

Series: AWM95
Australian Army commanders' diaries
[Vietnam]

Infantry units

Item number: 7/7/8

**Item: 7 Battalion Royal Australian
Regiment**

Annexes

[1-31 Jul 1967]

HS

RESTRICTED

The information given in this document is not to be communicated, either directly or indirectly, to the press or to any person not authorised to receive it

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ERIC H SMITH

COMMANDING OFFICER

SEVENTH BATTALION THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

Serial 23

5 Jul 67

Numbers 338 - 348

- 338. FIRE PRECAUTIONS WHEN HANDLING POL
- 339. POSTAL
- 340. ARMY ALLOTMENTS
- 341. MEETING OF REGIMENTAL FUNDS
- 342. OCS PORTSEA
- 343. EXAMINATION RESULTS SUBJECT 'A'
- 344. INTERNAL POSTINGS
- 345. PERSONNEL MARCHED IN/OUT 7 RAR
- 346. WEAPON SAFETY - 1 ATF
- 347. ELECTRICITY RETICULATION
- 348. LEAVES AND PASSES TO VUNG TAU

RESTRICTED

338. FIRE PRECAUTIONS WHEN HANDLING POL

1. To reduce the risk of fire when using POL in association with kitchen equipments and when burning rubbish the precautions listed are to be observed.

2. Kitchen Equipments

a. All fuel is to be stored at least 30ft from kitchens.

b. POL burning equipment is not to be refueled in the kitchens.

c. Only persons trained in the use of POL burning equipments are to be permitted to light and use them.

3. Rubbish

a. Ensure that rubbish is not burning when POL is poured over it.

b. Remove all POL from the area of the fire before lighting and ensure the POL is positioned upwind of the rubbish. (1 ATF RO Part 1 125/67)

339. POSTAL

1. Coys are despatching letters to the unit postal orderly without stamps affixed to them.

2. This causes the postal orderly unnecessary work in ringing Coys to have stamps placed on them.

3. In future unstamped letters are to be returned to the Coys.

340. ARMY ALLOTMENTS

1. The system of payment of allotments by Army personnel to their wives and other people will be changed in August.

2. The present arrangements under which allottees may receive their allotments by cash payments at Post Offices will be discontinued.

3. In future, soldier's allottees may choose to have the money credited fortnightly to their own bank accounts, or posted fortnightly by cheque directly to their home address. Allotments may be credited to either a trading or savings bank account.

4. The change in system is being made so that the Army may take full advantage of modern office-machine techniques.

5. Production of cheques in fortnightly cycles is a task which can be done swiftly and accurately by data processing machines.

6. A similar change was made by the Department of Air last year in the payment of RAAF allotments.

RESTRICTED

341. MEETING OF REGIMENTAL FUNDS

1. A meeting of the Regimental Funds Committee is to be held at 1400 hours 17 Jul 67.
2. Personnel attending are to be seated in the Battalion 2ICs Office by 1400 hours.

342. OCS PORTSEA

Nominations for entry to OCS Jan 68 are to reach BN HQ by 14 Oct 67.

343. EXAMINATION RESULTS SUBJECT A

1. The following Soldiers Qualified on the above Course in the order shown below.

	<u>Regt Particulars</u>	<u>Coy</u>
2412438	Pte K J HAYNES	D
16616	Pte K B HARKER	SP
15932	Pte J T DONLEY	SP
1200879	Pte D F LAMB	C
141087	Lcpl R O'BRIEN	B
4411041	Pte P BLANCHARD	SP
3788036	Lcpl R S BARLOW	B
38990	Lcpl I W CROOK	B
3788703	Lcpl S J WHITFORD	B
1411207	Pte R J COLLIER	C
44007	Pte C F CANNIN	C
38965	Pte W L FOGARTY	SP
4410535	Pte R PORTLOCK	A
38110	Cpl D R AYLETT	A
5114264	Lcpl D W BRYAN	B
3788784	Lcpl C A PUTMAN	B
18454	Pte K M WHITE	ADMIN
5411684	Pte P J TUCKER	D
215069	Pte P J MUSSON	C
215360	Cpl P J AMOS	ADMIN
54789	Lcpl P J HOPE	C
38831	Gnr I V LESLIE	BN HQ
3411687	Pte K R WRIGHT	B
43921	Lcpl N L CAMERON	SP
215604	Pte G R PATTERSON	B
38508	Cpl D A DAWSON	BN HQ
39014	Pte T E MATTHEWS	C
216895	Pte K J HOLBEN	C
38429	Cpl D L McNEIL	ADMIN
43543	Pte M J McINTYRE	SP
215323	Pte K R O'CONNOR	ADMIN
61638	Lcpl W J COOPER	D
55084	Cpl R G BAXTER	ADMIN
213826	Lcpl D J MALAM	A
3788102	Pte J V JOHNSON	B
215480	Cpl J L SAXBY	ADMIN

2. Course reports will be issued in due course

RESTRICTED

344. INTERNAL POSTINGS

The following inter-company transfers have been effected on the dates shown:-

No	Rank	Name	From Coy	To Coy
3411887	Pte	G. TURRA	ADMIN	C
1411286	Pte	P.R. McKEWIN	ADMIN	D
3411909	Pte	B.J. TULIP	ADMIN	D
2412494	Pte	W.R. DAVIS	ADMIN	D
216120	Pte	G.B. HOIDOM	BN HQ	ADMIN
3789314	Pte	N.F. LUBECK	C	BN HQ
16815	Lcpl	R PARKER	A	SP
36071	Pte	K.J. HARE	SP	A
3788875	Pte	W.A. HUTCHISON	ADMIN	A
	Pte	F. PARKINSON	A	ADMIN

345. PERSONNEL MARCHED IN/OUT 7 RAR

The following personnel marched in/out of 7 RAR on the dates shown:-

a. Marched IN.

16796 Cpl G R HEPPLER to D Coy

b. Marched Out.

3789898 Pte G L CROWE from D Coy-Medevac
 3787631 Lcpl E G PLATT from D Coy-Medevac
 3788761 Pte R M DALY from D Coy-Medevac
 2782576 Pte I F FLETCHER from Admin-Medevac
 2412420 Pte C P ELTON from BN HQ-Medevac

346. WEAPON SAFETY - 1 ATF

1. Within the Base Area:

a. When moving, all personnel are to carry weapons.

b. When stationary, weapons are to be readily available.

c. The magazine is to be on the weapon with working parts forward.

2. Outside the Base Area

a. The magazine is to be on the weapon.

b. Further stages of readiness, e.g. round in breech, safety catch off, is to be ordered by the commander on the spot. (1 ATF RO 129/67)

347. ELECTRICITY RETICULATION

1. All complaints and queries regarding electricity are to be addressed to the 2IC Admin Coy.
2. The electrician is controlled and tasked by the 2IC Admin Coy.

348. LEAVES AND PASSES TO VUNG TAU

1. The following direction has been received from COMUSMACV:-

"No leaves or passes are authorised to VUNG TAU for personnel stationed outside VUNG TAU except for in-country R and R. This order is effective immediately.

2. Any properly constituted beach party may travel through VUNG TAU to 1 ALSG and the BACK BEACH. Each party is to be confined to the precincts of the beach but the following areas are out of bounds:-
 - a. All BACK BEACH civilian owned bars.
 - b. The area of BACK BEACH SOUTH of the BEACHCOMBER BAR.
3. Movement through VUNG TAU is to be direct without stopping.(1 ATF RO 139/67)

B. Halyan

Lt
Adjt

Distribution: List A

H4

7th Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
AP AN PHU

5 Jul 67

Distribution.

List A (plus CO, S3, IO, A/Adjt) less serial 20.

Copy to: 1 ATF PX

PX GIFT - TYPE ITEMS

1. In fairness to members of 7 RAR and also to members of other units in 1 ATF, it is essential that purchases of items that are listed on PX Cards are entered on the PX Card at the time of sale. Company 2ICs and the unit canteen staff will ensure that this is done.
2. Under the present arrangement whereby 7 RAR purchases its total entitlement of gift - type items direct from the TF PX for resale to companies it is NOT possible for 7 RAR members to purchase these items at the TF PX.
3. 7 RAR receives 25% of all gift-type items coming into 1 ATF. If members attempt to buy these items from 1 ATF PX they will be depriving other units of their fair share. Equally, if 7 RAR did NOT use the existing system it is doubtful if our members would get as many gift-type items as they do.
4. Please promulgate this matter widely.



(D A DRABSCH)
Maj
Second-in-command

R571-2-1(13)

7th Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
AP AN PHU

Distribution. List A

5 Jul 67

7 RAR ADMIN INSTRUCTION NO 2 SVN PART 1 DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL EFFECTS
EQUIPMENT AND DOCUMENTS OF PERSONNEL HOSPITALISED/DECEASEDGeneral

1. The following procedure is to be adopted when personnel are hospitalised/deceased whether battle casualty or non battle casualty.

2. The instruction is in two sections:

Section 1. Personnel Hospitalised.

Section 2. Personnel Deceased/Missing.

SECTION 1 - PERSONNEL HOSPITALISED

3. Methods of Hospitalisation. Members may be hospitalised in the following ways:-

a. Through the unit RAP which is in the base area;

(1) Those from base area (routine).

(2) Those from base area (emergency).

b. Via dust off helicopter to four likely locations:-

(1) 8 Fd Amb Det - NUI DAT.

(2) 8 Fd Amb - Vung Tau.

(3) 36 Evac Hosp - Vung Tau.

(4) Saigon (if neuro surgery is required).

c. Those from R & R and R & C.

Through the Unit RAP

4. Those from Base Area (ROUTINE).

a. The member reports to his company prior to movement to hospital.

b. The CQMS is to withdraw all items on temporary issue (F12 and Day Book) from the member and ensure L & D's are submitted for any deficiencies.

c. The company 2IC/CQMS, together with the member, if available, compiles three copies of an inventory AAF F53 for all items of personal property and army equipment.

...d...

d. If there are items of outstanding laundry, wet equipment or dirty clothing etc., a notation is to be made on the inventory to this effect. The company is then responsible to collect the members laundry, dry the equipment and arrange laundry for dirty clothing before storage.

e. The distribution of the three copies of the inventory is one to the member, one with the effects and one on the CQ's file.

f. The members kit is labelled, locked in his trunk and the key, tabbed, is held by the CQMS who is responsible for storage and security.

5. Those from the Base Area (EMERGENCY).

a. In the case where the member cannot return to his company, the members weapon and equipment is to be held at the unit RAP and is not to go with the member.

b. The unit RAP is to record the articles on a Packing Note book, AAF 14, in triplicate, and hand the original to the member as a receipt.

c. The unit RAP is to notify the company and the CQMS is to pick up the articles immediately, receipt the triplicate and take the duplicate for his file.

d. The company 2IC/CQMS is to:-

(1) Collect the members personal property and army property in the lines.

(2) Clear the members F12 and day book and notify the QM of missing items so as to allow the HVO to check with the member on the whereabouts of the items.

(3) Carry out the routine in accordance with para 4 sub paras c, d, e and f.

Via Dust Off Helicopters

6. In the case of a member being evacuated by dust off helicopter:-

a. The company 2IC is to notify the AQ Cell the whereabouts of the members weapon, whether with the member, still in the platoon or changed for another weapon, when the members regimental number and initial is reported.

b. The AQ Cell is to notify C/S 95A that he is to be evacuated and also report when the member has been evacuated.

...C...

- c. The company 2IC/CQMS is then to carry out the routine in accordance with para 4 sub paras c, d, e and f.

Those on R & C or R & R

7. When a member on R & C or R & R is hospitalised:
 - a. The company 2IC/CQMS is to carry out the routine in accordance with para 4, sub paras c, d, e and f.
 - b. If the member is hospitalised while on R & C or R & R there is no further action required unless the member is to RTA.

Documents

8. Where the member's ID Card, PX Card, Paybook and IHC are held by the company, they are to be sent immediately to Bn HQ. The Adjt is responsible to ensure they are sent to 8 Fd Amb within 48 hrs.

Return to Australia (RTA)

9. Means of Notification.
 - a. Unofficially, through the visiting Officer, a company may get up to 14 days warning of RTA.
 - b. Officially the warning will invariably arrive on the Thursday prior to the members departure on the Sunday.
10. Action on Notification of Members RTA
 - a. On receipt of any warning of a member's RTA Bn HQ is to:-
 - (1) Immediately notify:-
 - (a) The company
 - (b) The QM
 - (c) The RAP.
 - (2) Ensure that the member's documents are complete and in order.
 - (3) Prepare movement order AAF Mob 3 for the member's movement.
 - b. The company is to:-
 - (1) Check to make sure that all items on temporary issue have been withdrawn. (L & D action may be necessary).

....(2)...

(2) Take all items of unit equipment and theatre issue (see ANNEX A) to the QM for withdrawal.

(3) Ensure that the member receives any item of personal property he requests through the HVO.

(4) Pack all other items of personal property in a wooden crate, raise 6 copies of an inventory AAF F55, one of which goes to the member via the HVO, one with the crate, one on company file and three to 8 Fd Amb via HVO.

(5) Mark the crate with the members regimental number and name in paint and deliver it to the QM for onward movement to the hospital.

(6) Forward all regimental documents to the Adjt.

c. The QM is to:-

(1) Withdraw all items of unit equipment and theatre issue from the AAB 83 Q record.

(2) Issue any equipment to bring the member up to The Australian Scale.

(3) Ensure that the member's F12 is cleared at the company and that L & D's have been submitted and action completed.

(4) Liase with the company CQMS and the HVO to ensure that all items requested by the member are delivered and that all other personal property is delivered to the Medevac Liason Officer at 8 Fd Amb by the HVO no later than 1000 hrs on each Saturday prior to the Medevac aircraft departing.

(5) Ensure that the member's AAB 83 Q record is delivered to Bn HQ.

d. The RAP is to forward the member's Med Documents to Bn HQ.

11. Conclusion.

a. If the procedure laid down for members hospitalised is carried out, the company should be able to finalise all aspects of RTA procedure quickly and efficiently after receiving notification of RTA.

b. Care should be taken to ensure that Hospitalisation/RTA procedure is not confused with the procedure in Section 2 (Deceased members).

SECTION 2 - PERSONNEL DECEASED OR MISSING

...General...

General

12. Finalization of all matters relating to deceased or missing members should be as efficient and prompt as practicable with the minimum of distress and inconvenience to relatives or other persons concerned.

Definitions

13. Paragraph 19 "Personal Effects" should be understood to include the following:-

- a. Mail (letters, parcels and magazines).
- b. Passport and other private documents (not having a financial bearing on the member's estate)
- c. Personal photographs.

14. Under no circumstances should the above items be despatched to CARO for disposal but are to go with the members personal effects.

15. The handling of documents, pay and personal effects is to be treated as Top Priority.

Personal Effects Officer.

16. The following people are appointed in accordance with MBI 76-1 Para 7 to collect the members monetary and personal effects:-

- a. Battalion Personal Effects Officer - Quartermaster.
- b. Sub unit Personal Effects Officers:-
 - (1) Rifle company - Company 2IC/CQMS.
 - (2) Bn HQ and Sp Company - Admin Offr Sp Coy/CQMS Sp Coy.
 - (3) Admin Company - Admin Officer/CQMS Admin Coy.

Pay

17. The members pay book and any monetary effects (cash, bank notes, cheques, money orders etc.) are to be forwarded to Bn HQ immediately by the Sub unit Personal Effects Officer.

18. The Adjt is to:-

- a. Ensure that the member's paybook is clearly marked "DECEASED" or "MISSING" as appropriate on the cover and on all blank pages.
- b. Immediately under the last debit entry, enter the place, date, nature of the casualty and signed and date of the last entry.

....Personal Effects..

Personal Effects

19. Sub unit Personal Effects Officers are to:-
- a. Collect all personal effects and equipment found on his body or in the lines of that or any other unit, including those which have been removed at the medical unit.
 - b. Clear the members F12 and if necessary submit L & D's for items not found.
 - c. Where practicable take all unit clothing and equipment to the QM to clear the AAB 83 Q record.
 - d. Raise two copies of an inventory for all items found and pack the items in a wooden crate, one copy with the crate and one copy CQ's file.
 - e. Deliver the effects to the QM and obtain a signature on the inventory file copy.

Bn Personal Effects Officer

20. The Bn Personal Effects Officer is to:-
- a. Completely clear all items on the members AAB 83 Q record.
 - b. Ensure that the members F12 is cleared at the company.
 - c. Sign for the members personal effects on the company copy of the inventory.
 - d. Examine effects and remove all ensorable photographs and any other articles which because of its nature or condition is likely to cause unnecessary distress to Next of Kin (NOK).
 - e. The items removed are to be held by the QM for three months.
 - f. Complete an inventory in quadruplicate, on personal effects certificate (AF W3190) of all personal effects to be forwarded. If no personal effects are found, a nil return will be made out on the certificate. For distribution of this certificate see sub para i, below.
 - g. Certify that the effects have been inspected and are in a satisfactory condition (certificate as shown in ANNEX 'B'). This completed certificate is to be forwarded to HQ AFV, addressed 'Personal for SC "A"'.

.....h....

.....h....

h. Pack and mark the effects for despatch in the following manner:-

(1) Effects are to be packed in a solidly constructed container and protected from weather damage.

(2) The container should be clearly marked by black letters on a white background, such letters to be no less than two inches in height, and stating "PERSONAL EFFECTS" (MEMBER'S PARTICULARS).

i. Distribution of Personal Effects Certificate (AF W 3190). Certificate is to be distributed as follows:

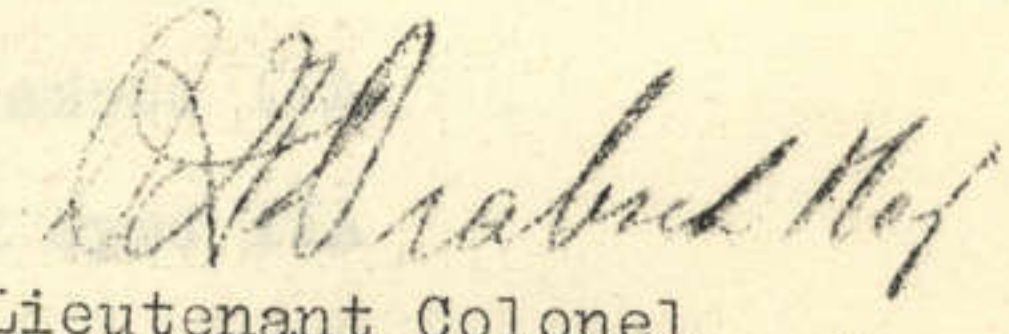

(1) 3 copies despatched in a sealed envelope securely stapled to the container and despatched with effects to the appropriate officer in sub para j, below.

(2) One copy retained on unit file.

j. Despatched packages and marked personal effects should be delivered safe hand to Personal Effects Officer 1 ALSG.

Conclusion

21. It cannot be too strongly stressed that the correct and speedy processing of personal effects is of the utmost importance if financial hardship and unnecessary sorrow to NOK are to be avoided. If the operational circumstances mitigate, however, against clean delivery of personal effects than the unit should delay slightly in forwarding these items until they are scrupulously clean.


Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer 

ANNEX A TO
7 RAR ADMIN INSTR NO 2
DATED 5 JUL 67

ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM MEMBERS AAB 83 PRIOR TO RTA

- All towels except 2.
- Sewing kit.
- Laces footwear.
- Beret.
- Cap Service Khaki.
- Hat utility green.
- Raincoat nylon.
- All Shirts Mil Green except 2.
- All Trousers Mil Green except 2.
- 1 Shirt Polyester/cotton.
- 1 Trousers Polyester/wool.
- All shorts.
- All drawers cotton.
- All pyjamas poplin.
- All undershirts cotton.
- All boots except 1 pr boots GP.
- 1 pr shoes leather black.
- 1 pr shoes canvas gym.
- All handkerchiefs.
- All socks khaki except 2 prs.
- All bags kit univ except 1.
- Brushes shoe blacking.
- Brushes shoe polishing.
- Nailbrush.
- Toothbrush.
- All personal equipment except trunks cabin metal
(accountable; only withdrawn via AAF F25A).

172

7th Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
AP AN PHU

4 Jul 67

R284-1-1(24)

Distribution. List A

UNIT 2ND CLASS EDN COURSE

Reference: 7 RAR R284 -1-1(23) dated 30 Jun 67.

1. Coys are to fwd to Bn HQ a return on all pers who have or could instruct primary/secondary educational standard.
2. Present indications are that each pers selected for instruction would only be absent from his coy for one or two periods a day over one week.
3. Coys are requested to support this scheme as much as possible. As pointed out in ref above 550 pers require 2nd class edn cert. 7 RAR has vacancies for approx 300 group 6 mil skill pers. To make proper use of these Gp 6 vacancies CO 7 RAR requests maximum effort to fill as many of these vacancies as possible.
4. If unit edn centre is not successful CO 7 RAR intends to upgrade all those pers qual in an attempt to ensure that soldiers receive the highest pay possible and that the extra allotment of vacancies are put to good use.

J. P. Helyar
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

7th Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
AP AN PHU

R284.1.1 (23)

30 Jun 67

Distr below.

EDUCATION - GENERAL

Introduction

1. A recent check of records has revealed that there are approx 550 personnel who do not possess a 2nd class edn certificate in 7 RAR; of these approx 140 do not possess a 3rd class certificate of education.

Civilian Edn

2. It is possible that a percentage of the above pers possess a civilian certificate. If the certificate held is equivalent to Army 1st class certificate of education an equivalent Army educational qualification will be granted once the civilian certificate has been sighted by DADE.

3. Any civilian educational certificate below the Army 1st class equivalent is not recognized. Army 2nd and 3rd class certificates are NOT issued for civilian educational qualifications.

Army Edn Courses

4. The Edn Centre at 1 ALSG is committed to instructing 1st class edn for the next 6 weeks. On completion of the 1st class edn course the edn centre is required to instruct the Services General Certificate of Education.

5. Due to the future commitments of the edn centre it is unlikely that any further 2nd class education courses will be conducted before Nov 67. Assuming that there is a 2nd class edn course in November this unit is not likely to have any more than 12 students allocated.

Unit Edn Course

General

6. Permission has been requested from the DADE to allow 7 RAR to conduct its own 2nd class Edn Course. Permission is likely to be granted subject to fol conditions:

- a. DADE outlines syllabus and provides text books.
- b. DADE sets examination.
- c. DADE corrects exam papers.
- d. 7 RAR provides all other requirements.

Instructors

7. It is unlikely that instructors will present a problem as there are sufficient qualified teachers in 7 RAR.

....8...

Duration of Course

8. The unit edn course could commence in approx mid August. The duration is difficult to judge however it is considered that at the best it would be 7 days for each subject.

Subjects

9. The fol subjects are required to obtain a class 2 edn qual:
- a. English.
 - b. Arithmetic.
 - c. Social Studies.

Nominations

10. It is anticipated that each company will be able to nominate approx 10 students.

11. The students nominated do not have to have any pre-course qualifications eg. 3rd class edn. However it is stressed that all students be volunteers and have something to gain by attending the course.

12. Any student who does attend the course is required to put sufficient effort into the course to secure the qualification. Any student who does not attempt to help himself or obstructs the course in any way will be immediately returned to his sub unit.

Conclusion

13. All detail pertaining to the actual course will be promulgated approx 7 days before the commencement of the course. Sub units are requested to give every assistance with the view of ensuring the course is **successful**. In the event f the first course NOT being successful the plan will be discontinued.

R. K. G. G. G. Lt
Adjt

Distribution

List A
Copy to DADE

C7

CONFIDENTIAL

7th Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
AP AN PHU

12 Jul 67

Distribution below.

1 ATF PATROL PROGRAM
240830H - 310800H JUL 67

Herewith an extract of 1 ATF Patrol Program for the above period.

Kenneth J Bladen
(Kenneth J BLADEN)
Maj
OC Sp Coy

Distribution

- A Coy
- B Coy
- C Coy
- D Coy
- Sp Coy
- Admin Coy
- Mor Pl
- Sig Pl
- F/A Pl
- Pnr Pl
- CO
- 2IC
- S3
- IO
- RSM
- CP
- FCC
- File
- Comd's Diary (2) ✓

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

240830H - 310800H JUL 67

A	Patrol Serial No	750/67	751/67	752/67
B	Sub unit to provide	D Coy	C Coy	C Coy
C	Callsign and frequency	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised
D	Controlled by	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP	7 RAR CP
E	Task	Search and destroy in area ANNE	Search and ambush in area LINDA	Search and ambush in area HEDY
F	Strength	Coy	Pl	Pl
G	Date/time out	240830H	270800H	290800H
H	Date/time in	290800H	290830H	311000H
J	Route	Annex Q	Annex Q	Annex Q
K	LZ (if required)	-	-	-
L	PZ (if required)	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised
M	Remarks (to include any bids for hel or APC lift)	a. Infil by foot. b. Exfil by hel. Ptl comd to advise PZ. c. TCV as arranged by coy.	a. Infil by foot. b. Exfil by hel. Ptl comd to advise PZ. c. TCV as arranged by coy.	a. Infil by foot. b. Exfil by hel. Ptl comd to advise PZ. c. TCV as arranged by coy.

Ni LOCSTATS of ptls are to be advised to HQ 1 ATF CP
by 1900 hrs daily.

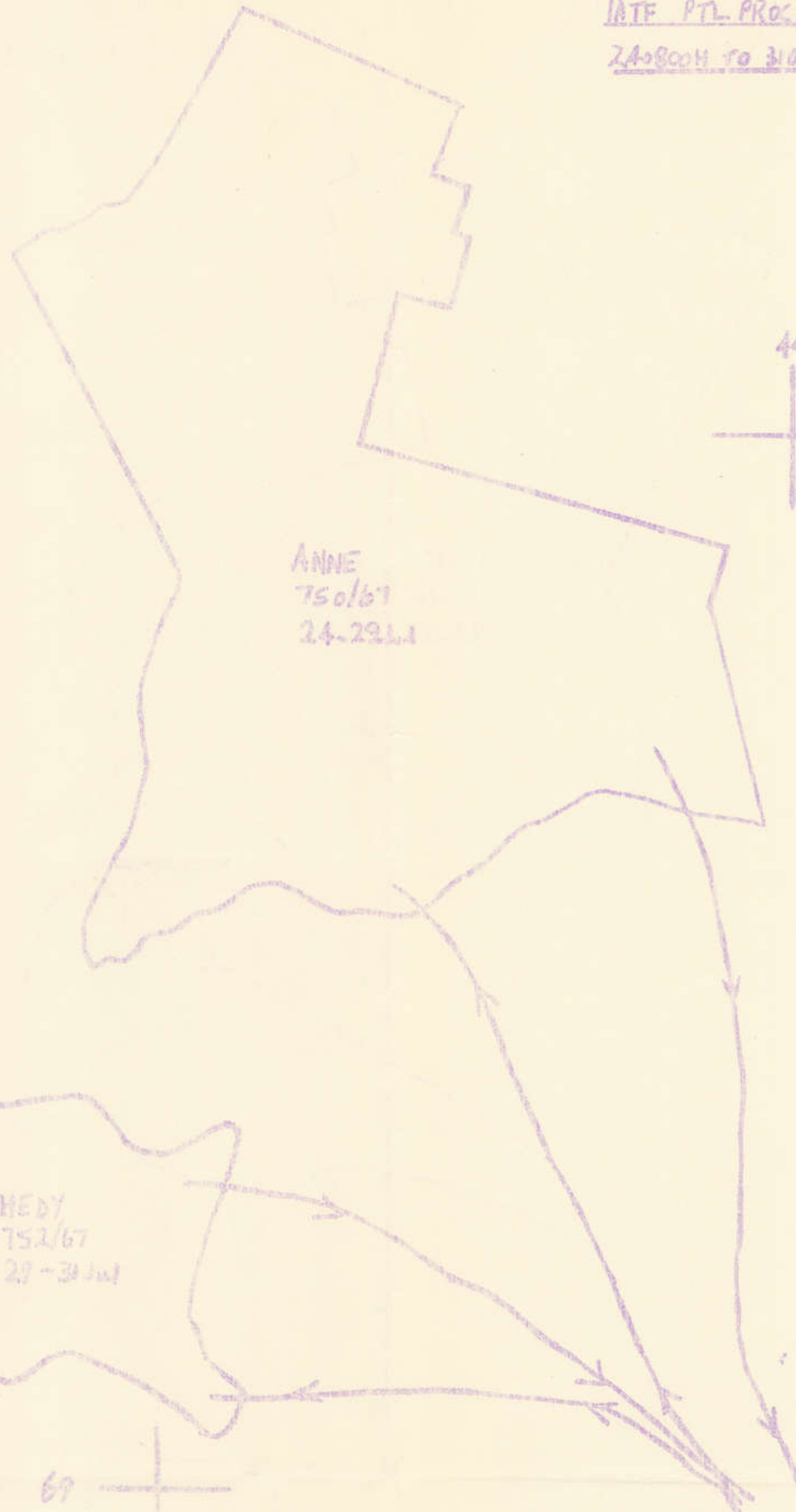
CONFIDENTIAL

SECRET

7RAR PTL TRACE

Reference: MAP VIETNAM PTL OVERLAY
1:75,000 Series

ANNEX Q TO
LATE PTL PROGRAM
240800H TO 310200H Jul 67



ANNE
750/67
24-29 Jul



HEDY
752/67
27-31 Jul



LINDA
751/67
27-29 Jul

SECRET

Handwritten notes in the bottom right corner, including 'PTL' and other illegible markings.

1200
H7

7th Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
AP AN PHU

R681-2-1(1)

6 Jul 67

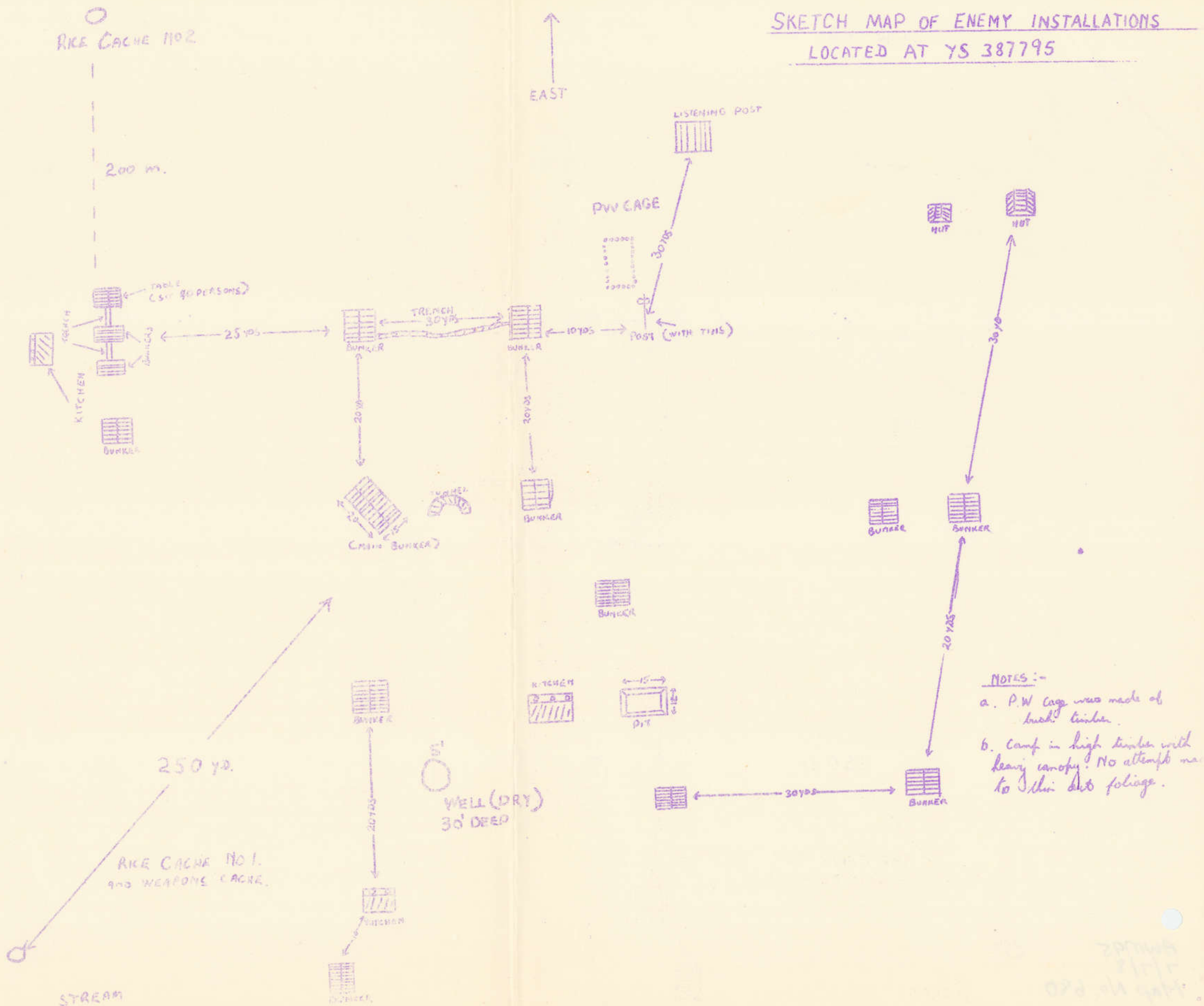
List B.

TIDINESS

1. Almost everywhere I look I see untidiness.
2. Untidiness is a manifestation of lack of pride. Personal pride and group pride.
3. Debris, fallen branches, soft drink cans, rubbish around garbage cans is everywhere in abundance.
4. Roads and borders of responsibility are particularly fruitful harbingers of sticks, cans and pieces of wire.
5. I require the battalion to be in inspection order each morning by 0830 hrs. The standards required are these:-
 - a. Living quarters - as for the lounge room of your own home.
 - b. Surroundings, roadways, coy areas and common property - as for your front garden at home.

Eric H. Smith
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

SKETCH MAP OF ENEMY INSTALLATIONS
LOCATED AT YS 387795



NOTES :-
 a. P.W. cage was made of brush timber.
 b. Camp in high timber with heavy canopy. No attempt made to thin out foliage.

CONFIDENTIAL

No 79 of 82 copies

C6

7th Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
AP AN PHU

22 Jul 67

Op O 8/67 (Op SOUTHPORT)

Reference: Maps 1:25,000 6430-III NE
1:25,000 6430-II SW

Situation

1. a. Enemy Forces. Annex A.
- b. Friendly Forces.
 - (1) 2 RAR is to secure a fire sp base at YS 445745 by 230600H.
 - (2) 106 Bty fly into LZ YS 445745 at 230630.
 - (3) Engr convoy escorted by A Sqn 3 Cav Regt departs NUI DAT 230830H to XA BANG and commences work on XA BANG base.
 - (4) One tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt remains vic DUC THAN.
- c. Atts and Dets
 - (1) Under comd 7 RAR from 221800H to 232000H - six detector teams from 1 Fd Sqn.
 - (2) Remaining in DS 106 Bty RAA
 - (3) In DS from 230600H One H13

Mission

2. 7 RAR is to sieze and secure Route 2 in the area of the AO in the quickest possible time.

Execution

3. a. General Outline.
 - (1) The fly in to an LZ vic DUC THAN ARVN post commences at 230620H with one airmobile coy. The first coy in rapidly secures the first 2000 metres of road to their northern boundary. The second coy is carried by APC to the southern bdry of its area and rapidly secures the next portion of road to their Northern boundary as the third coy flies in. When the second coy secures up to its northern b'ry the third coy is carried by APC to their start point to move and secure up to their Northern bdry as in turn does the fourth coy.

CONFIDENTIAL

....(2)....

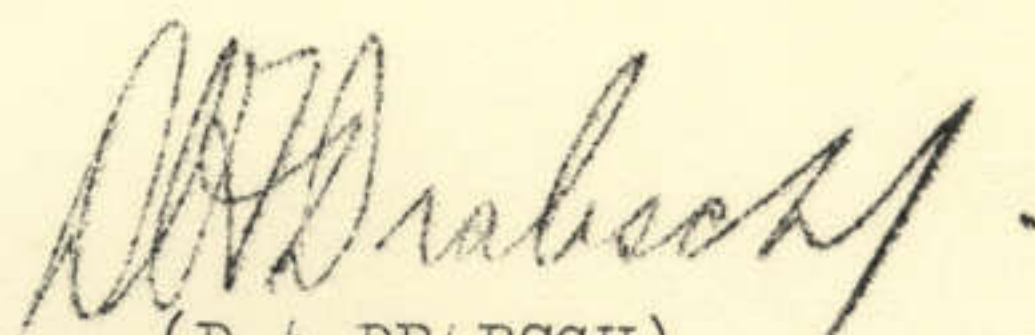
7th Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
AP AN PHU

5 Jul 67

List A (less Ser 20)
Copy to: TF EME

RAEME PERSONNEL - 7 RAR

1. With effect from Monday 10 Jul all RAEME members of 7 RAR will be members of the QM Pl. They will all work in the new Workshop Building.
2. Responsibilities
 - a. Sgt Armourer. Section commander of all RAEME personnel. Responsible to the QM for personal administration and discipline of the section. Responsible to the QM for all documentation and returns relating to RAEME matters.
 - b. Tpt Liaison Officer. The Tpt Sgt will be responsible for the coordination of all transport repair requests. It will be unusual for any other member of the transport platoon to deal direct with the RAEME section without the prior approval of the tpt liaison officer. This is not intended to restrict discussions between drivers and mechanics on matters affecting their vehicles.
 - c. OC Admin Coy. Allocation of priorities of work as required.


(D A DRABSCH)
Maj
Second-in-command

RESTRICTED

-1-

349. CURFEW RESTRICTIONS

1. 7 RAR RO Part 1 90/67 is cancelled

2. SIAGON AND CHOLON

a. All members of Australian Force Vietnam in the Saigon-Cholon area are to be within their 1 ALSG camp area or in their assigned billets between the hours of 2300 and 0400.

b. This restriction does not apply to members when they are performing military duties.

3. VUNG TAU PENINSULAR

a. All members of Australian Force Vietnam on the Vung Taus Peninsular are to be within 1 ALSG camp area or in their assigned billets between the hours of 2200 and 0600.

b. Members on leave are permitted to be outside 1 ALSG camp area of their assigned billets.

(1) If granted leave for Saturday, until 0100 hours the next day.

(2) If granted leave for any other day, until 2359 hours the same day.

c. Provided that after 2200 hours they are in one of the following places:-

(1) Any premises, place or ship under guard by Australian, United States or Korean armed forces.

(2) Andy's Band T Club.

d. After 2200 hours members are to travel on Vung Tau Peninsular in military vehicles only. Members are not to travel in civilian vehicles between 2200 hours and 0600 hours.

e. The provisions of paragraph 3a. of this order do not apply to members when they are performing military duty.

350. RESULT OF AACE 2 AND 3 EDUCATION COURSE 12-24 JUN 67

1. The following members qualified for the Army Second Class Certificate of Education.

61275	Sgt	G.C.	BURBURY
212632	Sgt	R.C.	LEWIS
38140	Cpl	T.	GRALL
214035	Cpl	H.C.	SPRADBROW
16530	Cpl	N.J.	ROBINSON
38145	Lcpl	R.R.	WATERS
61663	Lcpl	R.B.	DANDO
6410147	Pte	A.H.	DWYER
38840	Pte	P.	BUDWORTH
38929	Pte	R.E.	KINDRED
4411008	Pte	J.C.	MYNHART
4410969	Pte	K.B.	LANG
43939	Pte	J.	REMYNSE

RESTRICTED

-2-

350. 2. The following members qualified for the Army Third Class Certificate of Education (AACE 3).

38849 Pte R.S. COLLINS

3. The following members gained subjects towards Army Second Class Certificate.

38146	Lcpl	R.R. WATERS	Eng Arith
61401	Pte	M.J. YOUNG	Eng Arith
38849	Pte	R.S. COLLINS	Eng

351. REPLACEMENT OF CLOTHING

1. The following items of clothing will only be replaced when accompanied with an L&D report.

- a. Cap Service Khaki.
- b. Polyester shirt and trousers.
- c. Shoes dress lea black.

2. Stocks of these items are not held in this theatre and replacement is by special indent cross referenced with the L&D.

3. Maintenance of equipment and clothing.

a. Where there is evidence of lack of maintenance of personal equipment and/or clothing, sub units are directed to ensure that the member responsible pays for the replacement item. This applies in particular to Boots GP. Boots have become unserviceable due to the leather drying out and cracking. This will not happen if boots are polished daily or if the issue preservative is applied regularly.

b. It is realised once the preservative is applied a bright shine cannot be obtained, however these boots are issued for field wear and as such, waterproofing and preservation is of greater importance than sheen.

c. Preservative is available at BN Q STORE.

352. SECURITY OF AAF A129 - IDENTITY CARDS

+. All identity cards are to be withdrawn from members and secured by companies in locked containers.

2. Companies are to maintain a register of Identity Cards for all personnel located in their sub unit area.

3. Signatures are to be obtained on receipt and issue of members Identity Card.

4. Except when on operations all personnel are to be in possession of their Identity Card when outside 1 ATF Base Area.

5. When all AAF A129's have been secured by Coys they are to submit a certificate to this effect. This certificate to reach BN HQ ASP, but no later than 1600 hours 9 JUL 67.

RESTRICTED

-3-

353. POWERS OF COMPANY COMMANDER

With effect from 7 Jul 67 36587 Lt B.J. CALIGARI is delegated disciplinary powers pursuant to AMR 238 (B)

354. VACANCIES ON ESTABLISHMENT

1. There are vacancies for the following trades within 7 RAR:-

a. Drivers

b. Carpenters

2. Coys are to submit nominations to reach BN HQ no later than 1200 hours 9 July 67. Nil returns are required.

B/Balgar Lt
Adj

DISTRIBUTION LIST A

NOTICE

1. BOUNDS VUNG TAU - BEACHCOMBER BAR

1. Reference 7 RAR signal A433 of 6 Jul 67.

2. The behaviour of 1 ATF troops and 1 ALSG troops in the BEACHCOMBER BAR during the weekends 24/25 Jun 1/2 Jul 67 has been such that the bar has been placed out of bounds by Comd 1 ALSG Area to all Australian troops on Sunday 9 Jul 67.

3. Any future occurrences of poor behaviour in the BEACHCOMBER BAR will be the cause of that establishment being placed permanently out of bounds to all Australians and may be the subject of disciplinary action against the offenders.

2. RELOCATION OF AFPO 4 8 JUL 67

AFPO 4 will close in present Loc 080700H and reopen opposite eastern end of Luscombe Field 081330H.

RESTRICTED

H9

Camps Diary
10/15

7th Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
AP AN PHU

R722-1-1(26)

5 Jul 67

DISTRIBUTION LIST A

RTA 2/65 NS INTAKE

Ref "A" R722-1-1(23) of 5 Jul 67
Ref "B" Admin Instr No 2 (SVN) part 3, 6 Jul 67

1. The 2/65 NS Intake will march out of 7 RAR on 17 Jul and 13 Aug 67. In accordance with Ref A above.
2. A list of two drafts has been randomly compiled balancing extraction from each Coy depending on Coy Str of 2/65 NSM, ECN etc.
3. Draft one is to be present in base camp, Q cleared, and ready to RTA on AM 17 Jul 67. Clearance certificates to be handed into BN HQ AM 17 Jul. Every person on draft must ensure that he has a Q clearance.
4. Both drafts should have commenced their anti malarial course by date of receipt of this instruction.
5. RMO is responsible to ensure that both drafts are:-
 - a. Fit to travel.
 - b. Commenced anti malarial course.
 - c. Up to date on all inoculations etc.
6. All other administrative details are to be in accordance with Ref "B" above.
7. Reference A is amended as follows:-
 - a. Annex A
Delete 2782077 Pte L.J. FITZSIMMONS
 - b. Annex B
Delete 3787522 Pte K.J. NEWVILLE
Insert 3787522 Pte K.J. NEVILLE

[Signature]
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

H 13

7th Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
AP AN PHU

R571-2-1(38)

24 Jul 67

7 RAR ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION NO 1 (SVN)
PART 2
IN COUNTRY REST AND CONVALESCENCE

Reference 7 RAR R511-2-1 dated 2 Jun 67

1. 7 RAR Admin Instr No 1 (SVN) Part 2 issued 2 Jun 67 is cancelled.

2. Attached is the current instruction. *Please destroy the old copies.*

[Handwritten Signature]

Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

THIS INSTRUCTION REPLACES ALL PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

7 RAR ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION NO 1 (SVN)

PART 2

IN COUNTRY REST AND CONVALESCENCE

Introduction

1. All members of 7 RAR are entitled to a minimum of five days R and C for rest purposes. There is no limit on convalescence. All R and C is to be taken in country.

Aim

2. The aim of this instruction is to advise the sub unit allocation of 7 RAR R and C vacancies and prescribe the method of processing members of 7 RAR for R and C.

R AND C PROCEDURE

R and C Centres

3. There are at present two villas available for R and C purposes. These are located at VUNG TAU.

Allocation

4. The permanent allocation to 7 RAR is 15 (excl Offrs) at any one time.

All rifle coys	2
Sp Coy	3
Admin Coy	3
Bn HQ	1

15

At any time there will be the above number of vacancies permanently available for each Coy and Bn HQ. At no time can coys exceed the vacancies allotted. Desirably, coys should replace the men on R and C using the vehicle which will go to VUNG TAU to return the men already on R and C to the unit.

R AND C VUNG TAU

5. The procedure to be adopted for R and C is as follows:

a. The members nominated to go on R and C are to report to Bn HQ at 0715 hrs on the day of movement, dressed in uniform.

b. They are to have with them:

(1) ID Card.

(2) Civilian clothes.

(3) Civilian Clothes

(4) Personal Weapons

c. The period of R & C is 5 days from 0900 hrs on the day of departure (day 1) until 1100 hrs (day 5) RTU.

d. The Australian R & C centre is located on the beach front at VUNG TAU.

e. On arrival at VUNG TAU members will be met by the staff of the R & C centre.

f. The R & C centre is open to all ranks.

Documentation

6. Documents to be carried by the individual are:-

a. Identity Card

b. Paybook

c. AAF Mob 3 to R & C Centre VUNG TAU

d. Leave Pass (AAF A96) to cover R & C period

Medical

7. Personnel are to be in possession of sufficient paludrine for the R & C period.

Movement

8. Personnel are to report to Bn HQ at 0715 hrs and are to embus in front of Bn HQ at 0730 hrs and then conform to the following time table:

0900 hrs - Report to R & C Reception Officer Transit Area
1 ALSG area VUNG TAU (Concentrate as 1 ATF draft)

1000 hrs - Arrive respective R and C Centres

9. When R & C personnel are delivered to R & C centre unit transport is to collect ex R and C personnel and return them to unit.

Draft Conducting Officer

10. Units are to nominate a draft conducting officer for each R & C Draft. Draft conducting officer are to ensure:-

a. Dress of personnel is satisfactory

b. Individuals are in possession of all documents shown in paragraph 7.

c. Paludrine, sufficient for R & C period is carried.

d. Draft complies with movement timetable detailed in paragraph 8.

e. Draft complies with security of weapons as detailed in paragraph 14 and 15.

Pay

11. Personnel proceeding on R & C are to ensure that pay and currency exchange transactions are completed at the 1 ATF Cash Office prior to commencement of R & C.

Discipline

12. Personnel proceeding on R and C are to be advised that they are to comply with relevant 1 ALSG orders and instructions which are permanently displayed at R and C centres and that curfew timings in the VUNG TAU AREA are strictly enforced.

Routine

13. Dress Personnel are required to wear uniforms during movement to and from R & C centres. To ensure that officers and soldiers are correctly and neatly dressed before moving on an R & R or an R & C draft they are to be inspected by the Company Commander. No authority is given to delegate this requirement to Seconds - in - Command.

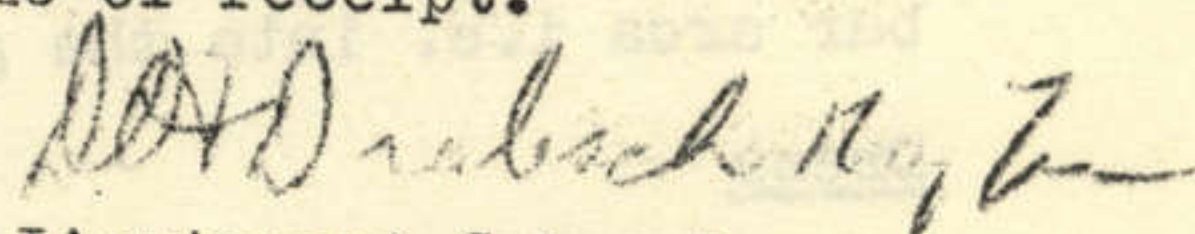
Weapon Security

14. Personal weapons are to be carried by all ranks during Movement to R & C centres and 1 ATF base area.

15. Weapons are to be secured at the Transit Camp 1 ALSG by individuals whilst on R & C. These are to be collected before return to 1 ATF.

Conclusion

16. This instruction is effective from time of receipt.


Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

- ANNEX 'A' Routine at R and C Centres
- ANNEX 'B' General Boating Safety Precautions
- ANNEX 'C' R and C Dates

24 Jul 67

AUSTRALIAN REST AND CONVALSCENT CENTRE

Routine R and C Centre

Meal Timings

Meal times are as follows:-

Breakfast 0700-0900

Lunch 1130-1330

Dinner 1700-1900

Payment of meals

Payment is effected by a debit on the member's paybook. To have a meal it is necessary to obtain a chit from the Orderly Room. Personnel without a chit will not be served by the waitress. Convalescents do not pay for meals.

Visitors

Members on R and C are entitled to invite male guests to the bar at any time. Due to the cost of meals being debited to a members paybook, it is not possible for guests to be invited for meals.

Bar Timings

The bar will be open during the following period;- 1000 - 2400. It is requested that NO beer or drinks be taken out of the bar area i.e. into the games room patio or dinning room.

Dress

Outside of the Centre, the following dress standards will be maintained:-

- a. If going directly to the beach, swim trunks and thongs may be worn.
- b. In the town of VUNG TAU, members will wear shirts, slacks, shoes and socks. If shorts are worn during daylight hours, long socks must be worn. Shorts are forbidden at night. (weapons must not be carried) long sleeved shirts must be worn at night.
- c. Shirts must be worn in the dinning room.

DINING Room

- a. Waitress service is available
- b. Chits are required before service can be given
- c. Shirts must be worn to meals

Maid Service

The maids are employed for bed making, and room cleaning only. NO laundry is available through them unless by private agreement and out of working hours.

Health

a. Normal malaria precautions are in force. The following will be strictly adhered to:-

- (1) PALUDRINE - taken daily.
- (2) After 1800 hrs - long sleeved shirts and long trousers to be worn.
- (3) Sleep under the net.

b. RAP is situated next to the kitchen, vehicle to 8 FD Amb departs R and C centre at approximatley 0815 hrs each morning.

c. Several of the town cafes are suitable for dining. These are obvious by their general appearance and the presence of US or other Europeans. Don't eat undercooked foods.

Out of Bounds

Basically the following places are out of bounds:-

- a. Little Mountain
- b. Big Mountain
- c. Road WEST of the Centre
- d. Those areas or establishments as specified on the NOTICE BOARD.

Curfes Hours

Curfew hours in VUNG TAU areas follows:-

Mon to Sat 2200-0600
Sun 2200-0600

NB: After 2200 hrs tps may still participate in activities in Approved Army Establishments until 2400 hrs Mon to Sat and 0100 hrs Sun

Beach Areas

All beaches are out of bound for swimming except Back Beach. This is an American patrolled beach which has a system of warning flags in operation.

- a. WHITE FLAG - safe for swimming
- b. RED FLAG - undertow exists - swim with caution and stay near shore
- c. Black flag with skull and crossbones - NO SWIMMING

You are strongly advised to swim in pairs and not swim after a heavy meal. DO NOT DRINK AND SWIM.

Transportation

The centre will run transport to the Back Beach swimming area at the following times:-

- 0900 - Centre to Back Beach
- 1130 - Back Beach to Centre
- 1400 - Centre to Back Beach
- 1630 - Back Beach to Centre

Personnel are also entitled to catch the US Army bus or they may hire public transport.

Every night, a bus service will run from the centre to VUNG TAU and return to the following time table.

Depart Centre

Depart front Beach VUNG TAU

1800	1815
1830	1845
1900	1915
1930	1945
2000	2015
2030	2045
2100	2115
2130	2145
2200	2215
2230	2245
2300	2315
2330	2345

Power Boat

The boats owned by the Centre will be operated when weather permits. A member of the staff must operate the boat and he is the sole member in charge. His orders concerning the actual operation of the boat must be obeyed. Life jackets, worn in the approved fashion and properly secured, must be worn by occupants water skiing.

Piastre Exchange

A member of the Cash Office will be at the centre at approximately 1000 hrs daily for the changing of MPC into Piastre.

Cinema

Films will be screened at the Centre on Mon, Wed, and Fri. Programmes will be shown on the Notice Board.

Prices

Maximum prices to be charged by bars in VUNG TAU are shown on the NOTICE BOARD. Any variation of these prices or any instances of cheating by bar operators should be reported to the OC.

Liquor

Offenders found carrying or consuming liquor in Public Places in VUNG TAU will be apprehended by the Military Police.

Emergency Procedure

A state of emergency will be indicated by the continuous sounding of a siren. Member in the Market Area of town will report to the Pacific Hotel, members in the front beach area will report to the front beach corner adjacent to the "Twenty Two Eleven" bar. Transport from the Center will collect from these points.

Civic Action

To help your friends who are to follow you here, the following points will help our image with the Vietnamese population.

GENERAL BOATING SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

R AND C CENTRE VUNG TAU

General

1. All boats when launched are to have:-
 - a. Coxswain.
 - b. Bowman.
 - c. Not more than a total of six personnel at one time except for the dingy type craft which are restricted to a total of four personnel.
2. There is a requirement to record all boats users' number, rank, name and unit prior to participating in boating activities.

Duties of Boat Users

3.
 - a. Obey the coxswain at all times.
 - b. Wear sandshoes.
 - c. Wear life jackets secured to the body in the correct fashion as directed by the coxswain.
 - d. Don't stand up or change seats without permission of the coxswain.
 - e. Keep clear of engine and associated stores.
 - f. Do not interfere with the duties of the coxswain or bowman.
 - g. Member to notify coxswain if a non-swimmer before getting into craft.
 - h. Ensure that your NUMBER, RANK, NAME and UNIT are known by the SAFETY VEHICLE driver before participating in boating activities.
 - j. Assist coxswain in launching and recovering of boats.

Duties of Bowman

4.
 - a. Assist coxswain as directed.
 - b. Observe to the bow of the craft to assist in navigation.
 - c. Keep the bow steady and into the wind on launching.
 - d. Secure the craft to the shore on the command of the coxswain.

....Action on....

- a. Don't be loud mouthed.
- b. Don't insult the Vietnamese or force yourself on the Vietnamese if it is obvious you are not welcome.
- c. Don't give cigarettes to children.
- d. Don't take children into bars for a soft drink.

General

All boats when launched are to have:-

- a. Coxswain.
- b. Bowman.
- c. Not more than a total of six personnel at one time except for the dingy type craft which are restricted to a total of four personnel.
- d. There is a requirement to record all boat users' number, rank, name and unit prior to participating in boating activities.

Duties of Boat Users

- a. Obey the coxswain at all times.
- b. Wear sandwiches.
- c. Wear life jackets secured to the body in the correct fashion as directed by the coxswain.
- d. Don't stand up or change seats without permission of the coxswain.
- e. Keep clear of engine and associated stores.
- f. Do not interfere with the duties of the coxswain or bowman.
- g. Member to notify coxswain if a non-swimmer before getting into craft.
- h. Ensure that your NUMBER, RANK, NAME and UNIT are known by the SAFETY VEHICLE driver before participating in boating activities.
- i. Assist coxswain in launching and recovering of boats.

Duties of Bowman

- a. Assist coxswain as directed.
 - b. Observe to the bow of the craft to assist in navigation.
 - c. Keep the bow steady and into the wind on launching.
 - d. Secure the craft to the shore on the command of the coxswain.
- ...Action on...

Action on Casualties

5.
 - a. Any casualty is to be taken to 2 Fd Amb by the BEACH SAFETY VEHICLE.
 - b. The duty driver is then to notify the R and C Centre of casualties NUMBER, RANK, NAME and UNIT.

Comd's Diary
H 12

7th Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
AP AN PHU

R54-1-7

24 Jul 67

COY DUTIES - AUG 67

Coys are rostered for duties as fol:

Date	1 ATF Standby coy	TAOR ptl coy	Bn duty coy	Coy duties
25 - 27 Jul	C Coy	D Coy	B Coy	A Coy
28 - 30 Jul	B Coy	C Coy	A Coy	D Coy
31 Jul-2Aug	A Coy	B Coy	D Coy	C Coy
3 - 5 Aug	D Coy	A Coy	C Coy	B Coy
6 - 8 Aug	C Coy	D Coy	B Coy	A Coy
9 - 11 Aug	B Coy	C Coy	A Coy	D Coy
12 - 14 Aug	A Coy	B Coy	D Coy	C Coy
15 - 17 Aug	D Coy	A Coy	C Coy	B Coy
18 - 20 Aug	C Coy	D Coy	B Coy	A Coy
21 - 23 Aug	B Coy	C Coy	A Coy	D Coy
24 - 26 Aug	A Coy	B Coy	D Coy	C Coy
27 - 19 Aug	D Coy	A Coy	C Coy	B Coy
30 Aug -1 Sep	C Coy	D Coy	B Coy	A Coy

Remarks

1. For bn ops of less than 6 days duration the dates for duties remain unchanged.
2. For bn ops of greater than 6 days duration the dates for mounting duties will be set back by the number of days of the duration of the op.
3. When coy ops interfere with this programme a mutually agreeable swap of duties may be arranged and co-ord by S3.



(D K ATKINSON)
Maj
S3

Distribution

List B plus serials 8 - 15 incl, Serial 39 and CP.

H 11

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

7th Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
AP AN PHU

8 Jul 67

7 RAR ADMIN INSTR NO4 PART 15
POSTAL SERVICE

General

1. This instruction outlines the Postal service and system within 7 RAR.

Conditions for Concession

2. All mail must bear the sender's return address on the letter or article. It is also advisable to print the words "Forces Mail" in the top, left hand corner of the front of the envelope. Your address in SVN is as follows:

Number Rank Initials Name
Platoon Company 7 RAR
AFPO 4
GPO SYDNEY NSW AUSTRALIA

Timings

3. The following daily timetable is to be strictly adhered to. The Post Office is out of bounds during non trading hours:

- a. 0800-1000 Normal trading.
- b. 1000-1100 Closed-despatch of parcels to AFPO4.
- c. 1100-1200 Normal trading.
- d. 1330-1500 Closed-mail franked and delivered to AFPO4.
- e. 1500-1600 Normal trading.
- f. 1600-1630 Closed-accounts checked, prepare for incoming mail.

Facilities

4. The following facilities are available to Coys:

a. Letters. Airmail letters will be accepted during normal trading hours. Mail is cleared daily at 1400 hours. Mail arriving after this time will be held till the following day. All in country mail must bear a 5c Aust stamp.

b. Parcels. Will be accepted during normal trading hours. Parcels are delivered to AFPO4 daily at 1030 hours. Parcels received after this time will be held until the next day. Parcels are to be posted in accordance with the fol sub paras:

(1) Parcel Post Rates

- (a) Up to 2lbs - 23c US
- (b) Up to 7lbs - 46c US
- (c) Up to 11lbs - 57c US
- (d) Up to 16lbs - 74c US
- (e) Up to 22lbs - 91c US.

(2) Postal Parcels - Explosives. It is both a Civil and Military offence to dispatch explosives through the Postal System.

(3) Customs. The Australian Government permits \$50 (Aust) worth of goods duty free in any one calendar year. The following imports are restricted to the amounts indicated:-

- (a) Cigarettes, 2,000 per year.
- (b) Tobacco, 5lbs per year.
- (c) Cigars, 200 per year.

(4) Contraband. Weapons, double edge knives, flick knives, wood carvings (unless lacquered), dirty clothing, drugs and narcotics of any nature, any species of plant life are prohibited imports (see also sub sub para (2) above).

(5) Parcel Weight. Maximum weight is 22lbs.

(6) Parcel Size. Maximum size is 3ft 6ins long and girth not to exceed 6ft. All parcels must be capable of fitting into the standard white canvas PMG bag.

(7) Parcel Packaging. Parcels must be securely wrapped, SEALED with masking tape (not blow-up repair tape) and tied with string or cord. NYLON is NOT to be used. A Customs Declaration is to be affixed to the parcel before dispatch. All parcels are to be clearly marked. Textra colour or washable inks should not be used. Insert a separate addressed card inside to assist.

(8) The postal Clerk is to refuse to accept any parcel that contravenes any of the above sub paragraphs

c. Telegrams. Telegrams will be accepted during normal trading hours. Telegrams will be delivered to AFPO4 at 1030 hours, 1430 hours and 1600 hours daily. The following information applies:-

- (1) Travel to and from Australia by Aust Sigs communications.
- (2) They are to be completed in duplicate on a Message Form (F-Sigs 52-2).
- (3) The address is to be printed in clear, but the text is to be in EFM Code.
- (4) Maximum of 3 codes per telegram, only avail to Aust and NZ. The cost of 3 codes is 36c US.
- (5) The form is to be signed by the sender and is to show his Regimental Particulars.

d. Postal Orders. These are available from AFPO4 in the following Aust denominations:-

- (1) \$4.
- (2) \$2.
- (3) \$1.
- (4) 55c.
- (5) 50c.
- (6) 25c.
- (7) 10c.

e. Stamps. The following Australian Stamps are available:- 5c, 10c, 30c. Books of 5c stamps are also on sale. The following informations applies:-

- (1) Stamps are to be pasted or glued to the article or letter, which is to be posted. They are not to be secured with cello tape.
- (2) It is advisable to buy stamps by the book (10 stamps) or in bulk of \$1.00 lots (ie 17 stamps for \$1.00).
- (3) Conversion. The following table applies for Aust to US stamp conversion:-

<u>No. of Aust 5c stamps</u>	<u>Cost US</u>
1	6c
2	12c
3	17c
4	23c
5	29c
6	34c
7	40c (7 RAR RO Part1 No229)
8	46c
9	51c
10	57c
11	63c
12	68c
13	74c
14	80c
15	85c
20	\$1.14
50	\$2.84

(4) Overseas letter postage rate is as fol:-

Australia	5c Aust
New Zealand	5c Aust
Malaya (forces only)	5c Aust
Hong Kong	15c Aust
UK	25c Aust
USA	20c Aust
Japan	15c Aust
Switzerland	25c Aust
South Africa	25c Aust

(7 RAR RO Part1 No237).

f. Registration. If any article requires registering an extra 23c MPC is required. All parcels to be wrapped in accordance with para 4 b(7).

g. Further Facilities. Other services that are offered by the postal rep are:-

- (1) Special delivery.
- (2) Certified mail.

Conclusion

5. It is anticipated that there will be numerous amendments to this instruction, however it is considered that having the information in one document is worth the effort.

6. All complaints are to be referred to the A/Adjt immediately. He is to ensure swift corrective action.

[Handwritten Signature]
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

ANNEX A : Duties of Postal Orderly.

ORDERS FOR POSTAL ORDERLY

The Postal Orderly is to carry out his normal postal duties in accordance with the latest instruction promulgated by the Postal Authorities. However, he is to pay particular attention to the following:-

- a. Ensure that all mail received is immediately sorted and distributed to a responsible person in each company, using the duty vehicle. In future NO company will send representatives to pick up mail. The Orderly Sergeant or an RP delegated by him is to ensure that no personnel loiter around the Post Office between 1730 hours and 1900 hours daily.
- b. In the case of the Postal Orderly being informed that mail has been delayed he is to ring each company and inform the company that:-
 - (1) The mail has been delayed.
 - (2) Why the mail is delayed.
 - (3) When mail can be expected.
- c. Ensure that all accounts are correct at all times.
- d. Ensure that an unofficial log of all outgoing registered parcels is kept.
- e. Ensure that the following timings are adhered to:-
 - 0800-1000 Normal trading.
 - 1000-1100 Post office closes, is out of bounds, dispatch parcels.
 - 1100-1200 Normal trading.
 - 1330-1430 Normal trading.
 - 1430-1630- Post office closes (check accounts franking of mail and delivery of mail to AFPO4).
 - 1730-1830 Post office closed and out of bounds (mail collected, sorted and distributed to Coys).
- f. Ensure that the post office is at all times kept in a tidy and orderly fashion.
- g. Ensure that all money and account books are kept in a locked safe.
- h. Inform the A/Adjt of any anomaly in the mail system, for example, opened letters, broken parcels, late telegrams, etc.
- i. Refer all complaints to the A/Adjt.

-2-

7th Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
AP AN PHU

R571-2-1(35)

5 Jul 67

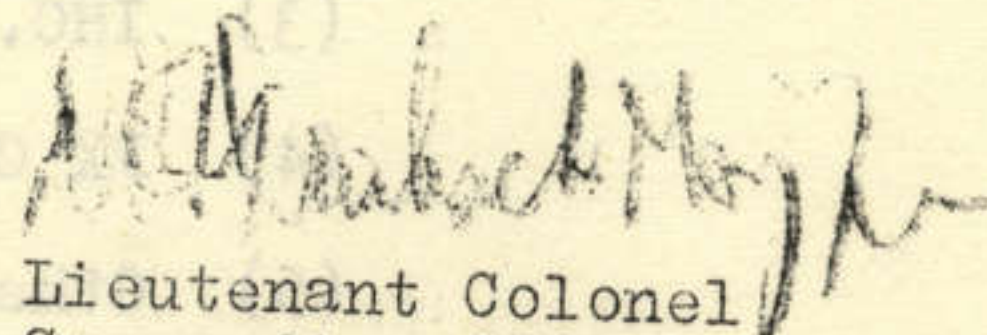
7 RAR ADMIN INSTRUCTION No 2 SVN
PART 3

Q Clearance, Disposal of Personal Effects
and documents members RTA

1. The fol procedure is to be adopted when individuals ~~of~~ drafts leave 7 RAR for RTA.
2. On receipt of notification of individuals/drafts RTA Bn HQ will notify:
 - a. The coys.
 - b. The QM.
 - c. The RAP.
3. On receipt of notification coys will:
 - a. Withdraw items on temporary issue and L & D items where necessary.
 - b. Take all items of unit equipment and theatre issue to QM for withdrawal.
 - c. Ensure all members pers effects are secured in trunk marked as per Annex A.
 - d. Ensure trunk does not contain any illegal articles e g. weapons, explosives etc.
 - e. Fwd trunk to QM for onward movement 24 hrs before departure of individual/draft.
 - f. Forward to Bn HQ 24 hrs prior to departure fol docs:
 - (1) AAB 83.
 - (2) WF 5.
 - (3) IHC.
 - (4) PX Card.
 - (5) Other coy docs (incl B122 from RSM).
 - g. Ensure leave/SD entered in AAB 83 in accordance with latest instruction. Rubber stamps are held at Bn HQ for this purpose.

....h....

- h. Ensure Vietnamese campaign and/or Vietnam medal have been entered where applicable. Rubber stamps are held at Bn HQ for this purpose.
 - i. Ensure tax exemption entered on insert leave page. Rubber stamps are held at Bn HQ for this purpose.
 - j. Ensure unit clearance cert completed (Annex B).
4. On receipt of notification the QM will:
 - a. Withdraw all items of unit equipment and theatre issue from the AAB 83 Q record.
 - b. Issue any equipment to bring the member up to the Australian Scale.
 - c. Ensure members F 12 is cleared at the coy and that L & D's have been submitted and action completed.
 - d. Ensure that the members AAB 83 Q portion is delivered to Bn HQ on the day of members departure.
5. On receipt of notification the RAP will:
 - a. Ensure member is medically fit to travel.
 - b. Ensure member undergoes the anti malarial course.
 - c. Ensure member is up to date on inoculations/vaccinations etc.
 - d. Fwd members Med 4 & 5 to Bn HQ on the day prior to the members departure.
6. Bn HQ will be responsible for coordination and for:
 - a. Despatch of members documents.
 - b. Preparation of movement docs.
 - c. Certifying leave/SD/ tax exemption on Mob 3s.
7. Personnel are to ensure that their new postal address is lodged with the postal orderly when the clearance form is presented to the Postal section for signature.


Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

ANNEX A TO 7 RAR
ADMIN INSTR No 2 PART 3
DATED 5 JUL 67

MARKING OF TRUNKS, BOXES, ETC FOR RTA

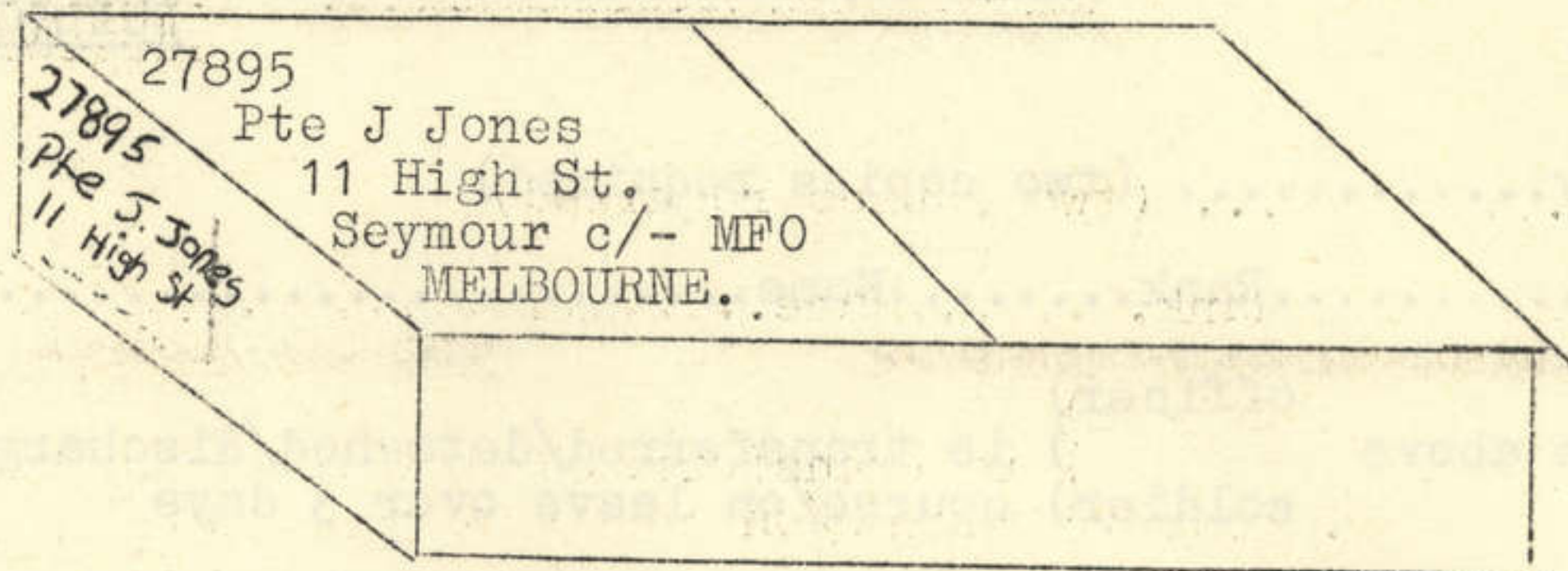


Fig 1.

1. Top and left side painted yellow; remainder painted any dark colour so that all previous markings are obliterated.
2. Members number, rank, name, address, c/- MFO in capital city of state to which trunk is to be sent are painted in black letters in left half of yellow painted areas. Right half is left blank for use of movements.
3. All boxes and trunks should be wired but not locked, otherwise Customs Dept will break the locks.

ANNEX B TO 7 RAR
 ADMIN INSTR No 2 PART 3
 DATED 5 JUL 67

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

7 RAR UNIT CLEARANCE FORM

ORIGINAL (Bn HQ)
 DUPLICATE (Regt Docus)

Coy..... (two copies required)

No.....Rank.....Name.....

The above officer) is transferred/detached/discharged/attending
 soldier) course/on leave over 3 days

Proceeding to Unit/Address.....
on date.....

(Unless stated otherwise, signature indicates clearance given)

Sub Unit Section AAF F12 (Coy).....
 Offrs')
 Sgts') Mess.....Day Book (Coy).....

AAF/AAB	WF 5	83	SCR2	C28	IHC	Med 4&5	PX Card
Submitted to Bn HQ (Coy Action) Initials							

Pay.....Postal.....RAP.....
 RSM.....

Bn QM Section

This member has stoppages to the value of.....

AAF WF12 No.....AAF F12 (Bn).....

Field Force Issues.....

Date..... Capt
 QM

Coy action complete

Date..... Maj
 OC Coy

Bn HQ Section

Mob 3	Tpt Booked	Warrants	A19	Regt Docus	Med Docus	Docus fwd by regt post

Date..... Cleared for movement Cpl
 Mov Clerk

Date..... Movement authorised Lt
 Asst Adjt

CONFIDENTIAL

-2-

(2) It is imperative that the coys secure their portion of road as rapidly as possible to facilitate the smooth insertion of the bn and to permit the maximum time for the comd to achieve his overall aim.

b. A Coy

(1) Grouping. Normal plus under comd from 221800H:

(a) Two engr detector teams.

(b) One pnr detector team.

(2) Tasks

(a) Third coy to fly in to LZ.

(b) Sieze and secure that portion of the road marked on trace Annex B.

(c) Clear the road for convoy mov with particular emphasis on CD mines.

c. B Coy

(1) Grouping. Normal plus under comd from 221800H:

(a) Two engr detector teams.

(b) One pnr detector team.

(2) Tasks

(a) First coy to fly in to LZ.

(b) Secure LZ for fly in for remainder of bn.

(c) Sieze and secure that portion of the road marked on trace Annex B.

(d) Clear the road for convoy mov with particular emphasis on CD mines.

(e) Provide protection for Bn HQ.

d. C Coy

(1) Grouping. Normal plus under comd from 221800H;

(a) Two pnr detector teams.

(b) One engr detector team.

(c) Fire Aslt Pl.

CONFIDENTIAL

....(2)...

CONFIDENTIAL

-3-

- (2) Tasks
- (a) Fourth coy to fly in to LZ.
 - (b) Seize and secure that portion of the road marked on trace Annex B.
 - (c) Clear the road for convoy mov with particular emphasis on CD mines.
 - (d) Be prepared to block the road from the NORTH on order.
- e. D Coy
- (1) Grouping. Normal plus under comd 221800H:
- (a) Two pnr detector teams.
 - (b) One engr detector team.
- (2) Tasks
- (a) Second coy to fly in to LZ.
 - (b) Seize and secure that portion of the road marked on trace Annex B.
 - (c) Clear the road for convoy mov with particular emphasis on CD mines.
- f. Mor Pl
- (1) Grouping.
- (a) One sect remains base area.
 - (b) Sect under comd A Sqn 3 Cav Regt reverts to under comd 7 RAR from 230630H until completion of op.
 - (c) One sect under comd A Sqn 3 Cav Regt for mov to DUC THAN.
- (2) Tasks
- (a) One sect provides fire sp for base area.
 - (b) One sect remains vic DUC THAN ARVN post.
 - (c) One sect mov fwd to DUC THAN in APCs then with A Coy and establish base plate posn in A Coy AO if required.
 - (d) Provide fire sp as required.

CONFIDENTIAL

.....g....

CONFIDENTIAL

-4-

g. Pnr Pl

(1) Grouping. Detector teams under comd coys from 231700H as fol:

- (a) A Coy - one
- (b) B Coy - one
- (c) C Coy - two
- (d) D Coy - two

(2) Tasks

- (a) Clear road as ordered by OC Coys.
- (b) Two res detector teams to remain with Bn HQ.

h. Fire Aslt Pl

Grouping. Under comd C Coy from 231700H.

j. Tracking Team

Remain on call in present loc.

k. Armour. Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt is to ferry coys forward from DUC THAN as required.

l. Artillery

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks

- (a) Set up fire sp base at YS 445745 commencing 230530H.
- (b) Fire sp as required.

m. Engrs

(1) Grouping. Detector teams under comd coys from 231700H. as fol:

- (a) A Coy - two
- (b) B Coy - two
- (c) C Coy - one
- (d) D Coy - one

CONFIDENTIAL

....(2)...

CONFIDENTIAL

-5-

- (2) Task. Clear road as ordered by OC coys.
- n. Aviation. Separate air mov instr to be issued.
- o. Co-ord Instr
- (1) Timings
- | | | |
|-----|----------------------|---------|
| (a) | H Hour | 230630H |
| (b) | First lift commences | 230620H |
| (c) | Mors load into APCs | 230630H |
- (2) Bdry's and AOs. See trace Annex B.
- (3) Road security and clearance. Coys to clear both sides of road to 200 metres initially then to 500 metres if necessary.
- (4) LZ. DUC THAN airfield.
- (5) Rules of engagement. Normal. DUC THAN TAOR is a restricted fire area i.e. no firing unless in contact with VC. Civilians are permitted in this area.
- (6) Liaison. Lt GAY is to act as LO to the XA BANG post.

4. Admin and Log

- a. Rations
- 2 days rat plus one emergency rat carried.
- b. Water
- (1) Four full water bottles per man.
- (2) Resup on one for one basis.
- (3) Max use to be made of local resources.
- c. Med
- (1) RAP is to be loc with Bn HQ.
- (2) Dust Off procedure as normal.
- d. Ammo
- (1) Normal first line carried.
- (2) Emergency res is to be held at Porky 7.
- e. Radio Btys. One bty res carried by each radio operator.

CONFIDENTIAL

....5/...

CONFIDENTIAL

-6-

5. Command and Signals

a. Bn HQ

(1) CO in C in C ac from 230615H.

(2) Bn HQ mov with second coy then remain vic
YS 474786.

b. Radio and Line. SOP.

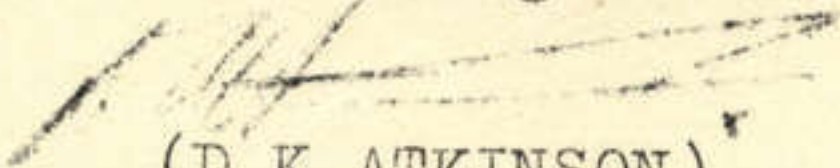
c. Codes. Current SOI.

ACK

Authentication.

DISTR: List C

(Eric H SMITH)
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer


(D K ATKINSON)
Maj
S3

ANNEXES: A. En Forces.
B. Operation SOUTHPORT AOs

CONFIDENTIAL

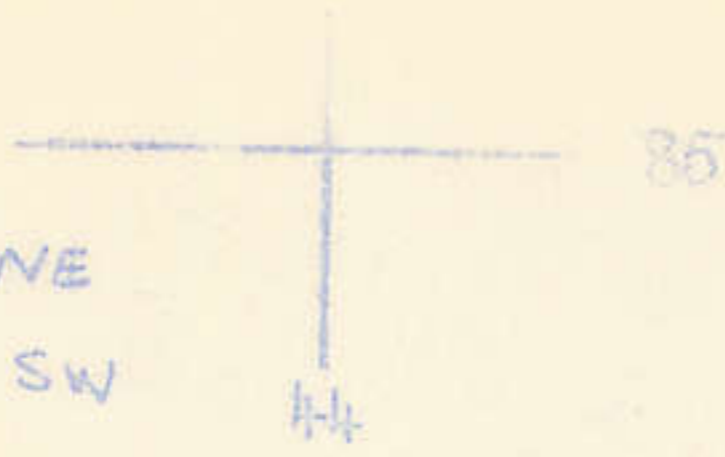
ANNEX A TO
OP O 8/67
DATED JUL 67

ENEMY SITUATION

1. The area of operation is a major resupply and purchasing area for the Viet Cong Forces in Phuoc Tuy Province. It is territory that, to date, they have regarded as their own, and is such they have resisted any attempt by Allied Forces to operate in its vicinity or make transit through it. The recent attacks on the HQ 3/11 ACR and new RF outpost in the vicinity of AP HEAN by battalion plus enemy forces are proof of Viet Cong determination to counter allied operations in this area. They also indicate an ability for rapid concentration and attack by regular unit locally.

2. Although unlikely that the Viet Cong would mount another major attack so soon from its bases to the EAST and WEST of Route 2 in this area, it is possible that there will be patrols and reconnaissance elements up to squad strength encountered close to the road.

MAPS 1:25,000 6430-III NE
1:25,000 6430-II SW



OPERATION SOUTHPORT AOs

ANNEX B
TO OPO 8
7RAR



C



A

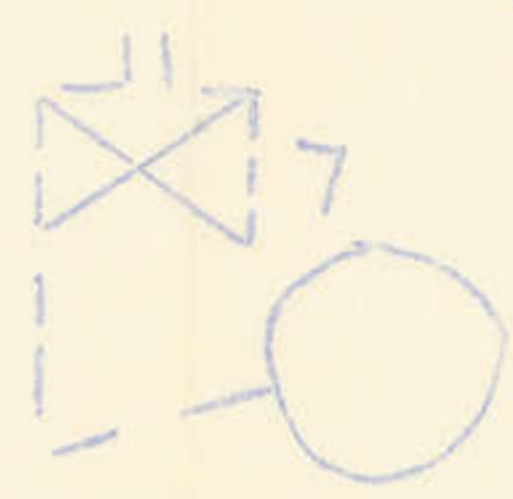


D

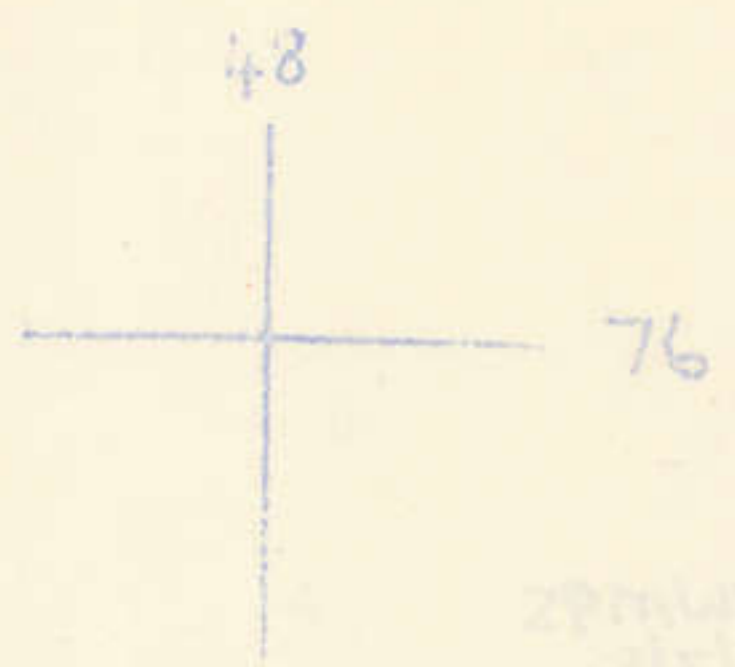


B

43



2 RAR
TAOR



CONFIDENTIAL

Copy No 79 of 82

C3

7th Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
AP AN PHU

081615H Jul 67

OP 0 7 (OP PADDINGTON)

Reference: Maps, 1:25,000 6430-II-NE and SE
1:25,000 6530-III-NW and SW.

1. Situation

a. En Forces. Annex A.

b. Friendly Forces. As briefed by S3.

c. Atts and Dets.

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| (1) Under comd from 081700H | Four combat engr teams |
| (2) In DS from 090700H | One H13 |
| (3) In sp from 09030H | One Cessna 180 FW |
| (4) In sp from 090712 to 090900H | 145 Combat Avn Bn |
| (5) Remaining In DS (FOs only) | 106 Bty RAA |
| (6) At pri call | 108 Bty RAA |

2. Mission. 7 RAR is to carry out an air mov to LZ 654696 then occupy a def posn NORTH of MUYEN MOC.

3. Execution

a. Gen Outline. The bn is to fly into LZ YS 654696, clear areas for future occupation by elms of 1 ATF then occupy a bn def posn astride the SOUI SOC as shown on Trace Annex 3.

b. A Coy

(1) Grouping. Normal plus under comd from 081700H one combat engr team.

(2) Tasks

(a) Second air lift to LZ YS 654696.

(b) Occupy a def posn in area shown on trace Annex 3.

(c) Provide assistance as required to HQ 1 ATF.

CONFIDENTIAL

.....C.....

CONFIDENTIAL

-2-

c. B Coy

(1) Grouping. Normal plus under comd from 081700H one combat engr team.

(2) Tasks

(a) Fourth and fifth air lifts to LZ YS 654696.

(b) Clear area shown on trace Annex B.

(c) Occupy a def posn in area shown on trace Annex B

d. C Coy

(1) Grouping. Normal plus under comd from 081700H one combat engr team.

(2) Tasks

(a) Fourth air lift to LZ YS 654696.

(b) Clear area shown on trace Annex B.

(c) Occupy a def posn in the area shown on trace Annex

(d) Provide assistance to HQ 1 ATF as required.

e. D Coy

(1) Grouping. Normal plus under comd from 081700H one combat engr team.

(2) Tasks

(a) First air lift to LZ YS 654696.

(b) One pl to clear NUI DAT feature. This pl is also to escort HQ 1 ATF recce party.

(c) Coy less one pl to clear area shown on trace Annex B.

(d) Occupy a def posn in the area shown on trace Annex B.

f. Mor Pl

(1) Grouping

(a) One MFC to each rifle coy.

(b) One sect to remain under comd OC Base Area.

CONFIDENTIAL

....(2)....

CONFIDENTIAL

-3-

(2) Tasks

- (a) Third air lift to LZ YS 654696.
- (b) Mov on foot from LZ with Bn HQ to YS 669699.
- (c) Ammo to be flown direct to base plate ASP after setting up.
- (d) Fire sp as required.

g. Pnr Pl

(1) Tasks

- (a) Remain vic Bn HQ.
- (b) Be prepared to cut LZs.
- (c) General pnr tasks as required.

h. Fire Aslt Pl

(1) Tasks

- (a) 4 Carl Gustavs to be on call from base area.
- (b) Occupy def posn as shown on trace Annex E.

j. Base Area

(1) Grouping

- (a) Comd by OC Sp Coy and in his absence OC Admin Coy.
- (b) 10 fit men per coy plus normal rear elms under comd.

(2) Tasks

- (a) Def of base area.
- (b) Normal maint 7 RAR.

k. 106 Bty RAA

(1) Grouping. One FO party to each rifle coy.

(2) Tasks. Fire sp as required.

l. 1 Fd Sqn

(1) Grouping. One combat engr team under comd of each rifle coy from 081700H.

(2) Tasks. As required by OC Coys.

CONFIDENTIAL

.....k.....

CONFIDENTIAL

-4-

m. 161 Recce Flt

Tasks. Remain on call in present loc.

n. Aviation

Tasks. Lift bn from LUSCOMBE to LZ YS 654696 as fol:

- (1) First lift commences 090712H.
- (2) Lift 1. D Coy (98 PAX) plus Arty Recce Pty (20 PAX).
- (3) Lift 2. A Coy (109 PAX) plus HQ 1 ATF Recce Pty (38 PAX) and 1300 lb stores.
- (4) Lift 3. Bn HQ and Sp Coy (140 PAX).
- (5) Lift 4. C Coy plus elms B Coy (140 PAX).
- (6) Lift 5. B Coy (66 PAX) plus elms HQ 1 ATF (12 sorties).
- (7) A detailed air mov instr will be issued seperately.

o. Co-ord Instr

- (1) Timings. First lift commences 090712H.
- (2) Int. Search Areas, Routes, Coy Posns. Trace Annex B.
- (3) Order of March.
 - (a) D Coy.
 - (b) A Coy.
 - (c) Bn HQ and Sp Coy.
 - (d) C Coy.
 - (e) B Coy.
- (4) Rules of Engagement. Normal.
- (5) Digging. Pits in def posns to be dug to four foot six inches.
- (6) Mines and Booby traps. Bridges on Route 23 and VN compounds are known to be mined and booby trapped. All personnel are to be advised.

4. Admin and Log

a. Rat.

- (1) Three days rat carried per man.

CONFIDENTIAL

....(2)....

CONFIDENTIAL

-5-

(2) One emergency rat per man.

b. Water

(1) Depart Op base with 4 full water bottles.

(2) Water resup on one for one bottle exchange except for jerrycan resupply when approved by 2IC.

(3) Max use to be made of natural water resources.

c. Radio Btys

(1) Each op to carry two res btys.

(2) Resup by maintdem.

d. Medical

(1) RAP loc with Bn HQ.

(2) DUSTOFF normal.

e. Defence Stores

10,000 sandbags held in res at PORKY 7.

f. Ammo

(1) 400 rds mor ammo flown into Bn HQ loc on D - 1 day.

(2) The fol res of SA ammo will be held in Bn HQ loc as from D - 1.

(a) 8400 rds 7.62 mm bdr.

(b) 14000 rds 7.62 LB.

(c) 7200 rds 5.56 mm ctn.

(d) 216 grens M79.

(e) 384 grens HE M26.

g. Resup. Planned resup as follows:-

(1) Daily water resup between 0700 - 0900 hrs if required.

(2) 3 day rat resup 1300 hrs on Tue 11 Jul 67 or alternatively between 0700 - 0900 Wed 12 Jul 67.

(3) 3 day rat resup between 0700 - 0900 on Sat 15 Jul 67. Incl in this resup will be laundry bags if required.

5. Comd and Sig

a. Bn HQ

(1) Bn HQ to mov on third air lift.

CONFIDENTIAL

....(2)....

CONFIDENTIAL

-6-

(2) CO will be in C in C ac until mov complete.

(3) Bn HQ loc YS 669699 in def posn.

b. Radio. SOP. Radio diagram is att as Annex C. for Admin-Air Net as direct comm with Base Area is unlikely.

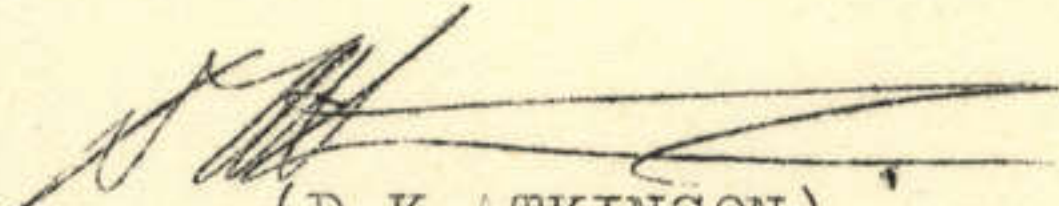
c. Line. No line will be laid. Seperate radio arrangements will be made for Bn HQ.

d. Codes. Current SOI.

ACK

(Eric H SMITH)
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

Authentication


(D K ATKINSON)
Maj
S3

ANNEXES: A. Enemy.
B. Area of responsibilities.
C. 7 RAR Admin/Air Net.

CONFIDENTIAL

EN FORCES

General

1. The AO lies in a traditional VC stronghold in Eastern PHUOC TUY Province. Some limited ground ops have been conducted in NORTH-EAST PHUOC TUY, in proximity to the major MAY TAO bases (YS 7090) but the area further SOUTH has never been searched by a major ground force.
2. The AO has been used in the past as a base camp by 275 Regt, log elms of 5 Div (Gp 84) and currently by 274 Regt. During the last month extensive surv has cfm VC presence and much track activity, instls, sightings and some ptl contacts have been reported.
3. Although a main obj area has been defined it must be noted that VC instls and activity have been sighted throughout a much wider area around this obj. In other words units must be alert to the possibility of contact with the VC en route to their initial posns and from any direction once in those initials posns. The area is a major VC base complex and all round defence must be planned. Unit block posns could also be comprimised through obsn by small VC liaison parties moving to or from the obj between southern bases and MAY TAO.

En Reaction

4. En believed to be in the obj area consist of 274 Regt, possibly elms of a bn 275 Regt and elms of the combined art gp of 5 Div.* It is considered that as soon as the VC realise that a major ground attack is under way they will attempt to withdraw rather than defend in str. Most likely directions of withdrawal will be to NORTH and NORTH EAST towards MAY TAO and/or EAST and SOUTHEAST towards VC bases in the PHUOC TUY/BINH TUY border area. It is hoped that the shock of preliminary heavy arty bombardment and quick follow up and exploitation by cav units will confuse the enemy and force him to seek rapid evac of his posn along the axis of aval tracks and trails.
5. 1 ATF AO covers the area to the SOUTHEAST of the main VC base. Likely en withdrawal routes are along the axis of the track systems betwen AP DEN (YS 7176) and the SUOI GIA NAM and between the SOUI DA.

En Rft Capability

6. En rft capability is limited at this stage. The bulk of 275 Regt is still away from the area and will probably will not have returned from War Zone D at the time of the op. There has been some further evidence of the existence of a third regt in 5 Div. However it does not yet appear to be operational and should not affect the progress of the op.
7. Local forces that may be encountered could be the XUYEN MOC District Co. (C23) or its sub units. No contact has been made with this unit for some months. It str is est to be up to 100 and it has previously operated around the environs of XUYEN MOC village. Base area ptls and def posns must remain alert for attacks and harrassment from this force. Small guerilla parties from XUYEN MOC village will also seek opportunities to raid admin areas and isolated guard posts.

* Latest info suggests HQ 5 Div has moved in near HQ 274 Regt in the area around YS 7075.

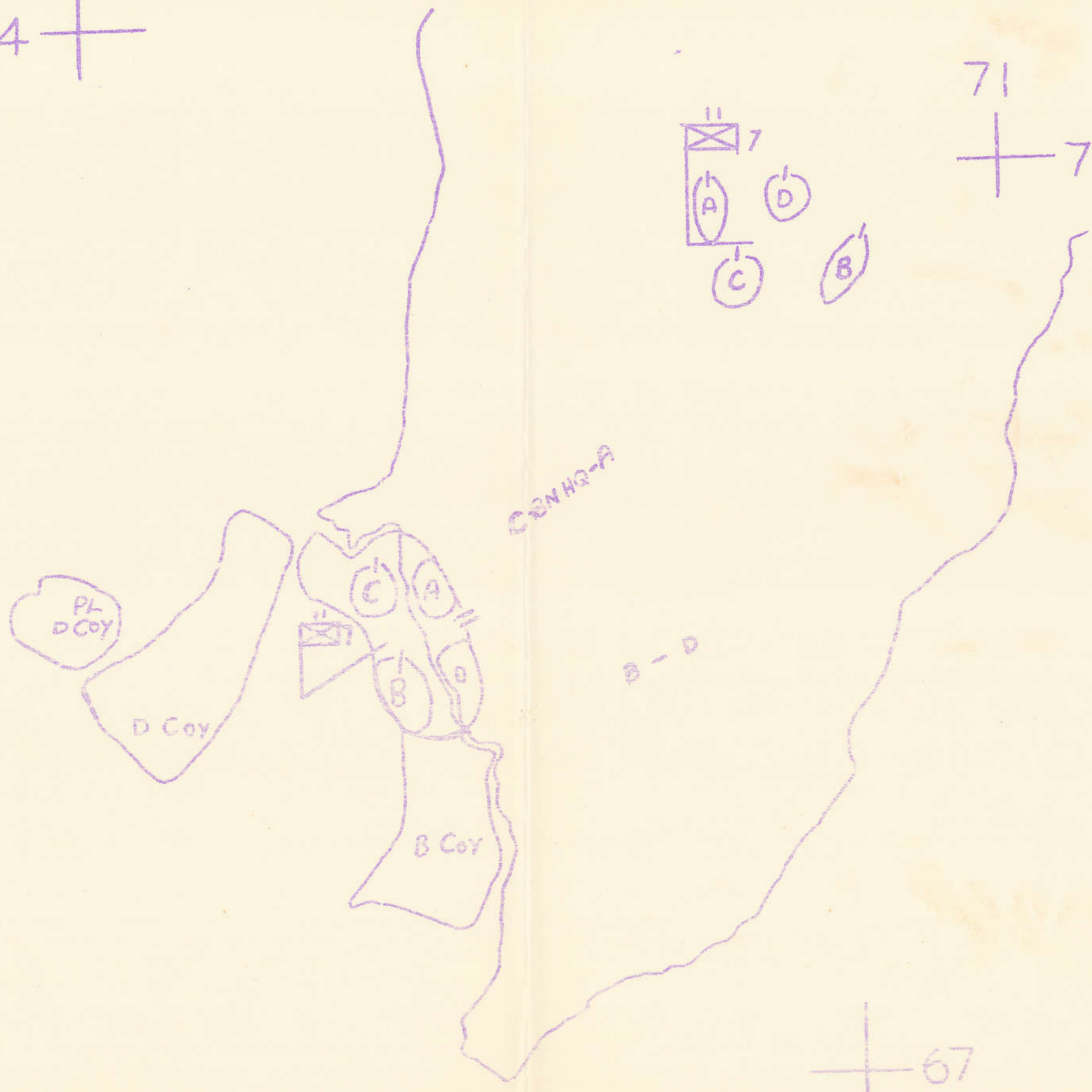
CONFIDENTIAL

65
74

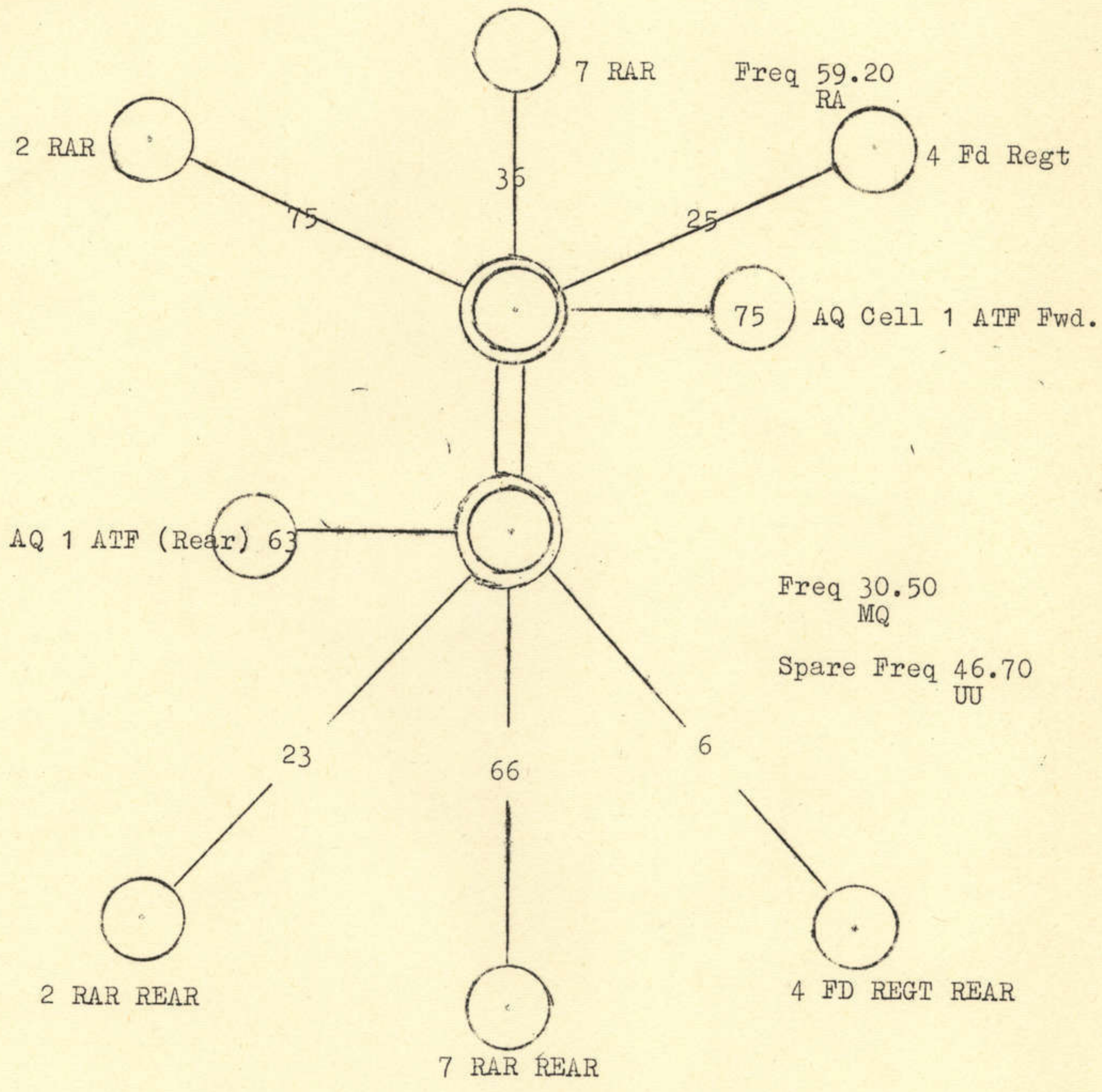
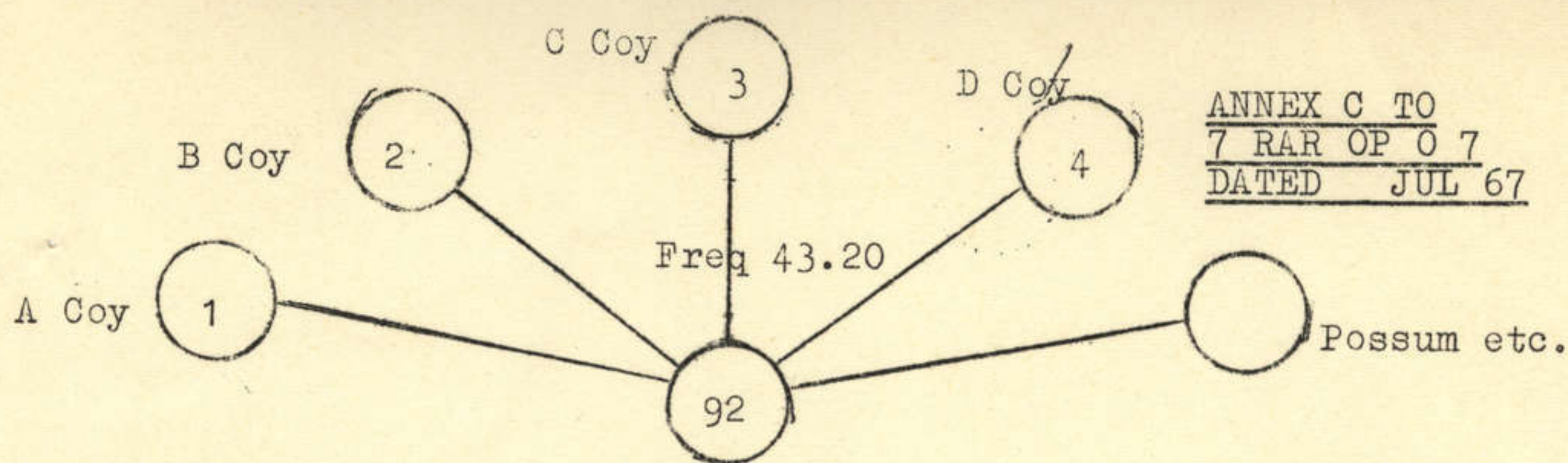
AREAS OF SEARCH, ROUTES, BOUNDRIES.

ANNEX B
TO 7RAR
OP07

71
73



67
70



CONFIDENTIAL

Com D (3)

1805 C4

7th Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
AP AN PHU

8 Jul 67

Distribution below

AIR MOVEMENT INSTRUCTION

1. Task: Lift 7 RAR from LUSCOMBE to LZ YS 649697.
2. Time of first lift: 090712H
3. PZ details:
 - a. Loc LUSCOMBE
 - b. Capacity 20
 - c. Marking Coloured marshalls
 - d. Freq 43.20
 - e. C/S 96
 - f. Con by TO
 - g. Secured by: Secure
4. LZ Details
 - a. Loc 649697 (this amends OP 0 7
 - b. Capacity 10
 - c. Marking Nil
 - d. Secured by: NOT secure. NIL prep
5. Flight details
 - a. Number and type of ac: 20 x UH1D (2 Coys)
 - b. Number per slick: 6 first lift then 7
 - c. FMN PZ Trail by coys
 - d. FMN LZ Staggered RIGHT. Coys 1 min apart.
 - e. Direction of fly in PZ EAST to WEST
 - f. Direction of fly in of LZ WEST to EAST
 - g. Wave by coys at 1 min intervals
 - h. Estimated turn round time in minutes 24
 - j. Refueling details nil
 - k. Flight leaders C/S OLD WARRIOR 6
6. Order of Lift and Number of PAX

a. D coy	100 PAX	
b. Arty Recce	20 PAX	Lift 1
c. A Coy	109 PAX	
d. HQ 1 ATF Recce	4 Sorties + 3 PAX	Lift 2
e. Sp Coy and Bn HQ	122 PAX + 4 Mor	
f. HQ 1 ATF Recce	2 Sorties	Lift 3
g. C Coy	98 PAX	
h. B Coy	42 PAX	Lift 4
j. B Coy	62 PAX	
k. HQ 1 ATF	11 Sorties	Lift 5

CONFIDENTIAL

Comd Hq Coy
H14

RESTRICTED

The information given in this document is not to be communicated, either directly or indirectly, to the press or to any person not authorised to receive it

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ERIC H SMITH

COMMANDING OFFICER

SEVENTH BATTALION THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

Serial 25

25 Jul 67

Numbers 355-373

- 355. VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN MEDAL
- 356. VICTORIAN UNIVERSITIES AND SCHOOL BOARD LEAVING EXAMINATION 1967
- 357. GROUPING QUALIFICATIONS
- 358. CANCELLATION OF ROUTINE ORDERS
- 359. PAYBOOKS - WF 5
- 360. DAILY ROUTINE
- 361. DAILY ROUTINE (SUNDAY)
- 362. GRENADES M26 HE
- 363. TAXATION REFUNDS 1966/7
- 364. UNIT BARBER SHOP
- 365. SECURITY
- 366. STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS - 7 RAR REGIMENTAL FUNDS
- 367. SCRUB TYPHUS
- 368. EXAMINATION RESULTS - SUBJECT 'C' FOR CPL
- 369. TAX RETURNS
- 370. LOSS/THEFT PERSONAL EFFECTS
- 371. INTERNAL POSTINGS
- 372. MOVEMENT BY AIR
- 373. LIQUOR

NOTICES

- 1. DISCIPLINE

RESTRICTED

355. VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN MEDAL

The following personnel have qualified for the Vietnamese Campaign Medal:-

235289	Lt	I M GAY
216305	Pte	G W DOCKSEY
55159	Pte	M A DENCH
3787385	Pte	B J O'BRIEN

356. VICTORIAN UNIVERSITIES AND SCHOOLS EXAMINATION BOARD
LEAVING EXAMINATION 1967

Any member desiring to sit for the above examination is to notify the Adjt before 1 Oct 67.

357. GROUPING QUALIFICATIONS

The following members qualified for Gp 6 Voice Procedure, First Aid and Map Reading.

15125	Sgt	E A BROWNING
37135	Sgt	R E BUTLER
3411389	Pte	L P CONNOR
311492	Cpl	A B CLUTTERBUCK
38156	Cpl	R J D'ARCY
43339	Cpl	K R HOPPE
214113	Cpl	G W RAE
2412360	Pte	D R JACK
215609	Cpl	M W LOGAN
1410870	Lcpl	R O'BRIEN

358. CANCELLATION OF ROUTINE ORDERS

The following 7 RAR RO Part 1 are cancelled:-

93/67
203/67
212/67
249/67
281/67
320/67

359. PAYBOOKS - WF 5

1. It is pointed out that paybooks are a personal document and it is the soldiers responsibility for their safe custody.

2. Loss of a paybook constitutes an offence unless the loss was occasioned by exceptional circumstances.

360. DAILY ROUTINE

1. The fol daily routine timings are effective from 21 Jul 67 for Mon to Sat inclusive.

- a. First light clearing patrols out.
- b. 0630 Reveille.
- c. 0635 Paludrine parade.

RESTRICTED

.....d....

RESTRICTED

-2-

- d. 0715 Breakfast.
- e. 0800-0900 Dental parade.
- f. 0815- 1st morning parade.
- g. 0825- Sick parade.
- h. 0945-1000 Morning Tea.
- i. 1215 Stop work.
- j. 1230-1345 Lunch Break.
- k. 1345 First afternoon parade.
- l. 1700-1730 Wet Canteen open.
- m. 1730-1830 Evening Meal.
- n. 1830 Sleeves down.
- o. 1900-1930 Stand To.
- p. 1945 Wet canteen opens - film commences.
- q. 2130 All canteens stop trading.
- r. 2145 All canteens cleared.
- s. 2200 TATTOO - All personnel to be in lines except if film is not finished in which case personnel will proceed to lines immediately on completion of film.
- t. 2215 Lights out.

361. DAILY ROUTINE

1. The fol daily routine is effective from 21 Jul 67 for Sundays:

- a. First light clearing patrols.
- b. 0700 Reveille.
- c. 0705 Paludrine.
- d. 0800 Breakfast.
- e. 1130-1230 Wet canteens open.
- f. 1230 Lunch.
- g. 1615 Paludrine.
- h. 1700-1730 Wet canteen open.
- i. 1730 Evening meal.

RESTRICTED

.....j...

RESTRICTED

-3-

- j. 1830 Sleeves down.
- k. 1900-1930 Stand to.
- l. 1945 Wet canteen opens - film commences.
- m. 2130 Canteens stop trading.
- n. 2145 All canteens cleared.
- o. 2200 TATTOO - All personnel to be in lines except if film is not finished in which case personnel will proceed to lines immediately on completion of film.
- p. 2215 Lights out.

362.

GRENADES M26 HE

1. Recently there have been a large number of blinds with the M26 grenade. Most of the cause is probably the wet conditions being experienced at the moment. It has been suggested that there be a turnover of grenades at least once monthly. However to do this would be most uneconomical. One suggested method of keeping M26 grenades in workable condition is to keep the grenade in its cardboard container until required for use. Obviously this is not practical for field work but in base it should present no problem.
2. Coys are to submit returns as per para 47 of MBI 14-1.
3. To throw grenades into an area which is covered by scrub or long grass is a dangerous practice particularly if a blind occurs. If necessary the target area is to be cleared prior to throwing.
4. Blinds are to be destroyed as they occur.

363.

TAXATION REFUNDS 1966/7

1. There are two methods whereby a member serving in Vietnam can obtain Taxation Rebates, they are;
 - a. Sign an authority for the Commissioner of Taxation to pay the refund to the Department of Army for credit to paybook, or
 - b. Authorise the Commissioner of Taxation to pay the rebate to a bank account in Australia. The bank must be authorised to open mail addressed to the member care of the bank.
2. Taxation cheques cannot be cashed by Cash Offices in Vietnam. It is recommended that members use the method outlined in para 1 a.. The authority for payment into paybook must be included with the members taxation return.

RESTRICTED

....Unit Barber...

RESTRICTED

-4-

364. UNIT BARBER SHOP

Reference 7 RAR RO Part 1 256/67.

1. The above reference is amended as follows:-

a. Delete: existing paragraph 2.

b. Insert: new paragraph as follows:-

"2. Timings are: Mon-Sat 0800 hrs - 1200 hrs
1300 hrs - 1630 hrs

Sun Closed

365. SECURITY

All personnel must thoroughly search and empty out pockets of garments before sending clothes to laundries. There has been one recent instance of a classified document being found in a garment at the laundry. (1 ATF RO 143/67).

366. STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS - 7 RAR REGIMENTAL FUNDS

The above statement is attached at Annex A to these orders.

367. SCRUB TYPHUS

1. Recently a member of 7 RAR was in hospital with suspected scrub typhus. This is a disease, characterized by fever and a skin rash, which can be quite unpleasant. It is caught from mites, which infect local rodents.

2. No immunisation is at present being given to our forces in SVN, so prevention depends upon personal measures to keep the mite off the body. There is ample stock of mite repellent for impregnation of clothes available within the battalion.

3. Anti-mite repellent is to be applied to clothing each week. Advice on application of anti-mite is available if necessary.

368. EXAMINATION RESULTS - SUBJECT 'C' FOR CPL

The undermentioned soldiers passed subject 'C' for first promotion conducted 18 Jul 67.

3788907	Pte	P J KERLEY	B COY
2412438	Pte	K G HAYNES	D COY
16044	Pte	J. W. GUY	SP COY
38836	Bdr	I J LESLIE	C COY (Attached)
38965	Lcpl	W L FOGARTY	SP COY
54718	Cpl	T C PORTER	Bn HQ
16616	Pte	K B HARKER	SP COY
215627	Lcpl	N BROWN	C COY
1411207	Pte	R J COLLYER	C COY
15932	Pte	J T DONLEY	SP COY

RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED

-5-

38774	Lcpl	A J ROSS	A Coy
54885	Lcpl	C L SMITH	D Coy
3788102	Pte	J V JOHNSON	B Coy
5714264	Lcpl	D W BRYAN	B Coy
311411	Cpl	G MANSON	Sp Coy
38764	Pte	R W DEVERS	D Coy
215604	Pte	G E PATTERSON	B Coy
39014	Pte	J E MATTHEWS	C Coy
38508	Cpl	D A DAWSON	Bn HQ
1200049	Lcpl	T J GIBSON	Sp Coy
38110	Cpl	D R AYLETT	A Coy
44007	Pte	C F CANNIN	D Coy
4411041	Pte	P BLANCHARD	Sp Coy
1200879	Pte	D F LAMB	C Coy
55084	Cpl	R G BAXTER	Admin Coy
1410870	Lcpl	R O'BRIEN	B Coy

369. TAX RETURNS

Reference A: ARO 50/66.
B: FI ARA No 335 dated 20 Dec 66.

1. Ref A states members allotted for special service are exempt income tax while serving in special service areas. HQ have subsequently advised that tax exemption has been extended to include leave accrued as a result of special service. It is emphasised that this does not incl leave earned in Australia prior to commencing tour and for which approval to carry fwd has been granted.
2. Ref A and Income Tax Bill 1965 state that exemption applies only to service pay and allowances. Private income is excluded from tax exemption.
3. In the case of married member claiming expenses incurred in maintaining family it is advised that he may not need to claim deductions unless receiving private income. A member who has tax deducted as result of serving portion of the financial year in Australia may claim for family maintenance in the normal manner. It is out of the question for a member to claim for these items in the year following that for which complete exemption applied.
4. Unless a member is in receipt of private income which is taxable, he should not need to claim deductions because all his earnings have been tax exempt.
5. AHQ advise MBI dealing with tax should be issued in May 67.

370. LOSS/THEFT PERSONAL EFFECTS

Any loss or theft of personal effects is to be notified to the Adjt 7 RAR immediately the loss or theft is noticed.

RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED

-6-

371. INTERNAL POSTINGS

Inter coy transfers have been effected as shown at Annex B to these orders.

372. MOVEMENT BY AIR

No person is to carry explosives of any kind aboard any aircraft, unless the tactical situation warrants it. (1 ATF Signal 6 AIR 1117).

373. LIQUOR

1. No member shall consume intoxicating liquor in:-
 - a. In any doorway or vestibule opening on to any public place, or to which access may be granted from any public place; or
 - b. In an highway or public land; or
 - c. In any vacant land adjacent to a park or public place; or
 - d. On any part of a park or recreation reserve; or
 - e. In any public conveyance, except the buffet car of a train or any other place set aside for this purpose by the Transport Authorities.
2. Nothing in these orders shall prevent the consumption of liquor upon Licensed Premises in accordance with the State Liquor Laws or upon the premises of any Naval, Military or Air Force Institute, Mess or Wet Canteen in accordance with the regulations and orders applying to such Institute, Mess or Wet Canteen.

DISTRIBUTION LIST A

NOTICES

1. DISCIPLINE

CO 7 RAR has investigated and disposed or confirmed the following offences, subtended below:-

- a. 16619 Cpl J A KING, Sp Coy, on the charges of WOAS USING INSUBORDINATE LANGUAGE TO HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER and WOAS DISOBEYING A LAWFUL COMMAND GIVEN BY HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER. Was reprimanded on 3 Jul 67.
- b. 3787217 Pte K A CARTER, Sp Coy, on the charge of WOAS ACT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE - Caused his firearm to be discharged without just cause or excuse. Was found guilty of the offence and awarded the punishment of 14 days Field Punishment and 14 days forfeiture of pay on 3 Jul 67.
- c. 3789314 Pte F N LUBECK, C Coy, on the charge of Caused his firearm to be discharged without just cause or excuse. Was found guilty of the offence and awarded the punishment of 28 days Field Punishment and 14 days forfeiture of pay on 3 Jul 67.

[Signature]
Capt
Adjt

RESTRICTED

-7-

- d. 3788188 Lcpl R W THOMAS, C Coy, on the charge of WOAS USING INSUBORDINATE LANGUAGE TO HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER. Was reprimanded on 3 Jul 67.
- e. 2783352 Pte K J CASEY, C Coy, on the charge of WOAS USING INSUBORDINATE LANGUAGE TO HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER. Was found guilty of the offence and awarded the punishment of 7 days CB and \$10 fine on 3 Jul 67.
- f. 3788144 Pte P R DAVIS, C Coy, on the charges of WOAS DISOBEYING A LAWFUL COMMAND GIVEN BY HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER and WOAS RESISTING AN ESCORT WHOSE DUTY IT WAS TO HAVE HIM IN CHARGE. Was found guilty of the offences and awarded the punishment of 7 days CB and \$10 fine.
- g. 3787485 Pte R W SCHAECHER, D Coy, on charge of WOAS DISOBEYING A LAWFUL COMMAND GIVEN BY HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER - Left area of "Beachcomber" after being ordered not to. Was found guilty of the offence and awarded the punishment of 7 days Field Punishment.
- h. 3787115 Pte J P PATTERSON, D Coy, on the charge of WOAS DISOBEYING A LAWFUL COMMAND GIVEN BY HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER - Left area of "Beachcomber" after being ordered not to. Was found guilty of the offence and awarded the punishment of 7 days Field Punishment.
- i. 3789606 Pte J A McPOLAND, D Coy, on the charges of WOAS DISOBEYING A LAWFUL COMMAND GIVEN BY HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER - Left area of "Beachcomber" after being ordered not to, and WOAS ACT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE - Drinking beer in street. Was found guilty of the offences and awarded the punishment of 14 days Field Punishment.
- j. 3787521 Pte R H PORTER, D Coy, on the charge of WOAS AN ACT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE - Discharged his firearm without just cause or excuse. Was found guilty of the offence and awarded the punishment of 14 days Field Punishment and 14 days forfeiture of pay.
- k. Not issued.
- l. 5714392 Pte R J ROGERS, Admin Coy, on the charge of WOAS ACT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE - Left his firearm unattended. Was found guilty of the offence and awarded the punishment of \$10.00 fine.

RESTRICTED

....m....

RESTRICTED

-8-

- m. 2781882 Pte G M SMITH, Sp Coy, on the charge of WOAS DISOBEYING A LAWFUL COMMAND GIVEN BY HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER - Did not go to bed when ordered to do so. Was found guilty of the offence and awarded the punishment of 14 days Field Punishment.
- n. 4411058 Pte S J CRAIG, Sp Coy, on the charge of WOAS NEGLECTING TO OBEY 7 RAR ROUTINE ORDERS - Did not sleep under Mosquito Net. Was found guilty of the offence and awarded the punishment of 14 days Field Punishment.
- o. 3788800 Pte K R CRAVEN, Sp Coy, on the charge of WOAS NEGLECTING TO OBEY 7 RAR ROUTINE ORDERS - Did not sleep under Mosquito Net. Was found guilty of the offence and awarded the punishment of 14 days Field Punishment.
- p. 3788941 Pte R J CAREY, Sp Coy, on the charge of WOAS DISOBEYING A LAWFUL COMMAND GIVEN BY HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER -- Did not go to bed when ordered to do so. Was found guilty of the offence and awarded the punishment of 14 days Field Punishment.
- q. 38965 Pte W L FOGARTY, Sp Coy, on the charge of WOAS NEGLECTING TO OBEY 7 RAR ROUTINE ORDERS - Did not sleep under Mosquito Net. Was found guilty of the offence and awarded the punishment of 7 days CB and \$10.00 fine.
- r. 19983 Pte T D BLACKHURST, Sp Coy, on the charge of WOAS AN ACT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND MILITARY DISCIPLINE - Damaged his rifle by smashing against tree. Was found guilty of the offence and awarded the punishment of 4 days CB and \$5.00 fine.
- s. 38972 Pte R F STODDART, Sp Coy, on the charges of WOAS DISOBEYING A LAWFUL COMMAND GIVEN BY HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER and WOAS USING THREATENING LANGUAGE TO HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER. Was found guilty of the offences and awarded the punishment of 14 days Field Punishment and 14 days forfeiture of pay.
- t. 36071 Cpl K J W HARE, Sp Coy, on the charges of WOAS NEGLECTING TO OBEY 7 RAR ROUTINE ORDERS - Was not wearing a shirt after dusk and WOAS DISOBEYING A LAWFUL COMMAND GIVEN BY HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER. Was found guilty of the offences and reduced to the rank of Private Gp 3.

RESTRICTED

ANNEX A TO
 7 RAR RO 366/67
 DATED JUL 67

STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS
7 RAR REGT FUNDS - SVN ACCOUNT (\$U.S.)
PERIOD ENDING 18 JUL 67

<u>ASSETS</u>	
Bal as per Trust Fund A/C	10622.30
PX stock on hand	4322.65
Regt Property (purchased in SVN)	177.75
Sundry Debtors	1064.80
Cash On Hand	169.10
Petty Cash	100.00
	<u>16456.60</u>
	<u><u>\$16456.60</u></u>
 Total Assets Over Liabilities	 \$(US)4118.40

SUNDRY DEBTORS

C Coy	239.95
Admin Coy	126.20
Officers Mess	295.60
Sgts Mess	380.80
Sgts Mess	22.25
	<u>1064.80</u>

<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Sundry Creditors	12338.20
 By Balance	 <u>4118.40</u>
	<u><u>\$16456.60</u></u>

SUNDRY CREDITORS

ASCO Invoices	\$12338.20
---------------	------------

U. B. Dix Lt
 Secretary/Treasurer
D. H. Habsch Maj
 President
H. H. Bladen Maj
 President Regt Audit Board
R. H. Hart Capt
 Member Regt Audit Board

ANNEX B TO
7 RAR RO 371/67
DATED JUL 67

No	Rank	Name	From	To
213286	Lcpl	D J MALAM	A Coy	Sp Coy
3412001	Pte	J B STEPHENS	Sp	Admin
5714062	Pte	P S DAVIES	Admin	Sp
18722	Lcpl	L R WENITONG	Sp	Admin
1411206	Pte	N W BROWN	Admin	A
43036	Pte	M L BOLLENHAGEN	Admin	C
216962	Pte	R J SCHAEFFER	Admin	C
3788803	Pte	N A BIGGINS	Sp	C
3411915	Pte	R D MAXTED	D	Admin
38929	Pte	R E KINDRED	Admin	D
4411037	Pte	P J PORTEL	B	Sp
216940	Pte	T C BURNS	Sp	Admin
2783883	Pte	G N WELLS	Admin	Admin
44124	Pte	R F RICHARDS	Admin	Admin
3787899	Pte	P F HUNTER	Admin	Admin
5714453	Pte	A E BELL	A	Admin
3789447	Pte	R G PERRIN	B	Admin
217043	Pte	A J SMITH	C	Admin

CONFIDENTIAL

-4-

Sleeping mats	50
Cane baskets	8
1" diameter hose	2 rolls
Salt	400 lb
Fertilizer	6 bags
Oxen	2 only
Rubber tyred cart	1
Water bottles (US)	6
Jars of local condiments	12
Aluminium dixies	12
Assorted clay dishes	50
12 gal stock pans	3
1 set balance scales	1 set
Dried noodles	200 lb
Silk screen printing press	1
Foolscap paper	40 reams
(Bottle of perfume	1
Binoculars	1 pair
Chopped potatoes	2½ bags
Peanuts	16 cu ft.
NFL Flag	1
Storehouse	2
Soys beans	50 lb
Hex stoves	2
½ lb blocks of TNT	6
Electric wire	1000 ft
Claymore magazine	1

Note: 1. Weapons captured were 3 x Gerand M1 .30 cal rifles,
2 x Mauser rifles, 1 x Russian Mossin Nugent.

CONFIDENTIAL

...2...

CONFIDENTIAL

-5-

2. Ammunition consisted of quantities of the following types: 200 x .50 cal, 300 x 7.62, 150 x 7.62 link belt and 100 x .30 cal rds.

3. Mines were two claymores.

Also found were various medical textbooks and pams and quantities of medical supplies including plasma and a quantity of chicken wire. There were maps and many documents.

Installations { 6 x platoon
 { 7 x company

Conclusion

9. Operation 'BROKEN HILL' has undoubtedly inconvenienced the enemy in the area of operation. It has resulted in:

a. Destruction of a number of camps and installations.

b. Capture and destruction of equipment, documents and food.

c. Probable weakening of his morale in an area previously inviolate from ground troops and where his excellent camouflage had protected him from air and artillery attack.

(R K PETTIT)
Capt
Intelligence Officer

ENCLOSURE

APPENDIX 1. Map showing locations of incidents and finds.

CONFIDENTIAL

RESTRICTED

H26

7th Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
AP AN PHU

R499-2-1(15)

29 Jul 67

Distribution. List C.

DISTRIBUTION LIST - 7 RAR

1. The attached distribution list supercedes all previous lists and will take effect from the time of receipt.
2. All previous lists are to be destroyed.

[Signature]
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

RESTRICTED

To whom	Serial	A	B	C	D
A Coy	1	5	1	2	5
B Coy	2	5	1	2	5
C Coy	3	5	1	2	5
D Coy	4	5	1	2	5
Sp Coy	5	7	1	1	2
Admin Coy	6	2	1	3	3
Bn HQ Pl	7	1	1	-	-
CO	8	-	-	1	1
2IC	9	-	-	1	1
S3	10	1	-	1	1
IC	11	-	-	1	1
Adjt	12	-	-	1	1
RSM	13	1	-	1	1
RMO	14	1	-	-	-
Tpt	15	1	-	-	-
WO Caterer	16	1	-	-	-
DPRI	17	1	-	-	-
Padre	18	1	-	-	-
Salvation Army Rep	19	1	-	-	-
1 ATF	20	3	-	24	-
Spare	21	3	-	10	3
File	22	1	1	1	1
Float	23	1	1	-	-
Fire Aslt Pl	24	-	-	1	1
Aslt Pnr Pl	25	-	-	1	1
Mor Pl	26	-	-	1	1
Sig Pl	27	-	-	1	1
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt	28	-	-	3	-
4 Fd Regt	29	-	-	5	-
106 Fd Bty	30	-	-	2	-
Bty A 1/83 US Arty	31	-	-	1	-
161 Fd Bty RNZA	32	-	-	1	-
1 Fd Sqn	33	-	-	1	-
103 Sig Sqn	34	-	-	1	-
2 RAR	35	-	-	1	-
1 SAS Sqn	36	-	-	1	-
1 ARU	37	-	-	1	-
161 (Indep) Recce Flt	38	-	-	1	-
OC Sp Coy	39	-	-	1	-
OC Admin Coy	40	-	-	1	-
Comd's Diary	41	3	3	3	-
GLO	42	-	-	1	-
CP	43	1	-	1	1
FCC	44	1	-	1	1
Total		52	12	83	41

Comd's
DIARY
H 15

RESTRICTED

The information given in this document is not to be communicated, either directly or indirectly, to the press or to any person not authorised to receive it

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ERIC H SMITH

COMMANDING OFFICER

SEVENTH BATTALION THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

Serial 26

28 Jul 57

Number 374 - 215

374. HDA

1. A certain amount of confusion exists as to the eligibility approval and payment of HDA.
2. The authority for payment of HDA is contained in MFR 28 and 29 which does not confer an automatic entitlement. Some of the more important restrictions are set out below.
3. MFR 28 (7) restricts approval to those cases where the approving officer is satisfied that:
 - a. The duties cannot be distributed among other members.
 - b. The acting member is performing competently the full duties.
 - c. Real and definite responsibility is involved.
4. MFR 29 (5) requires that, where the rank for the position is more than one rank higher than that held by the acting member, he should be paid:
 - a. The rate applicable to the acting member's next rank on promotion i.e. one step in rank, or
 - b. In exceptional circumstances, at a rate and rank as determined by AHQ.
 - c. At a rate no more than that payable to the position at the on appointment or on promotion rate.
5. The effect of MFR 29 (5) is that a member acting in a Lieutenant posting cannot be paid an allowance which gives him more pay than a 2nd Lieutenant. In the case of a Warrant Officer acting in a Lieutenant posting no HDA is payable if the rate of pay of the Warrant Officer exceeds that of a 2nd Lieutenant. This regulation also precludes payment of HDA to a 2nd Lieutenant posted against a Lieutenant vacancy, because postings for Lieutenant may be filled by either a 2nd Lieutenant or a Lieutenant.

RESTRICTED

....6/...

Copy
1/1/67
H 15

RESTRICTED

-2-

6. The reference to rank in MFR requires that the ranks of Staff Sergeant and 2nd Lieutenant be considered, when relevant, in assessing the number of steps and rate of HDA.

7. The following additional instructions are to be applied by approving authorities from 1 Feb 67.

a. Submission of Applications. Applications are to be submitted in advance, when possible, and may be approved on that basis "subject to the prescribed conditions." That application form shown as Table F to FIPMF is replaced by the form attached as Annex A to this order.

b. Full Duties. Performance of the full duties of the position includes the continuing ability to perform the full duties of the position, if the need arises. A member cannot meet this condition if he is unqualified, or is not authorized to perform a particular duty.

c. Competence. Competence to perform duties implies competence to the same degree as any member eligible to be posted to the vacancy. It is accepted that Warrant Officers may be capable of performing for short periods the duties of some officers as an interim measure. It is doubtful, due to different training and experience, whether they could continuously perform these duties, with the competence demanded of officers. Exceptional cases which may arise are to be considered by AHQ.

d. Steps in Rank

(1) HDA is not to exceed two steps in rank other than in exceptional cases, which are to be considered by AHQ.

(2) All cases of other ranks filling officer vacancies are to be considered by AHQ.

(3) Where a senior NCO performs the duties of a Captain or higher, a claim that some additional administrative responsibilities are involved may be accepted by AHQ. However, the following are the maximum steps which will be approved (by AHQ):--

(a) Sergeant - HDA as a 2nd Lieutenant.

(b) Warrant Officer Class 2 - HDA as a Lieutenant.

(c) Warrant Officer Class 1 - HDA as a Captain.

RESTRICTED

...e..

RESTRICTED

-4-

b. Steps in Rank

(1) HDA is to be paid for one step in rank only unless the CO/OC considers that exceptional circumstances exist.

(2) Applications recommending payment for two or more steps in rank are to be signed by the CO/OC, whenever practicable, and to be supported by a certificate setting out the full circumstances which it is considered warrant such payment.

375. GRENADERS M26

Reference 7 RAR RO Part 1 362/67.

The above reference is amended as follows:-

5. Once grenades are taken out of their sealed cardboard containers they are to be thrown or destroyed within the maximum period of 28 days.

376. HVO VEHICLE

1. No member is to travel on the HVO Vehicle to VUNG TAU unless they comply with the following conditions:-

a. Signed recommendation by the RMO.

b. Approval given by the Adjutant.

2. Any member who does travel on the HVO vehicle is to be at Bn HQ no later than 0830 hrs with the requirements as laid down in para 1 a. and b.

B. Halgarnth Capt
Adjt

DISTRIBUTION
LIST A

RESTRICTED

ANNEX A TO
7 RAR RO 374/67
DATED JUL 67

ANNEX A to S Comd
65-S21-5 of 11 Jan 67

APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT OF HIGHER DUTIES ALLOWANCE
(TO BE SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE WHENEVER POSSIBLE)

UNIT

PART 1 - UNIT ACTION

PARTICULARS OF MEMBER TO
PERFORM HIGHER DUTIES

PARTICULARS OF HIGHER APPOINT-
MENT SHOWN ON UNIT ESTABLISHMENT

Army No.....

Rank.....

Rank-sub.....Temp.....

Appointment and Trade.....

Grouping (OR only).....

Restrictions if any imposed on

Name.....

appointment.....

Normal Posting.....

.....

Qualifications to perform higher duties

Duties to be performed by nominee

.....

.....

.....

Specific duties not performed

CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING PERFORMANCE

by nominee.....

OF HIGHER DUTIES (INCL DATES)

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

RECOMMENDED/NOT RECOMMENDED

APPROVED/NOT APPROVED

To be paid in the rank(and group if applicable) of:

From

To (Dates inclusive)

.....

.....Rank

.....

Signature

.....

.....

Date

Appointment

PART 2 - COMMAND ETC ACTION

Steps taken to fill vacancy.....

.....

.....

Mil Sec or Corps rep advice on vacancy.....

.....

APPROVED/NOT APPROVED

RECOMMENDED/NOT RECOMMENDED

.....

.....Rank

.....

.....

(Date)

Appointment

PART 3 - AHQ ACTION

APPROVED/NOT APPROVED

From.....To.....(Both dates Incl)

.....

.....Col

(Date)

Director of Personal Services

es

MESSAGE FORM

PRECEDENCE ACTION

PRECEDENCE INFO

DATE TIME GROUP

IMMEDIATE

DEFERRED

22 0320 Z (Jul 67)

FROM: 7 RAR

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

TO : LIST C

SECRET

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER


G 515

WNG O (.) ALFA (.) 7 RAR IS TO SIEZE AND SECURE ROUTE 2
FROM THE DUC THAN ARVN POST TO YS 834460 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
ON 23 JUL 67 WITH A VIEW TO ALLOWING A CONVOY TO MOV TO THE
NEW ARVN POST AT YS 457841 (.) BRAVO (.) FIRST LIFT COMMENCES
230600H (.) CHARLIE (.) O GP 7 RAR INT HUT 221500H

DRAFTER'S NAME OFFICE TELE NO

ATKINSON S3 EMP

RELEASING OFFICERS SIGNATURE & RANK

 MAJ

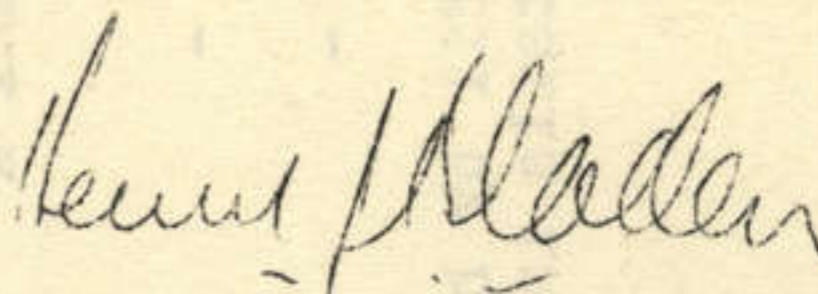
CONFIDENTIAL

7th Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
AP AN PHU

3 Jul 67

1 ATF PATROL PROGRAM
PERIOD 040800H to 060800H

Attached is 1 ATF Patrol Program for the above period.



(Kenneth J BLADEN)
Maj
OC Sp Coy

Distribution

- A Coy
- B Coy
- C Coy
- D Coy
- Admin Coy
- Sp Coy
- Mor Pl
- Sig Pl
- Pnr Pl
- F/A Fl
- CO
- 2IC
- S3
- CP
- FCC
- IO
- RSM
- File
- Comd's Diary (2) ✓

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

1 ATF PATROL PROGRAM FOR PERIOD 040800H - 060800H - JUL 67

A	Patrol Serial No	239/67	729/67	730/67	ARU 8/67
B	Sub unit to provide	VICTOR Coy 2 RAR	A Coy 7 RAR	A Coy 7 RAR	1 pl 1 ARU
C	Callsign and frequency	Bn Comd Net	Bn Comd Net	Bn Comd Net	C/S 11 46.70 mc/s.
D	Controlled by	2 RAR	7 RAR	7 RAR	1 ARU
E	Task	Ambush in PERCY	Ambush in JILL	Ambush in PENNY	Search and clear route. Search and clear Sector E.
F	Strength	Company	Two sections	Platoon	Platoon
G	Date/time out	050715H	041700H	041730H	050615H
H	Date/time in	061200H	050645H	050700H	051300H
J	Route (shown on appropriate trace)	Annex A	Annex A	Annex A	Annex A
K	LZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
L	PZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
M	Remarks (to include any bids for hel or APC lift)	Infil by hel details later	1. Ambush site to be selected by ptl comd. 2. 1 ATF CP to be advised of ni loc by 041900H. 3. TCV arranged by coy.	1. Ambush site to be selected by ptl comd. 2. 1 ATF CP to be advised of ni loc by 041900H. 3. TCV arranged by coy.	Check civilian mov.

.../2

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

-2-

A	Patrol Serial No	731/67	732/67
B	Sub unit to provide	A Coy 7 RAR	A Coy 7 RAR
C	Calisign and frequency	Bn Comd Net	Bn Comd Net
D	Controlled by	7 RAR	7 RAR
E	Task	Ambush in JILL	Ambush in PENNY
F	Strength	Two sections	Platoon
G	Date/time out	051700H	051730H
H	Date/time in	060645H	060700H
J	Route (shown on appropriate trace)	Annex A	Annex A
K	LZ (if required)	-	-
L	PZ (if required)	-	-
M	Remarks (to include any bids for hel or APC lift)	1. Ambush site to be selected by ptl comd. 2. 1 ATF CP is to be notified of ni loc by 051900H.	1. Ambush site to be selected by ptl comd. 2. 1 ATF CP is to be notified of ni loc by 051900H.

CONFIDENTIAL

SECRET

ANNEX A TO IATF
PTL PROGRAMME

PTL PROGRAMME 040800-060800 JUL 67

REFERENCE PTL OVERPRINT VIETNAM 1:25000 SERIES

PENNY
4.6 JUL
130/67
132-67

JILL
4.6 JUL
129/67
131-67



E
5 JUL
ARJ 8/67

HOOC150
HOOC150

PERCY
5.6 JUL
239/67



Map No 22
July 67
M1002

C2

CONFIDENTIAL

7th Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
AP AN PHU

SVN/5/67.

25 Jun 67

OPERATION BROKEN HILL
COMBAT OPERATIONS AFTER ACTION REPORT

- References:
- A. 1 ATF SOP Annex A, Appendix 4.
 - B. 1 ATF Op Instr for Op Broken Hill of 220800 May 67.
 - C. 7 RAR OP 5 of 041905H Jun 67.
 - D. Maps: VIETNAM 1:25,000 Sheet 64303 NE and SE
64302 NE and SE

Name and Type of Operation

- 1. Operation BROKEN HILL, search and destroy operation.

Dates of Operation

- 2. 070700H - 131600H Jun 67.

Location

- 3. Area NORTH WEST of NUI DAT YS 4367, centre of area YS 4178.

Command Headquarters

- 4. HQ 7 RAR.

Task Organization

- 5. 7 RAR with:
 - a. Under Command
from 061900H - One combat Engr team.
 - b. Under Op Control
from 070600H - Four mortar APC cre tp, A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - c. In Direct Support and Under Command for Movement
106 Bty RAA.
 - d. In Direct Support
One OH13 - 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.
 - e. In Support
from 070600H until relieved - max effort 9 Sqn RAAF and 13 TCV.
Two UH1B 9 Sqn RAAF.
CH 47 sorties as required.

CONFIDENTIAL

...6...

CONFIDENTIAL

-2-

Supporting Forces

6. Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

a. The troop was employed initially to lift C Coy from NUI DAT along the axis of Route 2 to the SOUTHERN airstrip at BINH BA YS 4474 thence to YS 4376 to secure the NORTHERN airstrip for Battalion Headquarters. Two sections of mortars mounted in APCs were also involved in this move.

b. Up to 10 Jun 67 the troop was employed in a protection role in the area of the mortar platoon fire base and Battalion Headquarters at YS 432765. Several times, tracks were used to provide a quick escort for personnel and stores between the SOUTHERN airstrip at BINH BA 2 and Battalion Headquarters.

c. On 10 Jun 67 in conjunction with the Fire Aslt Platoon the troop was used to search and destroy areas INDIA and ECHO.

106 Bty RAA

7. 7 RAR was relieved of responsibility to protect the fire support base. Protection for movement of the guns was effected independently by A Sqn 3 Cav Regt less one troop, on 7 Jun 67. The gun position was established at YS 441736. Protection was provided by armour until 081000H when B Coy 2 RAR assumed responsibility.

8. During Operation BROKEN HILL, 1124 rounds were fired on DF, preparatory fire and opportunity targets which were all close. On 11 Jun 67, owing to dispersal of companies moving through thickly wooded areas communications were not good. Had fire been requested at this time the problem of obtaining ground clearance would have been difficult.

9. On D Day, four rifle companies entered the AO before Battalion Headquarters was firm on the ground. The lesson here is that at least a small part of Battalion Headquarters should if possible be on the ground by the time two rifle coys enter the AO to facilitate the early flow of information.

Combat Engineer Team

10. One team consisting of an NCO and 6 OR from 1 Fd Sqn RAE was under command and attached to D Coy for the entire operation. Tasks of the team included delousing and destruction of booby traps, chicom claymores and destruction of enemy base installations and coy defensive positions. The battalion Pioneer Platoon performed a similar function with sections attached to A and B Coys.

AUST Aviation (Army)

11. One OH13 Sioux was in direct support of the battalion and was held on standby at NUI DAT where it was tasked as required. Because security of Battalion Headquarters would have been jeopardized by using an adjacent LZ, tasks requiring the Sioux were kept to a minimum and until 10 Jun 67.

CONFIDENTIAL

.....The SOUTH...

CONFIDENTIAL

-3-

The SOUTH airstrip (BINH BA 2) only was used.

12. The aircraft was used for the following:

- (1) Liaison.
- (2) Reconnaissance.
- (3) Arty and Mor OP.
- (4) Surveillance of the AO.
- (5) Casevac/Medevac.
- (6) Movement of stores, light equipments and in one instance the back loading of a detainee.
- (7) Communications. The AC was especially useful in this role.

13. On 11 Jun 67, owing to the movement of all rifle companys over a wide area, some difficulty with communications developed. At times control had direct communications with one company only. Until the situation was rectified by re-sighting the control aerial later in the day, the Sioux was used continually to relay all messages on the command net.

14. The Sioux was generally of great assistance to the battalion and all tasks were carried out efficiently, as usual.

AUST Aviation RAAF

15. 4 x UHIBs and 2 x UHIDs were used initially to fly 7 RAR less C Coy and two sects mors into an LZ at YS 4474 on D Day. The following troop lifts also occurred:

a. Fire Aslt Pl and one sect mors from YS 432766 to YS 398797 on 12 Jun 67. Fire Aslt Pl was also air lifted back to the first location later in the day.

b. C Coy and one sect mors from YS 398797 to NUI DAT on 13 Jun 67.

c. A and D Coys from a PZ at YS 392802 to NUI DAT on 13 Jun 67.

d. B Coy from a PZ at YS 384789 to NUI DAT on 13 Jun 67.

e. 112 local detainees from YS 4474 to NUI DAT on 7 Jun 67.

16. It should be noted that although a RAAF pilot said that B Coy PZ was suitable for use by four aircraft at a time, only single aircraft in stream were used. For extraction this method is considered to be dangerous, especially for the last section on the ground.

17. It is recommended that a RAAF representative inspect each PZ in future operations to officially determine its suitability. If necessary the representative should physically walk over the area with the company commander. Planning must be tied in with execution and not subject to a final arbitrary decision at the time of extraction.

CONFIDENTIAL

....18....

CONFIDENTIAL

-4-

18. In addition to rations, mortar ammunition and other miscellaneous equipments, the following casualties were evacuated using RAAF, Army air and in one case US Dustoff:

8 Jun 67	1 x medevac	(Iroquois)
10 Jun 67	1 x medevac	(Iroquois)
	1 x medevac	(Sioux)
11 Jun 67	1 x casevac	(Dustoff)
12 Jun 67	2 x medevac	(Iroquois)
	1 x medevac	(Sioux)
13 Jun 67	1 x medevac	(Iroquois)

US Aviation

19. A CH47 Chinook was used on 9 Jun 67 to back load a captured tractor to NUI DAT from YS 427801.

Intelligence

... 20. See Annex A.

Terrain

21. The AO was bounded on the EAST by Route 2 and to the SOUTH by the SOUI DA DEN. The NORTHERN boundary was the 81-NORTHING whilst that to the WEST was the SONG XOAI. The country was generally flat consisting of primary and secondary jungle with occasional patches of bamboo and open clearings.

Mission

22. 7 RAR was to carry out a search and destroy operation in area JUDY starting 7 Jun 67.

Concept of Operations

... 23. Annex B.

General Outline

24. a. 7 RAR was to occupy a series of blocking positions in area JUDY running NORTH and SOUTH along the general line of the 42 and 43 EASTINGS. Coys were to remain in these positions during the period 7 - 9 Jun 67. A general sweep WEST and SOUTH WEST was to start 10 Jun 67. Movement to the AO was to be as follows:
- b. Hel lift of D, B and A Coy followed by Battalion Headquarters and Fire Aslt Pl to a secure LZ at BINH BA 2, YS 4474.
- c. C Coy and two sects mors in APCs to BINH BA 1, YS 4376. C Coy was to secure BINH BA 1 for Battalion Headquarters.
- d. A battalion LO was to be positioned in DUC THANH TAOR.
- e. All civilians who observed the battalion moving NORTH of BINH PA were to be apprehended and evacuated.

CONFIDENTIAL

...25...

CONFIDENTIAL

-5-

Execution

25. The plan depended for success in being able to position companies in blocking locations with the utmost security. After fly in to BINH BA 2 most companies had an approach march of some five to six thousand metres, much of which was through rubber and paddy. A total of 112 civilians including 26 children were apprehended on Day 1 and back loaded by IROQUOIS from BINH BA 2 to 1 ATF. The following day all but 2 were subsequently released into the DUC THAN TAOR. One of the civilians retained in custody was found to be the President of CHUA DUC Women's District Committee, the other, a known VC supplier of food. Both detainees were women.

26. Release of the detainees prejudiced security the battalion might otherwise have enjoyed up to that time. As a result of a report from the battalion LO at DUC THAN on 8 Jun 67 regarding a meeting in that area of 5-600 VC coupled with the recent release of the detainees, the following occurred on 9 Jun 67:

a. A Coy cleared LIMA and MIKE NORTH of 783 NORTHING, 10 pl D Coy cleared DELTA and C Coy cleared HOTEL.

b. The Battalion was re-deployed by 091500H as follows:

(1) A, B and D Coys between NORTH bdry area JUDY and NUI NHAN feature YS 4378.

(2) C Coy with Battalion Headquarters at BINH BA 1.

c. Continuous air surveillance during daylight using SIOUX aircraft and an officer of the battalion was carried out to cover JANETTE, ECHO, DELTA and INDIA.

Operation AKRON

27. This operation, involving 1 Bde 9 Div, 11 ACR and 35 ARVN Rangers was to have started on Day 2 (8 Jun 67) of Op BROKEN HILL but in fact started on 9 Jun 67. The operation was carried out in the area NORTH and WEST of the battalion TAOR and the blocking role of 7 RAR up to 10 Jun 67 was the 1 ATF contribution. The battalion supplied an IO to 35 ARVN Rangers but liaison with this force was maintained through 1 ATF.

28. 11 ACR was operating several thousand metres NORTH of area JANETTE and personal contact between CO 11 ACR and 7 RAR was made prior to 10 Jun 67. Up till that time the battalion knew little but the outline plan for Op AKRON. It is thought that future operations of this nature should include, perhaps, the exchange of LOs between those units which are nearest. In this instance an exchange between 11 ACR and 7 RAR would have been mutually advantageous.

Enemy Contacts

29. No direct contact was made with the enemy on D Day. On 8 Jun 67 five separate contacts occurred involving A, B and D Coy. Shots were exchanged on two of these occasions resulting, in the D Coy contact in one VC being wounded and subsequently dragged away by his comrades.

CONFIDENTIAL

...Despite...

CONFIDENTIAL

- 6 -

Despite a captured enemy rifle (Garrand) and a heavy blood trail it was decided not to fly in the dog team at the time in order to further preserve security. Operation AKRON had not started and a helicopter landing in the area would have prejudiced the security of the battalion position. It is worthy of note that on two occasions, contacts occurred with VC parties of an estimated 4 - 6 strength whose leading man only was dressed in black while those following wore green uniforms. It is thought that these enemy were possibly main force reconnaissance elements being guided by local guerillas.

30. During two separate contacts involving members of D Coy on 11 Jun 67 each respective M 60 gunner incurred a stoppage to his weapon. As a result of one stoppage the gunner himself was wounded in both legs. This soldier was the the battalion's first gun shot casualty. It is interesting to note that in both instances ammunition belts had become caught in webbing and twisted.

31. On 9 Jun 67 D Coy apprehended 12 civilians who were subsequently back loaded to 1 ATF for interrogation. The civilians had been residing in several huts in area DELTA, SE of square YS 4280. Although the detainees were released back into the area within a few hours the battalion was directed to destroy the houses and facilities. One two-storey house contained 10 hammocks and approximately 50 sleeping mats. It is thought that this was used as a halfway house or motel by the VC. Equipment back loaded by CH47 Chinook later in the day included a diesel tractor in excellent condition, two ploughs, a water pump including some assorted pipes and miscellaneous documents. The rubber and banana plantations including the orchard were not destroyed.

Enemy Camps

32. On 11 Jun 67 D Coy located an occupied enemy camp at YS 404794. The camp was of coy size and contact was initiated by 11 pl at 1500 hrs. The forward scout observed several enemy seated at bush tables apparently sipping tea when he was suddenly observed by an alert enemy and a fire fight began. Plans had been made just beforehand to move a blocking force into position when firing started. The estimated party of 20 enemy immediately fled WEST leaving an obvious blood trail. It is interesting to note that the VC were well armed. At least six automatic weapons and an M79 were used by the group. While 11 pl were left to clear enemy bunkers at the camp the remainder of D Coy followed up the blood trail for 500 metres to where another VC camp was located at YS 398797.

33. The second camp had been vacated 30 minutes earlier (no doubt alerted by the firing at 1500 hrs referred to in para 32) by an estimated 50 VC along a track heading WEST. In addition, there were tracks leading SOUTH made by women and children. This camp was well constructed and contained a well appointed medical aid post equipped with considerable quantities of modern drugs, vitamin tablets and blood plasma. Many signs of recent usage were visible at the medical aid post. Overhead protection in the bunkers of this camp was almost unbelievable.

CONFIDENTIAL

... Cut logs...

CONFIDENTIAL

-7-

Cut logs up to one foot in diameter had been alternately layed leaving standing room beneath. In most cases five to seven layers of such logs had been used to support 3 to 6' of earth. The camp was particularly well camouflaged and overhead branches and foliage had been laced together above tracks to provide concealment from the air. All bunkers and installations were similarly well concealed. A follow up of the tracks left by VC was prevented by darkness.

34. A number of other enemy camps were located by A Coy on 11 Jun 67 in square YS 4280. One camp was found to have a DH 10 Chicom claymore set on the NE approach. The device for setting off the claymore consisted of a bamboo laid across the track. Had the bamboo been pushed or kicked aside a cunningly arranged metal contact attached to the bamboo would have initiated the mine. A camp located at YS 409799 contained no weapon pits despite a number of large bunkers for protection from the air. It is thought that it could have been a detention centre for prisoners, possibly from the Dec 66 VAN KIEP raid. The camp was thoroughly destroyed.

35. Probably the most interesting camp was that located by B Coy on 12 Jun 67 at YS 387794. The camp consisted of 14 bunkers including a hospital, a weapons cache, PW cage and a food cache containing 4 tons of polished rice. Dimensions of bunkers were in the order of 15' x 20' x 18' with 6 feet OHP. It is estimated the camp could accomodate up to 100 persons. An AN/PRC 10 radio was also located whose frequency had been noted. In addition, a large sketch map 6 x 4 feet was recovered which shows PHUOC TUY Province and in particular what the VC think is the ORBAT of 1 ATF. It is surprising to learn that the VC estimate of infantry strength in 1 ATF is one AUSTRALIAN and one US battalion. A detailed ... installation report of the camp is contained at Appendix 1 to Annex D.

Food Caches

36. Perhaps one of the most significant facts was the location of the two rice caches in the area of YS 387794 referred to in para 35. Each cache was located not in the camp itself but 200-250 EAST and NORTH WEST. Two tons of polished rice were located in each cache and subsequently destroyed by spreading it out over a large area. It is quite likely that other similar caches exist near this camp but time did not permit a more detailed search.

37. During Operation BROKEN HILL the following formula was applied to determine the weight of rice found:

- 1 cubic foot of polished rice weighs 65 lbs.
- 1 cubic foot can be contained in 3 x 1 man ration tins.

Battalion Attack

38. On 12 Jun 67 plans were formulated for a battalion attack upon Hill 101 in square YS 3880. This feature was a known enemy base and indications were that it could have been occupied.

CONFIDENTIAL

...A Coy...

CONFIDENTIAL

-8-

A Coy was to assault from the EAST, D Coy from the SOUTH EAST and B Coy from the SOUTH WEST. The feature was found to be unoccupied

39. Medical aspects during Operation BROKEN HILL are contained at Annex G.

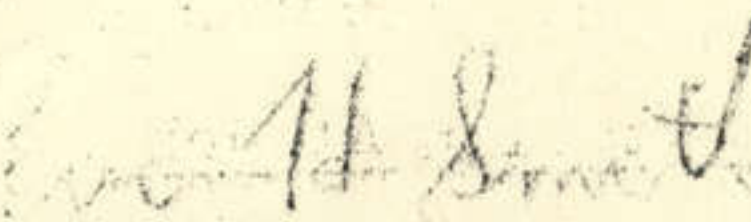
Intelligence Summary

40. Total numbers of contacts with the enemy, captured documents and materials located are contained at Annex H.

Commanders Analysis and Recommendations

41. The following points are worthy of note:

- a. On two occasions machine gun stoppages occurred when the ammunition belt caught in the machine gunners webbing. On one of these occasions the machine gunner was shot while rectifying the stoppage.
- b. It seems to be almost standard procedure to observe chopped tree stumps 300 to 200 yds before arriving at an enemy camp.
- c. In spite of very strongly prepared positions, the enemy on this operation, withdrew quickly when heavily engaged. It is possible that he was surprised on each occasion and this was a contributing factor to his hasty departures. On each occasion the enemy had a well prepared position to withdraw to a few hundred metres away.
- d. Artillery used in a cut off role played an important part in dealing with the enemy after he evacuated his first strongly prepared position. Blood trails commenced where the cut off rounds had landed. Although only about 20 VC evacuated the first camp, approximately 50 fled from the second camp.
- e. The RMOs observation that local mosquitoes easily bite through the Australian jungle green shirt is disturbing. It is suggested that this matter be thoroughly investigated. (Annex G refers).


(Eric H. SMITH)
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

Enclosures

- ANNEX A: Enemy Intelligence before the Operation.
- ANNEX B: Concept of Operations (External addressees only).
- ANNEX C: A Coy Operational Analysis Report.
- ANNEX D: B Coy Operational Analysis Report.
- ANNEX E: C Coy Operational Analysis Report.

CONFIDENTIAL

,...ANNEX F...

- ANNEX F: D Coy Operational Analysis Report.
- ANNEX G: Medical Aspect.
- ANNEX H: Intelligence Summary.

Distribution

External

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

HQ 1 ATF (4)

CONFIDENTIAL

ANNEX A TO
SVN 5/67
DATED 25 JUN 67

EN SIT

General

1. The area of ops is important for the VC because it connects a major base area (HAT DICH) with the population centres of BINA BA, NGAI GIAO, BINH GIA. This sit immediately suggests two significant points:

- a. Elms of all types of VC tps (main force, provincial, district, guerilla, log and liaison) can be expected to be encountered in the area.
- b. Proximity of village complexes to these VC bases generates a mass of agent reports and sightings that demand careful assessment.

En Instls

2. Info aval on en sightings and instls throughout the area is shown at Annex P. This info has been compiled from every aval source and to assist in evaluation a summary of each separate AO fols:

Area Analysis

3. AO JUDY. Although there have been frequent reports of VC units in this area there is no evidence of extensive or permanent occupation by the en. Mortar baseplate posn have been used around the NW corner of the rubber for hit and run attacks on BINH BA. SAS activity and air recce have not produced any significant sightings. Units reported in the eastern half of the area have not been cfm but it is possible that elms of D445 Bn and district tps have used the area in the past. En most likely to be encountered are sub units in transit or recce elms engaged in close obsn of BINH BA and tfc on Route 2.

4. AO JANETTE. CU BI is a loc often reported in connection with VC log activity. The east/west road through the rubber is a busy axis between the villages and markets of Route 2 and there have been reports of trucks and Lambrettas carrying rice down Route 2 and delivering it into CU BI. Food caches have been found previously in the area. Elms of the log group serving 5 VC Div (Group 84), possibly accompanied by protection parties, may be found in the area.

5. AO SALLY. Most sightings of VC instls have occurred along the Song Xoai and a detailed search of this area would probably uncover more camps than are presently listed. Like AO JUDY en most likely to be found are sub units in transit or in occupation of base camps along the waterways. No indent units have been cfm as permanent residents of the area. Elms of the Chau Duc District were reported in the southern part of the area in Feb. v

CONFIDENTIAL

....6...

CONFIDENTIAL

6. AO KIM. This area is the beginning of the well-developed HAT DICH base. Squares 3980, 3981 and 3982 contain what is probably a fwd bn position of 274 Regt, with many altn pits. Most recent evidence of occupation, at least part of the posn, was the necessity to extract a ptl after a contact at YS 384797 on 18 May 67. It should be noted that for ops in any of the AOs the most likely dir of counter attack is from AO KIM. Any penetration of AO KIM would most likely meet determined resistance from well def posns.

- 1. Map of AO KIM.
- 2. Comd. Maj E J O'DONNELL.
- 3. Op Area Op Broken Hill.
- 4. Duration 070800H - 131500H 18 May 67.
- 5. Outline Tasks
- 6. Phase 1. Keep a blocking force in the area of NUI HUAN YS 4378.
- 7. Phase 2. Search and destroy in a SW direction the area W of NUI GIAO.
- 8. Sequence of Events. See Appendix 1.
- 9. List of Items Captured or Destroyed. See Appendix 2.
- 10. Assessment of Op. Basically the mission was accomplished in that the area was searched, and installations discovered by the Coy were thoroughly destroyed. Any items of intelligence value were back loaded.

However it is felt that more could have been achieved by the Coy had it been able to move well forward to establish the whereabouts of the enemy installations, get to know the enemy track systems and ambush enemy withdrawal routes before making any offensive move in Coy or bn size groups. During training in AUSTRALIA this method of thorough recon was practised time and again with excellent results. The limitations imposed on the unit are well appreciated. Nevertheless it is felt that the recon capability of a rifle Coy could be used to obtain good area intelligence with a significant increase in enemy killed as the result.

(E J O'DONNELL)
Maj
OC A Coy

CONFIDENTIAL

ANNEX C TO
SVN 5/67
DATED 25 JUN 67

A COY OP ANALYSIS REPORT
OP BROKEN HILL

Reference: Map BINH BA (NW) 1:25,000.

1. Sub Unit. A Coy 7 RAR.
2. Comd. Maj E J O'DONNELL.
3. Cp Name. Op BROKEN HILL.
4. Duration. 070800H - 131500H Jun 67.
5. Outline Tasks.
 - a. Phase 1. Estb a blocking force in the area of NUI NHAN YS 4378.
 - b. Phase 2. Search and destroy in a SW direction the area W of NGAI GIAO.
6. Sequence of Events. See Appendix 1.
7. List of Items Captured or Destroyed. See Appendix 2.
8. Assessment of Op. Basically the mission was accomplished in that the area was searched, and installations discovered by the coy were thoroughly destroyed. Any items of intelligence value were back loaded.

However it is felt that more could have been achieved by the coy had it been able to recce well forward to establish the whereabouts of the enemy installations, get to know the enemy track systems and ambush enemy withdrawal routes before making any offensive move in coy or bn size groups. During training in AUSTRALIA this method of thorough recce was practised time and again with excellent results. The limitations imposed on the unit are well appreciated. Nevertheless it is felt that the recce capability of a rifle coy could be used to obtain good area intelligence with a significant increase in enemy killed as its result.

(E J O'DONNELL)
Maj
OC A Coy

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

APPENDIX 1 TO
ANNEX C TO
SVN 5/67
DATED 25 JUN 67

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

7 Jun 67. A Coy departed LUSCOMBE Field by RAAF Iroquois commencing at 0805 hrs. From BINH BA 2 the coy moved on foot to the area of NUI NHAN and commenced to search. There was no sign of en movement.

8 Jun 67. A series of ambushes were set near NUI NHAN and the search of the area continued. A 500 lb bomb was located at GR 433788 and 10 CBUs and a 155 mm blind were also found. They were not destroyed because of the battalion requirement for secrecy.

9 Jun 67. After further searches in the area of NUI NHAN the coy moved to an ambush posn on the corner of the rubber plantation at GR 436797. There was no sign of the enemy.

10 Jun 67. The coy remained until midday in ambush and then moved N to Hill 173 at GR 831810. The hill was covered in thick primary jungle and made an ideal patrol base. Recce to the N and NE failed to reveal signs of en movement.

11 Jun 67. At 0715 hrs 1 pl found a cache of en docs and clothing at GR 428809 and an en camp with pits and bunkers 200 yds N of that location. The camp had not been occupied for some months. A National Liberation Front flag and a North Vietnamese banknote was with the cache. At 0945 hrs 2 Pl found a recently evacuated section camp at GR 428807. The approach down the track from the NE was booby trapped with a Chicom DH 10 Claymore which was fortunately observed by the pl Comd 2Lt G ROSS. Docs and a pair of Australian binoculars were recovered from the camp. Two bunkers, a community hut and a cookhouse were destroyed. At 1245 hrs 2 pl found four large bags of salt at GR 427800. They were destroyed. At 1500 hrs 1 pl found a new camp capable of housing 30-35 persons at GR 409799. The camp had a number of large bunkers for protection against air strikes but had no weapon pits. It is thought that it could have been a detention centre for prisoners from the Dec 66 Van Kiep raid. The camp was thoroughly destroyed.

12 Jun 67. 3 pl searched for the reported camp at GR 402801, but found that it did not exist. The coy moved to the area of Hill 101 at GR 383805 which was thought to be a large enemy base. Two old positions were located on the E approaches and a storage hut was located at GR 383804 and destroyed.

13 Jun 67. A storage hut containing 216 cu ft of peanuts was discovered and destroyed by fire at GR 389803. The coy was flown out of an LZ at GR 392802 and returned to AP AN PHU.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

ANNEX D TO
SVN 5/67
DATED 25 JUN 67

B COY OP ANALYSIS REPORT
OPERATION BROKEN HILL

Reference: Maps 64303 NE and SE.
64302 NE and SE.

General

1. The B Coy tasks were as follows:
 - a. Fly in to Binh Ba 2.
 - b. Move on foot to and set up a firm base vicinity YS 434796.
 - c. Establish blocking positions and patrol in area KILO from 7 to 10 Jun incl.
 - d. Search and destroy in area GOLF on 11 Jun 67.
 - e. Move from Area GOLF to the SW corner of area BRAVO and search along the axis of the SALLY BRAVO boundary to YS 394788.
 - f. Left flank coy in the attack on Hill 101 YS 384805.
2. This report describes B Coy activities in the following phases:
 - a. Phase 1. Fly in and move to blocking position,
 - b. Phase 2. Blocking force role.
 - c. Phase 3. Search and destroy role.
 - d. Phase 4. Attack on Hill 101.

Execution of Task

3. Phase 1. The fly in was uneventful and accomplished efficiently. The move to the firm base was through country varying from savannah to dense secondary growth where movement was ^{sometimes} on all fours. The map gave little indication of the terrain and creek and reentrants were encountered where none were marked on the map. The movement of the coy was observed by 45 civilians who were tilling the padi at YS 4477. These people were apprehended and escorted back to Binh Ba 2.
- Phase 2. The company occupied blocking positions as follows:
 - (1) 7/8 Jun. 4 pl 427786, 5 pl 427793,
6 pl 437796, Sp Sect 437799, Coy HQ 433797.

CONFIDENTIAL

...During this...

CONFIDENTIAL

-2-

During this period a party of 4 VC was seen twice by 5 pl at ranges up to 500 metres. The direction of movement was NE towards D Coy. The en was NOT engaged in the hope that they would continue on to meet D Coy.

(2) 9 Jun. 4 pl YS 423797, 5 pl YS 423795, 6 pl YS 426795 Coy Hq/Sp sect YS 427796. During this period standing patrols of section strength were pushed out to 417796 and to 417794.

(3) 10 Jun. On the evening of 10 Jun, B Coy moved forward to the following positions.

4 pl 417796, 5 pl 417793, 6 pl 419800. Coy Hq/Sp sect 423795. No contact with the enemy was made.

c. Phase 3. On 11 Jun the coy was ordered to search and destroy in area GOLF. Good progress was made because of the open nature of the country. Nothing of any significance was found. The search was conducted on a 3 platoon front with Coy Hq moving with the centre platoon. The coy began to concentrate at 1400 hrs for its part in Phase 4. During the move to YS 394788 the coy received 3 mortar rounds with no casualties. It is thought that these rounds came from YS 376786. The boundary between areas SALLY-BRAVO was cleared without incident and a coy area ambush was established at YS 394788. At about 0100 hrs 12 Jun, a party of about 6 VC made contact with 5 pl and withdrew when fired upon. No tracks or blood trails were subsequently discovered.

d. Phase 4.

(1) The task of B Coy during this phase was to advance to YS 382802 and to secure that objective in readiness for an assault on Hill 101.

(2) An enemy base camp was located at 387794 (See Appendix 1). Two large unpolished rice caches (4 ton) were discovered and destroyed and a quantity of arms, ammunition, maps, documents, clothing material and a radio ANPRC 10 were captured. The camp was demolished. It is thought that because of the time factor only a portion of the VC arms and stores etc was located. It is recommended that more time be given to this area at a later date.

(3) The objective was occupied without incident.

Extraction

4. The extraction was by helicopter from a clearing at YS 384798. The system used by the RAAF, single aircraft in stream, is considered time consuming, tactically unsound and thus dangerous for the last section on the ground. Four aircraft could have used the PZ. This opinion was offered by the pilot of a RAAF Igoquois that flew a party into the PZ earlier in the day.

Conclusion

5. An interesting operation.

(D J MEALEY)
Maj
OC B Coy

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

APPENDIX 1 TO
ANNEX D TO
SVN 5/67
DATED 25 JUN 67

INSTALLATION REPORT
VC BASE CAMP AT YS 387794

Reference: Map 64303 NE and SE.

1. 215116 2Lt I L CAMERON.
2. Camp containing bunkers and various caches at YS 387794.
3. 1100 hrs 12 Jun 67.
4. 100 metres by 450 metres.
5.
 - a. 14 bunkers including one hospital bunker.
 - b. 1 well (dry).
 - c. 3 kitchens capable of catering for 100.
 - d. 2 rice caches each of 2 x tons.
 - e. 1 weapon/arms cache.
 - f. PW cage.
 - g. Communications trench.
 - h. Listening post.
 - j. 2 huts.
6. Dimensions were as follows:
 - a. Bunkers - up to 15' x 20' x 8' with 6' OHP.
 - b. Kitchens - 6' x 10' x 6' with concealed tunnels as chimneys.
 - c. Huts - 8' x 10' erected over bunkers.
 - d. Well - 5' x 30'
7. The camp could accommodate up to 100 pers. It was obviously used by an administrative unit. There were no weapon pits.
8. The buildings varied in age from 1 year to a few weeks.
9. The following items were captured or destroyed:
 - 4 tons polished rice (destroyed)
 - 90 lbs coarse salt (destroyed)
 - 50 lbs soya bean substance
 - 2 Aust pattern Haversacks stores (new)
 - Quantity chicken wire netting (destroyed)
 - 6 x $\frac{1}{2}$ lb blocks TNT
 - Maps and documents
 - 4 x bolts of black cloth (300 yds).

CONFIDENTIAL

..2x 7.92 ...

CONFIDENTIAL

-2-

- 2 x 7.92 Chicom rifles.
- 1 x M1 (US) rifle.
- 1 x Chicom Assault rifle.
- 50 x 4.5 belt torch batteries.
- 1000 ft electrical wire (such as might be used for CD mines)
- 1 x magazine M16 Armalite (full)
- 100 rds .50 cal
- 100 rds 7.62 linked belt
- 5 rds 7.92
- 6 rds 7.62
- 1 x ANPRC 10 radio complete (tuned to 53.7 mcs).

(I L CAMERON)
2Lt

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

ANNEX E TO
SVN 5/67
DATED 25 JUN 67

C COY OP ANALYSIS REPORT
OPERATION BROKEN HILL

1. Report of the activities of C Coy 7 RAR commanded by Maj G K CHAPMAN during Operation BROKEN HILL from 0700 hrs 7 Jun 67 to 1500 hrs 13 Jun 67.

2. Outline tasks of the sub unit were:

- a. Move by APC to Binh Ba 1 and secure the area for Bn HQ.
- b. Establish a firm base and blocking positions in Area HOTEL.
- c. Assist in the protection of Bn HQ on the ni 9 Jun 67.
- d. As unit reserve search across MIKE, NOVEMBER, ALPHA, BRAVO and the southern portion of FOXTROT, destroying all installations found.

3. Sequence of Events was as follows:

a. 7 Jun 67.

- (1) 0700 hrs commence move in APCs to Binh Ba 1 with a pl/cav regt gp up on either side of Route 2 with the third pl/cav sect, Coy HQ/Tp HQ and four mortar tracks moving on Route 2.
- (2) 0930 hrs Loc of Bn HQ near Binh Ba 1 secured but could not be thoroughly cleared initially until other coys passed through area to their AOs.
- (3) 1300 hrs commenced move through area JULIET apprehending one suspect on route to Area HOTEL.
- (4) 1730 hrs arrived at nominated firm base posn vic YS 441778 and established a two pl defensive position with the third pl occupying an ambush on three tracks vic YS 444777.

b. 8 Jun 67. Commenced detailed search of Area HOTEL with two pls which occupied ambush positions at last light.

c. 9 Jun 67. Completed search of Area HOTEL and moved to Bn HQ to assist in its defence, deploying two pls each 1,000 metres away (YS 424767 and YS 445765) with the third pl and Coy HQ fwd of the mortar loc vic YS 433767.

CONFIDENTIAL

....d....

CONFIDENTIAL

-2-

d. 10 Jun 67. Commenced search of area MIKE using the base line method with pls and Coy HQ searching on parallel routes. At approx 1400 hrs a party of 10 VC were sighted briefly at a distance of 150 - 200 metres in vic YS 415777. The coy quickly deployed into ambush positions along the general route the enemy were moving and remained in position till 1630 hrs. At night the coy occupied three locs (YS 418773, YS 422773 and YS 421775) around a track complex. Nothing further seen of enemy.

e. 11 Jun 67. Took a water resup by UHIB heli and completed search of Areas MIKE, NOVEMBER and the southern portion of Area FOXTROT harbouring in three locs near the southern bdry of Areas ALPHA and NOVEMBER at night (YS 391755, YS 390753 and YS 392754).

f. 12 Jun 67.

(1) 0730 hrs concentrated as a coy at YS 393757 for orders.

(2) 1045 hrs commenced search of Area BRAVO after evac four soldiers with gastric trouble by Sioux heli.

(3) 1400 hrs 8 pl located a camp of squad or pl size YS 394777 and commenced destruction by hand. Coy was ordered to search Area ALPHA.

(4) 1500 hrs coy was directed to continue search of Area ALPHA and try and concentrate at the Fire Aslt Pl's loc YS 397797 by last light.

(5) 1600 hrs Coy was ordered to be at YS 397797 by 1730 hrs.

(6) 1728 hrs one pl and Coy HQ arrived at the loc of the Fire Aslt Pl and assumed responsibility for the defence of the mortar sect in the area.

(7) 1845 hrs the last pl arrived at YS 399798.

g. 13 Jun 67. A pl provided assistance and protection for the combat engineer team which completed the demolition of the two VC camps in the area, a pl cleared the extraction PZ and a pl defended the mortar sect.

4. Comments

a. During the op the coy employed three different methods of searching and destroying:

(1) Estb a firm base and patrolling out from that in pl gps.

(2) From a known base line search along four exactly parallel routes 400 metres apart.

CONFIDENTIAL

...(3)...

CONFIDENTIAL

-3-

OST EXAMINER
OPERATION
SEARCH

(3) Search along specified routes i.e. ridge or creek lines with pls being up to 800 metres apart.

b. Of these methods it is considered that (1) is the most practical as it allows:

(1) Pooling of available radios which can be given to half platoon fighting patrols.

(2) Dispensing of soldiers packs while on patrol.

(3) Continuous searching and patrolling while resup is taken.

(4) A detailed build up of info on the area.

c. The rate of search should never be more than 500 metres in an hour and 3000 metres in a day.

d. Coy HQ can search independently if it can maintain its Sp sect of at least 6 men.

e. The interpreter proved invaluable on the two occasions when civilians were encountered and the allocation of one per coy should be continued.

(G K CHAPMAN)
Maj
OC C Coy

(M A WILSON)
Sjt
8 pl

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

APPENDIX 1 TO
ANNEX E TO
SVN 5/67
DATED 5 JUN 67

INSTALLATION REPORT
BUNKER SYSTEM LOCATED AT YS 394777

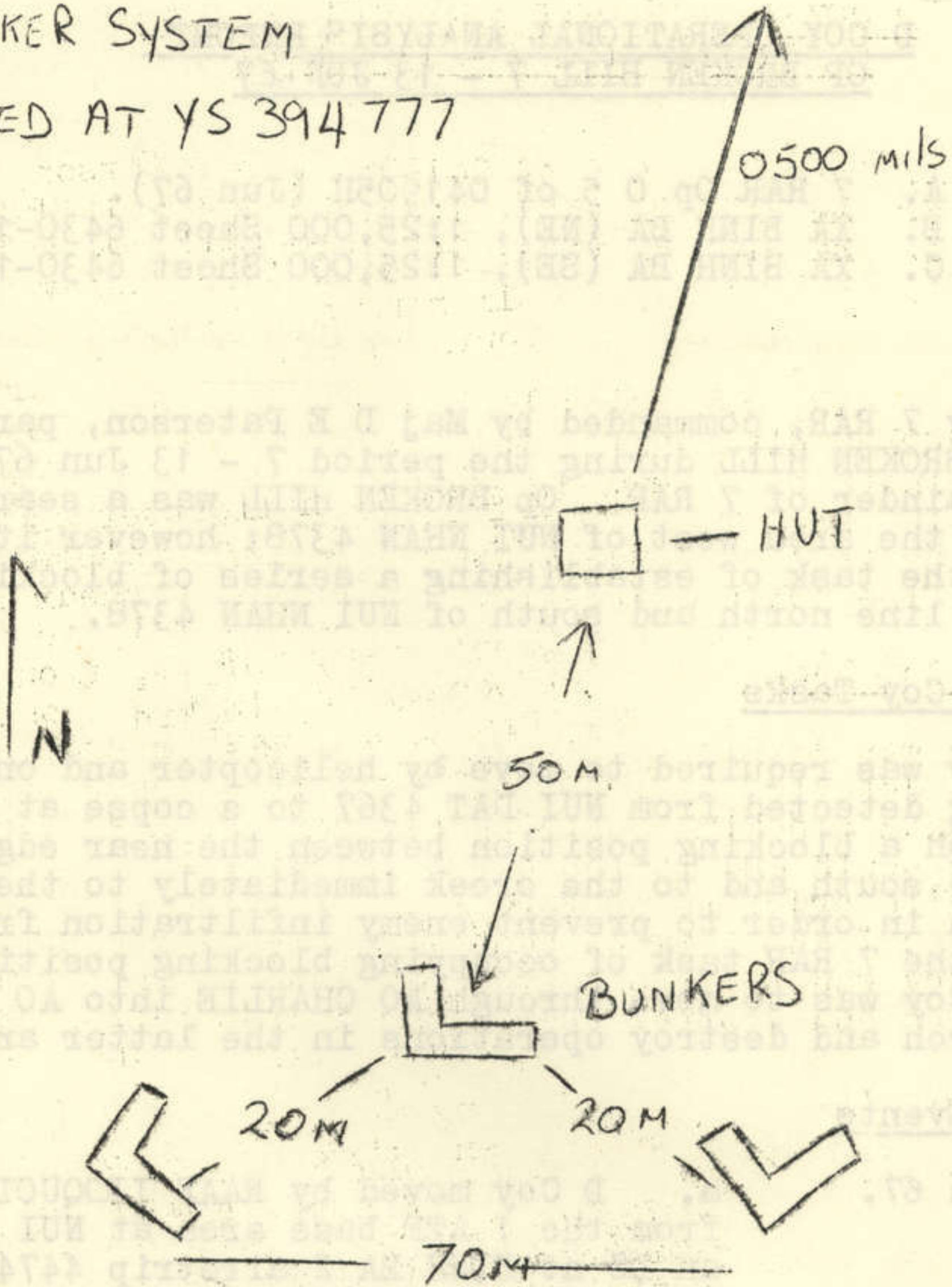
1. Report by 235314 Lt M A MOLONEY.
2. Report on Bunker system at 394777.
3. At 1430 hrs on 12 Jun 67.
4. Area covered 70 x 100 yds (70,000 sq yds).
5.
 - a. Wpn pits only.
 - b. Nil.
 - c. The wpn pits were L shaped.
 - d. The type of constr used was; The pits were 3' to 3'6" deep with leaves then a layer of tin with 2' to 2'6" of OHP. Each side of the L was between 7' to 8' long.
 - e. There were 3 wpn pits and a hut which was tin roofed also.
 - f. Est force to occupy - a small recce squad.
 - g. The position was facing South.
 - h. Pits for possibly 3 men or more.
 - i. The pits were possibly 2 weeks old but had been used in the last 72 hrs.
 - j. The system was in the vicinity of YS 394777.
 - k. Nil.
 - l. Nil.
6. Additional pts to note:
 - a. All the timber used was rubber. There was a quantity of rubber poles about 6' long in the area. The nearest rubber plantation was 3,000 metres away.
 - b. All the bunkers and hut had tin sealing/off from the weather. ^{them}

(M A MOLONEY)
2Lt
8 pl

CONFIDENTIAL

SKETCH MAP TO APPENDIX I
TO ANNEX E

BUNKER SYSTEM
LOCATED AT YS 394 777



CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

ANNEX F TO
SVN 5/67
DATED 25 JUN 67

D COY OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS REPORT
OP BROKEN HILL 7 - 13 JUN 67

- References. A. 7 RAR Op O 5 of 041905H (Jun 67).
B. XA BINH BA (NE), 1:25,000 Sheet 6430-111-NE.
C. XA BINH BA (SE), 1:25,000 Sheet 6430-111-SE.

General

1. D Coy 7 RAR, commanded by Maj D E Paterson, participated in 7 RAR OP BROKEN HILL during the period 7 - 13 Jun 67 together with the remainder of 7 RAR. Op BROKEN HILL was a search and destroy operation in the area west of NUI NHAN 4378; however it was preceded by the task of establishing a series of blocking positions in a general line north and south of NUI NHAN 4378.

Outline of D Coy Tasks

2. D Coy was required to move by helicopter and on foot, without being detected from NUI DAT 4367 to a copse at 426803, then establish a blocking position between the near edge of the rubber to the south and to the creek immediately to the north of this location in order to prevent enemy infiltration from the west. When the 7 RAR task of occupying blocking positions was complete, D Coy was to move through AO CHARLIE into AO BRAVO and commence search and destroy operations in the latter area.

Sequence of Events

3. 7 Jun 67.
- a. D Coy moved by RAAF IROQUOIS helicopters from the 1 ATF base area at NUI DAT 4367 to an LZ at BINH BA 2 airstrip 4474 which had been secured by ARVN troops, then moved on foot about 7000 metres to the copse at 426803 using the route LZ-434742 - 424767 - 429713 then skirting the rubber and tracks to the west of the cultivation in squares 4279 and 4280. A company patrol base was formed at 426803 for initial reconnaissance patrols prior to setting ambushes in the blocking positions.
 - b. Two 3 man patrols were despatched to carry out reconnaissance of the area of the house at 427801 and the creek/cultivation area at 427805. A peasant near the houses saw one of these patrols and he had to be detained so that he could not warn the occupants of the houses of the presence of troops in the area. With the approval of the 7 RAR CP, the houses were cordoned and searched and the occupants detained. See details of the D Coy tasks in the area of the houses at APPENDIX 1.

CONFIDENTIAL

....C....

CONFIDENTIAL

-2-

c. On the night 7 - 8 Jun 67 the blocking position was established and the suspects detained by moving 11 pl to an ambush position at 427806 (Point 2) where there were fresh tracks, and keeping the remainder of D Coy in a defensive position at the houses 427801 with 10 pl covering the track north from the houses to the creek (Point 1). See sketch of D Coy blocking position at APPENDIX 2.

Note: The notes (Point 2) etc in this paper refer to locations shown on sketch at APPENDIX 2.

4. 8 Jun 67.
- a. The position occupied by 11 pl (Point 2) on night 7/8 Jun proved unsuitable by day and approval was given for 11 pl to reset its ambush approximately 100 metres further west. Just prior to moving to this new position, the western sentry sighted 2 VC but was seen himself. The VC fled before they could be engaged.
- b. The area at the corner of the rubber at 422800 (Point 3) appeared to be a good navigational aid, encompassed an existing track system including the D Coy route into the area. Approval was obtained to ambush this site and 12 pl set the ambush at 1030 hrs when their task of guarding the detained civilians was completed. A contact occurred at approximately 1130 hrs without the enemy entering the killing ground of the ambush. See the contact report at APPENDIX 3.
- c. Follow up after the 12 pl contact was not permitted because of the desire to maintain secrecy, and the platoon was ordered to be withdrawn to the main D Coy position in the area of the house (Point 4). When a 12 pl reconnaissance patrol of 4 men looking for another suitable site for an ambush moved out of bamboo at 428803 (Point 4), the scout in this patrol encountered a VC soldier at a distance of 50 metres. Each exchanged shots, the VC fled, and neither side suffered casualties. For details see contact report at APPENDIX 4.
- d. Because the blocking task could be carried out with two platoons (10 pl at Point 1 and 11 pl at Point 2), and in view of the pattern of sightings and contacts on 8 Jun, approval was sought to patrol to the north of the blocking position in the area bounded by 430806 - 432810 - 425808 and 424804 but this request was not approved. (A Coy 7 RAR subsequently located a recently used VC section camp in this area in the vicinity of 425807, (Point 10)).
- e. 12 pl set an ambush on the track in the vicinity of 428804 (Point 4).
- f. The 7 RAR tracker team was deployed into the D Coy location PM 8 Jun 67.

CONFIDENTIAL

.....5.....

CONFIDENTIAL

-3-

5. 9 Jun 67. a. B Coy reported two separate sightings of VC parties in the vicinity of 419796 (Points 5 and 6).
- b. As a result of information that a large VC concentration was expected in the AOs, D Coy was ordered to concentrate at 426801 into defensive position.
6. 10 Jun 67. a. Received the order for evacuation of material and the destruction of facilities at the house area 427801 (Point 1).
- b. A 10 pl standing patrol sighted 4 VC disappearing into the jungle at 424803 but the enemy were at too great a range to be engaged (Point 7).
- c. A 10 pl/in the vicinity of 423804 engaged in reconnaissance of a new ambush site was fired on by the VC with an M79 (Point 9). There were no casualties and no VC sighted.
- d. The clearing of an LP for Chinook helicopter in the banana plantation at 426801 (Point 11) commenced and at the same time a resupply by RAAF IROQUOIS helicopter was being received at an LP at 428801 (Point 12). CO 7 RAR arrived by Pocom during this resupply.
- e. A VC party of approximately 4 men probed D Coy defensive position (Point 8) from the north and fired an automatic weapon at the Chinook LP clearing party. A M60 GPMG covering the enemy approach track as its primary arc engaged the enemy, and artillery and a light fire team neutralized their northern escape routes. A clearing patrol from 11 pl dispatched after this incident did not locate the enemy.
- f. Equipment including a tractor, two ploughs, a water pump and documents were backloaded by Chinook after dark at 1930 hrs.
7. 11 Jun 67. a. All the houses, facilities and livestock in the house area 427801 (Point 1) were destroyed but not the orchard, rubber or banana plantations.
- b. Moved on a bearing of 4300 mils from the corner of the rubber at 422800 through AO CHARLIE to commence search and destroy tasks in AO BRAVO.
- c. A contact occurred at 413796 with 4 VC and involved the rear section of the forward platoon 12 pl and the forward elements of Coy HQ.

CONFIDENTIAL

...One VC...

CONFIDENTIAL

-4-

One VC soldier was KIA and one soldier from 12 pl WIA. See contact report at APPENDIX 5. The wounded soldier was evacuated by RAAF IROQUOIS helicopter using its winch.

- d. Movement through AO CHARLIE continued to the vicinity 405794 when a forward scout reported movement to his north and fresh tracks to his front. OC D Coy moved forward to the forward section and ordered a reconnaissance of the area in which movement had been reported. D Coy was then ordered to close up into a defensive position. No VC were sighted by the reconnaissance patrol but it was found that 6 inch timber had been recently cut and the logs carried, not dragged, to the west. It appeared that a VC position was in the vicinity. The D Coy plan discussed with CO 7 RAR is shown in the sketch at APPENDIX 6.
- e. 11 pl, together with the FO's ack and the 7 RAR tracker team moved along the general line of the VC tracks to the west. The remainder of D Coy moved to the south of the area of VC activity. However 11 pl madeard initiated contact with the VC occupying a prepared company position at approximately 1500 hrs at 404794 shortly after the first platoon of the remainder of the company had moved. See contact report at APPENDIX 7 and installation report at APPENDIX 8. A light fire team, a FAC, artillery and mortars were used to interdict the likely enemy escape routes to the west. 10 pl, 12 pl and Coy HQ moved towards the sound of firing whilst 11 pl occupied and cleared the first few bunkers vacated by the enemy. 11 pl was left to clear out the remainder of the bunkers in the area while the remainder of D Coy followed up the obvious blood trails to the west where approximately 20 VC had been seen to flee from their defensive position.
- f. In the next 30 minutes Coy HQ and two platoons followed up the enemy for 550 metres through thick jungle and located another VC position at 398797 which had only been vacated for about 30 minutes. The blood trails stopped at this installation and a visual tracker estimated that 50 VC had left this latter installation on tracks going west, and that women and children had moved on a track going south. See Installation report at APPENDIX 9.

CONFIDENTIAL

... g....

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

-5-

- g. A further follow up was prevented by the approaching darkness and with platoons employed in the two enemy camps. Ambushes were set on the approaches to the VC installation at 398797.

8. 12 Jun 67.

- a. The search and destruction tasks in the VC installations at 404794 and 398797 were handed over to the Fire Assault (Anti Tank) Pl and a combat engineer team from the 1Fd Sqn RAE. D Coy then moved from 404794 via 393797 - 392803 - 385804 and remained in this latter area while A Coy 7 RAR cleared the 101 feature in square 3880.
- b. Located an old VC platoon ambush position sited around parts of a crashed aircraft at approximately 386804. It had not been occupied for about ten months. A storage hut for peanuts was found nearby. See installation report at APPENDIX 10.
- c. Moved to and harboured for the night 12/13 Jun near an LZ at 392804.

9. 13 Jun 67.

Moved from 392804 to NUI DAT 4367 in RAAF IROQUOIS helicopters.

- a. Enemy. One (1) KIA (contact at 413796 - see paragraph 7 c. above).

Two (2) suspected KIA (contact at 422800 - see paragraph 4 b. above and contact at 404794 - see paragraph 7 e. above).

In addition it should be noted that there were extensive blood trails on the various paths used by approximately 20 VC when they fled from their position at 404794 through heavy fire from artillery and the light fire team.

- b. Friendly Forces. 1 WIA (contact at 413796 - see para 7 c. above).

(D E PATERSON)
Maj
OC D Coy

APPENDICIES:

1. D Coy Ops at the House Area 427801.
2. Sketch Map of the D Coy Blocking Position.
3. 12 pl Contact Report - Ambush at 422800.
4. 12 pl Contact Report - Contact at 428803.
5. D Coy Contact Report - Contact Left at 413796.
6. Sketch Map showing D Coy Deployment Prior To and After Contact at 404794.
7. 11 pl Contact Report - Contact at 404794.
8. Installation Report - Enemy Installation at 404794.
9. Installation Report - Enemy Installation at 398797.
10. Installation Report - Enemy Installation at 386804.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

APPENDIX 1 TO
ANNEX F TO
SVN 5/67
DATED 25 JUL 67

D COY OPS AT THE HOUSE AREA 427801

- Reference: 1. XA BINH BA (NE), 1:25,000, 6430-111-NE.
2. Sketch Map of D Coy blocking position (attached as APPENDIX 2).

General

1. D Coy operations at the house area 427801 can be considered in these phases, namely:

- a. Phase 1 - The period from the arrival of D Coy in this area until the people in the houses were detained and evacuated.
- b. Phase 2 - This overlaps with Phase 1 but includes the establishment of ambushes on likely tracks to block enemy movement from the west, and
- c. Phase 3 - The evacuation of material and destruction of facilities at the house area 427801.

2. Phase 2 activities have already been described in detail in the body of this report, including the appropriate Appendices, and will not be included in this appendix.

Situation

3. The area of the house 427801 appeared from VR to be the centre of a considerable amount of human activity and, as it was in the centre of the D Coy blocking position during OP BROKEN WILL, it was necessary to carry out reconnaissance of the house area before the size of ambush stop parties could be determined.

Phase 1

4. After the arrival of D Coy in a copse near the house, two three (3) man reconnaissance patrols were dispatched; one to the house area. This latter patrol was seen by a male civilian so he was quickly detained before he could alert any other person in the area. He was about 40 years old, did not possess an identity card, and during interrogation said that he was 60 years old and that there were about 12 people living in the houses in the area. He said the VC soldiers never came near the houses.

5. With approval from the 7 RAR CP the houses were cordoned with 11 pl in a blocking position to the north, and 10 pl surrounding the house and the barn on the west, and 12 pl surrounding the two thatched roof buildings to the east.

6. Twelve (12) people were detained altogether including two female children and a baby. They all produced identity cards, including the original detainee, and did not behave in an aggressive manner.

CONFIDENTIAL

.....All the ...

All the people denied any knowledge of VC in the area (which could not be the truth because of subsequent incidents in the area), however one man interviewed in private after dark stated that 30 VC had moved past the houses in a westerly direction one month earlier. At the same time a party of 2 - 4 VC guerillas passed through the area.

7. The buildings in the area consisted of a single storied dwelling with 10 bed boards. This house was occupied by one man. A two storied unoccupied barn with five bedspaces and 50 sleeping mats, and two thatched roof huts, one occupied by 11 people and the other by two men.

8. The following items were found in the houses:

600 lbs of rice (450 lbs unpolished 150 lbs polished)

1 Fordson tractor (including spare parts and mud wheels)

1 - 16 disc plough

1 - 8 disc plough

1 bicycle

assorted hand farm implements

1 water pump

9 x 4 gal cans of oil

6 x 44 gal drums of diesel

2000 gal cement water storage tank (this was connected to an irrigation pipe from the creek to the north)

50 sleeping mats

8 cane baskets

2 rolls of 1 inch diameter plastic hose

6 bags of salt

6 bags of chemical (a white chemical - not salt - believed to be fertilizer - evacuated for analysis)

2 oxen

1 rubber tyred cart

24 (approx) ducks, plus a large orchard, a bean plantation a ploughed padi area and a "clean" rubber plantation.

documents (no immediate operative value)

9. The detainees were secured in the houses on night 7/8 Jun by 10 pl, 12 pl and Coy HQ then evacuated to the south on 8 Jun 67.

CONFIDENTIAL

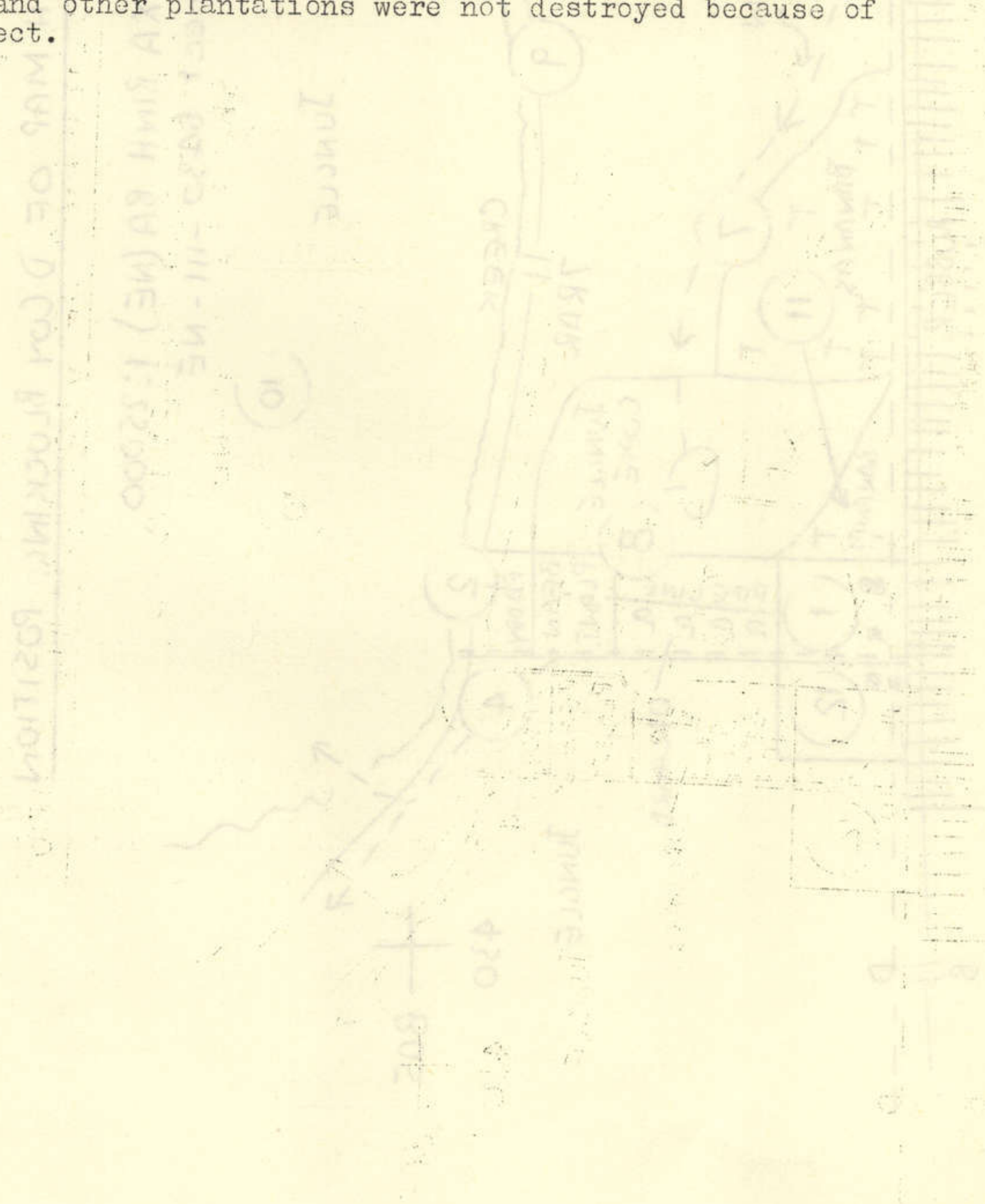
....Phase 3....

Phase 3

10. During phase 2 while the blocking forces carried out their tasks a platoon of D Coy had to be left in the area of the houses to secure the installations.

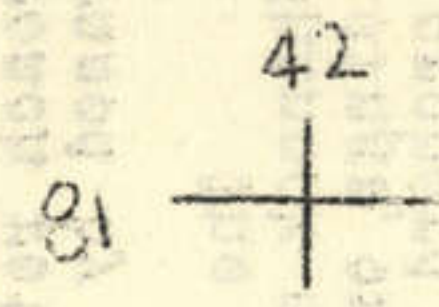
11. On 10 Jul 67 while an LZ was being prepared for a Chinook helicopter to backload captured items from the area of the houses, a VC party "probed" the D Coy defensive position securing the LZ and engaged them with a machine gun. A M60 GPMG covering the enemy approach returned the fire and the enemy escape routes were harrassed by artillery fire and fire from the light fire team.

12. The tractor, ploughs, and other heavy items were backloaded by Chinook at approximately 1930 hrs 10 Jun 67 after dark, and the buildings, oxen and other items were destroyed by fire on 11 Jun 67. The orchard and other plantations were not destroyed because of the time aspect.



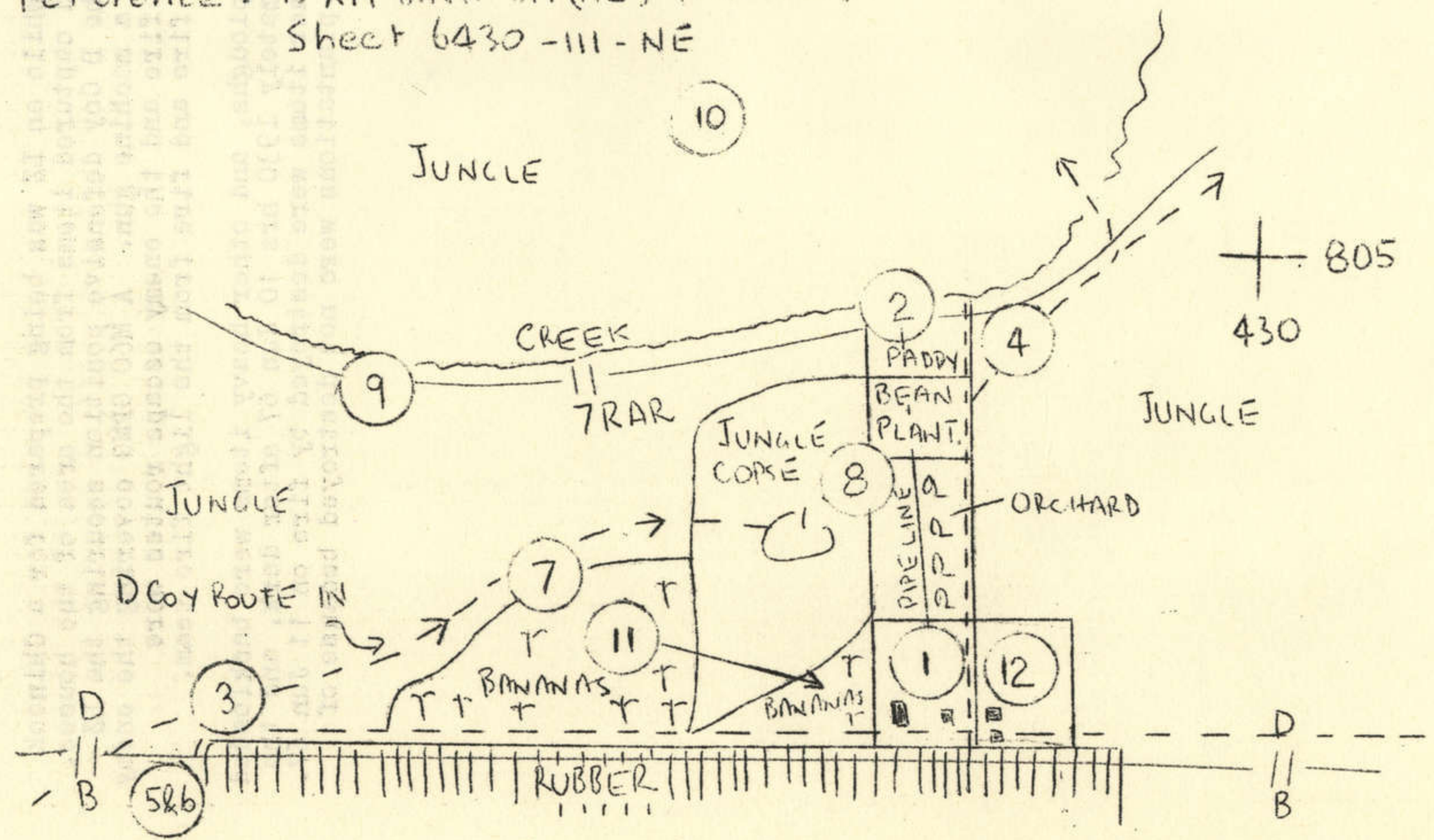
DIRECTOR
GENERAL
STAFF
HEADQUARTERS
10 JULY 1967

APPENDIX 2 TO
ANNEX F TO
SVN 5/67
DATED 25 JUN 67



SKETCH MAP OF D COY BLOCKING POSITION

Reference: 1. XA BINH BA (NE) 1:25000,
Sheet 6430-III-NE



CONFIDENTIAL

APPENDIX 3 TO
ANNEX E TO
SVN 5/67
DATED 25 JUN 67

12 PL CONTACT REPORT - AMBUSH AT 422800

Reference: 1. XA BINH BA (NE), 1:25,000, Sheet 6430-111-NE.

1. 12 pl D Coy, commanded by 2Lt J F Slavin, made contact with the enemy at 1130 hrs 8 Jun 67 where an armed VC party of approximately 4 - 6 men, dressed in black pyjamas and patrolling from South to North, was engaged by the sentry of an ambush set by 12 pl at 422800. The sentry had to fire or he would have been shot by the VC scout.

2. The 12 pl ambush was sited in thick secondary jungle and covered the corner of the rubber at 422800, the track around the Northwestern corner of the corner of the rubber, and the route into area used by D Coy on 7 Jun 67.

3. The sentry was Pte P J Tucker and he was sited to give early warning on the southern approaches to the ambush. Tucker saw the VC scout when he was 5 metres away. The VC scout was proceeding directly towards Pte Tucker, moving very quietly through the thick scrub and searching thoroughly with his weapon at the alert. For the enemy scout to have entered the killing ground he would have had to have trodden on Pte Tucker. Pte Tucker could not move from his position without alerting the enemy party so he fired an aimed shot with his SLR at the VC scout's chest. The VC fell backwards dropping his M1 Garand rifle.

4. The VC party immediately returned the fire, dragged their wounded scout into the scrub and commenced a "contact left" manouvre which threatened the rear of the 12 pl ambush. 2Lt Slavin then fired a claymore mine which was sited to his flank and the enemy withdrew. 12 pl was not permitted to follow up the enemy.

5. 12 pl did not suffer any casualties but they found one M1 Gerand rifle, one heavy blood trail and two light blood trails and spent Armalite cartridge cases. It is believed that the enemy sustained:

1 possible KIA (gunshot wound in the chest); and

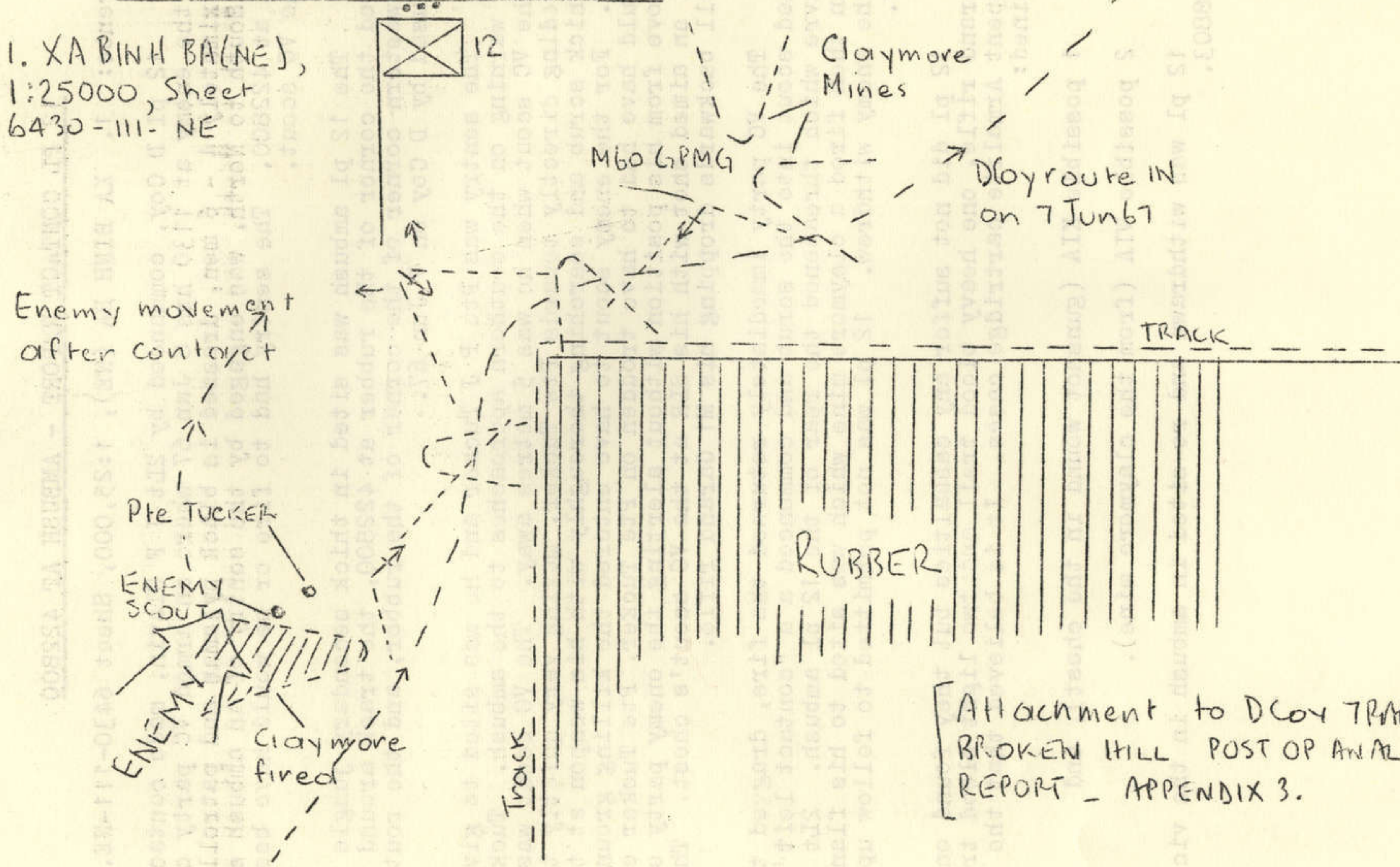
2 possible WIA (from the claymore mine).

6. 12 pl was withdrawn and re-sited in ambush in the vicinity of 428803.

CONFIDENTIAL

12 PI AMBUSH AT 422800 COVERING
D COY AND RUBBER EDGE TRACKS

Reference: 1. XA BINH BA (NE),
1:25000, Sheet
6430-III-NE



[Attachment to D Coy TRAW Op
BROKEN HILL POST OP ANALYSIS
REPORT - APPENDIX 3.]

CONFIDENTIAL

APPENDIX 4 TO
ANNEX F TO
SVN 5/67
DATED 25 JUN 67

12 PL CONTACT REPORT - CONTACT AT 428803

Reference: 1. BINH BA (NE), 1:25,000, 6430-111-NE.

1. After 12 pl had been withdrawn from ambush at 422800, a reconnaissance party of 4 men from 12 pl commanded by Sgt R D Allen was sent to the vicinity of a track at 428803 with the task of choosing an ambush site.
2. At approximately 1430 hrs 8 Jun 67 the patrol was in the process of skirting around the side of the track system through thick bamboo when the forward scout, Pte P J Tucker, sighted an armed VC soldier wearing black pyjamas trousers and without a shirt moving along the track to the south. The VC saw Pte Tucker at the same time and started to run. Pte Tucker fired a snap shot with his SLR from his shoulder but apparently missed. The VC returned the fire with a .30 cal rifle then sprinted down the track. Pte Tucker, followed by the remainder of the patrol chased after the VC but they could not catch him.
3. Neither side sustained casualties.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

APPENDIX 5 TO
ANNEX F TO
SVN 5/67
DATED 25 JUN 68

D COY CONTACT REPORT - CONTACT LEFT AT 413796

References: 1. XA BINH BA (NE), 1:25,000, 6430-111-NE.
2. Sketch Map of contact area (attached).

1. When D Coy blocking tasks were completed on 11 Jun 67 in the vicinity of 427801, D Coy moved on a bearing of 4300 mils from the corner of the rubber at 422800 towards AO BRAVO. The company moved in a "one up" formation in the following order of march: 12pl, Coy HQ, 11 pl then 10 pl. The vegetation in the area of the contact is shown on the attached sketch (reference 2).
2. At approximately 1100 hrs a signal was passed back that enemy had been sighted. Seconds later the M60 GPMG in the rear section of 12 pl initiated the contact with fire to the left (south) of D Coy and the enemy returned fire with at least one machine carbine and rifles. The enemy made contact with the rear elements of the last section of 12 pl and the forward elements of Coy HQ, the command group. The remainder of the Pl and the rest of the company were generally screened from the contact by dense vegetation. It was then ascertained that the enemy party consisted of four VC; one dressed in black pyjamas, carrying a rifle and without a shirt and the remainder of the party were dressed in green uniforms.
3. The M60 machine gunner who initiated the fire, Pte K R Stephens, engaged the VC dressed in green from the kneeling position with bursts from the shoulder until his gun stopped when a round jammed in his equipment. He then received gunshot wounds in both lower legs and was subsequently evacuated.
4. The VC in black, probably supported by a VC covering his movement from about 25 - 30 metres away with a carbine, moved obliquely towards OC D Coy with a series of bounds, going to ground and firing a couple of rounds between the battalion's command net signallers, Cpl H A King of Support Company and the 106 Bty FO Capt A P Williams. The VC probably saw OC D Coy in the vicinity of the Coy HQ radio sets area giving orders when the contact first occurred before he went to the ground. The VC in black finally adopted a fire prone position about 7 metres in front of OC D Coy. OC D Coy could see the muzzle of the VC's rifle pointing at him and also the VC's forehead through the foliage. (The VC did not wear a hat). OC D Coy fired a burst from his M16 Armalite at the VC's forehead which kicked the body into the air and Cpl King fired again into his side,
5. But firing still continued from about 25 metres behind the dead VC. OC D Coy called for Cpl King and Capt Williams to give covering fire and he moved forward to clear the area but the VC had withdrawn to the south.

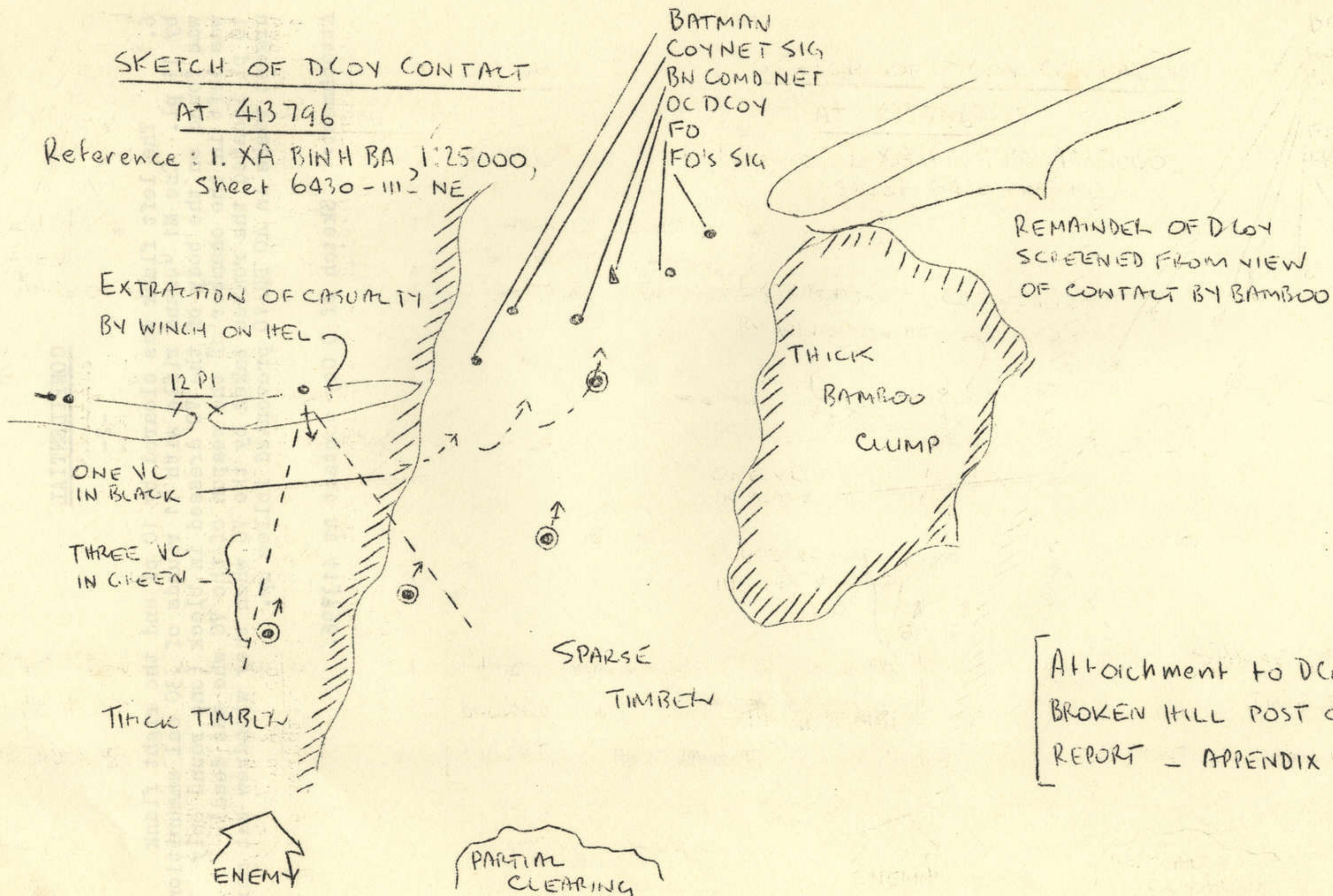
CONFIDENTIAL

....6....

SKETCH OF DCOY CONTACT

AT 413796

Reference: 1. XA BINH BA 1:25000,
Sheet 6430-III-NE



[Attachment to DCOY TRAIL OP
BROKEN HILL POST OP ANALYSIS
REPORT - APPENDIX 5]

CONFIDENTIAL

APPENDIX 7 TO
ANNEX F TO
SVN 5/67
DATED 25 JUN 67

11 PL CONTACT REPORT - CONTACT AT 404794.

- References: 1. XA BINH BA (NE), 1:25,000, Sheet 6430-111-NE.
2. Sketch map showing D Coy deployment prior to and after contact at 404794 - (attachment as APPENDIX 6).

Situation

1. On 11 Jun 67, 11 pl with in support the FO's party and the 7 RAR tracker team, was given the task of following up the fresh VC tracks from the cut timber near 406794, which the remainder of D Coy moved to the south flank of this area.

Contact

2. At approximately 1500 hrs the 12 pl forward scout, Pte R W Schaeche saw three VC soldiers dressed in green preparing food in the vicinity of a low thatched hut in the middle of a VC defensive position with fresh earth works. He aimed his SLR at one of the VC while he passed the information about the installation back to his section commander. However, the VC in his sights fired towards him and Schaeche shot him in the chest from a distance of about 30 metres. The VC fell backwards, the other two in the group went for cover, and approximately three machine guns opened fire at Schaeche cutting down the sapling in front of him. The forward elements of 11 pl returned the fire. At this stage it is estimated that six machine guns and two M79s were being fired by the VC. Many of the M79 shells did not explode, probably because they hit the thick bamboo surrounding the position before they were armed. The rounds from the VC were penetrating the trees above the heads of Coy HQ which was 150-200 metres away.

3. The VC withdrew from the forward bunkers and artillery, mortars and a light fire team were employed on the VC escape routes to the west. 11 pl was ordered to clear the forward bunker positions while the remainder of D Coy moved through in pursuit of the enemy. 11 pl remained in the area of this installation and searched and cleared it prior to joining D Coy at the next VC installation found at 398797.

The Follow Up

4. 10 pl, 12 pl and Coy HQ followed the enemy to the west. There was one heavy blood trail and other light trails on the escape routes. Poles had been cut from small timber near the heavy blood trail, presumably for a stretcher. It was estimated by a visual tracker that 20-30 VC had left this installation.

The Installation

5. The details of the installation are at APPENDIX 8.

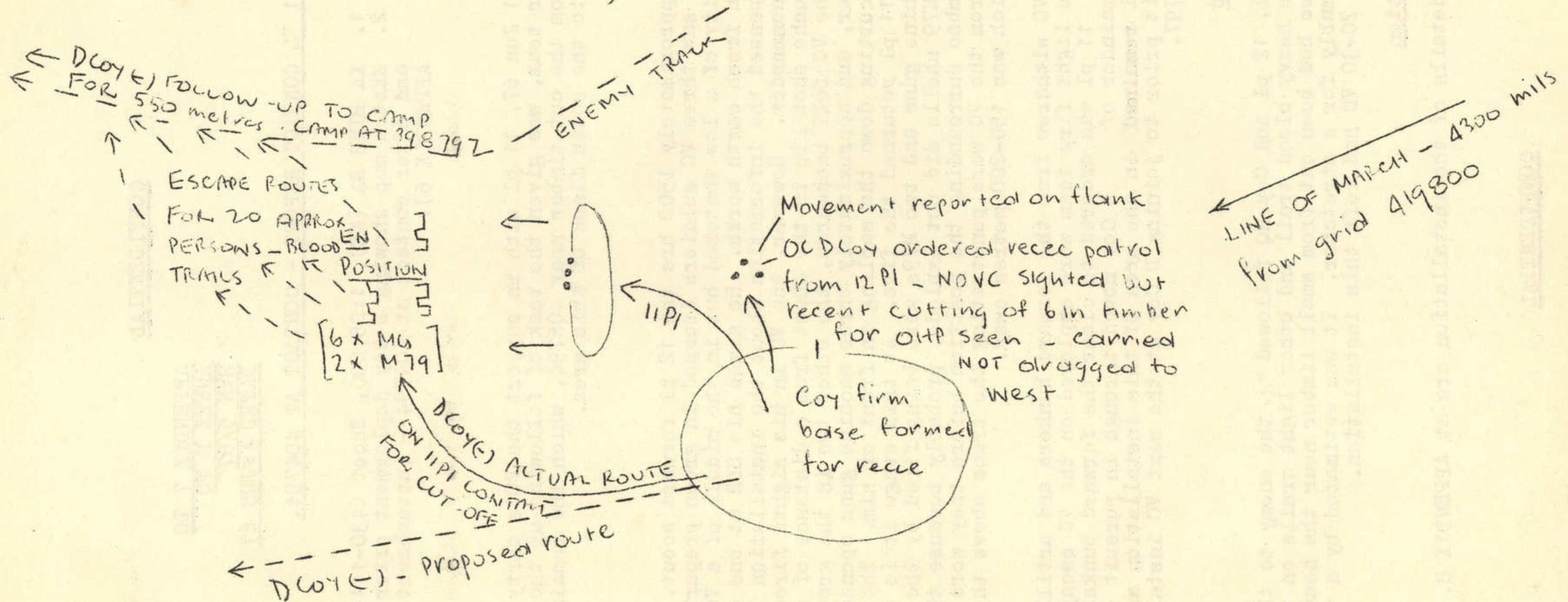
CONFIDENTIAL

.....Casualties...

APPENDIX 6 TO
ANNEX F TO
SVN 5/67
DATED 15 JUN 67

SKETCH MAP SHOWING D COY DEPLOYMENT
PRIOR TO AND AFTER CONTACT AT 404794

Reference: 1. XA BINH BA, 1:25000, Sheet 6430-III-NE



CONFIDENTIAL

APPENDIX 8 TO

ANNEX F TO

SVN 5/67

DATED 25 JUN 67

ENEMY INSTALLATION REPORT - ENEMY INSTALLATION AT 404794

Reference: 1. XA BINH BA (NE), 1:25,000 Sheet 6430-111-NE.

Type of Installation

1. VC company defensive position located at 404794.

Time Located

2. Approximately 1500 hrs 11 Jun 67.

Area of Installation

3. Approximately 150 metres by 100 metres.

Type of Defence Works

4. Twenty (20) weapon pits varying from 2 - 4 man size sited in all round defence. In addition there were 14 bunkers 8 feet by 4 feet by 4 feet deep with 3 feet overhead protection, and four huts.

Age of Installation

5. The installation was being dug at the time it was located and it appeared that it could have been commenced about 7 days earlier. There were no crawl trenches or tunnels between the weapon pits or bunkers. It was located near an old but well worn bullock cart track running north/south to the east of the installation. A new track used by the company also ran from the installation and it appeared that this would lead to the installation found by A Coy 7 RAR in the vicinity of 408800. Another track ran to the camp located by D Coy at 398797.

Items Found in Installation

6. Quantities of ammunition and spent cartridges for the following types of ammunition left by the VC:

- .30 cal (BAR)
- .30 cal (Gerand)
- .36 cal (French mags)
- .45 cal (Thompson)
- 7.92 mm
- M79 Grenade
- One Chicom grenade and one BLU 3

7. In addition about 6 water bottles were found of US origin, small quantities of clothing (mainly black shirts), a small quantity of rice and a few documents including a book which appeared to be a platoon roll or picquet book, and another which appeared to be a Q issue book.

CONFIDENTIAL

....8....

Casualties

- 6. It is believed that the enemy sustained one (1) suspected KIA and a number of wounded (the exact number cannot be estimated).
- 7. Own casualties - Nil.

CONFIDENTIAL

APPENDIX 9 TO
ANNEX F TO
SVN 5/67
DATED 25 JUN 67

INSTALLATION REPORT - ENEMY INSTALLATION AT 398797

Reference: 1. XA BINH BA (NE), 1:25,000, Sheet 6430-111-NE.

Type of Installation

1. This installation, which was located at 398797, is believed to have been occupied by a VC company or district headquarters and it contained medical, printing, political/propoganda and logistic cells.

Time Located

2. It was located at approximately 1530 hrs 11 Jun 67.

Description of Installation

3. Refer to the attached sketch of the installation attached.

4. This installation consisted of five (5) 12 foot by 8 foot by 7 foot deep bunkers with OHP. A thatched roof hut was constructed on the top of each bunker, presumably the living quarters. There was almost 30 feet of trench system connecting two of the bunkers with the kitchen.

5. The kitchen consisted of a 8 foot by 12 foot by 4 feet 6 inches deep hole with two stoves in the hole, a storage area for utensils, a small tunnel like excavation for food, and shelves for local condiments. The stoves were connected with underground vents to widely dispersed chimney vents made of bamboo. The hole for the kitchen was covered with a thatched roof.

6. Although this installation was situated near a running stream, there were three shallow wells located near the kitchen. There were at least 9 wastage pits located in the camp area and a sullage water/effluent drain had been dug to the stream, covered and camouflaged.

7. The medical centre in the installation consisted of a thatched roof hut with split bamboo examination bench, a dispensary, an improvised tinsplate stove (that was hot on the arrival of D Coy), a treddle sewing machine, and a number of comprehensive hand written medical notebooks. There was a medical store nearby. There were small bunkers at each end of the medical centre.

8. The main store consisted of a trench in the ground 12 feet by 8 feet by 4 feet 6 inches deep containing a large woven bamboo basket on stilts about 10 feet by 7 feet by 4 feet deep. There were a set of steps into the trench and the whole store was covered with a thatched roof.

9. A stationery store was later located nearby. It was also a trench about 4 feet by 3 feet by 3 feet deep.

CONFIDENTIAL

.....10....

CONFIDENTIAL

-2-

10. This installation was not sited for defence. There were no weapon pits sited and the bunkers were only suitable for accomodation and not for fighting.

There were no sentry posts although there were tracks to sentry positions about 30 metres from the centre of the installation. It was sited in timber with a very thick canopy and it is doubtful whether it could be seen from the air. Smoke from a smoke grenade took about two minutes to penetrate the canopy of the trees.

11. Tracks from the camp ran to the west and to the south, and also to the installation at 404794.

12. The oldest building was at least 6 months old and one of the huts was in the process of being constructed when the installation was located.

Items found in the Installation

13. The following items were found in the installation:

12 jars of local condiments

12 aluminium dixies (12 - 15 inches diameter)

50 assorted clay dishes

3 x 12 gal stock pans

1 set balance scales

sundry kitchen implements of US origin and local pattern

dozens of empty drug phials

blood plasma US origin

anti-biotics (about 1 x 4 gal kerosene tin full)

hand written medical text books

4 chaff bags of lint bandages and dressings

2 sewing machines

2 chaff bags of black cloth

500 lbs of polished rice

200 lbs of dried noodles

150 lbs salt

50 rounds of 7.62 belt

60 rounds 7.92

documents and propoganda leaflets

CONFIDENTIAL

.....200 plastic...

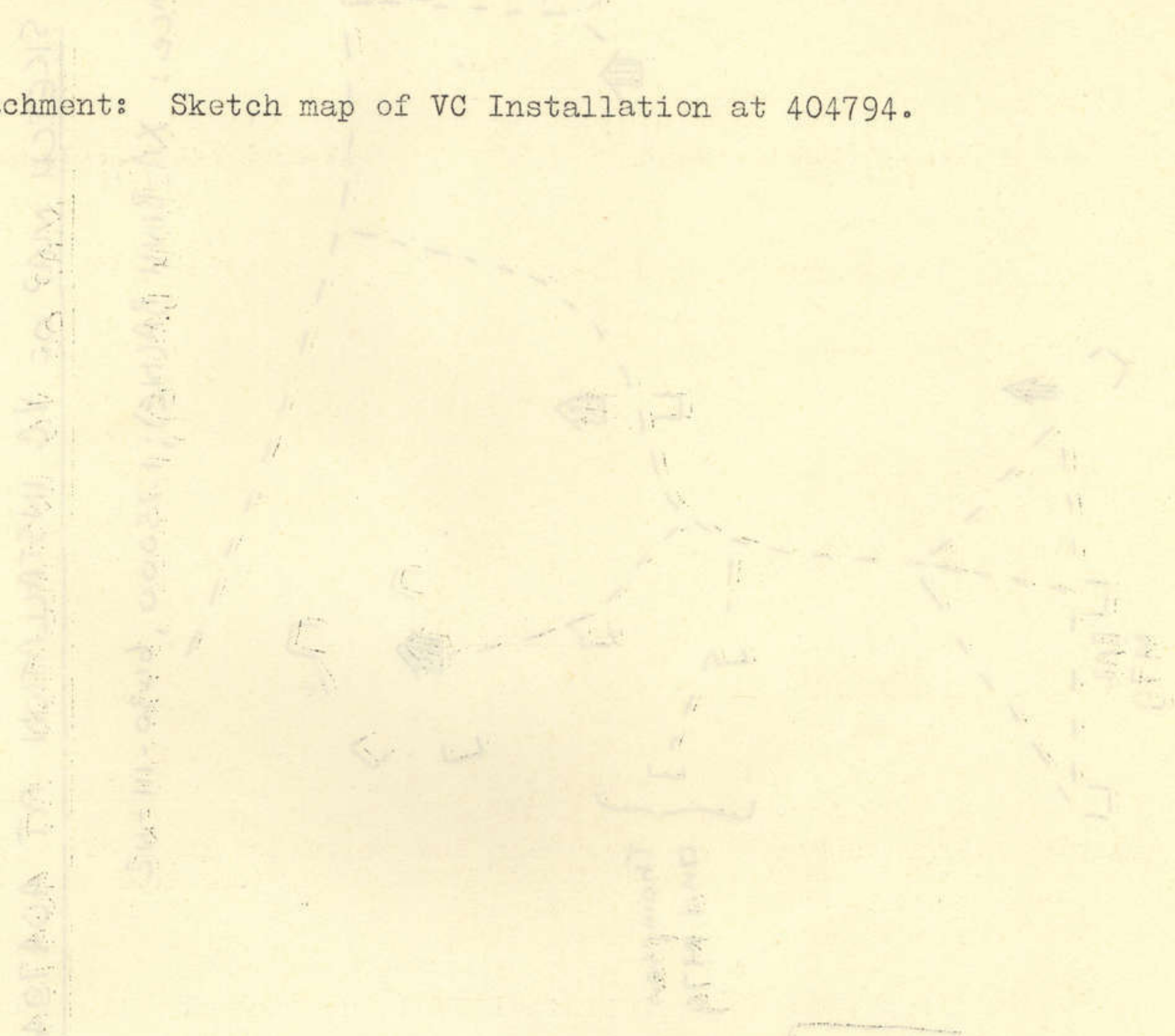
CONFIDENTIAL

-2-

Destruction

8. This installation was destroyed by a combat engineer team from 1 Fd Sqn RAE.

Attachment: Sketch map of VC Installation at 404794.

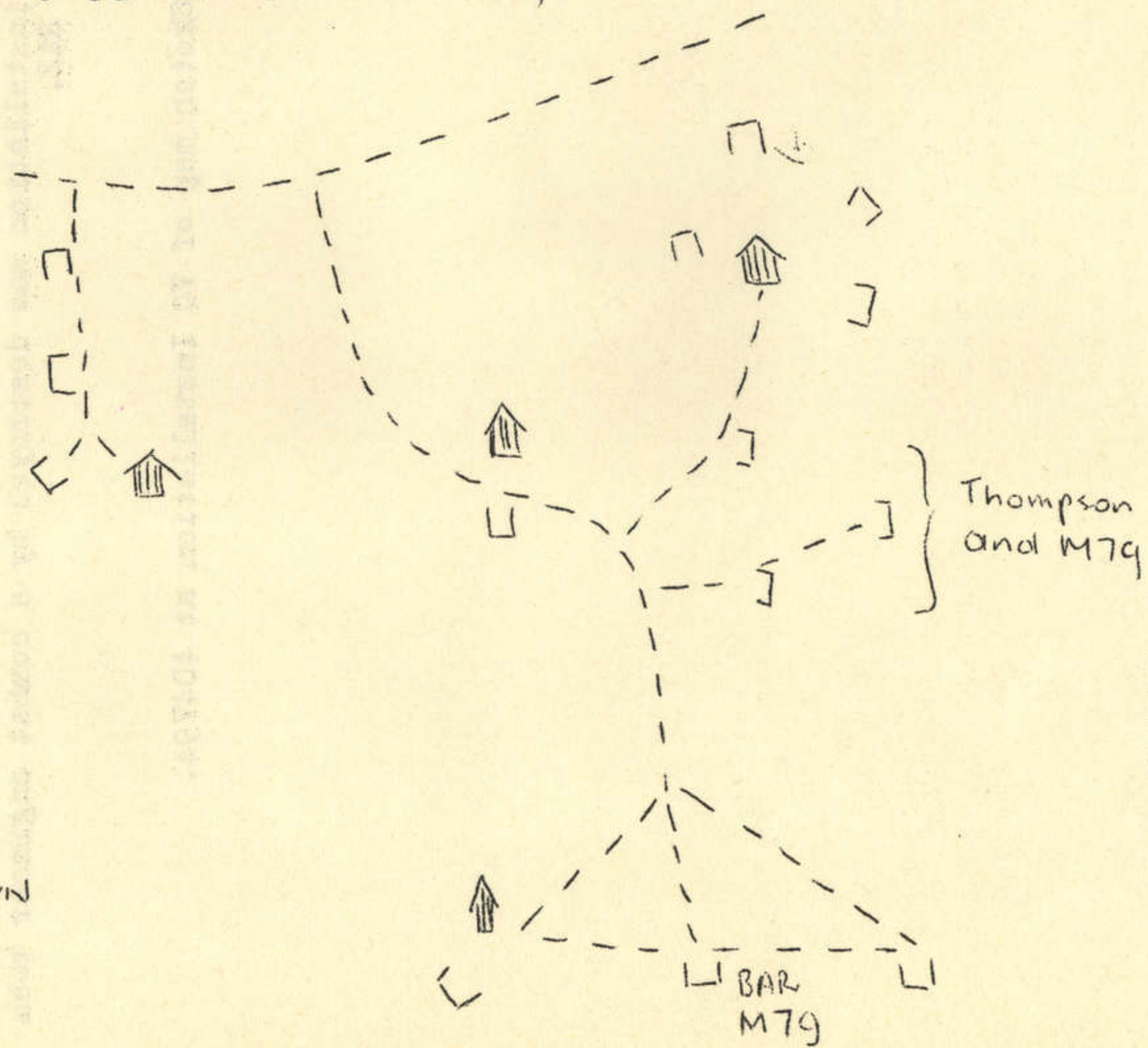


CONFIDENTIAL

[Illegible handwritten notes in a bracketed area]

SKETCH MAP OF VC INSTALLATION AT 404704

Reference: XA-BINH BA(NE); 1:25000, 6430-III-NE



- ↑ HUTS
- ┌ BUNKERS
- - - TRACKS
- Wpn pits NOT SHOWN

[ATTACHMENT TO INSTALLATION REPORT:
APPENDIX 8 TO DCOY TRAIL POST OP
ANALYSIS REPORT - OP BROKEN HILL]

CONFIDENTIAL

-3-

200 plastic gas masks

1 12 inch x 12 inch sewn heavy clear plastic bag with a gauze wad sewn on one side opposite air holes - not used)

One bolt for Gerand rifle

2 x 4 gal cans of kerosene

6 sets of black pyjamas

1 M1 carbine magazine

1 claymore magazine

1 M79 cartridge case

toothpaste

located later

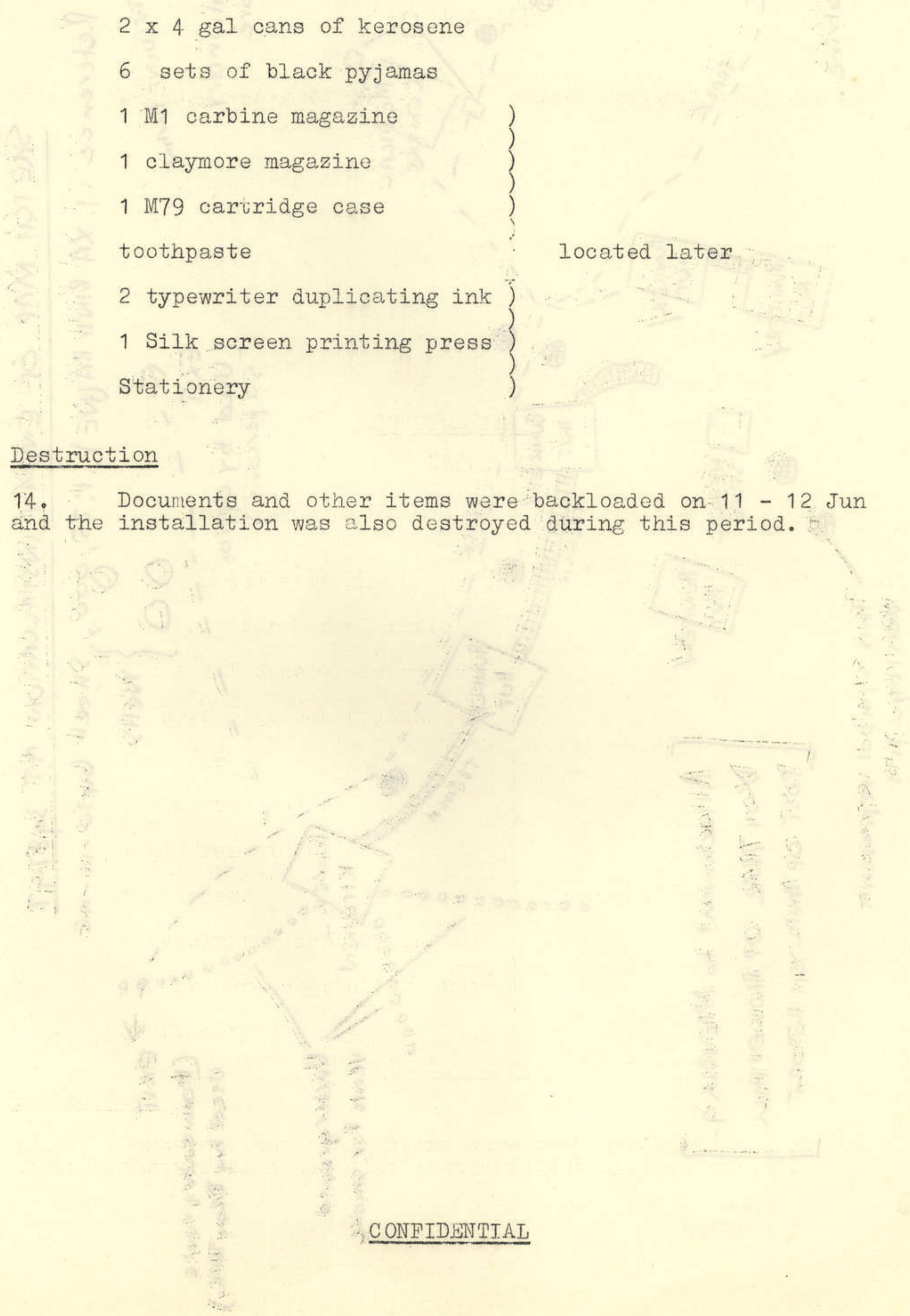
2 typewriter duplicating ink

1 Silk screen printing press

Stationery

Destruction

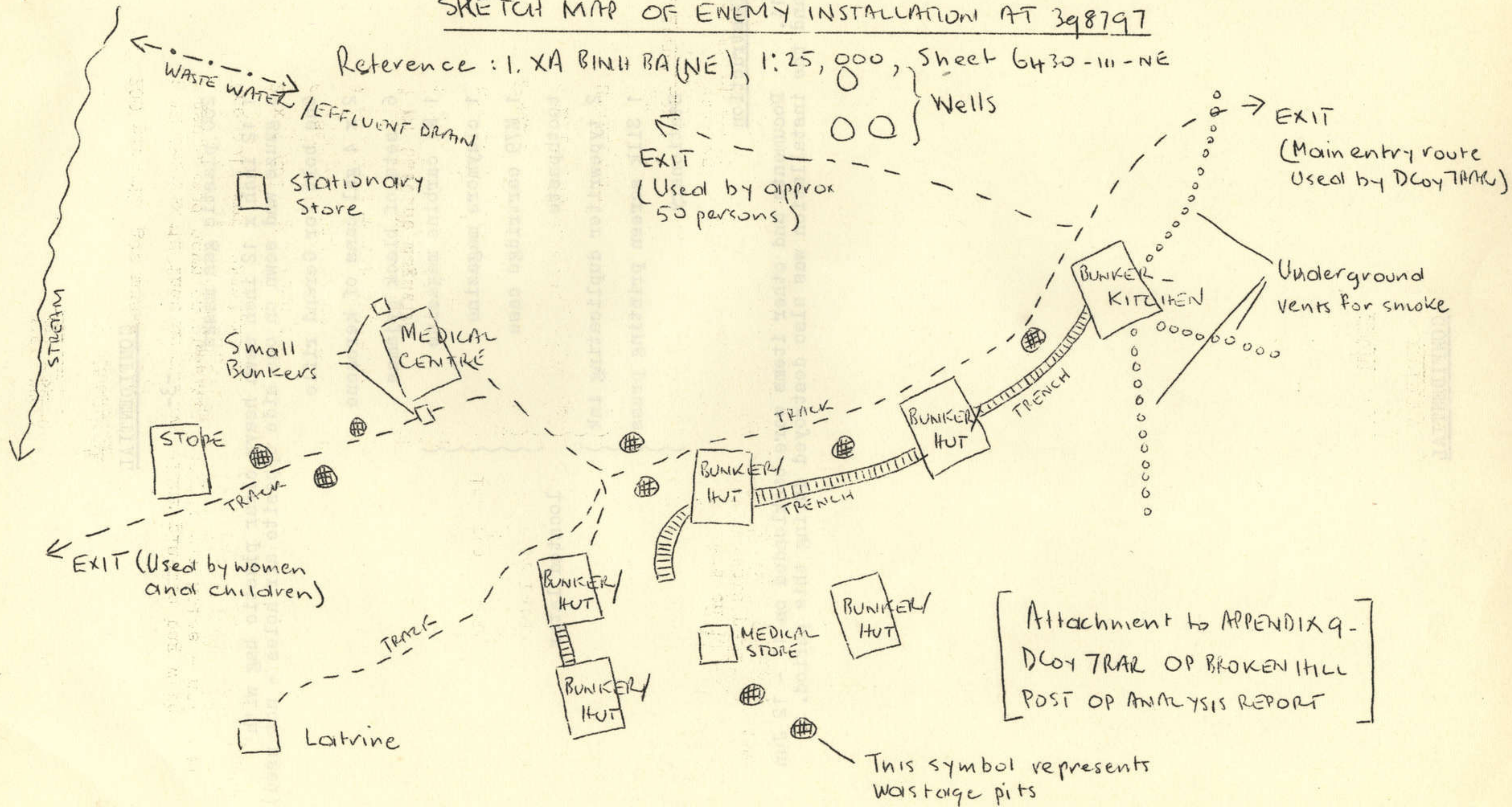
14. Documents and other items were backloaded on 11 - 12 Jun and the installation was also destroyed during this period.



CONFIDENTIAL

SKETCH MAP OF ENEMY INSTALLATION AT 398797

Reference: 1. XA BINH BA (NE), 1:25,000, Sheet 6430-III-NE



[Attachment to APPENDIX 9 -
D Coy TRAKU OP BROKEN HILL
POST OP ANALYSIS REPORT]

This symbol represents
Waste pits

CONFIDENTIAL

APPENDIX 10 TO
ANNEX F TO
SVN 5/67
DATED 25 JUN 67

INSTALLATION REPORT - ENEMY INSTALLATION AT 386804

References: 1. XA BINH BA (NE), 1:25,000, Sheet 6430-111-NE.

Type of Installation

1. The installation at 386804 is believed to be a VC platoon ambush position sited around a crashed aircraft (helicopter). It is also likely to be part of another installation located by A Coy 7 RAR slightly to the North of 386804. In the area of this suspected ambush position there was a hut that had been used as a peanut store.

Time Located

2. This installation was located at approximately 1300 hrs 12 Jun 67.

Type of Defence Works

3. The defence works at the suspected ambush site consisted of a continuous trench system almost 80 metres around the South-East and south approaches to parts of the aircraft. The trench was almost 2 feet wide and 3 feet deep. There was no OHP constructed in the earthworks however there were about six excavations made in the forward part of the trench which could provide some degree of protection. The digging was not of a high standard; spoil from the digging was heaped in the forward edge of the trench and it did not appear to have ever been camouflaged. It is also believed that this construction was probably vacated before it was fully completed.

4. In the middle of the trench system there was a trench type stove with a 6 foot underground vent to the chimney. This vent cover had been used as a smoke oven. In the general area there were approximately 12 bamboo tables or sleeping benches which had been made from split bamboo.

The Peanut Cache

5. About 75 - 100 metres to the West of the defence works a hut was found that had been used for the storage of peanuts. The wooden floor of the hut was raised about 3 - 4 feet off the ground on stilts. The hut was about 10 foot by 8 foot wide. It had a metal roof and canary wire forming the walls. Two (2) Chicom grenades had been set as booby traps on the front and rear approaches to the hut but the trip wires to them had rotted through. A covered waste water or sewerage effluent drain ran from the hut towards the defence works but the top had collapsed.

Age of Installation

6. It is estimated that the defence works and the hut were 10 - 12 months old. They were sited on high ground and away from permanent water and it is therefore believed that they would not be used throughout the year.

CONFIDENTIAL

...Items Recovered...

Items Recovered

7. The following items were located at the peanut centre:

6 CBUs

5 Chicom grenades

3 mosquito nets

1 small bottle of perfume

Documents (returned to 1 ATF base did not appear to have any immediate operational value).

No items were found at the ambush site.

Friendly Forces Activity

8. This area had been subjected to an airstrike, probably before its construction had been completed. There were a number of craters in the general area and a few tailfins of bombs were found. These were not confused with aircraft parts in the area.

CONFIDENTIAL

ANNEX C TO
SVN 5/67
DATED 25 JUN 67

MEDICAL ASPECTS
OPERATION BROKEN HILL

1. Medical aspects can be divided in two phases:-
 - a. 7 RAR.
 - b. Enemy.
2. 7 RAR.
 - a. Since arrival in SVN the battalion is becoming acclimatised with relatively few people being affected by the heat. This operation (our fourth) had the least number of medevacs.
 - b. A particularly interesting fact which came out was that the local mosquitoes can easily bite through the Australian Jungle Green shirts - despite their being smeared with mosquito repellent.
3. Enemy.
 - a. A first-aid station discovered in a bunker system was well laid out, with American Alburnim, morphine, local anaesthetics, anti-malarial antibiotics (Pencillin and Streptomycin) vitamins, central nervous stimulants and plenty of dressings. An indent (addressee not mentioned) was found typed with requests for more drugs.
 - b. One's impression was that the setup was fairly sophisticated and would have been staffed by well trained personnel. (Appendix 9 to Annex F refers).

(A. WILLIAMS)
Capt
RMO

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

ANNEX H TO
SVN 5/67
DATED 25 JUN 67

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
OPERATION 'BROKEN HILL'
7 JUN - 13 JUN 67

Introduction

1. Operation BROKEN HILL took place in the Viet Cong District of CHAU DUC which comprises the South Vietnam Districts of LONG LE and DUC THANH. The area of operations was on the South-East periphery of the Hat Dich base area which is the traditional base of 274 Regiment. The area adjacent to the North-West is also known to be used as an alternative base for the Chau Duc District Company (C-41). Slope 30 which is the general term given to the well known Viet Cong purchasing and resupply area in the vicinity of Ngai Giao village is located on the North-East border of the area of operations.
2. Little was known of area JUDY prior to the operation. Few SAS patrols had been in the area and air reconnaissance had revealed nothing. However, enemy movement patterns to and from Slope 30 indicated that the area might be occupied.
3. It was hoped that Operation AKRON being conducted to the North and West would drive enemy into the battalion's blocking positions.

Civilians

4. 112 civilians were apprehended in the battalion's area of operations on day one of the operation. These were back loaded by Iroquois from Binh Ba 1 to Sector via 1 AFV where, after interrogation, they were released. In the interests of security, it was hoped that these civilians would be held in custody during the first half of the operation.

Contacts/Installations

5. The initial contacts that D Coy had with small enemy parties in and around grid squares 4280 and 4284 were not unexpected particularly at this stage since continuous traffic of this kind must exist between the bases in the West and Slope 30.
6. There were several installations found of significant interest.
 - a. The base camp located by A Company at YS 410799 which was reported as possibly being a "detention camp of some sort." It is interesting to note that in the past it has been reported that a Viet Cong detention camp existed in the vicinity of Nui Nhan and that one SAS patrol has been sent out with the express purpose of locating this camp. This could be the same detention camp.

CONFIDENTIAL

...b...

CONFIDENTIAL

-2-

b. D Company's contact with an estimated 20 enemy at YS 404794. This camp was reported as being of company size with pits constructed for all round defence. The fact that D Company was engaged by six automatic weapons which consisted of both LMGs and SMGs indicates that they probably made contact with a platoon of the Chau Duc District Company. This force may have been sited to protect the installation located further West along the track at YS 398797. (See sub para c. for further details of the latter).

c. The company size installation located at YS 398797 which was reported as a "headquarters complex including a political logistic element." It is estimated that this base housed fifty persons (including women and children) who left just prior to the arrival of D Company. The description of the complex together with the find of typewriters, stationery and large amounts of political documents indicates that it must have been a headquarters of some sort. Based on this information, together with the knowledge that the area around slope 30 is generally regarded as a Viet Cong stronghold where the population is in the main dominated by the communists and those sympathetic to their cause, it is possible that this installation may have been the Viet Cong Provincial Headquarters or more likely the Headquarters of the Chau Duc District Committee. This point may be clarified with further exploitation of documents found there.

d. The base camp reported by B Company at YS 387779 was probably an alternative location of the camp discovered by D Company and outlined in sub para c. above. It would appear that the group flushed from the base further to the East at YS 398797 by D Company phased through this base that night.

Documentation

7. Numerous documents were captured during the operation. One item of immediate interest was the map of PHUOC TUY Province captured by B Company. This appeared to be a hand drawn briefing map of what was essentially Chau Duc District.

Summary of Contacts and Destruction

8. The following is a summary of:
- a. Results of contacts.
 - b. Equipment found and destroyed or evacuated.
 - c. Weapons and ammunition captured or found.
 - d. Medical stores.

CONFIDENTIAL

....Enemy KIA...

CONFIDENTIAL

-3-

Enemy KIA	1
Enemy KIA (possible)	1
Enemy WIA	2
Weapons	6
Ammunition (rounds)	593
Grenades	7
Mines	2
Booby traps	2
Tractor	1
16" disc plough	1
8" disc plough	1
Sewing machines	2
Di*sel motor	1
Petrol motor	1
Gas masks (plastic)	200
Radio batteries	50
Radio (PRC 10)	1
Electric torch	1
Typewriters	2
Chairs	13
Tables	5
Rice unpolished	650 lb
Rice polished	5090 lb
Petrol	264 gals
Oil	36 gals
Salt	400 lb
Cloth	16 bolts
icycle	1
2000 gal water storage tank	1

CONFIDENTIAL

...Sleeping...

N1
AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

LT COL R.A. GREY
COMMANDING OFFICER

7th BATTALION
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

Serial SVN 24

1 Aug 70

Numbers: 271 - 179

- 271. BN HQ DUTY CLERK ROSTER
- 272. DUTY PROJECTIONIST
- 273. HOSPITAL VISITING OFFICER
- 274. DISCIPLINE - R AND R
- 275. VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN MEDAL.
- 276. PAY
- 277. HOSPITAL VISITING HOURS - 1 AUST FD HOSP
- 278. CUSTOMS BREACHES
- 279. USE OF AMMUNITION POINT ROAD