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7th Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
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SVN/14/67

31 Oct 67.

OPERATION KENMORE
COMBAT OPERATIONS AFTER ACTION REPORT

- References:
- A. 1 ATF SOP, Annex A, Appendix 4.
 - B. 1 ATF opO 33/67 of 251200H (Sep 67).
 - C. 7 RAR opO 14/67 of 27 Sep 67.
 - D. Map: VIETNAM 1:25,000 - 6530 III SW
6429 I NE
6430 II SE

Name and Type of Operation

1. Op KENMORE, a search and destroy operation.

Duration

2. 30 Sep - 11 Oct 67.

Location

3. 15 miles SE of NUI DAT YS4367. The area east of the SONG RAI bordering on the SOUTH CHINA SEA. Centre of area YS6963.

Command Headquarters

4. HQ 7 RAR.

Task Organisation

5. 7 RAR with:-
- a. Remaining in Direct Support. 161 Bty RNZA (observation, liaison and communications only).
 - b. In Direct Support from 300600H. 106 Bty RAA (less observation, liaison and communications).
 - c. In Support from 300800H. One OH13 - 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.
 - d. In Support from 301345H until released. One tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

Supporting Forces

6. a. 161 Bty RNZA. This battery remained at NUI DAT during the operation. BC and FO parties remained with 7 RAR.
- b. 106 Bty RAA.

(1) Starting at 0920 hrs on D Day the

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battery was moved by CH47 CHINOOK to AO WATTLE at YS 676584. Under arrangements 1 ATF 108 Bty initially occupied a temporary gun position at XUYEN MOC airfield then moved to join 106 Bty at WATTLE on the same day.

(2) On 8 Oct 67 106 Bty was airlifted to a separate gun position at YS761629 where it remained until the end of the operation.

(3) Protection of the FSB in AO WATTLE was carried out jointly by A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and HQ Coy 1 ATF under arrangements of 1 ATF. After 8 Oct 67 protection of 106 Bty was effected by elements of A Sqn 3 Cav.

A Sqn 3 Cav

7. a. On D Day 2 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav lifted A Coy from YS 686586 in AO WATTLE, along the beach, to YS 763632 in AO PUMA. The APCs were released by the battalion on the same day.
- b. During the latter stages of the operation APCs were used in AOs GUM and WILLOW under arrangements 1 ATF. On these occasions the APCs operated separately.

Aust Aviation (Army)

8. One SIOUX was allotted in support of the battalion during Op KENMORE. By mid-day on D + 1 the LZ at Battalion Headquarters enabled the aircraft to land where it remained on standby for tasks as required.

9. The aircraft was used for the following:-
- a. Liaison.
 - b. Reconnaissance.
 - c. Arty and Mor OP.
 - d. Surveillance of the AO.
 - e. Casevac/medevac.
 - f. Movement and backloading of urgently required stores.
 - g. Assistance in communications on several occasions.
10. The SIOUX was generally of great assistance to the battalion and all tasks were efficiently carried out.

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Aust Aviation (RAAF)

11. Five UHIB IROQUOIS assisted the U.S. Airmobile Coy to lift the battalion to its AO on D Day. Other lifts occurred as follows:-

- a. Tracker Team airlifted from NUI DAT and Battalion Headquarters at YS730633 to A Coy at YS738619 on 1 Oct 67. The Tracker Team was airlifted back to Battalion Headquarters on 3 Oct 67.
- b. A Coy airlifted on 4 Oct 67 from YS757642 in AO PUMA to an LZ secured by D Coy at YS701654 in AO COUGAR.
- c. Fire Aslt Pl airlifted from YS738616 to join D Coy in AO LION on 5 Oct 67 at YS675647.
- d. Tracker Team airlifted from Battalion Headquarters to join D Coy in AO LION on 5 Oct 67.
- e. One section mortars airlifted from NUI DAT to Battalion Headquarters on 1 Oct 67. A further section was airlifted from NUI DAT on 2 Oct 67 after further clearing of the LZ had been accomplished.
- f. One section mortars airlifted from Battalion Headquarters to join C Coy in AO COUGAR at YS 697659 on 5 Oct 67.

12. RAAF IROQUOIS were used on 3, 6 and 9 Oct 67 to resupply the battalion with rations and radio batteries.

13. In addition to lifting rations, mortar ammunition and other miscellaneous equipment, SIOUX and IROQUOIS were used to evacuate the following:-

3 Oct 67	1 x OTTERSKIN	ALBATROSS
6 Oct 67	3 x OTTERSKIN	POSSUM
7 Oct 67	2 x OTTERSKIN	POSSUM
8 Oct 67	2 x OTTERSKIN	POSSUM
9 Oct 67	3 x OTTERSKIN	ALBATROSS
10 Oct 67	1 x OTTERSKIN	POSSUM

U.S. Aviation

14. One Airmobile Coy and four CH47 CHINOOKS were used on D Day to lift the battalion from NUI DAT to its AO. This lift was supplemented by five RAAF IROQUOIS.

15. At the conclusion of the operation two Airmobile Coys and one CHINOOK were used to airlift the battalion back to NUI DAT.

16. A Coy was airlifted on D Day to YS686586 in AO WATTLE. The remainder of 7 RAR, less B Coy, were initially flown to XUYEN MOC airfield in the following order:-

- D Coy
- AQ Cell (from Bn HQ)
- C Coy
- Sp Coy and Bn HQ

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17. B Coy was flown from NUI DAT direct to the LZ at YS735643. The remainder of the battalion, less A Coy, was subsequently flown from XUYEN MOC to the LZ in the following order:-

Bn HQ (CP Group only)
D Coy
C Coy
Sp Coy and Bn HQ

18. Although the battalion fly in was in itself a complicated and unusual one it was carried out smoothly and in accordance with the plan.

19. Cooperation between the battalion and the air agencies available to it is of a high order.

Intelligence

20. See Annex A.

Terrain

21. The country was generally flat consisting of primary and secondary jungle with occasional patches of bamboo and open clearings. Weather was generally warm and cloudy and rain fell on several occasions. All creeks in the area were filled and flowing.

Mission

22. 7 RAR was to search and destroy in AO BANKSIA.

Concept of Operations

23. Annex G.

General Outline

24. One coy was to fly into AO WATTLE then move by APC along the coast to AO PUMA.

25. 7 RAR less one coy was to fly into an LZ in AO JAGUAR. Coys were to move on foot to AOs COUGAR, PANTHER and TIGER and to be in position by last light on D Day. XUYEN MOC was to be used as an intermediate LZ.

26. On D + 1 coys were to search, ambush and destroy in AOs PUMA, LYNX, OCELOT and LEOPARD. Operations in additional AOs were to be conducted subsequently on order.

27. 7 RAR was to supply an LO to XUYEN MOC. This LO was to maintain communications on 1 ATF command net.

Execution

28. The initial phase of the operation involving insertion of friendly troops into AO BANKSIA was conducted without mishap and in accordance with the plan.

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29. 2 RAR used AO WARATAH and operated west of 7 RAR for the duration of the operation.

30. The first signs of VC activity in the battalion AO were located by A Coy in AO PUMA on D Day. At YS 760641 1 Pl found 2 x 44 gal drums, one of which contained rice. Nearby was a small camp with two weapon pits. An ambush at this location during the night was unsuccessful as no enemy appeared.

Enemy Contacts 1 Oct 67

31. On 1 Oct 67, 1 Pl A Coy located an occupied VC camp at YS739616 and the subsequent contact resulted in 1 VC KIA and 1 VC WIA. A K54 pistol, some documents and seven enemy packs were captured as a result. These were immediately backloaded. An immediate follow up by the Tracker Team was aborted because of torrential rain and approaching darkness. It should be stated here that although seven packs were captured, only three enemy soldiers were actually seen during the contact.

32. The VC KIA was later identified as an assistant platoon leader whose body was found to be in possession of 7,500 piastres. This group of enemy was identified to be G57, a main force logistics unit responsible for the reception of strategic materials arriving by sea from NORTH VIETNAM.

33. In the hope that an enemy SAMPAN may have had a rendezvous that night, A Coy remained at the vicinity of the camp in ambush but no further success was achieved. The camp was subsequently destroyed on 2 Oct 67. It should be noted that although personal effects located in the camp confirmed permanent occupation by 7 VC, there was room for 40 VC.

34. Subsequent platoon ambushes were maintained at the destroyed camp site by Fire Aslt Pl nights 3/4 and 4/5 Oct 67 without success.

35. By 2 Oct 67, rifle coys had completed their search of allotted AOs as follows:-

A Coy	PUMA
B Coy	LYNX
C Coy	OCELOT
D Coy	LEOPARD

Accordingly, on 3 Oct 67, the following new areas of search were allotted:-

A Coy	JAGUAR
B Coy	TIGER
C Coy	PANTHER
D Coy	COUGAR

Simultaneously, the Fire Aslt Pl carried out a detailed search of the creek separating AOs PUMA and LYNX. As a result of the A Coy contact and location of the occupied camp

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on 1 Oct it was thought that a similar type of camp could be further upstream. No additional camps were found but a detailed search of the A Coy camp revealed a rice cache at YS738619 - 300 metres north of the camp site. The cache contained 600 lbs of unpolished rice but had the capacity to hold up to one ton. The rice was destroyed in situ by spreading it over a large area.

36. On 4 Oct 67 A Coy were flown from AO PANTHER to AO CHEETAH. D Coy had moved by foot from AO COUGAR and secured the LZ for the reception of A Coy. A Coy then operated in AO CHEETAH for the remainder of the operation. After the arrival of A Coy, D Coy continued to move west, on foot, and commenced operations in AO LION.

Enemy Contact 5 Oct 67

37. At 1045 hrs 5 Oct 67 two enemy walked into A Coy's firm base being secured by 3 Pl who were in ambush. Both VC were killed instantly. The enemy were dressed in black pyjamas, had sweatbands around their heads, Red Indian style, and wore HO CHI MINH sandals. As a result of the contact 2 x 7.92 mm rifles, 2 x packs, a quantity of documents and 185 piastres were captured.

38. The enemy involved in this contact were subsequently identified as local guerillas from XUYEN MOC District Coy. The guerillas had approached the ambush from the south west. Initially it was suspected that more VC could be in the party but a search of the area confirmed there had been only two.

Enemy Contact 7 Oct 67

39. 3 VC walked into an ambush set by 2 Pl A Coy at 1515 hrs 7 Oct 67 at YS689646. Two VC were killed instantly. A third VC was wounded in the contact but disappeared leaving a heavy blood trail. The Tracker Team were immediately flown in and within minutes of arrival located and killed the third enemy.

40. A search of the area indicated that a fourth VC had been with the group although only three enemy had actually been seen. A blood trail indicated that the fourth VC had also been wounded. A fourth enemy pack was located along the blood trail. The blood trail was found to cease near this pack and further evidence indicated the VC had treated his wound at this point. Approaching darkness and rain prevented further follow up that day.

41. The VC had approached 2 Pl ambush from the south east. The enemy were moving carefully and weapons were carried at the ready. The enemy had been seen approaching at a range of 60 metres but were allowed to come to 15 metres before the ambush was sprung. As a result of the contact the following equipment was captured:-

1 x 7.92 rifle
1 x M2 carbine
4 x packs
quantity of documents
5,865 piastres

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42. Dress of the enemy was black pyjamas and HO CHI MINH sandals. The three enemy killed were probably local guerillas providing an escort for the fourth VC.

Enemy contacts 8 Oct 67

43. At 0815 hrs on 8 Oct 67 at YS705653 9 Pl C Coy engaged and killed one enemy. The task of the platoon at that time was to clear around the perimeter of C Coy's position. The VC was wearing black pyjamas, HO CHI MINH sandals and a brown felt hat but carried no weapon. Further examination of the body indicated he had been wounded some time earlier in the shoulder and area of the kidney. The enemy was in possession of a satchel of documents.

44. It is thought that this VC was the fourth member who escaped from the A Coy contact the previous afternoon. His wounds were estimated to be nearly 20 hrs old. Intelligence reports indicate that this VC was a province inspector for the Current Affairs Committee.

45. It is worthy of note that no weapon could be located. It is thought that the wounded enemy probably abandoned all surplus personal equipment, including his weapon, in his haste to save the documents and seek medical attention. He had possibly concealed his weapon in a cache some time before being killed.

46. At 1520 hrs 8 Oct 67 at YS685645, a VC walked into 3 Pl ambush and was engaged by fire. Closer examination indicated the VC was a woman. She was only wounded and accordingly was backloaded as a PW for medical treatment to 8 Fd Amb. The enemy was dressed in black pyjamas, was unarmed and carried a satchel of documents. Reports indicate she was a local guerilla and leader of the XUYEN MOC Women's Association Cadre.

47. On 7 Oct 67 D Coy moved by foot and commenced to search AOs WALNUT and PEPPER. Subsequently, on 8 Oct 67, 106 Bty was airlifted to its new gun position in AO PUMA in order to provide artillery support in those AOs north of AO BANKSIA. B Coy was allotted AO KARRI on the same day. On 9 Oct 67 C Coy started further operations in AO HIBISCUS.

48. The remaining period of the operation was uneventful and met with no further success. The battalion was airlifted to NUI DAT on 11 Oct 67.

Comds Analysis and Recommendations

49. Well laid ambushes are the best way in which to kill enemy. The skills of laying and triggering an ambush are only acquired after very considerable training. I feel "ambushes" should be emphasised more in training in Australia.

50. This operation proved once again that the enemy is more closely tied to tracks than we are. This is particularly so of guerillas, administrative troops, production cells and Worksite Echelon troops. They do not have the compasses, maps and skill to navigate through the jungle.

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51. As soon as the track patterns are established ambushes begin to bring results. Once the tracks are denied him there is no other way he can move from one place to another.

Eric H. Smith

for (Eric H. SMITH)
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

Enclosures:-

Annex A: Enemy Intelligence before the Op.
Annex B: Intelligence Summary.
Annex C: A Coy Op Analysis Report.
Annex D: B Coy Op Analysis Report.
Annex E: C Coy Op Analysis Report.
Annex F: D Coy Op Analysis Report.
Annex G: Concept of Operations.

Distribution

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

External

HQ 1 ATF (5)

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ANNEX A TO
7 RAR SVN 14/67
DATED 31 OCT 67

ENEMY FORCES

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

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ANNEX B TO
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
OPERATION KENMORE

Introduction

1. Operation KENMORE took place in that area EAST of the SONG RAI and SOUTH of XUYEN MOC in the Viet Cong District of XUYEN MOC which roughly coincides with the SOUTH VIETNAM government district of the same name. It had been reported over a long period, by various sources, that the area SOUTH of Route 23 to the coast, between the SONG RAI and BINH CHAU (YS 7867) was an important supply area. This area included Cape HO TRAM (YS 6758), a name that had always been linked with two others (Slope 30 and BAO BINH) to summarize the three major centres of VC resupply in 5 VC Div area of operations.
2. As a result of a study of available information it was thought that the two main areas of VC activity were EAST of the NUI KHO hills (YS 6562) and up to 2000 metres in from the eastern beach. The first area was suspected as a possible alternate depot area for the former SONG RAI caches, the latter as the most likely area in which storage, liaison and/or transshipment camps would be located.
3. It was thought that enemy troops most likely to be encountered would be local guerillas and members of VC production cells. There had been reports of larger enemy groups in the area but these reports were unconfirmed. Main force units had infrequently in the past come to the area on portage and escort duties. It was known that a VC unit responsible for co-ordinating infiltration of material and supplies from North Vietnam (Unit 1500) had at times, elements operating in the area. Subordinate units of Group 84 were also expected to be located in the area.

Contacts/Installations

4. A Coy's contact at YS 739616 on the afternoon of the 1 Oct was with at least 7 VC and resulted in 1 VC KIA and 2 WIA (possible). The documents taken from the VC body and seven packs left in the scene of the contact provided much useful information on exploitation. It would appear that the VC KIA was an assistant Pl Comd of B3/G57. (Further information on G57 is detailed under the documentation paragraphs).
5. The scene of the above mentioned contact was also the site of a camp. Searches of the same general area later located a rice cache and a hospital installation. These were subsequently destroyed.
6. The A Coy contact at YS 687646 on 5 Oct was with two VC from the XUYEN MOC District Coy (C23) both of whom were armed with 7.62 mm Mossin Nagants. This ambush resulted in two VC KIA, and again a valuable amount of documentation was recovered.
7. The third contact with VC elements was again made by A Coy when they ambushed four VC at YS 689646 on the 7 Oct.

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This contact resulted in three VC KIA, one VC WIA and two weapons captured. The fourth VC who escaped was killed the following day when he was engaged by a C Coy clearing patrol. Documentation on the body of the latter revealed that he was a BA BIEN Provincial Inspector who, at the time of the operation, was probably on a motivation visit to XUYEN MOC District. The other three VC KIA were most likely provincial or district escorts.

8. The final contact at YS 686645 was made by A Coy and resulted in one VC WIA (PW). This VC subsequently admitted under interrogation to being a member of the Cadre Womens' Association for XUYEN MOC District.

Documentation

9. Most contacts during the operation resulted in the capture of valuable amounts of documentation, most of which has now been exploited. Documents from the initial contact were most significant and revealed that Unit 1500 had packed up and moved further EAST around the coast about Dec/Jan 67. At the same time a new unit was formed to look after recce and liaison in the area of the operation. This unit was A20 and it has at least five pls B1, 2, 3, 4, 5. In Aug 67 A20 became G57 and was given a "special mission". There were many references in the papers to this "special mission" but no clear statement indicated what it is. It is thought that it could be the receipt and onward movement of mines, explosives and other ammo and weapons from NVN. All pls of G57 were reportedly well dispersed to maintain security. The VC KIA was assistant pl comd of B3/G57.

10. Exploitation of documents from the same contact stated that K5/Gp84 had a rice storage in the area of the contact, but gave no indication if it was stocked at the time. All rice for HO TRAM units apparently came down from BAO BINH in LONG KHAN PROVINCE.

11. Documentation captured as a result of the second contact showed the two VC KIA to be members of XUYEN MOC DISTRICT COY (C23). They carried on their bodies sketches of the SONG RAI POSTS which contained considerable detail. Other translated papers dealt with future intentions of VC Provincial units but especially the local XUYEN MOC units. One interesting discovery was the proposed GO CAT HAMLET which was to be set up in the vicinity of the SONG RAI as a type of VC defended village - an ambitious scheme to say the least.

12. Documentation from the body of the VC KIA in the C Coy contact revealed the holder to be a Provincial Inspector who was on a tour of inspection of XUYEN MOC DISTRICT at the time of the operation.

13. Operation KENMORE produced more valuable information than any other operation in which 7 RAR has taken part. It has resulted in substantiating the existence and designation of some of the lesser known VC units operating within PHUOC TUY PROVINCE.

(R.K. PETTIT)
Capt
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SUMMARY OF CONTACTS AND DESTRUCTION

The following is a summary of men, equipment, installations and casualties caused during Operation KENMORE:-

VC KIA	7
VC POW (WAI)	1
VC WIA	1
7.62 MOSSIN NAGANT RIFLE	3
30 CAL M2 CARBINE	1
7.62 K54 PISTOL	1
7.62 SHORT SMG MAG	1
.30 CAL ROUNDS	77
7.62 PISTOL ROUNDS	40
7.62 ROUNDS	10
PISTOL HOLSTER LEATHER	1
PISTOL MAG POUCHES	2
PISTOL BELT	1
U.S. WATER BOTTLE AND CARRIER	3
U.S. BASIC POUCH	1
U.S. COMPASS	1
LEATHER POUCH	1
PACKS	9
GAS MASK	1
SHOVEL HEAD	2
LONG HANDLED SHOVEL	2
BLACK TROUSERS	6
BLACK SHIRTS	8
BLACK SHORTS	4
PARA SILK	Qty
KNIFE	1
SPIRIT LAMPS	2
SCISSORS	1 Pr
SPECTACLES	1 Pr
BATH TOWEL	1
FISH NETS	35
FISH TRAP	1
TOYS	Qty

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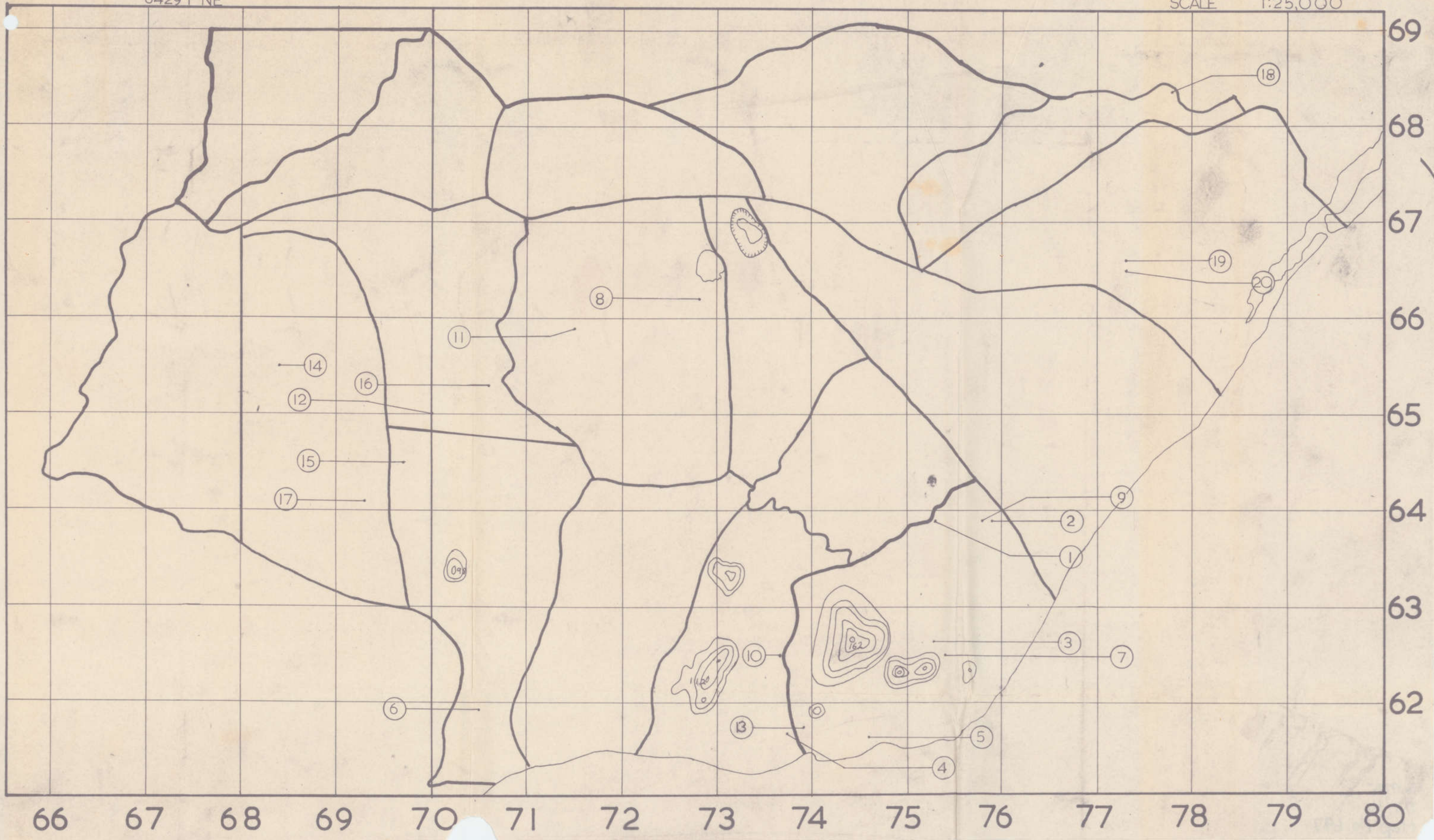
1. 2 freshly dug caches both empty
2. A trench and hut with a pair of trousers hanging on a line, 2x44 gall drums, one half filled with polished rice.
3. En camp 2 yrs old.
4. Contact 1 VC KIA.
5. Found 1 x .30 cal Magazine
6. Hut 10'x10'
7. Small VC Base camp.
8. Old VC coy camp.
9. 2 baskets, shovels 2, 1 knife, 1 x US water bottle found.
10. Booby trap.
11. Sleeping mat and trench.
12. 2 cylindrical objects, believed to be mines
13. Cache 16 cu ft of rice.
14. Contact 2 VC KIA.
15. Contact 3 VC KIA.
16. Contact 1 VC KIA.
17. Contact 1 VC WIA (1 VC POW)
18. Portable fish trap found.
19. 4 large coconut drying beds.
20. 7 graves found.

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MAPS: 6430 I I SE
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SCALE 1:25,000



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ANNEX C TO
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A COY OP ANALYSIS REPORT
OP KENMORE

1. Subunit. A Coy 7 RAR.
2. Comd. Maj E.J. O'DONNELL.
3. Op Name. Op KENMORE.
4. Duration. 301140H Sep - 110840H Oct 67.
5. Outline Task. Search and destroy in area CAPE HO TRAM.
6. Sequence of Events. See Appendix 1.
7. Assessment of Op
 - a. The Coy worked extremely well on this op. The standard of patrolling and ambushing has shown a marked improvement in the last month.
 - b. The coy has adopted a technique of continuing to fire into the area of a contact even though no more VC can be seen. This paid dividends in the 7 Oct contact where a VC was wounded although at no stage was he seen by anyone in the ambush. This VC was subsequently killed by C Coy when he tried to escape the area.
 - c. It might be of interest to note that all 6 VC KIA were attributed to the GPMGs.
 - d. Difficulty was experienced on the flyout when it was found that the LZ selected for the flyout of A, C and D Coys was thought to be unsuitable. It is recommended that the coy responsible for the security and control of the LZ should be given more time, if possible, prior to the first sortie in order to ensure all arrangements for the flyout are completed.

8. Summary of Results

6 VC KIA (BC)
1 VC WIA/PW
2 VC WIA

Captured equipment:-

3 x 7.92 mm Mossin Nagant rifles
1 x M2 carbine
1 x K54 .30 pistol
13 x packs
large qty docus and 18495 piastres.

Destroyed:-

5 bunkers
1 kitchen area
2 x 44 gal drums
100 lbs rice
100 lbs meat and fish.

(E.J. O'DONNELL) .. /14
Maj
OC A Coy

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APPENDIX 1 TO
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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

30 Sep 67

A Coy flew from NUI DAT to Cape HO TRAM GR 686586 at 1140 hrs by airmobile coy. At 1300 hrs 2 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav moved the coy along the beach past Cape TAM BO to GR 763632. From then the coy moved on foot through swampy going to a coy firm base at GR 756642. Recce ptls found signs of VC activity. At GR 760641 1 Pl found 2 x 44 gal drums one of which contained rice. Nearby was a small camp with two wph pits. This spot was ambushed overnight without success.

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The coy searched SOUTH into AO PUMA. 3 Pl found old pl sized camps at GR 756636 and GR 752626 each about 12 months old. At 1410 hrs 1 Pl located an occupied VC camp at GR 739616. Results were 1 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA, 1 x K54 pistol and 7 packs captured. A follow up with the tracking team located a small fishing camp at GR 744616 but then the search was frustrated by a torrential downpour. CHQ, 1 Pl and 3 Pl ambushed the camps overnight but the VC did not return.

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1 Pl flew in 100 lbs explosive and destroyed the VC camp. The remainder of the day was spent in searching AO PUMA with no further result. The Coy regrouped at the firm base GR 757642.

3 Oct 67

A search of AO JAGUAR revealed no recent use and no camps.

4 Oct 67

Early in the morning the coy destroyed the small camp at GR 760641 and some arty blinds. At 1030 hrs the coy flew to an LZ secured by D Coy at GR 701654 then moved WEST on foot into AO CHEETAH. A Coy firm base was set up astride a VC track at GR 685645 and another ambush was set by 2 Pl at GR 685641 on another track. There were signs of recent two way VC mov in the area.

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While 1 Pl and 2 Pl searched the NORTH part of AO CHEETAH, 3 Pl maintained an ambush at the coy firm base. At 1030 hrs 2 VC walked into the ambush and were killed. 2 x 7.92 mm rifles and some docs were captured.

6 Oct 67

Ambushes were set on the main tracks but there were no incidents. The Fire Aslt Pl was placed under comd of A Coy for the remainder of the Op. They maintained an ambush at GR 673646.

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7 Oct 67

Ambushes were maintained. At 1515 hrs 3 VC were seen to walk into 2 Pl's ambush at GR 689646 and were killed. A search of the area showed that a fourth VC had been wounded although he was not seen at any stage. The tracking team was flown in and located the wounded man's pack before darkness stopped the follow up. 2 wpns, 4 packs, and many docus were recovered.

8 Oct 67

The follow up of the wounded VC showed that he had swung NE in an endeavour to get out of the area. At 0830 hrs he was killed by a platoon of C Coy. At 1520 hrs one VC walked into the 3 Pl ambush at GR 685645 and was captured wounded. She was flown out together with a pack and documents.

9 Oct 67

Ambushes and local ptls.

10 Oct 67

The coy was ordered to concentrate and then move at 1300 hrs to GR 720668 prior to flyout the fol day. Two ptls of 1 SAS Sqn took over the coy ambush area and were briefed on the ground. The move of the coy was uneventful.

11 Oct 67

The LZ selected for A, C and D Coys appeared unsuitable. At short notice 2IC A Coy selected an alternate LZ. The flyout of the coys started at 0800 hrs and by 0850 hrs all three coys were complete back at NUI DAT.

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APPENDIX 2 TO
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7 RAR SVN 14/67
DATED 31 OCT 67

CONTACT REPORT

1. Contact by 1 Pl A Coy.
2. Date/Time. 1410 hrs 1 Oct 67.
3. Location. GR 739616.
4. En Strenth. 7, although only 3 were seen.
5. Type of En. Main force logistic unit subsequently identified as G57, an offshoot of Gp 1500 responsible for the receipt and onward mov of strategic goods over the beach from NORTH VIETNAM.
6. En Cas and Wpns Recovered
 - 1 VC KIA (BC). Rank Asst Pl Leader.
 - 1 VC WIA
 - 1 x K54 .30 cal pistol captured
 - 7 x packs
 - qty of food mostly fish and meat
 - qty documents
 - 7500 piastres
7. Description of Contact
 - a. A recce ptl from 1 Pl commanded by Cpl H.C. SPRADBROW located fresh tracks and a quantity of meat and fish beside a creek at GR 739617. They suspected that a camp was nearby,
 - b. The remainder of the pl commanded by 2Lt R.C. SMITH moved to the area. The pl comd deployed his pl in a semi-circle in the jungle on the NORTH side of the camp while preparing to move 1 Sect into the camp. 1 Sect crept into the outskirts of the camp and took up fire posns behind some rocks.
 - c. 2 VC were sighted walking across to a cooking area approx 40 m from 1 Sect. Cpl SPRADBROW ordered his sect to fire. Both were seen to fall to the ground. A third VC rushed from a bunker and swept up one of the wounded VC and dived over a bank with him onto the beach. The other VC on the ground was riddled by the fire of 1 Sect. A few shots were fired by other VC who all withdrew onto the beach and disappeared to the EAST. Only the original 3 VC were seen by 1 Pl. Dress was black uniform, HO CHI MINH sandals.
 - d. The camp was searched thoroughly by 1 Pl who recovered 7 packs and the eqpt of the VC KIA.

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e. The arty asst FO brought down fire on the escape route to the EAST. 3 Pl were put in a cut off role on a well used track at GR 747624 while OC A Coy and his party climbed the hill at GR 748624 to obtain good comms. The tracking team was flown in to the scene of the contact and 1 Tp A Sqn took up blocking posns along the beach between 73 and 76 Eastings.

f. The follow up started well using the tracking team until a torrential downpour started which lasted the rest of the afternoon. The dogs lost the scent, the tracks were obliterated, and the enemy party escaped.

g. The en camp was destroyed on 2 Oct 67. It consisted of 4 large bunkers (25 ft x 3 ft x 4 ft with 3 ft OHP) and a cooking area. It had been permanently occupied by 7 VC with room for approx 40 VC.

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APPENDIX 3 TO
ANNEX C TO
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DATED 31 OCT 67

CONTACT REPORT

1. Contact by 3 Pl A Coy.
2. Date/Time. 1045 hrs 5 Oct 67.
3. Location. GR 687646 approx 4000 m SE of XUYEN MOC.
4. En Strength. 2 VC.
5. Type of En. Local guerillas. Identified subsequently as coming from C23 Coy. Dress black pyjamas, HO CHI MINH sandals, sweatbands wrapped around foreheads Red Indian Style.
6. En Cas and Wpns Recovered
2 VC KIA
2 x 7.92 mm Mossin Nagant rifles
2 x packs
qty docus
185 piastres
7. Description of Contact
 - a. Two enemy were seen approaching the pl ambush area from the SW. The machine gunner Pte J. KIRKMAN allowed them to come to within 20 m of his position before he opened fire. His initial burst killed both VC.
 - b. The Pl Comd 2Lt W. BANNON ordered three Claymores to be fired and further small arms fire into the area. However a subsequent search showed that only the 2 VC were in the area.

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APPENDIX 4 TO
ANNEX C TO
7 RAR SVN 14/67
DATED 31 OCT 67

CONTACT REPORT

1. Contact by 2 Pl A Coy.
2. Date/Time. 1515 hrs 7 Oct 67.
3. Location. GR 689646.
4. En Strength. 4 (only 3 were seen).
5. Type of En. Local guerillas. The first three were probably escorts for the fourth man who was a province inspector for the Current Affairs Committee. Dress was black pyjamas, HO CHI MINH sandals.
6. En Cas and Eqpt Recovered
 - 3 VC KIA
 - 1 VC WIA
 - 4 x packs
 - 1 x 7.92 mm Mossin Nagant rifle
 - 1 x M2 carbine
 - qty documents
 - 5865 piastres
7. Description of Contact
 - a. Three VC were seen to walk towards 2 Pl ambush at a track junc GR 689646. They approached from the SOUTH EAST. They were moving carefully but quickly with wpns at the ready. The machine gunner of 5 Sect Pte G. McCALL observed them at a range of about 60 metres. He allowed them to come to 15 m before opening fire.
 - b. His initial burst killed the first two VC. The third VC disappeared leaving a blood trail. The tracker team was quickly flown in to the scen of the contact and almost immediately located the third VC who was shot.
 - c. The subsequent search commanded by Lt I.M. GAY of 2 Pl and employing the tracker team located signs of a fourth VC who had been in the area of the contact and had left a heavy blood trail on the track. This was followed up to a spot where the man had broken bush and discarded his pack. He had apparently also treated the wound because the blood trail ceased.
 - d. A search the next morning using 1 Pl and the tracking team relocated the man's track. He was being followed in a NE direction when it was learned that he had walked into a C Coy ambush and was killed.

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APPENDIX 5 TO
ANNEX C TO
7 RAR SVN 14/67
DATED 31 OCT 67

CONTACT REPORT

1. Contact by 3 Pl A Coy.
2. Date/Time. 1515 hrs 8 Oct 67.
3. Location. GR 686645.
4. En Strength. 1 VC.
5. Type of En. Local guerilla, member of Women's Association Cadre. Dress black pyjamas, HO CHI MINH sandals, unarmed.
6. En Cas and Wpns Recovered
1 VC WIA (PW)
1 x pack
1 x satchel docus
7. Description of Contact
 - a. After a report from his sentry of noises to the front, Cpl P.N. SANDERSON of 7 Sect 3 Pl took a clearing ptl to investigate. Cpl SANDERSON spotted a figure in black and fired whereupon after one round his M16 had a stoppage. On investigating, he found that the VC had gone to ground with a hip wound, and Cpl SANDERSON captured her.
 - b. A DUSTOFF helicopter was arranged and the PW was evacuated to 8 Fd Amb.

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ANNEX D TO
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B COY OP ANALYSIS REPORT
OP KENMORE

1. Subunit. B Coy 7 RAR.
2. Comd. Major D.J. MEALEY.
3. Op Name. Op KENMORE.
4. Dates. 30 Sep 67 to 11 Oct 67.
5. Tasks.
 - a. Secure the LZ at YS 735642 for the fly in of the remainder of the battalion.
 - b. By last light 30 Sep 67, establish a base at YS 736647.
 - c. Search, ambush and destroy in AO LYNX on D + 1.

Sequence of Events

6. 301400H - The fly in of B Coy was achieved unopposed. The LZ was secured without incidents.
- 301700H - A base camp was established at 738645.
- 1 Oct 67 - AO LYNX was searched. Two recently used tracks were located in the Area YS 7362. These were ambushed from 011600H to 020600H.
- 2 Oct 67 - AO LYNX search was completed and B Coy returned to YS 738645.
- 3 Oct 67-
8 Oct 67 - A base was established at YS 742654, and AO TIGER was searched. Tracks were located and ambushes sited at YS 738655, 747657 and 738646. These were maintained until 080600H.
- 8 Oct 67 - B Coy searched the NW section of AO WILLOW and AO KARRI. An ambush was sited on a track creek crossing at 778684. This was maintained until 100700H.
- 9 Oct 67 - The Coy moved to YS 765673 and searched AO GUM.
- 10 Oct 67 - The Coy searched the EASTERN portion of AO WILLOW.
- 11 Oct 67 - The operation ended and B Coy secured the LZ for the fly out of Bn HQ and B Coy.

(D.J. MEALEY)

Maj
OC B Coy

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ANNEX E TO
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DATED 31 OCT 67

C COY OP ANALYSIS REPORT
OP KENMORE

1. Subunit. C Coy 7 RAR.
2. Comd. Maj G.K. CHAPMAN.
3. Op Name. Op KENMORE.
4. Duration. 301200H Sep 67 - 110900H Oct 67.
5. Outline of Tasks
 - a. Third coy in order of fly in to LZ YS 735642.
 - b. Clear HOG feature YS 731633.
 - c. Establish a coy base vic YS 717643 by last light 30 Sep 67.
 - d. Search ambush and destroy in AO OCELOT commencing 1 Oct 67.
 - e. Search, ambush and destroy in other AO's as directed.
6. Sequence of events. See Appendix 1 attached.
7. Assessment of op.
 - a. All ranks were disappointed that the coy only had one contact with the VC during the operation.
 - b. None of the areas searched by the coy contained any useable VC camps or installations although in AO's OCELOT and HIBISCUS well used tracks running NORTH-SOUTH suitable for ox-carts were located.
 - c. The track system in AO OCELOT probably swings WEST near the southern bdy and may well be an alternative system from an unlocated VC camp, possibly NW of AO TULIP, to the system in AO CHEETAH, in which A Coy had a number of successful contacts.
 - d. The NORTH-SOUTH tracks running through AO HIBISCUS were well used and probably lead to a sizeable VC camp approx 2,000 m outside the units AO. It is unfortunate that the AO could not have been extended to allow this coy to search the area in conjunction with D Coy.
8. General comments
 - a. On 1 Oct 67 D Coy selected a Mor DF which was directly overhead to this coy. D Coy intended to register and adjust the target. Following our request the location of the target was altered so that the line of fire was flanking to this coy.

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b. The coy completed all tasks in an efficient and thorough manner.

c. It is considered that the coy has reached an extremely high level of operational efficiency which it is hoped can be maintained in the future, bearing in mind the substantial loss of NS which is imminent.

d. The contact with one VC on 8 Oct which resulted in 1 VC KIA was well conducted, efficiently controlled and is a credit to all concerned.

(G.K. CHAPMAN)
Maj
OC C Coy

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APPENDIX 1 TO
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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- 30 Sep 67 - 1200 hrs. Reported to PZ at LUSCOMBE in correct ac loads.
- 1230 hrs. Commenced flyout with two complete and two split Chinook loads.
- 1245 hrs. Coy concentrated at XUYEN MOC and split into UHIB and UHID hel loads.
- 1415 hrs. Coy flew out from XUYEN MOC in one lift in airmobile coy and RAAF hel.
- 1430 hrs. Coy concentrated at bn LZ YS 734640 and immediately commenced deployment by moving forward along the route. When the coy was fully deployed Bn HQ was ready to move behind the coy so the coy continued on.
- 1530 hrs. Arrived at HOG feature YS 731633 and cleared the western slopes for Bn HQ. A heat exhaustion case necessitated a halt of 20 mins.
- 1730 hrs. Crossed EAST-WEST track at YS 720640 which had on it recently made footprints of 2 or 3 people. After quick recce the coy continued on.
- 1800 hrs. Arrived at final objective and coy ambush estab on prominent NORTH-SOUTH track with footprints on it indicating that two people had recently run NORTH along the track. Coy loc YS 717642.
- 1 Oct 67 - 0730 hrs. Coy HQ plus two pls in patrol eqpt commenced search of AO OCELOT with the third pl remaining in the ambush loc.
- 0800 hrs. Sect plus ambush estab on EAST-WEST track YS 720640.
- 1200 hrs. Both search pls and tac Coy HQ reached the southern bdy of the AO and continued search back towards the coy ambush loc.
- 1645 hrs. Both search pls and tac Coy HQ back in Coy ambush loc.
- 1745 hrs. 7 Pl moved from coy ambush loc to build up the str of the ambush gp at YS 720640.
- 2 Oct 67 - Coy remained in the two ambush locs and did further recces of the track complex. No definite signs of the NW track or the track running to the EAST from YS 716644, as shown on the maps, were found. From that point the NORTH-SOUTH track continues on in a NNE direction.
- 1945 hrs. A light was seen approaching the ambush loc at YS 715642 from the SOUTH. The light appeared to continue towards the ambush loc for some minutes until a dog barked and the light faded out. An arty DF was fired to the SOUTH in an attempt to drive the suspected VC group into the ambush locs which remained at 50% stand-to throughout the night.

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- 3 Oct 67 - 0700 hrs. 7 Pl moved from their ambush loc and secured the resup LZ YS 714642 by 0730 hrs. The remainder of the coy moved to the LZ and resup of five hel sorties commenced at 0830 hrs.
- 1000 hrs. The coy (minus a pl) commenced movt to a patrol base YS 723648 and 9 Pl moved to an ambush loc at a major track junction YS 714638.
 - 1100 hrs. Patrol base established and secured by a pl which did local patrolling out to 800m by sects.
 - 1115 hrs. 7 Pl plus elements of Coy HQ commenced a search of the northern portion of AO PANTHER.
 - 1215 hrs. The search group was ordered to halt as Bn HQ considered the group was too isolated from the B Coy pls which were searching in conjunction with the group.
 - 1230 hrs. The search group was ordered to continue.
 - 1310 hrs. An old VC and cart track running NE was located at YS 728662 by the search group. The general area had been extensively bombed and not used for at least 12 months.
 - 1430 hrs. The search group crossed a major track running NNE at YS 726663. This track is probably connected to the track from YS 716644.
 - 1730 hrs. The search group returned to the patrol base.
- 4 Oct 67 - 0715 hrs. 9 Pl moved from their ambush loc to the patrol base.
- 1000 hrs. After water resup by hel and a visit by the IO and RMO the coy commenced another search of AO PANTHER along three routes.
 - 1240 hrs. 7 Pl and Coy HQ arrived at the proposed coy base YS 723659 and when the other pls arrived at the base a final search of the northern bdy of the AO was conducted by sect ppls.
 - 1900 hrs. Night ambushes were established at YS 719671 on Route 23 by 7 Pl and at YS 728669 on the NNE track by 8 Pl.
- 5 Oct 67 = 0715 hrs. 7 Pl returned to the coy base from ambush.
- 0730 hrs. Received orders from Bn HQ to move to vic YS 698658 and secure an area for a sect of mors.

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- 0810 hrs. 8 Pl returned to the coy base from ambush.
 - 0820 hrs. Water resup by hel received.
 - 0830 hrs. Coy commenced movement and was initially slowed down by the swampy terrain.
 - 1030 hrs. Bn HQ was informed that the mor base plate posn would be secured in approx 45 mins.
 - 1100 hrs. Base plate posn secured with pls dispersed around the LZ. 8 Pl had to be withdrawn 300 m because of the nearness of an A Coy ptl route.
 - 1245 hrs. Received orders to det a pl to ambush the "recently used" track located by A Coy vic YS 684666.
 - 1300 hrs. 8 Pl commenced movt to ambush loc and remainder of coy securing the mor base plate area reorganized with Coy HQ at YS 699660 7 Pl minus at YS 697661. and a standing patrol at YS 696657 and 9 Pl at YS 770657.
 - 1530 hrs. 8 Pl met up with A Coy and commenced recce of the tracks in the area. The final loc selected was on Route 23 at YS 683670. It seems probably that the recently used track located by A Coy was made by a pl of D Coy.
- 6 Oct 67 - The coy less 8 Pl received a major resup of rats, laundry bags etc. 8 Pl received a separate resup. Received orders to withdraw 8 Pl the following day.
- 7 Oct 67 - 0700 hrs. 8 Pl commenced withdrawl to coy loc and on arrival occupied the 7 Pl standing patrol loc at YS 696657.
- 0850 hrs. Conducted experimental firing of three signalling shots.
 - 0915 hrs. Movement in their vicinity was reported by a 9 Pl standing ptl and a sweep of the area by the pl with 7 Pl in a cut off posn located 5 old chairs.
- 8 Oct 67 - 0645 hrs. 9 Pl less a sect securing the pl base commenced a recce in str to locate and ambush any tracks in the vic YS 703654.
- 0815 hrs. 9 Pl contacted one VC who was KIA at YS 705653 (See Contact Report attached).
 - 0920 hrs. Documents in satchel from VC evac by H13 hel.

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- 1130 hrs. Resup of rats for 3 days by three hel sorties received.
 - 1300 hrs. Received orders to move towards AO HIBISCUS after the mor sect was withdrawn.
 - 1545 hrs. Coy commenced movt and halted at 1745 hrs at YS 722669.
- 9 Oct 67 - 0720 hrs. Coy recommenced movt towards AO HIBISCUS. At the southern bdy of the AO 7 Pl turned NORTH whilst the remainder of the coy continued on to a patrol base at YS 748677 where an ambush was estab along an old cart track.
- 1015 hrs. 8 Pl less a sect commenced searching NORTH and 9 Pl less a sect commenced searching SOUTH.
 - 1320 hrs. 7 Pl established an ambush on a well used track crossing the creek at YS 745691
 - 1330 hrs. 9 Pl returned to the coy base.
 - 1430 hrs. Comms lost with 8 Pl apparently because of water in the handset. H13 hel warned to standby to drop the pl a new handset if comms could not be re-estab in 30 mins.
 - 1500 hrs. 8 Pl returned to coy base and when the radio was dried out it became serviceable again.
 - 1600 hrs. Coy HQ, 8 Pl, 9 Pl commenced movt towards the northern portion of the AO. Ambushes estab on tracks with Coy HQ and 8 Pl at YS 746685 and 9 Pl at YS 743688.
- 10 Oct 67 - Coy remained in ambush locs until 1330 hrs when 7 Pl, 8 Pl and Coy HQ moved to the 9 Pl location.
- 1430 hrs. Coy commenced a final search of AO HIBISCUS using one pl up and two pls back.
 - 1700 hrs. Coy harbour established at YS 736674.
 - 1830 hrs. Received the air movt instruction which required the coy to move 2,500 m the fol morning.
- 11 Oct 67 - 0530 hrs. Coy commenced movt to LZ.
- 0645 hrs. Coy in posn near LZ and had a quick brew before splitting into hel loads.
 - 0800 hrs. Coy flew back to 1 ATF base in hels:

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CONTACT REPORT

1. Operation KENMORE.
2. 216966 2Lt J.A. FITZSIMON.
3. 9 Pl C Coy 7 RAR.
4. Time of action - 0815 hrs 8 Oct 67.
5. Location. Vicinity YS 705653.
6. Patrol Task to clear round edges of clearing and establish ambushes on likely VC routes.
7. The patrol of two sections and elements of Pl HQ had halted for 10 minutes and the forward sect had just moved off from this halt when it noticed movement to its front. The signal for en seen or suspected was sent back and the sect deployed into contact formation of extended line and took up fire positions. The rear section began to move up on the right when the forward sect opened fire at a range of approx 50 metres. The en was seen to fall and the rear sect of Pl HQ swept through from the right and discovered the body of the en.
8. The ground was flat with low grass about 2 ft high interspersed with low scrubby trees. Range of visibility was 75 metres.
9. Distance when first sighted about 70 metres.
10. MG No 1 who at that stage was point man.
11. The en was walking along the track which the patrol was investigating.
12. His movt caused en to be noticed.
13. En str - one. Dress: Black shirt, long trousers, HO CHI MINH sandals, brown felt hat.
14. MG No 1 fired first, range 50 m, as he considered the VC would soon see the patrol as they were moving into fire positions.
15. MG and SLRs were fired.
16. En was seen to fall immediately.
17. Sect kept up surpressive fire as rear sect moved up to sweep the area.
18. En cas 1 KIA.
19. Caused by GPMG M60.
20. Friendly Cas. Nil

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22. Approx ammo expended 150 x Link belt 60 x 7.62 mm Bdr.
23. A satchel of Tax Ledgers was captured. No weapon was located.
24. Lessons Learnt
 - (a) The patrol had the initial advantage as they had just recommenced movement after a halt.
 - (b) The MG No 1 may have been a bit hasty in opening fire even though the target was clearly visible to the majority of the section.

(J.A. FITZSIMON)
2Lt
OC 9 Pl

Coy Comds comments

- a. The A Coy contact with 4 VC on the afternoon of 7 Oct 67 resulted in a wounded VC escaping. Orders were issued on the same evening to pls of C Coy to locate all likely escape routes and estab sect ambushes on them.
- b. 9 Pl (less a sect securing the pl base) moved at 0645 hrs to establish one or two ambushes on what were considered likely routes.
- c. The contact occurred as the patrol was investigating one of the routes.
- d. All members of the patrol performed extremely well and the result from the first sighting was never in doubt.

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ANNEX F TO
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D COY OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS REPORT
OP KENMORE 30 SEP - 11 OCT 67

References: A. 7 RAR opO 14/67 (Op KENMORE) dated 27 Sep 67.
B. XUYEN MOC (SE), 1:25,000 Sheet 6430-II-SE.

1. Subunit. D Coy 7 RAR.
2. Command. Maj D.E. PATERSON.
3. Name of Operation. Op KENMORE.
4. Duration. 30 Sep - 11 Oct 67.
5. Outline of Tasks. To search, destroy, and ambush in areas of operations LEOPARD, COUGAR, LION, WALNUT, PEPPER and YEW. AO YEW was extended north to the 69 northing during this operation at the request of OC D Coy.

Sequence of Events

6. 30 Sep 67 - D Coy moved by helicopter from the 1 ATF base area at NUI DAT 4367 to an LZ at 734642, then walked to 702648 and harboured for the night 30 Sep/1 Oct astride an old north-south track at this position.
 - 1 Oct 67 - 12 Pl searched the northern portion of AO LEOPARD then ambushed the most likely route in the area at 702648. The remainder of D Coy searched NUI GAI MA 7063 and the area south of this feature in AO LEOPARD. Ambushed an east-west track at 707620 on night 1/2 Oct 67.
 - 2 Oct 67 - D Coy (less 12 Pl) continued to search the southern area of AO LEOPARD. 11 Pl found a storage hut with a metal roof at 705619. This hut had been located earlier by VR. At 705618 11 Pl located a 500 lb UXB. The hut and the UXB were subsequently destroyed. D Coy concentrated at 702655 and ambushed the track in this vicinity during the period 2-4 Oct.
 - 3 Oct 67 - Searched AO COUGAR. Positioned standing patrol on track junction at 704654 on night 3/4 Oct.
 - 4 Oct 67 - Secured LZ for A Coy at 702654 then walked to AO LION. 10 Pl ambushed a track junction at 674644 on night 4/5 Oct until relieved by Fire Assault Pl, while the remainder of D Coy harboured on a track complex at 673646.

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- 5 Oct 67 - Fire Assault Pl came under command D Coy and relieved 10 Pl in ambush at 674644. D Coy less Fire Assault Pl searched the southern half of AO LION. A very old VC Company position (3-5 years old) was located at the edge of the clearing on 661644 but no signs were seen of recent occupation. Maintained positions at 674644 and 673646 on night 5/6 Oct 67.
- 6 Oct 67 - Researched the south-western part of AO LION, and searched the northern part of AO LION. Moved to a harbour position 677667 as a preliminary move prior to entering AO WALNUT on 7 Oct 67.
- 7 Oct 67 - Moved to 685677 and established a company patrol base. The SUOI CAU was crossed at 675671 by means of improvised flotation without incident. Commenced the search of AOs WALNUT and PEPPER. On night 7/8 Oct, ambushed at 676674, 685676, and 685677.
- 8 Oct 67 - Completed searching AO's WALNUT and PEPPER and maintained existing ambushes until AM 9 Oct 67.
- 9 Oct 67 - Conducted VR of AO YEW. D Coy moved into AO YEW, established an ambush at 726683 with 10 Pl in the vicinity of a new cultivation, a hut, and a fresh track, and 11 Pl at 719687, then searched the extended area of AO YEW.
- 10 Oct 67 - Maintained ambushes at 726683 and 719687, and searched the remainder of AO YEW. D Coy then concentrated at 701697 near the PZ selected for extraction by helicopter on 11 Oct, and remained in harbour on night 10/11 Oct.
- 11 Oct 67 - Retraced half of route taken on 10 Oct to another PZ (the organised PZ was considered to be unsuitable) and was extracted by helicopter.

Comments on the Operation

7. From the company point of view, this operation seemed to run very smoothly, and this was undoubtedly facilitated by the relatively good communications that can be achieved by a stationary headquarters in suitable terrain as was the case with battalion headquarters during this operation.

8. Although the crossing of the SUOI CAU on 7 Oct was carried out without loss of equipment or life, undue supervision was necessary by OC D Coy. Retraining in flotation techniques are necessary before a major crossing could be attempted.

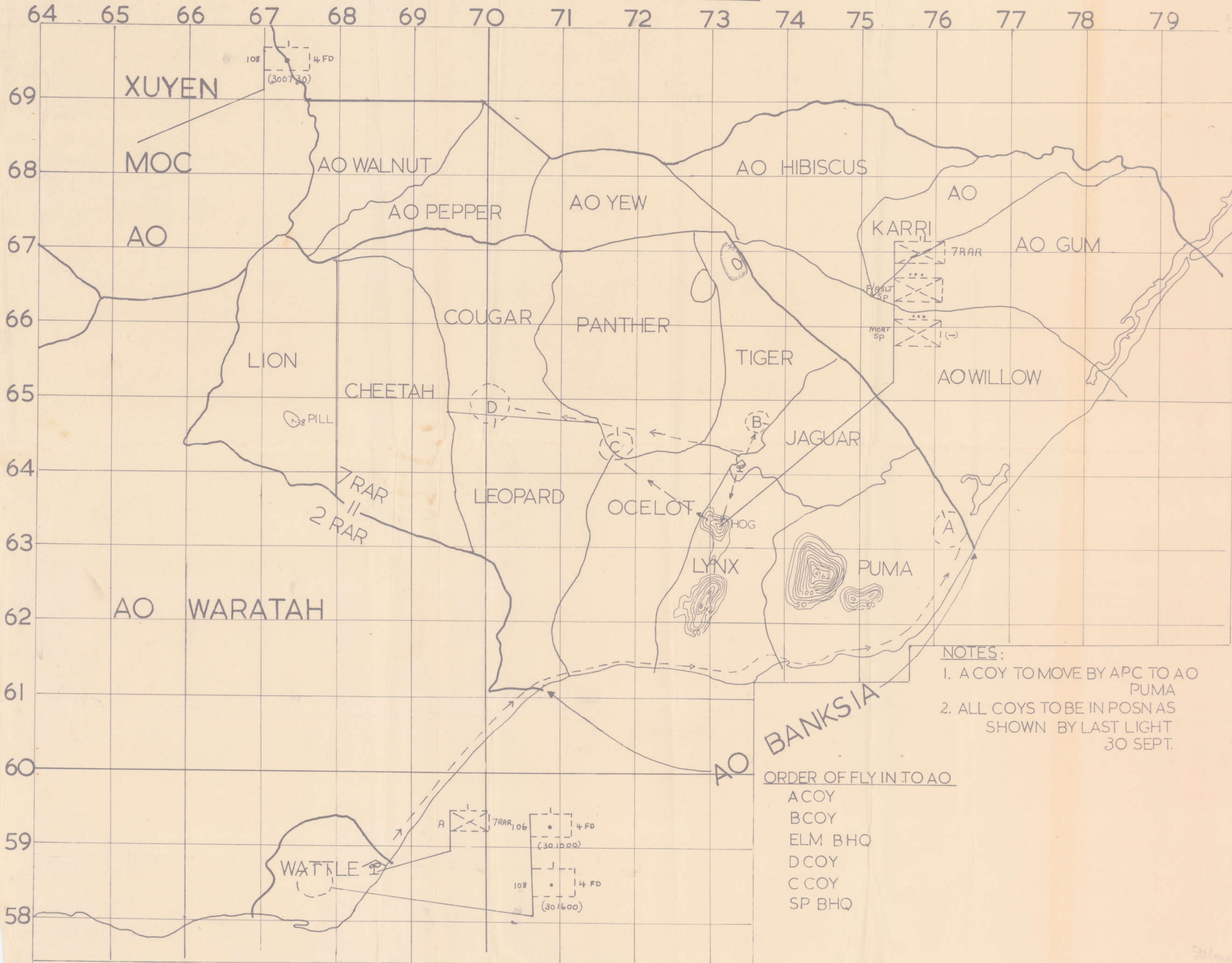
Conclusion

9. On the whole, a good but fairly uneventful operation.

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OC D Coy

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CONCEPT OF OP KENMORE



- NOTES:
1. A COY TO MOVE BY APC TO AO PUMA
 2. ALL COYS TO BE IN POSN AS SHOWN BY LAST LIGHT 30 SEPT.

- ORDER OF FLY IN TO AO
- ACOY
 - BCOY
 - ELM BHQ
 - DCOY
 - CCOY
 - SP BHQ

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Situation

1. a. Enemy Forces. Annex A.
- b. Friendly Forces. There are outside attachments during the operation which are to be provided on request by 1 ATF and Phuoc Tuy Sector HQ.
- c. Atts and Dets
 - (1) Under op con from 231730H:
 - 106 Fd Bty (dismounted)
 - D Coy 2 RAR
 - 1 SAS Sqn (-)
 - Comp Pl 161 Bty
 - 1 ARU
 - Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - 6 TCVs (RAASC)
 - 9 Interpreters
 - (2) Under op con from 240600H:
 - 21 National Police
 - 14 I and R personnel
 - 30 Interrogation personnel
 - 42 Police fd force/RF/PF personnel
 - 5 x Cl teams and 3 x Aust linguists
 - (3) In DS from 240500H:
 - One H13
 - One Psywar ac

Mission

2. 7 RAR is to cordon and search HOA LONG village on 24 Nov 67.

Execution

3. a. General Outline. The cordon is to be in position by first light and will be maintained throughout the day. The village is to be divided into eight search areas each of which will be searched by part of each of the cordoning sub units. Sub unit will be responsible for the supervision of the interrogation centres located in their area of responsibility.

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b. A Coy

(1) Grouping

- (a) GVN personnel to be advised.
- (b) One Cl team under op con from 240800H

(2) Tasks

- (a) First in order of march, move by Route 2, to YS 425651, then EAST of village to cordon from YS 423627 to YS 427637.
- (b) Control the civil population and search in AO JAKE.
- (c) Establish an interrogation centre at YS 420633 (APNAN SCHOOL).

c. B Coy

(1) Grouping

- (a) 6 x TCVs (RAASC) under op con from 231730H.
- (b) 1 x L/Rovers and trailer under op con from each sub unit from 231730H until 240700H.

(2) Tasks

- (a) Escort convoy from NUI DAT to HOA LONG, departing at 240600H.
- (b) Erect interrogation centres at the following locations by 0700 hrs:-
 - i. YS 426648 (New police post)
 - ii. YS 421646
 - iii. YS 418643 (AP BAC School)
 - iv. YS 420639
 - v. YS 416635 (LONG XUYEN School)
 - vi. YS 420633 (AP NAN School)
- (c) Provide 1 NCO and 3 OR for duties at each of these locations for remainder of the day.
- (d) On completion of labour tasks B Coy (less duties) will remain in reserve in vicinity of Bn HQ, at YS 420637.

d. C Coy

(1) Grouping. GVN personnel to be advised.

(2) Tasks

- (a) Second in order of march, move by Engr Road, and then cordon from YS 415628 to YS 410634.
- (b) Control the civil population and search in AO GRAHAM.
- (c) Establish a check point at YS 410634.

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e. D Coy

(1) Grouping. GVN personnel to be advised.

(2) Tasks

(a) First in order of march, move by Engr Road, and cordon from YS 423627 to YS 415628.

(b) Control the civil population and search in AO DES.

f. Sp Coy

(1) Grouping

(a) GVN personnel to be advised.

(b) One Cl team under op con from 240800H.

(2) Tasks

(a) Third in order of march, move by Engr Road to cordon from YS 410634 to YS 409645.

(b) Control the civil population and search in AO KEN.

(c) Establish an interrogation centre at YS 416635.

g. 1 SAS Sqn

(1) Grouping

(a) Composite Pl/161 Fd Bty under op con from 231730H.

(b) One Cl team under op con from 240800H.

(2) Tasks

(a) Fourth in order of march, move by Engr Road to cordon from YS 409645 to YS 416654.

(b) Control the civil population and search in AO DICK.

(c) Establish an interrogation centre at YS 418643.

h. D Coy/2 RAR

(1) Grouping

(a) GVN personnel to be advised.

(b) One Cl team under op con from 240800H.

(2) Tasks

(a) Fourth in order of march, move by Route 2, to cordon from YS 416654 to YS 426651.

(b) Control the civil population and search in AO TOM.

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(c) Establish an interrogation centre at YS 421646.

j. 106 Fd Bty

(1) Grouping. GVN personnel to be advised.

(2) Tasks

(a) Third in order of march, move by Route 2 to cordon from YS 426651 to YS 431643.

(b) Control the civil population and search in AO EV.

(c) Establish an interrogation centre at YS 426647.

(d) Establish a check point at YS 426648.

k. 1 ARU

(1) Grouping

(a) GVN personnel to be advised.

(b) One Cl team under op con from 240800H.

(2) Tasks

(a) Second in order of march, move by Route 2 to cordon from YS 431643 to YS 427637.

(b) Control the civil population and search in AO HARRY.

(c) Establish an interrogation centre at YS 420639

l. Composite Pl 161 Fd Bty

(1) Grouping. Under op con 1 SAS Sqn from 231730H.

m. Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

(1) Tasks

(a) Relieve D Coy/2 RAR and 106 Fd Bty in cordon positions by 240715H and remain in cordon from YS 416654 to YS 431643 until search is complete.

(b) Provide an ACV to carry Bn HQ TAC CP to sub sector HQ.

(c) Provide lift capacity for return to NUI DAT.

n. 1 Fd Sqn

(1) Grouping. Two combat engr teams to remain on $\frac{1}{2}$ hr standby at NUI DAT.

(2) Tasks. As required. Carry detectors.

o. H13

Task. Surveillance of village with Bn 2IC commencing at 240630H.

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p. 1 Div Int

(1) Grouping

(a) Provide five CI teams to interrogation centres numbers 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

(b) Provide three Aust linguists to Bn HQ.

(2) Tasks. To assist as required.

q. PSYOPS

Tasks

(a) Provide psyops aircraft.

(b) Provide leaflets for distribution.

r. Co-ord Instr

(1) Timings

(a) Sub units moving via Route 2 assemble at 232330H and move off at 232400H.

(b) Sub units moving via Engr Road assemble at 240030H and move off at 240100H.

(c) Cordon to be in position by 240400H.

(d) Psyops aircraft to broadcast from 240500H to 240745H

(e) H13 heli to carry out surveillance of village perimeter from 240630H.

(f) B Coy depart NUI DAT with convoy of 6 TCVs (RAASC) and sub unit ech vehs and trailers at 240545H.

(g) Interrogation centres to be erected by 240700H.

(h) Bn HQ depart NUI DAT for sub sector HQ at 240700H.

(j) Civil population will report to interrogation centres by 240745H.

(k) Search begins at 240815H

(1) GVN personnel report to Bn HQ at following timings:-

i. Police - 240720H

ii. I & R - 240730H

iii. RF/PF - 240745H

iv. Interrogators - 240800H

Sub units will arrange guides to pick up allocation of these personnel at above timings at Bn HQ loc.

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- (m) LO to 1/83 Arty in location by 231730H.
- (n) LO to Sub sector HQ in location by 231730H.
- (o) RPs posted in all military/police posts by 240700H.
- (q) ACV report to CP/7 RAR at NUI DAT by 240630H.
- (2) Assembly Areas. As shown on Annex C.
- (3) Start Points. As shown on Annex C.
- (4) Routes. As shown on Annex C.
- (5) Order of March
 - (a) As shown on Annex C.
 - (b) Sub units to move nose to tail.
- (6) Liaison
 - (a) WO2 MAHONEY to SUB SECTOR HQ (on Comd Net).
 - (b) ADMIN COY to nominate suitable rep for 1/83. (on Comd Net)
- (7) Search Areas. As shown on Annex D.
- (8) Search and Interrogation Techniques. The following must be noted:
 - (a) At least one pl will remain in coy cordon position throughout the search phase.
 - (b) Soldiers will cordon in pairs with weapons not cocked.
 - (c) Coy AOs will be sub-divided into pl AOs to assist searching.
 - (d) Coy HQs will be located with interrogation centres where they are located in Coy AOs.
 - (e) Coys will supervise and control interrogation centres; but interrogations will be done by GVN personnel.
 - (f) Suspect persons will be held and forwarded to BARIA STADIUM by TCV on approval from Bn HQ.
- (9) Rules of Engagement. Normal rules must apply but extreme care must be exercised.
- (10) Civilian Property. All soldiers are to be warned to take care against damaging civilian property and gardens.
- (11) Route 2. Route 2 is to be kept clear of civilian traffic and all but essential military traffic.
- (12) Schools. Will be closed.

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(13) Boundary Fence. Troops are to remain 15 metres from the fence as a precaution against booby traps and to take extreme care in entering the village.

(14) Guides. A Coy will take guides from 106 Fd Bty and 1 ARU to establish the junction points at YS 427637 and YS 431643.

(15) Rehearsal. B Coy will rehearse all groups in the establishment of interrogation centres.

Admin and Log

4. a. Rations. Two C rat pack to be carried per man for breakfast and lunch 24 Nov 67. Coys are to hold a reserve and be prepared to ration GVN atts and civilians.
- b. Water. All members to depart with full water bottles. Reserve jerry cans to be carried for use at interrogation centres.
- c. Med. RAP to be located with Bn HQ.
- d. Radio Btys. One bty per radio plus two reserve bty carried by each coy.
- e. Ammb. A reserve will be held under control of OC Admin Coy and is to be sent forward to Bn HQ on request.
- f. Dress and Eqpt. Troops are to take the minimum requirements.
- g. Tpt
- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| (1) B Coy convoy - | 6 x TCVs
9 x L/rovers and trailers |
| (2) Bn HQ Convoy - | COs L/Rover
1 x Amb
1 x L/Rover
1 x ACV |
- h. A co-ord admin conf will be held in the conf room at 220930 hrs by the Bn 2IC. All sub unit OCs to attend.
- j. Special Stores
- (a) Maximum number of prodders.
- (b) Loud hailer per interrogation centre.
- (c) Stores for estb of centres to be arranged by Bn 2IC.

Comd and Sig

5. a. Bn HQ
- (1) Loc NUI DAT till 240700H.

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- (2) Move to set up control HQ at 240700H at YS 420636.
- b. Radio. Radio diagram att as Annex B.
- c. Codes etc. SOI.

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Annexes: A. En Forces
B. Radio Diagram
C. Routes
D. AOs

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ANNEX A TO 7 RAR
opO 17/67
DATED 21 NOV 67

EN FORCES

1. The period NOV - JAN is rice harvesting time within the Province. It is thought that VC forces, and more particularly, the forward supply council, will make determined efforts to build up rice stocks.
2. It is thought that much of the rice will be purchased direct from local villages by VC agents, hence as part of the 1 ATF rice denial programme a number of villages have been designated for cordons and search. HOA LONG because of its size and known VC sympathies has been given priority.
3. Likely enemy forces to be located are village guerillas and political infrastructure and possibly purchasing agents.

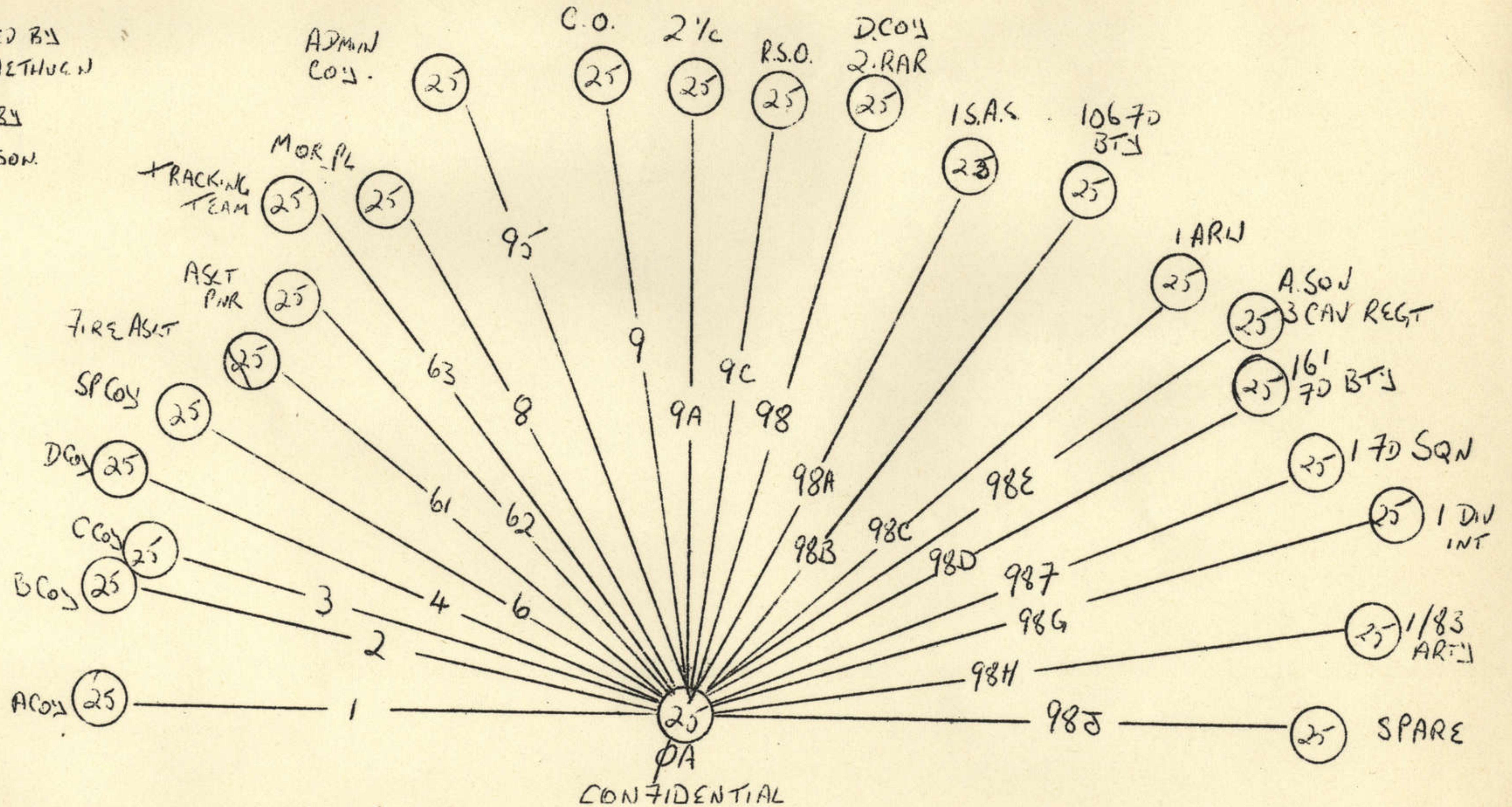
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TO 7RAR OP ORDER
17/67 DATED
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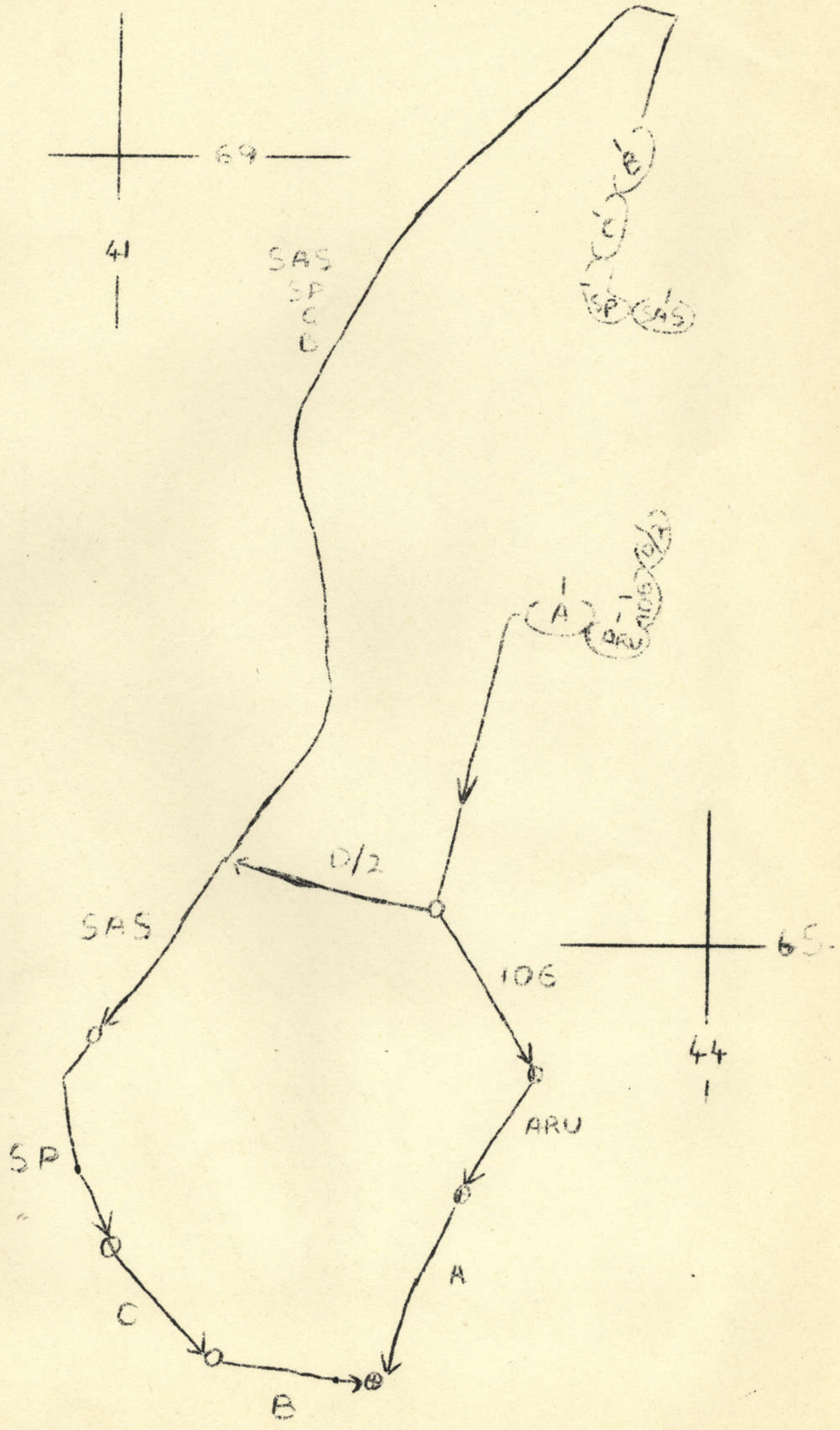
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ANNEX C TO 7RAR SVN
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① NEW POLICE POST



AO TOM

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ROUTE 2

AO DICK



1 SAS (+)

③ AP BAC SCHOOL



AO EV

SAS / SF

AO HARRY



④



AO KEN



LONG XUYEN
⑤ SCHOOL

1 ARU
A

AO JAKE

SP / C
ROUTE 2

AO GRAHAM



⑥ AP WAN SCHOOL



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251550
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Reference: A. Sheet 6430, 1:25,000

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1. Situation

a. En Forces. Annex A.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) 1 ATF will be conducting a rice denial operation in 1 ATF TAOR between 23 Nov 67 and 5 Jan 68.

(2) 2 RAR is responsible for rice denial operations in 1 ATF TAOR EAST of Route 2 between 23 Nov 67 and 5 Jan 68.

(3) 7 RAR is responsible for rice denial operations in 1 ATF TAOR WEST of Route 2 between 23 Nov 67 and 5 Jan 68.

(4) Other 1 ATF units will assist as required, and it is expected that during the operation there will be close co-operation and co-ordination with ARVN and GVN province and district officials.

c. Atts and Dets

(1) Under comd from 260600H Nov. Two combat engineer mini-teams.

(2) Remaining in DS. 106 Fd Bty, one H13, 161 Recce Flt.

2. Mission. 7 RAR is to conduct a search and destroy operation in AO ZULU between 26 Nov 67 and 4 Dec 67.

3. Execution

a. General Outline. During the operation the battalion will:

(1) Cordon and attack a known enemy base camp at YS 337708.

(2) Search and destroy in areas VOLGA, YANGTSE, MISSISSIPPI, NILE, AMAZON, MURRAY, DERWENT, MURRUMBIDGEE, HASTINGS.

b. A Coy

(1) Grouping. Normal plus under comd from 261600H Nov 67 one combat engineer mini-team and one section of pioneers.

(2) Tasks

(a) Fly into LZ ROCK (grid square YS 3571) on the morning of the 27 Nov 67.

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(b) Cordon and destroy enemy in base camp YS 337708 by afternoon of the 28 Nov 67 in accordance with detailed plan issued by commanding officer.

(c) Search and destroy in areas MISSISSIPPI and NILE from 28 Nov to 30 Nov 67.

(d) Search and destroy in areas AMAZON and MURRAY from 1 Dec to 4 Dec 67.

c. B Coy

(1) Grouping. Normal.

(2) Tasks

(a) Standby company from 270800H Nov 67.

(b) Take over responsibility for protection for FSPB ALPHA from 1 Dec to 4 Dec 67.

d. C Coy

(1) Grouping. Normal.

(2) Tasks

(a) Provide a platoon for AP SUOI NGHE HAMLET security from 251200H Nov 67 until relieved.

(b) Depart NUI DAT BASE at 260700H Nov 67 by TCV for AP SUOI NGHE HAMLET and patrol to grid square YS 3974 and secure FSPB ALPHA. (The HAMLET security platoon will be included in the latter move).

(c) Maintain security for the FSPB until relieved on 1 Dec 67.

(d) Search and destroy in areas DERWENT, MURRUMBIDGEE and HASTING from 1 Dec to 4 Dec 67.

e. D Coy

(1) Grouping. Normal plus under comd from 261600H Nov 67 one combat engineer mini-team and one section of pioneers.

(2) Tasks

(a) Fly into LZ ROCK on the morning of the 27 Nov 67.

(b) Cordon and destroy enemy in base camp YS 337708 by afternoon of the 28 Nov 67 in accordance with detailed plan issued by commanding officer.

(c) Search and destroy in areas VOLGA and YANGTSE from 28 Nov to 30 Nov 67.

(d) Take over role as standby company from 1 Dec to 4 Dec 67.

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f. Sp Coy (-)

(1) Grouping. Fire Assault Platoon, Pioneer Platoon.

(2) Tasks

(a) Depart NUI DAT BASE by 260700H Nov, patrol to grid square YS 3571 and secure LZ ROCK by 270700H for fly in of A and D Companies.

(b) Allot one section of pioneers under command to each of A and D Companies on arrival in LZ ROCK.

(c) Fly back to NUI DAT BASE on completion of fly in of A Company into LZ ROCK.

(d) Remain on standby to carry out tasks as required.

g. Mor Pl

(1) Grouping

(a) MFC to each rifle company

(b) Two sections to remain in base

(c) One section to move to FSPB ALPHA.

(2) Tasks

(a) Fire support as required

(b) Two sections to remain in support of base area

(c) One section to fly to FSPB ALPHA at 270730H to support search and destroy operations.

h. 106 Bty

(1) Grouping

(a) 7 RAR is responsible for protection of FSPB .

(b) FOO to each rifle company.

(2) Tasks. Fire support as required.

j. 1 Fd Sqn RAE

(1) Grouping. One combat engineer mini-team under comd each rifle company.

(2) Tasks. As required by company OCs.

k. 161 Recce Flt

(1) Tasks. One CH13 to remain on call for tasks as detailed by Command Post.

l. Coord Instrs

(1) Routes, Bdy's, AO's, LZs, FSPB's. Annex B.

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(2) Timings

- (a) C Company platoon depart NUI DAT for AP SUOI NGHE at 251100H Nov.
- (b) C Company minus depart NUI DAT at 260700H Nov.
- (c) Sp Company minus depart NUI DAT at 260700H Nov.
- (d) A and D Companies commence fly in to LZ ROCK at 270700H Nov.

4. Admin and Log

a. Rats

- (1) 3 days one man pack or equivalent to be carried per man on departing from base.
- (2) One emergency rat to be carried per man.
- (3) Personnel at the fire support base will get one fresh meal per day for the midday meal as from 28 Nov.
- (4) Resup in the field will be on a 2 day basis.

b. Water

- (1) Each man is to depart base with four (4) full water bottles.
- (2) Water resup to companies is to be on a one for one bottle basis. Empty bottles are to be backloaded on the helms bringing in the water resup.
- (3) Troops loc in the fire support base are to be resup on a Jerrican basis.
- (4) The maximum use is to be made of rain water. All water taken from creeks and streams must be sterilized. Water from these sources should only be used as a last resort.
- (5) A hel water resup is planned for each morning for rifle coys operating away from the fire support base for the duration of the op. This resup is to be taken between 0700 and 0900 hrs daily.

c. Ammo

- (1) Normal first line is to be carried.
- (2) A reserve is to be held available at PORKY 7 under the con of OC Admin Coy.

d. Radio Batteries

- (1) All operators are to depart from base with two (2) reserve batteries for their radio sets. This order applies to all Bn HQ operators as well as other operators.
- (2) Resup of batteries is to be carried out by Maintdem on planned resup days.

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e. Medical

- (1) The RAP is to be located at NUI DAT until Bn HQ is redeployed. Thereafter loc with Bn HQ.
- (2) All members will anti-mite all clothing that is to be worn during the op prior to departing base.
- (3) Anti-mite will be applied to clo once every three days during the op.
- (4) All members are to carry blow ups for their mattresses and these are to be used whenever the op sit allows when sleeping.
- (5) Mosquito nets are to be carried and used and mosquito repellent is to be used by all ranks during the period last light to first light when not under a mosquito net.

f. Resup

- (1) 2 day ration resupplies are planned for
 - (a) 28 Nov 67
 - (b) 30 Nov 67
 - (c) 2 Dec 67
 - (d) 4 Dec 67
 - (e) 6 Dec 67
 - (f) 8 Dec 67
- (2) Ldry bags may be requested on any major resup day.
- (3) Maintdems are to be submitted prior to the op for all stores which are required by any element of Bn HQ and Sp Coy, for use after arriving in their initial loc in the field.
- (4) Goodie packs and goffas may be requested by companies op away from the fire support base. The Bn 2IC will give approval for dispatch of these items.

5. Command and Signals

a. Command

- (1) Bn HQ will remain in NUI DAT while communications are satisfactory. But is on 1 hr notice to move from 270700 hrs.

b. Signals. SOIs.

c. Codes. Current POC and KAC code.

d. Codeword of operation. FORREST.

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Annex: A. Enemy Forces
B. AO's, Routes, LZ's, FSPB's

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Annex A to

OP O 16/67

Dated 251550 H Nov 67

Enemy Forces

General

1. The rice harvest season in PHUOC TUY Province extends in the main from early December to early January. During this time it must be anticipated that the VC will attempt to procure part of the harvest to build up supplies and help cover the serious shortages that are known to exist in VC military units and base camps.
2. Operations KENMORE and SANTA FE have confirmed VC intentions to step up their procurement activities, and some forward deployment of the VC BA BIEN Forward Supply Council to carry out these activities has already been discovered and frustrated.

VC Staging/Procurement Areas in 7 RAR AO

3. That area west of Route 2 and north of the Nui Thi Vau // Nui Thi Dinh hills is an important staging area. The procurement areas are HOA LONG, the villages along Route 15 and fields NORTH-WEST of HOA LONG. Recent captured documents show the area around the SONG LAU to be a nice target area in VC planning. Staging areas are NORTH of the NUI DINH hills and the NUI THI VAI hills. VC patterns of movement in this area will be generally along the line of the CHAU PHA River then splitting NORTH of the hills to use avenues of approach to the WEST, SOUTH and SOUTH-EAST. To the NORTH of 7 RAR AO the CUBI Rubber approach is probably best considered as an extension of that area to the EAST in the vicinity of BINH GIA. Villages that have been considered for search operations, in priority suggested are:

- (1) PHUOC HOA
- (2) HOA LONG
- (3) PHU MY
- (4) ONG TRINH

Enemy Forces

4. The VC organizations responsible for the conduct of rice procurement are the Finance and Economy Section, Rear Services and Forward Supply Council. Representatives or small parties from these organisations will be aided by village and district units and where possible elements of D 445 Bn will be moved SOUTH and WEST to support the operations. In terms of the particular enemy forces from 7 RAR AO, the enemy elements most likely to be encountered are: village guerillas, OHAV DUC Coy (C 41) and parties from Group 84. It is possible that elements of 274 VC Regt could be located in the AO, particularly in the vicinity of the SUDI CHAU PHA camps.

VC Procedures

5. In the GVN - controlled areas the VC sometimes prefer to use intermediaries to obtain their rice. One method is to have civilians purchase supplies in local markets in small amounts for what appears to be personal consumption. These people then carry the goods directly to the VC or to a pick-up point from where the rice is transported in larger quantities to VC staging areas and on to the base camps.
6. Another method involves purchase in large quantities. Instead of giving a small amount of money to a number of people the VC give a large sum to one contact who procures the rice and delivers it to a designated location, or stows it in his house for collection on an as required basis.

7. Sometimes the VC will employ ruses to procure food stuffs. In one case five VC entered a village, purchased food, and hired a Lamberetta to transport the food. One of the VC was dressed in a police uniform, enabling them to pass through the check-point as they left town

8. A large cross - section of reports indicates that VC rice collection parties usually enter a village between 2100 - 2300 hours. This fact could be useful when planning ambushes on approaches and times out and in for patrols.

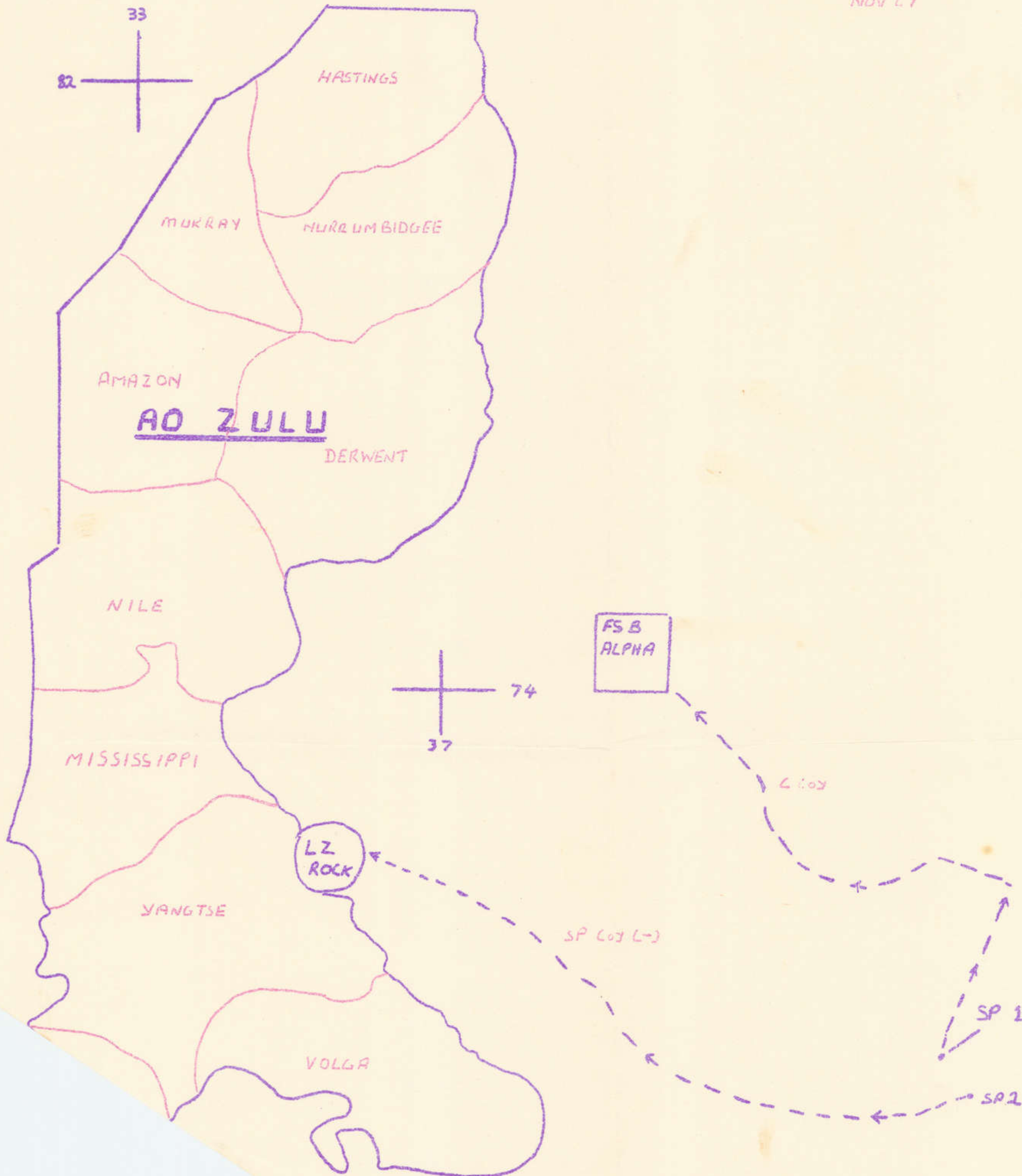
9. According to local experts the VC will also attempt to collect paddy tax directly from farmers in the fields, especially where the husking is done in the field. Such collection parties would consist of Finance and Economy cadres with escort personnel from local VC units. Probable strength is section to half platoon size.

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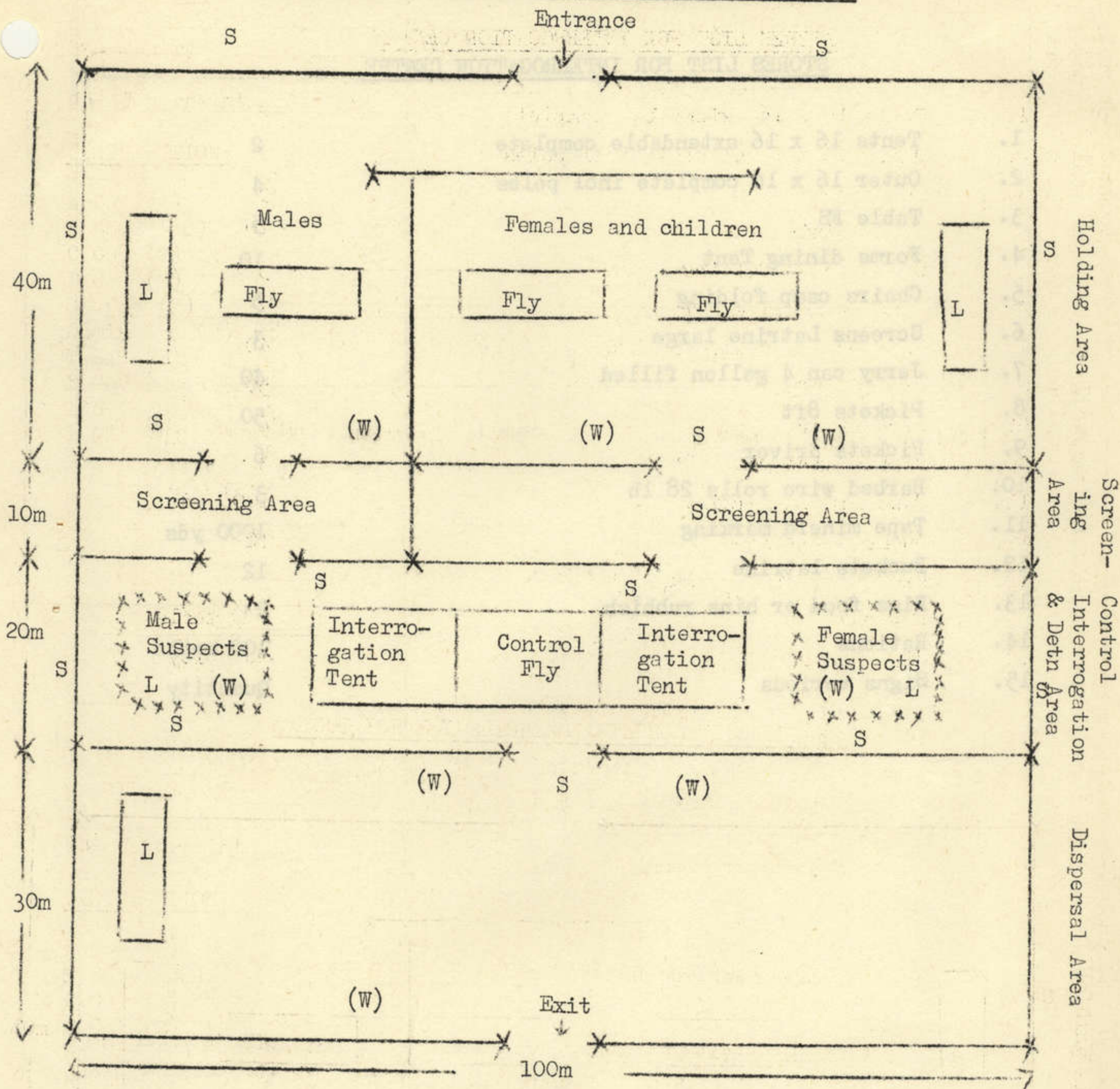
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LAYOUT FOR ESTABLISHING INTERROGATION CENTRES



LEGEND

[L] = Latrine

S = Sentry

(W) = Waterpoint

DISTRIBUTION:

A Coy (2)
 B Coy (100)
 C Coy (2)
 D Coy (2)
 Sp Coy (2)
 Admin Coy (2)
 1 SAS (2)
 D Coy 2 RAR (2)
 106 Fd Bty (2)
 1 ARU (2)

CO
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 Comd Diary (3)
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Barbed Wire Cage
 3 Strand Cattle Fence

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Area marked by
 minefd tape

STORES LIST FOR INTERROGATION CENTRE

1.	Tents 16 x 16 extendable complete	2
2.	Outer 16 x 16 complete incl poles	4
3.	Table FS	5
4.	Forms dining Tent	10
5.	Chairs camp folding	5
6.	Screens Latrine large	3
7.	Jerry can 4 gallon filled	40
8.	Pickets 8ft	50
9.	Pickets driver	6
10.	Barbed wire rolls 28 lb	3
11.	Tape minefd marking	1000 yds
12.	Buckets latrine	12
13.	Bins food or bins rubbish	2
14.	Rations	100 meals
15.	Signs various	Quantity

Interrogation Centre

Interrogation Centre
Stores List

Stores List

Stores List

1 - latrine
2 - latrine
3 - latrine
4 - latrine
5 - latrine
6 - latrine
7 - latrine
8 - latrine
9 - latrine
10 - latrine
11 - latrine
12 - latrine
13 - latrine
14 - latrine
15 - latrine

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(2) 2 RAR is responsible for rice denial operations in 1 ATF TAOR EAST of Route 2 between 23 Nov 67 and 5 Jan 68.

(3) 7 RAR is responsible for rice denial operations in 1 ATF TAOR WEST of Route 2 between 23 Nov 67 and 5 Jan 68.

(4) Other 1 ATF units will assist as required, and it is expected that during the operation there will be close co-operation and co-ordination with ARVN and GVN province and district officials.

c. Atts and Dets

(1) Under comd from 260600H Nov. Two combat engineer mini-teams.

(2) Remaining in DS. 106 Fd Bty, one H13, 161 Recce Flt.

2. Mission. 7 RAR is to conduct a search and destroy operation in AO ZULU between 26 Nov 67 and 4 Dec 67.

3. Execution

a. General Outline. During the operation the battalion will:

(1) Cordon and attack a known enemy base camp at YS 337708.

(2) Search and destroy in areas VOLGA, YANGTSE, MISSISSIPPI, NILE, AMAZON, MURRAY, DERWENT, MURRUMBIDGEE, HASTINGS.

b. A Coy

(1) Grouping. Normal plus under comd from 261600H Nov 67 one combat engineer mini-team and one section of pioneers.

(2) Tasks

(a) Fly into LZ ROCK (grid square YS 3571) on the morning of the 27 Nov 67.

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(b) Cordon and destroy enemy in base camp YS 337708 by afternoon of the 28 Nov 67 in accordance with detailed plan issued by commanding officer.

(c) Search and destroy in areas MISSISSIPPI and NILE from 28 Nov to 30 Nov 67.

(d) Search and destroy in areas AMAZON and MURRAY from 1 Dec to 4 Dec 67.

c. B Coy

(1) Grouping. Normal.

(2) Tasks

(a) Standby company from 270800H Nov 67.

(b) Take over responsibility for protection for FSPB ALPHA from 1 Dec to 4 Dec 67.

d. C Coy

(1) Grouping. Normal.

(2) Tasks

(a) Provide a platoon for AP SUOI NGHE HAMLET security from 251200H Nov 67 until relieved.

(b) Depart NUI DAT BASE at 260700H Nov 67 by TCV for AP SUOI NGHE HAMLET and patrol to grid square YS 3974 and secure FSPB ALPHA. (The HAMLET security platoon will be included in the latter move).

(c) Maintain security for the FSPB until relieved on 1 Dec 67.

(d) Search and destroy in areas DERWENT, MURRUMBIDGEE and HASTING from 1 Dec to 4 Dec 67.

e. D Coy

(1) Grouping. Normal plus under comd from 261600H Nov 67 one combat engineer mini-team and one section of pioneers.

(2) Tasks

(a) Fly into LZ ROCK on the morning of the 27 Nov 67.

(b) Cordon and destroy enemy in base camp YS 337708 by afternoon of the 28 Nov 67 in accordance with detailed plan issued by commanding officer.

(c) Search and destroy in areas VOLGA and YANGTSE from 28 Nov to 30 Nov 67.

(d) Take over role as standby company from 1 Dec to 4 Dec 67.

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f. Sp Coy (-)

(1) Grouping. Fire Assault Platoon, Pioneer Platoon.

(2) Tasks

(a) Depart NUI DAT BASE by 260700H Nov, patrol to grid square YS 3571 and secure LZ ROCK by 270700H for fly in of A and D Companies.

(b) Allot one section of pioneers under command to each of A and D Companies on arrival in LZ ROCK.

(c) Fly back to NUI DAT BASE on completion of fly in of A Company into LZ ROCK.

(d) Remain on standby to carry out tasks as required.

g. Mor Pl

(1) Grouping

(a) MFC to each rifle company

(b) Two sections to remain in base

(c) One section to move to FSPB ALPHA.

(2) Tasks

(a) Fire support as required

(b) Two sections to remain in support of base area

(c) One section to fly to FSPB ALPHA at 270730H to support search and destroy operations.

h. 106 Bty

(1) Grouping

(a) 7 RAR is responsible for protection of FSPB .

(b) FOO to each rifle company.

(2) Tasks. Fire support as required.

j. 1 Fd Sqn RAE

(1) Grouping. One combat engineer mini-team under comd each rifle company.

(2) Tasks. As required by company OCs.

k. 161 Recce Flt

(1) Tasks. One CH13 to remain on call for tasks as detailed by Command Post.

l. Coord Instrs

(1) Routes, Bdys, AO's, LZs, FSPB's. Annex B.

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(2) Timings

- (a) C Company platoon depart NUI DAT for AP SUOI NGHE at 251100H Nov.
- (b) C Company minus depart NUI DAT at 260700H Nov.
- (c) Sp Company minus depart NUI DAT at 260700H Nov.
- (d) A and D Companies commence fly in to LZ ROCK at 270700H Nov.

4. Admin and Log

a. Rats

- (1) 3 days one man pack or equivalent to be carried per man on departing from base.
- (2) One emergency rat to be carried per man.
- (3) Personnel at the fire support base will get one fresh meal per day for the midday meal as from 28 Nov.
- (4) Resup in the field will be on a 2 day basis.

b. Water

- (1) Each man is to depart base with four (4) full water bottles.
- (2) Water resup to companies is to be on a one for one bottle basis. Empty bottles are to be backloaded on the helo bringing in the water resup.
- (3) Troops loc in the fire support base are to be resup on a Jerrican basis.
- (4) The maximum use is to be made of rain water. All water taken from creeks and streams must be sterilized. Water from these sources should only be used as a last resort.
- (5) A helo water resup is planned for each morning for rifle coys operating away from the fire support base for the duration of the op. This resup is to be taken between 0700 and 0900 hrs daily.

c. Ammo

- (1) Normal first line is to be carried.
- (2) A reserve is to be held available at PORKY 7 under the con of OC Admin Coy.

d. Radio Batteries

- (1) All operators are to depart from base with two (2) reserve batteries for their radio sets. This order applies to all Bn HQ operators as well as other operators.
- (2) Resup of batteries is to be carried out by Maintdem on planned resup days.

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e. Medical

- (1) The RAP is to be located at NUI DAT until Bn HQ is redeployed. Thereafter loc with Bn HQ.
- (2) All members will anti-mite all clothing that is to be worn during the op prior to departing base.
- (3) Anti-mite will be applied to clo once every three days during the op.
- (4) All members are to carry blow ups for their mattresses and these are to be used whenever the op sit allows when sleeping.
- (5) Mosquito nets are to be carried and used and mosquito repellent is to be used by all ranks during the period last light to first light when not under a mosquito net.

f. Resup

- (1) 2 day ration resupplies are planned for
 - (a) 28 Nov 67
 - (b) 30 Nov 67
 - (c) 2 Dec 67
 - (d) 4 Dec 67
 - (e) 6 Dec 67
 - (f) 8 Dec 67
- (2) Ldry bags may be requested on any major resup day.
- (3) Maintdems are to be submitted prior to the op for all stores which are required by any element of Bn HQ and Sp Coy, for use after arriving in their initial loc in the field.
- (4) Goodie packs and goffas may be requested by companies op away from the fire support base. The Bn 2IC will give approval for dispatch of these items.

5. Command and Signals

a. Command

- (1) Bn HQ will remain in NUI DAT while communications are satisfactory. But is on 1 hr notice to move from 270700 hrs.

b. Signals. SOIs.

c. Codes. Current POC and KAC code.

d. Codeword of operation. FORREST.

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Annex A to

OP O 16/67

Dated 251550 H Nov 67

Enemy Forces

General

1. The rice harvest season in PHUOC TUY Province extends in the main from early December to early January. During this time it must be anticipated that the VC will attempt to procure part of the harvest to build up supplies and help cover the serious shortages that are known to exist in VC military units and base camps.

2. Operations KENMORE and SANTA FE have confirmed VC intentions to step up their procurement activities, and some forward deployment of the VC BA BIEN Forward Supply Council to carry out these activities has already been discovered and frustrated.

VC Staging/Procurement Areas in 7 RAR AO

3. That area west of Route 2 and north of the Nui Thi Vau // Nui Thi Dinh hills is an important staging area. The procurement areas are HOA LONG, the villages along Route 15 and fields NORTH-WEST of HOA LONG. Recent captured documents show the area around the SONG LAU to be a nice target area in VC planning. Staging areas are NORTH of the NUI DINH hills and the NUI THI VAI hills. VC patterns of movement in this area will be generally along the line of the CHAU PHA River then splitting NORTH of the hills to use avenues of approach to the WEST, SOUTH and SOUTH-EAST. To the NORTH of 7 RAR AO the CUBI Rubber approach is probably best considered as an extension of that area to the EAST in the vicinity of BINH GIA. Villages that have been considered for search operations, in priority suggested are:

- (1) PHUOC HOA
- (2) HOA LONG
- (3) PHU MY
- (4) ONG TRINH

Enemy Forces

4. The VC organizations responsible for the conduct of rice procurement are the Finance and Economy Section, Rear Services and Forward Supply Council. Representatives or small parties from these organisations will be aided by village and district units and where possible elements of D 445 Bn will be moved SOUTH and WEST to support the operations. In terms of the particular enemy forces from 7 RAR AO, the enemy elements most likely to be encountered are: village guerillas, OHAV DUC Coy (C 41) and parties from Group 84. It is possible that elements of 274 VC Regt could be located in the AO, particularly in the vicinity of the SUDI CHAU PHA camps.

VC Procedures

5. In the GVN - controlled areas the VC sometimes prefer to use intermediaries to obtain their rice. One method is to have civilians purchase supplies in local markets in small amounts for what appears to be personal consumption. These people then carry the goods directly to the VC or to a pick-up point from where the rice is transported in larger quantities to VC staging areas and on to the base camps.

6. Another method involves purchase in large quantities. Instead of giving a small amount of money to a number of people the VC give a large sum to one contact who procures the rice and delivers it to a designated location, or stows it in his house for collection on an as required basis.

7. Sometimes the VC will employ ruses to procure food stuffs. In one case five VC entered a village, purchased food, and hired a Lamberetta to transport the food. One of the VC was dressed in a police uniform, enabling them to pass through the check-point as they left town

8. A large cross - section of reports indicates that VC rice collection parties usually enter a village between 2100 - 2300 hours. This fact could be useful when planning ambushes on approaches and times out and in for patrols.

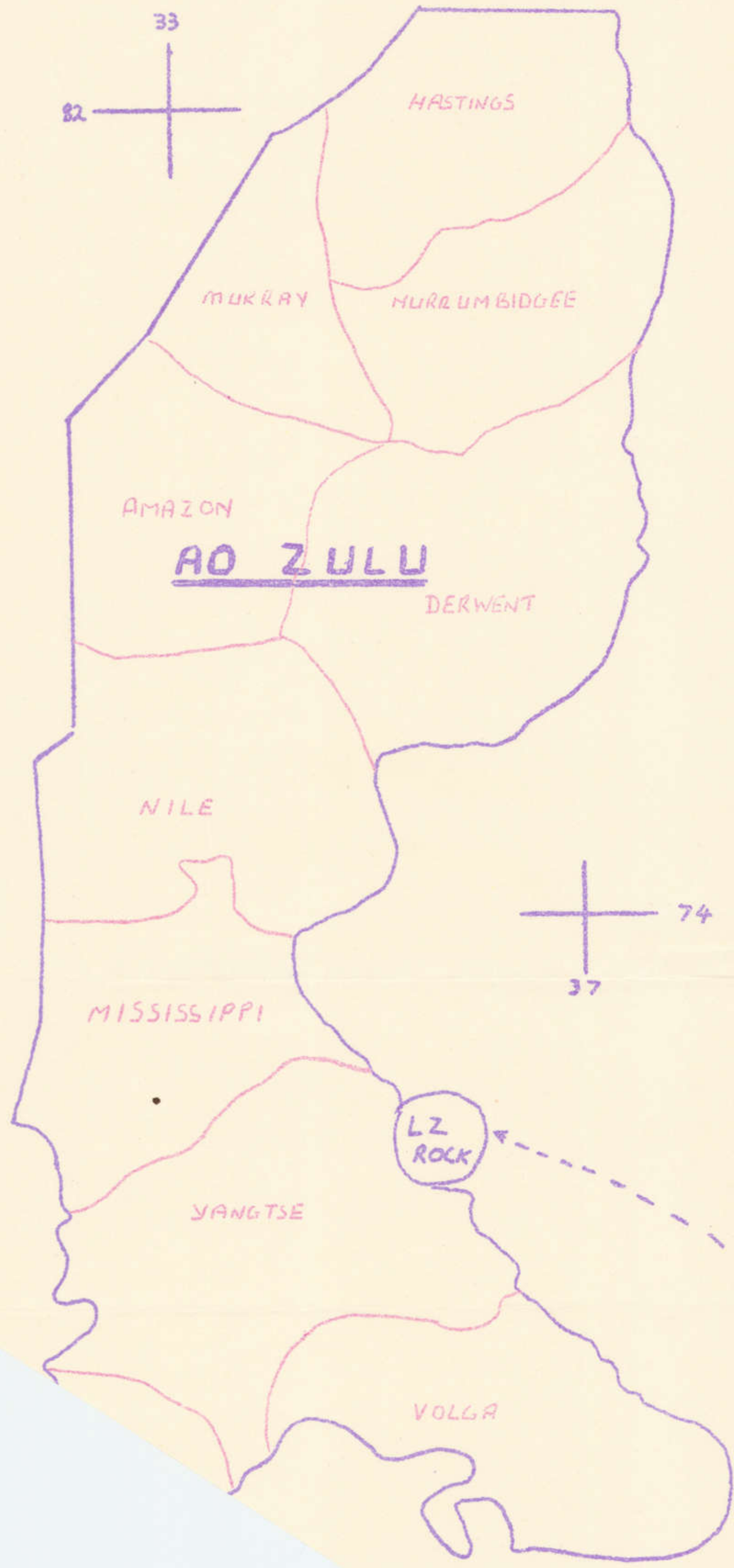
9. According to local experts the VC will also attempt to collect paddy tax directly from farmers in the fields, especially where the husking is done in the field. Such collection parties would consist of Finance and Economy cadres with escort personnel from local VC units. Probable strength is section to half platoon size.

EXTRACT TAKEN FROM 1ATF INTELLIGENCE
ESTIMATE ON VC RICE PROCUREMENT.

MAP xA BINH BA 6430
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ANNEX B TO 7RAR OPO
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The Royal Australian Regiment
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R571-2-1

10 Nov 67

7 RAR ADMIN INSTR NO 1 (SVN)
PART 3
OUT OF COUNTRY R AND R
AMENDMENT NO 4

General

1. Each member of 7 RAR after three months service in VIETNAM is entitled to 1 five day R and R period out of country. No circumstances exist to interfere with this entitlement. Destinations at present are Hong Kong, Bangkok, Singapore, Taipei and Australia.

Allocation

2. No firm allocation has been received by 7 RAR to date. For planning purposes companies should be guided by the following:

a. Approximate allocation for each company per week:

- (1) Rifle companies - 4
- (2) Sp Coy - 4
- (3) Admin Coy - 3
- (4) Bn HQ - 1

Forward Movement on R and R

3. Members proceeding on R and R are to be in camp AT LEAST 48 HRS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE DATE. At 1345 hrs on the day prior to departure R and R personnel are to report to movements clerk Bn HQ who will arrange Wallaby Bookings and tpt to Luscombe field at TAN SON NHUT. R and R pers will be met on a bus which will transport them to AFV at FWHQ. HQ AFV will then give instr as to further movement.

Return Movement from R and R

4. On returning to SAIGON from R and R, members are to report to AFV at FWHQ for return movement details.

Documentation

5. On receipt of the R and R allocation from this headquarters companies are to submit to Bn HQ the following:

- a. Army Number, Rank, Surname, First Name, Middle Initial of R and R members.
- b. An Application for a Passport is to accompany all nominations for R and R to TAIPEI.
- c. Unless exceptional circumstances exist original bids to Bn HQ from coys are not to be altered.

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6. Each soldier proceeding on R and R is to be in possession of the following:-

- a. ID Card (AAF A129) correct in all detail.
- b. International Health Certificate:
 - (1) Smallpox within 1 year
 - (2) Typhoid within 1 year
 - (3) Typhus within 1 year
 - (4) Plague within six months but not later than 6 days prior to movement.
 - (5) Cholera within six months except in the case of BANGKOK to be within four months.
 - (6) Correctly maintained and signed by a medical officer.
- c. Paybook and WF226 (Application to draw pay).
- d. AAF A96 (Members are to be marked rest in roll books).
- e. Paludrine for leave period (2 per day and ten spare)

Pay

7. Soldiers proceeding on R and R are to change MPC to US Green at Cash Office NUI DAT. The Pay Sgt is to note on each members WF 226 (application to draw pay) that the member is proceeding on R and R, date of departure from SAIGON and R and R destination and "PAYMENT TO BE MADE IN U.S. DOLLARS". The WF 226 is to be signed by the Adjutant. Members returning from R and R are to change U.S. dollars back to MPC at Cash Office HQ AFV on arrival back in SAIGON. At destinations R and R authorities will change U.S. dollars into local currency. Soldiers will not be permitted to board the aircraft with less than \$(US) 100.

8. If the requirements of paragraphs 6 and 7 are not complied with the member will be returned to his company.

Dress

9. All soldiers travelling on R and R flights are to wear the following:

- a. Shirts Polyester
- b. Trousers Polyester
- c. Shoes leather black
- d. Hat fur felt with pugaree
- e. Titles "AUSTRALIA"
- f. Lanyard
- g. Badges of rank
- h. Belts waist $1\frac{1}{4}$ "
- i. Ribbons

Destinations

10. At destinations members wear civilian clothes. They are to carry their ID Cards (not in Wallet). Full local briefings, including medical and hygiene briefings are given by U.S. authorities. Local

brochures are obtainable at the destination. Accomodation is at the US R and R Centre or recommended hotels. Members may stay in accomodation other than those recommended, provided they report to US authorities at the correct time for movement back to VIETNAM.

11. Companies are to remind soldiers of the necessity of maintaining a high standard of discipline and control whilst on R and R. The Embassy in country does not have the facilities to pay soldiers if they exhaust their supply of money. Cases of failure to report for movement back to VIETNAM and/or an embarrasment to an Embassy will be dealt with severely.

Q Clearance

12. Members proceeding on R and R are to pack and secure their equipment prior to departure. They are to make out three copies of an inventory - distribution is, company, member's trunk, member. The key of the trunk (labelled) with the company 2IC.

13. Once this action is completed the company is to issue member with a clearance certificate, attached as Annex A.

PROCEDURE FOR R AND R IN AUSTRALIA

Pay

14. Coys are to ensure that members paybooks credit earnings are written up to current pay period, including any payday occurring during the leave period.

15. Wherever possible members are to be paid all Australian currency needed by the cash office 1 ATF on the morning of their departure.

16. If the detachment stocks of Australian currency are insufficient members may elect either of the following courses:

- a. Draw pay in American (green) dollars and convert to Australian currency at airport on arrival in Australia.
- b. Leave pay credits in FWF 5 (Paybook) and draw from any Comd Pay Master during their leave.

Movements

17. US civil charter flights will arrive at MASCOT at 0630 hours (Eastern Standard Time) and depart for Vietnam at 0830 hours (Eastern Standard Time) on scheduled dates. Movement within Australia may be by air so that all members will spend at least four nights at their R and R destination. All return travel to destination in Australia is to be at Public Expense.

18. If any member is unable to return to Sydney before his scheduled time of departure he is to report to ECPD, or other Service equivalent for on movement by normal reinforcement charter flight.

Sickness on R and R

19. If a member becomes ill or injured he is to report to an Area Medical Officer and contact the Personnel Depot in the Command where the member is on R and R, (or other Service equivalent.)

Discipline

20. OC Command Personnel Depot of Command in which member is located is to be CO for discipline whilst member is in that command. All members should be made aware that a high standard of dress and discipline is required whilst on R and R.

21. Members reporting to Saigon airport in an unsatisfactory standard of dress or under the influence of alcohol may be refused entrance to the R and R aircraft and appropriate disciplinary action may be taken.

Quarantine Regulations

22. Because Australia is free of major livestock diseases, the government is very strict in its regulations regarding the importation of animals, animal products, and articles which could contain the viruses of stock diseases.

23. For instance there is no foot and mouth disease in Australia, nor is there any rabies, or any other diseases which abound in some Asian countries. All members are to ensure that all footwear and clothing is clean prior to leaving Vietnam, as mud is one of the perfect carriers of foot and mouth virus. The following items are prohibited imports:

- a. Foodstuffs manufactured from animal products.
- b. Meat (canned or otherwise).
- c. Cheese.
- d. Poultry.
- e. Eggs.
- f. Milk
- g. Untanned hides or skins (whole or in pieces).
- h. Straw and similar packing materials (paper, wood, wool and synthetics excluded).
- i. Rawhide drums.
- j. Feathers.
- k. Trophies of any parts of animals or animal products.
- l. Animals and birds, alive or dead.

24. Brochures on Australian quarantine laws are to be issued separately.

Free from Disease Certificate

25. Australian Public Health Authorities require passengers on International flights to present immunization records for inspection at the first port of arrival in Australia.

26. R and R flights to Sydney will stop at Darwin en route to Sydney. All passengers will be required to deplane and submit International Health Certificates to Public Health Officials at that stop.

27. In addition, all passengers arriving in Australia on R and R aircraft from Vietnam must have in their possession a certificate

attesting to the fact that they have undergone a medical examination and are free from any communicable diseases. Since the certificate will be collected on the aircraft prior to disembarkation at Darwin all passengers must have this certificate on their person. The details of the certificate are shown at Annex B to this instruction. The RMO is to submit 2 copies of Annex B to Bn HQ on completion of the medical examination of the member.

Baggage Allowance

28. All members will be allowed to carry 60 lbs baggage on the aircraft.

Return to Unit

29. On arrival back at Saigon members are to wait in the terminal building until met by HQ AFV R and R representative who will arrange the necessary transport and accommodation. A representative from HQ AFV Cash Office is also to meet all aircraft and convert Australian currency in the possession of members, back into MPC. Australian coins will not be exchanged.

ARL with R and R to Australia

30. The policy is that ARL will not be granted with R and R in Australia. The reasons for this are as follows:

- a. The comparative infrequency of R and R flights to Australia is such that return bookings are critical. A member proceeds on R and R in a group and returns in that group.
- b. The allocation of seats was not easy to arrange. R and R is granted within a US system and the US policy is to be followed.
- c. Because of the tight bookings for R and R to Australia, a member would be required to lodge his return fare vide MBI 150-5. The chance of returning on another R and R flight would be extremely small with the result that the member automatically pays out some \$280 (Aust) for return by civil air. When R and R is granted to any centre the member is expected to return with the same aircraft load. HQ AFV do grant ARL to be taken with R and R to centres other than Australia but the member is only entitled to a space available seat (similar to indulgence) on the return trip. Some members have not received a seat and have had to pay their civil air fare to return to South Vietnam
- d. RAAF courier aircraft are reserved for freight plus emergency leave personnel and are invariably fully loaded.



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ANNEX A TO 7 RAR
ADMIN INSTR No 1 PART 3
DATED 10 NOV 67

7 RAR (Movements Clerk)

R AND R CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE

1. The following member(s) who is/are to proceed on R and R
onis/are cleared for movement in terms of paragraph
12 of 7 RAR ADMIN INSTR No 1 of May 67.

2IC..... Capt
Coy

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ANNEX B TO 7 RAR
ADMIN INSTR NO 1 (SVN)
PART 3 OUT OF COUNTRY
R AND R

MEDICAL EXAM FOR R AND R IN AUST

I have medically examined:

No	Rank	Name	Init	Pl	Coy	Unit
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and certify that in my opinion he is FIT/UNFIT for R and R in Australia
within seven days of this date.....
(Date)

.....
(Name) (Rank)

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Distribution List A

ESTABLISHMENTS - LOSS OF SVN SUPPLEMENT

1. 1 ATF will be increased by an Inf Bn in the near future.
2. The committment of another Bn to SVN has caused the deletion of the theatre supplement composed as fol:-
 - a. Lieutenants - 2
 - b. Privates:
 - (1) Aslt Pnr - 3
 - (2) Riflemen - 65
 - (3) Mortar Nos - 4
 - (4) Sigs Inf - 4
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3. The supplement will not be withdrawn from the unit but will be allowed to "waste out" in other words the unit will not receive rfts for future losses.
4. WEF 1 Dec 67 the fol deletions and changes will be affected to balance unit manning:-
 - a. Sp Coy
 - (1) Loss of theatre supplement i.e. para 2a and b above.
 - b. Admin Coy
 - (1) Loss of barber (1)
 - (2) Loss of Rft Pool (12)
 - (3) Loss of Offr (1)
 - (4) Loss of Stewards (6)
 - (5) Loss of Padre batman (1)
 - (6) Loss of Sal Rep attendant (1)
 - (7) Loss of PX Attendant (1)

} 1 man to do both
 - c. Bn HQ Pl
 - (1) Loss of RP
 - (2) Loss of RSM Batman (1 RP to Bat)

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(3) Loss of Sgts Mess Sgt Secretary (a Sgt to fill as ERE)

5. The above amendments should finalize the situation, if calculations on wastage are NOT correct it can be anticipated that further deletions will be required.

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SEVENTH BATTALION THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

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496. NEW TYPE COMBAT CLOTHING (AUST)

1. The new type combat clothing is currently being issued to members of 1 ATF, AATTV and D and E Pl 1 ALSG.
2. This clothing is being issued to Australian Force (Army Component) South Vietnam and at present is not being issued to any other area. It is not to be worn in Australia. The clothing is to be issued on AAF Fl2 to individuals and to be returned to the unit Q Store before members RTA (AFV RO Part 1 No 134/67).

497. PRIVATELY OWNED FIREARMS AND AMMUNITIONS - ENTRY INTO AUSTRALIA

1. All personnel wishing to import privately owned firearms and ammunition into the Commonwealth of Australia, or its Territories, are to comply with the following:
 - a. Consult the Commonwealth and State requirements for firearm importation, reprinted as Annex A to this order.
 - b. Obtain from Commonwealth and State authorities, where relevant, the necessary permission, registration, or certificate. Permission from Customs authorities is required as shown in Annex A to this RO.
 - c. Apply in writing, through unit, to HQ AFV for permission to take the weapon to Australia and enclose the following:
 - (1) Letter of permission from the Minister for Customs and Excise, (write to Collector, Department of Customs in the capital city of the state concerned).
 - (2) Letter of permission, licence, etc from the State Police Department, as required.
 - (3) Proof of ownership, receipt or Statutory Declaration for both firearm and ammunition.
 - (4) Complete application forms, in duplicate. Copy of application form attached as Annex B to this Order.
2. The approved application, together with the attached relevant documents will be returned to the unit by HQ AFV.
3. Due to the ban on firearms in NSW, personnel returning to their home state through SYDNEY, are required to surrender any privately owned firearms, in SYDNEY, for immediate dispatch to their home state.
4. Importation of automatic weapons is not permitted.
5. Each application to HQ AFV will be dealt with individually and no precedents will be set. Applications will be dealt with by G Branch. (HQ AFV RO Part 1 No 136/67)

498. SAFETY -- HANDLING OF PETROL

1. There have been a number of accidents recently in which members have been burnt when handling petrol. Safety precautions have not been observed.

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2. Petrol is to be treated with care at all times. Owing to its weight, gasoline vapour will travel a considerable distance through the air and may cause an explosion or fire, quite a distance from the point of origin.

3. All Company Commanders are to ensure that personnel required to handle petrol are familiar with the safety precautions associated with its use (AFV RO Part 1 No 139/67).

499. INTERNAL POSTINGS

<u>Regt No</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>From Coy</u>	<u>To Coy</u>
38764	Pte	R.M. DEVERS	D	ADMIN
4718672	Pte	R.L. STRAZDINS	ADMIN	SP
38592	Sgt	N.W. HOFFMAN	ADMIN	A
2785876	Pte	K.C. LIDDELL	B	BN HQ
33889	WO2	R.F. SIGG	D	SP
6851	WO2	W.C. SUTHERLAND	BN HQ	ADMIN
34835	WO2	J.L. MAHONEY	SP	BN HQ
47049	Lt	P.L. MCGUINNESS	B	ADMIN
17104	Lt	I.N. TURNER	BN HQ	B
38439	Lt	N.L. REEVES	SP	ADMIN
235176	Capt	D.R. GILLIES	A	SP
3787996	L cpl	R.J. BRAVO	B	SP
3411915	Pte	R.D. MAXTED	ADMIN	SP
38929	Pte	R.E. KINDRED	D	SP
18454	Pte	K.M. WHITE	ADMIN	D
213997	Cpl	P.A. WOODCOCK	SP	ADMIN
217336	Pte	L.J. MATTHEWS	SP	ADMIN
3789538	Pte	R.J. TUNNELL-JONES	SP	A
3788793	Pte	R.G. GOOCH	SP	ADMIN
3786726	Pte	D.W. RUSSELL	ADMIN	A
3787158	2Lt	B.P. O'BRIEN	SP	A
38611	Lt	C.N. TITMARSH	ADMIN	C
1200732	Pte	B.H. COLLINS	A	ADMIN
3790671	Pte	K.J. JONES	SP	C
2785533	Pte	J.F. SHARMAN	C	SP

500. CARRYING OF PERSONAL WEAPONS

All service personnel, except those proceeding to or from R and R, or on reposting in or out of country, are to carry personal weapons whilst travelling to or from, and at, NUI DAT and VUNG TAU (AFV RO Part 1 No 141).

501. SUBMISSION OF KIT DEBIT LISTS

Kit Debit Lists (WF 253) are to be handed to Unit Pay Representative by Unit Q Staff. UPRs will take them to the servicing Cash Office when acquitting pay on normal pay days. (AFV RO Part 1 No 140/67)

502. ISSUE OF BOOTS TO CMF OFFICERS

1. Approval is given for the temporary issue of one pair of boots combat, canvas and rubber, to CMF officers visiting 1 ATF. Boots are to be withdrawn prior to the officer's RTA.

2. Boots GP are not to be issued to visiting CMF officers (AFV RO Part 1 No 142/67).

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503. GROUP 6 MIL SKILL QUALIFICATIONS

The following personnel have qualified in their annual TsOET, Map Reading, Range Practices, Voice Procedure, PE tests and First Aid for the year 1967/68:

2785478	Pte	R.W.	MYERS
3788360	L cpl	L.B.	DEWSNAP

504. BREACHES OF QUARANTINE

Army Headquarters advise that complaints have been received from the Department of Health concerning members arriving in Australia by air ex SVN with muddy boots and carrying tinned food. Members are to ensure that every precaution is taken to prevent any further incidents of this nature. Concerning this matter attention is directed to AFV Admin Instr 8/67 (Revised July 67) Annex B (Revised Oct 67) dated 10 Oct 67 and 1 ATF A2386 of 280815Z cmm para 2. (1 ATF A2545 of 170350Z).

505. PREVALENT OFFENCES -- LOSS OF WEAPON

1. There has been an increase in the number of weapons lost by members.
2. All members are to secure and safeguard their weapons at all times against loss or theft.
3. Loss of a weapon is declared a prevalent offence.
4. All losses of weapons are to be thoroughly investigated and the investigation is to be submitted to Bn HQ for consideration of disciplinary action. (1 ATF RO Part 1 No 214/67).

506. ROUTINE ORDERS FOR DRIVING OF MECHANICAL VEHICLES IN SOUTH VIETNAM

1. AFV RO No 7 of 8 Nov 67, which has been distributed to units by AFV, is to be obeyed by members of 1 ATF. In the near future a copy of the RO and a booklet on Vietnamese Traffic Signs will be issued to every driver in 1 ATF. In addition to the provisions of AFV RO No 7 of 8 Nov 67, the following orders are issued:

- a. No member of 1 ATF is to smoke in the NUI DAT Base Area while driving a mechanical vehicle.
- b. A driver of a mechanical vehicle is not to pick up and permit to ride as a passenger any person whatsoever outside the Task Force Base Area, unless he has been authorised to do so by his HQ. This order applies to officers and other ranks alike. (ATF RO Part 1 No 215/67)

507. TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS - 1 ATF AREA

1. Vehicles using Canberra Avenue in front of 161 (Indep) Recce Flt:
 - a. All vehicles are to stop before proceeding across the front of 161 (Indep) Recce Flt on Canberra Avenue and remain clear of any helicopter departing or returning to the helicopter pads and any fixed-wing aircraft taxiing down to or returning from the airstrip.

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2. Vehicles on LUSCOMBE Airfield:
- a. No vehicle is allowed on LUSCOMBE Airfield without permission from the Airfield Commander. The only vehicles permitted on the parking area are movement control and post office vehicles.
 - b. All vehicles meeting aircraft passengers and baggage are to remain outside the airfield boundary.
 - c. No vehicle is to park on the overshoot area of the runway.
 - d. The OC 161 (Indep) Recce Flt is the airfield commander (ATF RO Part 1 No 216/67).

508. CANCELLATION OF 7 RAR ROUTINE ORDER PART ONE NO 11/67

7 RAR Routine Order Part 1 Number 11/67 is cancelled.

509. DISTRIBUTION BOX - BATTALION HEADQUARTERS

1. A distribution box exists in Bn HQ for the following addressees:

Inward Correspondence

A Coy	QM	HVO
B Coy	Tpt	BC
C Coy	Pay	CP
D Coy	Postal	IO
Sp Coy	RAP	External SDS
Admin Coy	Offrs Mess	
RP's	Sgts Mess	

2. The above addressees are required to clear their boxes every hour between the hours of 0800 and 1700 inclusive and ensure that oncoming runners, where applicable, are aware of this requirement.

510. FINANCE - PAYMENT OF AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY TO MEMBERS RTA

1. Due to the shortage of Aust Currency in the SVN theatre, the following procedures are to apply:-

- a. Charter Flights. Members who RTA by Charter flights are permitted only to exchange MPC \$11.11 for Aust \$10.00. All other MPC is to be deposited to members paybook prior to departure. All unit action is to be carried out on the day prior to RTA, when all members are required to report to the Unit Pay Representative.
- b. Civil Air. Members RTA by Civil Air are not restricted as to currency changeover and may draw either Aust or US Green Currency. Unit action as per sub para (a).

2. Any member carrying MPC out of 1 ATF NUI DAT, will have no opportunity to convert it to Aust Currency on arrival in Saigon, nor will an authority be issued.

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3. It is suggested that on the pay day prior to RTA, all members restrict themselves to the absolute minimum cash required.

4. In the case of bulk departures, i.e. Draft 3 of 1/66 Intake, Coy Clerks are to liaise with the UPR at least 4 days prior to date of departure, and are to supply information as to the number of members requiring to deposit monies to paybook. A time for this action will then be given.

511. CO'S QUARTERS AND OFFICE

The CO's office and quarters are out of bounds to all personnel with the exception of:-

2IC
Adjt
CO's Batman
CO's Signaller

512. PREVALENT OFFICE - STEALING

1. Stealing is considered a serious offence and as such is declared a prevalent offence.

2. Any person apprehended stealing is to be remanded to the Commanding Officer.

513. DISPATCH AND RECEIPT OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL

All dispatch and receipt of classified material is to be channelled through the Adjt. Under no circumstances will any member dispatch direct or receipt classified docus etc.

514. VISITORS - HOSPITAL

Under no circumstances is any member of 7 RAR to visit any member in any hospital without first obtaining approval from the Adjt.


(B.J. CALIGARI)
Lt
Adjt

Distribution: List A

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ANNEX A TO 7 RAR RO
PART ONE NO 497/67

FIREARM	COMMONWEALTH	NSW	VIC	QLD	TAS	SA	WA	ACT	NT
Silencers	ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED IN COMMONWEALTH AND ALL STATES AND TERRITORIES								
.22 Rifles or smaller	No permission required	No licence or registration required	Certificate required	No licence or registration req	No licence required	Must be registered	Licence required	Licence required	Must be registered
Rifle of Military Type larger than .22	Permission req from Minister for Customs and Excise	Possession prohibited	Certificate required	No Licence or registration required	No Licence required	Must be registered	Licence required	Licence required	Registration and Licence required
Pistols any Calibre	Permission req from Minister for Cust. & Ex.	Licence required	Certificate required	Licence required	Licence required	Registration and licence required	Licence required	Licence required	Registration and Licence required
Ammunition less than .22	No permission required	<p>NOTE: Applications for permission from Minister for Customs and Excise are to be addressed to the Collector, Department of Customs, in the capital city of the state where it is intended to retain the weapon.</p> <p>Applications for licences, registration, certificates in all states and territories are to be addressed to the State Police Department.</p>							
Ammunition more than .22 for rifles of military type	Permission required from Minister for Customs and Excise								

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ANNEX B TO 7 RAR
RO PART ONE NO 497/67

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Unit

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Place

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Date

HQ AFV

IMPORTATION OF FIREARMS INTO AUSTRALIA

1. I.....hereby apply to take
No Rank Name
to AUSTRALIA.....
Details of Weapon

Registered No.....and.....rounds.

2. Attached is:
- a. Proof of ownership.
 - b. Letter of permission from Minister for Customs and Excise (in State concerned)
 - c. Letter of permission, licence etc; from State Police Department.

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Signature

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NOTICES

1. PURCHASE OF FOOD FROM LOCAL SOURCES

1. It is a common practice for locally produced sea foods to be purchased for unit functions. These are generally obtained raw or freshly cooked and there are no specific requirements for their handling except chilling in transit and unit refrigeration until time of consumption. There have been no outbreaks of gastro-intestinal infections in 1 ATF involving sea foods from local sources.

2. At least one instance has occurred where fresh carcass pork has been purchased by a unit from local sources. The purchase of locally slaughtered meat for unit functions or any other purpose is prohibited. This meat is not subject to inspection at the time of slaughtering and is generally under cooked over open fires. Amongst other diseases transmissible to man, tuberculosis and the tape worms *TAENIA SAGINATA* (Beef) and *TAENIA SOLIUM* (Pork) are prevalent. If approval to purchase meat from local sources is considered desirable the purchase should be made with HQ 1 ATF concurrence and arrangements made for its inspection at the time of slaughtering.

2. AFV CHRISTMAS CARDS

1. AFV Christmas cards are now available at the 1 ATF Gift Shop canteen.

2. Individuals may purchase them there at a cost of 5 cents each.