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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
1	0700	1	OA	Ref incident report 151440 - delate 26 CHICOM grens insert 50	TF info
2	0740	6	OA	Locstat 61 Grid 515911	Passed to TF
3	0745	3	OA	C/S 33 moving now	
4	0800	FCC	OA	Request clearance on 429904 Dn 4800 A400 for layen mission for c/s32	Clear ground
5	0815	4	OA	Moving now	
6	0830	FCC	OA	Request clearance on area from 40-50 EASTINGS and N of 92 N'ing for 155mm firing opportunity targets from BLACKHORSE Now to 1800 hrs	Clear except for area from 43-46 Eastings
7	0835	1	OA	c/s1 would like STARLIGHT to visit them	By POSSUM - Ret to ND by ALB
8	0845	1	OA	Locstat c/s1 351913	Passed to TF
9	0846	3	OA	Locstat c/s32 434903 c/s33 444903	Passed to TF
10	0852	2	OA	Locstat c/s23(-) leaving 23 B loc c/s21B leaving c/s2 loc	
11	0900	4	OA	Locstat c/s4 540882	Passed to TF
12	0925	P20	OA	POSSUM in this loc	Close down
13	0950	OA	1	c/s9 visiting you via last resup AtB	Sent c/s97
14	0955	3	OA	Locstat c/s32 431903 c/s33 n/c tasks as directed by SUNRAY	
15	0958	3	OA	c/s32 has found 2 bunkers fairly large bunkers. HOLDFAST has explosives to destroy. CHIEU HOI believes that after we leave area En will return to use area them	Use as much explosive as required

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16	1000	OA	3	Another interp coming to your loc; Send the interp with you back as soon as c/s32 returns your loc send means avail	
17	1005	4	OA	Lecstat c/s4 536885	Passed to TF
18	1006	OA	1	Return questionnaire on strobe light with SUNRAY today	
19	1007	3	OA	Insufficient explosives to clear	
20	1010	OA	2	Return questionnaire on strobe light	Ack
21	1015	6	OA	Lecstat c/s61 521899	Passed to TF
22	1025	20	52	Request strike 622885 at 1100 hrs	Clear- passed to TF c/s2 bnfo
23	1048	6	OA	c/s61 back in this loc	Passed to TF
24	1050	3	OA	Lecstat c/s3(-) N/Cpatrolling from that loc Lecstat c/s33 445907 c/s32 moving now	
25	1102	2	OA	Req info possible more time	
26	1104	4	OA	C/s4 moving now	
27	1120	4	OA	Moved 100mcame across another structure, table and chairs- poss one bunker- Approaching cautiously	
28	1125	OA	2	Tentative time 180730	
29	1126	3	OA	Lecstat c/s32 434901 c/s33 N/G	Passed to TF
30	1150	4	OA	Lecstat 4 536886	Passed to TF
31	1155	FCC	OA	Mars 536886 D6400 Add1000	Clear

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32	1156	4	OA	System old-runs E-W. Ft back runs Nth. t branches NE and NW. Fresh prints on tracks. Signs of further bunkers. c/s43 investigating	
33	1228	4	OA	Sitrep Pld system partly destroyed, 2 sets of footprints 1,2 days old C/s4 moving	
34	1257	3	OA	c/s32 now at BUFFALO	
35	1300	TF	OA	c/s 75 arriving at 1545 hrs	
36	1305	4	OA	c/s4 has found an old cache, has been dug up approx 2 mth ago	
37	1307	4	OA	Locstat c/s4 534887	
38	1401	4	OA	Locstat c/s 4 533889	Passed to TF
39	1432	3	OA	C/s31 has apprehended 1 civil without an ID card, may possibly have 2 more, will advise	TF will advise us of what action to take
40	1435	T22	OA	Locstat 503900	Passed to TF
41	1445	3	OA	Locstat c/s32 N/C	
42	1515	OA	TF	Require infd availability troop of APC. Require AO trace or marked map	
43	1510	4	OA	c/s4 moving now	
44		OA	TF	Cancelled	
45	1530	4	OA	We have moved 100m from our last locstat- have come across E-W track, which was indicated	
46	1537	TF	OA	Ref serial 42 Brig has answer	

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47	1550	4	OA	c/s4 comp 530890, Request clearance to proceed area	
48	1550	OA	4	Find suitable ni-loc in your immed area and carry out ni task whwn appropriate	c/s6 info
49	1601	3	OA	c/s31 442878 c/s33 back ni 3 loc	
50	1615	TF	OA	Ref detainee- task ALB03 to move to BUFFALO and collect detainee and drop him at DUC THANH. c/s15 who are prepared to recieve him	C/s3 advised
51	1616	2	OA	Ni loc c/s22 ,c/s23 in ambush	TF info
52	1632	2	OA	c/s21 complete in c/s2 loc	
53	1637	6	OA	T22 back in this loc	TF info
54	643	3	OA	c/s31 has loc a villiage not marked on map at 442875, consists of almost 10 houses, there are no men in villiage, women claim they live in villiage themselves, each house has well constructed bunker in one of the houses there was a two 44gal drums of rice. Qty of rice allowed is not known, could you advise. Detainee was picked up at 443894. House containing rice contained 3 women and 4 children- 31 alarmed at ammount of food inxhousm villiage. One house was divided into many rooms like a block of flats- c/s31 still checking villiage	SUNRAY
55	1512	3	OA	SUNRAY c/s3 gave note to SUNRAY to linguist- could we assure SUNRAY recieves same	c/s9 has recieved note
56	1520	FCC	OA	From c/s95- Ref friendly clearance granted N of TRANSVERSE request extension till 170600H	Granted
57	1525	OA	15	What qty of rice are civis entitled to hold in area of c/s31 villiage.	
58	1732	1	OA	Night loc c/s1 358900	Passed to T ^F
59	1737	DT	OA	DC states that civies are not allowed to havethat qty of rice- can rice be bought this loc	If tpt can be arranged

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60	1745	3	OA	SUNRAY feel that area must be checked out by DC from DT org as they are in better position	
61	1809	3	OA	Locstat c/s3(-) BUFFALO11 c/s31 442874	
62	1845	2	OA	Locstat c/s2(-) 549922	
63	1924	2	OA	Req est c/s92 make alterations in view of new plans. Report that c/s23 is in area of previous activity. Track was used this morning bt group of betw 8-20 dir of move N-S then E	CO ack c/s92 advised
64	1815	DT	OA	From DC, 22 kilos of rice allowed per person.. Would like to inspect tomorrow. Advise	
65	2010	3	OA	Sitrep c/s3 Villiage containing 25 women 1000 hundred 4 old men, number of bunkers. Old tyres with sandals cut out of them. "tred" believed all villiages would be helping VC willingly or against thier will	C/S 31 to remain in area pending arrival of DC PM tomorrow
66	2100	TF	OA	US MAT team report of 60 VC crossing QL15 at 187860, moving SW , time of report PM 16 Jul 1969	Passed to CO
67	1008	TF	OA	199 LIB request NOUSETRAPX , Sth to 89 Nthing from 18 July	Negative, Granted clearance E of and exclusive of Route 2 to 89 Nthing Negotiate for clearance W of route 2 to be discussed on 19 July when Situation BUFFALO and c C Coy clear

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
1	0705	OA	2	What time will you be able to accept STARLIGHT	1130
2	0729	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 563928 Dir6400 A1000	Granted
3	0730	FCC	OA	Ground clearance Block clearance Nth 93N East 40-50E ASAP 1800 105-155	Granted- c/s 3 not patrolling N of thier loc
4	0750	4	OA	Have we permissioin to move to your loc	Move in 15. Move to E flank- guides will meet c/s
5	0800	1	OA	c/s11&13 moving now	
6	0810	TF	OA	c/s75 in this loc at 1445 for 30 min, with seagoing US code 4	CO advised
7	0845	2	OA	c/s22 moving to c/s 2 loc	
8	0855	4	OA	c/s16 moving now	
9	0900	1	OA	Locstat 1,12 N/C c/s11 360895 c/s13 362902 c/s16 357900	Passed to TF
10	0925	2	02	c/s22 in c/s2 loc	
11	0926	3	OA	c/s32 mov now	
12	0935	2	OA	What time order	
13	0945	OAXX	2-3	Orders delivered by safe hand	
14	0945	OA	1	Orders delivered by safe hand when possible	
15	0905	1	OA	c/s16 back in c/s1 loc	

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16	0955	3	OA	c/s31 442892 c/s32 452890	
17	1000	1	OA	c/s 11 & 13 & 16 in c/s1. Searched from 389906 to 358895 and 500m to E, no sign of En mov from XXX W to E. Does SUNRAY require further search to S in view of future tasks- cannot search E to SE if there is still a requirement not to remain area suitable loc to receive orders as discussed with SUNRAY	Remain loc for receipt as discussed, limited patrolling S
18	1007	3	OA	TA will be assisting G elms this loc they will also assist c/s8	Negative- will discuss separately with SUNRAY c/s3
19	1030	OA	TA86-3	Apcs return ND 19 Jul intend return fuel from this loc to ND today, advise if refuel required today	
20	1100	TA86	OA	Ref return date- I understood we were returning one day earlier- We have enough fuel	
21	1105	FCC	OA	Ground clearance on 472932 105mm practice ASP 1800	Clear within prev limits- ant further S of 92 cleared again
22	1130	2	OA	c/s23 now back in this loc	
23	1200	OA	TA86	We verify date of return ND- 19 Jul	Passed to TF
24	1205	3	OA	c/s32 4578921	Passed to TF
25	1222	3	OA	Can we advise ref 2 VN pers with c/s3. When will they leave c/s3	SEAGUL informed
26	1231	2	OA	c/s23 back in c/s2 loc. Plase note time	SEAGUL informed
27	1240	3	OA	Is c/s 9 visiting 3 today. SUNRAY 3has a few problems. Note from 9 is this to be affected today	
28	1245	TF	OA	Request clearance on 362870 for 175mm from XL	Clear

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29	1300	FCC	OA	Request clearance on 362870 for 175mm from XL	Clear
30	1320	OA	3	Ref FRED and family. The DC will be taken to c/s3 by POSSUM and then by TA86 to c/s31 loc. SUNRAY to discuss contents of letter. Suggest TA86 take back contents of letter	C/s 3 Ack
31	1336	1	OA	Can papers be dropped into c/s1 loc in a shell	
32	1340	OA	2	1xAlb will arrive in time to take backload from c/s 2 to FLINDERS	c/s2 advised
33	1447	AlbC&C	OA	ALB from serial 32 leaving ND now	
34	1410	3	OA	c/s32 now in c/s3 loc	
35	1430	TF	OA	c/s 75 will be delayed for up to 30 mins	
36	1430	TF	OA	On secure- Are there any variations on Eng Groupings	From SEAGUL- No TF advised
37 37	1430	9	OA	First lift touching down now	
38	1445	DIC THAHN	OA	Locstat c/s 20B 426 426764	INFO only
40	1509	TF	OA	c/s75 due at FLINDERS in 5-10 mins	CO advised
41	1510	OA	2	OA elms leaving FLINDERS now	
42	1515	FCC	OA	Clearance on 369867 Dn1600 A200	Clear
43	1520	2	OA	Lift OA complete	
44	1520	1	OA	Locstat c/s1 N/C	

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45	1522	2	OA	Fly in c/s2 and OA elms now complete in area of DAMPIER	Passed to TFM
46	1545	OA	3	POSSUM 24 moving to pick up DC	c/s3 advised
47	1655	OA	TF	We monitored a req for mors from c/s66 in area 4092-4090-4690-4692-181000 to 202400	Negative clearance from thbs c/s
48	1725	OA	TF	US DUSTOFF in this loc looking for NOODLES he is wanting to XXXX speak to his coubiol	
49	1730	TF	OA	For SEAGUL SUPER HOOK only available 4 his loc	Request SUPER HOOK as early as possible
50	1732	TF	OA	18 1330H time SUPER HOOK will deliver its load	
51	1732	1	OA	Ack receipt of OP82. Intend to move early AONB(18) Jul to over 364910 and patrol to a depth of 1000m in all direction then XXXXXX probably shift explosives to E	Passed to XXXXX agree
52	1745	OB	OA	From SUNRAY OB 1ATF intend to form a surveillance platoon to test surveillance affect currently available Aim is to test the control and employment of surveillances devices and to evaluate thier ability to provide additional intelligence. Equip: Patrol Radar 1; Radar Set 2; Ni obs devise2; Intruder devices Unit will be called a Tp and consist of : Sgt; 5 Cpls; 17 pts. 9 RAR req to provide a Cpl and 5 Ptes to 131 Divjoc Bty by 181200H. Must have at least 3 mths service in the theatre, preferably reasonably intellegent and previous experience. Lcpl may be accepted in lieu of Cpl	Cpl Ex H weight Sp Coy 1 A Coy 1 Bcoy 0 C Coy 1
53	1820	1	OA	Ni loc c/s1 358	Passed to TF
54	1900	2	OA	Locstat c/s2 and att 359862	Passed to TF
55	1905	FCC	OA	Request clearance from Nth of 92 Nthing and from 32-35 Eing for 105mm	Clear c/s1 advised
56	1904	FCC	OA	Request clearance on 481924 for 105mm foiring from BLACKHORSE	Clear
57	1950	FCC	OA	Request clearance for 362870 Dir 6400 A 400 Adj DF	Clear
58	2005	FCC	OA	Req clear for 354863 Dn4800 A600	Clear

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
1	0910	1	OA	locstat c/s12 361906	
2	0920	OA	OC	Message for SEAGUL . Ref 9 sorties, no need for concern as this is the number prior to refill	Ack by SEAGUL
3	0921	2	OC	Locstats c/s2(-) 359863 c/s22(-) 361869 c/s22B 362867	
4	0925	97	OC	Locstats c/s3 427887	
5		1	OC	Locstat c/s 1113 364909	
6	1000	3	OA	Standby DUSTOFF. Have found camp A DUSTOFF B c/s32 C 424892 D ASAP E ROUTINE F 1 Sitting G Bad cuts to finger- finger nearly severed H AUST I 86J Int c/s3 J Smoke K Jungle and Rubber L Secure M Jungle penetrator N Ht of trees 70ft	TF advised
7	1005	52A	52	Locstat T20B 462860	Passed to TF
8	1005	1	OA	Locstat c/s 1-11-13 364910. Request clearance to move closer to N boundary	Passed to TF
9	1010	3	OA	Locstat c/s3-32, 423888 c/s31-33, 426890	Passed to TF

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
10	1010	3	OA	DUSTOFF is a bad cut - will DUSTOFF from a secure pad	Passed to TF
11	1015	OA	TF	Req boundary clearance from 35 E'ing to 38 E'ing from now until 200800H	Passed to TF clear 1210 Passed to c/s 1
12	1045	15	OA	T208 470880	
13	1050	TF	OA	Req Bulldozer be brought forward ASAP	Passed to OC
14	1055	TF	OA	DUSTOFF 37 and BUSHRANGER 71872	c/s3 advised
15	1110	1	OA	Req clearance to move Nth to 92 N'ing between 36 and 37 E'ings	Included in previous req Ser11
16	1112	3	OA	DUSTOFF complete	TF advised
17		3	OA	NOTICAS A 47197913 J. B MBG Lacerated finger LH C 181015 H D c/s3 E N/A F N of K not to be advised- soldiers own req	
18	1145	3	OA	Locstat c/s3 424895	
19	1145	TF	OA	Unable to provide instalation map req before operatin end. Your Int summary hold to be complete Task Force by hand	
20	1155	1	OA	c/s1 N/C c/s1 366910 c/s12 N/C c/s13 363913	Passed to TF
21	1155	72	OA	Locstat c/s LEATHERNECK 5(-) 303820. One c/s at 27 276781 LEATHERNECK 3 at c/s 72 loc	
22	1222	2	OA	c/s21B in c/s21 loc	

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
23	1223	FCC	OA	Request clearance on 505918 from BLACKHORSE 155mm ASAP to 1800H	Clear
24	1230	3	OA	Locstat c/s3 complete KTUVRJDB 423904	Passed to TF
25	1240	2	OA	Locstat c/s21 361869 c/s21B Moving from 21'sloc c/s22(-) 360862 c/s22B 363863	Passed to TF
26	1248	3	OA	c/s3 and c/s 31 moving now	
27	1257	OC	OA	Dozer on way to Dampier, c/s OC leaving Flinders soon with SUNRAY MINOR c/s4	
28	1305	OA	TF	AIR TASK REQUEST 1/18 A 3 Pax B 1 ALB C YT6010 D Dampier E When available 19 July. Request AM if possible F On completion G Direct H 70J PZ c/s 97 LZ c/s 92 I Return of relay station suggest co-ordination of move with G95A. Request advise time of pick up J Routine	Passed to TF
29	1312	3	OA	Locstat c/s31 425912 At that loc reported heavy fire to North approx 600 meters Waiting in present loc in case something moves his way	C/S3 advised of contact at 425920 Guns no further South without our clearance Passed to TF and BLACKHORSE
30	1324	3	OA	Locstat c/s 31 422910	

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31	1324	3	OA	Locstat c/s31 422910	
32	1354	1	OA	Locstat c/s 1 12 N/C c/s13 360916 c/s11 with c/s1	Passed to TF
33	1410	TF	OA	us LEATHERNECK 3 has commenced landing at 294905	
34	1415	1	OA	SITREP No sign of movement at all except for that already mentioned in c/s12 loc. Will maintain patrol in that area	
35	1430	2	OA	c/s21B back in c/s21 loc	
35	1430	2	OA	XXX	
36	1445	3	OA	Moving now	
37	1515	1	OA	Contact c/s12	Bas passed to TF
38	1520	1	OA	10 En approached from the W dressed in green. No friendly cas, En cas N/K. Some EN are withdrawing to the S and are engaging with Arty and Mors	Passed to TF
39	1525	4	OA	c/s4 complete after 1 more lift	
40	1526	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 361906 Dn3800 A1000	Clear
41	1532	TF	OA	T20B departing FLINDERS for BUFFALO	
42	1540	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 365906 365906 Dn1600 A600	Clear
43	1550	1	OA	3 En sighted 150m N of my loc 1A patrolling and present locstat 200m W	Passed to TF
44	1555	4	OA	c/s4 complete and now moving	Passed to TF

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
45	1605	1	OA	Sentry of c/s11 sighted 3 En moving on a track from W-E and lost them when they moved behind a bamboo clump. C/s11 is going to engage to prevent thier mov E and to drive them back toward c/s13 and 1A to the W on the main track	
46	1610	FCC	OA	Ground clearence 361883 bedding in for Mor 374912 Dn1400 (Arty)	Clear
47	1625	2	OA	c/s21 moving back to your loc	
48	1635	3	OA	Locstat3 407906	Passed to TF
49	1637	1	OA	Locstat c/s1A 359912	Passed to TF
50	1645	TF	OA	Req clearence for fire fly and LFT with flares in area 3981 on 21 Jul betw 2000-2400	Clear
51	1650	2	OA	c/smov with c/s2	
52	1651	3	OA	c/s32-33 moving now	
53	1658	FCC	OA	Ground clearence 374910 testing calibration	Clear
54	1705	1	OA	<p>A Contact c/s12</p> <p>B 181515</p> <p>C 361906</p> <p>D 10 plus</p> <p>E Some dressed in greens, khaki shirts and blue trousers. Some carrying AK47 and wearing cam</p> <p>F 2 KIA BC 1K1a poss VC hit by CLAYMORE from 5' and dragged away 2 AK47's, 3 packs</p> <p>G W to E withdrew S</p> <p>H En approached from the W spaced 15 m apart. Ambush was initiated when 7 En were in the killing ground. En wdr W dragging 1 body and attempting to drag away the other 2</p> <p>A Incident c/s11</p> <p>B 181550</p> <p>C 364910</p> <p>D 3</p> <p>E Wearing greens, bush hats and carrying packs</p> <p>F U/K</p> <p>G W to E</p>	

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55	1714	1	OA	H En engaged with M60 and M79 and Arty to the E to push the En W c/s 12 in contact	Passed to TF
56	1735	1	OA	The track 150m N of this loc, runs W to E and continues E for some 500m then swing to the N near the edge of the Jungle. It is the same track seen to the W by 1A. c/s11 is sweeping the area	Passed to TR
57	1744	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 360880 335864	Clear
58	1750	1	OA	Ref contact c/s12 En were engaged to the SE. Results 1 En KIA BC and heavy drag marks	Passed to TF
59	1800	1	OA	According to c/s1A track in his area indicates the 3 En sighted to the N were part of a larger force about P1 size. Moved through long grass to the NW and split into 3 groups one moving NW and 2 groups on separate track to the S	Passed to TF
60	1815	1	OA	A Contact c/s12 B 181715 C 361906 D 3 seen poss 4 E 1 dressed in green black, 1 in grey shirt, 1 without a shirt F 1 KIA BC 1 WIA drag marks and BT, 1 pack containing Med Sup which were destroyed G En approached from the Jungle to the SE and wdr E and S H En engaged by M60 at 15m. During followup the blood trail and drag marks were loc	
61	1825	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 404911 Dn5820 R400 A600	
62	1826	3	OA	SITREP Present loc 407906. C/s32 patrolling 500m N and found only one old track 100m N of this loc C/s31 patrolling S to are given by SUNRAY (406900) and found no signs.	Passed to TF
63	1830	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 404911 Dir5820 A600 R400 DF c/s3	Clear
64	1845	3	OA	C/s32 found track 100m N of their loc. 400m S found a wd bullock track not marked on the map	Passed to TF
65	1857	2	OA	We have clearing patrol ready to move out on c/s2 N flank - req clearance	C/s6M advised clear
66	1907	2	OA	Locstat 2(-) 359863 c/s 371865	Passed to TF

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67	1916	1	OA	Locstat 1-11 364910 12 361906 13 359912	Passed to TF
68	1924	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 361883 Mor bedding in	Clear
69	1925	4	OA	Locstat 350865	Passed to TF
70	1930	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 446906, 450891, 436895 Mors from BUFFALO 440900 Dn 5550 A600	Clear
XX 71	1955	FCC	OA	Ground clearance N93N and between 40-50 E, 105&155 from ASAP tp 0600. 333935 327932 317932 317928 308932 308932 308938 324938 368906 Dn1600 A400	Clear
72	2015X	4	OA	We had a look to the NW at the obvious track and ther were signs	
73	2135	6	OA	Movement heard betw c/s61 and 62	Large no of pigs know to be in the area
74	2220	FCC	OA	Clearance for 105 mm from FSB CLAIRE on grid 283887	Clear
75	2220	20	52	From 72 LEATHERNECK 3(-) 255881 LEATHERNECK 3 286892, 268899. AP 100m from locs given. LEATHERNECK 5(-) 272808, 5at 262805 Ap 100m from locs given	
76	2358	20	52	For PRONTO SUNRAY PRONTO will visit DAMPIER at 0705 tomorrow for key change. Req PRONTO keys used from dated 12-18	

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1	0645	3	OA	Moving in 5 min	
2	0730	2	OA	c/s23 complete moving now	
3	0740	2	OA	c/s21 moving now	
4	0758	3	OA	Locstat c/s3 397903	Passed to TF
5	0807	2	OA	c/s2-22 moving now	
6	0810	3	OA	Moving now	
7	0835	3	OA	Req POSSUM for map spot. Have found a recently used track, patrolling N-S along this track	10 min avail
8	0840	4	OA	c/s4 Moving X now	
9	0840	FCC	OA	Req clearance betw 40-50 E'ings, North of the 93 N'ings ASAP to 0600 hrs	Clear
10	0850	3	OA	Locstat c/s3-33 XMX 392896 c/s31-32 patrolling N-S	Passed to TF, Confirmed by POSSUM
11	0855	3	OA	Have loc a N-S well used track, last mov of large body was from N-S. Since used by 2 men S-N estimate last large mov approx 12hrs ago Loc of track 392896	
12	0905	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 30-37 E and N of 93 N ASAP 1800 fpr 105 from BH	Clear
13	0910	2	OA	Locstat c/s2-22 363870 c/s21 361872 c/s23 371871	Passed to TF
14	0942	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 351883 Not bedding in	Clear c/s2 advised
15	0950	2	OA	c/s22B patrolling E-NE from c/s2 loc	
16	1005	4	OA	Locstat c/s4 344872 c/s43 pt1 E-NE	Passed to TF
17	1020	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 330877 344855	Clear
18	1015	2	OA	Locstat c/s23 371877 c/s21 361877. SITREP At c/s21 loc they found a fresh track used in past 3-4 days	

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18	<i>cont'd.</i>			used perhaps by animals only. Direction 2000mils. Investigating further	
19	1043	1	OA	LZ secure for Resup	
20	1100	4	OA	Locstat c/s 4-41-42 N/C c/s43 348872	Passed to TF
20		9	4	Intelligence indicates that thier is nothing in your present area. Move as quickly as possible with n normal caution to 340882. Look for tracks running on the bearing 5600 or 4800.	
21	1110	9	2	F urther to our discussion this morning it appears the area of interest is on the high ground to your NW.	
		2	9	Ref the track loc by c/s21- they now confirm that it was made by a squad of 8-10 men who moved from the SE SE to NW off the track in the long grass. This is confirmed by c/s22B who loc a resting place for a squad 350m 350m from my loc	
22	1123	4	9	c/s43 intend sending 1 c/s 100m to the E to confirm the loc of the fire trail and I will then recall them. I would like to send c/s41 500m W to flank my move to the Nth	Agreed
23	1125	1	OA	C/s12-13 now in c/s1 loc	
24	1140	3	OA	The N-S track at 392896 runs W, 50m S, of that loc and we have followed it to 388896. I intend leaving c/s32 in this loc and move the remainder N to the creek	
		9	3	Investigate 1000m N&S from your present loc	
25	1144	4	OA	The c/s of c/s43 have returned to their loc and report the trail at 120m and a N-S track at 100m	
26	1150	2	OA	SITREP c/s23B patrolling out from c/s23 have loc at 373878 a new, freshly made trail running from N-S used by 10-20 VC approx 24 hrs ago. Track was freshly made, the VC using cutting implements clearing only minor obsticals. Req permission to carry out VR to see where the track intersects with the fire trail to the S.	
		OA	2	How wide is the track	
		2	OA	Narrow sufficient for one man only and cuttings were close to the ground, about 6" from the ground c/s23B have checked 100m to the N and will now check 200m S. In regards to track in c/s21&22B, my impression is that a security party moved from the NE to the resting place loc by 22B at 364874, observed the fly in of c/s2 from high trees in that loc and then moved NW. We shall check these trees when we move to that loc. Req SUNRAY indicate if I am still to concentrate on the area to the NW	Move on original task. If c/s2 req c/s23 on task to NW then disregard track and return later

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				Ref 23B track they followed at 70m to the Sand it then swung XW. On the track to the W they loca resting point with grape fruit cut into 20 pieces 24-48 hrs old. Ther was a sentry posted up and down the track during the stay. I intend allowing c/s23B to follow to the W but dont expect it to go to far since c/s23 wouldhave to cut ut during thier move NE this morning. My intention is to move towards c/s21 with c/s2&22 and on arrival I will push c/s21 into the target area and leave c/s 22 in reserv e and if necessary depoly c/s 23	
27	1225	4	OA	c/s43 in my loc. c/s41 departing nowon the route from my loc to 339875 to 336878 to 336881	
28	1240	2	OA	c/s2&22 moving now	
29	1300	2	OA	c/s long SITREP passed to TF	
30	1300	4	OA	c/s4 moving now c/s41 120m from c/s4 have an old tank track running N-S running away to NE. At 400m from c/s4 locon a bearing of2200 have found an old dissused footpad	
31	1301	97	OA	Weather N/C and it appears that it will remain clouded all day	
32	1305	4	OA	C/s42 have found a 12x12x12x hole, months X old 100m from c/s 4 loc	
33	1315	2	OA	Locstat 2-22 364873	Passed to TF
34	1320	3	OA	SYNOPSIS of todays activities. Moved from Ni loc and found an old cart trackwhich has not been used for 6 mths. Then to 392896 to VC track(runs N-S then E-W)- followed in both directions. Mov from W-E ,20men last 12hrs. C/s32 at 388896 pited 100m S. C/s3 moved to 388901, from there c/s31 moved N along creek 400m, c/s33 moved W for 150m, c/s33A moved E-found VC tracks at392901 and 388902(2 days old by 5-10 men). c/s32 moved400m to high ground to E. These tracks converge to the Wand run parrarell yo S side of creek. They do not cross the creek, appear to go via 382901. Jungle thick and movement difficult, therefore VC will be moving on the tracks. Creek line steep andrunning fast, believe it impossible to cdossw'out a bridge. C/s32 has returned from pt1 to 4385885 no sign if En move E-W. Has c/s 9 any plans in view of above.	
35	1355	4	OA	Locstat & 4(-) 342876 c/s41 100m on leg 2	Passed to TF
36	1340	2	OA	SITREP The track c/s23B were following S the W continued S a dist of 175m and then swung W . Believe same track 228 and 21 found. c/s21 followed his track he found this morning SW a distance	

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				of 200m , track continuing on a bearing of 3600 c/s21 patrolled in the general area of where the track was leading yesterday and found nothing and SUNRAY 2 therefore presumes that the track must go N or NW c/s2&22 now moving to c/s 21 loc at 361878 when at that area intend to push c/s21 NW to the high ground as directed this morning while 2& 22 will remain generally in 21 present loc. c/s23 will ambush the N-S track they found this morning and ptr W&SW from that loc.	
37	1440	2	OA	Locstat c/s2-22 361877	Passed to TF
38	1442	4	OA	C/s41 has completed Leg2. Has an E-W track estimate used once per month. Footprints of at least 3 People, believe direction W used in last 48 hrs	
39	1450	4	OA	c/s4 has moved 800m found an old track, bearing 5200, very old, foliage growing over.	
40	1505	1	OA	C/s1 moving now	
41	1509	2	OA	Locstat c/s23 370876 c/s23 at that loc c/s23B pting to N & NW of 23 loc c/s21 at present moving c/s22 Patrolling to SW and NE	TF info
42	1515	FCC	OA	Req clearance on 355878, Dn3800 A1000	Clear
43	1516	3	OA	C/s1 has loc a log bridge at 389905, they believe it is a water point with a camp on the W side of the blue line C/s31 will amb in that loc. c/s32 will amb the W-S track at 388897 C/s3-33 will pass thier C/S between 31&32. Will remain in that loc. Future moves will be confirmed tomorrow.	
44	1520	4	OA	c/s41 loc a track at 336878 dir E-W last used by 3 En 24 hrs ago, 41 may pass amb at that loc c/s4 loc old track R/S 341879 continuing on.	
45	1530	OA	2&4	Suspect minefield in an area circumscribed by an ellipse through the following points a. 346879 b. 355881 c.350872 d. 340872.	
46	1535	3	OA	c/s31 have heard talking on W side of blue line- can we confirm no friendlies and do we have MOUSETRAP	TF info
47	1538	3	OA	XXX c/s31 in contact	TF info
48	1540	FCC	OA	Ground clearance on 379905 Dir 4800 Contact NSW 161 Bty	Clear ground

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49	1605	3	OA	c/s31 have one En KIA and are sweeping the area on the W side	Passed to TF
50	1606	1	OA	Locstat c/s1 361906 c/s 12 367906 c/s11 359906 c/s13 359910	
51	1612	3	OA	A Contact c/s31 B 191530 C 389906 D 2 E NVA carrying bag and wearing blue shirts and shorts F 1 KIA BC G Approached along the creek from the W and 1 withdrew E across the creek	
52	1705	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 3628852 DF for FSPB 372864 351865 350859	Clear
53	1706	1	OA	Locstat c/s1 N/C 11 359907 c/s12 364906 c/s13 357908	Passed to TF
54	1722	4	OA	Locstat c/s 4-42-43 341882	Passed to TF
55	1725	1	OA	Contat c/s 12	
56	1729	4	OA	Locstat c/s41 336881	
57	1730	1	OA	c/s 12 fired at 1 VC during a sweep from E to W. VC was killed earlier probably by c/s12 in yesterdays contact	Passed to TF as addition to c/s12 contact yesterday
58	1737	3	OA	Contact c/s3	Passed to TF
59	1739	3	OA	Standb DUSTOFF and M LFT	Passed to TF
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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
60	1835	OA	TF	A DUSTOFF B c/s 3 C 389907 D ASAP E Urgent F 2 litter 5 sitting 1KIA G to be advised H AUST I c/s 3 freq .81B J Smoke K N/A L Secure M Hoist req N Jungle penetration ht of trees 70'	
61	1800	3	OA	Engaged by P1 of VC we are adjusting fire now	Passed to TF
62	1810	OA	TF	PYTHON re q A PYTHON B 389907 C Bunker system D ASAP E In contact 500m S , 2500m W , 3000m SW F Smoke avail Call OA on 45,60 Switch to c/s3 freq 40.90	Sent b secure means
63	1850	3	OA	Cas to date 1 KIA 6 WIA AUST	
64	1822	3	OA	When the LFT begins firing I will attempt to pull back c/s31	
65	1845	3	OA	Cas 1 KIA 2 Litter 5 Sitting	
66	1850	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 380897 4800 A200 386910 D 5500 A600 378897	Clear
67	1910	TF	OA	3 DUSTOFF aircraft moving forward DUSTOFF 39 NIGHT DUSTOFF 1&2	Passed to C/s3
68	1910	3	OA	Cas now 3 litter 4 sitting	

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
69	1930	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 345886 Dn 700 A 400 155, 105 from BH from 1800-0600 E 30-40 N of 92, E 40-50 W of 93 From FSB VIOLET tac grey 1900- 0600 155's 297925 292914 Ground clearance from BH 339944, 316918: 357937, 308923: 371929, 314932 333926, 333938: 358922, 348926(negative) 450903, 438907: 418921, 4118921, 411929	Clear
70	2950	3	OA	Cas 4 KIA 5 sitting 3 litter	
71	2005	BR71	OA	ALBOTROSS 01 with ammo is ready to go into c/s3	c/s3 advised
72	2007	3	OA	DUSTOFF complete Resup not req	Passed to TF and ALB 01
73	2020	2	OA	Locstat c/s2-22 361877 c/s21 356879 c/s23 373877	Passed to TF
74	2040	3	OA	<p>A Contact</p> <p>B 191730</p> <p>C 385906</p> <p>D Pl size</p> <p>E N/K</p> <p>F N/K</p> <p>G En in vunker system on contact Wdr W</p> <p>H c/s 31 earlier today engaged En coming to wash in the creek. Searched area and found some equip. C/s3 and 33 moved 450m N of this loc at that time and joined c/s31. C/s32 followed up later. Coy moved along track and across creek. After 50 m they came to a small clearing where the track divided three ways and they followed the W one and saw movement too thier front and opened fire. The En returned fire from c/s3 front. The fwd sect c/s31 sustained the cas. The fwd scout was hit just in front of a bunker. Another man was WIA trying to get him out but confirmed the scout had been killed. C/s 33 sent around the left flank (S) but could not get fwd because of fixed lines. This movement however relieved the pressure on C/s31 and they were able to wdr taking all thier cas less KIA. No further action could be taken at that time to get the body. Gunfire and LFT were directed onto the target and both were very effective. Cas- 3 litter 5 sitting i cl Pl Comd 7 Pl. Some packs and SA incl M60 were left in contact area by the wounded. c/s3 now loc 75m from En camp. They believe some En were KIA partic by Arty and Air. Coy will move fwd at first light to remove body and equip lost. Arty will be firing onto the target at irregular intervals and we will be asking for a further OPDEM of link andw for the LFT to standby at first light tomorrow.</p>	

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75	2045	1	OA	Locstat c/s1-12-13 357906 c/s11 357907	Passed to TF
76	2050	2	OA	SITREP c/s23 is at a criyical point and believed he is in an excellent position for ambush. c/s2 loc a brand new track about 18 hrs old. It is 50m S of previously known E-W track found in Apr by c/s2. The new track runs E-W and generally parralels the old track and in the vicinity of c/s23 it runs N about 200m E of the old track. In c/s2 loc it run on a bearing of 4000m and is thought to go to the non-perenial creek at 355870 and then runs NW to vicinity of creek and trail junct ion at 348882. C/s21 moved from c/s2 loc to his present loc but found no tracks or signs of En activity. They searched 200m W & 150m N but have not searchedto the S. Intention: Amb with c/s22&23. C/s21 will search the high ground in sq 3587.	
77	2100	FCC	OA	Ground clearence for 155 from BH 390928, 400028, 316918	Clear
78	2130	1	OA	SITREP c/s13 followed the N of the E-W track c/s11 followed the S of the E-W tracks. They met each other on the main fire trail at c/s11 present loc. Only onetrack crosses the fire trail. C/s12 , from c/s12 last loc moved 300m E and then S. After 250m S of 906N they still had to come across the E-W track on which they did the ambush yesterday. Further investig ation showed that the track bent S 100m E of c/s 12 contact atrea. It could be connected with c/s2's old camp at 375885 or c/s3 contact area at 385906. to reach the contact area the track would have to bend E again beyond the area that c/s 12 searched. On returning to the contact ar a c/s12 found the body of 1 En killed in yesterdays contact, a pack containing drugs and XXXXXXS tableats. This is additional to the med supplies in the packs loc in contact area yesterday and could connect with the drugs and tableats found in c/s1 searsh of the camp in the vicinity 347901	E again
79	2135	FCC	OA	Ground clearence E 30-40 Nth of 93N 155 untill 0605	Clear
80	2230	FCC	OA	Req clearence on 358 924 for 105mm. Firing from 3799 impact grid 355914	NEG clearence
81	2235	OB	OA	The earliest POSSUM could be in this ax loc is 0650hrs	SEAGULL advised
82	2248	FCC	OA	Req clearence on 358924 for ILL impacting 346917 for 155mm firing from BH	Clear c/s1 warned on GOLF net
83	2255	c/s75	OA	A NOTICAS will not be forewarded from TF on possible AUST KIA untill we advise	CO's conversation with BRIGADIER
84	2256	OB	OA	POSSUM will arrive at this loc 200615 hrs	Seagul advised

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
85	2300	OB	TF	PYTHON req A PYTHON B 385906 C En camp believed to be occupied D Not before 200700 hrs Not later than 200900hrs E Own troops loc 250m & 1000m SE 2500m W, 2000m SW F Ord must suit targ and proximity of own troops at dist of 250m Freq 39.80 . Lft and OPDEM on this freq too . Target can be marked with WP or coloured smoke by G30	Passed to TF on BUMBEE BEE
86	2315	OA	1&2	Be prepared to come up on freq 39.80 at 0645hrs for c/s3 activities tomorrow	Passed to c/s1&2
87	2320	TF	OA	SEAGUL air advises time of PYTHON 0800hrs	SEAGUL advised

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
1	0020	TF	OA	On BUMBLE BEE req to know what elms we had in DAMPIER. And if we had an ARMOUR elm	TF given details Confirmation of fire on camp loc adjoined c/s3 Granted
2	0600	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 379905	
3	0628	POSS23	OA	Inbound your loc	
4	0630	3	OA	Discussion SEAGULL/SUNRAY3/ SUNRAY9 Resup ammo to c/s3 at approx 0645 with LFT. PYTHON on camp at 0800. c/s32 intends moving c/s3-33 to SW, with c/s31 holding just forward of his present loc	TF info Passed to TF All items dest on spot
5	0640	3	OA	c/s31 believe they heard movement in the camp	
6	0654	3	OA	c/s31 found on E side of creek yesterday 2 entrenching tools; 1 pair of HO CHI MINH sandals; 1 blk shirt; 5x60m Mor rds; 3x rpg2 rds; 2x82mm Mor rds; 2 containers RPG2; 4 containers 60m rds; 2 containers 81mm Mor rds; Also in area was a new bunker not occupied	
7	0725	2	OA	c/s21B departing c/s21 loc patrol S&SW	C/s3 info BUSHRANGER advised to return to ND will be available from there when necessary TF informed that BUSHRANGER and JADE advise to delay Clear
8	0735	JADE	OA	I have delayed the Air Strike by 30 min due to low cover	
9	0735	3	OA	BUSHRANGER 71 cannot engage due to low cloud Base 50' thickness 1000'	
10	0740	TF	OA	Req clearance for PYTHON at 0800 on YS 385906	
11	0752	FCC	OA	Ref Clearance for E 40 to 50 N 93 grid 105m from XXXXXX BLACK HORSE ASAP to 0600 tomorrow	
12	0815	15	20,52	T20B and Sp elms in 15 loc now	
13	0823	OA	TF3	JADE sent home due to advise weather	
14	0835	4	OA	Intend moving to 334889 with c/s41 still W, c/s42 to E. There doesn't seem to be much En activity in this area	

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15	0850	1	OA	Locstat c/s1-11-12 N/C c/s13 353910. C/s followed up on the track from c/s11 loc and the direction is interesting as it follows the edge of the jungle and clearing c/s13 is at present in an ambush area. I intend moving to his loc with c/s11-12 and keeping c/s13 in ambush and c/s11 in reserve continue follow up with c/s12	
16	0915	3	OA	c/s32 with c/s3 and we will move in 10 mins	Passed to TF
17	0918	3	OA	Moving now	Passed to TF
18	0945	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 38729122 Dn5500 A100	Clear
19	0950	1	OA	Locstat n/c	
20	1005	OA	1	Ref list of med stores we have, the list is in this location. Were the stores found in the camp the same as those in the packs	Yes
21	1014	4	OA	Locstat c/s41 337884 c/s42 342883 c/s4,43 340882	Passed to TF
22	1015	1	OA	c/s2,11,1 2 moving now.	
23	1025	3	OA	4 bunkers have been located each probably containing 6 men and the est En str is 20-30. There are tracks to the N,S,E,W and we will check these XXXX later. HOLDFAST are checking the bunkers now We have recovered the KIA less dog tags and watch. There is a great deal of our equip lost last night now in the bunkers and we are checking carefully for booby traps. We have not located the lost weapons at this stage.	
24	1030	OA	TF	<div> <div> A DUSTOFF B c/s3 C 385906 D to be advised est 30 min E Routine F 1 litter G KIA H AUST I c/s3 freq 86J J Smoke </div> <div> K N/A L Secure M Hoist req N Stokes litter Ht of trees 60' </div> </div>	

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
25	1043	1	OA	Locstat c/s13 n/c c/s1,12,11 with c/s13	
26	1045	1	OA	<p>Fol Med Sup loc on the 2 VC KIA by C/s12 at 181715H</p> <p>colloquine 100 philes</p> <p>Vitman B2 28 "</p> <p>Tet antivenene 50 philes</p> <p>Chorouine 80 "</p> <p>Morphine 160 "</p> <p>Prostiginine 10 philes</p> <p>XXXXXX</p> <p>strychine 60 "</p> <p>Glucose serum 9 philes</p> <p>Ephedrine 6-8-philes</p> <p>Penicillin 158ullin 100</p> <p>Camequine 10 tablets</p> <p>Adrenaline 5 philes</p> <p>Dressings 2 Bags</p> <p>Syringe 15cc-1</p> <p>Quinine- 11philes</p> <p>Vit B1 10 phils</p> <p>Streptomycin 10 phils</p> <p>Asprin 100 philes</p> <p>Re ciprendstes 19</p> <p>Garderal 3 bags</p> <p>Penicillan 1 "</p> <p>Sulpharil Oxide 1 bags</p> <p>Comments: These suplies are believed for use in hospital particularly garderal & chlorovine and recipient sets. C/s1 loc additional med supplies in acamp at approx 346900. These were in a tin box. Contained med supplies instrumentse.g. stethoscope and blood pressure apparatus togeather together with with med suuplies similar to the above listed.</p> <p>Handwritten notes</p>	
27	1100	4	OA	Locstat c/s4-43 n/c c/s 41 335884 c/s 42 344886	
28	1110	1	OA	c/s13 locstat is incoorexctand I will send amended loc soon. c/s12 ptl w 100m. There are no fresh signs at all.	Passed to TF

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
		9	1	After course and move back to c/s11 loc of last night covering all tracks partic to the E as an En Bn is possibly going to move through that area.	
29	1112	2	OA	c/s22 complete c/s21 n/c Pt1 W c/s 23 373879	Passed to TF
30	1120	OA	3	ALB 03 will be in your loc in 20 min	
31	1125	4	OA	c/s4 moving now	
32	1132	FCC	OA	Request clearance 379908 Dn5600 A400 Bunker system	
33	1135	3	OA	Pt1 to W 100-150m found more bunkers some blood trails, possible movement	Clear
34	1140	OA	3	From SUNRAY CO would like PYTHON in area of bunkers with possible movement	CO & SEAGUL ADVISED
35	1145	OA	TF	Conversation SEAGUL to SEAGUL AIR. Reaction time for PYTHON 5-40 min	C/s3 have 32 in area, have 2 bunkers and 4 huts visible, movem could have been bushes
36	1150	3	OA	DUSTOFF complete P	
37	1159	2	OA	C/s21 has patrolled to the objective given by c/s9. He has gone a max dist of 450mS and 400m W. No results. The area is thoughtly bombed out and movement is difficult. He has found no signs of movement and SUNRAY 2 believes he is wasting his time in that area	Passed to Tf CO advised
38	1201	FCC	OA	Req clearance on 284 873 for 105mm firing from 95B loc for 105mm	SEAGULL advised
39	1205	3	OA	Have located 5 bu kers, withdrawing c/s32 to enable G30 to engage. Would like POSSUM to do VR to loc a LZ as SUNRAY c/s3 believes they will need more HOLDFAST pers and explosives to do the job properly	Clear c/s4 advised
40	1207	2	OA	c/s23 complete in this loc	Passed to CO
41	1211	4	OA	Locstat c/s 4-43 338884 c/s 41 331885 c/s42 340887	
42	1227	3	OA	Patroling to find the extremities of camp. When size is known G39 (in POSSUM) will be given details	Passed to TF

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XXXX 43	XX 1235	2 OA	2	OK to move to LZ and concentrate for RESUP c/s 21 moving now	From SEAGUL
44	1255	TF	OA	An ALBOTROSS will be avail for the CO and his Batman at approx 1400hrs	
45	1255	97	OA	Will attempt to fly to XL today. Will poss be to late at task AC today, may have to be tomorrow morning	
46	1310	1	OA	Locstat c/s 1-12 365 908 c/s11 357 908 c/s13 360907	Passed to TF
47	1319	3	OA	XXXXXXXXXXXX Contact c/s33	Passed to TF
48	1322	3	OA	c/s33 fired at movement no casualties, Believed to be a P1 clash	Passed to TF
49	1323	3	OA	Patrolled to W, found more bunkers and to the S for 100-150m. Trying to ascertain the depth of the system, appears to be approx 150 m. All bunkers unoccupied. They believe they have only the top rt hand corner of a large system. They saw one En in a bunker, this man ran W. SUNRAY has told sub-units to keep clear. All tracks are fresh. Blood trails in area of bunkers of contact are very heavy. Ref missing gear, the main items missing are web belts, bedding and personal equip. It is hard to ascertain the exact amount of missing gear by type because most of this equip belongs to the WIA who were casavac. Will. Forward a list per POSS ASAP. C/s3 will have a better idea of extent of camp when c/s33 returns.	
50	1324	3	OA	Conversation c/s9 and SUNRAY c/s3- Ref leaving 1 c/s in area of bunkers, would not like to leave a C/s out on a limb. Would like to vacate the area and engage with G30 and PYTHON. SUNRAY 3 believes that the area is too large to attempt to hold with 1 PL. En tracks indicate the En moved W and SW. Tracks indicate a camp to W or SW. Would like G39 to VR for LZ and then move c/s3 complete to LZ for resup	SUNRAY 9 agrees. SEAGULLL to arrange PYTHON. Will move to LZ anticipate 1 1/2 hrs. SUNRAY c/s3 advises that marker balloon to mark PYTHON tgt is an "absolutely marvellous idea"
51	1325	2	OA	c/s2&22 moving now	
52	1352	FCC	OA	Req clearance for 4.2 mors, firing from BLACKHORSE impacting 360909	Neg clearance
53	1440	4	OA	C/s42 with c/s4	
54	1450	3	OA	Map spot c/s 3 camp 387906	
55	1525	2	OA	Locstat c/s 2,22 369881 c/s21 359881 c/s23 N/c	Passed to TF

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Date.....20 July 1969.....

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
56	1545	2	OA	From last loc came across W to E track and it was intersected by N-S track, which had been used by Squad(-) in last 48 hrs	
57	1645	4	OA	Locstat c/s4-42 333892 c/s41 moving to c/s4 loc c/s43 pt1 to NW. Old Ox cart track runs N-S used as a foot path 18 mths ago	Passed to TF
58	1650	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 351865 350859 DF for FSPB	Clear
59	1651	3	OA	Locstat 3 390903	Passed to TF
60	1657	2	OA	Req POSSUM for VR for c/s 21	Granted
61	1720	P23	OA	Balloon is deflated and lying on top of trees	c/s3 Ack
62	1810	4	OA	Locstat c/s43 329894	Passed to TF
63	1838	4	OA	C/s43 have found cut sapplings in his loc- type used for bunkers- They have heard movement to SW- upon investigation they found one footprint leading SW	Passed to TF
64	1845	4	OA	c/s41 in c/s4's loc	
65	1846	FCC	OA	Ground clearance on 324889 D 4000 A 400 131 Bty DF c/s4	Clear ground
66	1850	ECC	OA	Ground clearance on 443908 433910 ASAP to 0600hrs BH	Ground clearance
67	1906	3	OA	Ref conversation with SUNRAY about future tasks(destruction of bunkers in camp) HOLDFAST believe they will req a GET for the task. HOLDFAST also req a complete refill for basic demo kits. If GET are available they could RESUOP my team. Would like GET tomorrow morning if possible. Because we have to recieve a PRI/M'DEM - departure time as discussed with SUNRAY will be delayed	
68	1905	2	OA	c/s 2 -22 369 880 c/s21 360881 c/s 23 373879	TF info
69	1910	1	OA	N1 locs N/C	TF info
70	1937	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 285887 DF	Clear

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
71	1950	1	OA	Locstat c/s1 356988	Passed to TF Be prepared to remain for further 24 hrs
72	1955	1	OA	SITREP I am in a good position and the movement pattern indicates that I should remain in this loc	
73	2005	3 9A	OA 3	I believe the camp is much larger than we thought and the En could move back tonight. In my respect to your req for GET, I believe you should approach the problem in 3 phases:1. Move to objective 2. Search camp 3. Fly in GET and explosives. I have recommended the use of air and I believe we now should use but you advise keeping in mind the weather restrictions. I agree with the above. I wont req the air until mid morning as it will take at least that long for me to get into position	
74	2045	2	OA	I believe the En are scrub bashing probably using compasses. There are no tracks S of the creek in c/s21 loc. I intend leaving c/s 23 in loc until c/s 22 recieves his re-sup and then exchange c/s's. I will push c/s23 to the high ground in the NE.	
75	2055	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 297886 for H&I ASAP to 0600. 306866,302887,2959X04,284904,284909,293928	All clear Req TF to pass to OB
76	2120	OA	TF	Ref the major contact of c/s23 the following weapons were lost in the contact; 1M60,3M16,1M79,2SLR. We believe the M60 and M16 were damaged by SA fire	
77	2130	TF	OA	CHIEU HOI reports that the En re-occupied c/s 3 camp to-day	
78	2215	OA	TF	<p>A PYTHON</p> <p>B 386908</p> <p>C Occupied bunker system</p> <p>D Not before 211000. not later than 211200</p> <p>Loc of own troops 500m N, 2500mW, 2500m SW</p> <p>F Smoke avail POSSUM, assistance avail for certification of own troops. Call OB on freq 36W Be prepto flick to c/s3 freq 86J. Timings are important for coord of fire plan. Req advise ASAP on strikes proposed timings. If possible req high drag bombs.</p> <p>A PYTHON LFT</p> <p>B 386908</p> <p>C Occupied bunker system</p>	

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
79	2235	TF	OA	<p>D To be advised. Occupied after PYTHON previously req time to be confirmed</p> <p>E Own troops 500m N, 2500m W</p> <p>F Req t cover assault of c/s 3 on occupied camp. Call OA on 36W for breifing. Be prepared to orbit 5000m E of tgt for briefing. Be prepared to flick to frq 86J for engagement of targets. Smk avail to identify own troops.</p> <p>Ref PYTHON req, time brackets are suitable- could you advise exact time you req PYTHON strikes</p>	<p>SUNRAY MINOR will advise approx 0800hrs</p>

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9 RAR LOG SHEETS

Date..... 21 July 1969

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
1	0650	OA	3	We have recieved additional info about your activities today and SUNRAY MINOR will be calling to to see you in POSSUM early this morning. He suggest to move untill he arrives and he wants you to pay particular attention to your awn security.	
2	0730	FCC	OA	Req clearence betw E8ings 30-40 and N of 92 N'ing for 105&155mm firing from BLACKHORSE	Only clear of 93 N' ing
3	0755	9A	OA	9A does not want c/s4 to get to involved due to c/s 3 activities t the E. C/s4 is clear to have a sniff around and t go ahead with RESUP. Timber thought to be 1 mth old, is approx 9 mths old.	
4	0800	TF	OA	C/s75 in this loc at Q+1 1000hrs.	
5	0815	XL	OA	Sgt curtis and 2 sigs at XL are waiying on a reply as to what time they can anticipate being lifted mx out to DAMPIER	TF asked for A1 at 1200hrs(Our Resup AC) or LO's AC
6	0840	6	OA	C/s61 moving now	
7	0850	4	OA	C/s42 moving now	
8	0900	9A OA 9A OA TF	OA 9A OA TF OA	Air strike confirmed at 1030H TF advised most suitable time 1100 That is acceptable Req LFT 30 mins later (1100) with a second LFT standing by LFT not airborne until I hear from you	XXXXXXXXXXXX Passed to TF Passed to TF
9	0915	2	OA	Locstat c/s2,22 369882 c/s21 364883 c/s23 N/C	Passed to TF
10	0923	3	OA	c/s3 moving in 5 min	
11	0930	FCC	OA	Ground clearence 364883 Dn6400 A1000 ARTY & Mors	Clear
12	0935	2	OA	c/s21 at thier last loc came across a N-S track scrubbee bashed width 1 man. C/s21 followed both N-S tracks aged 48 hrs used by est squad- dir of move S-N. Followed up to the N, revaeled blood droppingson a log, believed due to change of field dressing. The track has been blazed on each tree for a dist of 180m. C/s21B following N to BLUE LINE.	

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Date.....21 July 1969.....

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
13	0955	TF	OA	P22 will be required to conduct an airstrike at 3768 at 211515H as he is familiar with the target. POSSUM 27 will be your DS POSSUM during this activity.	TF briefed on req for continuous Poss support due to c/s3 act.
14	1005	2	OA	Ref serial 12 C/s21B patrolled N along the track for approx 370m. When they came to the creek. On that point they found on the N bank a pair of wet blue trousers hanging on a tree and also signs of En attempts to camouflage the track leading to the N. 21B's recce disclosed nothing. 21B now returning to 21 and 21 will check track to the S to find out if it links with W-E track, found by 21 yesterday. Appears that 15-20 men used the track.	
15	1020	2	OA	Amendment to locstat c/s2,22 372882	Passed to TF
16	1025	OA	JADE	Ref airstrike we have friendlies 800m NNE which is c/s3 and they will mark with smk. We have friendlies 2500m W and 3 K SW. G39A will be airborne in POSSUM and will conduct you on this freq.	
17	1030	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 379902 Markers 386907	Clear
18	1105	3	OA	Locstat c/s3 399913	Passed to TF
19	1130	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 386907 324889 Dn4800 A1000	Clear
20	1140	6	OA	c/s16 346866	Passed to TF
21	1150	4	OA	SITREP c/s4,41 at LZ at 335895 c/s42 at 326895 loc a scrub bashed track 24hrs going E-W About 300m W they found a cache on a stand 3X3 6-8mths covered with dark green plastic. c/s43 remaining in ambush at 329894.	
22	1220	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 284900	Clear
23	1245	3	OA	c/s3 moving in 5	
24	1305	FCC	OA	Req clearance on 378864 for Mors Bedding in	Clear
25	1310	G39A	OA	Finished all tasks, returning to DAMPIER c/s3 has moved 100m in the thick bamboo.	
26	1346	4	OA	Locstat c/s4 326898. Have found a old XXXXXX cache containing 2 old rolls of film	Passed to TF

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
27	1355	2	OA	Locstat c/s21 365883 moving c/s 23B 373880 c/s 2,22,23 N/C	Passed to TF
28	1401	4	OA	C/s4 have found 12 rolls of film(4X6" and 8X12"). The 12" rolls have been destroyed by water. They have also found a projector and a transformer., both are US. c/s42 will destroy the 12" films and projector and transformer and will bring with them the 12" reels. This find was at C/s 42's last locstat(serial 26)6" film appear to be physical culture and proagander.	
29	1415	6	OA	c/s61 back in this loc.	
30	1416	FCC	OA	Request clearance on 285918 D6400 for target marking	Clear
31	1428	FCC	OA	Request clearance on 294907 Dn 0500 Mark now	Clear
32	1433	3	OA	Locstat c/s3 3939 3	Passed to TF
33	1445	TF	OA	POSSUM 27 will replace POSSUM 22	SEAGUL advised
34	1450	OA	TF	SEAGUL advises that it will be OK for conf with US LCT at this loc at 220900 hrs	Result of conversation on BUMBLE BEE
35	1455	OA	4	Unable to provide POSSUM for VR today.	
36	1504	4	OA	c/s4 on edge of bombed out camp. c/s42 found nothing S of c/s43 loc.	
37	1514	3	OA	Locs at c/s 391913	Passed to TF
38	1516	4	OA	Locstat c/s42 331897	
39	1525	2	OA	C/s 21 now in c/s2 loc	
40	1555	3	OA	Locstat c s3 389913	Passed to TF
41	1636	2	OA	Call us when you reach the next N'ing and we will discuss whether you should continue. Locstat c/s22 374880 c/s21,2 N/C c/s23 with c/s2	Passed to TF
42	1655	3	OA	Locstat cs3 384912	Passed to TF

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9 RAR LOG SHEETS

Date 21 July 1969

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
43	1705	TF	OA	From SEAGUL- traces, maps and instis for L/C OP will come fwd on DS POSSUM tomorrow- however, SEAGUL will discuss it it briefly tonight	Adj't info
44	1720	4	OA	Night loc c/s 4,42,43 334895	TF info
45	1721	2	OA	C/s 23 now completet in c/s2 loc	
46	1737	3	OA	Ni loc c/s 3 385910	TF info
47	1738	TF	OA	Storm approaching ND l'ing 300 winds 20-25k and increasing	2IC released POSSUM
48	1739	4	OA	c/s41 mov to ni task	
49	1746	3	OA	Am in Ni locand will commence mov first thing tomorrow	Roger 9A will discuss plot in More detail
50	1800	1	OA	Ni-loc N/C	
51	1822	FCC	OA	Ground clearence on 428918-105-BH , 430908-105-BH	Clear
52	1825	2	OA	Ni loc c/s2 c/s2,21,23 372882 c/s22 373881	TF info
53	1827	4	OA	Ni loc c/s41 333891	TF info
54	1830	1	OA	C/s1 Niloc c/s1-12 356908 c/s11 357908 c/s13 360907	TF info
55	1855	FCC	O	Request clearence on 287900 for 105mm firing from DAMPIER in Sp of LEATHERNECKS	Clear
56	1858	FCC	OA	Request clearence on 333885 Dn3200 A400	Clear
57	1945	FCC	OA	Ground clearence 366891 Dn3800	Clear
58	1950	3	OA	The going was difficult today but we will move earlier tomorrow. At this stage we are relying on G30 for support tomorrow but I would like a LFT stand by	Noted

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
59	1955	9A	1	C/s3's activities will influence yours and I believe midnight will be about the time for a decision. The proposal is for you to move to 336917. That puts you on the edge of an area leading Wand that is the area XXXXXX I want you to investigate. We will confirm this tomorrow.	
60	2001	9A 2	2 9A	<p>Fol your movement with interest and would like to know your intentions.</p> <p>I intend pushing c/s23 N of my loc onto the high ground and patrol N&E. C/s21 from my loc will ptl ENE toward the large re-entrant. C/s22 will patrol NNE from his present loc. C/s23 patrolled N and found the edge of the bunker system which we believe is the SW edge. It was not new and the one bunker was not occupied. I believe that last time the bunker system was further NE on the high ground. There has been some activity on the tracks so c/s23 will have a closer look NNE. We will engage with Arty prior to move. C/s21 will be in a position to flank if necessary.</p> <p>There is one point to keep in mind and XXXX that is the activities of C/s3 as he may need all assistance esp arty. The En may have moved into your area as c/s3 indicated a wdr SW.</p> <p>Would you prefer me to sit on the tracks till c/s3 has finished?</p> <p>Use the time to recce but if poss dont become too committed.</p> <p>En are scrub bashing and are making an effort to deceive followup. At the track junct with creek they trample banks and walk backwards etc. They also blaze both sides of the trees. I believe the move pattern is; SW on our arrival; NE after c/s3 contact; Req POSSUM tomorrow for RV.</p>	
61	2030	FCC	0A	Ground clearance 348928 364928 105's from now to 0600	Clear
62	2045	9A	0A	Move generally to 315907 but not beyond Your move is related to move of c/s1	
63	2115	FCC	0A	Ground clearance 288848	Clear
64	2033	12	79	<p>Ref LCT coming up on DS POSSUM 22 Jul incl map and Comd Guide to hand Clearing. 501 Eng Coy (LCT) under Comd 9 RAR consists of 5 Off, 950R, 35 lowloaders with plant and 11x2½ tn Veh. Arriving 25 Jul and remain 26 XXXX Aug. Their task is to clear trails approx 400m wide and a couple of large clearings. They move from LONG BIHN early 25 Jul Via Route 15 and Route 2 Est they will arrive FSB ASH late 25 July.</p> <p>9 RAR req to secure ASH 24 July or very early 25 July. Some Eng sup from TF to be given, 1X ComEng team for route clearance and case dozers for prep of ASH for occupation. 1p APC, 1p Tanks incl 1 bridge tank under command for protection. 9 RAR may be req to release DS POSSUM in morning and afternoon for recce. 1xUN10 will be provided from RAAF or USAF for daily Maint sortie from ASH to LONG BIHN for tech items at about 1600hrs. Possibility they may make a new route in through CU BY Rubber. 1st task is to clear route betw 39 and 39 E. Conference in this loc 220900H, party to include CE, CO 1Fd Regt or 2IC</p>	

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9 RAR LOG SHEETS

Date..... 21 July 1969

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
65	2313	RCC		OC B Sqd 1 Arm, OC B Sq Cav, DAQMG, G2015 G2 Atr, OC Admin Coy 5 RAR OC Admin Coy 9RAR, CO LCT and S3	
65	2313	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 305854 313856 313856 280913 281908 306856 280903 286903 283913 Intel tgts ASAP 0600 firing 155m from Grey	C lear
66	2327	RCC FCC	OA	Ground Clearance 359927 firing 105mm out of 3799 ASAP to 0600	CLear
67	2334	FCC	OA	Ground clearance illum 359927 impact 357917 ASAP ASAP to 0600	Clear

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9 RAR LOG SHEETS

Date..22.July.1969.....

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
1	0610	FCC	OA	Req clearance on 387907 for 105mm firing from DAMPIER D3200 A1000 high angle	Clear
2	0659	3	OA	Moving in 5 mins	
3	0800	3	OA	XXXXXXXXXX 150m S of last Ni loc	Passed to TF
4	0811	2	OA	Locstat XXX 377881 c/s22 c/s23 moving now VR cancelled	Passed to TF
5	0820	3	OA	300m from last Ni loc, Sending out patrols to investigate.	
6	0825	TF	OA	LCT reps will now xxx arrive at 1400	
7	0840	BH	OA	Req block clearance from 30-40E and above 93N for 105 and 155mm from ASAP -0600 Req block clearance from 40-50E N of 90N ASAP - 1800	First Affirm till 1200 Latter Granted E of 41 E
8	0850	1	OA	Locstat c/s1-11-12 N/C c/s13 353908	Passed to TF
9	0905	1	OA	C/s1 moving now	
10	0922	6	OA	C/s 62 moving now	
11	0930	3	OA	Locstat c/s3 385910 c/s32 150m SE extent of.	
12	0937	3	OA	Confirm locstat 300m S of last ni locstat c/s32 patrolling to 32 for 250m to locate camp.	
13	0938	2	OA	C/S 22B leaving c/s22 loc.	
14	0940	6	OA	C/s62 req clearance at 367862 for demolition of BUTTERFLY bomb ASAP to 1015	Clear
15	0942	1	OA	Locstat c/s1-11-12 353911 c/s13 351913	Passed to TF
16	1000	4	OA	C/s 43 moving now	
17	1007	3	OA	C/s32 in c/s3 loc, c/s 3 moving now. C/s32 found cut trees indicating a bunker system, and c/s3 now	

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9 RAR LOG SHEETS

Date.... 22 July 1969

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
18				moving toward the camp.	
18	1033	4	OA	C/s4 moving now	
19	1038	1	OA	Locstat c/s13 N/C c/s1-11-12	
20	1042	2	OA	Locstat c/s22 361894	Incorrect
21	1044	G39	OA	Locstat c/s23 Stand by LFT nd PYTHON	Passed to TF
22	1050	FCC	OA	Req clearance on 382890 Contact mission 373885 DO800 A100 ARTY 366891	Clear
23	1045	2	OA	C/s23 moving N come t the edge of the bunker and c/s2 delayed. When 15 m from the bunker c/s23 sighted 1 En dressed in Kahki with weapon slung moving to the bunker. He was engaged, c/s23 fell the camp is occupied in depth.	
24	1100	2	OA	Locstat 228 381884	
25	1101	1	OA	Locstat c/s1 351913	Passed to TF
26	1102	OA	3	Due to c/s2 contact hold until c/s2 position becomes clear.	
27	1112	OA	TF	A PYTHON LFT B 372885 C Occupied bunker system D ASAP E In contact 260 to S 1500 to NNE 2500 to NW F Suggest run E to W Call OA on 36 W. Be prep to flick to 25C and call c/s23. Orbit E for briefing.	
28	1115	2	OA	SITREP I believe c/s23 downed the 1 En. They were fired on by a RPG in depth and believe the major system is N. I intend pushing c/s23 into the camp after engagement with ARTY and Mors. If they meet resistance they will pull back and we will hit the camp with AIR	
29	1145	OA	2	BUSHRANGER 71 briefed request he change to join Internal	Granted B'RANGER 71 advised
30	1150	3	OA	386908	Passed to TF

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9 RAR LOG SHEETS

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
31	1200	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 362885 Mor lay on	Clear
32	1220	2	OA	C/s23 moving bunkers extend N and E and W. B'RANGER 71 has a malfunction and 72 is remaining	TF advised
33	1230	4	OA	SUNRAY TF feels HQ274 therefore system could be extensive.	
34	1245	3	OA	Locstat 4(-) 326898 c/s43 323893 , c/s4 moving now	
35	1247	FCC	OA	Moving now	Clear
36	1300	2	OA	Ground clearance 302857 from Clair ASAP CLAIR ASAP - EOM	
37	1312	2	OA	SITREP c/s23 on the edge of the bunker system and has 7 bunkers already. It is the largest they have seen and it extends N,E&W. It is well established with t bles, chairs above bunker level. I intend concentrating my c/s engaging with AIR, arty, mors and then assault with complete C/S	
				A Contacat c/s23	Ack
				B 221040H	
				C 372885	
				D 1	
				E Fawn dress weapon slung	
				F 1 WIA (BT)	
				G C/s23 engaged with SA. RPG fired from depth landing to rear of c/s23	
				H 23 during silent deployment an En bunker system sighted 1 En moving from N. C/s23 swept into system which extends NE and W finding 7 bunkers. Ground rises to E flat to N and drops away.	
38	1330	2	OA	c/s 23 with c/s2 c/s2 complete.	
39	1340	B/R71	OA	Now departing your loc for ND	
40	1345	3	OA	Now in camp Blown one bunker and checking second bunker to est a start point. Intend moving fwd from those into camp.	
41	1350	2	OA	OPDEM	
				A 201	
				B 7.62 1 nk 7.62 ball 5.56, M79HE	

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9 RAR LOG SHEETS

Date...22 July 1969.....

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
42	1335	2	OA	SITREP after debrief SUNRAY c/s23 C/s23 penetrated approx 60m into the system. Bunkers extend further to the N,E,SE and W. The system is being used at present. It is well constructed with tables and chairs and quite clean Biggest system SUNRAY c/s23 has seen. C/s 23 loc sterilizing tablets in the camp INTENTION c/s2 intends moving into the system after engagement complete. Possibility of AIR STRIKE still being investigating but depends on weather	Req JADE as weather improving.
43	1400	4	OA	Locstats 4(-) 320901 c/s43 314896 Nothing to report at this stage	Passed to TF
44	1401	3	OA	Req chain saw for prep of LZ	
45	1406	TF	OA	Jade 02 heading toward DAMPIER on 36W Tac Air. Discuss strike with him	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXX
46	1410	3	OA	SITREP c/s3 loc in SW corner of camp at 387906 and now sending out 2 ptls to investigate area. Req provision of LZ prep kit	Passed to Eng to fly in tonight
47	1412	2	OA	Stress importance for timing of OPDEM due to move onto camp	Passed to XR OA for OB
48	1420	3	OA	From HOLDFAST we req a complet LZ kit. Est time of completion 6 hrs	
49	1425	2	OA	Req LFT stand by in 40 mins t cover move.	
50	1426	3	OA	We have loc some docs identifying some units	
51	1435	4	OA	Locstat c/s43 312899	
52	1445	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 302858 from CLAIR 367874 380871	Clearfor latter Neg for former
53	1507	1	OA	C/s1 moving now	
54	1515	3	OA	Loc 20 leaving bunkers and some RPG rds	
55	1545	1	OA	Locstat c/s1 349912	Passed to TF
56	1555	2	OA	C/s2 moving	TF advised LFT stand by

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9 RAR LOG SHEETS

Date.... 22 July 1969

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
57	1605	OA	TF	C/s3 has recieved ALBO kit	
58	1620	OA	TF	B'RANGER 71 in this loc c/s2 has been delayed by mort on W flank.	
59	1635	2	OA	Would like LFT airbourne as soon as GUNS and MORS are checked fired	LFT info
60	1644	OA	2	LFT airbourne and will be orbiting to Edo you req them	Yes
61	1645	OA	71	c/s2 have GUNS & MORS at rest, flick to c/s2 internal	
62	1650	OA	1,34	c/s2 now operating with LFT	
63	1655	FCC	OA	Ground clearance from 30E-40E N of 93N. From 41E to 50 E. N of 90 N. From time 1800 to 0600. 105mm from BLACK HORSE	Granted
64	1700	1	OA	Locstat c/s1 347912	
65	1706	3	OA	Have loc approx 20 bunkers	
66	1730	OA	2	Req SITREP	
67	1734	2	OA	Loc a lot of bunkers and tracks on the frontage we are covering. Have moved 40m into system. Holding LFT in area	Passed to TF
68	1735	FCC	OA	Ground clearance Mors from DAMPIER on YS 352860 Adj and recording DF	Clear
69	1750	1	OA	N1 loc c/s 345912	
70	1805	3	OA	N1 loc c/s3 387907	
71	1809	2	OA	B'RANGER now leaving this loc	
72	1815	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 323898 Mark Mor 308888	Clear
73	1830	3	OA	We req a GET tomorrow plus extra explosives. I est 25 bunkers to destroy	

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
74	1840	4	OA	Just to the N of my loc there is a E-W track used as a footpath extensively till a month ago We Followed for 75m but there is no recent activity of leather neck 5A	cConatct 294 854
75	1917	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 304902 D5450 A400	Clear
76	1920	2	OA	SITREP We moved into the camp and have exploited on a frontage of 2 c/s and est 30 bunkers in that area. The system runs E-W with 2 parrallel lines f bunkers. It is brand new and was occupied by quitesome forse. The bunkers were camed and this was est to be one day old old. The system is very elaborate and built on a very large scale. The bunkers are large thick OHC the latrines deep with perminate esats. Track leading from the camp runs N,NE,&NW with est 2 squads using it to the NW. Rain prevented us det the use of the old tracks. The system must be destroyed and we will req a GET Locstat 373886	Passed to TF
77	2015	9A 2	2 9A	Any assesment of number of En No as we arrived to late to fully investigate. OHC is excellent and it is well cammed. We are on the NW edge and bunkers extend to the E. It is very clean. We intend to push out to find out the extent of the system. We shall develop a LZ tomorrow. We did hear movementto our W as we moved in.	
78	2020	FC	OA	Ground clearance 378887 A1600 A400 371882 D3200 A600X 370886 d 4800 A1000	Clear clear clear
79	2030	TF	OA	Interrogation Reports. 274 Regt 1. From member Rear Ser Unit. 274 Reg dispersed alon SONG CA in vicinity of 3688 and 3788 as at 7 Jul. The Bns were N of the river and the rear serv Coy, Eng Coy and Reccee Coy S of the river. 2Member 2/274 Regt, all elms 274 Regt loc in LONG THANH district. 2/274 base somewhere on SONG CA. 3. Squad leader 1/274. 1/274 HQ loc 3488 and think complete Bn there 4. 7 Bn loc 2880.	
80	2045	4	OA	Search NE tomorrow	
81	2102	OA	TF	Req clearence to operate up to our N boundary from 320920 to 350 922 from 230600 to 260600.	
82	2155	FCC	OA	Req gd clearence 293876 for 105 from CLAIR at 0600	Clear
83	2200	20	52	No SUNRAYS briefing at TF tomorrow	Passed to 9A

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
84	2210	20	66	Bdry clearence Ser 81 granted	

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Date..... 23 July 1969

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
1	0054	FCC	OA	Req clearance grid 284910 ASAP to 0600 155mm from GRAY	Clear (neg clear later given by c/s72 on TF net- because ARON Marine refuses to give any clearances after 2200 hrs- they close down for the night)
2	0650	OA	1234	New inter c/s boundaries operative from receipt of this sig. From 327920 down the track and creek to 319902 then SE to 330395 then along existing boundary to 337896	Ack by 3421
3	0702	4	OA	Req boundary clearance from 319908 to 319902 from now until 231700	Granted c/s1 advised
4	0720	FCC	OA	Gr clearance E40-30 N of 93 N E41-50 N 90N 1800-0600 for 105mm	Clear
5	0729	4 OA	OA 4	Any thing on LEATHERNECK 5A contact LEATHERNECK engaged an EN Coy in a bunker system at 294854 with LFT and ARTY. En wdr S ans SW cas N/K Own cas 1 DUSTOFF this morning. Loc 400lbs of rice 500AK47 rds, med sups. LEATHERNECK intend moving into the system today	
6	0805	1	OA	You have bdy clearance from 320920 to 350922 from time 230600 to 260600.	
7	0808	2	OA	Intend to consolidate in this loc and construct LZ. C/s22 to pt1 E to N. C/s21 to Pt N to W. ALBO kit due in at 0830hrs. Anticipate LZ ready by 1200hrs	
8	0812	TF	OA	C/s75 will be in your loc at 1015hrs	
9	0817	1	OA	C/s13 moving now also c/s12	
10	0835	2	OA	C/s21 moving now	
11	0845	1	OA	Locstat c/s1-11 N/C c/s12 347910 c/s13 343914	Passed to TF
12	0850	3	OA	SITREP at RS 384908 C/s33 have loc 4 bunkers, one taken direct hit. Loc one RPG7 complete c/s33 believes RPG in a dangerous xx condition and HOLDFAST going to destroyed	Passed to TF
13	0855	4	OA	C/s4 left this loc and patrolling	

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
14	0905	2	OA	c/s22 moving now	
15	0915	3	OA	LZ complete can accept POSSUM.	
16	0920	1	OA	At c/s12 have loc a NE-SW with broken twigs and footprints which are very hard to identify, used by approx 5-6 people betw 1-2 days ago.	
17	0945	TFF	OA	Req clearance on 378887 D0800 A1000	Clear
18	0950	1	OA	Locstat c/s1-11 N/C c/s12 345908 c/s13 342912	Passed to TF
19	0955	2	OA	Locstats c/s2-23 372886 c/s21 370888 c/s22 374886	Passed to TF
20	1000	2	OA	SITREP c/s21 has found a NW track which crosses the creek. Tracks indicate this was the direction of wd1 Tracks once they get to the creek move along the creek to the Wand then N, C/s21 is not going to cross the creek, but is continuing sweep/ Has 1 bunker, possibly more to his front. C/s22 has moved 200m E and found a NE track used during rain, direction of move to NE, they have found a partially constructed bunker.	
21	1015	FCC	OA	Req clearance for 18's 367887 Dn 4800 A700	Clear
22	1016	2	OA	SITREP c/s21 has found 2 bunkers 1 on the track and 1 20m back. Both are fighting bunkers. 21 has crossed a track, that goes into the system. C/s21 is sweeping on a bearing of 4000µ.	
23	1030	TF	OA	Reliable info on Mor attack in our area, in any degree of time, this may occur any time. Possible occurrence from the area of A Coy or B Coy's contact. Mediums or heavies will be available if we require.	
24	1045	1	OA	Locstat c/s1-11 N/C c/ 12-13 with c/s1	
25	1054	2	OA	Locstat c/s22 376888	
26	1100	TF	OA	Message from SEAGUL - Has no further advise on times but believe it may be as soon as possible. There is a threat to the Coy but the biggest threat is DAMPIER.	

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
27	1105	6	OA	161 Bty req clearances for test firing and zeroing betw bearings 1400-1900 mls now to 1300 hrs	Clear c/s6
28	1108	2	OA	Locstat c/s21 468886 have track on 2000m they are going to follow up a distance of 100m in both directions	Passed to TF
29				WNG of	
30	1125	FCC	OA	Req clearance on 378887 D0800 A 1000	Clear
31	1200	1	OA	Locstat 342 911	Passed to TF
32	1201	4	OA	Locstat c/s4-42 N/c c/s41 309902 c/s 43 305898	Passed to TF
33	1210	6	OA	C/s 61 moving now	
34	1211	2	OA	SITREP c/s21 parralled N to the BLUE LINE and then W along the creek. On bg 5500 dist 200m they loc 2 sentry bunkers which confirm we are in the NW corner of the system. We have loc 6 bunkers incl the sentry bunkers but we have not investigated betw this loc and the sentry posts. C/s22 ptld E and loc a bunker system which has been partially destroyed by HOLDFAST in the past It is defended in a circle, diam 100m. There are fighting pits with crawl pits, some with OHC. It has not been used recently but people have moved through it recently- 2-3 men on a NE track from the Camp. They feel they hve moved to thier NE and will investigate before returning. From my position it would appear the EN wdr W and NE.	
35	1230	OA	1234	Possible Mor att on Coy locs or FSB. Timmings imminent but possible any time. Possible base near past contact areas.	
36	1255	2	OA	Ref crypto clarify BHZ TZU ERE	Add TUO(immed) betwgp 28&29
37	1300	2	OA	c/s22 with c/s2	Passed to TF
38	1301	4	OA	C/s43 with c/s4	Passed to TF
39	1308	1	OA	Locstat c/s 1 340911	Passed to TF
40	1310	6	OA	61 351867	

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
41	1330	2	OA	C/s22 have returned 150m on a bg 0400m loc 8 bunkers in same codit as new system.	Passed to TF
42	1332	3	OA	Loc 27 bunkers. Now prep for demolitions and we will be ready this afternoon.	
43	1345	4	OA	We have loc 2 lzs at 308898 this will take 20 mins to prep 313905 req no prep At 313905. 308900 there is a Ox cart track not used for 1 mth	
44	1352	1	OA	Locstat c/s 1-13 N/C c/s11 341910 c/s12 338913	
45	1416	1	OA	SITREP. on NE side of c/s1 they foud a NW-SE track used 2 days ago. C/s12 followed it to the NW to the BLUE LINE. I dont intend to follow up at this stage. C/s11 followed SE and loc an old sentry posn. No fres signs but c/s11 will investigate futher. Locstat 11 342908.	Passed to TF
46	1435	6	OA	C/s6 357869	
47	1455	1	OA	Locstat c/s1-13 N/C c/s 11 YYOWCNAR c/s12 KMX FMVZANBS.	
48	1456	2	OA	C/s 22B left c/s 2 loc for 200 paces on 0400m and reached the system which consisted of 12 bunkers extending to the E. C/s22B intends to patroll 200E then 200N and return. Used last 2-3 days ago The track system leads N. 22B produce diagram produce diagram.	
49	1525	6	OA	Locstat c/s61 362869	TF info
50	1531	2	OA	C/s21 in c/s2 loc	
51	1532	1	OA	C/s12 in 1 loc	
52	1538	2	OA	c/s22 in 2 loc	
53	1550	6	OA	C/s61 in DAMPIER	
54	1551	2	OA	POSSUM STARLIGHT 2-3 loc	
55	1545	TF	OA	REPORT FROM AGENT who met member of 274R area of R2. Contue to search by air to N for likely base plate locs as this are most probable area. Recomend that c/s2 and c/s3 remain in camps and search for caches as it is believed to be a cons iderable ammount of equip in and around these camps.	

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
				Recommended these examples c/s2 and c/s 3 should patrol well away from area of camps to search for other caches and bunker systems.. It is believed there are still En soldiers and wounded in close prox of c/s2 and c/s3	Req LFT to carry out armed recce for poss base plate positions
56	1605	4	OA	C/s42 mov 299907 c/s4(-) 3102902	TF info
57	1607	2	OA	C/s23(-) leaving c/s23 loc	
58	1610	1	OA	C/s11 in 1's loc now	
59	1640	1	OA	This c/s mov now	
60	1641	OA	TF	Ref LFT for recce of mor base plate Call OA on 45.60 orbit S of DAMPIER for briefing.. Task is to survey all trails within 3000m Survey the SONG CA from SW-NE E'ing 35-39. POSSUM can be airborne with LFT to cover.	
61	1645	OA	1	Your C/s complete to move via 346900 which is an area of previous interest to your c/s to the area of 372892	
62	1658	4	OA	C/s42 297905 mov now	TF info
63	1710	OA	1	Spoken to Brig about your activity he stresses the importance of the move and speed. Route should be through route given or further N where you Op recently. Let me know your thoughts on route you would prefer.	
64	- See over				
65	1745	OA	1234	Expect heavy En activity any friendly loc this area in near future.	
66	1805	FCC	OA	Ground clearance on 33-40 E'ing 83-875 N'ing ARTY & MORS DAMPIER CM/CR	Clear ground
67	1807	FCC	OA	Ground clearance on 302890 , 312899 Mark Missn c/s2 105 DAMPIER	
68	1810	FCC	OA	Ground clearance N of 91 E of 30-50 155mm from BH	Neg clearance Clear N of 93 30-50 E'ing
69	1830	4	OA	C/s 4-41-43 303903 c/s 42 still moving	Ni loc passed to TF

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
* XM 64	1730	OA	1234	Agent reports B/C Coy lcos main En locs. Extensive caches in area surroundings. En wounded troops in close surroundings. Agent added extensive patrolling from locs needed to loc En/ eqpt.	
70	1840	OA	TF	C/s1 route now modified to his moving direct a day from grid 372892	Passed to DO 1 ATF by SEAGUL
71	1848	OA	P24	C/s 9A tp C/s 2 loc. Orbit and then return to this loc.	
72	1900	FCC	OA	Gr clearance 3000893	Clear
73	1901	3	OA	Locstat N/C	
74	1905	2	OA	Locstat 372886	
75	2000	FCC	OA	Gr clearance 386907 D1450 A 1000 0700 6400 5500	Clear
76	2003	1	OA	It will take some time to move to the area due to the ground. I will probably use G before moving into the area. The camp has been sown with CS gas. I will depart first light.	
		OA	1	Do you see any use in use of IRONSIDES	
		1	OA	No due to terrain.	
77	2005	4	OA	Locstat 4(-) 306903 c/s42 299904	Passed to TF
78	2006	2	OA	Curious about what is here	
		OA	2	We have nothing more than sent to you C/s1 are moving as passed to 372892	
		2	OA	Most tracks NE INTENTION C/s to be ndary where c/s1 intend moving. C/s22 NE to 3889- Neg other than bunker system reported but suspected an area to E but I wdr him as he was too far away.	
				System- new being prep for occupation. No cache t date but we will chec closely in particular an Ox cart track running to NE.	
79	2030	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 373890 D 6400 A200 378887	Clear
80	2030	9 A	4	C/s3 inform me that c/s42 is in an area of a bunker system of 92 bunkers.	
81	2045	ECC	OA	Ground clearance 370884 3400 A200 428917 BH 155's	Clear
82	2152	FCC	OA	Gr clearance 346875, 350886, 356886, 378872, 390871, 392863, 384863, 376863, 365903, 356896, 385855	Clear

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
83	2215	FCC	OA	Gr clearance 308847, 308856, 298867 to 0600	Clear
84	2216	FCC	OA	Gr clearance Gr clearance 377895, 381886 362886	Clear
85	2218	FCC	OA	Clearance req for tgt LIL to L26L to 0600 for 81mm	Clear
86	2342	FCC	OA	Req clearance on Sq 3885 3886, 3786 3986	No clear on 3786, all others clear
87	2352	FCC	OA	Req clearance on 376863	Clear
88	2353	TF	OA	<p>Ref conference at 250900H about LCT now postponed to 251330H to allow CO 5RAR to attend</p> <p>Ref move of LCT A. 2 Coys of 9 RAR to fly into proposed NDP area 26 Jul and accept remainder of LCT gaggle into NDP area 27 Jul. B. D&E pl will move with Tp APCs to LONG BIHN to escort LCT gaggle from LB to NDP 27 Jul.</p> <p>C. D&E pl will be lifted out by CH47 27 Jul D. 5RAR will move 2 Coys to NDP on 29 Jul thus releasing 1 Coy 9 RAR to secure 5 RAR FSB approx area 3283. E. 5 RAR FSB elm commence to fly in 30 Jul and 9 RAR elms fly out on round robin system.</p> <p><u>SEAGUL SITREP</u> A Coy 5RAR loc and old base camp in AO PYTHON 782759. Vacated approx 12 hrs. also loc strip of corn 800-1000 m long and 8-10m wide in a fire trail.</p> <p><u>6RAR</u> were involved in 2 mine incidents, first at DINH CO monastery area 443576, 2 sappers KIA 1 WIA. Second at LO GON 1 KIA 2 WIA believe mine recently planted, intend to clear DINH CO area and hand it over to local authorities because of Religious significance.</p>	<p>From SEAGUL TF TO SEAGUL 9 RAR on secure</p>

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Date.....24 July 1969.....

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
1	0710	FCC	OA	Gr clearance on 41-50 E8ing N of 90 N8ing ASAP - 1800 105m BH	Clear ground
2	0727	1	OA	C/s1 moving now	
3	0745	1	OA	Locstat 341909	
4	0800	3	OA	Req ground clearance on 3890 for demolitions at bunkers to 1200	Clear
5	0810	TF	OA	C/s 75 will be in this loc at 1030hrs	9A advised c/s2 advised Passed TF
6	0845	1	OA	Locstat c/s1 346907	Passed to TF
7	0925	6	OA	Ground clearance for SA m79 from 1600-3200 Mor dir 2400m M 79 to N near dist of 200m from 1000-1100	Clear
8	0945	1	OA	Locstat c/s1 351904	Passed to TF
9	0957	3	OA	Demolitions of bunkers in progress. XXXX 13 d stroyed this stage C/s 33 will be moving soon as indicted by 9A. Believe will take furthr 60 mins to completete. C/s 31 will then carry out detailed search of area. C/s32 will provide security and carr out admin.	
10	1000	4	OA	Locstat c/s 4-41-43 302901 c/s42 N/C	Passed to TF
11	1007	4	OA	Moving now	
12	1008	3	OA	C/s 32,33 moving now	
13	1025	FCC	OA	Mor from DAMPIER ON 369863 ASAP to E OM	Clear
14	1032	FCC	OA	Gr clearance fron DAMPIER on 300901 D 4800 A 1000	Clear
15	1055	3	OA	Locstat c/s3,31 N/c c/s33 388904 c/s32 in camp with HOLDFAST.	
16	1100	OA	3	Due to 155 adj on c/s 1 proposed camp loc you are not to move W of 38E	
17	1110	1	OA	Locstat of 2 tracks EW track at 351904 an NS track at 354902. Well uased but hard to twll age	

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
XXXXXXXXXX				Due to rain . At 355902 there is an old bunker system. Locstat c/s1 357901.	
18	1120	OA	1	Ref boundaries for your move c/s2 has access to E and S but restricted to N and W due to your and G activities. Therefore the boundary betw you and c/s2 is inclusive to you. Normal boundary clearance will not apply but watch carefully your move to the S. C/S3 are restrictee W to 38 E.	
19	1130	1	OA	Confirm if grid 370892 is a general area as stated by 9 A on a target you wish me to move to .	
20	1135	OA	1	I believe you are to move to the grid but 9A is not available to confirm. We will advise.	
21	1140	1	OA	Intend remaining in present loc until G adjustments but if delay we will move half way	
22 18	1145	OA	39	Ground clearance on 370892 A1500 155mm from BH	Clear
23 19	1145	4	OA	Can you advise if c/s 3 had an LZ in this area	
24 20	1150	3	OA	Locstat c/s 3,32 N/C c/s33 390907 c/s31 this loc moving	
25 21	1157	4	OA	Locstat c/s4,41,43. 300901. Have loc 20 bunkers- SW direction. No sign of recent movement. 1 tracks N-S no movt for about 7 days. Will be calling c/s42 to c/s4 loc. For ACORN If the ground is disturbed inside bunkers you can still feel the affects. Have loc : 2x CHICOF gren;200 rds 7.62 3 Mth old	
26 22	1200	OA	4	LZ to your N 500m	
27 23	1227	4	OA	C/s42 has returned to c/s4 loc. The plateau is c/s42 last loc is 1-2" underwater and I dont believe there is anything of significance in that area. We are still investigating this area and will be complete in 1 hr. The LZ given by c/s3 will be underwater and I req POSSUM find a more suitable one for us. In view of our investigations to the N it is necessary to move as ordered.	
28 24	1200	3	OA	Locstat c/s 3,32 N/C c/s33 390906. C/s31 have searched N side of camp for tracks, caches and are now come on SW	Passe d t TF
29 25	1305	9A	1	When you reach the vicinity of the camp if you fell it is occupied you should wdr and cover the tracks and we will engage the area with G etc. If not your probable move will be will be NE	

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
30 28	1324	FCC	OA	Gr clearance 370892 D4000 A1000	Clear
31 27	1330	1	OA	Moving now	
32 28	1332	4	OA	C/s 41 leaving this loc now	
33 28	1345	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 363857 368861 356865 351859	Clear
34 28	1350	1	OA	Locstat 1 359900	Passed to TF
35 27	1359	4	OA	Locstat c/s4,43 N/C c/s41 299902 c/s42 300899	Passed to TF
36 27	1445	4	OA	System extends 200m to S and E-W. At the 150m mark to the S there is a t junct with the major track running EW. This track has had heavy movement but not in the last 2 weeks and dir is not able to be determined. 20m to the W of the T junct is a further T track running with the track running off to the S. Around the junct have loc plastic sheets 6" by 12" and fresh leaves tied to trees 5' above the ground. There has been some move by 1-2 persons. We cant really asses what the plastic and leaves are used for.	
37 23	1453	1	OA	Locstat c/s1 366895	Passed to TF
38 24	1456	3	OA	Locstat c/s 3,32 N/C c/s32 with c/s3 c/s31 386909	Passed to TF
39 25	1510	1	OA	Locstat c/s1 367894 Found 3 tracks - N and 1300 and 2600 m made in last month. Est used 1 or 2 days ago moving down 2600 and along 1300. Intend leaving C/s1 and 13 in ambush. C/s11 pt1 E c/s12 pt1 S to check N and W edge of obj.	Passed to TF
40 25	1531	XXXX	OA	Locstat c/s4 299902	Passed to TF
41 27	1540	1	OA	C/s11 followed along 1300m and then track turned N after 20 m kept N for 100m. C/s1(-) 13 are in ambush and 12 still ptling S. C/s1(-) E flank of 13 has further track in his loc which goes 2100m MOONSHINE 1 believes track used 10 mins before c/s1 moved in. SUNRAY c/s1 believes could have been used tonight.	
42 28	1600	1	OA	Locstat c/s1(-) and 13 N/C c/s12 367893 c/s11 370894. Track being followed by c/s12 has turned S	Passed to TF

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
43 38	1604	1	OA	Contact c/s 12	Passed to TF
44 40	1606	1	OA	1 En came down the track from N engaged with SA and claymores 6/s 8 to engage to N	Passed to TF
45 42	1610	FCC	OA	Clearance for Mor 367894 6900m A1000	Clear
46 42	1630	1	OA	Contact c/s 12	Passed to TF
47 43	1631	1	OA	Standby DUSTOFF	Passed to TF
48 44	1630	FCC	OA	Clearance 367892 D4800 A 1000 for 81 MM	Clear
49 45	1631	1	OA	Contact for c/s 12 at 367891 U/K size of En forse. Bigger than c/s 13 contact	Clear
50 48	1633	FCC	OA	Clearance 367891 D3500 A 1000	Clear
51 47	1634	1	OA	Possible c/s 12 hit a sentry fire from S. Fwd scout hit and unable to get him out	Clear
52 48	1635	1	OA	SITREP contact c/s 12 En En as he came down the track from N. No weapon believe alone Sweep by 13 Remain in general area and ambush	Clear
53 48	1637	FCC	OA	Clearance 370891 D 4200m A 1500 105mm	Clear
54 50	1615	1	OA	A DUSTOFF B c/s 1 C 367894 D 30 min E Urgent F 1 Litter G Gunshot wounds to the chest H Aust I 70J c/s 1 J Smoke K Clear L Secure M Stokes litter required N Height of trees 50' max. Orbit East of area for instructions	Passed to TF

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
55 51	1650	52	20	Make arrangemnts for LFT for Dustoff.	OIC
56 52	1705	3	OA	Locstat C/S 3 All call signs back with C/S 3 C/S 3 no change 387907.	
57 53	1708	52	20	Advise on udstoff LZ is secure.	Dust off 30 Bushranger 71 and 72 airborne.
58 54	1720	1	OA	<p>A Contact C/S 13</p> <p>B 241600</p> <p>C 367894</p> <p>D 1</p> <p>E Blue shirt, bush hat, no weapon</p> <p>F U/K</p> <p>G Approached from N wdr N</p> <p>A Contact c/s 12</p> <p>B 241623</p> <p>C 367891</p> <p>D N/K</p> <p>E N/K</p> <p>F Nil</p> <p>G Em stationary on side of N-S track c/s 12 approached from N 10m of track. Fwd scout engaged by KEn who wdr S</p>	
59 55	1736	FCC	OA	Clearance from 30E to 40 E and for 91N to N 105mm from BH ASAP to 0600	Neg on 91N Affirm on 92N
60 56	1731	4	OA	Moving now	
61 57	1744	52	20	Req additional 60 min for POSSUM	Affirm
62 58	1746	52	20	Req the use of BUSHRANGER 71&72 ordinance in area of contact	Affirm
63 59	XXXX 1820	1	OA	<p>I wat to engage the are of contact S with G and med and therefor e I will have to wdr to a safe dist.</p> <p>I cant move N as the contact of c/s 13 indicates the possibility of something there and its too late</p>	

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Date....24 July 1969.....

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
64 60	1850	4	OA	to buy a fight now. I intend moving the minimum dist NW but unfortunately this means we will have to leave the track to N open.	
65 61	1851	TF	OA	Locstat 4 300902 1 Coy 9RAR fly into area on 26 Jul. 1 Coy 9 RAR fly into area on 27 Jul. To this + AMC move from ND to RV with LCT and Sect APC from LONG BIHN on route 15/ Fire trail and move to area of Ops. 2 Coy and Mor Sect 5 RAR fly in on 29 Jul and are under Op con 9 RAR till 30 Jul. 1 Coy 9RAR move by air to ND. 1 Coy moves by foot to secure FSPB for 5 RAR at 3283 Aust Eng dont req equip and therer will be a LET with the sect APC.	Passed to TF
66 62	1900	1	OA	Locstat c/s1 364896	
67 63	2000	9A 1	1 9A	What is your assement and your intentions. Loathe to depart from my area due to th tracks. I believe there is a camp N-S. I intend clearing the N area first and then the S aarea.	Passed to TF
68 64	2015	2	OA	Tracks. 1 From this loc the tracks run NW to vicinity 370885 then swings N and across the creek 2. 60m E Tracks run out of the second system and swings along the creek for 20m before continuing N 3. at 365886 a track used by 20En 2 days ago moves N. 4. There are no tracks to theS of the 88N betw 38E and 354878. I am quite happy to move to allow adj of G for c/s1 but the important points are blow the system early then move to cove W approach after moving to LZ and after G have adj. I can cover approach from further back. Lastly I would like to check the area to the NE to the BLUE LINE.	
69 65	2100	FCC	OA	Gr clearence 351859	lear
70 66	2130	FCC	OA	Gr clearences 430914, 426902, 415902, 413910, 422914 105mm from BH to 0600	c Clear
71 67	2145	OA	TF	Ref intended activities of c/s1 tomorrow- intend engaging contact area with 155mk and 105mm- also like Air Strike- however we are unable to define tgt satisfactorally or give time. Warn SEAGUL AIR that we may req immediate air strike in that area tomorrow.	
72 68	2150	FCC	OA	Gr clearence on 3673, 8869 Adj 241940 D 3450 D100 L100 R100 D100 L100	Clear

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Date. 24 Jul 1969.....

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
73 88	2215	FCC	OA	Gr clearance on 367 D 4200 A 1200 155mm 890	Clear Gr to be confirmed
74 88	2223	2	OA	2 Pl of c/s2 have reported noises like dogs being beaten 5800m approx 300-400m Soud is to be regular to be natural	C/s 1 ack does not hear noises
75 88	2305	EXTF	XX&XX OA	A Coy 5 RAR found a series of camps in 7778- also found complex of 3 villiages recently vacated at 7771. 5 RAR (-) vacate in AO PANTHER tomorrow . 2/48 (2 Coys of) amb VC Sof XUYUN MOC . 4 VC KIA wps captured Identity N/K B Coy 6 RAR contacted En W of R328 Results 1VC KIA identified D445.	

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Date... 25 July 1969

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
1	0600	FCC	OA	Gr clearance 373890 D6400 A200	Clear
2	0605	2	OA	Sitrep c/s23 heard mov to their N and initiated with a claymore but there was no return of fire. The suspect area will be cleared at first light.	Passed to TF
3	0721	RCC	OA	Gr clearmnce on 368898 D0900 A600 161 373887 Demo ASAP - EOM 366896 D0900 A800 Mors.	Clear ground
4	0735	2	OA	C/s21 has left c/s2 loc	
5	0737	FCC	OA	Req clearance on N of 93 N'ing 30-41 E'ing N of 90 E'ing 41-50 E'ing ASAP 1800 BH 105mm	Clear
6	0742	2	OA	C/s3 ,32,33 mov in S	
7	0758	OA	3	Send proposed Ptl route.	
8	0802	1	OA	C/s1 completet mov now.	
9	0815	TF	OA	Brig will be in one loc 1115H	2IC infirmed
10	0737	2	OA	Locstat. c/s2,22,23 371882 demo complete.	
11	0740	OA	TF fwd	Req bdy clearehce on our W boundary from 87-91 N'ing for c/s4 Req locstats of ARVN units within 3000m of that bdy and possible future mov as may affect c/s4	Bdy clearance granted- No ARVN units within 3000m- nearest units are mov W there will be no ARVN mov ARVN min that area for 2 days.
12	0750	3	OA	Locstat c/s3 comp 387905 Mov W from that loc.	
13	0858	2	OA	Ref conversation with 9 A he indicted a direction of adj from NE. Because of c/s21 loc adj from SW (dir which has now been indicated) is dangerous Can you confirm and advise . Locstat c/s21 368884. Intend lco c/s21 365881	Neg dir of adj has always been from SW. C/s21 may move to his obj and remain in that loc.
14	0902	1	OA	Locstat c/s1 367896 c/s13 departing to N c/s12 departing to S c/s1&11 in ambush c/s13 only moved short distance when fwd elm spotted a bunker- also believed he heard a wpn cock- awaiting c/s 12 to get on ground before any positive action is taken.	

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
15	0908	1	OA	C/s 2 have not moved to the S any distance and are linked with c/s11 until we xxx sort out the N area. C/s11 loc a bunker to his N and is covering this area now C/s 13 will sweep from the E. I would like Bushranger stood by and POSSUM to carry out RV for LZ	Passed to C/s2 Seagull Air warned
16	0920	2	OA	C/s 22/23 wait for adj then move N to cover tracks from c/s1 loc. Gr Clearance 368896 D6400 A1000 max ord 5200	Clear
17				367890 DA200 A1200 Mort 370903 1600 A1000 367890 D6400 A1600	Negative Negative Clear
17	0950	1	OA	C/s13 complete search and have secured the 1 bunker	
18	0945	3	OA	Locstat c/s3-32-33 383906. We are following the track that the enemy used to withdrew out of the camp. I request permission at to follow up to the W for a few hundred metres. Neg as I don't want restrict the G adj but you can move to your boundary. We shall move right up to the boundary and then swing N	Locstat passed to TF
19	1015	1	OA	C/s13 thinks the bunker is a sentry post for the camp to the S even though it is some distance away. However it may be a sentry post for a N camp or part of a system. C/s12 securing the area and c/s13 is moving km N.	Passed to C/s2
20	1021	4	O	C/s 4 moving	
21	1025	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 360820 mor H&I	Clear
22	1027	1	OA	Locstat 13 367900. Proceeding E then back to c/s1/ If anything to N then he should strike	Passed to TF
23	1050	FCC	O A	Gr Clearance 361848	Clear
25	1058	2	OA	Locstat 21 363881 c/s23(-) 369882 c/s2-22-23B N/C	Passed to TF
24	1052	3	OA	Locstat c/s 3/32/33 380907	Passed to TF
26	1100	6	OA	Ptl moving out between 1300H and 1330H for 600m between 1600H and 1800 mls to fell trees and sniff around.	

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Date... 25 July 1969

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
27	1101	FCC	OA	Gr clearance 361837 361835	Clear Clear
28	1144	1	OA	SITREP There are numerous tracks N&E but the exact pattern is not clear, although the general direction of movement is NE. Tracks start and finish at dead ends and are very confusing but I want a clear picture by moving E. C/s13 moved N 400 and E300 and then returned to my loc. They did not find anything of great interest except the tracks. I want c/12 to move E 300m on a track on a bg of 1400m. If they loc anything nothing I want to consolidate and find another suitable ambush as the BC tells me he cant find one except to the S. At the same time I shall discuss c/s13s area in detail and when c/s12 returns my idea should be much clearer.. I am not still clear what the bunker links with as the area to the N has now been cleared but it is possible a link with something to the E or NE. Summary Four point plan: Move c/s12 to E; Discuss area with c/s 13; Get own ideas clear; Take Resup.	
29	1145	2 OA 2	OA 2 OA	Sitrep: The GET has been returned to your loc. Is c/s22 clear to move to the camp area. Clear Intention: c/s 22 will move to the camp area and c/s 23(-) will return to my loc. C/s 2&23 will then move to c/s 22 and c/s 23 will continue to investigate the NE area as discussed. To assist c/s1 I would like to move c/s21 along his track to the N till he reaches the second BLUE LINE. The track in his area is particularly interesting as the trees are blazed on both sides.	
30	1150	3	OA	Locstat c/s3(-) 380910	Passed to TF c/s1 advised
31	1152	4	OA	Locstat 4 299896	Passed to TF
32	1155	3	OA	Sitrep. We have loc NX E-W track which no doubts runs away to the camp in the W. It was used by about 10 men a few days ago moving W-E. I intend following the track to the W to ensure it does return to the camp which is being searched in detail by c/s 31.	
33	1202	1	OA	Locstat c/s12 368895	Passed to TF
34	1225	FCC	OA	Req clearance on 368896 D 1600 A 1000 105mm from DAMPIER.	Clear
35	1240	1	OA	Locstats c/s 1 11 13 N/C c/s 12 367894	

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
36	1245	1	OA	C/s 12 followed track from c/s1 loc 367896 which virtually went in a circle to the E through tS bac to W, suspect alternate sentry route. Checked all track in the area, except one on a bearing of 1400 due to resup unable to follow tat this time. Leaving c/s 11 in ambush in this area, and move c/s1(-) to NW to look for a suitable LZ.	
37	1257	1	OA	C/s 1(-) moving now	
38	1258	3	OA	C/s3 complete in thier last loc.	
39	1303	OA	TF	SEAGULL AIR- SANGUL- conversation. Will req ALB kit approx 1400H and would like to do c/s1 resup at approx 1600H using our Hotbox ALB.	OK by SEAGUL ALB
40	1315	4	OA	Locstat c/s 4 297892	
41	1315	6	OA	C/s 62 moving out now	
42	1315	6	OA	Ref proosals on future moves: c/s3 advise that they have checked out the area of 385903 and to the S. SUNRAY c/s3 believes the only value would be in a move to the W. Prepared to XXXXXXXXXX allow c/s3 to go to 37890. POSSUM reported some type of installation in the area. This would be suitable in view of timings and of future moves. C/s3 could then move to a LZ used by c/s 3 previously. The boundaries being that grid to the W, The BLUE LINE to the S and AO boundary to the N	C/s 1&2 advised
43	1330	2	OA	C/s 2 and 23 moving now	
44	1350	1	OA	ALB not req	c/s1 advised of delay of resup. TF advised of neg ALB req
45	1405	2	OA	C/s 2 and 22 372886	Passed to TF
46	1407	BH	OA	Report Radio intercept HQ 1 Bn 274 Regt loc at 345913	
47	1410	1	OA	Locstat c/s1,12,18 36 3893	Passed to TF
48	1411	TF	OA	Agent report En located at 344912.	
49	1415	FCC	OA	Req clearance on 342912 105mm firing from DAMPIER	Clear
50	1417	1	OA	LZ Secure ready to accept POSSUM	

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
51	1423	4	OA	C/s4 moving now	
52	1430	2	OA	Locstat c/s21 365885 c/s2223 373887 c/s23B leaving 23 loc	Passed to TF
53	1432	FCC	OA	Req clearance on 342912 ASAP to 1800 for 155mm from BH	Clear
54	1440	BH	OA	Discussion between SEAGUL BH and SEAGUL on s cure. BH are prepared to send in HUNTER KILLER team into area. Would like clearance to work in the area bounded by E'ings 32-36 and N'ings 91-92. H-K group will come up on our OA net. TF advised on details. TF also advise that they have a PYTHON planned for 366888(SEAGUL advised th t this will probably not be clear)	
55	1455	2	OA	C/s2 advise that c/s23 have found more bunkers loc of these bunkers, 215 m N of c/s23 last loc C/s23 loc is only a rough spot. C/s23 could be further SE. C/s23 is observing from the outside of this system.	SEAGUL advise TF advised.
56	1505	BH	OA	Because of weather CHARLIE HORSE may not be able to do task. If weather does not clear, will try to do task.	SEAGUL advised
57	1510	TF	OA	FAC in area in 15 mins	SEAGUL advised
58	1514	FCC	OA	Req clearance on 372890 D1300 A1000 firing from DAMPIER.	Clear
59	1512	3	OA	C/s 23 moving in to Bunker system now- report on E-W track not used for 2-3 days	TF warned for poss of BUSH RANGER
60	1516	3	OA	C/s3 has found a further system 400m NE of this loc. Will not do anything about this today	
61	1540	1	OA	Locstat c/s1-13-11 N/C c/s12 with c/s 11	Passed to TF
62	1620	1	OA	Locstat c/s 11-1 in c/s13 loc c/s12 N/C	Passed to TF
63	1627	OA	4	POSSUM 21 inbound for VR for VR	
64	1640	9A	OA	Inbound for c /s1 POSSUM 21 to return and pick up SHELLDRAKE	
65	1655	TF	OA	60 min extension for POSSUM	POSSUM info

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
66	1700	2	OA	SITREP C/s 23 loc 1 bunker and moved 50m N and loc another- newly constructed. Recent AS in the area C/s 23 moved a further 200m N an loc nothing. C/s 23 then moved 80m E and loc a well used NW-SE track 374889. Intend to put c/s in task on this track.	
67	1725	4	OA	Locstat c/s4 297881	Passed to TF
68	1742	2	OA	C/s 23B back in C/s 23 loc	No req for LFT Passed to TF
69	1840	FCC	OA	Gr clearance 30-41 N of 93N 41-50E N of 90N 155-105 from BH 1900-0600	Clear
70	1905	RRR	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	
70	1905	3	OA	Gr Clearance 30-41E N of 93N 41-50 E N of 90N 155's & 105MM BH 1900-0600	Clear
71	1905	3	OA	N1 loc N/c	
72	1906	2	OA	Locstat 2-22 372886 c/s21 365885 c/s23 374891.	
73	1930	2	OA	C/s21 moved to present loc and the track has not been used since last inspection but it has been disturbed by G adjustment. C/s23 from thier present loc ptled N 200m and found 2 bunkers of the same XXXXXX vintage as my area. There are no others in the next 100m and therefore: Sentry posts for c/s23s xxx system but they are not fighting pits; New system under construction disturbed by airstrike. The bunkers have been used within the last week for cooking and sleeping but otherwise there is nothing of interest. C/s23 continued to the creek AND STATES IT DROPS steeply into a deep gorge.. He then moved E and after 80m struck the E-W track running NW 5600m SE 200m/ It is a major track used in the last 4 days moving to NW. C/s22 in task in this loc.	
74	1931	1	OA	Locstat c/s1-11-12 363895 c/s13 367896	
75	1935	FCC	OA	Gr clearance 303890 mark miss 293878	Clear

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
76	2010	FCC	OA	Gr Clearance 342912 ASAP to 0600 from X loc	Clear
77	2025	4	OA	Locstat 290 890 L01 2 89890	Passed to TF as
78	2050	FCC	OA	Gr Clearance 361839 391863 383855 390872 374873 389873 379844 382849 369837 336881 352884 342881 333850 349870 346878 348861 347869 361846 349858	Clear
79	2150	TF	OA	The fol AO granted to friendlies to N. The AO is bounded by; YS360928 360900 320900 3209 23	
80	2210	OA	TF	Ref AO granted to N It is suggested and req that square 3590 be delated as it interferes with c/s1 operations.	

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9 RAR LOG SHEETS

Date..... 26 July 1969

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
1	0415	FCC	OA	Req clearance in the following area for 105mm and 155mm firing from BH and 175mm firing from XL bounded by 3488,3088 3093 3793 3791 3488 Also req helicopter FF zone in the same area 0700 to 1800 hrs	Clearance given between E'ing 31-34 and N of 90 N'ing for 105m, 155mm 175mm and hell FFZ. Also betw E'ings 34-37 and Nth of 92 N'ing Confirmed area as 3192 S to 3190 E to 3590 N to 3591 E to 3691 N of 3692. Can poss extend this to the W & S after 1030 hrs Passed to 1/2/3/4
2	0745	3	OA	C/s3(-)/31/33 moving in 5 min C/s 32 remaining in present loc	
3	0749	2	OA	Have just loc sig cable which runs N. Cable is buried in man made channel. Goes from N most bunker system and has been followed for 30 yds.	
4	0755	OA	2	C/s1 moving to 361887 at 1000hrs. From there they will go approx 900m at approx 1030hrs	
5	0800	FCC	OA	req clearance E'ings 30-41 N of 93 E'ings 41-50 N of 90 ASAP to 1800 for 105 from BH	Clear
6	0806	20	52	c/s75 be at this loc 1230H	
7	0845	3	OA	Locstat c/s13(-) 31 33 387911 c/s 32 N/C	
8	0850	OA	3	Time for move 271000Hrs	
9	0912	1	OA	C/s1/11/12 moving now	
10	0922	3	OA	SITREP Have found 8 bunkers, believe more, also XXX that this is the main system of the complex found previously. Believe abandoned at the same time as the other bunkers. Have found a track heading W, also E of N bunkers are very new and believe they extend further NE. Have found 1 rice cache platform and a cache hole ready to receive goods. Caches are very hard to locate and we are using sharp sticks but no luck.. Time may prohibit the destruction of these bunkers.	
11	0930	4	OA	C/s4 would like ALB in sticks of 4 and not sticks of 8. C/s4 report poss move of 1-2 En S-N along a track 70 W of c/s4 N1 loc	C/s4 advised to get in touch with ALBCC direct.

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Date.....26 July 1969.....

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
12	0935	FCC	OA	Req clearance on 304821 Locstats c/s1-11-12 363892	Clear
13	0945	FCC	OA	Req clearance on 365885 D4100 A1000 Lay on for En sighting	Clear
14	0946	2	1	C/s 21 have sighted on N side of creek 3 men and 1 dog	
15	0950	FCC	OA	Req clearance on 381863 for 18's bedding in	Clear
16	0957	2	OA	C/s21 saw 1 dog and 3 men moving E-W on the N of the river. The dog was 15 m in front of the men. C/s21 could not see weather the men were wearing packs or not. Mors are engaging possible route. C/s 2 has advised c/s1 of this.	
17	1003	1	OA	C/s12 has found a old bunker and SUNRAY c/s1 is not going to circle any more as he believes the system extends further W.	
18	1008	1	OA	C/s1 has a track that runs his axis of advance, he is taking it very slowly.	
19	1022	6	OA	Req clearance on 367866 for demolitions ASAP to E of M	Clear air & ground
20	1027	1	OA	SITREP c/s1 not happy with the area they are in. They have found a latrine. Hope to bypass this possible camp and proceed to grid. Seagul notified earlier and get ther in one piece	
21	1031	TF	OA	Could we advise reference CB bombs with LCT	
22	1024	9D	OA	First stick in now	
23	1042	TF	OA	There will be a Hunter Killer group in the AO to our N today. They have a list of our freqs	
24	1045	3	OA	Locstat c/s 3-31-32 N/C	
25	1101	1	OA	Locstat c/s1-11-12 362888. Sunray c/s1 believes enemy to be on higher grd to his left N	C/s2 Ack
26	1102	Silver Spurs	OA	SILVER SPURS 30 (HUNTER KILLER GP) is operating in area 3494	
27	1103	4	OA	Fly in c/s4 now complete	Passed to TF

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Date..... 26 July 1969

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
28	1107	63	52	Req permission for SUNRAY c/s 63 to visit this loc 1115-1230Hrs	OK
29	1111	4	OA	Locstat c/s4 301817	Advise c/s4 was landed 303821
30	1121	TF	OA	SPAR REPORT En moving to confluence of 3290&289 0	
31	1130	1	OA	C/s1 is at 362886 and will move on a bearing of 1100°	
32	1132	3	OA	C/s3 at 387907	
33	1133	FCC	OA	Req clearance on 290820 for Mark Miss	Clear
34	1140	2	OA	Locstat c/s2 372886 c/s22B 372887 c/s21 365885 c/s23 373887	
35	1145	FCC	OA	Req clearance on 302810 for Mark Msn	Clear
36	1148	2	OA	C/s2 are going to wdr to c/s 22B because of C/s1 task for G30	
37	1149	FCC	OA	Req clearance for 367889 D1100 A1200 for covering fire	Clear
38	1200	FCC	OA	Req clearance on 366889 D1100 A1100	Clear
39	1208	4	OA	Amendment locstat c/s4 301821	Passed to TF
40	1220	13	OA	Req bdy clearance for area 280880, 295895 290908	Clear
41	1245	4	OA	C/s42 now leaving this loc	
42	1250	Stokey 39	OA	Will be operating to N of your area moving E-W along N of BLUE LINE. Will not be firing unless draw fire	
43	1255	1	OA	C/s1-11-12 moving now	
44	1340	4	OA	Locstat c/s42 301826	Passed to TF

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
45	1345	Stokey 39	OA	Have checked out E-W along N of BLUE LINE and have detected no movement would like to look S	Passed loc of own troops
46	1347	1	OA	Locstat c/s1-11-12 346887 c/s13 N/C	Passed to TF
47	1411	4	OA	LZ will be secure in 5 mins to accept 2IC	
48	1413	3	OA	GUNSHIPS just fired a burst of mini gun to our NW- can you do something to stop this	Not able to contact STOKEY. TF advised to remedy
49	1420	3	OA	I cant get explosives in 20 mins- intend to move because of task tomorrow.	
50	1430	Stokey39	OA	Reports at YS355917 freshly dug up holes, possibly caches with a frsh trail going to SE, used recently by 10 persons	
51	1430	2	OA	C/s22 heard 2 shots on bg 5700, 10mins intervals between shots came from N of creek.	
52	1453	3	OA	Demolition of bunker conceled due to delay with explosives	
53	1505	OA	4	POSSUM departing with HOLDFAST will pick up 9A	
54	1510	1	OA	We have moved 300m along our bng from the SP(1100m from 362886) and approx 40m N. In this area we have a large bunker with many large and well used and fresh bunkers. We havent covered the whole area but so far it is unoccupied but appears to be recently vacated. I believe it is a extension of the camp previously located by c/s1 in AO GOULBURN period (May69). The system extends to the S and also to the NW onto the high ground and probably as far as my route in from the N to my start point where we located the latrines today. I am now on the high ground with 1-11 and will push 12 to the W to check the system in that direction. There is a track runs generally N-S and away to SW. We passed this track on entering the camp but with track seen by c/s21	
		12 G39	OA 631632	Agree in discussion for c/s21 to move 50 m north to Nxtback of SONG CA to check track where 3 en and a dog were reported this morning. C/s21 to put a set on c/s1 internal freq.. Also agree to move c/s23 from present loc to arae of track at 375891 to cut off possible move SE from c/s 1 camp. Decided to fire G30 each 3-5 mins delay. C/s23 move to ensure safety of c/s23 from G30 and ensure that any corrections orded are in accord with c/s1 plan.	

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
55	1526	2	OA	When c/s2 reports ready to move, he will move N to the area of the sighting where he should find a track. He will then ambush to give flank security to c/s 1 as he can cover both tracks into c/s1 area	
56		OA	2	Leave his duration flexible as we must give c/s1 room to manoeuvre	
56	1535	2	OA	C/s23 in position	C/s1 ack
57	1545	1	OA	Locstat c/s1-11 365888 c/s12 363888 c/s13 N/c C/s12 have cleared the high ground and have loc 12 bunkers and the latrine reported by c/s1 this morning	12XXXXXXXXXXXX Passed to TF
58	1546	2	1	C/s21 will move on c/s1 orders and flick to c/s1 internal.	
		1	2	c/s21 clear to move	
59	1603	2	OA	C/s21 moving now	C/s1 Ack
60	1608	FCC	OA	Gr Clearance 363888 D5400 A1000	Clear
61	1612	4	OA	C/s42 back with c/s4	Passed to TF
62	1625	1	OA	C/s12 located an extension to the system 50m to the NE of his last loc. We don't know how many bunkers but believe 5 and a track by 0200m and sentry bunkers. I believe they loc the NW and W limits	
63	1650	1	OA	SITREP c/s12 is back in c/s1 loc and has loc the W and NW limits of the system including 18 bunkers making a total of 30. My intention is to hasten slowly as it is possible the enemy are still somewhere in the area C/s12 is departing N to exploit in that direction as there is high ground in that area. He will be accompanied by HOLDFAST. When he returns I will dispatch c/s11 with HOLDFAST to the E 100m and that is all achieve today. By then I will have covered W N S and 100 E. Advise if this is OK with SUNRAY MINOR.	
		9A	1	Intentions ack. We may have to use CS gas on the bunkers.	
		1	9A	I will have c/s13 in present loc and will probably recall them tomorrow. I will have 1 c/s holding and protecting, 1 c/s searching the bunkers and 1 c/s investigating a new area.	
64	1710	2	1	C/s21 are on the N side of the creek and believe the track is a water point track. The track runs E for 30m before turning N (6300m) and it was used by the dog and 3 enemy but c/s21 did not see them return but have they loc where they scrub bashed off the track. I would like c/s21 to stay on your side if you agree.	

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
		1	2	Agreed. Your track I believes runs into the W side of our camp	
		2	1	We have loc a sig cable running N and tomorrow we would like to follow it to the creek base with you	
				and you can take it xxxxxxx over	
		1	2	Agreed as we intend staying on the high gr initially	162 last coms t this stage
65	1725	4	OA	Locstats c/s4/43 301821 c/s42 304822	Passed to TF
66	1726	3	OA	Locstat c/s3 391899	Passed to TF
67	1750	2	OA	Locstat c/s2/22 372887 c/s21 365886 c/s23 372891	Passed to TF
68	1753	1	OA	Contact Stand by DUSTOFF	Passed to TF
69	1800	1	OA	En fired from a bunker	Passed to TF
70	1825	1	OA	A DUSTOFF B c/s1 C 365888 D to be advised E Priority F 1 sitting G Shrap to head and shoulders H Aust I c/s1 freq 66X J Smoke K overcast L Secure M J petratiion winch N Ht of trees 40'	
71	1825	1	OA	SITREP c/s12 moved N 100m and loc 8 bunkers. Sunray /c/s12 returned to my loc with HOLDFAST to hand over the HOLDFAST to c/s11. They took a wrong turn and moved W instead of S and thought they were entering my loc. They saw 2 en with weapons and 1 with RPG in a bunker and returned fire. The enemy fired a RPG into my loc wounding SUNRAY c/s11. I Must take out the bunker before I can carry out the DUSTOFF. C/s 12 will assault from E to W.	Passed to TF and c/s283

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
72	1826	FCC	OA	Gr clearance E30-37 N of 91 E 42-50 E37-42 N of 92	Clear
73	1835	4	OA	Locstat c/s41 302814	Passed to TF
74	1846	3	OA	Locstat c/s3 391899 R/S	
75	1855	OA	1	DUSTOFF 1&2 ETA 15 mins	
76	1923	1	OA	SITREP c/s12 is back in my loc. They swept the area and found 2 bunkers not previously located. The enemy withdrew W during the assault leaving AK and RPG rds behind.	
77	1947	FCC	OA	Gr Clearance 389903 379844 382849 367835 338846 342846 351889 342881 347879 333875 349869 345854 361851 373863 391863 383855 384863 368848 348866 363857 389873 378901	Clear
78	1950	2	OA	C/s23 are close to the ravine. Track 5600m leads from his loc but security is the problem in investigating. Drop of 100' on one side and 50 on th other. C/s 22 to investigate cable to creek tomorrow.	
79	2000	4	OA	No problems Visitro has cleared up most points. C/s41 will move E	
80	2020	X1	OA	A Contact B 261750 C 365888 D 2 E 1 green shirt F 2 AK47 mags 500 AK rds G wdr W H SUNRAY c/s12 and party saw 1 figure in a bunker 15m away. He noticed en had RPG ready to fire. He went to ground and the enemy fired RPG S into c/s1-11 loc. SUNRAY 12& party returned fine and wdr to c/s 12 loc. En fired 4 RPG rds into c/s1-11 loc. C/s12 swept E-W and the en wdr W locstat 1-11-12 365888 c/s13 367896	
81	2114	FCC	oOA	Gr clearance 362891 361889	Clear
82	2212	12	79	CH47 move off stores to c/s4 in LCT area is as follows. Mov M condition freq. C/s at LCT area	

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Date.....26 July 1969....

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
				TBA Sortie 1 0730 load U/K 2 0810 Def stores 3 0840 " " 4 0910 " " 5 1000 Dieso 6 1030 " 7 1100 Mobas 8 1130 Water 9 1200 Rats/Pol/Stores 10 1230 Mor Ammo	C/s4 TBA AM 27 July of fly -in Details Be prep to recieve 1st CH47 on Admin Air thereafter on freq 63.50(C/S TBA)
83	2331	66	52	Req Locstat c/s1	

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Date..... 27 July 1969

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
1	0700	OA	4	Ref fly in of stores. First sorties due 0730. 10 sorties 30 min apart with 50 min break betw sorties 4&5. First sorties delivered to this loc but not confirmed at this stage.	
2	0705	4	OA	C/s 41&42 moving	
3	0720	FCC	OA	Req clearance on 381863 18's bedding in	Clear
4	0740	4	OA	LZ secure	
5	0830	2	1	c/s21 have possible enemy sighting N of BLUE LINE	
6	0810	XX 1	XX OA	C/s13 moving now direct to c/s1 loc. C/s12 has moved N. C/s11 has cleared 100m NE and found more bunkers. c/s1 believe they have started at the W end of the system. SUNRAY 1 has advised XX it will take a long time to search in detail. Best plan may be to use c/s to clear new ground. One c/s in area consolidated and are available for searching and assisting in protection and other tasks.	
7	0815	2	OA	C/s21 Sentry heard noise to his S across the creek. It sounded like someone slipping over and cursing. Have heard nothing since and c/s 21 is sitting and listening for another, approx 15 mins. Would prefer to delay 9A coming to 2's loc for a while to see how c/s21's noise pans out.	
8	0820	9A	1	The activity in c/s1's area is a two Coy task and I will discuss this with SUNRAY c/s2	
9	0828	FCC	OA	Req clearance N of 93N betw E'ings 30-41 and N of 90N betw 41-50 E'ings firing 105mm from BH ASAP to 1800hrs	Clear
10	0833	4	OA	C/s43 moving now	
11	0950	3	OA	No for first lift 39	Passed to SEAGUL AIR
12	0855	1	OA	Additional to /cs1 contact report additional to Parra R: 2x water bottles; 2x Gas mask filters; 2x sets of basic webbing; 1 set civil clothes; 20 lbs rice; small qty med sups.	Passed to TF
13	0800 0903	2	OA	We cant accept the resup at this stage as I cant guarantee the security of the pad. C/s 22 is less a c/s who is securing the major approach from c/s 21 loc. C/s21 is moving and intends XXXXXX sweeping the suspicious area. C/s23 following up the track are confused as it is circling back to their old camp from 5600 ft to 4400 to 2400 ft. They will be checking the gorge shortly.	

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
14	0940	1	OA	C/s12 loc the following items in the second bunker: 1xpack containing 10lbs rice; 2 Chicom friction grens- 50 AK47 loose rds; 1 shovel; 1 blanket; 2 pkts meat wrapped in plastic; 1 AK47 mag. c/s13 mov E.	
15	0945	1	OA	C/s11 12 N/C c/s13 366888 c/s21 366887	Passed to TF
16	0950	4	OA	Locstat c/s43 298808- have loc T track dir E-W used about 4-6 weeks ago by an Ox cart- also footpad which was well used 4 weeks ago dir SE-NW	
17	1004	9D	OA	1st lift going into c/s3 now	
18	1020	4	OA	Req POSSUM for 2 tasks	
19	1022	2	OA	C/s23 back in c/s2 loc for SUNRAY MINOR - LZ now secure	Q9A info
20	1025	9D	OA	C&C arranging ALB for c/s 2 task upon completion of c/s3 lift	C/s ack
21	1045	1	OA	C/s13 70m E found a further 8 bunkers- progressive total 48 bunkers c/s 13 is going firm on gd - c/s11& 12 mov to c/s13- c/s11 continuing exploitation E- c/s13 found track dir SSW- c/s21 is on a S track dir 400m- is suspected to be same track c/s13 are on. C/s21 is checking to BLUE LINE before returning to c/s2 loc- track used yesterday by dog and possibly man- locstat- c/s21 365887. At that loc c/s21 found another bunker believed to be a sentry bunker and are checking it out. Locstats c/s11 12 mov to c/s 13 loc c/s 13 loc N/C	
22	1027	3	OA	C/s3 complete on ground	TF info
23	1103	FCC	OA	Req ground clearance on 369803 Regt target Mors DAMPIER	Clear
24	1112	1	OA	C/s1-12-13 366889 c/s11 exploiting E	TF info
25	1115	4	OA	C/s43 299811	TF info
26	1125	3	OA	C/s3 301821	
27	1145	4	OA	C/s43 have found sapling cut and painted white to a height of 8'- cant estimate age	

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
28	1145	1	OA	C/s1-12-13 N/c c/s11 367889 c/s21 370888 c/s21 mov S to rejoin c/s2	
29	1147	1	OA	C/s21 found track 6000m another direct 530m- track goes SS to BLUE LINE - XXXX c/s21 in same dir	
30	1200	OA	TF	Amendment to AIR PL NNING. B Coy move by AHC from DAMPIER 30 Jul 1969. C Coy move by CH 47 from POLLY NO CHANGE total CH47 req.	
31	1205	OA	3	As expected-has been considerable delay with TA2 and has gb- Est he will be at RV in 1 hr- will take another hour to shake out-should be ready to move to you loc at 1400H.	
32	1220	1-2	OA	Discussion SUNRAY c/s1-2 SUNRAY MINOR c/s9A. C/s 2 is to move to assist c/s1 in searching and destruction tasks in c/s 1 loc. The camp c/s1 is presently in is not the camp as found by c/s1 but further to the W. C/s11 is moving E to XXXX loc the old camp. He has already moved 150 m and so far has not loc it. C/s2 will move on a bearing of 5300m to c/s1 loc. Instructions for c/s1&2 known by SUNRAY c/s2 and to be passed to SUNRAY 1. After discussion, c/s1 to investigate old camp to E with c/s11 then 11 return if nothing found and c/s1&2 complete search and dist tasks in present camp area then move to old camp area as necessary.	
33	1255	1	OA	Locstat c/s1-12-13 N/C c/s11 368890	Passed to TF
34	1301	4	OA	C/s43 in c/s4 loc	
35	1345	TF	OA	LCT at TT now and we are in the process of unloading. Also req clearance for an alternate PYTHON target at 296800 at 1400H	TA2 asked to come up on Bn net Int C/s 4 asked for clearance. Advised of time 1400H JADE 06- Clear ground c/s3 &4 advised.
36	1355	TA2	OA	TA2 moving for RED BALL in 15 mins	C/s3&4 Ack TA2 advised he is to communicate with OA and c/s3&4
37	1400	2	OA	C/s2 moving in 5 mins	
38	1401	1	OA	C/s11 is at present in area of camp(slightly N of it). There are at present no signs of occupation. SUNRAY c/s1 intends to recall c/s11 once he has had a quick look he will then send us a locstat he est	

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
				500m E of his loc.	
39	1410	2	OA	C/s22 is at the BLUE LINE c/s2&23 moving	
40	1445	1	OA	Locstats c/s1-12-13 N/C C/s11 370890.	
41	1514	1	OA	C/s11 is ready to return to my loc and I would like some indication of my direction of move as I dont want to withdraw hi if I am going E.	
		OA	1	Exact plan not clear till SUNRAY MINOR completes conference and we will advise.	
		1	OA	C/s 22 is in my loc and c/s2 is N of BLUE LINE and should be complete in 60 mins. I will be ready to accept an LZ prep kit at that time.	
42	1515	OA	TA2	Req XXXXXXXXXX progress.	
		TA2	OA	2000m past RED BALL but the B vehs are having difficulties with the soft-ground.	
43	1518	4	OA	We are 100m E of previous loc.	
44	1536	OA	1	You are clear to recall c/s11 as there is no change in plot. We have asked for LZ but SUNRAY 75 would like you to open the extremities of the camp for future activities.	
		1	OA	I will recall c/s11 when c/a 2 are firm on the ground.	
45	1559	1	OA	Locstats c/s1 N/C c/s2 comp with c/s1	TF info
46	1640	TA2	OA	Locstat - 200m short of BLUE LINE	
47	1650	1	OA	C/s1 12 13 N/C c/s11 c/s11 367888	
48	1720	1	OA	C/s11 with c/s1 C/s1 complete	
49	1740	TA2	OA	Mov to BLUE LINE HOLDFAST cleared- now attempting to cross	
50	1750	FCC	OA	Req clearance on N of 92 30 to 50 E'ing 155-105 from BH ASAP-0600	Clear ground
51	1751	3	OA	N1 loc a/s3 302815	

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
52	1759	4	OA	Ni locs c/s4(-) 306822 C/s41 305815	TF info
53	1800	TA2	OA	B vehs having troubles crossing BLUE LINE	
54	1806	2	OA	Ni loc c/s2 Comp 364889	
55	1820	TA2	OA	We have crossed the BLUE LINE and are continuing to c/s3	
56	1820	TA9	OA	C/sTA2 will continue to mov till he has reached RV- even if it means travelling by night	TA2 given c/3 niloc- 3 will send guides upon arrival
57	1825	1	OA	Ni loc c/s1 365888	
58	1900	TA2 3	3 TA2	One TA has thrown a track- we will not arrive for some time. Secure in your present loc tonight	
59	1935	TA2	OA	Locstat 295816	Clear
60	2005	FCC	OA	Ground clearance 340848 338846 342846 340843	
61	2006	6	OA	Red flares sighted 0700 ft dist 2000m	
62	2015	FCC	OA	Gr clearance for direct fire for direct fire for dist 800ft betw 0200 and 1300ft	Passed to c/s1&2
63	2035	TA2	OA	DFS 1 B 0200 A 400+6000 2. D3600 A 400+600 3. D5000 A400M + 600. Req ground and air clearance for Mors 290816 D5000	Clear
64	2053	FCC	OA	Gr clearance 290816 D5000 A600 376887 378889 393867 342846 351893 381846 350883 343884 349869 349863 347856 361846361839 382863 387863 385855 391863 370874	Clear
65	2125	12	79	Req loc of LCT and general situation	Passed by 9A and SEAGUL
66	2132	FCC	OA	R eq ground clearance 105mm H&I on 317890 309878 291885 288870	Clear

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
67	2135	13	52	Req clearance 105mm from CLARE 269878 255868 Now till 0600	Clear
68	2150	FCC	0A	req clearance 175mm at 387906	Clear
69	2200	TF	79	Req VR 5000m radius from 305817	Grante d to come up on Bn Net
70	2330	TF	0A	Report to c/s3 that 1000lbs ice will be flown in at 0730hrs by CH47	

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
1	0707	OA	3	HILLCLIMBER sorties will continue today- be prepared to accept 1000lbs of ice at 0730H	
2	0735	TA2	OA	moving now	
3	0755	TF	OA	c/s75 will be in your loc at 1045H	2IC info
4	0805	TA2	OA	RV with c/s3 complete. Req BOSSUM 23 to come to this loc	
5	0830	TF	OA	Req ground clearance for trail duster to spray betw 22-84; 22-81;36-87 35-90 At time 0650-0730 on the 29 July 1969. Suported by FAC aircraft and fighters Will only fire for fire	Clear a.FAC to contact OA on 45.60 . No fire permitted till the loc of own troops est.
6	0845	3	OA	RV with TA2 and after elms complete. Commencing to cut the base.	
7	0925	4	OA	C/s 4 now with c/s41	
8	1012	1	OA	C/s1 have found an underground cable. SUNRAY c/s1 is going to check with one of the sub-unit SUNRAYS at c/s2 and then he intends to follow up. Have found a fresh grave, will give details later.	
9	1020	TF	OA	Can offer immediate PYTHON suggest 366888, but if this is not acceptable could we suggest another grid. This may be today or tomorrow.	Suggest C Coy old area 387907, NE 400m(390909) approx
10	1025	3	OA	Can we advise ref move of D&E p1 to ND	Can be backloaded on any CH47, but advise AO before.
11	1030	OA	TF	Ref the PYTHON (serial9), TF advisethis will be in the morning of 29th	2IC advised TF will advise the name of ths PM today.
12	1040	OA	TF	D & E P1 will return to ND on next CH47 sortie we will advise time ASAP	C/s3 advised in 30 min
13	1055	3	OA	D&E B1 moving to ND now	TF advised
14	1056	FCC	OA	Req clearance on 2587 for 105mm firing from 2193	Clear

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9 RAR LOG SHEETS

Date.....28 July 1969.....

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
15	1100	OB	OA	Manhole in this loc with HOTBOX ALB	SEAGUL advised
16	1115	1	OA	Have loc holes, possible caches or sentry holes SE of thier loc. Ref cable not buried very deeply is covered by leaves and at present following up to N. C/s1 about to dig up grave and ascertain date and cause of death.	
17	1115	TF	OA	FOR SEAGUL on secure Confirm that US LCT are going to start Sth of FIRESTONE in areas 5-4-3-24 could we advise SEAGUL MINOR. Mse for BRIGADE RB- from SECTOR VN have been made aware of the task in swamp area betw ROUTES 15-44. No plan as yet.	
18	1125	3	OA	There will be no cutting today The main task for today will be the establishment of their NDP C/s42 will be moving down the trail to investigate a track seen by TA2 for poss ambush task	TF advised of LCT programe
19	1215	1	OA	Ref grave, 2-3 days old K B Arty	TF info
20	1230	TF	OA	TF would like clearance for a 2nd Divert tgt on 269845 at 1300H	Clearance given. Contact OA prior to A/S
21	1245	1	OA	Ref cable. C/s 11 have followed this up. The cable ran out of E flank in the area of 3 bed spaces where it had been out. In this area have loc a typewriter C/s1 has ordered an intensive search of this area	TF info
22	1247	4	OA	C/s42 have checked out track and followed it for 500m. Tracks runs N-S and is approx 4 weeks old. C/s42 returning to TA23	
23	1250	FCC	OA	Gr clearance for 155mm from OT ASAP- impacting 24878	Clear
24	1408	4	OA	C/s42 in c/s4 loc	
25	1410	OA	3	POSSUM with 9A in bound.	
26	1530	TF	OA	Req immed clearance on 290890 for immed HUNTER/ KILLER TEAM No details avail	Clear
27	1540	TF	OA	Delate previous req. Req clearance Block 3086 HUNTER/ KILLER TEAM	clear
28	1548	4	OA	Locstat c/s4(-)302822 c/s41 305815	N1 loc
29	1559	FCC	OA	Gr clearance on 343882 Recievd ground fire 50&30 cal. Wish to expnd HUNTER KILLER team	Clear

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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
30	1630	J09	OA	Am I clear ground for 343882 to conduct AS from N-S with break to W	Clear for Air and ARTY
31	1750	FCC	OA	Req clearance on area between 30-50 E'ings and N of 91 N'ing ASAP to 0600H for 105mm firing from BH	Clear
32	1755	J03	OA	Putting in an AIRSTRIKE on 343882	J03 advised. of loc of c/s1&2
33	1800	3	OA	C/s3 complete in Ni loc 307824.	
34	1815			Change in deployment due to CH47. Deployment is no change on 29 July exept addition of atc HQ 5 RAR to CAMBRAI. this will result in CCoy 9 RAR coming under OP CON 5 RAR on assumption LC responsibilities. D Coy will fly out on 29 and moved to BADCOE CLUB as planned. 9 RAR respons for RR Coy begins ASAP return of A Coy 31 July. C Coy moves to POLLY 3283 as planned. Deployment on 30th now 31st. 5 RAR AO MINDY inclusive fire trail from 305875 along trail to 335875 to trail intersection 359859 along trail 359859 along trail along trail S and then SW to 328798. 161 Bty in s 5 RAR. Move A & B Coy. A Coy to move on the 30th by ALB first lift 48 secind 56 (RAAF) Prob AIR PLANNING conference tomorrow.	
35	1820	OA	3	For TA2. Their GET willbe changed over at 0730 tomorrow.	
36	1825	J03	OA	A/S now complete, have poss of another A/S shortly will advise	C/s1&2 info
37	1826	J03	OA	Other A/S now not on. Departing your area	
38	1842	3	OA	Locstat 305842	Passed to TF
39	A15	FCC	OA	Gr Clearance Mor from 305824 on YS310826 D1600 A500 AdjDF	Clear
40	1930	FCC	OA	Gr clearance 105mm from DAMPIER on 305830 D6200 A400 R400 WP Adj DF	Clear
41	2015	OA	3/4	No change in c/s4 mov tomorrow. C/s4 mov tomorrow.	
42	2035	FCC	OA	Gr clearance Mors from DAMPIER firing H&I 337858 340857 339840 346858 347861 354885 376889 379891 382895 378901 346875 376887 378889 389873 338846 336881 343884 342881 347879 333875 333870 347877 349870 340871 342870 340869 361833 382863 348873340867 34	Clear

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SECRET9 RAR LOG SHEETS

Date....29 July 1969.....

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
1		FCC	OA	Ground 286812 clear	
2	0755	3	OA	Doc showing amendment to CH47 sorties today coming out by POSSUM	
3	0800	TFF	OA	BRIG in our loc 1145H	
4	0810	TF	OA	MAJ GEN McGOWAN(deputy Commd 2 FFV) will be visiting LCT at 1100- The BRIG will be in 10mins before to recieve him- could you advise 5 RAR ASAP about both visits	
5	0835	OA	TO	Ack OPS 1372	
6	0857	TF	OA	Req co-ord clearence for AS at 0945 on 401820- base camp	Clear ground
7	0915	TF	OA	Delay on flyout of c/s4 due to weather. TF will advise time. PYTHON on to area of c/s3 camp 387907 now not available	C/s384 advised
8	0925	FCC	OA	Req clearence on 365888 for demolitions ASAP to E of M	Clear
9	0935	2	OA	SITREP Explosives at present being set up. C/s1 will be first to blow in approx 30 min and c/s2 30min after that c/s2 would like to move to area of 373880 and search that area as c/s23 found 2 cache stands and they were not able to search fully	9A agrees as this is on c/s2 general line of approach to DAMPIER
10	0950	OA	TF	Ref the visit of Maj Gen McGowan be defered till the handover is complete at the NDP. If this is impractical would DAMPIER be a suitable alternative.	Seagul is checking with the BRIGADIER
11	0958	FCC	OA	Req clearence on 362863 368864 356864 33958710 ASAP to 1800 for 155mm firing from BH	Neg ative
12	1015	2	OA	C/s12 moving now	
13	1016	OA	TF	From SEAGUL The visit will go ahead as planned, 9A to be at LCT 1045H Clouds base lowering over PHUO LAI. CHINOOK ETA N/K	
14	1105	3	OA	First lift of HILLCLIMBER at c/s3 loc now.	

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Date..... 29 July 1965

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
15	1210	182	OA	Demolitions complete	
16	1211	9	OA	Woyld like to speak yo 9A this afternoon on Bn Comd Net	
17	1256	3	OA	C/s4 completete have departed CAMBRAI	Passed to TF
18	1300	1	OA	C/s1 moving now	
19	1302	2	OA	Locstat c/s2 371881	Passed to TF
20	1400	1 OA	OA 1	DUSTOFF req due to tr e fallen on 1 member. He has a suspected We will collect by POSSUM as DUSTOFF not available due to weather	Passed to TF
21	1402	2	OA	Loostat c/s2 371878	Passed to TF c/s1 ack
22	1425	1	OA	Moving	C/s2 ack
23	1446	1	OA	Locstat c/s1 366886	Passedt oTF C/s2 ack
24	1540	1	OA	Locstat c/s1 364877	C/s2 Ack
25	1600	63A	OA	Locstat c/s3 336842	
26	1605	TF	OA	From SEAGUL activities c/s1. Will time AxP1BD 0720 be suitable. This is earliest time and is flexable. Nothing definate t this stage.	For SEAGUL AIR that time is accept - you advise other timings for c/s1
27	1645	1	OA	Locstat c/s1 358867	Sp Coy advised
28	1800	POSS27	OA	The AVGAS in our loc has water in our loc. It is nearly empty and suggest this not used.	
29	1825	83A	89	Only info on LFT is from 83A, he advises it is on a bearing of 4000m " a long way away"	
30	1836	FCC	OA	Gr clearence 368867	Clear
31	1905	FCC	OA	Gr Clearance 340848 D0500 A500 L200	Clear

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9 RAR LOG SHEETS

Date.....29 July 1969.....

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
32	1955	FCC	OA	Gr clearance 340810	Clear C/s1 to be advised if timing is not 300600H
33	2050	FCC	OA	Req clearance on following for H&I's for guns and Mors ASAP to 0600H 358885 367835 347863 356889 349890 349858 378887 347879 361851 392869 333870 361842 382842 342870 361835 376863 391863 352900 385855 368848 353905 362892 354886	
34	2200	OA	TF	Ref move by CH47 of c/s1. We have recieved unofficial notice that they will move at 0655H 30 July which is 30mins earlier than previously planned timing. As we have not recieved advise from you please confirm ASAP. Ref LO at BH He is req in ND on 31 July to proceed on R&R. Please advise replacement plan ASAP	

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9 RAR LOG SHEETS

Date.....30 July 1969.....

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
1	0730	OA	2	The area 9A would like to check is 370865. In this area a N-S coms trench was seen. POSSUM will be sent up to do a map spot- will then advise c/s2 of exact locstat	Map spot 373864. Runs to N from that point.
2	0750	OA AQ	OA	First sortie of c/s1 has left DAMPIER	TF informed
3	0825	2	OA	Can POSSUM be made available to lift out SUNRAY c/s2 who is not well	POSSUM to C/s2 when LZ secure
4	0935	1	OA	C/s 1 complete have departed this loc	Passed to TF
5	0955	2	OA	Locstat c/s23 371867	Passed to TF
6	1035	2	OA	Locstat c/s2 complete with c/s23	Passed to TF
7	1245	2	OA	The comms trench is very old and has not been used for a long time.	
8	1310	2	OA	C/s21B in c/s 2 loc	
9	1330	2	OA	C/s2(-) moving now. C/s23 moving S of clearing to DAMPIER	
10	1430	2	OA	In loc to W of DAMPIER	
11	14455	2	OA	C/s2 now complete W of DAMPIER	
12	1456	FCC	OA	Req clearances for demolitions on 368865	Clear
13	1530	3	OA	At present time are 2 c/s of 5RAR in this loc. Cannot see the req for our continued deployment in this area our task is completed	Will negotiate with CO 5 RAR
14	1600	FCC	OA	Gr clearance Mor from DAMPIER on 381863 Bedding in	Clear
15	1615	63A	TF	Loc 1 body wrapped in plastic, approx 1 week old at YS 302800	
16	1620	TF	OA	C/s75 not visiting today	
17	1915	FCC	OA	Gr clearance 352907 353906 363892 386907 373886	Clear

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9 RAR LOG SHEETS

Date...30 July 1969.....

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	INCIDENT	ACTION
18	2020	FCC	OA	<p>Req clearance for guns firing H&I 377888 361887 391863 349890 392869 382863 333875 382849 370874 340869 Req clearance for 81mm firing H&I on . 350884 370887 379863 359907 371884 368848 359 888 359882 338873 362884 366839 342870 362891 361853 349863 361889 361833 344869 363886361842</p> <p><i>JULY 31 9 RAR completed ops and returned to 1 ATF.</i></p>	

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The Royal Australian Regiment
FSPB FLINDERS

16 Jul 69

Ops 82

OpO 16 (OP HAT DICH)

- Reference: A. 1 ATF Op Instr 60/69 (Op HAT DICH) dated 160400Z Jul 69.
B. 1 ATF Op Instr 59/69 (Op MATHEW) dated 27 Jun 69.
C. Map VIETNAM XA BINH BA Sheet 6430 III Series L 7014 Scale 1:50,000.
D. Map VIETNAM XA XUAN LOC Sheet 6430 IV Series L 7014 Scale 1:50,000.

1. Situation

- a. En Forces No change from verbal briefs and marked maps issued separately.
- b. Friendly Forces
- (1) HQ 1 ATF (Main) remains NUI DAT.
 - (2) HQ 1 ATF (Fwd) deploys via route 15 to FSPB CLARE YS2083 on 18 Jul 69. Remains FSPB CLARE with HQ ARVN Marine Bde to co-ord 1 ATF activities during op.
 - (3) B Sqn 1 Armd Regt (-) conduct ops in AO MICK centre of mass YS 4685 from 18 Jul 69.
 - (4) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt (-) co-ord def of HQ 1 ATF fwd and conduct ambush ops in AO TRACKER (FSPB CLARE AO) in conjunction with HQ ARVN Marine Bde.
 - (5) ARVN Marine Bde deploy into eastern side of marine AO on 18/19 Jul and commence move westward.

c. Attachments and Detachments

Remaining under comd until released.

Elms 1 Fd Sqn as allotted for OP MATHEW.

Released from under op comd at FLINDERS 181400H but remaining on call from B Sqn 1 Armd Regt (-) in AO MICK

2 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

Released from under op comd at BUFFALO on orders 9 RAR 19 Jul 69

Sect APC B Sqn 3 Cav Regt

Remaining in DS

161 Fd Bty (RNZA)
One H13 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.

2. Mission 9 RAR is to destroy HQ274 and SR 4 and enemy operating in AO PORPHY centre of mass YS 3685.

3. Execution

- a. Gen Outline Initially concentrate in the southern section of AO PORPHY with two coys blocking in north and east and two coys driving from the vicinity of FSPB DAMPIER YS 3686 in north and north easterly direction. Seperate orders will be issued as required for ops in southern sector of AO.

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b. A Coy

- (1) Grouping No change
- (2) Task Establish block position in north and north east of area A to deny enemy exits from the AO to the north and north east.

c. B Coy

- (1) Grouping No change
- (2) Tasks
 - (a) Fly into and secure area of FSPB DAMPIER YS3686 from present loc by 171600H.
 - (b) Maintain security of FSPB area until released 18 or AM 19 Jul and be prepared to assist in FSPB construction with one platoon until released from area.
 - (c) Drive through area B towards north and east with emphasis on the area through the enemy camps at YS372874 and IS 376837

d. C Coy

- (1) Grouping No change
- (2) Tasks
 - (a) Move from present area on 18 Jul on a broad front to area C.
 - (b) Block in area C with emphasis on exits from the north-east of area B.

e. D Coy

- (1) Grouping No change
- (2) Tasks
 - (a) Secure area FSPB FLINDERS for evacuation 18 Jul.
 - (b) Move to FSPB DAMPIER after FSPB elms 18 Jul by CH47.
 - (c) Clear NORTHWARDS through area D with emphasis along the EASTERN boundary between areas D and A and B.

f. Mor Pl

- (1) MFC remain each rifle coy.
- (2) One sect return to NUI DAT 17 Jul by UHID after completion of B Coy move.
- (3) One sect move from FSPB FLINDERS to FSPB DAMPIER 18 Jul with FSPB elms.
- (4) One sect move from FSPB BUFFALO to FSPB DAMPIER 19 Jul by CH47 with 161 Bty elms.

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- g. Anti Tank Pl
- (1) Move from FSPB FLINDERS to FSPB DAMPIER with FSPB elms 18 Jul 69.
 - (2) Be prepared to deploy combat tracker team on 30 mins notice at any time.
- h. Aslt Pnr Pl
- (1) Dismantle main CP FSPB FLINDERS by 180830H.
 - (2) Arrange movement of main CP construction stores from FLINDERS to DAMPIER 18 Jul.
 - (3) Move from FSPB FLINDERS to FSPB DAMPIER with FSPB elms 18 Jul.
 - (4) On arrival FSPB DAMPIER tasks as normal.
- i. 2 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt Remain vicinity FSPB FLINDERS and released from under op con upon arrival B Sqn elms at FSPB FLINDERS 181400H, but remaining on call from AO MICK as necessary.
- j. Sect APC B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Remain vicinity FSPB BUFFALO and released from under op con for return to NUI DAT on orders 9 RAR 19 Jul 69.
- k. 161 Fd Bty (RNZA)
- (1) Bty (-) move from FSPB FLINDERS to FSPB DAMPIER by CH47 18 Jul 69.
 - (2) One sect loc at BUFFALO move by CH47 to FSPB DAMPIER 19 Jul 69.
 - (3) Provide fire sp for fly in of B Coy to FSPB DAMPIER 17 Jul 69.
- l. Engr
- (1) No change in allocation.
 - (2) 3 Tp HQ move from FSPB FLINDERS to FSPB DAMPIER with FSPB elms 18 Jul.
 - (3) Co-ordinate and supervise use of engr plant FSPB DAMPIER as per priority laid down by base comd.
 - (4) Provision of combat engineer teams and LZ preparation kits no change from OpO 15.
- m. Avn
- (1) 161 (Indep) Recce Flt
 - (a) One H13 report FLINDERS 180730H thereafter report daily to DAMPIER as soon as possible after first light.
 - (b) Refuel facilities will be available at FSPB DAMPIER.
 - (2) 9 Sqn RAAF
 - (a) Provide one AHC (8 ac) plus C and C ship for move of B Coy 17 Jul 69.
 - (b) Provide resupply tasks as necessary throughout op.

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Co-ord Instrs

- (1) Area of Ops and Bdrys Annex A
- (2) Air Move Details Annex B
- (3) Outline Timings Annex C
- (4) Fire Plan Issued separately.
- (5) Evacuation FSPB FLINDERS

- (a) All overhead cover removed on 17 Jul 69.
- (b) All stores less essential items to be packed into CH47 loads by last lt 17 Jul.
- (c) Fly out co-ordinated by elms TFMA and controlled through AQ Cell.
- (d) Sp Coy to arrange loading of troops and stores.
- (e) All holes to be filled in and as many defence stores to be recovered as possible except barbed wire and sandbags.
- (f) Comd FSPB until evacuation complete 2IC 9 RAR.

(6) Occupation FSPB DAMPIER

- (a) Comd 2IC B Coy
- (b) Location YS 3686
- (c) Movement to Base. See Annex C. Co-ord by CSM Sp Coy.
- (d) Composition
 - i. HQ 9 RAR
 - ii. HQ Sp Coy 9 RAR
 - iii. Anti Tank Pl
 - iv. Aslt Pnr Pl
 - v. Pl (-) Mor Pl
 - vi. 161 Fd Bty
- (e) Recce FSPB Recce elms move to DAMPIER with B Coy 17 Jul.
- (f) Defence Stores. Provided from FSPB FLINDERS and NUI DAT. Allocation as directed by base comd.
- (g) Base to be defended by 181830H.

(7) Protection of FSPB FLINDERS and FSPB BUFFALO

Elms B Sqn 1 Armd Regt will provide protection at FSPB FLINDERS for flyout of D Coy on completion of FSPB elms move. Elms B Sqn will assist to provide protection at FSPB BUFFALO during ni 18/19 Jul and also until fly out from that base completed 19 Jul.

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4. Administration and Logistics

- a. Gen Resup by air from NUI DAT on class resupply basis.
- b. Rats SOP
- c. Water
 - (1) Water point to be moved from FSPB FLINDERS to FSPB DAMPIER and maintained by elms TFMA.
 - (2) 120 full jerrycans to move with FSPB stores.
 - (3) Resupply normal.
- d. Ammo
 - (1) Mor First line for 4 81mm Mor move from FSPB FLINDERS and FSPB BUFFALO.
 - (2) SA SOP.
- e. Def Stores
 - (1) Delivered to FSPB DAMPIER as follows:
 - (a) Items reclaimed from FSPB FLINDERS, less barbed wire and sandbags.
 - (b) Day 1 and day 2 standard Task Force loads on 18 and 19 Jul respectively.
 - (c) Additional stores as necessary on demand delivered 21 Jul 69.
- f. Med RAP moves from FSPB FLINDERS to FSPB DAMPIER with FSPB elms.

5. Command and Signals

- a. Locs
 - (1) Main CP group move to FSPB DAMPIER on first CH47 sortie 18 Jul.
 - (2) Rear CP group remain FSPB FLINDERS and move with D Coy to FSPB DAMPIER.
- b. Radio
 - (1) Comd Net
 - (a) Rear CP group C/S ϕ C estb from 180730H.
 - (b) Relay stn C/S 97 close on 19 Jul and move to FSPB DAMPIER.
 - (2) Chinook Moves
 - (a) FSPB FLINDERS - Chairman freq TFMA
 - (b) FSPB DAMPIER - 1 Fd Regt GW net 34.40 mcs.
 - (3) 1 ATF Fwd (Tac) Comd Net
 - (a) Ref 1 ATF SOIs. Item 17

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- (b) 9 RAR will join net on order.
- (c) Net only activated on orders HQ 1 ATF.
- (d) 1 ATF LONG THANH will adopt C/S spare 1φ.

c. Lines SOP

d. Codes No change from Jul codes and SOI already issued and including amendments.

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Annexes:

- A. AREA OF OPS AND BDRYS
- B. AIR MOVE DETAILS
- C. OUTLINE TIMINGS.

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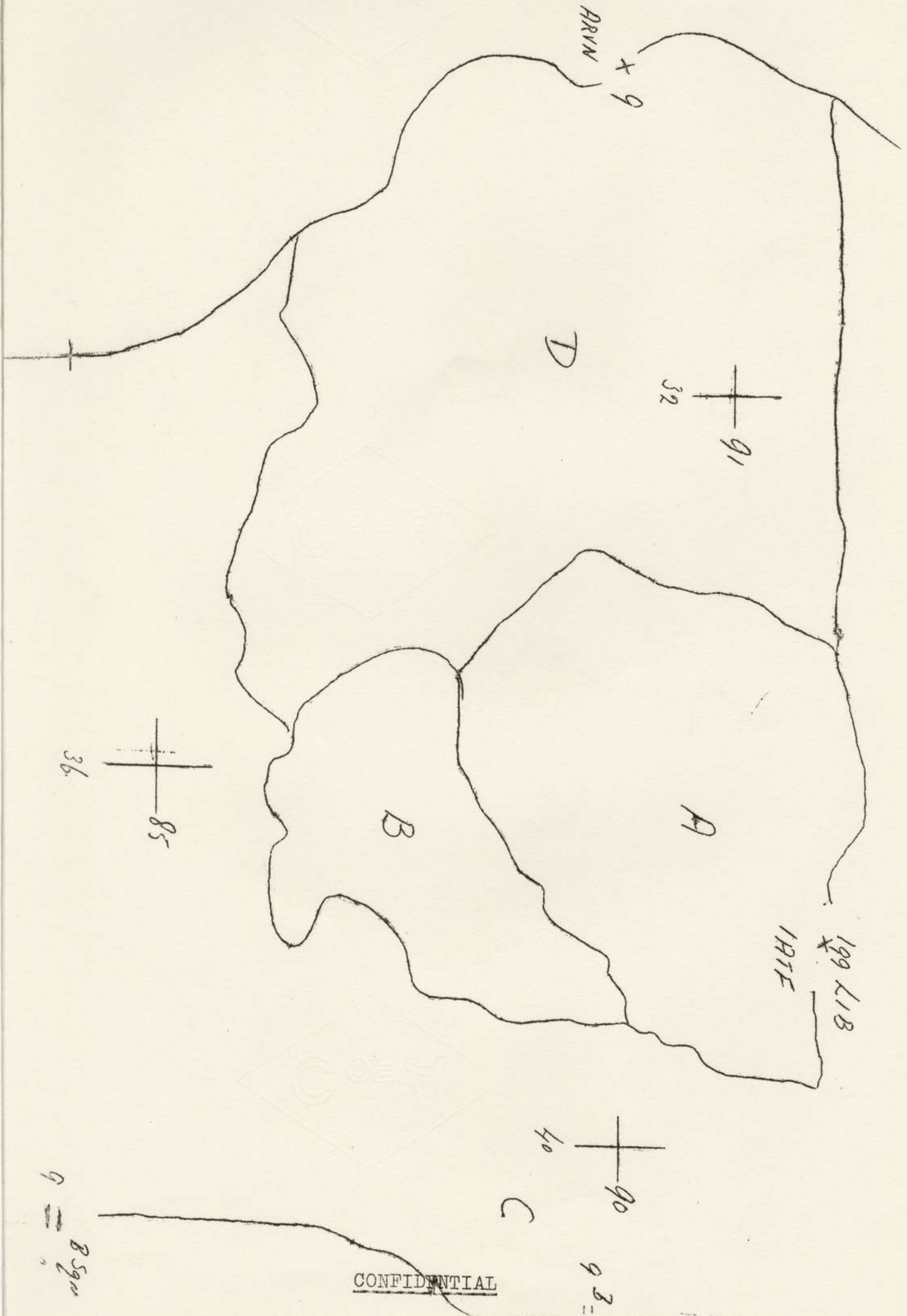
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AIR MOVEMENT TABLE

PART 1 TO ANNEX B TO
9 RAR OpO 16
DATED 16 JUL 69

Serial;	Unit	PZ	Freq	C/S	PZ Time	LZ	Freq	C/S	Complete Time	PAX	Sorties	AC	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
1	9RAR	FLINDERS	36.70	92	1300	-	-	-	1510	5	1	1	C and C
2	B Coy	YS549922	36.70	2A	1400	DAMPIER	-	-	1415	49	7	7	Insecure LZ LFT required
3	B Coy	YS549922	36.70	2A	1425	DAMPIER	36.70	2	1440	45	7	7	LFT required insecure Land Lift
4	9RAR Recce Party	FLINDERS	36.70	92	1450	DAMPIER	36.70	2	1500	21	3	3	

NOTE: 1. Backload 8 pax approx and mor tubes from FSPB FLINDERS to KAPYONG
4 ac from serial 4.

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AIR MOVEMENT TABLE

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PART II CH47 - 18 Jul 69

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
5	9 RAR	FLINDERS	63.50	CHAIR-MAN 5	0800	DAMPIER	63.50	CHAIR-MAN 6	1400	Stores 228 PAX	15	3	In conjunction with Serial 6
6	161 Fd Bty	FLINDERS	63.50	CHAIR-MAN 5	0800	DAMPIER	63.50	CHAIR-MAN 6	1400	Guns, Stores PAX	15	3	In conjunction with Serial 5

NOTE: Separate loading tables for serial 5 and 6 will be issued separately.

PART III - CH47 - 19 Jul 69

7	9 RAR	EAGLE-FARM	63.50	CHAIR-MAN 2	0745	DAMPIER	63.50	CHAIR-MAN 6	0825	Defence Stores	2	1	
8	161 Fd Bty	BUFFALO	63.50	CHAIR-MAN 5	0800	EAGLE-FARM	63.50	CHAIR-MAN 2	0815	CP Timber	1	1	
9	9 RAR	BUFFALO	63.50	CHAIR-MAN 5	0825	DAMPIER	63.50	CHAIR-MAN 6	0830	Mor Ammo	1	1	
10	161 Fd Bty	BUFFALO	63.50	CHAIR-MAN 5	0835	DAMPIER	63.50	CHAIR-MAN 6	0920	Guns Ammo PAX	7	1	

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ANNEX C TO
9 RAR OpO 16
DATED 16 JUL 69

OUTLINE TIMINGS

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
	<u>17 Jul 69</u>	
1	1300	C and C ship arrives for B Coy lift.
2	1400	B Coy lift to DAMPIER commences
3	1600	B Coy and FSPB Recce
	<u>18 Jul 69</u>	
4	0800	1. Lift out from FLINDERS commences with CH47. 2. D Coy security complete at FLINDERS. 3. C Coy commence move to area C in AO PORPHYRY.
5	1200	Elms B Sqn arrive FLINDERS
6	1300	Elms B Sqn secure FLINDERS
7	1430	1. Lift out FLINDERS Complete. 2. Elms B Sqn move to BUFFALO
8	1600	1. Elms B Sqn complete at BUFFALO 2. D Coy commence move from DAMPIER to Area D AO PORPHYRY
10	1900	FSPB DAMPIER secure.
	<u>19 Jul 69</u>	
11	0800	Day 2 defence stores arrive from NUI DAT
12	0830	Lift out from BUFFALO commences.
13	0930	1. Lift out from BUFFALO complete. 2. Elms B Sqn 1 Armd Regt release from BUFFALO. 3. Sect B Sqn 3 Cav Regt released from op con. Return to NUI DAT.

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28 Jul 69

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OpO 17

Reference: A. HQ 1 ATF Op Instr 68/69 dated 25 Jul 69.
 B. 9 RAR OpO 16 dated 27 Jun 69.
 C. 9 RAR Op Instr 9/69 dated 25 Jul 69.
 D. Map VIETNAM XA CAM MY Sheet 6430 I 1:50.000
 Map VIETNAM XUYEN MOC Sheet 6430 II 1:50.000

Time zone used throughout this order: HOTEL.

1. Situationa. En No change from verbal briefs issued up to 29 Jul 69.b. Friendly Forces

- (1) 1 ATF Fwd has withdrawn to 1 ATF base NUI DAT.
- (2) 5 RAR (-) deploy to FSPB POLLY (YS 325835) on 31 Jul.
- (3) Land clearing ops continue in AO PORPHRY extension with 5 RAR and elms B Sqn (Cav) and B Sqn (Armd) and 501 Engr Coy (LC-) (US)
- (4) 199 LIB continue ops NORTH of AO PORPHRY.
- (5) ARVN Marine Bde ops continue WEST and NORTH of AO PORPHRY extension.

c. Attachments and DetachmentsFrom under comd 9 RAR to under
comd 5 RAR from 5 RAR assumption
of comd land clearing tasksOne combat engr team 1 Fd Sqn
(allotted to Tp B Sqn) (Cav)From in DS 9 RAR on return to
NUI DAT 31 Jul

161 Fd Bty RNZA

From under op con 9 RAR to under
op con 5 RAR from 5 RAR assumption
land clearing responsibility
29 JulTp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt
Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt
One sect AMB B Sqn 3 Cav RegtFrom in DS 9 RAR to DS 5 RAR
from 5 RAR assumption land
clearing responsibilities 29 Jul

501 Engr Coy (LC-) (US)

From in sp 9 RAR to in sp 5 RAR
from 5 RAR assumption land
clearing responsibilities 29 JulElms Plant Tp 1 Fd Sqn
One H13 1st (Indep) Recce FltUnder op con 5 RAR from 5 RAR
assumption land clearing respon-
sibilities 29 Jul until return
to NUI DAT 31 Jul

C Coy 9 RAR

2. Mission 9 RAR is to vacate AO PORPHRY and FSPB DAMPIER and re-
turn to NUI DAT during period 29-31 Jul.CONFIDENTIAL

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3. Execution

3. Execution

a. Gen outline The operation will be conducted in 2 phases.

(1) Phase 1 Preliminary Phase 29/30 Jul 69.

- (a) Return of D Coy to NUI DAT.
- (b) Hand over of land clearing responsibilities to 5RAR.
- (c) A Coy move to area FSPB DAMPIER 29 Jul.
- (d) C Coy secure area of FSPB POLLY (YS 325835)
- (e) B Coy move to area FSPB DAMPIER 30 Jul.

(2) Phase 2 Move of 2 rifle coys and FSPB elms to NUI DAT on 31 Jul in conjunction with move of 5RAR elms to FSPB POLLY and 5RAR area of ops.

b. A Coy

(1) Grouping No change.

(2) Tasks

(a) Phase 1

(i) Move by foot from present loc on 29 Jul direct to vicinity FSPB DAMPIER.

(ii) Move by CH47 from DAMPIER to KAPYONG commencing at 300715 H.

(b) Phase 2. 1 ATF Ready Reaction Coy from 310600 H.

c. B Coy

(1) Grouping

From in DS upon arrival NUI DAT Fd Party 161 Fd Bty

(2) Tasks

(a) Phase 1

(i) Move from present loc to area FSPB DAMPIER by 301700 H.

(ii) Upon arrival FSPB DAMPIER area adopt defensive loc where previously located to north west of DAMPIER.

(iii) Be prepared to provide protection during evacuation of FSPB DAMPIER 31 Jul 69.

(b) Phase 2

(i) Secure the area of FSPB DAMPIER for flyout of FSPB elms.

(ii) Flyout from FSPB DAMPIER by CH47 and UHID after evacuation of FSPB elms as per Annex B.

d. C Coy

(1) Grouping As per Op Inst 9/69 plus

From in DS upon arrival NUI DAT

FO party 161 Fd Bty.

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/3. (2) Tasks

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(2) Tasks

- (a) Pass responsibility for land clearing ops to 5RAR after arrival Tac HQ and two coys 5RAR at land clearing NDP YS 3082 (CAMBRAI)
- (b) Come under op com 5RAR until return to NUI DAT for tasks to secure FSPB POLLY accept flyin of 5RAR elms from 1500 hrs 29 Jul and return to NUI DAT on 31 Jul.

c. D Coy

(1) Grouping

From under op com C Coy upon departing land clearing area 29 Jul.

(2) Tasks

(a) Phase 1

- (i) Be relieved from land clearing operation by elms 5RAR on 29 Jul.
- (ii) After relief move to NUI DAT by CH47 as per Annex B.

(b) Phase 2

Move to Badcoe Club for period 30 Jul 1 Aug at 1400 hrs 30 Jul.

f. Mor Pl

- (1) Pl (-) return from FSPB DAMPIER with FSPB elms. One sect to remain until second last CH47 sortie 31 Jul.
- (2) One sect returns to NUI DAT from land clearing area 29 Jul 69 with D Coy as per Annex B.
- (3) One sect assumes 1ATF Ready Reaction Tasks from 310600H.

g. Anti Tank Pl Return to NUI DAT with FSPB elms 31 Jul.

h. Aslt Pnr Pl Return to NUI DAT with FSPB elms 31 Jul.

i. Armd.

- (1) Change to under op com 5RAR from 5RAR assumption of responsibility for land clearing ops 29 Jul.
- (2) Mor sect 9RAR to be relieved by Mor sect 5RAR 29 Jul and be mounted in Sect of AMC.

j. 161 Fd Bty

- (1) Return to NUI DAT from DAMPIER as per Air Movement Table (Annex B).
- (2) From in DS 9RAR on return to NUI DAT except that one FO party remains with A Coy.

k. Eng

- (1) One combat eng team located in land clearing area change to under comd 5RAR but in loc Tp B Sqn (Cav) from 5RAR assumption of responsibility land clearing ops.

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(2) Receive into FSPB DAMPIER Case dozer on 29 Jul and be prepared to despatch it to FSPB POLLY by 1100 hrs 30 Jul.

1. Avn

(1) 161 (Indep) Recce Flt One H13 for land clearing ops changes to in sp 5RAR from 5RAR assumption of responsibility for land clearing tasks.

m. Co-ord Instrs

(1) Outline Timings Annex A

(2) Air Movement Table Annex B

(3) Fire Sp

(a) Fire Sp for AO PORPHY including extension will be provided by 161 Bty, 9RAR Mor Pl and sect Mor Pl 5RAR after arrival at CAMBRAI 29 Jul.

(b) On 31 Jul fire sp will be provided by 161 Bty until it moves to NUI DAT, 105 Bty after in action at FSPB POLLY and Mor Pl of both 5RAR and 9RAR where located.

(4) Assumption of CP Responsibility NUI DAT

9RAR (Rear) to maintain CP until 011200 H (Aug) when 9RAR will establish CP and assume responsibility for control.

(5) FSPB DAMPIER

(a) Air move details as required by 2IC Sp Coy in accord with Annex B.

(b) Def Stores As many defence stores as possible are to be reclaimed except barbed wire, damnet and sandbags.

(c) Air loading Control

(i) AQ cell will control all CH47 loading in conjunction with TF air elms.

(ii) AQ cell will liase with HQ Sp Coy to ensure proper positioning and composition of each load.

(iii) Personnel loads will be nominated by Sp Coy A Coy and B Coy and loaded under arrangements AQ cell

(d) Protection

(i) During evacuation of base B Coy will be in location. Defence Coy B Coy and elms FSPB will be co-ord by OC B Coy and 2IC Sp Coy.

(ii) B Coy will be located approximately 200 m north west of DAMPIER by last light 30 Jul and fly out after base evacuated by FSPB elms 31 Jul 69.

(c) A Coy loc Ni 29/30 Jul Vic YS 353866

4. Administration and Logistics

a. Rats

(1) Fresh

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- (a) D Coy requires fresh rations at NUI DAT from incl lunch 29 Jul.
- (b) A Coy requires fresh rations at NUI DAT from incl lunch 30 Jul.
- (c) C Coy and 50% Sp Coy require fresh rations from including lunch 31 Jul.
- (d) Other elms require fresh rats at NUI DAT from incl evening meal 31 Jul.
- (e) Hot box meal will be delivered 30 Jul incl B Coy and C Coy if required.

(2) Hard All excess hard rts are to be back loaded and no resupply after midday 30 Jul.

- b. Water Water point located FSPB DAMPIER is to be cross loaded to FSPB POLLY by CH47 under arrangements TFMA 31 Jul. Water other than water bottles not available from FSPB DAMPIER after 311000H.
- c. POL Avgas point at FSPB DAMPIER will close on 31 Jul and be moved to CAMBRAI under arrangements TFMA 31 Jul. No avgas available at FSPB DAMPIER after 310930 H.
- d. Backloading All stores not required for 31 Jul are to be backloaded prior to 31 Jul on available CH47 ac.
- e. Ammo Mor ammo will be left in sites and handed to 5RAR at CAMBRAI 29 Jul. Mor ammo at FSPB DAMPIER will be returned to NUI DAT 31 Jul.
- f. Defence Stores. As much as possible CGI, pickets, timbers and ammo is to be reclaimed and returned to NUI DAT.

5. Command and Signals

a. HQ

(1) HQ 9RAR will remain estb at FSPB DAMPIER and move out in last CH47 lift. Thereafter the HQ 9RAR will remain and be airbourne in C and C for flyout of last elms B Coy and return to NUI DAT in that ac after flyout complete.

(2) Tac HQ 5RAR will fly into CAMBRAI PM 29 Jul and assume control of land clearing ops, then move to POLLY 31 Jul.

(3) HQ 5RAR will concentrate at FSPB POLLY 31 Jul.

b. Assumption of Command for Land Clearing. This will occur when Tac HQ 5RAR is established at CAMBRAI 29 Jul and be effective from issue of the nickname DRAGON FLY by HQ 9RAR.

c. Composition of the Party for Lift Out B Coy

2IC 9RAR
BC 161 Fd Bty
IO 9 RAR
TF Operator
161 Bty Operator.

/6. d. Radio

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d. Radio

(1) Bn Cond Net

(a) Tac HQ 5RAR will establish on this net from arrival at CAMBRAI 29 Jul Callsign Emperor 9.

(b) TA2 will change to 5RAR internal Net on direction TAC HQ 5RAR after issue of the nickname DRAGON FLY by HQ 9RAR.

(c) C Coy 9RAR will maintain listening watch at all times on this net until return to NUI DAT completed.

(2) Admin Air Net Fly out of elms B Coy to be conducted on this net.

(3) Chairman Net This net will be established by TFMA elms at FSPB DAMPIER, FSPB POLLY, CAMBRAI and EAGLE FARM. 9RAR will establish a set on this frequency from 310800 H using c/s 98C. For the receipt of stores and pax at KAPYONG. Frequency is 63-50 mg. See Annex C for net diagram

e. Line OP

6. Nicknames

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Nickname</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Issued by</u>
1.	DRAGON FLY	5RAR assumed resp for land clearing	HQ 9RAR
2.	SNOW FLAKES	C Coy liftout complete from FSPB POLLY	5 RAR on 9 RAR cond net
3.	RABBIT RUN	FSPB DAMPIER abandoned	C & C ship to TF on TF Cond Net

Ack Instr Ack

(D.B. ANSTEY)
Maj
Admin Comd

Authentication

J. A. Sheldrick
(J.A. SHELDRIK)
Maj
Op Offr

Annexes:

- A. Outline Timings.
- B. Air Movement Table
- C. Radio Diagram - Chairman Net.

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Distribution:

	<u>Copy Number</u>
A Coy	1
B Coy	2
C Coy	3
D Coy	4
Sp Coy	5-6
Admin Coy	7-8
Sig Pl	9
Mor Pl	10
Aslt Pnr Pl	11
Anti Tank Pl	12
CO	13
2IC	14
Ops Offr	15
Adjt	16
IO	17
Asst Adjt	18
QM	19
AQM	20
RMO	21
RSM	22
BC	23
Bn CP	24-26
1 ATF	27-51
B Sqn 3 Cav Regt	52-53
B Sqn 1 Armd Regt	54
1 Fd Regt RAA	55
161 Fd Bty	56
1 Fd Sqn	57
3 Tp 1 Fd Sqn	58
161 (Indep) Recce Flt	59
5 RAR	60
6 RAR	61
8 RAR	62
1 ARU	63
Comds Diary	64-67
File	68
Spare	69-80

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EX A

9 RAR OPO 17

DATED 28 JUL 69

OUTLINE TIMINGS

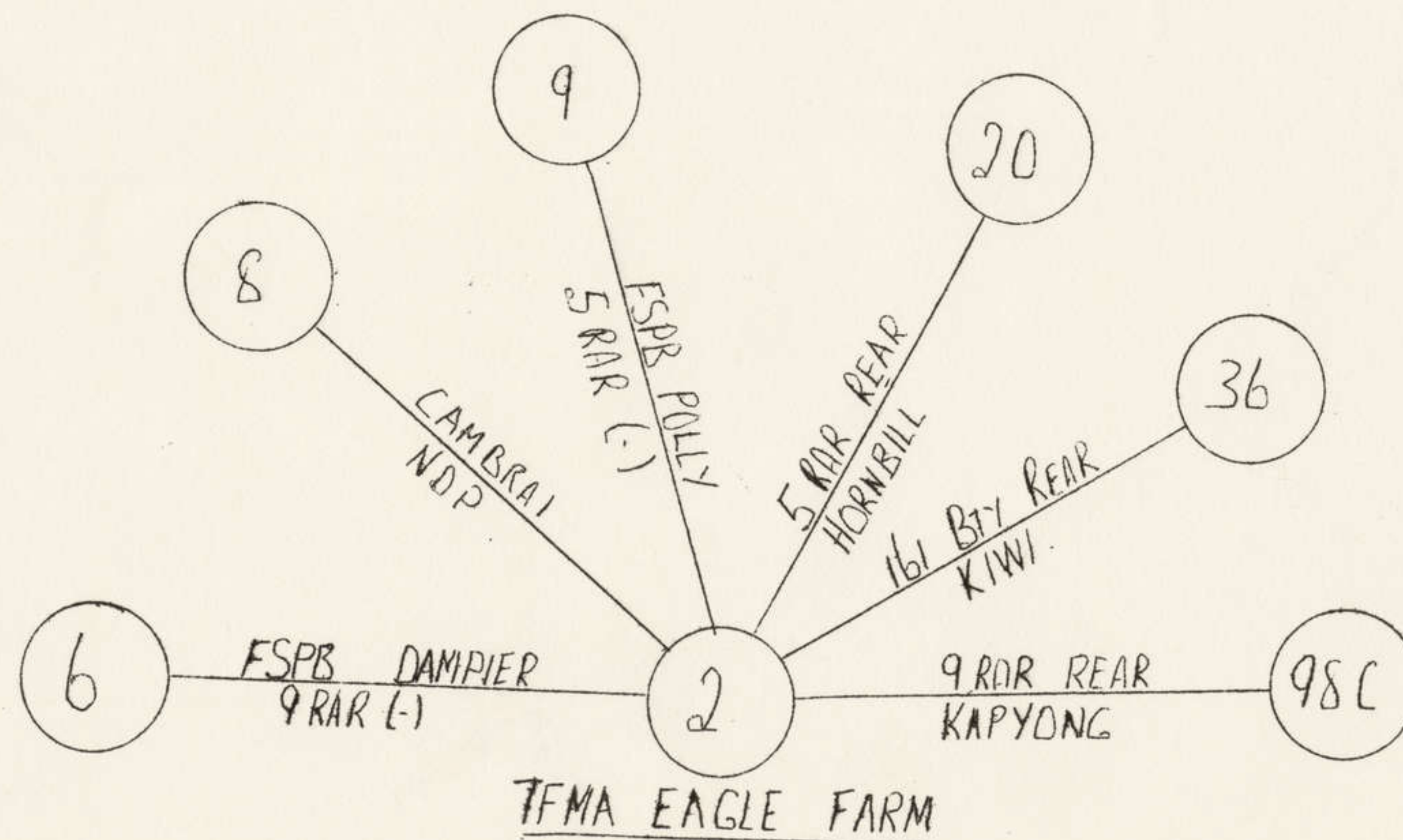
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1	29 0715H	First CH47 arrives CAMBRAI	Anx B Ser 1 (Part 1)
2	29 0820H	D Coy commences move by CH47 to NUI DAT	Anx B Ser 9 (Part 1)
3	29 1515H	First CH47 arrives FSPB POLLY	Anx B Ser 19 (Part 1)
4	29 1630H	A Coy concentrated vicinity FSPB DAMPIER	
5	30 0715H	A Coy commences move by CH47 to NUI DAT	Briefed seperately
6	30 1630H	B Coy concentrated vicinity FSPB DAMPIER	
7	31 0720H	161 Bty commences move by CH47 to NUI DAT	Anx B Ser 4 (Part 2)
8	31 0915H	9RAR FSPB elms commences move by CH47 to NUI DAT	Anx B Ser 19 (Part 2)
9	31 1445H	C Coy commences move by CH47 to NUI DAT	Anx B Ser 15 (Part 2) Subject to release by HQ 5RAR
10.	31 Jul (pm)	B Coy commences move by AHC to NUI DAT	Briefed seperately Commences pm completion Anx B

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ANNEX C TO
9RAR OPO 17
DATED 28 JUL 69

CHAIRMAN NET CH 47
(FREQ 63-50)



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COMD DIARY

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9th Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
NUI DAT

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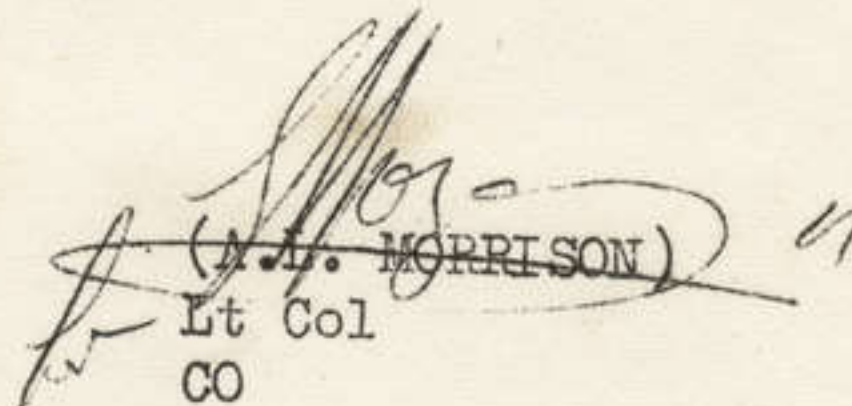
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Distribution: List A (Less serials 43-45)

REST IN COUNTRY LEAVE

Reference: A. 9 RAR Admin Instr 2/69 dated 21 Jan 69.

1. Attached is the distribution of vacancies allotted to 9 RAR at the R & C Centre, VUNG TAU, for the period 4 Aug 69 to 27 Nov 69.
2. This schedule supersedes Annex A to above reference.
3. Coys are not authorised to make individual bookings at the R & C Centre. Bookings will be controlled by BHQ 9 RAR. These bookings are to be confirmed by Coys on a weekly basis by 1200 hrs Tuesday of the preceding week. Any bookings not confirmed by that time will be cancelled and allocated to other coys.
4. All personnel proceeding on R & C are to report to Bn Orderly Room no later than 0800 hrs on the day of departure with paybook and ID Card.


(A.D. MORRISON)
Lt Col
CO

Annex: Schedule of R&C Allocations.

9 RAR

SCHEDULE OF R&C ALLOCATIONS
AUG - SEPT - OCT - NOV 69

NOTE: * Vacancies for WOs/Sgts

COY	4 9	9 14	14 19	19 24	24 29	29 3	3 8	8 13	13 18	18 23	23 28	28 3	3 8	8 13	13 18	18 23	23 28	28 2	2 7	7 12	12 17	17 22	22 27	27 2	TOTAL			
A	* 1		1		1	1	* 1		1		1		* 1		1		1	*		1		1		1		WO/Sgts 4 ORs 13		
B		* 1		1	1	1		* 1		1		1		* 1		1		1			* 1		1		1	WO/Sgts 4 ORs 13		
C	1		* 1		1		1		* 1		1		1		* 1		1		1		* 1	1	1			WO/Sgts 4 ORs 13		
D	1			* 1		1		1		* 1		1		1		* 1	1	1			1		* 1		1	WO/Sgts 4 ORs 13		
Sp		1	1	1		* 1			1	1	1	* 1		1		1		1		*	1	1		1	*	WO/Sgts 4 ORs 14		
Admin	*		1	1	* 1	1		* 1	2	1	* 2	1	2		* 1	1	2	* 2	2	2		* 1	1	1	* 2	1	2	WO/Sgts 8 ORs 32
BHQ	1	1	1	1	* 1		1		1		* 1		1		1		1		*		1		1		* 1	1	WO/Sgts 4 ORs 14	
ORs TOTAL	4	4	5	5	5	5	4	4	5	5	5	5	4	4	5	5	5	5	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	112		
WO/Sgt TOTAL	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	32		

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

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COMMANDING OFFICER

NINTH BATTALION THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

Serial: SVN 20

4 JUL 69

Numbers: 105-108

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- 105. QUALIFICATION GROUP 9 MIL SKILL.
 - 106. UNIT COURSES
 - 107. FIRE PREVENTION
 - 108. SECURITY OF PERSONAL WEAPONS

105. QUALIFICATION GROUP 9 MIL SKILL

The following members of B Coy have qualified in the First Aid requirement for Gp 9 Mil Skill 27 Jun 69:

215612	Cpl	W.I. McLEOD
1201414	T/Cpl	E.S. HARDGRAVE
2789194	T/Cpl	R.V. CARR
2789202	T/Cpl	T.J. CUNICH
1201449	T/Cpl	S.E. SODERVIK
217820	Lcpl	D.J. COLE
2275420	Lcpl	M. BINK
2788811	Lcpl	D.J. McGRATH
1734033	Lcpl	D.W. MENZIES
2789824	Pte	G.L. CONDON
5715734	Pte	E.L. PENTONY

106. UNIT COURSES

The following members qualified in order of merit at 9 RAR Stretcher Bearers Course held at NUI DAT:

2790683	Pte	M.P. DELAHUNTY
2789332	Pte	J.H. PRANCE
5715710	Pte	G.W. MINCHERTON
6709151	Pte	P. MURRAY
1202152	Pte	E. PAVEY
39931	Pte	V.M. MURPHY
5715993	Pte	R.W. TAIT
2789778	Pte	C.E. WILES
39642	Pte	H.J. DEIGHTON
39483	Pte	A.R. SEYCHELL

107. FIRE PREVENTION

1. A recent tent fire is suspected to have been caused by concentration of the sun's rays by a concave shaving mirror commonly used in theatre. The focal length of the mirror is approximately two feet and it has been demonstrated that material similar to tentage can be ignited in about one minute by this means.

2. To avoid a repetition, concave mirrors are not to be left exposed to sunlight where they may cause a fire, but secured in lockers, trunks or wardrobes when not actually in use.


108. SECURITY OF PERSONAL WEAPONS

1. There can be no relaxation of the requirement for soldiers to carry their weapons at all times when moving outside their unit areas. It is incumbent on all unit commanders, and in turn all unit officers and NCOs, to constantly stress the individual soldiers responsibility for his weapon.

2. Companies are reminded of the requirement of AFV (Army Component) SOPs, Part 3, Chapter 1, Section 4, which states, inter alia:

a. All ranks are to be reminded at frequent intervals that the security of a weapon is the personal responsibility of the individual to whom that weapon is issued.

b. When out of contact with the enemy, weapons are not to change hands without a receipt being given of the change being officially recorded; it is the responsibility of the person handing over the weapon to check that either action is taken.


(G.J. JOYCEY)
Lt
Asst Adjt

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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NINTH BATTALION THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

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16 July 1969

NUMBERS: 109-1115

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NOTICE

DISCIPLINE - COURTS MARTIAL- PROMULGATION OF FINDINGS

109. ANTI-MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS

1. In the 14 days immediately preceding return to Australia from Vietnam all personnel must complete a course of anti-malarial drugs.

2. The drugs used are:

a. Chloroquine - 300 mgm base. (large pink tablet)
00-113-9310.

b. Primaquine - 7.5 mgm base. (small brown tablet).
99-210-7151.

3. During the course personnel must continue to use paludrine twice daily but dapsona is not to be taken.

4. The course is:

a.	<u>Day 1</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Drug and Dose</u>	
		0700H	Chloroquine	2 Tablets
			Primaquine	1 Tablet
		1300H	Chloroquine	1 Tablet
			Primaquine	1 Tablet
		1800H	Primaquine	1 Tablet
b.	<u>Day 2 and 3</u>			
		0700H	Chloroquine	1 Tablet
			Primaquine	1 Tablet
		1300H	Primaquine	1 Tablet
		1800H	Primaquine	1 Tablet
c.	<u>Day 4-14</u>			
		0700H	Primaquine	1 Tablet
		1300H	Primaquine	1 Tablet
		1800H	Primaquine	1 Tablet

5. Every dosage on this course is to be independently checked and the members record sheet initialed.

110. CONTROL OF VEHICLE MOVEMENT

1. The movement of 1 ATF vehicles from the 1 ATF Base is permitted only under the following circumstances:

a. As part of a convoy authorised by HQ 1 ATF;

b. When the AAF G2 has been specifically authorised by an officer of A Branch 1 ATF;

c. When the driver carries a special white pass issued by HQ 1 ATF.

2. A record of authorisations under sub-paras 1 b and 1 c is to be maintained at HQ 1 ATF and the front gate log sheet checked against this list daily.

3. Special authorisations will be made only on the most exceptional circumstances and units are not to anticipate approval.

4. The North Gate is to be locked at all times. Only operational traffic or convoys authorised by HQ 1 ATF may use this gate. The key is to be held by A Coy 5 RAR. 5 RAR is responsible for keeping the gate locked.

5. The East Gate is to be kept locked at all times. Only operational traffic or convoys authorised by HQ 1 ATF may use this gate. The key is to be held by B Sqn 1 Armd Regt CP. B Sqn 1 Armd Regt is responsible for keeping the gate locked.

111. VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

1. After an accident vehicles are not to be moved until visited by the Provost Detachment unless:

- a. The vehicle is blocking the roadway;
- b. The vehicle is creating a traffic hazard;
- c. The time delay before the Provost arrive will be excessive.
- d. The tactical situation demands it.

2. If it is necessary to move the vehicle a sketch of the accident is to be made of the scene.

112. R AND C CENTRE MEALS

With immediate effect cost of meals for ORs to be reduced to:

Breakfast	Thirtyfive cents
Lunch	Fifty cents
Dinner	Fifty cents

113. AFV DETENTION BARRACKS

1. Minimum Period The minimum period for which soldiers will be accepted for detention at the AFV Detention Barracks is 168 hours.

2. Bounds The area of the AFV Detention Barrack is out of bounds to all personnel unless permission for entry has been granted by the Commandant.

3. Warning of Pending Committal. Units are to notify the Commandant of the personal particulars of soldiers who are to be committed to the Detention Barrack as soon as possible. (Telephone EMU 188).

4. Documentation The following documentation is required for soldiers committed to the Detention Barrack:

- a. Warrant of Committal (2)
- b. Medical Certificate of Fitness to undergo Detention (2)
- c. AAF Mob 3
- d. Descriptive Report (2) and
- e. Personal file plus AAB 83, Paybook, Med 4 and 5.

5. Equipment All members committed are to be in possession of the following equipment

a.	Shirts mil green	3
b.	Trousers mil green	3
c.	Hat KFF	1
d.	Socks, prs	3
e.	Boots, prs	2
f.	Handkerchiefs	6
g.	Housewife	1
h.	Shorts mil green	2
i.	Hat utility	1
j.	Personal weapon	1
k.	Field webbing	1 set
l.	Mosquito net	1
m.	Blanket bed inner	1
n.	Blanket bed outer	1
o.	Mattress penumatic	1
p.	Pan set messing	1
q.	Water bottles	2
r.	Knife, fork and spoon	1 of each
s.	Toilet gear (including bags toilet accessory, shaving brush, comb, hairbrush, morror, nail brush, toothbrush, razor)	
t.	Cleaning gear (including boot brushes, boot polish, polishing cloths, metal polish and rags cleaning)	

6. The normal time of release from AFV Detention Barrack is 1400 hours.

7. All members committed are to be in possession of not more than \$10.00

114 ELECTRICAL DEFECT HPM 100 3 FLAT PIN PLUG TOPS

Advise has been received that a quantity of HPM 100 3 Flat Pin Plug Tops have a manufacturing defect. The defect is in the slip on cover and can cause users to suffer electric shocks and cause failures to equipment. The plug is manufactured from Polythene over a nylon insert with 3 flat pins suitable for insertion in a power point. The letters HPM are embossed on the plug. Units are requested to check for defective plugs and advise 198 Works Section of number of suspect plugs held.

115 MEMBERS PROCEEDING ON R AND R IN AUGUST 69

Undermentioned members have been allocated R and R vacancies for the following dates in August 69:

AUSTRALIA

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Coy</u>	<u>Dest</u>
1 Aug	426911	Capt	T.D. BAWDEN	D	MTGAMBIER
3 Aug	4720068	Pte	G. COSTA	C	ADELAIDE
3 Aug	2790024	Pte	P.R. PROWSE	B	SYDNEY
4 Aug	42905	Sgt	T.R. CURTIS	Sp	JAMESTOWN
4 Aug	54343	Cpl	P.G. RIGBY	Adm	ADELAIDE
4 Aug	17836	Cpl	G.J. HOWE	Sp	SYDNEY
4 Aug	2789824	Pte	G.L. CONDON	B	SYDNEY
4 Aug	2790100	Pte	R.G. FITTS	B	BROKEN HILL
6 Aug	2790145	Pte	J.C. PRINCE	C	SYDNEY NSW
6 Aug	217780	Pte	B.J. GOFF	C	SYDNEY
8 Aug	61471	Pte	M.G. SMITH	1ALSG	LAUNCESTON
10 Aug	1201366	Lcpl	D.J. BENFORD	Adm	BALLINA
10 Aug	3793350	Pte	J.E. GOULD	C	WARRAGUL

Date	Number	Rank	Name	Coy	Dest
10 Aug	217643	Pte	R. SMIDT	A	SYDNEY
10 Aug	3793110	Pte	S.W. BLUNDELL	A	MELBOURNE
11 Aug	2789655	Pte	B.P. WOODS	D	SYDNEY
11 Aug	2789418	Pte	C.J. CARTER	D	SYDNEY
13 Aug	3794523	Pte	I. DROPULIC	B	HOBART
13 Aug	235068	Maj	D.B. ANSTEY	BHQ	SYDNEY
15 Aug	1201174	Lcpl	F. SCOTT	Sp	BRISBANE
15 Aug	44087	2Lt	B.V. OSBORNE	C	ADELAIDE
17 Aug	38814	2Lt	G.N. TAYLOR	Adm	ADELAIDE
18 Aug	1734120	Pte	R.J. HANNAH	B	BRISBANE
18 Aug	39871	Pte	I.R. RAMADGE	B	MELBOURNE
20 Aug	1986	SSgt	T.R. REES	BHQ	MELBOURNE
20 Aug	21096	WO1	D. CASSIDY	BHQ	ADELAIDE
22 Aug	1734222	Pte	P.B. AYLWARD	Sp	BRISBANE
22 Aug	1200216	Pte	A.R. MURRAY	Sp	INALLA
24 Aug	218544	Pte	A.R. EVANS	5Coy	SYDNEY
25 Aug	3411540	Pte	J.N. HOWE	D	BEECHWORTH
25 Aug	218598	Pte	D.J. KING	B	BRISBANE
27 Aug	2787179	Cpl	B.K. READ	A	ADELAIDE
27 Aug	218048	Pte	W. LOVE	A	SYDNEY
29 Aug	4719862	Pte	T.B. BUTLER	B	ADELAIDE
29 Aug	335129	Maj	I.J. HEARN	D	CANBERRA
31 Aug	4720009	Pte	D.J. SMITH	B	ADELAIDE
31 Aug	4899	Maj	J.M. STEWART	Adm	ADELAIDE

TAIPEI

2 Aug	2788721	Pte	R. HEILER	B
2 Aug	2789208	Pte	L.J. BAYNHAM	B
2 Aug	5716048	Pte	P. GLIGOREVIC	B
5 Aug	2788834	Pte	D.B. NEIL	Adm
5 Aug	2788954	Lcpl	L. WAKEHAM	D
5 Aug	2789258	Pte	T. MOORE	D
9 Aug	6709192	Pte	A.J. CHAMP	A
9 Aug	432169	SSgt	R.K. OWENS	Adm
13 Aug	364459	Cpl	A.J. MILLER	D
13 Aug	1788853	Pte	G. PLACEK	C
13 Aug	30394	Pte	P.J. CAVE	C
14 Aug	38648	Pte	D.W. ROWE	Adm
14 Aug	4719670	Cfn	J. ANICTOMATIS	Adm
18 Aug	4719226	Pte	L.G. GEYER	A
18 Aug	3794251	Pte	S.P. MURPHY	A
18 Aug	1201590	Pte	V.M. SCHULTZ	BHQ
22 Aug	217616	Pte	J.A. CRAUFORD	Adm
22 Aug	2787050	Lcpl	R.L. LYNCH	BHQ
25 Aug	1201542	Lcpl	P.M. STEWART	A
25 Aug	2788795	Pte	R.I. MCGOWAN	A
29 Aug	575873	Pte	L.R. HUDSON	B
29 Aug	218536	Pte	C.R. EBSWORTH	B

HONG KONG

1 Aug	2789359	Pte	T.W. BURKE	B
3 Aug	1200000	2Lt	M.J. BELL	Sp
3 Aug	1201046	2Lt	R.A. LUNNY	Sp
4 Aug	2789138	Pte	G.A. KERCHER	A
4 Aug	1201733	Pte	R.J. MCNELLEE	A
8 Aug	235320	Lt	S.B. BRAMAH	D
8 Aug	3173628	Cpl	K.R. POWER	D
9 Aug	39492	Pte	D.J. PELLY	Sp
9 Aug	3793446	Pte	S.R. KEELER	Sp
12 Aug	2790176	Pte	R.J. PLUMMER	B
12 Aug	2788815	Pte	G.R. MAYER	B
13 Aug	39592	Pte	G.R. BROWN	D
13 Aug	217806	Pte	D. LOWE	D
13 Aug	1733880	Pte	K.D. TAYLOR	BHQ

Date	Number	Rank	Name	Coy
15 Aug	215568	Capt	P.J. GOULD	A
15 Aug	44513	Pte	K.L. PEARCE	A
17 Aug	3789435	Pte	G.R. COOKE	C
19 Aug	5715678	Pte	P.I. JACKSON	C
19 Aug	2789927	Pte	D.S. SHEEKEY	C
19 Aug	26692	SSgt	J. SMYTHE	Adm
19 Aug	2788634	Pte	L.C. BROWN	Adm
21 Aug	1201473	2Lt	J.B. LANGLER	B
21 Aug	3793808	Pte	D.T. HOLBROOK	B
23 Aug	2790112	Pte	P.R. BELL	Sp
23 Aug	3793493	Pte	R.R. COLEMAN	BHQ
23 Aug	2789447	Pte	J. DAVIDSON	BHQ
24 Aug	5715818	Pte	G.S. CASS	C
24 Aug	1733818	Pte	R.C. KERMODE	C
24 Aug	4719571	Pte	R.S. McPAHIL	C
28 Aug	55437	Pte	A.G. RYDER	D
28 Aug	2790195	Pte	W.B. MORRIS	Sp
29 Aug	1950015	Lt	R.R. WALKER	Adm
29 Aug	38357	Sgt	V.E. HEARNE	Adm

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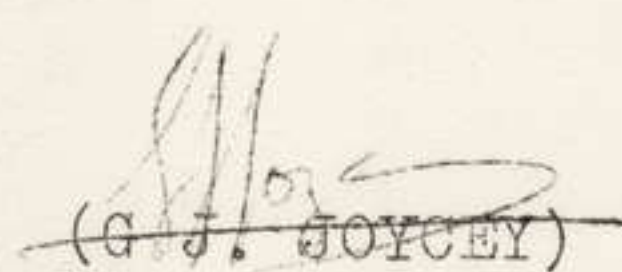
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13 Aug	4720135	Pte	G.A. HOLMAN	B
18 Aug	218417	Pte	B.J. PATTERSON	D
20 Aug	2789825	Pte	B.A. COUTMAN	Adm
28 Aug	5715877	Pte	D.G. KNIGHT	D
28 Aug	1734898	Pte	NIXON-SMITH D.J.	C
28 Aug	3793599	Pte	J.W. SULLIVAN	C
30 Aug	3176844	Pte	J.A. MESSINA	Sp

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6 Aug	1734153	Pte	D.J. MEIERS	BHQ
6 Aug	5715847	Pte	D.H. GUTHRIE	Adm
9 Aug	2789603	Pte	R. MATTINSON	C
22 Aug	2788848	Pte	J.W. PEARCE	Sp
24 Aug	2788604	Pte	P.M. BARRY	BHQ

No changes will be accepted except for compassionate circumstances or operational commitments.

Any discrepancies to be reported to Coy Clerks immediately.


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NOTICE

1 DISCIPLINE - COURTS MARTIAL - PROMULGATION OF FINDINGS

1. 214844 Sgt S.W. KEYS 9 RAR having been tried by District Court Martial commencing 9 May 69 at VUNG TAU, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, the court found as follows:

On the charges:

a. WOAS BEING A NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER STRIKING A SOLDIER (AA 37) - GUILTY

b. WOAS BEING A NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER, ILLTREATING A SOLDIER (AA 37) - NOT GUILTY.

2. The member was awarded the following sentence: Reduced to the rank of Cpl and forfeiture of 56 days pay.

3. The finding and sentence were confirmed by the Commander 1st Australian Task Force on 16 Jun 69.

2. 1. 44546 Pte R.C. STEWART 5 RAR having been tried by District Court Martial commencing on 10 May 69 at VUNG TAU, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM the court found as follows:

On the charges:

a. WOAS NEGLECTING TO OBEY UNIT ROUTINE ORDERS (AA11) GUILTY.

b. WOAS USING THREATENING LANGUAGE TO HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER (AA 8(2)) - GUILTY.

c. WOAS USING INSUBORDINATE LANGUAGE TO HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER (AA8 (2)) - GUILTY

d. WOAS STRIKING HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER (AA 8(2)) - GUILTY.

2. The member was awarded the following sentence: To undergo detention for twenty eight (28) days.

3. The finding and sentence were confirmed by the Commander 1st Australian Task Force on 16 June 69.

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THIS ORDER IS TO BE PROMULGATED TO ALL MEMBERS OF 9 RAR

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL A.L. MORRISON, MBE

COMMANDING OFFICER

NINTH BATTALION THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

Serial: SVN 22

30 July 1969

Numbers: 116-117

116. BATTALION ORDERLY SERGEANTS

117. VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN MEDAL.

NOTICE

SERVICE PARADISE WOUNDED SERVICEMEN CONVALESCENT SCHEME.

116. BATTALION ORDERLY SERGEANTS

The following members are to mount duty from 0615 hrs on the day listed at the Battalion Main CP. All members nominated for duty are to report to the RSM at 1600 hrs the day prior to duty:

Fri	1	Aug 69	Sgt J.A. ALCORN
Sat	2	Aug 69	Sgt G.V. RASHLEIGH
Sun	3	Aug 69	Sgt T.R. CURTIS
Mon	4	Aug 69	Sgt T.J. LANGFORD
Tue	5	Aug 69	Sgt V.E. HEARNE
Wed	6	Aug 69	Sgt D.A. BLUMER
Thu	7	Aug 69	Sgt R. LENNON
Fri	8	Aug 69	Sgt E.J. LUTE
Sat	9	Aug 69	Sgt I. BARKER
Sun	10	Aug 69	Sgt G.E. WILMOT
Mon	11	Aug 69	Sgt A.M. CREDLIN
Tue	12	Aug 69	Sgt G.V. WINZAR
Wed	13	Aug 69	Sgt J. MALONEY
Thu	14	Aug 69	Sgt J.S. VAUTIN

117. VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN MEDAL

The following members qualified for the abovenamed medal on the 6 Jul 69:

157064	Pte	J.L. ARNOLD	B Coy
175509	Lcpl	D.N. MANSKI	C Coy
1202112	Pte	R.J. ENRIGHT	D Coy
215516	T/Sgt	E.J. LUTE	A Coy
218472	Pte	R.S. BELGROVE	C Coy
218488	Pte	A.J. ROACH	C Coy
218518	Pte	A.E. CHANDLER	B Coy
218602	Pte	R.J. CAIRNS	C Coy
218620	Pte	K.J. EYLWARD	D Coy
218624	Pte	P.S. GRANT	D Coy
218639	Pte	R.A. BLACK	D Coy
2274919	Pte	D.W. EDMONDS	Admin Coy
312696	Pte	R.J. CURPHY	C Coy
44826	Pte	T.J. SLATTERY	B Coy
2789904	Pte	A.J. MULLAVEY	D Coy
2789987	Pte	C.J. RUGE	A Coy
5715848	Pte	P.D. HARDY	B Coy
5715964	Pte	R.W. STEWART	D Coy
6709159	Cfn	M.L. SHELVERTON	Admin Coy


(G.J. JOYCE)

Lt
Asst Adjt

/2. Notice

NOTICE

SURFERS PARADISE WOUNDED SERVICEMEN'S CONVALESCENT SCHEME

The Commanding Officer has recently received a number of letters from the Surfers Paradise Rotary Club who sponsor the Wounded Servicemen's Convalescent Scheme. Extracts of these letters appear below:

3 Jul 69

....."Of the wounded men from your Battalion, I am pleased to tell you that Private Robert GALE of A Coy made such progress in the first two weeks with us, that we arranged for him to stay an extra fortnight. From the luxury home unit at the Dunes, on the Esplanade at Surfers Paradise, that he shared with Ian SQUIRES and Chris FACKENDER of your Battalion, we moved him to a more luxurious home unit, right on the beach, about three quarters of a mile south of Surfers Paradise. This unit has been made available to our Scheme by the Chairman of Directors of one of Australia's largest Construction Companies. He was joined in his unit by Corporal John and Mrs BRIGGS. John, of course, comes from A Coy and was brought by air from Adelaide on Monday 23rd June. Bob GALE has now returned to 1 Military Hospital, much sun tanned and many pounds heavier in weight. John BRIGGS is also gaining weight rapidly and both he and his wife are much more relaxed than when they first arrived.....

.....Another of your men that we have seen a great deal of recently is Sgt Fred CRAWFORD. Fred and his family are residents of the Gold Coast. He has steadfastly refused to participate in our Scheme as he is a local resident, and has indicated that he would prefer an interstate wounded man from the Battalion to take his place in the Scheme to enjoy our sun, surf, sunshine and kindred attractions. His arm has improved considerably in recent weeks.....

..... We had Pte Bill PEASEY of D Coy join us on Monday 30 June. He is accommodated with a man from 5 RAR in a unit at Sea Breeze Hotel in Cavill Avenue. We hope that the mobility of each of his arms will increase in the days ahead.....

9 RAR Ops MATHEW AND HAT DICH

COMBAT AFTER OPERATIONS ACTION REPORT.

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R569-1-8

9th Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
NUI DAT

Distribution: See below

COMBAT OPERATIONS AFTER ACTION REPORT
OPERATIONS MATTHEW AND HAT DICH

Reference: A. 1ATF SOP Chapter 3 Annex B
B. 4ATF OP INSTR 59/69 dated 27 Jun 69
C. 9RAR OPO 15 OP MATTHEW dated 27 Jun 69
D. 1ATF OP INSTR 65/69 dated 16 Jul 69
E. 9RAR OPO 16 (OP HAT DICH) dated 16 Jul 69
F. 9RAR OP INSTR 9/69 dated 25 Jul 69
G. 1ATF OP INSTR 68/69 dated 25 Jul 69
H. 9RAR OPO 17 (OP HAT DICH) dated 28 Jul 69
I. MAP VIETNAM XA CAM MY Series L7014 Sheet 6430 I 1:50,000
J. MAP VIETNAM XUYEN MOC Series L7014 Sheet 6430 II 1:50,000
K. MAP VIETNAM XA BINH BA Series L7014 Sheet 6430 III 1:50,000
L. MAP VIETNAM XA XUAN LOC Series L7014 Sheet 6430 IV 1:50,000

Name and Type of Operation

1. Operation MATTHEW and HAT DICH were reconnaissance in force operations. Emphasis was placed on ambushing when likely situations arose.

Date of Operation

2. a. Operation MATTHEW 29 Jun - 17 Jul
b. Operation HAT DICH 18 Jul - 31 Jul.

Location

3. a. AO TOM THUMB centre of mass YS 5887
b. AO TRANSVERSE centre of mass YS 4386
c. AO PORPHY centre of mass YS 3685

Command Headquarters

4. HQ 9 RAR

Task Organisation

5. 9 RAR with
a. Under Comd from 290600H until released
HQ 3 Tp 1 Fd Sqn (-)
Three engr splinter teams 3 Tp 1 Fd Sqn
b. Coming under comd 031200H (Jul) until released
One splinter team 3 Tp 1 Fd Sqn
c. Under op con from 290600H until released
2 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt
Sect B Sqn 3 Cav Regt

/2. d.

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- d. In DS from 290600H until released
161 Fd Bty (RNZA) less one sect
One H13 161 (Indep) Recce Flt
- e. In DS from arrival FSPB FLINDERS (2 Jul) until released
One sect 161 Fd Bty (RNZA)
- f. In general support and in loc FSPB FLINDERS from 29 Jun
Sect B Bty 2/35 US Arty

Supporting Forces

6. a. Armour

(1) 2 Tp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt This troop was based primarily at FSPB FLINDERS (YS 5289) and operated on limited daily tasks from that location. Its operations in many areas of the AO were limited due to boggy conditions. The troop had a deal of maintainance problems caused by tanks breaking down, and many large field repairs were carried out. Released to parent unit on 19 Jul.

(2) Sect B Sqn 3 Cav Regt The section also was based primarily at FSPB FLINDERS and conducted operations from that location concentrating mainly in the de COURTNEY RUBBER plantation area. Released to parent unit on 19 Jul.

(3) US DUSTERS These were allotted for two days and remained in FSPB FLINDERS when not operating in conjunction with the APC section in patrol tasks in the de COURTNEY RUBBER area.

b. Artillery

(1) 161 Fd Bty The battery was located at FSPB FLINDERS then moved one section by APC to FSPB BUFFALO (YS 4489). One section moved by air from FSPB FLINDERS to FSPB DAMPIER (YS 3686) and one section by air from BUFFALO to DAMPIER. Due to the large area of operations the battery was forced to split its resources and this was achieved successfully but could not be maintained for long periods.

(2) Sect B Bty 2/35 US Arty This battery was located at FLINDERS and provided general support from that area. It had no responsibility for perimeter defence in FLINDERS hence its siting in that area provided some difficulties, nevertheless its perimeter defence was adequately catered for by use of armour particularly and infantry to flanks.

c. Engineer Splinter teams were attached to each company and where necessary reinforced by combat engineer teams for specific tasks.

d. Aviation 161 (Indep) Recce flt provided a direct support H13 which was used for liaison, communication and minor resupply. All resupply was by air either CH47 or UH-1H aircraft flying from NUI DAT.

Intelligence

- 7. a. Attached as Annex A is an Intelligence summary.

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Mission

9RAR was to destroy the enemy located within the allotted AOs

Concept of Operations

9. a. Operation MATTHEW A Coy moved by road to FLINDERS and from that area were to move generally south west. B and D Coys flew into YS 560390 and B Coy were to move south and D Coy south east then south by selected stages to concentrate at the general area of CU MY (YS 580873). At each stage coys were to halt and ambush tracks to ensure familiarization of the area of operations and detect the pattern of enemy movement. This was designed to allow detection and elimination of what intelligence sources reported as large bodies of enemy, either supply parties or troop reinforcements. It was then intended to search the remaining area of the AO for likely supply areas of 84 Rear Services Gp.

b. Operation HAT DICH This operation which followed immediately after operation MATTHEW was designed to trap elements of 274 Regt believed to be in the allotted AO and in conjunction with ARVN Marine Bde op further to the west. C Coy approached from the WEST while A Coy ambushed to the north. B Coy moved from the south against the target area and D Coy moved west then north against other possible target areas and to locate possible routes from the main target area of SOUI CA. On 27 Jul redeployment of C and D Coys took place to provide protection for land clearing elements.

Execution

10. a. General The initial deployment developed within the concept without any problems. C Coy remained under comd 1ATF working in conjunction with 2/48 ARVN battalion in AO GUDGEON and joined OP MATTHEW on 3 Jul 69. Due to going and almost complete lack of substantiation by ground action of the intelligence previously provided, the initial concept was not strictly followed and much effort was then put into endeavouring to locate suspected large numbers of enemy or signs of his supply complexes rather more quickly than first thought. The lack of enemy activity in the area allowed the battalion to be deployed into AO PORPHRY against another suspected concentration of enemy troops. This concentration was located within AO PORPHRY and the enemy forced to move.

b. 29 Jun - 17 Jul (OP MATTHEW) 29 Jun The move by 9 RAR group to AO TOM THUMB was completed successfully, however one UH-1H developed engine trouble and landed in an insecure area. A platoon of A Coy was lifted from FLINDERS and secured the aircraft until it was recovered. A Coy remained in the area of FLINDERS and B and D Coy commenced to move south and south west respectively from the LZ at YS 567939.

30 Jun 6 Pl contacted 3 enemy at YS 563933 at 0800 hrs. The enemy approached on a track. 5 Pl later sighted 5 en further to the west and they were engaged with artillery. A Coy patrolled in the general area of FLINDERS. B Coy as result of contact located 5 packs including 200 lbs of rice. D Coy continued to move SE and located two old camps each underwater.

1 Jul A Coy continued to patrol in FLINDERS area. 4 Pl were contacted at YS 563935. The enemy moved along a track and sentry was seen by the enemy who fired into the general area. At the same time the sentry fired a claymore. D Coy continued to patrol in the east.

2 Jul Two dusters returned to NUI DAT and replacement tank was brought forward with escorting convoy. Sect of APC escorted the convoy from route 2 to FLINDERS. D Coy located a wpn cache at YS 587909. D Coy was still in waterlogged area and moving slowly.

3 Jul A Coy moved east from FLINDERS and B Coy continued to search in the general area of YS 565926. Both A and B Coys located some tracks but not recently used. At 1430 hrs HQ 1ATF reported a SAS sighting at YS 622865 believed approx 60 en. C Coy arrived at FLINDERS from NUI DAT having completed task with 2/48 ARVN Bn and were ordered to react to SAS information. SAS ptl co-ordinated

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to marry up with C Coy at LZ 4 Jul,

4 Jul C Coy lifted to LZ at YS 612880 by 0800 hrs and married up with SAS by 0850 hrs. B Coy continued to search in the same area as 3 Jul and A Coy continued to east as far YS 553900. D Coy continued in the east but found nothing of significance. It was apparent that there was little enemy movement hence new company boundaries were ordered generally in company present areas and B and D Coys were told to search their areas while A Coy moved NW to detect any possible enemy movement in that area. C Coy remained on task with SAS although to date nothing found.

5 Jul 2/48 ARVN was deployed into AO TRANSVERSE and to FSPB BUFFALO. Assistance was provided by tanks and APC's from 9RAR gp. In moving into the area 2 Tp B Sqn (Cav) contacted enemy and killed 1 VC. D Coy in general area of YS 565881 continued to search and found signs about 24 hrs old of small en parties. 11 Pl heard 3 shots from 100 m away when located at YS 561886. C Coy moved to YS 605874 and searched extensively in the area of reported sighting but located no signs. 11 Pl reported movement to their NW and the area was engaged by artillery. A Coy found no fresh sign of en in their move to NW.

6 Jul 11 Pl investigated area of noise heard 5 Jul but negative result. 10 Pl were contacted as they withdrew from ambush at YS 561881. Enemy approached through bush from the west. C Coy continued to thoroughly search the area of suspect siting but located no sign of the enemy or occupied camp. B Coy continued their search and located some unoccupied camps plus track systems in the general area YS 5690. Some of these tracks and camps had been used by groups of en approx 4 - 6 about 36 hours ago. A member of A Coy was evacuated from YS 528908 because of bee stings.

7 Jul Anti Tank Pl patrolled south from FLINDERS and located a 4 hr old track at YS 522884, and followed up but negative result and returned to FLINDERS. B Coy continued to search in the area YS 5589, 5690, 5689, 5789, 5790. Indications were found that a small party of en had moved through the area from NORTH to SOUTH. A Coy moved to NW area of AO and C Coy continued in and around area of SAS siting.

8 Jul A Coy were lifted by air back to FLINDERS and C Coy across the SONG RAI to YS 576871. D Coy continued to search in general area of yesterday then moved west to YS 559887, while B Coy continued in their area.

9 Jul A Coy moved east from FLINDERS and located some old bunker systems. D Coy located some old systems and one new used bunker at YS 559893.

10 Jul Anti tank Pl again patrolled south of FLINDERS and although fresh tracks were found no enemy were contacted. D Coy located a camp with caches including a tape recorder at YS 559893.

11 Jul At YS 557896 12 Pl located large old bunker systems, probably a hospital for medical stores found. C Coy (-) after flying into FLINDERS moved to FSPB BUFFALO (YS 4489) and into AO TRANSVERSE to replace 2/48 ARVN which had withdrawn. A Coy found some old bunker systems not used for months in the area YS 5488, 5489 Section of APC which moved to BUFFALO detonated a mine at YS 444892.

12 Jul 7 Pl and 9 Pl joined C Coy at BUFFALO and commenced ops in AO TRANSVERSE to south and west of BUFFALO. 11 Pl moved into bunker system and were fired at from the system resulting in 2 members killed. The en withdrew south west and north west from the camp after being struck by light fire teams and artillery and mortars. As a result of SAS report on HQ 274 at YS 345890 orders were given for A Coy to move by air to attack and C Coy ordered to protect FSPB elements incl sect of 161 Bty which would move to BUFFALO. B Coy continued to search in northern area of AO and found old tracks and camps.

/5. 13 Jul

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13 Jul A Coy moved by foot to FLINDERS then by air to YS 354900. C Coy secured BUFFALO area and received defence stores from NUI DAT and FSPB elms from FLINDERS in Sect APC escorted by Tp tanks. APC's remained at BUFFALO and tanks returned to FLINDERS. Elms 2 Pl contacted 3 en and killed one at YS 349901. They were in ambush on tracks believed to connect two newly constructed camps. B Coy continued to find old large camp complexes and signs that 12 en had occupied portion of one camp this morning. D Coy continued in same area in an endeavour to follow up from last contact. A relay station was positioned on high feature at YT 6010 to provide comms with A Coy.

14 Jul At 0940 hrs 2 Pl again contacted en on its track system at YS 352094 1 VC was KIA. A bushmans scout working with C Coy indentified apparent civilians in their area as active resupply agents for **84 Rear Services Group**. These people were detained and sent to Duc Thanh district post. C Coy found small caches of clothing and SA ammo in its area south of BUFFALO. A Coy located a small fresh camp with heavy blood trails in it just north of 2 Pl contact area. This was not camp reported by SAS which has not yet been located.

15 Jul A Coy camp extended to larger camp hurriedly evacuated by en early that morning. Among other items A Coy located one Chicom HF radio in the camp which was at YS 352904.

16 Jul C Coy located unnamed village at YS 442875. District Chief Duc Thanh to investigate. A Coy unable to locate SAS camp at grid reference given but believe that one previously found by them to be SAS camp. B Coy moved from their loc by air to secure area of FSPB DAMPIER. Recce elms of FSPB were also moved to DAMPIER. This move was prior to Bn group (less tanks and APC which were to revert to their parent commands on 19 Jul) moving to AO PORPHRY for operation HAT DICH.

c. 18 Jul - 31 Jul (AO PORPHRY) A Coy moved NE to area of YS 3690 and ambushed generally in that area having two contacts with small en parties, 3 VC KIA. B Coy remained protecting FSPB DAMPIER and FSPB elms moved by air from FLINDERS to DAMPIER. C Coy continued to secure BUFFALO then BUFFALO abandoned when guns moved to DAMPIER. T Force took over responsibility for AO TRANSVERSE and C Coy moved on foot westwards from BUFFALO to the general area of YS 3989, 3990. D Coy flew into DAMPIER then moved west.

19 Jul B Coy moved north from DAMPIER toward SONG CA. D Coy after moving west crossed the FIRESTONE trail at YS 3485 then moved north towards SONG CA in vicinity of YS 3488. B Coy investigated fresh tracks south of Song Ca and north of Firestone in area of YS 3687. 7 Pl contacted en at a water point at YS389906. One VC KIA. 7 Pl followed up the track located at water point and came under heavy fire from en in bunkers at YS 385906. One Aust KIA could not be recovered together with some weapons before the platoon was forced to withdraw. Dustoff was completed after dark also a resupply was requested but cancelled. C Coy was approx 75 m from en camp.

20 Jul C Coy moved into camp after engagement by arty. Airstrike and light fire teams not able to operate due to low cloud ceiling. The body of Aust KIA was recovered, (less "dog-tags" and watch) also quantities of eqpt left in contact area. En took all sleeping gear from packs and took all weapons although some were known to be extensively damaged. No en cas were found but many blood pools and tracks were located in the bunker system.

21 Jul 11 Pl located an old cache of films (destroyed by water) projector and transformer at YS 326898. Films appeared to be physical culture and propaganda. B Coy found more tracks in the vicinity of Song Ca - Soui Soc YS 5688. Warning order received from 1 ATF of intention to move US land clearing team into AO PORPHRY. C Coy commenced to destroy the bunker system and search the general area to follow up tracks and locate any adjoining bunker systems.

/6. 22 Jul

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22 Jul 6 Pl located an occupied bunker system at YS 373886 and engaged one enemy. The camp was struck from the air and by arty. The system was extensive and well used. C Coy continued to destroy camp at their loc. Also located another camp unoccupied approx 400m further north. A report was received from an agent that elms 274 Regt were located on Song Ca.

23 Jul Received report from Task Force of an intention to mortar DAMPIER or coy locs. Also Task Force advised a thorough search of B Coy and C Coy bunker areas for caches. They believed too that an wounded located near one of those bunker systems. A Coy ordered to move south-east to YS 372892 on 24 Jul.

24 Jul A Coy moved quickly to new area and contacted an at YS 367891 at 1630 hrs. A Coy also contacted one en unarmed approx 600m north of previous contact. A Coy believed a camp to their north and south. B Coy prepared demolitions in bunker system while D Coy patrolled northwards in NW sector of AO. C Coy continued to patrol in the vicinity of their bunker systems. Task Force warned that land clearing operations would start 28 Jul and coy required to secure proposed base area on 26 Jul and reinforce with another coy on 27 Jul.

25 Jul. A Coy cleared area of suspect camp to north then moved to take resupply before clearing the south area from the west. C Coy completed search in present area and moved further SW.

26 Jul B Coy located a signal cable running north from their bunker system. C Coy found another bunker system approx 800m west of their other system. D Coy flew into the area of land clearing base at YS 301817 and secured the area. C Coy unable to destroy present bunker system due to time required to move to PZ area for move next day to land clearing base. A Coy located large fresh bunker system at YS 365888 when searching south of contact area. While searching the bunker area RPG fired at A Coy elements. Area was attacked but en withdrew quickly by covered route.

27 Jul C Coy moved to land clearing base by air. B Coy patrolled in bunker area and continued to provide blocks to south from A Coy area. B Coy followed signal cable to A Coy area. A Coy prepared bunkers for demolition. Land clearing team escorted by armed elements moved to base from route 15.

28 Jul C Coy and D Coy continued to provide security in land clearing base area. A and B Coy continued search in camp areas and destruction tasks. Orders given for return to NUI DAT.

29 Jul D Coy returned to NUI DAT and two coys 5 RAR plus Tac HQ moved to land clearing base. C Coy moved from land clearing base by foot to secure area FSPB POLLY for fly in of 5 RAR FSPB 31 Jul. A Coy moved to FSPB DAMPIER for move to NUI DAT.

30 Jul A Coy moved by air to NUI DAT. B Coy moved to DAMPIER to secure it for fly out 31 Jul. C Coy were in loc at POLLY (YS3283).

31 Jul DAMPIER was abandoned by FSPB elms and B Coy. C Coy relieved by 5 RAR and returned to NUI DAT.

Results

11. The results of the operation are shown in Annex A.

Administrative Matters

12. a. The long distance for resupply by air meant economy was required in all respects. The three day cycle of resupply for fire base and coys was effective.
- b. TFMA provided operators for the water point and petrol point. These commodities were resupplied direct to the fire base from TFMA in bulk as required.
- c. During the early part of operation MATTHEW many soldiers suffered from colds and or bronchial problems. In some cases they required evacuation.

Special Equipment and Techniques

- No special equipment or techniques were used.

Lessons Learnt.

14. a. Enemy movement It became quite apparent that enemy in both AO TOM THUMB and AO PORPHREY moved in relatively small parties parallel to but off obvious tracks.
- b. Wet Season
- (1) Bunker systems in low ground become waterlogged and the enemy appear to evacuate them rather than provide stands etc.
 - (2) Many caches and cache stands made of timber (incl bamboo) were located above ground.
 - (3) Air, both helicopters and strike aircraft are severely handicapped by low cloud and rain. Airstrikes should be programmed to consider cloud cover during parts of the day. Alternate arrangements for fire support should be arranged for all air targets during the wet/cloudy season.
- c. Explosives Extensive use was made of free dropping explosives from hovering helicopters. Detonators etc were carefully lowered by rope but free drop of C 4 etc made the task of delivery much quicker.
- d. "Sniffer Missions" The information provided by sniffer missions, is not accurate for full planning without adequate back up information.
- e. AO TOM THUMB This area has been used to some extent as a supply area but it is doubtful if it is used very much during the wet season. Normal "caretaker" units remain and transit of small parties occurs.
- f. AO TRANSVERSE It seems likely that civilians in this area actively support the VC by providing supplies bought in market areas. They also act as guides and no doubt hide VC within their illegal hamlets and houses.

Commander's Analysis

15. a. It was unfortunate that the intelligence provided for AO TOM THUMB could not be fully substantiated by 9 RAR on the ground. It seems that this area at that time was being used only as a transit/staging area for small parties. Larger parties undoubtedly moved through the area previously and it had also been used as a supply area some months ago. The transit movement through the area appears a link between the area west of route 2 and the NUI MAY TAO (YS 7490)/ NUI HOT (YS 6493) areas.
- b. Elms 274 Regt again returned to a known area of camps in Song Ca area. They were certainly moved from these camps although apparently they had prepared themselves for a fairly long stay in the area. They were prepared to fight to cover their withdrawal only.

for Sheldrick Hoj
 (A.L. MORRISON)
 Lt Col
 CO

ANNEX: A. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Distribution

A Coy

B Coy

C Coy

D Coy

Sp Coy

Admin Coy

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Ops Offr

Adjt

IO

Comds Diary (3)

File (2)

HQ 1 ATF (12)

1616Bty (4)

6 RAR

5 RAR

8 RAR

Spare (10)

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ANNEX A TO
9 RAR R569-1-8

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
OP MATTHEW - OP HAT DICH

General

1. 9 RAR deployed on OP MATTHEW in AO TOM THUMB (See appendix 6) from the 29 June to 18 July 1969 in accordance with 9 RAR OP O 15. C Coy was inserted into AO TRANVERSE (See appendix 7) on the 11th July. The battalion was subsequently deployed on OP HAT DICH into AO PORPHRY (See appendix 8) from 18 July to 31 July 1969.

2. This summary covers the two operations in detail separately.

OP MATTHEW

Background

3. As given in Annex A to 9 RAR OP O 15, AO TOM THUMB to the EAST of route 2 and the COURTENAY rubber was believed to have been the home of 84 RSG and the BA LONG Province HQ.

4. Installations found and documents captured indicated that elements of both these units were located in the area, but the operation failed to locate enemy in large numbers. The evidence was that 84 RSG had moved - possibly NORTH out of the given AO.

5. The heavy EAST-WEST movement reported by SAS patrols in the area in May/June and the sensor patterns at the same time failed to produce large groups of enemy during the operation. Track patterns and movement whilst difficult to read accurately, because of the rain, indicated that the enemy had moved out of the AO to the N and NE.

6. There is no doubt that the area was used by 84 RSG as a maintenance and resupply base, but indications from the age of installations, caches and documents are that the area is no longer logistical base, but rather a transit area.

Enemy Activity

7. This was sporadic and no pattern evolved, indicating that caretaker groups and couriers were mainly using the area. Eight contacts occurred with squad and lesser sized enemy groups. Only one of these contacts occurred in a bunker system (See appendix 1 & 2 for details).

Installations and Caches

8. A large number of old camps and caches were located. Besides the normal systems and unoccupied and old workshop and hospital complex was discovered again indicating 84 RSG. There were recently constructed living bunkers in the AO, but these were not predominant.

9. Signs of recent occupation from 24 hours in the latter mentioned systems indicated that were mainly used by caretaker and transit personnel.

10. No caches of significant size were located. Generally catered for the needs of caretaker groups. The one large weapons cache located at YS 587909 by D Coy was old and obviously a "left over" from 84 RSG elements.

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11. Details of installations and caches are contained in appendix 1, 2 and 3 of this annex. See also appendix 6.

Documents

12. These were located in camps and caches and were dated from 1962 to 1969. Some details are given below:

a. Documents found by B Coy at YS 567916 were undated but obviously 6 to 12 months old. They identified 84 RSG.

b. Documents located by D Coy at YS 559893 included a report by the 2IC of D445 MF Bn on the attack on DAT DO 14-15 May 69.

c. Other documents from YS 559893 gave dispositions and strengths of RF/PF units from BARIA to VUNG TAU. It is possible that the BA LONG Province HQ had been located in this area, but no concrete evidence was found to substantiate this.

Tracks

13. Numerous trails were located, the general pattern of movement appeared to be SOUTH to NORTH, whilst WEST to EAST movement was also observed. Newly cut tracks were found indicating that the enemy in the area were avoiding contact. Track details are contained in appendix 3 and 6.

Redeployment

14. On the 4 July 69 C Coy was inserted to the EAST of the SONG RAI river to investigate a report by a SAS patrol of 50 VC and a possible enemy installation at YS 622865. Signs of recent movement was detected but no base camp was located.

15. C Coy on 11 July was then redeployed into AO TRANSVERSE, reacting to information gained from a HOI CHANH. The rallier proffered information on the location of elements of 84 RSG and their caches. The information proved to be reliable and as a result the following were located:

a. Two caches in the area YS 4389.

b. Two detainees, one male and one female, both working for 84 RSG. (See appendix 5).

16. C Coy also found at YS 442875 a village, unmarked on the map which contained 25 women, about 100 children and 10 houses. DUC THANH authorities were notified and arranged re-settlement. While it was not firmly established, there is no doubt that these illegal squatters were linked with 84 RSG.

17. On the 13 July 69 A Coy was extracted from OA TOM THUMB and inserted into AO TAMUNDRA on reaction to a SAS patrol which reported enemy movement NORTH EAST - SOUTH WEST along a track system and an occupied bunker complex in the vicinity of YS 352902. The information was accurate and A Coy had two contacts before entering the installations which had been vacated a few hours earlier. Elements of 274 Regt were identified.

Topography

18. The topography in AO TOM THUMB conforms accurately with the picto map and the information contained in Annex A to OP O 15.

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19. The going generally was very slow and difficult because of the thick secondary growth. Whilst all perennial streams were obstacles, the SONG RAI was the only stream not fordable. As predicted the low areas to the EAST of the AO and WEST of the SONG RAI were waterlogged.

Enemy Forces

20. Details of enemy losses are contained in appendix 4..

Conclusions

21. Whilst installations and cache systems were located and indicated the presence of 84 RSG it is apparent that the area of AO TOM THUMB - particularly the area of the SUOI LE and NUI BE MOI have been vacated by this unit. Signs indicate that the en has moved possibly NORTH and EAST into NUI HOT area.

22. The area around CAM MY in the vicinity of YS 460 920 support the VC by providing foodstuffs, in particular rice. The VIET COUNG YS 4390 is a rice cache area. The illegal squatters in AO TRANSVERSE do support the VC and should be resettled and their farmlets destroyed.

AO PORPHRY - OP HAT DICH

Background

23. 9 RAR deployed into AO PORPHRY on information that HQ 274 Regt was located with at least one battalion along the line of the SUOI CA. This information was substantiated by A Coys contacts in the area prior to the battalion deployment.

24. As A, B, and C Coys patrolled towards the SUOI CA signs and contacts indicated that enemy base locations would be found in the area. All Coys did locate large well constructed base installations along the SUOI CA. (See appendix 1 and 2 for details). These systems were occupied by 274 Regt, but no detailed identification was made.

Enemy Activity

25 This was confined to two localities. The area of A Coys initial deployment in the vicinity of YS 352902 and the area NORTH and SOUTH of the SUOI CA from the 36 to 39 EASTING. D Coy operating in the NW portion of the AO made no contact and saw little sign of recent enemy activity. The en moved on tracks in this area and contacts occurred on tracks leading into and out of the major installations.

Installations

26. As mentioned the most notable systems were found along the SUOI CA and in these instances these systems were occupied. The major camps were located at YS 389906, YS 372885, YS 367891 and YS 365888. These systems were new, very large and well constructed. Where occupied the enemy was prepared to fight with lay back parties to cover the withdrawal of men and material.

Tracks

27. Details on tracks are contained in Appendix 3 to this Annex.

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Documents

28. Few documents were recovered however what were captured indicated the enemy generally as 274 Regt. The only sub-unit identified was 75 MM RR Coy (C17) at YS 389907.

En losses

29. Details of en equipment captured is given in appendix 4.

Conclusions

30. The enemy suffered only minor losses as a result of the operation. In line with the pattern of en activity throughout the province the enemy avoided contact and in all cases chose to withdraw.

31. The movement patterns from these installations suggest that 274 Regt withdrew to its alternative base area in the vicinity of the BINH SON rubber.

APPENDIXES

1. OP MATTHEW - CONTACT/INSTALLATION SUMMARY
2. OP HAT DICH - CONTACT/INSTALLATION SUMMARY
3. INCIDENT/TRACK SUMMARY
4. SUMMARY OF ENEMY LOSSES
5. DETAINEES
6. AO MATTHEW
7. AO TRANSVERSE
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OP MATTHEW
CONTACT/INSTALLATION SUMMARY

CONTACTS

SERIAL	DATE/TIME	LOC	SUB UNIT	OUTLINE DETAIL	REMARKS
1	300750	563933	6Pl B Coy	3 enemy dressed in black approached 6 Pl from NE, along track. 4 Pl swept area and located 5 en packs	CIA: 5 x packs 300 lbs rice cooking utensils writing paper duplicating ink
2	010905	563937	4Pl B Coy	Unknown number of en approached from N Sentry initiated contact	1 WIA (BT) 1 Pack
3	051145	446898	TA2	Whilst securing FSPB BUFFALO, contacted 10 en with packs and weapons. Aslt pnr pl swept area	1 VC KIA 1 VC KIA(POSS) 3 Packs
4	052035	605804	7Pl C Coy	Heard movt of one pers 7 Pl engaged . Results Nil	NIL
5	060855	561881	10Pl D Coy	Estimated 6 en approached from SW & fired 2 x RPG and AK47. 10 Pl returned fire	NIL
6	121216	556888	11Pl D Coy	Whilst clearing bunkers were engaged by unknown number of en from front and flank. En fired RPG and SA. Area engaged by LFT and Mors. En wdr to NE.	
7	131600	340901	2Pl A Coy	Contacted 1 en approaching from S along track	1 en KIA(BC) 1 AK 50 CIA
8	14 Jul	352904	2Pl A Coy	Contacted 3 en on N - S track. 1 en approached from S and 2 from N	2 KIA (BC) 1 WIA (BT)
9	151021	352905	A Coy	On entering a bunker system were fired on by 1 en.	NIL

INSTALLATIONS

10	301930	583921	D Coy	Located 2 old camps not used . First camp of 24 bunkers and second at YS 588920 consisted of 30 - 35 bunkers	
11	021015	587909	D Coy	Located 3 large bunkers and 3 cache areas	See incident summary

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1	041215	547892	A Coy	Located 2 old base camps with N-S tracks through system	
13	041215	543897	A Coy	Located enemy transit camp	
14	051420	563905	B Coy	Found 8-10 relatively new bunkers. Not occupied	
15	061420	564903	B Coy	Located 8 fighting bunkers not occupied. Used recently by transit porter groups.	
16	061525	569901	B Coy	Located 7 well constructed bunkers not used for some time	
17	071217	522884	Sp Coy	Located EW track leading into camp. Camp was not occupied but had been used by transit groups 24-48 hours before	
18	081459	561890	D Coy	Located unoccupied enemy bunker position. At YS 560892 they also found another old enemy camp	
19	082000	566904	B Coy	Located a number of bunkers. The Southern bunkers were living areas. The Eastern side fighting bunkers. Bunkers in good condition	
20	101055	569914	B Coy	Located very large bunker system and series of tracks. Area used 5-7- days ago. Appears to be workshop or rear svc area. Two caches were located in same area	
21	110905	557896	D Coy	Found 7 fresh bunkers, tables and latrines. A number of well used tracks radiated from system. Appeared to be hospital.	Qty med supplies recovered
22	111150	540858	A Coy	Found old bunker system - 30 bunkers. Approx 6 en used camp in last 24 hours	1 x RPG2 launcher
23	111410	541888	A Coy	Located 40 bunkers 8 months old. Some still under construction. Old hospital located Maj NS track	
24	121216	556888	D Coy	Located old bunker position 6 bunkers and cache	See serial 6
25	131110	552918	B Coy	Found large bunker complex in reasonable condition (approx 100)	
26	141200	346900	A Coy	Located 18 bunkers in good condition. Not occupied	
27	14 July	552902	A Coy	Located bunker position occupied 6 hours previously. Also located 1 en KIA	
28	150755	438891	C Coy	Located track system SE to hamlet. Hamlet contained bunkers. One pers was observed running into the bush	destroyed

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29	151237	352907	A Coy	Located 12 bunkers in good condition	also located chicom radio
30	161643	442875	C Coy	Located village not marked on map comprising: 25 Women 100 Children 10 houses also located 2x44gal drums of rice. Believe village associated with 84 Regt.	District chief of Duc THANH advised

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CONTACT/INSTALLATION SUMMARY

CONTACTS

SERIAL	DATE/TIME	LOC	SUB UNIT	OUTLINE DETAIL	REMARKS
1	181515	361906	2Pl A Coy	10 En approached c/s12 loc from the W, dress greens. On contact en wdr to SOUTH	2 NVA KIA (BC) 1 NVA KIA (Poss) 3 Packs CIA 1 AK47 CIA
2	181714	361906	2Pl A Coy	3-4 en approached c/s12 loc from the SE through the jungle. 2Pl engaged with SA	1 en KIA (BC) 1 en WIA (BT) 1 pack CIA
3	191530	389906	7Pl C Coy	Contacted 2 en (NVA). En heading towards creek for wash. En camp suspected in area.	1 en KIA (BC)
4	191737	389907	7Pl C Coy	Pl was fired on by pl sized en in large bunker position. En used SA, RPG & LMG. Camp engaged with Arty & LFT	An amount of ammo (SA, Mor, RPG) was captured
5	221050	372885	6Pl B Coy	6Pl while moving into bunker posn sighted 1 en moving from N, 6Pl swept in bunkers	1 en WIA (BT)
6	241604	367894	3Pl A Coy	3Pl engaged 1 en moving from N down a track. He was not carrying a weapon & believed to be on his own	Nil
7	241630	367891	2 Pl ACoy	Fwd scout of 2Pl was fired on by sentry from en bunker system. En wdr to SOUTH	
8	261753	365888	2Pl A Coy	OC 2Pl and protection party located 2 en in bunker posn En engaged with RPG & SA. Fire return. Sweep revealed 2 en wdr W	CIA: 500AK47 rds 2 x AK47 Mags 2x Webbing 30lbs rice Med supplies
<u>INSTALLATIONS</u>					
9	191516	389905	7Pl C Coy	7Pl located a log bridge over a creek. Believe it is a washing point. Also believe camp to be on the W side	See serial 3
10	191737	389907	7Pl C Coy	located pl sized occupied en bunker location. Camp subsequently destroyed.	See serial 4
11	201205	387906	8Pl C Coy	Located a further 5 bunkers. One en obs running from camp to W	

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12	221050	372885	6Pl B Coy	Located coy sized occupied bunker locations. Bunkers well constructed with tables chairs etc. Believe to be HC and Sp group of elm 274 Regt	See Serial 5
13	241630	367891	2Pl A Coy	En bunker system 100m to south - occupied. Believe there is further system to N	See serial 7
14	261510	367893	A Coy	Located new well used large bunker system. Not occupied Stretches to the NW and SE. Approx 50 bunkers	
15	260922	387911	C Coy	Located 8 bunkers used within last 24 hours. Recently constructed Estend to NE	

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INCIDENT/TRACK SUMMARY
OF MATTHEW

SERIAL	DATE TIME	LOC	SUBUNIT	OUTLINE DETAILS	REMARKS
1	021015	587909	D Coy	CACHE: located 3 caches on H side of creek & double basha made of iron incl 15 weapons, ammo, med supplies	
2	021020	562929	B Coy	SIGHTING: 6Pl saw 2VC EAST TO WEST on SOUTH side of track	
3	021535	587907	D Coy	CACHE: located 1 cache. 1 SKS, documents, claymore leads	
4	051415	563888	D Coy	Heard voices believe 2 persons & saw freshly cut saplings.	
5	051430	560887	D Coy	CACHE: Small containing rice, peas, plastic & sandals	
6	051740	561886	D Coy	Fired on by unknown number of en Sweep revealed nil.	
7	061605	568887	D Coy	SIGHTING: located track with NVA footprints for approx coy(-) heading SW	
8	070910	569901	B Coy	CACHE: Small containing rice, saw, AK47 mags, docs, radio, salt cache located on stand 3ft above ground	
9	091809	559893	D Coy	CACHE: Containing ammo, radio eqpt clothing, documents, tape recorder & 10 tapes	
9A	120816	539889	A Coy	CACHE: small cache containing 50lb rice	
10	120935	555890	D Coy	INCIDENT: sighted two latrines also observed movement but no positive identification	
11	121200	558893	D Coy	INCIDENT: 10Pl located during search of area a tube of duplicating ink & 37 aluminium mess tins	
12	131545	438896	CCoy	CACHE: 8Pl located cache of greens, womens underclothing & propaganda leaflets	
13	131600	341900	A Coy	CACHE: 3Pl located small cache of ID cards and documents	
14	141120	443890	C Coy	INCIDENT: HoiChanh directed 8Pl to an area of 6 A-pers mines	This was same area of previous mine incident TA86B

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5	141200	345908	A Coy	CACHE: located cache containing, rice, AK47 rds, magazines, mor fuzes grenade	
16	141230	BUFFALO	C Coy	INCIDENT: Apprehended 1 Male + 1 female; (a) Female: Buyer & supplier for 84 RSG (b) Male: ARVN deserter & member of 84 RSG. Recognized by Hoi Chanh.	Detainees
17	141400	440998	C Coy	CACHE: 7Pl located 2 caches containing scales, nuts & bolts, explosive. 1 x SKS rifle, female clothing, ammo, batteries, webbing.	
18	141455	437993	C Coy	CACHE: 7Pl located 3 caches recently lifted, also a number of rice sacks empty	
19	141530	449900	C Coy	INCIDENT: 9Pl located VC garden. This contained rice & bananas & 3 structures	area destroyed
20	150700	352904	A Coy	CACHE: located in enemy camp containing med supplies, docs, clothing, RPG2 rounds & booster SA ammo, grenades, gas masks & documents	
21	151400	352908	A Coy	CACHE: located large cache containing 5000 AK47 rounds, ohm meters x 2, 50 chicom grenades, 4 RPG7 rounds, saw, shelters, 100 7-62 link, water bottles, documents, clothing, radio repair kit and radio spares.	
22	161432	443894	C Coy	INCIDENT: 10Pl apprehended 1 male suspect	1 x detainee taken to Duc Tanh

TRACKS

23	300750	563933	B Coy	Track - 6Pl located NE-SW track	recent en movt
24	301100	518886	A Coy	Track - located N-S track 2 days old	
25	010905	563937	B Coy	Track - 4Pl located N-S track. Also NE-SW track junction at YS 562939	recent en movement
26	011255	588909	D Coy	Track-12Pl located N-S track, evidence of movement of 3-4 without last 24 hours	
27	031004	582903	D Coy	Track - located main E-W track. Used by approx 4 en in last 8 hours	
28	031038	533888	A Coy	Track- 2Pl found NE-SW track used within 48 hours	
29	051055	561886	D Coy	Track - 11Pl found well used NE-SW track	recent signs of movement

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30	051106	545906	A Coy	Track: 3 Pl found old N - S track used by 6 pers moving S within 24 hrs.	
31	051345	565881	D Coy	Tracks: 10 Pl found trail with cut saplings made by 2 - 3 pers running S - N.	used within 24 hrs
32	052009	561881	D Coy	Track: 10 Pl loc well used NE - SW track	
33	061420	561903	B Coy	Track: 6Pl located well used E-W track. At 559901 loc N-S track	
34	061605	568887	D Coy	Track: located with NVA footprints running N-S	
35	071217	522884	Sp Coy	Track: c/s61 loc N-S track 4 hours old	
36	071750	560900	B Coy	Track: 6Pl located N-S track approx 7 days old. Believe enemy are using creek lines	
37	111400	528883	Sp Coy	Track: c/s61 found well used trail from 522885 to 528883. Track used 3 days ago	
38	111830	55889	D Coy	Track: located N-S track with E-W system running away to W. Both well used	
39	120748	561915	B Coy	Track: NE-SW track	
40	121710	428869	C Coy	Track: located on bg 2200 (NW-SE) used in last 24 hours	
41	121800	552915	B Coy	Track N-S	
42	150755	438891	C Coy	Track: 7Pl located system running SE to hamlet at 438891	
43	15 Jul	530890	D Coy	Track: E-W track 4ft wide used by large force within last 2 weeks	

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SERIAL	DATE TIME	LOC	SUBUNIT	OUTLINE DETAILS	REMARKS
1	181605	361906	1Pl A Coy	SIGHTING: Sentry of 1 Pl saw 3 en on E-W track. unable to engage	nil
2	221007	385910	8Pl C Coy	Located cut trees indicating a bunker system in area	see serial
3	260749	372886	B Coy	Located signal cable buried. Cable ran NORTH from bunkers located in this area	
4	260946	365885	4Pl B Coy	SIGHTING: Pl sighted 4 en and dog moving W on N side of creek. Unable to engage due to disposition of c/s1	nil
5	211150	327895	11Pl DCoy	CACHE: located old cache on platform & covered with plastic. Cache contained 12 reels of 16mm film and projector	nature of film "Physical Culture" Projector affected by water & destroyed by D Coy
6	181735	361908	A Coy	TRACK: running W to E for 500 metres then swings N at jungle edge	
7	181845	407906	8Pl C Coy	TRACK: loc E-W track - 400m to SOUTH located an ox cart track NE to SW not marked on map	
8	190855	392896	C Coy	TRACK: well used N-S foot trail used by large numbers moving 5 - 12 hours previous to sighting	
9	191150	373878	6Pl BCoy	TRACK: loc near freshly cut track N-S used approx 24 hrs earlier by 10 VC	
10	191442	842876	10Pl DCoy	TRACK: Old E-W with signs of use by 3 persons going W. Used 48 hrs earlier	
11	201545	369881	4Pl BCoy	TRACK: Running W-E cut by N-S track and used by squad sized force in last 48 hours	
12	210935	364883	B Coy	TRACK: loc N-S track cut through scrub, used by squad going N. Blood trail located on log	
13	211180	326895	11Pl DCoy	TRACK: loc E-W track cut through scrub	
14	221840	320901	D Coy	TRACK: D Coy located E-W foot pad which had recent use 4 weeks earlier.	
15	270950	298808	D Coy	TRACK: located old track (tank), used 4 weeks ago by ox cart & foot movement at same period. Tracks runs SE to NW	

SUMMARY OF ENEMY LOSSES
OP MATTHEW - OP HAT DICH1. Personnela. OP MATTHEW

4 KIA (BC)
1 KIA (Poss)
2 WIA (BT)
2 Detainees

b. OP HAT DICH

4 KIA (BC)
1 KIA (Poss)
2 WIA (BT)

TOTAL

8 KIA (BC)
2 KIA (Poss)
4 WIA (BT)
2 Detainees

2. Weapons

1 AK 50
1 AK 47
13 SKS
1 M1 Carbine
1 Garand
1 PPS
1 RPD
1 RPG 2

3. Ammunition

6,100 rds 7.62 short
200 rds 12.7
2,600 rds 7.62 link belt
150 rds 7.62 PPS SMG
8 A-Tk grenades
65 CHICOM grenades
17 RPG 2 rounds
4 RPG 7 rounds
5 60mm Mor rounds
3 82mm Mor rounds

4. Foodstuffs

1,520 lbs rice
120 lbs split peas
20 lbs salt
2 packets meat
10 lbs tobacco

5. Medical

Qty med documents
Qty phials vitamin (B,K)
Qty tablets (Type unknown)
Qty chapytol
Qty Chloruquin di Sulphate
Qty Penecillin
Qty Phials strychnine.

6. Equipment and Clothing

12 packs
3 tools entrenching
2 sets basic webbing
4 water bottles
1 blanket
Qty clothing incl greens and black pyjamas
Qty womans clothing and underwear
4 prs sandals
37 aluminium mess tins
gas masks and filters
rifle oil

7. Miscellaneous

Cooking utensils
2 lbs duplicating paper
2 lbs writing paper
4 bottles duplicating ink
1 lb carbon paper
1 Singer Sewing Machine
1 Sharp Tape Recorder
10 Magnetic tapes
1 AVO meter
1 Chicom radio
1 commercial radio
1 set of scales
3 cross cut saws
1 Mattock
typewriter ribbon
Qty propoganda leaflets
2 x ohm meters
shelter individual
radio repair kit
radio spares
16 mm film projector
2 rolls 16 mm film
Transformer
3 ft bundle of lead
speaker and handset
whistle.

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DETAINEES

1. Male Binh Deserter from 18 ARVN Div, being employed as a labourer for 84 RSG.
2. Female NGUYEN THI THE Member 84 RSG. Worked with 3 other VC (2males, 1 female) as tax collectors and buyers for 84 RSG.

Exploited Information

3. Every month members of a VC womens group collect money and rice from plantation workers. Two members of their group are:

- a. THUONG 46 year old female carries a carbine
- b. TAM CHIEN 27 years old carries a K 54.

4. Each week this group (4-5 women armed AK47) commanded by TAM CHIEN enter the rear of the MANDARIN Plantation owned by TAM HAI to procure supplies.

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Reference Map
Vietnam I:5Q000
Sheet No 6430-III, IV

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LEGEND

C - Contact
O - Installation
I - Incident
B - Cache
---- Track

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Reference Map
Vietnam 1:50,000
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LEGEND
C- Contact
O- Installation
I- Incident
M- Mine Incident
O- Cache
---- Tracks

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Reference Maps
Vietnam 1:50,000
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AO TOM THUMB



LEGEND:

- C - Contact
- O - Installation
- I - Incident
- G - Cache
- Track

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Distribution: See below.

CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

Reference: A. 1 ATF SOP.

PART 1 - PATROL COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Operation

1. Matthew.

Report By

2. 2Lt J.B. Langler.

Sub Unit

3. 4 Pl B Coy 9 RAR.

Strength of Patrol

4. 28.

Date/Time of Contact

5. Date; 1 Jul 69.
Time: 0905 hrs.

Location

6. YS563937.

Patrol Task

7. Ambush the track.

Description of Contact

8. The platoon was in ambush. The VC moved through the jungle to our position. Contact was initiated simultaneously, this callsign firing on the sighting of the VC.

Description of Terrain

9. Jungle, level ground, sloping away to the east.

Distance of Enemy

10. 15 metres.

Sighting

11. One VC who came into our position.

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Activity Prior to Contact

12. In task on the same track. Admin in the process of being carried out.

Reason for Sighting

13. Gun sentry searching his arcs.

VC Strength and Type

14. Strength: 1 sighted, possibly 2 or 3 behind.
Type: VC.

Range of Contact

15. 15 metres.

Weapons Fired

16. Claymores M18, GPMG M60, SLR, M16.

Immediate Reaction of Enemy

17. Withdrew.

Patrols Immediate Reaction

18. Returned fire from all the c/s.

Enemy Casualties

19. 1 WIA.

Enemy Casualties Caused by

20. SA fire, possibly claymores.

Friendly Casualties

21. 1 WIA.

Friendly Casualties Caused by

22. SA Fire.

Ammunition Expenditure

23. 12 x M18A1.
200 x 7.62 link.
100 x 7.62 ball.
150 x 5.56 ball.

Documents, Weapons Captured

24. 1 x Pack containing personal gear, rice, tobacco and a small number of documents.

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Lessons Learnt

25; If an ambush is suspected by the enemy they will not necessarily walk on a track.

PART 2 - PLATOON COMMANDERS COMMENTS

26. It is necessary for commanders at all levels to discipline troops to a high standard to be successful in ambushing. Members in the killer group must be lying on the ground when they are on duty.

PART 3 - COMPANY COMMANDERS COMMENTS

27. Nil.

2Lt J.B. Langler

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CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORTPART 1 - PATROL COMMANDERS COMMENTS

1. Operation Matthew.
2. Report by 47052 Lt AGH Craig.
3. 10 Pl D Coy 9 RAR.
4. 24, pl strength.
5. 060850H Jul.
6. 554883.
7. Ambush of NW - SE track.
8. Drawing shown on original.
9. Ground gently sloping SW to NE, vegetation light with buttress trees. Visibility up to 20m.
10. 20-25m.
11. Nil.
12. Platoon minus one section moved from the ambush site to an Admin area 75m NE for morning admin after a night ambush.
13. Nil.
14. En wpns: 1 x RPD, 3 x RPGs estimated 2 x AK 47s. Strength unk. Type, thought to be NVA or Main force.
15. 20-25.
16. 1. M18A1 Claymores. 2. SLRs.
17. Fired on the right and left flanks of ambushing section. enemy fired first.
18. Left flank returned fire with M18A1 and 2 x SLRs.
19. Unk.
20. N/A.
21. 1 KIA, 1 WIA.
22. Small arms fire, thought to be the RPD.
23. 1 M18A1, 40 x 7.62mm rds.
24. Nil.
25. Battle discipline in ambush, especially noise must be remedied.

PART 2 - PLATOON COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

26. AS above.

/PART 3 COMPANY COMMANDER'S
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PART 3 - COMPANY COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

1. Concur.
2. It is apparent the enemy pinpointed the location of the ambush.

signed G.L. Cousins Cpl

 Sect Commander
 2 Sec

signed A.G.H. Craig Lt

 Platoon Commander
 10 Pl

signed I.J.C. Hearn Maj

 Company Commander
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CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

PART 1 - PATROL COMMANDERS COMMENTS

1. Op Matthew.
2. Report by Lt S. Bramah D Coy 9 RAR.
3. 11 Pl D Coy 9 RAR.
4. 28.
5. **121215H Jul 69.**
6. 556887.
7. Locate and report en sign. Recce limits of possible en camp in area of contact grid - Route. from GR 555890 150 Metres East, 200 South then 150 west.
8. At turning pt onto western leg movt detected to SE of Pl. Two Sub units put to go on line E to W. One sub unit given task (6 sect) of sweeping area of movement from east to west on southern side of Pl. On completion of sweep given permission to sweep a further max of 50metres SW (on basis of sign seen in sweep) and then report. Section Comd reported nothing of significance at end of 50 but then comdr and fwd scout exploited further 40 west without informing sect. Apparently saw edge of bunker system called gun gp fwd but before it got into posn sect comdr commenced to clear first bunker with grenade at which en opened fire., hitting fwd scout and sect comdr. Rest of sect could not return fire as were not properly deployed or informed.
9. 100 foot canopy medium density undergrowth. Visibility 20-30 metres up to 50 metres in places GD rising to SW.
10. 30 metres to closest own troops (comdr and scout) on engagement.
11. En saw own forces first.
12. As in contact description.
13. Sign in area indicated bunker system en sighted own troops probably due initially to noise of movt through vegetation then visually down fire lanes.
14. Probably about squad str although once inside system probable str in area appeared to be approx 20.
15. 30 metres.
16. MG, SLR, M79, 81mm mors, 105mm How, LFT.
17. Open fire with small arms and RPG then appatently withdrew.
18. To attempt to close on two wounded (later found to be KIA) members by fire and movement. Initial slow reaction due sect comdr hit and had not properly briefed 2IC of intended actions. Took sometime to locate bodies.
19. Nil (No blood seen)
20. -

/21. 2 KIA

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21. 2 KIA 1 WIA KIA by GSW to head and heart respectively.
WIA by shrapnel from FR M79.

22. M79 and GSW (M.7.62mm short)

23. 200 rds LNK 7.62 20 M26 Grenades
80 rds BDR 7.62 250 RDS 81mm Mortars
20 rds BDR 5.56 180 rds 105mm.
6 rds M79 40mm LFT expenditure unknown

24. Search still in progress.

25. Fwd scout and comd too far fwd. Comdr did not inform
sect of movts or properly deploy sect before moving.

PART 2 - PLATOON COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

26. AS SECT COMDR read all above comments by Pl Comd on
contact with bunker system ordered withdrawal of wounded and closed
Pl to contact area. Called in mors, guns, later directed LFT.

PART 3 - COMPANY COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

27. A. See related installation report.
- B. Control by the deceased section comdr was unfort-
unately lost. The section 2IC, and MG group know they
had gone fwd, but did not have them visual.
- C. Coy HQ(loc) plus 10 Pl moved to 11 Pl, & evacuated
the casualties. 10 Pl then cleared the system from
NE-SW without further opposition.

signed

S.Bramah Lt
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Platoon Commander
11 Pl

signed

I.J.C. Hearn Maj
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Company Commander
D Coy

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Reference: A. 1 ATF SOP

PART 1 - PATROL COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Operation: MATTHEW

Report by: 215516 Sgt E.J. Lute 2 Pl A Coy 9 RAR

Strength of Patrol: 14

Date/Time of Contact: 131600H Jul 69

Location: YS 352402 904

Patrol Task: Ambush

Description of Contact: At 131600H while preparing to ambush N-S track, en voices were heard at approx 75m to the North. One GPMG was covering N along the track, and 5 riflemen were on the right flank. The GPMG open fired at 20m killing 1 enemy and 2 withdrew to the N. At the same time the Southern gun fired on 1 poss 2 en, who withdrew to the S.

Description of terrain: Heavy jungle overlooking waterpoint at reentrant.

Distance of Enemy: 20 metres

Sighting: 50 metres

Activity prior to contact: Plt moving into ambush

Reason for sighting: Alert machine gunners.

VC strength and Type: 3(poss) MF from the N. 1(poss 2) MF from the S. Dress: blue trousers, fawn shirt, basic webbing and AK47

Range of Contact: 20m

Weapons fired: Own. 2 GPMG M60, 3 SLR, 4 M16. En. 1 AK 47

Immediate reaction of enemy: Return fire and withdrew.

Patrols immediate reaction: Sweep carried out to North

Enemy casualties: 2 VC KIA (BC) 1 VC WIA (blood trail)

Enemy casualties caused by: GPMG M60

Friendly casualties: Nil

Ammunition expenditure: 175 7.62 lk belt. 100 5.56. 50 7.62 ball

Documents, weapons captured: 1 AK47 3 AK47 mags 1 waterbottle and mug

Lessons learnt: More speed in occupation of ambush

PART 2 - PLATOON COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Not present in area of contact.

PART 3 - COMPANY COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Unfortunately ambush not in position at time of contact, and had to be triggered before en in area that was to be killing ground. Thus a good action killing 2 VC(BC) and 1 WIA(BT). Result achieved as flanks did not fire until en was close to them. (6-10m)

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.....E.J. Lute Sgt.....
Patrol commanders signature

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Platoon commanders signature

.....Major McDonald.....

Commander of 9 RAR

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Reference: A. 1 ATF SOP

PART 1- PATROL COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Operation

1 MATTHEW

Report By

2 335122 Major W. McDonald

Sub Unit

3 A Coy 9RAR (1,11,12)

Strength of Patrol

4 65

Date Time of Contact

5 261750H (Jul 1969)

Location

6 YS365888

Patrol Task

7 Security and searching bunker system

Description of Contact

8 A Coy was securing and searching a large bunker system, with 2P1 in the North and CHQ and 1P1 in the South. Comd 2P1 and Engineer elm bumped into enemy in a bunker and then an enemy unknown size force fired RPG and SA(AK47) into the area of CHQ and 1P1. 2P1 aslt the enemy who were in bunkers, from East to West, with CHQ and 1P1 providing fire support from the South. The enemy quickly withdrew West when 2P1 aslt.

Description of Terrain

9 Secondary Jungle

Distance of Enemy

10 Approx 15m

Activity Prior to Contact

12 Enemy in bunkers. Own troops searching.

Reasons for Sighting

13 P1 Comd 2 P1 walked into enemy bunker- RPG ready to fire RPG

VC Strength and Type

14 2 or possibly 4. Suspect 2 groups each of 2. Only 1 was seen, type unknown.

Range of Contact

15 15m

Weapons Fired

16 Enemy: RPG and AK47

Own : SLR;M60;AR15;M26;M79

Immediate Reaction of Enemy

17 Fired at P1 Comd 2P1 and then at CHQ

Patrols Immediate Reaction

P1 Comd 2P1 opened fire and moved back to P1

Enemy Casualties

19 Unknown

Friendly Casualties

21 1 WIA

Friendly Casualties Caused by

22 RPG

Ammunition Expenditure

23 SLR 140

AR15 240

M60 300

M79 18

M26 4

Mortar 175

Documents, Weapons Captured

24 Basic Webbing, AK47 ammo, 2 mags full

Lessons Learnt

25 Old lesson that must remain alert constantly whilst in bunker system, despite how long own troops have been there, as enemy will lie up in bunker, was reaffirmed.

PART 2- PLATOON COMMANDERS COMMENTS

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PART 3- COMPANY COMMANDERS COMMENTS

27 Alertness and systematic clearance of a bunker system essential. Excellent assault by 2P1

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Platoon Commanders Signature

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W McDonald Major OC A Coy 9 RAR
Company Commanders Signature

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VC INSTALLATION REPORT

Operation Matthew

1. Report by 217217 2Lt D.J. Daley of D Coy 9 RAR.
2. Bunker System at GR 558891 on 8 Jul 69.
3. Not indicated.
4. Defensive Layout
 - a. Bunkers only.
 - b. Size of bunkers - 18' x 14' x 6'.
 - c. Yes by tracks.
 - d. Bunkers - Earth & Logs.
 - e. Ten bunkers.
 - f. Pl plus.
 - g. N & E.
 - h. (1) 2.
(2) 4.
(3) 4.
 - i. Bunkers approx 6 months.
 - j. Small ck 300 metres to NE. 2 parallel N-S tks connected.
 - k. Yes one very old bunker 50 metres to NE.
 - l. Nil.
 - m. System & canopy blown.

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Pl Comd
12 Pl, D Coy 9 RAR

I.J.C. Hearn Maj
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OC D Coy
9 RAR

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VC INSTALLATION REPORT

1. Report by: No: 235140 Rank: Maj Name: E.A. Chitham.
2. Report on installation (type): Bunker system at:
YS552918 at: hrs on: 13 Jul 69.
3. Area covered by installation (in square yards): 400.
4. Defensive layout (answer following questions and any more detail that can be given):
 - a. Were there any weapon pits and tunnels:
 - (1) Weapon pits only: Yes (2 man bunkers).
 - (2) Tunnels and weapon pits:
 - (3) Tunnels only:
 - b. Depth underground of tunnels: N/A.
 - c. Were the tunnels and weapon pits interconnecting.
If so to what extent: N/A.
 - d. Types of construction used:
 - (1) Tunnels.
 - (2) Weapon pits: Overhead protection 12"-36".
 - e. Number of weapon pits: approximately 80.
 - f. Estimated unit or sub-unit required to occupy them:
Bn + or Admin Sp group.
 - g. Direction weapon pits were facing: Astride the tracks
covering there approaches.
 - h. Were the pits:
 - (1) Individual:
 - (2) Two men: Yes.
 - (3) Three men:
 - (4) Crew served weapon, if so what type of weapon
do you estimate and what direction was it facing:
Not known.

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i. How old were:

(1) Weapon pits: Varying ages. 3-12 months. Some were in stages of reconstruction.

(2) Tunnels:

(3) Any other installation:

j. Was the defensive layout near a river, track, road, ford or town: Near an extensive track system and between two creek systems.

k. Were there any early warning posts or devices: Not known although between some bunkers were for sentries.

l. Extent and type of booby traps, if any: Unknown.

m. Destruction Action taken (if any): Area had been air struck. Only a few bunkers had been actually struck.

NOTE:

1. Bunkers were in stages of renovation. Fresh timber had been cut (2-3 weeks).

2. Area appeared to be used as a training camp (wire obstacles instruction course and tank models and wooden handgrenades).

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VC INSTALLATION REPORT

Operation Matthew

1. Report by 235320 Lt S. Bramah, D Coy 9 RAR.
2. Bunker system at GR 556886 at 1400H on 13 Jul 69.
3. 11000 sq yds.
4. Defensive Layout:
 - a. (1) Yes.
(2) No.
(3) No.
 - b. N/A.
 - c. No.
 - d. Pits were 8'x6'x4'6" deep 18" to 20" OHP
 - e. 12.
 - f. Platoon Plus.
 - g. All round defence but sighted to mainly cover south and north.
 - h. Three man plus - possibly up to six when under indirect fire.
 - i. Weapon pits were 6 months old - other installation was a cook house built above gd. and completely enclosed by leaves.
 - j. 100 metres south of closest stream (E to W). Main track systems in area ran N to S turning to SW.
 - k. None Seen.
 - l. None Seen.
 - m. Destroyed by demolition 13 Jul 69.

Signed

S. Bramah Lt
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Pl Comd
11 Pl

Company Commander's Comments

5. There were also 6 dug holes, without OHP. It is believed the camp was still under construction and was planned to hold two pls, or one coy.

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VC INSTALLATION REPORT

Operation Matthew

1. Report by 217217 2Lt D.J. Daley of D Coy 9 RAR.
2. Report on Bunker System at Gr 555886 on 14 Jul 69.
3. 15,000 sq yds.
4. Defensive Layout
 - a. Bunkers only.
 - b. N/A.
 - c. Yes by tracks;
 - d. Bunkers - Earth & Logs.
 - e. 7 Bunkers.
 - f. Fl.
 - g. Sited in all round defence.
 - h. Two man.
 - i. Approx 6 months.
 - j. Small ck to N. N-S track connecting.
 - k. No;
 - l. Nil.
 - m. Bunkers destroyed and Canopy opened on 15 Jul 69.

D.J. Daley 2Lt
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12 Pl D Coy 9 RAR

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VC INSTALLATION REPORT

1. Report by: 1201040 2Lt I Jones. A Coy 9 RAR
2. Report on Installation (type): Bunker system at YS 345898 at 1215 14 Jul 69.
3. Area covered by installation: 1,200 sq yds
4. Defensive layout.
 - a. Were there any weapon pits and tunnels:
 - (1). Weapon pits only: 9 bunkers
 - (2). Tunnels and weapon pits: Nil
 - (3). Tunnels only: Nil
 - b. Depth of tunnels underground: N/A
 - c. Were the tunnels and weapon pits interconnecting: No
 - d. Types of construction used:
 - (1). Tunnels: N/A
 - (2). Weapon Pits: 6" diameter logs and mounded earth.
 - e. Number of weapon pits and tunnels: 9
 - f. Estimated unit or sub unit required to occupy them: Pl
 - g. Direction weapon pits were facing: West and East
 - h. Were the pits individual:
 - (2). Two man: }
 - (3). Three man: } Combination of the two.
 - i. How old were:
 - (1). Weapon pits: 6 months
 - (2). Tunnels: Nil
 - (3). Any other installation: Small cache on N side of camp - rice & SA *ammo*
 - j. Was the defensive layout near a river, track, ford or town: Along a NS river.
 - k. Were there any early warning posts or devices: No
 - l. Extent and type of booby traps(if any): Nil
 - m. Destructive action taken (if any): Nil - Already bombed.

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Signed Rank
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VC INSTALLATION REPORT

1. Report by: 2783281 2Lt B J Vickery A Coy 9 RAR
2. Report on installation (tyoe): bunker system at YS 346900 1215 hrs 14 Jul 69
3. Area covered by installation: 750 sq yds
4. Defensive layout:
 - a. Were there any weapon pits and tunnels:
 - (1). Weapon pits only: 9 bunkers
 - (2). Tunnels and weapon pits: Nil
 - (3). Tunnels only: Nil
 - b. Depth underground of tunnels: N/A
 - c. Were the tunnels and weapon pits interconnecting: No.
 - d. Types of construction used:
 - (1). Tunnels: N/A
 - (2). Weapon pits: Square pit with OHG and fighting bays.
 - e. Number of weapon pits and Tunnel: 9 Bunkers.
 - f. Estimated unit or sub unit required to occupy them: Pl (-)
 - g. Direction weapon pits were facing: Generally West.
 - h. Were the pits individual:
 - (2). Two man: Yes
 - (3). Three man:
 - i. How old were:
 - (1). Weapon pits: At least 6 months
 - (2). Tunnels: N/A
 - (3). Any other installation: N/A
 - j. Was the defensive layout near a river, track, road, ford or town:
Sighted beside a flowing creek - Camp on W side.
 - k. Were there any warning devices or sentry posts: 2 sentry sites 30m West.
 - l. Extent and types of booby traps (if any): Nil
 - m. Destructive action taken (if any): Nil

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VC INSTALLATION REPORT

1. Report by: 215516 Sgt E J Lute A Coy 9 RAR
2. Report on Installation (type): Bunker at YS 352905 0730 hrs 15 Jul 69
3. Area covered by Installation: 10,000 sq yds
4. Defensive layout:
 - a. Were there any weapon pits and tunnels:
 - (1). Weapon pits only: 8 Bunk rs
 - (2). Tunnels and weapon pits: Nil
 - (3). Tunnels only: Nil
 - B. Depth underground of tunnels: N/A
 - c. Were the tunnels and weapon pits interconnecting: No
 - d. Types of construction used:
 - (1). Tunnels: N/A
 - (2). Weapon pits: Wood and earth with 2'6" OHC.
 - e. Number of weapon pits and tunnels: 8 Bunkers
 - f. Estimated unit or sub unit required to occupy then: 1 PL
 - g. Direction weapon pits were facing: Points of Compass
 - h. Were the pits individual: Yes.
 - i. How old were:
 - (1). Weapon pits: 4 - 6 months
 - (2). Tunnels: N/A
 - (3). Any other installations: N.A
 - j. Was the defensive layout near a track, road, stream ford or town: North/South track 100m North of a water point.
 - k. Were there any early warning posts or devices: No
 - l. Extent and type of booby traps (if any): Nil
 - m. Destructive action taken if any: Southern most bunker destroyed with the destruction of RPG's ATK grenades and all other equpt found in bunker

E. J. Lute
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Signed
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VC INSTALLATION REPORT

1. Report by: 1201040 2Lt I Jones
2. Report on installation (type): Base camp at YS 352907. at: 1430 Hrs 15 Jul69
3. Area covered by installation: 4,000 sq yds
4. Defensive layout:
 - A. Were there any weapon pits and tunnels: Yes
 - (1). Weapon pits only: 13 bunkers
 - (2). Tunnels and weapon pits: Nil
 - (3). Tunnels only: Nil
 - B. Depth underground of tunnels: N/A
 - C. Were the tunnels and weapon pits interconnecting: N/A
 - D. Types of construction used:
 - (1). Tunnels: N/A
 - (2). Weapon pits: 6" diameter logs and mounded earth.
 - E. Number of weapon pits and tunnels: 13
 - F. Estimated unit or sub unit required to occupy them: Coy (-)
 - G. Direction the weapon pits were facing: 6 East. 2 South. 2 West. 3 North.
 - H. Were the pits:
 - (1). Individual:
 - (2). Two man:
 - (3). Three man: All 2 - 3 man, some poss 4.
 - I. How old were:
 - (1). Weapon pits: 3 - 4 months.
 - (2). Tunnels: N/A
 - (3). Any other installations: Cache - SA, gren, RPG, NW of camp.
 - J. Was the defensive layout near a river, track, ford or town: 40m to S was SE-NW river. 1 main track NS through camp. 1 NS track on W edge of camp.
 - K. Were there any early warning posts or devices: No
 - L. Extent and type of booby traps (if any): N/A
 - M. Destructive action taken (if any): 1 bunker destroyed whilst blowing ammunition.

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