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1-31 March 1970

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation Seventh Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment

From 1 March 1970 To 31 March 1970

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COMMANDER'S DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT ~~FORMATION~~ 7th Battalion
Royal Australian Regiment
COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col R.A. Grey

MONTH and YEAR Mar 70

REFERENCE MAP

Serial	Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or Information	Reference to annex letter and/or enclosure No.
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
	Ap An Phu	1 Mar		Base Defence Net Duty Officer's Logs for March.	A1
	Phuoc Tuy			Task Force Command Net Duty Officer's for March.	A2
	Province	1 Mar		Grey's Gazette.	N1
	South Vietnam	3 Mar		Battalion Base Duties.	H1
	YS 441 684	3 Mar		Routine Orders Part One Serial SVN 2.	N2
		4 Mar		Grey's Gazette.	N3
		8 Mar		Hospitalisation Procedures.	H2
		8 Mar		Order for Operation Finschhafen issued. The Operation was named after the Battalion's lines at Holsworthy. NSW.	C1
		9 Mar		Ammunition Reserve holdings in the battalion.	J1
	YS 548 774	9 Mar	1000 H	Support Coy deployed by road to establish FSPB Anne in AO KURRAJONG. This was the first operational deployment of the battalion's second tour in SVN.	
		10 Mar	1015 H	Bn HQ and 7 RAR's direct support battery, 106 Fd Bty, deployed by road into FSPB Anne. The FSPB was named after wife of the Battery Commander, Maj D. Gilroy.	
			1400 -		
			1600 H	A, B, C, and D Coys conducted helicopter assault landings in AO KURRAJONG.	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
		10 Mar		Accidents in 1 ATF.	N4
		11 Mar		Routine Orders Part One Serial SVN 3.	N5
	YS 554 678	11 Mar	1105 H	First enemy installation for the tour located by B Coy. The system consisted of four bunkers and three early warning pits covering any approach from the SW. The system was unoccupied.	
	YS 515 706	12 Mar	1305 H	One enemy approached 3 Pl but went past it at long range without being fired on. This was the first enemy sighting of the tour.	
		13 Mar		Q Minute 1/70.	H3
		15 Mar		Two CMF officers, Maj W.V. McDonald and Capt K. Newton visited 7 RAR. They were the first of what was to be a number of members of the CMF to visit the unit as part of a scheme to familiarise CMF officers with conditions in Vietnam.	N6
		18 Mar		Unit Training of Replacements.	N7
	FSPB ANNE	18 Mar	0813 H	A Hoi Chanh surrendered at the FSPB. He was an adjutant of K76A Hospital of 84 Rear Services Group. He later led a patrol to his Chicom SKS rifle where he had hidden it in a nearby CAO DAI Temple. It is extremely unusual for a VC to Chieu Hoi to an Australian FSPB.	

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MONTH and YEAR Mar 70

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER

Serial	Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or Information	Reference to annex letter and/or enclosure No.
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
		19 Mar		Routine Orders Part One Serial SVN 4.	N8
		20 Mar		Admin Summary 9 - 19 Mar 70.	H4
		21 Mar		Procedures for Return to Australia.	H5
		23 Mar		Conduct of an Admin Clerk Course.	N9
		26 Mar		Routine Orders Part One Serial SVN 5.	N10
		27 Mar		Equipment Inspection Programme.	H6
		28 Mar		Chap General G.E.H. Vertigan ED LTL visited FSPB ANNE.	
		30 Mar		Instr for Saigon Guard.	H7
	YS 511 882	31 Mar	0640 H	3 Pl, A Coy commanded by 2 Lt I. McNee contacted two VC who walked into their ambush position. Both VC were killed. An M1 carbine and a quantity of documents were captured. K76A Hospital unit was identified from the documents.	
		31 Mar		A Summary of 7 RAR's Returns.	H8

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8 Mar 70

OPS2

Op 0 1/70 (OP FINSCHHAFEN).

Ref :	A.	VIETNAM, Sheet 6430 III,	BINH BA,	Edition 2,	1:50,000
	B.	VIETNAM, Sheet 6429 IV,	VUNG TAU,	Edition 2,	1:50,000
	C.	VIETNAM, Sheet 6430 II,	XUYEN MOC,	Edition 2,	1:50,000
	D.	VIETNAM, Sheet 6430 I,	CAM MY,	Edition 2,	1:50,000

Time zone used throughout the order : HOTEL.

1. Situation.

a. En Forces. Annex A.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 6 RAR returns to NUI DAT 10 Mar 70.

(2) 8 RAR continues ops AO ASCOT.

c. Atts and Dets.

(1) Remain in DS

106 Fd Bty.

(2) In DS from 09 0800 H Mar 70

One H13, 161 (Inde)
Recce Flt.

(3) In sp from 09 0800 H Mar 70

Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
2 Tp 1 Fd Sqn.
Elm plant Tp.

(4) In sp from 10 1000 H Mar 70
until air lift complete

Elm AHC No 9 Sqn
RAAF.

2. Mission. To destroy the en within AO KURRAJONG.

3. Execution.

a. Gen Outline. Two phase op.

(1) Phase 1. Deployment from NUI DAT into AO KURRAJONG on 9 Mar and 10 Mar 70.

(2) Phase 2. Destruction of en within AO KURRAJONG. Three companies driving from South to North with the fourth coy blocking in the North.

b. A Coy.

(1) Grouping. (All phases)

Remaining att

FO party.
MFC party.

Under comd from 09 0800 H Mar 70

Splitter Team.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1. Move by hel from PZ KANGA to LZ YS-5168 in accordance with air mov table, Annex B.

(b) Phase 2. Destroy en within coy hdrys, driving gen South to North.

CONFIDENTIALc. B Coy.(1) Grouping. (All phases)

Remaining att

FO party.
MFC party.

Under comd from 09 0800 H Mar 70

Splinter Team.

(2) Tasks.(a) Phase 1.

i. Mov by hel from PZ KANGA to LZ YS 5567 in accordance with air mov table, Annex B.

ii. Secure LZ for subsequent fly in of C Coy.

iii. Released from securing task on reorg of C Coy first slick at LZ.

(b) Phase 2. Destroy en within coy bdrys, driving gen from South to North.d. C Coy.(1) Grouping. (All phases)

Remaining att

FO party.
MFC party.

Under comd from 09 0800 H Mar 70

Splinter Team.

(2) Tasks.(a) Phase 1. Mov by hel from PZ KANGA to LZ YS 5567 in accordance with air mov table, Annex B.(b) Phase 2. Destroy en within coy bdrys, driving gen from South to North.e. D Coy.(1) Grouping. (All phases)

Remaining att

FO party.
MFC party.

Under comd from 09 0800 H Mar 70

Splinter Team.

(2) Tasks.(a) Phase 1. Mov by hel from PZ KANGA to LZ YS 5777 in accordance with air mov table, Annex B.(b) Phase 2.

i. Destroy en within coy bdrys.

ii. Be prep to mov by hel, APC or foot to block any en driven North by A, B or C Coy.

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CONFIDENTIALf. Mor Pl.

- (1) Pl moves with rd convoy to FSPB ANNE at 09 0800 H in accordance with Rd Mov Table, Annex C.
- (2) Ammo at FSPB ANNE to be stocked to two first lines by 10 1700 H.

g. Aslt Pnr Pl.

- (1) Pl moves with rd convoy to FSPB ANNE at 09 0800 H in accordance with Rd Mov Table, Annex C.
- (2) Pl occupies def posn FSPB ANNE.

h. Recce Pl.

- (1) Pl moves with rd convoy to FSPB ANNE at 09 0800 H in accordance with Rd Mov Table, Annex C.
- (2) Pl occupies def posn FSPB ANNE.
- (3) One tracker team on 30 minutes notice to move from 10 1300.

i. Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

- (1) Tp in sp 7 RAR from 09 0800 H.
- (2) Tasks:
 - i. Escort FSPB rd convoy from NUI DAT to FSPB ANNE dep NUI DAT 09 0800 H.
 - ii. Provide escort for all subsequent rd convoys between BINH GIA eastern bdry and FSPB ANNE.
 - iii. Be prep to react with D Coy to block en mov from South.

j. 106 Fd Bty.

- (1) 106 Fd Bty remains in DS 7 RAR.
- (2) Bty recce parties move with rd convoy to FSPB ANNE at 09 0800 H in accordance with Rd Mov Table, Annex C.
- (3) Bty less recce parties moves by rd from NUI DAT to FSPB ANNE 10 Mar 70.

k. 2 Tp 1 Fd Sqn.

- (1) Tp in sp 7 RAR from 09 0800 H.
- (2) Tasks:
 - i. Clear track from FSPB ANNE to YS 534 771.
 - ii. Assist in constr of FSPB ANNE.
 - iii. Provide splinter teams to ea rifle coy.

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CONFIDENTIAL1. 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.

- (1) H13 to report to PORKY 7 at 09 0800 H.
- (2) Tasks as dir by CO 7 RAR.

m. FSPB.(1) FSPB ANNE.

- (a) Loc : YS 548775.
- (b) Comd : OC Sp Coy.
- (c) Tps loc in FSPB:
 - i. Bn HQ.
 - ii. Sp Coy.
 - iii. Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - iv. 106 Fd Bty.
 - v. Elm of 2 Tp 1 Fd Sqn.

n. COORD INSTRS.(1) Air Mov.

- i. Air Mov Table, Annex A. Issued separately.
- ii. Order of fly out: B Coy
C Coy
A Coy
D Coy.
- iii. Adjnt to con fly out from KANGA and move fwd to FSPB ANNE by hel after D Coy last lift.

(2) Rd Mov Table.

- 1. Annex B. Issued separately.
- ii. Comd FSPB rd convoy : OC Sp Coy.

(3) Timings.

- i. FSPB rd convoy dep NUI DAT 09 0800 H.
- ii. Fly out of coys from KANGA not before 10 1000 H.

(4) Fire Plan.

- i. Arty LZ prep on LZ YS 5567, BC to issue plan separatel.
- ii. A and D Coy insertion sp by LFT.

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CONFIDENTIAL(5) FSPB Pri of Tasks for Engr Plant.

- (a) Bn CP.
- (b) Gun Bunds.
- (c) Mor Bunds.
- (d) Base def CP.
- (e) RAP.
- (f) AQ CP.
- (g) Sig Centre.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. Gen. Maint to FSPB ANNE by rd and air. Coys maint by air resup as required.

b. Rat.

- (1) Rifle coys to deploy with a minimum of three days rat.
- (2) FSPB to deploy with three days rat.
- (3) Hot box evening meal to FSPB commencing 10 Mar 70.

c. Water.

- (1) 130 jerry cans to FSPB ANNE 9 Mar 70.
- (2) 2,500 filled water bottles held at FSPB ANNE from 9 Mar 70 for use in coy resup.
- (3) Sterilizing Tablets to be used to treat all local water foraged.

d. Ammo.

- (1) On the Man : Coy First line.
- (2) Mor Scalings :

	HE	WP	Illum
(a) Pl deploys with	648	144	216
(b) Delivered to FSPB 10 Mar 70	648	144	216
- (3) Res : Coy First Line held FSPB ANNE.

e. Def Stores.

- (1) Initial requirement of def stores to FSPB ANNE by rd 9 Mar 70.
- (2) Second del of def stores by Chinook to FSPB ANNE 10 Mar 70.

f. Med.

- (1) RMO loc FSPB ANNE.
- (2) Minor sick to be held at FSPB ANNE.

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CONFIDENTIALg. FSPB Stores.

- (1) Stores for rd mov to be loaded by 08 1800 hrs Mar 70.
- (2) Responsibility for loading:
 - (a) Allocation of Vehs : OC Sp Coy.
 - (b) Bn CP Stores : Sgt McLean.
 - (c) Int Stores : Sgt Millen.
 - (d) Sig Stores : Sgt Curphy.
 - (e) CO's/RSM Stores : L Cpl Cameron.
 - (f) AQ Cell : Asst QM.
 - (g) RAP : As directed by RMO.
 - (h) Sp Coy Stores : As directed by OC Sp Coy.

5. Command and Signal.a. Bn HQ Loc and Moves.

- (1) Bn HQ moves with arty rd convoy from NUI DAT to FSPB ANNE
10 Mar 70.

b. Radio. No change from SOT.

Ack Instrs: By telephone to Adjt EMPEROR

(R.A. GREY)
Lt Col
CO

Authentication:



(F.K. COLE)
Maj
Ops Offr

- Annexes:
- A. Intelligence Summary.
 - B. Air Movement Table. (Issued Separately).
 - C. Road Movement Table. (Issued Separately).

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<u>Distr:</u> <u>ISSUED TO</u>	<u>COPY NO</u>
A Coy	1
B Coy	2
C Coy	3
D Coy	4
Sp Coy	5
Admin Coy	6
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Aslt Pnr Pl	8
Sig Pl	9
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CP (fwd)	11
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ANNEX A TO

7 RAR ORO 1/70

DATED 8 MAR 70

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

1. Enemy units likely to be contacted in AO KURRAJONG are D445 LF Bn and Long Dat District Concentrated Unit (C 25).

2. Organisation.

a. D445. HQ and 4 Coys (C1 - C4).

(1) Present bn strength approximately 200.

(2) Each coy has 30 - 35 men.

(3) Major Wpns. RCL (Not used since Jul 69)
2 x 82 mm mor (ammo unknown)
4 x 60 mm mor (1 per coy)
1 x .30 Cal MG
11 x RPD
30 x B40 (approx)
6 x B41
2 x 12.7 HMG (from D440).

b. C25. HQ and 3 Pls (B1 - 3). Though organised as a coy its strength is about 45 - 50.

(1) Major Wpns. 1 x 60 mm mor.
3 RPD
5 x BAR
1 x .30 cal MG.

Locations

3. The movements of D445 have been influenced by 1 ATF ops since the TET 1970 period. The bn moved elements to the Minh Dam Secret Zone (vicinity 4750) as a response to 1 ATF ops in their traditional base areas of TAN RU (centre of mass 5869) and DAT SET (5567). 8 RAR operations in the Long Hais caused HQ D445 and C1 to leave the area after suffering substantial casualties. Denial of the Long Hai area has also caused the VC influence on the Long Dien and Dat Do districts to diminish. On 1 Mar 70, 6 RAR attacked the new base of D445 at 549696. As a result of this attack C1, C4 and HQ D445 again moved. The majority of D445 is then thought to have moved South and East to the general area of the Long Green, Light Green area. Elements of D445 were contacted on 7 Mar in the area of Phouc Bau South of Xuyen Moc.

4. Movement of D445 into AO KURRAJONG is likely should D445 attempt to regain its traditional base areas or if it is forced to move from the Long Green and Light Green area.

5. VC food supply was restricted by 1 ATF ops in the Long Hais. Since the battalion moved from this area it is likely to have obtained food supplies from villagers in Long Dien. If access to villages is restricted the VC may experience serious food shortages.

6. Contacts and Incidents. Appendix 1.

7. D445 uses the areas in the vicinity of Dat Set and Tan Ru as safe havens. These areas provide sufficient remoteness from population centres to allow retraining and indoctrination whilst allowing the VC to exert influence on population centres along route 23 and route 2. If D445 re-occupies these bases much of their movement will be towards the villages to obtain political support and food.

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8. VC use of mines in AO KURRAJONG is uncommon and mine incidents are infrequent. However, there is a suspected minefield bounded by 571 749 - 573 749 - 573 747 - 571 747.

9. Map Corrections. Map corrections are shown on the overprinted map issued down to section level.

10. Met.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BENT</u>	<u>SR</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>RENT</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>MS</u>	<u>ILLUM %</u>	<u>PHASE</u>
10	0618	0704	1903	1950	0846	2129	7	
11	0617	0703	1904	1950	0931	2225	14	
12	0616	0702	1904	1950	1017	2321	22	
13	0616	0702	1904	1950	1106	---	32	
14	0615	0701	1904	1950	1157	0017	41	
15	0614	0700	1904	1950	1250	0112	51	1st Half
16	0614	0700	1904	1950	1343	0205	61	
17	0613	0659	1904	1950	1436	0254	70	
18	0612	0658	1904	1950	1526	0340	78	
19	0612	0658	1904	1950	1614	0423	85	
20	0612	0658	1904	1950	1701	0502	91	
21	0611	0657	1904	1950	1747	0539	96	
22	0610	0656	1904	1950	1831	0615	99	
23	0610	0656	1904	1950	1918	0650	100	Full Moon
24	0609	0655	1904	1950	2005	0728	99	
25	0608	0654	1904	1950	2054	0807	96	
26	0607	0653	1904	1950	2148	0848	91	
27	0607	0653	1904	1950	2245	0936	84	
28	0607	0653	1904	1950	2345	1028	76	
29	0606	0652	1904	1950	----	1124	66	
30	0606	0652	1904	1950	0045	1225	55	Last Half
31	0605	0651	1904	1951	0145	1329	44	

NOTE: The percent illumination (ILLUM %) given in the table refers to the illuminated area of the lunar disc disregarding cloud cover. This illumination is valid for 0800 H - Time.

Appendix : 1. ENEMY CONTACTS AND INCIDENTS - AO KURRAJONG.

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APPENDIX 1 TO
ANNEX A TO
7 RAR OPO 1/70
DATED MAR 70

ENEMY CONTACTS AND INCIDENTS - AO KURRAJONG

Serial (a)	Date/Time (b)	Grid Reference (c)	Incident (d)
1	06 1340 Mar	517 681	6 RAR loc two tracks used within 48 hrs heading W and NW near a coy size rest area.
2	06 1530 Mar	568 657	6 RAR loc a pack containing docus and rice.
3	05 1134 Mar	553 652	Squad size bunker system loc Used 3 - 4 days ago,
4	05 1710 Mar	542 660	Pl size transit camps used within 2 weeks.
5	05 1140 Mar	554 647	6 RAR contacted 3 LF en.
6	05 1520 Mar	495 752	6 RAR detained 27 civilians.
7	04 1250 Mar	542 688	Heavy N - S track 3 days old.
8	04 1250 Mar	553 675	150 m to the East of a heavy track at this loc 6 RAR found a three month old coy size camp used by C1/D445.
9	04 1515 Mar	536 691	Transit camp 50m x 50m used 2 weeks ago.
10	04 1615 Mar	581665	6 RAR found 5 bunkers with cooking and sleeping areas used 2 weeks ago.
11	03 1045 Mar	579 704	Bunker system with 8 x 1 man bunkers used 4 - 5 days ago.
12	03 1135 Mar	562 665	Contact 2 plus en. 1 KIA (BC)
13	03 1140 Mar	551 674	Waterhole in recent use.
14	03 1140 Mar	558690	Large track running str.
15	03 1140 Mar	575 695	Track used by 10 - 15 men 1 - 4 days ago leading South.
16	02 1230 Mar	549 694	A Coy 6 RAR loc coy bunker system vacated within 48 hrs.
17	02 1615 Mar	555 675	Tracks of 50 men moving South within last two days.
18	1 Mar 70	549 696	6 RAR attacked new base area D445 which was under const for 7 days. Base occupied by C1 C2(?) C3 and HQ D445 and possibly C9/D440. 2x 12.7 HMG in camp. 12 Aust WIA.
19	01 1020 Mar	550 761	Contact 3 VC.
20	01 1115 Mar	550 761	Contact 1 VC (WIA, BT).
21	01 1150 Mar	5465	15 VC sighted.
22	01 1520 Mar	571 668	3 VC believed sentries contacted.
23	26 1707 Feb	490 710	Agent report from Duc Thanh. Coy VC well armed moving from the North at this loc.
24	25 1950 Feb	583 667	6 RAR loc a previously report bunker system used 4 - 7 days ago. Probably occupied by D445
25	23 1345 Feb	543 778	Transit camps for 8 - 10 pers occupied 1 hr ago.
26	21 1212 Feb	583 737	Log bridge across Song Rai.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
27	11 1508 Feb	578 664	Pl en in bunkers. 3 hr contact resulted in 1 VC KIA (BC), 3 Aust WIA.
28	06 1710 Feb	547 780	3 en moving N to S. Leading en placed grenade under him before he died, wounding 4 Aust.
29	03 1500 Feb	562 672	5 RAR loc and destroy 2 mth old base camp with 2 huts, three Bunkers and 18 fighting pits.
30	30 1000 Jan	474 710	Agent report eval C-3 (VN) C3/D445 moving along Sui Da Bang.
31	20 1300 Jan	556 667	5 RAR contacted en squad in bunker system. 2 en WIA (BT)
32	28 1805 Jan	538 670	Bunker system loc with 14 bunkers, 3 cooking huts built 4 weeks ago.
33	28 0345 Jan	464 729	6 RAR detected mov of a large body of VC Pack found later identified C5/D445.
34	28 1720 Jan	500 723	6 RAR loc hvy track made by 30 - 35 persons moving East.
35	10 0945 Jan	589 662	Agent report VN eval B2. Coy VC (100 strong) Armed with 82 mm mor 1 x 57 mm RR, 2 HMGs.
36	03 1330 Jan	525 785	Pl of VC taxgatherers collecting from ricefield owners without success.
37	17 1330 Nov	575 793	Coy size camp with 14 bunkers in poor condition loc by 6 RAR.
38	11 Nov 69	558 796	161 Recce sighted occupied base camp.
39	11 Nov 69	510 725	161 Recce sighted tracks of 50 men which disappears into the scrub.
40	08 1220 Nov	564 780	SAS ptl contacted 9VC. 3 KIA (BC)
41	24 1310 Oct	58 3809	Camps sighted with bunkers under construction.
42	22 1200 Oct	579 674	6 RAR loc pl camp, 8 bunkers. There were a number of mine markers in the area and a M16 mine fuse was recovered.
43	22 1600 Oct	560 706	A Hoi Chanh led 6 RAR to a wps cache holding 84 individual and 1 crew served wpn.
44	04 1240 Oct	585 788	5 RAR reported loc a camp.
45	23 Sep	558705	40 bunkers in area 300m x 300m found by 5 RAR. Complex is 2 - 3 years old, not recently used.
46	24 Sep	576 663	200m x 100m camp with 15 bunkers and 8 huts. Used 2 - 3 days ago.
47	21 Aug	588 765	SAS saw abandoned en coy def posn. Used in May 68.
48	20 Jul	467 738	30 mines located.

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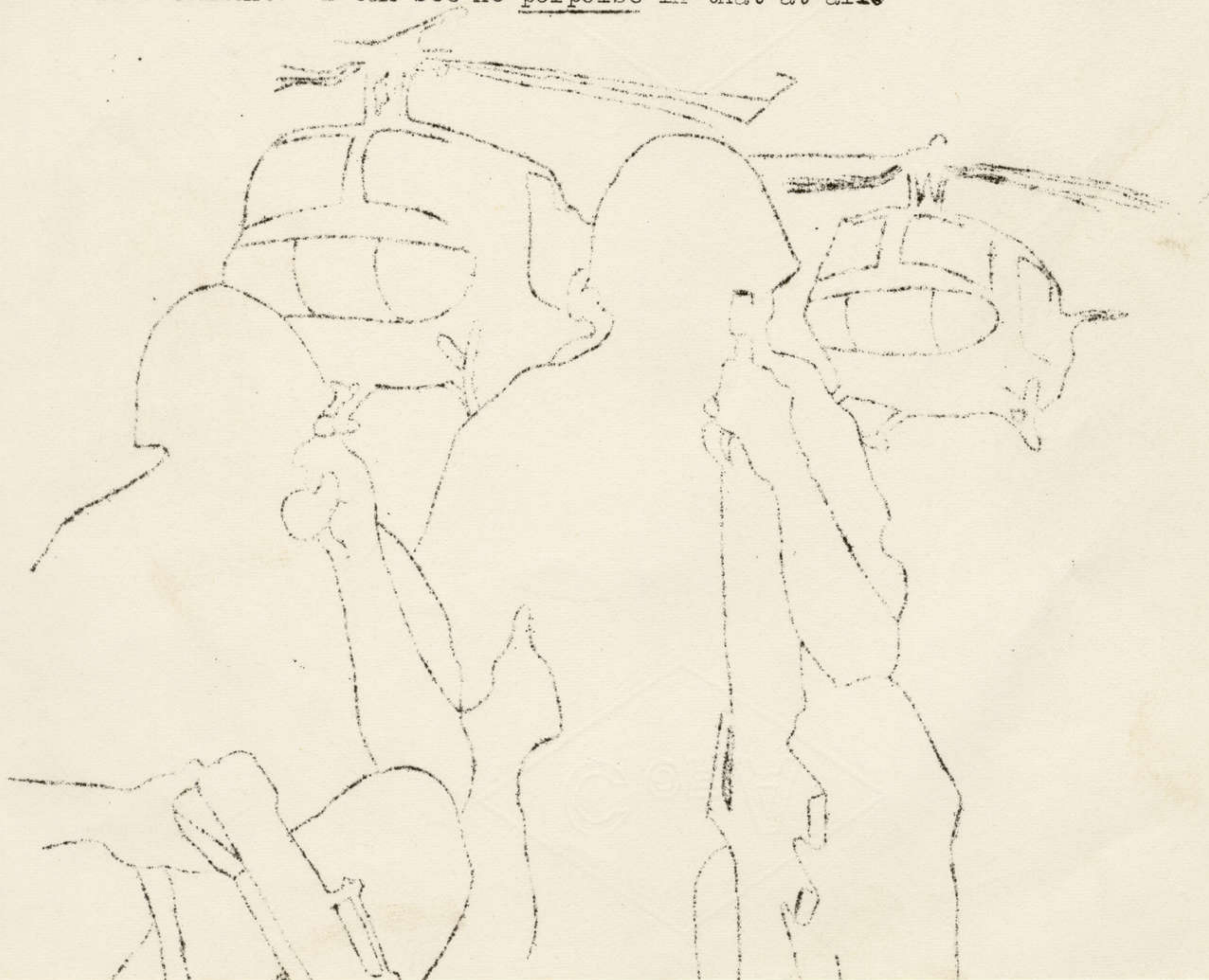
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Editorial

Hi, again! Welcome to the land of Playboys and pin-ups. Just to get the ball rolling, this edition consists of mainly general and sporting news from home and abroad. To some, the news may be 'old hat' and the editorial staff apologize for this. However, it is our intention to bring you more current news and items in future editions. We intend also to keep you in touch with the unit's activities throughout the year but as we have mentioned before, we rely on you, the reader, to come forth with any worthwhile tales, jokes, items of interest etc. For instance, one member (no names, no pack drill, except he sports three stripes) whilst on board the HMAS SYDNEY spotted a school of TIGER SHARKS frolicking in the water and performing great feats of aerobatics

Ed's comment: I can see no porpoise in that at all!



NEWS FROM NSW

SYDNEY. An eighteen year old pianist had to be carried from his piano after 15 hours of continuous playing yesterday. The pianist Peter Evans collapsed from fatigue after failing in his attempt to play for twenty four hours. He began playing at 5 pm on Saturday at the Watters Gallery, Darlinghurst.

The work he chose was Erik Saties Composition 'Vexations' written in 1918 and performed only four times - because it takes 24 hours to play. After Peter's collapse a 20 year old girl music student played the same composition for seven hours.

NEWS FROM VIC

BENDIGO. The pilot of a World War II Mustang fighter was killed when his plane crashed near the new Bendigo Airport at Welshford during an air pageant yesterday (15 Feb 70). Police said 5,000 to 6000 people were at the pageant organised by the Bendigo Lions Club and the Bendigo Flying Club. Mr Busch, who was giving a display of aerobatics, flew south along one of the runways, towards the official party, police said. His plane banked and turned, and the control tower asked him to do another turn. The plane flew over the official party and crashed a mile from the air strip as the Minister for Repatriation, Mr Holten, declared the strip open. Smouldering remains of the plane were scattered over 300 yards.

NEWS FROM SA

ADELAIDE. Police alleged on Saturday (14 Feb 70) that a policeman had been involved in the illegal supply of driving licences to Italians, Constable George Joseph Pongraz, 35, married, of Kidman Park, Adelaide, was charged in Adelaide Magistrates Court with making a false statement to the Registrar of Motor vehicles. The Assistant Police Prosecutor, Mr Edwards alleged Pongraz was involved in the illegal supply of permits to enable some members of the Adelaide Italian Community to obtain drivers licences. Rocco Clemente, 27, Butcher, of Albert Park, Adelaide, and Antonion Barilla, 38, Shopkeeper, of Seaton, Adelaide, were charged with having bribed Pongraz.

NEWS FROM NSW

CANBERRA. Sydney Airport's new 32 million dollar International Passenger Terminal complex will be opened for public inspection about mid April. International airlines will begin operating from the new terminal on May 5. The first aircraft to leave the complex will be the Royal VC10 which will take the Queen and Prince Phillip back to London after the official opening on May 3.

NEWS FROM QLD

BRISBANE. The Queensland Government has decided to make major changes to the State's Liquor Laws which would bring them into line with international standards. More than 60 changes proposed by the Justice Minister, Dr. Delmothe, were approved yesterday (18 Feb 70) by the joint government parties. The changes which include Sunday trading in Brisbane hotels, later closing for cabarets, restaurants and hotel dining rooms, staggered hotel hours and licences for live theatres - are expected to be passed by Parliament by Easter.

NEWS FROM NSW

SYDNEY. Counting so far in the three New South Wales by elections held on Saturday (14 Feb 70) shows an overall swing to the Labor Party. The Leader of the State Opposition, Mr P.D. Hills, last night put the swing at 10 per cent. In a general election he said, it would be enough to displace the Government. He predicted that the Premier Mr Askin would retire to avoid leading his Government to defeat at the next election or call an early general election before the swing against the Government worsened. The Chief Secretary, Mr E.A. Willis, Acting Leader of the State Liberal Party in Mr Askin's absence abroad, ridiculed Mr Hill's prediction. He said that allowing for the personal popularity of previous members in two of the seats the voting on Saturday revealed no significant trend.

NEWS FROM ACT

CANBERRA. The Australian F-111 programme is in grave doubt again as a result of suggestions that the United States might cut back even further its present planned purchases of the plane. Australian officials are anxiously awaiting an explanation of a statement made on Friday (20 Feb 70) by the US Defence Secretary, Mr Laird.

The United States is considering other alternatives to the F-111. Addressing a Congressional Committee, Mr Laird said he had directed the US Air Force to see what other planes it could buy to replace the swing Wing F-111.

NEWS FROM NSW

FORBES. Two golfers suffered electric shocks yesterday (Feb 22) when lightning struck a tree near them at Forbes. Rangi Bidos and Brian Moran, both professional golfers, were competing in the Amoco Forbes Open Golf Tournament. Bidos was treated for shock at Forbes District Hospital while Moran received attention at the Golf Club. Neither was seriously hurt.

NEWS FROM NSW

SYDNEY. A young stowaway plunged 200 feet to his death from an international jet as it was taking off from Sydney airport yesterday. Hundreds of onlookers watched horrified as the youth hit the ground at an angle and bounced along the bitumen runway. The youth who received shocking injuries and has not yet been identified, is believed to have stowed away inside the wheel bousing of a DC 8 Jet of the Japan Air Lines. The airliner was then flying at 200 mph and rapidly gaining height. According to the Airline Authorities, the youth would have almost certainly have died within two hours of takeoff from suffocation or extreme cold. The aircraft would have climbed to an altitude of 35,00 feet and the temperature would have dropped to minus 50 degrees centigrade.

NEWS FROM WA

PERTH. Eastern goldfields town are engaged in a massive clean up campaign following the biggest duststorm in memory on 17 Feb 70. The storm caused by Cyclone Ingrid filled houses with dust and painted entire towns red. Local residents said that it was the worst dust storm that the goldfields had experienced. "You could see the dust rolling in towards Kalgoorlie from the north east," one Kalgoorlie resident said. "There was a column of dust and rain thousands of feet high". Menzies and Leonora were worst hit by the storm.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

SYDNEY. Nineteen year old Bruce Weatherlake yesterday (21 Feb 70) set a state resident 200 metres record in the State Athletic Championships at Hensley Field. Weatherlake clocked 20.7 seconds which broke the state resident record of 20.8 seconds olympian Bob Aly set two seasons ago. Weatherlake was a clear winner from Graham Quilty (Sydney) and Greg Ajggers (Canberra). Weatherlake's run took him into the top half dozen Australian sprinters over 200 metres ever.

NEWS FROM VIC

MELBOURNE. The Victorian Attorney General, Mr G Reid has moved to stop the controversial play 'OH CALCUTTA' being produced at the Lido Theatre Restaurant. He says it would 'corrupt public morals'. Mr Reid yesterday (17 Feb 70) lodged a supreme court writ in which he says he will seek an injunction on Thursday to stop the show going on. 'OH CALCUTTA' is to open its season at the Lido on Friday Night, 20 Feb 70.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

MELBOURNE. Les Lewis, who stipendary stewards predict can greatly assist in the big Philou Doping Enquiry, is in New Zealand. Lewis, 32, a former stablehand of leading trainer Bart Cummings, is in police custody in Auckland. Melbourne police say he will probably appear in Auckland's Court of Petty Sessions charged with being a prohibited immigrant.

MELBOURNE. Niel Allen had a runaway win in the Golden 100 the seventh and final Tasman Motor Racing Championship Race at Sandown Park, Melbourne Yesterday. It was the 29 year old Allen's first win of the series in his McLaren Chevrolet.

But the 28 year old New Zealander, Graeme Lawrence claimed the championship by taking second place in his Ferrari. Frank Matich's championship chances vanished when a broken throttle linkage forced his McLaren Chevrolet out of the race after 41 of the 56 laps when he was lying in fourth place.

SYDNEY. Two good goals from left winger, Gennady Yevryuzhikhin, gave the Russian Soccer Club Moscow Dynamo cmm a 2-1 victory against New South Wales before almost 27,000 people at the Sydney Sports Ground yesterday (22 Feb 70). Yevryuzhikhin, 25, scored in the 18th and 79th minutes while NSW Captain Johnny Warren, netted after 52 minutes after its 5-0 lacing of of Western Australia in Perth on Wednesday. Moscow disappointed in the second match of the tour. The Russians were weak in the air, their ground passing was often inaccurate and their goal shooting only average. With 10 Australian World Cup Squad members, NSW almost caused an upset.

SYDNEY. Australian Jockey Club Habdicapper, Mr Ken Goodwin has allotted dual Melbourne Cup winner Rain Lover topweight of 9.11 in a flattering set of weights on the Sydney Cup. The weight is only 4lb more than Rain Lover carried to victory in his second successive Melbourne Cup (2M) last November. The 40,000 dollar Sydney Cup (2M) will be run at Randwick on 30th March 1970. Star New Zealand stayer 11 Tempo is second topweight in the Sydney Cup with 9.7. Keen racing followers had predicted Rain Lover would get at least 10 stone in the Sydney Cup this year.

SYDNEY. Former Wimbledon champion, Frank Sedgman, 42, has accepted an invitation to play in the twenty five thousand dollar Dunlop International at White City, from 15 Mar to 22 Mar 70. Sedgman who created so much interest with his performance in the recent Australian Open Wills join another 42 year old, Pancho Gonzales as the veterans of the tournament. Sedgman and former Davis Cup team member, Phil Dent are the only non professional australians in the 24 man draw.

The former Wimbledon champion, with little practice under his belt beat Frenchman, Bernard Paul in the Australian Open and had match points on Bill Bowrey which prompted the Dunlop organisers to invite him to play. All the world's leading players, headed by dual grand slam... winner, Rod Laver will complete in the new look Australian Tennis Tournament.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

SYDNEY. Rugby league premiers Balmain last night (21 Feb 70) were defeated by a point in their first match of the season in the pre-season clash at Redfern Oval. Eastern Suburbs earned a plucky win when they defeated the Tigers 8-7. In the other game played last night (21 Feb 70) St. George thrashed Canterbury - Bankstown 20 - 7 at Belmore Oval on Friday night, (20 Feb 70) South Sydney defeated Manly 24 - 18 and Western Suburbs and Penrith played a 4 all draw.

NEWS FROM SAIGON

ANXIETY PERVADES SAIGON AT TET

SAIGON - Feb 5 - The normally chaotic streets of Saigon fell silent tonight, the shops and restaurants closed and most Vietnamese went home to bid a rueful good-bye to the Year of the Rooster and an anxious welcome to the Year of the Dog.

Tet, the Lunar New Year, is the most important holiday of the year for the Vietnamese. It is the combined equivalent of New Year's Eve, Thanksgiving, the Fourth of July and everybody's birthday.

Two years ago, it was also the occasion of the greatest battle of the war--the countryside offensive in which enemy troops swept into 30 major cities and gained control of the former imperial capital of Hue.

Few Americans or South Vietnamese expect anything comparable this year, but as a result of past experience and present uncertainties, there is an air of anxiety in Saigon, the capital, this year.

Flower Market Fades. The streets around the central market, which for days have been clogged with temporary stalls selling fruits and special holiday candy, were deserted by nightfall. Nguyen Hue Boulevard, converted since Monday into an open-air flower market, reverted to its customary drabness late in the afternoon. Two old men with brooms were left to sweep the debris and by 8 pm, even they had gone home.

The ritual of returning home on the eve of Tet to pay respect to deceased ancestors is perhaps the oldest and strongest of Vietnamese traditions and one of the few to have survived 20 years of war.

Discussing the apprehension felt here before the new year starts tomorrow, Dr. Tran van Do a former Foreign Minister, said at a dinner the other night:

"It's not just the war and the possibility of more fighting. It's all the other things we can't be sure about, from the American withdrawal to the devaluation of the piaster. There are so many things coming up that can hurt us.

Troop on Full Alert. Although a major Tet attack by the enemy is thought unlikely this year, all Government troops have been on full alert since Monday and have been confined to their barracks during off-duty hours. United States soldiers are not on special alert but they have been ordered to stay out of the major cities and to avoid using public transport, which provides a tempting target for terrorists.

In consideration of skittish nerves, the traditional Tet fire-crackers have been banned in Saigon this year. In 1968, their crackle all but drowned out the gunfire that marked the start of the offensive.

Unilateral cease-fires have been declared by both sides, the Vietcong for four days and the allies for 24 hours. As usual, there have been charges of violations. The United States command reported a handful of enemy-initiated incidents in the first few hours of the allied cease-fire. None of the incidents were said to have caused serious casualties or damage.

The anxiety evident in Saigon has introduced restraint in holiday preparations. Shops and temporary stalls have been crowded, but sales are down.

"They only shop with their eyes this year, not their pocket-books", a young man selling boxes of Tet candy near the central market complained.

His prices provided part of the explanation. A two-pound box of candy was offered for 800 piasters, or about \$6.50 at the legal exchange rate. A year ago, the man said, the same box sold for 400 piasters.

Most prices have jumped in the last few months as a result of new austerity taxes.

Besides the holiday candy, another Vietnamese passion at Tet is fortune tellers. Equipped with playing cards, amulets and sometimes crystal balls, the seers set up small tables and chairs near the city's major pagodas. For 200 or 300 piasters, they advise their customers what to expect in the coming year.

The most fashionable fortune teller is Mademoiselle Claire, who says she is a French gypsy. She includes among her regular customers (at an average of 5,000 piasters or about \$42 per prediction) the wives of several Cabinet ministers.

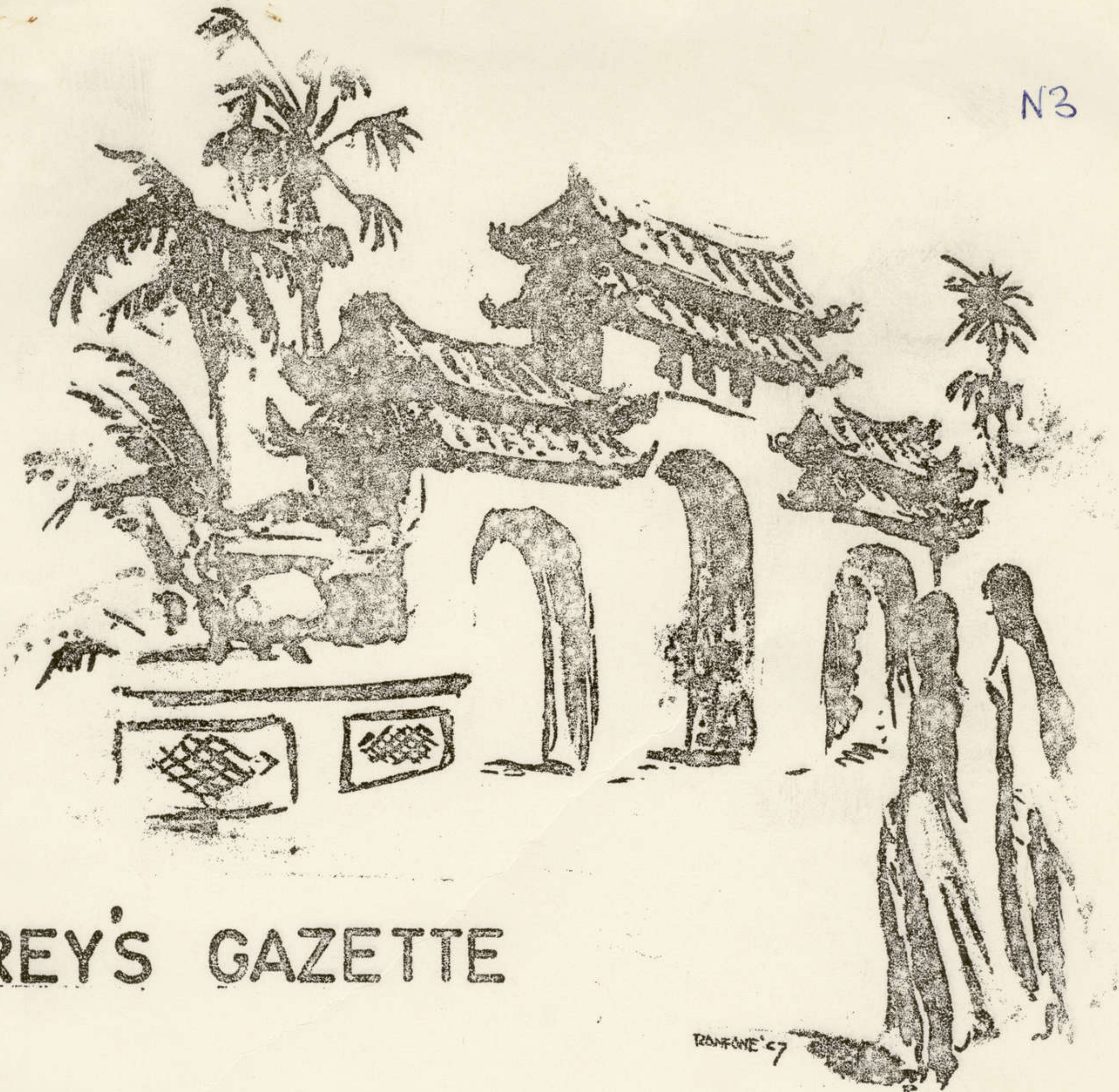
Her recent visions may have contributed to the general mood. She has been quoted as having seen "dark clouds" over the Presidential palace and danger in the year ahead for South Vietnam. The issue in the Year of the Dog, she says, will be the survival of the nation.

INTEGRATED ADJECTIVE

I was down on Riverina knocking around the towns a bit,
An' occasionally restin, with a schooner in me mitt;
An' on one of these occasions, when the bar was pretty full
An' the local blokes were arguin' assorted kind of bull,
I heard a conversation, most peculiar in its way,
Because only in Australia would you hear a joker say,
"Where you bloody been yer drongo? 'Aven't seen yer for a week;
"An' yer mate was lookin' for yer when 'e come in from the Creek;
"E was lookin' up at Ryan's and around at bloody Joe's,
"An even at the Royal where he bloody never goes."
An' the other bloke said: "Seen 'im. Owed 'im 'alf a bloody quid,
"Forgot ter give ut back to 'im; but now I bloody did.
"Coulda used the thing me-bloody-self; been off the bloody booze,
"Up at Tumba-bloody-rumba shootin' kanga-bloody roos."
Now their voices were a little loud, an' everybody heard
The peculiar integration of this adjectival word,
But no-one there was laughing, an' me I wasn't game,
So I stood around an' let them think I spoke the bloody same.
An' one of 'em was interested to ask 'in what he got -
How many kanga-bloody-roos he bloody went and shot?
An' the shootin' bloke said: "Things are crook, the drought's too bloody
tough,
"I got forty-bloody-seven, an' that's e-bloody-nough".
An' everybody stopped listenin' an' got on with the job.
Which was drinkin' beer and arguin' an' talkin' of the heat,
An' boggin' in the bitumen in the middle of the street;
But as for me I'm here to say the interrestin' news
Was "Tumba-bloody-rumba shootin' kanga-bloody-roos"!

- 'ENRY LONGFELLA.

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NEWS FROM HOME

MELBOURNE. The Australian Council of Trade Unions yesterday (2 Mar 70) moved to settle the postal dispute which has caused a huge bank up of mail in all states. After talks with officials of the Amalgamated Postal Worker's Union in Melbourne, The Acting President, Mr R.J. Hawke, got in touch with the Chairman of the Commonwealth Public Service Board, Sir Frederick Wheeler and asked him to arrange a conference on the issues in dispute. The Postal Union's General Secretary, Mr G. Slater, said the national overtime ban by 20,000 postal workers, which has slowed down mail deliveries by 24 hours, would be lifted as soon as constructive negotiations on the Union's pay claims begin.

BRISBANE. The first aboriginal ever to stand for a seat in Federal Parliament was last night (2 Mar 70) endorsed as a Liberal candidate for Queensland in the Senate Elections to be held in November. The aboriginal a company president and boomerang manufacturer, Mr Neville Bonner and Senator Ian Wood, both gained Liberal Party endorsement after a two hour meeting of the Party's Senate Election Council.

SYDNEY. Police were called in to control about 150 people who tried to force their way into the public gallery of the Sydney Stock Exchange yesterday (2 Mar 70). The Exchange was enforcing a limit of 30 people at a time for a maximum of 15 mins each in the glassed in public gallery overlooking the share trading floor. A Commissionaire was knocked down in a scuffle with spectators when the gallery opened for the morning trading session. Police were called in and helped to regulate the crowd for the rest of the day.

LONDON. The Queen set off by air yesterday (2 Mar 70) for her tour of Australia and New Zealand, accompanied by Princess Anne. Last night in Vancouver, they were joined by Prince Phillip for the remainder of the flight to Fiji, from where they will sail to New Zealand on the royal yacht Britannia. The Australian section of the tour runs from March 30 to May 3. The royal visitors will take part in celebrations marking the 200th Anniversary of Captain Cook's discovery of the east coast of Australia.

SYDNEY. New Zealand hopes to extend the terms of its free trade industry agreement with Australia. The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr McEwen, said in Sydney, New Zealand manufacturers no longer feared that Australian imports would put them out of business. They had found they could succeed without being protected.

MELBOURNE. Victoria is unlikely to follow the proposed NSW lead with fines of up to \$10,000 and five years in gaol for stock market manipulators and unscrupulous traders. The State Attorney General, Mr Reid said in Melbourne yesterday (2 Mar 70) that swifter legal proceedings were possible with the lower penalties \$2,00 fine of two years in gaol provided in Victoria's New Securities Industries Bill.

SYDNEY. Some lanes on the Sydney Harbor Bridge will have automatic toll collectors when the one way toll is introduced on July 1. The Minister for Highways, Mr Mortel said this yesterday (2 Mar 70) motorists drop 20 cents into a bucket, tripping an elect ronic trigger which changes the light in front of the motorists car from red to green. If a motorist drives through the unmanned toll gate while the red light is showing his car number plate is automatically photographed and he receives a letter from the Department of Main Roads requesting payment of the toll.

MELBOURNE. Monday, the American Consulate and the Headquarters of the Australian American Association in Melbourne were attacked by arsonists at the weekend.

A molotov cocktail was thrown at the Consulate and arsonists set fire to the second floor of the Association Building in the City causing \$7000 worth of damage.

Earlier police and fire brigade units were called to a fire in the second floor offices of the Australian American Association in Exhibition Street, Melbourne.

BRISBANE. A press photographer looking through a telephoto lens saw a rifle swing in his direction just before he was wounded in the leg during a siege in the Brisbane suburb of Woolloowin yesterday (2 Mar 70). The Photographer, Noel Pascoe of the Courier Mail, dived to the ground just as a shot was fired, but was hit in the leg. The shot was one of four fired during the siege. The siege started when a man ordered a policeman from the house. About 50 police armed with tear gas guns surrounded the house before the man finally left the house.

Police later charged the man with unlawfully attempting to kill the photographer.

PORT MORESBY. The Administration of Papua New Guinea has made the first payment on its 20 % share equity in the \$350 million copper mining development on Bougainville Island. In a statement last night (Sunday, 1 March 70) The Administrator, Mr DO HAY, gave details of the payment. Mr Hay said the Administration had made formal application on Friday to take up its shareholding in Bougainville Copper Pty Ltd., and had made the first payment of 12.5 million dollars. Mr Hay said the benefits to the Territory and all its people would be in the form of dividends on the shares during the life of the mine.

SYDNEY. The Royal Australian Navy and the Maritime Services Board are holding inquiries into the collision of the Manly Ferry Bellubera, and the Destroyer, HMAS Parramatta, in Sydney Harbour on Saturday. The destroyer and the ferry, which was sailing from Manly to Circular Quay, collided just off Chowder Bay, where the destroyer had been to refuel at the navel depot. The destroyer was holed above the water line. The collision caused minor damage to the ferry's bow. No one was hurt in the incident.

CANBERRA. State Attorneys-General in the next fortnight will recommend to their cabinets sweeping changes in Company Law to protect investors against share manipulators and deal with unscrupulous traders. They will recommend the establishment of State Corporate Affairs Commissions to administer strengthened Companies Acts and a Security Industries Law to cover stock exchange practices. The Commissions would investigate and prosecute breaches of company trading activities illegal under both the Companies Act and the Security Industries Law penalties would be heavier fines and longer gaol terms. Maximum sentences will be a \$10,000 fine and up to five years in gaol for company directors guilty of issuing false statements.

SYDNEY. The American Chamber of Commerce announced yesterday (2 Mar 70) that investment by American companies in Australia would rise substantially this year. The 358 million dollars to be invested by US manufacturing affiliates in plant and equipment represented a 34% increase over the 1968 figure. The estimate for this year did not include planned investment in plant and equipment in the petroleum industry, which said it would invest 151 million dollars in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. Total direct US private investment in Australia is estimated at 300 million dollars.

MELBOURNE. Australian born, Pro Communist Journalist and Author, Mr Wilfred Burchett, will visit Canberra in an attempt to acquire an Australian Passport. Mr Burchett, 59, returned to Australia on Saturday after a 15 year debate surrounding his passport and Australian citizenship. Successive Australian Governments have refused to replace his passport, which was lost in 1955. Mr Burchett has claimed it was stolen by American agents of the Central Intelligence Agency.

CANBERRA. A spokesman for the Immigration Minister, Mr Lynch, said in Canberra yesterday (1 Mar 70) that the Government's attitude towards Mr Burchett had not changed since early February. The Federal Government would not grant Mr Burchett a New Australian Passport, the spokesman said. In an interview earlier yesterday, Mr Burchett denied he had ever helped interrogate or brain wash Australian prisoners of war in Korea.

SPORTING NEWS

SYDNEY. Lyn McClements, the Australian Olympic Gold Medal Swimming Star, has been sacked from the squad for the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh. Lyn the Perth golden girl of swimming, won a gold medal in the 100 metres butterfly at the Mexico Olympics in 1968. She was shocked when told yesterday (2 Mar 70) that the Australian Swimming Union had dropped her from the squad to go to Edinburgh. Lyn, 18 was twice disqualified in the National Open Championships at Drummoyne Pool at the weekend. She was disqualified in the 100 and 200 metres butterfly heats for lowering her left leg excessively.

SYDNEY. Special Girl made a hurried departure for Melbourne last night (2 Mar 70) for her appearance in Saturday's \$24,000 Newmarket Six Furlong at Flemington. The filly left Mascot by plane at midnight. Trainer, N. Begg was on hand to meet the filly in Melbourne. The filly will probably do only light exercise here this week. Trainer, N. Begg stated. He hoped to be able to send her down the Flemington straight six on Thursday to give her a look at the crossings. The filly might not be rated much of a chance in the race in Melbourne but in Sydney she has an idolising following. Begg still does not have a rider for Special Girl in the Newmarket. He hopes to engage either R. Quinton or N. Voight.

LAUNCESTON. Victorian racing driver, John Harvey yesterday (2 Mar 70) took the first step towards fulfilling a life long ambition to win a Gold Star Championship. He won the first heat of the Gold Star Series at Symons Plains to gather nine gold star points. Second was Leo Geoghegan of NSW who surprised everyone by streaking to the front at the start and staying there for the first lap. Present Gold Star Champion, Kevin Bartlett also of NSW was the most disappointed driver in the race, although he finished third.

NAPIER. The Australian Second Eleven Cricket Team yesterday (2 Mar 70) bundled out New Zealand's under 23 Representative side for 145 runs. Chief destroyer for Australia was pace bowler, Denis Lillee who captured 6-40 off 11.4 overs. The New Zealanders got away to a bad start with openers, D. Stead and G. Turner both going for ducks. Geoff Givson (66) and Ken Wadsworth (53) saved the home side from complete collapse. Australia were 4-125 in reply with John Inverarity not out 42.

SYDNEY. It was the shortest retirement in Australian swimming when Olympic Gold Medallist, Lyn McClements, burst into tears and announced her immediate retirement on Saturday. Miss McClements 18, of Western Australia won the gold medal in the 100 metres butterfly at the 1968 Mexico City Games. But on Friday and Saturday she was disqualified in two butterfly events at the Australian Championships. Lyn vowed she would never swim again. But a few hours later she calmed down and arrived at the pool on Saturday night to swim the butterfly leg of the medley relay for Western Australia.

SPORTING NEWS

SYDNEY. Apia Leichhardt Soccer Team yesterday (Sunday, March 1), clinched a place in the AMPOL Cup Semi Finals. Apia defeated Canterbury Marrickville 6-0 at Wentworth Park. In another AMPOL Cup match yesterday, Yugal defeated Auburn 2-1.

DURBAN. The Australian cricketers threw off their batting blues as they swept to 4-330 on the second day of their match against Natal at Durban, South Africa. Centuries by Ian Chappell (108) and Ian Redpath (113) sparked the Australians' return to form following dismal batting displays in recent matches on their tour. But the innings began at a crawl when Captain Bill Lawry and Keith Stackpole resumed this morning at 0-4 in reply to Natal's first innings total of 259.

SYDNEY. Karen Moras of Sydney, smashed the world record for the 800 metres freestyle by one point three seconds last night (Sunday, 1 Mar 70). Karen 16, swimming in the National Titles recorded nine minutes nine point one seconds to beat American girl, Debbie Meyer's mark. She also took five point one seconds off her own Australian record. Karen's amazing swim was fourteen point nine seconds faster than Debbie's winning time at the 1968 Mexico City Olympic Games.

Australian golfer Bruce Devlin yesterday (2 Mar 70) finished equal third in the 150,000 dollars Doral Open. Mike Hill won the tournament with the 72 hole score of 279, nine under PAR. Hill defeated Jim Colbert by four strokes. Devlin was tied with Larry Hofson and Englishman, Brian Barnes on 286 nine strokes behind the winner. They each won 7,950 dollars. Australians, Bob Stanton and Bob Shaw also played in the tournament. Stanton finished on 289 and Shawon 291.

WELFARE

Just a gentle reminder to anyone who may have any personal problems. The Assistant Adjutant is always available at Bn HQ to put any of these through the Army Welfare Organisation if they are bad enough.

Don't let your problems slide until they become too big to handle, pass them on to the Assistant Adjutant through normal channels, he may rip his hair out and mumble under his breath, but he'll look after your problems, if they are big enough.

STOP PRESS

MELBOURNE. Several Victorian football league clubs are chasing two West Australian players who are serving their national service in Puckapunyal. The imports are John Lewis, a centre half back from Claremont, and Laurie Bennett, a defender from East Perth. Both players were in the Army team that played North Melbourne last Sunday (1 Mar). He is a tough 6ft 2" player who is considered good enough to hold a regular place in most VFL teams. Among the clubs interested in them are North Melbourne, Fitzroy and Carlton. These players can switch to the VFL without holdup because of the rule governing players who are doing national service interstate.

STOP PRESS

SYDNEY. The Leader of the Opposition, Mr Hills and Mr R.C. Parker (MLC, Lib) last night (Mar 3) called for government action on Tasminex. Mr Hills in the Legislative Assembly alleged there has been 'obvious rigging of the stock market' regarding Tasminex shares. Mr Packer asked what was being done to prosecute the Tasminex Director and he asked why were the Tasminex shares not de-listed from Sydney Stock Exchange sometime ago? The collapse of the Tasminex shares on the Stock Exchange yesterday (Mar 3) involved hundreds of investors in huge losses. The shares, which only four weeks ago had soared to \$90.00, fell from \$15 to \$7.00 in Sydney yesterday (Mar 3) in London last night the market soared further and at noon on that market the shares were \$6.40 compared with \$14.50 yesterday.

MELBOURNE. Abortionist, Stanley Wyatt said Superintendent Mathews had tipped him off about a planned police raid on his premises. Wyatt said that at one stage he was paying Mathews between \$200 and \$300 a week to protect his abortion activities. Wyatt, a former policeman was giving evidence at the inquiry investigating allegations that Melbourne police were involved in an abortion protection racket. Superintendent Matthews is one of seven serving or former police names in the allegations. After receiving a warning from Matthews Wyatt said he had watched police raid one of his premises while he was jogging around a nearby park. Wyatt said that at one meeting they had, Matthews told him that only six abortionists would be protected when Inspector Jack Ford took charge of the Homicide Squad.

SYDNEY. Tiny Tim, the American singer with the split level voice, arrived in Sydney yesterday (Mar 3) with an important piece of news: He's going to become a father "Sometime in September or October". He told reporters who met him at Kingsford Smith Airport that they were the first to hear of the impending happy event. Tiny Tim and his wife whom he left back home in the States, were married on the show on December 17. Although he wore the same navy blue raincoat he brought out last August when he visited Australia, and although his lank locks were as long as ever, Tiny Tim seemed more serious and subdued. Tim pointed out that he had no special plans for the baby except to 'dedicate it to the Lord and to make sure it follows Christ and does what the Lord wants'. "I don't even know what it's going to be," He said, "I don't mind if it's a boy or a girl or whatever it is".

CANBERRA. Students at a Roman Catholic School in Canberra may be given permission to smoke but will also be given lectures and shown films on the dangers of cigarette smoking. The school, Daramalon College last night (Mar 3) called a meeting of parents which voted in favour of allowing fifth and sixth form students to smoke outside classes. But it also called for health education lectures and films to be included. The school's headmaster Father McCowage said he had not yet made a decision on allowing the boys to smoke.

SYDNEY. St George Rugby League forwards last night (3 Mar) took on a new look with the addition of two country newcomers for the match against Parramatta. Saints selectors last night called up Tom Jordan (Second Row) and Greg Cross (Prop) for Sundays Pre Season Match at Kogarah Oval. Jordan replaces Kevin Givson and cross replaces Grahame Bowen in their initial first grade appearances. Officials are happy with the way the pair have been shaping up in lower grade trials. Saints paid \$6,000 for the two players this year. They paid 2,000 to Dublin for Jordan, 22 years and 14 stone 12 lbs. Another \$4,000 went to Wollongong for Cross, a young prop forward giant of 15 stone 10 lbs. St George rates the two players bright prospects.

SENSIBLE SAM SAYS,

"Don't be like this fool that we have illustrated.

WATCH YOUR WEAPON HANDLING AT ALL TIMES!"



Watch this section each edition for more words of wisdom from SENSIBLE SAM.

WHAT A LOOPHOLE TO PULLTHROUGH.

Have all platoon comds read 7 RAR SOPs lately? We draw your attention to Page 86, Paragraph 281, which states:-

"Weapons are to be cleaned and inspected by pl comds at least once per day".

FOOTNOTE:

There will be an extra issue of 4" x 2" and oil to all pl comds at the Coy Q Stores from 1600 hours today.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

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COMMANDING OFFICER

7th BATTALION
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

Serial SVN 2

3 MAR 70

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40. BN HQ DUTY CLERK

6 Mar 70 -- Cpl G. Waterman (L Cpl A. Comley under instruction).
 7 Mar 70 -- Cpl R. Symon.
 8 Mar 70 -- Pte K. Asbury.
 9 Mar 70 -- Pte K. Moles.
 10 Mar 70 -- L Cpl A.D. Comley.
 11 Mar 70 -- Cpl S.A. Jeffries.
 12 Mar 70 -- Pte G. Parsons.

41. DUTY PROJECTIONIST

7 Mar 70 - 13 Mar 70 - Pte R.D. Ernst.

42. HOSPITAL VISITING OFFICER

7 Mar 70 - 13 Mar 70 - Sgt M.E. Halls.

43. SUBJECT A RESULTS

1. Results of 7 RAR 1/70 Subject A Course 18 Feb 70 - 25 Feb 70:

a. For Sergeant:

	Pass	Fail
235410 Cpl A.A. Arnel	P	
61745 Cpl B.V. DeBonford	P	
1200869 Cpl W.G. Thomas	P	

b. For Corporal:

3796000 L Cpl W.J. Abernethy		F
2791499 Pte J.C. Bradford	P	
1735127 Pte A.R. Brady	P	
61876 L cpl R.D. Burge	P	
312746 Pte M.J. Callanan	P	
147429 L Cpl K. Christensen	P	
7152 Pte L. Collins		F
547922 Pte R.F. Dixon	P	
1201920 Pte T.J. Dunn	P	
218660 L Cpl K.J. Eaton	P	
218689 Cpl S.J. Elliott	P	
1735342 Pte A. Gilmore	P	
2133038 Pte M.J. Godbold		F
2791895 L Cpl D.J. Goy	P	
44759 L Cpl G.L. Hargraves	P	
2792438 L Cpl J.B. Hutchins	P	
2792308 Pte B.J. Lamont		F
55815 L Cpl W.K. Lewis	P	
2792137 Pte B.J. Lingham	P	
5716705 Pte D.J. Loran	P	
2792546 L Cpl N.F. Mintorn	P	
217069 L Cpl D.R. O'Keefe	P	
44909 Pte R.J. Owen		F
44766 Pte K.M. Page		F
312868 Pte K.A. Pattle		F
255281 Pte A.P. Pratt		F
3177315 Pte A.J. Purvis		F
3796246 L Cpl T.W. Quirk	P	
312716 Pte P.A. Richardson		F
55693 Pte G.W. Roberts		F
313372 Pte I.J. Robinson	P	
5716347 L Cpl G.A. Rodie		F
218719 Pte R.D. Runge	P	
61956 Pte G.W. Scolyer		F
4720430 L Cpl M.R. Strong	P	
3795701 Pte J.W. Turner	P	

44. SUBJECT C RESULTS

1. Results of 7 RAR 1/70 Subject C Course 18 Feb 70 - 24 Feb 70:

a. For Sergeant:

	Pass	Fail
2791410 Cpl R.J. Andrews	P	
38762 Cpl R.D. McNielly	P	
216961 Cpl W. Pawlette		F
215486 Cpl D.A. Travers	P	

b. For Corporal.

	Pass	Fail
519319 L Cpl R.B. Copeland	P	
312521 Pte K.J. Cuthbertson	P	
2794862 Pte E.W. Field	P	
2275971 L Cpl T.R. Halfacree	P	
3789903 Cpl W.R. Hollings	P	
6709208 L Cpl C.B. Kelly		F
217081 Cpl R.W. King	P	
218848 L Cpl S.A. King	P	
57 16285 L Cpl A.H. Lievers	P	
218857 Cpl P.R. Mahoney	P	
3178160 Pte P.R. Mann	P	
215413 Cpl G. Milivojevic		F
55761 Cpl A.N. McKenzie		F
218473 L Cpl M. Parsons	P	
5716757 L Cpl G.J. Roberts	P	
2790914 L Cpl G.H. Roussel		F
217596 Cpl R.P. Smithson	P	
218383 Pte A. Stajkowski	P	
61982 L Cpl B.D. Waller	P	

2. Where members have now completed all subjects for corporal, sub units are to ensure that AAF A26as are submitted to Bn HQ.

45. PERSONAL PROPERTY OF MEMBERS PLACED IN CLOSE ARREST

Reference: A. AMR and O 364(3).
B. ARO 155/69.

1. Reference A provides for private soldiers to be searched and deprived of knives and other weapons when placed in confinement under close arrest. While common practice, the removal of moneys and valuables for safekeeping from persons placed in close arrest is not authorised and is contrary to Reference B.

2. Monies are not to be removed from members placed in close arrest.

46. HANDLING OF AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES

Reference: A. Equipment Instructions Part 5 Chapter 6.

1. Under no circumstances are unqualified personnel to tamper with ammunition or explosives.

2. Personnel qualified to destroy specific types of blinds are not qualified to modify or destroy ammunition, even though it may be unserviceable and of the type for which a qualification is held. Unqualified personnel are never to attempt to remove or destroy unserviceable or dangerous ammunition.

3. Where a sub unit suspects that ammunition has become unserviceable, the matter is to be reported through normal channels and the services of either an Ammunition Technical Officer or an Ammunition Technician requested.

47. LAUNDRY.

1. All personnel must thoroughly search and empty out pockets of garments before sending clothes to laundries.
2. Company CQMSs are to check that the pockets have been emptied.
3. Routine Order Part 1 82/70 is cancelled.

48. PREVENTION OF FIRES - SMOKERS RECEPICLES

1. Containers used as ashtrays are not to be permitted to accumulate rubbish. In this regard, deep containers, such as shell cases, do not allow rubbish to be readily seen and are not to be used as ashtrays. Ignition of inflammable material is such that a container is suspected to have been the cause of at least one fire in living accommodation.

49. REPORTING SICK

1. Persons wishing to report sick should do so initially through the company medical assistant at the C.A.P. In the cases of Sp Coy, Admin Coy and Bn HQ the battalion RMP is the C.A.P. and they are to report to their own medical assistant.
2. Patients requiring or wishing to see the RMO will be transported to the RMP by the company medical assistant.
3. No soldier is to attend 3 Field Amb without authority from the RMO or RMP. Sergeant except in life-threatening situations when time becomes important to the soldier's life or well being.
4. Soldiers acutely sick will be seen at any time of day or night by the RMO but they still should report via the company medical assistant. No soldier genuinely ill is to hesitate to report to his company medic for reasons of convenience or time.

50. DAPSONE TABLETS

1. Dapsone tablets are now not to be taken under any circumstances. Any company with any issue of Dapsone tablets in their possession should surrender them to the RMP forthwith.

51. ICE

1. The only ice to be used is that delivered to the area each day at the distribution point in Admin Coy.
2. Ice bought locally is not to be used under any circumstances. This ice is usually infected and serious intestinal diseases can result. This ice is not suitable for cooling drink tins as the tops of the cans can become infected and the infection may still be ingested.

52. REMOVALS - APPROVING AUTHORITY

Reference: A. 720-1-1.
B. MBI 150-3.

1. When a member is to return to Australia, the approving authority for his removal is the Headquarters of the Command in which he last served.

2. In submitting AAF H10s, sub units are to state the Command in which the member last served.

53.

REMITTANCE OF UNDRAWN PAY AND PAYMENT BY CHEQUE FOR MEMBERS ON RTA

1. Incidences have occurred where members have lost, or had stolen, large sums of money which they had drawn as cash on arrival at Mascot on RTA.

2. Sub units are to draw to the attention of members that alternatives exist which obviate the necessity to draw large sums of cash on RTA. These are:

a. Remittance of Undrawn Pay. Paybook credits may be remitted by WF 131 to a bank account or an individual in Australia. Providing that the WF 131 is submitted one month before RTA, the money will be available when the member arrives in Australia.

b. Payment by Cheque. Paybook credits may be drawn at Mascot as either cash, cheque or both. Should members require payment by cheque, this can be arranged by notifying the UPR one month before RTA.

54.

INDUSTRIAL GAS CYLINDERS

Reference: A. R8120-1-1.

1. Empty industrial gas cylinders are being returned to the Local Purchase/US Supply Section HQ AFV with the protective screw cap missing.

2. The absence of the protective cap leads to damage to the valve and also constitutes a safety hazard when full cylinders are being transported.

3. Personnel responsible are to ensure that protective screw caps are fitted to gas cylinders when both empty and full gas cylinders are being transported.

55.

CHURCH SERVICES - 7 RAR

1. Sundays:

C of E - 0730 hours.

PD - 0900 hours.

RC - 0945 hours.

2. Weekdays (When Padre in Camp):


RC - 1750 hours.

3. Chaplains in 1 ATF Area.

a. C of E - Chap. Hessey (8 RAR)
Chap. Greenshields (1 ATF)

b. RC - Chap. Teehey (7 RAR)
Chap. Nolan (1 ATF)

c. PD - Chap. Mills (6 RAR)
Chap. Paul (1 ATF)


(R.A. GREY)
Lt Col
CO

AMENDMENT

1. REFERENCE 7 R.R. ROUTINE ORDER PART 1 SVN 12/70

1. Amend paragraph 2 to read:

"The keys are to be held at all times by the CP."

NOTICES

Well Wishes

1. The following well wishes have been received:
 - a. "FOR CO AND ALL RANKS 7 RAR FROM CO AND ALL RANKS 3 RAR. WE WISH YOU A SAFE AND SUCCESSFUL YEAR. GOOD LUCK".
 - b. "TO CO AND ALL RANKS 7 RAR FROM CO AND ALL RANKS 9 RAR. BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL TOUR".
 - c. "GOOD LUCK SEVENTH. CHRISTIE AND BOLAND FOR SECOND SEVENTH".
 - d. "GOOD LUCK SEVENTH. SECOND SEVENTH BATTALION ASSOCIATION".

Old Scotch Collegians (Melbourne)

1. Scotch College Melbourne are compiling a roll of old boys who have taken part in the war in Vietnam and have requested assistance in this task. Units are requested to phone the name of any old Scotch Collegians (Melbourne) to the Chief Clerk 7 RAR by 6 Mar 70, giving the following details:

- a. Number.
- b. Rank.
- c. Surname.
- d. Christian names.
- e. Period at school.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

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7th BATTALION
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

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26 Mar 70

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97. BN HQ DUTY CLERK ROSTER

28 Mar 70	Pte	G.J. Nunn
29 Mar 70	Cpl	D.A. Duckworth (P)
30 Mar 70	Pte	R.A. Cook
31 Mar 70	Pte	K.W. Asbury
1 Apr 70	L Cpl	A.D. Comley
2 Apr 70	Pte	G. Parsons
3 Apr 70	Pte	K.G. Moles
4 Apr 70	Cpl	G. Waterman
5 Apr 70	Cpl	S.A. Jeffries
6 Apr 70	Pte	G.J. Nunn
7 Apr 70	Pte	R.A. Cook
8 Apr 70	Pte	K.W. Asbury
9 Apr 70	L Cpl	A.D. Comley

98. DUTY PROJECTIONIST

27 Mar 70	Pte	R.D. Ernst
28 Mar 80	Pte	G.D. Tyers
29 Mar 70	Cpl	D.A. Duckworth
30 Mar 70	Pte	G.D. Murray
31 Mar 70	Pte	G. Mainke
1 Apr 70	Pte	R.D. Ernst
2 Apr 70	Pte	G.D. Tyers
3 Apr 70	Cpl	D.A. Duckworth
4 Apr 70	Pte	G.D. Murray

99. HOSPITAL VISITING OFFICER

27 Mar 70 - 2 Apr 70 Sgt M.K. Halls.

100. DUTY PASSES

1. All personnel requesting duty passes are to be in possession of their ID cards.

100. POSTAL

1. All members are to ensure that personnel corresponding with them are advised of the correct postal address for 7 RAR.

2. Considerable delay is being experienced by postal representatives because of consistently incorrectly addressed mail.

3. Attention is directed to 7 RAR Routine Order Part 1 (Aust) 105/70.

102. CARE OF FEET

1. Some instances have occurred where soldiers through improper care of their feet, have rendered themselves unfit for duty. This is to be regarded as an offence unless reasonable care has been taken and prompt medical advice sought.

103. QUARTERMASTERS COMMISSION

1. AHQ advises that with effect 30 Sep 70, as an interim measure, the period of service in the rank of WO1 is reduced from six years to four years for eligibility for Quartermasters Commission.

104. PREVENTATIVE MEASURES AGAINST FEVERS

1. The following precautions against fevers are to be taken by all members of 7 RAR:

a. Suppressive Drugs.

(1) Each member is to take one paludrine tablet each morning and one paludrine tablet each afternoon.

(2) An officer or senior NCO is to personally ensure that all ranks under their charge swallow the suppressants as set out in sub para (1) above and is to record the taking of the tablet in a roll book set aside for that purpose.

(3) In the 14 days immediately preceding return to Australia, a special course of anti-malarial drugs is required. Details are contained below. A record of this course is to be included in march-out documentation.

b. Clothing. Shorts may be worn within 7 RAR base between 0630 and 1830 hrs. Long trousers are to be worn between 1830 and 0630 hrs. Under no circumstances are shorts to be worn outside 7 RAR Base. (Routine Order Part 1 SVN 8/70 refers).

c. Showering. Showering is not permitted between 1830 hrs and 0630 hrs..

d. Mosquito Nets. All ranks are to sleep under a mosquito net except when this is impracticable for operational reasons. Nets are to be kept in good repair and are to be tucked in under the mattress. Nets are to be regularly inspected.

e. Insect Repellant. When on operations or sentry and picquet duties, repellant is to be applied to the exposed areas of skin each three hours between 1830 hrs and 0630 hrs.

f. Aerosol Sprays. Aerosol insect spray is available for issue on the basis of one can per man per fortnight.

105. ANTI-MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS

1. In the 14 days immediately preceding return to Australia from Vietnam all personnel must complete a course of anti-malarial drugs.
2. The drugs used are:
 - a. Chloroquine - 300 mgn base. (large pink tablet) 00-113-9310.
 - b. Primaquine - 7.5mgm base. (small brown tablet) 99-210-7151.
3. During the course personnel must continue to use paludrine twice daily.


4. The course is:

a. Day 1:	Time	Drug	Dose
	0700 Hrs	Chloroquine	2 tablets
		Primaquine	1 tablet
	1300 Hrs	Chloroquine	1 tablet
		Primaquine	1 tablet
	1800 Hrs	Primaquine	1 tablet
b. Day 2 and 3:	0700 Hrs	Chloroquine	1 tablet
		Primaquine	1 tablet
	1300 Hrs	Primaquine	1 tablet
	1800 Hrs	Primaquine	1 tablet
c. Day 4 - 14	0700 Hrs	Primaquine	1 tablet
	1300 Hrs	Primaquine	1 tablet
	1800 Hrs	Primaquine	1 tablet

5. Every dosage on this course is to be independantly checked and the member's record sheet initialled.
6. Attached as Annex A is a proforma to be used to check this course.

106. VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

1. After an accident vehicles are not to be moved until visited by the Provost Detachment **unless**:
 - a. The vehicle is blocking the roadway.
 - b. The vehicle is creating a traffic hazard.
 - c. The time delay before the Provost arrive will be excessive
 - d. The tactical situation demands it.
2. If it is necessary to move the vehicle a sketch of the accident is to be made of the scene.


 (R.A.A. GREY)
 Lt Col
 CO

NOTICE

1 ATF GIFT SHOP

1. The 1 ATF gift shop will be closed on Sun, 29 Mar for audit and stocktake.

CANCELLATIONS

1. 1 ATF RO Serial 12 Nos 63 - 66/69 are cancelled.
2. 1 ATF RO Serial ~~13. Nos~~ 67 - 68/69 are cancelled.
3. 1 ATF RO 52/69 is cancelled.

RTA ANTI MALARIAL COURSE

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 NUMBER RANK INITIALS AND NAME 7 RAR
 UNIT

 DATE DUE RTA

DATE	DAY	TIME	DOSAGE	TAKEN	CHECK BY
	1.	0700	Chloroquine 2 x tablets Primaquine 1 x tablet		
		1300	Chloroquine 1 x tablet Primaquine 1 x tablet		
		1800	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
	2.	0700	Chloroquine 1 x tablet Primaquine 1 x tablet		
		1300	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
		1800	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
	3.	0700	Chloroquine 1 x tablet Primaquine 1 x tablet		
		1300	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
		1800	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
	4.	0700	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
		1300	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
		1800	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
	5.	0700	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
		1300	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
		1800	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
	6.	0700	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
		1300	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
		1800	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
	7.	0700	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
		1300	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
		1800	Primaquine 1 x tablet		

DATE	DAY	TIME	DOSAGE	TAKEN	CHECKED BY
	8.	0700	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
		1300	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
		1800	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
	9.	0700	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
		1300	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
		1800	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
	10.	0700	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
		1300	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
		1800	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
	11.	0700	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
		1300	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
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	12.	0700	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
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	13.	0700	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
		1300	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
		1800	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
	14.	0700	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
		1300	Primaquine 1 x tablet		
		1800	Primaquine 1 x tablet		

- Notes: 1. Paludrine is to be taken twice daily.
2. Chloroquine is the large pink tablet.
3. Primaquine is the small brown tablet.

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NG
7th Battalion
Royal Australian Regiment
Ap An Phu

23 Mar 70

List C.

7 RAR CLERK ADMIN COURSE

Aim

1. To train potential clerks as replacements for pay and orderly room clerks due to RTA in May and August 1970.

Duration

2. The course will be conducted in the first ten days of the next operation or the last ten days in April 1970. The course will consist of lectures and exercises between 0800 - 1020 hours each day and on-the-job training.

Nominations

3. By August 1970 the following will be deficient pay and orderly room clerks:

- a. Bn HQ - two.
- b. A Coy - two.
- c. B Coy - one.
- d. C Coy - two.
- e. Sp Coy - two.
- f. Admin Coy - one.

4. Sub units should endeavour to obtain sufficient nominations at least to cover their vacancies. Initial nominations are to be interviewed and vetted by the Chief Clerk. Nominations above sub unit vacancies are required to fill positions in Bn HQ.

5. Soldiers nominated should have sufficient residual service to complete the Vietnam tour.

6. Nominations are required within three days of the completion of Operation Finschaffen.

Instructors

7. Instructors will be:
- a. S Sgt A.E. McGuinness.
 - b. Sgt M.R. Hemmens.
 - c. Sgt J.A. Taylor.
 - d. Cpl B. Morrisett.
 - e. Cpl S.A. Jeffries.

Facilities

8. Reference matter, typewriters etc. are to be made available as requested by the Chief Clerk.

Location

9. Lectures and practical work are to be conducted in the Bn HQ canteen.

Administration

10. During the period of on-the-job training, students will be fully administered by the their parent company.

N.R.S. Smith Lt Col

fe (R.A. GREY)
Lt Col
CO

Annexure: A. Syllabus - 7 RAR Clerk Admin Course.

ANNEX A TO
7 RAR R850-1-15
DATED MAR 70

7 RAR CLERK ADMIN COURSE

Serial	Day	Time	Lesson	Type	Instructor	Remarks
1	1	0815-0840	Introduction		S Sgt McGuiness	
2	1	0840-0920	Roll Books	Instr/Pract	Cpl Morrisett	
3	1	0920-1000	Parade States including WF 3809	Instr/Pract	Cpl Jeffries	
4	1	1000-1020	Noticas Procedure	Instruction	S Sgt McGuiness	
5	2	0815-0830	Exercise "Ration State"	Practical	Cpl Morrisett/ Cpl Jeffries	Including marking Roll, raising Parade State exercise
6	2	0830-0930	Leave, including WSL	Instruction	Sgt Taylor/ Cpl Morrisett	
7	2	0930-1020	Personal Records - PORs	Instruction	Sgt Hemmens	
8	3	0815-0840	Exercise "Going Home"	Practical	Sgt Taylor/ Cpl Morrisett	Leave exercise
9	3	0840-0920	Publications and Amendments	Instruction	Cpl Morrisett	
10	3	0920-1000	AWOL - Illegal Absentees	Instruction	S Sgt McGuiness	
11	3	1000-1020	Higher Duties Allowance	Instruction	Sgt Hemmens	
12	4	0815-0840	Exercise "Shot Through"	Practical	S Sgt McGuiness	AWOL exercise
13	4	0840-0920	Promotions - Reduction-Grouping	Instruction	Sgt Hemmens	
14	4	0920-1000	R and R - R and C	Instruction	Cpl Jeffries	

Serial	Day	Time	Lesson	Type	Instructor	Remarks	
15	4	1000-1020	Use of MOB 3s	Instr/Pract	Cpl Jeffries		
16	5	0815-0840	Re-engagement - Transfers	Instruction	Sgt Hemmens		
17	5	0840-0920	Registration and Filing	Instr/Pract	Cpl Morrisett/ Cpl Waterman		
18	5	0920-0940	Removals	Instruction	Sgt Taylor		
19	5	0940-1000	Security	Instruction	S Sgt McGuinness		
20	5	1000-1020	Organisation of an Orderly Room	Instruction	S Sgt McGuinness		
21	6	0815-1015	Pay	Instr/Pract	Sgt Taylor		
22	7						
23	8						
24	9	0815-1015	Trade Testing	Practical	All		
25	10						
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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

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80. DUTY CLERK

20 Mar 70	Cpl	R.F.	Symon
21 Mar 70	Pte	R.A.	Cook
22 Mar 70	Pte	K.W.	Asbury
23 Mar 70	L Cpl	A.D.	Comley
24 Mar 70	Pte	G.	Parsons
25 Mar 70	Pte	K.G.	Moles
26 Mar 70	Cpl	G.	Waterman
27 Mar 70	Cpl	S.A.	Jeffries

31. DUTY PROJECTIONIST

20 Mar 70	Pte	R.D.	Ernst
21 Mar 70	Cpl	D.A.	Duckworth
22 Mar 70	Pte	G.D.	Tyers
23 Mar 70	L Cpl	K.	Molneux
24 Mar 70	Pte	I.J.	Collins
25 Mar 70	Pte	R.D.	Ernst
21 Mar 70	Cpl	D.A.	Duckworth

82. HOSPITAL VISITING OFFICER

20 Mar 70 - 26 Mar 70	L Cpl	I.A.	Baxter
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83. READY REACTION SECTION ROSTER

22 Mar 70 - 24 Mar 70	D Coy
24 Mar 70 - 26 Mar 70	A Coy
26 Mar 70 - 28 Mar 70	C Coy
28 Mar 70 - 30 Mar 70	B Coy
31 Mar 70 - 2 Apr 70	D Coy
2 Apr 70 - 4 Apr 70	A Coy
4 Apr 70 - 6 Apr 70	C Coy
6 Apr 70 - 8 Apr 70	B Coy
8 Apr 70 - 10 Apr 70	D Coy
10 Apr 70 - 12 Apr 70	A Coy
12 Apr 70 - 14 Apr 70	C Coy
14 Apr 70 - 16 Apr 70	B Coy
16 Apr 70 - 18 Apr 70	D Coy
18 Apr 70 - 20 Apr 70	A Coy
20 Apr 70 - 22 Apr 70	C Coy
22 Apr 70 - 24 Apr 70	B Coy
24 Apr 70 - 26 Apr 70	D Coy
26 Apr 70 - 28 Apr 70	A Coy
28 Apr 70 - 30 Apr 70	C Coy

84. ID CARDS

1. The loss of identity cards is to be regarded as a prevalent offence.

85. PROJECTIONIST

1. The only person allowed in the projectionist booth whilst movies are shown will be the duty projectionist. The booth is out of bounds to all unauthorised personnel.

2. Only projectionists who have been trade tested by the Unit Trade Testing Officer (Sgt C.C. Millen) are permitted to show movies.

3. It is an offence for unauthorised personnel to tamper with the Bell and Howell Auto Load movie projector.

86. WEARING OF FINGER RINGS

1. Accidents caused by the wearing of finger rings are relatively common especially among members working on vehicles and handling equipment or weapons. These accidents often result in removing the entire skin from the finger leaving amputation as the only feasible procedure.

2. Members should be discouraged from wearing finger rings when performing military duties. Wedding rings may be attached to the identity tag cords and be carried in the manner if desired.

87. AUSTRALIAN PATIENTS IN US MEDICAL INSTALLATIONS

Reference: A. HQ 1 ATF R506/1/8.
B. AFV (Army Component) SOPs, Part 2, Chapter 1, Section 4.

1. Complaints have been received from US Authorities of excessive numbers of enquiries, and in some instances visits by Australian personnel, in respect of Australian soldiers in US medical installations.

2. ADMS, HQ AFV is the officer responsible for effecting liaison with the US authorities for determining the condition of Australian patients. All queries regarding medical condition of and requests to visit patients in US installations are to be made through the ADMS office. Except as provided for in reference B, in respect of members of AATTV, queries direct to the US authorities or visits without approval by ADMS, HQ AFV are forbidden.

88. PURCHASE OF RESTRICTED LUXURY GOODS

1. Restricted luxury goods at the gift shop 1 ALSG are not available to 1 ATF personnel.

2. 1 ATF receives its own allocation which is sold at the gift shop Nui Dat.

89. 3/70 ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL OFFICER QUALIFYING COURSE - SEPTEMBER 70

References: A. ARO 33/69.
B. MBI 142-2 Part 4.
C. ARO 147/60 Part 4.

General

1. The above course is scheduled to be held at JTC, Canungra, from 10 Sep 70 to 6 Nov 70. The dates are subject to confirmation. The course will be conducted for 36 students.

Eligibility

2. Members of the ARA, who possess the following qualifications, are eligible to apply in terms of reference:

a. Intellectual Standard. This will be evaluated during pre-selection testing. See paragraph 5.

b. Educational Standard. Applicants are to have qualified at AACE 1 or equivalent.

c. Medical Standard. Applicants should normally have a PES or FE for corps. Applicants with a lower PES may be accepted, subject to the recommendation of the Selection Board. Units are to arrange medical board in accordance with Reference B and enclose AAF D20 with application papers.

d. Qualifying Service. Applicants must have completed a minimum to 10 years other rank service in the ARA, except that a member who has reached the age of 31, and who has a minimum of six years service, is eligible to apply.

e. Rank. Subject to the above conditions, members who have reached the substantive rank of corporal or higher are eligible to apply.

f. Minimum Age. Twenty seven years as at 10 Sep 70.

g. Maximum Age. Forty years, except that, until 30 Jun 72, members who will not have reached age 50 by 10 Sep 70 are eligible to apply.

Applications

3. Applications for attendance will close on 22 May 70. All applications documented in accordance with paragraph 4 are to reach Bn HQ by 24 May 70.

Documentation

4. Documentation as required by Reference D is as follows:

- a. AAF A28 (parts 1 and 2).
- b. Record of Service (Unit to request from CARO through AFV Records Detachment).
- c. Photographs, full face, two only $4\frac{1}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{4}$ (vide MBI 212-6).
- d. AAF D20.

Command Selection Procedure

5. During early June 1970 eligible applicants will be required to undergo psychological testing and face an AFV selection board. Details will be advised to applicants' sub unit.

90. VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN AWARDS

1. The following members have qualified for the Vietnamese Campaign Medal on the dates shown subject to verification by CARO:

217688	Pte	R.W.	Baker	17 Mar 70
219008	Pte	G.W.	Bellingham	17 Mar 70
218456	Pte	N.P.	Touchard	17 Mar 70
218895	Pte	J.P.	Wiseman	17 Mar 70
219020	Pte	A.J.	Howarth	17 Mar 70
219104	Pte	D.E.	Ford	17 Mar 70
2184800	Pte	S.N.	Taylor	17 Mar 70
3411640	Pte	J.A.	Batty	17 Mar 70
219120	Pte	G.R.	Strickland	17 Mar 70
218448	Pte	W.E.	Waters	17 Mar 70
217124	Pte	P.D.	Donnelly	17 Mar 70
218962	Pte	K.J.	Darling	17 Mar 70
313093	Pte	R.W.	Gillis	17 Mar 70
313106	Pte	G.V.	Johnsson	17 Mar 70
351331	Pte	R.I.	Howell	17 Mar 70
213807	Sgt	I L	Sinclair	7 Mar 70

91. SUB UNIT FIRE OFFICERS

Reference: A. 7 RAR Fire Orders paragraph 91 and 92.

1. The following are appointed as sub unit Fire Officers for areas shown:

- a. CQMS each rifle company (company area).
- b. CQMS Sp Coy (company area).
- c. CQMS Admin Coy (company HQ area).
- d. RQMS (QM area).
- e. Transport sergeant (transport area including power house).
- f. Assist Adjt (Bn HQ area).

92. ACTION ON OUTBREAK OF FIRE

Reference: A. 7 RAR Fire Orders Part 2.

1. In clarification of action to be taken by soldiers should an outbreak of fire occur, the following procedures are to apply:

a. Member Discovering Fire.

- (1) If the fire is in a tent, ensure all occupants are out of the tent.
- (2) Attempt to extinguish the fire with equipment at hand.
- (3) Raise the alarm by sounding fire gong and shout out "FIRE".
- (4) Lower any tents in the immediate vicinity of the fire and post a sentry to watch that sparks do not ignite tentage.
- (5) Assume control of fire fighting operations until the arrival of the fire fighting officer or a representative.
- (6) Notify Bn CP of the outbreak as soon as practicable.

b. Action on General Alarm. Where the fire is large enough to require assistance from other sub units, the CP Duty Officer will ring for assistance from an adjacent company.

The transport officer is to be notified by the Bn CP and he is to despatch the water truck to the fire immediately.

On the sound of the battalion siren, all soldiers, except those manning guns and unless already engaged in fire fighting are to quickly assemble at the sub unit assembly point where the senior member is to take charge and await further instructions.

The CP Duty Officer is to take immediate steps to have the electricity supply in the fire area cut off.

c. Action of Senior Member. The senior member present is to:

- (1) Notify the duty officer in the Bn CP and also request further help if necessary.
- (2) Take charge of all fire fighting activities.
- (3) Ensure soldiers and valuable equipment are not in danger. Where possible, valuables will be removed from the vicinity of the fire.
- (4) Upon the arrival of any trained fire fighting teams, hand over to the senior member and render all assistance possible.

d. Action by Unit Fire Officer. Proceed immediately to the scene of the fire and take charge.

Ensure that duty officer has been advised, neighbouring sub units have been warned and the power to the fire area has been cut off.

In the absence of the Bn Fire Officer, the duties will be performed by the Assistant Fire Officer or in his absence, the company Fire Officer.

e. Action by RP Section. The RSM and RPs are to be responsible for placing picquets at the entrance to the area of the fire and stopping any vehicles and soldiers who are not authorised from entering. Any vehicle attempting to leave the area is to be checked for the presence of any stores.

Ensure that any outside fire fighting vehicle or teams have quick and easy access to the scene of the fire.

93. AUTHORISED ELECTRICAL SCALES FOR TENTED ACCOMMODATION IN 1 ATF

(Extract from 1 ATF R5-2-3 of 18 Aug 69).

General

1. All electrical reticulation is to be installed by authorised RAE tradesmen.
2. Only Australian adaptors and fittings are to be used. Locally made adaptors and fittings are unsafe and are not to be used.

Tent Lighting

3. Lighting in each tent is restricted to 60 watts per tent.
4. The tent lampholder is to consist of one only switched BC cordgrip lampholder.
5. An approved adaptor may be used in lampholders which are not fitted with an improvised light shade.
6. Where a lampholder is fitted with an improvised light shade, the shade is to be perforated and the lamp is to be restricted to 40 watts.

Use of appliances in Tents

7. The only appliances authorised to be used with lampholder and adaptor are:

- a. Electric razors.
- b. Tape recorders/radios.
- c. Fans.

8. If these appliances are used they must be of the double insulated type not normally requiring an "earth" connection. (Generally these appliances have a non-metallic casing).

Power Loading in Tents

9. Total power drag in any one tent is not to exceed 150 watts. This figure includes the 60w light globe.

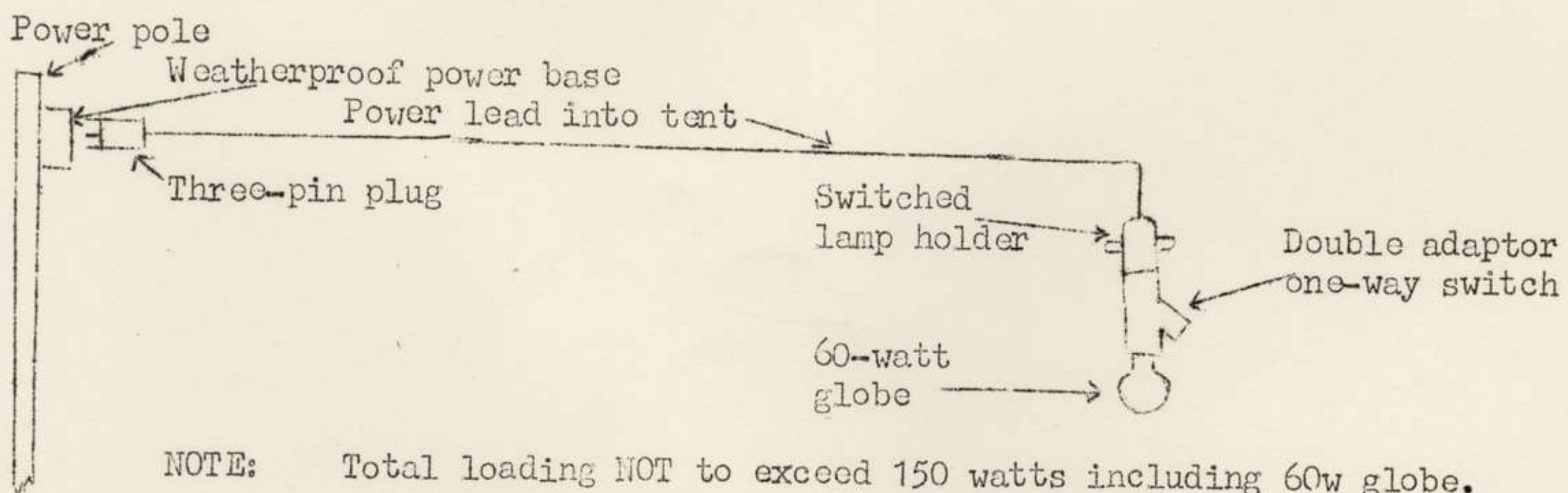
10. As a general rule, power outlets (ie., power points) are not to be installed in tents. Power outlets for tented accommodation are subject to special approval by the DCRE 1 ATF.

Installation/Repair Requests

11. All requests for installation and/or repairs to electrical reticulation are to be submitted through company channels to OC Admin Coy.

12. Requests are to be in writing with a brief outline of the reason for each request.

13. Approved reticulation for tents is represented in the following diagram:



NOTE: Total loading NOT to exceed 150 watts including 60w globe.

94. CARE IN USE OF LIGHTBURN WASHING MACHINES

1. In order to reduce the high incidence of unserviceability in spin dryers units are to ensure that the following precautions are observed:

- a. Spin dryers are to be loaded by dropping clothing loosely into the drum before setting it in motion. On no account are clothes to be packed tightly into dryers.

b. If the overload switch operates causing spin dryers to stop, portion of the load is to be removed before switch is reset. Should the switch again operate on re starting the dryer it is not to be reset and the fault is to be reported so that repair action can be taken.

c. Clothing is not to be rinsed by the pouring of buckets of water into the dryer whilst it is in motion.

d. When the dryer is switched off it is to be allowed to come to rest without artificial braking being applied.

95. MAINTENANCE OF UNIT VEHICLES

Reference: Equipment Instruction Part 5.

1. Over recent months a transport review was completed and a number of vehicles have been withdrawn from units. The number of vehicles returned is expected to increase as a result of further reviews to be conducted.

2. As the number of vehicles held in units falls, the workload placed on the remainder rises. In order to ensure unit vehicles operate at maximum availability, good preventative maintenance is essential.

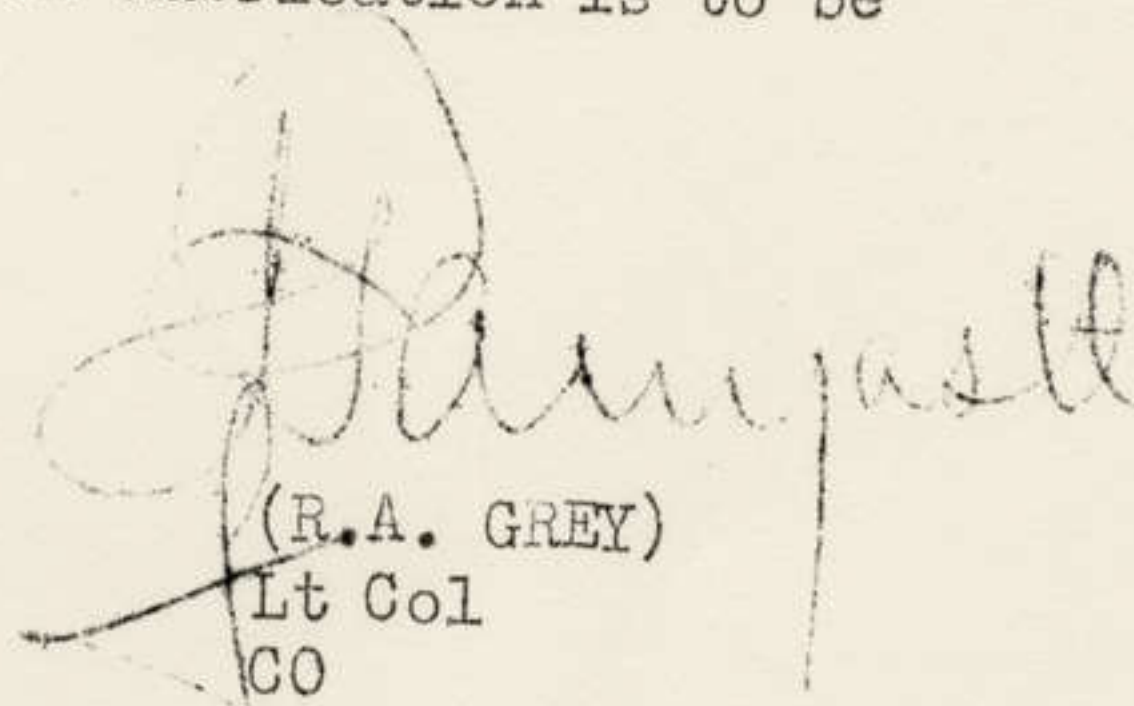
3. Units are to take particular care to ensure that vehicles are driven and operated correctly and that correct servicing is conducted at the appropriate intervals.

96. LUBRICATION OF VEHICLES

Reference: A. ATF R980-307-1

1. There are indications that the US Multipurpose Grease (G403) used in this theatre as an equivalent to the Australian grease XG279 is not a satisfactory lubricant for use in South Vietnam. Because of the high temperatures in this theatre, the oil contained in the grease tends to separate out and seep away leaving a non lubricating carrier.

2. Until stocks of XG279 are issued, units are to inspect grease points at least weekly for signs of dryness. Where vehicles are likely to run up a considerable mileage in one week, the inspection is to be more frequent. Any point which shows lack of lubrication is to be greased immediately.


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CANCELLATION

Cancellation of AFV (Army Component) Routine Order 97/69

1. AFV (Army Component) Routine Order 97/69 titled "Audit of Unit Operated Canteens" is cancelled. Contents of Routine Order 97/69 have been included in AFV (Army Component) SOP Amendment 2B.

AMENDMENT

1. Amendment No 2C to Australian Force Vietnam (Army Component) Standing Operating Procedures

Reference: A. AFV (Army Component) Standing Operating Procedures
Part 1, Chapter 1.

1. Delete existing Section 5 to Reference A and insert new Section 5 attached.
2. Printed page amendments for Reference A will be issued at a later date when received from the printer.

SECTION 5 - PRIVATELY OWNED AND CAPTURED WEAPONS

AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES

Definitions

1084. Weapons. The term weapon, as used in this instruction, includes the following items:

- a. All firearms such as handguns, shotguns, rifles, carbines, light automatic weapons, and similar weapons which use explosive force to propel a projectile.
- b. Knives with folding blades longer than three inches, swords, sabres, stiletos and spring release (switch blade) knives.
- c. Metal knuckles, blackjacks, saps, clubs and similar items.
- d. Instruments in which compressed air or a chemical propellant is used to fire a projectile.

1085. Explosives. Explosives or explosive devices include hand grenades, smoke grenades, mines, demolition charges or explosive material such as TNT, C-3, primacord or arming devices.

1086. Ammunition. Any projectile having explosive force as a propellant.

Privately Owned Weapons

1087. The possession of privately owned weapons, explosives or ammunition (as defined by this instruction) by Army Component members in Vietnam, is prohibited. This prohibition equally applies to those personnel on temporary duty with, or attached to, AFV.

1088. Unit and sub unit commanders are to carry out periodic checks to ensure that no privately owned weapons, explosives or ammunition are in the possession of personnel under their command or supervision.

1089. Privately owned weapons, explosives or ammunition in the possession of AMF personnel in the Republic of Vietnam are to be surrendered to the member's unit. Subsequent unit disposal is to be as for captured weapons, explosives and ammunition.

1090. The above paragraphs do not preclude a member owning a trophy firearm, as detailed in paragraph 1108 of this instruction.

1091. The prohibition on private weapons, explosives or ammunition ownership is to be reprinted in routine orders every three months.

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Captured Weapons, Ammunition and Explosives

1092. Irrespective of any directive, order or instruction published by other Free World Nations, the ownership and disposal of enemy weapons, ammunition and explosives, captured by a member of the AMF, is to be in accordance with this instruction.

1093. Except as provided in paragraph 1094, enemy weapons, ammunition and explosives captured by a member of the AMF immediately become the property of the Australian Government. A member who steals or fraudulently misapplies such property is liable to be charged under Section 17 or 18 of the Army Act.

1094. In the case of weapons etc. captured by members of AATTV, while serving with or attached to an ARVN unit, ownership of the item is deemed to be vested in the GVN. The subsequent disposal of the weapon etc., is therefore a matter for that Government or its agencies.

Use of Captured Enemy Weapons

1095. Normally, no captured weapon, ammunition or explosive is to be used by a member of the AMF. HQ AFV and Comd 1 ATF may however approve the use of captured enemy weapons under special circumstances, eg. in an operational emergency, in a controlled training exercise situation, provided that at all times safety aspects are fully taken into account.

Procedure on Capture - Weapons

1096. Captured weapons are to be rendered safe, identified and labelled with a captured material tag and secured under unit arrangements. Those which cannot be rendered safe whilst on operations are to be destroyed *in situ* under unit arrangements.

1097. The capturing unit is to prepare an inventory showing the date of capture, type, quantity and serial numbers of weapons captured and submit two copies, through staff channels, to HQ AFV within seven days of the termination of the operation. The inventory is to be subdivided into two parts. Part A is to list weapons in good condition and Part B, those in poor condition (i.e. damaged, incomplete to such an extent as to be of no use for training or trophy purposes and those destroyed *in situ* whilst on operations under unit arrangements). A specimen proforma is attached as Annex D. Advice is to be sought from the higher headquarters where doubt exists in regard to the identity or condition of a weapon.

1098. Where particular weapons are required for Technical Intelligence examination, these are to be forwarded as directed by 1 ATF without delay to the responsible US agency vide MACV Directive 381-24. Disposal action, as detailed below, is to be taken for all other weapons.

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1099. Weapons in both Part A and Part B of the inventory are to be forwarded to 2 AOD within 30 days of capture unless approval for retention is obtained vide paragraphs 1107 and 1108 below. Weapons for which a retention decision is awaited from HQ AFV are to be held by the capturing unit pending decision by HQ AFV. Completed issue and receipt vouchers, AAFs G1033 are to accompany each consignment showing weapons by type and quantity only. Weapons are to be thoroughly cleaned and inspected by an armourer before despatch. AAFs G1033 are to be endorsed to this effect.

1100. Reserved.

Procedure on Capture - Ammunition and Explosives.

1101. Enemy ammunition and explosives may be required for Technical Intelligence exploitation and, in certain circumstances, for training. Details of ammunition or explosives required for these purposes will be advised by HQ AFV or HQ 1 ATF. Captured items of this nature are to be evacuated by the capturing unit to 1 ATF ammunition point on advice by the ATO AFV. When any element of doubt exists the ammunition or explosives are to be destroyed in situ, but all possible details such as type, size, lot numbers etc., should be recorded. Similarly items not required for exploitation are to be destroyed in situ, when possible, or evacuated for destruction as directed by ATO AFV.

1102. The items/cache should be photographed and, if operationally possible, before ammunition and explosives are either evacuated or destroyed, they should be examined by ATO AFV.

Monthly Summary

1103. Two copies of a monthly summary of weapons captured during the month are to be forwarded to HQ AFV by HQ 1 ATF and 1 ALSG with a copy to 2 AOD by the seventh day of the following month. Nil returns are required. The summary is to include the type, serial number, country of manufacture, condition of the items and disposal action taken, eg. to 2 AOD (date or voucher number) or, where appropriate, retained by unit for display etc. See Annex D.

Disposal Action - 2 AOD

1104. 2 AOD is to sort, bring to charge and store all items returned in accordance with current service instructions. Subsequent accounting is to be as for normal weapons, except that manual accounting records are to be used.

1105. Captured weapons, for which no approval for retention by units or individuals has been granted by HQ AFV, are to be disposed of by 2 AOD in accordance with instructions issued by HQ AFV.

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1106. All requests from AHQ for items for display, training and museum purposes will be channelled by AHQ, through HQ AFV, to 2 AOD who will meet the demand from stocks held; packaging, documentation and movement being arranged by 2 AOD in accordance with Ordnance service procedures. Weapons specifically for museum purposes are to be prepared as per paragraph 21 of ARO 237/69.

Retention of Weapons by Units or Individuals

1107. Capturing units may request authority to retain weapons for display or museum purposes. Such requests are to be referred within forty days of capture, to HQ AFV for decision. Major units are permitted to retain a maximum of twelve weapons and minor units a maximum of six weapons, irrespective of the number of tours in Vietnam, for trophies, training or museum purposes.

1108. Similarly, applications for personal souvenirs or trophy weapons are to be submitted through normal channels to HQ AFV for approval. Such applications will only be considered when:

- a. The applicant personally captured the weapon concerned.
- b. The application is received by HQ AFV within forty two days of the weapon being captured.

An application pro-forma is shown as Annex A. Attention is directed to Commonwealth Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations relating to importations into Australia by individuals.

1109. Applications to import a personal souvenir weapon, vide Annex B, are to be submitted through normal channels to reach HQ AFV within ninety days of the weapons being captured. HQ AFV requires customs and police permission proff together with a Weapon Rendered Innocuous - Certificate by RAEME, shown as Annex C, before applications to import weapons are approved.

1110. When individual or unit retention is approved, the weapons are to be rendered innocuous by RAEME, under unit arrangements, so that they cannot be restored to firing condition. This is to include, as appropriate to the particular weapon:

- a. Drilling a hole through the breech.
- b. Machining or drilling through the breech block face.
- c. Removal of the firing pin and brazing of the firing pin hole.
- d. Rendering the barrel unusable by either machining out the breech end, or sectioning.

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1111. The cost of any work carried out in rendering innocuous any souvenirs authorised by HQ AFV for release to individuals is to be charged against the individual.

1112. A Weapon Rendered Innocuous - Certificate by RAEME (shown as Annex C), for each weapon, stating that it has been rendered innocuous is to be forwarded to and received by HQ AFV within fourteen days of HQ AFV approval being given for a unit to retain a captured enemy weapon.

1113. Unit accounting for captured weapons retained for display or museum purposes is to be in accordance with Equipment Instructions Part 4, Chapter 6, Paragraph 6.5. If a unit being relieved does not wish to retain the display items, these are to be transferred to 2 AOD.

1114. Under no circumstances are items of ammunition, or explosives to be rendered inert for use as trophies or souvenirs. However, with HQ AFV approval, some items, such as new type claymores may be rendered inert, by ATO AFV, for training purposes or unit museums.

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- Annexes:
- A. Application for Personal Souvenir or Trophy Weapon.
 - B. Application to Import Personal Souvenir or Trophy Weapon.
 - C. Weapon Rendered Innocuous - Certificate by RAEME.
 - D. Monthly Summary and Inventory of Captured Enemy Weapons.

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ANNEX A TO
SECTION 5 TO
CHAPTER 1

APPLICATION FOR PERSONAL SOUVENIR OR TROPHY WEAPON
(Paragraph 1108 refers)

1. I, hereby apply for permission to retain as a personal trophy, the following weapon:

a. Type -

b. Serial Number -

2. I personally captured the weapon on (date) as follows:

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Date

Signed

Remarks by Unit

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Date

Signed

Remarks by Superior HQ

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Date

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ANNEX B TO
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CHAPTER 1

HQ AFV

APPLICATION TO IMPORT PERSONAL SOUVENIR OR TROPHY WEAPON
(Paragraph 1109 refers)

1. I hereby apply for
permission to carry into Australia
serial number

2. I enclose the following documents:

- a. Customs Permission.
- b. State Police Permission.
- c. Weapon Rendered Innocuous - Certificate by RAEME.
- d. Approved application to retain weapon as a personal souvenir trophy.

Date

Signed

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ANNEX C TO
SECTION 2 TO
CHAPTER 1

WEAPON RENDERED INNOCUOUS

CERTIFICATE BY RAEME
(Paragraphs 1109 to 1111 refer)

1. I of(unit)
certify that weapon (type)(Serial No)
has been rendered innocuous on (date) by:

- * a. Drilling a hole through the breech.
b. Machining through the breech block face.
c. Drilling the breech block face.
d. Removing the firing pin and brazing the firing pin hole.
e. Rendering the barrel unusable by:
(1) Machining out the breech end.
(2) Sectioning.

Date

Signed

*Delete those not applicable.

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ANNEX D TO
SECTION 5 TO
CHAPTER 1

MONTHLY SUMMARY AND
INVENTORY OF CAPTURED ENEMY WEAPONS
(Paragraphs 1097 - 1099 refer)

Unit _____

Month _____

PART A

WEAPONS IN GOOD CONDITION

TO BE COMPLETED BY CAPTURING UNIT							TO BE COMPLETED BY HQ AFV				
Serial	Date of Capture	Type of Weapon	Country of Manufacture	Weapon Serial Number	Disposal Action	Remarks	Date Rcd by Ordnance	AFV Disposal Action	Date of Disposal	Innocuation Certificate	Remarks

PART B

WEAPONS IN POOR CONDITION

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Distribution: List B

UNIT TRAINING OF REPLACEMENTSGeneral

1. Unit training of replacement soldiers will be conducted at NUI DAT prior to the soldiers joining their companies for operations.

Aim

2. The aims of the unit training are:
- a. To instil in the soldier a sense of unit pride.
 - b. To ensure that the soldier is aware of unit procedure.
 - c. To complete all administrative matters prior to the soldier being sent on operations.

Conduct of the Training

3. The course will be conducted over a three day period commencing on the day after march in.

Pre Course Training

4. As all march ins will have completed the 14 day 1 ARU Training Programme, there will be no requirement for acclimatisation and basic training.

Staff

- 5.
- a. RD WO 2.
 - b. CQMS Admin Coy.
 - c. Tpt Sgt.
 - d. Others as nominated by RD WO 2.

Administration

- 6.
- a. Soldiers attending the unit training will be accommodated in parent company lines.
 - b. Any company administration will not interfere with the course.
 - c. Paludrine issue is the responsibility of the parent company.

7. The A/Adjt is responsible for co-ordination of reception and Day 1 activities.

Timings

8. Replacement soldiers will normally march out from 1 ARU at 1400 hours on the day prior to the course commencing. Following reception and documentation they will march into their sub unit.

NR Smith & May

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CO

- Annexures:
- A. Block Syllabus.
 - B. Detailed Syllabus.
 - C. Company checklist.
 - D. Replacement/Reinforcements Admin checklist.
 - E. Allocation to Companies (to be issued for each draft).

BLOCK SYLLABUS

<u>SUBJECTS</u>	<u>PERIODS</u>
Unit History	1
Organisation of the Unit and Personalities	1
Discipline - Routine Orders and Standing Orders	2
Battalion Standing Operation Procedures	1
Weapon Readiness and Rules of Engagement	1
Layout of Unit Area	2
Weapon Zeroing	4
Intelligence Briefing	1
Battle Procedure	3
A and Q Documentation/Medical/Dental	6
Company Training	2
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Total Periods	24

ANNEX B TO
 7 RAR R210 - 5 - 9
 DATED 17 MAR 70

DETAILED SYLLABUS

DAY	0815 - 0855	0905 - 0945	0955 - 1035	1045 - 1125	1135 - 1215	1330 - 1410	1420 - 1500	1510 - 1550
1	MARCH IN - A AND Q DOCUMENTATION CHECK - MEDICAL - DENTAL -- sub units to parade replacements at Bn HQ at 0800 hrs --						COY TRAINING	
	UNIT HISTORY AND ADDRESS BY CO AND RSM (Bn Conf Room)	ORGANISATION OF 7 RAR AND PERSONALITIES	DISCIPLINE - ROUTINE AND STANDING ORDERS		BATTALION SOPs	WEAPON READINESS AND RULES OF ENGAGEMENT	TOUR OF UNIT AREA	
3	WEAPON ZEROING				INTELLIGENCE BRIEF INCL OUTLINE OF PREVIOUS OPS AND DETAIL ON CURRENT OP	BATTLE PROCEDURE BN ON OPS OR WEAPON TRAINING BN IN BASE		
4	JOIN COMPANIES							

COMPANY CHECK LIST FOR MARCH IN OF REPLACEMENTS

1. Training and Orientation
 - a. Company organisation.
 - b. Company personalities.
 - c. Allocation of accommodation.
 - d. Allocation of pits.
 - e. Trial alert for Base Defence.
 - f. Coy Standing Operating Procedures.
 - g. Coy routine
 - h. Anti-Malarial precautions.
 - i. TAOR Patrols.

2. Administration
 - a. 'A' Administration
 - (1) Allocation of Platoon/Section.
 - (2) Issue PX Card.
 - b. 'Q' Administration
 - (1) Issue first line ammunition.
 - (2) Temporary issues.
 - (3) Issue expense stores.
 - (4) Supervised Anti-miting of clothes.
 - (5) 100% kit check.

3. Each Coy will have the company 2IC or CSM back for a period of at least two days to supervise the company orientation and administration of replacement personnel.

REPLACEMENTS/REINFORCEMENTS SOUTH VIETNAM
ADMINISTRATIVE CHECK LIST

1. No Rank Name Coy

NOTE: Mark in appropriate column " / " if correct and current. Mark " X " if incorrect/not issued etc.

Check List (Records Sgt)

Initials

2. LAB 83. Are the following entries correct and up to date:

- a. Identity Card number (if issued)
- b. Religion
- c. Will lodged
- d. Photograph
- e. Blood group
- f. Specimen Signature
- g. Restrictions (regarding employment)
- h. AFB 122 (adapted)
- j. Leave Record.
- k. Dental card.
- l. Next of Kin.
- m. Trade classification
- n. Residual Service. Has the member the required residual service.
- o. Application for R and R completed.

3. Undertaking to Preserve Official Secrets. Has undertaking been signed and has member been briefed on current security precautions.

4. WF 5 (Paybook)(Pay Sgt). Are the following entries correct and up to date:

- a. Details on Page 1.
- b. Photograph inside.
- c. Each page signed by soldier.
- d. Allotments and allottees.
- e. Current PVAs entered.
- f. AHBS 8 (Procedure for Payment Claims for other than member)

CO

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R875-1-4

7th Battalion
Royal Australian Regiment
Ap An Phu

117 Mar 70

Distribution: See below.

CMF VISITORS - OFFICER GROUP 6/70
18 MAR 70 TO 31 MAR 70

1. The following CMF officers arrive at Nui Dat at approximately 1600 hrs 18 Mar 70 and depart Nui Dat on Wallaby 2 at 0945 hrs 31 Mar 70:

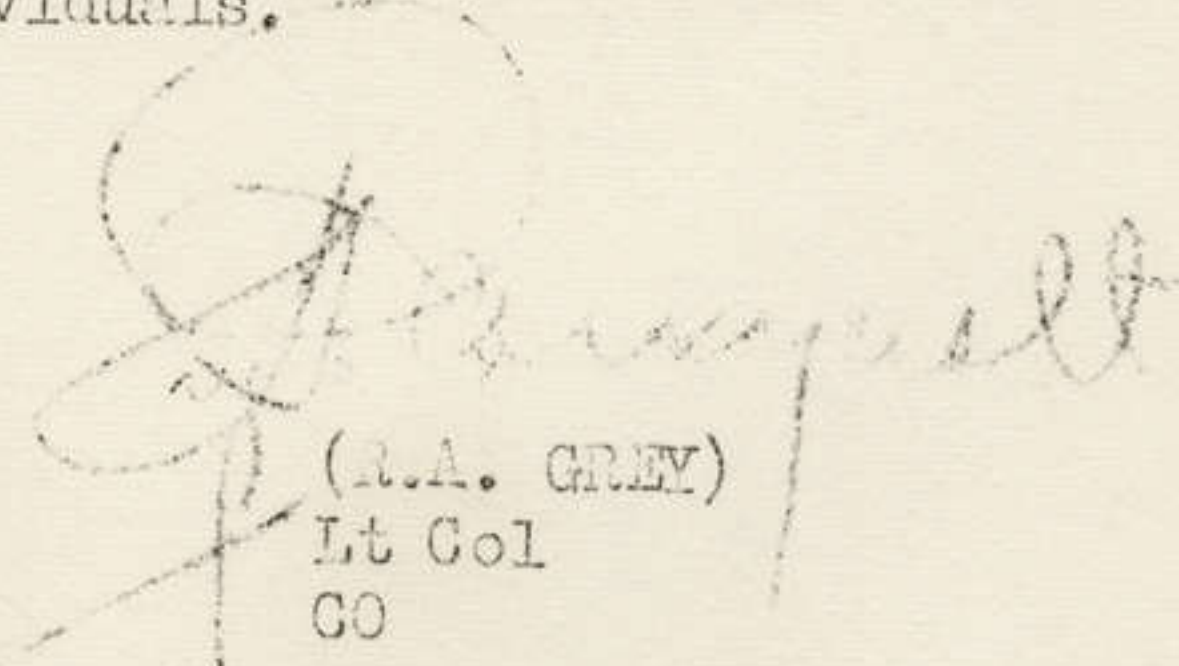
Maj W.J. McDonald RA Inf 51 RQR N Comd.
Capt K.G.R. Newton RA Inf PNGVR PNG Comd.

2. A brief for visitors is to be prepared by the A/Adjt. Reception and accommodation is to be arranged by OC Admin Coy.

3. Lt Brown and 2 Lt Wilson are appointed conducting officers for the visit.

4. Admin Coy is to include visitors in their roll book.

5. An outline timetable is attached as Annex A. This can only be a guide as changes may be dictated by operations, availability of aircraft and the particular wishes of the individuals.


(R.A. GREY)
Lt Col
CO

Distribution:

List B
Admin CP
Maj McDonald
Capt Newton
Lt Brown
2Lt Wilson
Postal NCO

External: HQ 1 ATF
1 Aust CA Unit

ANNEX A TO
 7 RAR R875-1-4
 DATED 15 MAR 70

OUTLINE TIMETABLE

Date/Time	Activity	Time
181600 Mar 70	Arrive Luscombe airfield. 1 ATF tpt delivers to HQ 1 ATF. Interview with D Comd. Move to 7 RAR.	
19 Mar 70	Tour of Civic Action projects with 1 Aust CA LO	Day
20 Mar 70	Tour 1 ATF area. Tour 7 RAR area	a.m.
	Visit 1 ATF HQ	p.m.
	1 CAP with 1 Aust CA Unit (loc My Xuan)	Overnight - unit tpt
21 Mar 70	Move to FSB. Remain overnight.	Day
22 Mar 70	Visit sub units ... field.	
23 Mar 70		
24 Mar 70		
25 Mar 70		
26 Mar 70		
27 Mar 70	Visit: B Sqn 1 Armd Regt 1 Fd Sqn MAE (Mines Room) 104 Sig Sqn 161 Recce Flt (early morning recco) 1 SAS Sqn Horseshoe Jade and Bushranger flights 17 Fd Constr Sqn	
28 Mar 70		
29 Mar 70		
30 Mar 70		
31 Mar 70		Depart Luscombe airfield 0945 hours on Wallaby 2 for 1 AISG.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

N5

BY

LT COL R.A. GREY
COMMANDING OFFICER

7th BATTALION
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

Serial: SVN 3

11 Mar 70

Numbers: 56 - 79

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57. DUTY PROJECTIONIST
58. HOSPITAL VISITING OFFICER.
59. READY REACTION SECTION
60. EAR PROTECTION DURING TRAINING.
61. STARLIGHT SCOPES.
62. CASEVAC PROCEDURES WITHIN 1 ATF BASE AREA.
63. CANTEEN HOURS-BN ON OPS.
64. FILMS-BN ON OPS.
65. LOCKING OF GATES.
66. BREACHES OF CUSTOM REGULATIONS.
67. DRESS - 1 AUST FD HOSP.
68. WEARING OF METAL SHOULDER TITLES.
69. WEARING OF MEDAL RIBBONS.
70. RUBBISH BAGS - VEHICLES.
71. ILLEGAL ENEMY WEAPONS.
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73. NAME TAGS.
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77. CONTROLLED STORES.
78. STROBE LIGHTS.
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1. 7 RAR ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.
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NOTICE

1. Message from Surfers Paradise Rotary Club.

56. DUTY CLERK

13 Mar 70	Cpl	G.	WATERMAN
14 Mar 70	Cpl	D.A.	DUCKWORTH
15 Mar 70	L Cpl	A.D.	COMLEY
16 Mar 70	Pte	G.	PARSONS
17 Mar 70	Cpl	S.A.	JEFARIES
18 Mar 70	Pte	K.	MOLES
19 Mar 70	Pte	K.W.	ASBURY

57. DUTY PROJECTIONIST

13 - 19 Mar 70 Cpl D.A. Duckworth (to provide standin for 14 Mar 70).

58. HOSPITAL VISITING OFFICER

13 - 19 Mar 70 Sgt M.K. Halls.

59. READY REACTION SECTION

1. When the battalion is on operations a ready reaction section of one NCO and nine soldiers is to be available to move on 30 minutes warning to reinforce 7 RAR TAOR patrols.

2. Sub units will provide the ready reaction section in the period 48 hours prior to mounting their own TAOR fighting patrol. Period of duty will be 0900 hours to 0900 hours.

3. The roster for period 12 - 22 Mar 70 is as follows:

10 Mar 70 - 12 Mar 70	C Coy
12 Mar 70 - 14 Mar 70	B Coy
14 Mar 70 - 16 Mar 70	D Coy
16 Mar 70 - 18 Mar 70	A Coy
18 Mar 70 - 20 Mar 70	C Coy
20 Mar 70 - 22 Mar 70	B Coy

60. EAR PROTECTION DURING TRAINING

Reference: A. R506-1-25.

1. The problem of members incurring permanent acoustic trauma caused by noise exposure during military service is a serious one. A high proportion of all noise exposure is non operational exposure.

2. The failure by members to use ear protection during non operational noise exposure, especially test firing before an operation, will reduce combat effectiveness through temporary hearing loss during the next 14 days. In the long term noise exposure is cumulative in causing personnel permanent hearing loss and will necessitate medical re-classification.

3. Standard hearing protection is to be used by all members during range practices, test firing and other non operational exposure to noise.

61. STARLIGHT SCOPES

The end cap on starlight scopes is not to be removed during daylight hours.

62. CASEVAC PROCEDURES WITHIN 1 ATF BASE AREA

1. Casualties within 1 ATF base area are to be evacuated by road to 8 Fd Amb where dustoff will be arranged. Dustoff aircraft will not be called by units within 1 ATF Base Area.

2. In the case of spinal injuries the means of evacuation will be notified by the SMO 1 ATF.

63. CANTEEN HOURS BN ON OPS

1. Unit canteen will open between 1000 - 1200 hours daily.

2. Admin and D Coy wet canteens will open between 1830 and 1930 hours daily. Sub unit dry canteens may open at the discretion of the CQMS.

64. Films BN ON OPS

1. One film only will be shown and is to commence at 1945 hours.

65. LOCKING OF GATES

1. Gates into the battalion area will be locked by the Duty RP AT 1930 hours daily and unlocked at 0630 hours. Anyone requiring to enter the area in this time are to ring the CP for the key. Names of soldiers who enter or leave the area in this period are to be recorded in the CP log.

2. RO Part 1 SVN 12/70 is cancelled.

66. BREACHES OF CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

1. Instances of customs irregularities continue to come to the notice of the authorities

2. The following practices are forbidden:

a. The use of a fictitious name by the sender of a parcel.

b. The fraudulent certification of a parcel using the name of a non existent officer.

c. The use of another officer's or soldier's concession when a member has fully utilized his own.

d. The undervaluation by the sender of a parcel of the contents of the contents declared in the parcel.

67. DRESS - 1 AUST FD HCSP

1. Members attending our patients at 1 Aust Fd Hosp are to be in uniform unless the situation is an emergency.

68. WEARING OF METAL SHOULDER TITLES

1. The only metal title authorized for wear in theatre is the metal shoulder insignia "Australia". The metal branch of service title is for wear in Australia only and is not to be worn in South Vietnam. Under no circumstances are both insignia to be worn together either in Australia or overseas.

69. WEARING OF MEDAL RIBBONS

References: MBIs 102-2, 3, 4 and 5.

1. Attention is drawn to the references concerning the correct sequence for the wearing of medal ribbons. The following is the order in which they are to be worn:

- a. British Commonwealth honours and awards in order of seniority.
- b. British Commonwealth campaign stars and medals in order of receipt.
- c. Medals for long service and good conduct, for example MSM, LS and GCM, ED.
- d. Foreign awards

2. The United Nations Medal for Korea is not classified as a foreign award but all other UN medals are. The Vietnamese Campaign Medal is a foreign award.

3. An example of the above would be a soldier who had served in Korea and Vietnam and who had been awarded the LS and GCM. He would wear his ribbons in the following order:

- a. Korean Medal.
- b. United Nations Medal - Korea.
- c. Vietnam Medal.
- d. Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.
- e. Vietnamese Campaign Medal.

70. RUBBISH BAGS - VEHICLES

1. Rubbish bags are to be carried in all unit vehicles. Drivers are to ensure that such bags are regularly emptied.

71. ILLEGAL ENEMY WEAPONS

1. In conjunction with ammunition checks after operations soldiers are to be inspected to ensure that captured enemy weapons are not retained.

72. BOOTS

1. When in the base area soldiers are to wear authorised Australia issue boots. American issue boots with canvas upper may be worn. The wearing of zippered boots is strictly forbidden.

73. Name Tags

1. The tailor is available to sew name tags on shirts for officers and senior NCOs.

74. LIGHTING

1. All members are to ensure that all lights are turned off when leaving buildings and tents.

75. WASHING MACHINES

1. RAE report that many washing machines now in workshops are showing signs of bearing failure due to overloading. All members should be warned not to place more than 9 lb dry weight of washing into the machines at one time. A typical load would consist of two pairs of trousers, two shirts, two pair of socks and a towel.

76. AMENITIES ITEMS

1. Amenities items held by sub units are to be regularly inspected and maintained in good order.

2. Unserviceable items are to be returned to the QM immediately and are to be accompanied by an L and D form.

77. CONTROLLED STORES

1. Controlled stores are to be checked for loss and serviceability immediately on the completion of each operation. L and Ds and defective equipments are to be submitted to the QM as soon as possible.

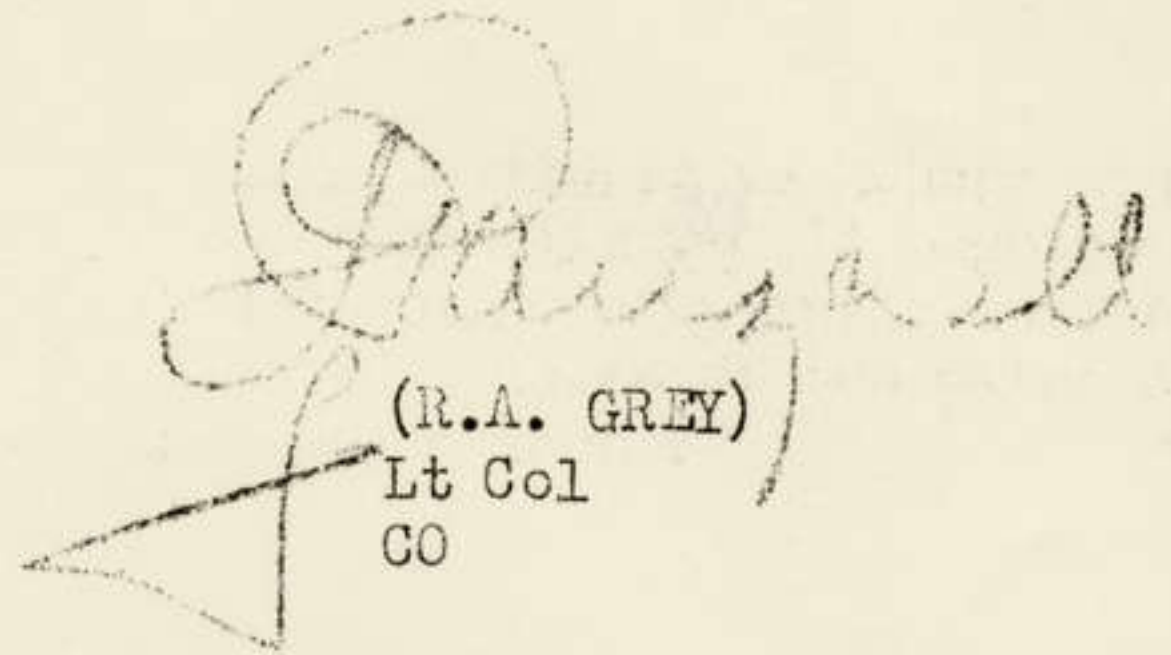
78. STROBE LIGHTS

1. Strobe lights are to be regarded as controlled stores and will be issued on signature.

79. VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN MEDAL

1. The following members have qualified for the Vietnamese Campaign Medal on the dates shown subject to verification by CARO.

219124	Pte	B.F. ALMOND	3 Mar 70
21877	Pte	J.S. BOLT	3 Mar 70
219163	Pte	G.T. BOLAND	3 Mar 70
313253	Pte	W.D. CAMERON	3 Mar 70
219141	Pte	C.H. COGGAN	3 Mar 70
219232	Pte	D.I. DOUGLAS	3 Mar 70
39620	Pte	R.W. CROFT	20 Feb 70
2412533	Cpl	M.J. MACKENZIE	27 Feb 70
313245	Pte	D.J. ROSS	2 Mar 70
45057	Pte	A.C. WHITE	3 Mar 70
219170	Pte	J.S. KNIGHT	3 Mar 70
62036	Pte	G.O. CASHION	3 Mar 70
381132	Pte	I.D. GOWLETT	3 Mar 70
55855	Pte	C.M. HINDMARSH	10 Mar 70
313208	L Cpl	C.A. LEE	3 Mar 70
219108	Pte	K.J. GAUNT	3 Mar 70
55886	Pte	J.W. VANDERWALL	3 Mar 70
534852	Pte	P.G. DEMASSON	20 Feb 70
1202178	Pte	R.J. EDWARD	20 Feb 70
45118	Pte	T.A. ROE	3 Mar 70
313142	Pte	A.J. McINTOSH	10 Mar 70
218399	Pte	P. RADMILOVICH	20 Feb 70
312996	Pte	E. KELLY	3 Mar 70
313219	Pte	W.L. MILNE	3 Mar 70
217965	Pte	M.F. HARMER	3 Mar 70


(R.A. GREY)
Lt Col
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AMENDMENTS

1. 7 RAR ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 SVH 43/70

Subject A for Sergeant:

Add 39747 T/Sgt G.A. Collins P

Subject A for Corporal:

Amend 1201920 Pte T.J. Dunn to read "1201920 Pte T.J. Num".

2. AMENDMENT NO 2A to AFV (Army Component) SOP

Reference: A. AFV SOP Part 2 Chapter 2 Annex D to Section 4.

1. The following amendments are to be made to paragraph 2 of reference at page 4D-1.

2. The reference is amended by inserting in manuscript after the words "Australian Force Vietnam", the words: "and NZ Vietnam Force".

3. The reference is also amended by inserting as a cut out amendment after sub paragraph 2.d. the new paragraphs 2A, 2B and 2C set out below:

2A. The term "members of the Australian Force and the NZ V Force" does not include US or Vietnamese personnel on the attached strength of Aust and NZ Units.

2B. The term "invited guests" relates to the following personnel only:

a. Aust and NZ Forces personnel who are not members of AFV or NZ V Force.

b. US Forces personnel.

c. British, US, Aust, and NZ civilians.

2C. Guests are to be accompanied by a member of the Australian or NZ Force, as qualified by para 2, and sign the visitors book located in the orderly room of the AFV Amenities Unit. Guests are permitted the use of the following facilities only:

a. The Peter Badcoe Club.

c. The Harold Holt Memorial Swimming Pool.

d. The Beach.

3. AMENDMENT NO 2B TO AFV (Army Component) SOP

1. Paragraph 1241 on page 124 of AFV (Army Component) SOPs, Part 3, Chapter 1 Section 8 is to be deleted. The following new paragraph is to be inserted in manuscript:

"1241. Units are to maintain books of account for unit canteen in accordance with Financial Instructions for the PMF, Chapter 24."

2. AFV (Army Component) SOPs Part 3 Chapter 4 Section 1 paragraph 4028 on page 405 is to be amended as follows:

a. Delete all detail after paragraph heading and insert the following manuscript amendment:

"These are to be subject to Board of Survey action within units when they become unserviceable."

3. AFV (Army Component) SOP Part 3, Chapter 4 Section 1 are to be amended as follows:

a. Delete paragraphs 4066, 4067 and 4068 on pages 411 and 412.

b. Insert the following cut out amendment:

4066. Stores which are hired or loaned from US sources are to be regarded as theatre controlled stores. Entitlements for these stores are to be laid down by HQ AFV.

4067. Units are to indent and account for hired or loaned stores in the same way as for like stores of Australian origin. Indents are to be endorsed "Hire/Loan Store of US Origin", and the HQ AFV authority is to be quoted.

4068. If a unit is offered a store direct from a US source, the unit is to obtain approval from HQ AFV before accepting the store. On receipt of this approval the following method of accounting is to be used:

a. An AAF F22 Certificate Receipt Voucher is to be raised and endorsed with the details of the transaction. A copy of the AAF F22 is to be forwarded to HQ AFV (CE/ADOS). No financial adjustment is required for loan stores.

b. Where a duplicate hand receipt is held, it is to be quoted on the AAF F22 and attached to the No 1 (Unit) copy.

4068A. HQ AFV (ADOS/CE) is to record holdings of hired and loan stores.

4068B. When stores are no longer required, or the period of loan expires, they are to be returned to 2 AOD or Det 55 Ingr Wksp and Pk Sqn, unless otherwise directed by HQ AFV. 2 AOD or Det 55 Ingr Wksp and Pk Sqn are to advise HQ AFV when the stores are returned.

NOTICE

Message from Surfer's Paradise Rotary Club

1. On 9 Feb 70, GOC Northern Command addressed the Surfer's Paradise Rotary Club at a dinner held in conjunction with the Wounded Servicemens' Convalescence Scheme. The President of the club, Mr. R. Bushing, requested him to convey to the troops in Vietnam, Rotary's appreciation of the good conduct of the many men and their families who have been guests of Rotary during their convalescence on the Gold Coast.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE VIETNAM

N4

746/1/6

Headquarters
Army Component

10 Mar 70

1 ATF (150)
1 ALSG (17)
HQ Coy HQ AFV (2)OPERATIONAL AND TRAINING ACCIDENTSReference: A. AFV R746/1/6 of 22 Apr 69.
B. AFV (Army Component) SOP.

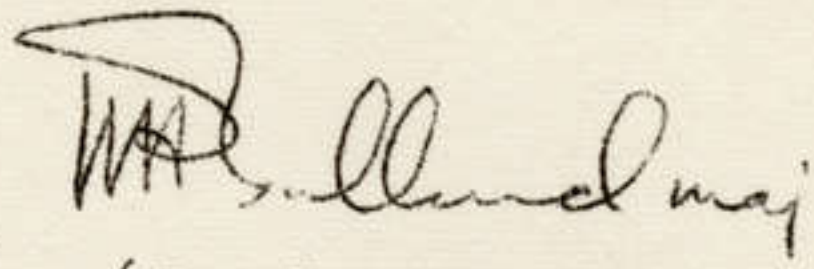
1. Operational and training accidents which occurred prior to 28 Feb 70 and for which investigating officer's reports have been received at this headquarters are summarized in Annex A.
2. Attention is directed to Reference A which requires that the accidents detailed in Annex A are to be promulgated to platoon or equivalent level commanders who are to discuss each accident with their troops.
3. Accidents continue to occur through loss of ammunition and detonators, or by storing incompatible ammunition together. The following are the basic rules which are outlined in detail in Reference B. From them it is apparent that the basic issue to the individual soldier of ammunition and grenades for operations must be broken into compatible grouping before storage:
 - a. Small arms ammunition (Group 6) on issue to the individual member and retained by him is the only nature of ammunition which may be retained in living accommodation. All other ammunition must be stored in trenches or bunkers.
 - b. Incompatible ammunition Groups may never be stored together. These groups of ammunition are incompatible with every other group.
 - (1) Group 7 - M18 mines, M17 and M37 primers.
 - (2) Group 12 - WP ammunition including M34 Grenades.
 - (3) Group 13 - Chemical ammunition including CS Grenades.
 - c. Compatible ammunition groups may be stored together. The main compatibility groupings are a HE grouping and a Pyrotechnics / Smoke grouping.
 - (1) HE Grouping
 - (a) Group 5 - 155mm and 175mm ammunition.
 - (b) Group 6 - SAA, 105mm 81mm and 20 pdr ammunition
 - (c) Group 8 - HE Fragmentation Grenades.
 - (d) Group 10 - Detonators (Kept in lockable boxes).

(2) Pyrotechnics / Smoke Groupings

(a) Group 9 - Trip Flares, Hand held flares etc.

(b) Group 11 - Incendiary and smoke ammunition.

d. It should be noted that Claymore M18 mines Group 7 must be stored separately from other ammunition. Loose claymore detonators become Group 10 and must be stored in a box.


for (C.A.E. FRASER)
Major General
Commander Australian Force
Vietnam

Annex: Operational and Training Accidents to 28 Feb 70.

For Information :

AHQ (DMT)

OPERATIONAL AND TRAINING ACCIDENTS

Serial 1 1 Feb 70 at Nui Dat

Circumstances and Cause of Accident

1. Burning off was carried out near Coy tent lines on 30 Jan. Fires were extinguished and inspected that evening.
2. At 1315 hrs on 1 Feb a smoke grenade appeared to ignite spontaneously, followed by a second smoke grenade. A soldier went to investigate, when he reached the area of the smoke there was an explosion. From fragments recovered from nearby trees this explosion was probably caused by an M26 grenade.
3. The member was hit by fragments and died within 5 minutes.
4. An investigation showed that the grenades had been buried a few inches below the surface of the ground at the base of a rubber tree.
5. It is not considered possible that the member could have touched the M26 grenade. It is therefore probable that the grenade was initiated by heat from the burning smoke grenades.

Lessons Learnt

6.
 - a. Smoke grenades are extremely sensitive to heat.
 - b. Where a smoke grenade is in close proximity to a M26 Grenade, it is probable that the M26 grenade will be initiated by the intense heat of the smoke grenade.
 - c. Under no circumstances may the M26 and smoke grenades be stored in close proximity to each other, or stored within the area of the tent lines. AFV (Army Component) SOP Part 3 Chapter 1 Section 12 gives details of the restrictions of storing ammunition.
 - d. Under no circumstances may ammunition be disposed of by burying, or stored in any area other than unit ammunition bays or designated fire trenches.
 - e. Personnel must approach any unusual occurrence, such as the initiation of a smoke grenade with caution. Whenever possible the area of an unusual occurrence should be cleared of personnel.
7. This is the third accident to be caused by an explosion of ammunition which has been "Lost," during the last five months.
8. This is the second accident in which a M26 grenade has been initiated by heat from a smoke grenade during the last two months. (Serial 1 of the February report refers)

" 3 "

Serial 2 3 Feb 70 at FSB PAT

Circumstances and Cause of Accident

1. The member stripped and cleared his 9mm pistol. He then reassembled it incorrectly by inserting the magazine whilst the slide was held to the rear by the safety catch. He then disengaged the safety catch and pulled the trigger. The member shot himself in the calf of the left leg.

Lessons Learnt

2. The accident was caused by the member's failure to comply with the correct weapon handling procedures and observe the basic safety precautions.

3. The following points should be noted:

a. There is an average one pistol accident each month caused by a member inserting a magazine into a pistol whilst the slide is held to the rear and then releasing the slide and firing the action.

b. The teaching that the muzzle of the pistol should be pointed upwards at an angle of 800 mils is designed to provide a second safeguard against accidents. When members adopt this basic drill the chances of an accidental wounding from a discharge are negligible.

4. Disciplinary action has been taken against the member.

Serial 3 28 Dec 69 at BINH BA -- DUC TRUNG

Circumstances and Cause of Accident

1. During a battalion cordon and search operations the cordon was closed at last light. The section commander showed all members of the section the location of the other pits of the section.

2. During the night there was a contact on another sector of the cordon. A noise was then heard to the front of the section. The section commander roused his section, and then returned to his pit.

3. Whilst the MG picquet was changing the on coming sentry heard a noise to his front and challenged twice. He then fired one shot which hit his section commander in the lower abdomen.

4. The cause of the accident was the failure of the sentry to apply the rules of engagement correctly, in that he opened fire before establishing that the movement was hostile.

5. Contributing causes of the accident are:

a. The sentry was disorientated.

b. The sentry was not sure of the location of the other pits of his section.

c. The section commander's mattress was making a noise as he lay on it.

Lessons Learnt

6.
 - a. Observe the rules of engagement. Do not fire unless you can ascertain that the target is obviously hostile.
 - b. Know the locations of every member of your section, and section locations of flanking units.
 - c. Noise caused by movement on a mattress can be reduced by treating the mattress with talcum powder.

Serial 4 24 Dec 69 at VUNG TAU

1. The GPMG M60 at the West Gate Guardroom at 1 ALSG was emplaced on a sandbag wall immediately in front of the Guardroom, covering the road and the gate to the front.. The M60 was mounted on a tripod but no elevating mechanism was fitted to the gun. The ammunition box was to the left of the gun. The state of readiness of the weapon was "Loaded". (Belt of the gun, working parts forward, safety on). An electric light illuminated only the immediate area of the gun and verandah.
2. During the evening all members of the Guard including the Guard Commander were drinking. At least twice during the evening the M60 was spun on its tripod, breaking the belt but leaving rounds on the feedplate.
3. At approximately 2145 hours two members returning from leave in VUNG TAU exchanged greetings with the guard. These greetings developed in horseplay.
4. At about 2155 hours whilst horseplay and talk was continuing outside the guardroom, the guard commander came out of the guardroom out onto the guardroom verandah, and found the muzzle of the gun pointing inwards towards the guardroom. The gun was to his right with a chair immediately behind it. The belt was not connected to the gun and was lying on the table below the gun. The guard commander spun the gun on the tripod in a clockwise direction. He used his left hand to stop the weapon. He then proceeded to "Make Safe".
5. It is probable that the following sequence occurred.
 - a. The guard commander's left hand was holding the pistol grip. He almost certainly accidentally placed his finger inside the trigger guard as he cocked the gun.
 - b. It is probable that he depressed the trigger whilst he cocked the gun.
 - c. When he released the cocking handle in order to open the feed cover the working parts went forward and the gun fired.
 - d. The second round on the feed tray was fired during the next cycle of operation of the gun. Tests on the weapon have indicated that two consecutive rounds could only be fired when the trigger was depressed. A single round would only be fired if the trigger was not pressed.
 - e. One round hit a member through the head killing him. This member was standing at the right extremity of the gun's arc of fire just forward of the guardroom verandah.

Lessons Learnt

6. This accident was caused by a combination of circumstances, a number of lessons can be learnt from it. The main ones are:
 - a. Drinking whilst on guard is dereliction of duty.
 - b. Interference with any weapon is a breach of discipline as well as contrary to common sense. The act of 'spinning' a MPMG M60 on its pintle tripod mounting could well in itself have caused a great tragedy.
 - c. When a belt is pulled off a M60, the first two or three rounds remain on the feedplate, retained by the feedpawls. Although no belt is visible the gun remains loaded.
 - d. The main cause of the accident was the decision of the guard commander to carry out the "Make Safe Drill" on the gun without first carrying out "Safety Precautions". The significant difference between the two drills is that in "Safety Precautions" the first action is to raise the feed cover before carrying out the "Unload". In the "Make Safe" the first actions are those of carrying out the "Unload", eg. to lower the butt, put the safety catch to 'F' and cock the gun, then open the feed cover and remove the ammunition. It is therefore probable that when the guard commander took his hand off the cocking handle to open the feed cover the bolt was not secured to the rear and so the weapon fired.
 - e. The other mistake was to permit the muzzle of the gun to point in an unsafe direction.
7. The two basic principles which must always be followed are:
 - a. Never point the muzzle of a gun at anyone.
 - b. Carry out Safety Precautions when you do not know the state of readiness of a weapon.
8. Disciplinary action has been taken against the guard commander.

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Distribution: See below

OPERATIONAL PACK/AMMO RESERVES

1. Attached as Annex A are operational packs. Two of each type are to be held except for the FSPB Explosives Pack.
2. Annex B shows the size and location of reserve ammo available to the battalion.
3. 7 RAR R569-1-9 dated 21 Feb 70 is cancelled.

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/ (R.A. GREY)
Lt Col
CO

Annex A. Contents of Packs.
B. Ammo Reserve

Distribution:

A Coy
B Coy
C Coy
D Coy
Sp Coy (2)
Admin Coy (2)
106 Fd Bty (2)
Admin CP
CO
Ops Offr
BC
QM
RSM
Ops Sgt
Ammo Storeman
Comd's Diary (2)
File/Float

CONTENTS OF PACKS

1. Infantry Explosive Pack (Held Unit Magazine)
 - C4 62 lbs
 - Detonating Cord 1 Roll (333 yds)
 - Insulating Tape 6 Rolls
 - Pliers 2 Pair
 - Crimpers 1 Pair
 - Matches Fuze 1 Box
 - Detonators 50
 - Booster Set 2 (In separate containers)
 - Safety Fuse 400 ft
 - Ruler

2. Chain Saw Pack (Held PORKY 7 by Sgt Horder)
 - Chain Saws 2
 - Spare Blades 2
 - Spare Chains 2
 - Axes 3
 - Spare axe handles 3
 - Crowbar long 1
 - Crowbar short 1
 - Bow Saw 2
 - Bow Saw blades 6
 - 8 inch files 2
 - Tool Kits 2
 - Fuel 5 Gallons

3. Flame Thrower Pack (Held PORKY 7 by Sgt Horder)
 - M2 A 1 - 7 Complete 1
 - Compression bottle 1
 - Thin Fuel 5 Gallons
 - Tool Kit

4. Bangalore Pack (Held Unit Magazine ~~Sgt Horder~~)
 - 6 ft lengths of Bangalore 6
 - Detonating Cord 1 Roll
 - Safety Fuse 50 ft
 - Insulating Tape 3 Rolls
 - Detonators 20

5. 90 mm Bunker Pack (Held FSB OR Unit Magazine)
 - 90 mm RCL 1
 - HE delay 4
 - HE super quick 2

6. Ingr Explosive Pack (Held Unit Magazine)
 - C4 500 lbs
 - Detonators 100 (2 Boxes)
 - Detonating Cord 4 Rolls
 - Safety Fuse 2 Large Tins
 - Insulating Tape 5 Rolls
 - Matches Fuze 1

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ANNEX A TO
7 RAR R569-1-2
DATED 9 MAR 73

7. FSB Explosives Pack (Held FSB for destruction Blinds etc)

C4	60 lbs
Detonators	50,
Insulating Tape	
Detonating Cord	1 Roll
Safety Fuze	200 ft
Fuzee Matches	

AMMO RESERVES

1. FSB

Grenade adaptors	2 boxes	-	96	100 lbs
7.62mm link	16 boxes	-	16000 rounds	1500 lbs
5.56mm (10-round clips)	4 boxes	-	6720 rounds	268 lbs
7.62mm ball bandolier	6 boxes	-	5040 rounds	402 lbs
40mm M79 HE	2 boxes	-	144 rounds	108 lbs
40mm M79 Illuminating	3 boxes	-	132 rounds	132 lbs
40mm M79 CS	1 box	-	24 rounds	26 lbs
66mm heat M72	2 boxes	-	30 rounds	384 lbs
Grenade M34 LP	2 boxes	-	32	90 lbs
Grenade M26 HE	4 boxes	-	120	260 lbs
Claymore AP M18A1	10 boxes	-	60	580 lbs
Flares trip M49A1	3 boxes	-	96	168 lbs
Grenade hand smoke	6 boxes	-	96	840 lbs
90mm HE RCL	3 boxes	-	6	111 lbs
90mm splintex RCL	5 boxes	-	30	900 lbs
Total				<u>5869 lbs</u>

Pl first line to be sandbagged for immediate resupply.

Mor Ammo Holdings

Day 1	{	HE - 648	Day 2	{	HE - 648
		Illum - 216			Illum - 216
		WP - 144			WP - 144

2. Unit Magazine

Coy First Line sandbagged by Pl and CHQ lots. Total first line is as follows:-

7.62mm ball link belt	-	8800 rds	Claymores M18A1	-	24
7.62 mm ball	-	7560	Flares Trip	-	32
7.62 mm Tracer	-	920	Gren 66 mm Heat (M72)	-	30
5.56 mm ball	-	12320			
5.56 mm Tracer	-	1120			
M26 Gren	-	200			
Gren 40 mm HE M79	-	26			
Gren No 83 Coloured Smoke		64			

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ANNEX B TO
7 RAR R509-1-9
DATED 9 MAR 70

3. Eagle Heights
2 x Coy First Lines
4. Cav Tp, Armd Tp
Carry coy SAA First Line

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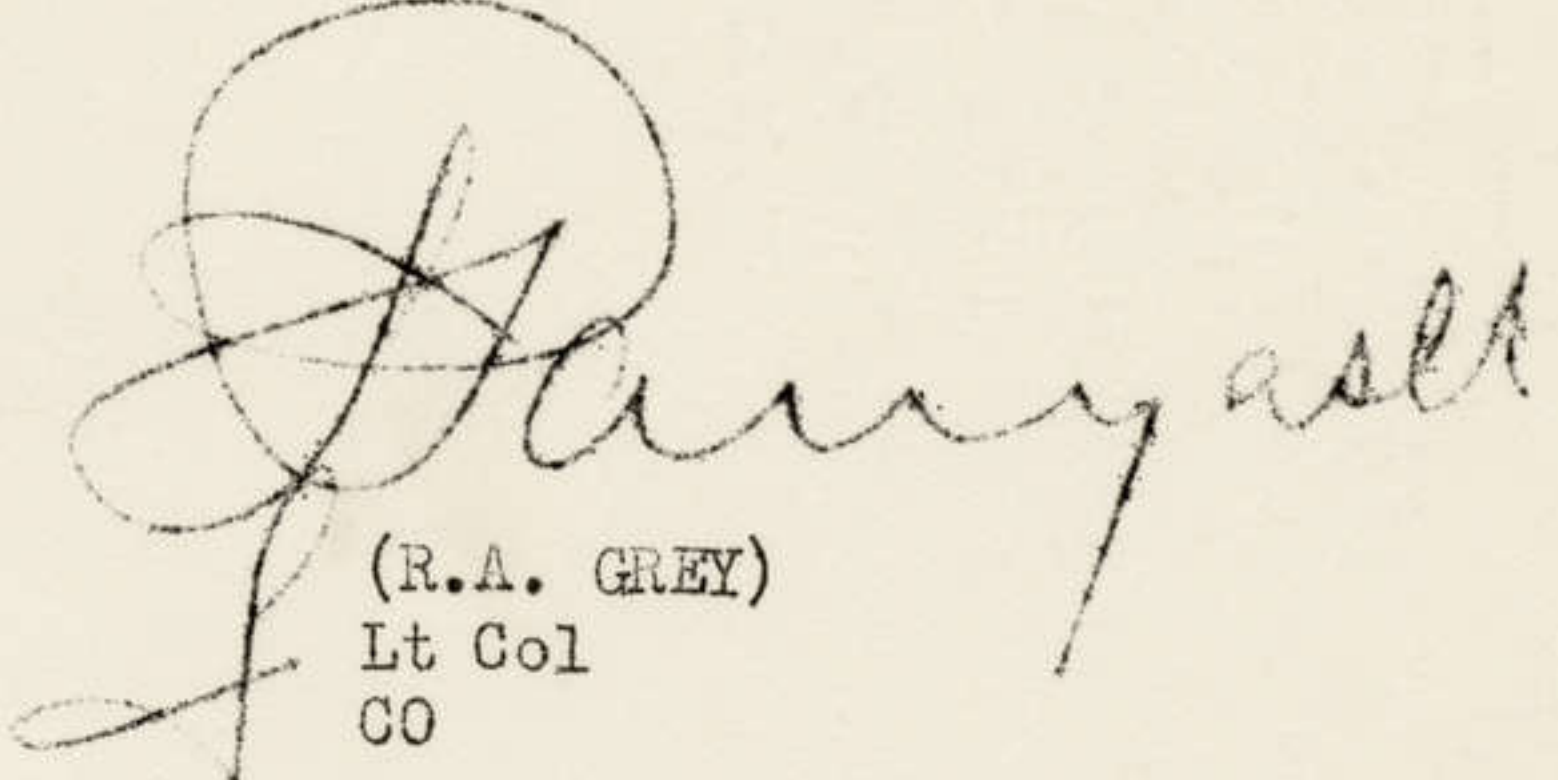
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List B

SUMMARY OF RETURNS

1. Attached as Annex A is a consolidated summary of returns required at higher headquarters.


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CO

Annexure: A. Summary of Returns.

SUMMARY OF RETURNS

ANNEX A TO
7 RAR R733-1-2
DATED 31 MAR 70

Serial	Report or Return	Reference	By whom Submitted	Date Required By	Remarks
<u>WEEKLY</u>					
1	Weekly Strength Return	Annex D to AFV Admin Instr No 3	Bn HQ	As at 2400 hrs each week to HQ 1 ATF by 1100 Thurs	Two copies required
2	Unit RAP/CAP return	1 ATF Admin Instr No 16/	RAP	As at 1600 hrs each Fri to 1 ATF by 1000 hrs Sat	RAP to submit to Chief Clerk (safe hand) by 0800 hrs Sat
3	Bushmen Scouts Return	1 ATF GS Instr 18/69	Int Sect	To DAAG 1 ATF between 1500 hrs-1600 hrs each Sat	Int Sect to info Chief Clerk by 1400 hrs each Sat
<u>MONTHLY</u>					
4	Monthly average Strength Return	AFV SOPs Part 4 Chapter 2 Section 2	Bn HQ	3rd day of month for preceeding month to 1 ATF	Two copies required
5	Personnel for RTA	AFV SOPs Part 2 Chapter 1	Bn HQ	By first day of month preceeding month of RTA (nil returns not required)	Direct to AFV 3 copies (for completion of tour) 4 copies if for discharge
6	World Wide monthly ammunition report and weapon density return	1 AFV Q2716 of 11 Dec 67	QM	27th of each month as at 1800 hrs on 24th of each month	Ammo storeman to forward check to QM for submission
7	Air Delivery Equipment	AFV SOPs (Army) Sect 11 para 2123b	QM	Last day of month	AQ Cell to forward Holding to QM
8	Conex Return	AFV SOPs (Army) Sect 6 Para 2123b	QM	Last day of month	
9	COs Schedule	MBI 5-1	QM	Last day of month	

Serial	Report or Return	Reference	By whom Submitted	Date Required By	Remarks
10	Monthly return of write-offs due to direct enemy action	AFV SOPs (Army) Part 3 Chap 4 Para 4054	QM	Last day of month (nil return not required)	
11	Civic Action Return	Annex A to 1 ATF GS Instr 9/70	OC Admin Coy	To HQ 1CA Unit by 29th of each month	OC Admin Coy to submit to Chief Clerk by 0800 hrs 29th each month
12	Summary of PVAs required for members over 4 weeks in Vietnam	Annex A to HQ AFV R65-1-26 dated 17 May 69	UPR	HQ 1 ATF	Two copies required
13	Monthly summary of captured enemy weapons	AFV SOPs Annex D to Section 15 Chapter 1	Int Sect	By 7th day of preceding month	

QUARTERLY

14	R and R bids	HQ 1 ATF Admin Instr No 8	Bn HQ	To 1 ATF by 25 Mar, 25 Jun, 25 Sep, 25 Dec for succeeding quarter	
15	Quarterly Forecast Replacement Demand	AFV SOPs Part 2 Chapter 1 Section 1	Bn HQ	25 Mar, 25 Jun, 25 Sep, 25 Dec	Three copies to HQ AFV, 1 copy to 1 ATF
16	Annual Officers Confidential Reports	AAF A26	Adjt	Lts 3 Nov, Capt 3 Aug, Lt Col 3 Mar, QM/CMFTD 3 Jan	
17	Reinforcement Demand	AFV SOPs Part 2 Chapter 1 Sect 1	Bn HQ	As required	
18	Immediate Reingorcement Demand	AFV SOPs Part 2 Chapter 1 Sect 1	Bn HQ	When key personnel evacuate	
19	Medcap/Dentcap	ATF GS Instr 3/69	RMO	To CA Unit immediately on completion of Medcap/Dentcap	
20	Assessment of ORs for suitability for AATTV	ARO 201/69	Bn HQ	1 Apr	

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List C.

7 RAR ADMIN INSTR 17/70
SAIGON GUARD

Reference: A. HQ 1 ATF A Instr No 18 dated 13 Nov 69.

General

1. This unit is required to supplement the HQ AFV D and E Platoon in the provision of security guards for the Canberra BEQ.

Provision

2. When allocated by HQ 1 ATF this unit's commitment will be one NCO and six ORs and is to be provided by all companies in rotation.

Control

3. The guard is under the command of OC HQ Coy HQ AFV for the duration of their guard.

Duration

4. The duration of each guard is one week, commencing from 1100 hours Saturday to 1100 hours the following Saturday.

Dress

5. The guard is to carry:
- a. Field Dress (three sets are sufficient).
 - b. Hat KFF.
 - c. Boots GP.
 - d. Belt waist 37 pattern.
 - e. 7.62 mm SLR or 5.62mm M16.
 - f. Polyesters.
 - g. Shoes.
6. Civilian clothes may also be carried.

Medical

7. The guard is to carry:
- a. Shell dressing.
 - b. Sufficient paludrine for ten days.

Documents

8. The following documents are required:
- a. Identity card.
 - b. Paybook.
 - c. AAF MOB 3 (unit to HQ Coy AFV).
 - d. Movement Order (AAF A19).

Accommodation

9. The guard is accommodated at Canberra BEQ.

Rations/Laundry

10. Meals may be purchased at the Canberra BEQ at a charge of 375 piastres per week. Laundry of military and civilian clothing is included in this charge.

Leave

11. OC HQ Coy HQ AFV may grant local leave.

Pay

12. The average minimum requirement should be based on \$5 per day to cover meals, laundry and entertainment expenses. A Saigon allowance of \$US5.00 per day is paid by HQ Coy HQ AFV on the day of departure from Saigon.

Movement

13. Forward. The guard is to depart Nui Dat on Wallaby One on the day of mounting. Movement from Ton San Nhut to the Canberra BEQ is by Australian courier vehicle.

14. Return. The guard is to depart Saigon on the day of dismounting and return on Wallaby as booked by HQ Coy HQ AFV. Unit transport is to meet the aircraft at Luscombe Airfield.

15. Unit Responsibilities. The Movements Clerk is responsible for the following:

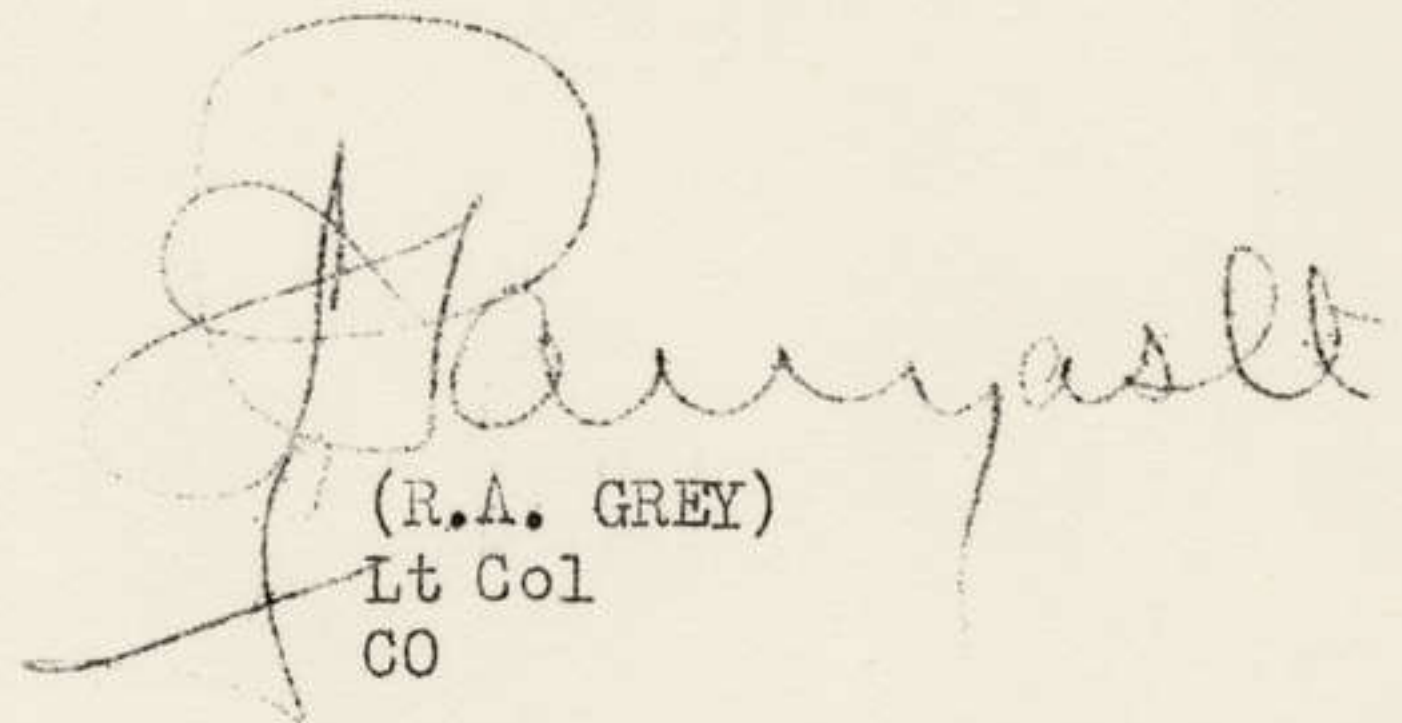
- a. Submission of Movement Orders to Det 11 MC Gp Nui Dat four days prior to departure of the guard.
- b. Arranging transport for guard personnel to and from Luscombe Airfield.

Security of Weapons

16. The guard NCO is to ensure adequate security arrangements are made for weapons of off-duty personnel.

Bounds/Restrictions

17. The guard NCO is to ensure that . the guard is fully conversant with the current bounds and curfew restrictions for the Saigon/Cholon area as issued by HQ AFV.



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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION-
EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Non Technical Inspections

1. Non technical inspections are to be conducted on equipments as detailed in Annex A.

2. These inspections are to commence immediately.

Category of Stores and Frequency of Inspections

3. The following categories of stores are shown with the frequency of inspection that is required:-

a. Daily

- (1) Office Equipment
- (2) Photographic and Projection Equipment

b. Weekly

- (1) Communications Equipment
- (2) Small Arms and Other Infantry Weapons
- (3) Machine tools and Appliances

c. Monthly

- (1) Instruments and Fire Control Equipment
- (2) Vehicles
- (3) Kitchen Equipment
- (4) Refrigeration
- (5) Rubber
- (6) Scales and Weighing Appliances
- (7) Tent and Tarpaulins
- (8) Clothing

Recording

4. All non technical inspections are to be recorded in a record book in the form detailed in Annex B. It should extend across two pages of the normal exercise book.

5. The record books are to be operated by all sub accounts in 7 RAR including the QM Tech Store. These are to be presented to the

/QM

QM on the 30th day of each month for inspection.

6. A check list for the inspection of small arms and other items of equipment is detailed in Annex C and D.

Summary of Comments by the EIS

7. Annex E details comments submitted by the Equipment Inspection Section of 1 ATF on the two previous inspections in Aug 69 and Feb 70. The unit was given an overall grading of FAIR. This grading indicates that much of the equipment and the History Record Books were being badly maintained.

Conclusion

8. By the strict application of non technical inspections and unit maintenance, much of the repair problem within the unit can be reduced by early detection of failing parts or by having the equipment repaired within the unit.

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 Lt Col
 Commanding Officer

- Annexes: A. Equipments - Non Tehcnical Inspection
 B. Non Technical Inspection Report
 C. Check List - Non Technical Inspection Small Arms
 D. Check List - Non Technical Inspection Miscellaneous Equipment
 E. Summary of Comments by EIS

Distribution: List C

EQUIPMENTS - NON TECHNICAL INSPECTIONS

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Ident Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>HISTORY RECORD</u>
1.	7420-66-015-9275	ADDING and Subtracting Machine Listing Hand Capacity	
2.	6605-66-026-6420	BINOCULARS Prismatic GS	
3.	6605-66-011-2430	BINOCULARS Prismatic No2 MK 2	
4.	7420-66-010-5261	CALCULATING Machine Hand Cap 13 Digits	
5.	6720-66-028-0636	CAMERA Still Picture 3/4 x 4/4 Polaroid Model 250	
6.	6720-66-072-4199	CAMERA Still Picture Twin Lens Reflex	
7.	6720-66-019-8301	CAMERA Still Picture GP 35mm Cased Minolta	
8.	6605-66-010-2769	COMPASS Magnetic Unmounted Liquid Mills	
9.	3820-66-011-7705	DRILL Breaker Portable	AAB 3
10.	5130-66-019-0904	POWDER Actuated 'RAMSET'	
11.	3610-66-010-1024	DUPLICATING Machine Spirit Process Hand Brief	
12.	3610-66-010-1028	DUPLICATING Machine Spirit Process Hand	
13.	3610-66-010-1007	DUPLICATING Machine Stencil Process	
14.	WB/WA 10671	EXPLODER Dynamo Condencer MK2	
15.	X2/KEA 1001	FAN Desk Electric 12"	
16.	X2/KEA 1002	FAN Desk Electric 16"	
17.	X2/KEA 1017	FANS Electric 24"	
18.	1040-66-023-0815	FLAMETHROWER Port M2A1	

19.	6115-66-021-0360	GENERATOR Set Gas Eng 500w	AAB 3
20.	1010-00-691-1382	LAUNCHER Gren M79 40mm	
21.	1005-99-960-0263	LAUNCHER Gren L1A2	
22.	4220-66-011-5257	LIFE Preserver with Yoke Self Inflating	
23.	5830-66-016-8701	LOUDSPEAKER Microphone	
24.	5965-00-243-6420	LOUDSPEAKER Permanent Magnetic	
25.	1005-00-605-7710	MACHINE Gun M60 7.62mm	
26.	3510-66-010-8601	MACHINE Washing H/Hold	
27.	KE/KEA 3440	MACHINE Weighing Plat 5 cwt	
28.	1015-66-015-4175	MORTAR Equip Inf 81mm	AF B2734
29.	1005-00-770-5599	MOUNT Tripod MG M112	
30.	3750-66-028-1180	MOTOR Mower Lawn 25" Self Propelled	AAB 3
31.	6625	MULTIMETER (All Types)	
32.	8340	PAULINS (All Types)	
33.	2805-66-018-3764	POWER Unit Gas Ronaldson Tippett Wisconsin	AAB 3
34.	1005-66-022-5277	PISTOL Equip 9mm L9A1	
35.	3610-66-023-3604	PRINTING and Developing Machine Thermafax	
36.	6730-66-021-8351	PROJECTION Set Motion Picture Sound Bell and Howell	AB 122 (Adapted)
37.	4320-66-027-2915	PUMP Brigg and Stretton Engine 8 hp	AAB 3
38.	5820-00-082-3998	RADIO Set Control Group AN/GRA 39A	
39.	5820-66-023-	RADIO Set AN/PRC 64	
40.	5820-00-857-0759	RADIO Set AN/PRC 25	
41.	5820-00-069-8931	RADIO Receiver AN/PRR 9	

42. 5820-00-133-8980 RADIO Transmitter AN/PRT
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43. 7360-66-019-1770 RANGE Outfit M37
44. 7360-66-273-8621 RANGE Outfit M59
45. 5835-66-022-0320 RECORDER Reproducer Sound
Mag Tape
46. 1015-00-657-7334 RIFLE Recoiless 90mm AF B2562 5 Carraige/
Mounting History
47. 1015-66-015-9895 RIFLE 106mm M41 AB 402 Binder
AF B2562-1 Barrel/Liner
History
AF B2562 -2 Daily Record
of rounds fired
AF B2566 Record of
Calibration
AF B2567 Life History
Graph
AAF 980
48. 1005-00-073-9421 RIFLE 5.56mm M16
49. 1005-66-100-2001 RIFLE Eqpt 7.62mm
L1A1
50. 3450-66-027-6035 SAWS Power Pack Port AAB 3
51. 5835-00-688-9954 Starlight Scopes
52. 5805-00-708-2202 SWITCHBOARD Tele Manual
SB 993/GT
53. 5805-66-503-2660 SWITCHBOARD Tele Manual
SB86/PT
54. 5805-66-021-0356 SWITCHBOARD Tele Manual
SB 22A/PT
55. 5805-00-503-2616 SWITCHBOARD Sig Assy
TA 207P
56. 3695-66-023-2152 SAW Chain and Maint Kit
Gas Engine 15" AAB 3
57. J1 TENTAGE (All Types)
58. 5805-00-543-0012 TELEPHONE Set TA 312 PT
59. 5805-66-018-5313 TELEPHONE Set 'K' Aust
MK 2
60. 5805-66-012-8959 TELEPHONE Set 'K' Aust
MK 1
61. TEST Set (All Types)

ANNEX B TO
Q MINUTE 2/70
DATED MAR 70

NON TECHNICAL INSPECTION REPORT

FOR THE MONTH ENDING.....

Sub Unit.....

Certified Correct.....

Serial	Item	Issued To	Condition	Action Taken	Signature of CQMS

CHECK LIST - NON TECHNICAL INSPECTIONS
SMALL ARMS

General

1. This annex is used as a guide to non technical inspections as follows:-

- a. There are some points which are common to all weapon non technical inspections.
- b. Malfunctions peculiar to the GPMG M60, SLR 7.62mm L1A1 and the rifle 5.56mm M16A1 can be avoided by rigid adherence to high standards of unit maintenance.

Detailed Inspections

Frequency. Non technical inspections are to be conducted as detailed in para 3.

Cleanliness. Cleanliness of weapons is only one part of the inspection. Inspections must not only check cleanliness but that all weapons function and parts are serviceable.

Cleaning Kit Cleaning Kits are to be checked for completeness and serviceability.

CES Items. Check the CES for completeness. Check all the magazines and other necessary equipment.

Barrels. ANNEX C Paras 3, 15 refer.

Neglect and Misuse. Watch carefully for neglected or abused weapons. The RAEME detachment has a responsibility to report all cases of neglect or misuse, and when detected, armourers will report it as NOT FAIR WEAR.

GPMG M60

2. The weapon should be inspected after it has been thoroughly cleaned. It should be complete with CES items, cleaning gear and spare barrel.

3. Barrel and Bipod. Ensure that the barrel numbers correspond to the weapon number. These barrels are fitted to suit the gun and ammunition to a thousandths of an inch, and an incorrect barrel on a gun is almost certain to cause stoppages.

- a. Inspect the barrel extension for hairline cracks, burrs and raised metal in the locking grooves.
- b. On the gas cylinder, the tab washer should be in good order. The piston should be free of damage and move freely in the gas cylinder, the plug should be tight and safety wired.
- c. Check that the flash hider is secure.

/d.

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d. Inspect the bipod to ensure that it is NOT cracked, that the legs operate freely, and that the catches hold the legs in all positions.

e. Look into the barrel and chamber for imperfections. The barrel has a liner, and at visual inspection the expansion gap will appear as a ring.

4. points:

Bolt Assembly. Strip the bolt and check the following

a. Ensure that the locking lugs are free of chips, cracks and raised metal edges.

b. Check the firing pin for straightness and cracks.

c. The firing pin spring should be straight.

d. Reassemble and ensure that the pin lock is in position.

5. Operating Rod.

a. Inspect the condition of sear bent. It should NOT show signs of roundness or be cracked.

b. Check the condition of the yoke and yoke roller. The roller must move freely and be positively retained by the pin.

6. Buffer Assembly. Check the buffer for presence of oil or cleaning fluid, as this is disastrous to the weapon and can cause a run away gun. Check operation of the buffer by depressing the plunger; it should be very firm to move and should not move intermittently.

7. Trigger Mechanism and Pistol Grip Group.

a. Inspect for proper function of the trigger, sear and safety.

b. Check the sear for cracks or burrs.

c. Ensure that the pistol grip group is securely retained on the receiver.

d. Ensure that the spring, lock, pistol grip is replaced correctly on the weapon. There are two types of springs and it is possible to replace the modified version back to front.

8. Driving Spring and Guide. Inspect the guide for straightness and security of the spool. The spring should be free of sharp bends, and should NOT be worn more than one third of its diameter.

9. Receiver Group.

a. Ensure that the rear sight, carrying handle and magazine bracket are secure.

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- b. All rivets must be tight.
 - c. The receiver must be free of cracks.
 - d. Check the operation of the cocking handle, and its retention in the forward position.
10. Stock Assembly Butt.
- a. Inspect for weak or broken latch spring.
 - b. Inspect for loose or missing sling swivel.
11. Feed Cover and Feed Tray Assemblies.
- a. Inspect for weak or damaged springs.
 - b. Inspect for freedom of movement of all parts.
 - c. Ensure that feed pawls are NOT worn or broken.
 - d. Check the latch and latch lever.
12. Assembled Weapon.
- a. Check the operation of the weapon by cocking and allowing the working parts to go forward under control. The working parts should move freely and be retained to the rear by the sear.
 - b. Engage SAFE. The weapon should NOT cock.
 - c. Disengage SAFE. Cock the weapon and engage SAFE. The weapon should NOT fire.
13. Ancillary Equipment. Inspect the carryall for completeness and serviceability. Inspect all CES items.
- Rifle 7.62mm L1A1
14. This inspection is best carried out as soon as possible after the weapon has been cleaned.
15. Chamber and Bore.
- a. Look into the chamber for pits, cracks, bulges or dirt.
 - b. Inspect the extractor way for compacted dirt or sand.
 - c. Inspect the barrel. (Remember to keep both eyes open). Slight ringing may appear about a quarter of an inch from the muzzle, and may be ignored. Look carefully for fouling in the grooves.
16. Gas Cylinder and Gas Regulator. Remove the gas plug, piston and spring.
- a. Look into the gas cylinder. The first five inches should be polished and free of burrs or scratches.
 - /b.

b. There should be a slight amount of free movement of the gas cylinder.

c. Check that the gas regulator moves freely, is free of rust and is positively retained by the spring.

d. Ask the soldier what setting he uses. The weapon should perform satisfactory on 4 or above. If it does NOT, then seek the assistance of the armourer.

17. Gas Plug and Gas Block.

a. The gas plug should be clean with NO signs of coppering. Ensure that all carbon has been removed from the groove.

b. The plunger should move freely and return to the locked position under the influence of its spring.

c. The gas block must be clean and free of burrs or carbon. It should allow easy assembly of the gas plug, and any difficulty in assembly is experienced, see the armourer.

18. Piston and Spring

a. The piston should be clean and free from burrs and cracks.

b. The spring should be straight and free of rust or corrosion.

19. Flash Eliminator. Ensure that the flash hider is tight and free of distortion.

20. Foresight. Ensure that the sight is tight and retained by the locking screw.

21. Cocking Handle..

a. The cocking handle should open with NO restriction. (It is important that this item be clean and well lubricated. Cases have occurred in 1 ATF of cocking handles jamming during contacts, due to dirt. This usually happens suddenly and without warning).

b. The cocking handle should be retained in the closed position by the spring and plunger.

22. Holding Open Device. The holding open device should move up freely and return readily to the open position under influence of the spring.

23. Breech Block. (Bolt)

a. Check the face of the breech bolt for a ring around the firing pin, (Ringing). If the metal surface is visibly worn away, see the armourer. Only experience can show you how far this may go before rejection.

/b.

- b. Check operation of the extractor.
 - c. Inspect the firing pin and spring. They should be free of rust or corrosion.
24. Breech Block Carrier.
- a. Inspect the carrier for burrs or irregular contours.
 - b. The rod should be straight and have free movement on its pin.
25. Magazine Catch. The magazine catch should be checked with an empty magazine. The catch should move freely and hold the magazine firmly.
26. Magazines.
- a. Magazines must be free of dents.
 - b. Check the fit of each magazine to the rifle, ensuring that the lug is secure.
 - c. Check the operation of the platform and spring. It should move freely with no grating.
27. Furniture. Check the woodwork for cracks and splits.
Short cracks at the front end of the hand guards may be ignored. Check for dryness and ensure that some linseed oil has been applied regularly.
28. Assembled Rifle.
- a. Check operation of the weapon when assembled, by cocking and firing the action.
 - b. Working parts should move smoothly to the rear.
 - c. Test the trigger and safety operation. The trigger should return to the forward position without restriction.
29. Ancillary Equipment.
- a. Check Cleaning gear to ensure that it is serviceable.
 - b. Pay particular attention to the pullthrough, which should be in good condition and NOT frayed.
 - c. In each section, inspect the section cleaning roll to ensure that it is complete and serviceable.
- Rifle 5.56mm M16A1
30. Bolt Carrier. REMOVE the bolt carrier. It should be lubricated with oil and the inside of the key should be clean and dry.
31. Extractor. This item can cause stoppages very easily if it is worn off and has a weak spring. Check the extractor for signs
of

of wear. Push the extractor up with your thumb - if it doesn't hurt, it probably has a weak spring, so take it to the armourer.

32. Bolt. Check the face of the bolt for pits and elongation of the firing pin hole.

33. Chamber and Bore. Look into the chamber and bore; they should be clean and free of pits and bulges. Pay particular attention to cleanliness of the locking lugs.

34. Butt. Tip the butt up with receiver open and look for water coming from the butt well.

35. Lower Receiver Assembly. Look into the lower receiver assembly. This is a difficult area to clean and an important place to inspect. It should be clean and generously lubricated with oil. Ensure that springs are NOT incorrectly assembled. Soldiers are NOT authorised to strip this assembly.

36. Exterior. Examine all exposed metal surfaces for a light coat of oil. If the exterior is corroded, take the weapon to an armourer.

37. Sights. Check the front and rear sights. Adjusting mechanisms should be liberally coated with oil. Check the detents to ensure that the front sight and windage drum are free.

38. Magazines. Dont forget magazines and ammunition. They should be clean and dry. If a magazine is dented or sprung, get rid of it, it spells nothing trouble. The magazine and ammunition is just as important as the rifle itself.

CHECK LIST - NON TECHNICAL INSPECTIONS
MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT

Machines Typewriting - Unit Maintenance.

1. Machines typewriting are to be maintained by the sub unit or section in accordance with the following procedures:

a. Daily maintenance procedure as follows: (if the machine is in regular use, to be carried out each day. If not in regular use, to be carried out BEFORE USING).

(1) Thoroughly remove all traces of dust and foreign matter from the machine using a soft cloth for exterior frame and a soft haired brush for the keyboards, paper shelf, carriageway mechanisms, and all interior mechanisms, with the exception of type faces.

(2) Remove all old oil from the carriageway rods and sparingly fresh oil.

(3) Remove traces of ink from the type characters by using the Scotch Typewriter Cleaner No 575 or Velos Type cleaner.

(4) Very lightly oil all moving parts of the machine and bearing surfaces, allow to stand for ten minutes then remove all superfluous oil that has not penetrated to friction spots, bearing, pivots etc. An ordinary commercial pipe stem cleaner or similar item will be found very suitable in both functions. CAUTION - Do not allow oil to come in contact with the type characters bar or paper rollers.

(5) Wipe over all bright metal parts of the machine with a piece of chamois leather or a soft cloth.

(6) Check the free operation of the type ribbon and spools, replace the ribbon if necessary.

(7) Check the free operation of the paper release levers, paper rollers etc.

2. Machines are to be kept covered with a serviceable dust proof cover when not in use. These are to be issued by the tailor in the near future.

3. The use of solvents other than methylated spirits is prohibited. The following maintenance stores are available from the QM:

- a. BRUSHES Typewriter (In lieu small paint brush)
- b. OIL Typewriter (When available)
- c. Methylated Spirits

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- d. Hard bristle brush (In lieu an old tooth brush)
- e. Scotch Typewriter Cleaner No 575

4. Servicing by period contracts does not exist in the theatre and repairs to this equipment usually takes time. Maintain the equipment as detailed above.

Lawn Mowers - Unit Maintenance.

5. The provisions of 7 RAR Q Admin Instr 1/69 paras 158-159 is to apply, except that all repair action is to be initiated through the QM.

6. The mowers are to be maintained in a clean condition after use.

Vehicles - Unit Maintenance.

7. Investigations into failure of vehicle electrical components, have, in most cases, attributed the breakdown to the entry of water under pressure.

8. A further cause of failure of electrical components is the indiscriminate use of cleaning chemicals, detergents, kerosene etc in the engine compartments of vehicles. Under no circumstances are these preparations to be used for the cleaning of electrical components mounted in or on the vehicles.

9. The use of cleaning chemicals is to be strictly controlled and may be permitted only for softening heavy grease or acid deposits.

Gas Cylinders - Return to 2 AOD.

10. To avoid risk of explosion fire etc the Tech Sgt is to ensure that all cylinders are empty before return to 2 AOD.

11. Prior to the return, cylinders are to be opened in a safe locality and the contents discharged. After closure of the valve and the replacement of the valve safety ring/cover, a suitable tag is to be attached to the neck of the cylinder marked:

EMPTY

Date

Place

Signature.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS BY EIS

1. GPMG 7.62mm M60. The overall general and technical condition of these weapons was assessed as GOOD, although two cases of dirty and rusty barrels and one case of an incorrectly assembled trigger were detected.
2. Launcher Grenade M79 and I1A2. The general condition of these weapons was not particularly good as the majority required stripping and cleaning.
3. Rifle RCL 90mm and 106mm. Gun histories are not being maintained correctly. The assessment was graded as POOR. Although the weapons had been fired, no entries had been made in the history books. One 90mm RCL had been neglected to the stage where the breech was jammed by rust formation.
4. 81mm Mortar. The overall general condition was assessed as GOOD, but due to the fact that no barrel history books were kept a grading assessment of POOR was given. All barrels were well overdue for barrel measurement.
5. Flamethrower Portable. The general condition of these equipments was assessed as POOR. These equipments were stored with fuel in the tanks. This is considered a safety hazard.
6. Saws Chain Gasline. General condition assessed as GOOD but Plant Record Books were either incorrect or in arrears.
7. Paving Breakers. Comments as for Saws Chain.
8. Lawn Mowers. Unit maintenance of these machines had been neglected and was correspondingly assessed as FAIR.
9. Duplicating Machines. Assessed as GOOD.
10. Typewriters. The general condition of the HQ, Admin Coy orderly room and Q store machines were assessed as VERY GOOD. Those located in other Coy orderly rooms and the tech store showed signs of deterioration due to lack of operator maintenance and lack of use of machine covers.
11. Compasses. The general condition was assessed as POOR due to the prevalence of multiple faults. 140 compasses inspected, 66 were sentenced to field workshops.
12. Projectors. Serviceable and in good condition, however, only one AB122 adapted was being used for both machines.
13. Starlight Scopes. Nine inspected, five sentenced for field repairs, two classified NFW due to deficient eyepieces. Overall condition assessed as FAIR.

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14. Lubrication and Cleanliness. Graded as FAIR due to lack of maintenance of the majority of typewriters and miscellaneous equipment.
15. Use of CES Items. Graded as FAIR due to lack of office machines CES cleaning equipment and covers.
16. Documentation.
- a. Weapons. Graded POOR due to the deficiencies of several items of essential history documents and the lack of entries in those held.
 - b. General Equipment. Graded FAIR due to lack of entries in PAVING Breakers, Saw Chain and PROJECTORS.
17. Storage. Assessed as FAIR only due to rust and dirt on FLAMETHROWERS and condition of RCL 90mm due to NFW (neglect).
18. Non Technical Inspections.
- a. Effectiveness. Graded FAIR as many faults found by inspectors were considered to be within the capacity of unit inspectors to detect.
 - b. Recording. Generally satisfactory, however, one Coy could not produce any records.
19. Unit Repair Procedures. All aspects of this section were graded favourably.
20. Conclusion. On the two previous inspections the EIS assessed the unit as follows:
- Aug 69 - Serviceability - 70%
 - Feb 70 - Serviceability - 75%
21. It was considered that factors which contributed to this standard were as follows:
- a. Indifference to deterioration, damage and general wear by equipment users and operators.
 - b. Lack of routine maintenance by users and operators including, cleaning, lubrication and servicing tasks.
 - c. Lack of technical and non technical inspection which would normally reveal deterioration or malfunction of equipment.
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7 RAR ADMIN INSTR 16/70
RTA PROCEDURE

- References: A. 7 RAR Admin Instr 2/70.
B. AFV SOP Part 2 paragraph 1019-1052.

General

1. This instruction is designed to outline procedures for individual and small groups RTA for discharge or any other reason except for Emergency Leave or R and R. Further instructions are to be issued to cover the RTA of NS intakes.

Movement

2. Movement to Australia is to be by chartered aircraft. All movement is to be arranged by the Movements Clerk, Bn HQ.

Documentation

3. Regimental Documents. Regimental documents are to reach Bn HQ 24 hours prior to the departure of the member(s).
4. Members are to carry their own regimental documents if RTA for discharge. These documents will be in two envelopes, the large one containing personal file, AAB 83 and miscellaneous personal documents. This envelope is NOT to be opened by the member(s) whilst in transit. The smaller envelope will contain the members' pay book, ID card, RTA proforma, IHC card and FFI form. This envelope is to be kept handy at all times as the documents may be required whilst in transit. Both these envelopes are to be handed to the member(s) when they report to Bn HQ on the day of their departure.
5. Members RTA on posting will not carry their personal file.
6. Leave. All leave credits are to be entered in members' AAB 83 prior to submission to Bn HQ as per AFV SOPs Section 3, Chapter 2, Annex A.

Medical

7. All members on RTA are to have a blood test to ensure FFI.
8. All members are to report to the RAP seven days prior to RTA. National Service intakes will be given a set date and time at which to attend.
9. "Happy pill" course will commence 15 days prior to RTA.

Q Clearance

10. All members must be fully Q cleared prior to their departure from SVN.

Unit Clearance

11. All members are to be unit cleared prior to their departure. Members are to personally seek their own clearance. Clearance forms may be obtained from company orderly rooms.

Money Exchange

12. Outgoing members are not to have more than \$10.00 MPC or equivalent to exchange. Cash in excess of this amount is to be paid into members' paybook through Unit Pay Representative.

Customs Regulations

13. Attention of all members due to RTA is drawn to 7 RAR Administrative Instruction No 2/70 dated 24 Sep 69.

Dress

14. CSMs are to ensure members' dress is neat and tidy prior to reporting to Bn HQ.

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Q MINUTE NO 1/70

Internal Checks.

1. The provisions of 7 RAR Admin Instr 1/69 Q Admin details the basic requirement regarding internal checks as follows:

- a. Spot Check. Ten items each week.
- b. CES Check. One CES per week.

2. The checks may be submitted at any time. The week ending each Saturday.

3. Other checks are to be submitted on 15th and 30th day of each month or returning to base from operations as follows:

- a. Controlled Stores Check.
- b. Non Technical Inspections (See Q Minute No 2/70)
- c. Documentation Checks:-
 - (1) Check of AAF F95A.
 - (2) Spot Check Book is to operate (Annex T to 7 RAR Q Admin Instr refers).
 - (3) AAF F12 Check to roll books.
 - (4) Personnel accommodation location chart.
 - (5) Check of all registered numbers.

Repair and Maintenance of Stores.

4. The provisions of 7 RAR Q Admin Instr 1/69 applies.

Sub-Accounts to operate - SVN.

5. The following sub accounts are to operate in SVN:

- a. A Coy.
- b. B Coy.
- c. C Coy.
- d. D Coy.

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- e. Admin Coy (Incl RAP).
- f. SP Coy (Incl Offrs/Sgts Mess and Atk Pl).
- g. Mor Pl.
- h. Sig Pl.
- i. Aslt Pnrs Pl.
- j. Tpt Pl.
- k. RAEME Det.
- l. Main Q (To operate Regt Prop/Amenties).

Non Accountable Stores.

6. Sub Accounts are to conduct stocktakes of Non Accountable Stores in their areas of responsibility and forward the result to the QM as soon as possible and before Sat 28 Mar 70.

7. Sub Accounts should conduct the check on a sub area basis so that a record of the location of stores is readily available to be inventorised if necessary, to become the responsibility of an officer/NCO within the sub account.

8. The check must be accurate and is to indicate those stores of a military nature now located in accommodation tents or store rooms and which are not normally on issue to soldiers on signature.

9. The purpose of this accounting is to be able to know at any time with a reasonable degree of accuracy the quantity and location of all stores held by 7 RAR.

10. The system of accounting is to be detailed in a Q Minute to be issued seperately.

Method of Conduct of Stocktakes.

11. The stocktaking officer should conduct the stocktake as follows:

- a. Plan the sub accounts area of responsibility in sections by platoons etc.
- b. Conduct the stocktake on seperate AAF F19s for each area.
- c. Summarise the results on an AAF F19-1 Stocksheet and forward two copies to the QM.

12. The QM is to authorise the type and quantity of stores which are to be held by each sub account and take the necessary AAF F95A action. All non accountable stores are to be subjected to a seperate account and are to be entered on the AAF F202 Expendable Stores. These items are to become 7 RAR Part II account. The QM is to brief all CQMSs on the system which is to operate.

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13. The WO Caterer is responsible to stocktake each kitchen in liason with the CQMSs. This is only to encompass kitchen utensils.

Submission of RL&D Reports.

14. The general principles of submitting R L&D reports are contained in 7 RAR Q Admin Instr 1/69 para 26 - 30.

15. Seperate R L&D Reports are to be submitted for Accountable (ie. Ledger held items) and Non Accountable (ie. AAF F202 held items). Each L&D Report is to be marked clearly ACCOUNTABLE or NON ACCOUNTABLE. A seperate register for each type is to operate.

Surplus Stores.

16. All surplus stores are to be returned to the QM immediately.

Unserviceable Stores.

17. All stores rendered unserviceable, irrespective of category, are to be returned to the QM accompanied by R L&D Report and AAF F95A action.

18. The RQMS is to record the entries in the Destroyed Book or take Board of Survey/Repair Action as applicable.

Fire Equipment.

19. In accordance with instructions issued by the Fire Officer, sub accounts are to forward their requirement for fire equipment to the QM to bring each sub account area up to its correct scalings.

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7 RAR ADMIN INSTR 13/70
BATTALION BASE DUTIES

1. The attached admin instr replaces 7 RAR Admin Instr 13/70 issued 24 Feb 70 which is to be destroyed on receipt of this.
2. Attention is drawn to amendment appearing in para 3 a, b, 4 and Annex A.

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7 RAR ADMIN INSTR 13/70
BATTALION BASE DUTIES

General

1. Battalion base duties are to be provided daily by the sub unit nominated in Annex A. These duties are to be provided irrespective of whether the battalion is on operations or not.

Control

2. The RSM is responsible for duties when the battalion is in base. In his absence on operations etc. the CSM Admin Coy is responsible.

Rosters

3. The following are responsible for preparing rosters:
- a. CP Duty Officer - Adjutant.
 - b. CP Duty Clerk - Operations Sergeant.
 - c. Bn HQ Duty Clerk - Assistant Adjutant.
 - d. Hospital Visiting Officer - Assistant Adjutant.
 - e. Duty Signallers - Signals Officer.
 - f. Battalion helipad - 2IC Admin Coy.
 - g. Projectionists - Assistant Adjutant/Postal Orderly.

Battalion External Duties (Duty Company)

3. On the day following the return of the battalion to base the duty company is to supply a Cavmobile, a complete rifle section kitted and armed on 15 minutes notice to move. These soldiers normally act as escort with APCs on road convoys. The company will be placed as required by the 2IC Admin Coy.

4. Other tasks which may be required are to provide protection parties for:

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b. Engineer groups.

c. TFMA convoys.

5. In these cases requests are made to 7 RAR by the use of an Arms Support Request Proforma usually submitted 24 hours in advance. Companies will be nominated as required starting with B Coy.

Orderly Duties

6. When the battalion is in base companies are to roster an officer/sergeant to man CPs. The duty officer/sergeant is responsible for discipline, including supervision and closing of canteens, in the company area.

7. When the battalion is on operations this duty becomes the responsibility of the CQMS. To ensure continuity in base defence and planning the normal chain of command will be the CQMS unless company 2ICs are in the base for more than just a few days.

Battalion Orderly Officer/Sergeant

8. These will be rostered as required.

Sentries

9. Sentries are to be rostered and briefed in accordance with 7 RAR Standing Orders for Nui Dat base. Para 68 and 117 of amendment No 1 should be noted.

10. Duties to commence with effect from 26 Feb 70.

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Annexure: A. Schedule of Battalion Internal Base Duties.

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Distribution: See Below.

ADMIN SUMMARY 9 - 19 MAR 70

1. Initially good, late submission have increased towards the end of the period. Late changes and additions increase the possibility of error. Additions prior to 0900 hrs daily can be accepted without problem.
2. Some errors have occurred in quantity and some items missed completely. Despite extra time taken C/S 92 and C/S 95 should read back rapidly to eliminate errors.

Water

3. Despite rigid checks by C/S 92 and C/S 95 some water bottles have been delivered empty. To overcome faulty caps etc when sub units request water bottles an additional 5 gallons in the clear plastic can will always be included. This bag can be backloaded or destroyed.
4. In one case a sub unit backloaded two bags back containing full water bottles and complained of short change!

Batteries

5. Batteries currently on issue are rated at a five day life. Usage has been very excessive and the supply is VERY limited.

Items in Short Supply

6. The following items are in short supply:
 - a. Batteries.
 - b. Starlight Scopes - Nil in country. Nil holdings by QM. Indents placed.
 - c. Ear Muffs - Nil in country. Priority Maintdem submitted.
 - d. Nylon Cord and Wt - Nil stock in country and must come from for aerial erection Australia.
 - e. Torches - Nil stocks. Awaiting indent to be met.
 - f. Compass Prismatic - Still deficient 27. Priority maintdem placed and to come from Australia.
 - g. Launcher Grenade - No change in RVE. Follow up action L1A1 initiated.
 - h. Note Books - Nil stocks held in country.

Milk

7. Issue is made to base area only. This issue is given to rifle coys and FSPB in that priority. Much of the milk is issued in 6 gallon containers. When rifle coys are able it would be appreciated if they indicated that 6 gallon containers are acceptable. Milk should be bidded for on an "if available basis".

Fruit

8. Issue is made only to the base area at approx 35 lbs per day and not all has been in good condition. When possible this will be automatically added to maintdems.

Breadrolls

9. Not as many have been issued as we would like due to shortage of suitable fillings. If jam is acceptable in period of shortage frequency could be increased.

Echelon Bags

10. In one case complaint re articles in bags which were packed prior to departure by members themselves.

11. In future resups there could be some difficulty due to non marking of items received. CQMS are marking clothing to try and minimise this problem.

12. Socks are available here on the scale of two per man per month. Sub units may bid to have these included in laundry resup but the dangers of new socks (even if washed) creating problems should be noted.

Evacuation of Essential Members

13. Should essential members be backloaded eg. medical orderly a replacement request should be initiated - if only a reminder to the people who should pick it up anyway.

Resupply of Platoons

14. It is desirable that all resup be carried out on the Admin Air Frequency. This allows control by C/S 92, 95 and 95A and the sub unit concerned. Further it does not clutter the coy comd net. As a matter of course the pilot mission brief will in cases of platoon resupply contain the coy internal as an alternate so that the COY HQ can direct to the internal comd net if required.

Marshallers

15. In some cases marshallers have been requested. To avoid friction with the RAAF a marshaller should always be present to indicate the precise landing point.

Backloading

16. Aircraft hours are currently critical with the monthly TF allocation already exceeded. Effort to cut out later backloading would be appreciated.

Organisation for Resup

17. Good resupply ie "what you want in the manner you want it", depends largely on how well the CQMS is briefed before and during the operation. Where possible CQs or storemen will be tasked with loads where there is more than one sortie or a backload involved

Mystery of the Week

19. Who is wearing 20A and 22^s clean clothes?

NR Smethurst
(N.R. SMETHURST)
Maj
2IC

Distribution: List B plus four per coy.

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8 Mar 70

Distribution: See below.

7 RAR ADMIN INSTR 15/70
PROCEDURES TO BE ADOPTED WHEN MEMBERS ARE HOSPITALISED

Introduction

1. The aim of this instruction is to:
 - a. Detail correct channels of keeping companies informed of members hospitalised.
 - b. Ensure that the disposal of effects of members hospitalised is carried out correctly and all action is completed by the fastest means available.

Members Hospitalised

2. When a member is hospitalised from Nui Dat, the RAP is to inform the parent company of the member and Bn HQ (A/Adjt or CC).
3. When a member is hospitalised from an operational area it becomes the responsibility of the Aq Cell to notify Admin CP. Admin CP is to notify Bn HQ, the members parent company and RAP. If the member is attached from another unit, CP Rear is to immediately notify the members parent unit.
4. Companies are to be kept informed of members condition by means of a hospital condition state. See Annex A to this instruction.
5. Hospital condition states are to be originated by the unit Hospital Visiting Officer (HVO). The duties of the HVO are contained in Annex B to this instruction.

Documentation

6. On notification that a member has been hospitalised sub units are to forward the following documents to the Chief Clerk:
 - a. WF 5.
 - b. AAB 83.
 - c. ID card.
 - d. IHC.
 - e. F Med 4 and 5.

These documents are to be contained in an envelope with a list of contents written on the outside of the envelope.

7. In the event of a member being returned to Australia the Chief Clerk is to accept the responsibility of the disposal of documents. If the member is returned to the unit the documents are to be returned to the parent company.

Personal Effects

8. A sub unit Q representative is responsible to collect all personal effects of members hospitalized and raise three copies of an inventory of effects collected within 24 hours of being notified. The effects are to be secured within the sub unit.

9. Two copies of the inventory are to be retained in the sub unit. One copy of the inventory is to be forwarded to the Chief Clerk who will have the HVO check it for completeness with the member.

10. In the event of a member being returned to Australia, all effects together with inventories are to be suitable packed and forwarded to the unit QM for onward movement.

Conclusion

11. Sub units are to ensure that the effects of members hospitalized are handled with speed and accuracy.

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Distribution:

List C less serials 37-45
HVO
1 Aust Fd Hosp
8 Fd Amb
36 Evac Hosp

7 RAR HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CONDITION STATE NO /70

ANNEX A TO
7 RAR R/46-1-1
DATED 8 Mar 70

As At

Serial	Number	Rank	Name	Location	Diagnosis	Condition	Date Admitted	Company
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2Lt
A/Adjt

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OC All Coys
RAP
HVO
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ANNEX B TO
7 RAR R446-1-1
DATED 8 MAR 70

DUTIES OF 7 RAR HOSPITAL VISITING OFFICER (HVO)

General

1. The HVO is to be promulgated in unit Routine Orders.
2. He is to report to the A/Adjt, or in his absence, the Chief Clerk, prior to visiting the hospital. He is to be in possession of a blank Hospital and Medical Condition State. (See Annex A).
3. Patients may be in either 8 Fd Ambulance, 1 Aust Fd Hospital or 36 Evac Hospital. Whenever a member of 7 RAR is in one of the three hospitals mentioned he is to be visited by the HVO.

Mail

4. Mail to be delivered to members in hospital is to be labelled accordingly by sub units and handed to 7 RAR Postal Clerk.
5. The Postal Clerk is to deliver this mail to Bn HQ daily by 0800 hours. The mail is then to be handed to the HVO for delivery to members concerned.

HVO Vehicle

6. The HVO is to ensure that no member proceeding to Vung Tau for medical treatment nor any patient returning ex hospital is left behind.
7. Under no circumstances is the HVO vehicle to be used as a taxi by other personnel.

Duties at the Hospital

8. On arrival at the hospital the HVO is to:
 - a. Secure weapons for members travelling on the HVO vehicle with the QM 1 Aust Fd Hospital. Liaise with the QM on Q matters affecting 7 RAR personnel and ensure that weapons and equipment are recovered and returned to the QM 7 RAR.
 - b. Report to the Chief Clerk A and D and:
 - (1) Inform him of patients he has for treatment and ascertain the times of their appointments.
 - (2) Ascertain the names of any members being discharged for RTU.
 - c. He is to deliver members for medical treatment to the out patient department.
 - d. Inform all personnel returning on the HVO vehicle of the time and place of departure for Nui Dat.

Visiting

9. If allowed, he is to visit all 7 RAR patients, deliver their mail and personal effects and find out if the patients require anything delivered to them.

Medical Condition States

10. He is to ascertain from the duty Sister or senior authority available the medical condition state and likely RTU/RTA date if known. On having this information he is to complete the Medical Condition State (Annex A).

On RTU

11. a. Deliver all returning patients to the RAP.
- b. Deliver the Medical Condition State and documents to the Chief Clerk or duty clerk at Bn HQ.
- c. Deliver personal effects and Q items to the QM who will notify sub units to arrange for collection.