	RIVER (US)	- 1209
241200 - 251200	DOG	- 1309
251200 - 261200	GIRL	- 1210
	<u>POINTS OF ORIGIN</u>	<u>(1/RAR TAOR)</u>
191200 - 201200	SPORT	- 0219
201200 - 211200	GIRL	- 0119
211200 - 221200	CITY	- 0319
221200 - 231200	FISH	- 0220
231200 - 241200	DOG	- 0320
241200 - 251200	BOY	- 0118
251200 - 261200	RIVER (US)	- 0218

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS (Annex A)

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal:

- (1) No change
- (2) Patrols and ambushes in 1/RAR TAOR on Bn command net
- (3) No change
- (4) No change

b. Command: No change

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Reference: Same as OPORD 4-66

Time Zone: Hotel

1. GENERAL:

a. S4 provide transport as follows:

(1) Daily for patrols to 1/RAR TAOR to and from RP vic 022178.

(2) A 1/503 to Bear Cat Range.

(3) Recon Plat to RMK rock quarry.

2. MATERIAL AND SERVICES:

a. Supply.

(1) Class I

a Units deploying to 2d Bde Base Camp and U.S. Army Staging Area to deploy with two meals class "C" rations for emergency use.

b Units deploying to 2d Bde Base Camp and U.S. Army Staging Area to consume class "A" rations. Personnel deploying to 1/RAR TAOR to consume class "C" rations.

c Hq Company attach one mess team with truck and water trailer to unit deploying to 2d Bde Base Camp area.

d Personnel deploying to U.S. Army staging area to consume class "A" rations transported by meal from Camp Ray.

e Rear detachment to consume class "A" rations. Effective noon meal 20 Feb 66 all personnel to eat in Hq-C Company mess.

f Units consuming class "A" rations deploy with silverware.

(2) Class II & IV

Units deploy with minimum of two (2) BA-386 per radio and all starlight devices

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- References: 1. Maps, Vietnam, 1:50,000 sheets as indicated on each Annex.
2. 173d Abn Bde (Sep) Memorandum for CG, 1st Inf Div (Contingency planning) dated 2 Feb 66.

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces:

(1) A current Viet Cong tactic is to attack Special Forces camps, Province and District Capitals, and lightly defended areas in an attempt to defeat allied forces in detail, while lowering South Vietnamese morale & achieving propaganda goals. As an important technique in the application of these tactics, the Viet Cong place ambushing forces along likely routes to be used in any attempt at relief or reinforcement by friendly forces. Roads leading into the area under attack then become veritable death traps. In this manner, the enemy has achieved a good measure of success in destruction of friendly units with little cost to himself.

(2) The enemy enjoys many advantages through these operations. He selects his own battle area, and he has the element of surprise in his favor. He has complete freedom to maneuver his forces while the besieged friendly forces are bottled up; and, he prepares positions to his own advantage prior to initiating action.

(3) The Viet Cong vulnerability is in his ultimate withdrawal from the area. As soon as the attack is complete, he commences withdrawing his forces by infiltration to a safe area. He relies on speed, knowledge of local terrain, and favorable sentiment of local populace for security. He has negligible ability to support such a withdrawal with indirect fire weapons. His chief defense against pursuit is the use of rapid movement and ambushes, installation of booby traps, and employment of snipers along his routes of withdrawal.

(4) Current INSUM.

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) 2d Air Division provides close air support to US and ARVN Forces.

(2) ARVN units in III CTZ reinforce or relieve Province/District capitals and communication centers that come under attack by enemy forces.

c. Assumptions:

(1) That VC/PAVN units will attack key areas with the objective of overrunning them.

(2) That a secondary objective of VC/PAVN units will be to draw US or ARVN relief forces into well established and defended ambush sites.

(3) That units of ARVN General Reserve will be made available to CG III Corps as required.

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(4) That US units will be committed as required by the tactical situation.

(5) That key areas can withstand attack for 24 hours.

(6) That priority of emergency airlift, minimum of 3, maximum of 5 helicopter companies, excluding organic helicopters, will be made available for airmobile operations.

(7) That priority of close air support will be given to forces committed under this plan.

d. Attachments and Detachments: Current Task Organization.

2. MISSION: 173d Abn Bde (Sep), in coordination with ARVN, conducts airmobile operations in the vicinity of key Province/District Capitals and communication centers that come under VC/PAVN attack; blocks enemy forces withdrawing from contact and destroys enemy forces attempting to escape.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation:

(1) Maneuver: Airmobile forces will be introduced on selected landing zones astride suspected Viet Cong routes of withdrawal to provide an effective means of blocking and destroying withdrawing Viet Cong forces. Units employed will be of Battalion size. All available maneuver Battalions will be employed in the operation. The reaction of this force must be swift, taking place within six hours after the enemy attack is started. The Battalions will be landed within artillery range of the besieged area. This allows artillery which is brought in with the Infantry Battalions to fire on enemy forces located near the town or camp. It is essential that the airlanded force is introduced at a sufficient distance from the camp to insure that it does not mask local fires. The airlanded force will remain outside a radius of 3 km so that it will not interfere with fires placed on the enemy by the local commander.

(2) Fire Support: When an airlanded Battalion Task Force fails to encounter withdrawing Viet Cong, the LZ used becomes a secure location for additional artillery support. This artillery will support other forces in the area, or support additional assault landings against withdrawing enemy forces.

b. Maneuver Bns: Be prepared to conduct airmobile assault in designated area on order; block, attack and destroy enemy forces withdrawing through assigned area. Conduct Eagle Flights, or displace on order.

c. 3/319: Be prepared to airlift two btry's into secure LZ. Be prepared to move Bn (-) by vehicle convoy or airlift to objective area on order.

d. E/17: Be prepared to employ Long Range Patrols by air on order. Be prepared to move to objective area by motor convoy.

e. A/82: Provide helicopter support in conjunction with designated support aviation elements.

f. Bde (-): Be prepared to move to objective area by motor convoy.

g. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) A landing zone reference system for the LZ's around each contingency area is constructed on the LZ overlays as follows:

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(a) Three concentric circles are constructed with radii of 3 km, 7 km and 12 km to correspond in scale with the map utilized. The common center of the circles is the town or camp in question. The 3 km circle represents the limit inside which airlanded forces would mask local fires. The 7 km circle represents the approximate limit of effective fires from infantry supporting weapons. The 12 km circle is the line beyond which airlanded artillery cannot support the local forces.

(b) The circles are divided into octants by constructing the north-south line and the east-west line through the common center, and then bisecting each quadrant thus formed.

(c) The octants are lettered consecutively in a clockwise direction and starting with the innermost circle.

(d) The LZ's are then numbered consecutively within each lettered grid segment.

(e) Easy reference is made to LZ's by stating the section of grid by letter, and the specific LZ by number, for example: P-2, Q-3, etc.

(2) Task Force Commanders will be given missions to land on particular LZ's within a section of the grid, and to block and destroy enemy forces withdrawing through their areas. This system allows sufficient flexibility to alter plans by changing LZ's without changing the general mission.

(3) It is likely that the enemy will decide to withdraw along routes where relatively few LZ's are available, and then to fortify those LZ's in anticipation of airmobile operations. To avoid this trap, landings will be made on LZ's a distance from the route of withdrawal. The LZ will be secured, and all available artillery positioned therein. This artillery will interdict the enemy movement and support additional airmobile assaults.

(4) LZ lists and Polar Grid for each contingency area published with appropriate PYRRHUS contingency.

(5) Reconnaissance of areas of operations specified by this plan will be coordinated by the Bde C2.

(6) Rehearsals of this plan conducted on order.

(7) This OPLAN effective for planning on receipt, for execution on order.

(8) The following figures will be used for aircraft planning purposes:

(a) Maneuver Bns - 50 slicks.

(b) Arty Bn - 12 Chinook loads per Btry.

(c) C & C Element - 8 Chinook loads.

(9) PYRRHUS Contingencies:

(a) PYRRHUS A (Song Be YT 1507) Annex A

(b) PYRRHUS B (Xuan Loc YT 4509) Annex B

(c) PYRRHUS C (Chan Thanh XT 7762) Annex C

(d) PYRRHUS D (Dau Tieng XT 4947) Annex D

(e) PYRRHUS E (Minh Thanh XT 6467) Annex E

(f) Others to be published.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:

a. Concept: Airmobile forces will deploy with one day of Class I and a basic load of ammunition as prescribed by the Task Force Commander. A Brigade Support Operations Center (BSOC) will be established in or near the AO as soon as possible. The BSOC will be established at a secured LZ or near an airfield within 20 km of the committed forces. The BSOC will consist of the SOP supply, medical and maintenance facilities.

b. BSOC location: Positions capable of supporting the BSOC complex will be outlined in the Annex detailing each contingency area and related to the Polar Grid System.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal: Periodic liaison visits will be made to the forces located at each contingency area. Frequencies and call signs will be coordinated during these visits. Current SOI will be in effect.

b. Command: CP displacement will be announced when secure areas become available in the Area of Operations, upon execution of PYRRHUS.

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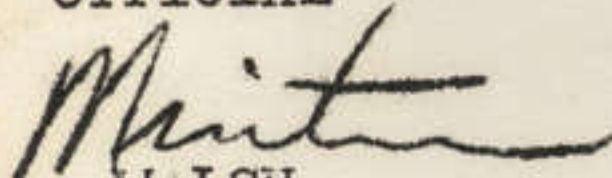
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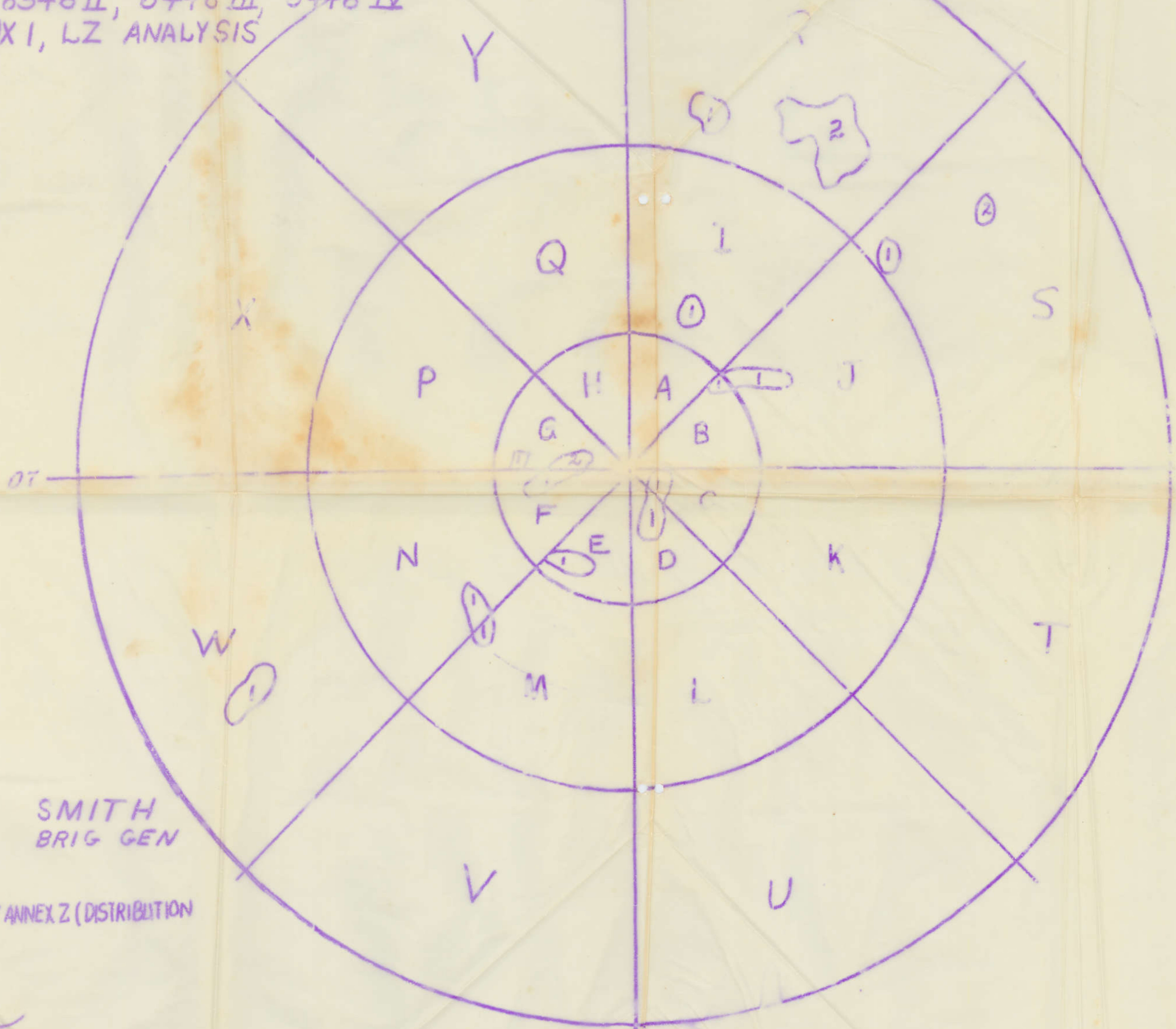
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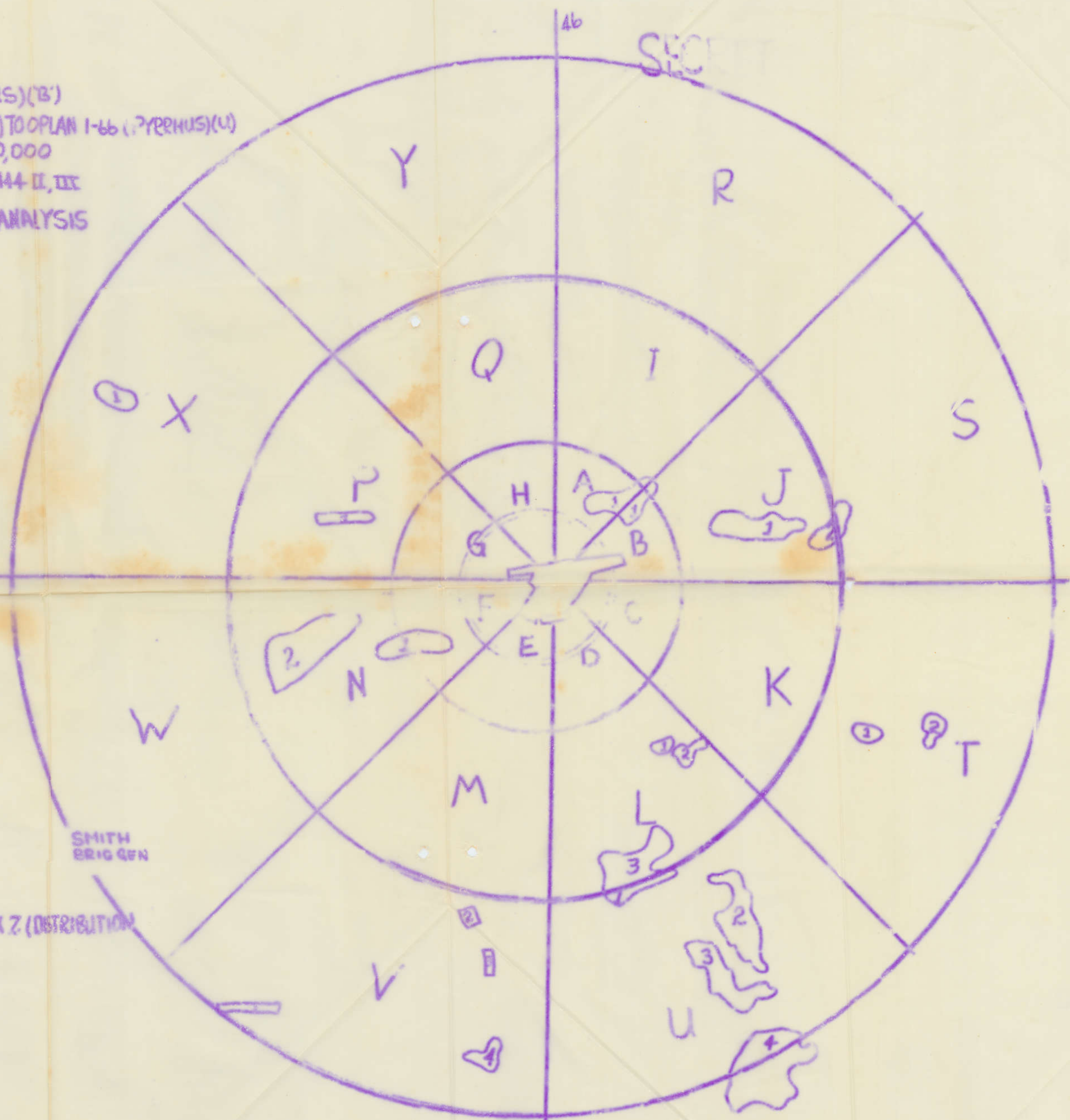
<u>LZ</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>SIZE: METERS</u>
B-1, J-1	YU 176092 to YU 194091	1700 x 200
C-1, D-1	YU 162055 to YU 167073	1700 x 400
E-1	YU 140052 to YU 150050	1000 x 150
F-1, G-2	YU 143071	1200 x 60
I-1	YU 174105	400 x 200
N-1, M-1	YU 122047 to YU 126034	1200 x 300
Q-1	YU 178146	800 x 800
Q-2	YU 194151 to YU 210135	2000 x 1000
R-2	YU 239127	600 x 250
R-1	YU 217117	500 x 250
V-1	YU 080028 to YU 070017	1200 x 300

<u>LZ</u>	<u>CAPACITY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
B-1, J-1	(50-100) in linear formation	Landings are possible along the road and the rice paddies. Marginal use.
C-1, D-1	" "	Predominantly rice paddies. Marginal use.
E-1	(50-75) "	Area is generally cleared behind the House, except for cultural features.
F-1, G-2		Airstripe, bituminous.
I-1	(10) dispersed	Generally a cleared area except for cultural features. Marginal use.
M-1, N-1	(50-100) in linear formation	Predominantly rice paddies with dense brush. Marginal use.
Q-1	(25) dispersed	Generally a cleared area with scattered bare trees and brush, marginal use.
Q-2	(25) dispersed	Area consist of small patches cleared with scattered bare trees. Marginal use.
R-2	(25) dispersed	Perennially wet area with dense brush. Landings could be made along the edges of the tree lines. Marginal use.
R-1	(10) dispersed	Generally a cleared area with scattered trees and brush. Marginal use.
V-1	(50-100) in linear formation	Area is generally clear along the road. Marginal use.

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 ANNEX B.1 (XUAN LOC) TO OPLAN 1-66 (PYRRHUS)(U)
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<u>LZ</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>SIZE: METERS</u>
A-1	YT 475107	300 x 1800
D-1, E-1	YT 460085	50 x 750
J-1	YT 505103	300 x 2100
J-2	YT 524104	250 x 1300
L-3	YT 480026	700 x 1800
L-2	YT 491051	150 x 1100
L-3	YT 485053	150 x 700
N-2	YT 401070 YT 422087	1000 x 2500
Outside V	YS 365865	800 x 1200
Outside V	YS 352976	100 x 100
Outside V	YS 373998	100 x 100
Outside V	YS 381994	200 x 900
Outside V	YS 413972	50 x 200
Outside W	YT 300000	300 x 500
Outside V	YS 395975	900 x 1500
Outside V	YS 439959	1000 x 1000
Outside U	YS 473942	300 x 1000
Outside U	YS 488954	1000 x 1500
Outside U	YS 485939	400 x 800
Outside U	YS 495945	500 x 1200
Outside W	YT 337000	50 x 300
		50 x 400
		50 x 600
Outside W	YT 347002	50 x 500
P-1	YT 413105	75 x 1000
T-2	YT 547058	200 x 700
T-1	YT 533057	200 x 400
U-2	YT 500000	500 x 2000
U-3	YT 504013	600 x 2500
U-4	YS 511981	1000 x 2000
V-4	YS 447982	1000 x 1000
V-2	YT 442016	250 x 500
V-1	YS 393995	100 x 1200
V-3	YT 447005	75 x 100
W-1	YT 360130	300 x 1000

<u>LZ</u>	<u>CAPACITY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
A-1	(50-100) Linear or dispersed formation	Predominantly rice paddies
D-1, E-1	(100) "	" "
J-1	(50-100) "	" "
J-2	" "	" "
L-3	" "	" "
L-2	(50) dispersed	" "
L-3	" "	" "
N-2	(50-100) linear or dispersed formation	" "
Outside V	" "	" "
Outside V		No good, (Road is ditched)
Outside V	(3-5) dispersed	Open area around the buildings is cleared with no obstacles.
Outside V	(50) linear or dispersed formation	Large open grassy area.
Outside V	(50) linear formation	Area along road is cleared

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Outside W	(25) dispersed	Perennially wet area with dense brush.
Outside V		No good (Rubber tree plantation)
Outside U	(50) dispersed	Logging area, relatively cleared, except for scattered bare trees. Marginal use only.
Outside U	" "	" "
Outside U	" "	" "
Outside W	(50) linear or dispersed formation	Area along side of dirt road is cleared and will permit landing on road.
Outside W	(25) linear or dispersed formation	" "
P-1	(100) "	Airstrip
T-1	(25) "	Predominantly rice paddies.
T-2	(50) dispersed	" "
U-2	(50-100) linear or dispersed formation	Area is clear and relatively free of obstacles
U-3	" "	" "
U-4	(50-100) dispersed formation	" "
V-1	(100) linear or dispersed formation	Airstrip (Abandoned)
V-2	(10) dispersed	Area is clear and free of obstacles.
V-3	(15) linear formation	Open area along road, will permit landing on road.
W-1	(25) dispersed formation	Cultural area with scattered trees and bush, Marginal use only.

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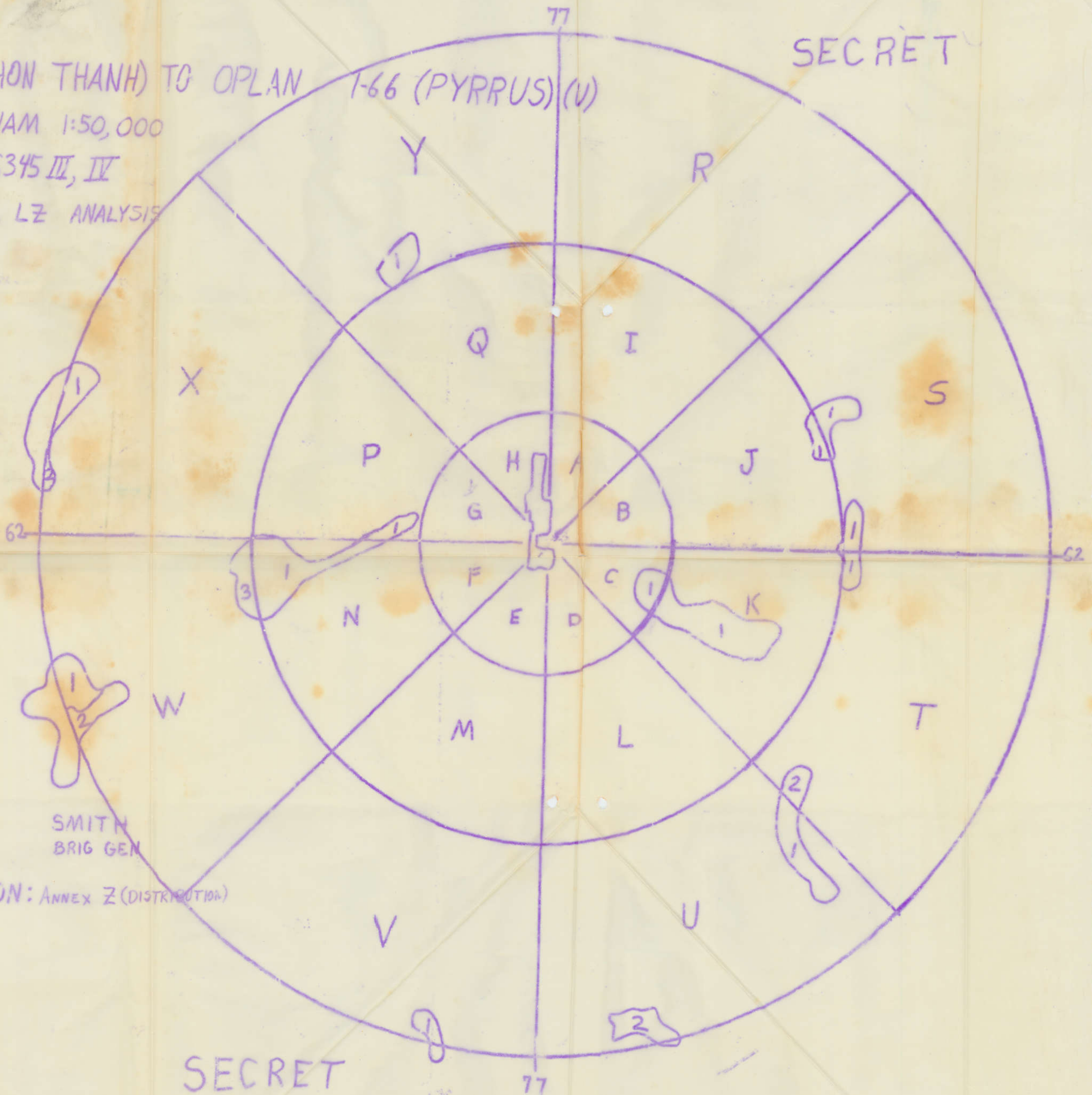
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<u>LZ</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>SIZE: METERS</u>
C-1, K-1	792617 to 826596	4000 x 800
G-1, N-1, W-3	700603 to 705618 to 741624	4500 x 1000
Marginal Outside U Sector	823489	1300 x 500
Marginal Outside U Sector	799480	800 x 300
Marginal V-1	750498	1000 x 150
Marginal Outside V Sector	704494	1000 x 300
Marginal Outside V Sector	679508	1300 x 300
J-1, S-1	834649	1500 x 500
S-2, T-1	843627 to 841609	2000 x 500
T-2, U-1	833570 to 841535	3500 x 400
U-2	797506	1500 x 200
U-1	650585 to 675588 to 652554	1700 x 1700
X-1, X-2	660661 to 649633	3000 x 700
Y-1	735685	1100 x 600

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<u>CHON THANH</u>	<u>CAPACITY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
G-1, K-1	(50-100) in linear or dispersed formation	Predominantly rice paddies with scattered brush.
G-1, N-1	" "	" " Marginal use only.
J-1, S-1	" "	" "
Outside U	" "	Logging area cleared, except for scattered bared trees. Marginal use only.
Outside U	(25) in linear of dispersed formation	Cleared area with scattered trees and brush. Marginal use only.
Outside V	(50-100) "	Predominately rice paddies with scattered dense brush. Marginal use only.
Outside V	(50) " "	" " " "
S-2, T-1	(50-100) "	Predominantly rice paddies with scattered brush.

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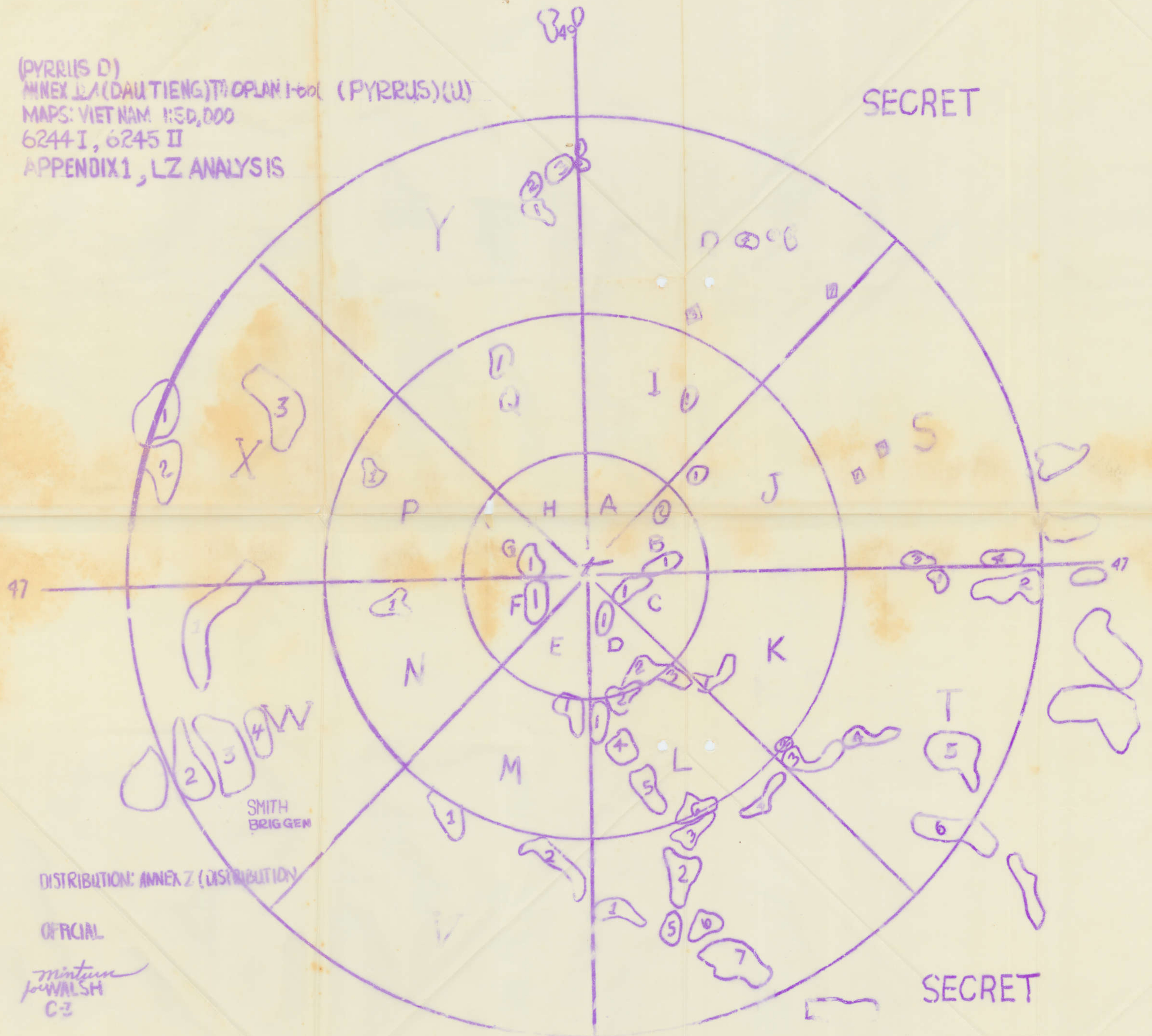
T-2, U-1	(50-100) in line formation	Predominantly rice paddies with scattered brush
U-2	" "	Predominantly rice paddies with dense brush.
V-1	(50)	Wet area with dense brush. Marginal use only.
W-1, W-2	(50-100)	Predominantly rice paddies.
X-1, X-2	" "	Predominantly rice paddies with scattered brush.
Y-1	(50)	Predominantly rice paddies.

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<u>LZ</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>SIZE: METERS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
B-1, C-1, D-1	513473 to 494454	3000 x 300	Wet in center
B-2	512487	200 x 200	Marginal-Possible land- ing around houses, on road.
G-1	476470	1500 x 600	Rice paddies.
I-1	518514	150 x 200	Marginal-Possible land- ing around houses, on road.
J-1	520498	150 x 150	" "
L-2, L-3, C-2, K-2	496436 to 529450	3500 x 200	Rice paddies
L-1	490434	1500 x 1000	Marginal wet.
L-4, L-5	496427 to 510406	2700 x 400	Rice paddies
N-1	440464	500 x 400	Marginal-wet & brush
Outside U	544355 to 563354	2000 x 500	Rice paddies
Outside T	623455 to 631422	3500 x 800	Rice paddy -stream
Outside Y	482617 to 486610	700 x 300	Marginal, Wet & brush
Outside R	488625 to 491617	700 x 300	Marginal, wet & brush
Outside T	614405 to 621403	800 x 800	" "
Outside S	610495 to 623501	1500 x 600	" "
Outside S	611484 to 633494	2700 x 400	" "
Outside T	622467 to 631472	1200 x 400	" "
P-1	437497	700 x 500	" "
Q-1	469523 to 470528	600 x 500	" "
R-3	518536	150 x 150	Marginal-Possible land- ing around houses-on road.

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<u>LZ</u>	<u>CAPACITY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
B-1, C-1, D-1	(50-100) in linear or dispersed formation	Predominantly rice paddies.
B-2	(1-2)	" "
G-1	(50) in linear or dispersed formation	" "
I-1	(1-2)	Area along the road offers enough clearance for landing as well as around the houses.
J-1	(1-2)	Area is clear around house & dirt road.
L-2, L-3, C-2, D-2	(50-100) in linear or dispersed formation	Predominantly rice paddies
L-1	" "	Perennially wet, devoid of cultural features. Will hinder troop movement. Marginal use only.
L-4, L-5	" "	Predominantly rice paddies
L-6, U-4, U-7, T-1, T-2	" "	" "
N-1	(25-50)	Perennially wet with dense brush. Marginal use only.
Outside S	(75)	" "
Outside S	(50-100)	Perennially wet with dense brush through the middle. Emergency landing could be made along the edge of the treeline on each side.
Outside T	" "	Perennially wet with dense brush. Marginal use only.
Outside T	(50)	Area is wet with dense brush. Marginal use only.
Outside R	" "	" "
Outside Y	(25)	" "
Outside T	(50-100)	Predominantly rice paddies
Outside U	" "	" "
P-1	(25-50)	Perennially wet with dense brush. Marginal use only
Q-1	(50)	Perennially wet, devoid of cultural features. Will hinder troop movement. Marginal use only.

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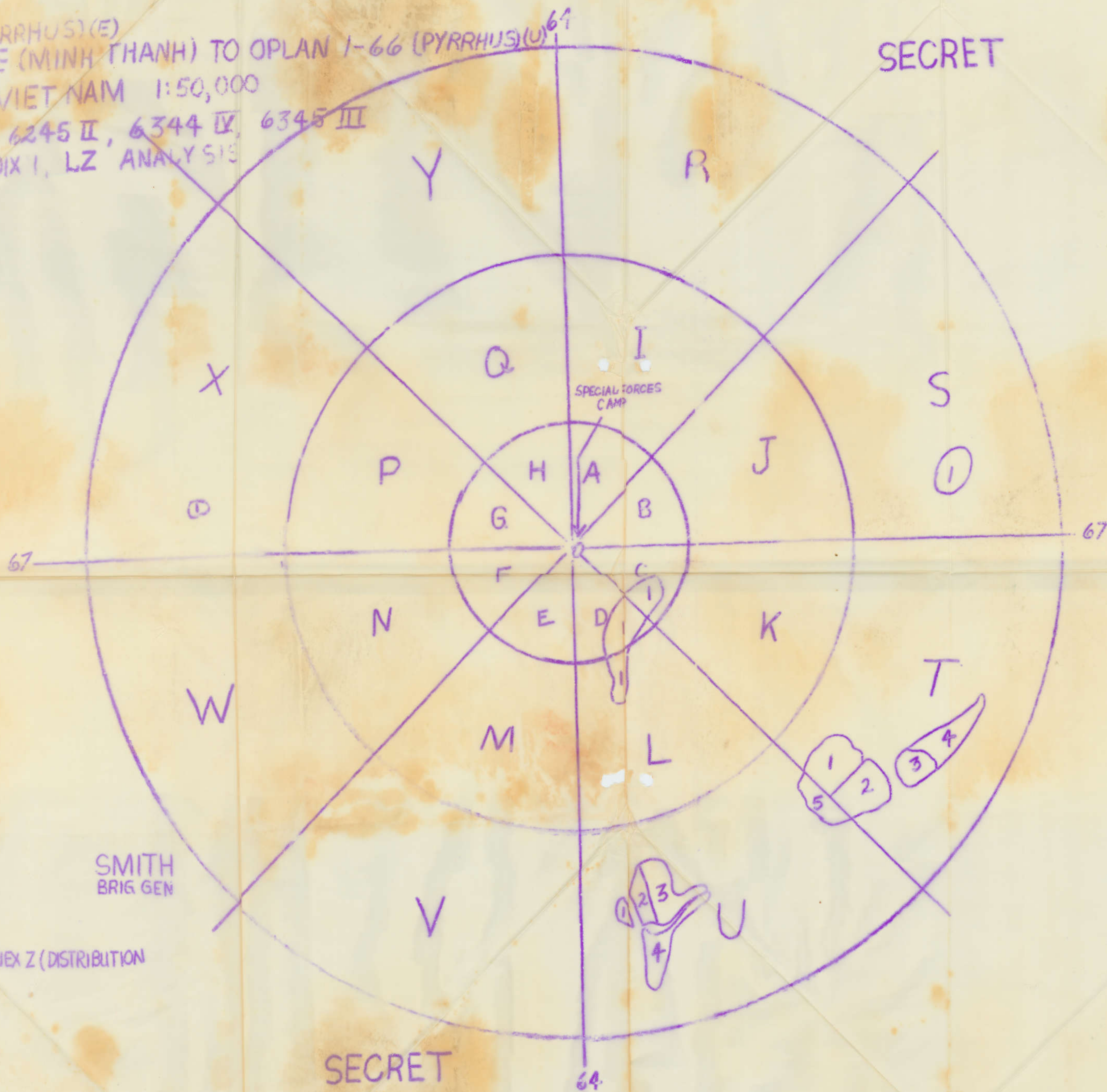
R-3	(1-2) in Linear or dispersed formation		Recommended only for emergencies and Dustoff
R-4	(25)	"	Predominantly rice paddies with dense brush. Marginal use only.
R-5	(15-25)	"	"
R-6	"	"	"
R-7	(1-2)	"	Area is cleared around the houses. Recommend only for emergency.
S-1	"	"	Area is cleared around the houses to permit landing. It is easily recognizable and offers a good approach.
S-2	"	"	Area is cleared along the dirt road. It is easily recognizable and offers a good approach.
S-3, T-5	(50)	"	Predominantly rice paddies
T-3	(50-100)	"	"
T-6, S-4	"	"	"
U-2, U-3	"	"	"
U-5, U-6	"	"	"
U-1, V-1, V-2	(50-100) only along the tree line.		Predominantly rice paddies. Area is wet in the center throughout the length of LZ. Marginal use only.
W-1, W-2, W-3,	(50-100) in linear or dispersed formation		Predominantly rice paddies with scattered brush and trees.
W-4	"	"	"
X-1, X-2	"	"	"
X-3	"	"	"
Y-1, Y-2	"	"	Perennially wet, with dense brush. Marginal use only.
Y-3, R-1, R-2	(50)	"	Perennially rice paddies
G-1	(20)	"	"
H-5	(7-5)	"	"
B-1, C-1, D-1	(20-100)	"	"

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ANNEX E (MINH THANH) TO OPLAN 1-66 (PYRRHUS)(U)⁶⁷
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<u>LZ</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>SIZE: METERS</u>
C-1, D-1, L-1	660661 to 649633	3000 x 700
More than 12 km (T Sector)	792617 to 826596	4000 x 800
S-1	735685	1100 x 600
T-1, T-2, U-2	700603 to 705618 to 741624	4500 x 1000
U-1	650585 to 675588 to 652554	1700 x 1700

LZ ANALYSIS

<u>MINH THANH</u>	<u>CAPACITY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
C-1, D-1, L-1	(50-100) in line	Predominantly rice paddies with scat- ter or dispersed tered brush. formation
Outside T	" "	" "
S-1	(50) in linear or dispersed formation	Predominantly rice paddies
T-1, T-2, U-2	(50-100) in lin- ear or dispersed formation	Area is generally cleared from logging except for scattered bare trees. Mar- ginal use only.
U-1	" "	Predominantly rice paddies.

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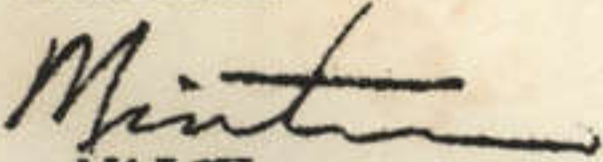
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1. SITUATION: 173d Abn Bde repositions forces to block and attack VC in contact with 2/503.

2. TASKS:

a. 1/503:

- (1) Continue BEAR CAT and RMK missions.
- (2) Patrol in 1/RAR and 2/503 TAOR.
- (3) Maintain one company on standby for attachment to 2/503.

b. 1/RAR: Attached - E/17
105 Fld Btry, RAA

- (1) Move land column to Tan Uyen by 270800H Feb.
- (2) Position airlift elements at SNAKEPIT by 270800H Feb.
- (3) On Order:
 - (a) Position Artillery battery vic Tan Uyen.
 - (b) Move to and secure LZ XRAY vic XT 923285.
 - (c) Move Bn (-) to secured LZ XRAY. Plan on 35 slicks.
 - (d) Block in sector and attack to Southwest to FCL RASTUS.

c. 2/503: Seize Objective BETTY.

d. 3/319:

- (1) Continue BEAR CAT mission with one battery.
- (2) Detach 105 Fld Btry, RAA to 1/RAR effective 0630 hrs.

e. E/17:

- (1) Attached to 1/RAR.
- (2) Released from securing artillery position South of Tan Uyen 270700H Feb.

f. D/16: Move 270700H Feb to secure artillery positions South of Tan Uyen.

g. A/82: Coordinate airlift and fire team requirement for airlift of 1/RAR with C, 11th Avn.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: Spt Bn provide motor transportation to move 3 companies 1/RAR to SNAKEPIT by 270800.

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5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

- a. Current SOI in effect.
- b. Coordination - FCL RASTUS - See Annex A (Operations Overlay).

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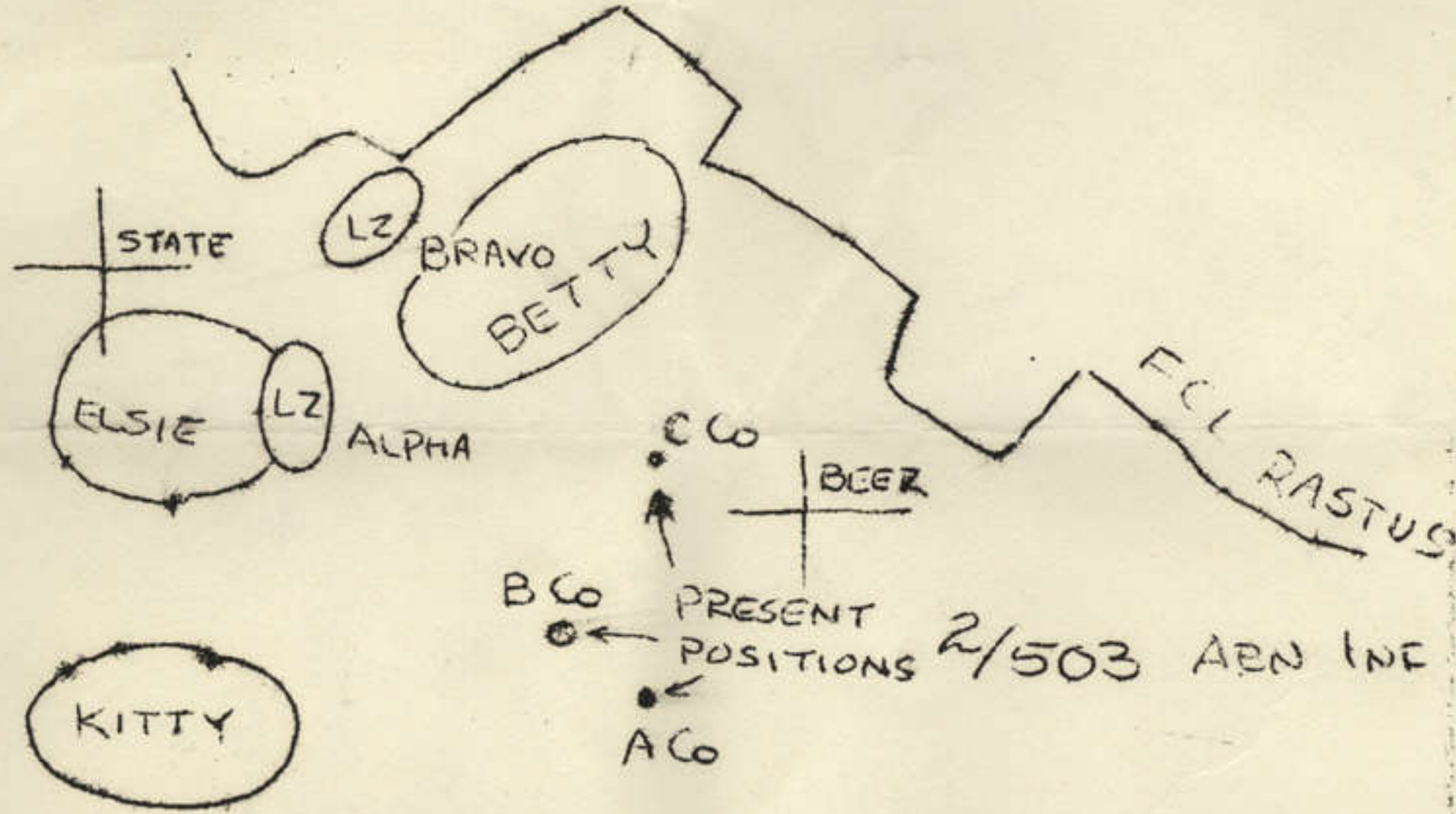
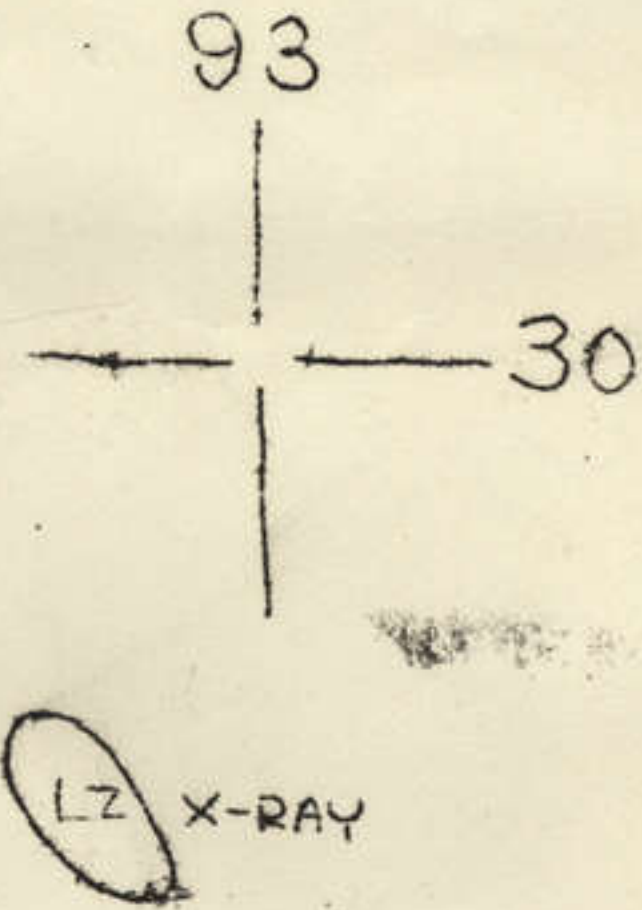
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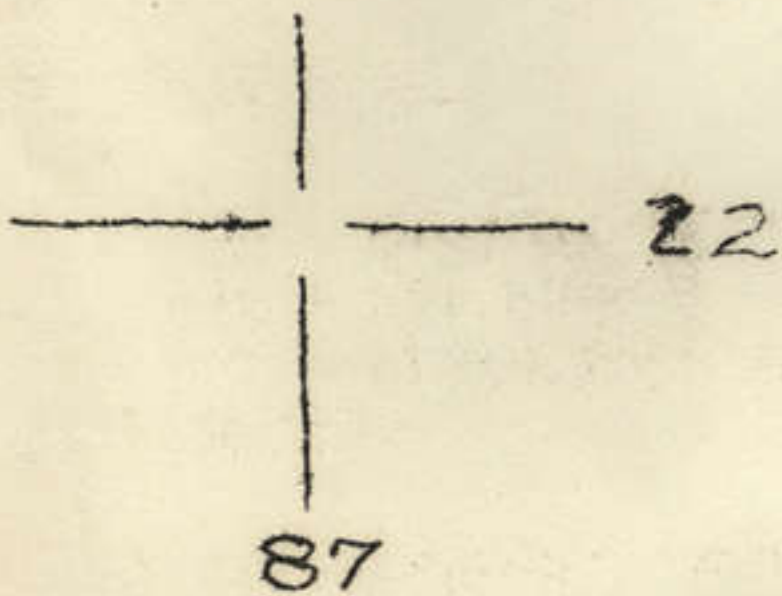
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Reference: Maps, Vietnam: 1:50,000, Series L701, Sheets 6343 I, 6343 II, 6344 II, 6443 IV

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: See current ISUM

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) 173d Abn Bde (Sep) continues security operations in Bde TAOR, 2d Bde base camp at BEAR CAT range and RMK rock quarry.

(2) 2/503 continues mission.

(3) 1/RAR reassumes control of its TAOR 271000 Feb 66.

(4) B3/319th Arty DS B1/503 in BEAR CAT area effective 271100 Feb 66.

c. Attachments and Detachments: None

2. MISSION: 1/503 continues securing rock quarry vic Saigon University and the 2d Bde, 1st Inf Div, base camp at BEAR CAT range; also conducts small motorized patrols within 2d Bde, 1st Inf Div, base camp near BIEN HOA.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operation: 1/503 secures 2d Bde base camp at BEAR CAT range with 1 rifle company and the RMK rock quarry/2d Bde base camp near BIEN HOA with 1 rifle platoon.

b. A1/503:

(1) Relieved from BEAR CAT mission 271100 Feb 66.

(2) Be prepared to patrol and ambush in 1/503 TAOR on order.

c. B1/503: (Effective 271100 Feb 66)

(1) Protect 2d Bde, 1st Inf Div base camp at BEAR CAT range vic 165000.

(2) Secure water point vic 122970.

(3) Provide security for engineer work parties.

d. C1/503:

(1) Relieved from securing 1/RAR TAOR effective 271000 Feb 66.

(2) Attach 2 Mort Sqds and FDC to Recon plat (Effective 261200).

(3) Be prepared to relieve B1/503 on order.

(4) Prepare to patrol and ambush in 1/503 TAOR on order.

(5) Be prepared to assume RMK rock quarry mission with 1 plat on order.

e. Recon Plat:

Attached: 2 Mort Sqds and FDC of C1/503.

(1) Continue security of RMK rock quarry personnel and equipment.

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(2) Continue security of 2d Bde, 1st Inf Div, base camp near BIEN HOA.

(3) Relieved from motor transport security mission effective 271100

f. Mort Plat: Relieved from DS support missions for 1/RAR TAOR effective 271000 Feb 66.

g. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) SITREPS:

a. BL/503:

1 On departure from Camp Ray

2 On arrival at BEAR CAT range

3 Hourly on the half hour

b. Recon Plat: Hourly on the hour

(2) BL/503 and Recon Plat submit overlays of defensive positions, patrols and ambushes daily.

(3) Following points of origin will be used during effective date/time only:

261200 - 271200	BOY (1602)	GIRL (0104)
271200 - 281200	RIVER (US) (1601)	CITY (0105)
281200 - 011200	SPORT (2000)	BOY (0205)
011200 - 021200	FLOWER (1899)	DOG (0204)
021200 - 031200	MONEY (US) (1500)	FISH (0006)
031200 - 041200	ANIMAL (1799)	COUNTRY (0108)
041200 - 051200	CITY (1900)	TREE (0008)
051200 - 061200	TREE (1898)	SPORT (0105)

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:

a. Supply

(1) Class 1

a BL/503 deploys with 2 meals "C" rations for emergency use.

b BL/503 consumes "A" rations and deploys with silverware.

c Hq Company attach 1 mess team with truck and water trailer to BL/503.

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(2) Class II & IV:

Units deploy with a minimum of 2 BA 386 batteries per radio and all starlight devices.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal:

(1) Current SOI in effect.

(2) Arty FO with BL/503 monitors F-1 frequency.

b. Command: CO at this location.

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WARNING ORDER . 1 RAR Bn Gp less 3 PA Tp is to conduct search and destroy op in AO ABILENE (COURTHAY 4591 - KA BINH BA 4474) from 30 Mar (D Day) to 12 Apr (approx) under comd 1 Div . Move by road and hel . Rd convoy departs 1530 hrs 29 Mar for assay area . 1 APC Tp . A Coy . Sect Mar Pl . departs from this loc 0600 hrs 30 Mar . Bn Gp (-) on 15 mins march 0600 hrs 30 Mar to move by hel from SHAKES PIT . Orders Group 1 RAR Briefing Tent 0900 hrs 29 Mar 66 . Rescue by air coord by Asst S3 from 1330 hrs to 1700 hrs 29 Mar 66 . Admin . 2 days rations to be carried . Veh move less APC Tp . A Coy . Coord by OC Admin Coy //



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1. SITUATION: 173d Abn Bde (Sep) repositions forces to block and attack VC in contact with 2/503.

2. MISSION: 1/503 continues 1st Inf Div TAOR and RMK missions; patrols and ambushes in 1/RAR and 2/503 TAOR; maintains 1 company on standby for attachment to 2/503.

3. EXECUTION:

a. A1/503:

- (1) Continue BEAR CAT mission.
- (2) Move to CAMP RAY on order.
- (3) Be prepared to patrol and ambush in 173d Abn Bde TAOR upon return.

b. B1/503:

- (1) On standby for attachment to 2/503.
- (2) Prepare to assume A1/503 missions at BEAR CAT on order.

c. C1/503:

(1) Patrol and ambush in 1/RAR and 2/503 TAOR with 1 plat in each TAOR per schedule below: (Annex A, Operations Overlay)

a. 1/RAR TAOR:

<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>ZONE</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
271000 - 280900 Feb	B	3/C 1/503
280900 - 010900 Mar	H	3/C 1/503
010900 - 020900 Mar	G	1/C 1/503
020900 - 030900 Mar	A	1/C 1/503
030900 - 040900 Mar	F,D,E	2/C 1/503
040900 - 050900 Mar	B	2/C 1/503

b. 2/503 TAOR:

271200 - 280900 Feb	M	1/C 1/503
280900 - 010900 Mar	N,S	2/C 1/503
010900 - 020900 Mar	R,X	2/C 1/503
020900 - 030900 Mar	I,N,O	3/C 1/503
030900 - 040900 Mar	X,S,T	3/C 1/503
040900 - 050900 Mar	S,N,M	1/C 1/503

- (2) Be prepared to assume BEAR CAT mission on order.
- (3) Be prepared to assume RMK rock quarry mission with 1 plat on order.

d. Recon Plat:

- (1) Continue 1st Inf Div and RMK quarry missions.
- (2) Provide security for motor transports to and from RF vic 132177 daily.

e. Mort Plat:

- (1) DS of patrols and ambushes in 1/RAR and 2/503 TAOR.
- (2) Displace to firing position vic CP, 1/RAR Rear Det, on order.

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f. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Arty or 4.2" FO with each patrol/ambush.

(2) SITREIS:

a A1/503: Hourly on the half hour

b C1/503:

1 Patrol in 1/RAR TAOR: Hourly on the hour.

2 Patrol in 2/503 TAOR: Hourly on the half hour.

c Recon Plat: Hourly on the hour.

(3) Points of origin for 1/RAR, 2/503 TAOR:

271200 - 281200 Feb	CAR (US) (0416)
281200 - 011200 Mar	CAR (US) (0416)
011200 - 021200 Mar	SFORT (0517)
021200 - 031200 Mar	FISH (0320)
031200 - 041200 Mar	FLOWER (0316)
041200 - 051200 Mar	TREE (0217)

(4) Points of origin for BEAR CAT and RMK rock quarry areas remain as listed in par 3g (3), OFORD 5-66

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:

a. Supply:

(1) Class I

a Patrols in 1/RAR and 2/503 TAOR deploy with "C" rations.

(2) Class II, IV, V per SOP

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal: Current SOI in effect.

b. Command: GO at this location.

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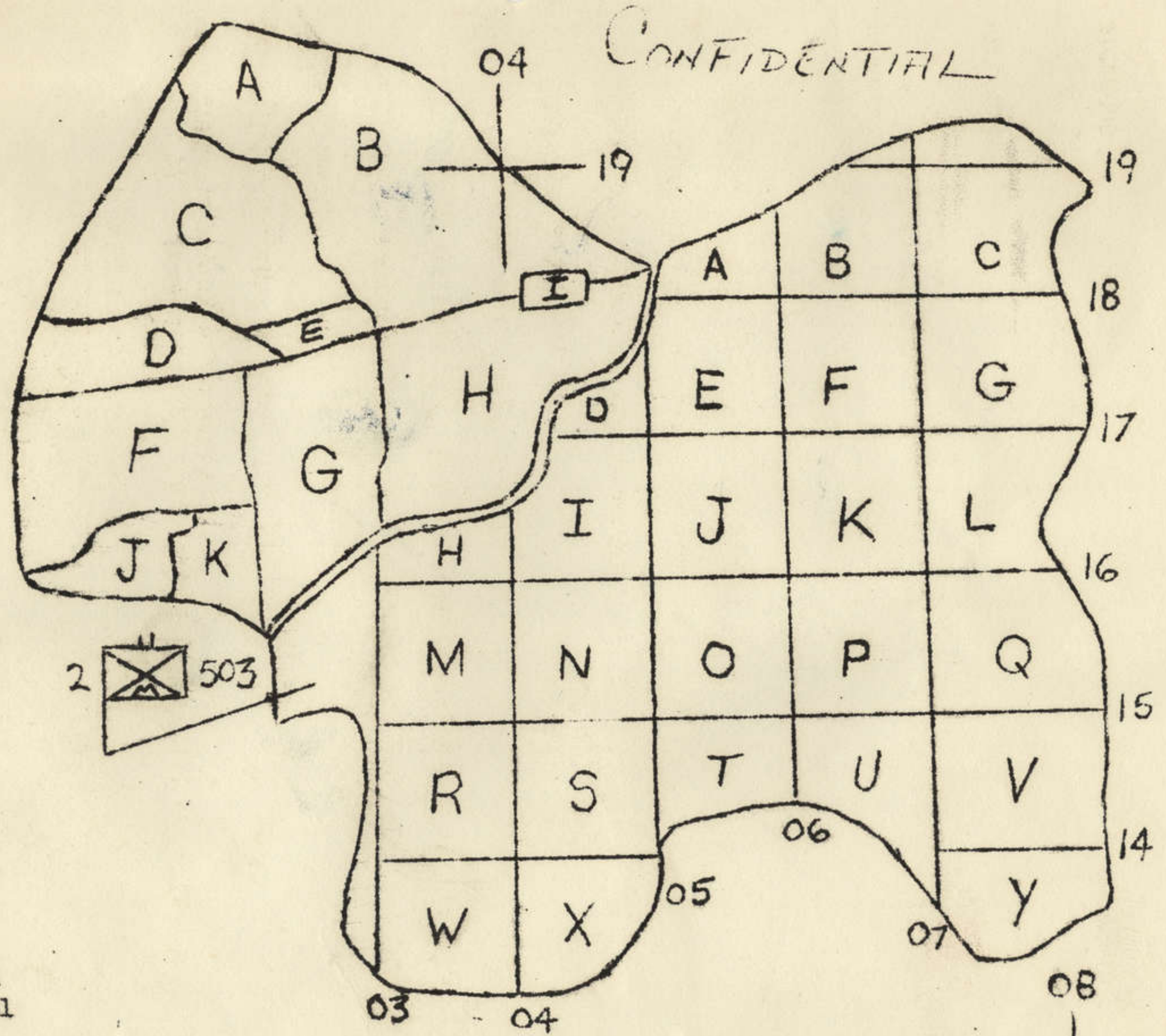
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FRAG ORDER 8-66 (TO BE EXECUTED ON ORDER.)

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1. SITUATION:

- a. Enemy Forces: Defend Obj BETTY against 2/503 attack from Southeast.
- b. Friendly Forces: No Change

2. MISSION: 173d Abn Bde seize objective BETTY, JOAN and ELSIE on order, destroy VC forces and positions in AO.

3. EXECUTION:

- a. 1/503: No Change
- b. 2/503:
 - (1) Support attack 1/RAR on Obj BETTY by fire.
 - (2) Be prepared to seize Obj ELSIE on order.
- c. 1/RAR:
 - (1) Seize Objs BETTY & JOAN on order.
 - (2) Be prepared to seize Obj ELSIE on order.
- d. 3/319: Support attack on Obj BETTY, JOAN and ELSIE.
- e. D/16: No Change
- f. E/17: No Change
- g. A/82: No Change
- h. Spt Bn: No Change

4. ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICS: No Change

5. COMMAND & SIGNAL:

- a. Current SOI in effect.
- b. Coordination-FCL RASTUS becomes Boundary, see Annex A Overlay.
- c. To be executed on order.

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ANNEXES:

- A-Operations Overlay
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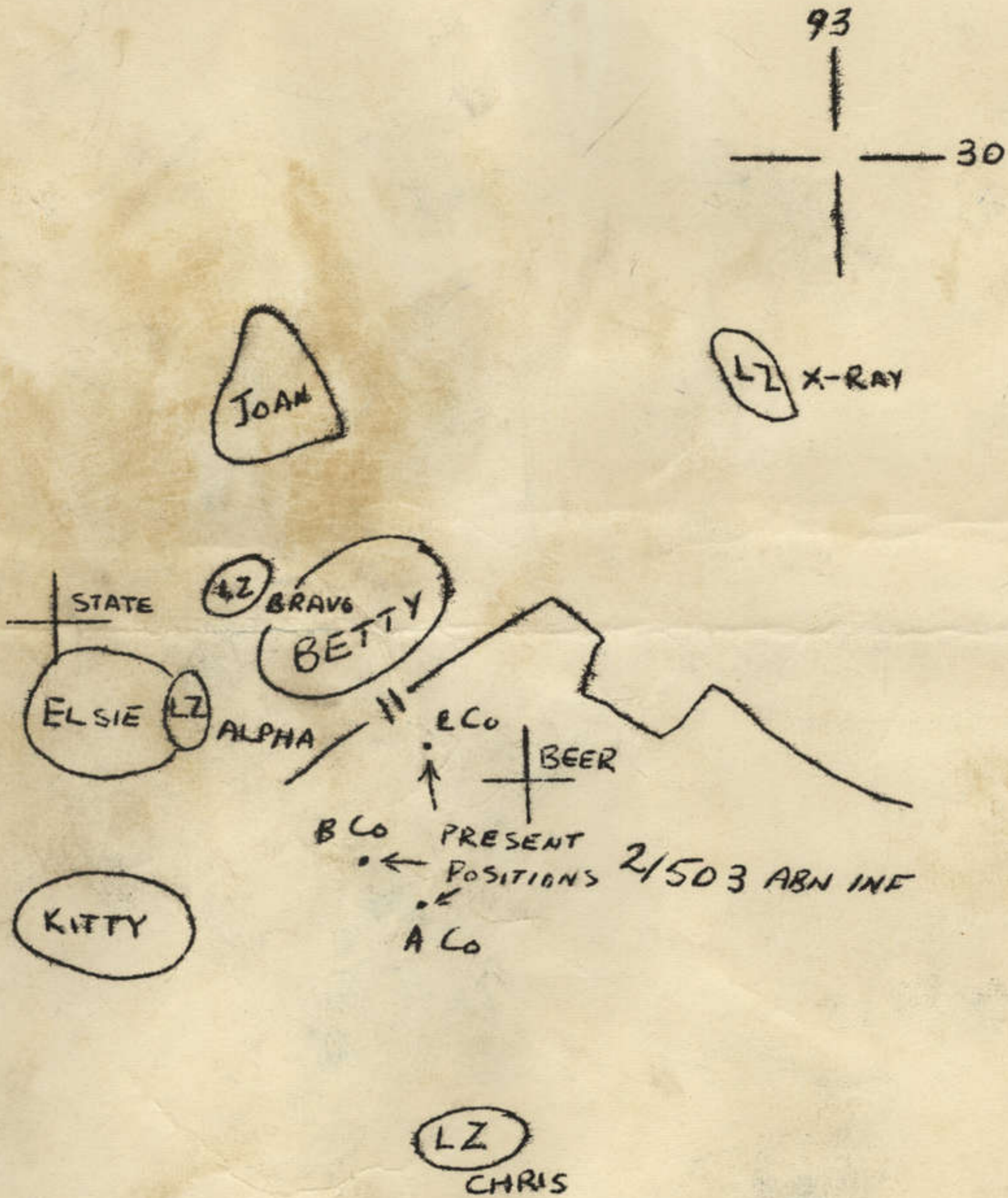
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