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[Vietnam]

Infantry units

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Regiment

Message log

Annexes

[26-30 Apr 1967]

PART 1

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. 1/67

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

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

2. Please return receipt below.

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PART 2

AF C 2119 (Adapted)
Rev. Jun, 1965**SECRET****ORIGINAL**Strike out where
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OF

Unit or Formation

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From 26 Apr 67

To 30 Apr 67

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PART 3

COMMANDERS DIARIES INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

1. The aim of a Commanders Diary is to provide data on which to base future improvements in Army training, equipment, organization and administration, and to furnish historians with a record of the activities of units and formations in operational and non-operational periods in peace and in war.

GENERAL

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

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

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

During Operational Periods (1)

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

COMPILATION

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

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

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COMBAT DIARIES DISPOSAL

13. **Original Commander's Diary.** This is to be forwarded monthly, unless otherwise ordered, by the seventh day of the succeeding month direct to AHQ.

14. **Duplicate Commander's Diary.** This must be clearly marked as a duplicate. It is to be sent separately from the original to AHQ one month after the original has been despatched but not before the former has been acknowledged.

15. When overseas, both copies of diaries are to be sent through the Army Records organization in the overseas theatre but at different times.

16. **TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.**

a. The documents referred to in Paragraph 9 together with a list of them made out on AF C 2118 (Adapted) must be placed in separate cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted). All details must be filled in and the cover clearly marked in red: "ANNEX Z — OFFICER ONLY". It may be convenient to group the papers by appendices.

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

TOP SECRET

ANNEX Z to

Commanders Diary of (Formation or Unit)

From to (Dates)

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

7 RAR MESSAGE LOG

DATE 26 Apr 67

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
7 RAR	1 ATF	0400	Sitrep No 1 from 2400 to 0400 hrs. N.T.R.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	0800	Sitrep No 2 from 0400 to 0800 hrs. N.T.R.	
7 RAR	LIST A	0810	RO Part 1 Serial 16 Numbers 210 - 244	H1
1 Pl	7 RAR	0840	Moving	
1 Pl	7 RAR	0843	Is the range clear // Range clear	
C Coy	7 RAR	0848	Has range party left yet // Yes	
C Coy	7 RAR	0850	Inform us when they arrive. Do not fire until told to	
1 Pl	7 RAR	0910	Am at north road block. There are 3 ARVN trucks who request permission to	
			travel in front of B Coy	
7 RAR	1 Pl	0915	What reason for travelling. // To collect wood. They have a party of 20	
			men.// Permission refused.	
7 Pl	7 RAR	0918	Permission to use range.	
1 Pl	7 RAR	0920	Reference ARVN. Can they collect wood from this point to water point.//Refused	
7 Pl	7 RAR	0930	Permission to throw grenades on B Coy range.//Not until party passes.	
1 Pl	7 RAR	0932	Are any civilians allowed east of Engineers Rd. // No.	
1 Pl	7 RAR	0936	Ref civilians. What will we do with them.//How many are there,//There are	
			3 woodcutters and 2 stock herders.// Tell them to go away.	
7 RAR	7 Pl	0951	Clear to throw grenades.	
7 Pl	7 RAR	1020	We have two blinds. Can you send someone to blow them.//Personnel on the way.	
4 Pl	7 RAR	1024	Permission to join net.	

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7 Pl	7 RAR	1040	Back in C Coy's location. Permission to close down	
24	7 RAR	1051	We have finished with the range. c/s 21 is about to take over.	
7 RAR	LIST C	1100	OP 1 issued	C1
1 Pl	7 RAR	1125	In A Coy loc now. Permission to close down.// Granted	
4 Pl	7 RAR	1140	Returning to loc now.	
B Coy	7 RAR	1141	Request permission to use range.// Granted.	
6 Pl	7 RAR	1207	Back from range. Closing Down.	
1 Pl	7 RAR	1222	Checked civilians near Engrs Rd. 6 men in black, 2 in green.	
1 Pl	7 RAR	1243	Back in A Coy loc. N.T.R.	
3 Cav Regt	7 RAR	A Son 3	Cav Regt want the all clear to our west to fire 50 and 30cal.//Granted.	Phone.
3 Cav	7 RAR	1406	Commencing to fire.	
61a	7 RAR	1455	Moving to A Coy loc.	
1 Pl	7 RAR	1500	Moving.	
7 RAR	1 Pl	1525	Is the range clear yet.// Stop where you are.	
1 Pl	7 RAR	1554	Is range clear yet.// No	
7 RAR	1 Pl	1600	Proceed to range	
7 RAR	1 ATF	1620	B Coy back in this loc.	
1 Pl	7 RAR	1633	Now in A Coy Loc. Permission to close down.// Granted.	
9 Pl	7 RAR	1723	Permission to return.// Granted.	
9 Pl	7 RAR	1752	Permission to close down.// Granted.	

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9	7 RAR	0823	Hillclimber finished.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	0823	Hillclimber has finished.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	0855	Sitrep No 1. 270800 - 270900. 1. n.t.r. 1. IZ secure. 3. N.T.R.	
B Coy	7 RAR	0955	Waiting order to move.// Wait.	
D Coy	7RAR	1000	Are you ready to move.// Yes moving now in accordance with CO's instructions.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	1000	Sitrep No 2. 270900 - 271000. 1. N.T.R. 2. Phase two complete. 3. N.T.R.	
7 RAR	B Coy	1006	Move now.	
7 RAR	D Coy	1006	Keep Moving	
7 RAR	B Coy	1011	Moving now.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	1029	B and D Coys moving.	
D Coy	7 RAR	1050	Locstat 369717	
B Coy	1 ATF	1053	Locstat 362726	
7 RAR	C Coy	1057	Are you static or otherwise.// Static.	
B Coy	7 RAR	1058	Slowed down by exceptionally thick scrub.	
D Coy	7 RAR	1102	Fetch Adj. Have encountered old installations. Not taking chances. Will	
			hold at Bound Get Set.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	1105	Sitrep No 3 from 271000 - 271100. 1. N.T.R. 2. A Coy 389683. B Coy	
			Eisenhower L O. 8 Up 0.4 C Coy 354716. D Coy Westmoreland L O.1 D 0.3 Con	
			- 354716. 3. N.T.R.	

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7 RAR	1 ATF	1115	D Coy - Bound get set	
7 RAR	B Coy	1120	Fetch OC. What is your rate of advance. Move it along.	
D Coy	7 RAR	1143	Fetch Adj. Ref installation. 2 mths old. 1 Coy sized. Area should be checked by Engineers. Too big to be checked out by my c/s.	
B Coy	7 RAR	1148	Locstat 372725.	
7 RAR	D Coy	1153	Send locstat XXX should read XXX 367726X of installations.	
7 RAR	B Coy	1155	Check locstat.// Should read 367726.	
7 RAR	D Coy	1200	Expedite info on installation.// As it is for Sitrep.	
D Coy	7 RAR	1205	Trying to detain info as best we can.	
7 RAR	1 TAF	1209	Sitrep No 4. 271200 to 271300. 1. Coy size installation, approx 2 mths old sighted by D Coy. Further info will follow. 2. Locstats. A Coy-389783. B Coy Daley L0.3 Up 0.6 Con-354716. D Coy-Get Set. C Coy-354716. 3.N.T.R.	
D Coy	9	1210	Loc of installation. General R0.5 This instl could be the same one as reported by other source. It has 17 pits, and 3 bldgs incl a kitchen. 200 metres west of track could be sentry post. The area may be mined or booby trapped - 17 yds out.	
D Coy	7 RAR	1228	Moving now	
B Coy	7 RAR	1229	Complete at bound Get Set	
7 RAR	B Coy	1230	Move now	

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7 RAR	A Coy	1236	Send me locstats of all callsigns.	
B Coy	7 RAR	1241	Filling water bottles. will move in 15 mins.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	1232	Sitrep No 4. (ref). Installations Location General R0.5/ Description 17	
			pits plus 3 MG pits, 3 buildings and one kitchen, approx 80 metres from	
			pits. 200 metres west is a hole in the ground. Could be a sentry post. 17	
			metres out there is a staked area which may be mined or booby trapped.	
7 RAR	C Coy	1241	Move now.	
7 RAR	B Coy	1242	Stay where you are until you get further word.	
D Coy	7 RAR	1256	Locstat 380719.	
7 RAR	A Coy	1257	Expedite location of callsigns.	
D Coy	7 RAR	1259	Another abandoned area. 5 or 6 huts for a coy plus. Do you require any	
			further info.// Generalise if possible.// There are tunnels but we have	
			not enough time to have a look at them.// Have a look at them and check	
			if this is the same area as was reported earlier, or is it a second find.	
			Is this find at the position of your last locstat.// Yes.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	1303	Sitrep No 5. 271200-271300. 1. N.T.R. Two. Locstats A Coy - 389683. B Coy	
			Get Set. C Coy - 345716. D Coy - Golf R2.0 Up 1.9 Con -345716. 3. N.T.R.	
A Coy	7 RAR	1305	Locstats. 10a D ^A rs L0.1 Up 0.2 c/s 11 Andrews L0.3 Up 0.3 c/s 12 Whiskey	
			L1.9 D2.0. c/s 13 XXX Football R1.6 D 2.2 c/8 cricket R 2.8 D 1.7.	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
7 RAR	OB	1306	Send LT A/C RW. to 345716 now.	
7 RAR	OB	1312	Rso will come in on LT A/C RW to 7 RAR LZ. He will have a tag on him. Act Accordingly.	
7 RAR	61	1328	Rear elements of C Coy should be passing you in 2 mins.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	1330	Locstat c/s 1 and 11a Diana Dors LO.1 Up 0.2 c/s 11 Julie Andrews L 0.3 c/s 12 Whiskey L 1.9 D 2.0 c/s 13 Football R 1.6 D 2.2 c/s 8 Cricket R 2.8 D 1.7.	
7RAR	A Coy	1337	Are you doing any firing of small arms // No.	
61	7 RAR	1340	The rear elements have just moved through. // Move now.	
B Coy	7RAR	1344	Tin Shack. Locstat Wavell R 0.3 Up 1.1. Searching now, details to follow.	
7 RAR	A Coy	1345	Reported shots 1500 metres south of your posh. Have you heard them.// Negative.	
B Coy	7 RAR	1349	House clear - Moving on.	
7 RAR	B Coy	1350	Send locstat.// Same as for Tin Shack.	
7 RAR	A Coy	1351	Is there any change to your last locstat.// No.	
C Coy	7 RAR	1352	Locstat Daley L 0.2 D 0.3.	
C Coy	7 RAR	1358	Found small camp. Moving to investigate.	
B Coy	7 RAR	1400	Have located a track which had had much troop movement. Has been used in last 2 days.	
7 RAR	1 TAF	1400	Sitrep No 6. 2nd installation report. Loc Wavell R 0.4 Up 1.1 Description - Tin Shack, clear of enemy. Locs. A Coy no change. B Coy Wavell R 0.3 Up 1.1. C Coy Daley L 0.2 D 0.3	
			D Coy Rugby R 2.1 Up 2.4 Con - Soccer R 0.1 Up 1.1.3. N.T.R.	

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C Coy	7 RAR	1405	Found camp. Do you want us to investigate.// For no more than 10 mins.	
B Coy	7 RAR	1425	Locstat Asset R 0.8 Up 1.5.	
C Coy	7 RAR	1440	Locstat - Get Set.	
9	61	1448	Locstat Blamey L 0.1 Up 0.1.	
69	9	1450	Locstat Wavell L 0.6 Up 0.3.	
7 RAR	C Coy	1453	Ref camp found. Were there any details.// Friendly camp, used by friendlies in the area.	
9	7 RAR	1515	GET SET.	
7 RAR	1 TAF	1512	Sitrep No 7. 1. N.T.R. 2. Locs B Coy ASSET R 0.8 Up 1.5 at 1430 hrs. C Coy GET SET.	
			D Coy GOOD DOG. c/s/ 69 Wavell L 0.6 Up 0.3 3. N.T.R.	
1 ATF	7RAR		Any further info ref pits and huts reported earlier.// Negative.// 6 huts yes, tunnels	
			not reported by this means.	
D Coy	7 RAR	1512	Have made contact with c/s 42. Permission to move.	
D Coy	7 RAR	1515	GET SET.	
B Coy	7 RAR	1533	Have reached BAD BOY.	
A Coy	7 RAR	1542	Locstat - No change.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	1601	Sitrep No 8. 1. N.T.R. 2. Locs. A Coy no change. B Coy BAD BOY. C Coy GET SET. D Coy	
			GOOD DOG. Con GET SET. 3. N.T.R.	
69	7 RAR	1607	In your loc now.	
A Coy	7 RAR	1653X 1659	Locstat Diana Dors L 0.1 Up 0.2.	

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B Coy	7 RAR	1703	Locstat Steak L2.2 Up 1.4. Have located camp. Not known whether occupied or not . Going to recce.	
B Coy	7 RAR	1712	Camp is deserted.	
7 RAR	1ATF	1714	Sitrep No 9. 1. N.T.R. 2. Locs A Coy no change. B Coy Steak L2.2 Up 1.4 C Coy Tennis R 1.6 Up 2.4 D Coy Sherry L 1.5 Up 2.7 Con Patton R 0.4 Up 0.4 3. N.T.R.	
C Coy	9	1730	Delays today. Seems almost impossible to carry out task. Request clarification.// Ref task. Stay where you are tonight.	
7 RAR	All Coys	1750	Cancel ambush.	
C Coy	7 RAR	1755	Locstat 386727	
B Coy	7 RAR	1806	Sitrep No 1. From 270800 to 271000. A. N.T.R. B. Locstat 389744. C. River water resup at 394786.	
A Coy	7 RAR	1808	Locstat no change. Sitrep. N.T.R.	
C Coy	7 RAR	1810	Have found large signs of profuse bleeding. There is no trail in our area, but the bleeding seems to have been caused today.	
62	7 RAR	1830	Fat Toad - In position.	
C Coy	7 RAR	1942	Locstat 386727.	
C Coy	7 RAR	1948	Ref blood. No trail in present loc.	
A Coy	7 RAR	1950	Sitrep No 1 from 270600 to 271800. A. No enemy located. B. Loc 450828. C. Require water resup/ Advise.	

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7 RAR	1 ATF	1904	Sitrep No 10. 1. Signs of recent profuse bleeding near C Coy loc. No trail. 2. Locs A Coy	
			no change. B Coy 450828. C Coy 386727. D Coy - No comms approx Pork L 0.8 Up 0.1 Con at	
			UEDIONT. 3. Watch water resup req tomorrow morning. Minor adjustments to original plan	
			will be advised.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	1940	Sitrep No 11. 1. N.T.R. 2. Locs No change except D Coy Flying Flag-300Metres. 3. N.T.R.	
92	7 RAR	2023	Ref resup of water. Onlyone not contacted is D Coy. Can you arrange.// Roger.	
D Coy	7 RAR	2040	Ref conversation. Can it be passed on this means.	
D Coy	7 RAR	2045	RELAY to 92. Ref resup will give Landing Point ASP tomorrow this area entirely unsuitable.	
			We wish to backload medevac with sprained ankle. Will give regt particulars in morning.	
92	7 RAR	2050	Relay to D Coy. 20 cans at BRANDY 1 0.1 Up 3.1 at Q minus 4. Loc to be confirmed.	
			Backloading 45 mins after delivery to each LZ. Callsigns to remain in loc till backload	
			complete.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	2104	Sitrep No 13. N.T.R.	
1 ATF	7 RAR	2114	Check with your A Coy to see whether they sighted a flare in the vicinity of 3870.//	
			Negative.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	2146	Our A Coy sighted at 5550 mills, mag 7000-10000 metres.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	2200	Sitrep No 14 from 272100 to 272200H. N.T.R.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	2300	Sitrep No 15 from 272200 to 272300H. N.T.R.	

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7 RAR	1 TAF	2400	Sitrep No 16. From 272300 to 272400H. N.T.R.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	0100	Sitrep No 1. From 272400 to 280100H. N.T.R.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	0200	Sitrep No 2. From 280100H to 280200H. N.T.R.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	0300	Sitrep No 3. From 280200H to 280300H. N.T.R.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	0400	Sitrep No 4. From 280300H to 280400H. N.T.R.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	0500	Sitrep No 5. From 280400H to 280500H. N.T.R.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	0600	Sitrep No 6. From 280500H to 280600H. N.T.R.	
D Coy	7 RAR	0600	Sitrep No 2 From 271800H to 28 0600H. A. N.T.R. B. No change in loc. C. N.T.R.	
C Coy	7 RAR	0635	Medevac with resup.	
B Coy	7 RAR	0658	Moving now.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	0703	Sitrep No 7. N.T.R.	
D Coy	7 RAR	0708	Moving now.	
7 RAR	C Coy	0712	Moving now.	
B Coy	7 RAR	0725	Locstat of 4 pl Sausage L2.3 Up 1.6.	
D Coy	7 RAR	0730	Locstat Vermouth L0.3 Up 2.8 c/s 42 Vermouth L 3.2.	
A Coy	7 RAR	0740	Locstat - no change.	
A Coy	7 RAR	0800	Locstat c/s 13 V. Bitter R 1.9 D 2.8. A Coy - no change.	
B Coy	7 RAR	0815	Locstat no change.	
C Coy	7 RAR	0900	Locstat Ham L 1.5 Up 3.6.	

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B Coy	7 RAR	0915	Moving now	
D Coy	7 RAR	0930	Locstat - no change	
7 RAR	1 ATF	0820	Sitrep No 8. 1. N.T.R. 2. A Coy No change. B Coy Corn Beef L 1.8 Up 1.5. C Coy no change	
			. D Coy Vermouth L 0.3 Up 2.8 Con Jackson R 1.6 Up 0.8 c/s 42 Vermouth Up 3.2. 3. N.T.R.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	0912	Sitrep No 9. 1. N.T.R. 2. Locs. A Coy no change. B Coy no change. C Coy Ham L 1.5 Up	
			0.6 D Coy no change. c/s 42 no change. Con-First Chance. 3. Water resup proceeding.	
1 ATF	7 RAR	0930	Had report of you finding docs, and Viet money etc. Can you give further info.// Not found by	
			this callsign.	
1 ATF	7 RAR	0940	REQUEST your mortars fire into 4070 between 10 and 1100 today. About 5 serials of 6-8	
			rounds. 30sec spacing.// Roger will info.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	0953	No info as yet on finding of docs etc.// These are on their way back. Have been found by	
			ARTY net.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	1000	We are holding fire of mortars. Waiting ground clearance.	
D Coy	7 RAR	1010	Estimated time of moving, after we pick up cans, should be 10 mins.	
B Coy	7 RAR	1015	Locstat Shirt L 2.2 Up 0.4.	
1 ATF	7 RAR	1017	Ref your mortars fire into 3970.	
7 RAR	C Coy	1030	From 9. Check locstat. Have you made contact with c/s 41 yet.	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
7 RAR	1 ATF	1032	Sitrep No 10. 1. Two camps located at 402786 and 409787. Both tunnel/bunker complex, about pl size, unused for several months. 2. A Coy no change. B Coy Shirt L 2.2 Up 0.4 C Coy Ham L 1.5 Up 0.6 D Coy Sten L 1.2 Up 1.9 Con - Shirt L 1.1 D 0.4.	
C Coy	7 RAR	1037	Locstat Singlet L 2.2 D 0.1. Resup complete. Waiting on orders to move.	
7 RAR	B Coy	1045	Move now.	
7 RAR	C Coy	1045	No move for one hour. No move until told.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	1100	Sitrep No 11. N.T.R.	
D Coy	7 RAR	1108	Moving now.	
B Coy	7 RAR	1110	Dust Off . A 24. B.c/s 2 Net. C.1st. 2nd. A. D. Beer R 2.3 L 3.4 Smoke E. 1300hrs. F. Soldier has severe injury to leg. Member received morphine. Accident resulted from fall.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	1126	Dust Off. A. c/s 24. B. c/s 2 Net. C. 1st Lima. 2nd A. D. Beer R 2.3 Up 3.4 Smoke. E. 1300hrs. F. Soldier has suffered severe injury to leg. Morphine has been administered in result of fall.	
7 RAR	C Coy	1140	Move now. We are in approx posn that we should have occupied last night.	
D Coy	7 RAR	1148	Locstat c/s 41 Rifle L 2.3 Up 1.2. Remainder of c/s at Sox L1.1 D 1.0.	
D Coy	7 RAR	1230	Dozing Dream.	
B Coy	7 RAR	1233	Dust Off sta rting.	
B Coy	7 RAR	1236	Dust Off complete.	

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62	7 RAR	1243	Elements of 62 have joined party.	
A Coy	7 RAR	1247	Locstat. No change.	
C Coy	7 RAR	1300	Locstat. No change.	
B Coy	7 RAR	1325	Have reached my RV. Awaiting instructions.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	1336	Sitrep No 13. 1. N.T.R. 2. Locs A Coy - no change. B Coy. Shirt L 1.2 D 0.1. C Coy No	
			change. D Coy Singlet L 1.3 D2.3 Con - Owen LO.6 Up 2.3 Blind destroyed by c/s 62. Dust	
			Off complete.	
D Coy	7 RAR	1350	Locstat Singlet L 1.3 D 2.5. Refilling water. Moving in 5 mins.	
A Coy	7 RAR	1352	Locstat. No change .	
B Coy	7 RAR	1358	Locstat Shirt L 1.1 D 0.1.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	1403	Sitrep No 14. 1. N.T.R. 2. A Coy no change. B Coy Shoe L 1.2 D 0.2 C Coy Armalite L 1.5	
			Up 2.6 c/s 4 Michigan R 0.7 Up 2.5 Con- TALL GIRL. 3. N.T.R.	
7 RAR	B & C	1403	Advance along route. Now order on march. C and B Coy. Loc of this c/s is TALL GIRL.	
			There is water here.	
D Coy	7 RAR	1410	Moving now.	
A Coy	7 RAR	1411	C/s 13 is with me now.	
D Coy	7 RAR	1425	Locstat Owen LO.9 D 0.3	
A Coy	7 RAR	1440	Locstat. Yalumba R 1.8 D 2.9.	
C Coy	7 RAR	1450	Locstat Carbine L1.0 Up 2.6.	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
D Coy	7 RAR	1500	Locstat Geneva R 1.5 Up 0.7.	
62	7 RAR	1515	TALL GIRL	
B Coy	7 RAR	1520	Locstat Shirt L 1.1 D 0.4.	
D Coy	7 RAR	1530	Locstat Sox L 0.6 D 4.3. One woodcutter detained.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	1532	Our D Coy has picked up a woodcutter at Sox L 0.6 F 4.3. Intend to bring in with us.	
D Coy	7 RAR	1537	Have picked up another 2 woodcutters.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	1543	Have detained another 2 woodcutters. Bringing them in too.	
B Coy	7 RAR	1545	Locstat Tie 1 0.7 D 0.6	
C Coy	7 RAR	1548	TALL GIRL.	
A Coy	7 RAR	1600	Locstat Lake R 2.1.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	1604	Sitrep No 16. From 281500 to 281600H. 1. M.T.R. 2. A Coy no change. B Coy Tie L 0.7 D 0.6	8x
			C Coy - TALL GIRL. D Coy- Lake R 2.1 Con - Pistol R 1.4 D 0.3 3.N.T.R.	
B Coy	7 RAR	1620	Locstat Sock L 0.3 D 1.4.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	1624	D Coy - DOWN TOWN.	
B Coy	7 RAR	1652	Locstat Boot L 0.2 D 1.4.	
61	7 RAR	1655	Home Run.	
D Coy	7 RAR	1657	Locstat Ayre R 0.7 D 0.4	
A Coy	7 RAR	1700	No change.	
C Coy	7 RAR	1702	Locstat Shotgun R 0.5 Up 0.8.	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
7 RAR	1 ATF	0225 XX	Sitrep No 2 fro 2400 to 0200hrs N.T.R.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	0400	Sitrep No 4. N.T.R.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	0600	Sitrep No 5. N.T.R.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	0700	Sitrep No 6. N.T.R.	
5 Pl	7 RAR	0855	Require information on resupply.	
5 Pl	7 RAR	0859	Getting water by own means. From Con: No wait out.	
F/A	7 RAR	0923	Found blind. Request permission to blow. From Con; Can it be lifted. From Con: What is loc	
			of blind. From F/A 447696.	
7 RAR	F/A	0930	Go ahead and blow blind as well as your practice blowing.	
7 RAR	5 Pl	0944	Move to 4171 get water, return to your loc. Move in squares 4173, 4172, 4171.	
5 Pl	7 RAR	1100	Locstat. No change.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	1100	Sitrep No 8 N.T.R.	
7 RAR	5 Pl	1235	Is your c/s complete in loc. From 5Pl: Yes.	
7 RAR	5 Pl	1305	Dust Off arranged to pick up casavac at your loc in 20 mins. Use smoke on call.	
5 Pl	7 RAR	1315	Can anything be done about getting water to us. From Con: No water. Sunray advises split	
			c/s and seek water.	
7 RAR	5 Pl	1320	Reference water. we are trying to arrange. Water fixed. Empty waterbottles to be placed in	
			sandbags, same will be winched to you.	
7 RAR	5 Pl	1345	Dust Off over you area now.	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
5 Pl	7RAR	1400	Ready to receive water.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	1510	Sitrep No 9 from 1100 to 1500hrs. A. N.T.R. B. Ambush c/s 5 Pl moving to 432723. 4 Pl	
			unchanged. C. Casevec of 5 Pl complete at 1355 hrs. Water resup of 5 Pl complete 1430hrs.	
5 Pl	7 RAR	1535	Crypto understood. Moving in 10 mins.	
4 Pl	7 RAR	1645	Permission to join net.	
4 Pl	7 RAR	1700	Releived 9 Pl. Now in position.	
7 RAR	5 Pl	1710	Send locstat. From 5 Pl: 425726.	
4 Pl	7 RAR	1830	Have 2 engineer personnel at loc water point who require road pass from A Coy from 1900	
			to 2000hrs. From Con: Permission to use road given.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	1925	Sitrep No 10 from 1500 to 1900hrs. A. N.T.R. B. Ambush 4 Pl position unchanged. Ambush	
			5 Pl position 432723. Admin N.T.R.	
5 Pl	7 RAR	1926	Locstat 432723.	
C Coy	7 RAR	1945	Clearing Patrols In.	
C Coy	7 RAR	1955	Stand Down.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	2300	Sitrep No 11 from 1900 to 2300hrs. N.T.R.	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
7 RAR	1 ATF	0200	Sitrep No 1. N.T.R.	
9 Pl	7 RAR	0701	Now in position.	
4 Pl	7 RAR	0715	Now moving back to B Coy.	
4 Pl	7 RAR	0740	Back in B coy loc. Request permission to close down.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	0800	Sitrep No 2. N.T.R.	
3 Pl	7 RAR	0826	Moving to B Coy range. Will ask for clearance to fire.	
C Coy	7 RAR	0852	Sending out TAOR patrol.	
7 RAR	7 Pl	0910	Proceed on TAOR patrol now.	
7 RAR	3 Pl	0913	XXXXXXXXXXXX You are clear to fire now.	
3 Pl	7 RAR	1000	Moving back to loc now.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	1100	Sitrep No 3. From 300800H to 301100H. A N.T.R. B. 2Pl, 5pl no change. C. N.T.R.	
2 Pl	7 RAR	1120	2.75 heat missile found 200m. east of loc. Request Engineer rep at Q plus 2130 hrs.	
7 RAR	2 Pl	1135	Ref Holdfast rep. Not available today. Possibly tomorrow. Details to follow later.	
D Coy	7 RAR	1155	Range firing completed.	
4 Pl	7 RAR	1405	Range practice finished. Moving back to B Coy loc.	
5 Pl	7 RAR	1409	Request Transport at 010800H.	
7 RAR	1 ATF	1458	Sitrep No 4 from 301100 to 101500hrs. A. N.T.R. B. Close TAOR patrol departed loc moving anticlockwise. 4 Pl and 5 Pl no change. C. N.T.R. D. N.T.R.	
7 RAR	6 Pl	1510	Stop firing. You are causing ricochets to your left. Go on firing.	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
5 Pl	7 RAR	1600	Ref Transport. Any word. From 7 RAR: No confirmation at this time.	
2 Pl	7 RAR	1637	Have I a reply on Engineers rep to come at FEWKEKEM time requested.	
7 RAR	2 Pl	1654	Reference Engineer. Will confirm by 2000hrs tonight.	
2 Pl	7 RAR	1930	Is there any information on transport to pick us up tomorrow.	
C Coy	7 RAR	1932	Clearing Patrols In.	
5 Pl	7 RAR	1955	CONTACT.	
5 Pl	7 RAR	2000	Fired claymore to our left flank. No response.	
5 Pl	7 RAR	2017	Fire mission still being fired. No sign of movement will keep you informed.	
5 Pl	7 RAR	2020	Firing a grenade to left flank.	
7 RAR	2 Pl	2030	2 members of Engineers will be coming to your loc in APCs at todays Q hr + 25, you will	
			return on their APC's.	
5 Pl	7 RAR	2032	There is definite movement in the same location and we have opened fire.	
7 RAR	5 Pl	2117	Arty is ready if required illumination. From 5pl: Definite probing to rear, feel	
			confident in present loc. Will advise FMTE further.	
7 RAR	5 Pl	2220	Has there been any further activity in your loc. From 5 pl: No.	
7 RAR	24	2254	Any further activity. From 24. Yes. Rifle shot to my front. Positive not own men.	

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7 RAR
AP AN PHU
SOUTH VIETNAM
vic YS441684

OP: 1

261100 H Apr 67

Reference: Maps VIETNAM 1:50,000 Sheet 6430 11 Series OPS L7014
1:25,000 Sheet 6430 - 111 SE
L8020 PICTO

1. Situation

a. Enemy Forces. Briefing by IO.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 5 RAR is avail as a reaction force if required.

(2) 6 RAR is to cont to ptl its TAOR.

(3) BINH BA RF Coy TAOR is shown on trace Annex "C".
2Lt O'Brien is to act as LO to this unit.

c. Atts and Dets.

(1) In DS: 161 Bty RNZA

(2) In spt from 270700: two airmobile coys CH47 sorties
to lift one Fd Bty.

(3) In sp from
281700: CH47 sorties to lift one fd bty

(4) In sp from
270900: 1 by Sioux.

2. Mission. 7 RAR is to conduct an air mobile op into LZ YS 3571
on 27 Apr 67 to conduct a search and destroy op in the area WEST of
BINH BA.

3. Execution.

a. Gen outline. The op is to be conducted in three phases:

(1) Phase 1. Secure and occupy fire base at grid reference
389683.

(2) Phase 2. Hel aslt on LZ grid reference 354716.

(3) Phase 3. Search and destroy op returning on ft to base
area.

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b. A Coy

(1) Grouping

(a) Under cpmd as from 261800H:

- I FO party
- II MFC
- III Int dutyman

(b) Under comd as from arrival in fire base:

- I Mor Pl less one sect.
- II Tracking team.

(2) Tasks

(a) Secure LZ in vicinity grid reference 389683 by Hel aslt by 0730 hrs.

(b) Estb a fire base by 0800 hrs and provide protection for the fire base for the duration of the op.

c. B Coy

(1) Grouping. Under comd as from 261800H:

- (a) FO party
- (b) MFC
- (c) Int dutyman

(2) Tasks

(a) Hel lift to LZ grid reference 354716

(b) Carry out a search and destroy op along axis shown on trace Annex "C".

d. C Coy

(1) Grouping. Under comd as from 261800H:

- (a) FO party
- (b) MFC
- (c) Int dutyman.

(2) Tasks

(a) Secure LZ grid reference 354714 by hel aslt.

(b) When directed by Bn HQ search and destroy along axis shown on trace Annex "C".

e. D Coy

(1) Grouping. Under comd as from 261800H:

- (a) FO party
- (b) MFC
- (c) Int dutyman

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(2) Tasks

- (a) Hel lift to LZ grid reference 354716.
- (b) Search and destroy along axis shown on trace Annex "C".

f. Mor Pl

(1) Grouping.

- (a) MFCs under comd A Coy, B Coy, C Coy, D Coy from 261800H.
- (b) Mor Pl less one sect under comd A Coy from arrival at fire base.
- (c) One sect base protection.

(2) Tasks

- (a) Sp from fire base posn.
- (b) 40 RPMor to be carried.

g. Pnr Pl.

- (1) Mov with Bn HQ.
- (2) Mine detectors and LZ eqpt to be ready for hel lift fwd if needed.
- (3) Task. Protection of Bn HQ.

h. Fire Aslt Pl

(1) Grouping.

Tracking team under comd A Coy from arrival at fire base.

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Fire aslt pl less tracking team. Protection of Bn HQ.
- (b) Tracking team : Tracking tasks as required by OC A Coy.

j. Arty.

(1) Grouping,

- (a) 161 Bty in DS.
- (b) 103 Bty on priority call to 7 RAR during mov of 161 Bty
- (c) 1 Fd Regt (-) and 1/83 Arty Bn in sp.

(2) Tasks

- (a) 161 Bty to fly into fire sp base in CH 47 when secured - Approx 0730 hrs. Be prep to sp op from 0800H.

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(b) 161 Bty to remain fire sp base for duration of op then fly out in CH47.

(c) Fire plan "FIRST UP" att as Annex "A".

k. Avn. Fly out will be from WEST end of LUSCOMBE fd.

(1) Lift 1. 270700H A Coy plus Arty and Mor recce parties to fire base ASPRO grid reference 389683.

(2) Lift 2. When A Coy secure ASPRO - approx 270730H - 161 Bty to ASPRO.

(3) Lift 3. When guns ready at ASPRO - aprox 270800H - C Coy to BONDI BEACH.

(4) Lift 4. B Coy plus Bn HQ, recce and protection parties.

(5) Lift 5. Bn HQ plus elements of D Coy.

(6) Lift 6.

a. D Coy

b. Mor pl less one sect. Tracking team.

l. Base Protection

a. (1) 10 fit men per Coy will remain in Base Area.

(2) Base area Comd by OC Admin Coy.

m. Co-ord Instrs

(1) RD Day 27 Apr 67.

(2) Bn ready at LUSCOMBE fd by 0645 hrs.

(3) Summary of timings

(a) Lift 1 depart PZ 0700hrs.

(b) Fire Base secure by 0730 hrs.

(c) Guns in action by 0800 hrs. Aslt continues.

(d) Lift 2 departs PZ 0800 hrs.

(e) 2Lt O'Brien to BINH BA 1200 hrs.

(4) Routes. See trace Annex "C" att.

(5) Ni Harbour Posns. See trace Annex "C" att.

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(6) Rules of Engagement

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

I When a VIETNAMESE is seen carrying a weapon.

II When we are fired at.

III When a hostile act is about to be committed.

IV In the hours of darkness

(b) If in doubt do not shoot

(7) Boundarys. See trace Annex "C" att.

(8) Bounds and Report Lines. See trace Annex "C" att.

4. Admin and Log

a. Rations

(1) 2 x 24 hour packs to be carried and one emergency rat.

(2) Collect from rat store on 26 Apr.

b. Water

(1) Each man to leave op base with full water bottles.

(2) Water resup planned for 28 Apr as follows:-

(a) Bn HQ, B, C and D Coys - 3 sorties at 0800 hrs.

(b) A Coy, Mors - 1 sortie to ASPRO at 0815 hrs.

c. Ammo

(1) Normal scales.

(2) Bn res aval at helepad.

(3) Mor pl 40 RPMor.

d. Medical

(1) Normal atts.

(2) Medevac by DUSTOFF aircraft.

(3) RAP loc Bn HQ.

e. Radio Btys

(1) Each op to carry one res bty.

(2) Res at helepad if required.

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5. Comd and Sigs

a. Bn HQ

(1) Lift 5 and occupy posn to EAST of LZ BONDI BEACH, see trace Annex "C". Tac party in C and C ship from 0700 hrs until mov completed.

(2) Mov in rear of C Coy on foot.

b. Radio

(1) Radio diagram Annex "B".

(2) Tfc is to be minimised throughout op.

c. Line. Laid in Bn HQ area only, as ordered.

d. Codes. As currently issued.

e. Nicknames

(1) Report lines see trace Annex "C"

CFT SET
BAD BOY
FIRST CHANCE
GOOD DOG
TALL GIRL
DOZY DREAM
HOME RUN
DOWN TOWN

(2) Fire base grid reference 389683

(3) LZ grid reference 354716

(4) In ni harbour posn

(5) In base area

(6) Guns return from fire base

(7) Recall A Coy

ASPRO
BONDI BEACH
FLYING FLAG
BIG FISH
PRETTY BIRD
ABLE SEAMAN

ACKNOWLEDGE

(Eric H. Smith)

Lt Col

Commanding Officer

ANNEXES: A Fire Plan.
B Radio Diagram.
C Routes.
D Distribution.

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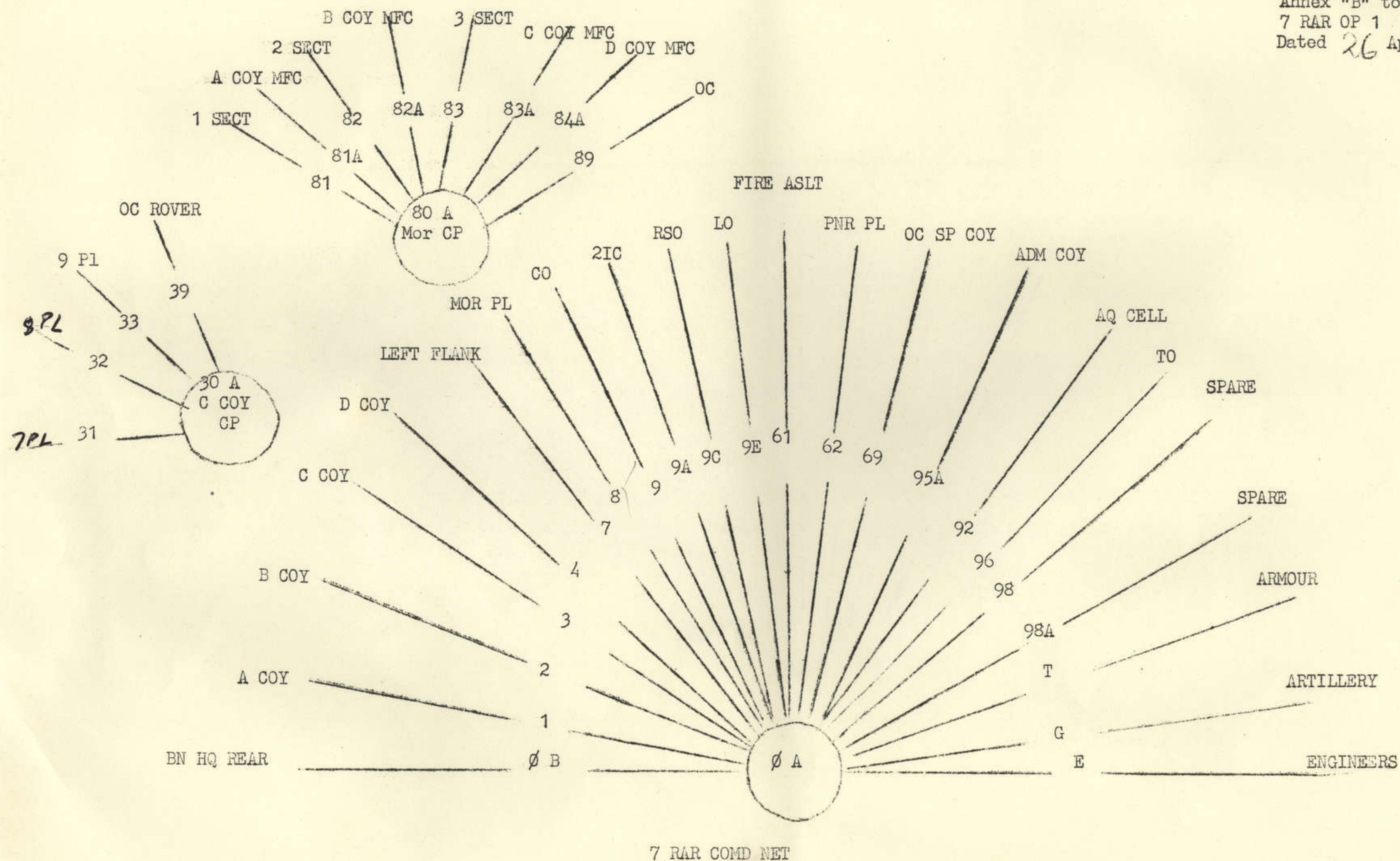
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SERIAL	TIME		TRG NO	GRID	REF		BTY TO ENGAGE				AMMO	RATE	REMARKS
	b	c					101	103	161	2/35			
a			d		e		f	g	h	j	k	l	m
1	ON	CALL	JJ3921	3620	7051	15m	1	1	1	1	HE		
2	"	"	JJ3922	3469	7250	15m	"	"	"	"	"		
3	"	"	JJ3923	3734	7098	15m	"	"	"	"	"		
4	"	"	JJ3924	3690	7295	10m	"	"	"	"	"		
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6	"	"	JJ3926	3730	7439	20m	"	"	"	"	"		
7	"	"	JJ3927	3915	7200	150m	"	"	"	"	"		
8	"	"	JJ3928	3965	7295	25m	"	"	"	"	"		
9	"	"	JJ3929	3910	7375	30m	"	"	"	"	"		
10	"	"	JJ3930	3851	7427	40m	"	"	"	"	"		
11	"	"	JJ3931	3900	7532	30m	"	"	"	"	"		
12	"	"	JJ3932	4066	7151	20m	"	"	"	"	"		
13	"	"	JJ3933	4025	7271	100m	"	"	"	"	"		
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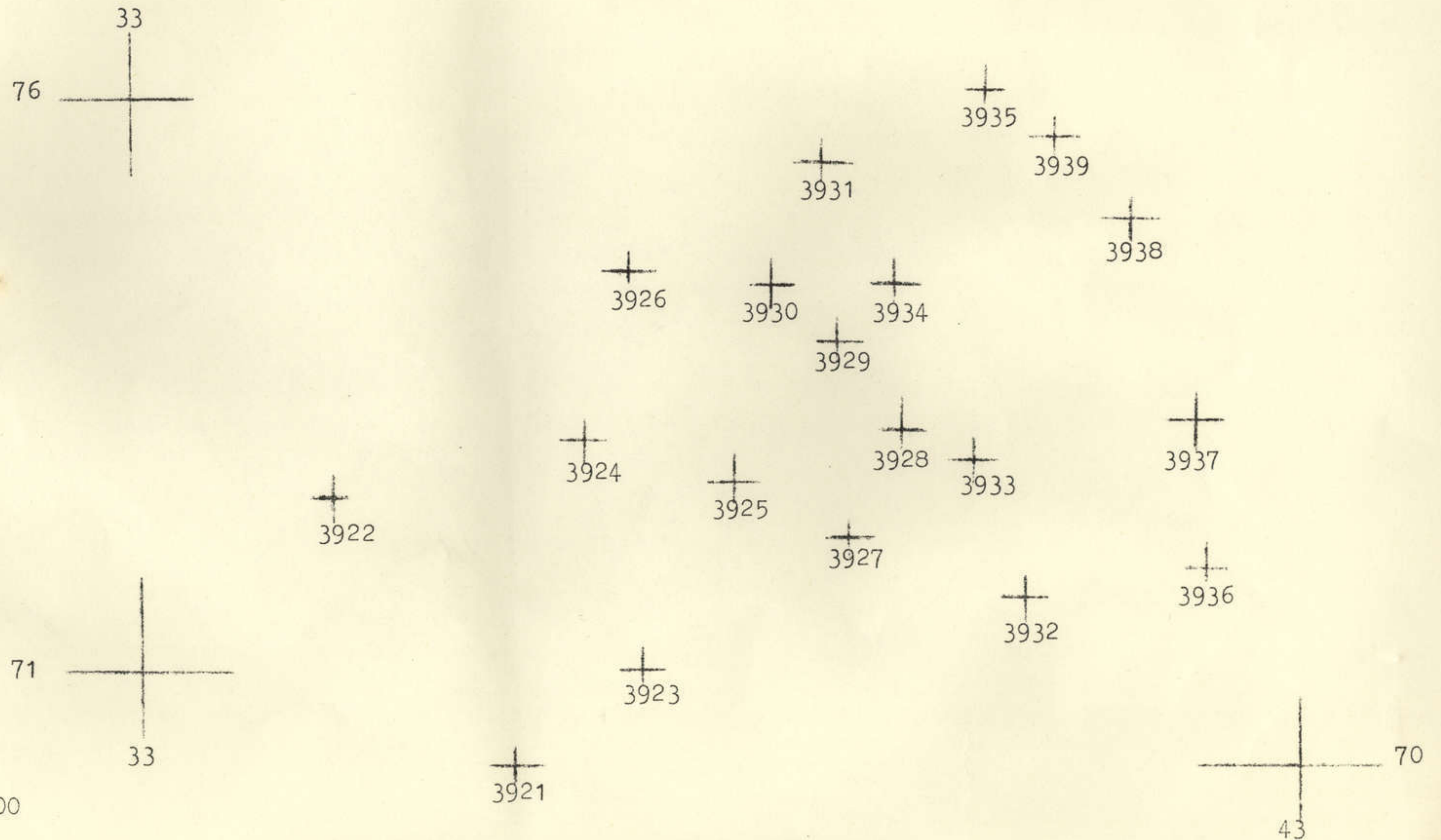
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15	ON	CALLJJ 3935	4040 7590	50m	1	1	1	1	HE		
16	"	" JJ3936	4224 7177	25m	"	"	"	"	"		
17	"	" JJ3937	4220 7300	40m	"	"	"	"	"		
18	"	" JJ3938	4167 7478	55m	"	"	"	"	"		
19	"	" JJ3939	4100 7549	50m	"	"	"	"	"		

Annex "B" to
7 RAR OP 1
Dated 26 Apr 67



FIRE PLAN " FIRST UP "
IN SP 7 RAR OP PUCKAPUNYAL

ANNEX C TO
7RAR OP 1
DATED 26 APR 67



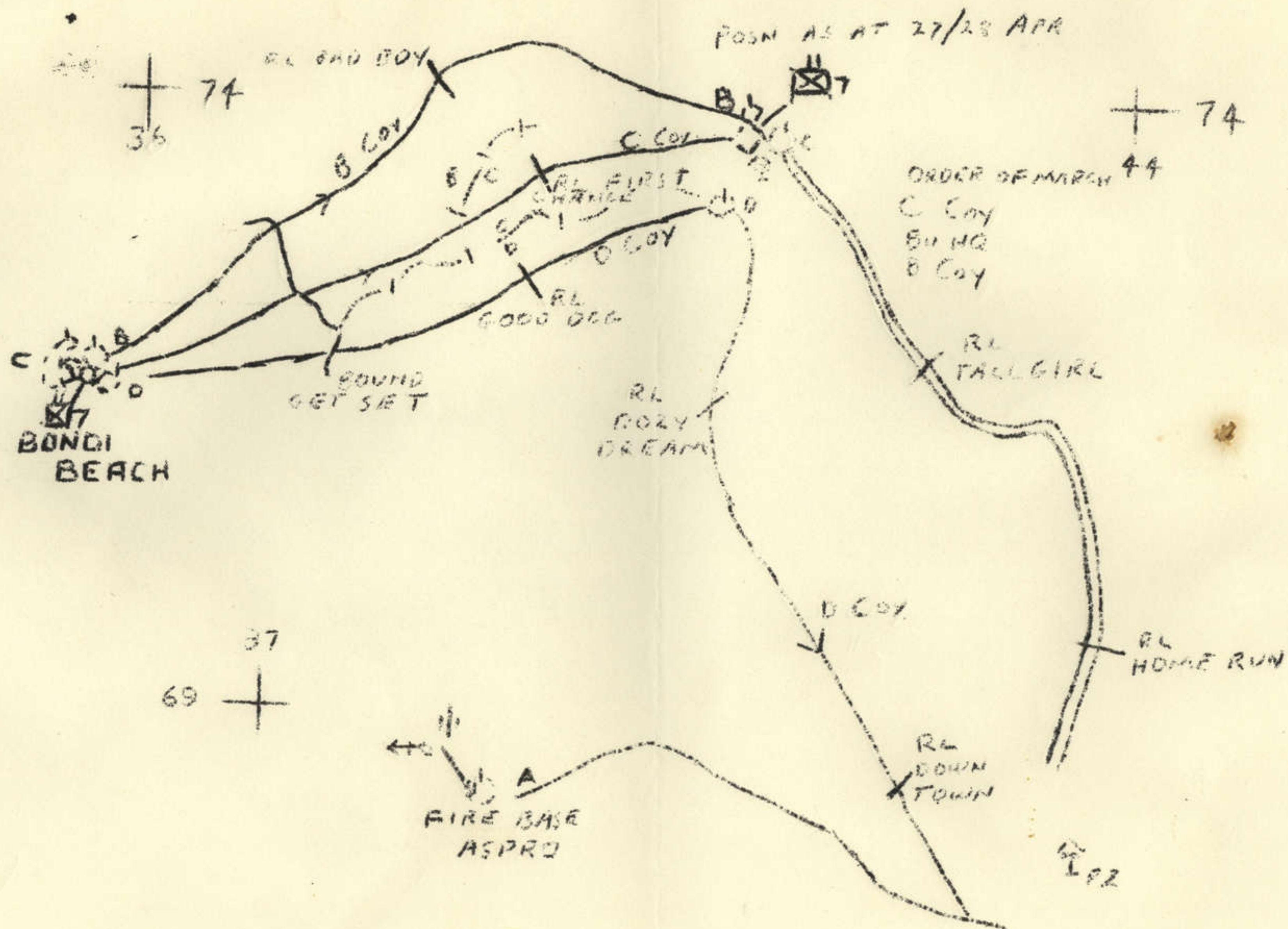
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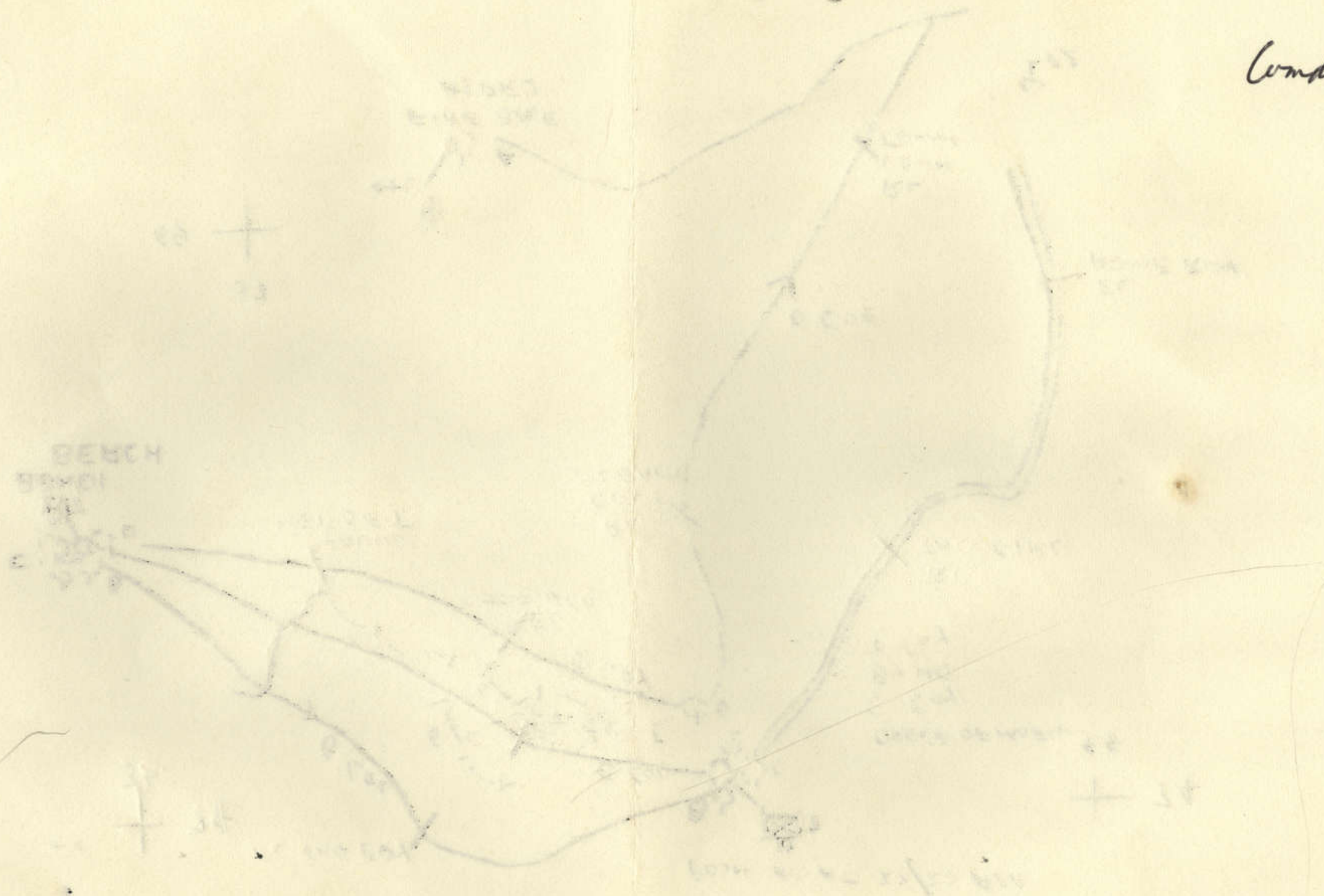
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Recce Pl	1	10
Aslt Pnr Pl	1	11
Mor Pl	1	12
Sig Pl	1	13
Admin Coy	3	14 - 16
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt	3	17 - 19
1 Fd Regt	5	20 - 24
103 Fd Bty	2	25 - 26
Bty A 1/83 US Arty	1	27
161 Fd Bty RNZA	1	28
1 Fd Sqn	1	29
103 Sig Sqn	1	30
6 RAR	1	31
3 SAS Sqn	1	32
1 A RU	1	33
161 (Indep) Recce Flt	1	34
1 ATF	24	35 - 58
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26 Apr 67

PATROL TASKS 28 Apr - 1 May 67

1. Attached as an annex is 7 RAR Patrol Task Table for period 28 Apr to 1 May 67.
2. Patrols are to be on 7 RAR Command Net.

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(E.H. Smith)
Lt Col
CO

Distribution

A Coy (2)
B Coy (3)
C Coy
D Coy
Admin Coy
Sp Coy
Mor Pl
Sig Pl
F/A Pl
Pnr Pl
CO
2IC
S3
OC Sp Coy
BC
IO
RSM
File (2)
Comd's Diary (3)

External

HQ 1 ATF (2)
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
1 Fd Regt RAA (6)
1/83 US Arty (3)
1 Fd Sqn RAE
5 RAR
6 RAR
1 SAS Sqn
1 ARU

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Annex to 7 RAR
Patrol Tasks
dated 26 Apr 67

PATROL TASK TABLE

1. Patrol Serial No. 1.
2. Sub Unit. A Coy.
3. Type of Patrol. Fighting.
4. Strength. Platoon.
5. Duration.
 - a. Time Out. 281500H.
 - b. Time In. 011000H.
6. Route. Trace P.
7. Task.
 - a. Ambush old loc of fire base used in Op PUCKAPUNYAL YS 389683.
 - b. Pl to remain in ambush from time of vacation of A Coy until departure 1 May 67.

1. Patrol Serial No. 2.
2. Sub Unit. B Coy.
3. Type. Fighting.
4. Strength. Platoon.
5. Duration.
 - a. Time Out. 280700H.
 - b. Time In. 011000H.
6. Route. Trace P.
7. Task.
 - a. Ambush old loc of ni harbour posn used in Op PUCKAPUNYAL vic YS 408739.
 - b. Pl to remain in ambush from time of departure of B Coy until 1 May 67.

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PATROL TASK TABLE.

28 APRIL -
1 MAY 67.

SECRET

SERIAL 2

PATROL ROUTES IN
MAP PICTOMAP SUPPLEMENT 1:25,000

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ORDERS FOR NORTH AND SOUTH CHECK POINTS

General.

1. These orders cancel all previous Check Points orders. A copy of these orders is to be retained by the NCO in charge of each check point. Attached as Annex A are the detailed orders for the Road Check points.

2. Check Points will be established as follows :

NORTH - YS 438696

SOUTH - YS 409634

3. One NCO and 8 soldiers for check point duties are to be provided daily by the units responsible for the check points. The unit responsible for the SOUTHERN check point is to provide one $\frac{3}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ ton Landrover and trailer. The vehicle tasks are shown in Annex A.

Timings.

4. The check points are to be manned daily from 0645 to 1700 hrs. Check points are NOT to be left unmanned without approval of the 1 ATF CP.

5. No civilian vehicles or persons are to move through the check points prior to 0800 and after 1600H daily without 1 ATF CP approval.

Dress.

6. Clean greens, bush hat, basic webbing and personal weapon. Members are to have all ammunition issued to them.

Communications.

7. The unit manning the check point is to provide 1 x AN/PRC 25 radio for communications between check points and the duty NCO Sec 1 Div Pro Coy. Frequencies will be allocated by 1 Div Pro Coy. Callsigns will be.

a. NORTH Check Point - C/S 8

b. SOUTH Check Point - C/S 7

c. Duty NCO 1 Div Pro Coy - C/S 1.

8. A communications check will be made every hour on the hour.

Rations.

9. Soldiers manning check points will be fed under unit arrangements.

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10. The unit manning the check point is to provide a 24 hr combat ration for the VN National Police on duty at each check point. The NCO I/C of the check point is to pick up the ration.

(J.P.A. Deighton)
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for Ops 1

Annex : A. Orders for Road Check Points.

Copy to:

Det 1 Div Int Unit
Det 1 Div Pro Coy (2)
Each check point
1 ATF CP

Annex A To
1 ATF R569-1-11
dated Apr 67

ORDERS - ROAD CHECK POINTS

NORTH AND SOUTH

1. Duties.

- a. Search all civilians and civilian vehicles passing through the check point. The NORTH check point is to search southbound traffic and the SOUTH check point northbound traffic.
- b. Commence duty at each check points at 0645 and dismount at 1700 hrs.
- c. Each checkpoint is to have a broom, paintbrush, paint and camera. A number is to be painted on the ox carts and all occupants are to be photographed ensuring the number is visible.
- d. A register is to be maintained containing the following detail:
 - (1) Ox carts number.
 - (2) Owners name and address.
 - (3) Drivers and passengers names and addresses.
 - (4) Load carried.
 - (5) Time through the check point.
 - (6) Remarks to indicate direction - NORTH or SOUTH.
- e. The register is to be retained by the unit responsible for the check point.
- f. The exposed films are to be passed to 1 ATF Div Int Unit on the day after exposure for processing. One copy of the photograph is to be returned to the unit responsible for the check point, and one copy is to be retained by Div Int Unit.
- g. Ensure that NO civilians move through 1 ATF Base Area without 1 ATF CP approval.
- h. Log all military vehicles passing through the check point except those in convoy. Units are to provide vehicle log sheets.
- i. No movement of civilians through the check points prior to 0800 hrs and after 1600 hrs.
- j. The NCO I/C of the check point is to be informed by 1 ATF CP of any ARVN, RF or PF soldiers who have received permission to move through 1 ATF area.
- k. If any movement of Vietnamese troops occurs which has not been previously approved, 1 ATF CP is to be contacted immediately as to what action is to be carried out.
- l. If the NCO I/C of the check point considers any suspicious act is occurring he is to detain the persons or vehicle or both and inform 1 ATF CP to that effect. The Duty Officer in the CP is to direct Det 1 Div Int Unit to investigate.

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m. Any suspicious persons will be taken to Div Int Unit and placed in the Provost PW compound.

n. The NCO I/C is to ensure that all civilians and vehicles are thoroughly searched by the National Police. This is to include all effects carried and examination of vehicle from top to bottom.

o. Hand over responsibility for the SOUTH Check Point to 1 Fd Regt RAA at 1700H.

2. Transport Group.

a. In addition to providing an NCO and 8 soldiers the responsible unit for the SOUTH Check Point is to provide a driver for the Landrover and trailer.

b. At 0730 hrs the Transport Group is to collect 4 National Policemen from District HQ HOA LONG and deliver 2 to each check point and return them to HOA LONG at 1600 hrs.

c. Be used as required by NCO I/C of check point for meal reliefs.

d. Return to unit lines when released by NCO I/C check point but not before 1700H.

3. Interpreter.

a. During daylight hours 2 interpreters are available from 1 ATF. They are to report to the SOUTH check point no later than 0745 hrs.

b. The unit manning the NORTH check point is to provide 2 interpreters from the unit.

4. Photography and Recording.

a. Once an ox cart has been numbered and photographed it should not be necessary to photograph it again unless the number is non readable or any doubt exists at the check point. The NCO I/C of the Check Point will decide in this case if the ox cart is to be re-photographed.

b. Recording of all names etc of occupants of the ox carts will be necessary for all ox carts irrespective of whether they have been photographed previously or not. A note placed in the remarks column is to indicate if the ox cart has been previously recorded.

c. Numbering of photographs for receipt of this order will be as follows :

NORTH Check Point N 1 - 300
SOUTH Check Point S 1 - 300

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210. DUTY COMPANY

Thu 26 Apr	A Coy
Sun 29 Apr	B Coy
Mon 30 Apr	C Coy
Tue 1 May	D Coy

Duty Coy is responsible for supplying the following duties to report as shown:-

<u>Strength</u>	<u>Duty</u>	<u>Report</u>	<u>Time</u>
1 NCO, 15 OR's	Construction jobs	RSM	0830
6 OR's	Kitchen duties	Sgt cook Offrs/Sgts kitchen	0700
3 OR's	Rubbish run	RSM	0800
2 OR's	Runners	Bn HQ	0745

211. DRESS

Headress is to be worn in 7 RAR Base Area at all times when proceeding from place to place.

212. PREVALENT OFFENCES - LOSS OF ID CARDS

1. Loss of ID Card is now a prevalent offence.

213. OFFENCES IN RELATION TO SENTRY POSTS

Reference 7 RAR Routine Order Part one Serial 5 No 78.

1. Amend second line of para one to above Routine Order No 78 as follows:-

- a. Delete "40 as "WOAS an act to the prejudice of good order and Military discipline."

- b. Insert "6 being a soldier acting as a sentinel sleeps on his post."

214. PERSONNEL MOVEMENT OUTSIDE 7 RAR AREA

1. To ensure that soldiers derive the full advantages of the 1TF Canteen they may proceed there at their OC's discretion. Soldiers are NOT free however to visit other units without the permission of their Coy Comd.

2. No member of 7 RAR is to proceed outside the 1TF area without first obtaining approval from Bn HQ and receiving a duty pass.

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3. Coy Comds should seek permission from the Battalion 2IC before leaving the 7 RAR Base Area. The 2IC will inform the S3 of any such approvals.

4. Officers below the rank of Major are to obtain permission from their Coy Comd and then permission of the S3 or in his absence the duty officer

215. DAILY PARADE STATE - SUBMISSION

Coys are to submit Parade States to BHQ by 0900 hours daily.

216. EXTRA REGIMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

1. 7 RAR RO Part one Serial 5 No 120, the following amendments are advised:-

a. Para 1a delete Sgt Barrie Insert Sgt Ezzy.

b. In sub para 1b insert Capt Freebairn below Maj Bladen and amend Lt Cathcart to read Capt Cathcart.

c. Delete Maj Wilson wherever the name appears and insert Capt Leeson in all instances.

217. SERGEANTS MESS APPOINTMENTS

Commencing 26 Apr 1967 the following appointments take effect:-

Mess Treasurer	-	WO2	W.C. SUTHERLAND
Mess Secretary	-	SSgt	B.H. HAGUE
Asst Treasurer	-	Sgt	F.A. SMITH
Asst Secretary	-	Sgt	R.M. HYLARD

218. PROMULGATION OF ROUTINE ORDERS

1. 7 RAR Routine Order Part one Serial 5 No 92 is hereby cancelled.

2. Platoon commanders and in their absence Platoon Sergeants, are directly responsible for ensuring that every soldier is conversant with Routine Orders Part One.

219. VACANCIES ON ESTABLISHMENT

1. Nominations are required at Bn HQ by 021200 hours (May), to fill the following vacancies.

a. Electricians (must be experienced).

b. Stewards/Barmen.

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c. Postal Clerk.

d. Drivers.

e. Batmen.

3. NIL Returns are required.

220. INTELLIGENCE ANALASIST COMMITTEE

Reference: 7 RAR Routine Order Part one Serial 15 No 207.

1. Amend Committee in paragraphs to read:-

President Capt R.K. Pettit

Secretary Capt A.E. Williams

Members Lt B.J. Caligari

2IC Mor Pl

RQMS

CSM Admin Coy.

221. IDENTITY CARDS (AAF A129) CHECKS

1. All AAF A129's are to be checked by the paying officer on pay parades.

2. All discrepancies are to be reported to Bn HQ immediately.

3. The paying officer is to submit a certificate certifying he has carried out the check by 1200 hours on the Friday following the pay day.

222. NOK CHECKS

1. All NOK's entered in paybooks are to be checked by the paying officer each pay day.

2. All discrepancies are to be reported to Bn HQ immediately.

3. The paying officer is to submit a certificate certifying that he has carried out the check by 1200 hours on the Friday following the pay day.

4. One certificate certifying both Routine Order 221/67 para 3 and this Routine Order may be used.

223. HOSPITAL ADDMISSION AND DISCHARGE

1. 7 RAR Routine Order 101/67 is cancelled.
2. When a soldier is admitted to hospital the Coy/RAP is to notify the Chief Clerk immediately. On return from hospital the member will report to the Chief Clerk.
3. When a soldier is discharged from hospital, he is to report to the following in the order as listed:-
 - a. RAP
 - b. Bn Orderly Room (Chief Clerk).
 - c. Coy Orderly Room.

224. PERSONAL CODE INDEX

1. To Comply with existing procedures it is necessary for 7 RAR to complete a new Personnel Code Index.
2. The present personnel Code Index is to be used until 7 May 67 unless instructions to the contrary are published.
3. When the new personnel Code Index is instituted the existing Personnel Code Index System is to be downgraded to restricted and to be used only for a Laundry mark.
4. By 1200 hours on 3 May 67 the following returns are required at Bn HQ:-
 - a. Coy nominal roll by Regimental numbers in numerical order of regimental number rank and name.
 - b. It is imperative that the nominal roll detail is correct and that every person posted to the Coy is included. Failure to observe this instruction could result in the deplorable situation of a wrong NOK being advised in a FATAL CAS/NOTICAS.

225. COMPENSATION: LOSS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

1. With immediate effect all claims for the loss of personal property, due to enemy action, fire, flood or other circumstances beyond a members control, are to be processed as follows:-
 - a. A Statutory Declaration is to be made by the member stating:-
 - (1) A brief explanation of the loss or damage.

(2) In respect of each article lost:-

- (a) Outline measures taken to recover the articles.
- (b) Declare the value when new.
- (c) Declare the value when lost.
- (d) Attach vouchers and receipt if held, to support this declaration.

(3) In respect of each article damaged:-

- (a) Declare the cost of repair.
- (b) Attach supporting evidence, eg. quote or receipt.

b. Each claim submitted for consideration is to be accompanied by:-

(1) A full account of events leading up to the loss or damage, together with any report by an Investigating Officer etc.

(2) An outline of the members duties and any special assignment at the time of the occurrence.

(3) Statutory Declaration as in a. above, supported, if possible, by statements by other members.

(4) A certificate, by the CO, that the articles were necessary for use within the theatre either for actual performance of duty or for the well being and morals of the member.

(5) A certificate, by the CO, that the articles have been replaced by the member.

2. Compensation is not payable:-

a. In excess of the value as determined at the time of loss or damage.

b. In respect of any article that can be rendered serviceable.

c. In respect of money or articles which a member is NOT required to replace for the proper performance of his duty, or for his well being or morale.

d. In respect of any article NOT replaced by the member.

3. The cost of repair of an article to render it serviceable, may also be claimed.

4. It is stressed that the greater amount of the above detail that is included, the better the chance of a favourable decision being given by AHQ.

POSTAL226. CONDITIONS FOR CONCESSION

All mail MUST bear senders return address on the back of the envelope. It is also advisable to print the words "Forces Mail" in the top left hand corner of the front of the envelope.

227. CUSTOMS

The Australian Government permits \$50 (Aust) worth of goods duty free in any one calender year. The following imports are restricted to the amounts indicated:-

Cigarettes, 2,000 per year.

Tobacco, 5 lbs per year.

Cigars, 200 per year.

228. CONTRABAND AND PROHIBITED IMPORTS

Weapons, double edge knives, flick knives, wood carvings, unless lacquered, dirty clothing, drugs and narcotics of any nature, any species of plant life are prohibited imports.

229. AUST TO US STAMP CONVERSION

1	Aust	5c	stamp	=	6c	US
2	"	"	"	=	12c	"
3	"	"	"	=	17c	"
4	"	"	"	=	23c	"
5	"	"	"	=	29c	"
6	"	"	"	=	34c	"
7	"	"	"	=	40c	"
8	"	"	"	=	46c	"
9	"	"	"	=	51c	"
10	"	"	"	=	57c	"
11	"	"	"	=	63c	"
12	"	"	"	=	68c	"
13	"	"	"	=	74c	"
14	"	"	"	=	80c	"
15	"	"	"	=	85c	"
20	"	"	"	=	\$1.14	US
50	"	"	"	=	\$2.84	"

230. US ONE CENT COINS

One cent coins (US) are hard to get so keep them in circulation. Do not hoard them in your trunks.

231. PARCEL POST RATES

The maximum weight allowed for parcel post is 22 lbs. Rates are as follows:-

Up to 2 Lbs	- 23c US
Up to 7 lbs	= 46c US
Up to 11 lbs	- 57c US
Up to 16 lbs	- 74c US
Up to 22 lbs	- 91c US

232. ADDRESSING OF MAIL

Incorrectly addressed mail leads to undue delays in delivery, to ensure prompt delivery of mail both here and in Australia, make sure that all details in your address are clear. Your address in Viet Nam is as follows:-

123456 Pte J. BLOGGS

A Company

7 RAR

AFPO4 GPO SYDNEY NSW

233. REGISTRATION OF ARTICLES

1. If any article requires registering an extra 23c MPC is required.

2. All parcels must be neatly wrapped and tied with some type of strong cord and addressed in large letters, accompanied by a Customs declaration stuck to the outside of the article, and senders return address on the back.

234. MAIL TIMINGS

Outgoing letter mail closes at 1430 hours daily. Incoming letter mail is ready for collection at approximately 1900 hours daily.

235. PARCEL POST - (AIRMAIL)

A maximum weight of 1 lb will be accepted for Airmail parcel post. All others by surface mail (weekly RAAF Courier) but delays are caused due to Medevac priority over parcel post mail. Approximate transit time for parcel post is 2 to 8 weeks.

236. TELEGRAMS - EFM CODE

Maximum of 3 codes per telegram, only available to Australia and New Zealand. The cost of 3 codes is 36c US.

237. OVERSEAS LETTER POSTAGE RATES

Rates of postage to some overseas countries are listed as follows:-

Australia	5c Aust
New Zealand	5c Aust
Malaya (forces only)	5c Aust
Hong Kong	15c Aust
UK	25c Aust
USA	20c Aust
Japan	15c Aust
Switzerland	25c Aust
South Africa	25c Aust

2. Prices to other countries are obtainable at the Unit Post Office.

238. USE OF 1:25,000 PICTO MAP SUPPLEMENT

Use of 1:25,000 Picto Map Supplement . Addressees are cautioned that the 1:25,000 scale pictomap is a supplement to the standard 1:50,000 scale map. It contains certain inherent distortions which result from the photographic process by which it is printed and should not be used in situations which require exact coordinate locations. Eg. Adjustment of supporting fire and reporting locations.

239. USE OF AAF D11 IN VIETNAM

1. The form AAF D11 is designed to record illness and injury to a soldier and to establish whether the member:-

- a. Has a claim under the CEC Act; or
- b. Has suffered an injury which results in downgrading in classification which may vary his rights under DFRBF Acts.

In addition the form serves as a "Case Diary for the Investigation necessary to establish a. or b. above.

2. A soldier serving in VIETNAM is in an area which because it is a "Special Services Area" attracts cover under the relevant Repatriation Acts. There is only two occasions where an investigation is necessary into injury or illness in these circumstances, they are:

- a. When the injury or illness is the result of wilful misconduct on the part of the soldier concerned, eg. a self inflicted wound; or

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b. Where the illness or injury is not due to enemy action and occurs during a temporary absence from the special service area (such as during a leave trip to an adjacent country, e.g. a vehicle accident).

3. In such cases the purpose of the investigation is to establish whether the soldier has committed an offence or whether his conduct was in fact wilful misconduct where he may forfeit normal benefits under:

- a. The Repatriation Scheme, or
- b. The Commonwealth Employees Compensation Act, and in either case
- c. The DFRBF Scheme.

4. The AAF D11 is only a means of establishing the cause of the illness or injury occurring in other than "Special Service Areas". Where the injury or illness occurs in a "Special Services Area" the recording of the occurrence in the soldier's Field medical Card is sufficient proof and records in its own right. What is the greatest importance is that soldiers report to the RAP and that a record is made in the member's medical history.

5. It is not intended that battle casualties be included within the scope of MBI 129-6.

6. A one hundred percent check of AFs Med 4 and 5 is to be carried out and new ones raised if necessary.

240. PSYOPS LEAFLETS AND BROADCASTS

PSYOPS leaflets and broadcasts directed against the VC in our area of operations regarding VC surrender procedure. VC are to remove their shirts and to sling weapons over their shoulders with the muzzle pointing to the ground, then to surrender to the nearest security force elements with hands raised above their heads.

241. SUBMISSION OF OPERATIONAL REPORTS

1. The following reports are to be submitted typewritten on a skin.

- a. Sub Unit Operational Analysis.
- b. After Action Reports.
- c. Installation reports.

242. 7RAR ALARM SIREN TESTS

The 7 RAR Alarm Siren is to be tested weekly at 1200 hrs on Fridays by the RP.

243. TRANSPORT BOOKINGS

Transport bookings should, if possible, be made 24 hours in advance. This enables planning of the coming days requirement and ensures maximum effective use of available Unit Transport.

244. PAYBOOKS

No member is to carry his paybook on operations. For the members benefit it is advised that the following procedure be adopted:-

- a. If the member requires pay on the following payday his paybook is to be submitted to the Coy Pay Clerk, with a pencil entry showing the amount of pay required.
- b. If the member does not require pay he retains his paybook.

Members requiring pay are to submit paybooks to the Coy pay clerk no later than Tuesday following paydays.

NOTICES1. CONCESSION AIR FARES

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1. Subtended is a letter which has been circulated to wives of servicemen serving in Vietnam by the Australian International Travel Centre.

" There has been considerable interest shown by members in the possibility of making a trip to either Singapore or Hong Kong while their husbands are on leave. However, the difficulty of coinciding soldiers leave with group concessions travel would seem an unsurmountable one.

In a desire to help wives, QANTAS have had close discussion with the Australian International Travel Centre, who have subsequently collated two proposed itineraries for wives of AOSA who in this way can travel individually and whenever their husbands can get his leave.

SINGAPORE - 10 day tour includes Air fares, 10 days accommodation at Hotel Singapore - (Bed and Breakfast only) transfers to and from Airport, portorage, gratuities and several tours of city - \$507.

HONG KONG - 10 day tour includes Air fares, 10 days accommodation at Hotel Mandarin - (Bed, breakfast, lunch and dinner throughout tour) transfers to and from Airport portorage, gratuities and several trips of area - \$695.

NOTE - Cost of such tours must be, by law, 10% more than tourist class return air fare - i.e. approx \$461 Singapore and \$631 Hong Kong.

If members are interested, they are asked to contact:

Mr. L.J. DENISON,
Sales Manager,
Australian International Travel Centre,
55-63 Elizabeth St.,
SYDNEY Tel: 25 6875