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Narrative, Annexes

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PART 1

COVERING LETTER

Reference No.....

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

1. I enclose Commanders Diary (AF C 2118) (Adapted) as indicated at Part 2.

2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature) ..... Lt

Appointment Int Offr
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation Seventh Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment

From 1 Feb 71 **To** 25 Feb 71.

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PART 3

COMMANDERS DIARIES
INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

1. The aim of a Commanders Diary is to provide data on which to base future improvements in Army training, equipment, organization and administration, and to furnish historians with a record of the activities of units and formations in operational and non-operational periods in peace and in war.

GENERAL

2. *Entries are to be made daily* on AF C 2118 (Adapted) each entry being initialled by the officer detailed to keep it.

3. Commanders Diaries will conform with the rules for drafting orders given in "Staff Duties (Australia)" Chapter 2, Section 12.

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

4. A Commanders Diary is to be compiled by commanders of all formations.

During Operational Periods (1)

5. A Commanders Diary is to be compiled in duplicate by:
   - **a.** Commanders of all formations.
   - **b.** Each branch of the staff at formation headquarters commanded by a brigadier or above.
   - **c.** Heads of services not below the rank of lieutenant colonel.
   - **d.** Personal staffs and officers holding special appointments.
   - **e.** Unit commanders.
   - **f.** Commanders of a detachment of a unit when so ordered.

COMPILATION

6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:
   - **a.** Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
   - **b.** Index as printed on cover.
   - **c.** Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
   - **d.** Annexes as shown in the Index.

7. All details of the unit or formation (if a detachment is concerned, the name of the parent unit), period covered and enclosure numbers of the annexes are to be shown on the cover. If there has been a change of command since the last report, the date of assumption by the new commanding officer is to be included.

8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no enclosures for an annex NIL will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, the relevant papers should be grouped as annexes starting at B.

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13. **Original Commander's Diary.** This is to be foorwarded monthly, unless otherwise ordered, by the seventh day of the succeeding month direct to AHQ.

14. **Duplicate Commander's Diary.** This must be clearly marked as a duplicate. It is to be sent separately from the original to AHQ one month after the original has been despatched but not before the former has been acknowledged.

15. When overseas, both copies of diaries are to be sent through the Army Records organization in the overseas theatre but at different times.

16. **TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.**

a. The documents referred to in Paragraph 9 together with a list of them made out on AF C 2118 (Adapted) must be placed in separate cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted). All details must be filled in and the cover clearly marked in red: "ANNEX Z — OFFICER ONLY". It may be convenient to group the papers by appendices.

b. Supplementary diaries must be forwarded under the normal rules for TOP SECRET correspondence, to AHQ. The inner enevelope must be plainly marked:

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UNIT ~~FORMATION~~ 7 RAR

MONTH and YEAR FEBRUARY 1971 REFERENCE MAP VIETNAM 1:50,000 COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col R.A. GREY

Serial	Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or Information	Reference to annex letter and/or enclosure No.
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1.	AO NAOMI	1 Feb	0001	OPERATION CUNG CHUNG III, Phase 4 finished. The new operation, OPERATION PHOI HOP, then commenced in AO KIM. The mission remained (ie to destroy the enemy in the AO allotted to the Bn) and, but for a change to the depth operations in the larger AO (AOKIM), there were no significant changes to dispositions or tasks.	C1
2.	YS 647 607	1 Feb	1650	MINE INCIDENT. Whilst occupying an ambush position a member of the patrol manning an machine gun post rolled over onto an M16 mine. The mine had been in position for apparently a very long time. (Refer to two previous mine incidents of 7 RAR in this area on this tour). The five wounded were: 2793971 Pte P.A. RYAN (Frag wounds to back and scalp); 3797623 Pte A. TALBOT (Mult frag wounds to body when enemy mine detonated); 2133038 Lcpl N.J. GODBOLD (Mult frag wounds to both legs and trunk, amputation right leg through knee joint, contused bowel, amputation converted to above knee amputation 9 Feb 71); 214815 Sgt R.E. WILLIAMS (Mult frag wounds both legs, chest, left	

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				arm - 1 Aust Fd); 2141115 Pte R.B. PATTEN (Mult frag wounds body, head, limbs, amputation left leg below knee, amputation right leg below knee, severe injury to left eye, partial lobectomy left lung, removal foreign bodies right corner, reveived when en mine detonated. Cardiac Arrest.) Subsequently Pte A. TALBOT and Pte R.B. PATTEN died of wounds.	
3.	AO KIM	2 Feb		Elements of the Bn (and the Bn Group) were redeployed. A Coy was extracted from its TAN RU AO to BRIGID. Sp and C Coys were transported to NUI DAT (from BRIGID and the HORSESHOE respectively) to commence the four days rebuild programme of their coy areas in preparation for hand over to 3 RAR. D Coy was backloaded from NUI DAT to the HORSESHOE having finished its rebuild programme. Tp HQ and 2 Sect A Sqn 3 Cav Regt plus 2 Pl A Coy was deployed to the north of THUA TICH area (YS 6283) centre of mass), to search literally hundreds of fresh diggings. The holes appeared to have been dug for yams and roots. Accompanying pits and man size holes were apparently dug for protection in case of harassing bombardment	

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				from artillery or air strikes. The tree branch camouflage was apparently for hiding in the event of any aircraft search. The area appeared to have been used by illegal residents rather than an enemy force. The APC's and 2 Pl returned on 3 Feb, after a quick search revealed nothing more than 2 old digging implements.	
4.	NUI DAT	3 Feb		7 RAR Administration Instruction - Liquor control for RTA.	H1
5.		3 Feb		A section of APC's from 3 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Pl A Coy deployed on a 4 day "search and presence" task in the area bounded by Route 23, Route 328, the coast and about the 75 Easting.	
6.		3 Feb		1 Tp A Sqn departed for R in C. APC support for 7 RAR was taken over by APC's from 3 Tp A Sqn.	
7.	NUI DAT	4 Feb		7 RAR After Action Report - OPERATION CUNG CHUNG III, Phases 3 and 4 issued.	M1

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8.	NUI DAT	4 Feb		7 RAR Administration Instruction - 3 RAR Advance Party.	H2
9.		4 Feb		The Assistant Military Attache to the British Embassy in SAIGON, Major DENYER visited 7 RAR. His visit included the bases at NUI DAT, the HORSESHOE and BRIGID (where he spent the night 4/5 Feb with Maj C.F. THOMSON an ex-British Officer - OC A Coy).	
10.	NUI DAT	6 Feb		7 RAR Routine Orders Part 1, Serial SVN 6, issued.	N1
11.		6 Feb		The APC's and 1 Pl A Coy extracted back to BRIGID (Serial 5).	
12.		6 Feb		1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt returned from R in C.	
13.	NUI DAT ("KANGA" PAD)	7 Feb		C Coy was helilifted into an LZ in the vicinity of "BAU HAM" (YS 6784), before driving north on a short operation.	
14.		7 Feb		The Mor Pl was deployed with APC's into the same area occupied by the	

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				APC's and 1 Pl A Coy (Serial 5). Their task was to carry out harrassing and interdiction tasks from three or four "mini-mobile fire bases".	
15.	NUI DAT	7 Feb		7 RAR Administration Instruction - clothing for RTA.	H3.
16.		8 Feb		B Coy was extracted (from an PZ just west of FSB LYNX) back to the HORSESHOE. D Coy was inserted into the PZ (on each sortie backload) to commence a drive north from the PZ along the province border.	
17.		8 Feb		Sp Coy (-) was inserted into the THUA TICH area Recce Pl was inserted separately into the area just North of XUYEN MOC Village. With them was the HOI CHANH from C4/D445 who was to guide the platoon along the tracks, and into the bunkers en route to the MAY TAO/NUI BE base areas. The APC's that inserted Sp Coy then continued into the area North of THUA TICH. With the APC's was half of 2 Pl A Coy as a protection element.	
18.	NUI DAT	8 Feb		7 RAR Administration Instruction - Second Advance Party.	H3

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19.		8Feb		The tank troop in support of 7 RAR, 4 Troop C Sqn 1 Armd Regt was "loaned" to 302 RF Battalion to fire into known cave areas in the LONG HAI Mountains.	
20.	YS 604 874	9 Feb		Contact: Aslt Pnr Pl Sp Coy contacted one VC who was "DUSTED OFF" as a PW. Subsequently he died of wounds before any information could be gained. CIA were 2 packs and an AK47.	
21.	NUI DAT	9 Feb		7 RAR Administration Instruction - Army Education Courses.	H4
22.	NUI DAT	10 Feb		7 RAR Administration Instruction - Personnel Marching Out.	H5
23		10 Feb		1 Pl A Coy was inserted into the NEW DISCOVERY area to conduct a "search and presence" patrol in the SONG RAI/NEW DISCOVERY area.	
24.	NUI DAT	11 Feb		7 RAR Administration Instruction - End of tour Programme.	H6

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25.	YS 524 563	11 FEB	0901	A patrol from CHQ A Coy with 3 Sect 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt captured 3 VC who were surprized in a hide. They were later identified as the commander and Second in Command and a soldier of the HOI MY Village Guerilla Unit.	
26.		12 Feb		Except for half of 2 Pl A Coy and 4 Troop C Sqn 1 Armd Regt the NDP BRIGID was vacated. 3 Pl A Coy and the CHQ moved to the HORSESHOE. This move was in anticipation of further extensions to Territorial Forces AO's.	
27.	NUI DAT	12 Feb		7 RAR Adminstration Instruction - Reception of 3 RAR.	H7
28.	NUI DAT	12 Feb		7 RAR Administration Instruction - RTA 7 RAR.	H8
29.	NUI DAT	12 Feb		7 RAR Administration Instruction - 3/69 NS Intake.	H9
30.		13 Feb		5 Pl B Coy was inserted into the BAU HAM area to relieve Recce Pl, "Fred" the HOI CHANH - remained with 5 Pl whilst Recce Pl was reinserted to join the remainder of Sp Coy.	

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31.	NUI DAT	14 Feb		7 RAR Routine Orders Part 1 Serial SVN 7.	N2
32.	NUI DAT	17 Feb		7 RAR Administration Instruction - Tasmanian Concert Party.	H10.
33.		17 Feb		B Coy inserted in the area East of XUYEN MOC.	
34.		19 Feb		Sp Coy was extracted by helicopters to NUI DAT and then transported in TCV's to the HORSESHOE.	
35.	YS 772 668	19 Feb	1420	B Coy was just completing an RV when they contacted a small group of enemy resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). No identification of their unit was possible. This proved to be the last contact with the enemy by the Battalion on this tour of duty.	
36.	NUI DAT	20 Feb		The 7 RAR Sergeant's Mess held its' last function. All Senior NCO's of the Battalion together with senior NCO's of the units comprising the battalion group attended.	

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37.		21 Feb		C and D Coys were extracted from the field to NUI DAT.	
38.		21 Feb		B Coy was extracted direct to the HORSESHOE.	
39.	NUI DAT	21 Feb		The 7 RAR Officer's Mess had its last Mess function in country with a formal dining in night. BRIG W.G. HENDERSON OBE the 1 ATF Commander was the only official guest.	
40.	NUI DAT	21 Feb		7 RAR Administration Instruction - Embarkation on HMAS SYDNEY 0 25 Feb 71.	H11
41.	NUI DAT	21 Feb		7 RAR Administration Instruction - Leave in Perth.	H12
42.	NUI DAT	22 Feb		7 RAR Routine Orders Part 1 - Serial SVN 7.	N3
43.		23 Feb		A, B and Sp Coys were extracted from the HORSESHOE to NUI DAT by APC's and TCV's.	

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44.	[illegible] Feb	22 Feb	0800	7 RAR was relieved of all operational responsibilities by 3 RAR.	
45.	NUI DAT	22 Feb	1500	Tasmanian Concert Party Performance.	
46.	NUI DAT	23 Feb		The 7 RAR After Action Report - OPERATION PHOI HOP - published .	M2
47.	NUI DAT	24 Feb		Memorial Church Service and Farewell Parade was conducted. The reviewing Officer was the Commander 1 ATF - BRIG W.G. HENDERSON OBE.	
48.	NUI DAT	25 Feb		The Battalion less the Second Advance Party and the Rear Party embarked on its voyage home to Australia.	

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OpO 1/71 (OP PHOI HOP)

Ref : A. L7014 SVN, Sheet 6430 - I CAM MY, Edition 2, 1:50,000.
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Time zone used throughout the order : HOTEL

1. Situation.

a. En Forces. No change from 1 ATF INTSUMS.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 3rd Bde 1 (US) Cav Div (AM) commenced an op in area NUI BE, centre of mass YS 8591, on 28 Jan 71. Duration of op approx three weeks.

(2) Bn 2/25 Bde (US) commenced an op directed against BA LONG Rear Services Wksp area, centre of mass YS 7386, on 31 Jan 71.

(3) 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) assumed responsibility for AO LISA on 311200H Jan 71. Continues to secure NDP GARTH, interdict approaches to HOA LONG and interdict courier routes through the VIET CUONG and COURTENAY Rubber Plantation.

(4) LCT/MCT op to clear verges of Route 23 commences 7 Feb 71.

c. Atts and Dets.

(1)	Remaining under op con	4 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt 1 Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt
(2)	Under op con from 300600H Jan 71.	One ACV, A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
(3)	Remain in DS	One H13 ac 161 (Indep) Recce Flt
(4)	In DS from 011200H Feb 71	161 (NZ) Fd Bty

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(5) Remain in sp — 2 Tp 1 Fd Sqn
Elms 9 Sqn RAAF as tasked.

2. Mission. To destroy the en in AO KIM.

3. Execution.

a. Gen Outline.

(1) Wef 311200H Jan 71 7 RAR assumed responsibility for AO KIM.

(2) 7 RAR is to develop ops within the AO to:

(a) interdict mov of en from MAY TAO/NUI BE area into PHUOC TUY Province,

(b) interdict en approaches from the east into DAT DO and the villages astride Route 44 between DAT DO and LANG PHUOC HAI.

(3) 7 RAR remains responsible for the HORSESHOE and BRIGID.

(4) 7 RAR responsibility for NDP ISA ceases 011200H Feb 71.

b. A Coy.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Continue to search and ambush in area between NUI DAT 2 and Route 328 along gen line of SUOI LO O NHO until 2 Feb 71.

(b) Assume responsibility for def of NDP BRIGID as from 2 Feb 71 and ptl to interdict approaches to populated areas from the east as dir.

c. B Coy.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Search and ambush in the general area south of FSB LYNX, YS 7582, as dir by CO 7 RAR until 10 Feb 71. Be prep to develop ops to the north centre of mass, YS 7487, when directed.

(b) Return to HORSESHOE on 10 Feb 71 and interdict approaches to DAT DO from NE and east.

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d. C Coy.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Conduct ambushes from the HORSESHOE until 2 Feb 71.

(b) Return to NUI DAT on 2 Feb 71.

(c) Coy (-) to deploy by air to the area of BAU HAM, YS 6784, on 7 Feb 71. After deployment search and ambush within allotted area.

(d) Pl to deploy by air on 7 Feb 71 to area of YS 6672 and follow up en track to north. Pl is not to cross Route 329 without prior approval of CO 7 RAR.

e. D Coy.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Remain NUI DAT until 2 Feb 71.

(b) Deploy by rd to HORSESHOE 2 Feb 71 and conduct ambushes from the HORSESHOE until 10 Feb 71.

(c) Deploy from the HORSESHOE on 10 Feb 71 to gen area of FSB LYNX. Develop search and ambush ops within allotted areas.

f. Sp Coy.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Responsible for def of BRIGID until relieved by A Coy on 2 Feb 71.

(b) Maintain a pl in area of NUI KHO, YS 6562, until 2 Feb 71.

(c) Return to NUI DAT 2 Feb 71.

(d) Be prep to deploy in depth east of the SONG RAI on 7 Feb 71 and to conduct search and ambush ops in allotted area.

(e) From 7 Feb 71 ear mark one platoon for unit ready reaction tasks. Pl is to be not more than one hour from a PZ at any time.

g. Mor Pl.

(1) Handover responsibility for NDP ISA to 1 ARU at 011200 Feb 71.

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(2) One mor crew to deploy to HORSESHOE from 1 Feb 71.

(3) Pl (-) return to NUI DAT 1 Feb 71.

(4) Pl (-) deploy with one APC and two AMCs to area south of Route 23 centre of mass YS 7263 on 7 Feb and carry out HF tasks in the area between the SONG R/I and the Province bdry until 20 Feb 71.

h. 4 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. Remain at the HORSESHOE. Be prep to deploy along Route 328 north of FSB TIGER. (Not before 7 Feb 71).

i. 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(1) AMC to deploy to FSB LYNX 31 Jan 71.

(2) One APC and two AMCs deploy with Mor pl (-) from 7 Feb to 20 Feb 71.

(3) Sect to deploy to BRIGID.

(4) Tp (-) remains at HORSESHOE. Be prep to deploy along Route 328 to the north of FSB TIGER. (Not before 7 Feb 71).

j. 161 (NZ) Fd Bty.

(1) 161 (NZ) Fd Bty in DS 7 RAR.

(2) Bty (-) deploys to HORSESHOE and in action by 011200H Feb 71.

(3) Sect deployed to FSB LYNX 31 Jan 71.

(4) FO parties to ea rifle coy.

k. 2 Tp 1 Fd Sqn. Remains in sp 7 RAR no change to groupings.

l. 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.

(1) One H13 ac in DS 7 RAR.

(2) Ac to posn at HORSESHOE pad daily at 0715 hrs for tasks as dir by CO 7 RAR.

m. COORD INSTRS.

(1) Air Mov Table. Details of air deployments will be notified dir to sub units concerned by CP 7 RAR.

(2) Timings.

(a) Op PHOI HOP to commence 010001H Feb 71.

(b) Location by dates at Annex A.

(3) Edrys. Annex B.

(4) Check Pt. No change.

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Administration and Logistics. No change.

5. Command and Signal.

a. Bn HQ Loc and Moves. Remains HORSESHOE.

b. Radio.

(1) No change to 7 RAR SOIs.

(2) ACV with automatic rebroadcast facilities deployed to FSB LYNX 31 Jan 71. Manual rebroadcast will be used in the event of breakdown in automatic system.

c. Nicknames.

Serial (a)	Nickname (b)	Meaning (c)	Issued By (d)
1.	PHOI HOP	Name of Operation translates as "Co-operation"	1 ATF
2.	KIM	7 RAR AO	1 ATF
3.	LISA	2 RAR AO	1 ATF
4.	LACE	AO for FSB LYNX	1 ATF
5.	LYNX	Name of 161 NZ Bty FSB at YS 7582.	1 ATF
6.	TIGER	Old FSB at YS 6491	1 ATF

Ack Instrs: To 7 RAR CP HORSESHOE.

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Annexes: A. Locations By Dates.

B. Bdrys.

Distribution:

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A Coy	1	1
B Coy	2	2
C Coy	3	3
D Coy	4	4
Sp Coy	5	5
Admin Coy	6	6
Mor Pl	7	
Aslt Pnr Pl	8	
Sig Pl	9	
Recce Pl	10	
CP (fwd)	11	
CP (rear)	12	7
C Sqn 1 Armd Regt	13,14	8
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt	15,16	9
161 (NZ) Fd Bty	17,19	10
1 Fd Sqn RAE	20,21	
161 (Indep) Recce Flt	22	
HQ 1 ATF	23 - 35	
HQ 1 ALSG	36 - 38	
2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC)	39	
3 RAR	40	
5 RAR	41	
8 RAR	42	
1 ARU	43	
LO DAT DO	44	
CO	45	
2IC	46	
Ops Offr	47	
Adjt	48	
IO	49	
QM	50	
RMO	51	
A ADJT	52	
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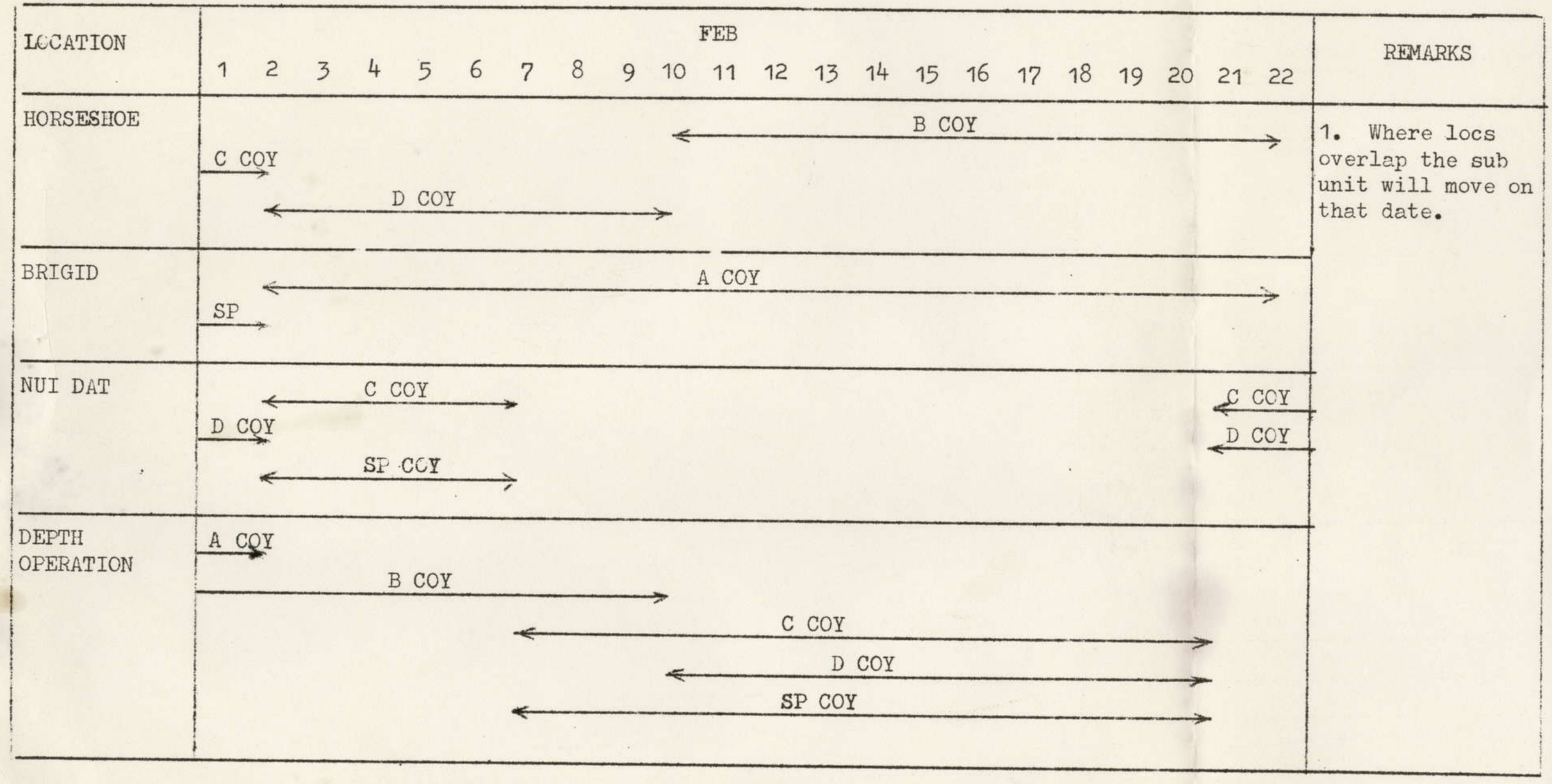

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OPERATION PHOI HOP

References: A. 1 ATF Op Instr 1/71.
B. 1 ATF Op Instr 2/71.
C. 7 RAR OpO 1/71.
D. L7014 SVN, Sheet 6430 - I CAM MY, Edition 2, 1:50,000.
E. L7014 SVN, Sheet 6430 - II XUYEN MOC, Edition 2, 1:50,000.
F. L7014 SVN, Sheet 6430 - III BINH BA, Edition 2, 1:50,000.
G. L7014 SVN, Sheet 6430 - IV XUAN LOC, Edition 2, 1:50,000.
H. L7014 SVN, Sheet 6429 - I DAT DO, Edition 2, 1:50,000.
I. L7014 SVN, Sheet 6429 - II VUNG TAU, Edition 2, 1:50,000.
J. L7014 SVN, Sheet 6530 - III BINH CHAU, Edition 2, 1:50,000.
K. L7014 SVN, Sheet 6530 - II SONG DINH, Edition 2, 1:50,000.

Name and Type of Operation.

1. Op PHOI HOP was a search and ambush operation conducted to destroy the enemy within AO KIM.

Dates of Operation.

2. Op PHOI HOP commenced at 010001H Feb 71 and concluded for 7 RAR at 211200H Feb 71.

Location.

3. The operation was conducted within AO KIM, which in broad terms was the easterm half of PHUOC TUY Province. Specific boundaries were:

a. North. LONG KHAN/PHUOC TUY Province border.

b. East. HAM TAN/PHUOC TUY Province border.

c. South. Coast line from HAM TAN/PHUOC TUY border to Route 44.

d. West. Route 44 from coast to DAT DO, thence generally along 49 easting to 76 northing. Then along 76 northing to 53 easting. Then along Route 327 to SONG RAI. Then along SONG RAI to LONG KHAN/PHOUC TUY border.

4. The following extensions were granted to AO KIM:-

a. Area bounded by eastings 62 to 67; northings AO KIM boundary to northing 94.

b. Area bounded by eastings: Province boundary to easting 78; northings 82 to 89.

Control Headquarters.

5. The operation was controlled by HQ 1 ATF located at NUI DAT.

Bn HQ 7 RAR was located at the HORSESHOE YS 4962.

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Task Organization.

6. The following units/sub units were attached:-

a. Under Operational Control.

(1) 4 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt	1 Feb to 21 Feb.
(2) 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt	1 Feb to 4 Feb. 6 Feb to 21 Feb.
(3) 2 Sect 3 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt	3 Feb to 6 Feb.
(4) 3 Sect 3 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt	4 Feb to 6 Feb.
(5) ACV, A Sqn 3 Cav Regt	1 Feb to 21 Feb.

b. In Direct Support.

(1) 106 Fd Bty	1 Feb
(2) 161 (NZ) Fd Bty	1 Feb to 21 Feb.
(3) One H13 ac 161 (Indep) Recce Flt	1 Feb to 21 Feb.

c. In Support.

(1) 2 Tp 1 Fd Sqn	1 Feb to 21 Feb.
(2) Elms 9 Sqn RAAF	1 Feb to 21 Feb.

d. In Location.

(1) Det 131 Div Loc Bty	1 Feb to 21 Feb.

Intelligence.

7. Annex A.

Mission.

8. To destroy the enemy in AO KIM.

Concept of Operations.

9. Operation PHOI HOP flowed on from OP CUNG CHUNG. Because of the battalion's successes during OP CUNG CHUNG it was possible to reduce the number of ambushes required to deny the enemy access to the populated areas of DAT DO and the villages astride Route 44 thereby releasing more sub units for operation in depth.

10. As the emphasis had shifted from the populated areas to depth areas sub units were deployed well to the north and north east on the PHUOC TUY Province border. The aim was to interdict enemy forces as they left their sancturies in the MAY TAO/NUI BE areas to return to the more populated areas of XUYEN MOC and DAT DO.

Execution.

11. Sequence of Events Annex B.

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Results.

12. Casualties were:-

a. Enemy.

(1) KIA (BC) 3

(2) PW 3

b. Own Troops.

(1) KIA 1

(2) DOW 1

(3) WIA 3

Contacts and Incidents.

13. Appendix 1 to Annex A.

Summary of Captured Equipment.

14. Appendix 2 to Annex A.

Lessons Learned.

15. Artillery Support.

a. If the object is to allow infantry to search an area with minimal interference from the enemy deploy a fire support base.

b. As soon as a fire support base is deployed all hope of successful clandestine activity within gun range of the base is lost.

c. With the current enemy threat infantry can operate beyond the range of guns.

16. Use of HOI CHANHS. HOI CHANHS are a potential source of detailed knowledge of the enemy. If maximum use is to be gained from them the following should be remembered:

a. Get the HOI CHANH into the field as soon as possible and preferably as soon as the initial interrogation has been completed. Delays of longer than one day usually result in missed opportunities.

b. HOI CHANHS will at times tell you what they believe you want to know.

c. To gain maximum use of a HOI CHANH a first class interpreter is essential. Best results are normally gained when using an Australian interpreter. The standard of interpreter required is seldom if ever found within an infantry battalion. Formation headquarters should be prepared to provide interpreters to battalions for work with HOI CHANHS.

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Annexes: A. Intelligence Summary.

B. Sequence of Events.

Distribution.

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

HQ 1 ATF (12)
C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
A Sqn 1 Cav Regt
4 Fd Regt
161 (NZ) Fd Bty (2)
1 Fd Sqn
161 (Indep) Recce Flt

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

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

1. Operation PHOI HOP was for all practical purposes a continuation of Operation CUNG CHUNG III.

Enemy Units Contacted.

2. HOI MY Village Guerilla Unit. On 11 Feb 71 elements of A Coy with APCs were searching through old bunker systems in map square YS 5256 when three VC surrendered to them. Interrogation of the three PWs revealed that they were the Commander, Second in Command and a soldier of HOI MY Village Guerilla Unit.

3. BA LONG Province Medical Elements. Co-located with medical supplies cached in a bunker system (found by 12 Pl D Coy at YS 723 873 on 12 Feb 71) were medical documents identifying this unit.

4. Only two other groups of enemy were contacted. In both cases no identification was able to be made. However from the dress, eqpt and items in the packs carried it appears that the enemy in both contacts were members of guerilla units.

Enemy Unit Locations.

5. From the contacts and other intelligence sources (including a HOI CHANH into DAT DO on 19 Feb who was Pl Comd B2/C1/D445) enemy units are believed to be located as follows:

a. D445 LF VC BN. With the exception of C1/D445 and possibly some elements of the HQ, this group remains in the NUI MAY TAO/NUI BE area. C1 and the HQ elements are known still to be in the MINH DAM/LONG HAIS.

b. LONG DAT District Units. Still in the MINH DAM/LONG HAIS.

c. CHAU DUC District Units, D65 ENGR BN, D440 LF VC BN. - No evidence to suggest that they are within the AO.

d. Village Guerilla Units and Party Chapters. As usual their groups are operating in and around the villages.

Conclusion.

6. The nominated enemy high points of activity have still not materialized. Further HOI CHANHS and the detention of many VCI and VCS over the period of the operation have created an even greater problem for the enemy.

7. The continued absence of D445 can only help to strengthen the position of the GVN authorities and thus make the enemy's task even more difficult. The enemy, and particularly D445, must soon attempt to re-establish contact with the people in and around the populated areas.

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INCIDENT SUMMARY

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Serial (a)	Date / Time (b)	Location (c)	C/S (d)	Activity (e)
1.	010001H Feb 71			OP PHOI HOP (Translates as Co-operation) commenced.
2.	011605H	647 607	61	Mine incident. M16 mine detonated resulting in one 1 Aust KIA and 4 Aust WIA.
3.	071835H	766 656	81	Found two plastic dishes estimated to have been used in past 6- 8 hours.
4.	090930H	621 604	13	Found two M16 mines on top of ground near an old hut. No primers in mines one mine had rag stuffed into the primer well.
5.	091230H	622 901	TA12	Located an old bunker 12 months old and in a bad state of repair. In the area a pair of Ho Chi Minh sandles and a home made grenade were found.
6	091530H	778 857	42	Located a bunker system covering an area 150m x 150m. Within the system were 20 bunkers, one large hut and a number of huts with thatched roofs. System estimated to be 2 - 4 months old and used in last two months. The area had been the subject of an airstrick but had not been damaged. 200m NW of the position were located 2 rice storage stands.
7	091555H	778 857	42	Contact with one enemy who approached from west and withdrew west. Negative results.
8	091629H	604 874	62	Contact with one enemy who approached from west. Results 1 VC DOW, 2 Packs CIA, 1 x AK47 CIA.
9	091648H	621 610	13	Located 200 very old bunkers in a very poor state of repair. In the same area found 2lb of old chicom explosive.
10	101425H	577 676	11	Located a chicom anti tk grenade and 200 x 7.62mm long rds. In a position estimated to be two years old.

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a.	b.	c.	d.	e.
11	110901H	524 563	1	Captured 3 VC. VC surrended as elements of A Coy commenced to sweep through the area. CIA were: a. M16 Rifle. b. M1 Carbine and 80 rds. c. 45 pistol with 15 rds. d. Three packs containing food and small qty of documents.
12	111115H	692 828	61	Located a bunker system, triangular layout with each side about 100M long. System contained 17 x 'T' shaped pits 8' x 6' x 3' with 3' OHP. System about six months old. Enty/exit tracks to NW and SE. Document dated 26 Jan 71 found.
13	111201H	733 872	41	Sighted one enemy at a distance. Enemy followed up without success.
14.	111317H	738 871	41	Found fresh sign consisting of pointed sticks, newly dug earth and a piece of plastic 6" x 6". Possiblymine sign.
15	111425H	692 826	61	Located a well 30' deep and containing good clear water.
16	112047H	755 638	8	Report of torch shining on perimeter. NFTR.
17	121148H	697 833	62	Found a mine sign consisting of skull and cross bones. Hoi Chanh with platoon stated that area was mined and booby trapped.
18	121345H	690 834	61	Located a bunker system triangular in shape, 150m x 100m x 100m. System contained 17 "T" shaped bunkers and 1 'U' shaped bunker. Average size 8' x 6' x 3' with 2' x 3' OHP. System about six months old and in good condition. Two large earth ovens were also found with the system.
19	121600H	723 873	43	Located a bunker system triangular in shape 50m x 50m x 50m. 2 bunkers 8' x 6' x 4'; 8 hutchie spaces with platforms; 4 hutchies intact. System about 12 months old used in last 24 hours by one person. Found in the system were Med sups, needles, stethoscope, surgical eqpt, med docs, 1 wpn.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
20.	13 1325 H	688 926	32	Located a bunker system covering an area 200 metres by 300 metres. Six 'T' shaped bunkers with the main chamber of the bunker being six feet by six feet. Each bunker had approx four feet OHP. System about six months old and used one month ago by a large group, smaller gps had recently used the system. Located within the system was one Chicom grenade with trip wire attachment. Fresh water nearby (30 metres) in a re-entrant.
21.	17 1107 H	778 650	TA1	Found fresh tracks and about 50 lb of yams dug in last hour. Tracks went to south west.
22.	17 1310 H	775 646	2	Found footprints for about eight wearing HO CHI MINH sandals. Tracks headed south west.
23.	18 0931 H	528 563	19	Found a VC pack containing webbing, 3 full M16 mags a bandolier of 200 M16 rounds and a quantity of mixed clothing.
24.	Ni 18/19	605 688	TA1	Sighted a flashing light 300 metres north of location light appeared on and off throughout the ni. A check of the area at first light revealed some fresh footprints in the area.
25.	19 1420 H	772 668	22	Contact with 2 VC who approached the position from north west. Initial results one VC KIA (BC) and one AK 47, 1 SKS CIA. The follow up of a blood trail found one further VC KIA (BC).

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SUMMARY OF CAPTURED EQUIPMENT

1. Weapons

AK47	2
SKS	1
M16 Rifle	1
M1 Carbine	1
.45 Pistol	1

2. Ammunition

M16 rounds	480
.30 cal rds	80
7.62 rds	200
.45 rds	14
A tk Grenade	1
Blast Grenade	1
M16 mines	3
Chicom explosive (lbs)	2

3. Food

Yams (lbs)	90

4. Equipment

Packs	2
Web Belts	5
Magazines:	
.45 pistol	2
M1 Carbine	3
M16	14
Water Bottles	2
Pistol Holster	1
Clothing	Qty

5. Miscellaneous

Ox Carts	2

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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1 FEB 71	DAY 1
0001 hrs	Operation PHOI HOP commenced. Dispositions of sub units at commencement of operation were:- Bn HQ at HORSESHOE YS 4962. A Coy HQ at YS 560 708, platoon at YS 557 670, 571 677, 564 687. B Coy HQ and two platoons at YS 774 800, third platoon at 774 801. C Coy based at the HORSESHOE and ambushing approaches to DAT DO. D Coy at NUI DAT involved in rebuilding programme in preparation for handover to 3 RAR. Sp Coy HQ and platoon at BRIGID, second platoon in NUI KHO area in two ambush positions at YS 647 607 and 662 605. Mor pl at ISA. Tp tanks at the HORSESHOE. APC tp less sect based at the HORSESHOE, sect at BRIGID.
1030 hrs	161 (NZ) Fd Bty became DS Bty for 7 RAR. 106 Fd Bty returned to NUI DAT for RTA procedures.
1200 hrs	Responsibility for NDP ISA passed to 1 ARU. Mor pl returned to NUI DAT.
2 FEB 71.	DAY 2
0800 hrs	Tp APC (- sect) departed HORSESHOE to RV with A Coy at YS 554 672. After RV A Coy moved to NDP BRIGID.
0830 hrs	Sp Coy (- pl) departed BRIGID in TCVs for NUI DAT.
0930 hrs	D Coy departed NUI DAT in TCVs to return to the HORSESHOE.
1045 hrs	C Coy departed HORSESHOE for NUI DAT.

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1100 hrs	A Coy assumed responsibility for BRIGID.
1150 hrs	APC Tp (-) returned to HORSESHOE.
1200 hrs	Recce Pl returned to NUI DAT by helicopter from the NUI KHO area YS 6460.
1425 hrs	Pl of A Coy in APCs departed BRIGID. Group moved to area north of FSB PAT at YS 6181 to check numerous diggings in the area astride Route 328.

3 FEB 71. DAY 3

0810 hrs	2 Sect 3 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt came under op con 7 RAR.
0900 hrs	Pl of A Coy and sect of APCs departed BRIGID and moved to NUI DAT MA area YS 7063.
1500 hrs	A Coy platoon returned to BRIGID from FSB PAT area. APCs returned to the HORSESHOE.

4 FEB 71. DAY 4

0800 hrs	1 Tp (APC) departed HORSESHOE for NUI DAT and R and C..
	3 Sect 3 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt came under Op Con 7 RAR.

5 FEB 71. DAY 5

0707 hrs	Sect APCs departed HORSESHOE to carry out a task with A Coy in LONG GREEN area, centre of mass YS 5359.
1351 hrs	Sect APCs returned to HORSESHOE from LONG GREEN.

6 FEB 71. DAY 6

0843 hrs	Sect of 3 Tp (APCs) released by 7 RAR and returned to NUI DAT.
1215 hrs	Sect of 1 Tp 3 Cav Regt RV'd with A Coy pl and sect of 3 Tp 3 Cav Regt at YS 714 672. Sect of 3 Tp released and returned to NUI DAT.
1700 hrs	1 Tp (-) 3 Cav Regt returned to HORSESHOE after R and C.

7 FEB 71. DAY 7.

0840 hrs	C Coy commenced to deploy by helicopter from NUI DAT to BAU HAM area, YS 6885. From the insertion point C Coy was to develop operations towards centre of mass

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YS 6889.

0857 hrs — Mortar platoon and sect of APCs departed from NUI DAT for the general area of NUI TAM BO - BINH CHAU, centre of mass YS 7665. After deployment the platoon was to carry out HF tasks within the area.

1221 hrs — Pl of A Coy and sect of tracks which had been operating in the NUI GAI MA area YS 7063 returned to BRIGID.

8 FEB 71. — DAY 8

0745 hrs — APC Tp (-) returned to NUI DAT for redeployment tasks with Sp Coy.

0750 hrs — Two APCs left the HORSESHOE for BRIGID to pick up a section of A Coy which was to provide the infantry element in sp of APC activities to the north of THUA TICH, YS 6181.

0830 hrs — Air lift of D Coy out of HORSESHOE and into FSB LYNX area, YS 7582, commenced. After the insertion was completed D Coy developed operation to north from the LZ towards the NUI MAY TAO feature and generally astride the BINH TUY/ PHUOC TUY Province boundary.

0857 hrs — Sp Coy completed marry up with APCs and departed NUI DAT to develop operations east of the SONG RAI in the THUA TICH area. Recce Pl of Sp Coy deployed on a separate task north of XUYEN MOC. The platoon was to follow up a known withdrawal route used by D445 LF Bn which commenced in the area YS 6672 and ran in a northerly direction towards BAU BAO, YS 6983.

1020 hrs — B Coy complete at the HORSESHOE after backloading on aircraft used for insertion of D Coy.

1330 hrs — APCs dropped Sp Coy at THUA TICH. One sect of APCs remained in that area which the remainder together with half platoon from A Coy moved further north to ambush Route 330 between YS 634 889 and YS 655 913.

1502 hrs — Sect of APCs which had been used to deploy Recce Pl to north of XUYEN MOC returned to HORSESHOE.

9 FEB 71. — DAY 9.

0730 hrs — Tp tanks departed from the HORSESHOE to move to the area north of FSB THRUST, YS 4954, and engage targets in the LONG HAIS.

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1517 hrs — Tp tanks completed shoot into LONG HAIS and left area to proceed to BRIGID. Due to mechanical breakdown tp did not reach BRIGID before last light and remained overnight at YS 509 545.

10 FEB 71. — DAY 10

0805 hrs — Sect APCs left the HORSESHOE for BRIGID.

0852 hrs — Pl of A Coy and sect APCs departed BRIGID for DISCOVERY area, YS 5968. Pl was to ambush in the TAN RU area centre of mass YS 5768. APCs returned to HORSESHOE.

1305 hrs — Tp tanks arrived at BRIGID.

11 FEB 71. — DAY 11

0815 hrs — Tp tanks, sect of APCs and a patrol from A Coy departed BRIGID to carry out a sweep in the area of the LIGHT GREEN. Group returned to BRIGID after sweep completed.

12 FEB 71. — DAY 12

1235 hrs — A Coy redeployed to the HORSESHOE from B BRIGID leaving tank tp and half of a platoon to secure BRIGID.

13 FEB 71. — DAY 13

0750 hrs — Sect of APC departed the HORSESHOE to resupply APC element operating in the area of FSB TIGER, YS 6491.

1445 hrs — Two sects of APCs arrived back in HORSE-SHOE after changeover at FSB TIGER.

1515 hrs — Platoon of A Coy left the HORSESHOE in APCs to deploy into, and develop operations in the LONG GREEN centre of mass YS 5860.

1530 hrs — Half platoon of A Coy which had provided the infantry protection for the APCs operating in TIGER area returned to BRIGID.

14 FEB 71. — DAY 14

Sub units continued tasks in allotted areas.

15 FEB 71. — DAY 15

Summary of locations:-

A Coy: HQ at HORSESHOE, Platoons at BRIGID, in the LONG GREEN at YS 593 607 and on the SONG RAI at YS 593 713.

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B Coy: Complete less a platoon at the HORSESHOE ambushing approaches to DAT DO by night. One platoon in the BAU BAO area YS 694 836 carrying out search and demolition tasks.

C Coy: Coy deployed on Province northern border. Coy HQ at YS 698 936, platoons at YS 703 944, 688 926, 699 952.

D Coy: Deployed to the north eastern corner of the Province ambushing possible routes out of the MAY TAO/NUI BE area. Coy HQ 748 864, platoons YS 743 873, 774 853, 725 869.

Sp Coy: On the NUI HOT feature. Coy HQ YS 641 931 platoon at YS 648 923, 635 936. Mortar platoon operated to south east of XUYEN MOC with mortar base plate position at YS 704 654.

Tk's: Operated out of BRIGID in the LIGHT GREEN.

APC's: Tp HQ and a section at the HORSE SHOE. Two sections north of TIGER at YS 647 912 and Sp Sect deployed with mortar platoon at YS 704 654.

Arty: 161 Bty (- sect) at HORSESHOE sect at LYNX.

107 Fd Bty had a sect deployed within at AO KIM at FSB TASMAN YS 6386.

16 FEB 71.

DAY 16

0805 hrs — Sect of APCs and A Coy HQ departed HORSE-SHOE to search the area of the LIGHT GREEN east of BRIGID.

0830 hrs — Sp Sect of APCs left Mortar pl at YS 704 654 and returned to the HORSESHOE

0920 hrs — Sect of APCs left TASMAN area, YS 6386, to return to HORSESHOE.

1512 hrs — Pl of B Coy returned to HORSESHOE from BAU BAO after destroying enemy bunker system in that area.

1812 hrs — Sect of APCs and A Coy HQ returned to the HORSESHOE from the LIGHT GREEN.

17 FEB 71.

DAY 17

0810 hrs — Tp HQ 1 Tp 3 Cav and sect of APCs left the HORSESHOE with an element of 3 RAR advance party on an area familiarization task. Route was east to BINH CHAU along

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coast to TAM BO, south along Route 328 to SANDY PT, YS 6757, north to FSB TASMAN, LONG and LIGHT GREEN area. Recce was to continue for three days.

1010 hrs — B Coy, in APCs, deployed from the HORSE-SHOE into the BINH CHAU area, centre of mass YS 7968.

1350 hrs — Sp Sect of APCs returned to Mortar Pl location at 704 654 after dropping B Coy in BINH CHAU area.

1450 hrs — Sect of APCs picked up pl of A Coy in the DISCOVERY area YS 6168 and returned the platoon to the HORSESHOE

18 FEB 71. — DAY 18

0824 hrs — Sect of APCs and elements of A Coy moved from the HORSESHOE to BRIGID to marry up with tp tanks and operate in the LIGHT GREEN area.

1530 hrs — Tp tanks returned to BRIGID.

1540 hrs — Sect of APCs and elements of A Coy returned to the HORSESHOE.

19 FEB 71. — DAY 19

1000 hrs — Sp Coy extracted from TIGER area by helicopter. Coy returned to NUI DAT.

1430 hrs — 3 RAR advance party group and APCs returned to the HORSESHOE from AO recce.

1600 hrs — Sp Coy returned to HORSEHSOE.

20 FEB 71. — DAY 20.

Sub units continued tasks in allotted areas.

21 FEB 71. — DAY 21

0750 hrs — D Coy extracted by helicopter from FSB LYNX and returned to NUI DAT.

0900 hrs — Mor Pl and APC sp sect departed NUI KHO area YS 6550 and returned to the HORSE-SHOE to rejoin Sp Coy.

0900 hrs — Tp tanks departed BRIGID and returned to the HORSESHOE.

0930 hrs — B Coy extracted by helicopter from YS 749 659 and returned to the HORSESHOE.

0937 hrs — Pl of A Coy handed over responsibility for BRIGID to D and E pl and returned to HORSESHOE.

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1030 hrs	C Coy extracted by helicopter from FSB TIGER and returned to NUI DAT.
1158 hrs	APC sect departed FSB TIGER returned to the HORSESHOE.
1208 hrs	7 RAR ceased responsibility for AO KIM and BRIGID. 7 RAR retained responsibility for base defence of the HORSESHOE.

Operation PHOI HOP concluded for 7 RAR.

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CONTACT / INCIDENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Report by: 311591 Maj C.F. THOMSON 7th Bn A Coy.

2. Date/Time of contact: 11 0901 H Feb 71. Grid Ref: 524 563.

3. Duration of (i) Firefight N/A. (ii) Total N/A.

4. Description of incident. A speculative search of the LIGHT GREEN had been mounted using Inf and APCs following discovery of a 30 lb mine set up in the school at AP LO GOM. Spot checks were made during a move Eastwards, and 3 VC were discovered concealed under a fallen tree. All three eagerly surrendered and this was justified by the large number of weapons trained upon their persons.

5. Description of terrain and canopy. Land cleared - isolated scrub patches and fallen timbers. Civil access area. Visibility generally good.

6. Member of searching group first sighted the enemy.

7. Distance enemy first sighted was eye-ball to eye-ball.

8. Their difference from the trees caused them to be noticed.

9. Strengths:

   a. Enemy. Three.

   b. Own troops Approx 15.

10. Enemy type. Local.

11. to 17. not applicable.

18. Other points and lessons learnt. See para 22.

PART II

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

20. to 21. not applicable.

PART III

22. Company Commander's comments. Speculative searches in seemingly unlikely areas have several times proved successful. It is worth doing at irregular intervals.

Coy Comd

C.F. Thomson Maj.

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CONTACT / INCIDENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Report by: 29067 Maj G.P. WARLAND 7th Bn B Coy.

2. Date/Time of contact: 19 1420 H Feb 71. Grid Ref: YS 772 668.

3. Duration of (i) Firefight: 10 secs. (ii) Total: 15 mins.

4. Description of contact.

a. As a result of fresh tracks in the BIN CHAU area a number of well used tracks were being ambushed by the company. At approximately 1400 hrs the company was centralised at the B Coy HQ ambush position.

b. At 1420 hrs 2 VC males aged approximately 20 years carrying arms approached the position. They were killed by the sentry. One was killed instantly by a bullet to the head the other dropped his weapon and crawled away 200 metres where he was found with a bullet through the chest. He died. Captured were 1 AK 47 and 1 SKS rifle.

5. Description of terrain and canopy. Sandy scrub land. Visibility 20 metres.

6. The sentry first sighted the enemy.

7. Distance enemy first sighted was 30 metres.

8. Movement caused enemy to be sighted.

9. Strengths:

a. Enemy. Two.

b. Own troops. 50.

10. Enemy type. Local.

11. Sentry initiated contact.

12. Range of first engagement was five metres.

13. Maximum range of engagement was five metres,

14. Wpns fired.

a. Enemy. Nil.

b. Own troops. M16.

15. Approx no of friendly rounds fired. M16: 15.

16. Total enemy casualties. Two KIA.

Wpns causing casualties. M16.

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17. Friendly casualties: Nil.

18. Other points and lessons learnt. A good effort on the part of the sentry, he allowed them to approach to a position where he could fire well aimed shots at close range to ensure 100% kill.

PART II

19. Platoon's actions and commanders comments. See question 18.

20. Support fire. Nil.

21. Support fire ammunition expended. Nil.

PART III

22. Company Commander's comments. See question 18.

J. I. Garland.
Coy Comd.

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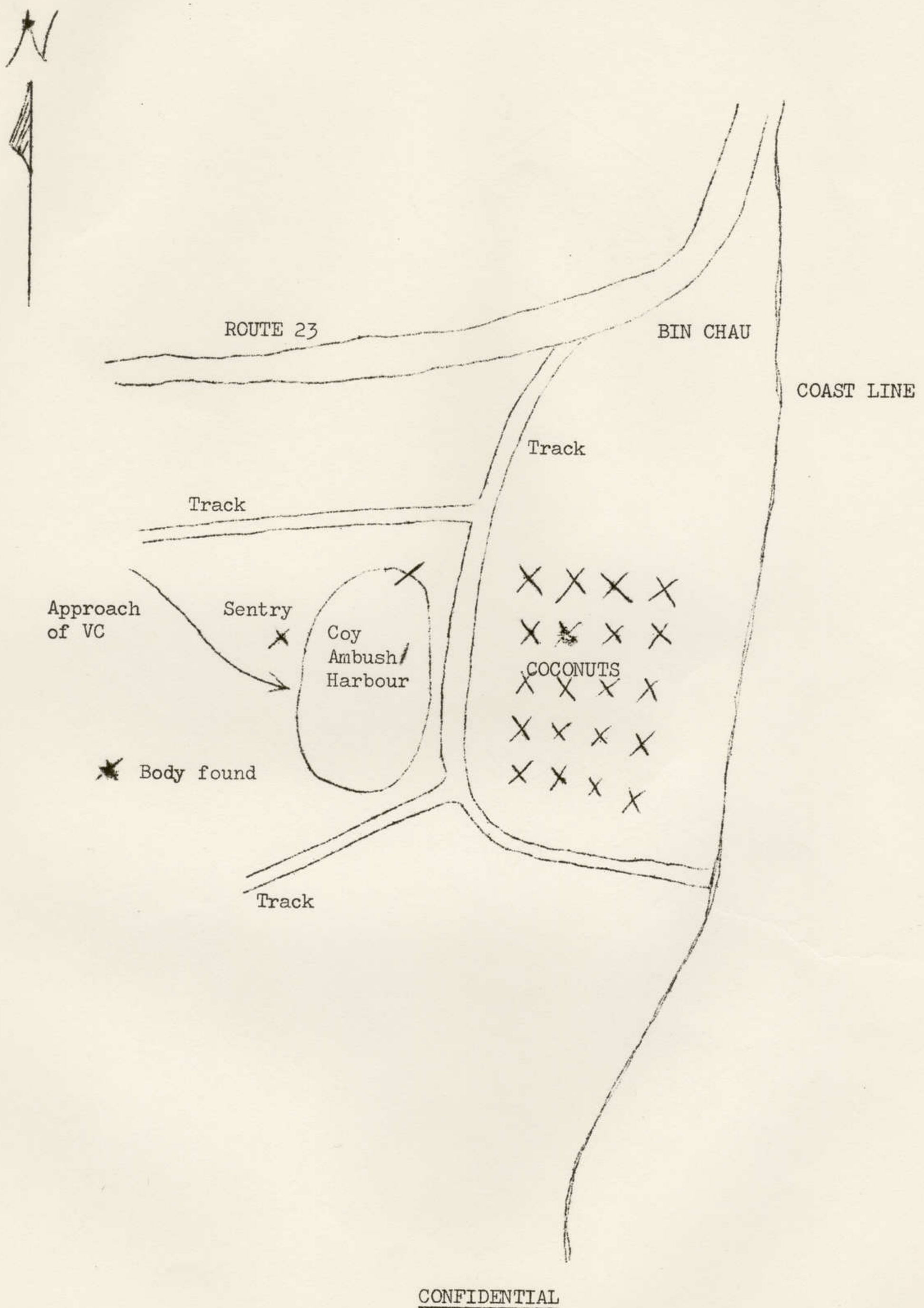

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CONTACTS / INCIDENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Report by 214761 Sgt T.S. BOURKE 7th Bn Sp Coy Pnr Pl.

2. Date/Time of contact: 09 1630 H Feb 71. Grid Ref: YS 604 875.

3. Duration of (i) Firefight: Two mins. (ii) Total: 10 mins.

4. Description of contact. Pnr Pl was patrolling west along a defined track when the forward scout sighted one VC dressed in blue and green. Scout opened fire and enemy dropped to ground and then ran. Pl conducted sweep and found two packs one AK47 and one VC WIA who later died.

5. Description of terrain and canopy. Canopy 20-30 ft in height - thick secondary scrub. Visibility 15-20 metres.

6. Forward Scout first sighted the enemy.

7. Distance enemy first sighted was six metres.

8. Movement caused the enemy to be noticed.

9. Strengths.

   a. Enemy. Two.

   b. Own troops. 18.

10. Enemy type. Unknown.

11. Forward scout fired first.

12. Range of first engagement was six metres.

13. Maximum range of engagement was 20 metres.

14. Wpns fired.

   a. Enemy. Nil.

   b. Own troops. GPMG M60 and M16.

15. Approx no of friendly rounds fired: GPMG: 60; M16: 50.

16. Total enemy casualties: One KIA.

   Wpns causing casualties. GPMG M60 and M16.

17. Friendly casualties. Nil.

18. Other points and lessons learnt. Nil.

PART II

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

20. Support fire. Nil.

21. Support fire ammunition expended. Nil.

PART III

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22. Company commander's comments. Nil.

Ptl Comd

Coy Comd

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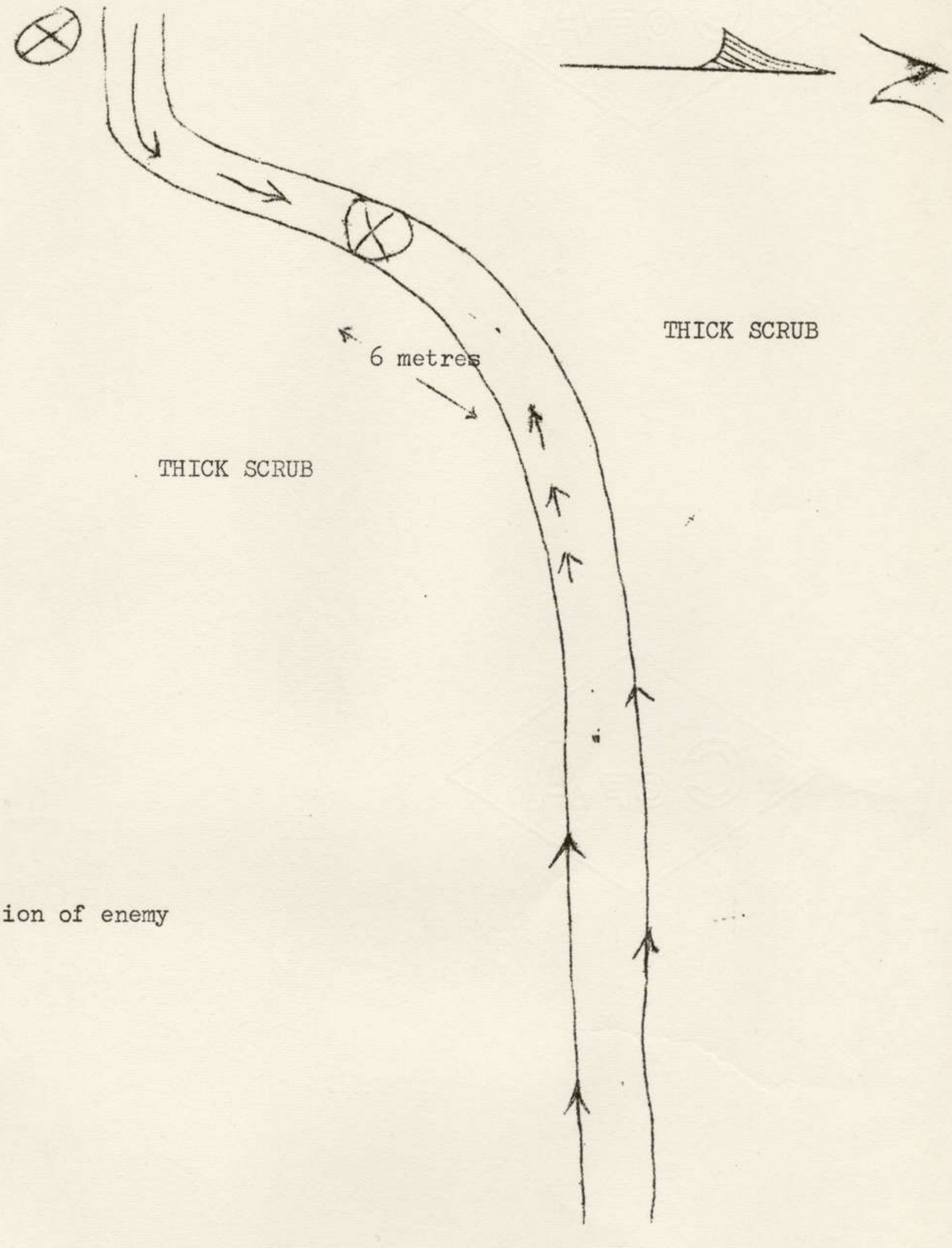

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ANNEX H TO

1RAR COMMANDERS DIARY

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MESSAGE FORM

CO Diary

PRECEDENCE-ACTION	PRECEDENCE-INFO	DATE-TIME GROUP	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
ROUTINE		03 0900. Z	FEB 71

FROM: 7 RAR

TO: LIST C

INFO:

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: UNCLAS

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: A/148

RETURN OF LIQUOR TO AUSTRALIA (.) SUB UNITS ARE TO RECORD LIQUOR PURCHASED BY SOLDIERS AND CARRY IN SUB UNIT CONNEXES FOR ISSUE AFTER THE MARCH IN SYDNEY ALONG WITH OTHER LUXURY ITEMS (.) AT NO STAGE EITHER IN NUI DAT OR ON BOARD THE HMAS SYDNEY ARE SOLDIERS TO HAVE LIQUOR IN THEIR POSSESSION (.) LIQUOR TO BE CAR LED BY SOLDIER TRAVELLING BY AIR ON 25 FEB 71 IS TO BE HANDED IN FOR OVERNIGHT SECIRITY AS DIRECTED BY A/ADJT AT A PRE-DEPARTURE BRIEF TO BE CONDUCTED IN THE BRIEFING ROOM AT 1330 HRS 22 FEB 71

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7th Battalion
Royal Australian Regiment
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4 Feb 71

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3 RAR ADVANCE PARTY

1. Attached is a nominal roll of the 3 RAR Advance Party divided into G and AQ groups.

2. The complete Advance Party will arrive at Luscombe Field approx 1500 hrs 12 Feb 71. The G Group only will move to the Horseshoe on 14 Feb 71.

(R.A. GREY)
Lt Col
CO

Attachment: (1) 3 RAR Advance Party G and AQ Groups.

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3 RAR ADVANCE PARTY

Serial (a)	Appt (b)	Name (c)	Coy (d)	Remarks (e)
G Group				
1	CO	Lt Col F P SCOTT	BHQ	
2	Ops Offr	Maj D N KERR	BHQ	
3	IO	Capt L N ANDERSON	BHQ	OC R Gp
4	RSM	WO1 W J HILL	BHQ	
5	Batman	Lcpl D DORAN	BHQ	CO
6	Batman	Pte N W HARDY	BHQ	Ops Offr
7	Batman	Pte R J BASTOCK	BHQ	RSM
8	Int Cpl	Pte N ANNISON	BHQ	
9	Int Dutyman	Pte R D THOMAS	BHQ	
10	Int Dutyman	Pte P J MORTON	BHQ	
11	Int Dutyman	Pte N G MONEY	BHQ	
12	RP	Lcpl S REMETE	BHQ	Escort for CO
13	OC Coy	Maj J J DOYLE	A	
14	Pl Comd	Lt D K SHEA	A	
15	Pl Comd	2Lt R J DONKIN	A	
16	Pl Sgt	Sgt B J SEAMAN	A	
17	Sect Comd	Cpl G T MEANEY	A	
18	Sect Comd	Cpl B A JONES	A	
19	Sect Comd	Cpl J PEATFIELD	A	
20	Batman	Pte S ROJEK	A	
	Signaller	Pte G G FORSTER	A	
22	MFC	Sgt Z J SADY	A	
23	OC Coy	Maj I J CAHILL	B	
24	Pl Comd	Lt G J KELLS	B	
25	Pl Comd	2Lt A J RALPH	B	
26	Pl Sgt	Sgt G J ALBERD	B	
27	Sect Comd	Cpl A T WOODHOUSE	B	
28	Sect Comd	Cpl C A GUY	B	
29	Sect Comd	Cpl J A CADGE	B	
30	Batman	Pte B TAYLOR	B	
31	Signaller	Lcpl K W BROWN	B	
32	MFC	Cpl L J NEWTON	B	
33	OC Coy	Maj P L TILLEY	C	
34	Pl Comd	2Lt R B LEWIS	C	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
35	Pl Comd	2Lt D PATERSON	C	
36	Pl Sgt	Sgt R S KEARNEY	C	
37	Sect Comd	Cpl T J GREEN	C	
38	Sect Comd	Cpl R L PETTY	C	
39	Sect Comd	Cpl R P ROWE	C	
40	Bateman	Pte G W WISEMAN	C	
41	Signaller	Lcpl P B STENCHION	C	
42	MFC	Sgt J TASSANYI	C	
43	OC Coy	Maj K E STICPEWICH	D	
44	Pl Comd	Lt J W WHEELER	D	
45	Pl Comd	Lt D M HORNER	D	
46	Pl Sgt	Sgt L PROUD	D	
47	Sect Comd	Cpl P MUNYARD	D	
48	Sect Comd	Cpl C MADDERN	D	
49	Sect Comd	Cpl K RUNDELL	D	
50	Batman	Pte B BATEMAN	D	
51	Signaller	Lcpl L SHAW	D	
52	MFC	Sgt L J STEVENS	D	
53	OC Coy	Capt G L MORGAN	Sp	
54	2IC Mor Pl	2Lt G G CAMPBELL	Sp	
55	FCC Cpl	Cpl N P LAURENT	Sp	In FCC
56	Mor Cpl	Cpl J W BRAUN	Sp	At Isa and take over stores
57	RSO	Capt T J JACKSON	Sp	
58	Radio Sgt	Sgt K J WRIGHT	Sp	
59	Sig Cpl	Cpl D G BANNISTER	Sp	Fwd Con Sig Cpl
60	Sig	Pte G D McIVOR	Sp	CO's operator
61	Sig	Pte D D BEST	Sp	Fwd Con
62	Sig	Pte B H McFARLANE	Sp	Fwd Con
63	OC A Tk	2Lt J D CARDWELL	Sp	
64	OC Pnr	Lt P J ABIGAIL	Sp	
65	Cpl Med Asst	Cpl R G BEVAN	Sp	Med Asst and Clerk for G Gp
66	Sgt Cook	Sgt K W KRUYSSEN	Sp	)Cooking for R Gp
67	Pte Cook	Pte D HOWE	Sp	)if necessary
68	Batman	Pte P S KELLY	Sp	

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(a)	(b)		(c)	(d)	(e)
69	SB Sgt	Sgt	J F UPTON	Adm	CP Sgt
70	Cpl Dvr	Cpl	P J FYFE	Adm	CO's dvr and take over vehs at HS
71	Dvr	Pte	B L BAKER	Adm	
72	Dvr	Pte	P E BEHRENDS	Adm	
73	Dvr	Pte	P R COOMBES	Adm	
74	Hyg Dutyman	Pte	L J CHOPPY	Adm	Hygiene of area occupied by G Gp in Horseshoe
75	Cpl Storeman	Cpl	J A PARLETT	Adm	Take over Horse-shoe ac in AQ Cell
76	Steward	Pte	L T HARDING	Adm	Steward in Offrs/ Sgts Mess at Horseshoe if necessary
AQ Group					
77	2IC	Maj	A R TREVARTHEN	BHQ	Arrives on date to be advised.
78	A Adjt	2Lt	J R O'CONNELL	BHQ	
79	Chief Clerk	SSgt	G SCALLY	BHQ	
80	Pay Sgt	Cpl	A R NORMAN	BHQ	
81	Cpl Clerk	Cpl	M E DALY	BHQ	
82	Orderly	Pte	H C EGAN	BHQ	
83	Typist	Pte	W B WATT	BHQ	
84	Int Sgt	Sgt	J G BARNES	BHQ	
85	Int Dutyman	Pte	D W JENKINS	BHQ	
86	RP Cpl	Cpl	R B DABINETT	BHQ	To take over AP
87	CQMS	SSgt	D J DORAN	A	
88	Cpl Clerk	Cpl	B C SLEE	A	
89	Orderly	Pte	W BOGDANOVS	A	
90	Sgt Cook	Sgt	W B MARKS	A	
91	CQMS	SSgt	N P KENNEDY	B	
92	Cpl Clerk	Lcpl	G K MARHEINE	B	
93	Orderly	Pte	M W McMAHON	B	
94	Sgt Cook	Sgt	R R BATTERSBY	B	
95	CQMS	SSgt	R FRENCH	C	
96	Cpl Clerk	Cpl	T C SEEKAMP	C	
97	Orderly	Pte	W J McCOWEN	C	

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(a)	(b)		(c)	(d)	(e)
98	Dog Handler	Pte	L J McNICOL	Sp	
99	Sgt Cook	Sgt	G F HAMILTON	C	
100	CQMS	Sgt	M J FITZPATRICK	D	
101	Cpl Clerk	Cpl	D W BOWE	D	
102	Orderly	Pte	P ALLEN	D	
103	Rfn	Pte	E SANELLI	D	
104	Sgt Cook	Sgt	J McKENNA	D	
105	CQMS	SSgt	R J MURPHY	Sp	
106	Cpl Clerk	Lcpl	K HARVEY	Sp	
107	Storeman (Sigs)	Pte	M S LANGLEY	Sp	
108	Storeman (Mors)	Lcpl	M S MUHLING	Sp	
109	Storeman (A Tk)	Pte	R K PHILLIPS	Sp	
110	Storeman (Pnrs)	Lcpl	G W KELLY	Sp	
111	Rfn	Cpl	B J HOLLAND	Sp	
112	Dog Handler	Pte	A D DWYER	Sp	
113	Sig Cpl	Lcpl	G J LEE	Sp	Base Def CP
114	Sig Cpl	Cpl	D I POOLE	Sp	Line Cpl
115	Sig	Pte	R J OGILVIC	Sp	
116	Sig	Pte	I J DIGGLE	Sp	
117	Sig	Cpl	R L BOWMAN	Sp	
118	OC	Maj	P M ARNISON	Adm	
119	2IC	Capt	E J ANDREWS	Adm	
120	CQMS	Sgt	G D SMITH	Adm	
121	Cpl Clerk	Cpl	I R SARGEANT	Adm	
122	Batman	Pte	D J LILLIS	Adm	
123	RQMS	WO2	R J TWIGG	Adm	
124	Tech Sgt	Sgt	L P STEPHENS	Adm	
125	Cpl Storeman	Cpl	P D THOMPSON	Adm	
126	Clerk Admin	Lcpl	D J MAHONY	Adm.	
127	Storeman	Pte	T J JACOBS	Adm	
128	Tech Storman	Pte	G C DICK	Adm	
129	DPRI/PX	WO2	G M ARCHER	Adm	
130	Asst DPRI	Pte	G LYTTLE	Adm	Accountant
131	Asst DPRI	Cpl	P F MAHER	B	For duty later at Horseshoe
132	Mess Sgt	Sgt	R C NEWMAN	Adm	Offrs Mess
133	Mess Cpl	Cpl	J A O'BRIEN	Adm	Sgts Mess

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(a)	(b)		(c)	(d)	(e)
134	Tpt Sgt	Sgt	K J BURGESS	Adm	
135	Dvrs	Pte	J J HARPLEY	Adm	
136	Dvr	Lcpl	R J JAMIESON	Adm	
137	Dvr	Pte	R M PEACOCK	Adm	
138	Dvr	Pte	N S REDDY	Adm	
139	Dvr	Pte	G A RICHTER	Adm	
140	Dvr	Lcpl	K B SCALES	Adm	
141	Postal Cpl	Pte	K K LOVERIDGE	Adm	
142	Caterer	WO2	B F PLUMMER	Adm	
143	Cpl Cook	Cpl	H K BURTT	Adm	
144	Cpl Cook	Cpl	G G CAHILL	Adm	
145	Med Sgt	Sgt	O W McINTOSH	Adm	
146	Hyg Cpl	Cpl	H CHRUST	Adm	
147	Sgt Armourer	Sgt	J W BROOME	Adm	
148	Cpl Radio Mech	Cfn	L A NOONAN	Adm	
149	Cpl Veh Mech	Cpl	R J DAVIS	Adm	
150	Cfn Veh Mech	Cfn	R O BEACHAM	Adm	
151	KVA Attendant	Pte	C J SHACKELTON	Adm	

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MESSAGE FORM

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ROUTINE		7 Feb Z	FEB 71

FROM: 7 RAR

TO LIST C

INFO:

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A 160

POLYESTERS SHIRT AND TROUSERS CMM BLACK SHOES (.) ALL SOLDIERS LISTED TO TRAVEL BY SEA ARE TO INCLUDE THESE ITEMS IN THEIR CARRY BAGS TO COVER POSSIBILITY OF LEAVE AT INTERMEDIATE PORT EN ROUTE TO SYDNEY (.) COYS ARE TO DEMAND REQUIRED QTY'S FROM QM ASP //

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8 Feb 71

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SECOND ADVANCE PARTY

Reference A: 7 RAR Admin Instr 1/71 dated 1 Jan 71.

1. Attached as annex A is the nominal roll of the 2nd Advance Party as at 7 Feb 71.

2. All previous nominal rolls are to be destroyed upon receipt of this one.

(R.A. GREY)
Lt Col
CO

Annex: A. Nominal Roll: Second Advance Party.

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ANNEX A TO
7 RAR R569/1/22
DATED 8 FEB 71

212824	Maj	G.C.	SKARDON	214154	S Sgt	J.L. HEAD
235109	Maj	F.K.	COLE	2243016	Cpl	D.M. ROBERTSON
215001	2Lt	I.	PAUZA	217284	Pte	T.W. SHEPHERD
43565	Cpl	S.N.	SMITH	218672	Pte	R.B. RAVENSCROFT
[illegible]3257	Cpl	D.A.	DUCKWORTH	15757	S Sgt	M.J. EZZY
2793441	Pte	J.M.	DRUHAN	210543	Sgt	J. CAIN
216253	Pte	J.C.	HUMPHRIES	214891	Sgt	K.P. CLAYDON
3797429	Pte	P.J.	JACOBS	2184935	L Cpl	I.F. MACARTHUR
52612	Capt	B.S.	HICKS	213124	S Sgt	R.F. BAILEY
14623	Sgt	D.J.	FIELDHOUSE	215480	Sgt	J.L. SAXBY
341184	Sgt	D.	DONOVAN	313372	Cpl	I.J. ROBINSON
2412148	Sgt	L.F.	HARDACRE	218830	Pte	B.A. COX
214001	Sgt	R.J.	HORDER	2152705	Pte	P.J. EDWARDS
311574	Sgt	T.D.	SLANEY	36185	S Sgt	R.M. HYLARD
216956	Sgt	D.L.	WILLIS	1200869	Cpl	W.G. THOMAS
2792438	Cpl	J.B.	HUTCHINS	55822	Pte	I.D. LANKESTER
38772	Cpl	W.B.	KRIEWALDT	312746	Pte	M.J. CALLANAN
2784851	Cpl	J.	MURRELL	311411	Sgt	G. MANSON
1200801	L Cpl	E.P.	STEWART	37012	Sgt	F. CURPHEY
218877	Pte	W.	ADAMSKI	217137	Pte	J.W. MARSHALL
2793432	Pte	G.N.	BARTON	15229	S Sgt	R.D. ALLAN
219312	Pte	C.A.	BUCKMAN	215360	Sgt	P.J. AMOS
[illegible]5222	Pte	M.J.	COTTER	1736100	Cpl	L.W. COVELL
243416	Cfn	G.	ELSTON	2793003	Pte	S.C. ROBERTSON
2792445	Pte	R.J.	HEEB	217309	L Cpl	J.W. BOAG
218433	Pte	K.J.	HONEYBROOK	217148	Pte	J.R. JEPSON
218701	Pte	R.C.	JAMES	2793783	Pte	A.L. PITT
2793296	Pte	W.S.	KENNEDY	311284	Cpl	G.C. MOON
3797386	Pte	S.A.	KEILY	218475	Pte	M. PARSONS
55815	Pte	W.K.	LEWIS	216531	Pte	V.J. KENNEDY
219701	Pte	S.J.	PELCHAN	45316	Pte	K. EVANS
4721046	Pte	T.M.	RAFTERY			

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7th Battalion
Royal Australian Regiment
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9 Feb 71

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ARMY EDUCATION COURSE - HMAS SYDNEY

General

1. Instruction in all subjects required for the Australian Army Certificate of Education Class II will be conducted by an RAAEC officer during the voyage to Australia aboard HMAS Sydney.

Examination

2. At the conclusion of the course an examination will be conducted and successful candidates will be issued with AACE II Certificates after RTA.

Coaching for SGCE and AACE I

3. Limited coaching in AACE I and SGCE subjects will be given during the voyage. No examinations at this level will be conducted.

Nominations

4. Attached as Annex A is a list of those nominations received to date. Companies are to check this list and submit any changes or additional nominations to the Assistant Adjutant by 12 Feb 71. Consideration should be given to the education requirements for promotion of NCOs when selecting nominees.

5. Promotion education requirements are:

Corporal	AACE III
Sergeant	AACE II
Warrant Officer	AACE I

6. Nominations of soldiers for AACE II who have not qualified for AACE III will be accepted

Syllabus

7. A detailed syllabus will be issued later.

(R.A. GREY)
Lt Col
CO

Annexes: A. Nominations for AACE II
B. Nominations for Tuition

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ANNEX A TO
7 RAR R284-1-6
DATED FEB 71

NOMINATIONS - AACE II

Sub Unit		Name			Subjects Required		
					English	Maths	Social Studies
A Coy	219427	Lcpl	G.A.	ROBINSON	X	X	X
B Coy	35944	Sgt	F.G.	HENDERSON			X
	358957	Pte	K.P.	BROOKS	X	X	X
	39191	Cpl	B.M.	DEFREITAS	X	X	
	5717037	Pte	D.R.	LIDDELOW	X	X	X
	45013	Pte	G.J.	HOPPO	X	X	X
C Coy	44961	Lcpl	G.J.	SHEPLEY	X	X	X
	55955	Lcpl	J.P.	HOWARD	X	X	X
	218884	Pte	P.V.	ZANNINO	X	X	X
	1202244	Pte	I.A.	REID	X	X	X
	312947	Pte	W.R.	HILL	X	X	X
	1203042	Pte	N.M.	HASKINS	X	X	X
	3795353	Pte	D.G.	LUKE	X	X	X
	61982	Cpl	B.D.	WALLER	X	X	X
D Coy							
	215504	Sgt	P.J.	RIDDETT		X	X
	2792439	Lcpl	K.P.	HANSLOW	X	X	X
	313334	Pte	L.W.	NASH	X	X	X
	56035	Pte	M.W.	SCHOFIELD	X	X	X
	2792117	Pte	R.G.	HENDRY	X	X	X
	3797590	Pte	W.L.	SIMMONDS	X	X	X
	1736438	Pte	R.G.	GARTNER	X	X	X
	56042	Pte	E.A.	HALL	X	X	X
Sp Coy	218389	Pte	B.J.	GREENWOOD	X	X	X
	218660	Cpl	K.J.	EATON	X	X	X
	2239803	Pte	S.P.	BRINKWORTH	X	X	X
	1735544	Pte	J.L.	NELSON	X	X	X
	61894	Pte	B.L.	HERBERT	X	X	X
	1202871	Pte	T.L.	BUGSLAG	X	X	X
	218383	Cpl	S.	STAJKOWSKI	X	X	X
	219401	Lcpl	H.J.	HOLDEN	X	X	X
	218827	Cpl	D.C.	BAKER	X	X	X
	3795448	Pte	D.W.	BLOOM	X	X	X
	218841	Cpl	R.	RIMMRODT	X	X	X
	5716726	Pte	E.L.	McDORMAN	X	X	X
	218085	Pte	B.J.	RICHARDS	X	X	X
	1202590	Pte	R.J.	DALLAWAY	X	X	X
	5716930	Pte	G.	THOMSON	X	X	X
	4721106	Pte	R.G.	WHINNEN	X	X	X
	312963	Pte	L.J.	KEALY	X	X	X
	218325	Pte	G.M.	BOGGIE	X	X	X
	1202673	Pte	G.L.	LONSDALE	X	X	X
	1202235	Pte	W.	DAVY	X	X	X
	1735762	Pte	O.H.	PAGE	X	X	X

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Sub Unit			Name	Subjects Required		
				English	Maths	Social Studies
Admin Coy	218741	Cpl	M.A. GILLETT	X	X	X
	216944	Pte	J.D. FINLAY	X	X	X
	312727	Pte	D.J. ATTWOOD	X	X	X
	2412530	Cpl	A.F. KINCH	X	X	X
	313433	Pte	E.J. BARDSLEY	X	X	X
	313657	Pte	T.J. HOBBS	X	X	X
	313362	Pte	D.J. DEATHE	X	X	X
	1202002	Lcpl	R.N. ADAMS	X	X	X
	1202607	Pte	R.D. ERNST	X	X	X
	518946	Pte	R.J. WALKER	X	X	X
	4719515	Pte	D.J. LEARHINAN	X	X	X
	2791138	Pte	R.J. OAKES	X	X	X
	55994	Pte	D.J. HARRIS	X	X	X

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ANNEX B TO
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DATED FEB 71

NOMINATIONS FOR TUITION

Sub Unit		Name		Course and Subject	
B Coy	1201881	Cpl	C.J. MONTFORD	AACE I	1 subject
	39620	Lcpl	R.W. CROFT	AACE I	All subjects
C Coy	312985	Pte	P.R. WILLIS	AACE I	All subjects
	213865	Sgt	R. SAVAGE	AACE I	All subjects
	218600	Cpl	C. SYDOR	AACE I	All subjects
D Coy	14964	WO2	R.J. FARLEY	AACE I	All subjects
	312867	Cpl	F.W. KILLICK	AACE I	All subjects
	2792453	Pte	M.M. HOENSELAARS	AACE I	All subjects

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MESSAGE FORM

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ROUTINE		100945 Z	FEB 71

FROM: 7 RAR

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ATTACHED SOLDIERS FROM OTHER UNITS (.) ON THE DAY OF RETURN TO NUI DAT ALL OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS FROM OTHER THAN 7 RAR ARE TO MARCH BACK TO THEIR PARENT UNITS

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PROGRAMME 21 FEB 71 - 25 FEB 71

1. Attached as Annex A is a programme detailing 7 RAR activities for the period 21 Feb 71 to 25 Feb 71.

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Lt Col
CO

Annex: A. Programme 21 Feb 71 - 25 Feb 71.

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ANNEX A TO
7 RAR R569-1-22
DATED FEB 71

SUNDAY 21 FEB 71

Ser (a)	Timings (b)	Sub Unit (c)	Activity (d)	Remarks (e)
1.	1330 - 1530	Sp Coy	Med/Dental Examination	Horseshoe
2.	1400	C, D Coy	Return all ammunition to Bn Ap except for 10 rds per man.	
3.	1400	C, D, Admin	Return all GPMGs due for RTA to QM.	
4.	Completed by 1600		Final reconciliation and adjustments of handover stocktake.	
5.	1830	All Offrs	Offrs' Mess Function	Capt Cairns to organize.
6.	1830 - 1930	C, D, Admin	Trading sub unit canteens.	2 cans per man.

MONDAY 22 FEB 71

7.	0800 - 1230	D Coy	Med/Dental examinations	
8.	1000	Admin Coy	Cpl Becker report to Bn HQ for M/O to 2 RAR.	
9.	1330 - 1400	Second Advance Party	Pre-embarkation Brief	Complete draft to attend.
10.	1400	A, B, Sp	Return all GPMGs due for RTA to QM.	
11.	1330	C	Return surplus serviceable and unserviceable equipment to QM.	
12.	1330 - 1630	C	Med/Dental examinations	
13.	1400	A, B, Sp	Return all ammunition to Bn AP except for 10 rds per man.	
14.	1400	D	As for ser 11 (d)	
15.	Approx 1500	All Coys	Tasmanian Concert.	Mor Baseplate Area.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
16.	1600	All Coys	Coy luxury conexes collected by AQM for centralisation at Main Q Store. Customs proforma G93 submitted by coys.	Coy baggage offrs AQM to order fork lift
17.	1600	AQM	Submit T58 Application for space - 2 copies. MFO Nominal Roll - 2 copies. Customs Proforma G93.	MFO effects refer Adm Instr 1/71 Annex M para 11.
18.	pm	All Coys	All unit stores incl DPRI, Offrs Mess property etc prepared for RTA	
19.	pm	All Coys	Fol accounts finalised Postal - Asst Adjt Laundry - QM Ration - QM/WO Caterer	Asst Adjt to arrange Army Audit inspection.
20.	1600	RSM	Set up and test equipment for parade.	
21.	pm		Stocktake complete - handover to relieving bn.	
22.	1600	All Coys	7 RAR AAF 12 issues cleared.	
23.	1600	All sub accounts	All weapons to RTA to be on F12B. Signatures on F12B and 95A to QM. Copies to QM by 1700.	Weapons to RTA Categorised as Fol: a. Mainbody less WA/SA returning by sea. b. WA/SA returning by sea. c. Second Adv Party and Rear Party. d. Soldiers e-posted in theatre.
24.	1600 - 2030	All sub accounts	100% weapons and controlled stores check	Results to QM as they come to hand.
25.	1700	All Coys	Hospitalised soldiers Q cleared.	
26.	Completed by 1700	All Coys	Soldiers disembarking for leave at Fremantle to have luxury items moved to special conex in Q Compound.	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
27.	Completed by 1700	All sub unit canteens	Sub unit canteens return all stocks and monies to unit PX.	Coy 2ICs and canteens reps to PX.
28.	1930 - 2130	Sub unit canteens	Last ni trading	2 cans per man.
		TUESDAY 23 FEB 71		
29.	0730	A Coy	As per ser 11 (d).	
30.	0800	B Coy	As per ser 11 (d).	
31.	0800	Asst Adjt	Nominal Roll of Draft - 30 copies. Nominal Roll of Embarkation - 3 copies. Str return AAF T51 - 12 copies	To be submitted to Det 11 MC Gp VT by 0930.
32.	0900	Regimental Audit Board	Final Audit and closure of VN accounts. Statement of Affairs to be produced and distributed.	
33.	0900 - 1030	All Coys	Coy rehearsals for farewell pde	Coy areas
34.	1030 - 1230	Bn	Bn rehearsals for farewell pde.	Porky 7
35.	pm	All sub accouts	100% wpns and controlled stores check.	Results to QM as they come to hand.
36.	1600	All Coys	Soldiers to M/O to other units in theatre cleared except for wpns.	
37.	1600	2nd Adv Party	Alcohol for RTA to Bn HQ for safekeeping.	Well labelled
		WEDNESDAY 24 FEB 71		
38.	0900	All Coys	Bn Farewell Parade	Instr issued sep.
39.	1230	All Coys	Withdrawal wpns from soldiers M/O to other units in theatre.	
40.	1330	Sp, Adm, Bn HQ	Soldiers to M/O to other units in theatre to report to Bn HQ.	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
41.	1330	2Lt McGovern 2Lt Daly	Report to Bn HQ for M/O to 1 ARU.	
42.	1330	All Coys	Wpns for 2nd Adv Party to Main Q.	
43.	Approx 1300	All Coys	Coy Barbeques	2 cans per man.
		THURSDAY 25 FEB 71		
44.	0630	2nd Adv Party	2nd Adv Party departs Luscombe	Stored alcohol distributed 0600 hrs.
45.	0800	WO Weinman Sgt Goulden Pte Shannahan	Report to Bn HQ for move with 3 RAR HVO to VT.	
46.	0800	Pte Lejepojevic Pte Rundel	Report to Bn HQ for move by duty veh to new 1 ATF units.	
47.	to be advised	Main Body	First chalk departs CH47 for HMAS Sydney	Instr issued sep.
48.	to be advised	Main Body	Last chalk departs CH47 for HMAS Sydney.	

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION 7/71
RECEPTION - 3 RAR

Arrival at Luscombe Field

1. Exact time of arrival is not known at this stage. Forecast timings will be given at the AQ Conference on 11 Feb 71. The Adjt is to meet the charter flight at Tan Son Nhut and telephone chalk timings and compositions to the Admin CP who will in turn notify sub units of report times at Luscombe Field.

2. Reception responsibilities and transport requirements are shown in Annex A. Ten TCVs from TFMA are to be ordered. Should movement to Luscombe be on small aircraft over an extended period a pool of five TCVs only will be required.

3. Sgt Collins is to control TCV move and allocation at the passenger terminal at Luscombe. A radio link to the Admin CP is to be established.

Action After Arrival in Sub Unit Lines

4. The following is to be completed by sub units.

a. Issue of ammo
SLR - 60 rds
M16 - 60 rds
Pistols - 12 rds.

b. Brief on weapon states of readiness, particularly in the Base Area. Detailed instruction will be given AM 13 Feb 71 as part of Exercise Safety Belt which is to be attended by all ranks.

c. Detail of mess, canteen and theatre timings.

d. Inform all ranks that they are to assemble on Digger Campbell Oval at 0800 hrs 13 Feb 71 for introductory talk. Dress bush hat, waist belt, long barrel personal weapon - no webbing.

Messing

5. a. A Coy Mess - To be used by A, B, Sp Coys and Bn HQ. Numbers to be catered for as follows:

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	12 - 14 Feb 71	14 - 22 Feb 71
7 RAR	45	45
3 RAR	52	23
TOTAL	97	68

B and Sp Coy kitchens open for lunch on 22 Feb 71.

b. Admin Coy Mess Hall - To be used by Admin and C Coys. Numbers to be catered for as follows:

	12 - 14 Feb 71	14 - 21 Feb 71
7 RAR	90	90
3 RAR	36	24
TOTAL	126	114

c. On 21 Feb 71 C Coy kitchen to open for lunch for complete coy plus C Coy 3 RAR advance party

d. Officers/Sgts Mess

	12 - 14 Feb 71	14 - 25 Feb 71
3 RAR Officers	21	4
3 RAR Sgts	25	18
Additional to 7 RAR TOTAL	46	22

e. 3 RAR R Gp Mess Horseshoe: To feed the following approx numbers:

Officers	17
Sgts	11
ORs	48
TOTAL	76

6. Duties are to be provided as follows:

A Coy, Admin Coy - 3
Offrs/Sgts - 2

Mess staff from 3 RAR will be required to assist in the Offrs and Sgts Mess.

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7.

Time	Event
0800	Address by 2IC 7 RAR at Digger/Campbell Oval
0820	Embus
0845 - 1130	Ex Safety Belt at 1 ARU

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1315 - 1630 Tour 1 ATF and 7 RAR

1330 Recce Horseshoe - 3 RAR Recce Gp accompanied by QM 7 RAR. Horseshoe Cpl Storeman and RQMS 3 RAR to be met at Horseshoe by RSM and Cpl Stewart.

8. Maj O'Brien to conduct Coy Comds and senior officers of 3 RAR on 1 ATF and 7 RAR area tours. Maj O'Brien is to liaise with GSO2 Ops for tour of 1 ATF CP.

9. Coy 2IC's using sub unit vehicles are to conduct tours for the remaining members of 3 RAR to ensure they see the location of unit areas in 1 ATF and observe the area from Nui Dat Hill. All soldiers are to be shown all 7 RAR coy areas. Sp, Admin and Bn HQ may bid for TCVs not later than AQ Comf 11 Feb 71.

10. Tpt Requirements

Time	Vehs	Place/Report	Task
0800 hrs	3 x LRs (3 RAR) 9 x TCVs	Rd Chapel to RAP	150 pax to 1 ARU
1100 hrs	3 x LRs (3 RAR)	1 ARU	150 pax to 7 RAR
1315 hrs	1 x LR (3 RAR)	Officers Mess	Report Base Comd for tour 1 ATF, 7 RAR.
1315 hrs	2 x LRs (3 RAR)	Officers Mess	Horseshoe Recce. Report QM.

Maps

11. Maps will be issued to Coy Comds on arrival.

Unit Stores

12. A pool of compasses, protractors, torches and watches are held by QM 7 RAR for 3 RAR advance party and will be distributed as directed by 3 RAR AQ rep.

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13. G Gp

Time	Event
0750	All G Gp pde Bn HQ
0800 - 1200	Move to Horseshoe
1300 - 1700	Rd Recce.

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14. AQ GP

Time	Event	
0800	Assemble Digger Campbell Oval	16 - As nominated by 3 RAR.
0800 - 1230	Province tour. To incl Dat Do, Horseshoe, Long Dien.	Maj O'Brien to conduct and arrange necessary guides.
1330 - 1630	Liaison with opposite No.	

15. Transport Requirements

Time	Vehs	Place/Report	Task
0745	LRs as ordered by 3 RAR. 6 x TCVs.	Bn HQ	75 - 3 RAR to Horseshoe.
0745	3 x LRs	Digger Campbell Oval	Province tour until 1230 hrs.
1245	3 x TCVs	3 RAR/Sp Coy Area at Horseshoe	Province Recce - Requirements to be confirmed.

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Annexes: A. Reception at Luscombe Field.

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ANNEX A TO
7 RAR ADMIN INSTR 7/71
DATED 10 FEB 71

RECEPTION AT LUSCOMBE FIELD

Sub Unit	Nos	Veh Req	Offr Resp	Remarks
Bn HQ	4 offrs 3 sgts 14 ORs	H1 LR and Tlr - 2IC LR - RSM 1 x TCV	A/Adjt	CO 2IC RSM
Admin Coy	2 offrs 10 sgts 29 ORs	Admin Coy LR and Tlr 3 x TCV	QM	
Sp Coy	5 offrs 3 sgts 21 ORs	Sp Coy LR and Tlr 3 x TCV	Base Comd CQMS Sp Coy	
A Coy	3 offrs 3 sgts 8 ORS	A Coy LR and Tlr 1 x TCV	2IC A Coy	
B Coy	3 offrs 3 sgts 9 ORs	B Coy LR and Tlr 1 x TCV	2IC B Coy	
C Coy	3 offrs 4 sgts 7 ORs	C Coy LR and Tlr 1 x TCV	2IC C Coy	
D Coy	3 offrs 4 sgts 8 ORs	D Coy LR and Tlr 1 x TCV	2IC D Coy	

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RTA 7 RAR

Timings

1. The following dates/times have now been received for the RTA of the 7 RAR Main Body.

Depart Vung Tau	- 25 0700 hrs to 25 1500 hrs H Feb 71
Arrive Fremantle	- 04 0900 hrs H Mar 71
Depart Fremantle	- 05 1000 hrs H Mar 71
Arrive Sydney	- 10 1000 hrs K Mar 71.

2. The only timing which has not been fully confirmed is the arrival date/time in Sydney.

Leave

3. Western Australians and South Australians will be disembarking at Fremantle for leave/discharge on 4 Mar 71. These pers are listed in Annex A. No pers will be permitted to disembark for leave to other centres.

4. Leave will commence at 2400 hrs 4 Mar 71.

5. 11 soldiers have elected to travel on to Sydney with the battalion, they are also listed in Annex A.

6. Free travel leave entitlements for these pers still stands.

7. Travelling time from Perth to Adelaide by normal means is 2 days.

Air Rail Difference

8. Those persons who have paid air/rail difference Sydney to SA/WA are to submit a TS4 (Claim for Repayment) with their receipts attached through coy pay reps to the Bn Pay Sgt, these TS4's are required as soon as possible.

9. Those persons who wish to pay the air/rail difference Perth/Adelaide must do so as soon as possible, the amount being $(US) 30.17.

10. Coys are to make arrangements for persons to sign TS4's and pay air/rail difference on maintdems if necessary.

11. All documentation, including A19's is to be completed by 1600 hrs on 19 Feb 71, and handed to the Asst Adjt.

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12. The 11 soldiers travelling on to Sydney are not to change their original travel arrangements.

Arrival in Sydney

13. The Battalion is to march through Sydney on the day of arrival, separate instructions will be issued.

14. Leave is to commence 2400 hrs 10 Jan 71. Date of RTU is to remain as the date shown on MOB 3's issued to each individual. An additional days ARL will be credited in the AAB 83.

Leave Return

15. Coy clerks are to submit a consolidated leave return as discussed at the clerks conference 4 Feb 71. The format is shown in Annex B. Eight copies of this return are required to reach Bn HQ by 1200 hrs 15 Feb 71.

(R.A. GREY)
Lt Col
CO

Annexes: A. Pers Disembarking Perth
B. Leave Return.

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ANNEX A TO
7 RAR R569-1-22
DATED 10 FEB 71

DISEMBARKING PERTH

1. Western Australians

55761	Cpl	A W McKENZIE	A Coy	547922	Lcpl	R F DIXON	A Coy
5716985	Pte	J E DUFFIELD	A Coy	5717159	Pte	S R CONNOR	A Coy
5717019	Pte	G E HAYWOOD	A Coy	56121	Pte	B C NAUGHTON	B Coy
35944	Sgt	F G HENDERSON	B Coy	5717037	Pte	D R LIDDELOW	B Coy
56067	Pte	D J HUGHES	B Coy	5716460	Pte	R T ALY	B Coy
519319	Cpl	R B COPELAND	B Coy	535586	Pte	D R SCOTT	B Coy
5716860	Pte	R J MARR	B Coy	5716619	Pte	D BURNET	B Coy
5716412	Pte	R J CUSACK	B Coy	5716651	Pte	C J EPSKAMP	B Coy
5716701	Pte	W KLESZCZ	B Coy	5716686	Pte	D W INGLES	B Coy
5716702	Lcpl	R A LAMONT	B Coy	5716707	Lcpl	P LUSK	B Coy
5716757	Cpl	G J ROBERTS	B Coy	514022	Pte	A R SIMPSON	C Coy
55986	Lcpl	R B MATULICK	C Coy	312537	Lcpl	M G PIPPET	C Coy
55753	Cpl	J N DUNCAN	C Coy	55087	Pte	K J MONTAGUE	C Coy
56071	Pte	S J NOBEL	C Coy	56070	Pte	R H MOFFAT	C Coy
5717064	Pte	M W FASCOE	C Coy	5716737	Cpl	K M OLDFIELD	C Coy
5716736	Lcpl	R M O'HALLORAN	C Coy	5716667	Pte	R P GRAHAM	C Coy
5716722	Pte	D F MARSHALL	C Coy	5716624	Pte	G R WILLIAMS	C Coy
5716642	Pte	F WOODS	C Coy	55955	Lcpl	J P HOWARD	C Coy
55182	Cpl	C S BIRCH	D Coy	55731	Lcpl	T J DILLON	D Coy
56035	Pte	M W SCHOFIELD	D Coy	5717005	Pte	D R WAIT	D Coy
5717058	Pte	G R O'DONNELL	D Coy	5716927	Pte	D M WANN	D Coy
56042	Pte	E A HALL	D Coy	312867	Cpl	F W KILLICK	D Coy
5716941	Pte	A BLUMFELDS	Sp Coy	3133471	Pte	H C LATROBE	Sp Coy
5716969	Pte	M J BARROT	Adm Coy	55801	Pte	B S HUNTER	Adm Coy
55994	Pte	S G HARRIS	Adm Coy	518946	Pte	R J WALKER	Adm Coy
5716713	Pte	S B MADSON	Adm Coy				

2. South Australians

44950	Pte	E E HELD	Bn HQ	4720862	Pte	A J THOMPSON	Bn HQ
44930	Pte	R W MOIKA	A Coy	4720791	Pte	B J LEESUE	A Coy
4720961	Pte	F M MARTIN	B Coy	424171	Pte	G P MAINKE	B Coy
4721003	Pte	A KRANTIS	B Coy	4721028	Pte	R B MONTGOMERIE	B Coy
45013	Pte	G J HOPPO	B Coy				
44751	Pte	H SOBCZYNSKI	B Coy	130309	Pte	B MORGAN	B Coy
44433	Cpl	J S BERT	C Coy	4410621	Sgt	D W CRUSE	C Coy
45265	Pte	R H GILL	C Coy	44940	Pte	J H DAVIES	C Coy
4721220	Pte	S V LUKER	C Coy	4720856	Pte	G S STARKS	C Coy
44919	Pte	D W LOCKWOOD	Sp Coy	4721106	Pte	R J WHINNEN	Sp Coy
4721010	Pte	R J LLOYD	Sp Coy	442220	Pte	D F GOODWIN	Adm Coy
4719515	Pte	D J LEARHINAN	Adm Coy	44957	Pte	T J WEHRMAN	Adm Coy
4720835	Pte	B J RYAN	Adm Coy				

3. WA and SA Pers Travelling to Sydney

57089	Lt	P D GIBBONS (WA)	Bn HQ
5716643	Pte	J G DORRINGTON (WA)	Bn HQ
55560	Lt	S G CHARMARETTE (WA)	Adm Coy

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4721158	Pte	B S EDWARDS	(SA)	A Coy
44766	Cpl	K M PAGE	(SA)	A Coy
44961	Lcpl	G J SHEPLEY	(SA)	C Coy
54805	Cpl	K J GILLETT	(WA)	Sp Coy
515914	Pte	K S GURNER	(WA)	Sp Coy
448018	Pte	J L HANLEY	(SA)	Sp Coy
4721031	Pte	N W NITSCHKE	(SA)	Sp Coy
4721279	Pte	F J SMITH	(SA)	Sp Coy

4. Totals:

a. Disembarking Fremantle : WA 51
SA 24
Total 75

b. Disembarking Sydney : WA 5
SA 6
Total 11

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ANNEX B TO
7 RAR R569-1-22
DATED 10 FEB 71

CONSOLIDATED LEAVE RETURN

Coy As At 15 Feb 71

Serial (a)	Regt No (b)	Rank (c)	Name (d)		Leave Destination (e)	Method of Travel (f)	Return Destination (g)	Method of Travel (h)	Date Leave Expires (i)
1	27943612	Pte	ABIGAIL	R.D.	Shepparton (VIC)	Air	U/L S Comd 3/69 NS	Rail	14 Apr 71
2	215001	Sgt	ADAMS	R.	Condoblin (NSW)	Air	1 RTB Kapooka	Own Means	21 May 71
3	4725891	Pte	AMISS	D.G.	U/L C Comd (SA)	Air	N/A	2/69 NS	N/A
4	32759	Cpl	ALLISON	R.M.	Mildura (VIC)	Rail	7 RAR	Rail	16 Apr 71

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All 3/69 NS are passed to Pers Comd except for F Comd who are to remain [illegible]

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N Comd SVN 400/71

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C Comd SVN 402/71

W Comd SVN 403/71

T Comd SVN 404/71

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R66-1-4

7th Battalion
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17 Feb 71

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VISIT OF TASMANIAN CONCERT PARTY
22 FEB 71 TO 7 RAR

General

1. The Tasmanian Concert Party will be performing at 7 RAR (Mor Pl area) on 22 Feb 71 at 1500 hrs.

Composition of Party

2. a. Escort Officer: Not known.

b. Entertainers:

Ken Short	Compare/manager
Patsy Biscoe	Folk singer
Diana Dalton	Vocalist
Patti Urguhart	Vocalist
Toni Pickering	Sax/Clarinet
Michael Colrain	Drums
Don Shepherd	Bass Guitar
Ian Pearce	Organ
Oscar Smith	Guitar

Total: 7 males, 3 females.

3. Capt J. Sykes is to be the 7 RAR Escort/Liaison Officer.

Mobile Stage

4. Capt Sykes is to ensure the mobile stage is picked up from HQ Coy Tpt Compound on 21 Feb 71 and placed into position on the Mor Pl Baseplate area. The stage is to be returned by 1700 hrs on 22 Feb 71

Power Source

5. Capt Sykes is to liaise with 1 Fd Sqn to ensure the power is available at the concert sight.

6. 106 Fd Wksp is to supply a technician, he is to report to 7 RAR Bn HQ by 1400 hrs 22 Feb 71.

Timings

7.

1215	Concert party picked up from Luscombe Bowl.
1230	Party split between C Coy and D Coy for lunch (Coy veh required)
1415	Party arrives at concert site
1500	Concert commences
1630	Show ends
1640	Report Luscombe Field
1700	Depart Luscombe Field (Wallaby 4)

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Transport

8. Following transport is to report to Capt Sykes 1200 hrs 22 Feb 71.

2 x ¾ ton LR
1 x 5 ton TCV

This tpt will be required again at 1630 hrs.

9. Capt Sykes is to bid to 2IC Admin Coy for tpt to move D Coy to and from concert sight.

Work Party

10. RSM is to provide a work party of 1 NCO and 4 soldiers to report to Capt Sykes by 1200 hrs 22 Feb 71.

Dressing Rooms

11. Capt Sykes is to ensure that the mor pl store (living area) is set up as a dressing room for females by 1200 hrs 22 Feb 71, an 11 x 11 tent will have to be erected for use as a male dressing room. Each dressing room is to be equipped with the following:

a. Table
b. Chairs
c. Wash Basins, soap and towels
d. Washing water
e. Cold drinks, glasses and openers (DPRI to provide).

12. Female toilet facilities are to be set up in the officers mess, the mor pl toilets are to be used by the males.

13. 5 chairs are to be placed on the stage for the band. 14 chairs are to be placed for senior officers.

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1 Fd Sqn
106 Fd Wksps
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EMBARKATION ON HMAS SYDNEY
25 FEB 71

General

1. 7 RAR is to embark on the HMAS Sydney by three Chinook helicopters. 3 RAR is to be simultaneously disembarked.

Air Table

2. An air table is attached as Annex A. ETDs may be later than indicated due to the unconfirmed press sortie - 11. Sub unit reports times to Porky 7 and Pelican Heights are to remain as indicated.

Control

3. Sub units are to ensure telephones are manned until departure for the appropriate waiting area.

4. QM and records rep to control emplaning of D Coy and then move to Porky 7 to assist Base Comd and records rep in that area.

5. Base Comd and Chairman Control is located at Porky 7.

6. QM and Base Comd are to control all troop movement at Pelican Heights and Porky 7.

Reporting

7. Sub units are to report to Admin Coy Canteen at the time nominated. Coy Comds are to report to Maj O'Brien for further directions.

8. Soldiers are to carry weapons and carryall bags only.

Embarkation Nos

9. Embarkation Nos are to be worn on the right shirt pocket and buttoned under the flap. Chief Clerk is to issue embarkation cards to coys PM 24 Feb 71 in accordance with embarkation rolls now issued to coys.

Checks Before Leaving Area

10. Immediately prior to moving to Porky 7 and Pelican Heights a physical check is to be supervised by Coy Comds to ensure no illegal weapons, military equipment not on charge to individuals, drugs etc are in the possession of their soldiers. A verbal warning to this effect is to be issued in order that disciplinary action can be taken should such items be found at a later stage.

Weapon Control

11. To facilitate a final check of weapons carried by individuals as they board Chinooks and for ease of identification later all soldiers are to have a white label attached to the right side of the weapon butt showing his name and weapon number.

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Garbage Disposal Before Departure

12. a. 24 Feb - Unit tipper to commence 0600 hrs to clear the following areas before Farewell Parade:

A Coy
B Coy Theatre Area
Admin Coy Canteen
Admin Coy Kitchen
Tpt
DPRI Store
RAP

Sub units are to ensure that all garbage is removed from their areas by 1700 hrs 2IC Admin Coy is to bid for and task a second tip truck for 1200 hrs 24 Feb 71 until 0930 hrs 25 Feb 71.

b. 25 Feb 71

Unit tipper to report D Coy at 0600 hrs

1st Tasked tipper to Sp Coy/Bn HQ at 0700 hrs

2nd Tasked tipper to report A Coy 0700 hrs

Unit tipper to B Coy at 0730 hrs

1st Tasked tipper to C Coy at 0800 hrs

2nd Tasked tipper to Admin Coy at 0800 hrs.

2IC Admin Coy to task 2nd tipper in addition to that bidded for in 12a to be available not later that 0700 hrs.

13. Sub unit comds are to ensure all tent lines, bunkers and areas are free of all rubbish. Remember your impressions when you arrived.

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ANNEX A TO
7 RAR R569-1-22
DATED 21 FEB 71

7 RAR MOVT NUI SAT - HMAS SYDNEY

SORTIE	SUB UNIT	PZ	PAD	TIME REPORT	REMARKS
1.	D Coy	27	Pelican	0730	
	Bn HQ	1			Adjt
2.	D Coy	28	Pelican	0730	
3.	D Coy	22	Pelican	0730	Plus 6 visitors
4.	Bn HQ	19	Porky 7	0800	
	Sp Coy	9			
5.	Sp Coy	28	Porky 7	0800	
6.	Sp Coy	28	Porky 7	0800	
7.	Sp Coy	28	Porky 7	0830	
8.	Sp Coy	8	Porky 7	0830	
	A Coy	20			
9.	A Coy	28	Porky 7	0830	
10.	A Coy	27	Porky 7	0830	
	Att Officer	1			Maj Robb
11.	Press Sortie				Press sortie
12.	B Coy	28	Porky 7	0930	
13.	B Coy	28	Porky 7	0930	
14.	B Coy	19	Porky 7	0930	
	C Coy	9	Porky 7	0930	
15.	C Coy	28	Porky 7	1000	
16.	C Coy	28	Porky 7	1000	
17.	C Coy	21	Porky 7	1030	
	Admin Coy	7			
18.	Admin Coy	28	Porky 7	1030	
19.	Admin Coy	20	Porky 7	1030	Chaplain Teefey - Lt Carpenter. Records Gp (3)
	Bn HQ	5			

Total by Chinook	495		
Total by Iroquis	4	CO - RSM - Lcpl Anderson - Pte Spano	Iroquis to Porky 7 at 0930 hrs.
Total	499		

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LEAVE IN PERTH

General

1. W Comd have advised that soldiers commencing ARL from Perth will proceed on leave direct from the ship and not as normal via the personnel depot.

2. For soldiers remaining on the ship for move to Sydney the following activities have been arranged:

a. Lunch at WCPD

b. Bus tour of Perth

c. Barbecue dinner at SASR

d. RSL dance

Local Leave

3. Soldiers from WA who are remaining on the ship for movement to Sydney, and soldiers who have strong family ties in Perth may on written application, with coy comds recommendation apply for leave to be approved by the CO. Such application are specifically to state if overnight leave is required. All other soldiers are to take part in 2 a, b and c. Soldiers who wish to attend the RSL dance are to indicate through their sub units as required below.

Returns

4. Sub units are to submit the following detail to Bn HQ by 0800 hrs 23 Feb 71:

a. No of officers on ship -

b. No of sgts on ship -

c. No of soldiers in ship -

d. No of soldiers who have applied for local leave -

e. No of soldiers who wish to go on tours etc arranged by W Comd -

f. No of soldiers who wish to attend RSL dance -

Officers

5. All offrs will lunch at W Comd before proceeding on local leave.

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