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Opo 9 (OP BALLARAT)

0310/5 H(Aug 67)

Reference: Map 6430-111

1. Situation

a. En Forces. See Annex A.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 1 ARU secure FSB GIRAFFE 4 Aug 67 and operates in AO MOOSE.
- (2) 1 Fd Sqn cammence clearing GIRAFFE 5 Aug 67.
- (3) 106 Fd Bty RAA moves to GIRAFFE 6 Aug 67.
- (4) I Fd Sqn protected by coy 2 RAR commence clearing AO HEN 7 Aug 67.
- (5) 2 RAR assume responsibility for TAOR patrolling and 1 ATF standby coy from 040800H.

c. Atts and Dets

(1) Under comd from 041700H Four Combat Engineer Teams

(2) Remaining in DS 106 Bty RAA

(3) In DS from 050600H One Hl3

(4) In sp from 050800H 9 Sqn RAAF

2. Mission

7 RAR is to search and destroy in AO LION.

3. Execution

a. General Outline

- (1) Coys are to mov on foot into AO LION to be in coy assy areas on line BRAVO as shown on trace Annex B by the ni 5/6 Aug 67.
- (2) On 6 Aug 67 all coys except one move towards coy bases in their respective AO's. One coy moves direct to its base while the other two move NORTH then sweep along the NORTHERN bdy of AO LION through a series of previously discovered en camps. One of these coys provides a block for the other during this sweep. The remaining coy moves into its AO 7 Aug 67.

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- (3) Coys then ptl from coy bases with pl sized ptls to gain maximum int in relation to their own AO's. One pl is to remain for protection of the coy base at all times during this phase. Coys are to cone by 1600 hrs daily.
- (4) When maximum int has been gained an ambush plan will be made and implemented. This plan is to be co-ord by Bn HQ.
- (5) There is to be no destruction of camps etc in the foregoing phases. Coys are to accurately report and record the loc of all finds. These will be destroyed at the completion of the ambush phase.

b. A Coy.

- (1) Grouping. Normal plus under comd from 051700H one combat engr team.
- (2) Tasks.
 - (a) Conc in coy assy area vic YS 360723 by 051600H.
 - (b) Mov to coy base vic YS 345760 6 Aug 67.
 - (c) Ptl in AO GREAT DANE to ascertain maximum info on area.
 - (d) Ambush in accordance with bn plan when directed.
 - (e) Destroy en instls in AO.

c. B Coy.

(1) Grouping. Normal plus under comd from 041700H one combat engr team.

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Mov on route shown Annex B to coy assy area vic YS 388753 by 051700H.
- (b) Mov on route shown to occupy blocking posn vic YS 395795 cm 6 Aug 67.
- (c) On completion of blocking task mov along NORTH bdy of AO into AO ALSATION and set up coy base vic YS 351782 by 071600H.
- (d) Ptl in AO ALSATION to ascertain maximum info on area.
- (e) Ambush in accordance with bn plan when directed.
- (f) Destroy en instls in AO.

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d. C Coy.

- (1) Grouping. Normal plus under comd from 041700H one combat engr team.
- (2) Tasks.
 - (a) Mov on route shown Annex B to coy assy area vic YS 375745 if possibly by 051700H.
 - (b) On 7 Aug 67 mov to coy base vic YS 365764.
 - (c) Ptl in AO MASTIFF to ascertain maximum info on area.
 - (d) Ambush in accordance with bn plan when directed.
 - (e) Destroy en instls in AO.
 - (f) Be prepared to accept mors into coy base if mor fire sp required by coys.

e. D Coy.

- (1) Grouping. Normal plus under comd from 041700H one combat engr team and Fire Aslt Pl.
 - (2) Tasks.
 - (a) Mov on route shown Annex B to coy assy area vic YS 400748 by 051700H.
 - (b) Mov on route shown on 6 Aug 67 and sweep through known en track/instl complex.
 - (c) Mov to coy base vic YS 375785 by 071600H.
 - (d) Ptl in AO BULLDOG to ascertain maximum info on area.
 - (e) Destroy en instls in AO.

f. Mor Pl.

- (1) Grouping. Normal.
- (2) Tasks.
 - (a) Two sects to mov by road with 106 Bty RAA to FSB GIRAFFE.
 - (b) Provide fire sp for Bn HQ as required.
 - (c) Be prepared to fly to C Coy coy base and set up a base plate posn if required.

g. Pnr Pl.

Tasks.

- (1) Remain with Bn HQ and assist in local protection.
- (2) Be prepared to assist in the destruction of en instl.

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h. Fire Aslt Pl.

Grouping. To be under comd D Coy from 041700H.

- j. 106 Btv RAA.
 - (1) Grouping. Normal.
 - (2) <u>Tasks</u>. Provide fire sp as required from FSB GIRAFFE.

k. 1 Fl Sqn RAE.

- (1) Grouping. One combat engr team to be under comd each rifle coy excl A Coy from 041700H. One combat engr team to be under comd a Coy from 051700H.
- (2) Tasks. Mov on foot with coys excl team under comd A Coy to fly in with resup evening 5 Aug 67.

1. 161 Recce Flt.

Task. Remain on call in present loc.

- m. Co-ord Instrs.
 - (1) Routes, Bdys, AO's, Assy Areas, Coy Bases: Annex B.
 - (2) Timings

(a)	D Coy depart NP	050800H
(b)	B Coy, Bn HQ depart NP	050830H
(c)	C Coy depart NP	051100H
(d) (e)	Coys in bases on line BRAVO	ni 5/6 Aug 67
(0)	A Coy, B Coy, D Coy cross line	
(f)	C Coy cross line BRAVO	6 Aug 67 on order 070730H

- (3) Order of March from Base Area.
 - (a) D Coy
 - (b) B Cov
 - (c) Bn HQ
 - (d) C Cov
- (4) Base Def. OC Sp is to comd base area until restrictions on H13 are lifted by Bn HQ. He is then to move to Bn HQ as normal.

4. Admin and Log.

- a. Rations
 - (1) 5 days 24 hr pack rat or equivalent carried per man.
 - (2) 1 day emergency rat carried by each man.

b. Water

- (1) Each man to depart Op base with 4 full water bottles.
- (2) Resup by maintdem on one for one bottle basis.

 Jerrycan resup may be requested but 2IC must approve of this form of resup. 15 minute shower will automatically cancel water resup for day.

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(3) Max use to be made of local water resources incl rainfall.

Radio Btys. C.

- (1) One bty per set plus two res.
- (2) Each coy to carry an additional two res btys.

d. Medical

- (1) RAP loc with Bn HQ at NUI NGHE.
- (2) DUSTOFF as normal.

e. Ammo

- Normal first line.
- (2) Res holding under con of OC Admin at PORKY 7.

f. Resup.

- (1) A Coy is to submit a maintdem on afternoon 4 Aug for a resup on evening 5 Aug to cover the period to incl breakfast 10 Aug. All coys will then be on the same resup basis.
- (2) Major resup day will be Thu 10 Aug when 5 days rat and laundry bags will be provided.
- (3) All resup planned between period 0700 0900 hrs except for A Coy on 5 Aug when resup will be as close to last light as possible.

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Initially will be based at PORKY 7.

5. Comd and Sig.

Bn HQ a.

- (1) Bn HQ is to mov in rear of B Coy on march out.
- (2) Final loc of Bn HQ for op is to be vic YS 397724.
- b. Radio. SOP
- Codes. Current SOI's plus additional points of origin att as Annex C.

d. Nicknames.

(1) Complete in coy assy areas

ROLLING STONE

(2) Complete in coy base SKY HIGH

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ANNEXES: A. En Forces.

B. Area of Operation

C. Additional Pts of Origin

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ANNEX A to OP O 9/67 DATED 032005 H AUG 67

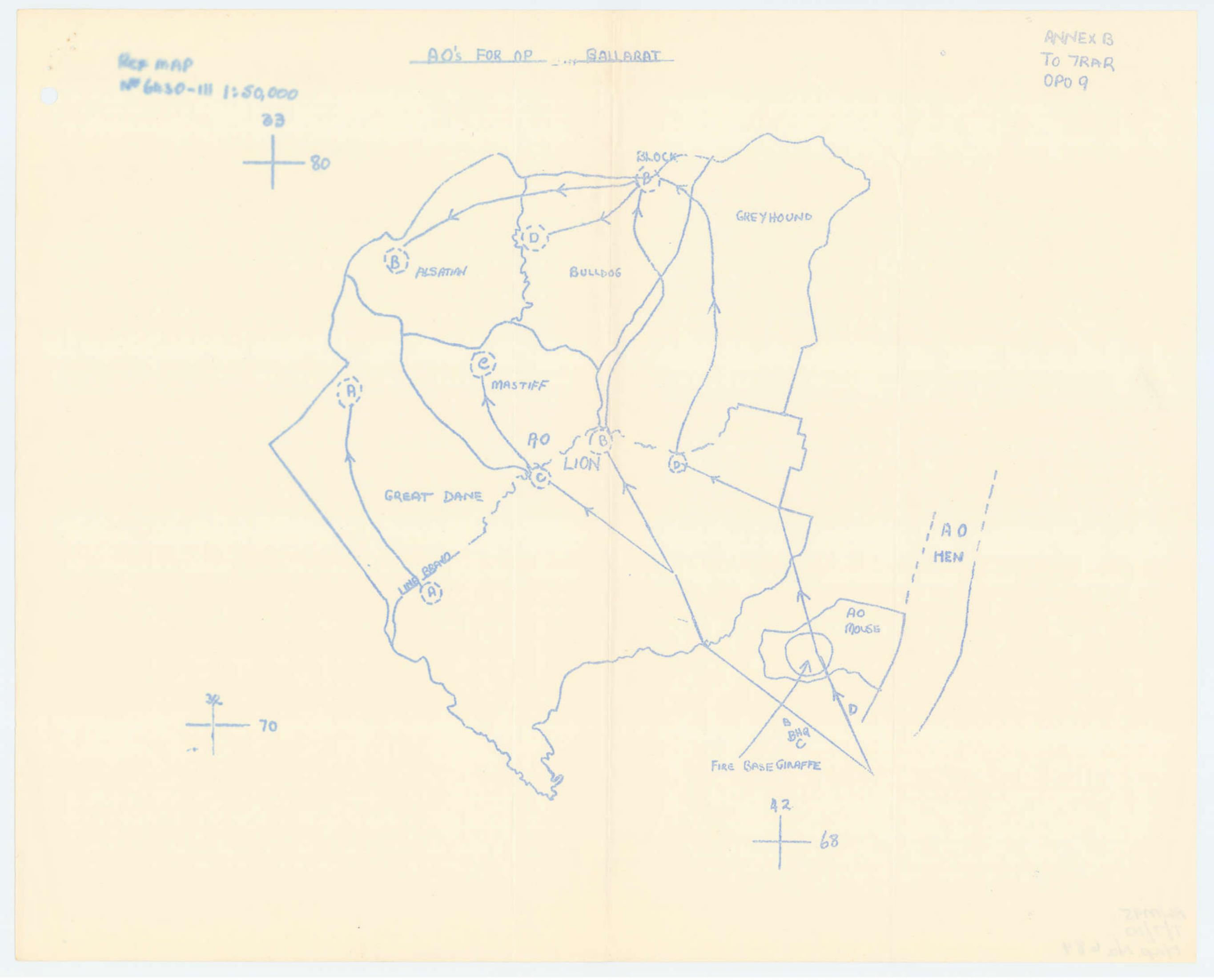
EN FORCES

- The Northwestern part of the TAOR has remained quiet since the clearing effects of Operation AKRON. No main force infantry units are currently held in the area. There are elements of the Rear Services units (Gp 84) of 5th VC Div. The CHAU DUC District Coy although pushed into its Southern camps near the THI VAI by Op AKRON may again have moved back NORTH via the CHAU PHA river tracks to its alternative base area in and around the SONG XOAI (Area YS3780). The current interest in the XA BANG outpost may also have drawn the CHAU DUC Coy towards the Northern part of the AO.
- During Jone and July after the pressure of Allied Forces (Ops AKRON and BROKEN HILL) was lifted elements of Group 84 and "caretaker/rear details" main force troops moved back into the general HAT DICH area in small numbers to assess damage, begin small scale rehabilitation and re-activate the supply line from the RSSZ between the NUI DINH and NUI THI VAI hill masses and along the north-east trails from Route 15. Evidence of the movement of these type of parties was found on 5 Jul when an SAS patrol contacted a party of 5 or 6 VC at YS294734. 4 VC were killed and documents taken from the bodies identified them as members of C125 of Group 84 including that units Purchasing Officer.
- 3. Since Op BROKEN HILL the following incidents have been reported in the AO:
 - a. 16 Jun. An aerail observer sighted bunkers and huts at YS331832.
 - b. 18 Jun. 2/39 Inf found 2 bunkers and 2 x 8 ft tunnels at YS339770. The area showed signs of booby trapping.
 - c. 18 Jun. 1st, Bde of 9 US Div found 2 caves and 2 tunnels at YS344763.
 - d. 20 Jun. B/2/39 Inf found 30 bunkers which had been partially damaged by airstrike at YS352796.
 - e. 20 Jun. A fortified area of trenches and several bunkers was reported at YS319820.
 - f. 22 Jun. An aircraft received ground fire from YS342768.
 - g. 24 Jun. An aircraft received .50 cal ground fire from YS425834
 - h. 24 Jun. B/2/47 Mech found 45 bunkers at YS332832.
 - i. 26 Jun. 2/47 Mech found a bunker complex at YS312822 covering an area of 300m with 40 to 50 2 man bunkers.
 - j. 27 Jun. Photo recce flown on 27 Jun revealed the following:
 - (1) YS3475 4 x 50m of EAST-WEST trench.
 - (2) YS364785 20m of NORTH-SOUTH trench.
 - (3) YS335770 50 foxholes.
 - (4) YS352779 20 foxholes.

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- (5) YS348772 6 foxholes
- (6) YS322757 a possible structure under trees.
- k. 3 Jul. SAS found a coy position of 14 bunkers and one large CP at YS383756.
- 1. 4 Jul. SAS found 13 x 81mm Mor bombs at YS400817.
- m. 8 Jul. 2 x 30 ft wells and numerous weapons pits at YS3833756.
- n. 9 Jul. 9 Div LRRP found an old food cache at YS403813.
- o. 12 Jul An agent reported a VC prison camp guarded by a VC Coy at YS365825.
- p. 16 Jul 43 ARVN contacted a VC squad at YS434820.
- q. 18 Jul 9 Div LRRP found a platoon sized position with indication of mines and booby traps at YS422827.
- r. 18 Jul 9 Div LRRP contacted an unkown size en force at YS349792 result 3 VC KIA (Poss).
- s. 22 Jul. 1/2 RAR found tracks running SOUTH to NORTH at YS406723.
- t. 23 Jul FAC reported a base camp of 2 huts and 20 to 30 bunkers at YS348837.
- u. 24 Jul 161 Recce Flt reported 2 new and 10 old bunkers and a well used EAST-WEST track at YS351789.
- v. 25 Jul SAS patrol found a coy position with 400m of crawl trench, 16 bunkers, 5 kitchens and 3 fireplaces at YS401819.
- w. 26 Jul 161 Recce Flt reported 8 bunkers and 50m of trench and a well used NORTH-SOUTH foot track at YS348802.
- x. 27 Jul 11 Pl of 7 RAR found a large camp, 12 months old at YS410720.
- y. 28 Jul 11 Pl of 7 RAR found an old en camp at YS400732.
- 4. Many of the above sightings will be old positions and an important aspect of Op BALLARAT will be to discover just how much rehabilitation has been done.



ANNEX C TO OPO 9/67 DATED 03 2 C / S H AUG 67

ADDITIONAL POINTS OF ORIGIN

(Effective from 0800H on date shown for 24 hours).

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4 Aug	3580 3774 3974	RIVER
5 Aug	3578 3981 4378	OCEAN STATE CIGARETTE
6 Aug	3681 3678 4080	DAY GEM FLOWER
7 Aug	3579 3981 4379	BEER TOWN MONTH
8 Aug	3681 3676 4080	OCEAN ANIMAL FISH
9 Aug	3476 3878 4181	TREE CITY DESERT
LO Aug	3578 3881 4279	MEAT CLR COUNTRY
Ll Aug	3577 3780 4082	LAKE SPORT RANK
2 Aug	3579 3881 4077	SNAKE FISH SPORT
.3 Aug	3580 3978 4380	BEER TOWN MONTH

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FORECAST OF ACTIVITIES PERIOD 17 AUG - 3 SEP 67

Reference: 1 ATF R569.1.22 dated 15 Aug 67.

- 1. Annex A lists the forecast of activities until 3 Sep 67.
- Changes in planned activities have been caused by the current step up in VC guerilla activities and the requirement to maintain order before the elections on 3 Sep 67.
- 3. It is emphasised that the forecast is subject to alteration to meet changes in operational requirements.
- 4. A patrol programme for the period up to 3 Sep 67 can be anticipated.

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ANNEX A TO 7 RAR SVN/33/67 DATED 16 AUG 67

7 RAR FORECAST OF ACTIVITIES

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Serial	Date	Time	Event	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1.	16 Aug	0800	Op BALLARAT concludes	Soldiers rest
		1000	CO conducts Coy Comds debrief	Location: CO's tent
		1500	Planning Conference Op MOSMAN	Location: CO's tent - Unit Planning Team NOTE: 2 RAR starts Op ATHERTON
2.	17 Aug	-	7 RAR rest	2 RAR cont patrol 1 ATF TAOR
		1400	Orders, briefing and rehearsal for Op MOSMAN	Location: Briefing Room
3.	18 Aug	AM	Op MOSMAN starts - 7 RAR gp search HOA LONG. Units under op con: Coy 2 RAR, 1 SAS (-), 1 ARU plus Def Pl HQ 1 ATF, 106 Bty (dismounted), Tp A Sqn.	Timings: a. Search start time: 180630H b. NO entry HOA LONG before 180600H c. Completion NO later than 181700H

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)	(e)		
3	18 Aug	MA	D Coy 7 RAR move to LONG DIEN with Tp A Sqn and Engr Recce party to secure area for engr land clearing team. 7 RAR starts TAOR ptls mi 18/19 Aug	 a. D Coy to remain till completion; est 29 Aug 67 b. Centre of mass YS 435575 c. D Coy could be reinforced by further 7 RAR coy on 19 Aug. d. OC D Coy to liaise dir with Maj FLORENCE. C Coy are warned for TAOR pl ptl to start before last light 18/19 Aug 67. 		
4	19 Aug	0800 0700	7 RAR assume responsibility for 1 ATF Standby Coy Engr land clearing team move to LONG DIEN and start clearing escorted by Tp A Sqn. Tp of A Sqn return to NUI DAT Base. 7 RAR TAOR ptls cont	B Coy tentatively nominated subject to cfm by S3. Est completion date 29 Aug.		
5.	20 Aug	0800	7 RAR assume responsibility for all 1 ATF TAOR ptls (less 1 ARU AO)	Two coys will be required - separate ptl task table to be issued.		
6	21 Aug	AM	7 RAR carry out intensive search sweep using two coys within line ALFA WEST of Route 2.			
7	22 Aug	AM	7 RAR carry out intensive search sweep using two coys within line ALFA EAST of Route 2.			
8	23 Aug	1630	1 ARU assume responsibility for all 1 ATF TAOR ptls inside line ALFA until 270800H.	Op ATHERTON ends. 2 RAR conc EAST of DAT DO.		
9	24 Aug		1 ATF search DAT DO (Op BURNSIDE)	Op O to be issued.		

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17		(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
2	10	25 Aug		1 ATF remain vic DAT DO and prep for search of PHUOC HAI (Op ULMARRA)	
	11	26 Aug		1 ATF search of PHUOC HAI (Op ULMARRA) 1 ATF less one coy 2 RAR return to base One coy 2 RAR ambush in Area 6	OpO to be issued
	12	27 Aug	0800	Normal TAOR ptl resumed 2 RAR assume 1 ATF standby coy	
	13	29 Aug		LONG DIEN land clearing party return 1 ATF base. Tp A Sqn to escort. 108 and 106 Fd Bty change over at HORSESHOE. Tp A Sqn to escort.	
	14	27 Aug- 3 Sep		Intensive patrolling and ambushing in 1 ATF TAOR	
1	15	3 Sep	0800	7 RAR assume 1 ATF standby coy	

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Op 0 10/67 (Op MOSMAN)

Reference: Maps HOA LONG OVERLAY

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- 1. Enemy Forces. Annex A
- b. Friendly Forces.

2 RAR is responsible for 1 ATF standby coy and TAOR Ptls

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- c. Atts and Dets
 - (1) Under op con from 171730H

Coy 2 RAR
1 SAS Sqn (-)
1 ARU
Def Pl HQ 1 ATF
Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
Two combat Engr teams
12 Interpreters

- (2) Under op con from 180600H
 106 Fd Bty (dismounted)
 Team 1 Aust CA Unit
 27 National Police
 Interrogation Team
 - (3) In DS from 180600H One H13
 - (4) LOB D Coy

Mission

2. 7 RAR is to search HOA LONG village on 18 Aug 67.

Execution

- a. Gen Outline. The village is to be divided into eight search areas with a ninth area outside the fence around the NORTH side. Troops are to move into the area in TCV's then generally search from the outskirts towards the centre.
 - b. A Coy.

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(1) Grouping Three National Police and three Interpreters att.

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- (2) Tasks
 - (a) First in order of march, move by road, to YS 423629
 - (b) Search area RED
 - (c) On completion sweep 150 metres outside fence from YS425636 to YS422629

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c. B Coy

(1) Grouping. Three National Police and three interpreters att.

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- (2) Tasks.
 - Reference: Maps How Louis Overland (a) Second in order of march. Move by road to YS 20632.
 - (b) Search area BLUE.
 - (c) Set up a check point at YS422629
- On completion of search sweep 150 metres outside fence from YS422629 to YS413634 alta Mid. Cocoyo vebneta Tha : Tel aldiamognou al HAR S

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- (2) Tasks
 - (a) Fifth in order of march. Move by road to YS417635.
 - (b) Search area GREEN

e. Sp Coy

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- (2) Tasks.
 - (a) Fourth in order of march. Mov by road to YS414635
 - (b) Search area YELLOW TO TO TO THE TOTAL (b)

f. Admin Coy Gp

- (1) Grouping.
 - (a) Capt STOKES is to comd.
- (b) Def Pl HQ 1 ATF is under comd.
 - (c) Three National Police and three interpreters att. cand not been abanet
 - (2) Tasks.
 - (a) Third in order of march. Mov by road to YS423636 (b) Search area PURPLE

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(2) Tasks

(a) Sixth in order of march. Move by road to YS419640

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(b) Search area WHITE

h. Coy 2 RAR

(1) Grouping. Maximum aval 2 RAR interpreters and three National Police att.

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- (2) Tasks
- (a) Seventh in order of march. Mov by road to YS421644
 - (b) Search area BLACK

j. 106 Bty 4 Fd Regt

- (1) Grouping. Three National Police and three interpreters
- (2) Tasks. Heddedst vy bestering
 - (a) Eighth in order of march. Mov by road to YS425647
 - (b) Search area BROWN.

k. 1 ARU

- (1) Grouping. Maximum aval 1 ARU interpreters att.
- (2) Tasks
 - (a) Ninth in order of march. Mov by road to YS426648
 - (b) Search area ORANGE with emphasis on 150 metres from village fence.

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1. Def Pl HQ 1 ATF

Grouping. Under op con Admin Coy Gp from 171730H

m. Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

- (1) Tasks
 - (a) One empty APC to lead packets number one, three and four.
 - (b) Carry Bn HQ to sub-sector HQ
- (c) Remain for tasks as required vic sub-sector HQ

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(d) Picquet road outside WEST fence

n. 1 Fd Sqn

- (1) Grouping. Combat engr teams remain on call at HQ 7 RAR
- (2) Tasks. As required. Carry detectors.

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Task. Surveillance of village, particularly the bdy

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p. CA Unit

Task. Remain vic HQ 7 RAR for tasks as required.

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q. Co-ord Instr

(1) Timings

- (a) Assemble LUSCOMBE 180530 (b) Mov off 180600 (c) Commence search 180630
- (d) Assemble in pick-up areas 181645 (e) Commence road move back 181700
- (2) Routes. Vehs enter through NORTH check point to drop/pick up areas and depart through WEST check point RTU via ENGINEER road.

(3) Gates

(a) A Coy is to nominate pers to man the A Coy gate and unlock it for vehs

(b) Search area Birth

(b) LO is to ensure HOA LONG NORTH and WEST gates are unlocked by 180600H.

(4) Order of March.

- (a) Empty APC more dones (d) A Coy (TCV) B Coy (TCV) Empty APC Admin Coy Gp (TCV) Empty APC Sp Coy Gp TCV) CCoy TCV) Bn HQ APC) 1 SAS Sqn APC) Coy 2 RAR TCV) 106 Bty TCV) BEALLIV 1 ARU TCV)
- (5) Liaton

Capt PETTIT is to act as LO to the NORTHERN post.

He is to report there at 171800 and remain until relieved

18 Aug 67.

(6) Search Areas

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- (7) Search Techniques. The fol must be noted
 - (a) Search in absolute detail each area given. This includes all houses inside and out, surrounds and gardens, open fields.
 - (b) In particular look for
 - (i) Large amounts of food.
 (ii) Tunnels and hides.

(iii) Explosives

(iv) Arms and ammo

(v) Med sups (vi) Posters

(vii) Caches of any description

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- (c) Suspect persons or persons found in houses containing suspect material are to be held until transported to control HQ.
 - (d) Every square yard is to be prodded
 - (a). Each house searched is to be marked e.g. paint, chalk, adhesive tape etc.
 - (f) Every man searching is to have at least one cover man.
 - (g) Suspicious mounds of earth, fresh diggings etc are to be prodded then dug out.
 - (h) All wells are to be checked.
 - (j) Remain alert
- (8) Rules of Engagement.
 - (a) Normal rules apply but extreem care must be exercised.
 - (b) ID cards are to be checked.
 - (c) Villages should be allowed freedom of movement
- (9) Route 2. Route 2 is to be kept clear for military traffic.
- (10) Boundary Fence. Troops are to remain 15 metres from the fence as a precaution against booby traps.
- (11) Rehersal. All groups are to reherse search techniques as arranged by IO and RSM afternoon 17 Aug 67.
- (12) Guides. Coy guides for embussing area to report to TO 7 RAR at 171500H.

Admin & Log

- 4. Rations. One C rat pack is to be carried per man for consumption lunch 18 Aug 67.
 - b. Water. All members to depart base area with full water bottles.
 - c. Med. RAP is to be loc with Bn HQ near sub sector HQ.
 - d. Radio Btys. One bty per radio plus one res bty carried by each cor.
 - e. Ammo. A res will be held under con of OC Admin and is to be sent forward to Bn HQ on request.
 - f. Dress and Eqpt. Troops are to take the minimum requirements.
 - g. Tpt.
 - (1) A minimum of 20 TCVs aval for the lift.
 - (2) L/rovers to be allocated as follows:-
 - (a) 2 per Coy
 - (b) 3 Bn HQ.

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- Sephone of of at back because who vis 5. a. Bn HQ Sixth in order of march
 - Set up control HQ near sub-sector HQYS420636.

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b. Radio. Radiodiagram att as Annex "C"

(10) Boundary Penge. Troops are to Femala 15 metres from

(12) Guides, Coy guides for embussius area to report to

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ANNEXES: A. Enemy Forces

B. Boundries

C. Radio diagram

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PZ Details

3. Loc - LUSCOMBE

Capacity - 10 x UHID and 2 x CH 47

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Marking - Lights as arranged by US Army Avn LO. C.

d. Freq - 43.20mcs.

c/s - 96.

Con by - Transport Offr.

Secure by - Secure.

LZ Details

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Loc - DAT DO airfield. a. b.

Capacity - 10 x UHID. Marked by gunship with YELLOW smk. C.

Freq - 43.20 mcs.

C/S - 92 on arrival. e.

Con by - A/QM.

Secure by - ARVN post. 8.

Flight details

5. a. Number and type of ac

(1) 10 x UHID (2) 2 x CH47

b. Slicks

UHID 7 CH47 35

Formation PZ - Trail C.

d. Formation LZ - Trail

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- f. Direction of fly in LZ NORTH to SOUTH (CH47 will land centre field after UHID take off).
- g. Wave

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- h. Estimated turn round time 10 min.
- k. Flt leaders C/S TOMMAHAWK LEAD.
- 6. Order of lift and number of PAX:-

a.	Lift 1	UHID CH47	A Coy A Coy Bn HQ	70 22 36
ъ.	Lift 2	UHID CH47	106 Bty 106 Bty ARU	70 40 30
c.	Lift 3	UHID CH47	ARU ARU SAS	70 20 50
d.	Lift 4	UHID	SAS B Coy	25 45
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e.	Lift 5	UHID	Sp Coy	70

7. Time and place of reporting:-

a. b.	A Coy, Bn HQ and Combat Engrs 106 Bty and ARU (30)	7 RAR Entrance	0550H 0605H
c.	ARU (90) and SAS	11 11	0620H
u.	B Coy and Sp Coy	11 11	0630H

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SEVENTH BATTALION THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

Serial 27

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377. VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN MEDAL

The following personnel have qualified for the Vietnamese Campaign Medal:-

3787423 Pte M R BURTON
1411206 Pte N W BROWN
4717759 Pte G R NORMAN
216663 Pte P WELSH
2783913 Pte J ANDREWS

378. MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT AND REPORTING OF DAMAGE

- 1. There has been an increase in the number of damaged compasses and Starlight Scopes being returned to the QM for repair.
- 2. Both these equipments are highly technical instruments and the cost of repair in time, labour and spare parts is quite expensive.
- In the case of the Starlight Scope, the damage is caused through lack of knowledge of the people handling them, in that the lens covers have been removed in daylight, with the equipment switched on.
- 4. Compasses are being returned with broken window glasses, smashed dials and broken cards, mainly due to lack of care in carrying the item in operations.
- Damage to these equipments in future is to be reported and investigated within the company. A copy of the damage report is to be forwarded to the Bn 2IC when the itemmis returned to the Bn Q.

379. INTERNAL POSTINGS

The following inter-company transfers have been effected as shown:-

No	Rank	Name	Despatching Coy	Receiving
3788441 1200890 1200039 16735 38972 5411634 3411857 1731465 4718619 4718620 3790108 6708703 2784813 3790178 2784726 297119	Pteeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee	J J LYNCH K D PHILP T R FORBES J W STIMPSON R F STODDART G DUNNE P K GATES T L JOHANSON T D McGRATH J McKAY R A POPPLE C J REEMAN D R ROBERTS R T SMITH K J MARTIN R J FLETCHER	C Coy Sp Sp Sp Sp Sp Sp Admin	B Coy A A B B C C Sp Sp Sp Sp Sp Sp Sp Sp Bn HQ Bn HQ

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No	Rank	Name I	Despatching Coy	Receiving
37172 42654 16628 3787496 216976 3411955 217103 216914 3411941 1411287 37770 43908 217117 1200962 55420 217075 2412533 4411124 3411944 2412541 2785028 1732071 2784925 2785582 4718374 2784986 278498 278498 278498 278498 278498 278498 278498 278498 278498 278498 278498 27849 2784	SPERRENCE OF TO TO TO TO THE PROPERTY OF THE P	WALTON S ANTNEY A ATLEY J BATES L SEYMOUR J ROBERTS R TURNER J FISCHER G SILVER W SIMPSON L TAYLOR J PULLAR J PRESTON	Bn HQ Bn HQ Bn HQ Admin	Admin Admin Admin Admin DA BBDCABBBCDDDABSPSPSPSPSPSPSPSPSPSPSPSPSPSPSPSPSPSPSP

380. QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROMOTION TO CPL

The following members qualified for subjects for first promotion as shown:

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Coys are to submit AAF-A26As on all personnel marked with an asterisk to reach Bn HQ no later thin 16 Aug 67.

381. OUT OF BOUNDS AREAS

Bty A 1/83 US Arty is out of bounds to all members except those on authorised duty.

382. ANTI-MITE PRECAUTIONS

1. Immediately prior to any operation members will anti-mite the clothing they will wear on the operation, plus any clothing placed in laundry bags for the operation. Ocs will ensure these preparations are supervised.

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- The method of preparing clothes is as follows:-2.
 - a. Turn the clothing inside out.
 - Apply the anti-mite fluid on all seams, as well as trouser cuffs, shirt cuffs and the wistband of trousers.
- Scrub typhus can kill. Anti-mite fluid, correctly applied, will prevent scrub typhus.

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1. AAF A4s

Subtended elow is a list of AAF A4s by companies since arriving in VIETNAM as at 26 Jul 67.

A Coy 14
B Coy 4
C Coy 21
D Coy 15
Sp Coy 24
Admin Coy 16
Bn HQ 3
Total 94

2. DISCIPLINE.

CO 7 RAR has investigated and disposed or confirmed the following offences as subtended below:-

- a. 3788908 Pte M J KELTY, Admin Coy, on the charges of (1) WOAS CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE Not in his assigned billet. (2) WOAS USING INSUBORDINATE LANGUAGE TO HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER. Was found guilty of the charges and awarded the punishment of \$20.00 fine. Award by OC HQ Coy AFV.
- b. 2783143 Pte B J BROWN, C Coy, on the charges of (1) WOAS USING THREATENING LANGUAGE TO HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER (2) WOAS DISOBEYING A LAWFUL COMMAND GIVEN BY HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER. Was found guilty of the charges and awarded the punishment of 21 days detention, forfeits 2 days ARL at 18 Jul 67.
- c. 1411167 Pte J R HULIN, A Coy, on the charges of (1) WOAS DISOBEYING A LAWFUL COMMAND GIVEN BY HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER (2) WOAS USING THREATENING LANGUAGE TO HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER. Was found guilty of the charges and awarded the punishment of 28 days detention, and forfeiture of 2½ days ARL, on 18 Jul 67.
- d. 1200839 Pte D F BATHERSBY, A Coy, on the charge of "DAS NEGLECT TO THE PREJUDICE When a sentry left his post without being properly relieved. Was found guilty of the charge and awarded the punishment of 7 days CB and \$10.00 fine on 17 Jul 67.
- e. 37785 Cpl A S SNEDDON, D Coy, on the charge of WOAS NEGLECT TO THE PREJUDICE Discharged his firearm with just cause or excuse. Was found guilty of the the charge and given a reprimand with a \$20.00 fine on 18 Jul 67.
- f. 2783143 Pte B J BROWN, C Coy, on the charge of WOAS USING INSUBORDINATE LANGUAGE TO HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER. Was found guilty of the offence and awarded the punishment of 7 days CB and \$10.00 fine, on 3 Jul 67.

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- g. 36792 Cpl A E LITTLEHALES, Sp Coy, on the charge of WOAS ABSENTING HIMSELF WITHOUT LEAVE. Was found guilty of the charge and awarded a reprimand on 4 Jul 67.
- h. 16697 Pte R.GOODGER, Sp Coy, on the charge of WOAS ACT TO THE PREJUDICE Discharged his firearm without just cause or excuse. Found guilty of the charge and awarded the punishment of 14 days Field Punishment, 14 days Forfeiture of Pay, on 18 Jul 67.
- i. 214761 Cpl T S J BOURKE, Sp Coy, on the charge of WOAS ACT TO THE PREJUDICE Caused his firearm to be discharged without just cause or excuse. Was found guilty and received a reprimand plus \$20.00 fine, on 18 Jul 67.
- j. 15452 Pte W C FOSTER, Sp Coy, on the charge of WOAS NEGLECTING TO OBEY 7 RAR ROUTINE ORDERS Had intoxicating liquor in his living quarters. Was found guilty of the charge and awarded the punishment of 7 days CB and \$10 fine. On 4 Jul 67.
- k. 1200500 Pte K M GREER, Sp Coy, on the charge of WOAS NEGLECTING TO OBEY 7 RAR ROUTINE ORDERS Had intoxicating liquor in his living quarters. Was found quilty of the charge and awarded the punishment of 7 days CB and \$10.00 fine on 4 Jul 67.
- 1. 3789233 Pte T E HUNT, C Coy, on the charge of WOAS NEGLECTING TO OBEY UNIT ROUTINE ORDERS Broke curfew at VUNG TAU. Was found guilty of the charge and awarded the punishment of 7 days CB and \$10.00 fine, on 17 Jul 67.
- m. 2783910 Pte A J CONLAN, C Coy, on the charge of WOAS NEGLECTING TO OBEY UNIT ROUTINE ORDERS Broke curfew at VUNG TAU. Was found guilty of the charge and awarded the punishment of 7 days CB and \$10.00 fine, on 17 Jul 67.
- n. 3788397 Pte G R MOTTERSHEAD, A Coy, on the charge of WOAS ACT TO THE PREJUDICE Whilst sentry was not alert. Was found guilty of the charge and awarded the punishment of 7 days CB and \$10.00 fine., on 17 Jul 67.
- o. 3789040 Pte G K BATTYE, A Coy, on the charge of WOAS NEGLECT TO THE PREJUDICE Neglected to wake his relief for sentry duty. Was found guilty of the charge and awarded the punishment of 7 days CB and \$10.00 fine, on 17 Jul 67.
- p. 15584 Cpl G J ALBERD, D Coy, on the charge of WOAS DISOBEYING A LAWFUL COMMAND GIVEN BY HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER. Was given reprimand on 18 Jul 67.
- q. 3788048 Pte A J TINGIRI, C Coy, on the charge of WOAS ACT TO THE PREJUDICE Discharged his firearm without just cause or excuse. Was found guilty of the charge and awarded the punishment of 14 days Field Punishment and 14 days Forfeiture of Pay on 18 Jul 67.

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r. 216115 Pte P Z TRZECINSKI, Sp Coy, on the charges of (1) WOAS CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE - Used AMF Vehicle without proper authority. (2) WOAS NEGLECTING TO OBEY UNIT ROUTINE ORDERS - Drove Army vehicle in excess of 20 mph. (3) WOAS CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE - Permitted unauthorised persons to travel on Military Vehicle. (4) WOAS AN ACT TO THE PREJUDICE - Did not keep looking to the front when driving a military vehicle. Was found guilty of the charges and awarded the punishment of 28 days detention and forfeiture of 22 days ARL, on 18 Jul 67.

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386.	CLAIMS VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN MEDAL MONTHLY CONTROLLED STORES VACANCIES ON ESTABLISHMENT INTERNAL POSTINGS SERVICES VOCATIONAL AND EI	CHECK	

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- 1. 1 ATF PX TRADING HOURS
 2. CHRISTMAS CARDS 1967
- 3. DISCIPLINE
- 4. CASUALTIES CONTACT WITH EN 061130H AUG 67

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383. CLAIMS

- 1. During the period between ARL and the Units departure for VIETNAM numerous claims for reimbursement were submitted. It is apparent that during this period a number of the claims were lost in the system. To ensure that all members receive their entitlement a return is required at the Pay Office not later than 21 Aug 67 listing those personnel who did in fact submit claims but to this date have not received reimbursement.
- 2. Upon receipt of the return the Bn Pay Sgt will make the necessary arrangements for a new claim to be submitted.

384. VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN MEDAL

The following personnel have qualified for the Vietnamese Campaign Medal.

3411824 Pte : J BRYCESON 5411632 Pte W R BROWN 216643 Pte R G BRIEN 1411214 Pte R G CARTHEW 1411207 Pte R J COLLYER 3411864 Pte D DONOVAN 2783635 Pte N W FOX 2142441 Pte N J G 1411195 Pte L J HIDDINS 216985 Pte K J HOLDEN 61626 Pte P S MAYNE 215069 Pte P J MUSSON 16296 Cpl G D PASHLEY 216962 Pte R J SCHAEFFER
1200838 Pte G C SIEBOLD
5411658 Pte G STEELE 5411647 Pte K R WILLIAMS 216956 Pte D L WILLIS 1410720 Cpl S A WEST 39014 Pte J E MATTHEWS

385. MONTHLY CONTROLLED STORES CHECK

In future, monthly controlled stores checks submitted by sub units are to be accompanied by AAF F19 Stock Sheet correctly completed in all columns, showing holdings of all items of controlled stores.

386. VACANCIES ON ESTABLISHMENT

Nominations are required for Offrs Mess barman. Nominations to reach Bn HQ by 1200 hrs 20 Aug 67. NIL returns are required.

387. INTERNAL POSTINGS

The following internal postings have been effected as shown:-

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Regt No	Rank	Name From Coy	To Coy
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2785583	Pte	P M WEYMOUTH Admin	Q m
55084	Cpl		Sp
17923	T/Cpl		C
217043	Pte	A W FULBOHM C	Admin
3789447		A J SMITH Admin	C
	Pte	R G PERRIN Admin	В
44124	Pte	R F RICHARDS Admin	D
5714453	Pte	A E BELL Admin	A
3787176	Pte	J P PATTERSON D	Admin
3787829	Lopl	W D TRACEY D	Admin
3787522	Pte	K J NEWVILLE D	Admin
2782216	Pte	P JANSZ D	Admin
3787521	Pte	R H PORTER D	
3787570	Lepl	G D LISLE D	Admin
2782585	Pte		Admin
5713800	Lcpl		Admin
3787485		C F CHAPMAN D	Admin
3789029	Pte	R W SCHAECHE D	Admin
The state of the s	Pte	K J BAYLEY D	Bn HQ
3786651	Pte	G J WHATELEY D	Bn HQ
3789200	Pte	P A GRAY D	Bn HQ
3789109	Pte	D CURRAN A	Bn HQ
3789005	Pte	P J ASTELL A	Bn HQ
38966	Pte	K R BESLEY A	
44009	Pte	A B GRAHAM Sp	Bn HQ
6410195	Pte		Bn HQ
3789457	Pte		Bn HQ
3787846	Pte		Bn HQ
3789406		K H MORRISON B	Bn HQ
38649	Pte	D M O'SHEA B	Bn HQ
	Pte	T R SCOTT B	Bn HQ
6708607	Pte	A D SCOTT Admin	Bn HQ
1411298	Pte	G W MACE Admin	C
1411295	Pte	F N COWEN Admin	C
217086	Pte	G M McMASTERS Admin	C C
2412544	Pte	G J MUNRO Admin	Č
3411948	Pte	I R BIGGINS Admin	В
217081	Pte	R W KING Admin	
38532	Pte		В
2785575	Pte	- " THOIL MUMILII	В
55241	Pte	77 T COLOREST TECHNILLI	В
3411939		E J GOOCH Admin	A
2785018	Pte	A G EMMETT Admin	A
	Pte	J G WARD Admin	A
1411297	Pte	J R GOULD Admin	A
5411678	Pte	V C DALE Admin	D
1411300	Pte	P J BUCKLEY Admin	D
3411950	Pte	R A OWENS Admin	D
217069	Pte	D R O'KEEFE Admin	D
2412507	Pte	G J FALCONER Admin	D
2785152	Pte	J S DAVIES Bn HQ	
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388. SERVICES VOCATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME

- 1. Coys are to submit a return on any member who is at present enrolled under the above scheme showing:
 - a. Number, rank, name, unit.
 - b. Length of service.
 - c. Nature of course.

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- d. Subjects currently being studied.
- e. Costs of subjects.
- f. Estimated date of completion of course (ie. month when claim for reimbursement will be made).
 - 2. Returns to reach Bn HQ by no later than 1200 hrs 20 Aug 67. Nil returns are required.

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NOTICES

1. 1 ATF PX TRADING HOURS

- 1. With effect from Wed 9 Aug 67 trading hours for the 1 ATF PX will be:
 - a. Bulk Store 0800-1200) Mon to Sat 13 0-1500)
- b. Gift Shop 0900-1330 Mon to Sat.
 - 2. The restricted trading hours have been caused by an acute shortage of canteen staff. It is anticipated that service from the PX will be slower until the shortage is overcome although every effort will be made to meet unit and individual needs.
 - 3. Addressees will be advised 48 hours in advance of a return to normal trading hours.

2. CHRISTMAS CARDS - 1967

- 1. Regimental funds 7 RAR has authorized a \$10 award for the best typical photograph depicting 7 RAR.
- 2. All entries are to be enclosed with the entrants regt particulars and forwarded to Lt DIX AQM 7 RAR by 1 Sep 67. The photograph chosen will provide the centre colour piece for the 7 RAR Xmas Card.

3. DISCIPLINE

- CO 7 RAR has investigated and disposed of or confirmed the following offences as subtended below:
 - a. 36157 Cpl A P WELLINGTON, C Coy, on the charge of WOAS Failing to Appear at a Place of Parade. The charge was admonished on 2 Jul 67.
 - b. 3787488 Pte G L TRUSLER, C Coy, on the charge of WOAS An Act To the Prejudice Not alert in ambush position. Was found guilty of the charge and awarded the punishment of 14 days Field Punishment on 26 Jul 67.
 - c. 55222 Pte J W CUMMINS, D Coy, on the charges of 1 WOAS Conduct to the Prejudice Rendered himself unfit for duty due to prior indulgence in alcoholic liquor. 2 WOAS Conduct To the Prejudice Siezed a weapon and pointed it at his escort. 3 WOAS Striking a Person in Whose Custody he was placed. Was found guilty of the charges and awarded the punishment of 28 days detention A/F 2½ days ARL, 1 day pay whilst under close arrest on 31 Jul 67.
 - d. 3411716 Pte B H ZUNNEBERG, A Coy, on the charge of WOAS Disobeying a Lawful Command Given By His Superior Officer Was found guilty of the offence and awarded the punishment of \$10.00 and 7 days CB on 1 Aug 67.

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e. 55159 Pte M A DENCH, Sp Coy, on the charge of WOAS Ab enting Himself without Leave. Was found guilty of the charge and awarded the punishment of \$10.00 on 14 Jul 67.

f. 212632 Sgt R C LEWIS, Bn HQ, on the charge of WOAS Conduct to the Prejudice - Involved in a fist fight. Was found guilty of the charge and awarded the punishment of \$40.00 fine and a Severe Reprimand on 2 Aug 67.

4. CASUALTIES - CONTACT WITH EN 061130H AUG 67

Subtended below is a list of 7 RAR personnel killed and wounded in action on the above date.

KIA 213834 Cpl J F HAYES

KIA 38110 Cpl D R AYLETT

KIA 16327 Pte J M O'CONNOR

KIA 3411862 Pte D G MILFORD

KIA 2412450 Pte E F BROPHY

KIA 38939 Pte B A HARSTAD

WIA 3788103 Pte H J HAYES

WIA 4718102 Pte A G CARR

WIA 1731520 Pte W J WELLBY

WIA 1200839 Pte D F BATHERSBY

WIA 38294 Cpl G D TREDREA

WIA 37770 Lepl L J FISCHER

WIA 311323 Sgt A D SUTHERLAND

WIA 3787823 Pte A E COLLINS

WIA 44038 Pte C G REINERTSEN

WIA 3788713 Pte D N BURLEY

WIA 3787966 Pte B J CRUIKSHANK

WIA 3788190 Pte L H HOPPNER

WIA 3788768 Pte K L O'NEILL

WIA 5714461 Pte D R BROWN

WIA 3788618 Pte K R DOWNWARD

WIA 37277 2Lt G H ROSS

WIA 4717957 Pte J C HORWOOD

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389. VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN MEDAL

The following personnel of 7 RAR have qualified for the Vietnamese Campaign Medal :-

17563 Maj DJ MEALEY 210273 WO1 JP SHEDDICK 13981 S sgt CJ ABEL 38137 Sgt C ROWLEY

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MESSAGE FORM

PRECEDENCE ACTION

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A SEARCH AND DESTROY OP IN AREA 2 COMMENCING 5 AUG 67 (.)

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390. VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN MEDAL

The following personnel have qualified for the Vietnamese Campaign Medal.

3787115 Pte P PATTERSON 3787521 Pte R H PORTER 2782216 Pte P J JANSZ 61392 Pte C W COWEN

391. UNOFFICIAL REQUESTS TO CIVILIAN FIRMS

- 1. Members of the unit are NOT to write direct to Civilian Firms requesting items for the unit without first discussing the situation with the Bn 2IC.
- 2. Recent instances of such requests have proved to be extremely embarrassing for the army.

392. CORRECT ADDRESSING AND FORWARDING OF PARCELS TO AFV

- 1. Members are to advise NOKs, friends etc that parcels sent from Australia are to be despatched through the normal Postal System.
- 2. Under NO conditions should NOKs, friends etc send parcels to Command HQs or air and rail terminals for onward movement to SVN.

393. HYGIENE

- 1. The Hygiene inspector will conduct a conference at the Hygiene Store each morning at 0800 hrs. Sub-unit Hygiene Dutymen are to attend this conference.
- 2. Hygiene within a sub-unit is the direct responsibility of the Coy 2IC, with the assistance of the CQMS, both ensuring that the Hygiene Dutymen are effectively supervised at all times.

394. REGT FUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING

A Regt Funds Committee meeting is to be held in the 2IC's Office at 1400 hrs 28 Aug 67.

395. LIVING OUT ALLOWANCE

- 1. Numerous enquiries have been received concerning the entitlement for payment of LOA to unmarried members, who live out for a period eg on R and R whilst serving in Vietnam.
- 2. Paymaster in chiefs Memo 723/R5/14 of 31 Mar 67 stated that the matter was being examined. To date no reply has been received.
- 3. A new submission is currently being made to AHQ for clarification of this matter.
- 4. The results will be notified in due course.

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396. SECURITY - LETTERS FROM CIVILIANS

- 1. A number of instances have been reported recently of requests from civilians in USA, Austria etc, for military post marked envelopes and a "thumbnail" sketch of recent activities.
- 2. Coys are reminded that overt collection of information by such methods is a technique frequently used by Communist countries and their sympathisers.
- 3. All such requests are to be reported immediately upon receipt, to the A/Adjutant.
- 4. If any such incidents have already occurred but have not been reported, the A/Adjutant is to be advised immediately. (1 ATF RO part 1 168/67)

397. SECURITY - PHOTOGRAPHS

Members of 1 ATF have been taking photographs of the base camp, both from the ground and from helicopters, and then taking the film to local processing shops in BARIA. This is an obvious security risk and must cease. No film will be handed to any local Vietnamese for processing. Processing of film within the Base Area is allowed. (1 ATF RO Part 1 169/67)

398. AMENDMENT TO GS INSTRUCTION

1 ATF GS Instruction 1/67 (Revised) dated 29 Jul 67 is amended by:

a. Page 1. Amend File No R560-1-22 to read R569-1-22. (1 ATF RO Part 1 170/67)

399. CURFEW RESTRICTIONS

1. SAIGON and CHOLON

- a. All members of Australian Force Vietnam in the SAIGON-CHOLON area are to be within their assigned billets between 2300 hrs and 0400 hrs each night.
- b. This restriction does not apply to members when they are performing military duty.

2. <u>VUNG TAU Peninsular</u>

- a. All members of Australian Force Vietnam on the VUNG TAU Peninsular are to be within 1 ALSG camp area or in their assigned billets between 2200 hrs and 0600 hrs each night.
- b. Members on leave are permitted to be outside 1 ALSG camp area or their assigned billets:
 - (1) If granted leave for Saturday, until 0100 hrs the next day;
 - (2) If granted leave for any other day, until 2359 hrs the same day;

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provided that after 2200 hours they are in any premises place or ship under direct guard by Australian, United States or Korean armed forces.

- c. After 2200 hrs members are to travel on VUNG TAU Peninsula in Military vehicles only. Officers/soldiers are not to travel in civilian vehicles between 2200 hours and 0600 hours each night.
 - d. The provisions of paragraph 2.a. of this order do not apply to members when they are performing military duty. (1 ATF RO Part 1 156/67)

400. VEHICLE PARKING VUNG TAU PENINSULA

1. ASCO Vehicle Park 1 ALSG

- a. A parking area, for vehicles belonging to PX customers, has been set aside across the road from the ASCO PX.
- b. No vehicles are to be parked on the side of the road adjacent to the ASCO storage area, or between the ASCO buildings, unless authorised to do so by the OC Det 5 ASCO Unit.

2. VUNG TAU Market Place

- a. Effective immediately, the VUNG TAU market place is designated a NO PARKING zone for Australian Military Vehicles.
- b. Leave trucks are not to be stopped in this area to deliver or to pick up leave personnel.
- c. Leave trucks stopping to pick up troops may do so from BOQ, BEQ, or TRUNG TRAC and TRUNG NHI streets between LE LOI and TRAN HUNG DAO Streets. (1 ATF RO Part 1 159/67)

401. OUT OF BOUNDS - VUNG TAU

- 1. American In-Country R and R Centre. This establishment is out of bounds to all members of the Australian Military Forces at all times and is not to be visited by officers or soldiers. This follows the American policy that the centre is for US personnel on R and R only and is not for other US personnel who may be stationed in or visiting VUNG TAU.
- 2. <u>Back Beach</u>. The area known as BACK BEACH. South of the BEACHCOMBER BAR, and all the civilian owned bars in that area, are out of bounds to all members of the Australian Military Forces between 1800 hours and 0800 hours each night. Officers/soldiers are not to visit the BACK BEACH area between these hours.
- 3. The following places are out of bounds to all members of the Australian Military Forces at all times and are not to be visited by officers or soldiers:
 - a. The area inside the triangle formed by TRIEU AU Street on the South, LE LOI Street on the West and LE LAI Street, and the projection of LE LAI Street past its dead-end to where it would join LE LOI Street.

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- The ARVN Training Centre (this is the area bounded by joining the grid reference 323494, 328502, 340508 and 367503).
- The lane off No 11 HOANG DIEU Street behind the RAAF Villa.
- The GO-GO Bar on NGUYEN TRI PHUONG Street. d.
- The HONEYMOON Bar on Sanitary Fill road. e.
- All eating establishments with the following exceptions:

GRAND HOTEL NEPTUNE RESTAURANT

RENDEZVOUS RESTAURANT CYRNOS RESTAURANT PIZZERIA RESTAURANT

(1 ATF RO Part 1 157/67)

402. OUT OF BOUNDS BARIA - HOA LONG

- The towns of BARIA and HOA LONG are out of bounds to all officers and soldiers with the following exceptions:
 - Unit canteen representatives.
 - Personnel on authorised collection or delivery duties b. at official laundries and the sandbag filling point.
 - Members of 1 Aust CA Unit and Det 1 Div Unit whilst performing their duties.
- Authorised personnel are to remain in BARIA or HOA LONG for the minimum time required to complete their duties.
- Unit canteen representatives are to be in possession of a written authorisation for each visit to BARIA. authorisation is to show the regimental particulars of the bearer, the times (from and to) and the date of the visit. It is to be signed only by:
 - For 4 Fd Regt, 2 RAR and 7 RAR CO, 2IC or Adjt. a.
 - Other Units OC. b.

4. French Fort

- The "French Fort" (an outpost astride Interprovincial Route 2 between HOA LONG and BARIA, bounded by grid reference 394628, 395629, 396626 and 396624) is under the control of the US Embassy and is out of bounds to all Australian and Allied servicemen.
- Traffic may enter the outpost, confining itself to Route 2, and pass through without stopping.
- The practice of visiting and trading with the soldiers of this outpost is forbidden and is to cease. (1 ATF RO Part 1 159/67)

403. QUARANTINE REGULATIONS

Reference MBI 15-1

The regulations have indicated the necessity for scrupulous attention to detail when cleaning and preparing

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personal equipment which is to be returned to Australia. Particular attention should be taken to ensure that there is no dried mud or vegetable matter on boots and other personal equipment.

2. Coys are to ensure that personal equipment is thoroughly cleansed before members RTA. (lATF RO Part 1 161/67)

404. SECURITY - WEAPONS 1 ALSG

All 1 ATF personnel visiting 1 ALSG are to secure their weapons at the 1 ALSG Prov Unit.

405. SMALL ARMS LUBRICATION

- 1. It has been observed that some units are allowing the use of aerosol, or pressure pack type products, for the lubrication and preservation of small arms.
- 2. Aerosol and pressure pack type products have been directly linked with stoppages in some weapons; and, whilst giving short term protection to metallic surfaces, they are ultimately detrimental to weapon finish and functioning.
- 3. Only authorised lubricants are to be used. Aerosol and pressure pack type lubricants and preservatives are NOT to be used. (1 ATF RO Part 1 160/67)

406. LUBRICATION OF RIFLE M16 ARMALITE

- 1. After thorough cleaning, apply a <u>light coat</u> of MIL-L-46000 (LSA) to the barrel bore and chamber, the locking lug area, magazine spring, interior of lower extension, action spring, action spring guide (buffer) and all external metal surfaces. The receiver extension is to be lubricated using flannelette dampened with lubricant.
- 2. The interior of the upper and lower receivers, the bolt carrier group and the front sight post screw, detent and spring are to receive a generous application.

407. INTERNAL POSTINGS

The following internal postings have been effected as shown:

Regt No	Rank	Name	From Coy	To Coy
2783351 217135 3789114 4717957 216906 1731618 5714277 5714234 41836 217071 2412461 4411066 61685 2783826 16775 4717920 5411080 214834 2785574	Pte	M C CARROL E H TICKNER P P COGAN J C HORWOOD B E FALLON K HARCUS G F COLTON N E ANDERSON T M BOURKE W J SPRUCE J W PENINTON R M DART M F AUSTIN T N SMALLWOOD H A KING K W EICHNER K W VARDY M W WILLIS A VRIELING	C ADMIN A A SP SP C ADMIN A B SP SP D SP A SP A SP A SP A SP A SP A S	ADMIN C BN HQ Sp A ADMIN ADMIN A A ADMIN BN HQ ADMIN ADMIN ADMIN Sp D Sp D Sp A Sp

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408. QUALIFICATIONS GROUP 6 MIL SKILLS

1. The following personnel are qualified for the year 67/68 in the Tests as listed below:-

			PE	TSOETS	Range/P	Voice/P	F/Aid	M/Read
21027 36661 53156 34578 28029 42654 15757 37172 213376 215004 36185 342864 27050 215480 37923 16186 37539 16410 37128 19695 16643 210062 37575 541126 16643 210062 3789370 5714392 3789140 411008 1200792 4717908 371855 42938 54690 3788593 216863 3788593 3788593 3788795 37	WO22 gtttttttttlllichte ee e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	DMC CRUDEN K O SMITH A F HUGHES B J BOSLEY M J EZZY A F BARRIE H BUTTERWORT F A SMITH R M HYLAND D F WAIN F ELLIOT J L SAXBY M R HEMMENS A W FULBOHM M R JUSTICE F G HENDERSON W G ANTHES B W PATON B LORBACK P R POWELL N R FERGUSON M D LEE R G GROVES J PERKINS J V HOLT A R GIZYCKI G H EASTON D T O'BRIEN P E WHITE C E O'GRADY L R WENITON; J S NEWELL				^	ପ୍ରସ୍ଥ ବ୍ୟ	

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Regt 1	No Ran	<u>Name</u>	PE	TsOETS	Range/P	Voice/P	F/Aid	Map/R
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409. CLAIMS FOR MISSING/DAMAGED ITEMS - 1 ATF PX

1. Warehouse Stock

a. Warehouse stock found to be damaged or missing by the unit canteen representative on receipt of supplies, must be claimed for within 7 days of receipt of the order. Claims are to be certified by an officer.

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- b. The warehouse will not accept claims which exceed the above time limit or claims which are not certified by an officer.
- c. Attached as Annex A to this Routine Order is the proforma to be used for claims relating to missing/damaged stock.

2. Gift Shop Items

- a. Items purchased from the PX Gift Shop and found to be defective must be returned within 7 days of purchase. Such items will be replaced.
- b. Articles returned after 7 days of purchase will not be replaced. These items will be forwarded for repairs. If the repair section considerd the damage has been caused by owner handling or neglect, repair costs are to be met by the purchaser. If the fault is considered a defect in the equipment, repairs will be effected free of charge. (1 ATF RO Part 1 173/67)

410. CANCELLATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. 1 ATF Administrative Instructions Nos 1/67 and 4/67 are cancelled and are replaced by 1 ATF Q Instruction 6/67.
- 2. 1 ATF Administrative Instructions Nos 3/67, 7/67 and 8/67 are cancelled and are replaced by 1 ATF Q Instructions Nos 7/67 and 9/67. (1 ATF RO Part 1 174/67)

411. CANCELLATION OF INSTRUCTIONS

l ATF Administrative Instruction No 10/67 is cancelled and is replaced by 1 ATF Q Instruction No 3/67. (1 ATF RO Part 1 174/67)

412. CANCELLATION OF ROUTINE ORDERS

The following Routine Order Part 1 is cancelled: 85/67.

413. CONDUCT OF AUSTRALIAN SERVICE PERSONNEL IN MILITARY VEHICLES

- 1. At a recent meeting of a US Vietnamese Friendship Council the subject of behaviour of military personnel in vehicles, particularly in the SAIGON area attracted criticism. Vietnamese cited instances of servicemen striking cyclists riding close to military vehicles, crowding cyclists and pedestrians, racing engines and banging on cab roofs in deliberate efforts to frighten Vietnamese women, and too liberal use of bad language.
- 2. Every effort is required to ensure that Australian drivers take due care and endeavour to avoid accidents, and do not resort to similar behaviour listed above in an attempt to force their way through traffic.

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ANNEX A to 7 RAR RO Part 1 409/67

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NOTICES

1. DISBURSEMENT OF AUST PX PROFITS

Disbursement of Aust PX Profits for the period 30 May - 31 Jul total amount \$2724.

2. HONOURS AND AWARDS

The following honours and awards were notified on 27 Jul 67:

MM 16181 Sgt (T/WO2) B.D. CLARK, AATV

3. ALLOTMENT OF OVERSEAS ALLOWANCE

- 1. Numerous instances have been reported where members are allotting all or part of their local overseas living allowances to bank accounts.
- 2. This procedure is contrary to the provisions of FIPMF regarding the calculation of minimum drawing rate. In addition the allowance is made to reimburge the member the increased costs in the overseas area and therefore should not need to be allotted.
- 3. The increased work in APAC involved in processing these allotments and variations there to is quite considerable and with the increase in the number of troops overseas is now unnecessarily delaying other essential processing.
- 4. It would be appreciated if action could be taken in future to ensure that members are not permitted to allot any part of their local overseas living allowance.

4. SENDING FLOWERS THROUGH INTER FORA

- 1. Flowers may be sent to any part of Australia or New Zealand through Interflora by soldiers in this theatre. Orders are to be placed on the 1 ATF PX which will forward the request to Australia.
- 2. For occasions such as a riversaries and birthdays the order will be transmitted by jost. A lead time of 10 days is required for these orders. Lead time on orders to New Zealand is greater.
- 3. In emergency circumstances such as death or serious illness orders will be transmitted by signal. Signal ordering will not be used for birthdays or anniversaries.
- 4. The minimum order which can be sent is U334. In addition, there is a surcharge of US.40 cents per order levied by Interflora.
- 5. The above information is to be brought to the attention of all ranks.

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5. OFFICER/NCO PROMOTION QUALIFICATIONS ARA SERVICE IN OPERATIONAL AREAS

References: A. ARO 66/66 B. ARO 67/66

- 1. Subtended is the content of AHQ 343/R1/22 dated 7 Aug 67.
 - "a. The granting of exemptions in qualifications for promotion under References A and B has given rise to certain anomalies. This is due to the wide diversity of employment and experience available to officers and soldiers serving in operational areas. It has therefore been decided that service in operational areas will not now exempt officers and soldiers from the requirement to qualify at a Tac 1 course or in Subject A respectively.
 - b. Exemptions will continue in Corps 3 and Subject B for officers and soldiers respectively.
 - c. The above provisions will apply from 14 Jun 67. AROs 66/66 and 67/66 will be cancelled in due course and new AROs issued in replacement."

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Distribution below

OPERATION PADDINGTON COMBAT OF RATIONS AFTER ACTION REPORT

References: A. 1 ATF SOP Annex A, Appendix 4.

B. 1 ATF Op 0 23/67 for Op PADDINGTON of 090300H JUL 67.

C. 7 RAR Op 0 7 of 081615H JUL 67.

D. Maps: VIETNAM 1:25,000

Sheet 6430-II-NE and SE Sheet 6530-III-NW and SW.

Name and Type of Operation

1. Operation PADDINGTON, an operation designed to destroy 274 Regt.

Dates of Operation

090712H - 151600H Jul 67. 2.

Location

3. Area east of NUI DAT YS 4367, and north east of XUYEN MOC YS 6568. Centre of area YS 6871.

Command Headquarters

HQ 1 ATF. 4.

Task Organization

- 5. 7 RAR with:
 - Under command from 081700H Four combat engineer teams.
 - b. In direct support from 090700H One OH13 - 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.
 - In support from 090630H One CESSNA 180 FW 161 (Indep) Recce Flt. C.
 - d. In support from 090712H to 090900H 145 combat Avn Bn.
 - Remaining in direct support (FOs only) e. 106 Bty RAA.
 - At priority call f. 108 Bty RAA

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Supporting Forces

6. 106 Bty RAA The battery remained at 1 ATF base NUI DAT during the operation. Artillery support was provided in the AO by

161 Bty RNZA and 108 Bty RAA which were re-located at 1 ATF

fire support base at MUYEN MOC .

- b. The delay experienced in obtaining air clearance on day 1 (9 Jul 67) to fire battalion mortars in the first instance lasted 1 hour 40 minutes. Rear Arty Tac organisation explained to BC 100 Bty that the delay was caused by a lack of knowledge of 7 RAR mortar base plate position. However, up till the time the matter was being investigated by BC 106 Bty Rear Arty Tac had not requested a locstat.
- Some comment has been made within the unit on the fact that adjustment of DFs takes a long time . The following factors are relevant:
 - (1) DFs cannot be adjusted close unless infantry have pits dug (not necessarily with OHP).
 - (2) Close adjustment artillery procedure provides for each gun to be brought in singly by use of safe corrections. This takes time.
- The following sequence may speed up the process of requesting close DFs within the unit.
 - (1) FO registers and adjusts a DF to 500 metres of a coy location as soon as possible after the arrival of the coy in a particular area.
 - (2) Coy digs in.
 - (3) FO adjusts bty using close target procedure to the safe distance.

Combat Engineer Teams

One combat engineer team per rifle coy was allocated during the operation. Each team consisted of an NCO and 6 ORs.

Aust Aviation (Army)

- One SIOUX was in direct support during the operation and was used on the following tasks:
 - a. Liaison.
 - b. Reconnaissance.
 - c. Arty and Mor OP.
 - d. Surveillance of the battalion and company AC.
 - e. Casevac/medevac.
 - f. Assistance in navigation and fixing company positions from time to time.

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- g. Movement of stores and light equipments.
- h. Communications.

Aust Aviation RAAF

- 9. RAAF Iroquois were used on day 1 (9 Jul 67) to lift 400 rounds of mortar ammunition into an LZ at Battalion Headquarters at IS 669699. Subsequent lifts occurred as follows:
 - a. Mortar platoon less a section, Fire Aslt Pl and four mortar equipments and immunition from YS 669699 to YS 693724 on 10 Jul 67.

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- b. Mortar platoon less a section, Fire Aslt Pl and mortar equipments and ammunition from YS 693724 to YS 654694 on 14 Jul 67.
- 10. In addition, RAAF IROQUOIS were used on 11 Jul 67 for re-supply of rations to the bottalion. The following casevac/medevac occurred:

10 Jul 67	2 x modevac	ALBATROSS
11 Jul 67	3 x medevac 1 x medevac	ALBATROSS POSSUM
12 Jul 67	2 x medevac	ALBATROSS
13 Jul 67	1 x medevac 1 x medevac	ALBATROSS POSSUM
14 Jul 67	2 x medevac	ALBATROSS

US Aviation

- 11. Two mir mobile companies were used to lift the battalion to the AO on 9 Jul 67. Elements of 1 ATF reconnaissance parties were included in the lift.
- 12. The battalion was extracted from XUYEN MOC to NUI DAT by the same means on 15 Jul 67.

Intelligence

13. See Annex A.

Terrain

Between XUYEN MOC and the SUOI SOC it is generally open savanah and paddy interspersed with wooded copses. GALAH and FALCON in which the battalion operated for the most part consisted of thickly wooded jungle broken by occasional clearings and swamps - particularly in FALCON.

Mission

15. 7 RAR was to carry out an eir move to LZ YS 654696 then occupy a defensive position north of XUYEN MOC.

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General Outline

17. 7 RAR was to fly into an LZ at YS 654696, clear areas for future occupation by elements of 1 ATF then occupy a defensive position astride the SUOI SOC. Order of flyout was to be as follows:

Lift 1 D Coy plus Arty recce party from 1 ATF.

- " 2 A Coy plus HQ 1 ATF recce party and 1300 lbs stores.
- " 3 Bn HQ and Sp Coy.
- " 4 C Coy incl olms B Coy.
- " 5 B Coy plus elms HQ 1 ATF.
- 18. Upon arrival at the LZ D Coy was to clear the NUI DAT feature at YS 6470 and the general area of the LZ. NUI DAT feature YS 6470 was to be occupied by HQ 1 ATF.

Execution

- 19. The flyout on 9 Jul 67 was carried out as planned. There were no contacts with the enemy and ni 9/10 Jul 67 was spent in a battalion defensive position east of XUYEN MOC astride the SUOI SOC.
- 20. Operation PADDINGTON had the following ORBAT:

HQ 9 Div Arty

Ist Bde 9 Div

2/39 Inf 4/39 Inf 3/5 Cav A/7 - 9 Arty (DS) 1 - 11 Arty (-) (DS) B/2 - 35 Arty (DS) A/15th Engr (Sp)

VNMC Bde (-) (TF BRAVO)

2 Mor Bn 3 Mor Bn C Bty 105 mm How (towed)

1 ATF

2 RAR
7 RAR
2/47 (Mech) (OPCON)
1/11 ACR (OPCON)
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
108 Fd Bty RAA (DS)
161 Fd Bty RNZA (DS)
1 Fd Sqn RAE
B/1 - 11 Arty (DS)
C/2 - 35 Arty (reinforcing)
B/1 - 84 Arty (Gen sp)

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1 ATF Concept of Operations

- 21. The operation was to be conducted in four phases as follows:
 - a. Phase 1 (6-7 Jul 67) Deception and prep ration.
 - b. Phase 2 (8-9 Jul 67) Concentration and employment as follows:
 - (1) Concentration of non-organic units at NUI DAT (YS 4367) or Highway 23.
 - (2) Deployment of 9 Div Tac CP at NUI DAT.
 - (3) Clearance, security and movement on Route 23.
 - (4) Deployment of 1 ATF plus to XUYEN MOC by helicopter and moad.
 - c. Phase 3 (10-11 Jul 67) Assault and encirclement.
 - (1) 1 ATF employing 1/11 ACR attacks NORTH astride highway 329 to repture enemy defence and seize objective JACK.
 - (2) 2 RAR conducts an air mobile assault onto LZ BOB.
 - (3) 7 RAR conducts a land assault into blocking position at BERT.
 - (4) After link up with VN marines 1/11 ACR attacks to the south east and drives against blocking position adjacent to BOB and BERT.
 - (5) Engineer clearing teams employing Rome ploughs start operations along Highway 23.
 - d. Phase 4 (12-17 Jul 67) Block, search and destroy.
 - (1) 1 ATF starts patrolling to locate and destroy all VC installations and caches.
 - (2) Engineers continue road clearing operations
 - e. During Phase 1 no 1 ATF units are tasked.

Phase 3

- 22. On 10 Jul 67 7 RAR moved on foot north east to a Battalion blocking position in area BERT. The distance travelled was some 4000 metres through primary jungle. Two routes were used as follows:
 - a. A northern route by A Coy, Battalion Headquarters, Aslt Pnr Pl and C Coy.
 - b. A southern route by D and B Coys.
- 23. Additional support was provided by two sections of mortars protected by the Fire Aslt Pl at YS 669699. By 1500 hrs the mortars and Fire Aslt Pl had been air lifted into Battalion Headquarters at YS693724.

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Phase 4

- 24. Area FALCON was sub-divided into coy AOs for patrolling tasks period 12-13 Jul 67. Although some signs of enemy activity were located by D Coy several thousand metres north of the battalion position no direct contact was made with the VC.
- 25. It is worthy of note that during ni 13/14 Jul 67 what could have been enemy mortars were heard firing from approximately 1500 metres to the east. The sounds indicated that there were three possible base plate positions several hundred metres apart whose fire appeared to be co-ordinated. Firing started at 2000 hrs, lasted for 20 minutes then restarted at 2040 hrs for a further 10 minutes. No rounds fell near own troops. What was thought to have been the noise of a vehicle was also heard coming from the general direction of the suspected base plate positins. The possibility that enemy were using the vehicle to move mortars cannot be discounted.
- 26. On 14 Jul 67 7 RAR moved back by foot to the fire support base at TOM as 9 Div reserve battalion. Prior to moving, the Fire by air to support the move.
- 27. The battalion was air lifted from XUYEN MOC air field to NUI DAT on 15 Jul 67 where it remained on 1 hours notice as 9 Div reaction force until 162400H.

Commander's Analysis and Recommendation

28. The operation provided 7 RAR with the opportunity of working closely with 11 ACR on one occasion. This was of particular interest and raised some points not previously encountered e.g. American reconnaissance by fire - in this case by machine guns. Troops stood to in pits as 11 ACR covered the final 500 metres towards them. Close liaison is important.

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- General 1 1991 MILERON DESTRUCTION DE LA COMPANIE DE LA C 1. The AO lies in a traditional VC stronghold in Eastern PHUOC TUY Province. Some limited ground ops have been conducted in NORTH-EAST PHUOC TUY, in proximity to the major MAY TAO bases (YS 7090) but the area further SOUTH has never been searched by a major ground force.
- The AO has been used in the past as a base camp by 275 Regt, log elms of 5 Div (Gp 84) and currently by 274 Regt. During the last month extensive surv has cfm VC Presence and much track activity, instls, sightings and some ptl contacts have been reported.
- 3. Although a main obj area has been defined it must be noted that VC instls and activity have been sighted throughout a much wider area around this obj. In other words units must be alert to the possibility of contact with the VC en route to their initial posns and from any direction once in those initials posns. The area is a major VC base complex and all round defence must be planned......Unit block posns could also be compromised through obsn by small VC liaison parties moving to or from the obj between southern bases and MAY TAO.

En Reaction

- 4. En believed to be in the obj area consist of 274 Regt, possibly elms of a bn 275 Regt and elms of the combined art gp of 5 Div.* It is considered that as soon as the VC realise that a major ground attack is under way they will attempt to withdraw rather than defend in str. Most likely directions of withdrawal will be to NORTH and NORTH EAST towards MAY TAO and /or EAST and SOUTHEAST towards VC bases in the PHUOC TUY/ BINH/TUY border area. It is hoped that the shock of preliminary heavy arty bombardment and quick follow up and exploitation by cav units will confuse the enemy and force him to seek rapid evac of his posn along the axis of aval tracks and trails.
- 5. 1 ATF AO covers the area to the SOUTHEAST of the main VC base. Likely en withdrawal routes are along the axis of the track systems between AP DEN (YS 7176) and the SUOI GIA NAM and between the SOUI DA.

En Rft Capability

- 6. En rft capability is limited at this stage. The The bulk of 275 Regt is still away from the area and will probably not have returned from War Zone D at the time of the op. There has been some further evidence of the existence of a third regt in 5 Div. However it does not yet appear to be operational and should not affect the progress of the op.
- Local forces that may be encountered could be the XUYEN MOC District Coy (C23) or its sub units. contact has been made with this unit for some months.

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* Latest info suggests HQ 5 Div has moved in near HQ 274 Regt in the area around YS 7075.

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A COY OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS REPORT OPERATION PADDINGTON

Map: XUYEN MOC 1:50,000

- 1. Subunit A Coy 7 RAR.
- 2. Comd Major E.J. O'DONNELL
- 3. Op Name Operation PADDINGTON
- 4. <u>Duration</u> 090800 Jul 151100 Jul 67
- 5. Outline Tasks
 - a. Estb def posn NE of XUYEN MOC ni 9/10 Jul.
 - b. Estb def posn as part of 7 RAR blocking force 10-14 Jul.
 - c. Def of fire sp base ni 14/15 Jul NORTH of XUYEN MOC.
- 6. Sequence of Events see Appendix 1.
- 7. Assessment of Op
 - a. The op was disappointing in that the coy found no sign of the VC. There was no indication that the en had used the area through which the coy moved during the op. The tracks, which mostly ran EAST-WEST were distinct but bore no sign of recent use.
 - b. Because of rock 18" below the surface it took the coy two days to dig down in the blocking position to sufficient depth to lay overhead cover. In some cases even two days were not enough to dig to 4'6" and additional sandbags were needed to construct strong defences. In all 1600 sandbags were used, which were subsequently destroyed when the coy moved on.
 - c. Comms were poor on 12 Jul when the coy was patrolling to the NORTH of the main defensive position. This was due to two factors:-
 - (1) Flat terrain and thick vegetation made conditions difficult for VHF.
 - (2) Ptls were in heavy rain most of the day and water entered the handsets despite the insulation.

Comms during the remainder of the op were good.

d. No difficulty was experienced in linking up with 11 ACR when they swept down onto the blocking posn. 11 ACR had a helicopter directing their mov as they approached the coy posn.

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e. A ptl from 2 Pl became displaced on 12 Jul when they moved off their bearing to follow a track which they thought might lead to an en installation. This highlights the problem of accurate navigation in relatively featureless country when a ptl follows a track rather then moving on a direct bearing.

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1. Sub Unit - B Coy 7 RAR.

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- 3. Op Name - Operation PADDINGTON.
- 4. Duration - 9 - 15 Jul 67.
- 5. Outline Task - Phase 1 - a. Fly into XUYEN MOC b. Move to YS 670695 and establish a coy def posn as part of 7 RAR defensive position.
 - Phase 2 Move on foot to area of YS 698723 and establish a coy def posn as part of 7 RAR blocking position.
 - Phase 3 Patrol in the AO allotted by 7 RAR.
 - Phase 4 Move to YS 649698 to establish a coy def posn as part of 7 RAR task to defend FSB at TOM.

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6. Sequence of Events - See Appendix 1

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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

9 Jul 67

Flown in by air mobile coy to area of XUYEN MOC. The coy cleared to the EAST and estb a coy def posn at GR 672702.

10 Jul 67

The coy moved to the blocking posn leading Bn HQ and C Coy. Mov was slow because of thick terrain but navigation was accurate. A coy def posn was estb at GR 692728 and co-ord between the coys was effected before last light. Digging proved to be difficult because of rock.

11 Jul 67

The day was spent working on the defences. At approx 1500 hrs APCs from 11 ACR sweeping from the NORTH linked up with the coy. There were no incidents.

12 Jul 67

The coy was given the task of patrolling a large AO to the NORTH. The Fire Aslt Pl was placed under comd of A Coy and the search was made using fan ptls. There was no sign of en activity and tracks which ran mostly EAST-WEST showed no sign of recent use. Comms during the day were poor and 2 Pl were misplaced for a short time. Effective use was made of a helicopter both for comms and to give the pl its locstat.

13 Jul 67

The coy continued to improve the defences. There were no incidents.

14 Jul 67

The bn was withdrawn to the area of the fire sp base NORTH of XUYEN MOC. A coy def posn was estb as part of the bn layout at GR 657697. 2 Pl provided a ni ambush but there were no contacts.

15 Jul 67

The coy flew back from XUYEN MOC airfield to NUI DAT by air mobile coy.

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B Coy departed LUSCOMBE Field by Air Mobile Coy at 090730H. The LZ was at YS 649697 and the Coy moved on foot to YS 670695 where a Coy def posn was established. An AO to the S OUTH of this posn was searched with a negative result.

10 Jul 67

B Coy followed D Coy in the order of march to AO FALCON where a coy def posn was prepared as part of 7 RAR blocking posn. The position was dug with OHP.

11 Jul 67

The Coy remained in location and ambushed at YS 700719 from 1800 hrs to 0700hrs the next day.

12/13 Jul 67

The Coy patrolled in the AO allotted. A rice cultivation was located at YS 711728. A well used ox cart track linking the clearings at YS 705718 and YS 700720 to the paddy at YS 711728 ran ME from the rice padi. Evidence that this track had heen used recently was indicated by the discovery of a small quantity of cooked rice.

14 Jul 67

The Coy moved on foot to YS 649689 and set up a coy def posn as part of 7 RAR task to defend the Fire Support Base. An ambush was established at YS 687698 from 1800 hrs to 0700 hrs the next day.

15 Jul 67

The Coy was extracted by Air Mobile Coy to NUI DAT.

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C COY OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS REPORT

- 1. Sub unit - C Coy 7 RAR.
- 2. Comd - Major G.K. CHAPMAN.
- Op Name Operation PADDINGTON 3.
- 4. <u>Duration</u> - 100900H - 151000H Jul 67.
- 5. Outline of Tasks
 - Move to XUYEN MOC in fourth hel lift.
 - Occupy a def posn on WEST side of SUOI SOC.
 - Move through Area FALCON and occupy a def posn. C.

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- Search and clear areas as directed. d.
- 6. Sequence of Events. See Appendix 1.
- Assessment of Op

From the coy point of view the op was uneventful and produced only additional experience. onest treeck linking the clearings at VS 705718 ead VS 700720

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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

9 Jul 67

0830 hrs. Fly out from 1 ATF base in two air mobile coys with part of B Coy. 1200 hrs. Occupied coy defensive posn on WEST bank of SUOI SOC GR 668703.

10 Jul 67

0830 hrs. Closed up to A Coy loc and moved behind A Coy and Bn HQ to new def loc at GR 691726. 1500 hrs Coy on ground co-ord completed and commenced digging in.

11 Jul 67

Continued digging in to OHP stage with only a few pits not completed by last light.

12 Jul 67

0930 hrs. Received orders to search portion of Area Alpha, a sub-area of Area FALCON. Task only partly completed because of lack of time.

13 Jul 67

Searched along the Eastern bdy of Area GALAH leaving a sect per pl in the def loc.

14 Jul 67

Moved back to XUYEN MOC area and occupied a two pl def posn at GR 650703. The third pl (7P1) estb an overnight ambush at GR 640712. -Pa dut ii

15 Jul 67

0930 hrs. Flew out from XUYEN MOC airfield as first lift in two air mobile coys. vostition at Syver (a transmiss as mortison

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ANNEX E TO SVN 7/67 DATED AUG 67

D COY OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS REPORT OP PADDINGTON 9-15 Jul 67

References: 1. 7 RAR OPs 7 dated 081615H Jul 67

2. XUYEN MOC, 1:25000, 6430-11-NE

3. XUYEN MOC, 1:25000, 6430-11-SE

4. XUYEN MOC, 1:25000, 6430-11-NW

5. XUYEN MOC, 1:25000, 6430-11-SW

General

During the period 9-15 Jul 67, D Coy participated in OP PADDINGTON, in the establishment of a blocking position NE of XUYEN MOC 6568, D Coy was commanded by Maj D.E. Paterson.

Sequence of events

- a. D Gby moved by US Army helicopters from l ATF base area at NUI DAT 4367 to an LZ at 654696. This LZ was not secure prior to landing and had not been subject to prior artillery of offensive air preparation: D Coy was the first company landed. Immediately after arrival at the LZ D Coy cleared the NUI DAT feature 6470 and an area west of route 329.
 - b. When the allotted areas were cleared, D Coy moved to and occupied a defensive position at 673699 for night 9/10 Jul 67, forming part of 7 RAR eastern protection force for 1 ATF buildup at XUYEN MOC 6668.
- D Coy moved as the lead company of a two company column (followed by B Coy) from the night position 9/10 Jul via the clearing at 687700 to 697727 where it occupied a defensive position as part of the blocking force.
- Development of the defensive position at 697727. 12 Pl ambushed the track system at 698734 night 11/12 Jul 67.
- Searched AO CHARLIE from the defensive position at 697727 (a triangular shaped company AO with an approximate boundary from 697727 to 701751 to 7.07740 to 697727), except for the eastern 500 metre safety zone on the 2 RAR/7 RAR boundary. D Coy discovered an old timber loggers track entering the AO at approximately 703738 running north east to a track complex at 703748. It appeared to have been used often by wheeled traffic a few months earlier and by foot traffic in recent weeks.
- Searched the western bank and timber fringes of the SUOI GIA NAM from the clearing at 711728 to 701751 including the 500 metre zone not searched on 12 Jul 67. Located signs of enemy movement on the timber frings- see paragraph 3 below.

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Vacated the defensive position at 697727, secured an LP at 694724 for the lift out of 7 RAR mortars and other elements, then moved to an occupied defensive position with two platoons at 657692 for night 14/15 Jul. 10 Pl ambushed a track and rubber edge at 662696.

Moved by US Army helicopters from the XUYEM MOC airstrip 5668 to 1 ATF base area at NUI DAT 4367.

Recent Enemy Activity

The only sign of recent enemy activity found by D Coy during the operation was:

a. Wood cutting in the north of the clearing at 696729

b. Movement from north to south along the western edges of the clearing and the SUOI GIA NAM between 701751 and 713727.

- when the scout with the leading platoon found shrubs that had been broken over a trail. It was estimated that the trail had been blazed 2-3 weeks earlier. Further reconnaissance located a resting place for 4-6 people in the vicinity of 707734 overlooking a clearing to the east, and a resting place for a section in the vicinity of 707732, both of which had been used about two nights earlier. Two cane baskets, a hoe, a shovel, and two shallow weapon pits were found at the second resting place. The track from this position led to the clearing at 710728 then to a "company sized track" that led to the south east. A document dated 6 Jul 67 was found on the track at 710729 containing 17 names and items for purchase opposite the
- followed an exact magnetic north bearing along the blazed trail that had been made a few weeks earlier. It kept within sight of the clearing to the east and saplings and vines had been cut to make the track about three feet wide. About half a pound of uncooked polished rice had been spilt along this track at 704745 and a sentry post overlooking the clearing to the south east was found at 704747. A piece of plastic material and a spent 7.92mm round were found at the sentry post. The track turned in a westerly direction at 703748 where it joined a number of other tracks including the one found on 12 Jul 67. Two animal traps and a booby trap switch were found on this track junction.
- above was blazed by the VC with the aid of a compass about two to three weeks earlier. It was sited to avoid observation from the clearing to the east. Saplings and vines were cut 8-10 Jul 67 to form a path about 3 feet wide which would have facilitated movement by night or the carriage of bulky items. The track had only been used by 10-20 people moving south, however considering the other evidence found, the track was probably used by about 12 VC moving south on the night 10/11 Jul 67.

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Comments

It is considered that early ground reconnaisance of the area in which the blocking position is to be sited is essential if all likely enemy escape routes are to be dealt with, however such reconnaisance was not permitted at the right time during this operation. Reconnaisance could have revealed an escape route that was later used by the VC.

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ANNEX G TO SVN 7/67 DATED 4 AUG 67

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY OPERATION BADDINGTON 9-15 JUL 67

Introduction

1. Operation PADDINGTON was conducted in the area North of XUYEN MOC and East of BINH GIA in the vicinity of Routes 328 and 329. The operation which consisted of a division of allied assault units was essentially aimed at the destruction of 274 Viet Cong Regiment believed to be located in the area. The role of 7 RAR was to provide a battalion size blocking force in grid square YS 6972.

Contacts/Installations

2. 7 RAR did not make any contact with the enemy forces during the operation nor did it locate any significant signs of enemy occupation in its area of operation during the search and destroy phase. The only evidence of Viet Cong activity were some recently used tracks and several acres of rice padi.

Conclusion

- There are few intelligence observations that can be made from the activity in 7 RAR area of operation. A search of the area resulted in the following:
 - a. Little if any Viet Cong movement is directed at the village of XUYEN MOC through the area in which the unit operated.
 - b. Probable enemy movement is from East to West through the area.
 - c. Open areas are being used for rice cultivation.

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OPERATION SOUTHPORT COMBAT OPERATIONS AFTER ACTION REPORT

References: A. 1 ATF SOP Annex A, Appendix 4.

B. 1 ATF Op O 24/67 for Op SOUTHPORT of 220800H Jul 67.

C. 7 RAR Op O 8/67 of 22 Jul 67.

Maps: VIETNAM 1:25,000 Sheet 6430-III NE 6430-II SW

Name and Type of Operation

- 1. Operation SOUTHPORT, a 1 ATF operation designed to:-
 - Open route 2 from NUI DAT to XA BANG. a.
 - Secure route 2 from DUC THANH vic YS 4678 to YS 460835. b.
- Assist in the construction of XA BANG outpost YS 455840.
- 2. This report deals with the part played by 7 RAR which was concerned with para 1b.

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Route 2 from DUC THANH YS 4678 to YS 4683. 3.

Command Headquarters

HQ 1 ATF. 4.

Task Organisation

- 5. 7 RAR with:-
 - Under command a. From 221800H - 232000H - six detector teams from 1 Fd Sqn RAE.
 - b. Remaining in Direct Support 106 Bty RAA.
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Supporting Forces

- a. 106 Bty RAA In accordance with 1 ATF plan the battery was airlifted by: CH 47 CHINOOKS into BINH BA airstrip YS 445745 starting at 230630H; The fire support base was secured and protected by a coy of 2 RAR by 230600H.
 - b. During the fly in of the guns three (3) were damaged by being dropped from CHINOOKS several feet from the ground.
- c. The fire support base was air lifted back to NUI DAT just prior to last light 23 Jul 67.

1 Fd Sqn RAE

7. Six engineer detector teams under command were allotted to rifle coys as follows:-

A Coy - two
B Coy - two
C Coy - one
D Coy - one

Each team of two was equipped with mine detecting equipment whose primary task was to clear route 2 of enemy mines as directed by coy OCs. The battalion Assault Pioneer platoon provided additional detector teams as follows:-

A Coy - one
B Coy - one
C Coy - two
D Coy - two

8. All teams worked well and good co-operation was achieved.

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- 9. One OH13 SIOUX was allotted in direct support for the operation and was used continually throughout the day. Tasks included the following:
 - a. Surveillance.
 - b. Liaison.
 - c. Assistance in communications.
 - d. Control by CO and 2IC of rifle coy tasks.
 - e. Reconnaissance.
- 10. The SIOUX was particularly useful during the early stages of the operation by maintaining continual surveillance to the east and west flanks.

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11. One air mobile coy was used to lift B Coy, D Coy, Bn HQ, A Coy and C Cov, including Fire Aslt Pl in that crder from NUI DAT into an LZ at DUC THANHairfield YS 464779 starting at 230620H.

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Two airmobile coys were subsequently used to extract the battalion as follows:-

- a. from YS 465815 A and C Coys.
- b. from YS 464779 D Coy, Bn HQ and B Coy.

Intelligence

12. See Annex A.

Terrain

13. The AO was bounded in the south by DUC THANH and to the north at YS 460835, a distance of 6,000 metres along route 2. The AO extended each side of route 2 to 500 metres. Terrain astride Route 2 was generally open paddy and rubber, providing good visibility.

Mission

7 RAR was to sieze and secure route 2 in the area of the AO in the quickest possible time.

Concept of Operations

15. See Annex F.

Execution

- 16. Since the engineer road convoy could not proceed to the area of XA BANG until 7 RAR had cleared and secured route 2, time was the critical factor. The AO was divided into four coy AOs with the battalion LZ in the southern AO. The first coy to fly in was to:
 - a. Clear the first 2000 metres to its northern boundary.
 - b. Secure the LZ for the remainder of the battalion.
 - c. Provide protection for Bn HQ.
- 17. Each successive coy was to be moved from the LZ by a troop of APCs north along route 2 to the southern boundary of its AO. Each coy was then to physically clear its AO paying particular attention to possible command detonated mines on the road and concealed wires connecting such mines to either side of the road.
- 13. By 1100 hrs the AO had been cleared and secured sufficiently to allow the engineer convoy to proceed to XA BANG. The convoy moved without incident while 7 RAR continued its searching tasks. C Coy located two huts containing approximately 500 lbs of polished rice and 30 lbs of tobacco at the vicinity of YS 461834. A Coy located a steel helmet and 50 rounds of 7.92 mm SA ammunition at YS 463615. The most interesting find was that of several tunnels that had been constructed beneath the road in the vicinity of YS 461831. Each tunnel emanated from and ended at local village shops built on opposite sides of route 2.

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The tunnels offered an easy and covered access from east to west or vice versa beneath the road and could also be used to mine the route. Approximately 20 bunkers existed on both sides of the route for use as weapon pits.

19. C Coy located a tree 200 metres east of route 2 at YS 463829 used for an OP. The tree had climbing spikes on the trunk and could allow an observer an unobstructed view of 1000 metres of route 2 from YS 460835 (to the north) to YS 462825 (to the south).

Battalion Headquarters

- Three incidents occurred at Bn HQ involving civilians which are worthy of note. Bn HQ was located on the edge of rubber at YS 459784. Several local peasants working 100 metres to the south had observed the Headquarters enter the rubber on its arrival early in the day. Within 15 minutes two civilians were seen to hurry away. They disappeared in rubber to the south west. An hour later a boy minding cattle in the clear ground to the south was seen to be observing the position from a tree.
- The final incident involved a large herd of cattle which was driven directly at the Headquarters by a group of boys whose ages were estimated to be 10 years old. With the aid of the attached interpreter several members of the Headquarters then re directed the cattle back to their original location. The boy in charge of the herd advised the interpreter that "if we didn't stop chasing his cattle they would come back and kill us that night".
- 22. The Battalion was extracted from two LZs and air lifted by air mobile coy to NUI DAT prior to last light 23 Jul 67.

Commanders Analysis and Recommendations

- 23. It was interesting to find out from locals in the area that they consider "slope 30" to be the small hill and village at 461829. This village contains one large well stocked general store and one large grain store, besides several smaller shops. The locals were noticeably unfriendly.
- 24. Slope 30 village is an ambush position with two tunnels 50 metres apart under the road - entrance and exit of one tunnel is in a shop and building respectively on either side of the road. Bunkers line the road within the village and are well camouflaged with overgrown weeds.
- 25. A requirement exists for a small radio of the HATACHI type for communication between platoon commanders and section commanders.
- 26. The discovery of 280 bags of fertilizer is interesting. See Appendix 2 to Annex D.

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ANNEX A TO SVN 8/67 DATED/2 AUG 67

ENEMY SITUATION

- The area of operation is a major resupply and purchasing area for the Viet Cong Forces in Phuoc Tuy Province. It is territory that, to date, they have regarded as their own, and is such they have resisted any attempt by Allied Forces to operate in its vicinity or make transit through it. The recent attacks on the HQ 3/11 ACR and new RF outpost in the vicinity of AP HEAN by battalion plus enemy forces are proof of Viet Cong determination to counter allied operations in this area. They also indicate an ability for rapid concentration and attack by regular units locally.
- Although unlikely that the Viet Cong would mount another major attack so soon from its bases to the EAST and WEST of Route 2 in this area, it is possible that there will be patrols and reconnaissance elements up to squad strength encountered close to the road.

ANNEX B TO SVN 8/67 DATED/2 AUG 67

A COY OP ANALYSIS REPORT OP SOUTHPORT

Reference: Map XA BANG (NE) 1:25,000

1. Sub Unit. A Coy 7 RAR

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- 2. Comd. Maj E J O'DONNELL.
- 3. Op Name. Op SOUTHPORT.
- 4. Outline of Tasks.
 - Secure Route 2 between GR 463811 and GR 462822.
 - Search for mines.
 - Ptl 500 metres either side of Route 2.

5. Sequence of Events

230710 Jul 67 - A Coy was flown by US Airmobile coy to DUC THANH.

- 0840 Clearance of Route 2 commenced.
- 0915 Allotted portion of Route 2 cleared and secured.
- 0930 Patrolling commenced and continued through the day.
- 1030 Two suspects arrested at GR 457817.
- 1815 Flown back to NUI DAT from LZ at GR 465815.
- Assessment of Op. The operation was a simple one and was carried out without major incident.

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ANNEX C TO SVN 8/67 DATED/2 AUG 67

B COY OP ANALYSIS REPORT OPERATION SOUTHPORT

References: Map 1:25,000 Sheet 6430-III-NE. 7 RAR Op 0 8/67.

Name and Type of Operation

1. Op SOUTHPORT, a road security operation.

Date of Operation

2. 23 Jul 67.

Location Research Research Control State Control State Control Control

3. Route 2 vic DUC THANH RF post YS 4678.

Sub Unit

4. B Coy 7 RAR

Command

5. Maj D J MEALEY.

Tasks

- 6. a. First coy to fly in to LZ.
 - b. Secure LZ.
 - c. Secure road from SOUTHERN bdry of AO to NGAI GIAO. village.
 - d. Clear the road for convoy movement with particular emphasis on CD mines.

Sequence of Events

- 7. a. Fly In. One airmobile coy made 2 flights to insert the coy at DUC THANHairstrip YS 463780. The coy immediately dispersed to commence the task of clearing the road, with the exception of Sp section and one section of 5 pl, which remained to secure the LZ.
 - b. Two sections of 5 pl were dispatched to clear both sides of the road to the SOUTHERN boundary YS 460776. This task was efficiently accomplished and 5 pl then concentrated at the LZ to escort Bn HQ to YS 459785. 5 pl and Sp section then moved to a prearranged location about 200 metres WEST of Bn HQ as part of the coy plan for the defence of Bn HQ.
 - c. 4 pl and 6 pl after deployment , moved direct to the WEST and EAST sides of the road respectively and commenced to clear NORTH. 4 pl was responsible for the road itself and a party of engineers with detectors moved on the road examining suspicious patches.

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6 pl was held up by friendly minefields the location of which was not known by OC B Coy. The coy moved well and completed the task within the time specified.

- d. The coy then deployed as follows:
 - (1) Coy HQ 463787.
 - (2) 4 pl 463792.
 - (3) 5 pl and 2p sect 457783.
 - (4) 6 pl 461776.

The platoons were capable of observing the entire stretch of road for which the coy had responsibility.

- e. B Coy then began an intensive patrolling programme which continued throughout the day. All civilians encountcred were checked for identity and were kept under observation. It was generally noted that the reaction of the troops to the civilians was far too friendly considering the known guerilla characteristics of the enemy. B Coy tps were forbidden to allow civilians to approach the position closely and children in particular were to be kept away from the soldiers. Food was not to be distributed.
- f. The road was thoroughly checked for mines using detectors over the entire surface.
 - g. The coy was extracted at 1845 hrs without incident by air mobile coy.

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- 8. It was interesting to experience another facet of the war in SOUTH VIETNAM.
 - a. Sections were able to operate independently for the first time since arriving in the theatre. Patrols of section strength operated from platoon firm bases for distances up to 500 metres. The only problem encountered was that of communications. There is a definite need for small portable radios of the type now becoming available in limited numbers for user trial.
 - b. The SIOUX aircraft was used to locate and guide patrols to suspected tunnel complexes which saved a considerable amount of time.
 - c. The coy had no prior knowledge of ARVN minefields at DUC THANH except those close to the post.

(D J MEALEY)
Maj
OC B Coy

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C COY OP ANALYSIS REPORT OP SOUTHPORT

- 1. Sub Unit. C Coy Gp 7 RAR (Fire Aslt Pl under comd).
- Comd. Maj G K CHAPMAN. 2.

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- Operation. Op SOUTHPORT. 3.
- Duration. 230730H to 231830H Jul 67. 4.
- 5. Outline of Tasks.
- a. Scize and secure an area approx 1500 metres long and 200 metres either side of Route 2.
 - b. Search and clear the area to 500 metres either side of Route 2.
 - Sequence of Events. See Appendix 1 attached. 6.
 - Assessment of the Operation. 7.
 - The coy gp had siezed and secured the area by 1000 hrs, as ordered and had cleared 90% of the road and verges out to 200 metres by 1030 hrs.
 - b. The detailed search of the area took longer than expected as the AO contained a village with innumerable bunkers, tunnels and store houses.
 - 8. Comments.

It is considered that the Cav Sqn could have moved through the area at 1030 hrs when the AO was cleared by sweeping except for the crown of the road which had been used by civilian vehicles.

Major Finds. See Appendix 2 attached. 9.

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APPENDIX 2 TO ANNEX D TO SVN 8/67 DATED/2 AUG 67

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1. Tunnels and Bunkers.

- a. Each house searched in the coy AO had its own protective bunker generally outside the house but sometimes within the house itself. The standard of construction varied from a hole with built up OHP suitable for 2 or 3 people to concrete wall bunkers 10ft underground suitable for up to 10 people.
- b. In the vicinity of YS 461826 two large tunnels ran under the road. These tunnels were 4' x 4' and approx 50 metres apart and could be used as concealed crossing points.
- c. In the general area of these tunnels were approx 20 bunkers which could be used as weapon pits.
- 2. OP Tree. At YS 463829 there is a tree approx 40 ft high with climbing irons on the trunk. The view of Route 2 from this tree encompasses the area from YS 460835 to YS 462825.

3. Military Equipment.

- a. At YS 461823 two unserviceable 7.92 mm MG magazines, 10 expended 7.92 mm rounds and an old US equipment (helmet liner, web belt and two water bottle carriers) were found.
- b. At YS 461824 two sets of green uniforms and a roll of green plastic suitable for "ponchos" were found. These items apparently belonged to ARVN pers now living in the village and were left in situ.

4. Food Dumps.

- a. The area of the coy's AO appears to be a very productive area with pumpkins, melons and fruit as the main products. The area produces a surplus of these foodstuffs although it could well require additional rice for local requirements.
- b. Some of the villagers apparently work in the rubber plantation to the NORTH and are paid with rice and tobacco.
- c. Identification of owners of the various food dumps located was extremely difficult because of the communal ownership of the food.
- d. In the vicinity of YS 461834 two huts contained:-
 - (1) Two 44 gallon drums, one 20 gallon drum and a 30 kilo US welfare sack of rice. This rice was apparently jointly owned by a group of 13 people. Sufficient rice for a week was left, the remainder was evacuated.

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APPENDIX 1 TO ANNEX D TO SVN 8/67 DATED/2 AUG 67

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- 1. 0730 hrs. Coy gp flew in to a secure LZ at DUC THANH.
- 2. 0900 hrs. Commenced move forward in APCs to the A Coy Northern Bdry vic YS 462822.
- 3. 0930 hrs. Two pls and CHQ started move forward on foot to seize the Northern bdry of the coys AO. The remaining two pls under the comd of the Coy 2IC with Engr and Pnr assistance followed up doing the detailed search and clearance of the area using detectors.
- 1000 hrs. 4. The coys Northern bdry seized and secured.
- 5. 1030 hrs. The two groups of coy were within visual distance of one another (ie 300 metres along the road) and the AO was reported as 90% secured.
- 1100 hrs. The coy AO was completely secured and cleared.
- 7. 1100-1630 hrs. Continuation of detailed search out to 500 metres.
- 8. 1700 hrs. Moved in APCs and TCVs to PZ YS 465815 secured by A Coy. e has shimon as Soil's habit als Of

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D COY OP ANALYSIS REPORT OPERATION SOUTHPORT

- References: 1. 7 RAR OP 0 8/67 dated 22 Jul 67.
 2. 7 RAR Standing Orders for Operations Annex D
 Appendix 7.
- 1. Operation SOUTHPORT.
- 2. Report by 335083 Maj D E PATERSON.
- 3. D Coy 7 RAR.
- 4. Time of action 0630 hrs to 1900 hrs 23 Jul 67.
- 5. Location. See reference 1 Annex B.
- 6. All D Coy deployed on task excluding base protection personnel.
- 7. Task carried out in following sequence:
 - a. D Coy moved in APCs from the LZ to the southern edge of the area to be secured see reference 1 Annex B.
 - b. 10 pl dismounted and moved direct to 464805 then secured the road from that point to 463814.
 - c. 11 pl dismounted and secured the road from 464794 to 464805.
 - d. 12 pl dismounted and secured the west flank.
- 8. Terrain. Accurately depicted on the Picto Map. D Coy was able to maintain surveillance over the whole road in its area and approaches to the road.

Comments

9. A routine task carried out without incident.

(D E PATERSON)
Maj
OC D Coy

(2) Four bundles of tobacco (each bundle approx 2 ft x 2 ft x 9 in). Only one bundle was confiscated, as the remainder appeared to have definite owners.

5. Miscellaneous.

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a. A small petrol driven water pump was confiscated from YS 461835 as:-

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- (2) ARVN pers wanted to acquire the pump.
- (3) The circumstances of its location were suspicious.
- b. At YS 461830 280 sixty pound bags of fertilizer were discovered in a shed close to what was apparently the village headmans house. Some of these bags were stamped "Made in the Republic of China."

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ANNEX G TO SVN 8/67 DATED/Z AUG 67

OPERATION SOUTHPORT 23 JUL 67

- 1. The stretch of Route 2 between the 77 and 84 Northings which was secured by 7 RAR during Operation SOUTHPORT is the axis of a major resupply and purchasing area for the Viet Cong in Phuoc Tuy Province. It is territory that, to date, the VC have regarded as their own, and as such have resisted any attempt by allied forces to operate in its vicinity or make transit through it. The attacks on HQ 3/11 ACR on 19 Jun 67 and the new RF outpost at XA BANG on the 18 Jul 67 by estimated battalion enemy forces are proof of Viet Cong determination to counter allied operations in this area. They also indicate a local ability for rapid concentration and attack by regular forces.
- 2. Although there had been recent major attacks in the vicinity of the AO it was thought that during the day of the operation it was likely that only small Viet Cong patrols of up to squad strength could be encountered close to Route 2.
- No contact with enemy forces was made whilst the battalion secured the road, however, as could be expected there was ample evidence in the form of diggings in close proximity of the road that Viet Cong troops had been active in the area over a long period.

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OPERATION COOPAROO COMBAT OPERATIONS AFTER ACTION REPORT

References: A. 1 ATF SOP Annex A, Appendix 4.
B. 1 ATF Op 0 4/67 of 192000H Jun 67.
C. 7 RAR Op 6 of 21 Jun 67.

Maps: Vietnam 1: 25,000 Sheet 6430 III Sheet 6430 II

Name and Type of Operation

Operation COOPAROO, search and destroy operation.

Dates of Operation

230900H Junn67 - 011000H Jul 67. 2.

Location

Area NE of NUI DAT YS 4367, centre of area Y' 5472 3.

Command Headquarters

4. HQ 7 RAR.

Task Organization

- 5. 7 RAR with:
 - a. Under Command from 221800H Two combat engr teams
 - Under Op Control from 230900H b. One coy 2 RAR at fire Sp Base One Pl A Coy 2 RAR at Bn HQ area
 - Under Op Control 2 RAR from 221300H to 230900H C. Aslt Pnr Pl Sp Coy 7 RAR
 - d. Remaining in direct support 106 Bty RAA
 - In Direct Support from 220700H One OH13 - 161 (Indep) Recce Flt

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- f. In Support from 230700H
 A Sqn 3 Cav Regt Gp
 9 Sqn RAAF
 Lt Fire Team
- g. In Support from 30 Jun 67
 Two air mobile coys (1t)

Supporting Forces

- A San 3 Cav Regt Gp

 a. Under arrangements of 1 ATF the squadron was used to lift two coys of 2 RAR to a debussing area at YS 468716 on D 1.
 - b. On D Day the squadron lifted A, B and C Coy to the north of AO PINKY SE of BINH GIA.
 - c. It has been argued in the past whether troops should travel inside or outside APCs. Some advantages and disadvantages are as follows:

(1) Travelling inside APCs

- (a) Troops are less vulnerable to small arms fire in the event of ambush.
- (b) Command detonated mines could cause casualties. Sandbags laid on the floor of APCs reduce the effectiveness of mines only slightly.
- (c) When APCs are loaded with more than seven (7) fully equipped troops travelling over long distances, soldiers suffer from fatigue, engine fumes and are dis-orientated.

(2) Travelling outside APCs

- (a) Manoeuvrability of APCs and the use of armoured fire power is impeded.
- (b) The risk of casualties from command detonated mines is reduced.
- (c) Troops can continually see the surrounding area.
- d. It is considered, therefore, that troops should at at all times travel inside APCs with the exception of MG gunners and commanders at all levels who should navigate. These personnel should stand in the hatch.
- e. Floors of all APCs should be laid with sandbags.
- f. Not more than seven(7) fully equipped troops should travel inside APCs.

106 Bty RAA

A fire support base was established at YS 500715 on D - 1, by lifting the guns with CH47 CHINOOK helicopters. The area had been secured earlier by C Coy 2 RAR who provided close protection throughout the entire operation. A section of 2 RAR Mortar Platoon was also at the fire support base.

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- 8. The fire support base was established in a swampy area surrounded by timber offering good enemy approaches. A considerable timber clearing program was necessary, initially, to provide clear lines for shooting.
- On three separate occasions clear signs indicated that an estimated VC party of two men carried out a reconnaissance of the perimeter of the fine support base. Accordingly, a detailed fire plan was made and fired to deter possible VC concentration and attack.
- No missions were fired in close support and DFs were not engaged until an hour before extraction of the Coys in order to cover possible FUPs which could have been dangerous during extraction. On several occasions Coys misjudged distance at which artillery was thought to be fired. It is intended to rectify this situation in future and adjust DFs close to Coys to:
 - a. Practise Coys FOs.
 - b. Familiarize Troops.
- 11. On several occasions fire missions were initiated by Arty Tac for fire in, and just outside the AO. On some of these occasions the air warning was not passed to FCC at Battalion thus aircraft in support of 7 RAR were not warned in all instances. At most times during the operation Sioux aircraft had their radios tuned to VHF and accordingly warnings issued by KANGAROO CONTROL on UHF were missed. It was assumed that such warnings would be forthcoming from Arty Tac or the Battalions command rear link.

Combat Engineer Teams

12. Four teams consisting of an NCO and 6 OR were attached to 7 RAR. Rifle coys were allocated one team each. Tasks of the engineers included the delousing and destruction of booby traps, Chicom Claymores and destruction of base installations.

Aust Aviation

- q. 161 (Indep) Recce Flt The Sioux working with the Battalion was used continually throughout the operation. Occasionally it was held on standby at a secure LZ adjacent to Battalion Headquarters or at NUI DAT. The aircraft was used for the following:-
 - (1) Liaison
 - (2) Reconnaisance used frequently by CO, 2IC and Coy Comds.
 - (3) Arty OP.
 - (4) Battlefield surveillance and movement of the Tracker Team.
 - (5) Casevac/Medevac
 - (6) Movement of stores and light equipment by landing and lowering.
 - (7) Back loading of captured documents, weapons, equipment etc.
 - (8) Communications.
 - (9) Assistance in navigation to troops on ground.

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b. 9 Sqn RAAF

- (1) Troop Lifts occurred as follows:-
 - (a) 7 RAR Aslt Pnr Pl, Mor Pl and Bn HQ recce parties from NUI DAT to a L7 secured by A Coy 2 RAR at YS528708 on D minus one.
 - (b) Fire Asslt Pl, Bh HQ, D Coy and Mor Pl less a section from NUI DAT to YS528708 starting 0730 hrs on D Day.
 - (c) 2 Pl A Coy 2 RAR, Aslt Pnr Pl, Mor Pl less a section, Bn HQ and Fire Aslt Pl from YS522715 to NUI DAT on 1 Jul 67.
- (2) ALBATROSS were also used for resupply of rations, evacuation of several medevacs and the carriage and back loading of miscellaneous stores.
- (3) On 29 Jun 67, following a ration resupply, a simulated flyout of the Battalion was conducted as part of the deception plan.
- (4) At all times the utmost cooperation was afforded to the Battalion by the RAAF.

US Aviation

- a. One air mobile company was used on 1 Jul 67 to extract the four rifle companies from area YS 5476 to NUI DAT.
 - b. CH47 CHINOOK helicopters were used to lift 106 Bty into the fire support base on D minus 1. The guns were relocated at NUI DAT by the same means on 1 Jul 67.
 - c. During Op COOPAROO, the following casualties were evacuated:

(1)	23 Jun 67	2 x medevac 1 x medevac 3 x casevac 1 x medevac	SIOUX IROQUOIS DUST OFF DUST OFF
(2)	24 Jun 67	2 x medevac 1 x casevac	SIOUX
(3)	26 Jun 67	4 x medevac 1 x medevac 1 x medevac 1 x casevac	SIOUX IROQUOIS DUST OFF DUST OFF
(4)	27 Jun 67	2 x medevac 1 x casevac	SIOUX
(5)	28 Jun 67	3 x medevac	SIOUX

Intelligence

15. See Annex A

Terrain

16. The AO was bounded to the east by the SONG RAI and to the west by the SUOI LO O LON. South and North of the AO was bounded by 675 and 765 northings respectively. The area was thickly wooded and navigation was difficult owing to many anomalies between the ground and maps being used. The general grain of the country appeared to run north - south.

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17. The weather was generally mild and heavy rain fell for several hours daily. There was a full moon from D minus one.

Mission

18. 7 RAR was to conduct a search and destroy operation in

Concept of Operations

19. See Annex B.

General Outline

20, a. Phase 1

- (1) 7 RAR less A, B, and C Coys mov by hel to LZ prepared by 2 RAR at YS524716.
- (2) A,B and C Coys mov to embussing areas YS505761 and YS535764 by APC and TCV.
- (3) A,B and C Coys search and destroy in areas ALFA, BRAVO and CHARLIE. D Coy to occupy blocking postions along line BRUMBY.

b. Phase 2

- (1) A, B and C Coys to search and clear DELTA, FOXTROT and GOLF.
- (2) D Coy to remain in area HOTEL as reserve and be available for destruction tasks within AC
- c. Phase 2 was to start at 260600H and Op COOPAROO was scheduled to end 30 Jun 67.

Execution

- An intelligence report graded B3 (US) was received on D minus one which indicated an enemy regiment was probably located in the AO. Accordingly, spected areas were subjected to artillery and airstrikes ni 22/23 Jun and on D Day.
- 22. The movement of the three rifle coyson D Day to start points north of the AO went according to plan. On D minus one it was hoped that A Coy 2 RAR and 7 RAR Aslt Pnr Pl would be able to cut a LZ on the feature at YS5271 in order to receive Bn HQ and the Mortars. In the event, insufficient time had been allowed to cut the LZ with the result that a natural clearing south east of the feature at YS528708 was used to fly in En HQ, Fire Aslt Pl and D Coy. Later in the day the LZ on the feature at YS522715 was used to fly in Mortars and ammunition.
- Phase 1 was conducted with little result other than one contact by D Coy on 24 Jun 67 at YS546714 when one enemy was seen crossing a track in the rear of 11 Pl. Shots were exchanged resulting in one D Coy soldier receiving a flesh wound.
- An incident on D Day involving 10 Pl and a patrol from 11 Pl at YS549715 resulted in three (3) members sustaining gun-shot wounds.
- As mentioned earlier fresh tracks located in the area of the fire support base indicated that a suspected enemy party of two (2) men carried out a reconnaissance on three (3) separate occasions. Although the Tracker Team was used twice in an endeavour to follow these up the swampy nature of the ground produced a negative result.

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- 26. It gradually became apparent during Phase 1 that:
 - a. The AO contained no enemy at least north of line BRUMBY.
 - b. The AO contained few enemy installations.
 - c. The track systems indicated the enemy could be located in a previously located installation in square YS5570.
- 27. It was decided to cordon the suspected enemy area with four Coys using B and C to the north and south and A and D to the west and east respectively. Subsquently the area was found to be unoccupied and in fact had not been occupied for several months.
- 28. On 28 Jun 67 the eastern boundary of the AO, which till that time had been the SUOI TA LUNG, was extended as far east as new AO.

Deception Plan

- 29. In the hope of deceiving the enemy a simulated flyout was conducted immediatley after re-supply on 29 Jun 67 using RAAF helicopters. Radio silence was imposed and the use of helicopters from Bn HQ was discontinued. However the ruse made no difference.
- 7 RAR was air lifted from the area of the rubber north of the AO on 1 Jul 67 without incident.

Tracks

31. On 1 Jul 67 at YS5555732 B Coy located a painted VC sign adjacent to a track. When translated the sign read as follows:-

Do not wander from the track to pick flowers or wild butterflies. The enemy soldiers think we mine the road and they walk on the edge. Hence we mine the road edges and use the track ourselves."

Commanders Analysis and Recommendations

- a. The north end of the AO is obviously a transit area for VC. It is suggested that the largest of the VC tracks could sometime in the future be considered as days. one week.

 b. Navigation in this area proved more difficult than experienced elsewhere due mainly to the fact that the general grain of the ground is No to SW and not north to south as shown on the map.
 - c. The jungle was thick with! secondary growth, as seems to be the case generally and movement at night is not possible except along tracks. It is considerd that in this type of jungle it would be impossible for the rolly to mount an attack at night. For this reason it is suggested that where possible all tracks should be ambushed from 1700 hrs til 0800 hrs the following morning.

(Eric H SMITH)
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer
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Enclosures

ANNEX A: Enemy Intelligence before the Operation.

ANNEX B: Concept of Operations

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ANNEX F; D Coy Operational Analysis Report.

ANNEX G: Intelligence Summary

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Annex A to SVN/6/67 Dated/PJul 67

ENEMY FORCES

- 1. The AO extends into the Western half of a maj VC base area. This base area is the closest covered assy area in the 1 ATF base camp from the EAST. It is therefore an area that must be searched frequently and kept clear of VC presence.
- In Apr during Op PORTSEA some large base camps were discovered. The biggest at YS 553713 yielded a significant amount of ord and eqpt. The main area in which VC instls have been found is bounded by the 69 and 72 Northings and the 54 and 56 Eastings.
- 3. There have never been many VC instls reported in the Northern part of the AO but there is evidence that the Northern banks of the SOUI TA LUNG (between YS 546745 and YS 555725) have in the past been used by comd and con elms of VC units based in or staging through the area. Moreover, this Northern part of the AO has never been properly searched.
- That part of the AO between the SOUI TA LUNG and the SOUI GIAU and from NUI NUA then SOUTH to the 72 Northing is often reported by low level agents as an area where VC forces are assembled.
- Apart from the VC camps and other instls so far recorded in the AO, there are known VC comm/liason routes throughout the area. These are continually used by small parties in transit between VC bases and areas of interest. On 9 Jun at YS 549714 a ptl ambushed a party of six VC from BARIA province finance and economic sect.
- 6. The whole base area SOUTH of XUAN SON (YS 5677) and WEST of the SONG RAI was neutralised during Op PORTSEA. Since then constant surv has been maint to detect any return of en elms. Visual recce has seem some signs of rebuilding and/or rehabilitation generally along the rivers. A SAS ptl on 26 Apr confirmed en elms back in area of main arms cache complex. This area has since been heavily bombed and now there are no signs of major rehabilitation.
- 7. Surv has continued during May and although there have been some signs of fresh digging, both air and ground recce have not revealed any major VC conc in the base area. Ptl info indicates that area between the rivers is secondary growth impassable in places. It is reported as primary jungle or thick savannah with many patches of low entanglements of bamboo, prickly vines and cactus.
- 8. Main force elms could quickly occupy the base at any time and D445 Bn may use it as a resting place after withdrawal from Southern AOs. Protection of the Eastern flank against interference from depth posn in the bases should be considered. En most likely to be encountered are up to pl sized groups of D445 Bn, elms of the VC BARIA Province adm org and perhaps fwd liason and recce gps from main force units.

Annex C to SVN/6/67 Dated 18 Jul 67

A COY OP ANALYSIS REPORT OP COOPAROO

Reference: Map XUYEN MOC (NW) 1:25000
'Every valley shall be exalted,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low:
and the crooked shall be made straight
and the rough places plain.'

Isaiah 40.4

- 1. Sub-unit A Coy 7 RAR.
- 2. Comd Maj E.J. O'DONNELL.
- 3. Op Name Op COOPAROO.
- 4. <u>Duration</u> 230900H Jun 67 01 100H Jul 67.
- Outline Tasks Search and destroy in the area EAST of LONG TAN and SOUTH of BINH GIA.
- 6. Sequence of Events See Appendix 1.
- 7. Assessment of Op
 - a. The operation although uneventful accomplished its aim of thoroughly searching the area and destroying anything of value to the enemy. The only exception was the reported camp at GR 549698 which the company was not able to locate in the time available, although some new tracks and four graves were found in the area.
 - b. Map reading proved to be difficult especially along the SOUI GIAO which is incorrectly shown on the map. In the area of the SONG RAI the map is reliable.
 - c. New tracks and a rice cache were located on the last day in the NE of the AO. This indicates enemy activity to the EAST of the AO and could be worth following up.

E.J. O'DONNELL OC A COY

APPENDIX 1 TO ANNEX C TO SVN/6/67 DATED/8JUL 67

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

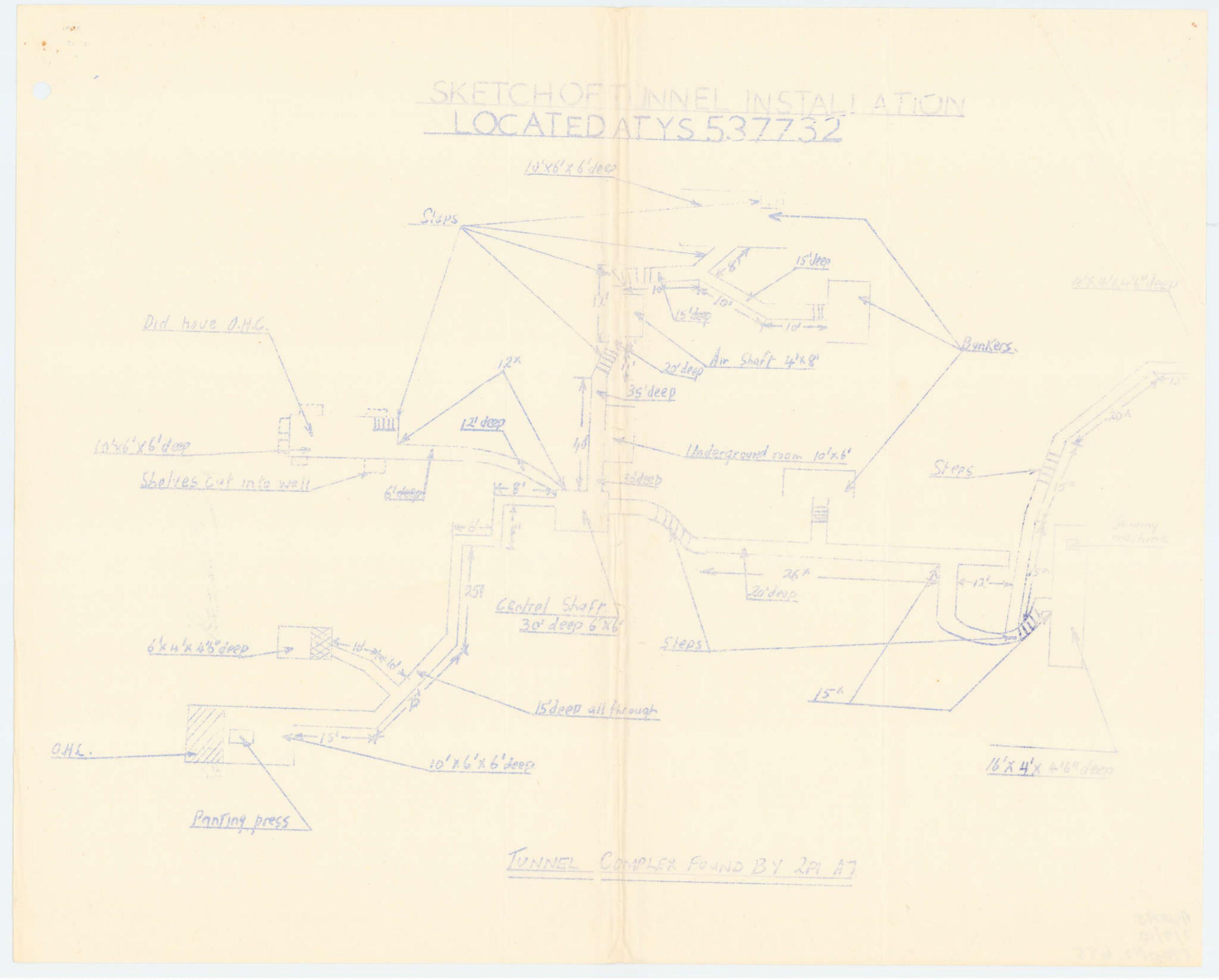
- 23 Jun 67. A Coy moved by APC to the start point SOUTH of BINH GIA GR 506761. A Pl base was established at GR 522752 and the detailed search of the area commenced. 1 Pl found a 500 lb bomb at GR 527742 but the VC had been there first and removed the explosive.
- 24 Jun 67. The Coy moved SOUTH using the SOUI GIAO as a centre-line. A previously destroyed camp was located at GR 537730.
- 25 Jun 67. At GR 535733 2 Pl found a tunnel complex (see separate installation report). 800 lbs of explosive was winched in and the demolition was completed under the supervision of Sgt R FRANCIS, 1 FD SQN RAE. At GR 538721 a Battalion sized camp was located by 3 Pl. At GR 544710 1 Pl found a small hut containing documents and a number of grenades.
- 26 Jun 67. The large camp was handed over to the Aslt Pnr Pl for demolition and the company movedon SOUTH. The going along the SOUI GIAO was very difficult in heavy rain, and the map bore little reference to the ground. A helicopter fix was needed to establish the location at the end of the day.
- 27 Jun 67. The Company took part in the Battalion cordon of HILL 50 at GR 542703. It turned out to be clear of enemy. Four graves were found to the SOUTH of the feature and some recent tracks which indicated a camp nearby which could not be located. Later in the day another large camp was located at GR 544705. It contained several undestroyed tunnels.
- 28 Jun 67. The Aslt Pnr Pl was flown in to destroy the tunnels and the Coy move NORTH EAST into a new AO. There were no incidents.
- 29 Jun 67. The company patrolled to the SONG RAI but found no new sign. The overnight base was at GR 568733.
- 30 Jun 67. 2 Pl found an enemy platoon sized installation at GR 568729. Explosives were winched in and the camp destroyed. Moving NORTH the Coy located a number of fresh tracks above the 74 Northing and a cache of 500 lbs of rice at GR 560740. This was destroyed. The overnight base was in the rubber at GR 544763.
- 1 Jul 67. The Coy was flown out of the area at 0930 hrs by an American airmobile Company.

APPENDIX 2 ANNEX C TO SVN/6/67 DATED/RJUL 67

INSTALLATION REPORT

- 1. Report by 37277 2LT G H ROSS
- 2. Report on tunnel instl at YS 537732
- 3. Discovered at 1730 hrs on 24 Jun 67.
- 4. Instl was 80 yds by 80 yds
- a. (3) tunnels only with 8 holes approximately 6' deep, 10' long and 8' wide. Each hole had an entrance to a tunnel. These holes originally had a roof over them approximatley 4' above ground level.
 - b. The Tunnels were up to 30' deep.
 - c. See sketch attached
 - d. (1) dug by hand. No shoring was used.
 - e. One interconnecting system. See skotch.
 - f. Occupied by up to 50 persons.
 - g. N/A.
 - h. N/A.
 - i. (2) tunnels were 3 4 months old. There was evidence of recent digging in one tunnel.
 - j. The instl was 150 metres from an old bullock dray track and 80 metres from a creek where a well had been constructed.
 - k. There were no EW posts or devices.
 - 1. There was one panji pit 200 metres SOUTH of the instl. It was on a foot track and was 5' deep and 4' wide filled with approximately 120 stakes.
 - m. 800 lbs of explosive was used to destroy the instlincluding the well.
 - n. The sewing machine and printing press were both beyond repair. Both items were completely destroyed in the demolition.

(G.V. ROSS) 2LT OC 2 PL



ANNEX D TO SVN/6/67 DATED/PJUL 67

B COY OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS REPORT OPERATION COOPAROO

Reference A 7 RAR 0 6 B Maps 6430 111 6430 11

Name and Type of Operation

1. Operation COOPAROO - a search and destroy operation.

Dates of Operatio

2. 220700 H to 010930 H.

Subunit

3. B Coy 7 RAR Commanded by Major D.J. Mealey

Tasks

4. a. Phase 1 (1) Move by APC to debussing area YS 535764.

(2) Search and destroy in area CHARLIE.

b. Phase 2 (1) Search and clear in area DUD, TOM, and JEFF.

Sequence of Events

5. 23 June 67

a. The move to the debussing point was well controlled and went smoothly. 4 Pl was employed in the role of assault troops under command of an APC Troop, and the balance of the Coy followed a route cleared and picqueted. .incadyance. alt is noteworthy that B Coy I duced the loading time (into the APC'S) from the anticipated 15 minutes to 4 minutes. Troops were organised previously into APC loads, told the number of the vehicle in which they were to travel and arranged at the loading point accordingly. The decision as to whother tps would travel on or in the carrier, caused some concern, Command detonated mines of the type used in (RENMARK (5 RAR) would perhaps cause casualties wether troops were travelling inside or on top of the APC's. It is argued by ARVN, US and Australian Armoured Officers that troops travelling on top of the vehicle suffer less casualties from mine explosions than those travelling inside. It is suggested that in the event of ambush, troops on top of the vehicle are extremely vulnerable to SA fire, and also impede the manouverability of the APC and the use of the MG. If fully equipped troops are to travel inside the carriers the full load of 11 is excessive over long distances. The troops suffer from fatigue, engine fumes and disorientation. When the possibility of ambush is strong, it is recommended that:

(1) 7 RAR troops travel seated INSIDE APC's except for commanders at all levels who should constantly navigate, and for MG numbers who can assist in the protection of the convoy. These should stand in the hatch way.

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- (2) The load of APC's be reduced to 7 when troops are fully equipped.
- (3) The floor of APC's be sandbagged.

b. The move through the rubber to YS 543757 was uneventful. At this point the Coy divided into two groups as follows.

- (1) Group = 4 Pl 5 Pl CHQ
- (2) Group 2 = 6 Pl Sp Sec Coy 2IC party

Group 1 searched the headwaters of the SUOI TA LUNG and Group 2 searched the area of NUI NUA. The inaccuracy of the map was at once obvious and both parties relied wholly on pacing and bearing. Neither group found anything of significance and the company concentrated at YS 544746 for the evening hereour.

6. <u>24 Jun 67</u>

The Coy moved to a firm base at YS 546743 and wor coved the baseline system of patrolling. To incidents of note we recorded. A VC camp was located at Grid Ref. 548712 (19 1800 1)

7. <u>25 June 67</u>

The Coy split into 2 groups as follows:

a. Group 1 - Commanded by OC B Coy - comprised 4 Pl and 6 Pl.

b. Group 2 - Commanded by the Coy 2IC - comprised 5 Pl, Sp Sec and a section of engineers.

- 8. Tasks were as follows:
 a. Group 1.
 Search AO CHARLIE to the WEST of the stream.
 - b. Group 2.

 Destroy the camp found 23 Jun 67 and search the EAST side of the stream to a limit of 100 metres EAST.
- 9. Group 1 found nothing of significance. Group 2 destroyed the camp and located a very well used foot track 150 metres EAST of the stream and generally followed the course of the stream. This track is considered of some importance. It is described in more detail later. The terrain along the creekline was extremely which secondary growth sprouted in profusion. The tangled, broken foliage made the going slow and exasperating and accurate navigation was possible only by great concentration and careful pacing and bearings. 6 Pl discovered an extension of the track already mentioned at YS 555718. This had been boobytrapped using a CHICOM grenade activated by a pullstring.
- 10. One soldier suffered physical exhaustion aggravated by heatstroke. Mouth to Mouth Recusitation was necessary. This patient was evacuated by DUSTOFF helicopter next day.

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11. 26 Jun 67

of a good DZ. However a bomb crater was utilised and developed to the stage where two casualties could be winched out to the DUSTOFF helicopter. The explosive and detonating cord was found to be defective, and most of the work was done by hand. In this Company will it rely upon explosive but will request Chain, Saws.

12. Two camps were located as follows:

a. Grid Ref 553719. This camp was quite old and was destroyed. A full discription is at Appandix 2. The only interesting find here was a hand carved rifle stock. This was destroyed

b. Grid Ref 554713. This camp had not been occupied for about 3-6 months. It was large, well constructed, near water and all pits had more than adequate OHP. An old dictionary (French), a water bottle and several pieces of rotten clothing was discovered. This camp is described at Appendix 3.

The track mentioned in para 9 was encountered again at YS 543717 and ran EAST-WEST.

c. Upon arrival at the camp described in para 12 sub para b, a patrol was despatched to search the NW section of area WHISKY. The track at YS 500 6 was followed to YS 549706 where some capty cartridge cases and M79 grenade indicated a previous contact.

13. <u>27 Jun 67</u>

The company occupied blocking positions whilst A Coy searched the Hill 50 feature at YS 5570.

14. <u>28 Jun 67</u>

a. A resupply was taken at YS 550706, and the company then moved to protect the pioneer platoon during the demolition of a camp at YS 553704.

b. Upon completion of this task, B Coy moved into area BOB. A large camp previously destroyed, was located at YS 558708. Once again the thoroughness of construction and the extent of OHP was evident.

15. <u>29/30 June 67</u>

The track described in para 9a was encountered at YS 557723 and was followed to YS 551750 where it joined a logging track. The foot track then swung NE but was not followed further. The following points are worthy of mention:-

a. A small quantity of discarded cooked rice was located at YS 555740. The rice was about 12 hrs old.

b. A well used track joined the main track at YS 555743 and was followed to YS 559744 where it was observed to head NE.

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- c. The camp reported at YS555746 does not exist.
- 16. <u>1 Jul 67</u>

Fly out-This was uneventful and efficiently organised.

17. Tracks

The track mentioned several times already, is more the track shown on the overlay. The 1 tter is a well defined though rarely used excart track. The foot track is frequently used as a country of some importance to the enemy. The smaller tracks mentioned probably lead off to base camps. Although no contact was made on the track it is considered worthy of some attention in the future.

A sign painted by the VC was found at YS 555732. It was quite old and barely dicipherable. Translated it read as follows:-

"Do not wander from the track to pick flowers or find butterflies. The enemy soldiers think we mine the road and they walk on the edge. Hence we mine the road edges and use the road ourselves."

19. Navigation

The maps were useful only as a guide. The creeklines as marked have no resemblance to the str __ n the ground. Navigation was difficult, although B Coy produced good reults by -

- a. Bearings
- b. Pacing
- c. Soliciting the opinion of all officers as to locstats.
- d. Resection from Arty and Mortar DF's.
- 20. Assessment of Operation

No enemy was encountered, and in view of the artillery and air strike preparations, it is considered unlikely that any enemy remainded in the area after DAY 1. It is suggested that a more stealthy move in might ensure that the VC remain to fight. It is recommended that 7 RAR conduct a company sized operation in the AO with a view to ambushing VC moving on the track described in para 17.

It is considered that transient VC had recently used the area, but that no large numbers of enemy had been in the AO for some months.

(D.J. MEALEY)
Maj
OC B Coy

APPENDIX 1 TO ANNEX D SVN/6/67 DATED JUL 67

INSTALLATION REPORT

- 1. Report by 335124 Capt P.A. STOKES
- 2. Report on installation and diggings at GR 558708.
- 3. 1030 hrs, on 24 Jun 67.
- 4. 4000 sq yards.
- 5. a.
- (1) 3 small weapon pits.
- (2) 5 large bunkers.
- (3) Bog: The Iso I tunnelso
- b. 3ft.
- c. Not completely. Instl obviously Not completed.
- d. (1) Tunnels dug only.
 - (2) 4 Pits with OHP large pits camouflaged only,
- e. 8 pits.
- f. Possibly Coy size.
- g. Facing SW.
- h. (1) 3 x Individual
 - (2) 5 x Crew served possibly
- i. 3-4 months old possibly more, constructed since previous rainy season.
- j. Near a stream, track, stream junction.
- k. Nil
- 1. Nil
- The postion had never been finished and was probably occupied for construction when a B52 strike hit within 30 metres. A number of smashed pottery, smashed digging and cutting implements indicated a very hasty withdraval. The large bunkers were constructed such as to have been possibly a hospital. The unfinished kitchen bunker was found with prepared chimney dug.

(P.A. STOKES)
Capt
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APPENDIX 2 TO
ANNEX D TO
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DATED/SJUL 67

INSTALLATION REPORT

- 1. Report by 335124 Capt P.A. STOKES.
- 2. Report on instl staging camp at GR 553719.
- 3. 1400 hrs on 26 Jun 67.
- 4. 1500 sq yards.
- 5. Perimeter all round in admin instl disused hut.
 - a. (1) 8 wearpon pits. (2) Tunnels
 - b. 3 Feet depth
 - c. Yes 6 pits connecting
 - d. Timber and earth OHP on pits and tunnels.
 - e. Approx 8 pits Approx 8 tunnels
 - f. Coy strength minus
 - g. All round
 - h. Two ran
 - i. 2-3 years
 - j. 300 yds WEST of stream
 - k. Nil
 - 1. Nil
- 6. Probable staging camp, previously discovered not in use for 18 mths 2 years.

(P.A. STOKES)
Capt
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APPENDIX 3 TO
ANNEX D TO
SVN/6/67
DATED/GJUL 67

INSTALLATION REPORT

- 1. Report by 335124 Capt P.A. STOKES
- 2. Report on Adm/Def instl at GR 554713
- 3. 1500 hrs 26 Jun 67
- 4. 10,000 sq yards
- 5. Pits and incompleted tunnels.
 - b. Depth 2 feet
 - c. NO , commenced only
 - d. Wpn pits had 18 ns OHP no OHP in bunkers or tunnels.
 - e. 6 wpn pits
 4 bunkers
 3 incomplete tunnels
 - f. Coy:
 - g. All round perimeter
 - h. (1) 6 x 2 men
 - (2) 4 x crew served or similar, possibly only admin bunkers.
 - i. 18 mths all instl
 - j. 100 metres WEST of prominent stream
 - k. Two sentry pits
 - l. Nil
- 6. Instl had been evacuated prior to completion air strike within 50 metros.

(P.A. STOKES)
Capt
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ANNEX E TO SVN/6/67 DATED 1 JUL 67

C COY OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS REPORT OPERATION COOPAROO

- 1. Sub Unit C Coy 7 RAR
- 2. Comd Maj G.K. CHAPMAN
- 3. Operation Op COOPAROO
- 4. <u>Duration</u> 23 0900H Jun 67 010815H Jul 67
- 5. Outline of Tasks Conduct search and destroy operations in areas of AO PINKY as directed.
- 6. Sequence of Events See Appendix 1 attached
- 7. Assessment of Op The overall aim of searching AO PINKY was achieved.
- 8. Comments
 - a. Navigation is extremly difficult and although the proficiency of platoon and sect comds is good any Locstat is likely to be wrong. On some occasions Locstats could be up to 200m out. If two patrols are approaching one another they should be controlled when their Locstats show that they are 500m apart.
 - b. During this operation it was hoped that the majority of the searching would be done from a firm base position in basic equipment. Unfortunatley this Coy was forced to complete the majority of its searching in full kit which resulted in an appreciable loss of efficiency.
 - c. Use of hels. . Within a matter of hours after arrival in the area it is considered that the locations and direction of movemnet of the sub-units must become apparent to the VC who can take the necessary evasive action. It is recommended that the use of hels be kept to the absolute minimum especially during the early phases of an operation.

(G.K. CHAPMAN)
Maj
OC C Coy

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

23 Jun 67

O900hrs moved from 1ATF base in 10 TCV's to Binh Cia. Escort was provided by 1 APC SQN. 1015hrs moved by APC's to edge of AO and commenced search of Area ALFA by Pls concentrating as a Coy at night.

24 Jun 67

Moved into a firm base location and searched from there with Pl Ptls in Northern end of Area ALFA.

25 Jun 67

base and commenced move through areas HOTEL and ZULU into Area VICTOR.

26 Jun: 57

0730hrs took resup of 4 days rats etc.
0930hrs commenced search of VICTOR and UNIFOR. along
three axis.
1300hrs Casevac by winch of one members

27 Jun 67

end of Area TANGO. Demolished VC Batt lion sized camp at GR 551694 - see Instl Report at Appendix 2. Located, searched and destroyed by hand an old VC camp of Battalion size at GR 554697 - see Instl Report at Appendix 3.

28 Jun 67

Completed the search by Pl ptls of Area TANGO locating a part destroyed camp at GR 555690 - see Instl Report at Appendix After completing Area TANGO the Coy moved as a group into Area OWEN.

29 Jun 67

0730hrs took resup of one days rats because of the extension of the Op. 0930hrs moved as a coy into Area JAKE and searched the area along three routes.

30 Jun 67

Searched along the Eastern bdy of Area BILL as a Coy.

1 Jul 67

0800hrs flew back to 1 ATF base in US Army hols.

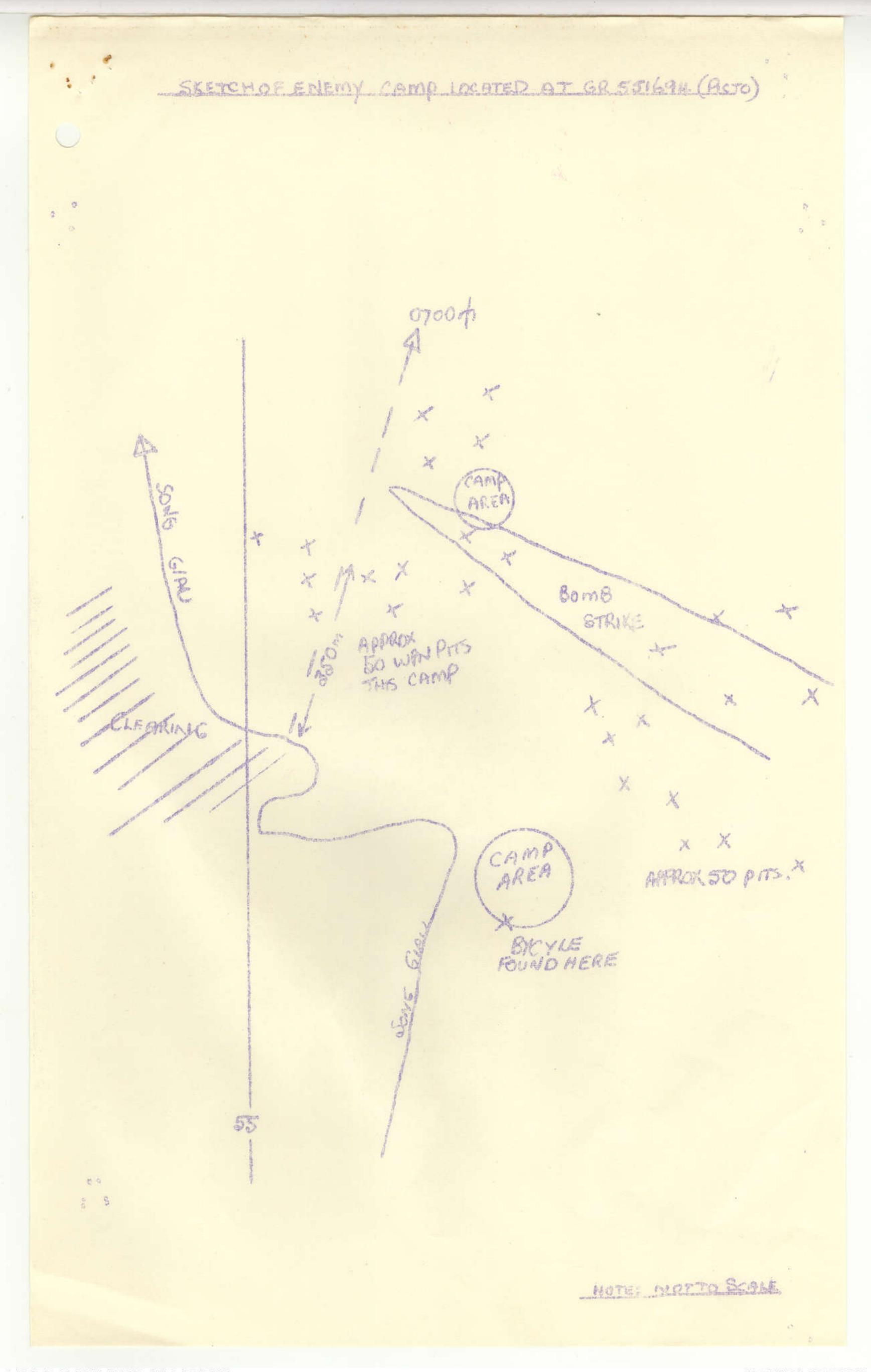
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INSTALLATION RE ORT

- 1. By 235303 Lt J.R. PAGET
- 2. Report on enemy camp at YS 551694 (PICTO)
- 3. 270900H
- Area covered by installation 120,000sq yds (ie. 300yds x 400yds)
- 5. Def layout
 - a. Wpn pits only
 - b. N/A
 - c. Pits not interconnected
 - d. 6'-8" diameter logs and soil OHP
 - e. Approx 80 wpn pits
 - f. up to one Battalion
 - g. Wpn pits provided all round def.
 - h. Wpn pits
 - (1) individual with OHP
 - (2) two man with OHP
 - i. 6-12 months
 - j. camp located on both high and low ground near SONG GIAU and track.
 - k. No EW devices or posts located
 - 1. No booby traps encountred

(J.R. PAGET)

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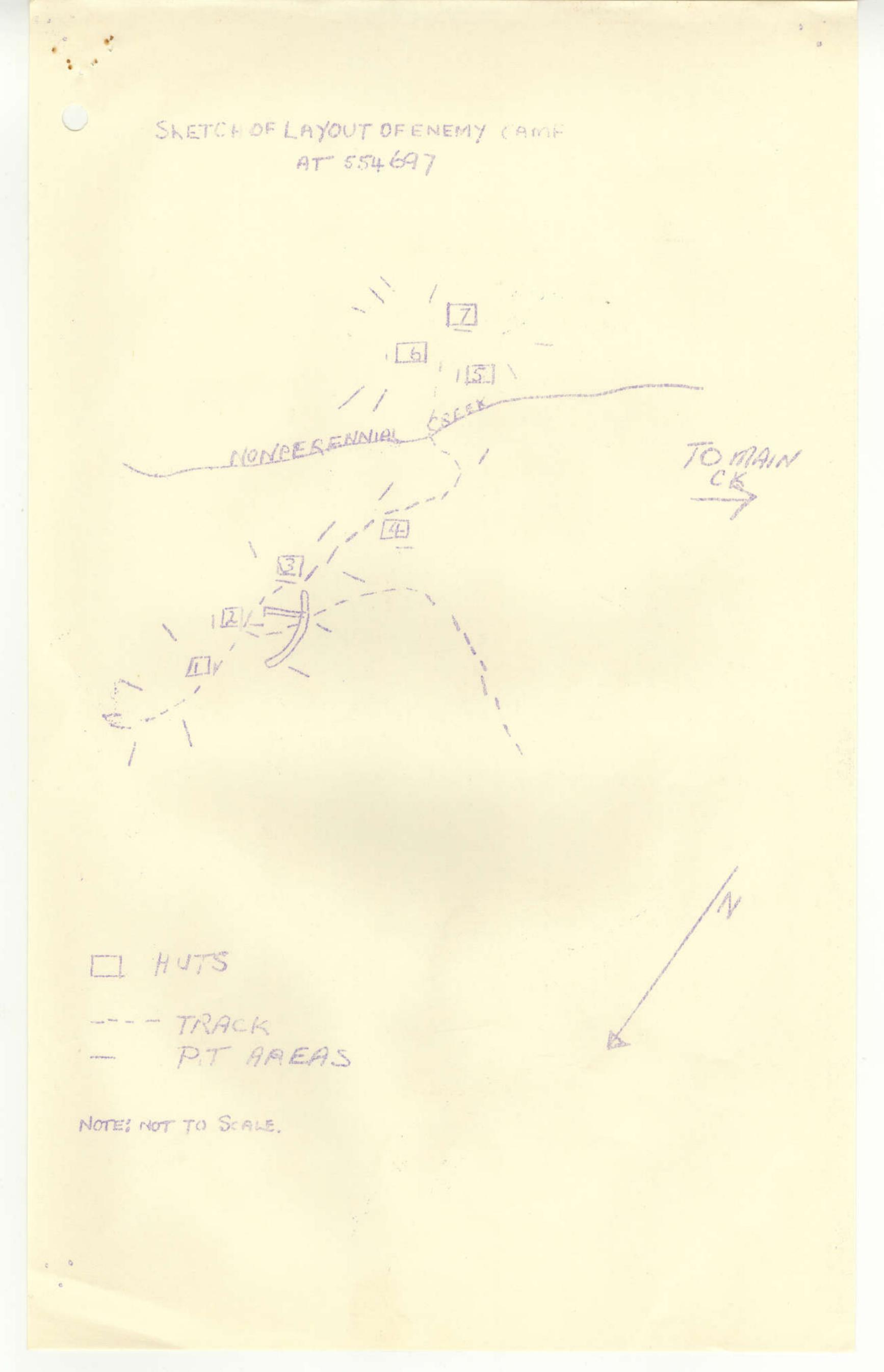


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INSTALLATION REPORT

- 1. Report by 235314 Lt M.A. MOLONEY
- 2. Report on order cinp t YS 554697.
- 3. At 0915hrs on 27 Jun 67
- 4. Area covered 500m x 400m
- 5. Wpn pits only and a small trench system
 - b. N/A
 - c. N/A
 - d 3" to 4" diameter logs as bearers.
 - e. There were 70 its, 7 huts constructed out of local leaves, timber and a small trench system which was at the western side of the complex.
 - f. Estimated size of 2 VC Coys.
 - g. The pits were facing in all round detence.
 - h. The pits were one and two man pits.
 - i. The complex was at least 12 months old.
 - j. The complex was near a track system and a creek
 - k. N/A
 - 1. N/A
 - m. To the south of the complex was what could have been a traffic control post or ar OP. It had good observation for approximatley 30 yds and was positioned on a main junction of the sketch.

(M.A. MOLONEY) Lt Pl Comd



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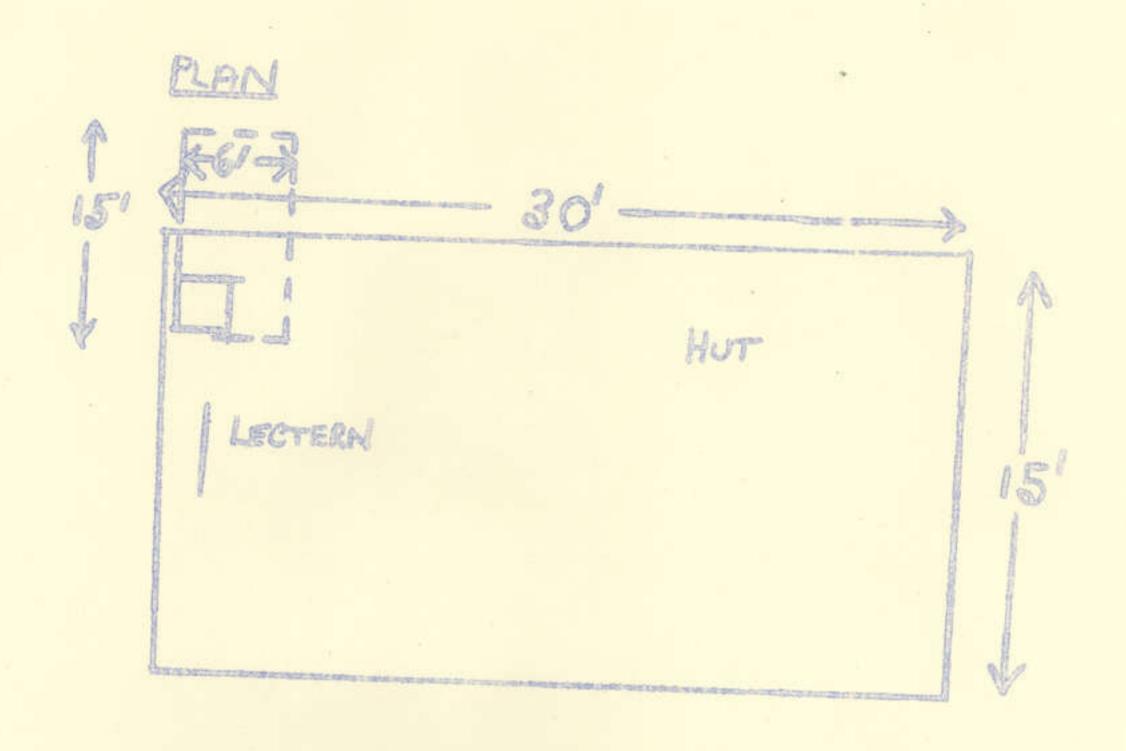
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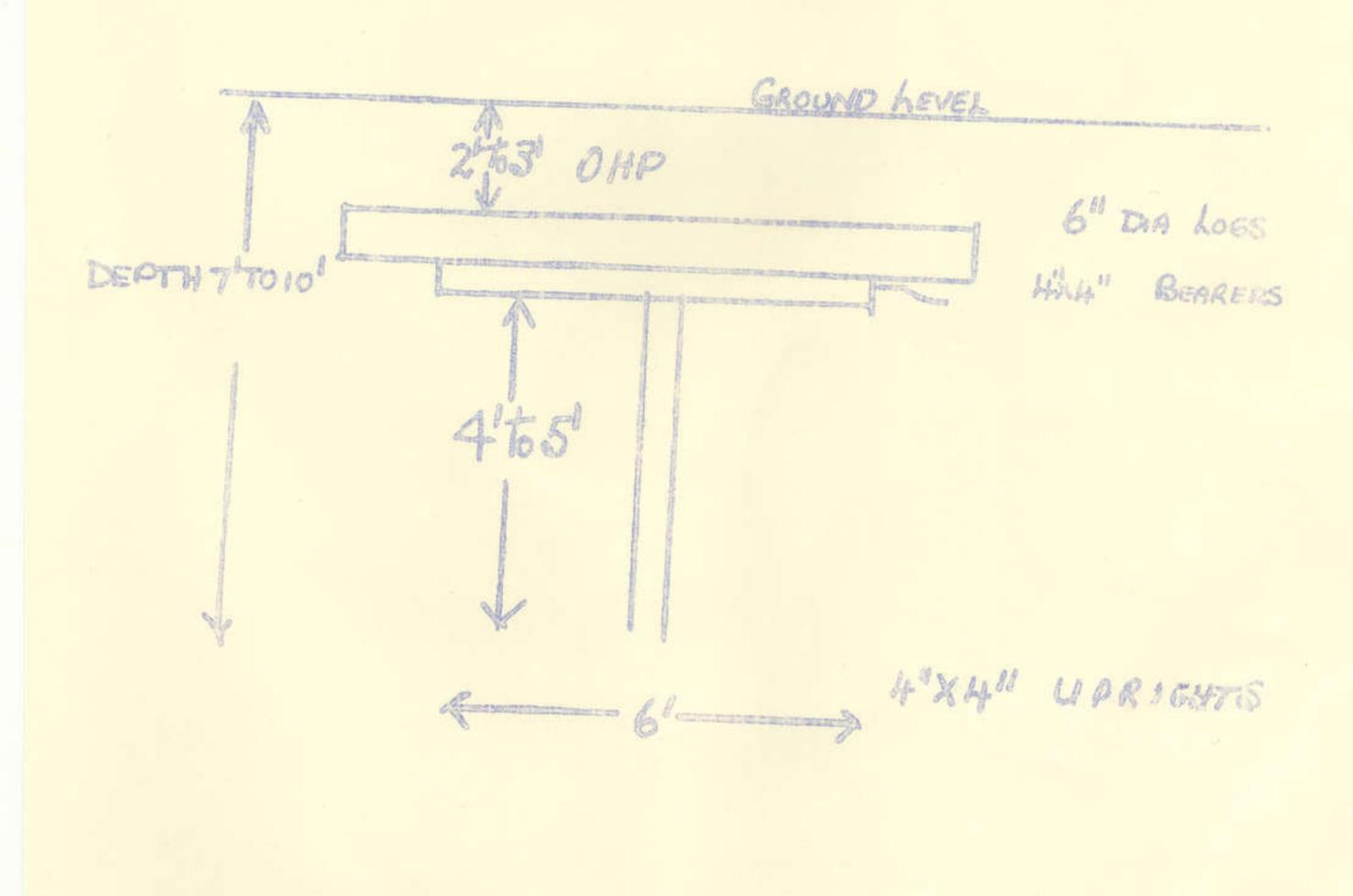
- 2. Report on Enemy Camp at YS 555690
- 3. At 1210hrs on 28 June 67
- 4. The area covered 300m x 200m
- 5. a. Tunnels and a trench system
 - b. The tunnels varied some 3' deep to 10'
 - c. N/A
 - d. Types of construction used in tunnels at sketch
 - e. There were 4 lecture huts, 3 tunnels and 2 trench systems in the area.
 - f. Each lecture hut could contain about 40 pupils plus a lecturer.
 - g. N/A
 - h. The age was about 12 months old.
 - i. The complex was near both a creek and track.
 - j. N/A
 - k. The area had been hit by 175 and 8" guns causing partial destruction. One tunnel was destroyed and one partially a causedby direct hits. The huts had been slightly damaged, yet two could have quite easily been used. This shows that to fully destroy these complexes, they must be blown when found. Artilery only has a reutralizing effect on most if well constructed.
 - 1. About 200yds to the WEST was found 2 graves, one of a reasonable age, the other only quite recent. We dug up the recent one and at about 4' came across a body wrapped in black plastic. The body was about 14 days old. The hair was still firm in the skull and the eyes had not moved at all. There was no sign of the skin decaying at all. We did not dig any further due to the stench but believed the grave could have contained more codics.

(M.A. MOLONEY) Lt Pl Comd

SKETCH OF LAY OUT OF ENEMY CHMPHT YS 555690 ALMOST A ROOM UNDERNEATH Hor 4 HIT BUT ONLY PARTIALLY DESTROY N TRENKH WIDEED GRAVES HUP! DESTRUCTION NEGLICIBLE. HUT 3 - SEATE > DESK TONNEL BEST HUT DESTROYED TUNNEL MOREP LECTERN Som HUT 2 LECTERN NOTE: NOT TO SCALE. TOWNEL 21 LONG PARTIFILLY DESTROYED TUNNEL AND HUT.

SKETCH OF TURNEL CONSTRUCTION OF ENEMY CAMP





ANNEX F TO SVN 6/67 DATED / Jun. 67

D COY OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS REPORT OP COOPAROO

References: 1. 7 RAR Op 0 6 (Op COOPAROO) dated 21 Jun 67.

2. XUYEN MOC (SW), 1:25,000, Sheet 6430-II-SW.

3. XUYEN MOC (SE), 1:25,000, Sheet 6430-II-SW.

General Outline

1. a. Duration of Operation. 0830 hrs 23 Jun 67 to 0930 hrs 1 Jin 67.

b. Command of D Coy 7 RAR. Maj D E PATERSON.

Summary of Tasks. The tasks detailed in reference 1 for D Coy, for Phase 1 were carried out as shown. The tasks detailed for phase 2 were cancelled during the operation and the following tasks allotted:

- (1) The occupation of a blocking position in AO WHISKEY.
- (2) Search and destroy operations to clear AOs SIERRA (later called AO DAVE) and HARRY, then
- (3) Move to AO BOB and "follow up" B Coy hile B Coy searched AOs TUM and JACK.

Sequence of Events

- 2. 23 Jun.
- Moved in RAAF IROQUOIS helicopters from the 1 ATF base area at NUI DAT to an LP secured by A Coy 2 RAR at 528708. Moved to 546714 and established a company patrol base from which ambush patrols were sent to the vicinity of 541717, 549715 and 557708 to carry out blocking tasks along the line BRUMBY. A contact occurred between 10 pl and a patrol from 11 pl at 549715. Concentrated for night 23/24 Jun into a company harbour at 546714 as a blocking force.
- 24 Jun.

Set ambushes in the vicinity of 541717, 549715 and 557708 on likely routes. A contact was initiated by 11 pl as they were moving into their ambush position at 546714 - see APPENDIX 1 for further details. Located fresh signs of a small enemy force which indicated that they were in the vicinity of 554706. Moved D Coj to the knoll at 542714 and harboured for night 24/25 Jun 67.

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- Set ambushes as a blocking force in the vicinity of 541717, 544714 and 547715 on likely routes from a company patrol base at 542714. Concentrated at 542714 for night 25/26 Jun 67.
- Moved to 544714, cleared an LZ and received a three day resupply of rations delivered by RAAF IROQUOIS helicopter. Moved to 558704 and established a company patrol base for the despatch of reconnaissance patrols prior to establishing a blocking pos ton on the cast edge of Al THISKEY. Remained at this latter recation night 26/27 Jun.
- 27 Jun. Set ambushes on recently used tracks in the vicinity of 556713, 557709 and 558704. Concentrated into a company harbour position for night 27/. 8 Jun.
- 28 Jun. Searched AOs SIERRA and HARRY. Harboured for night 28/29 Jun at 577716.
- 29 Jun. Cut LZ in vicinity 557716 for resupply by helicopters and simulated lly out of company as part of battalion deception plan. Ambushed old hut most frequently used route in AO HARRY at 574718. Moved to 558723 and harbo red for night 29/30 Jun prior to sperations in AOs TOM and JACK on 30 Jun.
- 30 Jun. "Followed up" B Coy while B Coy searched AOs TOM and JACK. Harboured for night 30 Jun/1 Jul at 547756.
- 1 Jul. Moved to LZ at vicinity 543765 for pick up and movement to 1 ATF base at NUI DAT in helicopters from two US airmobile companies

Incidents

3. There were no enemy incidents of consequence. There was one minor contact on 24 Jun (see paragraph 2 above), approximat ly 12 CBUs were found and blown and two 155 mm blind shells were found. The fuzes had been removed from these shells and most of the explosive extracted. The remnants of these shells were blown.

Casualties

- 4. Enemy Nil.
 - b. D Coy 4 WIA.

Assessment of Operation

5. All tasks given to D Coy were carried out.

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Comments

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Comments

- Navigation in the AO was difficult in many places. This was probably due to map inaccuracies (in squares 5570, 5474 and 5574), thick secondary vegetation, numerous bomb craters and fallen timber.
- Radio sets (ANPRC 25) and/or handsets proved unreliable in the extremely wet conditions that existed despite the use of plastic bags over handsets during the rain.
- A blocking force, such as the one which had to be established by D Coy over a large area, has limited effect if it has to be withdrawn each night as it was during this operation. The elements of the blocking force are obliged to move in the early morning and late in the ifternoon which is the time when the VC are known to move most frequently. Instead of surprising the enemy in ambush he has an equal chance of catching blocking forces on the move. It is considered that a platoon, with an artillery or mortar observer attached, possesses an acceptable degree of security at night in the areas in which this unit has been on operations to date.

 Unless blocking forces can be

continually maintained in blocking positions, they might just as well not be employed.

9. It is believed that security was seriously prejudiced by the use of aircraft and artillery at times when reconnaissance could have produced useful information.

(D E PATERSON)
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OC D Coy

APPENDIX 1 & Contact Report - 11 Pl contact at YS 546714.

APPENDIX 1 TO
ANNEX F TO
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DATED / JUL 67

CONTACT REPORT - 11 PL CONTACT AT 546715

- 1. CONTACT.
- 2. 240925Н.
- 3. YS 546714.
- 4. One (1).
- 5. Mobile.
- 6. Nil.
- 7. SE from contact.
- 8.

 11 pl were moving from a coy harbour position, and were about 150 yds from the perimeter when the rear man spotted an enemy, dressed in green about 40 yds on his right flank, and fired on him. 5 sect then provided a fire base and a platoon attack. moving from the left swept through the area. No sign of the enemy was found. After re-org I found that one of my pl was shot in the foot. The enemy was presumed to have moved SE from the area (which in fact was the best going for him for he was flanked by a hill and D Coy HQ).

(G ELLIS) Lt Pl Comd 11 pl

ANNEX G TO SVN 5/67 DATED / JUL 57

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
OPERATION 'COOPAROO'
23 JUN - 1 JUL 67

Introduction

- 1. Operation COOPAROO was conducted in the EAST of what was formerly a VC stronghold base area 61. In April during Operation PORTSEA some large base camps were discovered by US forces in the same area. The biggest at YS 553703 yielded a significant amount of ordnance and equipment. Apart from these recorded bases and installations there were known VC routes throughout the area. These were continually used by small parties in transit between VC bases and areas of interest.
- 2. Since Op PORTSEA FAC visual reconnaissance and SAS patrols reported some attempts at rehabilitation generally along the rivers. Subsequently these reas had been heavily bombed and there were no signs of major rehabilitation since.
- 3. SAS contacts in the area of operations indicated a well used NORTH-SOUTH track running through the area and a possible base camp located at YS 548707.

Contacts/Installations

- 4. Contact made with the enemy was by a patrol from D Company at YS 548715. There was one Viet Cong seen who was engaged by small arms fire with unknown results.
- 5. A summary of the following is attached as APPENDIX 1:
 - a. Results of contacts.
 - b. Installations found and destroyed.
 - c. Equipment found and destroyed or evacuated.
 - d. Weapons and ammunition captured or found.

Conclusion

- 6. Operation COOPAROO resulted in no significant contact with the Viet Cong, however it was significant in that it proved that the enemy has not re-occupied this area in any strength. It resulted in:
 - a. Destruction of a number of installations.
 - b. Capture and destruction of some equipment and documents.

(R PETTIT) Capt S2

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230935 H Aug 67

Op 0 11/67 (Op BURNSIDE)

Reference: Maps 6429 1-NW DAT DO (NW)

Situation

- 1. Enemy Forces. Annex A
 - b. Friendly Forces. 2 RAR is to simultaneously search the EAST half of DAT DO.
 - c. Atts and Dets.
 - (1) Under op con from 240500H to 241800H:
 (a) 106 Bty RAA (dismounted)
 (b) 1 SAS
 - (2) In sp from 240600H to 241800H
 (a) One airmobile coy.
 (b) Two CH47.
 (c) One H13
 - (3) LOB C Coy
- Mission. 7 RAR is to search the WEST half of DAT DO YS4960 on 24 Aug 67.
- 3. Execution
 - a. Gen Outline. D Coy is to mov from present loc to search area by APC. The remainder of the bn gp fly into DAT DO airfield YS476600 then mov on foot to search areas. The area is to be generally searched from the outside to the centre. Extraction of all troops is to be by hel from DAT DO airfield 241700H.

b. A Coy

- (1) Grouping. Normal less obsn parties plus two interpreters.
- (2) Tasks.
 - (a) First coy in order of fly in.
 - (b) Search area 71.
 - (c) Fifth coy in order of fly out.

c. B Coy

- (1) Grouping. Normal less obsn parties plus two interpreters.
- (2) Tasks
 - (a) Fifth Coy in order of fly in.
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- (b) Search area 72.
- (c) Third coy in order of flyout.

d. D Coy

- (1) Grouping. Normal plus two interpreters.
- (2) Tasks
 - (a) Mov by tp APC's from present loc to start point YS492584.
 - (b) Search areas 741, 742 and 743.
 - (c) First coy in order of fly out.

e. Sp Coy

- (1) Grouping. Two interpreters att.
- (2) Tasks
 - (a) Sixth coy in order of flyin.
 - (b) Search area 76
 - (c) Fourth coy in order of flyout.

f. 1 SAS Sqn

- (1) Grouping. Two interpreters att.
- (2) Tasks
 - (a) Fourth coy in order of flyin.
 - (b) Search area 78.
 - (c) Seventh coy in crier of flyout.

g. 106 Bty RAA

- (1) Grouping. Two interpreters att.
- (2) Tasks
 - (a) Second coy in order of flyin.
 - (b) Search area 70
 - (c) Second coy in order of flyout.

h. 1 ARU

- (1) Grouping. Two interpreters att.
- (2) Tanks
 - (a) Third coy in order of flyin.
 - (b) Search area 75.
 - (c) Sixth coy in order of flyout.

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j. 1 Fd Sqn RAE. Two combat engr teams remain on call at HQ 7 RAR. Carry mine detectors.

k. Co-ord Instr

- (1) Timings.
 - (a) First lift commences fly in 240615H.
 - (b) Search commences 240730H
 - (c) Completion not later than 241700H.
- (2) Routes, Areas of Search and Bdys. Coy bdys and areas of search are shown on trace annex B. Coys are to submit routes and pl areas of search to CP by 231500H for confirmation.
- (3) Fly in and Extraction. Separate air mov instrissued.
- (4) Search of Village
 - (a) Search each area in absolute detail. This includes all houses inside and out, surrounds, gardens and open fields. Every square yard is to be prodded.
 - (b) Suspect persons are to be escorted to HQ 7 RAR.
 - (c) As far as possible the search in all areas should start simultaneously and searching should be from the perimeter inwards.
 - (d) Route 23 should be kept as clear as possible to allow free movement of traffic.
 - (e) On entering each building search parties are to give the owner, or leave in the building, a leaflet explaining the reason for the search, a request for his/her co-operation and an apology for any inconvenience caused.
 - (f) Each house searched is to be marked e.g. paint, chalk, adhesive tape, etc.
 - (g) Suspicious mounds of earth, fresh diggings etc are to be prodded then dug out.
 - (h) All wells are to be checked.
 - (j) Every man searching is to be covered by a cover man.
 - (k) In particular look for:
 - (i) Excessive amounts of food.

(ii) Tunnels and hides.

(iii) explosives. (iv) Arms and ammo.

(v) Med sups.

(vi) Posters and propaganda. (vii) Caches of any description.

(viii) Quantities of clear plastic sheeting as used in the manufacture of gas masks.

4.

(1) Remain alert.

(5) Rules of Engagement

- (a) Normal rules apply but extreme care must be exercised.
- (b) ID cards are to be checked.
- (c) Villagers should be allowed freedom of movement subject to normal check point restrictions.
- (6) Exploitation. All troops are to stay within the village once the search has started. No movement closer than 15 metres to village bunds and fences.

(7) Recording

- (a) Accurate records are to be kept of all finds in particular rice in a quantity greater than one house/ family/month's supply. (lbs per head).
- (b) Locations will be referred to by the pl AO number and cardinal points of the compass. The owners name will be taken off his/her ID card.
- (c) An example record sheet is attached as annex "C". Records are to be passed by radio, including serial numbers at convenient times throughout the day but not later than 241645H.
- (d) Useful weights and measures of rice are as fol.

(i) Polished rice.

- (a) one cu ft weighs 55 lbs.
- (b) one short ton (2000 lb) rice measures 36 cu ft approx.

(2) Unpolished rice.

- (a) one cu ft weighs 35 lbs.
- (b) one short ton measures 57 cu ft approx.

(8) Check Points

- (a) RP sect is to estab check points at YS474598 and YS492582 as soon as possible after arrival.
- (b) RP's to mov with first coy.
- (c) Vehs at HORSESHOE to RV with RP sect at DAT DO airfield 240630H to tpt RP's to check points.
- (9) National Police. National police are to be taken to coys as soon as they are aval.

5.

4. Admin and Log

- a. Rations. One C rat pack is to be carried per man for consumption lunch 24 Aug 67.
- b. Water. All members to depart base area with full water bottles.
- c. Radio Btys. One bty per radio plus one res bty carried by each coy.
- d. Med. RAP is to be located with Bn HQ.
- e. Ammo.
 - (1) A res of ammo is to be carried on veh H1 under con of the RSM. A further res held at TIGER 5 under con of the OC Admin Coy.
 - (2) Normal first line ammo to be carried.
- f. Dress and Eqpt. Tps are to take minimum requirements.
- g. Tpt. The fol tpt is to be taken:-
 - (1) H1 and tlr CO's veh.
 - (2) One LR FWSF.
 - (3) one gunship.

5. Comd and Sig

- a. Bn HQ.
 - (1) Mov with second coy.
 - (2) Loc vic DAT DO airfield YS 476599
- b. Radio Radio diagram annex "D".
- c. Codes. SOI

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ANNEXES: A. Enemy Forces.

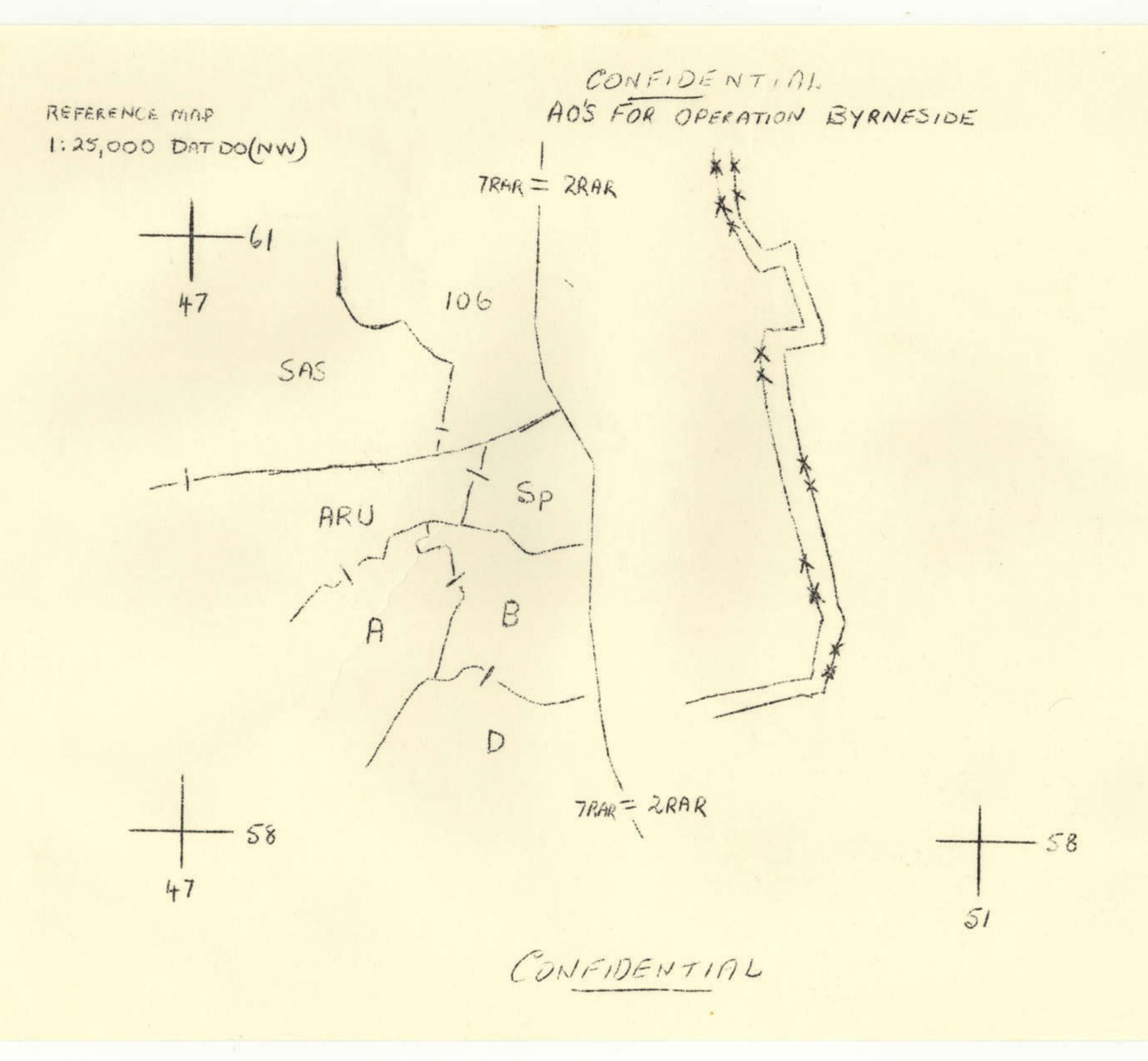
B.Boundaries. C.Example Record Sheet.

D. Radio Diagram.

Annox A to 7 RAR op0 11/67 dated 23 Aug 67

SEARCH OF DAT DO

- to recent VC terrorism and harassment and has not previously been searched by units of 1 ATF. Some local cordon and search operations have been carried out by ARVN units. These may have caused local VC cadre and sympathizers to feel secure now to infiltrate more personnel and warlike stores in preparation for anti-election activities.
- of some 7000 people guarded by the HORSESHOE on the NORTH and the fence on the EAST. There have been some small scale patrol clashes between ARVN and VC units in and around DAT DO. Local sources believe that the VC are the willage prior to the elections. It is essential to clean out thoroughly and cashes, not only to safeguard the town during elections but also to assist in protection of check points, the HORSESHOE and traffic to and from it.
- 3. Fiemy forces likely to be encountered are members of local village guerillas, the LONG DAT District Coy (C25) or even members of D445 Bn. In small VC hit-and-run groups. This could include sniping, booby-traps and CD mines.

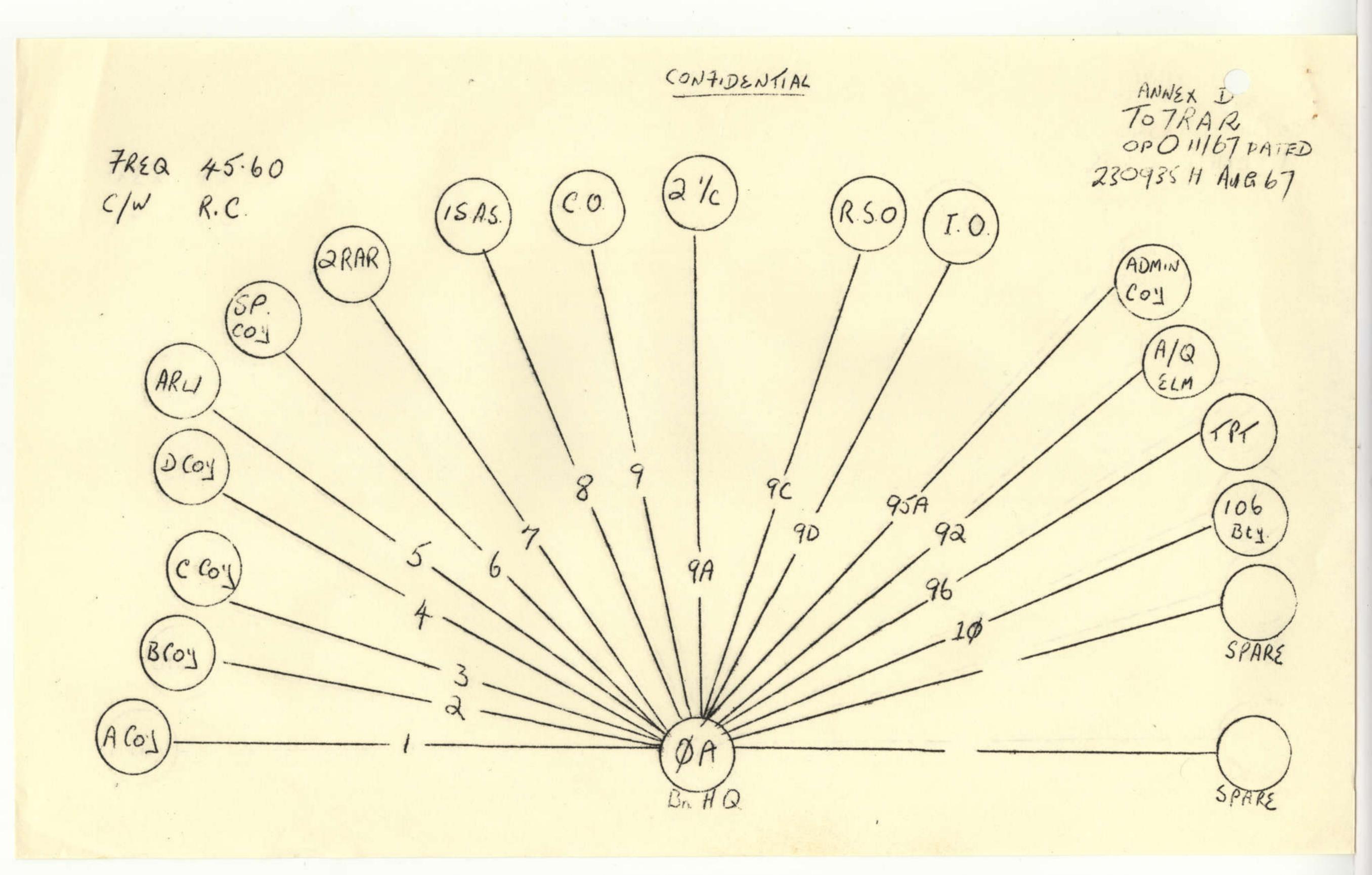


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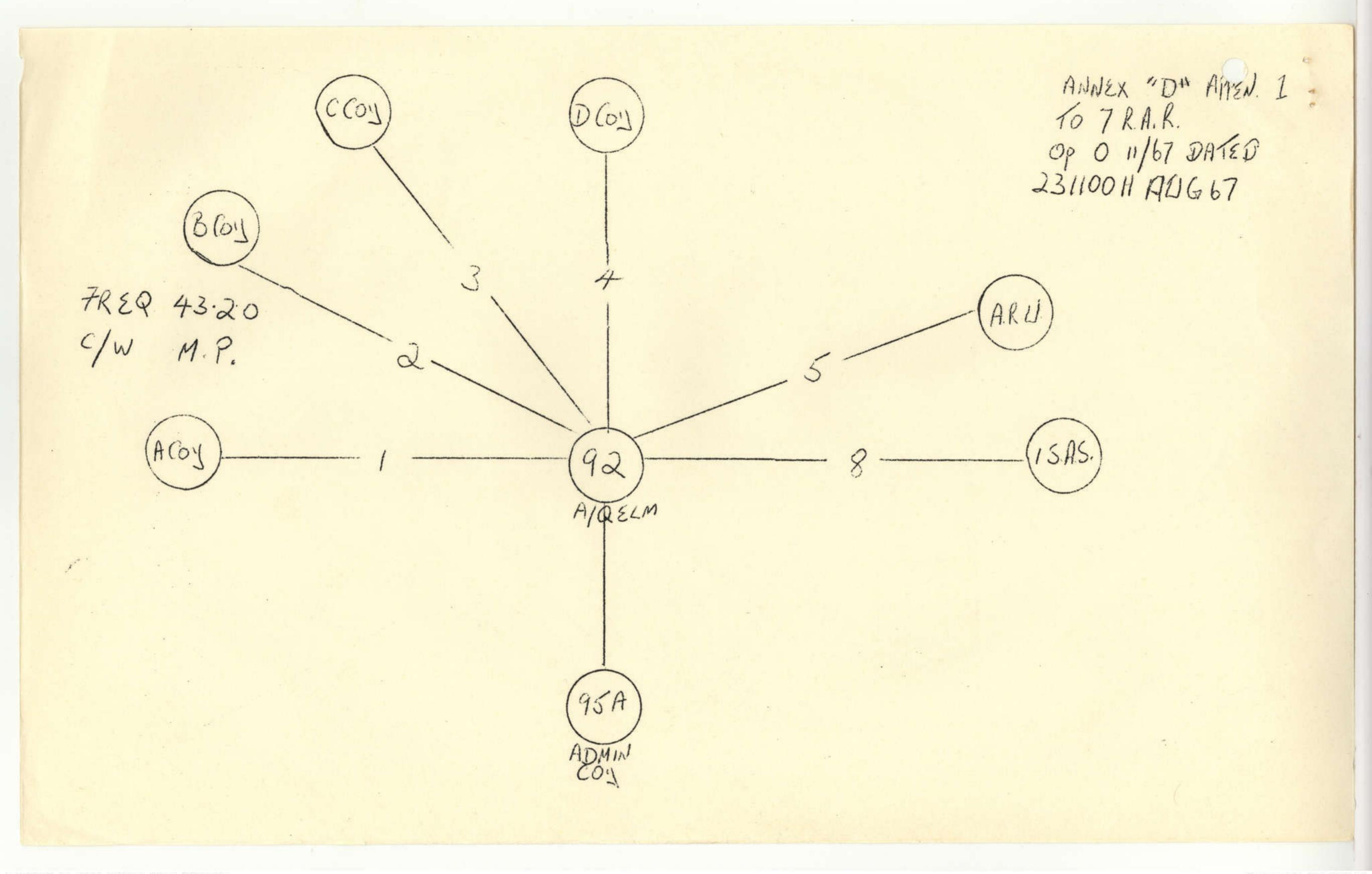
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Reference: Maps 642941-NW DAT DO (NW)

Situation

- 1. Enemy Forces. Annex A
 - b. Friendly Forces. 2 RAR is to simultaneously search the EAST half of PHUOC HAI.
 - c. Atts and Dets.
 - (1) Under comd from 251730 Two combat engr teams.
 - Under op con from 260500H to 261800H:

 (a) 106 Bty RAA (dismounted)

 (b) 1 SAS plus D and E Pl.

 (c) 1 ARU
 - In sp from 260600H to 261800H

 (a) One airmobile coy.

 (b) One CH 47.

 (c) One Hl3.
 - (4) In sp for period of search
 (a) 1 sect APCs
 (b) 108 Fd Bty RAA
 (c) 1/83 Arty (US)
 (d) A Bty 2/35 Arty (US)
 - (5) LOB C Coy
- Mission. 7 RAR is to search the WEST half of PHUOC HAI YS 5153 on 26 Aug 67.
- 3. Execution.

a. Gen Outline. The bn gp is to mov by hel at first light to LZ vic 510523 then enter PHUOC HAI on foot to search areas. The area is to be generally searched from the outside towards the sea. Extraction is to be by hel from the same LZ commencing approximately 261600.

b. A Coy

(1) Grouping. Normal less obsn parties plus two interpreters.

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(2) Tasks.

- (a) Seventh coy in order of fly in.
- (b) Search area 71.
- (c) Seventh coy in order of fly out.

c. B Coy

(1) Grouping. Normal less obsn parties plus two interpreters.

(2) Tasks

- (a) Sixth Coy in order of fly in.
- (b) Search area 72.
- (c) Sixth coy in order of fly out.

d. D Coy

(1) Grouping. Normal less obsn parties plus two interpreters.

(2) Tasks

- (a) Third coy in order of fly in.
- (b) Search area 74.
- (c) Third coy in order of fly out.

e. Sp Coy

(1) Grouping. Two interpreters att.

(2) Tasks

- (a) Fifth coy in order of fly in.
- (b) Search area 76.
- (c) Fifth coy in order of fly out.

f. 1 SAS Sqn

(1) Grouping

- (a) Two interpreters att.
- (b) HQ 1 ATF D and E pl under comd from 260500H.

(2) Tasks

- (a) Fourth coy in order of fly in.
- (b) Search area 78.
- (c) Fourth coy in order of fly out

g. 106 Bty RAA

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(2) Tasks

a) Second coy in order of fly in.

b) Search area 70.

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- 1 Fd Sqn RAE. Two combat engr teams remain on call j. at HQ 7 RAR. Carry mire detectors. One team to fly in with first coy.
- k. Co-ord Instr

(1) Timings.

- (a) First lift commences fly in 260620H. b) Search commences 26073QH.
- Completion not later than

2616 COH.

- (2) Routes, Areas of Search and Bbys. Coy bdys and areas of search are shown on trace anner B. Coys are to submit routes and pl areas of search to CP by 251400H for confirmation.
- Fly in and Extraction. Separate air mov instr issued.
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(b) Suspect persons are to be escorted to HQ

7 RAR.

(c) As far as possible the search in all areas should start simultaneously and searching should be from the perimeter inwards.

(d) Route 44 should be kept as clear as possible

to allow free movement of traffic.

(e) On entering each building search parties are to give the owner, or leave in the building, a leaflet explaining the reason for the search, a request for his/her co-operation and an apology for any inconvenience caused.

(f) Each house searched is to be marked e.g.

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(iii) Explosives.

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- (b) one short ton measures 57 cu ft approx.

(8) Check Points

- (a) RP sect is to estab points at YS513510 and YS511525 as soon as possible after arrival.
- (b) RP's to mov with first coy.
- (9) National Police. National police are to be taken to coys as soon as they a re aval.

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4. Admin and Log

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b. Water. All members to depart base area with full water bottles.

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- d. Med. RAP is to be located with Bn HQ.
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- g. Tpt. The fol tpt is to be taken:-
 - (1) H1 and tlr CO's veh.
 - (2) One LR FWSF.
 - (3) one gunship.

5. Comd and Sig.

- a. Bn HQ
 - (1) Mov with second coy
 - (2) Loc vic YS5111527
- b. Radio Radio diagram annex "D".
- c. Codes. SOI

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ANNEXES: A. Enem y Forces

B. Boundaries

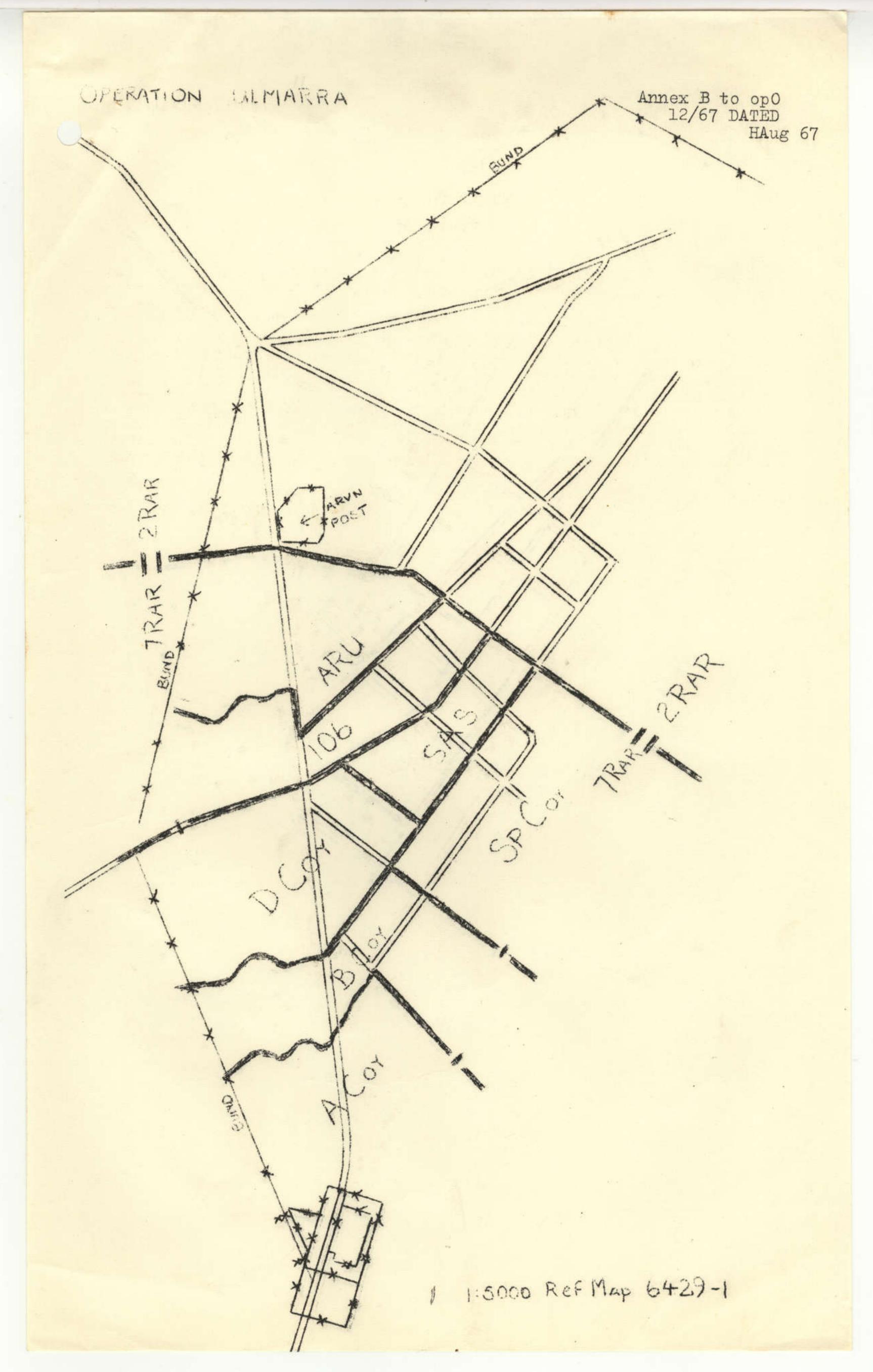
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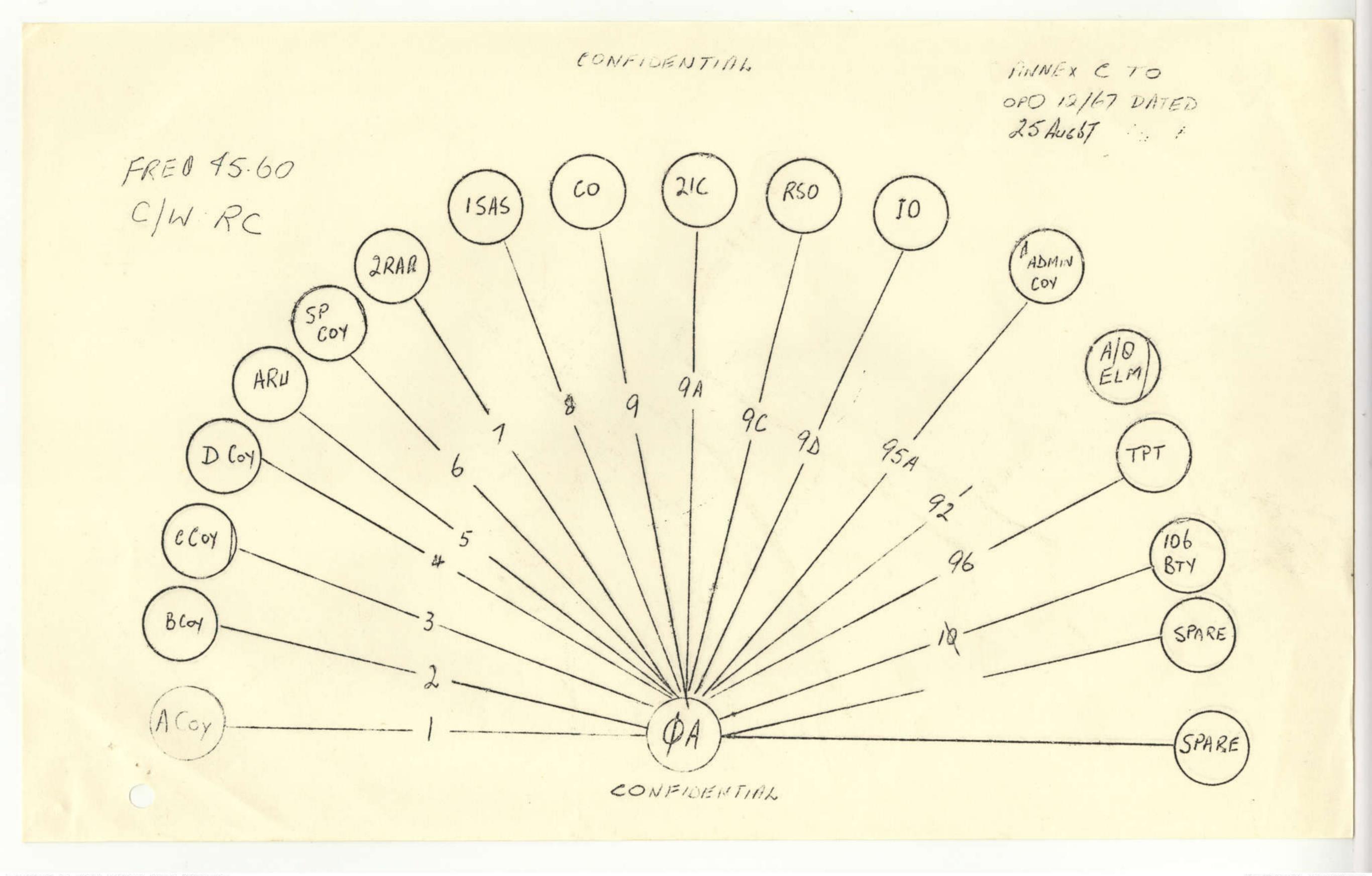
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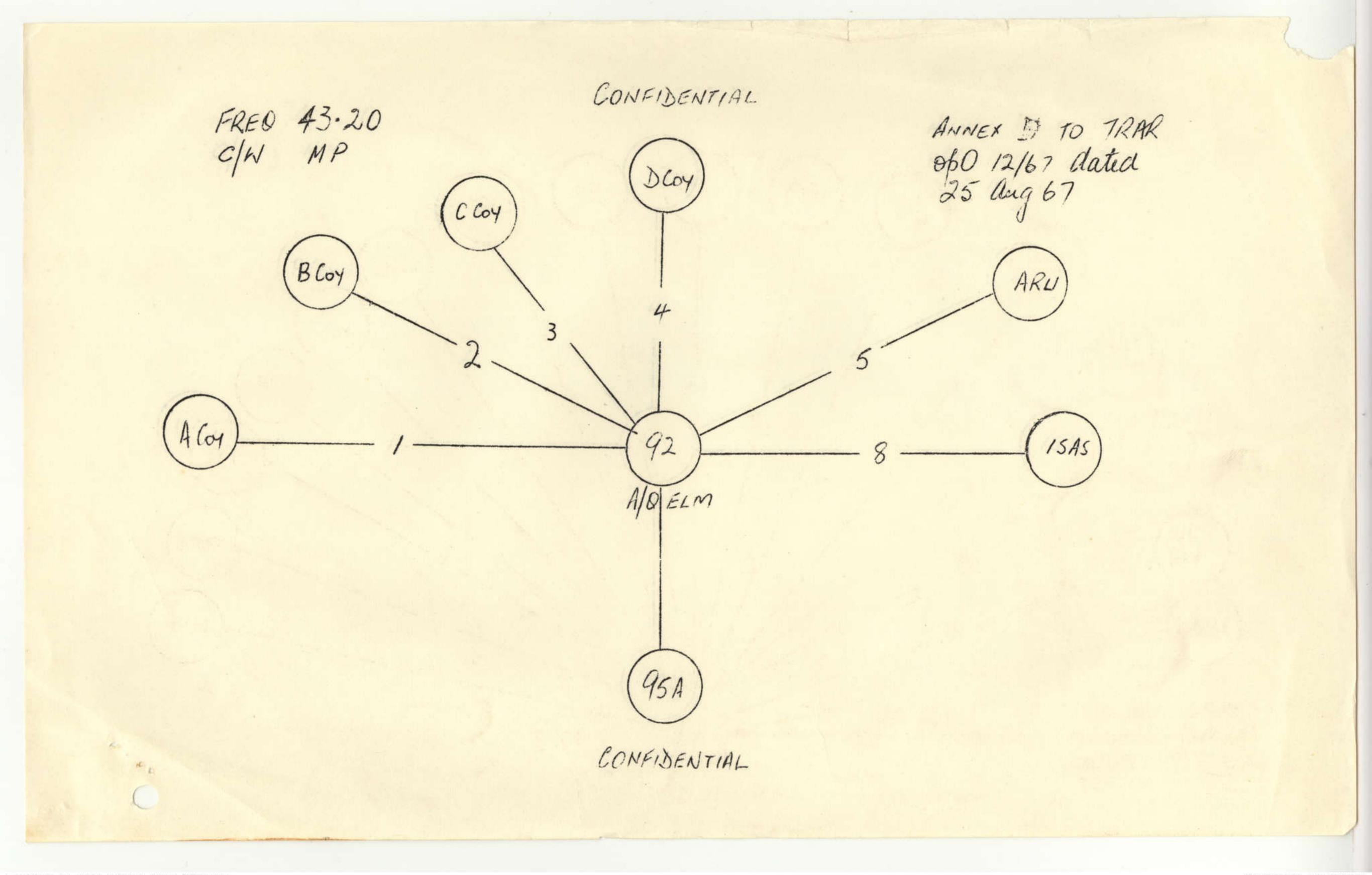
SEARCH OF PHUOC HAT EN FORCES

- The area of search will cover PH UOC HAI. The village is subject to some VC terrorism and harassment and has not been searched by units of 1 ATF in the past.
- PHUOC H AI is a wealthy fishing village of some 8000 people. The fishermen although they cannot put to sea until 0400 has, sometimes depart early as 0300 hrs depending on the tides. There are between 400-500 fishing boots in PHUOC HAI, other fishermen from further afield come to use the rich fishing ground and it is possible at times to count up to 1000 boats on the sand. Old VC trenches and pits will befound on the Eastern and Western sides of the village. The seaward approach to PHUOC HAI makes it a useful point of entry for VC supplies and it is essential that detailed searching is carried out.
- Enemy forces likely to be encountered are members of local guerillas and the Long Dat District Coy (C25)





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