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R639-1-1

10 Jul 70

List C

RTA OF 4/68 INTAKE

Reference: A. 7 RAR R553-1-6

General

1. Attached as Annex A is a list of the 4/68 NS intake who are due to RTA. Flight A departs 13 Aug 70, flight B departs 20 Aug 70.

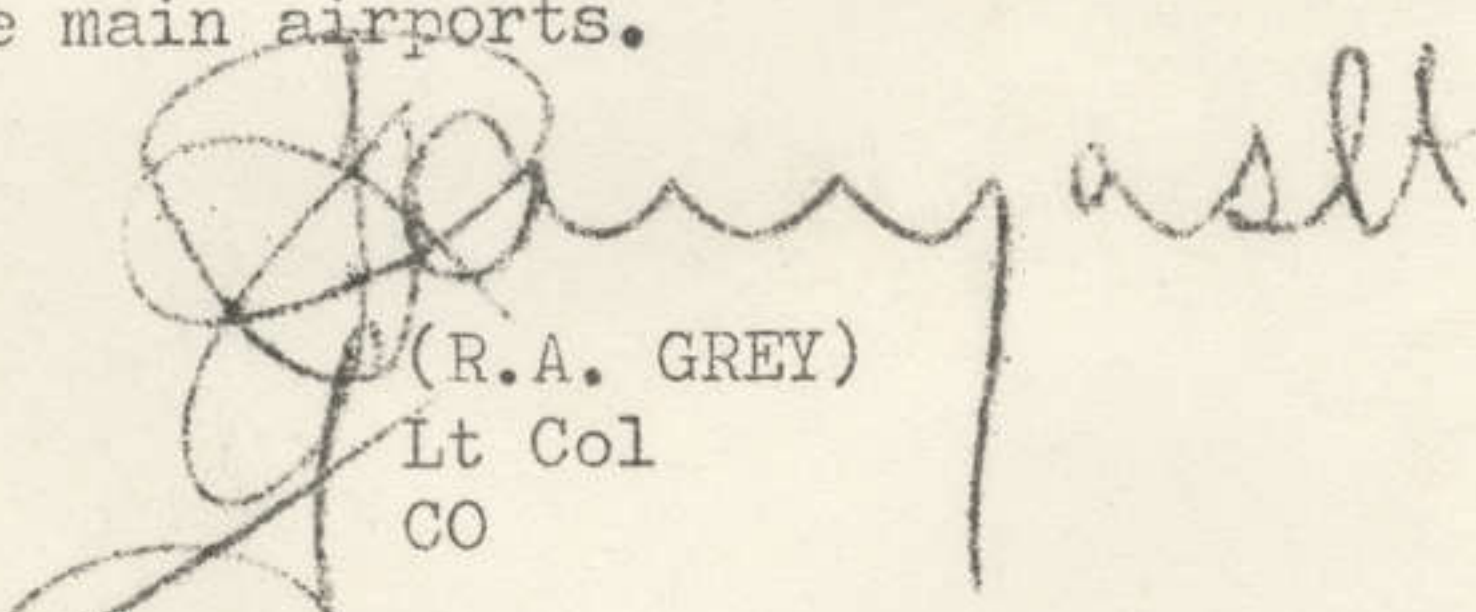
Medical

2. The RAP is to ensure that the soldiers start their course of "happy pills" 14 days prior to RTA. Flight A is to be medically checked by 10 Aug, flight B 17 Aug.

Conference

3. All members of the 4/68, Coy 2IC's and COIS's will be at the conference room at 1000 hrs 26 Jul 70.

4. Members who applied to pay the Rail/Air difference fare will pay it during this conference. For the members guide, Annex C details the cost of Rail/Air difference to the main airports.


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- Annexures:
- A. Departure Times of 4/68 Intake
 - B. Schedule of RTA procedures
 - C. Table of Rail/Air Differences

SOLDIERS OF 4/68 INTAKE TO RTA

<u>Number</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Flight</u>
<u>A Coy</u>			
4720476	Cpl	C.L. Taplin	A
6709215	Pte	M.P. Connors	B
2189975	L Cpl	R.A. Lyons	B
3794589	Cpl	M.F. Lavery	B
2791316	L Cpl	R.F. Price	A
2791401	L Cpl	M.R. Wright	B
5716285	L Cpl	A.H. Leivers	A
5794639	Pte	R.W. Brooks	B
358943	Pte	L. Christie	B
2791278	Pte	R.A. Dalton	B
5716223	Pte	G.R. Dickson	B
3792946	Pte	D. Harrison	B
2791243	Pte	R. Mallam	A
3795039	Pte	J.H. Mertens	A
3795024	Pte	G. Woodall	A

<u>B Coy</u>			
4720261	Cpl	A. Aldenhoven	B
5716347	L Cpl	G.A. Rodie	A
3794971	L Cpl	P.J. Wight	A
4720295	Pte	G.S. Cornes	B
5714243	Pte	D. Gates	B
5716408	Pte	G.M. Lawson	B
3794976	Pte	K.J. Morrison	B
4720416	Pte	I.M. Russell	A
3795105	Pte	F.A. Rutherford	A
4720431	Pte	A.W. Taylor	A

<u>C Coy</u>			
4720380	Cpl	B.K. Morisset	B
2791410	Cpl	R.J. Andrews	A
4720345	Cpl	J.R. Klar	A
2790226	Cpl	T.J. Halcroft	B
2791327	Cpl	G.J. Masters	B
2791373	L Cpl	M. Tolnay	B
3794627	L Cpl	K. Molyneux	A
2152630	L Cpl	M.J. Trim	B

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3794547	Pte	P.W. Lloyd	B
2791243	Pte	A.R. Martin	A
255067	Pte	R.J. Pratt	A

D Coy

3794652	Cpl	D.C. Law	A
3794858	L Cpl	R.L. Bradmore	B
3794995	L Cpl	R.G. Merritt	B
2790964	L Cpl	A.F. Sara	B
4720440	L Cpl	C. Webb	A
6709314	L Cpl	M.K. Winwood	A
3795049	Pte	L.J. Berry	B
5716227	Pte	A.P. Drew	B
3173786	Pte	A.M. Gray	B
3794572	Pte	D.A. Grey	B
3794559	Pte	J. Greenough	B
3794920	Pte	B.I. Griffiths	B
515980	Pte	C.S. Matheson	B
3793343	Pte	A.E. Shaw	A
3794954	Pte	C.A. Tye	A
5716382	Pte	P.B. Vlachou	A
5716413	Pte	E.J. Wilson	A

Admin Coy

3791796	L Cpl	I.A. Baxter	B
3794609	Pte	M.J. Ellis	A
2791318	Pte	K. Rowland	A
3794587	Pte	J.R. Maloy	B

Sp Coy

4220389	Cpl	J.E. Smith	B
3794638	L Cpl	D.R. Channel	B
4720394	Pte	S.P. Morris	B
2791264	Pte	E.J. Page	B
3794868	Pte	W.L. Cutler	B
3794548	Pte	M.W. McMillan	B
3794572	Pte	J.A. Hogg	B
3795020	Pte	W.L. McDonald	B
3173783	Pte	P.W. Noble	B
2192179	Pte	G.J. Degrassi	B
5716253	L Cpl	G.A. Gibson	B
3794630	Pte	W.H. Stevenson	B
6709275	Pte	L.E. Harris	B
3794726	Pte	S.G. Pinwill	B

Summary of Loss:

Riflemen	47	Stewards	3
Signallers	5	Drivers	1
Mortarmen	4	Clerk Admin	2
Pioneers	3	Storemen	4
Recce	2	Int Dutymen	1
		Total:	72

ANNEX B TO
7 RAR R639-1-1 DATED JUL 70

SCHEDULE OF RTA PROCEDURES

	Payment of Rail/Air Difference	MFO Req	Medical	Bn Q Clearance	Coy Q Clearance	Cash Office RTA Rep	Dental	RTA
Flight A	26 Jul	26 Jul	10 Aug	11 Aug	12 Aug	8/9 Aug	10 Aug	13
Flight B	26 Jul	26 Jul	17 Aug	18 Aug	19 Aug	15/16 Aug	17 Aug	20

TABLE OF RAIL/AIR DIFFERENCES

CENTRE	COST \$US	CENTRE	COST \$US
Brisbane	13.55	Cairns	37.43
Townsville	31.98	Bundaberg	19.89
Mackay	27.82	Grafton	10.84
Melbourne	12.55	Wagga	9.92
Adelaide	30.67	Albury	11.86
Perth	65.78	Casino	15.00
Hobart	12.55	Dubbo	7.51
Launceston	12.55	Cooma	9.47
Devenport	12.55	Tamworth	8.02
Rockhampton	23.42		

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7 RAR AFTER ACTION REPORT - OPERATION BIRDWOOD

- References:
- A. 1 ATF Operation Instruction 29/70.
 - B. VIETNAM, Sheet 6429 I, DAT DO, Edition 2, 1 : 50,000.
 - C. VIETNAM, Sheet 6429 II, VUNG TAU, Edition 2, 1 : 50,000.
 - D. VIETNAM, Sheet 6430 II, XUYEN MOC, Edition 2, 1 : 50,000.
 - E. VIETNAM, Sheet 6430 III, BINH BA, Edition 2, 1 : 50,000.

Name and Type of Operation

1. Operation BIRDWOOD was a continuation of Operation CUNG CHUNG. The operation was aimed at denying the enemy access to the villages astride Route 23 and Route 44 within the allotted AO, by a series of ambushes.
2. In addition limited reconnaissance and ambush tasks were mounted within the AO. These were specifically aimed against D445 Battalion.

Dates of Operation

3. Operation BIRDWOOD took place between 29 Jun and 23 Jul 70.

Location

4. The initial boundaries of AO SHEPHERD were:-
 - a. North. The Province boundary between 52 and 70 eastings.
 - b. East. 70 easting from 96 northing to 87 northing. Thence a line due east to the Province eastern boundary, thence along eastern boundary to coast.
 - c. South. Coast line.
 - d. West. The district boundary from the north of RACH CUA LAP to the 63 northing. Then due east to SUOI SAU, along the line of S SUOI SAU - SUOI MON - SUOI LO O NHO to 75 northing. Then along the general line of the 75 northing to 55 easting, from thence to northern boundary.
5. With the deployment of 2 Bde 25 (US) Inf Div into PHUOC TUY Province the northern and eastern boundaries of AO SHEPHERD were ammended as follows:-
 - a. North boundary. From YS 554 790 east to YS 666 790.

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- b. East boundary. From YS 666 790 south along SUOI SUM DUC and SUOI DA to YS 700 703 to YS 700 598.

Control Headquarters

6. Operation BIRDWOOD was controlled by HQ 7 RAR located at the HORSESHOE, YS 4962.

Task Organization

7. The following sub units were attached:-

a. In Direct Support.

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|-----|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| (1) | 106 Fd Bty | 29 Jun to 23 Jul 70. |
| (2) | One H13 ac 161 (Indep) Recce Flt | 29 Jun to 23 Jul 70. |

b. In Support.

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|-----|--------------------------|----------------------|
| (1) | 3 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt | 29 Jun to 23 Jul 70. |
| (2) | 2 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt | 29 Jun to 23 Jul 70. |
| (3) | A Bty 7/8 US Arty (8 in) | 6 Jul to 23 Jul 70. |
| (4) | 2 Tp 1 Fd Sqn | 29 Jun to 23 Jul 70. |
| (5) | Elms 9 Sqn RAAF | 29 Jun to 23 Jul 70. |

Intelligence

8. Annex A.

Mission

9. Stated mission was:-

- a. To interdict routes to / from the LONG HAI Mountains.
- b. Subject to confirmation destroy D445 Battalion in the TAN RU area, centre of mass YS 5567.

Concept of Operation

10. There was no change from the concept for Operation CUNG CHUNG. Bases were maintained at:-

- | | | |
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| a. | HORSESHOE HILL | YS 4962. |
| b. | BRIGID | YS 516 544. |
| c. | ISA | YS 438 534. |

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From these bases ambushes were mounted against the routes to and from the LONG HAI Mountains.

11. The concept allowed for operations in depth to be undertaken by at least one company at any given time. These operations were to be mounted against specific targets gained from intelligence sources.

Execution

12. Sequence of Events. Annex B.

Results

13. Casualties were:-

a. Enemy.

(1)	KIA (BC)	14
(2)	PW	-
(3)	WIA (BT)	8
(4)	HOI CHANH	-

b. Own Troops.

(1)	KIA	-
(2)	KIA (DOW)	-
(3)	WIA	9
(4)	WIA (remained on duty)	-

Contact and Incidents

14. Appendix 1 to Annex A.

Summary of Captured Equipment

15. Appendix 2 to Annex A.

Lessons Learnt

16. Liaison with District Officials. From start of operation close liaison was established between battalion HQ and Sub Sector HQ and between rifle coys and RF coys. Personal liaison at coy level proved invaluable and resulted in joint ambushes and exchange of information.

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17. Use of Hoi Chanh. During Operation CUNG CHUNG Hoi Chanh provided some information on mines and caches. When using Hoi Chanh as guides it is worth remembering that most enemy movement takes place at night, particularly close to populated areas and therefore, the Hoi Chanh when required to follow up by day may take considerable time to orient himself and find particular landmarks.

18. Enemy Reaction.

a. An enemy group can be expected to move from a base area to a prearranged RV. and from there to a new camp within 24 hours of their suspecting that a member of their group has become a Chieu Hoi. Therefore for best results information from a Hoi Chanh and captured documents must be exploited quickly.

b. Enemy will remain in their 'normal' areas of interest, even under heavy pressure, and often re-occupy and refurbish old bunker / camp systems.

19. Minor Tactics.

a. Value of patrolling by night. There is too much tendency to be 'tied in and tied up' by our barbed wire and static ambushes. Free ranging night patrols within closely co-ordinated boundaries cover more ground effectively than a ring of static ambushes. Some areas because of prevalence of mines do not, however, justify the risk of too much night patrolling.

b. Contacts. In ambushes and encounter contacts quick reaction after initial fire fight is essential to capture, search enemy dead. The VC will withdraw very quickly carrying or dragging his wounded and dead, leaving only a few to cover the withdrawal by use of small arms fire and RPG fire.

20. Weapons.

a. Claymore.

(1) This is a valuable addition to our range of weapons, but is not the ready made answer to every ambush or night harbour contact. Small arms and MGs properly sited and controlled are still the best killer weapons.

(2) Severe electrical storms occur daily in the wet season and there is a very high chance of 'ready' claymores being detonated. This must be remembered when moving forward from ambush positions to search and follow up.

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b. Maintenance of PGMP M60s in adverse conditions. During the wet season mud and beach sand are difficult to keep out of the guns during active combat at night. An immediate action of applying liberal quantities of LSA Oil will allow the gun to be fired despite excessive moisture and dirt. Liberal oiling does produce a sludge which is forced out by the bearing surfaces and some smoke is produced but the gun will remain in action.

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Annexes: A. Intelligence Summary.
B. Sequence of Events.

Distribution:

A (2)
B (2)
C (2)
D (2)
Sp (2)
Admin (2)

CO
2IC
Ops Offr
Base Comd
IO
Comd's Diary (5)
File (2)
Spare (5)

HQ 1 ATF (12)

A Sqn 1 Armd Regt
B Sqn 3 Cav Regt
4 Fd Bty
106 Fd Bty (2)
1 Fd Bty
161 (Indep) Recce Flt

2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC)
3 RAR
5 RAR
8 RAR
D Inf

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ANNEX A TO
7 RAR AFTER ACTION
REPORT
DATED 27 JUL 70

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

General

1. Operation BIRDWOOD was in fact a continuation of Operation CUNG CHUNG. The operation was conducted in AO SHEPHERD and was mounted to deny the VC access to the populated areas within the AO.
2. At the commencement of the operation enemy dispositions were thought to be:-
 - a. D445. Located in the LONG HAIS.
 - b. C1 / D445. LONG HAIS.
 - c. C2 / D445. No contact or indication of location of this sub unit since the contact with A Coy on 21 May 70, north of the HORSESHOE. Thought to be in the area north east of the HORSESHOE.
 - d. C3 and C4 / D445. To the east of the AO in the general area of SONG RAI.
 - e. C5 / D445. LONG HAIS.
3. LONG DAT District Units were held as being in their traditional areas of the LONG HAIS.

Enemy Units Contacted

4. Although several contacts were made during the operation positive identification of units was extremely difficult. It was very apparent that the enemy were not carrying as many documents as they had previously.
5. Identifications which were made are:-
 - a. C3 and C4 D445. Information received from a Hoi Chanh placed these two sub units in the area of YS 613 612. A subsequent report from another Hoi Chanh stated that C3 and C4 had been at YS 613 612 but as soon as it was realized that the first Hoi Chanh had rallied the units left the area and moved to YS 593 614. This second Hoi Chanh also stated that on 13 Jul 70, the Unit Political Officer informed the platoon cadres that the whole of D445 had been directed to move to the area of the MAY TAO Mountains.

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- b. C2 / D445. At YS 539 671 on 17 Jul 70, C Coy killed a VC who was probably a platoon commander of C2 / D445. This was the only positive identification made of C2 / D445.
- c. Recce Platoon D445. At YS 539 671 on 17 Jul 70, C Coy killed a VC who was identified as a squad leader of Recce Pl, D445. In the pack carried by this VC were many letters which confirmed that D 445 was moving out of the LONG HAIS and going to LONG KHANH.
- d. LONG PHUOC HAI Guerillas. At 2055 hrs on 1 Jul 70, 3 Pl, A Coy killed the Party Chapter Secretary of LONG PHUOC HAI. A document found on the body stated that some village units are practically non existent.
- e. LONG DAT District Units. Documents taken from the body killed at YS 498 612 on 18 Jul 70 by B Coy indicate that C25 and the LONG DAT Medical Unit are still in the LONG HAIS.

Conclusion

- 6. There is sufficient evidence from Hoi Chanh, captured documents and the absence of contacts to indicate that C2, C3, and C4 of D445, and possibly all of D445, have left the LONG HAIS and are probably now in LONG KHANH Province.
- 7. The VC have been severely restricted in their freedom of movement within DAT DO District due to the continuing presence of 1 ATF units.
- 8. Due to the restriction on movement the effectiveness of the village guerilla units has dwindled to the point of becoming virtually non existent.

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CONTACTS / INCIDENT SUMMARY

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Serial (a)	Date / Time (b)	Location (c)	C/S (d)	Activity (e)
1.	29 0600 H	-	-	Op BIRDWOOD commenced. No significant changes in dispositions from previous Op, CUNG CHUNG.
2.	29 1935 H	447 518	42A	Booby trap consisting of two CBU clusters each of two CBUs. Clusters were 2' apart and laid in the centre of the track. Buried with nose up. Probably pressure initiation.
3.	29 2008 H	438 576	4	Mine warning sign indicating mines laid on road. Sign written on cardboard and estimated to be two days old.
4.	30 1105 H	464 545	33 8 RAR	Contact with three enemy. Enemy dressed in black trousers, no shirts. Results were; 1 VC (KIA) BC, CIA; 1 x AR16, 7 full magazines. Enemy withdrew to south east.
5.	30 1823 H	507 518	1	Reported to A Coy through Vietnamese sources that 12 enemy were moving into LONG PHUOC HAI.
6.	30 1824 H	Check Point 5	-	Two males detained without ID Cards. Vietnamese National Police handling detainees.
7.	30 1945 H	549 575	11	Located three bunkers and two wells. Sleeping spaces for 20 people. Track leads to east. System estimated to be six months old and used about three days ago.
8.	30 1950 H	435 553	43	Contact with two enemy who were moving from south to north. Engaged with small arms with negative results.
9.	30 2357 H	508 527	13A	Engaged two enemy who approached from south west. Negative results.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
10.	01 2035 H	477 585	30C	Contact with an enemy force of a total strength of 20. Enemy were moving in two groups. First group of five was the group initially engaged by the patrol Results were; 1 VC KIA (BC), 3 WIA (Hy drag marks). CIA; 1 x RPG 2 complete. En broke contact and withdrew in a general westerly direction.
11.	01 2055 H	507 529	13A	Contact with enemy groups of five. Enemy approached from west and withdrew west. Results were; 2 VC KIA (BC) 1 WIA (Hy drag marks). CIA; 9 mm pistol, 1 x M26 grenade. One of enemy dead positively identified as Party chapter Secretary of LONG PHUOC HAI.
12.	02 0907 H	581 585	11A	Sighted five enemy moving from east to west. All carrying weapons. Enemy sighted at 500 metres.
13.	03 1615 H	592 613	6	Two enemy sighted dressed in greens, no weapons, moving in easterly direction.
14.	03 1939 H	600 615	6	Two enemy approached from south east, carrying no weapons. Engaged at a range of 15 - 30 metres. Withdrew south east. No results.
15.	03 2330 H	600 615	61	Contact with two enemy who approached from north west. Results 2 VC KIA (BC) two Aust slightly wounded from RPG shrapnel. CIA was 1 x AK 47.
16.	04 0845 H	602 612	62	Found an M16 mine in centre of track. Prongs were protruding above surface of ground. Destroyed in situation.
17.	04 1005 H	603 612	62	Located an another M16 mine which had previously been activated but failed to detonate. Destroyed in situation.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
18.	04 1100 H	604 612	62	<p>Located a bunker system extending over an area 50 x 50 metres. Three 'T' shaped bunkers, one 'L' shaped. All had 2' to 2'6" OHP. System 3 to 6 months old and last used 1 - 2 days previously. Tracks entered system from east, south and west. Three M16 mines were found on western track. One was still in the ground, one had jumped and was on side of track and another had been detonated. An M16 instructional cut down model was also found. Recovered from system was:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. 12 x 50 cal rds.b. One water bottle.c. Some documents.
19.	04 1315 H	604 612	62	<p>Found log crossing point across SONG RAI.</p>
20.	04 1930 H	446 577	41	<p>Activated an M16 mine which failed to detonate.</p>
21.	05 0950 H	603 610	62	<p>An old sanpan resupply point. Tie up points for boats, rubbish, 4 gal tins and bottles in the area not used for at least six months.</p>
22.	05 1140 H	602 612	62	<p>Located a semi circular bunker complex extending over an area 75 x 50 metres. Six bunkers in system each with 2' OHP. Approximately 18 months old and had not been used for 3 to 6 months. One CBU found in system.</p>
23.	05 2100 H	500 554	11	<p>Contact with two enemy who approached position from south west. Negative results.</p>
24.	08 1127 H	578 664	23	<p>Cache of eight chicom HE grenades uncovered. Estimated age of cache six months. Destroyed in situation.</p>
25.	08 1230 H	582 662	23	<p>Fresh sign of three VC heading north. Estimate to be two hours old.</p>

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
26.	08 1330 H	582 667	23	Sign of nine VC about one hour old. Heading north.
27.	09 0915 H	585 677	23	Bunker system covering area 50 x 25 metres and containing five bunkers running north to south with 18" OHP. In good condition built 12 months previous and last used three months ago.
28.	09 1000 H	581 672	23	Rest area, covering area 100 x 50 metres. Five bamboo tables, seven bunkers with 18" to 26" OHP. System built for approximately six months and used as a resting area 12 hours earlier.
29.	10 0800 H	610 613	21	Bunker system covering an area 60 x 20 metres. Eight bunkers in system (two 12' x 2', one 16' x 4' and five 6' x 2') all with 2' OHP. Built for two to three months and last used one week ago. Mine marker sign near system.
30.	11 1030 H	557 655	22A	Bunker system covering an area 100 x 100 metres. Ten fighting pits and 15 bunkers in area. Built approx three years ago not used for previous six months and is poor condition.
31.	11 1130 H	550 651	22A	Old bunker system containing 40 bunkers. Built for approx three years. In poor condition last used two to four weeks previous.
32.	11 1135 H	572 656	22B	New bunker system covering an area 100 x 50 metres and containing 20 bunkers 10' x 6'. OHP varied from 18" to 4'. Still being prepared and last occupied two to three days previous. Camouflage still fresh. Digging tools and carrying buckets in area. Mine marker around site.
33.	12 0820 H	562 662	22A	Contact with three enemy. Two dressed in greens one in black all armed. Enemy approached position from north, then swung away from position to south east. Negative results.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
34.	12 1330 H	538 679	23	Bunker system extending over an area 300 x 200 metres. Nine bunkers in system with eight lean tos. 18" to 30" OHP. Estimated two to six weeks since built. Last used two weeks ago.
35.	12 1930 H	468 568	32	Contact with six to ten VC. Four VC KIA (BC) two VC WIA (Drag marks). Enemy approached from south. CIA one M16 rifle and one M16 mine.
36.	14 1931 H	468 568	32	One enemy sighted moving from south towards platoon position. Area engaged by as on A and I mission. Negative results.
37.	14 2025 H	517 577	33	Patrol detonated one booby trapped M26 gren. Two Aust WIA.
38.	15 0715 H	517 577	33	Booby trapped M26 grenade located. Grenade was fixed about 6" above ground and had 3' - 4' trip wire attached (links with serial 37).
39.	15 0755 H	537 560	12A	Mine incident. M16 mine detonated resulting in three Aust WIA.
40.	15 2241 H	500 634	31	Contacted one VC who threw granade as he withdrew to east. One Aust WIA (remained on duty).
41.	16 1000 H	549 557	12	Located old bunker system with eight bunkers last used two weeks previously. Three 60 mm Mor banks found in location.
42.	16 1125 H	528 667	32	Contact with four VC. Enemy sighted at 200 metres across clearing. CIA four packs and some digging implements. One drag mark found on follow up.
43.	16 1458 H	537 696	23	Two enemy dressed in greens approached platoon position from south. Enemy engaged with small arms fire. No results.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
44.	16 1720 H	542 667	32	Contact with two enemy who approached from south east. Enemy dressed in Khaki. One VC WIA (BT). Blood trail followed up for 400 metres.
45.	16 1850 H	539 671	3	Sighting of three enemy 200 metres to east of position. No results.
46.	17 0818 H	539 671	30A	Contact with two VC dressed in Khaki shirts and blue trousers. Two VC KIA (BC) two packs and one AK 47 CIA. Quantity of documents in one of packs.
47.	181145 H	592 613	31	Bunker system covering an area 150 x 50 metres containing five bunkers 6' x 2' x 2' 6" with 2' OHP. Two sentry posts. Built approx 2 - 3 months previously and occupied in last 8 - 10 days.
48.	18 2214 H	498 612	21A	Contact with two enemy. Enemy dressed in black. One VC KIA (BC). One M1 Carbine and one pack CIA. Enemy moving out of village towards the east.
49.	19 1320 H	555 660	33	"V" shaped bunker complex located. 15 bunkers 6' x 2' in system each with 2' OHP. Bunkers had been constructed for six months and last occupied six hours previously.
50.	19 2009 H	443 521	42	Contact with two enemy as patrol moved into ambush position. En intiated contact and then immediately withdrew to NE. No results.
51.	20 2345 H	503 600	23	Four single rifle shots fired and voices heard due west 300 metres from their loc.
52.	21 1717 H	507 548	TA 22	Mine incident. On returning from mine clearing task an APC detonated an M16 mine. No damage sustained.
53.	23 1000 H	-	-	Operation BIRDWOOD concluded.

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APPENDIX 2 TO
ANNEX A TO
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SUMMARY OF CAPTURED EQUIPMENT

Weapons

1. Captured.

2	M16 Carbines
2	AK 47
1	M1 Carbine
1	RPG 2
1	K54 Pistol.

Equipment

2.	Qty web equipment
	500 yds fishing line
	8 packs
	Qty plastic sheeting
	Qty clothing
	1 magazine carrier.

Medical Supplies

3.	3	Phials Vitamin K
	4	Phials assorted medicine.

Ammunition

4.	5	CBU units
	5	M16 mines
	140	5.56 mm rds.
	171	7.62 mm short rds
	5	M26 grenades
	1	RPG rd
	1	RPG booster
	12	.50 cal rds
	8	Chicom HE grenades

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Ammunition (cont)

4.	2	105 mm blind
	3	60 mm mortar rds.

Food

5.	¼lb	Salt
	½lb	Drink flavouring
	1 lb	Sugar
	2 lb	Fish
	400	Cigarettes
	1 lb	Tea

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ANNEX B TO
7 RAR AFTER ACTION
REPORT
DATED 27 JUL 70

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

29 JUN 70

DAY 1

0600 H

Op BIRDWOOD commenced.
There were no redeployments from Op CUNG CHUNG. Locations of companies at commencement of the operation were:-

Bn HQ	HORSESHOE	YS 4962.
A Coy	BRIGID	YS 516 544.
B Coy	HORSESHOE	YS 4962.
C Coy	HORSESHOE	YS 4962.
D Coy	ISA	YS 438 534.
Sp Coy	HORSESHOE	YS 4962.

Arty, tanks and tracks were also located at HORSESHOE.

1400 H

B Coy deployed by APC to general area of AP PHUOC HUNG, YS 4967 for recce in force type operation.

30 JUN - 1 JUL 70

DAY 2 TO DAY 3

Companies continued ambush tasks on approaches to populated area.

01 1000 H

B Coy extracted by APC from AP PHUOC HUNG area to proceed to NUI DAT for R and C.

2 JUL - 3 JUL 70

DAY 4 TO DAY 5

03 1300 H

B Coy on R and C.
Sp Coy deployed by APCs from HORSESHOE to ambush likely crossing points across the SONG RAI particular area of interest being YS 604 612.

4 JUL 70

DAY 6

Companies continued to ambush within battalion AO

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5 JUL 70

1000 H

DAY 7

B Coy deployed by APC from NUI DAT after completing R and C. A platoon was inserted into the area of FSPB DISCOVERY, YS 6068, to operate east of SONG RAI. The remainder of the company inserted into TAN RU area centre of mass YS 5667, to operate west of SONG RAI in the TAN RU.

6 JUL 70

1100 H

DAY 8

Pl A Bty 7/8 US Arty deployed to HORSESHOE in support of 7 RAR.

7 JUL - 10 JUL 70

10 1400 H

DAY 9 TO DAY 12

Companies continued operations.
D Coy returned to NUI DAT for R and C.
3 Pl, A Coy moved to ISA to provide protection for quarry operations.

11 JUL - 12 JUL 70

DAY 13 TO DAY 14

Companies continued operations.

13 JUL 70

DAY 15

D Coy returned to ISA after R and C.
3 Pl returned to A Coy at BRIGID.

14 JUL 70

DAY 16

Sp Coy returned to HORSESHOE after sweeping area of LONG GREEN and southern edge of LIGHT GREEN.

A, D, C Companies continued to ambush approached to populated areas within AO.
B Coy continued to operate in TAN RU area.

15 JUL 70

1000 H

DAY 17

Sp Coy returned to NUI DAT for R and C.

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16 JUL 70

0845 H

DAY 18

C Coy less a platoon deployed by APC from HORSESHOE to follow up a HOI CHANH reported that C3 / D445 was in the area YS 5466. C Coy had a series of sightings and made two contacts during the day.

17 JUL 70

DAY 19

Companies continued to operate within the battalion AO.

18 JUL 70

DAY 20

0830 H

7 Platoon C Coy deployed by APC to follow up information supplied by HOI CHANH concerning the location of base camp of C3. The camp was located and destroyed.

0900 H

Tp tanks departed HORSESHOE to conduct ambush operations north of DISCOVERY near the junction of Route 328 and 327 YS 599 761.

1000 H

B Coy minus 6 Platoon picked up by APCs at DISCOVERY and returned to HORSESHOE.

1430 H

6 Platoon B Coy picked up by APC on Route 23 in vicinity of NUI NHON YS 591 638 and returned to HORSESHOE.

19 JUL 70

DAY 21

0930 H

7 Platoon C Coy rejoined C Coy. Companies continued tasks within AO SHEPERD.

20 JUL - 22 JUL 70

DAY 22 TO DAY 24

Operations continued with ambushes being set on possible approaches to populated areas and C Coy deployed in depth in the general area of the TAN RU.

23 JUL 70

DAY 25

1000 H

Op BIRDWOOD ended Bn HQ and all coys less Sp Coy redeployed to NUI DAT for a ten day retraining period. Sp Coy remained at HORSESHOE.

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CONTACTS / INCIDENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Report by: 16775 Sgt H.A. KING 7th Bn A Coy 3 Pl.
2. Date/Time of contact. 30 2357 H Jun 70. Grid Ref: 508 527.
3. Duration of (i) Firefight: One min. (ii) Total: One min.
4. Description of contact. Coy was fragmented into small ambush location between LONG HAI and the village of LANG PHUOC HAI. On this day our ambushes were in cordon ~~configuration~~ close to the village. Two enemy appeared from the west (Rear of cordon). Fire was brought to bear at about 30 metres range by the few men who were disposed to cover that arc. En made off into the village.
5. Description of terrain and canopy. Scrub, sand dunes and various concrete or brick monuments. Night time visibility no more than 20 metres. Enemy distinguished only be silhouette.
6. Cordon comd first sighted enemy.
7. Distance enemy first sighted was 30 metres.
8. Silhouette caused enemy to be noticed.
9. Strengths:
 - a. Enemy. Two.
 - b. Own troops. Eight.
10. Enemy type. Local force.
11. Cordon comd first fired on enemy.
12. Range of first engagement was 30 metres.
13. Maximum range of engagement was 30 metres.
14. Wpns fired:
 - a. Friendly. GPMG M60 and M16.
 - b. Enemy. Nil.
15. Approx no of friendly rounds fired. GPMG M60: 20, and M16: 40.
16. Total enemy cas: Nil.
17. Friendly cas: Nil.

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18. Other points and lessons learnt. GPMG M60 stoppage after 20 rds. This defect has since been rectified and a new IA has been advised. Main arty illum available within three mins but in were able to disappear in this time.

PART II

19. Platoon actions and commander's comments. Nil.

20. Support fire. Arty illum.

21. Support fire ammunition expended. Arty: Ten rds at five mins every 30 secs.

PART III

22. Company commander's comments. One has to appreciate the difficulties of ambush layout in there circumstances. It is possible for enemy to approach from any direction - in any formation and 100 % coverage of all contingencies is not possible. There was no dereliction of duty nor evidence of faulty tactics.

H.A. KING.

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CONTACTS / INCIDENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Report by: 16775 Sgt H.A. KING 7th Bn A Coy 3 Pl.
2. Date/Time of contact: 01 2110 H Jul 70. Grid Ref: 505 537.
3. Duration of (i) Firefight: One - sparadic during follow up.
(ii) Total: Ten mins.
4. Description of contact.
 - a. The company was fragmented into ½ pl groups on interdiction tasks / ambushes between the LONG HAI Mountains and Route 44. C/S 13A was one of these, and was in ambush on the reverse slope of a prominent sand dune to the west of LONG PHUOC HAI Village.
 - b. At 2110 hrs five enemy were counted as they negotiated the summit of the sand dune. The ambush was duly sprung and two enemy were killed immediately. A third took refuge behind a gravestone - one of many that abound in the area. He was silenced in the fire and movement manoeuvre that was immediately begun to clear the area and to pursue the surviving enemy. This manoeuvre was directed towards the summit of the dune and in the direction (west) which the survivors had fled.
 - c. The illumination by 81 mm mors and 105 mm pack How that followed showed up a conspicuous drag mark which was followed for about 250 metres. On their return to the ambush site the group found two enemy bodies but no sign of the third whom they had previously supposed to have been killed.
5. Description of terrain and canopy. Rolling sand dunes running north east to south west. Patchy scrub and cactus interspersed with many tombs, monuments and headstones. Estimated range of visibility without starlight scope - 50 metres in any direction except west. Due west the visibility extended 20 metres to the tope of the sand dune.
6. Gun picquet was first to sight enemy.
7. Distance enemy first sighted was 20 metres.
8. Movement and silhouette caused the enemy to be noticed.
9. Strengths:
 - a. Enemy. Five.
 - b. Own troops. Eight.
10. Enemy type. Local force.
11. MG picquet using claymores fired first at enemy.

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12. Range of first engagement was 20 metres.
13. Maximum range of engagement was 35 metres.
14. Wpns fired:
 - a. Enemy. M26 grenades.
 - b. Own troops. GPMG M60, M79, SLR, M16 and M18A1.
15. Approx no of friendly rounds fired: GPMG M60: 400, M16: 400, M79: -
19 Para illum, six HE, SLR: 150, and M18A1: Three.
16. Total enemy cas: KIA: Two. One poss KIA (heavy drag marks).
17. Friendly cas: Nil.
18. Other points and lessons learnt.
 - a. It appears that the tactic of siting a night position well below the summit of a dominating feature can be successful. The enemy cautiously examine the feature for silhouette and themselves negotiate it quickly and crouched low.
 - b. Instant illumination is essential for immediate and aggressive follow up. In this case it was good but mortars were engaged in H and I tasks when the engagement began and a slight delay ensued while they traversed onto the new setting.

PART II

19. **Platoon** actions and commander's comments. As above.
20. Support fire. Arty and 81 mm mor in cut-off role and illumination.
21. Support fire ammunition expended. Arty: 80 rds and Mor: 11 illum rds.

PART III

22. Company commander's comments. A good aggressive response by the NCO commanding the ambush. He could have done no better while still maintaining security along alternative enemy approaches.
23. I agree with his comments regarding illumination, and consider that in such contexts priority in the FPF style should be given to selected illum targets during optimum times - ie 1930 - 2130.

H.A. KING.

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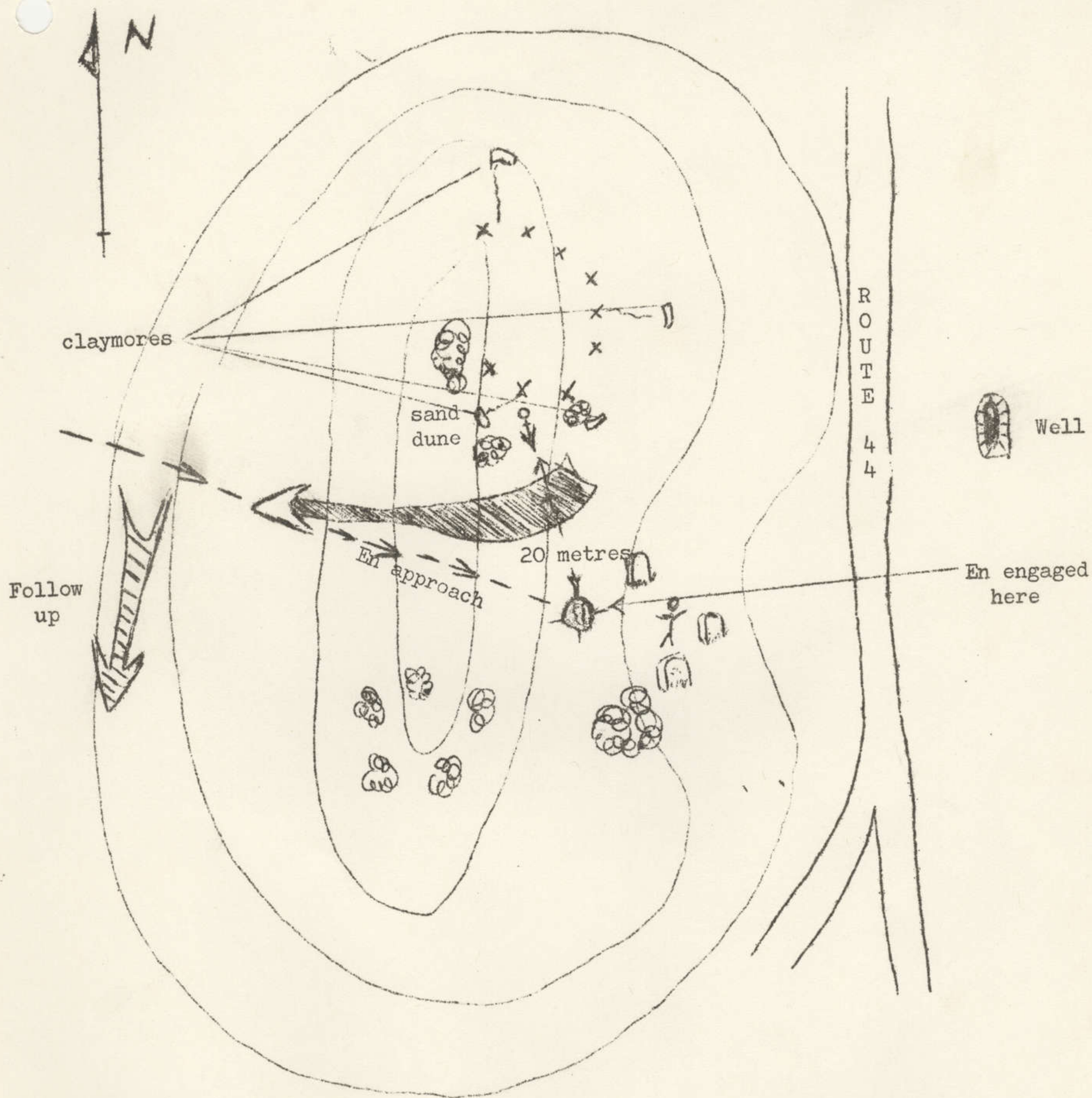
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CONTACTS / INCIDENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Report by: 311605 Lt C. JOHNSON 7th Bn A Coy 1 Pl.
2. Date/Time of contact: 05 2100 H Jul 70. Grid Ref: 500 554.
3. Duration of (i) Firefight: 15 mins. (ii) Total: 30 mins.
4. Description of contact. Ambushing south west to north east track, en appeared crossing flank at 100 metres. Open fire with left flank gun and conducted fire and movement towards enemy. Negative results.
5. Description of terrain and canopy. Land cleared with visibility 30 metres starlight scope 150 metres.
6. Sect 2IC first sighted enemy.
7. Distance enemy first sighted 150 metres.
8. Movement caused enemy to be noticed.
9. Strengths:
 - a. Enemy. Two.
 - b. Own troops. Six.
10. Enemy type. Regional force.
11. GPMG No 1 fired first on enemy.
12. Range of first engagement was 100 metres.
13. Maximum range of engagement was 100 metres.
14. Wpns fired.
 - a. Friendly troops: GPMG M60, M16, SLR, M79 and M18A1.
 - b. Enemy. Nil.
15. Approx no of friendly rounds fired. GPMG M60: 200, M16: 100, SLR: 100, M79: 12 Illum and 18 HE rds, M26 x 10, M18A1 x 5.
16. Total enemy cas. Nil.
17. Friendly cas: Nil.
18. Other points and lessons learnt. Negative. Open fire because we were situated with 50 metres of HOI MY Village as enemy were entering there was nothing else to do.

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19. Platoon actions and commander's comments. Nil.
20. Support fire. Arty and mortars.
21. Support fire ammunition expended. Arty: 14 illum rds, Mor: 20 illum rds and 60 mm x 10 illum.

PART III

22. Company commander's comments. Nil.

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1. Report by: 39747 Sgt G.A. COLLINS 7th Bn B Coy 5 Pl.
2. Date/Time of contact: 14 0820 Jul 70. Grid Ref: 560 657.
3. Duration of (i) Firefight: Three mins. (ii) Total: 15 mins.
4. Description of contact. C/S 22A was in ambush position on a track junction. Sentry saw two enemy approach from the north along the edge of the clearing. When the enemy were about 70 metres they stopped. As they were not in the killing ground, a party of four men moved from ambush to flank them. It was then that a third enemy was seen about 20 metres from the two sighted enemy. This enemy picked up our movement and alerted the other two enemy and all withdrew back up the track towards the north. Contact was initiated wounding one enemy, as a sweep of the area revealed some blood which confirmed the hits seen by tracer from an M16.
5. Description of terrain and canopy. Visibility in clearing was 75 - 100 metres and limited in scrub to 20 metres.
6. Sentry first sighted enemy approaching.
7. Distance enemy first sighted was 70 metres.
8. Movement caused enemy to be noticed.
9. Strengths:
 - a. Enemy. Three.
 - b. Own troops. 13.
10. Enemy type. Regional force.
11. MG No 1, 4 sec comd, 4 sect 2IC and pl sgt fired first on enemy.
12. Range of first engagement was 50 metres.
13. Maximum range of engagement was 80 metres.
14. Wpns fired:
 - a. Enemy: Nil.
 - b. Own troops: GPMG M60, M16 and M26 grenade on rifle.
15. Approx no of friendly rounds fired: GPMG M60: 100, M16: 120 and M26 gren: Two.
16. Total enemy cas: KIA: Nil, WIA: One and PW: Nil.
 - a. Wpns causing cas: M16.

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17. Friendly cas: Nil.
18. Other points and lessons learnt. Nil.

PART II

19. Platoon actions and commander's comments. Nil.
20. Support fire: Nil.
21. Support fire ammunition expended: Nil.

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22. Company commander's comments. Nil.

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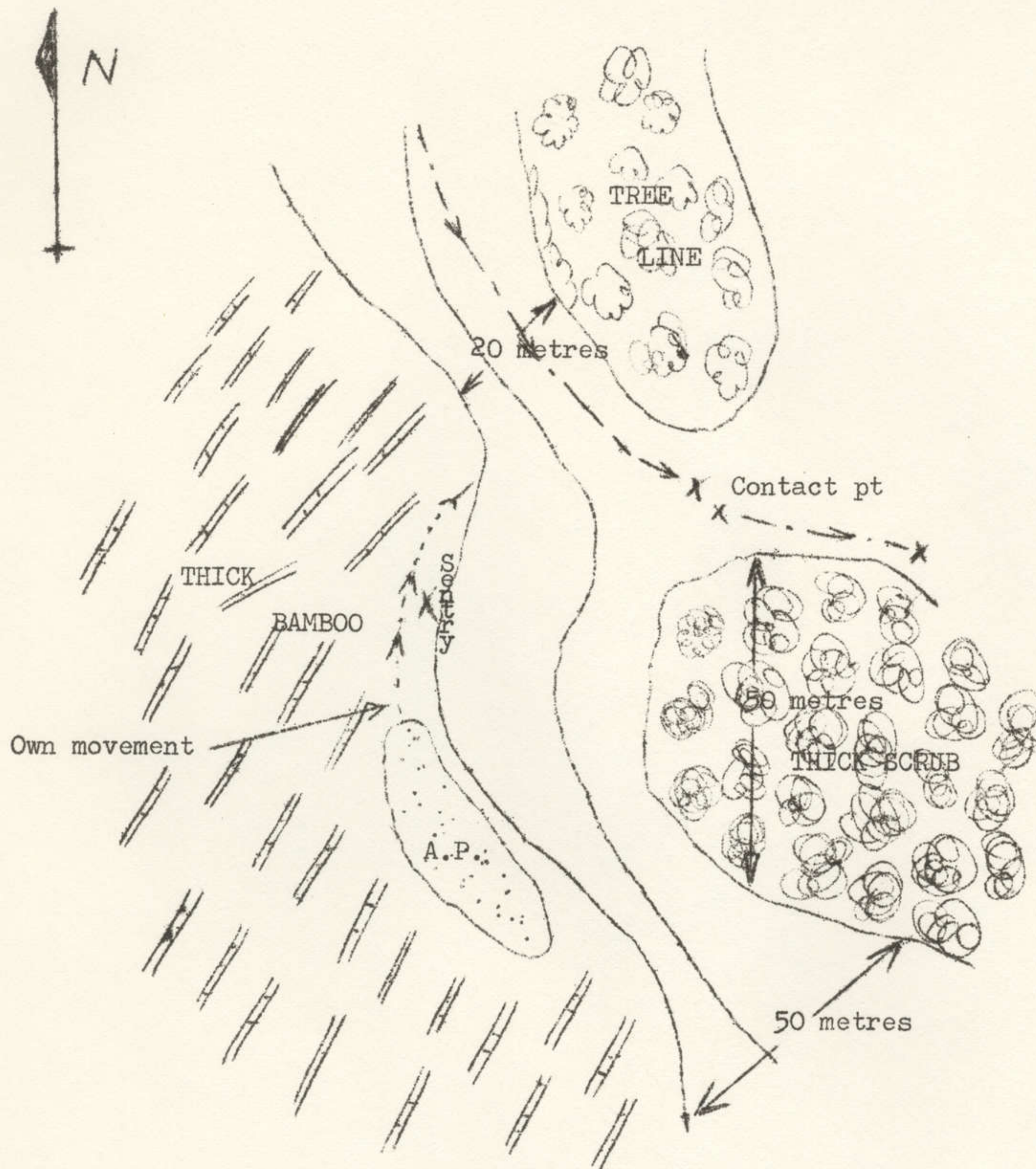
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1. Report by: 3790298 2 Lt G. WENHLOWSKYJ 7th Bn B Coy 6 Pl.
2. Date/Time of contact. 16 1458 H Jul 70. Grid Ref: 537 696.
3. Duration of (i) Firefight: Five mins. (ii) Total: Five mins.
4. Description of contact. The task of the pl was to ambush a bunker complex at the above mentioned grid. The pl was concentrated in the centre of the system on the junction of three tracks. Sentries were positioned on each track. At the above mentioned time a sentry saw two persons approaching his position in close proximity. The sentry noticing that the persons were wearing blue scarfs was unsure whether they were enemy, did not fire, but challanged the two persons. However, a member within the perimeter noticed the two enemy and thinking that the sentry was unaware of their presence initiated contact. Full contact from within the perimeter was unable to be established as the distance between the persons and the sentry was only eight foot. The sentry then fired, but after a sweep was done of the area no result was found. En were wearing greens, sandals and carrying weapons of unknown calibre and withdrew to the west. Direction of approach was from the south.
5. Description of terrain and canopy. The terrain was thick bambooo with several clearings caused from previous bombings. Visibility in the bamboo was 10 to 15 metres.
6. Sentry first sighted enemy approaching.
7. Distance enemy first sighted was ten metres.
8. Movement caused the enemy to be noticed.
9. Strengths:-
 - a. Enemy. Two.
 - b. Own troops. Pl strength.
10. Enemy type. Unknown.
11. Rifleman fired first on enemy.
12. Range of first engagement was 30 metres.
13. Maximum range of engagement was 30 metres.
14. Wpns fired:
 - a. Enemy. Nil.
 - b. Own troops. M60 and SLR.

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- 15. Approx no of friendly rounds fired; GPMG M60: 50, SLR: 10.
- 16. Total enemy cas: Unknown.
- 17. Friendly cas: Nil.
- 18. Other points and lessons learnt. Nil.

PART II

- 19. Platoon actions and commander's comments. Nil.
- 20. Support fire. Nil.
- 21. Support fire ammunition expended. Nil.

PART III

22. Company commander's comments. It is of interest that soldier who sighted enemy initially was a very recent march in to 7 RAR. During his Safety Belt Exercise conducted at ARU and previous briefings at JTC he had been told that ARVN troops wear a bright scarf. He accepted this as fact and so did not fire on the enemy. It is worthwhile as a sub unit SOP on soldier's initial briefing when marching in to ensure he is not under this impression.

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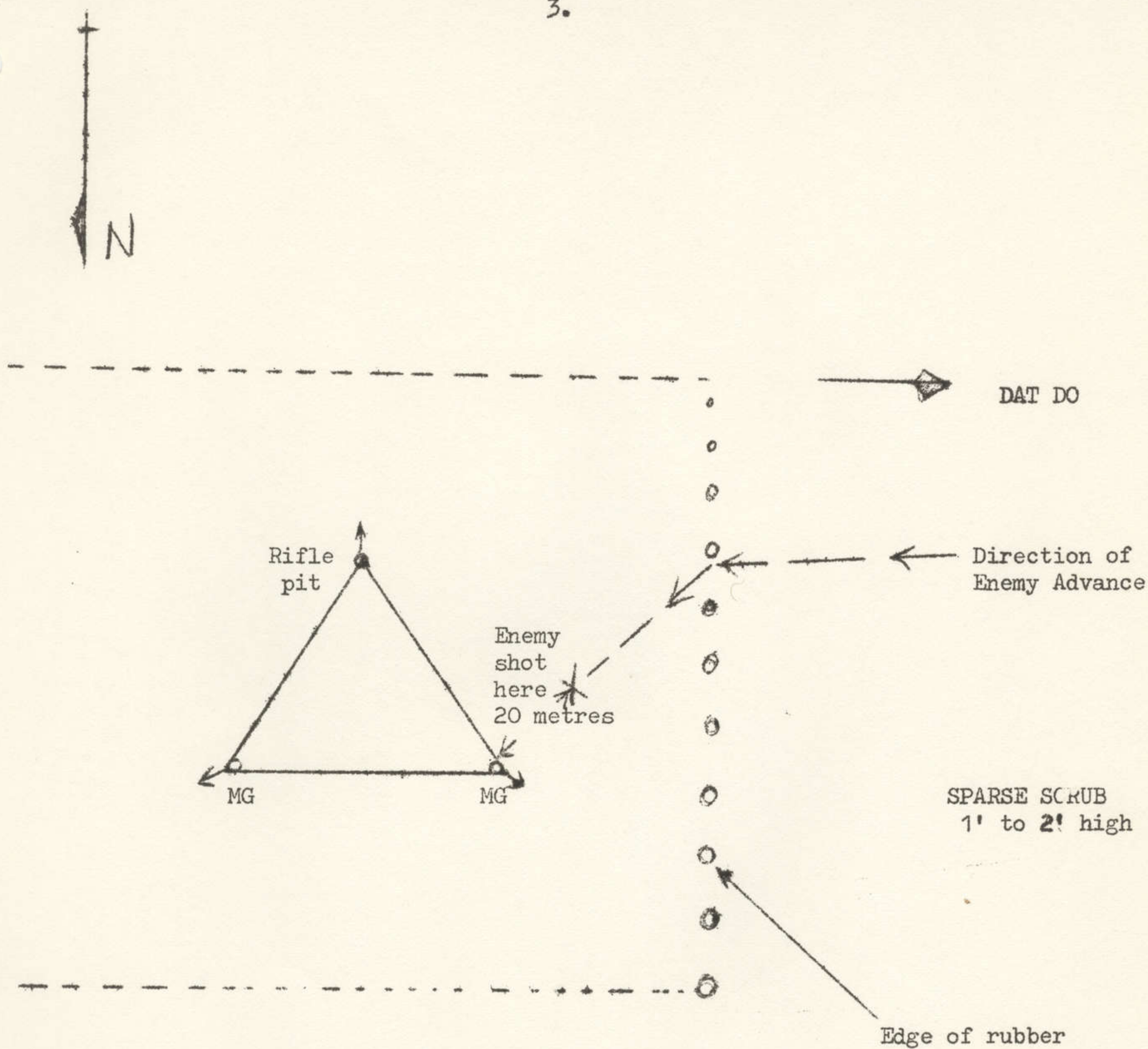
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1. Report by: 215227 Sgt J.C. CROWTHER 7th Bn B Coy 4 Pl.
2. Date/Time of contact: 18 2225 Jul 70. Grid Ref: 498 612.
3. Duration of (i) Firefight: One min. (ii) 30 mins.
4. Description of contact. Ambush patrol at 498 612. In triangle formation with guns facing east and north respectively. Third pit with M16s facing south. Two enemy approached from the west, apparently coming out of the villiage. Sec comd on picquet on the gun saw enemy to his left but could not move gun around without link belt making excessive noise. He fired M79 at range of 20 metres, striking first enemy in the chest. He then swung gun around and fired 150 rds into the area. Immediate sweep recovered one VC KIA and no sign of the second enemy. Sweep of area at first light revealed no sign at all.
5. Description of terrain and canopy. Young rubber trees with thin and low grass. Very heavy canopy nullifying effect of full moon. Visibility was approximately 20 to 25 metres.
6. Sentry first sighted enemy approaching.
7. Distance enemy first sighted was 20 metres.
8. Movement from shadow to shadow caused the enemy to be noticed
9. Strengths:
 - a. Enemy. Two.
 - b. Own troops. 12.
10. Enemy type. Local force.
11. Sentry on GPMG M60 fired first on enemy.
12. Range of first engagement was 20 metres.
13. Maximum range of engagement was 20 metres.
14. Wpns fired:
 - a. Enemy: Nil.
 - b. Own troops: M60, M79 and arty illum.
15. Approx no of friendly rounds fired. M79: One, M60: 150, Arty illum: 67

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16. Total enemy cas: KIA: One, WIA: Nil, PW: Nil.

a. Wpns causing cas: M79.

17. Friendly cas: Nil.

18. Other points and lessons learnt. Enemy moving very slowly, stopping to listen. The enemy's weapon was cocked and was obviously watching the ambush position.

PART II

19. Platoon actions and commander's comments. Nil.

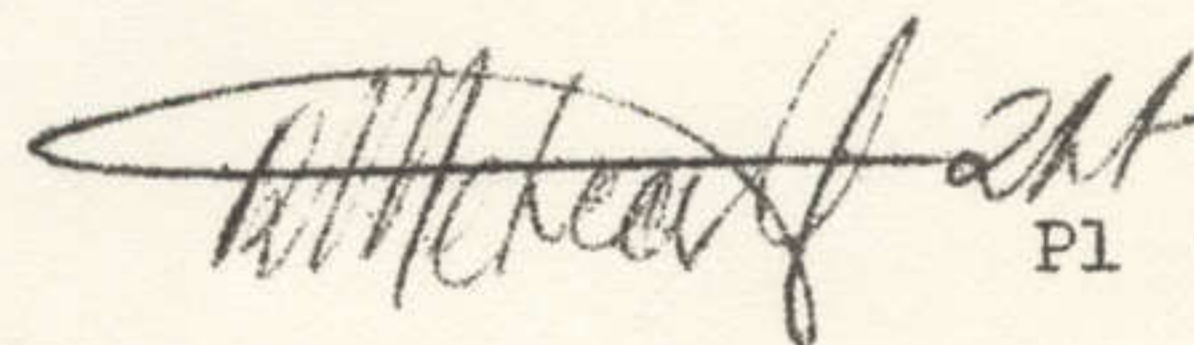
20. Support fire: Arty illum.

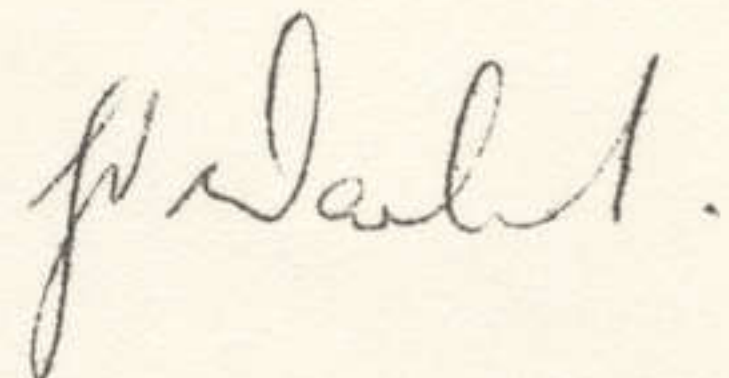
21. Support fire ammunition expended: Arty: Illum x 69 rds.

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22. Company commander's comments. Nil.

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1. Report by No 2793072 Pte B.J. GISSELL 7th Bn C Coy Sp Sect Pl.
2. Date/Time of contact. 01 2035 Jul 70. Grid Ref: 477 585.
3. Duration of (i) Firefight: Five mins. (ii) Total: Five mins.
4. Description of contact. The patrol was in an ambush posn facing the paddy. Five enemy were sighted coming towards us about 150 metres away during flashes of lightning. We waited until the enemy were 15 metres away and sprang the ambush. Under illumination we sighted a further ten enemy behind the first fire. The enemy broke in all directions. Many of them were seen to be hit. We commenced a sweep and found one enemy 150 metres away. The remainder of the dead or wounded enemy were dragged away.
5. Description of terrain and canopy. Paddy fields with visibility between 25 to 30 metres.
6. Scout when standing **first sighted enemy**.
7. Distance enemy first sighted was 150 metres.
8. Movement caused the enemy to be noticed.
9. Strengths:
 - a. Enemy. **15.**
 - b. Own troops. 13.
10. Enemy type. Local force.
11. MG No 1 fired first on enemy using M18A1 claymores and GPMG M60
12. Range of first engagement was 15 metres.
13. Maximum range of engagement was 250 metres.
14. Wpns fired:
 - a. Friendly: GPMG M60, M16, SLR, M79, M72 and 90mm RCL, M26 grenades.
 - b. **Enemy:** AK 47 and M16.
15. Approx no of friendly rounds fired: GPMG M60: 1,000, M16: 100, SLR: 200, M72: 2, 90 mm RCL : 4, M79: 8 M26 grenades: Six.
16. Total enemy cas: KIA: One, WIA: Three, PW: Nil.
 - a. Wpns causing cas: GPMG M60 and SLRs.

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- 17. Friendly cas. Nil.
- 18. Other points and lessons learnt. Nil.

PART II

- 19. Platoon actions and commander's comments. Sweep should have been conducted sooner.
- 20. Support fire. Arty, Mortar flares.
- 21. Support fire ammunition expended. Arty: 100, Mortars: 16 illum rds.

PART III

- 22. Company commander's comments. Two GPMGs M60 stopped during this contact because of mud splashing into the link ammo. Care must be taken to ensure that ammunition is properly protected when working in extremely wet conditions. The sweep in this case was a little slow allowing the enemy to evacuate most of their dead and wounded.

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1. Report by: 2788031 2 Lt G. LINDSAY 7th Bn C Coy 8 Pl.
2. Date/Time of contact: 12 1930 H Jul 70. Grid Ref: 468 568.
3. Duration of (i) Firefight: 30 mins. (ii) Total: 45 mins.
4. Description of contact. The patrol sighted one enemy standing on the edge of the scrubline observing across the paddy to DAT DO, and deployed into an immediate ambush. Six enemy at about 20 - 30 metres interval were observed moving out of the scrubline into the open area preceeding the paddy. The contact was initiated with three mins of sustained fire including three M72's followed by an assault using fire and movement to close with the enemy. The enemy caught in the open ground dropped and returned fire those still in the scrub hooked around and fired into our left rear flank inflicting one casualty. We were coming under heavy fire from the scrubline and withdrew to the casualty, saturating the area of enemy fire with small arms and grenades. The enemy broke contact dragging away two wounded. Dustoff was completed and patrol moved 300 metres to the north into an ambush position.
5. Description of terrain and canopy. Thick low scrub and bamboo opening into wet paddy. Visibility was approximately 150 metres.
7. Distance enemy first sighted was 150 metres.
8. Movement and shine of the enemy faces caused them to be noticed.
9. Strengths:
 - a. Enemy. 10 to 15.
 - b. Own troops. 14.
10. Enemy type. Local force.
11. GPMG group fired first on enemy.
12. Range of first engagement was 150 metres.
13. Maximum range of engagement was 150 metres.
14. Wpns fired:
 - a. Friendly. GPMG M60, M16, SLR, M79, M72 and M26 grenades.
 - b. Enemy. M16 and AK 47.
15. Approx no of friendly rounds fired. GPMG M60: 500, M16: 150, SLR: 100, M79: 30, M72: 3 and M26 grenades: 15.

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16. Total enemy cas. KIA: Four, WIA: Two, PW: Nil.
Wpns causing cas. GPMG M60, M16 and M26 grenades.
17. Friendly cas. WIA: One.
18. Other points and lessons learnt. Enemy reaction was faster than expected but their shooting was poor.


PART II

19. Platoon actions and commander's comments. Nil.
20. Support fire. Arty illum.
21. Support fire ammunition expended. Arty: 27 illum rds.

PART III

22. Company commander's comments. Fast aggressive action under good covering fire completely threw the enemy off balance. A well conducted attack.

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1. Report by: 311608 Sgt D. EDMONDS 7th Bn C Coy 7 Pl.
2. Date/Time of contact. 15 2241 H Jul 70. Grid Ref: 500 634.
3. Duration of (i) Firefight: One min. (ii) Total: One min.
4. Description of contact. C/S 31 was engaged in a night fighting patrol around the HORSESHOE area. Whilst changing direction on to final bearing the sect comd in the rear group saw and fired at one enemy to his right and the GPMG M60 also fired, but approximately five seconds after engagement a M26 grenade exploded inside my formation causing injury to sect comd. A sweep was conducted without results.
5. Description of terrain and canopy. Land cleared area, bamboo with range of visibility approximately 20 metres.
6. Sect comd first sighted enemy.
7. Distance enemy first sighted was 12 to 15 metres.
8. Movement caused enemy to be noticed.
9. Strengths:
 - a. Enemy. One.
 - b. Own troops. 11.
10. Enemy type. Unknown.
11. Sect comd first fired on enemy.
12. Range of first engagement was 12 to 15 metres.
13. Maximum range of engagement was 12 to 15 metres.
14. Wpns fired:
 - a. Enemy. M26 grenade.
 - b. Own troops. GPMG M60 and M16.
15. Approx no of friendly rounds fired. GPMG M60: 10 and M16: 8.
16. Total enemy cas: Nil.
17. Friendly cas: WIA: One who remained on duty.
 - a. Wpns causing cas: M26 grenade.

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18. Other points and lessons learnt. Nil.

PART II

19. Platoon actions and commander's comments. Nil.
20. Support fire. Nil.
21. Support fire ammunition expended. Nil.

PART III

22. Company commander's comments. Nil.

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1. Report by: 2788031 2 Lt G. LINDSAY 7th Bn C Coy 8 Pl.
2. Date/Time of contact. 16 1720 H Jul 70. Grid Ref: 542 667.
3. Duration of (i) Firefight: Five mins. (ii) Total: 30 mins.
4. Description of contact. Two enemy were sighted moving along the scrubline and were engaged with MGs. A sweep conducted produced one blood trail. The enemy ran north into the scrub.
5. Description of terrain and canopy. Open paddy with visibility approximately 500 metres.
6. Sentry first sighted enemy.
7. Distance enemy first sighted was 450 metres.
8. Movement caused enemy to be noticed.
9. Strengths:
 - a. Enemy. Two.
 - b. Own troops. 14.
10. Enemy type. Unknown.
11. MG No 1 fired first on enemy.
12. Range of first engagement was 450 metres.
13. Maximum range of engagement was 500 metres.
14. Wpns fired:
 - a. Enemy. Nil.
 - b. Own troops. GPMG M60, M16, SLR and M72.
15. Approx no of friendly rounds fired: GPMG M60: 100, M16: 50, SLR: 50, and M72: One.
16. Total enemy cas: Nil.
17. Friendly cas: Nil.
18. Other points and lessons learnt. Nil.

PART II

19. Platoon actions and commanders comments. Nil.

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20. Support fire. Nil.
21. Support fire ammunition expended. Nil.

PART III

22. Company commander's comments. Nil.

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CONTACTS / INCIDENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Report by: 2788031 2 Lt G. LINDSAY 7th Bn C Coy 8 Pl.
2. Date/Time of contact: 16 1125 H Jul 70. Grid Ref: 528 667.
3. Duration of (i) Firefight: Five mins. (ii) Total: 30 mins.
4. Description of contact. The platoon was following up a track after sighting one enemy. Contact was made with four enemy moving across our front. An immediate sweep produced four packs and a blood trail, which was followed up with negative results.
5. Description of terrain and canopy. Bamboo and light scrub around the edge of large paddy areas with visibility approximately 300 metres.
6. Forward scout first sighted enemy.
7. Distance enemy first sighted was 200 metres.
8. Movement caused the enemy to be noticed.
9. Strengths:
 - a. Enemy. Four.
 - b. Own troops. 27.
10. Enemy type. Regional force.
11. GPMG group first fired on enemy.
12. Range of first engagement was 150 metres.
13. Maximum range of engagement was 200 metres.
14. Wpns fired:
 - a. Friendly: GPMG M60, M16, SLR, M79 and M26 grenades on spigot.
 - b. Enemy: Nil.
15. Approx no of friendly rounds fired. GPMG M60: 200, M16: 150, SLR: 100 M79: 10 and M26 grenades on spigot: 4.
16. Total enemy cas: Nil. 1000
17. Friendly cas: Nil.
18. Other points and lessons learnt. Nil.

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- 19. Platoon actions and commander's comments. Nil.
- 20. Support fire. Arty.
- 21. Support fire ammunition expended. Arty: 20 rds.

PART III

- 22. Company commander's comments. Nil.

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CONTACT / INCIDENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Report by: 2793072 Pte B.J. GISSELL 7th Bn C Coy Sp Sect Pl.
2. Date/Time of contact. 17 0818 H Jul 70. Grid Ref: 539 671.
3. Duration of (i) Firefight: Five mins. (ii) Total: Five mins.
4. Description of contact. Two enemy approached the ambush position. When enemy were 30 metres away MG opened up supported by SLRs. After 20 seconds a sweep by fire and movement was carried out resulting in two VC KIA.
5. Description of terrain and canopy. Situated in clearing with visibility 50 metres with light scrub.
6. Sentry first saw enemy.
7. Distance enemy first sighted was 50 metres.
8. Movement caused enemy to be noticed.
9. Strengths:
 - a. Enemy. Two.
 - b. Own troops. 25.
10. Enemy type. Local force.
11. MG No 1 fired first on enemy.
12. Range of first engagement was 25 metres.
13. Maximum range of engagement was 70 metres.
14. Wpns fired:
 - a. Enemy. AK 47.
 - b. Own troops. GPMG M60, M16, SLR, M79 and M26 grenades.
15. Approx no of friendly rounds fired: GPMG M60: 400, M16: 60, SLR: 120, M26 grenades: One.
16. Total enemy cas: KIA: Two.
 - a. Wpns causing cas. GPMG M60 and SLR.
17. Friendly cas. Nil.
18. Other points and lessons learnt. Nil.

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PART II

- 19. Platoon actions and commander's comments. Nil.
- 20. Support fire. Nil.
- 21. Support fire ammunition expended. Nil.

PART III

22. Company commander's comments. The sweep was carried out after 20 seconds of intense firing and caught one VC dragging the body of the other VC into the scrub. Fast aggressive action by the sect comd resulted in both VC being killed.

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CONTACTS / INCIDENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Report by: 210543 Sgt J. CAIN 7th Bn D Coy 11 Pl.
2. Date/Time of contact. 19 2010 H Jul 70. Grid Ref: 446 5720.
3. Duration of (i) Firefight: Two mins. (ii) Total: 45 mins.
4. Description of contact. Task ambush at grid 445 521 or within 100 metres of that loc. Noise heard thought to be animal before contact. Fwd scout moved about five paces and was fired on. Fwd scout returned fire and No 1 gun moved to fire position but had gun stoppage. No 2 gun moved to fire position and returned fire into the area. No 3 gun was moving to right flank but was re-directed to the left flank when two enemy were sighted moving in a northerly direction. Fire was brought to bare onto the enemy who went to ground. At the time it was thought these two were the ones who had opened fire but a search next morning found them to be separate groups.
5. Description of terrain and canopy. Low thick scrub with open patches in places. Terrain was flat land cleared area with secondary growth. Visibility was between 300 and 400 metres in open patches.
6. Fwd scout first sighted enemy.
7. Distance enemy first sighted was 20 to 30 metres.
8. Enemy was noticed when fwd scout was fired upon.
9. Strengths:
 - a. Enemy. Three or four.
 - b. Own troops. 14.
10. Enemy type. Unknown.
11. Fwd scout fired on enemy after initial contact by enemy.
12. Range of first engagement was 20 to 30 metres.
13. Maximum range of engagement was 200 to 300 metres.
14. Wpns fired:
 - a. Enemy. KA 47.
 - b. Own troops. M16, GPMG M60, SLR and M79.
15. Approx no of friendly rounds fired. M16: 60, GPMG M60: 300, SLR: 20, and M79 five rds of illum.

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16. Total en cas: Nil.

17. Friendly cas: Nil.

18. Other points and lessons learnt. When No 1 gun stopped firing there had been no indication by the gunner that he had had a stoppage until some minutes after the event. Had he advised the ptl comd immediately of the stoppage there would have been time to bring No 2 or No 3 gun into action in that area before the enemy withdrew.

PART II

19. Platoon actions and commander's comments. Nil.

20. Support fire: Arty in cut-off role.

21. Support fire ammunition expended: Arty: 40 rds.

PART III

22. Company commander's comments. Nil.

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CONTACTS / INCIDENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Report by: 55462 2 Lt J.D. BURROWS 7th Bn D Coy 12 Pl.
2. Date/Time of contact: 30 1938 H Jun 70. Grid Ref: 451 576.
3. Duration of (i) Firefight: (ii) Total:
4. Description of contact. At approximately 1905 hrs the patrol moved from the lie up posn at grid 451 572 to the ambush area at 451 576. The ambush was in position at grid 451 576 at 1930 hrs. At approximately 1935 hrs movement was heard to the south. From the noises the enemy seemed to be moving slowly and deliberately through the scrub approximately 10 to 15 metres south of the ambush posn and moving north to north west. When attempts were made to alert the ambush, enemy noises and movement stopped. Either the enemy heard us or spotted us. No enemy could be distinguished due to the poor light and thick scrub. When the enemy again commenced to move they were engaged with small arms fire. After firing approximately 8 to 10 rounds from each weapon more noise was heard approximately 20 metres to the south moving rapidly southward. Another eight rounds were fired and GPMG M60 was then moved to cover the sweep. Due to the poor weather, visibility was greatly restricted. With the aid of illumination the contact area was swept and a follow up to the south through the scrub conducted. Follow up was carried out to the edge of the scrub. An area approximately 50 metres south and 20 metres wide was covered during the follow up. There was no sign of movement. At first light a more detailed sweep was carried out, 200 metres to the south and 100 metres either side of the contact area with negative results.
5. Description of terrain and canopy. Flat sandy soil with grass cover. The scrub was a mixture of bamboo, trees and vines. It was about 30 feet high and visibility in the scrub was approximately five to eight metres. Any movement through was only made possible by the aid of cutting. This was interspersed throughout the area in large dumps with large clearings where these had been cultivated some years before.
6. Sentry first sighted enemy.
7. Distance enemy first sighted was approximately ten metres.
8. Noise and movement caused the enemy to be noticed.
9. Strengths:
 - a. Enemy. Two.
 - b. Own troops. Nine.
10. Enemy type. unknown.
11. Platoon fired simultaneously on enemy.
12. Range of first engagement was 12 metres.

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13. Maximum range of engagement was 20 metres.
14. Wpns fired:
 - a. Friendly troops: M16 and SLR.
 - b. Enemy: Nil.
15. Approx no of friendly rounds fired. M16: 18 and SLR: 8.
16. Total enemy cas: Nil.
17. Friendly cas: Nil.
18. Lessons learnt and other points. To keep absolutely quiet when enemy suspected and don't if you think enemy are approaching lay and gain attention of others because all it does is gain the attention of the enemy. Only if you are absolutely sure of not giving away your position do you move or try to gain the attention of your C/S.

PART II

19. Platoon actions and commander's comments. Nil.
20. Support fire. Nil.
21. Support fire ammunition expended. Nil.

PART III

22. Company commander's comments. Nil.

J. Brown Ptl Comd

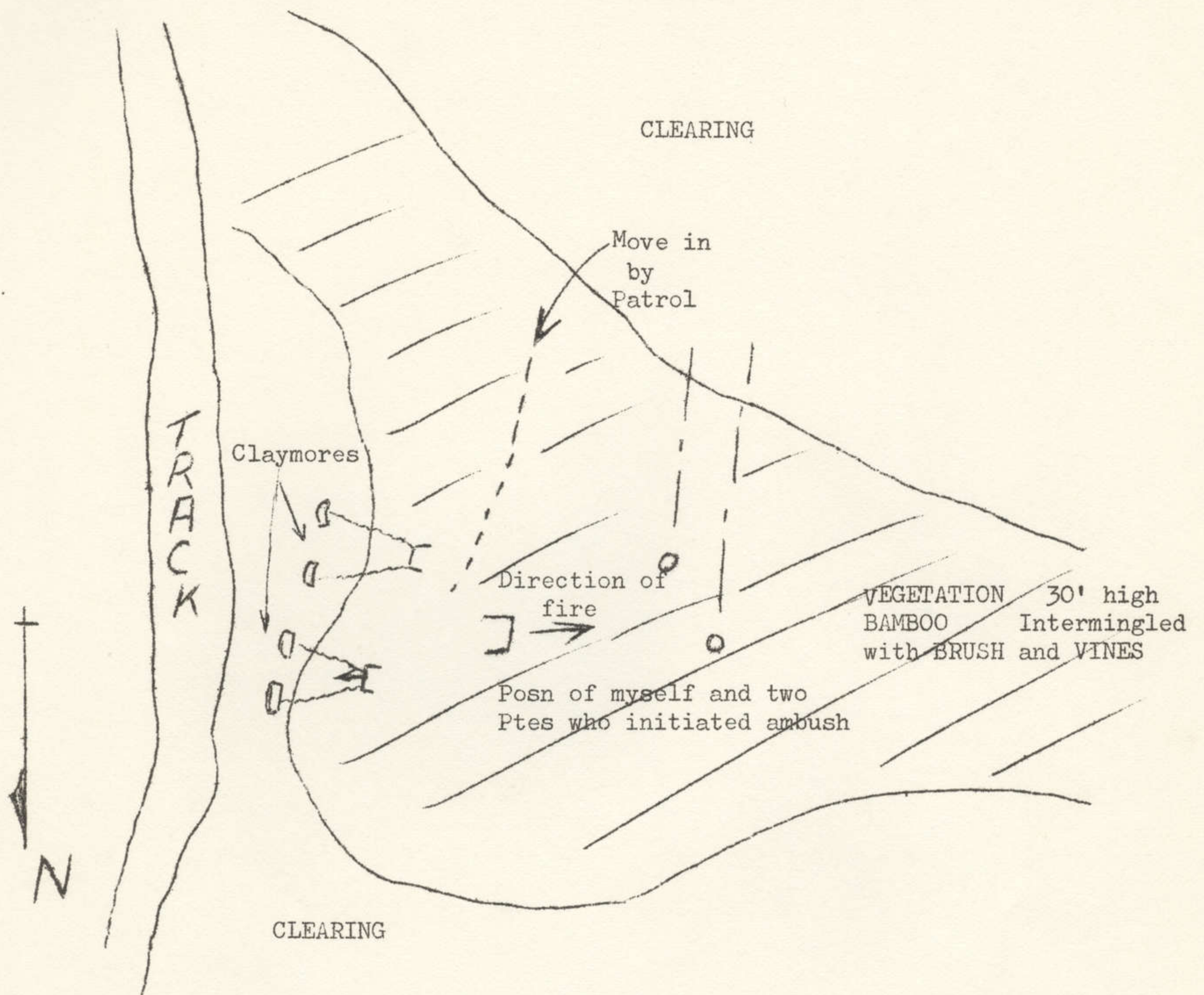
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1. Report by: 214761 Sgt T.S. BOURKE 7th Bn Sp Coy Aslt/Pnr Pl.
2. Date/Time of contact: 03 0833 Jul 70. Grid Ref: YS 604 612.
3. Duration of (i) Firefight: One min. (ii) Total: Ten mins.
4. Description of contact. Pl in ambush of river crossing point on SONG RAI. Two sections covering crossing, one section covering track, south east to secondary creek. Rear protection sentry sighted one enemy approaching from south east. Sentry fired two rounds killing enemy. Sweep conducted tracks of second enemy found 30^x away to south east.
5. Description of terrain and canopy. Canopy thick and primary jungle with secondary growth. Visibility was approx 15 metres.
6. Sentry first sighted the enemy.
7. Distance enemy first sighted was ten to 15 metres.
8. Noise and movement caused the enemy to be noticed.
9. Strengths:
 - a. Enemy. Two.
 - b. Own troops. 25.
10. Enemy type. Local
11. Sentry fired first at enemy.
12. Range of first engagement was six metres.
13. Maximum range of engagement was six metres.
14. Wpns fired:
 - a. Enemy: Nil.
 - b. Own troops: One SLR and one M16.
15. Approx no of friendly rounds fired. Three 7.62 ball and ten 5.56 rds.
16. Total enemy cas: KIA: One, WIA: One, PW: Nil.
 - a. Wpns causing cas: SLR.
17. Friendly cas: Nil.

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18. Other points and lessons learnt. Nil.

PART II

19. Platoon actions and commanders comments. Nil.
20. Support fire. Nil.
21. Support fire ammunition expended. Nil.

PART III

22. Company commander's comments. Nil.

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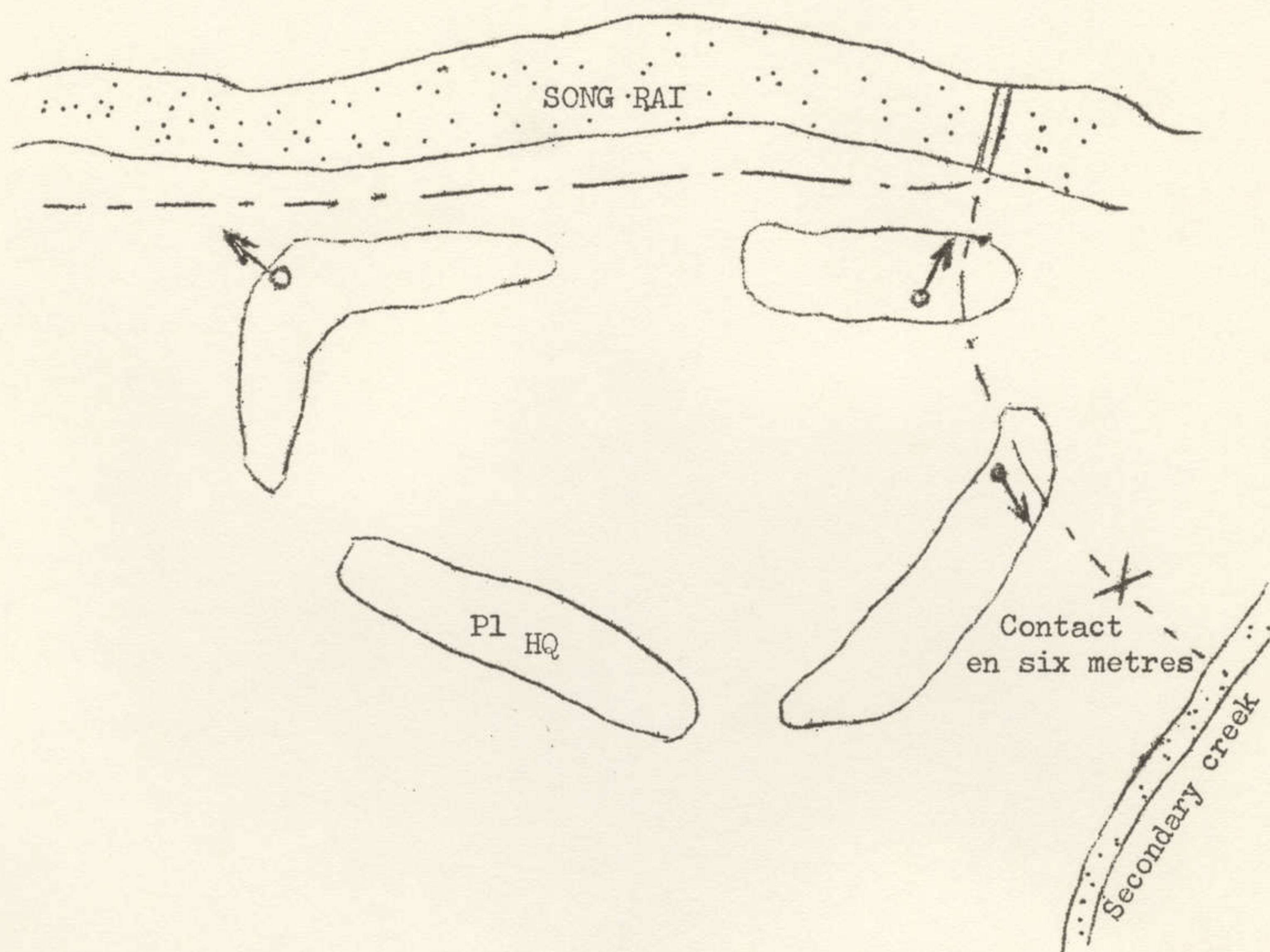
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CONTACTS / INCIDENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Report by: 214761 Sgt T.S. BOURKE 7th Bn Sp Coy Aslt/Pnr.
2. Date/Time of contact: 03 1925 Jul 70. Grid Ref: YS 600 615.
3. Duration of (i) Firefight: Two mins. (ii) 20 mins.
4. Description of contact. Pl harboured in ambush covering track from south west to north east. Pl was moving into block pos on SONG RAI when forced to harbour due to time (1900). Pl had settled in and claymores placed out. Three section cond was briefing gunner on arcs etc when two VC approached to ten metres. Gunner and en sighted each other simultaneously and en ran back. Gunner opened fire and fired claymore. Sweep conducted for 75 metres with nil results.
5. Description of terrain and canopy. Pl harbour in thicket of Tee - Tree and light scrub. Swamp and paddy to north west and south. Canopy light with visibility down track ten to 15 metres south east, 75 to 100 metres north and north west.
6. No one gunner sighted the enemy.
7. Distance enemy first sighted was ten metres.
8. Movement caused enemy to be noticed.
9. Strengths:
 - a. Enemy: Two.
 - b. Own troops: 25.
10. Enemy type: Local force.
11. No one gunner fired first on enemy.
12. Range of first engagement was 15 metres.
13. Maximum range of engagement was 25 metres.
14. Wpns fired:
 - a. Enemy: Nil.
 - b. Own troops: GPMG M60, SLR and M18A1.
15. Approx no of friendly rounds fired: GPMG M60: 75 x 7.62 link, SLR: 45 7.62 ball and one M18A1.
16. Total enemy cas: Nil.
17. Friendly cas: Nil.

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18. Other points and lessons learnt. Pl must harbour at night well before last light to allow pl pos to be fully established and briefed before stand to. Suggested time not later than 1½ hrs before last light.

PART II

19. Platoon actions and commander's comments. Nil.

20. Support fire. Nil.

21. Support fire ammunition expended. Nil.

PART III

22. Company commander's comments. During harbouring the unexpected appearance of enemy must be catered for by the use of sentries on likely approaches.

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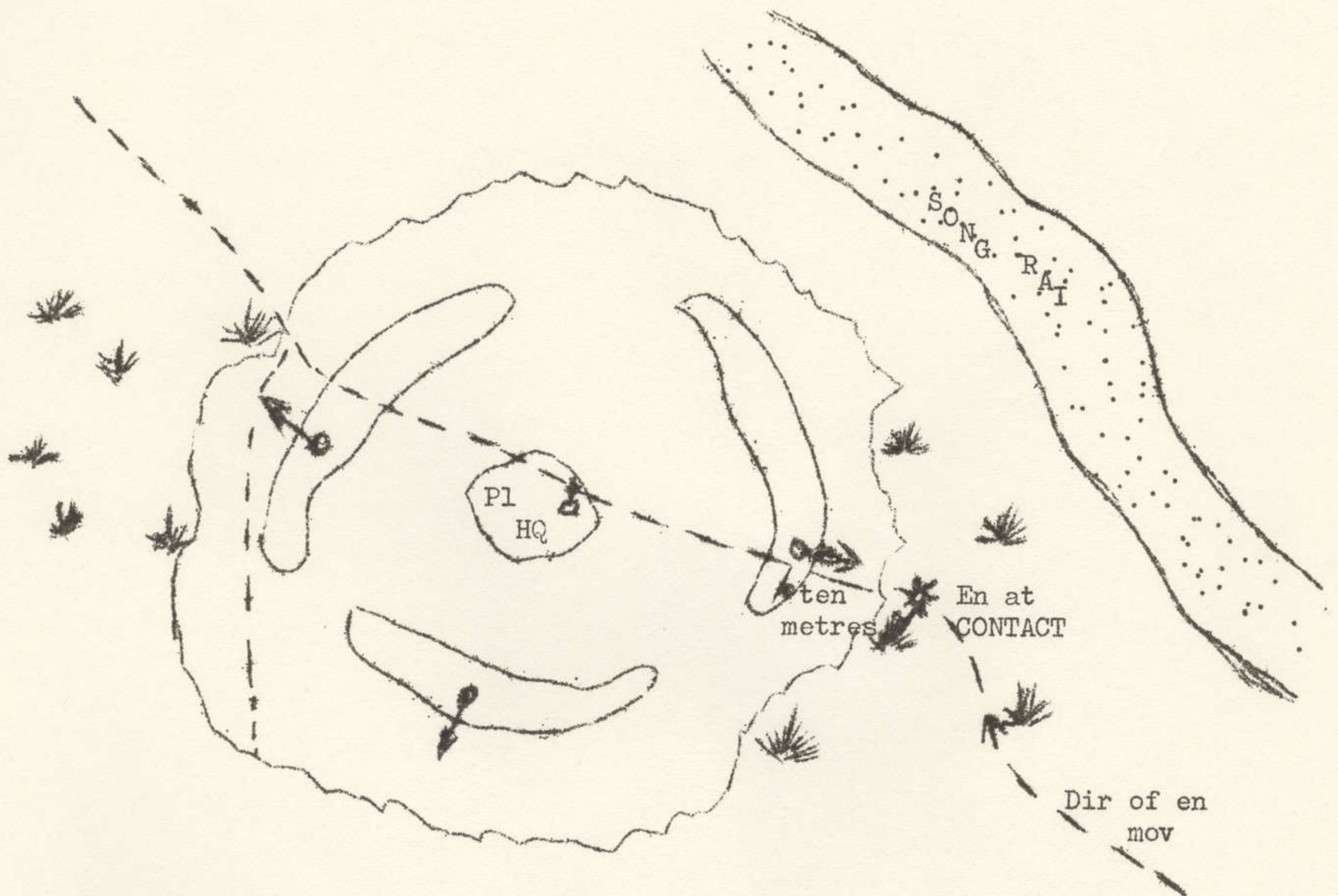
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CONTACT / INCIDENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Report by: 38137 S Sgt C. ROWLEY 7th Bn Sp Coy ReccePl.
2. Date/Time of contact: 03 2330 hrs Jul 70. Grid:YS 559 614.
3. Duration of (i) Firefight: Four mins. (ii) Total: 30 mins.
4. Description of contact. Coy moving by foot to operational area. C/S 61 established a night harbour position. Sentry saw one VC at 25 metres approaching our location, he engaged and killed the VC at a distance of three feet. A second VC (unseen by sentry) engaged sentry causing the VC KIA to explode. Platoon then engaged this VC with MG and an M26 grenade killing this VC. The first VC was carrying a pack consisting of explosives.
5. Description of terrain and canopy. Open grass clearing bordered by swamp north and west. Several clumps of trees or bamboo scattered throughout. Visibility was approx 25 metres.
6. Sentry first sighted enemy approaching.
7. Distance enemy first sighted was 25 metres.
8. Movement caused the enemy to be noticed.
9. Strengths:
 - a. Enemy: Two - three.
 - b. Own troops: 21.
10. Enemy type. Unknown.
11. Sentry fired first at enemy.
12. Range of first engagement was one metre.
13. Maximum range of engagement was 30 metres.
14. Wpns fired:
 - a. Enemy: AK 47.
 - b. Own troops: GPMG M60, SLR, M26 grenade and M79 illum.
15. Approx no of friendly rounds fired: GPMG M60: 80, SLR: 3, M26: 1 and M79 illum: 20.
16. Total en cas: KIA: Two. WIA: Nil, PW: Nil.
 - a. Wpns causing cas: SLR and M26 grenade.

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17. Friendly cas: KIA: Nil, WIA: 2, MIA: Nil.

a. explosion from first VC body.

18. Other points and lessons learnt. On initial contact the platoon stood to, providing immediate illumination by M79. Further movement was detected after explosion of first VC and was engaged with GPMG M60 and M26. Following this a two section sweep was conducted to no avail except from establishing that two VC were KIA.

PART II

19. Platoon actions and commander's comments. Nil.

20. Support fire. Arty illum from Xuyen Moc.

21. Support fire ammunition expended. Arty: 7 rds illum.

PART III

22. Company commander's comments. The body of the first enemy was literally blown to pieces. Obviously he was carrying a load of explosives, however because there was no shrapnel effect it is unlikely he was carrying RPG rounds or weapons of a similar nature. It is probable he was carrying the type of bulk explosive used to construct anti vehicle mines.

Charles Sjt Ptl Comd

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William C. H. Coy Comd

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

Serial SVN 20

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- 1. AMENDMENT TO 7 RAR ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 SVN 234/70

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235. BN HQ DUTY CLERK ROSTER

1. The following are to mount duty at 0845 hrs on dates shown:

5 Jul 70	Pte	B.W. Cox
6 Jul 70	Cpl	G.J. Nunn
7 Jul 70	Pte	K.G. Moles
8 Jul 70	Cpl	S.P. Barrett
9 Jul 70	Pte	R.A. Cook
10 Jul 70	Pte	B.W. Cox
11 Jul 70	Pte	R.A. Cook

236. DUTY PROJECTIONIST

1. The following are to mount duty on dates shown:

6 Jul - 9 Jul 70	Cpl	D.A. Duckworth
10 Jul - 12 Jul 70	Pte	I.J. Collins

237. HOSPITAL VISITING OFFICER

1. The Hospital Visiting Officer for period 5 Jul - 11 Jul 70 is Sgt M.K. Halls.

238. TERMINOLOGY - REPLACEMENT OF THE TERM "START LINE" BY "LINE OF DEPARTURE"

1. With effect from 1 Jul 70, the term "Start Line" is to be replaced by "Line of Departure". The change is necessary to achieve standardisation with SEATO and NATO.
2. "Line of Departure" (abbreviation LD) is defined as follows:
 1. A line designated to co-ordinate the departure of attack or scouting elements; a jump-off line.
 2. A suitability marked offshore co-ordinating line to assist assault craft to land on designated beaches at scheduled times.
3. Amendments to training publications, reflecting this change, will be issued in due course.

239. DISCIPLINE - R AND C

1. The following are not to proceed on R and C during the next allocation of R and C for 7 RAR:

a. A Coy.

2792296	Pte	P.E. Chesire
2793003	Pte	S.C. Robertson
3411887	Cpl	G. Turra

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b. B Coy.

4410621 Cpl D.W. Cruse
3797086 Pte A. Lloyd
2793394 Pte J. Good

c. C Coy.

218369 Pte G.I. Caldwell

d. D Coy.

3794572 Pte D.A. Grey
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373786 Pte A.M. Grey

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TREATMENT OF WATER

1. All field water is to be treated as follows:
 - a. Australian water sterilisation kits are to be used in preference to US iodine tablets.
 - b. All water is to be treated with four crushed white tablets per bottle. Thirty minutes is to elapse, after treatment, before consumption of water.
 - c. If detasting tablets are used bottles must be emptied and rinsed before refilling as the detasters, if not completely removed, will neutralize subsequent white tablets.
2. 7 RAR Routine Order SVN 227/70 is cancelled.

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MALARIA

1. The following action is to be taken to prevent malaria:
 - 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 preceeding return to Australia, a special course of anti-malarial drugs is required. Details are contained in 7 RAR Routine Order SVN 105/70. A record of this course is to be included in march-out documentation.

- b. Clothing. Shorts may be worn within 7 RAR base areas 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 areas. (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.
2. Any soldier of 7 RAR who has failed to observe the above precautions and contracts malaria is liable to be charged.
 3. 7 RAR Routine Order SVN 104/70 is cancelled.
 4. Amend heading 7 RAR Routine Order SVN 105/70 to read "ANTI MALARIAL PRECAUTION - SOLDIERS DUE TO RTA".

242. PREVENTION OF HEAT ILLNESSES

Reference: A. Training Information Letter 2/70 of Mar 70.
B. HQ AFV File No 512/1/4.

1. General. Heat illnesses likely to affect members serving in Vietnam include heat cramps, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, sunburn and prickly heat. The comments which follow relate to the more serious illnesses, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke.
2. Conditions Which Can Lead to Heat Illness. The general physical condition of individual members has considerable bearing on their ability to resist heat illnesses. This ability to resist can be reduced significantly by:
 - a. Acute and chronic illness (eg., diarrhoea) including the convalescent state.
 - b. Any fever.
 - c. Reaction to immunisations.

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- d. Prickly heat and sunburn, where the individuals' ability to sweat is affected.
- e. Use of alcohol.
 - (1) Over indulgence in the 24 - 48 hours before commencing activity in the heat.
 - (2) Chronic heavy drinking.
- f. Dehydration.
- g. Lack of sleep, fatigue.
- h. Lack of food.
- i. Obesity.
- j. General lack of physical fitness.
- k. Previous heat illness, especially heat stroke.
- l. Improper or non-acclimatization.

Early Symptoms and First Aid Treatment of Heat Illness

3. Heat Cramps. These are painful cramps of the muscles of legs and abdomen that occur during or after sustained exertion. These cramps may be the warning signs of insufficient salt intake.

Treatment. The safest and best way to take extra salt is to increase the amount taken with food. Soldiers who consume more than 12 pints (ie., 8 water bottles) of water per day may need extra salt. In an emergency, salt tablets may be used, however, they are to be crushed and added to drinking water. When one issue salt tablet is crushed and added to the standard plastic water bottle (32 imperial ounces) a safe and palatable salt solution is produced for the treatment of heat cramps due to insufficient salt.

Warning. Under no circumstances are salt tablets to be taken whole for the treatment of heat cramps.

4. Heat Exhaustion. This condition commonly occurs in soldiers who are unfit and not acclimatized and who are required to work hard in the heat. Early signs and symptoms of this condition include:

- a. General unwell and frequently drawn and haggard appearance. In more severe cases the face has a purple tint except for the skin around the lips which may be pale.

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- b. Profuse sweating.
- c. Skin is warm, moist and dark pink in colour.
- d. The soldier may complain of weakness, being unwell, with a headache and a tingling sensation in the hands and feet.
- e. Body temperature may be only slightly raised (1 - 2 deg F).

Treatment. First aid treatment of heat exhaustion consists of moving the member to a cool area, removing most of the clothing and giving small amounts of water. If patients so treated still suffer from cramps they should be given a salt solution as described in paragraph 3. Unless the patient recovers quickly he should be evacuated from the field.

5. Heat Stroke. This is a very serious medical condition with a high death rate. Members considered to be developing heat stroke should be evacuated from the field as rapidly as possible. The early signs and symptoms of heat stroke include:

- a. Headache, dizziness, mental confusion, weakness and nausea. The first sign may be a sudden, dramatic collapse.
- b. Skin is hot, dry and of ruddy colour.
- c. Reduction in or absence of sweating.
- d. Body temperature is very high (102-109F).

Treatment. First aid treatment of heat stroke consists of lowering the body temperature as rapidly as possible by any means available, ie., remove clothing, immerse in water, sprinkle with water and fan the body. Limbs and trunk should be rubbed briskly and the member evacuated as soon as possible. If a patient is conscious, frequent sips of cool water are beneficial.

243. AUST FORCE RADIO REQUEST PROGRAMME

- 1. Verbal and telephone requests are not to be made to AFV radio.
- 2. A system for written requests is being arranged and sub units will be advised shortly.

244. MONEY ALLOCATED TO COMPANYS FROM REGIMENTAL FUNDS

- 1. The PRI sergeant is to keep a detailed record of money available to companies.
- 2. Companies are responsible to maintain books of account to record receipts and expenditure of such money. These books will be subject to periodical spot check.

245. NEW AHBS CONTRIBUTION RATES

Reference: A. HQ AFV File No R441/2/1.

1. The medical benefits plan recently introduced by the Commonwealth Government provides for substantially increased Commonwealth and Society benefits. The new benefits become payable for services rendered on and from 1 Jul 70. In essence, if a member consults a medical practitioner who charges the "most common fee" the amount the member will be required to pay is limited as follows:

- a. Surgery consultation - \$A0.80¢.
- b. Home consultation - \$A1.20¢
- c. For all other medical services - up to \$A5.00¢

2. Where the "most common fee" is not charged the member has to bear the additional cost.

3. Membership of more than one benefits fund is not allowed under the Commonwealth Medical Benefits Plan.

4. To finance the increased benefits, it is necessary for AHBS to increase the combined medical/hospital benefits contribution rate for all tables, except table "A", by fifteen cents a week for the family rate and eight cents a week for the single rate on and from 3 Jul 70.

5. The existing table "A" will cease to operate from 1 Jul 70. Members who belong to this table will be automatically transferred to table "MH1" unless they elect not to remain members of AHBS.

6. New members to AHBS will require to observe the waiting period of two months for all services except obstetric cases where a nine months waiting period applies. In the case of accidents there is no waiting period.

7. Arrangements are being made to increase automatically, deductions from members' pay each fortnight to cover the increased fortnightly charges.

8. Should any member wish to discontinue AHBS membership, he should immediately notify the Secretary, AHBS Melbourne. The Secretary will then ensure that the allotment is cancelled by APAC and will forward, on request, a transfer certificate to the member to enable him to join another health benefits fund, without the imposition of a waiting period.

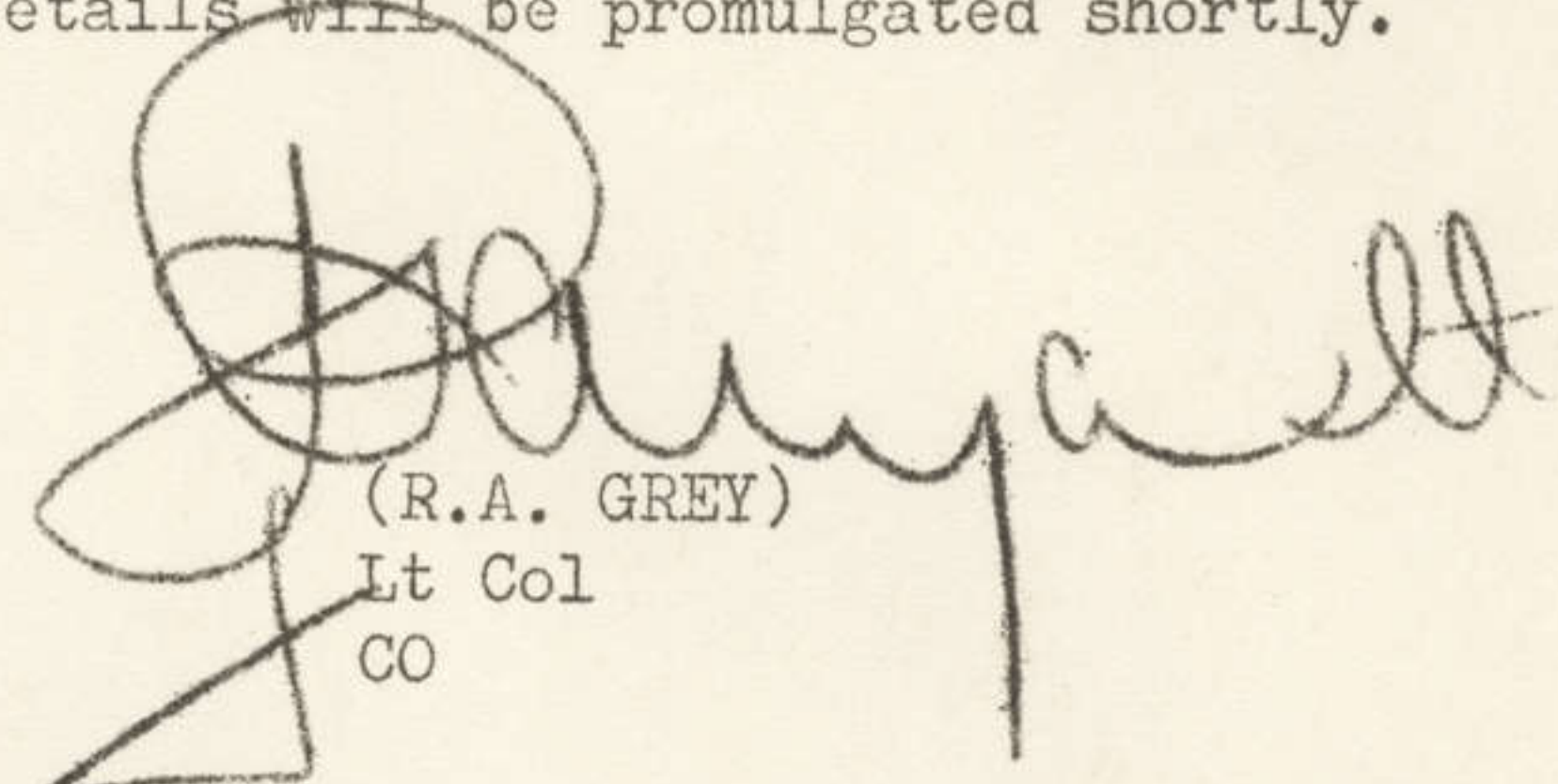
9. New contribution rates are:

- a. For military members with more than one dependant: MH1, \$A1.54¢, MH2, \$A1.92¢; MH3, \$A2.26¢, MH4, \$A2.60¢; MH5, \$A2.92¢.

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- b. For military members with one dependant only: MH1, \$A0.86¢; MH2, \$A1.04¢; MH3, \$A1.26¢; MH4, \$A1.42¢; MH5, \$A1.60¢.

10. A notice to AROs giving full details will be promulgated shortly.


(R.A. GREY)
Lt Col
CO

AMENDMENT

1. AMENDMENT TO 7 RAR ROUTINE ORDER PART 1 SVN 234/70

1. Extra Regimental Appointments:

a. Regimental Audit Board.

Member: delete Capt D.M. Napier. Insert: Capt J. Sykes.

b. Sergeants' Mess.

Deputy President. Delete WO2 A.B. Keech. Insert Base CSM.

NOTICES

1. GENERAL MESS MEETING - SERGEANTS' MESS

1. A general mess meeting is to be held in the Sergeants' Mess at 1830 hrs 23 Jul 70.

2. All members are to attend.

2. LOST MAIL

1. A folder containing two personal photographs has been received at AFPO 4. The folder was received from 1 ALSG, apparently after no owner was found there.

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2. The photographs are approximately 6 5/8 inches long by 8 3/4 inches. One is black and white, shows a woman and is autographed with the name Sharron.

3. The other is in colour showing same woman with a girl aged approximately 2 - 4 years and a baby.

4. The folder may be claimed from SCQ 1 ATF.

3. OLD SCOTCH COLLEGIAN'S (MELBOURNE)

Reference: A. HQ AFV File No R237-1-24.

1. Scotch College (Melbourne) is compiling a roll of old boys who are serving with Australian Force Vietnam. In order to assist the college, it is requested that sub units submit to Chief Clerk, either in writing or by telephone, the following details of any Old Scotch Collegians in their units.

- a. Number.
- b. Rank.
- c. Surname.
- d. Christian Name.
- e. Unit.
- f. Period at the College.
- g. Date of RTA.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

LT COL R.A. GREY
COMMANDING OFFICER

7th BATTALION
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

Serial SVN 21

9 Jul 70

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246. DAILY ROUTINE 23 JUL - 1 AUG 70

	<u>Normal</u>	<u>Designated Rest Days</u>
Disarm Claymores/Day Routine	First Light	First Light
Reveille/National Flag Raised	0645	0730
Paludrine Parade	0650	0735
Breakfast	0715	0800
Training Commences	0815	
Op Briefing	0800	0900
Morning Tea	1000 - 1015	1000 - 1015
Wet Canteen Open		1130 - 1230
Lunch	1300 - 1400	1230 - 1300
Company Period	1400 - 1500	
Paludrine Parade	1500	1500
Sport	1500 - 1600 (minimum)	
Wet Canteen Open	1645 - 1730	1645 - 1730
AQ Conference	1700	1700 (not on Sunday)
Evening Meal	1730 - 1830	1730 - 1830
National Flag Lowered	1830	1830
Sleeves Down	1830	1830
Night Routine/Arm Claymores	Last Light minus 15 mins	
Films Commence	1930	1930
Wet Canteens Open	1945	1945
All Canteens/Messes stop Trading	2130	2130
Canteens cleared	2145	2145
All soldiers to be in lines. If film not finished soldiers to return directly to lines on completion.	2200	2200

247. IN HQ DUTY SLEEP RATION

1. The following are to mount duty at 0815 hrs on dates shown:

12 Jul 70 Cpl S.A. Barrett
13 Jul 70 Cpl G. Parsons
14 Jul 70 Pte K.S. Moles
15 Jul 70 Pte B.S. Cox
16 Jul 70 Pte B.A. Cook
17 Jul 70 Pte K.S. Moles
18 Jul 70 Pte G.J. Nunn

248. DUTY PROJECTIONIST

1. The following are to mount duty on dates shown:

13 Jul - 16 Jul 70 Cpl D.A. Duckworth
17 Jul - 19 Jul 70 Pte L.J. Collins

249. HOSPITAL VISITING OFFICER

The Hospital Visiting Officer for period 12 Jul - 18 Jul 70 is Sgt M.K. Halls.

250. POWERS OF OFFICER COMMANDING 7 RAR ARVN TRAINING CADRE

37943 Capt T.W. Howard has been granted powers of officer commanding of all non commissioned officers and private soldiers on strength of 7 RAR ARVN Training Cadre with effect from 1 Jul 70.

251. DISCIPLINE - R AND C

243416 Cfn G. Elston (Admin Coy) is not to be granted further R and C.

252. PORNOGRAPHIC FILMS

Reference: A. HQ AFV File No 271-1-1.

1. No member of 7 RAR or a member attached to or visiting 7 RAR is to possess, distribute, show, screen or view pornographic films.
2. For the purpose of this order the word film includes any cine-film, film slide or photograph.

253. MEALS - OFFICERS ON R AND C LEAVE - VUNG TAU

Reference: A. HQ AFV File No R66/1/30.

1. Officers on R and C leave have no entitlement to rations at public expense; they are to make their own arrangements for the purchase of meals. They may purchase meals, on repayment, from the Officers' Mess at the AFV Amenities Unit. The cost of meals is: Breakfast, 50 cents; Lunch, 60 cents; Dinner, 70 cents.

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GREY'S GAZETTE

1. Grey's Gazette is to be published on the first day of each month. Articles, drawings etc. are to be addressed to:

"The Editor"
 Grey's Gazette
 Battalion Headquarters

Articles should be handed in/posted to arrive by the 25th day of the month.

2. An award of \$20 will be made monthly for the most original article/drawing/cartoon etc published.

3. Those responsible for publication are:

a. Supervising Officer: Maj A.M. Robb.

b. Editor: Sgt F.M. McLean.

255.

REMITTANCE OF CASH TO PLACES OTHER THAN AUSTRALIA

Reference: A. HQ AFV File No 622-1-1.

Remittances of cash from members serving in SVN for payment other than in Australia will not be accepted by AFV Cash Offices. Where members require to send cash to other countries they are to make private arrangements for payment eg., through Australian Banks.

256.

USE OF US MILITARY POSTAL FACILITIES

Reference: HQ AFV File No 499-2-5.

1. US Military postal facilities cannot be used by members of 7 RAR.
2. Furthermore US Military regulations prohibit US organisations and individuals from acting as intermediaries for those not authorised to use US Military postal facilities.
3. All members of 7 RAR are warned that they should not attempt to use US Military postal facilities, nor should they ask American servicemen to send articles on their behalf.

257. AUSTRALIAN FORCES RADIO - VIETNAM : REQUEST PROGRAMME

1. The form below is to be used for the request programmes on AFR Vietnam.
2. Members should place their request in an envelope addressed as shown and forward them to En HQ for dispatch to reach AFR Vietnam by 1200 hrs on Fridays.
3. Members are to be reminded that requests that are of an obscene or in-subordinate nature will not be played, nor will calls that may possibly affect security.
4. The form for request is:

<u>AFR VIETNAM - REQUEST PROGRAMME</u>					
TO: Aust Forces Radio c/- FPO 3 Vung Tau In Country.			TO BE PLAYED: *Sat night/Sun afternoon		
TUNE: "A Hard Days Night"			ARTIST: Beatles		
FROM:	NO 123456	RANK	L Cpl	NAME	Tom Smith (incl Christian/nick-name)
TO:	NO 789012	RANK	L Cpl	NAME	Bill Jones
MESSAGE: Happy 21st Birthday					
*Delete not applicable			SIGNED		

5. Request proformas will be available from company orderly rooms.

(R.A. GREY)
Lt Col
CO

AMENDMENTS1. AMENDMENT 2K TO AFV (ARMY COMPONENT) SOPs

Reference: A. HQ AFV File No 1/1/12.

1. Delete existing Section 7 to Chapter of AFV (Army Component) SOPs, and insert the new Section 7 is attached as Annex A to this Routine Order.

2. A printed amendment to SOPs will be issued in due course.

2. AMENDMENT 2L TO AFV (ARMY COMPONENT) SOPs

Reference: A. HQ AFV File No R517/1/4.

1. Delete existing Section 1 to Chapter 1 of Part 2 of AFV (Army Component) SOPs, and insert the new Section 1 which is attached as Annex A to this Routine Order.

2. A printed amendment to SOPs will be issued in due course.

3. AMENDMENT 2M TO AFV (ARMY COMPONENT) SOPs

Reference: A. HQ AFV File No 571-13-4.

1. Delete existing Section 1 to Chapter 3 of Part 2 of AFV (Army Component) SOPs and insert the new section 1 which is attached as Annex A to this Routine Order.

2. A printed amendment to SOPs will be issued in due course.

4. AMENDMENT 2N TO AFV (ARMY COMPONENT) SOPs

Reference: A. HQ AFV File No 639-1-2.

1. Delete existing Section 5 to Chapter 2 of Part 2 of HQ AFV (Army Component) SOPs and insert the new section 5 which is attached as Annex A to this order.

2. A printed amendment to SOPs will be issued in due course.

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AMENDMENT 2 K
DATED 3 JUL 70SECTION 7 - INVESTIGATIONS

References: A. MHI 5-1.
B. MBI 5-2.
C. MBI 129-6.
D. MBI 129-7.
E. FIs for PMP.
F. Manual of Army Safety Chapter 2.
G. ARO 155/69.

General

2074. Reference C details AHQ policy on investigations generally, and is to be read in conjunction with this section.

Investigating Officers or Courts and Boards of Enquiry

2075. Except when superior authority considers boards or courts of enquiry are necessary, investigations into loss and damage to Commonwealth property are to be carried out by investigating officers appointed by COs of units as specified in para 2076. Investigations into the following matters are also to be carried out by investigating officers appointed by unit COs:

- a. Damage to hired premises or property.
- b. Loss, damage or injury involving claims for compensation by or against the Commonwealth, as provided by paragraph 2085...
- c. Death or injuries to members, as provided by paragraphs 2087 to 2092.

Loss or Damage to Commonwealth Property or Loss of Public Money Not Occasioned by Fire.Unit Action

2076. In all cases of loss or damage not occasioned by fire, where COs consider it necessary, they are to appoint investigating officers if:

- a. the original value of the lost property did not exceed \$20.00 and theft, fraud or weakness in the system of unit control is not involved; or

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b. the extent of the damage does not exceed in the aggregate \$40.00 and damage to civilian property or injury to personnel is not involved.

2077. In all other cases of loss or damage to Commonwealth property or loss of public funds, not occasioned by fire, COs are to:

- a. immediately report the loss or damage to HQ 1 ATF, HQ 1 ALSC or HQ AFV as appropriate;
- b. report it to the military police if it is suspected that loss is due to theft or fraud or that damage has been occasioned wilfully.

Superior Headquarters Action

2078. When advised in accordance with para 2077, the superior headquarters is to appoint an investigating officer or convene a board or a court of inquiry. Where the loss or deficiency of stores in excess of \$40.00 is due or suspected to be due to theft, robbery or fraud Superior headquarters is to advise HQ AFV promptly. HQ AFV will inform the Director of Commonwealth Audit through AHQ.

2079. Waiver of Investigation. The superior authority may dispense with an investigation, as provided for in ref C. However, when making recommendations for adjustment of the losses, is to support the recommendation with a report setting out the cause and extent of the loss and the reasons for not instituting an investigation.

2080. Weapon Losses. The loss of an individual weapon is a serious matter, particularly when there is evidence of neglect and carelessness on the part of the member concerned. These losses are to be handled as follows:

- a. Immediately a loss is detected it is to be reported to the appropriate unit or sub unit HQ. Tracer action is to be commenced immediately advertising the loss, firstly to all units in the area of the loss, and secondly to all units in AFV (Army Component).
- b. Within 48 hours of the report of the loss, the unit is to appoint an investigating officer, who is to investigate and report in accordance with reference C.
- c. Immediately the investigating officer is appointed, HQ 1 ATF or HQ 1 ALSC and HQ AFV are to be notified the type of weapon, serial number, circumstances of the loss and the name of the investigating officer.
- d. The investigating officer's report is to be forwarded through normal channels to HQ AFV within 14 days of the loss being reported.
- e. Units are not to take adjusting action until the investigation and the superior HQ recommendations have been concurred in by HQ AFV.

The investigation is to reveal the tracer action taken and its results.

2081. Loss of Public Moneys. When public moneys as defined in ref C and G, are lost, or are suspected of having been stolen, HQ AFV is to be informed through normal channel, as soon as possible. HQ AFV will inform AHQ. Where the amount exceeds \$20.00, or where the loss is due to theft or fraud committed by or suspected as having been committed by a member of the services, the Financial Adviser is to inform the Commonwealth Chief Auditor.

2082. Loss of or Deficiencies in Trust Funds. When such losses or deficiencies attributable to theft, fraud or damage are discovered, the unit etc is to report, through normal channels, to HQ AFV, who will inform AHQ. Losses are to be investigated vide paragraphs 2076 to 2079.

Loss or Damage to Commonwealth Property or Loss of Public Moneys Due to Fire

2083. These are to be reported and investigated as detailed in ref C.

Damage to Hired Premises or Property

2084. An investigation is to be conducted in term of paras 2076 to 2079 and, in the case of fire, in terms of para 2083.

Loss, Damage or Injury Involving Claims for Compensation by or Against the Commonwealth

2085. Vehicle Accidents. When accidents occur which involve AMF vehicles or drivers, investigations are to be conducted in accordance with Annex A.

2086. Other Incidents. Where other incidents occur involving loss, damage or injury, which may result in claims for compensation by or against the Commonwealth, COs or intermediate headquarters, as applicable, are to ensure that investigations are conducted. The reports are to be forwarded through normal channels to HQ AFV.

Accidental Deaths, Woundings and Injuries

2087. General. The need for investigations into deaths, woundings and injuries to members serving in Vietnam and the nature of such investigations depend on the status of the individuals involved. For visitors on short term duty, who are not allotted for Special Duty in terms of MBI 216-1, an investigation to protect their rights under the CEC Act, vide MBI 129-6, including the submission of fully completed AAF D11 "Report of Injury or Illness" is necessary. If the injury etc resulted or may have resulted from hostile enemy action, Form C of MBI 216-1 is to be completed and is to accompany the investigating officer's report. Outline Terms of Reference are at Annex B. Investigations relating to members of AFV or others attached who have been allotted for Special Duty are to be conducted as detailed in paragraphs 2088 to 2092.

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SIB Investigations

2094. In accordance with HQ AFV directions, the SIB will conduct investigations. These are not to be considered a substitute for formal military investigations, except in cases involving other nationals or criminal offences. Any assistance given by the SIB is to be considered an aid and not a substitute for military investigations. SIB investigators may be requested to assist in a formal military investigation should this be considered necessary.

Submission of Reports of Investigating Officers and Courts or Boards of Enquiry

2094A. 1 ATF. Investigating Officers' reports from units of 1 ATF are to be checked by the unit, concurred in or otherwise and commented on by the CO and forwarded to HQ 1 ATF. DADLS, HQ 1 ATF is to review all reports and provide a legal opinion.

2094B. Other Units. Units of 1 ALSC are to forward copies of reports to HQ 1 ALSC. If a legal officer is located at HQ ALSC he is to review and provide a legal opinion which is to accompany the report to HQ AFV. Except as provided in paragraph 2094C other units of AFV are to forward three copies of reports directly to HQ AFV.

2094C. Numbers of Copies. Four copies of reports are required by HQ AFV for all investigations into circumstances surrounding the death of members of AFV or involving losses or damages to stores of amounts over the CCMAFV's financial delegation. In all other cases, three copies are required.

2094D. The value of damage to Army Equipment is to be assessed as accurately as possible. Army Audit publishes a price list quarterly. Where Army Audit is unable to obtain the cost, a competent assessor is to make a valuation in accordance with MBI 90-9. Within AFV the following are competent assessors:

- a. RAEME Inspectors. Labour required to repair damage caused by vehicle accidents and damage to stores and equipment considered to be due to unfair wear.
- b. ADOS HQ AFV. Ordnance Stores.
- c. DADST HQ AFV. RAASC Supplies and POL.
- d. CC Det 55 Engr Wksp and Pk Sqn. Engineer Stores.
- e. CC 1 Fd Med & Dent Bn. Medical Stores.
- f. CSO HQ AFV. Signal project stores.
- g. AD Amenities. Amenities Stores.

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Action by HQ AFV

2094E. HQ AFV will review all reports received and will take action as follows:

- a. Where legal opinion has not been offered, this will be provided by DADLS HQ AFV.
- b. Where disciplinary action or action for restitution under AMR 294A seems warranted and has not been taken by units, 1 ATF or 1 ALSG, HQ AFV will direct any action considered appropriate.
- c. If the amount involved for the write-off of stores is over \$50, the concurrence of the Financial Adviser will be sought.

2094F. Reports will be considered for forwarding to AHQ. Reports on the following, accompanied by a legal opinion, will be forwarded to AHQ as follows:

- a. Accidental Death or Serious Injury. A final report will be sent at the conclusion of the investigation. In cases of death, a copy will be forwarded to CARO.
- b. Stores etc.
 - (1) Where the loss or deficiency of stores or public moneys was due to theft, robbery or fraud, or from a defect in the accounting system, internal control or supervision.
 - (2) Where the value of the lost or deficient stores exceeds the write off authority of COMAFV.
 - (3) Director of Audit will be notified where the value of losses or deficiencies, including deficiencies disclosed at stock-take, or damage arising from causes other than fair wear and tear exceeds \$500 and it is proposed that the amount remain a charge against public funds.
- c. Fires. In the case of losses by fire, a PRIORITY signal prefixed by FIREREP. Where the extent of loss or damage exceeds \$2000 or injuries to personnel occur, a full report is to be sent to AHQ Canberra, copy to AHQ Melbourne (for MGO) as soon as it is completed.

Restitution Under AMR 294A

2094G. Orders for restitution to the Commonwealth are to be made in accordance with Reference D as amplified in Annex C to this section.

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Conclusion

2094H. Investigating officers appointed must be of suitable rank and experience to conduct the investigations competently. Officers who may be implicated in the incident under investigation are not to be appointed.

2094I. Each statement of fact in the report is to be substantiated by a signed statement from a member.

2094J. Investigations are to be handled expeditiously and thoroughly. Inaccurate and incomplete reports will be returned to the originator for further investigation.

Annex:

- A. Vehicle Accidents - Reporting and Investigation;
- B. Outline Terms of Reference - Investigation into Accidental Injury, Wounding or Death.
- C. Orders for Restitution under Act 2954.

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VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION

- References:
- A. MBI 129-6.
 - B. Vehicle Operating Instructions, 1967.
 - C. Manual of Army Safety.

Definition

1. For the purpose of this annex the term area headquarters will be used to refer to:
- a. HQ AFV - for units in the Saigon area;
 - b. HQ 1 ATF - for units in the Nui Dat area; and
 - c. HQ 1 ALSC - for units in the Vung Tau area.

PART 1

VEHICLE ACCIDENTS INVOLVING AUSTRALIAN MILITARY
VEHICLES AND AUSTRALIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL ONLY

2. Reports on investigations into vehicle accidents involving Australian military vehicles and Australian military personnel only are to be carried out in accordance with References A, B and C plus any other instruction issued by area headquarters concerning vehicles and units under their direct control.
3. Area headquarters are to take action to appoint Investigating Officers, provide terms of reference, take disciplinary action if necessary.
4. Exceptions to the foregoing are as follows:
- a. Cost of repairs exceeds \$200. If the cost of repairing any one vehicle exceeds \$200 the completed investigating officer's report, plus the area headquarters recommendation is to be forwarded to HQ AFV for consideration.
 - b. Death or serious injury of personnel. Accidents which result in the death or serious injury of personnel are to be notified immediately to HQ AFV. Para 206 of reference C refers.
 - c. Vehicles from more than one area. Accidents involving vehicles from more than one area are to be referred to HQ AFV. HQ AFV will nominate the area headquarters which is to appoint an investigating officer if deemed necessary.
5. Reporting to Military Police. All vehicle accidents are to be reported to the nearest Military Police detachment without delay. Copies of reports compiled by Military Policemen should be attached to investigating officer's reports.

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PART 2

ACCIDENTS INVOLVING AUSTRALIAN SERVICE PERSONNEL
AND THE PROPERTY OR PERSONS OF OTHER NATIONS

6. Notwithstanding the right of area headquarters to appoint investigating officers and authorize repairs, all accidents involving Australian service personnel and the property or persons of other nations must be reported initially to:

- a. HQ AFV;
- b. Area headquarters (1 ATF, 1 AISO);
- c. AFV Provost Marshal; and
- d. The nearest RAA Pro detachment, for units outside 1 AISO.

7. The reasons for this policy are:

- a. The Commonwealth Government has undertaken to pay compensation to residents who are injured or suffer damages as a result of action by Australian personnel in non-combat situations. Full information is required before determining the amount of compensation to be paid.
- b. Good relations are fostered by the proper and fair administration of the compensation procedure.
- c. Prompt investigation enables quick settlement of claims. Quick settlement may forestall the tendency for residents to lodge claims simultaneously with HQ AFV, Australian Embassy, MACV and other agencies.

8. The claims commission (COMAFV, FA, DAPLS HQ AFV) must have as much information as is possible, as soon as possible, in order to arrive at an equitable solution in the event of a claim being submitted.

9. Reports. A Provost report is to be submitted by Military Police on all accidents of this type. The Provost report will usually be originated by the area Provost detachment in which the accident occurred. HQ AFV will then advise if further investigation is to be carried out by a unit investigating officer. This does not restrict any investigation which may be required by an area commander.

9. Unit Procedure.

7. The reasons for this policy are:

- a. Units are to ensure that all drivers are aware of the requirements for reporting accidents as detailed in this instruction.

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- b. In particular, efforts must be made to determine:
- (1) the names and addresses of all people involved either as participants or witnesses;
 - (2) the details of damage of property;
 - (3) the details of injury to persons;
 - (4) the place where damaged property may be inspected; and
 - (5) the place where injured have gone for treatment.

10.

Crash Reports

- a. A unit which is responsible for vehicles or persons involved in accidents with other nationals or property is required to initiate a CRASH ONE REPORT by priority signal as shown in Appendix 1 as soon as possible after the accident occurs.
- b. Within 48 hours of the accident a second priority signal CRASH TWO (as shown in Appendix 2) containing the additional information required, is to be sent.
- c. If all relevant detail is immediately available, a unit may combine the CRASH Reports into one signal.

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11. For vehicle accidents, RANM workshops are to assess the cost of labour required to repair the equipment and notify the unit which has the equipment on charge of this cost, and the repair parts required to effect the repair. The unit is to obtain the cost of the parts and complete the total cost of repair.

12. Investigations are not to be forwarded to superior HQ without an assessment of all the damage involved. This is to include cost of labour and repair parts.

13. Financial approval is not required for the repair of vehicles, aircraft and smaller craft (HBI 5-1 paragraphs 69 and 70 refers).

Appendices: 1. CRASH ONE signal.
2. CRASH TWO signal.

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- f. Whether the wounding/injury/death was caused or aggravated by any act of misconduct or neglect on the part of any member or members, including the wounded/injured/deceased member. If so indicate the degree of culpability.
 - g. Whether the incident has revealed a weakness in the system or method of control.
 - h. Whether the wounded/injured member proposes seeking compensation under the provisions of the CIC Act. Attach either compensation claims or a certificate to the effect that member does not intend claiming compensation (Note 2).
3. A sketch is to be included if this adds clarity to the report.
 4. A copy of relevant orders or instructions is to be attached to each copy of the report.
 5. The investigation to include conclusions and recommendations, is required at this HQ by.....(Date). If it is not possible to submit the completed report by this date, an interim report is to be made.
 6. A copy of these terms of reference is to be attached to each copy of your report.

(Signed by or for unit Comd)

- Notes:
1. AAF D11, Report of Illness or Injury, only required if member is not allotted for Special Duty vide MBI 216-1.
 2. Applicable only to members not allotted for Special Duty vide MBI 216-1.

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Distribution: List C.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION 19/70
RETRAINING PERIOD 23 JUL - 1 AUG 70

Reference: A. Notes on Training and Administration for the Retraining Period 23 Jul - 1 Aug 70.

General

1. This instruction details A and Q requirements during the sub units' retraining period.

Daily Routine

2. Daily routine is as in accordance with 7 RAR Routine Order Part 1 SVN 246/70.

Personal Administration

3. The following checks are to be completed by 28 Jul 70:
- a. NOK record checks - company pay day.
 - b. FFI and medical records checks.
 - c. Ten percent check of pay books by an officer.
 - d. That all soldiers have identification tags.
 - e. That ID cards are held for all soldiers.

Q Administration

4. The following checks are to be completed by 28 Jul 70:
- a. Field kit.
 - b. Weapons.
 - c. Attractive and controlled stores.

Ammunition Safety

5. Previous instructions regarding withdrawal of explosives, grenades etc. and re-issue of small arms scalings are to be implemented.
6. Company areas are to be searched for old and discarded ammunition by the afternoon of 24 Jul 70.

Area Maintenance

7. Because of reduced numbers in the base area and the onset of the wet season the standard of maintenance in and around company areas has deteriorated. Sub unit 2ICs are to plan a programme of work to ensure that areas are restored by the end of the retraining period. The plan is to include:

- a. Removal of surplus rubbish.
- b. Removal of fallen trees.
- c. Repair of wire defences.
- d. Cutting back of secondary growth.
- e. Repair and rebuilding of bunkers and weapon pits.
- f. Replacement of unserviceable tentage.
- g. Collection and return of excess personal equipment.
- h. Return of surplus building material to the CM.
- i. Clearance of storm water drains.

8. Prior to move out sub units are to inspect areas to ensure soldiers have packed all personal belongings and military equipment away. Accommodation is to be left in a tidy condition and tents secured to prevent storm damage to contents.

Finance

9. All monies owed to soldiers canteens and officers and sergeants messes are to be paid by 28 Jul 70.
10. Company 2ICs are to audit canteen accounts by 28 Jul 70.

Mess Functions

11. The Officers' Mess will hold a Buffet Dinner from 1500 to 1800 hrs on Sunday 26 Jul 70. Officers who would like to invite members from other units are to pass appropriate details to the Admin CP by 16 Jul 70 in order that formal invitations may be sent.

12. The Sergeants' Mess will conduct a similar function on Saturday 24 Jul 70.

13. A unit formal dinner is to be held in the Officers' Mess on 30 Jul 70 commencing at 1900 hrs. Dress is to be polyesters. No guests are to be invited.

Films

14. Two entertainment films per night are to be shown. Hamburgers are to be sold as normal.

Contacting

15. BMAS JEPARIT is not due to arrive at Vang Vay until about 25 Jul 70. Unloading, break up and distribution of units will not be completed before about 2 Aug 70. Company allocation therefore will not be available until the next B and C period.

16. From the last shipment A, C and Sp Coys are yet to receive their entitlements. This will be met as follows:

Sp Coy - 15 Jul 70
A Coy - 1900 - 2100 hrs 23 Jul 70
C Coy - 0900 - 1200 hrs 24 Jul 70

17. General trading for soldiers from any company will commence at 1400 hrs on 24 Jul 70.

Administrative Vacancies

18. The following appointments will be vacant in Admin Coy/Bn HQ in August 1970:

Officers/Sergeants' Messes - 3 barman/stewards
Drivers - 4
Company Storeman - 1
Clerks - 2

19. Nominations to replace drivers are to be submitted to Bn HQ by 15 Jul 70. In the event of insufficient nominations rifle companies are to prepare to nominate one man.

20. Nominations for other appointments are to reach Bn HQ by 28 Jul 70.

Transport

21. With Horseshoe commitments, transport available will be even less than usual. Sub units will be required to meet all requirements for landrovers with the vehicle permanently allocated. Should sub units require an additional vehicle they are to request release from the Base Commander. In the case of TCVs maximum use is to be made of outside resources which must be booked via the Transport Office by 1200 hrs the day before required.

Security

22. If ready reaction companies are deployed the normal base duties are to remain.

23. In the absence of A and C Coys on R and C, D Coy is to provide two gun picquets on the following days:

Ni 28 - 29 Jul 70 - A Coy
Ni 1 Aug 70 - C Coy

CSM Rear Details is to arrange a security picquet in C Coy on ni 2 Aug 70.

Duties

24. Sub units are to provide duties as per Annex A to 7 RAR Admin Instr 13/70 (Amendment No 2 dated 1 May) with the exception of Serial 5 which is to be provided by C Coy in lieu of Serial 7.

25. Duties while A and C Coy are on R and C are to be covered by mutual arrangement between these companies.

Messing/Canteens

25. Sp Coy kitchen will not open. Soldiers from Bn HQ and Sp Coy rear are to eat at the Admin Coy kitchen. Sp Coy soldiers are to use the Bn HQ canteen.

Movement/Stores from Horseshoe

27. Maj Robb is to issue separate instructions regarding stores control at the Horseshoe during this period. Movement to Nui Dat will be arranged by the Ops Offr.

NDP Brigid/Isa

28. It is likely that 3 RAR will occupy these NDPs. Handover of unit stores will be the responsibility of the QM or RQMS as arranged by the respective Bn 2ICs. All sub unit stores are to be returned to Nui Dat.

Completion of Checks

29. Company 2ICs are to report to the Bn 2IC at 0900 hrs 28 Jul 70 with verbal reports on checks/nominations as per paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 20.

NR Smith & Roy

f (R.A. GREY)
Lt Col
CO

REIMBURSEMENT TO THE COMMONWEALTH UNDER AMR 294A
FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO COMMONWEALTH PROPERTY

Reference: A. HQ AFV R684/2/2.
B. AMR 294A.
C. MBI 129-7.

1. The following actions may be taken to effect reimbursement from a member causing loss or damage, through neglect or misconduct, to Commonwealth property:

- a. Disciplinary action.
- b. Administrative action under AMR 294A.
- c. In certain circumstances, disciplinary action and administrative action combined.

Disciplinary Action

2. When a member is summarily convicted of a military offence:

a. his CO may award a fine of up to \$40.00 or, on active service a forfeiture of pay not exceeding 28 days. Although not a reimbursement in the strict sense, those awards involve a loss to the member in favour of the Commonwealth for any damage he may have caused to the vehicle or property; and

b. the CO may also award a deduction from pay not exceeding \$10.00 as a partial reimbursement of the costs of the damage to or loss of the vehicle or other Commonwealth property, providing that the particulars of the charge clearly show:

(1) the damage was caused by the neglect or misconduct of the member; and

(2) the value of the damage

3. If the damage is in excess of awards which may be made vide para 2, the member may be remanded for trial by Court Martial. If found guilty, and providing the particulars of the charge contain the essentials given in para 2b, in addition to any award, the court may order that the member make good any amount which does not exceed the full extent of the loss of or damage caused to Commonwealth property.

Administrative Action under AMR 294A

4. If it is decided not to take formal disciplinary action, administrative action under AMR 294A may still be taken to recover moneys from a

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member to make good loss or damage to Commonwealth property. The authorized officers who may make an order under this regulation, to recover up to a maximum amount of \$100.00 are given in reference B:

5. In order to attract the provisions of AMR 294A, the degree of misconduct or neglect required to be shown before such an order can be made is the same as that required to support a punishable offence against a member.

6. Further, it must be evidenced that the damage was caused as a direct result of negligence or misconduct in the sense that the member was reasonably aware that such damage could result from the action he took.

Disciplinary and Administrative Action Combined

7. Administrative action may be taken under AMR 294A, to recover moneys vide paras 4 to 6, together with disciplinary action, providing, when the member is charged:

- a. the charge alleges that the damage or loss was caused by the member's neglect or misconduct and the value of the damage or loss is shown in the charge; and
- b. the member is found guilty; or, if the charge is dismissed, the neglect or misconduct causing the damage or loss has been proven; and
- c. the award of punishment does not include a deduction from pay.

Procedure for Ordering Reimbursement

8. An order for reimbursement may be made by an authorized officer only after investigation of all the circumstances of the loss or damage.

9. The authorized officer, having determined to cause the member to re-imburse the Commonwealth, is to:

- a. Inform the soldier in writing that it is proposed to make an order for re-imbursement, the reasons for this, and of his right to submit through normal channels, written reasons why such an order should not be made.
- b. Consider any representations made by the member.
- c. If he decides to proceed with the order, he is to sign a "Record of Investigation under AMR 294A", (see Annex A to ref C).

10. Where the amount of the loss or damage exceeds \$100.00, an order for reimbursement may only be authorized with the concurrence of the Financial Adviser. Full details of the case are to be presented to the Financial Adviser through normal Channels for consideration.

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Review and Appeal Against an Order for Reimbursement

11. Where an order for reimbursement has been made, the member may within 21 days of the order, apply to the Military Board to review the matter. A further appeal may be made to the Governor-General. Detailed procedures etc are contained in references B and C.

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AMENDMENT 2L
DATED 3 JUL 70PART 2 - AG BRANCHCHAPTER 1 - PASECTION 1 - PERSONNEL MAINTENANCE OF THE FORCE

Reference: A. AHQ Admin Instr No 7 revised Dec 68.
B. Pulheems Administrative Pamphlet.
C. MBI 142-2.
D. MBI 16-1.

Introduction

1001. This section includes:

- a. definitions;
- b. tour of duty;
- c. relief procedure;
- d. holding systems;
- e. posting procedures - 1 ARU and Det 1 Fwd Del Tp holdings; and
- f. the replacement and reinforcement system.
- g. the disposal of personnel medically re-classified.

Definitions

1002. The following definitions apply:

a. Relieving Units. A relieving unit is one which moves from Australia to take over from a unit serving in the theatre.

b. Individuals

(1) Replacements. A replacement is an officer or soldier nominated to take the place of:

(a) a member whose tour of duty in theatre expires at a time different from that of the unit relief; or

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(b) a member of unit which is not being relieved as a unit.

(2) Reinforcements. A reinforcement is an officer or soldier nominated to take the place of a member evacuated from the theatre for any reason other than as shown above.

(3) Increases. An increase is an officer or soldier posted to fill a new appointment in the theatre. Procedures for the nomination, preparation, posting and movement of increases are to be the same as for replacements.

(4) Attached Personnel. Attached personnel are visitors and members temporarily attached for periods of duty in Vietnam.

Tour of Duty

1003. The normal tour of duty (unaccompanied) applicable to Vietnam is as shown in the table below:

Serial	Type of Unit	Normal Tour of Duty	Minimum Residual Service	
			ARA	NS
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1	AATTV	12-13 months	12 months	not applica- ble.
2	others	12-13 months	4 months	4 months

Relief Procedures

1004. Annex A lists those units on unit relief and those on individual replacement.

1005. Separate AFV instructions will be issued as required to cover details of unit relief.

1006. Replacements and reinforcements, posted to units due to return to Australia on arrival of the relieving unit, will depart from the theatre in accordance with the AHQ GS instruction which will advise details of the "cut off date" and "cut-off intake" involved. These are defined as:

a. ARA replacements and reinforcements who arrive in the theatre before a certain date, referred to as the "cut-off date", are to return to Australia with their unit. Those arriving later will be

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absorbed into the relieving unit or posted to other units as directed by HQ AFV.

b. NS replacements and reinforcements who were inducted into the army before a certain intake, referred to as the "cut-off intake", are to return to Australia with their unit. Those inducted into the "cut-off intake", or later intakes, are to remain in the theatre and will be either absorbed into the relieving unit or posted to other units as directed by HQ AFV until their tour is completed or until RTA for discharge.

Holding System

1007. Holdings in Australia. Holding pools for replacements and reinforcements have been authorized for various corps. Those corps, not so authorized, hold their replacements and reinforcements in mainland units.

Holdings in Vietnam

1008. a. 1 ARU is authorized to hold 79 reinforcements as follows:
- (1) RAA - 6 (including one subaltern) normally attached to the field regiment;
 - (2) RA Inf - 67 (including three subalterns);
 - (3) RA Inf (SAS) - 4 (normally attached to the SAS squadron);
 - (4) RAAMO - 1; and
 - (5) AMCC - 1.
- b. Det 1 Fwd Del Tp is authorized to hold the following:
- (1) for C Sqn 1 Arm'd Regt - 8; and
 - (2) for A Sqn 3 Cav Regt - 5.

Reinforcement and Replacement System

1009. Details of the system are outlined in Annex B.

Disposal of Personnel Medically Reclassified

1010. When soldiers are medically reclassified as the result of Re-Classification Medical Boards, they will normally return to their units pending an AG Branch decision on disposal.

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1011. The results of reclassification medical boards are promulgated by the ADMS, HQ AFV in the form of an AAF D20, "Notification of Medical Assessment". No action is to be taken on preliminary results which may be advised to units by other medical authorities.

1012. AFV policy is as follows:-

a. Downgraded to PES CZE

- (1) Members in this category will normally be retained in theatre unless return to Australia (ATA) is recommended by the ADMS.
- (2) Members serving in 1 ALSG or HQ AFV areas will normally be retained in their present units.
- (3) Members serving in 1 ATF or AATTV will normally be reposted to 1 ALSG or HQ AFV areas unless representations vide Annex A to the Fulham's Administrative Pamphlet are made for their retention in their present units. Action for reposting will be initiated by Records Det HQ AFV, Saigon, if requests for retention are not received.

b. Downgraded to a PES below CZE. Members in these categories will normally RTA. In some circumstances, personnel with a PES of BE may be retained in 1 ALSG or HQ AFV areas subject to the concurrence of HQ AFV, based on a recommendation by the ADMS.

c. Upgrading of PES. Members whose PESs, as determined by a Re-classification Medical Board, improve, will normally remain with the units to which they are posted at the time they are upgraded, unless they request a transfer.

1013.

Procedures to be observed are as follows:

a. Downgraded to CZE - 1 ATF units only. Units are to:

- (1) Signal to HQ AFV (for Records) advising if reposting is required; or
- (2) forward annex A to Ref A, if retention is required.

b. Downgraded to PES below CZE. Signal to HQ AFV (for Records) the following information:-

- (1) Three preferences for reposting in Australia, together with any particular reasons to support preferences.
- (2) Intentions regarding re-engagement if within 3 months of due date for discharge.

(3) - Efficiency rating expressed as above average, average or below average.

c. Upgrading of PFS. No action will normally be taken unless members or their units request.

1014. HQ AFV will issue instructions to units for the disposal of soldiers.

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Annexes: A. Unit Relief and Individual Replacement.

B. The reinforcement and relief system.

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CHAPTER 3 - MS

SECTION 1 - HONOURS AND AWARDS

General

3001. This subject is covered in some detail in the "Pamphlet on Military Honours and Awards, 1953". It is not proposed to repeat the contents of that pamphlet, but to expand on it to cater for the particular circumstances which affect recommendations for awards to members of AFV.

British Commonwealth Awards

3002. Honours Lists. In view of the eligibility of members of the Force to operational awards, awards in the New Year and Birthday Honours are not normally made to members of AFV in respect of their service in Vietnam.

3003. Intermediate Awards. Three copies of AF-W3121 for intermediate awards should reach HQ AFV preferably not later than fourteen days after the action from which the recommendation arises.

3004. Periodic (Operational) Awards

a. 1 ATF, 1 ALSG, AATTV and HQ Coy, HQ AFV are to submit three copies of AF-W3121 to reach HQ AFV by 15 Jun and 15 Dec for awards for the preceding six months. All recommendations are to be submitted together and are to be given an order of priority, by the commander concerned.

b. COs/OCs of units and independent sub-units are to ensure, before returning to Australia (RTA) that they originate AF-W3121s in respect of deserving members of their command. They are to forward citations to the next superior HQ in AFV as early as possible so that the citations may be checked prior to the CO/OCs RTA. They will be considered when the next list of periodic awards is being compiled.

3005. Awards within the Order of the British Empire. For awards within the Order of the British Empire the following are the accepted gradings:

Colonels	CBE
Lieutenant Colonel	OBE

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Major to Substantive Warrant Officer Class 2

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Temporary Warrant Officer, Class 2 and below

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3006. Preparation of AF-W3121: Instructions on the preparation of AF-W3121 are at Annex A.

3007. Awards for Pilots. Army pilots engaged in flying duties in this theatre are eligible for the award of the DFC in respect of those duties.

Foreign Awards

3008. From time to time members of the Force are recommended for, or are presented with, foreign awards. At present no authority exists for the acceptance and wearing of foreign awards, other than those presented for distinguished service in saving life. However, in certain circumstances, and particularly when the presentation is proposed as part of a public occasion, approval may be given by HQ AFV for a member to "receive" a foreign award. Such approval is in no way to be confused with approval to "accept and wear" the award, which may only be given by the Queen.

3009. Citations or recommendations for foreign awards received direct by individuals or units from a foreign source are to be forwarded to HQ AFV, from where they are sent to AHQ(MS) for recording purposes. Under no circumstances are units to forward citations direct to AHQ or other units, commands etc in Australia. If the citation or recommendation is received initially by HQ AFV, copies will be forwarded by HQ AFV to the unit concerned, as well as to AHQ(MS).

3010. On receipt of a citation or recommendation, irrespective of whether received direct from a foreign source or through HQ AFV, the commanding officer is to decide whether it merits the member being recommended for a British Commonwealth award. If he decides that it does, an AF-W3121 for an award should be prepared for submission to HQ AFV. (The time factor in the passage of foreign citations and recommendations may preclude the submission of a recommendation for an intermediate award). Reference to the foreign citation or recommendation should be included in the covering memo when the AF-W3121 is forwarded to superior headquarters, and in the event of the recommendation being for a Victoria Cross or George Cross, original supporting statements, irrespective of language, should be included from at least three eye witnesses.

COMAFV Commendations

3011. Commanding officers may consider other members of their units are deserving of recognition, falling short of an award under the Crown. In such cases, letters of commendation may be awarded. These will take the form of a personal letter from COMAFV to the member concerned. COs should forward recommendations through normal channels to HQ AFV. Recommendations are to be signed personally by commanding officers and are to be supported by simple

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one paragraph statements outlining the members' commendable performances. Recommendations may be forwarded at any time, however they will normally be actioned in conjunction with Commonwealth Honours and Awards.

Security

3012. All documents and memoranda relating to recommendations for awards, British Commonwealth or foreign and COMAFV Commendations are to be treated as "Secret". The classification "Secret" is not to be typed on the AF-W3121, but is to be included on all covering letters. Transmission is to be by safe hand and the inner envelope is to be marked "To be opened by DAAG only" when it is forwarded to HQ AFV.

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Appendix: A. Preparation of AF-W3121.

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CHAPTER 3

PREPARATION OF AF-W3121

1. Considerable care is necessary in the preparation of AF-W3121. In particular, the following points should be noted.

- a. Each entry in the personal particulars section of the form should commence at the same distance from the margin. It is essential that this information is accurate. See Appendix 1.
- b. Abbreviations are to be used except in the "Citation" portion and the member's posting in which all detail is to be spelt out fully.
- c. The citation should be written in the third person in plain English, in the past tense with correct spelling and punctuation. It should consist of about three or four paragraphs, be factual but not dull, and avoid the use of service or local idiom. The first paragraph should be a brief resume of the soldier's service, the next one or two should cover the actions or conduct to justify the recommendation, and the last should show how these actions or conduct influenced the men under his command, if appropriate, his unit and the Army. Paragraphs are not to be numbered.
- d. If the citation cannot be contained on the front of the citation, it is to be continued on the reverse. The words "Continued on Reverse" are to be typed at the foot of the front page.
- e. When the next of kin is the soldier's wife, the soldier's initials are to be used on the "Next of Kin" line.
- f. Forms are not to be pinned or folded.
- g. Erasures or corrections are not permitted.

2. Failure to comply with the above instructions invariably will result in return of the AF-W3121 for correction and re-submission.

3. Common Faults. The following are common mistakes in the preparation of AF-W3121s:

- a. omissions; for example, regimental number, decoration;
- b. incorrect spelling or other detail, eg, regimental number.
- c. split infinitives;
- d. incorrect rank; for example LCpl is a substantive not a temporary rank;

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- e. no reference to service in the period under review;
- f. abbreviating the individual's first name in the citation;
- g. use of the phrase "in the best traditions of the Australian Regular Army". National servicemen comprise fifty per cent of AFV. The term "Australian Army" is far more applicable.

Appendix: 1. Completed Example of AF-W3121.

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In addition to adjusting the fall of shot, Bombardier Citizen showed presence of mind in giving aid and comfort in a calm and soothing fashion to three wounded members of the platoon who could not be moved to a more sheltered position. While doing this, he was fully exposed to the mortar fire and on two occasions was seen to protect a wounded man with his own body.

Bombardier Citizen, by his immediate retaliatory action prevented more casualties occurring in the platoon. His complete disregard for his own safety and his care for the wounded soldiers displayed a standard of calmness and bravery that reflects great credit upon himself, his Regiment and the Australian Army.

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SECTION 5 - WELFARE

References: A. MBI 127-1.
B. MBI 273-1.

General

2050. The welfare system can provide timely assistance to soldiers and their dependants with domestic or other problems. The system is not meant to provide a substitute for matters which can be resolved by mail or EFM telegram between soldiers and their families; nor is it a ready solution for forwarding personal messages to Australia. The raising of a welfare signal is to be carefully considered. Too many trivial requests will tie up the welfare staffs who are then unable to deal effectively with genuine cases when they arise.

2051. The system adopted is:

a. Welfare Problems Notified to a Command in Australia. The command signals the request or problem to HQ AFV, with information copies to AHQ(C) and the member's unit. The member's unit, on receiving the information copy, is to ascertain the detail or answer required and signal it direct to HQ AFV with an information copy to the intermediate headquarters. Intermediate headquarters and units are not to signal Australia direct with replies. All replies must be considered and forwarded to Australia through HQ AFV. On receipt of the required signal, HQ AFV will signal the information to the requesting command with information copies to AHQ(C), the intermediate HQ and the member's unit. This procedure will ensure speed and accuracy. AHQ(C) will advise all concerned of any decision required.

b. Welfare Problems Raised by members of AFV. When a member raises a problem, the unit is to consider whether the use of the Army system is justified or whether personal letters or telegrams originated by the member concerned would suffice. If use of the military system is warranted, the unit is to raise a welfare signal direct to HQ AFV, with an information copy to the intermediate headquarters. Units and intermediate headquarters are not to signal Australia direct on welfare matters. The unit signal must include a specific request; that is, member requests emergency leave, etc. The welfare problem will be considered by HQ AFV and, if considered

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warranted, a welfare signal will be sent to the appropriate Command Headquarters in Australia, with information copies to AHQ(C), the intermediate Headquarters and the member's unit. When the Command Headquarters has investigated the problem it will signal the reply, together with a recommendation (if applicable), to HQ AFV and AHQ(C), with information copies to intermediate HQ and the member's unit. AHQ(C) will consider the problem, the reply and recommendation and advise all concerned of the decision reached if required.

2052. The value of the system depends largely upon the reaction time of units and Headquarters when problems are raised. AFV units are to reply by Priority signal to HQ AFV within 24 hours of the receipt of the information copy of signal advice from a Command Headquarters in Australia. If an answer is not available within that period, because of operational or other circumstances, an interim advice is to be forwarded providing what information is available and stating when a complete reply can be expected. Intermediate Headquarters must be included as an information addressee.

2053. When a unit initiates a welfare signal which requests investigation of a problem in Australia, the unit is to ensure that sufficient detail of the problem is included so that the investigator has a reasonable background knowledge of the subject before enquiries are started.

2054. The conditions under which emergency leave is granted are covered in detail in Annex D to Section 3 to Chapter 2.

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NOTICES

1.

LIFE ASSURANCE FOR MEMBERS OF THE FORCES

Reference: ARO 55/70 paragraph 2.

1. Members will have observed reports that in life assurance matters they are at a disadvantage by comparison with civilians.

2. Life Assurance policies are written for a definite period and all terms and conditions are set out in the contract when it is effected. There is, therefore, no question of existing policies being re-written without the consent of the policy holder so as to vary the protection afforded by those policies.

3. Members are advised that:

- a. Assurance policies effected prior to their enlistment under ordinary peace-time conditions at normal premium rates should not be affected by their posting to a battle zone or combat area; these policies should, however, be read carefully to find out the exact scope of the cover provided.
- b. Most assurance companies will continue to issue policies to servicemen on the same basis as if they were civilians, provided that they are not under notice of posting to a battle zone or combat area and are not subject to any other form of special or extra risks.
- c. New policies sought by a member after receiving notice of posting to a battle zone or combat area can be expected to include war risk clauses limiting the benefit payable on death due to war unless a substantially higher premium is paid while the member is exposed to war risks.

4. It will be seen, therefore, that if prior to notice of posting to a battle zone or combat area, a member has effected a policy without a war risk clause, higher premiums cannot be called up by the assurance company when the member actually commences to render service which exposes him to war risk. On the other hand, difficulties can be expected by those who choose to delay effecting assurance until after receipt of notice of such a posting.

5. Whilst the matter of life assurance is essentially a matter between the individual member and the assurance company, the foregoing is brought to notice so that those members who might wish to effect life assurance are fully aware of the real advantages of effecting assurance prior to being given notice of posting to a battle zone or combat area.

2.

AHBS - NEW CONTRIBUTION RATES - NOTIFIED IN ARMY NEWSPAPER

1. New AHBS details and rates are contained on page 3 of Army newspaper dated 2 Jul 70.

2. There is a printer's error in the table showing the rates for a military member with one dependant, and column 1 of this table should read:

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MH2
MH3
MH4
MH5

3. The new fortnightly rate is correct as shown.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

LT COL R.A. GREY
COMMANDING OFFICER

7th BATTALION
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

Serial SVN 22

17 JUL 70

Numbers: 258 - 262

- 258. BN HQ DUTY CLERK ROSTER.
- 259. DUTY PROJECTIONIST.
- 260. HOSPITAL VISITING OFFICER.
- 261. DAILY ROUTINE 23 JUL - 1 AUG 70.
- 262. VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN MEDAL.

NOTICES

- 1. GENERAL MES. MEETING.
- 2. STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS - 7 RAR CANTEEN ACCOUNT AS AT 30 JUN 70.

258. BN HQ DUTY CLERK ROSTER

1. The following are to mount duty at 0815 hrs on dates shown:

19 Jul 70 Pte K. Asbury
 20 Jul 70 Cpl G. Parsons
 21 Jul 70 Pte K.G. Moles
 22 Jul 70 Cpl S.P. Barrett
 23 Jul 70 Pte B.W. Cox
 24 Jul 70 Cpl G.J. Nunn
 25 Jul 70 Pte R.A. Cook

259. DUTY PROJECTIONIST

1. The following are to mount duty on dates shown:

20 Jul - 22 Jul 70 Cpl D.A. Duckworth
 23 Jul - 25 Jul 70 Pte I.J. Collins

2. The following are to be under instruction as projectionist on dates shown:

20 Jul 70 Pte R.A. Cook
 21 Jul 70 Cpl G.J. Nunn
 22 Jul 70 Pte K. Asbury
 23 Jul 70 Pte A.J. Thompson
 24 Jul 70 Cpl S.P. Barrett
 25 Jul 70 Pte K. Asbury

260. HOSPITAL VISITING OFFICER

The Hospital Visiting Officer for period

19 Jul - 20 Jul 70 Lt S.L. Kruck
 21 Jul - 25 Jul 70 is Sgt M.K. Hallis

261. DAILY ROUTINE 23 JUL - 1 AUG 70

1.	<u>Normal</u>	<u>Designated Rest Days</u>
Disarm Claymores/Day Routine	First Light	First Light
Reveille/National Flag Raised	0645	0730
Paludrine Parade	0650	0735
Breakfast	0715	0800
Training Commences	0815	
Op Briefing	0900	0900

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Morning Tea	1000 - 1015	1000 - 1015
Wet Canteen Open		1130 - 1230
Lunch	1300 - 1400	1230 - 1300
Company Period	1400 - 1500	
Paludrine Parade	1500	1500
Sport	1500 - 1600 (minimum)	
Wet Canteen Open	1645 - 1730	1645 - 1730
AQ Conference	1700	1700 (not on Sundays)
Evening Meal	1730 - 1830	1730 - 1830
National Flag Lowered	1830	1830
Sleeves Down	1830	1830
Night Routine/Arm Claymores	Last Light minus 15 mins	
Films Commence	1930	1930
Wet Canteens Open	1945	1945
All Canteens/Messes stop Trading	2130	2130
Canteens cleared	2145	2145
All soldiers to be in lines. If film not finished soldiers to return directly to lines on completion.	2200	2200

2. Previously published in 7 RAR Routine Order SVN 246/70.

262. VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN MEDAL

1. The following have qualified for the Vietnamese Campaign Medal, subject to verification by CARO:

335091 Maj N.R. Smethurst 2 Jun 70
4720234 Pte R.B. Whitford 5 Apr 70


(R.A. GREY)
Lt Col
CO

NOTICES

1. GENERAL MESS MEETING - OFFICERS' MESS

1. An officers mess meeting is to be held in the En Conference Room at 1700 hrs on 23 Jul 70.
2. All members are to attend.

2. STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS 7 RAR CANTEEN ACCOUNT As At 30 Jun 70

	\$	c
Receipts for period ending 30 Jun 70	91,260	70
Less Expenditure for period ending 30 Jun 70	78,223	67
Total	13,037	03
Balance as per cash book	13,037	03
Balance as per AMF Trust Account	13,037	03
	13,037	03
	<u>Assets</u>	
Balance as per cash book	13,037	03
Monies owing to canteen	7,313	70
Stock on hand	38,484	20
Trading Float	380	00
Total Assets	59,134	93
	<u>Liabilities</u>	
Due to creditors	21,245	95
Due to 7 RAR sub units	2,859	75
Due to Amenities (loan)	5,000	00
Due to Aust A/C Regt Fund	10,000	00
Total	39,105	70
Assets	59,134	93
Liabilities	39,105	70
Total Assets	\$20,029	23

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263. BN HQ DUTY CLERK ROSTER

1. The following are to mount duty at 0815 hrs on dates shown:

26 Jul 70 Pte K.G. Moles
 27 Jul 70 Pte K. Asbury
 28 Jul 70 Cpl D.A. Duckworth
 29 Jul 70 Pte B.W. Cox
 30 Jul 70 Cpl S.P. Barrett
 31 Jul 70 Pte R.A. Cook
 1 Aug 70 Cpl G.J. Nunn

264. DUTY PROJECTIONIST

1. The following are to mount duty on dates shown:

26 Jul 70 Cpl D.A. Duckworth
 27 Jul 70 Pte R.V. Tippe
 28 Jul 70 Pte F. Dawson
 29 Jul 70 Pte R.A. Cook
 30 Jul 70 Pte K. Asbury
 31 Jul 70 Pte A.J. Thompson
 1 Aug 70 Cpl S.P. Barrett

265. HOSPITAL VISITING OFFICER

The Hospital Visiting Officer for period

26 Jul - 1 Aug 70 is Sgt M.K. Halle.

266. HIGHER DUTIES ALLOWANCE

1. All applications for Higher Duties Allowance are to be submitted to Bn HQ in advance.

267. BOUNDS - BATTALION COMMAND POST

1. The Battalion Command Post is out of bounds to all soldiers with the exception of those on duty.

268. OCS INTAKE - JAN 71

References: A. HQ AFV File No R130/3/12.
 B. ARO 147/69.
 C. MBI 166-2
 D. ARQ 117-R1-26.

General

1. Candidates for the Officer Cadet School, Portsea, may apply for entry at any time prior to the closing date for each entry. Each application should be processed as quickly as possible and forwarded to Bn HQ through normal channels.

Eligibility

2. The requirement for eligibility for entry for members of the PMF are:

- a. Age. Must have reached the age of 19 and be under the age of 23 as of 30 Jun 71.
- b. Marital Status. An applicant should preferably, but not essentially, be unmarried.
- c. Educational Standard.

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

(a) QUEENSLAND. Junior Public Certificate.

(b) NEW SOUTH WALES
and AUSTRALIAN
CAPITAL TERRITORY.

(i) School Certificate at any level

or

(ii) Intermediate Certificate (up to and including 1963).

(c) VICTORIA.

(i) Intermediate Certificate (up to and including 1963)

or

(ii) School Intermediate Examination

or

(iii) Intermediate Technical Certificate.

(d) SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

(i) Intermediate Certificate

or

(ii) Intermediate Technical Certificate.

or

(iii) Area School Intermediate Certificate

(e) WESTERN
AUSTRALIA

(i) Junior Certificate

or

(ii) Three year High School Certificate.

(f) TASMANIA

(i) Secondary Schools
Certificate

or

(ii) Area of Modern Schools
Certificate.

(g) COMMONWEALTH

(i) Army First Class Certificate of Education

or

(ii) Army First Class Certificate (Technical).

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

NOTES: 1. Candidates are advised that it is necessary to obtain a pass in English and three other subjects at the Services General Certificate of Education (SGCE) (or its equivalent) before becoming eligible for promotion from the rank of Second Lieutenant to that of Lieutenant.

2. Candidates who are in doubt as to the acceptability of a craft subject should consult OC AFV Education Section through unit headquarters.

d. Medical Standard. The minimum standard for entry to OCS is:

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CP 2 (OCS candidates may be CP 4 if for appointment to RAAMC or AACC).

or PULHEEMS CP 3

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

Applications

3. Applications for attendance will close at HQ AFV on 1 Sep 70. All applications, documented in accordance with paragraph 4 are to reach HQ AFV by 4 Sep 70.

Documentation

4. Documentation as required by reference B, is as follows:

a. (1) AAF A140 (Apr 69 print)

(2) AAF A140 (Part 2) if applicable (approval of next of kin).

b. Four photographs, (full face), (4 1/4 x 3 1/4) vide MBI 212-6.

c. AAF D20. All applicants are to be given medical boards as soon as possible, and results are to be forwarded to ADMS, HQ AFV.

269. PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST INSECT-BORNE DISEASES

1. As a result of an increased incidence of mosquito-borne encephalitis the following orders are to take effect immediately and will remain in force until 31 Aug 70:

a. Suppressive Drugs (Anti-Malaria Only)

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

(2) An officer or senior NCO is personally to 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 preceeding 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

(1) Shirts with sleeves rolled down and long trousers are to be worn and feet and ankles covered at all hours of the day except:

(a) Shorts may be worn when actually participating in approved daylight sport.

(b) Shirts may be removed if ordered by an NCO or officer when troops are actually working out of doors and not in shade.

(c) When moving directly to and from the showers.

(d) When under a mosquito net.

(e) Shirt sleeves may be rolled up from 0630 to 1830 daily.

c. Showering

Showering is not permitted between 1830 hours and 0630 hours except in mosquito-proofed ablutions, which are to be sprayed daily.

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 inspected regularly

e. Insect Repellent

All ranks are to carry a bottle of insect repellent between 1830 and 0630 hours and are to apply it to exposed skin every 3 hours except when under a mosquito net.

f. Aerosol Sprays

When available insect sprays should be used daily, particularly in the evening, to kill insects in living quarters.

g. The notice issued on 25 Jul 70 is to be permanently displayed on unit notice boards.

2. a. 7 RAR Routine Orders SVN 241/70 is cancelled.

b. 7 RAR Standing Orders for NUI DAT Base No 11 is held in abeyance until further notice.

270. MOSQUITO BREEDING AREAS

1. A survey of 1 ATF Base has revealed the following common mosquito breeding areas in unit areas:

a. Drinking vessels, buckets, field mattress covers and brass shell cases left outside tents.

b. Ground puddles.

c. Pot holes in concrete foundations.

d. Rubber collection dishes.

e. Sawyer stoves.

f. Tent flaps rolled upwards and outwards.

g. Disused grease traps and sullage systems such as 44 gallon drums in the ground.

h. Roof gutters

i. Discarded drink cans.

j. Tops of ammunition containers used as posts.

k. Bailing tins left beside grease traps.

2. Sub Unit Officers are constantly to watch out for the above, or similar, potential mosquito breeding grounds and are to have them removed.

R.A. Grey
Capt

(R.A. GREY)
Lt Col
CO

NOTICES

1.

AUSTRALIAN FORCES RADIO VIETNAM
BROADCASTING PROGRAMMES AS AT 11 JUN 70

(Phone VT 6230)

Notes:

1. This Programme supersedes previous programmes.
2. Times given are local. Frequency 1040 KHZ. Power 500 Watts.
3. All news bulletins are relayed from Radio Australia.
4. Programmes may have to be changed without notice, but where possible changes will be announced on air.

PROGRAMMES MONDAY TO FRIDAY

0645	News
0655	Music
0700	Forces News
0715	Breakfast Show
0815	News and Australian News
0830	Music
0930	News
0940	Music
1000	Close
1200	News
1210	Music
1215	Forces News (reply of 0700 ABC Programme)
1230	Music
1300	News and Australian News
1315	Music
1400	News
1410	Close
1600	Stock Exchange Report
1615	Music
1630	Sporting Highlights
1700	News
1715	Music
1800	News
1810	National Top 40
1900	News

1910 Sports Roundup - Denny Hains - Fri & Mon
 1920 1040 Sounds
 2000 Feature Spot (Hospital Requests on Thursday night - Comedy
 half hour on Tuesday night)

2030 1040 Sounds

2230 Close

PROGRAMMES SATURDAY

0645 News (ABC World News)

0655 Music (from AFR)

0700 Forces News (Aust & N.Z.)

0715 Breakfast Show (from AFR)

0815 News and Australian News (ABC World News)

0830 Close

1000 Saturday Sport from Radio Australia

1530 Close

1730 Music

1800 News

1810 Music

1830 Comedy Spot

1900 News

1910 Sports Roundup - Denny Hains

1920 Dial a Disc Request Show

2230 Close

PROGRAMMES SUNDAY

0800 1040 Sunday Show

0815 News and Australian News

0830 1040 Sunday Show

0930 News

0945 Churches of Australia

1000 Country & Western Hour

1100 1040 Sunday Show

1110 1040 Sunday Show

1300 News and Australian News

1315 Dial a disc Request Show
 1600 Close
 1800 News
 1810 Nice and Easy
 1900 News
 1910 Sports Roundup - Denny Hains
 1920 Nice and Easy
 2200 Close

**** STATION AND STUDIO PHONE NUMBER : VT 6230 ****

2.

DISCOUNT FOR PURCHASE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

CHRYSLER VIETNAM VETERANS' PROGRAMME

1. The Returned Services League of Australia have arranged with Chrysler Australia Ltd to provide a substantial discount of 10% per cent to all Servicemen who have served in Vietnam and who purchase any new Chrysler passenger type vehicle within three months of their return to Australia. The discount applies irrespective of whether the vehicle is purchased for cash or on hire purchase.
2. The offer remains open for three months after a serviceman's (or ex-serviceman's) return to Australia from Vietnam. In the case of other servicemen and ex-servicemen in Australia who have served previously in Vietnam they have until 30 Sep 70 to avail themselves of the offer. Although the RSL sponsored the scheme RSL membership is not a pre-requisite.
3. Servicemen interested are advised to write to "Fleet and Lease Manager, Chrysler Australia Ltd, Box 1320F, GPO, Adelaide, South Australia, 5001". Servicemen should include their regimental particulars, unit address and their home address in Australia. Chrysler will arrange for the dealer closest to the serviceman's home address to contact the serviceman concerned and advise him further details.

3.

ENCEPHALITIS

Description

1. Encephalitis is a viral infection of the brain. Its symptoms are a fever accompanied by a severe headache and a stiff neck. The symptoms lead rapidly to a deterioration in brain function.

Japanese B Encephalitis

1. The type of encephalitis causing concern in Vietnam is Japanese B. It is transmitted from animals and migrating birds to man by mosquitoes.

3. The disease appears in Vietnam in June, rises to a peak in July and decreases in August. It is estimated that for every one clinical case there may be upwards of 600 people infected but who do not develop the disease.

Incidence in 1 ATF

4. From 1 Jun to 13 Jul there were five definite and one suspected cases of encephalitis in 1 ATF. Comparative figures are not available for previous years but it is believed that 1 ATF has a high incidence in relation to other formations in Vietnam.

Prevention

5. Since no suppressive or preventive tablet or injection is available the best defence is to avoid mosquito bites.

6. The following measures are to be observed from 1 Jul to 31 Aug:

a. Dress. Shirts and long trousers are to be worn and feet and ankles covered at all hours of the day except:

(1) Shorts may be worn when actually participating in approved daylight sport.

(2) Shirts may be removed if ordered by an NCO or officer when troops are actually working out of doors and not in shade.

(3) When moving directly to and from showers.

(4) When under a mosquito net.

(5) Shirt sleeves may be rolled up from 0630 to 1830 hours daily.

b. Insect Repellent. All ranks are to carry a bottle of insect repellent between 1830 and 0630 hours and are to apply it to exposed skin every 3 hours except when under a mosquito net.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

LT COL R.A. GREY
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

Serial SVN 20

3 Jul 70

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- 1. AMENDMENT TO 7 BAR ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 SVN 234/70

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GENERAL MESS MEETING - SERGEANT'S MESS

LOST MAIL

SCOTCH COLLEGIANS (MELBOURNE)

235. BN HQ DUTY CLERK ROSTER

1. The following are to mount duty at 0845 hrs on dates shown:

5 Jul 70	Pte	B.W. Cox
6 Jul 70	Cpl	G.J. Nunn
7 Jul 70	Pte	K.G. Moles
8 Jul 70	Cpl	S.P. Barrett
9 Jul 70	Pte	B.A. Cook
10 Jul 70	Pte	B.W. Cox
11 Jul 70	Pte	R.A. Cook

236. DUTY PROJECTIONIST

1. The following are to mount duty on dates shown:

6 Jul - 9 Jul 70	Cpl D.A. Duckworth
10 Jul - 12 Jul 70	Pte I.J. Collins

237. HOSPITAL VISITING OFFICER

1. The Hospital Visiting Officer for period 5 Jul - 11 Jul 70 is Sgt M.K. Halls.

238. TERMINOLOGY - REPLACEMENT OF THE TERM "START LINE" BY "LINE OF DEPARTURE"

1. With effect from 1 Jul 70, the term "Start Line" is to be replaced by "Line of Departure". The change is necessary to achieve standardisation with SEATO and NATO.
2. "Line of Departure" (abbreviation LD) is defined as follows:
 1. A line designated to co-ordinate the departure of attack or scouting elements; a jump-off line.
 2. A suitability marked offshore co-ordinating line to assist assault craft to land on designated beaches at scheduled times.
3. Amendments to training publications, reflecting this change, will be issued in due course.

239. DISCIPLINE - R AND C

1. The following are not to proceed on R and C during the next allocation of R and C for 7 RAR:

a. A Coy.

2/92296	Pte P.E. Chesire
2793003	Pte S.C. Robertson
3411887	Cpl G. Turra

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b. B Coy.

4410621 Opl D.W. Cruse
3797086 Pte A. Lloyd
2793394 Pte J. Good

c. C Coy.

218369 Pte G.I. Caldwell

d. D Coy.

3794572 Pte D.A. Grey

240. TREATMENT OF WATER

1. All field water is to be treated as follows:
 - a. Australian water sterilisation kits are to be used in preference to US iodine tablets.
 - b. All water is to be treated with four crushed white tablets per bottle. Thirty minutes is to elapse, after treatment, before consumption of water.
 - c. If detasting tablets are used bottles must be emptied and rinsed before refilling as the detasters, if not completely removed, will neutralize subsequent white tablets.
2. 7 RAR Routine Order SVN 227/70 is cancelled.

241. MALARIA

1. The following action is to be taken to prevent malaria:
 - 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 preceeding return to Australia, a special course of anti-malarial drugs is required. Details are contained in 7 RAR Routine Order SVN 105/70. A record of this course is to be included in march-out documentation.

- b. Clothing. Shorts may be worn within 7 RAR base areas 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 areas. (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.
2. Any soldier of 7 RAR who has failed to observe the above precautions and contracts malaria is liable to be charged.
 3. 7 RAR Routine Order SVN 104/70 is cancelled.
 4. Amend heading 7 RAR Routine Order SVN 105/70 to read "ANTI MALARIAL PRECAUTION - SOLDIERS DUE TO RTA".

242.

PREVENTION OF HEAT ILLNESSES

Reference: A. Training Information Letter 2/70 of Mar 70.
B. HQ AFV File No 512/1/4.

1. General. Heat illnesses likely to affect members serving in Vietnam include heat cramps, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, sunburn and prickly heat. The comments which follow relate to the more serious illnesses, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke.
2. Conditions Which Can Lead to Heat Illness. The general physical condition of individual members has considerable bearing on their ability to resist heat illnesses. This ability to resist can be reduced significantly by:
 - a. Acute and chronic illness (eg., diarrhoea) including the convalescent state.
 - b. Any fever.
 - c. Reaction to immunisations.

- d. Prickly heat and sunburn, where the individuals' ability to sweat is affected.
- e. Use of alcohol.
 - (1) Over indulgence in the 24 - 48 hours before commencing activity in the heat.
 - (2) Chronic heavy drinking.
- f. Dehydration.
- g. Lack of sleep, fatigue.
- h. Lack of food.
- i. Obesity.
- j. General lack of physical fitness.
- k. Previous heat illness, especially heat stroke.
- l. Improper or non-acclimatization.

Early Symptoms and First Aid Treatment of Heat Illness

3. Heat Cramps. These are painful cramps of the muscles of legs and abdomen that occur during or after sustained exertion. These cramps may be the warning signs of insufficient salt intake.

Treatment. The safest and best way to take extra salt is to increase the amount taken with food. Soldiers who consume more than 12 pints (ie., 8 water bottles) of water per day may need extra salt. In an emergency, salt tablets may be used, however, they are to be crushed and added to drinking water. When one issue salt tablet is crushed and added to the standard plastic water bottle (32 imperial ounces) a safe and palatable salt solution is produced for the treatment of heat cramps due to insufficient salt.

Warning. Under no circumstances are salt tablets to be taken whole for the treatment of heat cramps.

4. Heat Exhaustion. This condition commonly occurs in soldiers who are unfit and not acclimatized and who are required to work hard in the heat. Early signs and symptoms of this condition include:

- a. General unwell and frequently drawn and haggard appearance. In more severe cases the face has a purple tint except for the skin around the lips which may be pale.

- b. Profuse sweating.
- c. Skin is warm, moist and dark pink in colour.
- d. The soldier may complain of weakness, being unwell, with a headache and a tingling sensation in the hands and feet.
- e. Body temperature may be only slightly raised (1 - 2 deg F).

Treatment. First aid treatment of heat exhaustion consists of moving the member to a cool area, removing most of the clothing and giving small amounts of water. If patients so treated still suffer from cramps they should be given a salt solution as described in paragraph 3. Unless the patient recovers quickly he should be evacuated from the field.

5. Heat Stroke. This is a very serious medical condition with a high death rate. Members considered to be developing heat stroke should be evacuated from the field as rapidly as possible. The early signs and symptoms of heat stroke include:

- a. Headache, dizziness, mental confusion, weakness and nausea. The first sign may be a sudden, dramatic collapse.
- b. Skin is hot, dry and of ruddy colour.
- c. Reduction in or absence of sweating.
- d. Body temperature is very high (102-109F).

Treatment. First aid treatment of heat stroke consists of lowering the body temperature as rapidly as possible by any means available, i.e., remove clothing, immerse in water, sprinkle with water and fan the body. Limbs and trunk should be rubbed briskly and the member evacuated as soon as possible. If a patient is conscious, frequent sips of cool water are beneficial.

243.

AUST FORCE RADIO REQUEST PROGRAMME

1. Verbal and telephone requests are not to be made to AFV radio.
2. A system for written requests is being arranged and sub units will be advised shortly.

244.

MONEY ALLOCATED TO COMPANYS FROM REGIMENTAL FUNDS

1. The PRI sergeant is to keep a detailed record of money available to companies.
2. Companies are responsible to maintain books of account to record receipts and expenditure of such money. These books will be subject to periodical spot check.

7.

NEW AHBS CONTRIBUTION RATES

Reference: A. HQ AFV File No R441/2/1.

1. The medical benefits plan recently introduced by the Commonwealth Government provides for substantially increased Commonwealth and Society benefits. The new benefits become payable for services rendered on and from 1 Jul 70. In essence, if a member consults a medical practitioner who charges the "most common fee" the amount the member will be required to pay is limited as follows:

a. Surgery consultation - \$A0.80¢.

b. Home consultation - \$A1.20¢

c. For all other medical services - up to \$A5.00¢

2. Where the "most common fee" is not charged the member has to bear the additional cost.

3. Membership of more than one benefits fund is not allowed under the Commonwealth Medical Benefits Plan.

4. To finance the increased benefits, it is necessary for AHBS to increase the combined medical/hospital benefits contribution rate for all tables, except table "A", by fifteen cents a week for the family rate and eight cents a week for the single rate on and from 3 Jul 70.

5. The existing table "A" will cease to operate from 1 Jul 70. Members who belong to this table will be automatically transferred to table "MH1" unless they elect not to remain members of AHBS.

6. New members to AHBS will require to observe the waiting period of two months for all services except obstetric cases where a nine months waiting period applies. In the case of accidents there is no waiting period.

7. Arrangements are being made to increase automatically, deductions from members' pay each fortnight to cover the increased fortnightly charges.

8. Should any member wish to discontinue AHBS membership, he should immediately notify the Secretary, AHBS Melbourne. The Secretary will then ensure that the allotment is cancelled by APAC and will forward, on request, a transfer certificate to the member to enable him to join another health benefits fund, without the imposition of a waiting period.

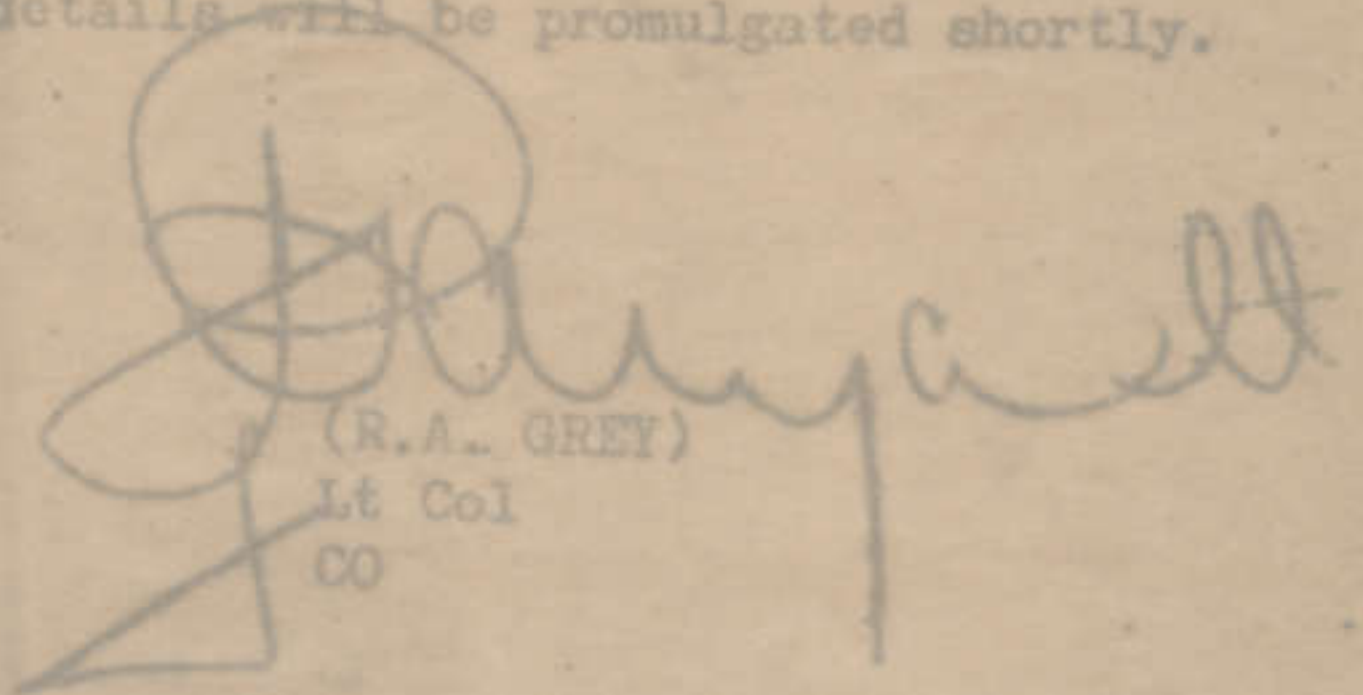
9. New contribution rates are:

a. For military members with more than one dependant: MH1, \$A1.54¢, MH2, \$A1.92¢; MH3, \$A2.26¢, MH4, \$A2.60¢; MH5, \$A2.92¢.

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b. For military members with one dependant only: MH1, \$A0.86c; MH2, \$A1.04c; MH3, \$A1.26c; MH4, \$A1.42c; MH5, \$A1.60c.

10. A notice to AROs giving full details will be promulgated shortly.


(R.A. GREY)
Lt Col
CO

AMENDMENT

1. AMENDMENT TO 7 RAR ROUTINE ORDER PART 1 SVN 234/70

1. Extra Regimental Appointments:

a. Regimental Audit Board.

Member: delete Capt D.M. Napier. Insert: Capt J. Sykes.

b. Sergeants' Mess.

Deputy President. Delete WO2 A.B. Keech. Insert Base CSM.

NOTICES

1. GENERAL MESS MEETING - SERGEANTS' MESS

1. A general mess meeting is to be held in the Sergeants' Mess at 1830 hrs 23 Jul 70.

2. All members are to attend.

2. LOST MAIL

1. A folder containing two personal photographs has been received at AFPO 4. The folder was received from 1 ALSG, apparently after no owner was found there.

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2. The photographs are approximately 6 5/8 inches long by 8 3/4 inches. One is black and white, shows a woman and is autographed with the name Sharron.

3. The other is in colour showing same woman with a girl aged approximately 2 - 4 years and a baby.

4. The folder may be claimed from SCQ 1 ATF.

3. OLD SCOTCH COLLEGIAN'S (MELBOURNE)

Reference: A. HQ AFV File No H237-1-24.

1. Scotch College (Melbourne) is compiling a roll of old boys who are serving with Australian Force Vietnam. In order to assist the college, it is requested that sub units submit to Chief Clerk, either in writing or by telephone, the following details of any Old Scotch Collegians in their units.

- a. Number.
- b. Rank.
- c. Surname.
- d. Christian Name.
- e. Unit.
- f. Period at the College.
- g. Date of RTA.

57/5/3

7th Battalion
Royal Australian Regiment
AF AN PHU

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Jul 70

Distribution: List C

MINUTES REGIMENTAL FUNDS/PX COMMITTEE MEETING No. 33
HELD AT AF AN PHU LV 22 JUL 70

Present:	Maj N.R. SMETHUR T	President
	Maj R.A. O'BRIEN	President Unit Audit Board
	Sgt W.F. KENNEY	Sec/Treas
	WO1 R.A. BANDY	Member
	WO2 D.S. WHITE	Member
	Pte J.R. CLARKE	A Coy
	LCpl R.A. LAMONT	B Coy
	Cpl B.K. MORRISSETT	C Coy
	LCpl R.G. MERRITT	D Coy
	Cpl D.L. WILLIS	Admin Coy

Action By

Meeting declared open at 1340 hours.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read.

Moved by Cpl Merritt

That the Minutes of the previous Meeting be accepted.

Seconded by WO2 White

Carried

ITEM 1 - EXPENDITURE REGIMENTAL FUNDS AUSTRALIAN ACCOUNT

Moved by Cpl Morrisett

That the following items be purchased and paid for:-

1. Shooting trophies presented to A Coy 38.81
2. \$90.00 to the Receiver of Public Monies for a telephone lost by A Coy (\$90.00 paid to Regimental Funds by Sp Coy) at Holmerby. 90.00
3. Cleaning material used to clean Finchaffin Lines 10.35
4. A cheque for \$3,600 be sent to the Surfers Paradise Wounded Soldiers Scheme. Contra entry from money collected within unit and lodged with Regimental Funds for transmission. 3600.00

Action By

- A film of the Bn farewell at Garden Island 8.57
6. \$30 be subscribed to Regimental Colonels Fund 30.00

PRI SGT

Seconded by WO1 BandyCarriedITEM 2 - EXPENDITURE SVN ACCOUNT (PX)Moved by Cpl Willis

That the following action be taken:-

1. \$5,000 loan from Amenities be repaid.
2. \$1,460 collected by donation be set aside to offset production costs of the Bn History Book.
3. To offset trading reductions resulting from members being attached to sub units that the following allocation be made to coincide with R & C periods:-

Officers Mess	\$150.00
Sergeants Mess	\$150.00

This allocation to date from and including May 70 be credited to mess funds.

4. To coincide with R & C periods grant to be made to sub units as follows:-

Rifle Coys	\$50.00
Sp Coy	\$60.00
Bn HQ	\$20.00

Such grants to be backdated to inclusive May 70 and to be credited to canteen account.

ITEM 3 - PRICE OF SOFT DRINKSMoved by Pte Clarke

That with effect 3 Aug 70 the price of soft drinks be reduced to 10 cents.

Seconded by WO2 WhiteCarried

PRI SGT

ITEM 4 - EVERYMANS GRANT

Action
By

Moved by Cpl Willis

That \$50.00 per month be granted to the "Everyman" Representative.

Seconded by Cpl Morrisett

Carried

PRI SGT

ITEM 5 - WREATHS

Moved by WO1 Bandy

That additional wreaths sent for deceased soldiers be paid for.

Seconded by Pte Clarke

Carried

PRI SGT

ITEM 6 - INSURANCE

Moved by WO2 White

That personal belongings of soldiers KIA or medevac^c be insured prior to consignment by the CM.

Seconded by Cpl Willis

Carried

PRI SGT

ITEM 7 - UNIT FLAG

Moved by Pte Clarke

That an additional unit flag be purchased.

Seconded by WO2 White

Carried

PRI SGT

ITEM 8 - ADDING MACHINE

Moved by LCpl Lamont

That the Sec/Treas be authorised to spend up to \$200.00 on the purchase of an adding machine.

Seconded by Cpl Merrit

Carried

PRI SGT

There being no further business the meeting closed
at 1430 hrs.

..... Sgt
Sec/Treas

..... Maj
President

Comments

APPROVED/~~NOT~~ APPROVED

28 Jul 70

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(S.A. GREY)
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