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The Royal Australian Regiment
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032200H Sep 67

opO 13/67 (Op AINSLIE)

Reference: Maps 1:25000 BINH BA NE and SE
1:25000 XUYEN MOC NW and SW

Situation

1.
 - a. Enemy Forces Annex A
 - b. Friendly Forces Op AINSLIE is a 1 ATF op with most units of the TF participating. SAS is to be responsible for patrolling the 1 ATF TAOR.
 - c. Atts and Dets
 - (1) Under comd from 031700H - Four combat engr teams.
 - (2) In DS 161 Bty RNZA - One H13.
 - (3) In sp from 5 Sep 67 - One tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
2. Mission 7 RAR is to:
 - a. Provide protection for and assist in the construction of Hamlet 3.
 - b. Clear 200 metres either side of Route 2 from YS 462828 to YS 455846.
 - c. Resettle all villagers in the allotted area in Hamlet 3.
 - d. Search and destroy in allotted AO after moving villagers.

3. Execution

- a. Gen Outline Four Phases.
 - (1) Phase 1 Preparation of Hamlet 3.
 - (2) Phase 2 Deploy. Clear Route 2. Resettle villagers.
 - (3) Phase 3 Search and destroy in allotted AO.
 - (4) Phase 4 Assist 11 ACR in removing villagers EAST and WEST of Route 2 between 85 and 89 Northings.
- b. A Coy
 - (1) Grouping Normal
 - (2) Tasks
 - (a) Phase 1
 - (i) At 310700 mov by APC to square YS 4271
 - (ii) By Ptls and pl locs protect CA and Engr teams working on Hamlet 3 until relieved by 1 ARU approx 021500H.

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(iii) Assist in the erection of marquee and pre-fabricated.

(b) Phase 2

(i) At 040800 mov to and secure Bn Assy Area in square YS 4576 north to rubber line.

(ii) At 050700H mov via road to and assist in securing fire sp base at YS 457783 by 050730H.

(iii) Provide protection for FSB till further notice under op con 2IC 4 Fd Regt.

(c) Phase 3 and 4 Continue protection for FSB.

c. B Coy

(1) Grouping Normal plus under comd from 031700H one combat Engr Team plus max interpreters att.

(2) Tasks

(a) Phase 1 NIL

(b) Phase 2

(i) Fourth in order of march, mov on foot on 4 Sep 67 from present loc to Assy Area YS 4576.

(ii) On order, mov by APC, on 5 Sep 67 from Assy Area to YS 462828.

(iii) Provide right flank protection for coy clearing road by moving fwd to that coy and 200 metres EAST of the road.

(iv) Conduct a census and remove all people and belongings from AC FRILLNECK to Hamlet 3.

(v) Provide protection for engrs clearing Route 2 in your area.

(3) Phase 3 and 4 Separate orders

d. C Coy

(1) Grouping

(a) Normal plus under comd from 031700H two combat engr teams max interpreters att.

(b) Under comd from 050600H to 051700H -eight pnr detector teams.

(2) Tasks

(a) Phase 1 NIL

(b) Phase 2

(i) First in order of march, move on foot on 4 Sep 67 from present loc to Assy Area YS 4576.

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(ii) On order mov by APC, on 5 Sep 67 from Assy Area to YS 462828.

(iii) Clear Route 2 of mines, destroy fighting positions and CS gas and seal tunnels along Route 2.

(iv) Conduct a census and remove all people and their belongings from AO BLUE TONGUE to Hamlet 3.

(v) Provide protection for engr clearing Route 2 in your area.

c. D Coy

(1) Grouping Normal plus under comd from 031700H one combat engr team plus max interpreters att.

(2) Tasks

(a) Second in order of march mov on foot on 4 Sep 67 from present loc to Assy Area YS 4576.

(b) On order move by APC on 5 Sep 67 from Assy Area to YS 461818.

(c) Provide left flank protection for coy clearing road by moving fwd of that coy and 200 metres WEST of the road.

(d) Conduct a census and remove all people and their belongings from AO GEKO to Hamlet 3.

(e) Provide protection for engr clearing Route 2 in your area.

f. Mor Pl

(1) Grouping

(a) MFC to each rifle coy.

(b) One sect to remain under comd OC Base Area.

(2) Tasks

(a) One sect to remain in loc.

(b) One sect under comd for movement A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. From 041400H until Bn HQ in final loc.

(c) One sect fly in to Bn HQ loc 5 Sep 67.

g. Aslt Pnr Pl

(1) Grouping. Eight detector teams under comd C Coy from 050600H to 051700H.

(2) Tasks

(a) Assist C Coy in clearance of mines on Route 2.

(b) Remain with Bn HQ for local protection.

(c) Assist in construction of CP, RAP and fd def for Bn HQ.

h. Fire Aslt Pl

(1) Tasks

(a) Local protection of Bn HQ.

(b) Two 106 mm RCL to be brought fwd with road convoy 6 Sep 67 and sited as part of the Bn HQ def.

(v) Provide protection for engr's clearing Route 2 in your area.

(c) Phase 3 and 4: Separate orders

e. D Coy

(1) Grouping Normal plus under comd from 031700H one combat engr team plus max interpreters att.

(2) Tasks

(i) Second in order of march mov on foot on 4 Sep 67 from present loc to Assy Area YS 4576.

(ii) On order move by APC on 5 Sep 67 from Assy Area to YS 462828.

(iii) Provide left flank protection for coy clearing road by moving fwd of that coy and 200 metres WEST of the road.

(iv) Conduct a census and remove all people and their belongings from AO GEKO to Hamlet 3.

(v) Provide protection for engr's clearing Route 2 in your area.

f. Mor Pl

(1) Grouping

(a) MFC to each rifle coy.

(b) One sect to remain under comd OC Base Area.

(2) Tasks

(a) One sect to remain in loc.

(b) One sect under comd from movement A Sqn 3 Cav Regt from 041400H until Bn HQ in final loc.

(c) One sect to fly in to Bn HQ loc 5 Sep 67.

g. Aslt Pnr Pl

(1) Grouping Eight detector teams under comd C Coy from 050600H to 051700H.

(2) Tasks

(a) Assist C Coy in clearance of mines on Route 2.

(b) Remain with Bn HQ for local protection.

(c) Assist in construction of CP, RAP and fd def for Bn HQ.

h. Fire Aslt Pl

(1) Tasks

(a) Local protection of Bn HQ.

(b) Two 106 mm RCL to be brought fwd with road convo, 6 Sep 67 and sited as part of the Bn HQ def.

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j. Tp A Sq 3 Cav Regt

(1) Tasks

(a) Local protection of Bn HQ. by ni.

(b) Escort and protection tasks as ordered by day.

k. 161 Bty RNZA

(1) Grouping FO Party with each rifle coy.

(2) Tasks Fire sp as required.

l. 1 Fd Sqn RAE

(1) Grouping Combat engr teams under comd from 031700H of coys as fol:

(a) B Coy - one

(b) C Coy - two.

(c) D Coy - one

(2) Tasks Mine and booby trap clearance and demolition tasks as required by coys.

m. 161 Recce Flt One H13 to remain on call in present loc for tasks as ordered.

n. Co-ord Instr

(1) Timings

(a) 310700H A Coy move by APC to Harlet 3.

(b) 040630H Engr by pass road closed.

(c) 040730H C Coy commence move to Assy Area.

(d) 040800H A Coy commence move to Assy Area.

(e) 040830H D Coy commence move to Assy Area.

(f) 040930H Bn HQ commence move to Assy Area.

(g) 041030H B Coy commence move to Assy Area.

(h) 050800H A Coy move to FSB.

(j) 5 Sep 67 on order Coys mov by APC to YS 462828
Clear route 2. LO to XA BANG post.
In ni locs by 1500 hrs.

(k) 6 Sep 67 Conduct census on AO's by 1430hrs.
Conduct MEDCAP in XA BANG post.

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- (l) 7 Sep 67 Clear residents of AO LIZARD
 - (m) 8 Sep 67 Complete clearing LIZARD. Search in detail 500 metres each side of Route 2.
 - (n) 9 Sep 67 Clear SERPENT and destroy houses.
 - (o) 10 Sep 67 Clear area WORM and destroy houses.
 - (p) 11 Sep 67 Clear area EEL and destroy houses.
 - (q) 12-16 Sep 67 Phase 3.
 - (r) 17-19 Sep 67 Phase 4.
- (2) Routes, Bdy Assy Area, Coy locs, and AO's Annex "B" and "C".
 - (3) Order of March
 - (a) From Base to Assy Area
 - (i) C Coy
 - (ii) D Coy
 - (iii) Bn HQ
 - (iv) B Coy
 - (b) From Assy Area to YS 462828
 - (i) B Coy
 - (ii) D Coy
 - (iii) C Coy
 - (iv) Bn HQ
 - (4) Road Blocks. OC Admin Coy to arrange for road blocks at NORTH end of engr by-pass road at 040630H until Bn is clear of engr road. S3 to arrange for 1 ATF to close SOUTH check point.
 - (5) Liaison WO2 MAHONEY is to act as LO to XA BANG post from 051000H. He is to warn all RF troops to remain in the post for the duration of the op. Special arrangements may be necessary to recover goods chattles and wives of soldiers from the village.
 - (6) Harbour Party. When A Coy is secure in Assy Area 4 Sep 67 the harbour party is to be moved forward by albatross. They are to provide guides for coys in Assy Area under the direction of the Bn 2IC.
 - (7) Bn HQ Recce Party. Bn HQ recce party is to move with B Coy 5 Sep 67 and lay out Bn HQ def posn prior to arrival of Bn HQ.

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- (8) Census Tags, and leaflets. All houses are to be numbered vide 1 ATF map enlargements with chalk. A special briefing on the conduct of the census is to be held in the Offrs Mess dining room 021930H. All OC's and any additional reps they require are to attend.
- (9) Convoys. 20 veh are to be avail for the removal of families and personal belongings from 070730H. The use of these vehicles is to be discussed at the census conference. One guide is to be provided for each vehicle.
- (10) Cattle and Drays. People are to be instructed to drive these SOUTH.
- (11) Base Area. Ten fit men per coy to remain in base area for base def.
- (12) Halts. During foot moves coys are to halt for ten minutes in each hour as close to 10 minutes to the hour as possible.
- (13) Exploitation. There are to be no ptls further than 500 metres from the road in the period 5-6 Sep 67.
- (14) Digging. All troops are to be in Stage 2 pits by ni 5/6 Sep 67 and if possible with OHP by ni 6/7 Sep 67.

Admin and Log

4. a. Rations
 - (1) 3 days 24 hr pack or equivalent to be carried per man.
 - (2) 1 emergency rat carried per man.
- b. Water
 - (1) Each man to leave Op base with 4 full water bottles.
 - (2) Water resup on a one for one bottle basis by maintdem.
 - (3) Max use to be made of rainfall.
- c. Med
 - (1) RAP is to be located with Bn HQ.
 - (2) DUSTOFF as normal.
 - (3) Medcap is to be conducted in the XA BANG ARF post on 6 Sep 67.
- d. Ammo
 - (1) Normal first line ammo is to be carried.
 - (2) Ammo res is to be held at TIGER 5 under the con of OC Admin.
- e. Radio Btys. Each radio op to carry two res btys.
- f. Def Stores. The fol def stores will be held avail for use by Bn HQ.

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- (a) 100 x rolls concertina.
- (b) 100 x rolls barbed wire
- (c) 500 x 8 ft pickets
- (d) 12 x 4 " dollies
- (e) 24 x gloves wiring prs
- (f) 6 x cutters wire
- (g) 5000 x sandbags
- (h) 20 x shovels T handle
- (i) 20 x picks

(2) These def stores are to be sent by rd concy on morning 6 Sep 67.

g. Tpt

- (1) TO is to comd the rd convoy morning 6 Sep 67.
- (2) Convoy is to depart op base at 0700 hrs.
- (3) Vehs are to be loaded by 051630H.

h. Resup

- (1) Water resup tentatively planned from morning of 5 Sep 67 in period between 0700 to 0900 hrs daily.
- (2) Rat resups (each of 3 days) planned for the fol days:-
 - (a) 7 Sep
 - (b) 10 Sep between 0700 to 0900 hrs
 - (c) 13 Sep
 - (d) 16 Sep
- (3) Laundry change provided on any of the above resup days on request.

Comd and Sig

5. a. Bn HQ.

- (1) Third in order of march, move on foot to Assy Area.
- (2) Located centrally in Assy Area.
- (3) Fourth in order of march to SO.
- (4) Loc YS 464834 for remainder of op.

b. Radio Sig instr issued separately.

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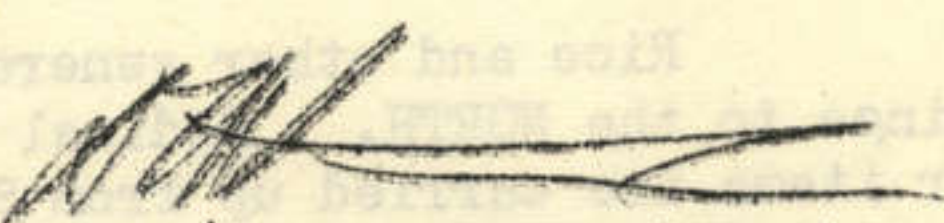
- c. Line Will be laid in Bn HQ area.
- d. Codes SOP.

ENEMY FORCES OF AREA

ACK

(Eric H. SMITH)
 Lieutenant Colonel
 Commanding Officer

Authentication


 (D.K. ATKINSON)
 Maj
 S3

DISTR: List C

- ANNEXES:
- A. Enemy Forces
 - B. Routes, Bdy Assy Area, Coy locs, and AO's
 - C. Routes, Bdy Assy Area, Coy locs, and AO's

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ANNEX A to
PO 13/67 DATED
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ENEMY FORCES OF AINSLIE

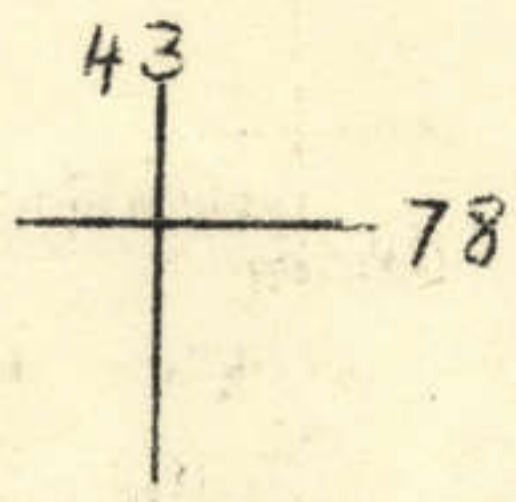
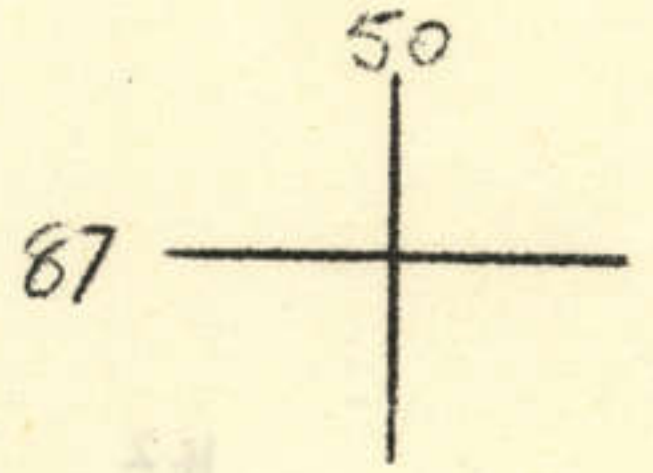
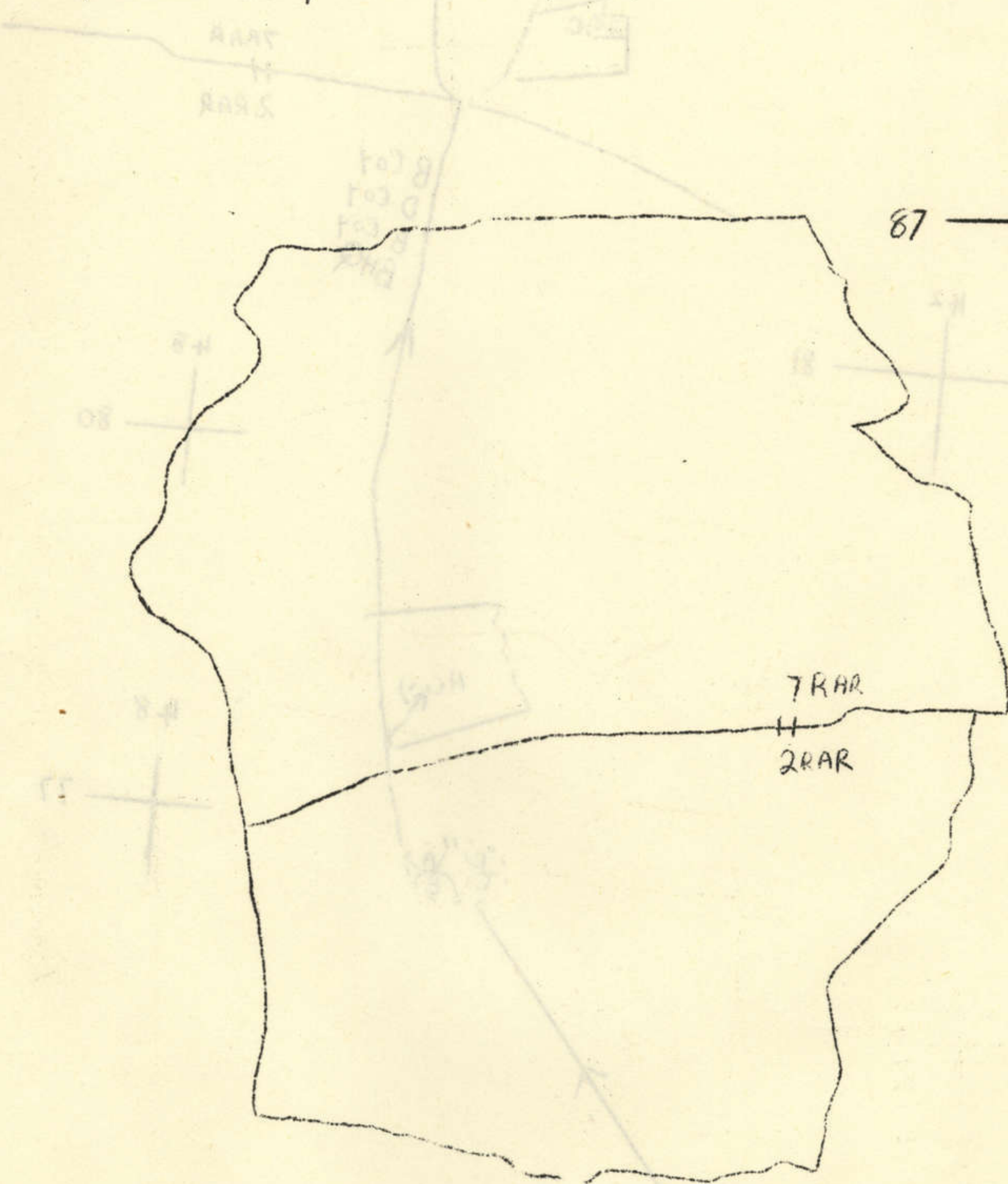
1. SLOPE 30 is a VC name for the area around Route 2 in the vicinity of XA BANG (YS4583). It is regarded by the VC as their territory. It is shown as such on their maps and field sketches. Its main value to the VC is as an area where the bulk of the procurement of supplies for 5 VC Div units is conducted. As a logistics key point SLOPE 30 is a centre of a network of roads, tracks and trails for the receipt and despatch of all classes of supply.
2. Rice and other general supplies come down Route 2 out of LONG HANH Province to the NORTH. Medical supplies, cloth, wire, telephone cables and other items are carried up from SAIGON and the markets from the SOUTH. Food, weapons and ammunition move from the RUNG SAT across the trails NORTH EAST into SLOPE 30. Well defined and heavily used trails lead out of SLOPE 30 to 5 VC Div and VC BARIA Province base areas throughout PHUOC TUY. All main forces, local and at least some of the district VC forces in PHUOC TUY depend heavily on SLOPE 30 for resupply. Its denial to the VC would cause a serious upset to their resupply organisation and cause them to establish a major alternative system.
3. The establishment of a new ARVN outpost at XA BANG brought an immediate reaction from the VC. The prospect of GVN presence encroaching into such an important and traditional VC area of control is unacceptable to them.
4. Since the first unsuccessful assault on the new post (20 Jul 67) it has been subjected to spasmodic mortar attacks, none of which have caused any serious damage. The VC have also moved machine guns close to the road and engaged aircraft in the areas in an attempt to inhibit resupply and maintenance of the post. Continued VC presence in and around the area must be anticipated and opposition to any clearing actions should be expected.
5. Some well known VC staging areas and camp sites around the area are:
 - a. BAU CHINH forest (a VC name for the area to the SOUTH EAST, centre of mass YS495805).
 - b. Plantation (YS4982).
 - c. Jungle at the foot of NUI SAO Hills, centre of Mass YS490850.
 - d. Jungle around CU BI (YS4282) on the WEST.
6. It is in these areas that the VC units have used forward lay up positions and from which harassing action would be most likely to develop.
7. Enemy forces of all types may be encountered in the area - elements of 274 VC Regt from the HAT DICH, 275 VC Regt and D445 EAST from the TAM BO or NUI SAO Hills, CHAU DUC Coy (C41) SOUTH WEST from CU BI and local guerillas. If surprised in the area the VC would most likely seek to break contact to gain time to assess our intentions. The longer 1 ATF units remain in the area the more they must guard against possible battalion-size attacks as happened to 3/11 ACR at YS447825 on 19 Jun 67.

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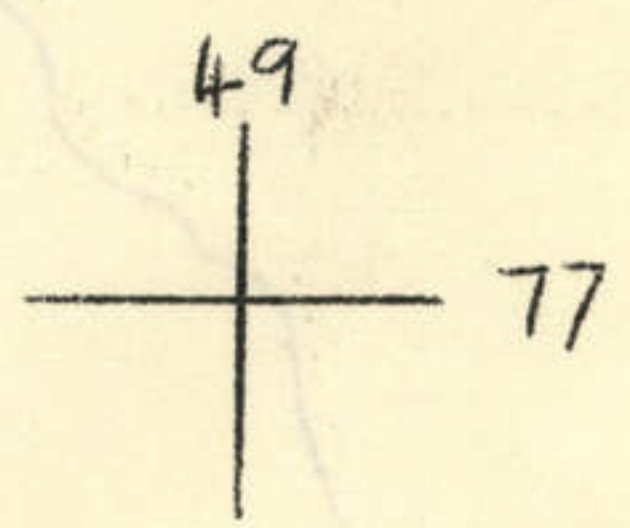
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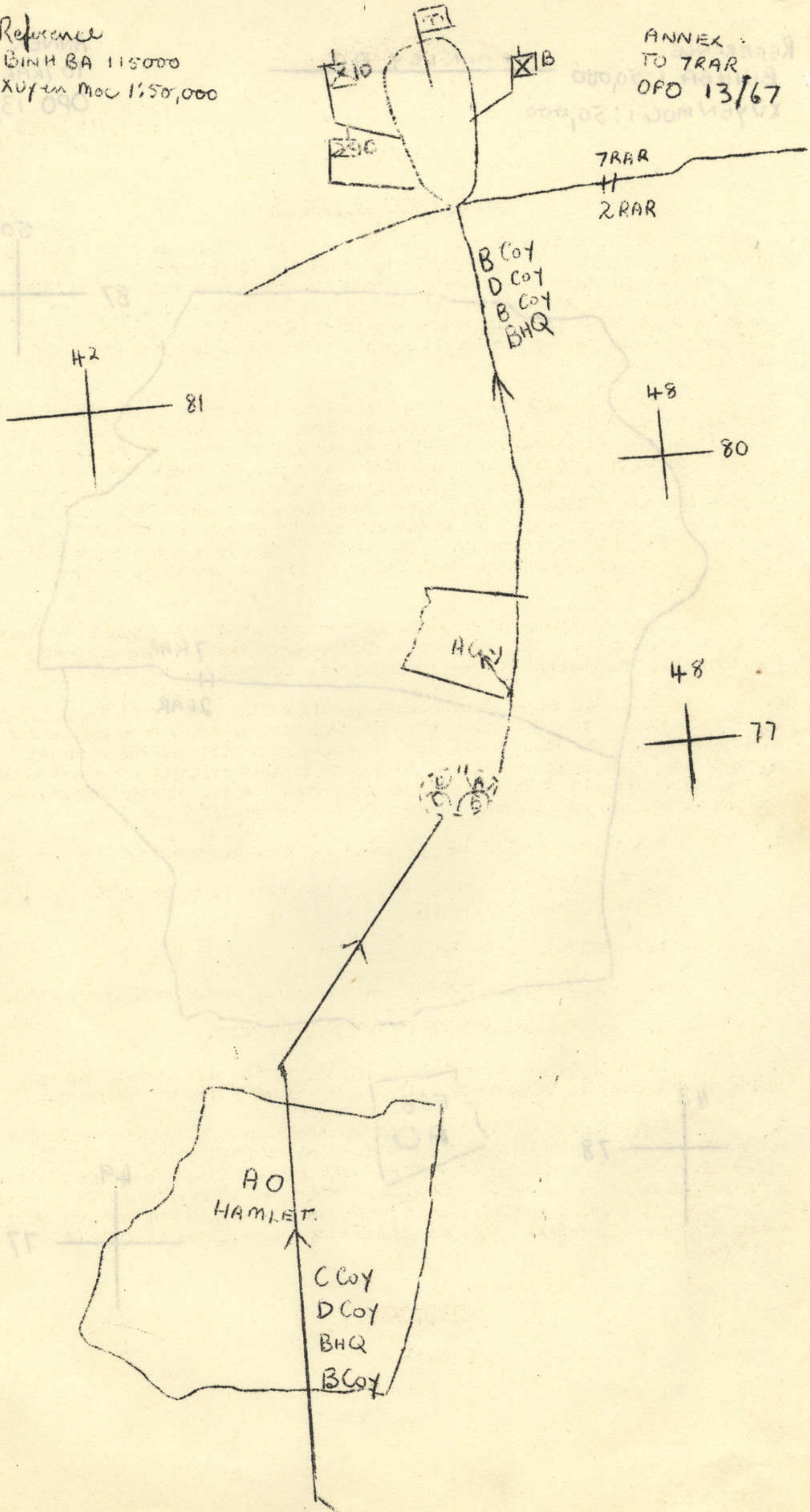


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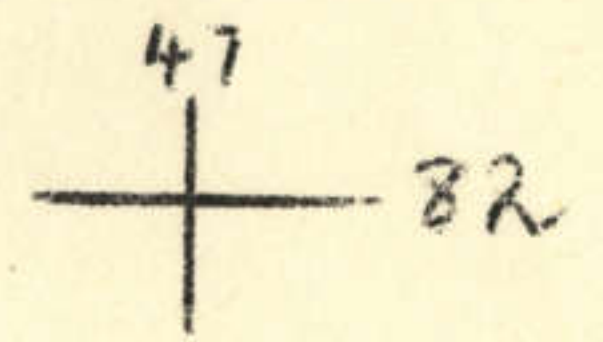
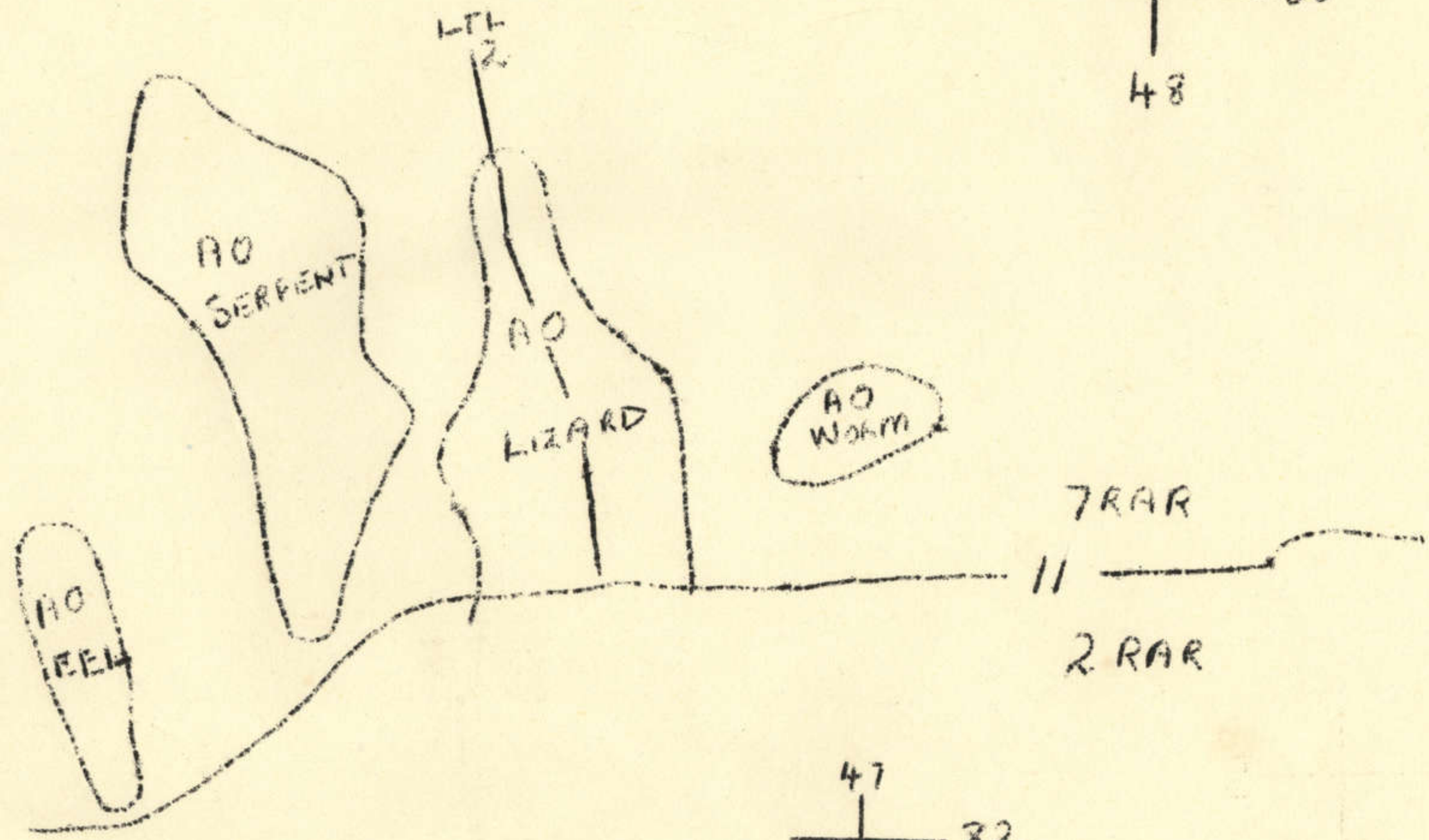
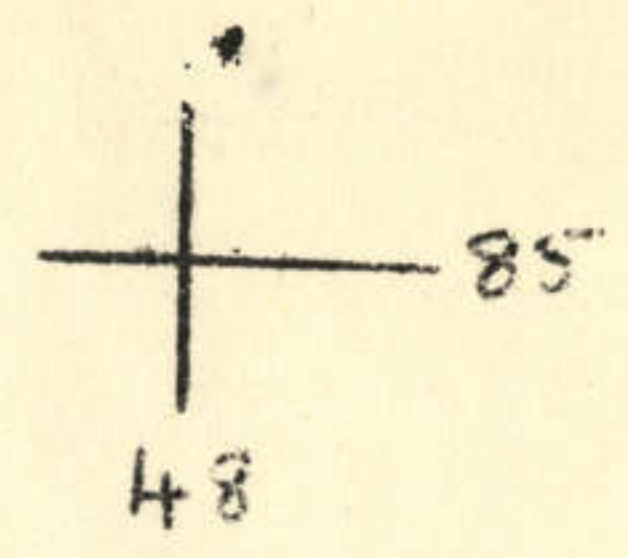
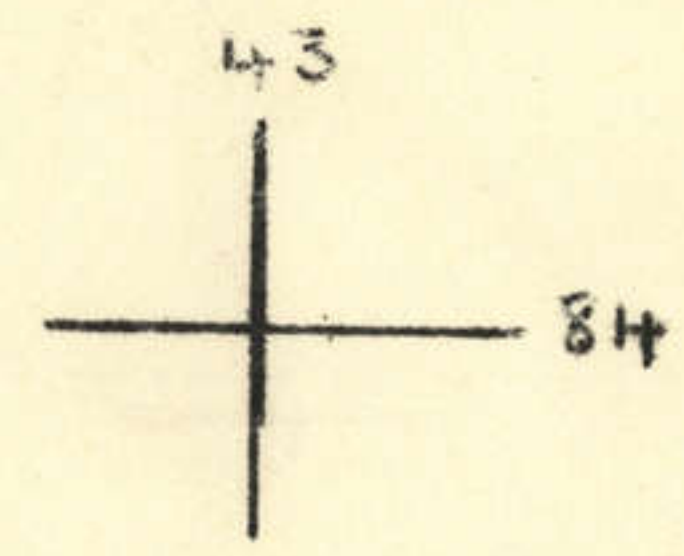
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TRAR'S AO FOR OP AINSLEY

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27 Sep 67

opO 14/67 (Op KENMORE)

Reference: Maps 1:25000 6530 III SW
1:25000 6429 I NE
1:25000 6430 II SE

Situation

1. a. En Forces. Annex A.
- b. Friendly Forces.
 - (1) 2 RAR is to search and destroy in AO WARATAH.
 - (2) 2 RAR is to take over responsibility for the protection of AP SUOI NGHE from 281700H.
 - (3) 1 SAS and 1 ARU are to take over TAOR patrolling.
- c. Atts and Dets
 - (1) Remaining in DS (obsn liaison and comms only) 161 Bty RNZA.
 - (2) In DS (less obsn comms and liaison) from 300600H 106 Bty RAA.
 - (3) In sp from 300800H one OH 13.
 - (4) In sp from approx 301345H until released 30 Sep 67 - one Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

Mission

2. 7 RAR is to search and destroy in AO BANKSIA.

Execution

3. a. General Outline
 - (1) One coy is to fly into AO WATTLE then mov by APC along the coast to AO PUMA.
 - (2) 7 RAR less one coy is to fly into an LZ in AO JAGUAR then coys are to mov on foot to AOs COUGAR, PANTHER, TIGER to be in posn by last li D Day. XUYEN MOC will be used as an intermediate LZ.

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(3) On D + 1 coys search, ambush and destroy in AOs PUMA, LYNX, OCELOT and LEOPARD.

(4) Ops in other AOs are to be conducted on order.

(5) The op is to end 13 Oct 67.

b. A Coy

(1) Grouping

(a) Normal plus under comd from 300800H one aslt pnr team.

(b) In sp from approx 301345H until released 30 Sep 67 one tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(2) Tasks

(a) Mov by hel to LZ YS 686586 commencing 301130H.

(b) At 301345H mov along the beach by APC to vic YS 762630. During this move a thorough search is to be made for all tracks leading from the beach into the jungle in AO BANKSIA.

(c) By last li 30 Sep establish a coy base vic YS 754638.

(d) On D + 1 search, ambush and destroy in AO PUMA.

c. B Coy

(1) Grouping. Normal plus under comd from 300800H one aslt pnr team.

(2) Tasks

(a) First coy in order of fly in commencing 301345H, to LZ YS 735642.

(b) Secure LZ for fly in of remainder 7 RAR.

(c) By last li 30 Sep 67 establish a coy base vic YS 736647.

(d) On D + 1 search, ambush and destroy in AO LYNX.

d. C Coy

(1) Grouping. Normal plus under comd from 300800H one aslt pnr team.

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(2) Tasks

(a) At 281700H hand over to 2 RAR the coy patrol responsibility of AP SUOI NGHE.

(b) Third coy in order of fly in to LZ YS 735642.

(c) Clear HOG feature YS 731633.

(d) By last li 30 Sep 67 estab a coy base vic YS 717643.

(e) On D + 1 search, ambush and destroy in AO OCELOT.

e. D Coy

(1) Grouping. Normal plus under comd from 300800H one aslt pnr team.

(2) Tasks

(a) Second coy in order of fly in to LZ YS 735642.

(b) By last li 30 Sep 67 estab a coy base vic YS 700656.

(c) On D + 1 search, ambush and destroy in AO LEOPARD.

f. Mor Pl

(1) Grouping.

(a) MFC to each coy.

(b) One sect remain base area.

(2) Tasks

(a) Remain base area on 30 minutes notice to move from 010800H.

(b) Fly to HOG when LZ and base plate posn cleared.

(c) Provide fire sp as required.

g. Aslt Pnr Pl

(1) Grouping. One team of four aslt pnrs under comd each coy from 300800H. Aslt Pnr pl minus, remain with BHQ.

(2) Tasks

(a) Tasks as required by coys.

(b) Be prepared to clear an LZ and assist in clearance of a mortar base plate posn on HOG.

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- h. Fire Aslt Pl
- (1) Tasks
- (a) Local def of BHQ.
- (b) Search, ambush and destroy in AO LYNX on order.
- j. Armour
- (1) Tasks. Carry A Coy from YS 686586 to vic YS 762630 along the route shown commencing at 301345H.
- k. Artillery
- (1) Grouping. 106 Bty is in DS from 300600H. Observation supplied by 161 Bty RNZA.
- (2) Tasks
- (a) 106 Bty commences mov to AO WATTLE FSB at 300920H.
- (b) Provide fire sp as required incl prep of LZ.
- l. 161 Recce Flt. H13 to report PORKY 7 300830H and remain on call.
- m. Co-ord Instr
- (1) AO's, Routes Bdys, Coy Locs, LZs. Annex B.
- (2) Timings
- (a) C Coy relieved by 2 RAR at AP SUOI NGHE. 281700H
- (b) A Coy commences fly in to LZ AO WATTLE. 301130H
- (c) Prep of LZ YS 735642 commences. 301330H
Move to XUYEN MOC begins. 301300H
- (d) 7 RAR (-) commence fly in to LZ 735642 301345H
- (e) A Coy commence move in APCs along beach. 301345H
- (f) Coys commence search and destroy ops in AOs. 010730H
- (g) Op KENMORE concludes. 13 Oct 67
- (3) Air Movt Instr. Issued separately.

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- (4) Civilians. All civilians are to be apprehanded.
- (5) Patrolling. Patrolling is to be carried out from coy patrol bases. Every effort is to be made to establish track patterns.
- (6) D Day. 30 Sep 67.

Admin and Log

- 4. a. Rations
 - (1) 3 days one man pack or equivalent to be carried per man.
 - (2) A Coy members to carry an additional meal per man in the form of one meal U.S. C ration.
 - (3) One emergency ration carried per man.
- b. Water
 - (1) Each man to depart Base with four full water bottles.
 - (2) Water resupply is on a one for one bottle basis. Jerrycans may be requested but approval for jerrycan resupply must be granted by the Bn 2IC.
 - (3) Maximum use to be made of local water resources.
 - (4) A helicopter water resupply is planned for each morning for the duration of the Operation. Time of resupply between 0700 - 0900 hours.
- c. Ammunition
 - (1) Normal first line ammunition to be carried.
 - (2) A reserve is to be held available at PORKY 7 under the control of OC Admin.
- d. Radio Batteries
 - (1) Each operator to depart base with two reserve batteries for his set.
 - (2) Resupply as normal by maintdem.
- e. Medical
 - (1) The RAP is to be located with Bn HQ.
- f. Resupply
 - (1) Helicopter resupply turn around time from Operational area will be approximately 35 minutes.

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(2) 3 day ration resupplies are planned for the following days:-

(a) 3 Oct

(b) 6 Oct

(c) 9 Oct

(3) Laundry bags may be requested on any major resupply day.


Comd and Sig

5. a. Bn HQ
- (1) CP/FCC gp fly in immediately after B Coy and remain in B Coy loc.
 - (2) Remainder BnHQ last in order of fly in.
 - (3) Move on foot in rear of C Coy to HOG.
 - (4) Remain vic YS 732634.
- b. Radio. Sig instr Annex C.
- c. Line. Essential lines in BnHQ only.
- d. Codes and Nicknames. SOI plus Sig Instr.

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(Eric H. SMITH)
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

Authentication.


(D.K. ATKINSON)
Maj
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- ANNEXES: A. En Forces
B. AOs, Routes, Bdys, Coy locs, Ls.
C. Sig Instr.

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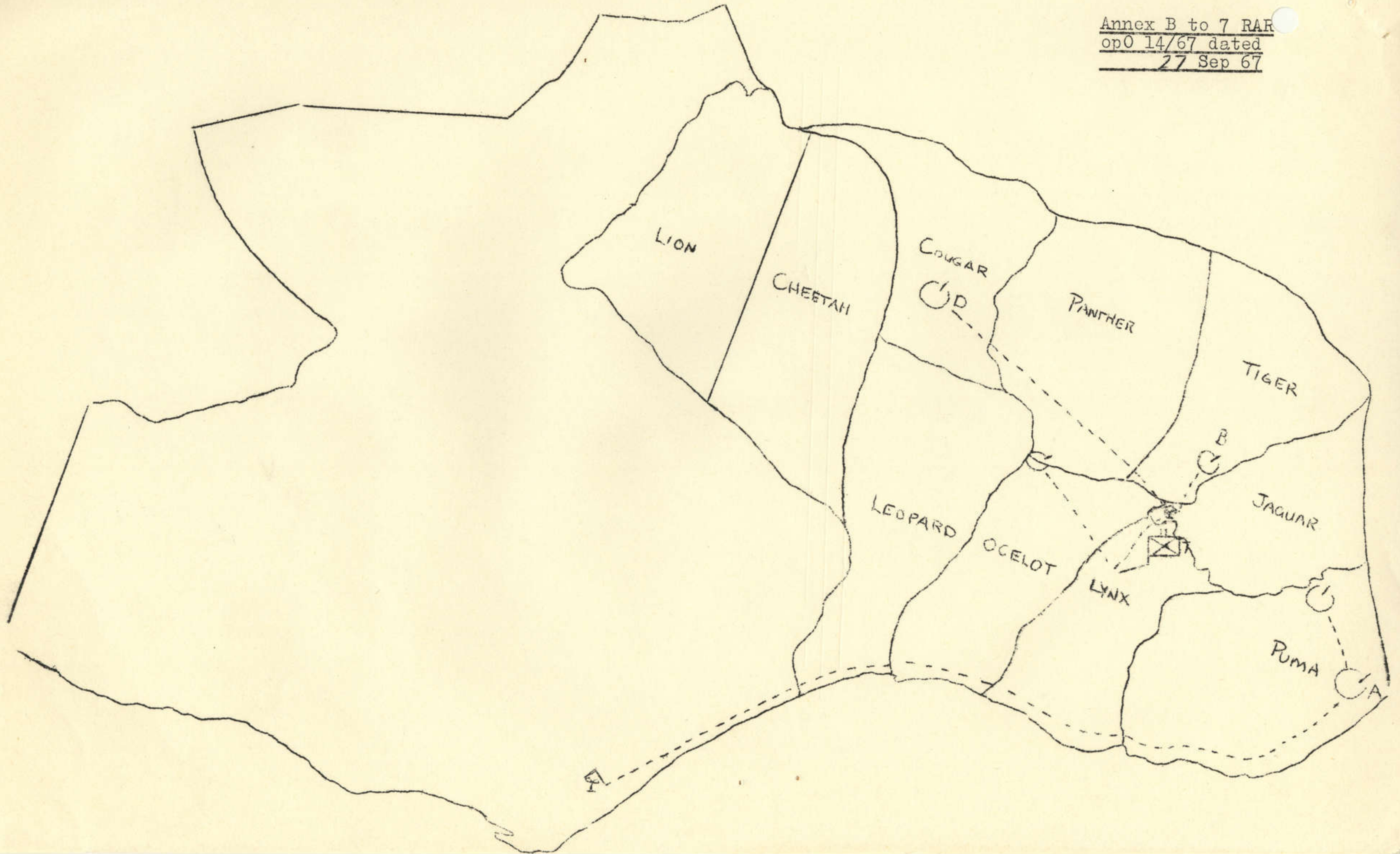
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ENEMY FORCES

1. The area SOUTH of Route 23 to the coast, between the SONG RAI and BINH CHAU (YS 7867), has been reported over a long period, by various sources, as an important VC supply area. It includes Cape HO TRAM (YS 6758), a name always linked with two others (Slope 30 and BAO BINH) to summarize the three major centres of VC resupply in 5 VC Div area of operations. For nearly a year HO TRAM and the beaches EAST and WEST of it have been used by the VC for seaborne resupply. The full scale of this over-the-beach effort has never been clearly determined and no ground operations have ever been conducted into the area to ascertain the nature and extent of VC installations.
2. Indications of current VC activity in the area come from air and ground recce of base camps, results of airstrikes, track activity both inland and on the beach and reports from ralliers and refugees. (~~Annex P shows what is known about the area already and where air strikes have been put on known or suspected VC base camps. It will be seen that~~) The two main areas of known VC activity are EAST of the NUI KHO hills (YS 6562) and up to 2000 metres in from the eastern beach. The first area is suspected to be a possible alternate depot area for the former SONG RAI caches, the latter is the most likely area in which storage, liaison and/or transshipment camps would be located.
3. Enemy troops most likely to be encountered are local guerillas and members of VC production cells. There have been agent reports of larger enemy groups in the area (up to 250 strong) but these reports are unconfirmed. Main force units have infrequently in the past come to the area on portage and escort duties. There is a VC unit responsible for co-ordinating infiltration of materiel and supplies from North Vietnam. It is known as Unit 1500 has an estimated strength of 400 and is organized into transport and specialist platoons (naval recce, protection, stores, medical, production, liaison). It is possible that elements of this unit could be encountered if any VC resupply operations are imminent and it is thought a small recce element of the unit is permanently stationed in this area. Subordinate units of Group 84 must be expected in the area. Even without the sea infiltration aspect the VC foster small production schemes of various kinds throughout the area e.g. the HO CHI MINH sandal-maker killed by a patrol at YS 712653 on 20 Jul 67. There is also the possibility that forward troops may encounter people in such isolated production cells who would be genuinely interested in rallying or seeking refuge from the VC.
4. Although the manority of known sightings are generally confined to two areas there may be other installations of significance as yet undiscovered. Withe the removal of Slope 30 from the VC logistic system it becomes even more important to confirm the present status and future potential of the Cape HO TRAM region as a base area for the VC.

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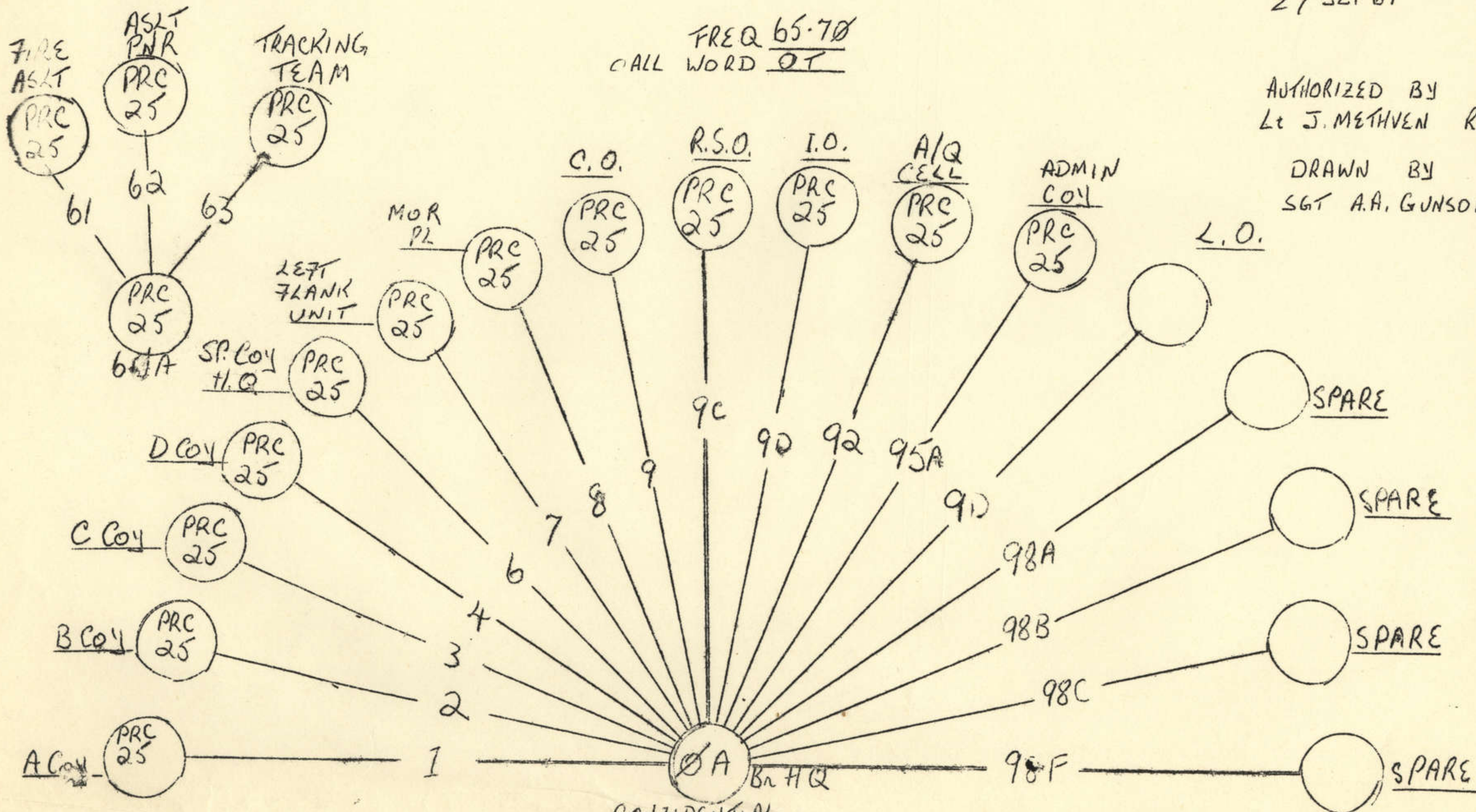
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ANNEX 'C'
to T.R.A.R. OP 'D' 14/67
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AUTHORIZED BY
Lt J. METHVEN R.S.O.

DRAWN BY
SGT A.A. GUNSON.



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427. CURRENCY EXCHANGE

1. Advice has been received from MACV that on occasions members of Free World forces have asked to exchange money at the Camp Alpha cash office. This is not in accordance with MACV policy regarding currency exchange.
2. Australian members proceeding on R and R must change money before arriving at Camp Alpha. MACV have advised that Free World force members who attempt to convert money at Camp Alpha will be turned away and their names will be removed from the R and R flight manifest.
3. Units are to ensure that money is exchanged in accordance with paras 15-16 of 1 ATF A Instr 8/67 dated 30 Aug 67. This will avoid delay and possible disappointment.

428. VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Following personnel qualified to wear the Vietnamese Campaign Medal:-

38905	Pte R.W. CLEWER
216855	Pte C.E. DUDLEY
215554	Pte R.J. HILL
216922	Pte J.V. GRELCK
4411017	Pte P.G. VERRALL
5411579	Pte L. RULE
213826	Pte D.J. MALAM
1200480	Pte R.C. COOPER
61729	Pte P.J. EDSON
55044	2Lt D.A. WEBSTER

429. PX CARDS

All members are advised that it is an offence to be in possession of any PX card other than the one that they have been authorised to carry.

430. OCS PORTSEA (Ref MBI 166-2)

1. 7 RAR RO 342 of 5 Jul 67 is cancelled.
2. Due to the difficulty experienced by some intending OCS applicants to collect all the relevant documents required to accompany the OCS application, it is advised that applications for the June 1968 course are to be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters between 15 Dec 67 and 31 Dec 67.
3. All applicants must comply with the following standards to be eligible:
 - a. Age Limits
 - (1) Normal Entry - must have reached the age of 19 and be under the age of 23 on the 31 Dec 68.
 - (2) Special Entry - must have reached the age of 19 and be under the age of 25 on the 31 Dec 68.

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b. Education Standard

(1) Normal Entry - Members of the Defence Forces - The Selection Board may accept applications from members of the Defence Forces who have reached one of the following educational standards with passes in English and FOUR other subjects (the Selection Board may at its discretion accept some craft subjects depending upon their academic content: provided they possess some exceptional compensating qualifications or experience.

(a) Queensland

Junior Public Certificate.

(b) New South Wales and ACT

- i. School Certificate at any level or
- ii. Intermediate Certificate (up to and including 1963).

(c) Victoria

- i. Intermediate Certificate (up to and including 1963) or
- ii. School Intermediate Examination or
- iii. Intermediate Technical Certificate.

(d) South Australia

- i. Intermediate Certificate or
- ii. Intermediate Technical Certificate or
- iii. Area School Intermediate Cert.

(e) Western Australia

- i. Junior Certificate or
- ii. Three Year High School Certificate.

(f) Tasmania

- i. Secondary Schools Certificate or
- ii. Area/Modern Schools Certificate.

(g) Commonwealth

- i. Army First Class Certificate or
- ii. Army First Class Certificate (Technical).

(2) Qualification in a similar range of subjects at an examination or examinations other than those above may be accepted providing they are assessed by the Selection Board as being equivalent to or higher than the above examinations.

Notes: (a) Candidates are advised that it is necessary to obtain a pass in

English and three other subjects at the Services General Certificate of Education (SGCE) (or its equivalent) before becoming eligible for promotion from the rank of Second Lieutenant to that of Lieutenant.

(b) Candidates who are in doubt as to the acceptability of a craft subject should consult the Deputy Assistant Director of Army Education in the Command concerned, through the Command Headquarters.

(3) Special Entry - Applicants must possess the following qualifications:-

(a) University graduates or technical college diplomates - a degree or recognised diploma.

(b) University undergraduates - must have successfully completed one or two years of any degree course.

(c) Partially qualified technical college students - as approved by the Adjutant-General.

(d) Former RMC cadets - certified by the Commandant RMC as having:

- i. Successfully completed the first two years of the higher level course in Arts or Applied Science or Engineering or
- ii. reached an academic level equivalent to that of university undergraduate who has successfully completed one year of a degree course (MBI 166-2).

431. CURRENCY

1. Recently a number of members were apprehended and found to be in possession of American currency (Green).
2. On each occasion the member stated that he was unaware that it was illegal to be in possession of Australian or American currency.
3. Attention is drawn to 7 RAR RO Part 1 108/67 for strict compliance.

432. ACQUISITION, CONVERSION AND USE OF CURRENCY

1. The acquisition of United States dollars (Green)/ Australian currency is forbidden except at Australian Force Vietnam Cash Offices.
2. The conversion of United States dollars, Australian currency and Military Payment Certificates (MPC) into any other currency is forbidden except at exchange

offices authorised by Commander Australian Force Vietnam, or the Ambassador of the United States of America or Military Assistance Command Vietnam or the Government of Vietnam.

3. The use of US dollars/Aust currency/MPC in any financial transaction except with United States and Australian facilities is forbidden.

4. Failure to observe the provisions of these orders by members of the Australian Force Vietnam in Vietnam is to be treated as a serious offence (AFV RO 2/67)4

433. ANNUAL QUALIFICATIONS

The personnel listed at Annex A have qualified at BE, TsOET, Range Prac, Voice Procedure, First Aid and Map Reading.

434. NOTIFIABLE INJURIES

Reference A. 7 RAR Admin Instruction No. 3 (SVN) Part 1
B. MBI 38-1

1. Companies are held responsible for notifying Bn HQ of any member who may be subject to NOTICAS action. Wherever possible this notification should be in writing with a precedence of Immediate. A guide to notifiable injuries can be found in Reference B above. If any doubt exists as to whether a NOTICAS signal is to be instituted, the matter is to be referred to Bn HQ.

2. The RAP is responsible for notifying Bn HQ whenever a casualty is admitted to the RAP who could be subject to NOTICAS action.

435. LEAVE - PERSONNEL ARRIVING IN THEATRE

No officer or soldier is to be granted leave outside 1 ATF base area during the first three weeks following his arrival in South Vietnam (1 ATF RO Part 1 No. 194).

436. REMITTANCES OF CASH AND POSTAL ORDERS TO AUSTRALIA

1. Members wishing to remit sums of \$100 or more to a person in Australia are to obtain the written approval of the Commanding Officer.

2. Paymasters and their staff are not to accept application for remittances of \$100 Aust or more to a person in Australia without sighting the approval of the Commanding Officer.

3. Members wishing to purchase postal orders to the amount of \$100 Aust or more in any one transaction are to obtain the written approval of their Commanding Officer.

4. Members of Postal Units are not to supply postal orders to the amount of \$100 Aust or more to the members of AFV without first sighting the written approval of the Commanding Officer (1 ATF RO Part 1 No. 195).

437. OVERSEAS LIVING-IN ALLOWANCE (VIETNAM)

1. The Overseas Living-in Allowance (Vietnam) is payable to members serving in AFV.
2. The rate of Overseas Living-in Allowance is:
 - a. Officers - \$A1.70 daily
 - b. Other Ranks - \$A1.55 daily
3. Credit for the allowance is made to the members paybook by means of a Paybook Variation Advice (PVA) issued by Army Pay Accounts Centre. It is found, however, that there is usually a delay at Army Headquarters of approximately two months in receipt of PVAs from date of the members arrival in theatre. This means that members are prevented from drawing against credits created by the living-in allowance until receipt of the PVA.
4. To overcome this, provision has been made for a member who has been caused financial hardship by non-receipt of Vietnam allowance to make application to draw through his paybook an additional fortnightly amount equal to his entitlement of Vietnam allowance and taxation deduction appearing in his paybook.
5. Payments under this authority are not to be made until the member has been in South Vietnam for 14 Days (1 ATF RO Part 1 No. 189).

438. IMPORTATION OF GOODS THROUGH U.S. POSTAL FACILITIES

1. Instances have been reported where members of the Australian Forces have imported goods from the United States, using a United States Army PO address.
2. There is no authority for Australian persons to use such an address and this practice is to cease forthwith.
3. In future, any goods addressed to Australians, using United States Army PO addresses, will be returned to the consignor. (1 ATF RO Part 1 No. 190).

439. INTERNAL POSTINGS

The following intercompany transfers have been effected:

<u>Regt No.</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>From Coy</u>	<u>To Coy</u>
2784870	Pte	P.W. PHELAN	Admin	A
1411194	Pte	G.G. McCALL	Admin	A
54526	Cpl	K.J. DONNELLY	A	D
3788768	Pte	K.L. O'NEILL	A	Admin
3787674	Pte	L.W. NEVILLE	D	Admin
5411246	Pte	G.H. EASTON	Admin	D
35944	Cpl	F.G. HENDERSON	A	Admin
311331	Lcpl	T. WILKINSON	C	Admin
2784544	Pte	R.L. HICKS	Admin	A
3788360	Lcpl	L.B. DEWSNAP	A	Admin
2785398	Pte	F. INGLIS	Admin	A

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440. SGT'S MESS APPOINTMENTS

With effect 23 Sep 67 Sgt HYLARD is appointed Mess Secretary and Sgt McCOOMBE Assistant Secretary.

441. LEATHER PISTOL HOLSTERS

Non issue leather type pistol holsters will not be worn in 7 RAR.

442. OUT OF BOUNDS AREAS - UNIT MAGAZINE

The Battalion Ammunition Point is out of bounds to all unauthorised personnel at all times. Ammunition will be issued by Sgt BOSLEY as required. Ammunition or empty containers are not to be left in the area of the magazine without approval from the RSM.

B. J. Caligari
(B.J. CALIGARI)
Lt
Adjt

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ANNUAL QUALIFICATIONS

The following persons have qualified at the tests listed below.

			BE TsOET	Range	Voice	First Map
			Prac	Procedure	Aid	Reading
33889	WO2	R F SIGG	Q	Q	Q	Q
53049	Ssgt	E J WALES	Q	Q	Q	Q
42330	Sgt	N C WILSON	Q	Q	Q	Q
15229	Sgt	R D ALLAN	Q	Q	Q	Q
215495	Cpl	R HARRISS	Q	Q	Q	Q
213124	Cpl	R F. BAILEY	Q	Q	Q	Q
61727	Cpl	A T WOODHOUSE	Q	Q	Q	Q
54526	Cpl	K J DONNELLY	Q	Q	Q	Q
38465	Cpl	R L NORTHCOTT	Q	Q	Q	Q
37897	Cpl	J R HOWARD	Q	Q	Q	Q
18326	Cpl	T H PORTER	Q	Q	Q	Q
37785	Cpl	A S SNEDDON	Q	Q	Q	Q
5411125	Cpl	V T NEIMANIS	Q	Q	Q	Q
15584	Cpl	G J ALBERD	Q	Q	Q	Q
16660	Cpl	A J CUNNINGHAM	Q	Q	Q	Q
54885	Lcpl	G L SMITH	Q	Q	Q	Q
215332	Lcpl	G J McGUFFOG	Q	Q	Q	Q
2412438	Lcpl	K G HAYNES	Q	Q	Q	Q
38929	Pte	R E KINDRED	Q	Q	Q	Q
2412494	Pte	W R DAVIS	Q	Q	Q	Q
44007	Pte	C F CANNIN	Q	Q	Q	Q
38762	Pte	R D McNEILLY	Q	Q	Q	Q
44133	Pte	R F RICHARDS	Q	Q	Q	Q
3411892	Pte	J W KEMP	Q	Q	Q	Q
3788871	Lcpl	J ROBILOTTA	Q	Q	Q	Q
217119	Pte	R J FLETCHER	Q	Q	Q	Q
2784726	Pte	K J MARTIN	Q	Q	Q	Q

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42330	Sgt	N C	WILSON	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
15229	Sgt	R D	ALLAN	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
215495	Cpl	R	HARRISS	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
213124	Cpl	R F.	BAILEY	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
61727	Cpl	A T	WOODHOUSE	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
54526	Cpl	K J	DONNELLY	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
38465	Cpl	R L	NORTHCOTT	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
37897	Cpl	J R	HOWARD	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
18326	Cpl	T H	PORTER	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
37785	Cpl	A S	SNEDDON	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
5411125	Cpl	V T	NEIMANIS	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
15584	Cpl	G J	ALBERD	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
16660	Cpl	A J	CUNNINGHAM	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
54885	Lcpl	G L	SMITH	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
215332	Lcpl	G J	McGUFFOG	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
2412438	Lcpl	K G	HAYNES	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
38929	Pte	R E	KINDRED	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
2412494	Pte	W R	DAVIS	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
44007	Pte	C F	CANNIN	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
38762	Pte	R D	McNEILLY	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
44133	Pte	R F	RICHARDS	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
3411892	Pte	J W	KEMP	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
3788871	Lcpl	J	ROBILOTTA	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
217119	Pte	R J	FLETCHER	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
2784726	Pte	K J	MARTIN	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q

NOTICES

1. 1 ATF CASH OFFICE TIMINGS

1. Following times are advised for 1 ATF Cash Office.
2. WEF 10 Sep 67, 1 ATF Cash Office is to operate on Sundays as follows:
 - a. 0700 - 0800 hrs for R and R pay matters
 - b. 0800 - 0900 hrs general pay matters.

2. AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND NEWS BROADCASTS

1. A change in timings for the Australian News and New Zealand News Roundups broadcast over Saigon Armed Forces Radio has been received from PR HQ AFV.
2. New timing is 1130 hrs daily. Previously the time slot was 2105 hrs.
3. The broadcast is prepared and read by PR staff HQ AFV and includes both general and sporting news from Australia and New Zealand.

3. LOST ITEM

A ring with a white stone attached to a gold key chain. Item when last seen was in a "Bosch" plastic box. Anybody finding this item is requested to contact C Coy.

4. DISCIPLINE

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

- a. 4718193 Pte D.R. McLEOD of Sp Coy on the charges of (1) WOAS NEGLECTING TO OBEY 7 RAR ROs - Not in lines at Tattoo. (2) WOAS CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE - In possession of liquor in the Mortar Command Post. Was found guilty of the charges and awarded the punishment of 7 days CB and \$10.00 fine on 29 Aug 67.
- b. 3787870 Pte R.L. FRAZER of A Coy on the charge of WOAS DISOBEYING A LAWFUL COMMAND GIVEN BY HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER. Found guilty of the charge and awarded the punishment of 7 days CB and \$10.00 fine on 26 Aug 67.
- c. 3789314 Pte N.F. LUBECK of Bn HQ on the charge of WOAS NEGLECTING TO OBEY 7 RAR ROs - consuming liquor in Int Sect building. Found guilty of the charge and awarded the punishment of 7 days CB and \$10.00 fine on 2 Aug 67.
- d. 2785018 Pte J.G. WARD of Admin Coy on the charge of WOAS NEGLECTING TO OBEY UROs - lights on after 2215 hrs. Found guilty of the charge and awarded the punishment of 7 days CB and \$10.00 fine on 3 Aug 67.

- e. 3788568 Pte B.R. FORSTER of Admin Coy on the charge of WOAS NEGLECTING TO OBEY UROs - exceeded speed limit in Task Force Area. Found guilty of the charge and awarded the punishment of \$5.00 fine on 4 Aug 67.
- f. 217081 Pte R.W. KING of Admin Coy on the charge of WOAS NEGLECTING TO OBEY UROs - incorrectly dressed. Found guilty of the charge and awarded the punishment of 7 days CB and \$10.00 fine on 3 Aug 67.
- g. 1731634 Pte G.J. HAUPT of Admin Coy on the charge of WOAS NEGLECTING TO OBEY UROs - lights on after 2215 hrs. Found guilty of the charge and awarded the punishment of 7 days CB and \$10.00 fine on 3 Aug 67.
- h. 3787988 Pte G.L. TRUSLER of C Coy on the charge of WOAS FAILING TO APPEAR AT A PLACE OF PARADE. Found guilty of the charge and awarded the punishment of 5 days CB on 3 Aug 67.
- i. 16815 Lcpl R. PARKER of Sp Coy on the charge of WOAS NEGLECTING TO OBEY 7 RAR ROs - not in possession of ID card. Charge was admonished on 29 Aug 67.
- j. 214815 Cpl R.E. WILLIAMS of A Coy on the charge of WOAS ACT TO THE PREJUDICE - consuming liquor after hours. Found guilty of the charge and awarded the punishment of \$25.00 fine on 29 Aug 67.
- k. 4411009 Pte J.W. SMART of B Coy on the charge of WOAS ABSENTING HIMSELF WITHOUT LEAVE. Found guilty of the charge and awarded the punishment of 14 days Field Punishment and 14 days Forfeiture of Pay with AWOL Forfeiture of 4 days Pay and Allowances and AWOL Forfeiture of $\frac{1}{2}$ days ARL on 29 Aug 67.
- l. 1411295 Pte F.N. COWEN of Admin Coy on the charge of WOAS CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE - involved in a fist fight. Found guilty of the charge and awarded the punishment of 7 days CB and \$10.00 fine on 3 Aug 67.
- m. 3788214 Pte D.J. TREASE of C Coy on the charge of WOAS CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE - drinking liquor while walking down public street. Found guilty of the charge and awarded the punishment of 7 days CB on 28 Aug 67.
- n. 36071 Pte K.J. HARE of A Coy on the charge of WOAS CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE - rendered himself unfit for duty due to previous indulgence in alcoholic liquor. Found guilty of the charge and awarded the punishment of \$40.00 fine on 29 Aug 67.
- o. 38762 Pte R.D. McNEILLY of D Coy on the charge of WOAS ACT TO THE PREJUDICE - caused his firearm to discharge without just cause. Found guilty of the charge and awarded the punishment of 14 days Field Punishment and 14 days Forfeiture of Pay on 29 Aug 67.

p. 6708552 Pte R.J. BARNES of A Coy on the charge of WOAS ACT TO THE PREJUDICE - whilst Sentry was not alert. Found guilty and awarded the punishment of 14 days Field Punishment and 14 days Forfeiture of Pay on 29 Aug 67.

q. 4718137 Pte P.R. FROST of C Coy on the charge of WOAS DRUNKENESS. Found guilty of the charge and awarded the punishment of \$10.00 fine on 28 Aug 67.

r. 3788793 Pte R.G. GOOCH of Sp Coy on the charge of WOAS ACT TO THE PREJUDICE - not alert whilst on Radio Picquet. Found guilty of the charge and awarded the punishment of 7 days CB and \$10.00 fine on 29 Aug 67.

s. 54943 Pte S.L. BURGE of Sp Coy on the charge of WOAS ACT TO THE PREJUDICE - not alert whilst on Radio Picquet. Found guilty of the charge and awarded the punishment of 7 days CB and \$10.00 fine on 25 Aug 67.

t. 16511 Pte D. CARNEY of A Coy on the charge of WOAS FAILING TO OBEY UNIT ROs - not in billet between hours of 2300 to 0400 hours. Charge was admonished on 6 Sep 67.

u. 213947 Cpl R.J. CURRY of Sp Coy on the charge of WOAS FAILING TO OBEY UNIT ROs - not in billet between hours of 2300 to 0400 hours. Charge was admonished on 6 Sep 67.

v. 3790196 Pte B.M SCHWIND of Bn HQ on the charge of WOAS LOSES BY NEGLIGENCE HIS PERSONAL WEAPON. Found guilty of the charge and awarded the punishment of Forfeiture of 10 days pay on 29 Aug 67.

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28 Sep 67

OPERATION BURNSIDE
COMBAT OPERATIONS AFTER ACTION REPORT

- References: A. 1 ATF SOP Annex A, Appendix 4.
B. 1 ATF opO 30/67 of 200800H Aug 67.
C. 7 RAR opO 11/67 (Op BURNSIDE) of 230935H Aug 67.
D. Maps: VIETNAM 1/25,000 6429-1-NW
" Special DAT DO (NW)

Name and Type of Operation

1. Operation BURNSIDE, a 1 ATF operation designed to search the village of DAT DO.

Date of Operation

2. 24 Aug 67.

Location

3. DAT DO is located 8,000 metres SE of NUI DAT YS 4367. Centre of area YS 4859.

Command Headquarters

4. HQ 7 RAR.

Task Organisation

5. 7 RAR with:-
- a. Under op con from 240500 to 241800H
106 Bty RAA (dismounted)
1 SAS Sqn
1 ARU
 - b. In sp from 240600 to 241800H
One air mobile coy
Two CH47
One OH13 - 161 (Indep) Recce Flt
 - c. LOB
C Coy

Supporting Forces

6. a. 106 Bty RAR

Due to the built up nature of the area in which the search was conducted artillery fire was unlikely to be used. As a result 106 Bty (dismounted) was employed as a search company. This gave the battery some experience in operating as infantry.

- b. AUST Aviation (Army)

One OH13 was placed in support of 7 RAR for the operation. The aircraft was used for the following tasks:-

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- (1) Visual Reconnaissance
- (2) Liasion
- (3) Surveilance - particularly the boundaries and outer limits.
- (4) Limited ferrying of stores.

c. US Aviation (Army)

One airmobile company was used to air lift 7 RAR group into an air strip adjacent to DAT DO in the following order.

A Coy
106 Bty and Bn HQ
1 ARU
1 SAS
B Coy
Sp Coy

d. In addition, two CH47 CHINOOK aircraft assisted. The battalion group was air lifted back to NUI DAT by the same means later in the day.

Intelligence

7. See Annex A.

Terrain

8. The search area was the western portion of the village of DAT DO and consisted of houses and huts, cultivated areas and patches of secondary growth. Visibility varied from unlimited to 5-10 metres in the scrub patches.

9. Weather initially was hot and clear but heavy rain fell late in the afternoon. This slowed down the fly out of the battalion because of restricted visibility.

Mission

10. 7 RAR was to search the west half of DAT DO on 24 Aug 67.

Concept of Operations

Annex C

General Outline

- a. 7 RAR AO to be divided into seven (7) areas of operations each designed to be searched by a company or equivalent on the same day. Movement to the AO to be by air.
- b. The direction of search was to be conducted from the outside to the centre and was to start at 0730 hrs simultaneously, if possible.
- c. No cordon was to be used and extraction was to take place later in the day.
- d. Search of the village
 - (1) This was to be searched in detail to include all houses inside and out, surrounds and open fields. Every square metre was to be prodded.

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- (2) Suspect persons to be escorted to Battalion Headquarters.
- (3) Route 23 to be kept clear of troops to allow free movement of traffic.
- (4) Every householder to be given a leaflet explaining the reason for the search. The leaflets requested co operation and included an apology for any inconvenience caused.
- (5) All houses to be suitably marked with chalk paint or tape.
- (6) Suspicious mounds of earth and fresh diggings to be prodded then dug out.
- (7) All wells to be checked.
- (8) Every soldier searching to be covered by a cover man.
- (9) In particular the following to be looked for:-
 - (a) Excessive amounts of rice.
 - (b) Tunnels and hides.
 - (c) Explosives.
 - (d) Arms and ammunition.
 - (e) Medical supplies.
 - (f) Posters and propaganda.
 - (g) Caches of any description.
 - (h) Quantities of clear plastic sheeting as used in the manufacture of gas masks.

Execution

12. Movement to the AO was carried out smoothly and efficiently as planned. D Coy was moved to its AO by APC. This company had been previously located in the area of LONG DIEN with C Coy who remained LOB during op BURNSIDE. Route 52 provided an excellent boundary between the battalion and 2 RAR operating to the east.

Interpreters

13. The number of interpreters available for op BURNSIDE had to fulfil the needs of two battalions. Consequently search companies were allotted only two - one less than during an earlier search of HOA LONG. The shortage of interpreters was alleviated to a degree by the preparation and issue to each householder of a leaflet in VIETNAMESE. This explained the reason for the search, requested the co operation of the householder and regretted any inconvenience caused. It is recommended that future searches should always include the distribution of a similar leaflet.

Attitude of Villagers

14. Generally, the people were quite friendly once their initial shyness had been overcome. Some company commanders had the impression that the presence of our troops and subsequent search was almost expected. This could possibly be borne out by the fact that in one instance a householder informed friendly troops that her husband had left the village three days ago - when he had heard that the Australians were to conduct a search in DAT DO!

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Method of Search

15. The seven areas of search were sub divided by companies either into three platoon AOs or four or more smaller areas of search. The numerous existing tracks enabled boundaries to be fairly easily located at the beginning of the day. Although only one air photograph was available before the operation sufficient time existed to enable each company commander to study it. It is recommended that a stock of air photographs of all built up areas be prepared and held in reserve. During future searches of a similar nature they could be of great assistance.

16. To search a house and its surrounds thoroughly, a whole section is considered necessary. Floors, walls and roofs must all be examined meticulously, furniture and piles of fire wood must be shifted and subsequently placed back in position before troops leave. The whole process is a time consuming one but one which the majority of soldiers enjoy doing. While each man is carrying out a particular part of a search it is necessary for another soldier to act as his cover man. Prodding of the ground was done by means of steel rods, sharpened at one end. A knob at the opposite end provides a good handle for the user. Rods come from boxes of artillery ammunition and are in the order of three feet in length. They are considered to be superior to machettes or bayonets for earth prodding.

Results of Search

17. The village of DAT DO was found to contain a total amount of unmilled rice in the order of 480 short tons. Little of a suspicious nature other than the rice was located. It is thought that the villagers may have had some prior warning of the search but this is unconfirmed. It could possibly account for the fact that only rice was located.

18. It is worthy of note that not as much rice was located in individual houses as had been found in HOA LONG. The majority of houses in DAT DO contained only small quantities - perhaps in the order of a few hundred pounds. A minority of houses however contained very large quantities as the Summary in Annex B indicates.

Recording of Finds

19. As a result of experience gained during the search of HOA LONG on 18 Aug 67 a pro forma was produced and used throughout the battalion to accurately record all excessive finds. Periodically search companies passed relevant information to Battalion Headquarters in accordance with the sequence of the proforma. Battalion Headquarters was thus able to quickly and efficiently collate the information on the master sheets. An example of the proforma is attached at Annex B as the Summary of finds.

20. As a result of lessons learnt from the search of HOA LONG the following formula was used to calculate rice found at DAT DO:-

a. Polished Rice

- (1) One cu ft weighs 55 lbs.
- (2) One short ton (2000 lbs) measures approx 36 cu ft.

b. Unpolished Rice

- (1) One cu ft weighs 35 lbs.
- (2) One short ton measures 57 cu ft approx.

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21. Op BURNSIDE was the second operation of its kind conducted by the battalion in the space of one week. Much valuable experience has been gained at all levels as a result. The battalion was air lifted to NUI DAT from DAT DO airstrip at YS 476599 by last light on 24 Aug 67 as planned.

Commanders Analysis and Recommendation

22. Recording of information at battalion level was much improved on this operation as a result of experience gained on operation MOSMAN.



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Enclosures

- ANNEX A Enemy Intelligence before the operation
- " B Intelligence Summary
- " C Concept of Operation

Distribution

A Coy
B Coy
C Coy
D Coy
Sp Coy
Admin Coy
Mor Pl
Sig Pl
Fire Aslt Pl
Aslt Pnr Pl
CO
2IC
ADJT A
S3
OC SP COY
BC
IO
RMO
RSM
File (2)
Comd's Diary (5)
Spare (10)

External

HQ 1 ATF (5)

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ANNEX A TO
SVN11/67
DATED 28 SEP 67

SEARCH OF DAT DO

1. The area of search will cover DAT DO. This village has been subject 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.
2. DAT DO is the rice marketing centre of PHUOC TUY. It is a town of some 7000 people guarded by the HORSEHOE 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 attempting to build up supplies of grenades, explosives and small arms inside the village prior to the elections. It is essential to clean out thoroughly all caches, not only to safeguard the town during elections but also to assist in protection of check points, the HORSEHOE and traffic to and from it.
3. Enemy forces likely to be encountered are members of local village guerillas, the LONG DAT District Coy (C25) or even members of D445 Bn. In view of current VC activities the most likely threat to our troops is from small VC hit-and-run groups. This could include sniping, booby-traps and CD mines.

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ANNEX B TO 7 RAR
SVN11/67
DATED 28 SEP 67

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
OPERATION BURNSIDE
24 AUG 67

Introduction

1. Operation BURNSIDE entailed a search of the village of DAT DO. 7 RAR searched that sector West of Routes 44 and 52.
2. DAT DO had been subjected to recurrent VC Terrorism and harassment and although it had not been searched previously by units of 1 ATF, some local cordon and search operations had been carried out by ARVN units. These may have caused local VC cadre and sympathizers to feel secure to infiltrate more personnel and warlike stores in preparation for anti-election activity.
3. DAT DO is the rice marketing centre of PHUOC TUY. It is a town of some 7,000 people guarded by the HORSESHOE in 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 believed that the VC were attempting to build up supplies of grenades, explosives and small arms inside the village prior to the elections. It was essential to clean out thoroughly any such caches, 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.
4. Enemy forces thought likely to be encountered were members of local village guerillas, the LONG DAT District company (C25) or even members of D445 Battalion. In view of the recent VC activity the most likely threat to our own troops was from small VC hit-and-run groups. This could include, sniping, booby-traps and command detonated mines.

Results of Search

5. There were no significant cache's located by 7 RAR during the search. With few exceptions the majority of material found belonged to ARVN soldiers. Excessive quantities of rice were recorded and this amounted to 479 short tons. The names of the owners of houses and locations where excess rice was located have been recorded and forwarded to 1 Div/1 ATF. A summary is also contained at Appenic 1.

Conclusion

6. There appeared to be no apparent build-up of VC supplies or cache's in the area of DAT DO and in the main the civil population appeared friendly and offered assistance to the searchers.

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SEARCH SUMMARY A COY 7 RAR AREA 71

SERIAL	NAME PER ID CARD	ID CARD NO	LOCATION	ITEM	QTY OR TYPE	REMARKS
1	OLD WOMAN (NO ID CARD)	NIL	AREA 717 (SW HOUSE) GR 48105885	GRENADE OBJECTS	2	FOUND BESIDE ALTAR INSIDE HOUSE NOT CONCEALED
2	NGUYEN THI TON	03229529-4-62	AREA 713 GR 479589	RICE	1.25 s/t UNPOLISHED	
3	NGUYEN THI CANH	0344533-5-62	AREA 713 GR 475589	RICE	1.75 s/t UNPOLISHED	
4	NGUYEN VAN HAI	03381829-4-62	AREA 713 GR 4795859	RICE	2.25 s/t UNPOLISHED	
5	NGUYEN VAN GIOI HAI	034169	AREA 713 GR 479587			CHILD IN HOUSE HAS DEFORMED LEG NEEDS MED ATTENTION
6	OLD MAN (NO ID CARD)	NIL	AREA 714 GR 482586	RICE	2.5 s/t UNPOLISHED	
7	TRINH VAN MON	034147	AREA 714 GR 482586	MED SUP	56 AMPOULES OF VITIMINS 1 AMPOULE PENICILLIN FOR INJECTION	
8	TRAN MI THUC	034447	AREA 714 GR 481586	RICE	1.75 s/t UNPOLISHED	
9	DUONG VAN TRIEU	033746	AREA 717 GR 48105905	RICE SALT	1.5 s/t UNPOL 2 BAGS	

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A COY (2)

SERIAL	NAME PER ID CARD	ID CARD NO	LOCATION	ITEM	QTY OR TYPE	REMARKS
10	NGUYEN VAN GIAO	034818	AREA 717 GR 481591	RICE UNPOLISHED	1.1 s/t	
11	TRAN THI DU	034001	AREA 717 GR 481591	RICE UNPOLISHED	1.4 s/t	
12	TRAN VAN Y'	040776	AREA 717 GR 48205915	RICE UNPOLISHED	1.1 s/t	
13	NGUYEN THI GHO	033758	AREA 717 GR 48205915	RICE UNPOLISHED	3.25 s/t	
14	DUONG VAN DHO	067757	AREA 717 GR 48205915	RICE UNPOLISHED	3 s/t	
15	DONG THI CHI	034255	AREA 717 GR 48205915	RICE UNPOLISHED	1.25 s/t	
16	NGO VAN NHAN	034009	AREA 717 GR 481590	RICE UNPOLISHED	2.1 s/t	
17	NGUYEN THI BO	033881	AREA 717 GR 483592	FEMALE	1	NO ID CARD HANDED OVER TO INTERROGATION CENTRE
18	TRAN VAN RAN	034183	AREA 717 GR 483592	RICE UNPOLISHED	1.25 s/t	
19	DUONG VAN LANH	034010	AREA 717 GR 48255910	RICE UNPOLISHED	2 s/t	
20	NGUYEN VAN THAM	033783	AREA 717 GR 48305915	RICE UNPOLISHED	2 s/t	

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SERIAL	NAME PER ID CARD	ID CARD NO	LOCATION	ITEM	QTY OR TYPE	REMARKS
21	TO VAN THUC	034736	AREA 717	RICE	1.4 s/t	
22	NGUYEN VAN SO	033247	GR 48255920 AREA 716 GR 48005917	UNPOLISHED RICE UNPOLISHED	5.1 s/t	
23	DO VAN NINH	031929	AREA 716 GR 48165932	RICE UNPOLISHED	4.7 s/t	
24	TRAN VAN TON	03375	48055949	RICE UNPOLISHED	0.9 s/t	
25	TRAN VAN GANG	033986	48145938	RICE UNPOL	3.1 s/t	
26	DO VAN NHANH	033501	47855899	RICE UNPOL	9.9 s/t	
27	VO VAN CUONG	038922	48005939	RICE UNPOL	10.9 s/t	
28	LE VAN TRI	033935	48245880	RICE UNPOL	1.5 s/t	
29	TRUONG THI LANG	067820	48305890	RICE UNPOL	3.3 s/t	
30	TRUONG VAN QUYEN	034375	48325890	RICE UNPOL	1.6 s/t	
31	TRAN THI BAY	032216	48325908	RICE UNPOL	1.9 s/t	

TOTAL RICE IN AREA
75.75 S/T

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SEARCH CUMMARY B COY 7 RAR AREA 72

SERIAL	NAME PER ID CARD	ID CARD NO	LOCATION	ITEM	QTY OR TYPE	REMARKS
1	MAR VAN QUIT	034145	722 GR 48625884	RICE UNPOL	3.82 s/t	6 PEOPLE
2	LE THI DIEU	030853	AD LA CHIEP 11/5 723 GR 49025920 PHUOC THO 2/1	RICE UNPOL	1.25 s/t	
3	VCVAN BANG	034339	722 APLACHIEP 20/3 4864/5898	RICE UNPOL	13 s/t	
4	NGUYEN VAN DAM	03141	721 -102 GR 4850/5940	RICE UNPOL	2.7 s/t	
5	MAE TAI MAO	031102	721 - NO 12/1 GR 4850/5940	RICE UNPOL	4.5 s/t	
6	NGO THI TAO	031428	7 NO 2 PHUOC TUONG GR 4910 5942	RICE UNPOL	1.4 s/t	
7	NGUYEN THI MOON	0313132	4885/5912 6/3 PHUOC THO	RICE UNPOL	5.5 s/t	
8	NGUYEN THI BACH	031386 owner's wife	6/4 PHUOC THO GR 4880/4910	MED SUPPLIES WEBBING BOOTS	5 x .45 rounds	CLAIMS IN ARVN
9	NGUYEN VAN BCN	034003	GR 4850/5930	UNPOL RICE 1 SHOTGUN CART	.8 s/t	
10	VO VAN LY	UN	722 21/2 4879/5899	UNPOL RICE	1.25 s/t	8 PEOPLE

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SERIAL	NAME PER ID CARD	ID CARD NO	LOCATION	ITEM	QTY OR TYPE	REMARKS
11	NGUYEN VAN BAU	031790	3/3 PHUOC TAO 4872/5915	UNPOL RICE	3 s/t	
12	TRAN VAN TU	042804	4900/5913 8/5 PHUOC THO 723 4877/5520	TOBACCO RECEIPTS FOR TOBACCO AND MONEY PAID TO VC FOR BUFFALO	2 YRS SUPPLY	SUPPLIED TO VC
13	(NOT AVAILABLE) PHAM VAN TRU (NEIGHBOUR)	NOT AVAIL OWNER OF HOUSE ALSO UNAVAIL.	4830/5945 721	RICE UNPOL	2.5 s/t	
14	NGUYEN VAN HOG	031141	AREA 723 13/7 48605926	UNPOL RICE	3 s/t EXCESS	
15	NGUYEN THI LOI	030094	AREA 723 9/27 48645930	UNPOL RICE	5.5 s/t EXCESS	
16	NGUYEN VAN TUAN	NO CARD AS ONLY SMALL GIRL AT HOME	18/5 48645916	UNPOL RICE	2.75 s/t EXCESS	

TOTAL 50.97 S/T

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SEARCH SUMMARY SP COY 7 RAR AREA 76

SERIAL	NAME PER ID CARD	ID CARD NO	LOCATION	ITEM	QTY OR TYPE	REMARKS
1	DO THI VAY	076600	48385963	UNPOL RICE	1 s/t	NO OF PEOPLE 5 INT DOC DATED APR 66 US TYPE FOUND IN SLIT IN TABLE
	HUYNH-VAN-KIEM	033126	48626002	UNPOL RICE	2.6 s/t	8 PEOPLE
	NGO-VAN-CHOI	182W/TBTTCH CH/TCH/PT	4862599	UNPOL RICE	4.25 s/t	9 PEOPLE
	NGUYEN-THI-DIEY	034128	48615998	UNPOL RICE	4.56 s/t	8 PEOPLE
	DO-VAN-NHI	032874	48405963	UNPOL RICE	4.1 s/t	3 PEOPLE
	NUY NAH VAN-CHINH	033913	48436975	UNPOL RICE	.8 s/t	12 PEOPLE
	PHAN-THI-ANH	032499	48645952	UNPOL RICE	3.75 s/t	7 PEOPLE
	TANH-VAN-KHOAI	032296	48705952	UNPOL RICE	2 s/t	4 PEOPLE
	CAO-VAN-HOI	032089	48825963	UNPOL RICE	7/4 s/t	9 PEOPLE
10	PHAM-THI-HAI	032309	48665958	UNPOL RICE	1.8 s/t	7 PEOPLE
11	CANE-VAN-CHUNG	029998	48705960	UNPOL RICE	.2 s/t	5 PEOPLE
12	NGUYEN-VAN-MUON	032697	48435965	UNPOL RICE	1.8 s/t	3 PEOPLE

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SP COY (2)

SERIAL	NAME PER ID CARD	ID CARD NO	LOCATION	ITEM	QTY OR TYPE	REMARKS
13	NGU YEN VAN TAO	032326	48455965	UNPOL RICE	0.6 s/t	5 PEOPLE
14	KHAU VAN THANE	B CERT 94/NO	48776008	FLOUR	130 BAGS	BAKERIES
15	DUONG VAN BAY	HAMLET CHIEF 0345972	48826010	MILK COND	61 BOXES	VILLAGE CO-OP
16	MAI THI IU	031965	48475975	UNPOL RICE	2.45 s/t	9 PEOPLE
17	TRAN VAN VIEN	066406	48475986	UNPOL RICE	2.5 s/t	5 PEOPLE
18	TRAN THI GIOI	033263	48515955	UNPOL RICE	4.5 s/t	W/K
19	NGUYEN THI KHA	031369	48765966	UNPOL RICE	2 s/t	5 PEOPLE
20	LE THI QUYEN	030476	48785968	UNPOL RICE	.6 s/t	3 PEOPLE
21	NGUYEN VAN THANG	031645	48795971	UNPOL RICE	4.6 s/t	10 PEOPLE
22	TRAN THI TAP	040536	48969560	UNPOL RICE	2.8 s/t	9 PEOPLE
23	TRAN VAN KHUONG	032843	48765979	UNPOL RICE	7.1 s/t	5 PEOPLE
24	LA TU AN KIET	SENIOR UNDER 18 HAD RECEIPT	48965960	UNPOL RICE	1.75 s/t	7 PEOPLE
25	PHAM VAN GAY	032018	48955949	UNPOL RICE	1 s/t	8 PEOPLE
26	NGO THI TRONG	031183	48855960	UNPOL RICE	12.5 s/t	10 PEOPLE
27	DINH CONG HOI	010021	48896006	MONEY	81,000 P	MARKET PROFITS

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SP COY (3)

SERIAL	NAME PER ID CARD	ID CARD NO	LOCATION	ITEM	QTY OR TYPE	REMARKS
28	VO VAN THUG	651289	48985993	UNPOL RICE	100 s/t	RICE MILL
29	DAO LANG	030543	48995991	MONEY	30,000 P	HELD FOR INVESTMENT
30	MAI VAN DRY	034437	48985989	UNPOL RICE	2.6 s/t	10 PEOPLE
31	TRAN VAN THANH	031602	48995990	UNPOL RICE	2.6 s/t	7 PEOPLE

TOTAL = 181.86 s/t

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SEARCH SUMMARY D COY 7 RAR AREA 74

SERIAL	NAME PER ID CARD	ID CARD NO	LOCATION	ITEM	QTY OR TYPE	REMARKS
1	TRAN THI SAU	034745	742 CENTRAL EAST	UNPOL RICE	3 s/t	
2	NGYEN VAN TEANH	060687	741 CENTRAL GR 4890/5350	UNPOL RICE	1.7 s/t	
3	MAI VAN KY	034434	742 CENT NTH GR 486586	UNPOL RICE	2 s/t	
4	NU THI VIEU	035046	742 N CENTRE 486586	UNPOL RICE	1 s/t	
5	TRUONG VAN TNE	050033609	743 CENTRE N GR 484586	UNPOL RICE	1 s/t	
6	VO THI LOM	034693	742 CENTRE N GR 486585	RICE	3 s/t	SEVERAL DOCS FOUND FROM MACV HQ NOT URGENT ATTENTION
7	MAI VAN HUU'	034597	742 NW CENTRE GR 485586	RICE UNPOL	2 s/t	
8	DINH VAN KNCNK	070620	742 CENTRAL CENTRE GR 486585	RICE UNPOL	2.5 s/t	
9	DOAN THI BOY	034676	742 CENTRE E GR 488584	RICE UNPOL	4 s/t	

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DD COY (2)

SERIAL	NAME PER ID CARD	ID CARD NO	LOCATION	ITEM	QTY OR TYPE	REMARKS
10	TRINH VAN DE	034501	486581 SE	UNPOL RICE	2 s/t	
11	LE VAN TUIEU	034514	486581 SE	UNPOL RICE	2 s/t	
12	NGUYEN VAN NUY THI	034476	488582 SW	UNPOL RICE	1 s/t	
13	TRAN VAN KINH	032805	488582 SW	UNPOL RICE	1.5 s/t	
14	TRAN THI CHANH	034753	484585	UNPOL RICE	1 s/t	
15	NGO VAN PHUC	034815	484585 EAST CENTRAL	UNPOL RICE	1.5 s/t	
16	TRAN THI LU	034675	485581 S CENTRE	UNPOL RICE	1.5 s/t	+ 1 empty penicillin bottle + 3 empty medicine bottles
17	TRAN VAN PHO	034722	484581	UNPOL RICE	0.5 s/t	
18	TRAN THI THINH	034588	486581 CENTRAL CENTRE	UNPOL RICE	0.75 s/t	
19	NGUYEN THI DAL	032075	48555840	UNPOL RICE	2 s/t	
20	TRAN THI LUU	06005	48565843	DIXIES PLASTIC SHEET PRO SV ELECTION POSTERS 6" x 3" BANDAG- ES 1 x US BANDS	3 SETS	PERSON GIRLFRIEND
21	DUONG THANH	034701	48655869	UNPOL RICE	1.5 s/t	WOMAN
22	NGU THI LANH	034130	48725866	UNPOL RICE	2 s/t	
23	DI NH VAN DUOC	034670	48755866	UNPOL RICE	1 s/t	

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SERIAL	NAME PER ID CARD	ID CARD NO	LOCATION	ITEM	QTY OR TYPE	REMARKS
24	SUSPECT		GR 493583	DIXIES PLASTIC SHEETING GAUZE BANDAGES + STH VIETNAMESE POSTERS		
25	NGUYEN VAN MINH	034163	4857/5867	UNPOL RICE	9½ s/t	
26	DUCNG THI KHOE	034077	4852/5877	UNPOL RICE + 5 EMPTY CYL OF DEXTRONE INJECTIONS	1 s/t	

TOTAL 49.45 S/T

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SEARCH SUMMARY 106 FD BTY/7 RAR AREA 70

SERIAL	NAME PER ID CARD	ID CARD NO	LOCATION	ITEM	QTY OR TYPE	REMARKS
1	BUI VAN VANG	733752	36/4 THANH BINH AO 702	UNPOL RICE	.5 s/t	6 PERSONS
2	HUYNY VAN HAY	033160	38/6 THANH BINH	UNPOL RICE	3.9 s/t	SAID TO BE FOR 6 MONTHS 3 PERSONS
3	NGUYEN VAN LAU	032827	AO 701	UNPOL RICE	6 s/t	
4	NGUYEN THI VANG	032244	HOUSE SECOND FROM WELL AO 701	UNPOL RICE	3 s/t	
5	NGUYEN VAN LOC	033068	25/4 AO 701	135 CU FT UNPOLISHED BAYONET CARTRIDGE CASES FLARE CASE	2.4 s/t 1 US 3/105MM 1	
6	NGUIN THI TPI	033525	37/3 THANG LONG	UNPOL RICE	.3 s/t	4 PERSONS
7	NGUYEN THI BON	033434	38/4 THANG LONG	UNPOL RICE	1.1 s/t	13 PERSONS
8	NGO VAN LONG	032656	37/1 THANG LONG	UNPOL RICE	2.7 s/t	8 PERSONS
9	PAUL NGUYEN VAN THIEN	NO ID CARD	CATHEDRAL	UNPOL RICE	9.5 s/t	GIVEN BY GOVT FOR REFUGEES ORPHANAGE NO RECORDS OF DIST
10	NGUYEN THI THUAN	031782	36/3 THANH BHAN	UNPOL RICE	.4 s/t	4 PERSONS
						TOTAL= 29.8 S/T

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SEARCH SUMMARY SAS 7 RAR AREA 78

SERIAL	NAME PER ID CARD	ID CARD NO	LOCATION	ITEM	QTY OR TYPE	REMARKS
1	PHAM VAN BIEU	033064	47796047	ANTI PERS MINES MORTAR BOX GRENADE US WATER BOTTLE DIXIE SET SMALL FD PACK METAL AMMO BOXES CUPS CANTEEN US MOSSIE NET	2 BOXES 1 BOX 1 BOX 1 1 1 3 1 1	
2	NGUYEN THI LY	033266	47765999	30 CAL MAG FULL US WATER BOTTLES DIXIES BOOTS TROUSERS SAND BAGS	1 2 1 SET	
3	NGUYEN VAN KE	033479	4768605C	RICE	.2 s/t	UNHUSKED UNKNOWN NO OF PERS
4	NGUYEN VAN KIM	107288	47696054	RICE	1.3 s/t	UNHUSKED
5	NGUYEN THI DAT	034264	47696033	RICE	7 s/t	UNHUSKED
6	NGUYEN VAN NGUU	032431	47756021	RICE	2.25 s/t	UNHUSKED
7	NGUYEN THI KIEV	033113	47656035	RICE	.5 s/t	UNHUSKED
8	NGUYEN VAN TUU	033870	47816034	RICE	2.5 s/t	UNHUSKED
9	THAM QUANG VAN	033244	47906031	RICE PHILLIPS RADIO 12 TRANSISTOR 4 BD 17,700 PIASTRE	8.5 s/t	UNHUSKED CLAIMS TO BE LANDOWNER

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SAS/7 RAR (2)

SERIAL	NAME PER ID CARD	ID CARD NO	LOCATION	ITEM	QTY OR TYPE	REMARKS
10	HY NH VAN NEC	033285	47966033	RICE RADIO 3 BAND 8 TRANSISTOR 1 SUPPLY PARACHUTE	2.5 s/t	CLAIMS TO BE LANDOWNER
11	TRAN VAN LUNG	033355	4796024	RICE	5.5 s/t	UNHUSKED
12	LU THI TRANK	034298	47626040	RICE	2.5 s/t	UNHUSKED
13	PAGODA NGUYEN THI VAT VO THI CMAT LE VAN LCI PHAM VAN CHA NGUYEN THI DAI	032669 031692 032688 072532 032650	47556044	RICE	3 s/t	UNHUSKED NO ID CARD WOMAN
14	LE THI THU	033234	47366045	RICE	3 s/t	UNHUSKED
15	HUYNH THI THC	032404	47786034	RICE	4 s/t	UNHUSKED
16	CHAU THI CHAU	033661	48026035	RICE	3.3 s/t	UNHUSKED
17	NGUYEN VAN GANG	033411	48036019	RICE	9.1 s/t	UNHUSKED
18	NGUYEN THI THEI	032481	48126034	RICE	3 s/t	UNHUSKED
19	NGUYEN VAN PHONG	034378	48126032	RICE	2.1 s/t	UNHUSKED
20	TRAN RAN PHAN	033468	48176032	RICE	1.3 s/t	UNHUSKED
21	NO BOOK	NO ID CARD	48126033	MONEY	27760 PIASTRE	FATHER DEAD MOTHER WAITRESS VUNG TAU

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SERIAL	NAME PER ID CARD	ID CARD NO	LOCATION	ITEM	QTY OR TYPE	REMARKS
22	NGUYEN VAN SAUNG VAN	032851	48236024	RICE	1 s/t	UNHUSKED
23	NGUYEN VAN TUU	031981	48156022	RICE	1 s/t	UNHUSKED
24	VUN PHAN CON	033332	48206010	RICE	1.1 s/t	UNHUSKED
25	HO VAN TU	068038	48166016	RICE	2 s/t	UNHUSKED
26	FUYNH VAN XEM	033857	48256020	RICE	1.8 s/t	UNHUSKED
27	MAI VAL TAC	031922	48156011	RICE	.5 s/t	UNHUSKED
28	NGUYEN THI MOA	033883	48176006	RICE	3.3 s/t	UNHUSKED
29	NGUYEN VAN ROIU	033393	48216003	RICE	.2 s/t	UNHUSKED
						TOTAL = 72.45 S/T

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SERIAL	NAME PER ID CARD	ID CARD NO	LOCATION	ITEM	QTY OR TYPE	REMARKS
1	HUYNH THI CHO	032897	NE-753	UNPOL RICE	2.1 s/t	7 PEOPLE
2	TRAN VAN GIU	037168	37/4	MONEY	1,000,000 P	THANH TAN HAMLET
3	DO HOUC BONG	033445	47/1	UNPOL RICE	6.8 s/t	THANH TAN HAMLET
4	TRUONG THI HIEN	033026	37/4	UNPOL RICE	3.7 s/t	THANH TAN HAMLET
5	HUYNH THI HUE	034022	19/2	UNPOL RICE	3.2 s/t	THANH TAN HAMLET
6	BUI VAN BINH	032843	6/3	M26 GRENADE	2	BY CA
			WP "	2		
			30 CAL AMMO	9 MAGAZINES		
						TOTAL = 17.8 S/T

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DAT DO
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ANNEX C TO
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7 RAR ORDER OF FLY IN

A COY
106 BTY RAA & BN HQ
1 ARU
1 SAS SQN
B COY
SP COY

D COY TO MOVE BY
APC TO AO



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Comd's Diary
CS

7th Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
AP AN PHU

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28 Sep 67

OPERATION ULMARRA
COMBAT OPERATIONS AFTER ACTION REPORT

- References: A. 1 ATF SOP, Annex A, Appendix 4
B. 1 ATF opO
C. 7 RAR opO 12/67 of 251815H (Aug 67)
D. Map: VIETNAM 1:50,000
642941-NW
DAT DO (NW)
1:5,000 6429-1 PHUOC HAI

Name and Type of Operation

1. Op ULMARRA, an operation to search PHUOC HAI.

Duration

2. 26 Aug 67.

Location

3. 8 miles SE of NUI DAT YS4367 bordering on the coast and SOUTH CHINA SEA. Centre of area YS 5153.

Command Headquarters

4. HQ 7 RAR.

Task Organisation

5. 7 RAR unit:-
- a. Under comd from 251730H
Two combat Engr teams.
 - b. Under op con from 260500H to 261800H
106 Bty RAA (dismounted)
1 SAS Sqn plus D & E Pl
1 ARU
 - c. In sp from 260600H to 261800H
One airmobile coy
One CH47
One OH13 - 161 (Indep) Recce Flt
 - d. In sp for period of search
Sect APCs
108 Fd Bty RAA
1/83 Arty (US)
A Bty 2/35 Arty (US)
 - e. LOB
C Coy

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Supporting Forces

6. a. 106 Bty RAA. This battery was employed as a search company. It was the third time that the direct supporting Artillery Battery had been given an infantry role.
b. Had artillery support been required it could have been provided from the HORSHOE feature YS 4962 where 108 Bty was located.

Two Combat Engineer Teams

7. These were held at Battalion Headquarters and were available on an "as required" basis. The teams were equipped with mine detectors.

Interpreters

8. These worked with search companies to explain to villagers what was happening and to check identification papers. Two were allotted to each search company.

National Police

9. National Police accompanied and assisted the search troops in carrying out their primary mission of searching houses and surrounds. They were particularly useful in dealing with suspect "Draft Dodgers" and during examination of identification papers.

Intelligence

10. Increased guerilla activity rendered it necessary to search PHUOC HAI before the National elections on 3 Sep 67. See Annex A.

Terrain

11. The search area included the west half of PHUOC HAI which consisted of a thickly populated area with a high density of dwellings. The area to the NW contained huts and patches of cultivated area. The south was bounded by the beach and SOUTH CHINA SEA.

12. The weather was hot and clear. Some thick cloud developed later in the day but no rain fell.

Mission

13. 7 RAR was to search the west half of PHUOC HAI YS 5153 on 26 Aug 67.

Concept of Operations (Annex C)

14. Operation ULMARRA was a 1 ATF operation involving 2 RAR and 7 RAR. The search was to be conducted on the one day without a cordon being used. 2 RAR was given the east half and the west half was allotted to 7 RAR.

15. 7 RAR AO was divided into seven company search areas each suitable for a one day search. The battalion was to fly in by air mobile coy to carry out the task and be extracted by the same means later in the day.

16. Direction of search was to be from the outside towards the sea.

Execution

17. The operation was carried out as planned at the AO but the late arrival of the air mobile company caused the start to be delayed nearly two hours.

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18. Little of significance was located and no food or rice could be described as excessive. Several suspects however were located and apprehended for questioning. These appeared to be "Draft Dodgers". Because the search started later than originally planned it is possible that illegal items could have been removed from the village. It was significant that a great many fishing boats remained in the water, far out to sea, while the search was in progress. These factors could account for the fact that little of significance was formed.

19. The people of PHUOC HAI did not appear to be as friendly as the inhabitants of HOA LONG or DAT DO, however they did nothing to hinder our troops with the search. In comparison with previous searches AOs were smaller and since large amounts of food were not located most companies found they had more time available to concentrate on a more thorough search of the houses.

20. The fly out back to NUI DAT was carried out as planned, later in the day.

Commanding Analysis and Recommendation

21. Op ULMARRA was the third operation of its type conducted by the battalion in the space of eight days. It proved to be a useful and interesting experience.



(ERIC H SMITH)
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

Enclosures

ANNEX A Enemy Intelligence before the Operation
ANNEX B Intelligence Summary
ANNEX C Concept of Operation.

Distribution

A Coy
B Coy
C Coy
D Coy
Sp Coy
Admin Coy
Mor Pl
Sig Pl
Fire Aslt Pl
Aslt Pnr Pl
CO
2IC
Adjt A
S3
OC Sp Coy
BC
IO
RMO
RSM
File (2)
Comds Diary (5)
Spare (10)

External

HQ 1 ATF (5)

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ANNEX A TO
SVN 12/67
DATED 28 SEP 67

SEARCH OF PHUOC HAI

EN FORCES

1. The area of search will cover PHUOC HAI. The village is subject to some VC terrorism and harassment and has not been searched by units of 1 ATF in the past.
2. PHUOC HAI is a wealthy fishing village of some 8000 people. The fishermen although they cannot put to sea until 0400 hrs, sometimes depart as early as 0300 hrs depending on the tides. There are between 400-500 fishing boats 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 be found on the Eastern and Western sides of the village. The seaward approach to PHUOC HAI make it a useful point of entry for VC supplies and it is essential that detailed searching is carried out.
3. Enemy forces likely to be encountered are members of local guerillas and the Long Dat District Coy (C25)

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ANNEX B TO 7 RAR
SVN 12/67
DATED 28 SEP 67

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
OPERATION ULMARRA
26 AUG 67

Introduction

1. Operation ULMARRA entailed a search of the village of PHUOC HAI. 7 RAR searched the west sector of the village.
2. PHUOC HAI is a wealthy fishing village of some 8,000 people. The fishermen although they cannot legally put to sea until 0400 hours, sometimes depart as early as 0300 hours depending on the tides. There are between 400-500 fishing boats 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 1,000 boats on the sand. Old VC trenches and pits are located 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 be carried out.
3. Enemy forces thought likely to be encountered were members of local village guerillas and the Long Dat District Company (C25) or even members of D445 Battalion.

Results of Search

4. There were no significant finds by 7 RAR during the search and none of the persons apprehended and questioned were subsequently detained as VC suspects. The names of the owners of houses where suspicious material was located was recorded and passed to 1 DIV INT/1 ATF.

Conclusion

5. There appeared to be no apparent build-up of VC supplies or caches in the area searched by 7 RAR. In the main the civilian population were not as friendly as the inhabitants of HOA LONG and DAT DO had been found to be.

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Capt
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MAP 6429-1

PHUOC HAI

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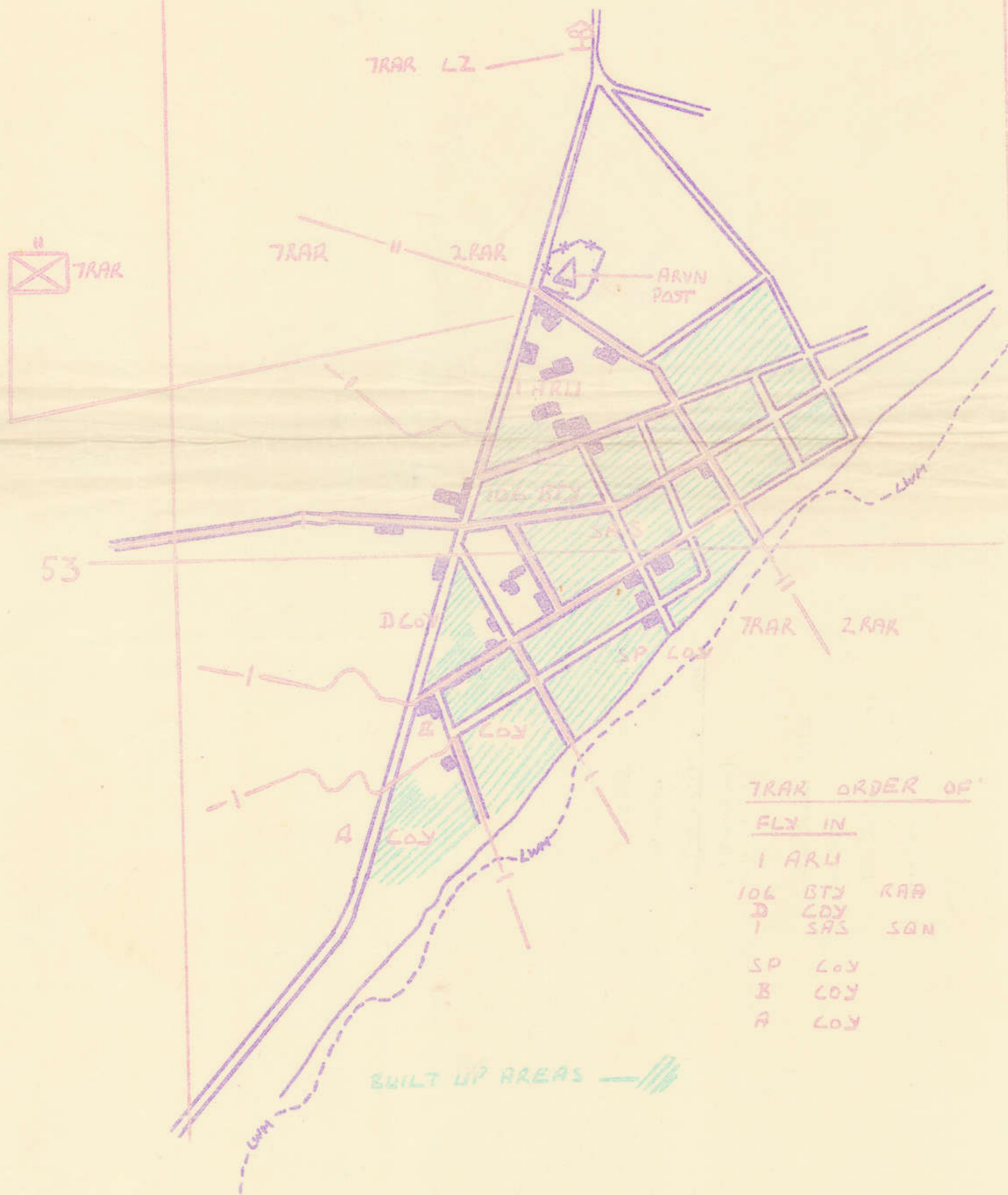
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CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

DP ULMARRA

26 AUG 67



TRAR ORDER OF

FLY IN

- 1 ARU
- 106 BTY RAB
- D COY SAN
- I SAS
- SP COY
- B COY
- A COY

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