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1-31 January 1970

8 RAR

COMMANDERS DIARY

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PART 1

COVERING LETTER

Reference No.

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

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

2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature) *A. Dennis. Sims*Appointment *21C 8RA12*

(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

PART 2

AF C 2119 (Adapted)
Revised in, 1965**SECRET**ORIGINAL
DUPLICATEStrike out where
not applicable**COMMANDERS DIARY**

OF

Unit or Formation *8 RAR*From *1 Jan 70*To *31 Jan 70*

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PART 3

COMMANDERS DIARIES INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

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

GENERAL

2. Entries are to be made daily on AF C 2118 (Adapted) each entry being initialled by the officer detailed to keep it.
3. Commanders Diaries will conform with the rules for drafting orders given in "Staff Duties (Australia)" Chapter 2, Section 12.

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

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

During Operational Periods (1)

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

COMPILATION

6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:
 - a. Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
 - b. Index as printed on cover.
 - c. Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
 - d. Annexes as shown in the Index.
7. All details of the unit or formation (if a detachment is concerned, the name of the parent unit), period covered and enclosure numbers of the annexes are to be shown on the cover. If there has been a change of command since the last report, the date of assumption by the new commanding officer is to be included.
8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no enclosures for an annex NTH will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, starting at B.

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DISPOSAL

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

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

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

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Commanders Diary of.....(Formation or Unit)

From.....to.....(Dates)

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to be given.

of day's fighting, including any movements.

Commander's report on equipment, losses, organization

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officers, men and equipment

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MONTH AND YEAR Jan 70

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
			(Ref Annex O - 8 RAR Combat Operations After Action Report, Operation ATHERTON)	
	1 Jan 70		In Operation Atherton, 8 RAR infiltrated companies on foot into areas of operation with resupply only every five to eight days. The issue of US pattern squad radios facilitated ambushes by sections. Enough radios are being procured to issue each platoon with four radios. Liasion with 48 Regt ARVN (headquarters was at BLACKHORSE YS 440907) through 8 RAR Liasion Officer, Capt K.A.Anderson deployed there, and regular visits by each Commanding Officer to the other Headquarters continued to produce a co-ordinated effort on the 8 RAR northern boundary.	
	4 Jan 70		Capt R.A.Green, 8 RAR and a Vietnamese Army Doctor from BLACKHORSE (YS 440907) conducted a joint 8 RAR - 48 Regt ARVN Medcap at CAM MY, (YS 462924) a village two thousand metres north of PHUOC TUY Province and three thousand metres east of Route 2. The village was known to contain a large number of Viet Cong sympathisers. The response was excellent, each Doctor treating one hundred and fifty villagers. A 1 ATF intelligence representative in the MEDCAP party collected some useful intelligence from his conversations with the villagers.	

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	5 Jan 70		<p>The District Chief, DUC THANH District, Maj NO, visited Fire Support Base PEGGY.</p> <p>8 RAR eastern boundary separated the battalion from the DUC THANH area of operation and previous to this visit liasion had been by radio. A firm working relationship was established between the Commanding Officer and Maj NO, and acting on information supplied by him, a platoon of A Coy was deployed to the area of a suspected NGAI GIAO GUERILLA camp.</p> <p>Pte LE VAN DANH, 3 Bn 48 Regt ARVN arrived from BLACKHORSE for a one month tour with 8 RAR under an exchange arrangement made between Lt Col O'Neill and Lt Col TRAN VAN NHUT, Commanding Officer 48 Regt ARVN. Pte DANH was attached to B Coy.</p>	
	6 Jan 70		<p>3795515 Pte T.J. McClure, B Coy 8 RAR was sent to BLACKHORSE to join 48 Regt ARVN for one month under the exchange agreement.</p> <p>After much negotiation all all extensions to the northerly boundary of the 8 RAR area of operations, west of Route 2, ^{were} rescinded by 199 Lt Inf Bde and the boundary became the province border. B and D Coys were moved from their locations north of the new boundary in which they were conducting successful operations to new areas. (Ref Annex O- 8 RAR Combat Operations After Action Report- Operation ATHERTON) The wisdom of moving forces out of the area in which they have established themselves and achieved</p>	

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			success, in order to move in troops unfamiliar with the area, seems arguable.	
	7 Jan 70		Preparations began for the handover of Fire Support Base PEGGY with the arrival of a 6 RAR recce party.	
	10 Jan 70		8 RAR returned to NUI DAT on completion of Operation ATHERTON. The results, for the first operation of the battalions tour, were satisfactory and it was pleasing to note that the battalions concept of operations, developed and practised during the six months training period in Australia, was well fitted to the situation in PHUOC TUY Province. The main elements of this concept were: a. Companies were inserted by helicopters and APC's at least a days march from their area of operation and moved into it by foot. (In every case the companies initial contact surprised the enemy.) b. Companies, where possible, took resupplies only every five to eight days (thereby not compromising their location for that period of time) c. The patrols searched for fresh sign of enemy and ambushed any promising indication of enemy presence. Ambushes remained in the same place for up to a week. (In some cases successful ambushes were not sprung till the fourth or fifth day)	

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			d. Existing radios were redeployed and recently acquired section radios issued enabled companies to split into small ambushes with a resultant increase in the number of tracks and other sign covered.	
			e. Fire support and air reconnaissance were minimised unless they they formed part of the battalion commanders concept of operation.eg See Frag O	
	11 Jan 70		Christmas Day was celebrated by the battalion at NUI DAT base.	
	12 Jan 70		A two week period of activity began(ref Annex H - Forecast Of Events - 8 RAR 11-23 Jan 70) during which companies, in turn, visited the Badcoe Club Beach Annex (ref Annex H- 8 RAR Beach Annex Stand Down Instruction), stood by as 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force, conducted operations in 8 RAR's area of operations in the 1 ATF Base Area; conducted "Lessons Learned" training; and stood by to take over 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force should that force be reacted.	
	14 Jan 70		During D Coy's operations in 8 RAR's area of operations in the 1 ATF Base Area, a half platoon ambush from 10 Pl, commanded by 16875 Sgt L.J.LINDSAY, was sprung when eleven enemy walked into the ambush killing area. The well sited and well controlled ambush killed eight and wounded two enemy, the wounded later being taken prisoner (ref Annex M- Contact After Action Report - TAOR Patrol- 6/70)	

1 B P Coy-275/65-55m

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	23 Jan 70		<p>Deployment for a Cordon and Search Operation of XUYEN MOC Village YS 660680 and NUI NHON Hamlet, YS580634 (Ref Annex O 8 RAR Commanders Diary for Feb 70 - 8 RAR Combat Operations - After Action Reports - Operation KEPERRA) commenced.</p>	
	25 Jan 70		<p>Cordon and Search of the Village XUYEN MOC and the Hamlet of NUI NHON was completed and the Battalion returned to NUI DAT.</p> <p>A Liaison Officer was sent to HQ 1/16 Bn 2nd Bde, 1 Div(US) at YS317665 for the next phase of Operation KEPERRA (Ref Annex O of Commanders Diary for Feb 70 - 8 RAR Combat Operations - After Action Reports - Operation KEPERRA).</p> <p>The Operation was to be joint 8 RAR - 1/16 Bn Action designed; to destroy enemy in the NUI DINH mountains (Centre point YS 345655), uncover and destroy enemy material and to deny to the enemy the use of the NUI DINH mountains as a base for aggressive TET activities.</p>	
	26 Jan 70		<p>Operation KEPERRA commenced.</p>	

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ANNEX C
ENCLOSURE 1.
ONE.

Ref: A. Maps, SOUTH VIETNAM, Series L7014, 1:50,000:

- (1) Sheet 6429 I XA VUNG TAU.
- (2) Sheet 6429 IV DAT DO.
- (3) Sheet 6430 II XA XUYEN MOC.
- (4) Sheet 6430 III XA BINH BA.

B. Map, SOUTH VIETNAM, XUYEN MOC SPECIAL, 1:10,000.

Time zone used throughout this order: HOTEL.

1. Situation

a. En Forces. Annex A.

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) Aust:

- (a) HQ 1 ATF remains NUI DAT.
- (b) 5 RAR conts ops in AO ROSSLYN.
- (c) 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) conts ops in AO BAYSWATER and vicinity HORSESHOE HILL.
- (d) Op MATILDA conts. ETC is 28 Jan 70.
- (e) Aust MAT remains XUYEN MOC.
- (f) Aust CA Teams remain XUYEN MOC.

(2) US

- (a) 1/16 (Mech) Inf Bn, 2 Bde, 1st US Inf Div commences ops in NUI DINH HILLS, within AO DAGGER, on 27 Jan 70.
- (b) 1 ATF LO remains FSPB COLORADO.

(3) RF/PF Locs. Refer Annexes B and C.

c. Atts and Dets:

(1) In Ds

: (a) 161 Bty RNZA, 1 Fd Regt.

(b) One H13 ac 161 'Indep) Recce Flt.

...../(2) In sp

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(2) In sp from 231000H
to 25 1700H

- : (a) One ACV HQ 1 ATF.
(b) HQ one tp 1 Fd Sqn.
(c) Two combat engr teams.
(d) Elms 1 Div Int Unit with in sp:
i. Nine pers 10 MID.
ii. Eight National Police.
iii. Six Special Branch Police.
(e) Elms 1 ATF Psyops Unit.
(f) Elms 1 Aust CA Unit.
(g) 32 TCVs from TFMA.
(h) One pl V100 (Four Cdo Vehs)
(i) 15 Police Field Force.
(j) 10 Interpreters.
(k) Two loudspeaker vans....

(3) In sp from 232400H
to conclusion ops
XUYEN MOC

: One RF Coy (XUYEN MOC).

d. Topo and Population Svy:

- (1) XUYEN MOC : Annex B.
(2) NUI NHON : Annex C.

e. Met Data:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunrise</u>	<u>Sunset</u>	<u>Moonrise</u>	<u>Moonset</u>
23 Jan 70	0715	1852	1835	0642 (Full Moon)
24 Jan 70	0715	1853	1922	0723
25 Jan 70	0715	1853	2007	0800

2. Mission. To cordon and search selected hamlets in XUYEN MOC, YS 6568,
and AP NUI NHON, YS 3763.

3. Execution.

- (a) Gen Outline. Eight phase op:
(1) Phase 1. Mov to XUYEN MOC airstrip.

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- (2) Phase 2. Cordon selected hamlets within XUYEN MOC and estb screening centre.
- (3) Phase 3. Sweep and search of selected hamlets within XUYEN MOC.
- (4) Phase 4. Rifle coys move to an assy area west of AP NUI NHON.
- (5) Phase 5. Cordon AP NUI NHON.
- (6) Phase 6. Estb screening centre at AP NUI NHON.
- (7) Phase 7. Sweep and search AP NUI NHON.
- (8) Phase 8. Return to NUI DAT.

b. A Coy:(1) Grouping

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|---|---|---|
| (a) In sp from 231000H to 271700H | : | i. Five pers Police Field Force.
ii. Three interpreters. |
| (b) In sp from 231000H to conclusion of phase 4 | : | Seven TCVs. |
| (c) In sp from veh arrival NUI NHON until A Coy redeployment for phase 7. | : | Four ¾ ton vehs and
Four Cdo Vehs. |
| (d) In sp from conclusion of phase 3 until 251700H | : | One combat engr team. |
| (e) Det for LO duties DAT DO Dist from 231000H to conclusion of op. | : | Coy 2IC. |

(2) Tasks.

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|------------------------------|---|---|
| (a) <u>Phases 1, 4 and 8</u> | : | Move in accordance with Annex G. |
| (b) <u>Phases 2 and 3</u> | : | Cordon from junction pt 1 to junction pt 4, Annex E. |
| (c) <u>Phases 5 and 6</u> | : | Cordon from junction pt 6 to junction pt 7, App 1, Annex C. |
| (d) <u>Phase 7</u> | : | Sweep and search AP NUI NHON.
Dir of mov to be nominated by Bn 2IC. Four x ¾ ton and four Cdo vehs to take over cordon responsibilities. |

c. B Coy:(1) Grouping:

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| (a) In sp from 231000H to 251700H | : | i. One pers Police Field Force.
ii. One Interpreter. |
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(b) In sp from 231000H
to to conclusion phase 4 : Seven TCVs.

(c) In sp for phase 2 : Three x ¾ ton vehs.

(2) Tasks:

(a) Phases 1, 4 and 8. Move in accordance with Annex G.

(b) Phases 2 and 3. Cordon from junction pt 1 to junction pt 5, Annex E.

(c) Phases 5, 6 and 7. Cordon from junction pt 9 to junction pt 8, App 1, Annex C.

d. C Coy:

(1) Grouping:

(a) In sp from 231000H to 251700H :
i. Five pers Police Field Force.
ii. Three interpreters.

(b) In sp from 231000H to conclusion phase 4 : **Eight TCVs.**

(c) In sp for phase 2 : One combat engr team.

(d) In sp from 231600H to conclusion of phase 3 : One combat engr team.

(2) Tasks:

(a) Phases 1, 4 and 8. Move in accordance with Annex G.

(b) Phase 2. Cordon from junction pt 1 to junction pt 2, Annex E.

(c) Phase 3.

i. Sweep in numerical order, areas 1 to 5, Annex E.

ii. Search areas 5 and 4, Annex E.

(d) Phases 5, 6 and 7. Cordon from junction pt 6 to junction pt 9, App 1 Annex C.

e. D Coy:

(1) Grouping.

(a) In sp from 231000H to 251700H :
i. One pers Police Field Force.
ii. One interpreter.

(b) In sp from 231000H to conclusion phase 4 : Seven TCVs.

.... / (c) In sp

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(c) In sp for phase 2 : Three x ¾ ton vehs.

(2) Tasks:

(a) Phases 1, 4 and 8. Move in accordance with Annex G.

(b) Phase 2. Cordon from junction pt 3 to junction pt 5, Annex E.

(c) Phase 3:

i. Cont phase 2 cordon.

ii. Provide one pl as bn res.

(d) Phase 5. Cordon from junction pt 7 to junction pt 8, App 1 to Annex C.

(e) Phases 6 and 7:

i. Cont phase 5 cordon.

ii. Provide one pl as bn res.

f. Mor Pl:

(1) Two sects remain NUI DAT.

(2) One sect moves with Bn HQ Gp.

(3) MFCs with each A, B, C and D Coys.

g. Aslt Pnr Pl

(1) Phase 1. Move with Bn 2IC's Gp.

(2) Phase 2.

(a) Estb interrogation centre and RAP as dir by Bn 2IC.

(b) Sweep area of interrogation centre, RAP and Bn HQ for mines.

(c) Protect the interrogation centre, RAP and Bn HQ.

(d) Be prep on orders from the Bn 2IC to secure, develop, con and protect a H13 LZ.

(3) Phase 3:

(a) As nec cont phase 2 tasks.

(b) On clearance from CO search area 3 and area 6, Annex E.

(4) Phases 4 and 5:

(a) Take down and replace interrogation centre.

(b) Remain XUYEN MOC and protect Bn HQ.

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(5) Phase 6:

(a) Move from XUYEN MOC to NUI NHON.

(b) Tasks at NUI NHON as per phase 2.

(6) Phase 7. Cont protection of interrogation centre, RAP and Bn HQ.(7) Phase 8. Move to NUI DAT in accordance with Annex G.h. A Tk Pl.

(1) Remain NUI DAT.

(2) To be on 30 mins notice as inf component of 1 ATF Hawk Flt.

i. Bn Base Area:(1) Grouping. SOP plus A tk Pl under op con.(2) Tasks:

(a) Op resup.

(b) Def of 8 RAR base NUI DAT.

j. One Pl Cdo Vehs. Tasks:

(1) Report main gate 8 RAR NUI DAT at 231000H.

(2) Phases 1, 4 and 8. Move in accordance with Annex G.(3) Phases 2 and 3. Assist RF Coy in cordon from junction pt 2 to junction pt 3, Annex E.(4) Phases 5 and 6. Assist A Coy in cordon from junction pt 6 to junction pt 7, App 1 to Annex C.(5) Phase 7. Remain in cordon loc.k. 161 Fd Bty (RNZA)(1) Org:

(a) Con elm loc with Bn HQ.

(b) Four mobile tfc con/surveillance teams.

(2) Tasks:(a) Phases 1, 4 and 8. Move with Bn HQ Gp...../ (b) Phases

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(b) Phases 2 and 3:

- i. Estb tfc con pt vicinity junction pt 5, Annex E. (Callsign Golf 1).
- ii. Estb surveillance teams at junction pts 2 and 3. (Callsigns Golf 2 and Golf 3 respectively).
- iii. Co-loc one team with HQ RF Coy (Callsign Golf 4).

(c) Phases 5, 6 and 7. Estb two mobile tfc con teams at each junction pts 6 and 7, App 1 to Annex c. Teams to escort through tfc and to assist in surveillance.

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1. Engr

(1) Grouping

(a) Phases 1 - 8: Tp HQ and one combat engr team in sp Bn HQ.

(b) Phases 2 and 3: One combat engr team in Sp C Coy.

(c) Phases 4 to 7: One combat engr team in Sp A Coy.

(2) Tasks

(a) During rd mov (refer Annex G) provide engr sp to convoy packets.

(b) All combat engr teams to be prep to:

1. Loc and destroy or neutralize mines and booby traps.

2. Search tunnels.

(c) During phase 3, team in sp Bn HQ is to:

1. Assist the Aslt Pnr Pl in the search of Areas 3 and 6, Annex E.

2. Be on call to sp rifle coys.

m. One Coy RF (XUYEN MOC)

(1) Grouping In sp from 232400H for phase 2 ops: Four $\frac{3}{4}$ ton vehs.

(2) Tasks

(a) Phase 1 Remain XUYEN MOC.

(b) Phases 2 and 3 Cordon from junction pt 2 to junction pt 3, Annex E.

(c) Fol Phase 3 Return to XUYEN MOC Base loc.

n. RAASC Tpt

(1) Mov Table: Annex G.

(2) Detailed Liaison: Capt R. LOFTUS, 8 RAR.

o. Army Avn. H 13 ac to:

(1) Report KAPYONG 231345H.

(2) Overfly all convoys (Refer Annex G).

(3) Report XUYEN MOC 240645H to:

(a) Assist in closing cordon NUI NHON.

(b) Pick up Dist Chief DAT DO for mov to NUI NHON.

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p. Det 1 Div Int Unit Tasks:

- (1) Report Int Sect 8 RAR NUI DAT by 231100H.
- (2) Co-ord the mov of Police Field Force pers and interpreters to Int Sect 8 RAR NUI DAT by 231100H.
- (3) Move with Bn 2IC's Gp as per Annex G.
- (4) Fol const of interrogation centres:
 - (a) Provide guides and guards within assy and screening areas.
 - (b) Man instls within the screening areas.
- (5) Co-ord evac of detainees.
- (6) Co-ord the dispensal of Police Field Force and interpreters fol return to NUI DAT.

q. Elms 1 ATF Psyops Unit Tasks:

- (1) Provide two vehs with loudspeaker facilities to report to 8 RAR NUI DAT by 231100H.
- (2) Move with Bn 2IC's Gp in accordance Annex G.
- (3) Provide tapes as arranged by 2IC 8 RAR. Tapes are to be played only when auth by CO 8 RAR; anticipate fol times:
 - (a) XUYEN MOC
 - i. 240030H.
 - ii. 240600H.
 - iii. When villagers are required to move to the interrogation centre.
 - (b) NUI NHON
 - i. 250600H.
 - ii. When villagers are required to move to the interrogation centre.
- (4) Provide mobile psyops assistance as req by 2IC 8 RAR.

r. Elms 1 Aust CA Unit Tasks:

- (1) Report 8 RAR NUI DAT by 231100H.
- (2) Move with Bn 2IC's Gp in accordance Annex G.
- (3) Assist in liaison between 8 RAR and local officials.

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s. Co-ord Instrs:

- (1) Rd Mov Details: Annex G.
- (2) Co-ord of Veh Allocation: Capt R. LOFTUS, 8 RAR.
- (3) Reception of Cdo Vehs 231000H: OC Admin Coy.
- (4) Reception of Police Field Force and Interpreters: Sgt TALBOT.
- (5) Allocation of Police Field Force and Interpreters:

<u>Sub Unit</u>	<u>Police Field Force</u>	<u>Interpreters</u>
A Coy	5	3
B Coy	1	1
C Coy	5	3
D Coy	1	1
I6I Fd Bty	1	1
2ICs Gp	2	1

(6) Tfc Con and/or Veh Reception:

- (a) NUI DAT: OC Admin Coy.
- (b) DAT DO: 8 RAR LO DAT DO.
- (c) XUYEN MOC: 8 RAR LO XUYEN MOC.
- (d) NUI NHON: Co ord by Bn 2IC.

(7) Appt of 8 RAR LOs:

- (a) DAT DO Dist: 2IC A Coy.
- (b) XUYEN MOC Dist: IO
- (c) LOs to report Ops Offr for briefing 22 Jan 70.

(8) Prep of Vehs: OC Admin Coy is to co-ord the sandbagging of veh floors of 8 RAR vehs in packets 3 and 4 and lead veh of packet I.

(9) Cordon Locs, Junction Pts and Instl Locs (Anticipated)

- (a) XUYEN MOC: Annex E.
- (b) NUI NHON: App I, Annex C.

(10) Marking of Junction Pts. Fol estb of the cordon at NUI NHON each coy is to provide panels to form an X, visible from the air, at the junction pts on their flanks. Colours to be used are:

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- (a) A Coy : Red.
 - (b) B Coy : Red.
 - (c) C Coy : Yellow.
 - (d) D Coy : Yellow.
- (II) House Numbers:
- (a) XUYEN MOC. On separate trace to be issued by Int Sect to : CO, 2IC (2), CP and C Coy (4).
 - (b) NUI NHON. App I, Annex C.
- (I2) Method of Cordon XUYEN MOC:
- (a) At ni cordon perimeter is to be illuminated by veh lights.
 - (b) Through t/c to be directed around cordoned area.
- (I3) Search Techniques:
- (a) Police Field Force and an interpreter, when possible, are to accompany each search gp.
 - (b) Whenever possible actual searching of property is to be conducted by Police Field Force supervised by 8 RAR pers.
 - (c) All civ property is to be safeguarded.
 - (d) Progress of the search , using house numbers, is to be reported to CP.
- (I4) Co-ord Phases 4 and 5. Bn 2IC who will move to NUI NHON with rifle coys.
- (I5) Timings. Annex H.
- (I6) Orders of March:
- (a) NUI DAT to XUYEN MOC: B Coy, A Coy, Bn HQ Gp, 2ICs Gp, C Coy, D Coy.
 - (b) XUYEN MOC Assy Area to Cordon Locs:
 - i. Anti Clockwise from Junction Pt 2, Annex E : B Coy, A Coy, C Coy.
 - ii. Clockwise from Junction Pt 2, Annex E : D Coy, RF Coy.(Note: Anti clockwise gp to move first).

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- (c) XUYEN MOC to NUI NHON:
 - i. Mov 24 Jan : C Coy, A Coy, B Coy, D Coy.
 - ii. Mov 25 Jan : 2ICs Gp, Bn HQ Gp.
- (d) NUI NHON Assy Area to Cordon Locs. As dir by Bn 2IC.
- (e) NUI NHON to NUI DAT. A Coy, C Coy, Bn HQ Gp, B Coy, 2ICs Gp, D Coy.
- (17) Routes:
 - (a) Rd Mov. Annex G.
 - (b) Foot Mov NUI NHON. As dir by Bn 2IC.
- (18) Assy Areas:
 - (a) NUI DAT : KAPYONG LZ.
 - (b) XUYEN MOC: Airstrip. (Exact loc to be selected by IO.
 - (c) NUI NHON: To be selected by Bn 2IC.
- (19) Treatment of Civs:
 - (a) Pers who are armed and captured while trying to move through the cordon, or who are found in hides, are to be treated as PW.
 - (b) Pers who are not armed and who attempt to move through the cordon are to be turned back to within the cordon for later screening.
 - (c) Bed-ridden people are not to be moved. They will be guarded in loc for checking by a I Div Int Unit screening team accompanied by competent med pers.
- (20) Confirmatory O Gp. 230930H at Bn HQ 8 RAR.

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4. Administration and Logistics

a. Gen All elms deploy on 23 Jan with two days requirements. Resup for subsequent ops carried out in NUI DAT on 25 Jan.

b. Ammo

- (1) Carry normal first line.
- (2) Resup of ammo if required from Nui Dat.
- (3) Mor. Sect deploying to XUYEN MOE to carry two first lines.

c. POL

- (1) All vehs depart Nui Dat 23 Jan with full tanks.
- (2) Carry full jerry can of petrol per veh.

d. Rat

- (1) All pers deploy on 23 Jan with 2 days C rat.
- (2) Hot meal in sub unit lines NUI DAT midday 23 Jan and evening 25 Jan.
- (3) Fd Force Police, Interpreters
 - (a) Two days indigenous rat to be issued by Admin Coy for 25 people by 1200hrs 23 Jan.
 - (b) National Police, MID. Provide own rat under arrangements 1 Div Int Unit.
 - (c) Village Rat Midday meal of indigenous rat, will be provided in cage for 1100 persons 24 Jan and 150 persons 25 Jan.
 - (d) Aslt Pnrs to carry indigenous rat as in (c) above with cage stores.
 - (e) Admin Coy provide one cook to cage area 24 and 25 Jan.

e. Water

- (1) All pers deploy 23 Jan with four full water bottles.
- (2) 100 jerry cans of water to travel with packet 4 for resup of coys, evening 24 Jan.
- (3) Water Tlr 400 gal water tlr to deploy on 23 Jan with packet 4. Water used for resup and cooking for villagers on 24 and 25 Jan.

f. Med

- (1) RMO, travel packet 4 for deployment 23 Jan.

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(2) RAP

- (a) Estb XUYEN MOC by 1600 hrs 23 Jan.
- (b) Remain XUYEN MOC until 0600 hrs 25 Jan.
- (c) Estb NUI NHAN by 0730 hrs 25 Jan.

(3) MEDCAP

- (a) RMO to estb MEDCAP tent in cage areas by 0900 hrs 24 and 25 Jan and conduct MEDCAP for villagers.
- (b) Stores. RMO to deploy 23 Jan with MEDCAP stores provided by 1 Aust CA Unit.
- (c) Bedridden Patients. Bedridden patients are not to be moved from village houses. RMO may visit, if tac sit permits after clearance through Bn 2IC.

(4) DENTCAP 1 Aust TF to provide dental offr to conduct DENTCAP in cage over 24 and 25 Jan.

g. PW/Detainees

- (1) PW/Detainees discovered in search phases to be fed through Bn 2IC to 1 Div Int Unit, for subsequent disposal.
- (2) Interrogation Interrogation of PW/Detainees undertaken by 1 Div Int Unit and civil authorities within Interrogation Centres.

h. Special Eqpt

- (1) Prodders, Grappling Hooks. To be provided as required by Aslt Pnrs to C Coy and A Coy for phase 3 and phase 7 activities.
- (2) Mine Detectors 2 mine detectors to be provided by Aslt Pnrs as fols.

Phase 3 - C Coy

Phase 7 - A Coy

Remainder held Aslt Pnrs for special search tasks.

(3) Loud Hailers QM to obtain loud hailers for use as required by Bn 2IC.

(4) Voice Vehs Psy ops to provide two voice vehs for passage of info to villagers as directed by Bn 2IC.

j. Dress and Eqpt Normal.

k. Interrogation Centre Stores. App 1 to Annex F

- (1) Obtained by QM
- (2) Loaded in packet 4 vehs under arrangements OC Aslt Inr Pl.

l. Interrogation Centre

- (1) Annex F.

(2) Estb by Aslt Pnrs to 1 Div Int Unit

5. Command and Signala. CPs

- (1) 8 RAR CP NUI DAT closes 231200H.
- (2) 8 RAR Rear CP NUI DAT opens 231200H.
- (3) 8 RAR CP re-opens 231330H and is to be loc as follows:
 - (a) 231330H to approx 231530H: Veh mtd.
 - (b) Approx 231530H to approx 240630H: XUYEN MOC air strip.
 - (c) Approx 240630H to approx 250630H: Vicinity of interrogation centre XUYEN MOC (Refer Annex E).
 - (d) Approx 250630H to approx 251200H: Veh mtd and then in vicinity of interrogation centre NUI NHON (Refer App 1, Annex C).
 - (e) Approx 251200H to return NUI DAT: Veh mtd.
- (4) 8 RAR CP in normal loc NUI DAT from 252000H.
- (5) During mov 8 RAR CP moves with veh packet 3 (Refer Annex G).

b. Loc of CO. With 8 RAR CP when not AB.c. Comms.

- (1) Line. Line is to be laid from interrogation centres to 8 RAR CP.

- (2) Radio Nets. As per SOPs and SOIs except as follows:

- (a) Con Sta Bn Comd Net. OB from 231200H to 231330H.

- (b) Callsigns Bn Comd Net

- i. Ops Offr - 6
- ii. LO DAT DO - 9E
- iii. LO XUYEN MOC - 9D
- iv. RAASC Comd - 99
- v. Psyops Veh 1 - 98
- vi. Psyops Veh 2 - 98A
- vii. 161 Fd Bty mobile teams - Golf 1 to Golf 4.

- (c) Veh Packet 3 (Bn HQ Comd Gp)

- i. Internal Net freq: 57.10 mcs (Designator 26A)
- ii. Internal callsigns: OA and 1.
- iii. Comd: c/s 6 (Ops Offr).

- (d) Veh Packet 4 (2ICs Gp).

- i. Internal Net freq: 59.35 mcs (Designator 11 V)
- ii. Internal callsigns: OA, 1 and 2.
- iii. Comd: 9, 9A (Bn 2IC).

- (e) Veh Packets 1,2,5 and 6. Coy Nets.

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- (3) Net Opening Times. .16.
(a) Base Def Net NUI DAT: 231200H.
(b) Rd Convoy Nets: 231345H.

d. Nicknames.

- (1) During Rd Mov: Annex G.
(2) Others.

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Nickname</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Issued by</u>
1	RUSTY STONE	Cordon in posn XUYEN MOC	A,B,C,D and RF Coys.
2	HARD HAT	Cordon in posn NUI NHON	A,B,C, and D Coys.

e. Channel of Comms.

- (1) Comms concerning CA matters: To 9A
(2) Comms concerning other matters: To 9 or OA.

Ack Instr. Ack.

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Lt Col
CO

Authentication.

N.T.J. Williams

(N.T.J. WILLIAMS)
Maj
Ops Offr

- Annexes:
- A. En Sit.
 - B. Topo and Population Svy XUYEN MOC Village.
 - C. Topo and Population Svy NUI NHON.
 - D. Op KEPERRA - Topo Info, En Info and AO Bdrys.
 - E. Cordon Locs, Sweep/Search Areas, Junction Pts and Instl Locs XUYEN MOC.
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 - G. Mov Plan.
 - H. Timings.

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A Coy	1	1
B Coy	2	2
C Coy	3	3
D Coy	4	4
Sp Coy	5	5
Admin Coy	6 - 7	
Sig Pl	8	
Mor Pl	9	
Aslt Pnr Pl	10	
Atk Pl	11	
Bn HQ Pl	12	
B Sqn 1 Armd Regt	13 - 14	6
B Sqn 3 Cav Regt	15 - 16	7
1 Fd Regt	17	
1 Fd Sqn	18 - 19	8
161 (Indep) Recce Flt	20	
Det 1 Div Int Unit	21	
1 Aust CA Unit	22	
Psyops Sect HQ 1 ATF	23	
9 Sqn RAAF	24 - 25	
USAF ALO 1 ATF	26	
HQ 1 ATF	27 - 52	
HQ 1 ALSG	53	
5 RAR	54	
6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn	55	
1 ARU	56	
DAT DO Dist HQ (to be del by IO)	57	
XUYEN MOC Dist HQ (to be del by 2IC A Coy)	58	
LO BARIA	59	
1 ATF LO 2 US Bde	60	
CO	61	9
2IC	62	10
BC	63	11
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Sig Offr	68	
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QM	70	
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RSM	75	
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1. The village of XUYEN MOC (YS 6568) is loc astride Route 23 and AP NUI NHON (YS 5863) is a hamlet on Route 23 between DAT DO (YS 4960) and XUYEN MOC.
2. XUYEN MOC lies on the sup route of C2/84RSG from BINH CHAU (YS 7968) to the MAY TAO area (YS 7291) and could become an important sup area as other sup areas are denied to the en.
3. The area of NUI DINH, centre of mass (YS 3465) has been an en con area for a considerable period and a no of en units op from there from time to time. It is a major en pt of entry into villages along Route 2 and Route 15.

En Units

4. Main Force

- a. D67 Engr Bn. Contact was made with D67 on 16 Jan 70 at YS 344641. The task of D67 is unknown but probably it is tasked against Route 15.
- b. The bn is probably the best and most aggressive en unit in the province.
- c. For more details of D67 refer to ORBAT issued dated 28 Nov 69.

5. Local Force.

- a. D445 LF Bn. Coys of D445 are scattered between XUYEN MOC and the LONG HAI's. The bn has been reduced in capability in recent months and its coys are possibly assisting C25 in the LONG HAI area. C4/D445 was last identified on 4 Jan 70 at YS 526583.
- b. D440 LF Bn. The coys of D440 are loc in the area of NUI DINH. They are tasked together with C41 against HOA LONG for the TET period. This bn has been in contact with 8 RAR previously and proved itself to be a good en.
- c. C41 CHAU DUC COY. C41 is loc in the NUI DINH area and was last contacted on 13 Jan 70 at YS 386652 in which it suffered ~~hy~~ cas; its present str is approx 15. The coy is at present undergoing a re-indoctrination course for coming ops with D440 against HOA LONG during the TET period.
- d. C41 has been engaged in rice collection and PW reports indicate that caches are loc in vicinity YS 3567 and the TRANG NAI base YS 345710. These should be large caches and will probably be near to camps of D440 as well as C41. En activity for the TET period could start from these areas.

6. Guerillas

- a. C 70 XUYEN MOC District Unit. C70 operates in the immediate area of the village and is of approx sect str; they are not considered an effective force.

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- b. C610 BARIA - THI XA Unit. This is a small squad operating in vicinity of BARIA and the NUI DINH range.

En Activity

7. XUYEN MOC Area

- a. En activity in the area has been light in recent months and no major contacts have been made.
- b. Activities have been restricted to small gps of VC wng locals to stay away from area 2000m North of XUYEN MOC; reason unknown.
- c. The last contact was at YS 652660 on 28 Nov 69, resulting in 1 VC (KIA), it was not known what task en was engaged in.

8. AP NUI NHON

- a. En activity has been quiet with only a few sightings to the South, in the LONG GREEN.
- b. VC Propaganda cadres are believed to have been collecting taxes along Route 23, West of NUI NHON.
- c. Recent agent reports indicate that NUI NHON could become an important link in 84 RSG resup programme.

9. NUI DINH

- a. En activity in the area is constant and is directed from there to the populated areas, particularly HOA LONG. Activity has recently been aimed at resup of food.
- b. PW reports indicate that a build up is progressing in that area in preparation for the TET period, when activity will be directed at HOA LONG.
- c. The most recent contacts are as mentioned in para 4 (a) and 5 (c).

Wpns

10. The Main Force units have a good range of mor and RPG wpns in addition to normal small arms.
11. Guerilla units have a variety of small arms.

Mines and Booby Traps

13. There have been very few incidents in recent months. Details are shown on Additions and Deletions map, and App 1 to this Annex.

Conclusions

14. In the area of XUYEN MOC and NUI NHON en ground action should be at a minimum. The en is capable of attacks by fire, and any action will probably be in this way.

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15. If the en caches and camps in the NUI DINH area are loc and destroyed prior to TET, the en offensive against HOA LONG might be disrupted.

16. Since the en are preparing for TET they will avoid contact until they are ready and may therefore be difficult to loc.

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MINEFDS AND MINE INCIDENTS

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Grid</u>	<u>Details</u>
1	Dec 67	YS 362616 392632 378622 392622	Minefd: No and type unknown.
2	Dec 67	437661	Minefd: 978 x M16
3	Dec 67	445746	Minefd: 1132 x M16A1 and unknown no of M16.
4	Dec 67	420637	Minefd: 127 x M16 and unknown no of Atk mines.
5	Nov 67	536614	Anti heli device - possibly claymore types.
6	Dec 67	607640	Minefd: 570 x M16
7	Dec 67	655685	Minefd: 283 x M16
8	Mar 69	707744	Minefd: No and type unknown
9	Apr 69	613623	1 x Atk mine
10	Aug 69	668675	1 x Atk mine
11	Jun 69	653697	1 x Atk mine
12	Jun 69	647663	Mine destroyed
13	Jun 69	735673	1 x Atk mine
14	Jun 69	636627	1 x Atk mine
15	May 69	630620	1 x Atk mine
16	May 69	701672	1 x Atk mine
17	Apr 69	676635	Mine detonated
18	Apr 69	613644	5lb Claymore mine
19	Jan 70	636627	1 x Atk mine
20	Dec 69	655665	2 x M16
21	Nov 69	639653	1 x Atk mine
22	Aug 69	646657	1 x Atk mine
23	Aug 69	646658	1 x M16 mine
24	Aug 69	582634	1 x M16

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<u>Serial</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Grid</u>	<u>Details</u>
25	Aug 69	YS 649664	1 x M16
26	Aug 69	647658	1 x M16
27			Suspected minefd bounded by: YS 378632, 392632, 378622, 392622.
28		426648	Unknown no of M16
29		421645	Mine found in drain
30		412650	Anti pers mine
31		410647	1 x Atk mine
32		413652	1 x anti pers mine
33		383628	Minefd: no and type unknown
34		41937221	1 x Atk mine
35		437668	1 x Claymore
36		396627	Minefd: no and type unknown
37		599637	700 x M16
38		492616	1392 x M16
39		495622	908 x M16
40		467734	Pressure anti pers mines

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TOPO AND POPULATION SVY XUYEN MOC VILLAGE

Ref: Map, South Vietnam, Xuyen Moc Special, 1:10,000.

Gen.

1. Xuyen Moc is a large village made up of five hamlets and is situated in Eastern Phuoc Tuy Province on the junction of Route 23 and Route 329.

2. The village contains approx 1900 people including the RF and PF employed there.

RF/PF National Police.

3. The following RF/PF are situated at Xuyen Moc:

a.	236 Coy RF	-	Strength approx 100	YS655684
b.	47 Pl PF	-	" " 30	YS653679
c.	46 Pl PF	-	" " 30	YS652677
d.	41 Pl PF	-	" " 30	YS648692

e. There are 15 National Police stationed in the village.

f. A Chieu Hoi Centre has an office staffed by 3 officials at YS657684.

Admin

4. The mil post at YS 655684 appears to be the admin centre of the village. A separate Village Administrative Committee meet in an office at YS657684. The names of committee members and all other Xuyen Moc District documents and registers are held in the Mil Post.

5. The village has five hamlets:

a.	AP NHAM TAM	-	YS 660685
b.	NHAN TRI	-	YS 650678
c.	NHAN NGHIA	-	YS 655678
d.	NHAN DUC	-	YS 649692
e.	BUNG RIENG	-	YS 653685

The names of the Hamlet Officials are also held at the Mil Post.

Agriculture, Commerce and Industry.

6. A commercial sawmill which has only recently reopened is the only commercial factory or mill in Xuyen Moc. The sawmill is situated in Nhan Nghia hamlet at YS 654676.

7. Timber cutters are watched closely by the police and are subjected to daily searches. They are only allowed to carry one meal a day into the jungle to the timbered area to the south of the village.

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8. The village has a large market place opposite the Military Post at YB656684. A new market is being constructed by 1 ATF troops in the centre of the market place. Thirty seven families are involved in commercial business.

9. The remaining 369 families are involved in farming. Only part of the land inside and close to the village is cultivated and farmed due to the security situation. The main crops grown are pepper, banana, oranges, corn, hops, rubber, rice, tobacco, and vegetables.

Religions

10. 82% of the villagers are Buddhist and 18% Catholic. The hamlet of NHAN DUC is completely Catholic.

Racial Groups

11. 96% of the population are Vietnamese; 1% Chinese; and 3% Montagnard.

Public Health

12. Xuyen Moc has one dispensary at YS 658683.

Education

13. There is one school in the village which is situated adjacent to the airstrip in NHAN TRI Hamlet.

RD Cadre

14. RD Cadre Team No 7 work in NHAN NGHIA Hamlet.

Chieu Hoi

15. A District Chieu Hoi Office is situated in the market place.

Public Utilities

16. A power generator operates for a few hrs each day and through most of the night to provide electric light and power for refrigeration.

17. Water is obtained from several public wells through most of the village. There is a pump and a reticulation system which provides water for a limited area near the market place and mil post.

Population Statistics

18. The fol info is only approx.

<u>Hamlet</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total Pers</u>
NAHN TAM	93	241	214	455
NHAN TRI	102	226	277	503
NHAN NGHIA	127	319	334	653
NHAN DUC	27	59	72	131
BUNG RIENG	57	139	166	305

Topo

19. Xuyen Moc is situated on level ground which falls away to the South-East to a creek which is almost dry. The village is surrounded by open to sparsely timbered ground to the North, East and South, the Western side is mainly flat open rice paddy. A small feature named NUI DAT is 1000 metres North West of NHAN DUC.

Rd System

20. Route 23 enters Xuyen Moc from the South at YS 653674 and runs through the centre of the village where it joins Route 329 at YS 656686 then leaves the village to the South East at YS 665679. Route 23 is open to t/c and is in good repair. It has a composite stone bitumen surface.

21. Route 329 leaves the village to the North at YS 656687.

22. All other rds in the village are surfaced with basalt and are in good repair. These rds are the same width as Route 23 and Route 329 and are capable of holding 2 way traffic.

AirFD

23. The airFD is situated in square 6568 and is 700 metres long by 100 metres wide. Although its surface is overgrown by grass and weeds it could be used with little prep. The airstrip is used for cattle grazing.

Mines and Mineflds

24. A fenced but unmarked minefld of an unknown quantity is situated at the Southern, Western and Northern sides of the mil post at YS 655684.

25. M18 mines are scattered in the wire fences around the RF/PF posts along Route 23 at YS 655684, YS 653679, YS 652677 and YS 648692, M18 mines are also scattered in the wire fences where Route 23 once crossed the airstrip at YS 654683 and YS 655684 and possibly in other sections of the fence around the airstrip.

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TOPO AND POPULATION SVY NUI NHON

Reference: Map South Vietnam, Sheet 6430(II) Series L7014, XUYEN MOC,
1:50,000.

Gen.

1. NUI NHON is an unofficial tolerated village situated on the Southern side of Route 23 in the Eastern sector of DAT DO District at YS 580633.

2. The village is occupied by farmers who are recorded residents of DAT DO. They live in the village either because it is close to their farms and saves them travelling out from DAT DO each day, or because their names are registered on the official Black List which is maintained by the DAT DO District Officials. In so doing they avoid the inconvenience caused by having their homes searched regularly by the Police.

Administration.

3. NUI NHON has no registered population. People living in the village are registered at DAT DO as residents of DAT DO against house members in that area.

Population Statistics.

4. An estimated one hundred families inhabit the village. This estimate was calculated by air reconnaissance confirmation of occupied houses shown on a recent air photo.

5. As some families still travel from DAT DO to work their farms it is possible that a further twenty farmers would be in the village during the day.

RF/PF National Police.

6. 787 RF Company has an estimated strength of 100 men. The Company occupy an RF Post opposite the village at YS 584637. This Coy is also responsible for a smaller post at YS 602639.

7. There are no PF or National Police in the area of the village.

Agriculture, Commerce and Industry.

8. NUI NHON is an agricultural centre. There are two charcoal kilns both situated in the centre of the village.

App 1. Hamlet Plan.

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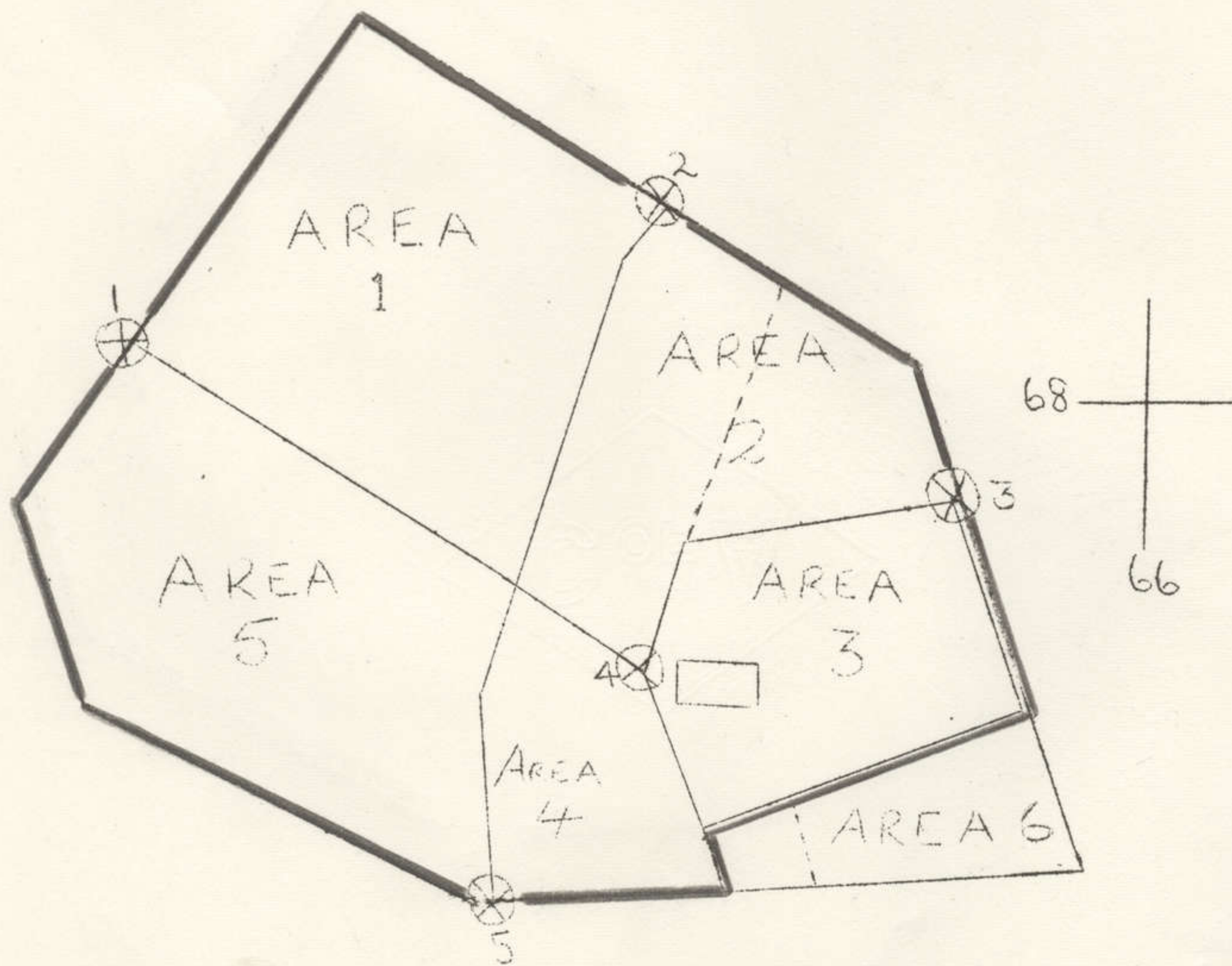
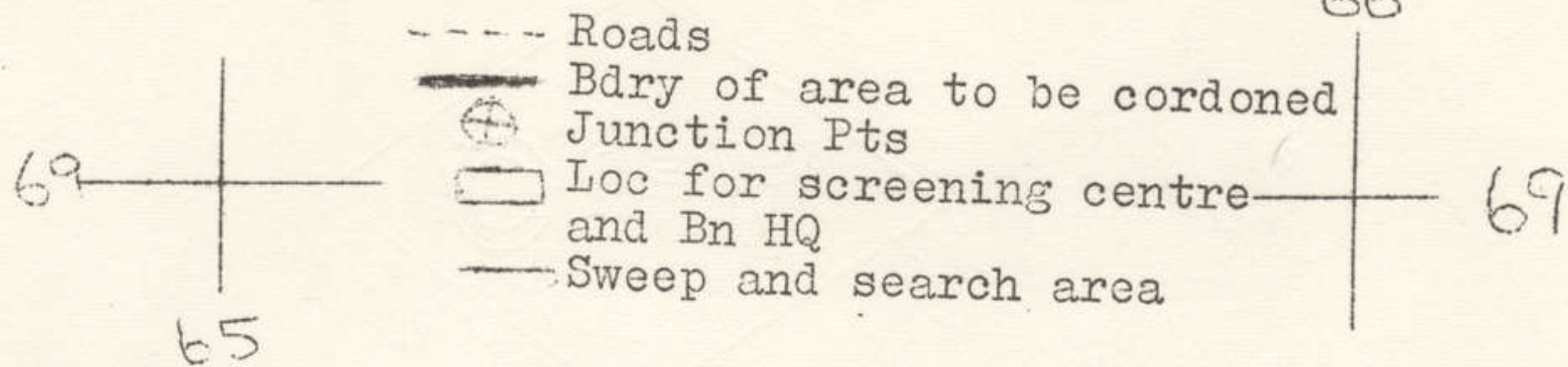
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ANNEX E TO
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CORDON LOCS, SWEEP/SEARCH AREAS, JUNCTION PTS INSTL
LOCS : XUYEN MOC

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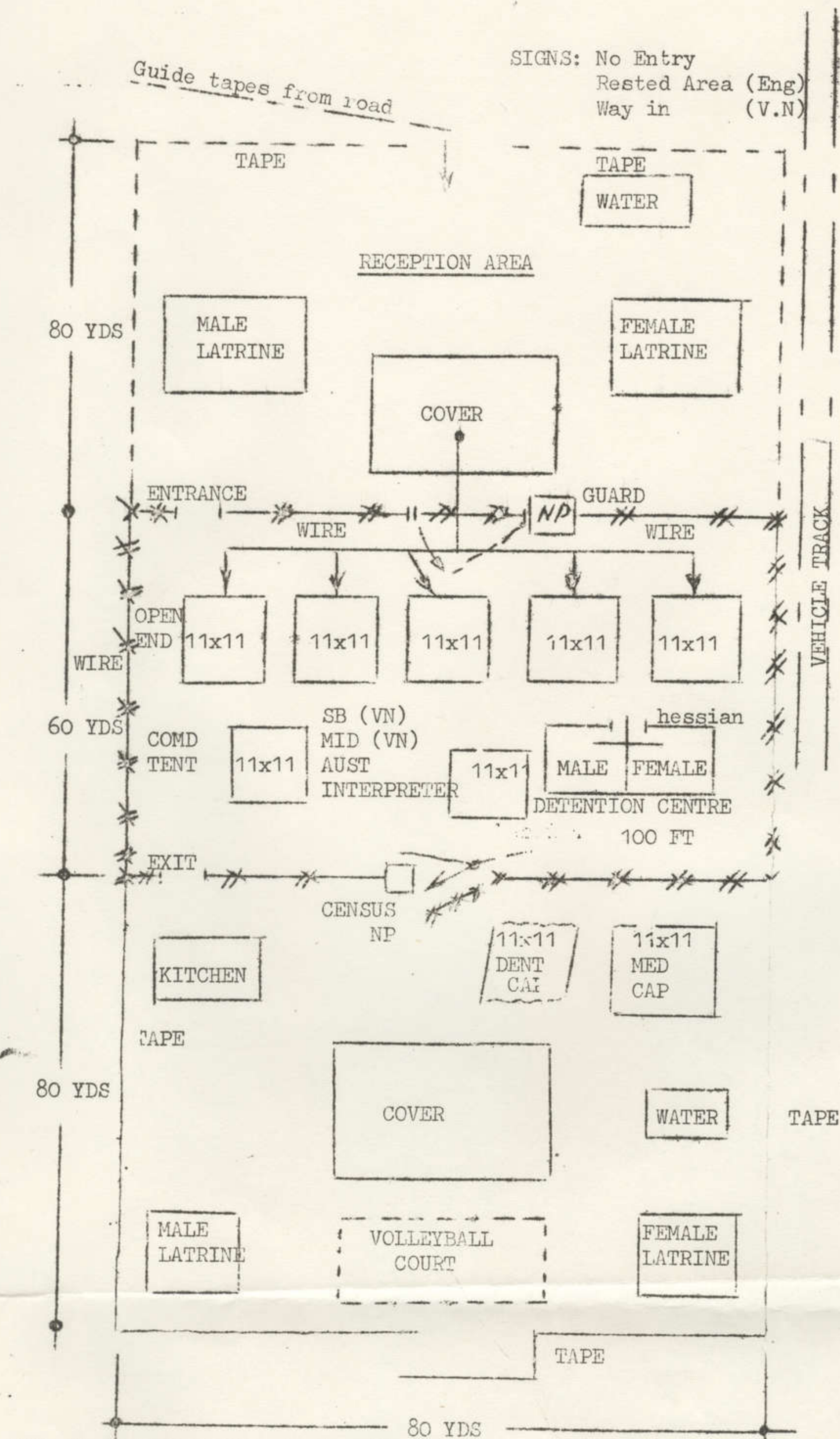


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DETAILS OF INTERROGATION CENTRE



APP. 1 Interrogation Centre Stores

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INTERROGATION CENTRE STORES

1. STORES FROM QM

<u>ITEMS</u>	<u>QTY</u>
DANNERT WIRE COILS	40
BARB WIRE COILS	20
STEEL PICKETS 8'	500
STEEL PICKETS 2'	100
LATRINE SEATS	16
TENTS 11' x 11'	10
CHAIRS	30
FORMS	12
TABLES FS	12
COOKER M37	1
COOKING CONTAINERS	
EATING UTENSILS	
HESSIAN	300 YDS
TAPE MINE MARKING	1000 YDS
VOLLEY BALL	1
VOLLEY BALL NET	1
KIT CARSON RAT	1300
MILK	
JERRY CANS WATER	100

2. STORES FROM 1 AUST CA UNIT.

SIGNS VARIOUS	
CANVAS TENT HALVES	6

3. STORES FROM ASLT PNR STORES.

SHOVELS	6
DOLLYS	3
SLEDGE HAMMERS	4
WIRING GLOVES PAIRS	8
WIRE CUTTERS PAIRS	2
MINE DETECTORS AND SPARE BATTERIES	6
GRAPPLING HOOKS	6

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PRODDERS	6
COBRA, FUEL AND OIL	1
HAMMERS	2
NAILS	5 Lbs
GOGGLES PAIRS	6

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MOV PLAN
OP KEPERRA

Gen Outline

1. Rd mov for Op KEPERRA is to be effected by 5 convoys.
 - a. Convoy 1 Mov of 8 RAR and supporting elms from NUI DAT to XUYEN MOC.
 - b. Convoy 2 Mov into cordon posns.
 - c. Convoy 3 Mov of A, B, C and D Coys from XUYEN MOC to vicinity YS 5662.
 - d. Convoy 4 Mov of HQ Gp and supporting elms from XUYEN MOC to NUI NHON.
 - e. Convoy 5 Mov of 8 RAR and supporting elms from NUI NHON to NUI DAT.

Co-ord Instr

2. The fol will apply for all convoys.
 - a. Speed
 - (1) Normal 25 mph.
 - (2) Built up areas 20 mph.
 - (3) Catch up speed 30 mph.
 - b. Density
 - (1) Dist between vehs: 50M.
 - (2) Interval between packets: 5 mins.
 - c. Action on Contact
 - (1) Mines Halt and call for Engr/Aslt Pnr assistance.
 - (2) SAA As directed by packet cmd.
 - d. Air DS ac is to overfly all convoys
 - e. Nicknames (Convoys only)
 - (1) BIG BIRD - Crossing SL.
 - (2) DEAD TREE - Clear 1 ATF base.
 - (3) NEW CAR - Clear DAT DO (YS 488602)
 - (4) CAN FRUIT - Clear NUI NHON.

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(5) LOVE GOD

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- (5) LOVE GOD - Clear XUYEN MOC.
- (6) CANDY STRIP - Complete at XUYEN MOC.
- (7) APPLE TREE - Complete at 1 ATF base.

Apps

- 1. Grouping and Loading of Bn HQ and supporting elms.
- 2. Convoy 1 Mov Table.
- 3. Convoy 2 Mov Table.
- 4. Convoy 3 Mov Table.
- 5. Convoy 4 Mov Table.
- 6. Convoy 5 Mov Table.

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COMPOSITION AND GROUPING
HQ 8 RAR AND SUPPORTING ELMS

1. Bn HQ Gp : Comd: OPS OFFR.

Ser	Veh	Dvr	Load	Remarks
1	Cdo Veh	ARVN	-	(2)
2	Cdo Veh	ARVN	-	(2)
3	41	ROSEBERRY	Lt Col GAULTON Lcpl GOWARD Pte MASCHETE 1 X RA Sig Op	
4	SA 1	LEVERTON	OPS OFFR Sgt HENLEY Sgt FLEMING Capt LOFTUS Lcpl BRIDGE Lcpl CROSTHWAITE Pte STOLZENBERG Pte NORRIS Pte MORGAN Pte GOODALL Pte PHILP BUSEMAN SCOUT Sgt DUC	
5	TCV	RAASC		
6	ACV	RAAC	Capt SIBREE 2Lt JUCHA Cpl BLACK Cpl HALL 1 X RA SIG OP	
7	SM1	MOODY	) 1 MOR SECT COMPLETE	
8	SM5	FALLON		
9	L ROVER	RNZA	RNZA	(3)
10	L ROVER	RNZA	RNZA	
11	L ROVER	RNZA	RNZA	
12	L ROVER	RNZA	RNZA	
13	TCV	RAASC	CSM SP COY Pte TYLER Pte BROWN Pte MOLONEY 2 X RA SIG OPS RAE Pers	

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Ser	Veh	Dvr	Load	Remarks
14	Cdo Veh	ARVN	-	(2)
15	Cdo Veh	ARVN	-	(2)
2. <u>Bn 2IC Gp</u> : Comd, Bn 2 IC.				
1	L ROVER	RAASC	-	ESCORT VEH (3)
2	H2	MILLARD	2IC Pte BERTUCCI Pte MARCHESSI Chap HESSEY	
3	AM1	POPOVIC	RMO	
4	SP2	WATSON		(3)
5	AQ2	PIPER		(3)
6	AQ5	LLOYD	ASLT PNRS	(3)
7	AQ1	MARTIN		(3)
8	L ROVER	DIV INT	DIV INT	
9	L ROVER	DIV INT	DIV INT	
10	L ROVER	DIV INT	DIV INT	
11	L ROVER	PSY OPS	PSY OPS	
12	US 1 Ton Veh	PSY OPS	PSY OPS	
13	L ROVER	CA	CA	
14	L ROVER	CA	CA	
15	TCV	NIEBLING	CAGE STORES	(1)
16	TCV	WALKER	CAGE STORES	(1)
17	TCV	RAASC	CAGE STORES	
18	WATER VEH	WILSON	400 GAL WATER	(1)
19	L ROVER	RAASC	-	ESCORT VEH (3)

NOTES:

- (1) ASLT PNRS TO PROVIDE SHOTGUNS FOR MOVES.
- (2) De t Phases 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7.
- (3) De t Phases 2 and 3.

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CONVOY NO 1

NUI DAT TO XUYEN MOC

APP 2 TO ANNEX G
TO 8 RAR OPS 3
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1. Date: 23 Jan 70
2. Assy Area: KAPYONG PAD
3. SL: 8 RAR Main Gate
4. Route: 1 ATF EAST GATE to Route 52
Route 52 to DAT DO
Route 23 DAT DO to XUYEN MOC

5. Critical Points.
 - a. SL
 - b. DAT DO
 - c. Rel Pt (XUYEN MOC Airstrip)
6. TC
 - a. Assy Area and SL
 Tpt Sgt 8 RAR to con.

- b. DAT DO (YS 448602)
8 RAR LO DAT DO to arrange.
- c. Rel Pt (XUYEN MOC Air-
strip)
8 RAR LO XUYEN MOC to arrange

Ser (a)	Veh		Load (d)	Comd (e)	Timings		Remarks (h)
	No (b)	Type (c)			SL (f)	Rel Pt (g)	
1.	7 2	TCV Gun Jeep	B Coy	OC B Coy	1400	1515	
2.	7	TCV	A Coy	OC A Coy	1406	1521	
3.	8 1 4	$\frac{3}{4}$ LR ACV Armd Cars	See App1	OC Sp Coy	1412	1527	See App 1 for details of composition and loading. (Referred to in Op 0 as Bn HQ Gp)
4.	14 1 4	$\frac{3}{4}$ LR $\frac{1}{4}$ Amb 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ /5 Ton	See App1	Bn 2IC	1419	1534	See App 1 Ser details of composition and loading (Referred to in Op 0 as Bn 2IC's Gp)
5.	8	TCV	C Coy	OC C Coy	1427	1542	
6.	7 1 1	TCV Rec veh Gun Jeep	D Coy	OC D Coy	1433	1548	

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App 3 to ANNEX G
TO 8 RAR OPS 3
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CONVOY NO 2
MOVE TO CORDON POSNS

Date : 23 Jan 70.
Assy Area : Xuyen Moc airstrip, con(Capt Loftus/Coy Comds to con)
Route/Order of march : a. Anti-clockwise from junction pt 2 : B, A, C Coy.
: b. Clockwise from junction pt 2 : D, RF Coy
Timings : Cross SL 232400H
Critical Pts. : a. SL : Junction pt 2.
: b. Destination : Cordonlocs.
Deployment at destination: As directed by Coy Comds.

Ser	Veh		Load	Comd	Remarks
	No	Type			
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	
1	7	TCV	B Coy	OC B Coy	
	3	¾Ton			
2	7	TCV	A Coy	OC A Coy	
3	8	TCV	C Coy	OC C Coy	
	2	¾Ton			
4.	7	TCV	D Coy	OC D Coy	
	3	¾Ton			
5.	4	Cdo	RF Coy	OC RF Coy	
	4	¾Ton			
6.	1	ATV	Bn HQ Gp	OPS OFFR	Move as Directed morning 24 Jan 70.
	4	¾Ton			
	2	TCV			
7.	8	¾Ton	Bn 2 IC	Bn 2IC	Move as Directed morning 24 Jan 70.
	4	2½/5 Ton			

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CONVOY NO 3XUYEN MOC TO VIC YS 5662APP 4 TO ANNEX G
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1. Date: 24 Jan 70
2. Assy Area: Cordon posn
3. SL: Junction of Pt 5 Annex E
4. Route: Route 23
5. Critical Pts:
 - a. SL
 - b. Rel Pt
6. Timings: As ordered by CO 8 RAR
(Anticipate 241715H)
7. Release of TCVs: Once Inf have debussed
convoy is to return to
NUI DAT under comd
RAASC Comd.
8. Overall Comd of Inf Force: Bn 2IC.

Ser	Veh		Load	Comd	Anticipated Timings		Remarks
	No	Type			SL	Rel Pt	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1	8	TCV	C Coy	OC C Coy	241715H	241730H	Bn 2IC to move with A Coy
	1	Gun Jeep					
2	7	TCV	A Coy	OC A Coy	241721	241736	
	1	Gun Jeep					
3	7	TCV	B Coy	OC B Coy	241726	241742	
4	7	TCV	D Coy	OC D Coy	241731	241748	
	1	Gun Jeep					
	1	Rec Veh					

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CONVOY NO 4

XUYEN MOC TO NUI NHON

APP 5 TO ANNEX G
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1. Date: 25 Jan 70
2. Assy Area: Ni Loc 23/24 Jan 70.
3. SL: Junction Pt 5.
4. Route: Route 23
5. Critical Pts:
 - a. SL
 - b. Rel Pt: NUI NHON (Loc selected by Bn 2IC)
6. Timings: Cross SL when Route 23 reported clear by DS Possum.
7. Deployment at Rel Pt: Co-ord by Bn 2IC and Capt Loftus.

		Vehs			Anticipated Timings		
Ser	No	Type	Load	Comd	SL	Rel Pt	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1.	14	¾ LR	2IC Gp	Capt Loftus	0646	0706	See App 1 for details of composition and loading
	1	¼ Amb					
	4	2½/5 Ton					
	2	Armd Cars					
2.	8	¾ LR	Bn HQ Gp	OC Sp Coy	0645	0700	See App 1 for details of composition and Loading.
	1	ACV					
	2	Armd Cars					

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CONVOY NO 5

NUI NHON TO NUI DAT

APP 6 TO ANNEX G
TO 8 RAR OPS3
DATED 22 JAN 70

1. Date: 25 Jan 70
2. Assy Area: NUI NHON
3. SL: To be advised
4. Route: Route 23 to DAT DO
: DAT DO to NUI DAT via
Route 52 and EAST GATE
5. Timings: a. As ordered by CO 8 RAR
b. TCV to report NUI NHON 1200 hrs.
(Reception Capt LOFTUS)

5. Critical Pts:
 - a. SL
 - b. DAT DO (YS 8602)
 - c. Rel Pt (EAST GATE
1 ATF Base)
6. TC:
 - a. Assy area. 2IC Admin Coy to arrange.
 - b. DAT DO. 8 RAR LO DAT DO to arrange.
 - c. EAST GATE. Vehs to leave convoy and proceed to own units as applicable, RAASC vehs report to 8 RAR.
 - d. 8 RAR RP Sgt to con.

Veh			Timings				
Ser (a)	No (b)	Type (c)	Load (d)	Comd (e)	SL (f)	Rel Pt (g)	Remarks (h)
1	7	TCV	A Coy	OC A Coy	TBA		
2	8	TCV	C Coy	OC C Coy	TBA		
3	8 1 4	$\frac{3}{4}$ LR ACV Armd Cars	See App 1	OC Sp Coy	TBA		See App 1 for details of composition and loading (Referred to in OpO as Bn EQ's Gp)
4	7	TCV	B Coy	OC B Coy	TBA		
5	14 1 4	$\frac{3}{4}$ LR $\frac{1}{4}$ Amb $2\frac{1}{2}/5$ Ton	See App 1	Bn 2IC	TBA		See App 1 for details of composition and loading (Referred to in OpO as Bn 2IC's Gp)
6	7 1 1	TCV Rec Veh Gun jeep	D Coy	OC D Coy	TBA		

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ANNEX H TO
8 RAR OPS 3
DATED 22 JAN 70

KEY TIMINGS

Serial	Date/Time	Activity
(a)	(b)	(c)
1.	231400H	Rd mov from NUI DAT to XUYEN MOC assy area commences.
2.	By 231600H	Rd mov to XUYEN MOC assy area completed.
3.	232400H	Vehs depart XUYEN MOC assy area to estb cordon. Vehs moving in anti-clockwise dir from junction pt 2 mov first; to be fol by vehs moving in clockwise dir.
4.	On orders, anticipate 240645H	Bn HQ Gp and Bn 2IC's Gp moves from XUYEN MOC assy areas to interrogation centre loc.
5.	On orders anticipate 240800H	Interrogation centre const and sweep commences. To be fol by search.
6.	By 241700H	Search completed.
7.	241715H	Rifle coys commence mov to assy areas west of NUI NHON as selected by Bn 2IC.
8.	By 250100H	NUI NHON cordon in posn.
9.	250645H	a. CO from in DS H13 ac, closes cordon. b. 2IC's Gp and Bn HQ Gp depart XUYEN MOC for NUI NHON.
10.	About 250800H (to be cfm by 8 RAR LO DAT DO)	In DS H13 ac transport, Dist Chief DAT DO to NUI NHON.
11.	Anticipate 250830H	Interrogation centre const. Sweep of NUI NHON commences; to be fol by search.
12.	Anticipated 251200H	Search completed; TCVs report NUI NHON
13.	Anticipated 251230H	8 RAR Gp commences return mov to NUI DAT.

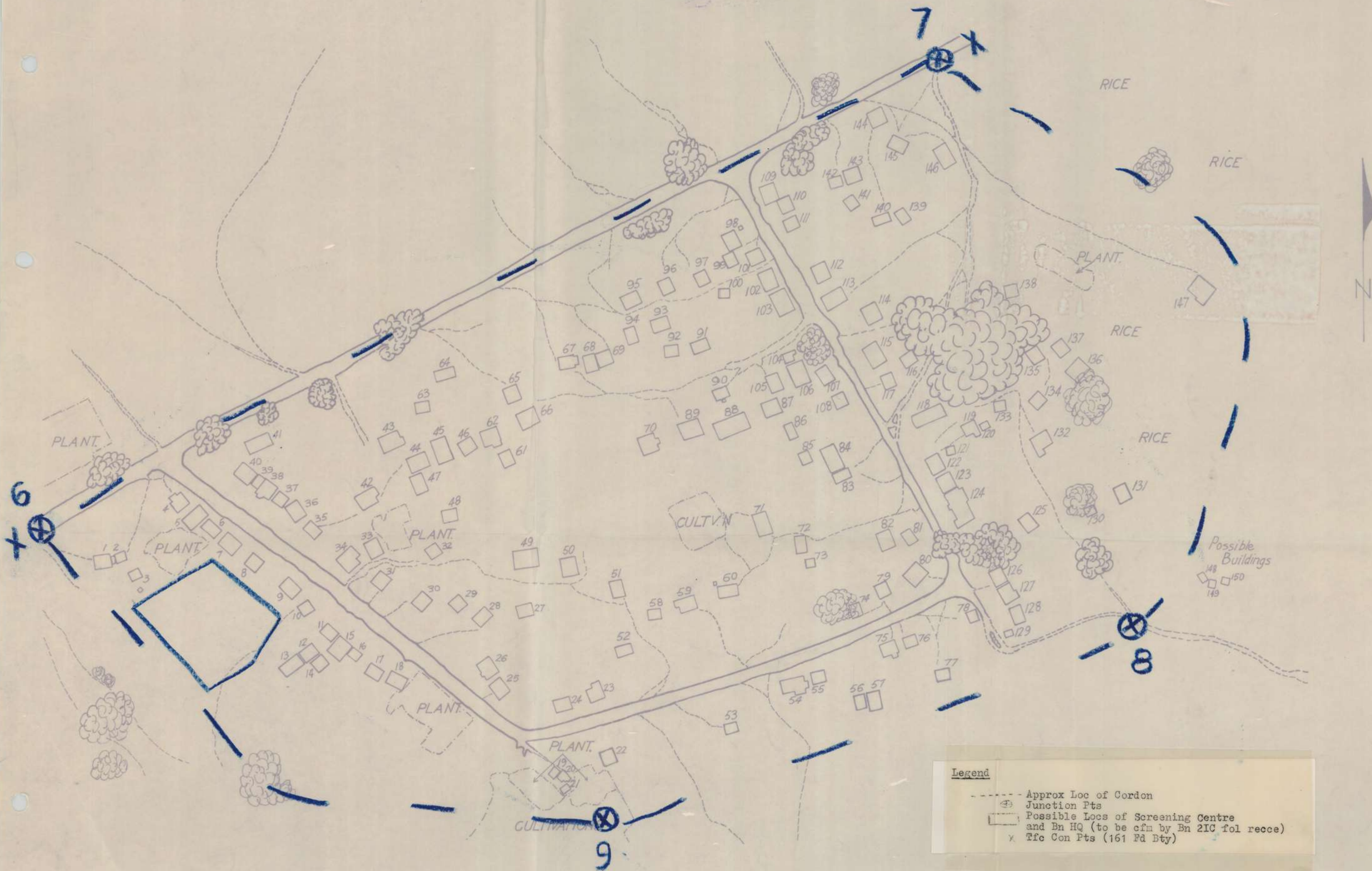
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NUI NHON VILLAGE

CORDON LOC, JUNCTION PTS, HAMLET LAYOUT AND INSTL LOCS.

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ANNEX C.
ENCLOSURE
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8 RAR
NUI DAT

260910...H(Jan 70)

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OPS 3

FRAGO 2

Ref: A. 8 RAR OPS 3 (OpO 1) dated 221300H (Jan 70)

Time zone used throughout this order: HOTEL.

1. Situation.

a. En Forces. Refer ref A.

b. Friendly Forces. Refer ref A.

c. Atts and Dets.

- | | | |
|-----|----------------------------------|---|
| (1) | Remaining in BS: | 161 Fd Bty (RNZA). |
| (2) | Remaining in sp: | HQ one tp 1 Fd Sqn. |
| (3) | In sp from 260700H: | Four splinter teams 1 Fd Sqn. |
| (4) | In sp for deployment only: | (a) Min eight APCs.
(b) Eight TCVs.
(c) Tpt Hcls. |
| (5) | In sp on rel from
OP MATILDA: | One tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt |

2. Mission.

To destroy en and en instls within AO SAMFORD.

3. Execution.

a. Gen Outline. Three phases:

(1) Phase 1.

(a) Two rifle coys to ambush in AOs BULL and COW

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(b) Admin Coy to ambush in AO BAU.

(2) Phase 2.

(a) Two coys to redeploy from AOs BULL and COW to ambush sectors 1 and 4 between lines A and B.

(b) Admin Coy to cont to ambush in AO BAU.

(c) Elms Sp Coy to deploy AO OX.

(d) Two rifle coys to commence recce from AO OX towards ambush posns in sectors 1 and 4.

(3) Phase 3.

(a) Admin Coy to cont to ambush in AO BAU.

(b) On orders, rifle coys to commence recce and ambush ops in sectors 2 and 3.

(c) Elms Sp Coy remain AO OX.

b. Grouping.

(1) In DS each rifle coy: FO Party.

(2) In sp each rifle coy from 261000H: One splinter team.

(3) In sp each B Coy and D Coy from 261000H: One interpreter

.... / (c) A Coy.

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c. A Coy:

(1) Tasks:

(a) Phase 1. Remain NUI DAT.

(b) Phase 2:

i. Move in accordance with Annex B.

ii. Recce within sector 4, south from AO OX.

(c) Phase 3. Be prep to move by hel to AO OX, to recce within sector 3.

d. B Coy:

(1) Tasks:

(a) Phase 1:

i. Move in accordance with Annex C.

ii. Ambush in AO BULL.

(b) Phase 2. Move on foot to sector 1 and ambush between lines A and B.

(c) Phase 3. Be prep to ambush between lines A and B in sector 2.

e. C Coy:

(1) Tasks:

(a) Phase 1. Remain NUI DAT.

(b) Phase 2:

i. Move in accordance with Annex B.

ii. Recce within sector 1, north from AO OX.

(c) Phase 3. Be prep to move by hel to recce within sector 2.

f. D Coy:

(1) Tasks:

(a) Phase 1:

i. Move in accordance with Annex C.

ii. Ambush in AO COW.

..../ (b) Phase 2

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(b) Phase 2. Move in accordance with Annex C and ambush between lines A and B in sector 4.

(c) Phase 3. Be prep to ambush between lines A and B in sector 3.

g. Mor Pl:

- (1) One sect deploy to AO OX in accordance with Annex B.
- (2) One MFC to remain with each A, B, C, and D Coys.
- (3) Pl (-) to remain NUI DAT.

h. Aslt Pnr Pl:

- (1) Move to AO OX in accordance with Annex B.
- (2) Secure, develop and con LZ.
- (3) Protect one sect mors AO OX.
- (4) Ambush within AO OX.

i. A Tk Pl. Remain on 30 mins notice to move as 1 ATF Hawk Flt.

j. 161 Fd Bty (RNZA). FO Parties in DS each A, B, C and D Coys.

k. Engr. Splinter teams in sp each A, B, C and D Coys.

l. Co-ord Instrs:

- (1) AO Bdrys, Sectors, LZ and Con Lines. Annex A.
- (2) Air Mov Details: Annex B.
- (3) Rd Mov Details: Annex C.
- (4) Bdry Clearances:
 - (a) Bdry clearance to 300 metres from west bdry of sectors 1 and 4 has been arranged.
 - (b) Bdry clearances within AOs BAU, BULL and COW have been granted.
 - (c) Bdry clearance to 200 metres from south bdry of sectors 3 and 4 OK been approved.
- (5) Liaison. IO loc with 1/16 (Mech) Inf Bn from 26 Jan 70.
- (6) Timings:
 - (a) Air and Veh Mov: Annexes B and C.
 - (b) Phase 1. Ni 26/27 Jan.
 - (c) Phase 2. From 27 Jan until date to be ordered.
 - (d) Phase 3. To be ordered.

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4. Administration and Logistics.
- a. Rat. Five days to be carried on initial deployment.
 - b. Other Matters. SOPs or Ref A.
5. Command and Signal.
- a. Bn HQ. 8 RAR HQ remains NUI DAT.
 - b. Retransmission Sta. Pers and stores to be loc YS 347645
fol mov in accordance with Annex B.

Ack Instrs: Ack.

(K.J O'NEILL)
Lt Col
CO

Authentication:

N.T.J. Williams

(N.T.J. WILLIAMS)
Maj
Ops Offr

- Annexes:
- A. AO SAMFORD; Bdrys, AOs, Sectors, LZ and Con Lines.
 - B. Hel Air Task Planning Table.
 - C. Rd Mov Planning Table.

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8 RAR OPS 3 (FRAGO 2)
DATED 25 JAN 70

Note: East bdry of AO BAU,
South of 65.7 Northing extends
for 150m into rubber.

Note: East bdry of AO BAU,
South of 65.7 Northing extends
for 150m into rubber.

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ANNEX B TO
PAR OPS 3
DATED 26 JAN 70

HEL AIR TASK PLANNING TABLE

Ser- ial	Tps to Move	PZ Loc	PZ Freq	PZ Call Sign	Date/Time of pick up	LZ Loc	LZ Freq	LZ Call Sign	Load		Anticipated Completion Time	Sort- ies	AC	Remarks
									Pax	Stores				
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)
1		KAPYONG	37.35	95A	270730	KAPYONG	37.35	95A	5	-	0930	1	1	C and C Ship
2	Aslt Pnr Pl (24) Mor Sect(4) Sig Pl (2)	KAPYONG	37.35	95A	270800	347645	37.35	95B	30	1000 Lbs	0805	5	5	4 x ac for Aslt Frr and Mor Pax. 1 x ac for 2 x Sig pax and Aslt Pnr Stores.
3	A Coy	KAPYONG	37.35	95A	270815	347645	37.35	95B	35	-	0820	5	5	
4	A Coy	KAPYONG	37.35	95A	270825	347645	37.35	95B	35	-	0830	5	5	
5	A and C Coy	KAPYONG	37/35	95A	270835	347645	37.35	95B	35	-	0840	5	5	
6	C Coy	KAPYONG	37.35	95A	270845	347645	37.35	95B	35	-	0850	5	5	
7	C Coy	KAPYONG	37.35	95A	270855	347645	37.35	95B	35	-	0900	5	5	
8	C Coy	KAPYONG	37.35	95A	270905	347645	37.35	95B	35	-	0910	5	5	
9	C Coy (5) Mor Sect (6)	KAPYONG	37.35	95A	270915	347645	37.35	95B	11	1016 Lbs	0925	3	3	Stores: 2 x mors complete and 60 x Mor Bombs HE.
10	Mor Bombs	PELICAN = HEIGHTS		=	To be Advised	347645	37.35	95B	-	5780 Lbs	-	1	1	Chinook with "Pigpen" slung load.

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ANNEX C TO
8 RAR OPS 3
DATED 26 JAN 70

RD MOV PLANNING TABLE

Serial	Sub- Unit	Vehs	Date/Time of reporting	Place of Reporting	Destination	Remarks
1	B Coy	7 TCV	1315	B Coy Lines	420670 (approx)	
2	D Coy	7 TCV	1345	D Coy Lines	407643 (approx)	
3	I Coy	APCs (To be advised)	0900 (approx)	AO COW Grid Square 3965 (approx)	Ambush Area. Grid Squares 3262, 3362 and 3462.	

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by

Lt Col K.J. O'NEILL, COMMANDING OFFICER

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5 Jan 70

Last Routine Order Part 1 issued in 1969 was VN57/69.

ANNEX H.
ENCLOSURE
ONE.

Routine Order No

Title

VN 1/70	DUTIES - BN DUTY CLERK.
VN 2/70	UNAUTHORISED USE OF ILLUMINATING AMMUNITION.
VN 3/70	OUT OF BOUNDS - ENDURANCE SWITCH BOARD.
VN 4/70	OUT OF BOUNDS - OR CANTEENS.
VN 5/70	PREVELANT OFFENCES 8 RAR.
VN 6/70	MAINTENANCE OF UNIT LAWN MOWERS.

NOTICES

1. CLOSURE OF DET AFCU GIFT SHOP.

1. DUTIES - BN DUTY CLERK

1. The following members will mount bn Duty Clerk on the dates shown. Time of mount is 0800 hours daily.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
Mon 12 Jan 70	Pte R. O'CONNOR
Tue 13 Jan 70	Lcpl B. LEE
Wed 14 Jan 70	Pte K. McDOUGALL
Thu 15 Jan 70	Cpl G. BALL
Fri 16 Jan 70	Pte J. TYLER
Sat 17 Jan 70	Pte G. AGNEW
Sun 18 Jan 70	Pte C. HARRIS

2. UNAUTHORISED USE OF ILLUMINATING AMMUNITION

1. The use of illuminating ammunition, eg. flares, Signal illuminators, smoke grenades - all colours etc, is restricted for operations only.
2. Unauthorised expenditure of this ammunition is to be investigated by companies.
3. Disciplinary action is to be taken against offenders as for accidental or unauthorised discharge of weapons.

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3. OUT OF BOUNDS - ENDURANCE SWITCH BOARD

1. Endurance Switchboard is out of bounds to all unauthorised personnel.
2. All complaints/enquiries are to be brought to the attention of the Sig Pl Sgt.
3. Disciplinary action is to be taken against offenders.

4. OUT OF BOUNDS - OR CANTEENS

1. Coy OR canteens are out of bounds to all senior NCOs without authority of a respective Company Officer.

5. PREVELANT OFFENCES 8 RAR

1. The following are declared prevelant offences in 8 RAR:
 - a. Accidental or unauthorised discharging of a weapon or flare illuminating.
 - b. Insubordination.
 - c. Disobeying a lawful command.
 - d. Striking a superior officer.
 - e. Loss of an ID card.
 - f. Absence without leave.
 - g. Consumption of alcoholic liquor in unit lines other than the **times** and places authorised for consumption as outlined in 8 RAR Routine Order No VN 40/69.
2. 8 RAR Routine Order No VN 53/69 is hereby cancelled.

6. MAINTENANCE OF UNIT LAWNMOWERS

1. Coys are to ensure that personnel operating unit lawnmowers are aware of the following points:

- a. Stripping and Cannibalisation

Operators are NOT to remove parts from lawnmowers, whether they consider these parts ineffectual or not. No parts are to be taken from one machine to repair another.

- b. Normal Servicing

Servicing is to be carried out before and after use. It includes:

- (1) Washing
- (2) Clean and re-oil air filter daily
- (3) Remove grass etc from mower blades
- (4) Check machine for loose screws, nuts, etc, and where necessary tighten them.

- c. Defects and Damage

Any and all defects or damage are to be reported immediately to Tpt, using a DVR (AAF G17).

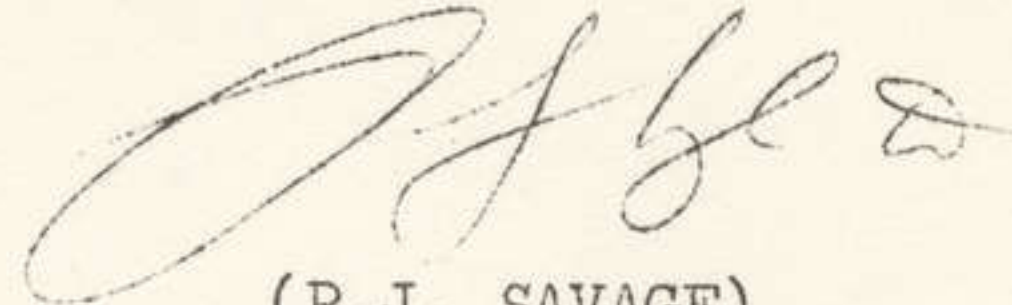
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d. Illegal Usage

Lawnmowers are designed to mow lawns.
They are not to be used as cultivators, ploughs, graders,
or for any other activity not connected with grass cutting.

2. If the **above** points are observed there should be no reason for these machines to spend long, unnecessary periods in workshops or awaiting repair by unit RAEME personnel.



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NOTICES

1. CLOSURE OF DET AFCU GIFT SHOP

1. The Det AFCU **GIFT** Shop will be closed for restocking from 8 - 10 Jan 70 inclusive.
2. The gift shop will re-open 11 - 13 Jan 70 for trading as under:
 - a. 0830 - 1200 hours - OR's only.
 - b. 1400 - 1630 hours - Officers and senior NCOs.
3. The gift shop is placed out of bounds for all companies who have a bulk allocation of stock.

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Numbers: 7 - 14.

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ANNEX H.
ENCLOSURE
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<u>Routine Order No</u>	<u>Title</u>
VN 7/70	DUTIES - BN DUTY CLERK.
VN 8/70	CONTROL OF AMMUNITION.
VN 9/70	RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT.
VN 10/70	QUALIFICATIONS - GROUP 9 MILITARY SKILLS.
VN 11/70	SAFETY PRECAUTIONS ON HELIPADS.
VN 12/70	SOLDIERS CLUBS - TIMINGS.
VN 13/70	MEDICAL - SYPHILIS.
VN 14/70	Q DEALINGS WITH OTHER UNITS.

7. DUTIES - BN DUTY CLERK

1. The following are to mount Bn Duty Clerk on dates shown.
Time of mount is 0800 hours daily.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Clerk</u>
Mon 19 Jan 70	Pte K.McDOUGALL
Tue 20 Jan 70	Pte R.O'CONNOR
Wed 21 Jan 70	Pte C.HARRIS
Thu 22 Jan 70	Cpl G.BALL
Fri 23 Jan 70	L cpl B.LEE
Sat 24 Jan 70	Pte G.AGNEW
Sun 25 Jan 70	Pte J.TYLER

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8. CONTROL OF AMMUNITION

1. No 8 RAR officer, NCO or soldier or officer, NCO or soldier of other units accommodated temporarily; or permanently in the 8 RAR area at NUI DAT, is to have in his possession or in his living accommodation any ammunition other than small arms ammunition when in NUI DAT, except in the following circumstances:

- a. When on base defence duties.
- b. Having been issued with the ammunition prior to a patrol or operation.
- c. Up to a maximum of four hours after return from a patrol or operation.
- d. When ordered by the company commander.

2. Issue of ammunition to members of patrols and sub-units going on operations is to be carried out as close to the commencement of the patrol or operation consistent with the necessity for the cleaning and checking.

3. Companies are to collect all ammunition other than small arms ammunition from members of patrols and sub-units returning from operations no later than four hours after the return of the sub-unit or patrol.

9. RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT

No soldier may use, as a thoroughfare, the lines of a company of which he is not a member.

10. QUALIFICATIONS FOR GROUP 9 MILITARY SKILLS

1. The following members have qualified in first aid requirement for Group 9 Military Skills:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>
61609	L cpl	J. ACKFRLEY
218229	Pte	I. G. ABBOTT
1202003	Pte	A. C. ASPINALL
14958	Pte	E. A. BEAN
2790232	Pte	B. J. BOWDEN
218526	Pte	B. J. MARTIN
4410811	Pte	C. W. POLLARD
44318	Pte	D. S. RODGERS

11. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS ON HELIPADS

1. Recently a helicopter suffered main rotor damage due to loose items on and around the helipad.

2. The attention of companies is drawn to the necessity to exercise utmost care and caution in keeping helipads free from loose articles.

3. A comparatively light item such as an empty sand bag could cause damage up to \$6,000.

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12. SOLDIERS CLUBS - TIMINGS

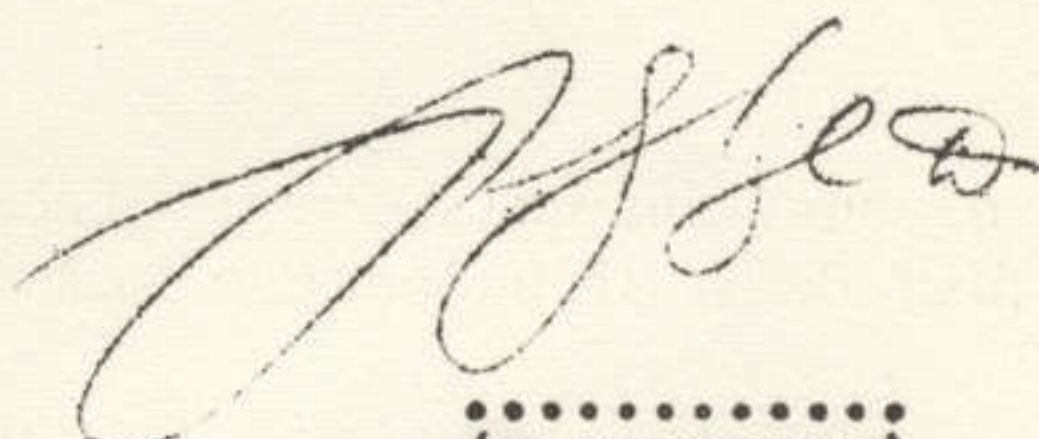
1. Soldiers clubs may open from 1200 hours to 1300 hours daily to serve soft drinks.
2. No alcoholic liquor is to be served during this period.

13. MEDICAL - SYPHILIS

1. Syphilis is a venereal disease of potentially serious effects. If it is undetected and untreated it may result in permanent and possible fatal damage to the heart and brain, and may be passed on to an unborn child, resulting in still birth, death in early life or mental subnormality and crippling.
2. Syphilis is occurring in steadily increasing numbers in this country, and more and more cases are being contacted in VUNG TAU.
3. Syphilis, like all other venereal diseases, may be avoided completely only by abstinence from sexual intercourse. Any other measures provide only partial protection, and are diminished by over indulgence in alcohol.
4. If there is a likelihood of any venereal disease having been contracted, medical attention should be sought without delay.

14. Q DEALINGS WITH OTHER UNITS

1. Instances have occurred where members of 8 RAR (other than QM staff) have made arrangements with other units for the repair, manufacture, issue or loan of stores. Although unintentional, this practice has caused misunderstandings with other units.
2. All requests for repair, manufacture, issue or loan of stores involving units outside 8 RAR will be made through the QM.



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by

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12 Jan/70

ANNEX H
ENCLOSURE
THREE.

Routine Order No

Title

VN 15/70

ORDERS FOR SOLDIERS CONFINED TO BARRACKS.

VN 16/70

ORDER FOR SOLDIERS SERVING A SENTENCE
OF FIELD PUNISHMENT.

15. ORDERS FOR SOLDIERS CONFINED TO BARRACKS.

Reference: AMR 263 (1) and (3)

1. Soldiers awarded confinement to barracks are to, except when on operations, TAOR patrols or on other duties considered by his company commander to make reporting impractical.

a. Report to the Company Orderly Officer or Orderly Sergeant at the following times daily:

- (1) 0700 hrs.
- (2) 1215 hrs.
- (3) 1630 hrs.
- (4) 1700 hrs.
- (5) 1800 hrs.
- (6) 1830 hrs.
- (7) 1930 hrs.
- (8) 2000 hrs.
- (9) 2100 hrs.
- (10) 2130 hrs.

b. Be drilled if medically fit to do so, in slow and quick time by the Company Orderly Sergeant from 1630 to 1650 hrs daily.

c. Be put on duties with a view to relieving soldiers, not under punishment, for recreation. Soldiers confined to barracks should be given such duties only after all soldiers serving a sentence of field punishment have been allocated such duties.

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2. Soldiers awarded confinement to barracks are not to:

- a. Leave their company area except as directed by the OC,
- b. Enter any soldiers' club or canteen,
- c. Consume alcoholic liquor, or
- d. Attend the showing of a recreational films.

3. Dress.

a. Dress for all parades except the 1630 hrs Drill Parade is dress of the day with personal weapon.

b. Dress for the 1630 hrs Drill Parade is as follows:

- (1) Shirt green.
- (2) Trousers green.
- (3) Hats utility.
- (4) Boots GP.
- (5) Basic webbing and pack containing:
 - (a) First line small arms ammunition,
 - (b) Sleeping gear,
 - (c) Shelters individual,
 - (d) Mosquito net,
 - (e) 3 days rations
 - (f) Toilet gear including:
 - (i) Shaving gear.
 - (ii) Teeth cleaning gear
 - (iii) Soap.
 - (g) Eating gear,
 - (h) One set of clean trousers and shirt,
 - (i) Clean socks, and
 - (j) 7 days supply of dapzone and paludrine.
- (6) Personal weapon.

4. Company CSMs are to maintain a "CB Record Book" layed out as shown in Annex A to these orders.

5. The RSM is to periodically inspect the "CB Record Book" on behalf of the Commanding Officer.

16. ORDERS FOR SOLDIERS SERVING A SENTENCE OF FIELD PUNISHMENT.

Reference: AMR 370A (1), (2) and (3).

1. Soldiers serving a sentence of field punishment are to, except when on operations, TAOR patrols or on other duties considered by his company commander to make reporting impractical,

- a. Report to the Company Orderly Officer or Company Orderly Sergeant at the the following times daily:

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- (1) 0700 hrs.
- (2) 1215 hrs.
- (3) 1630 hrs.
- (4) 1700 hrs.
- (5) 1800 hrs.
- (6) 1830 hrs.
- (7) 1930 hrs.
- (8) 2000 hrs.
- (9) 2130 hrs.

b. Be drilled, if medically fit to do so, in slow and quick time, by the Company Orderly Sergeant from 1630 hrs to 1650 hrs daily.

c. Be put on duties with a view to releasing soldiers for recreation who are not under punishment.

d. Carry out any maintenance or construction tasks as the OC directs.

2. Soldiers serving a sentence of field punishment are not to:

a. Leave their company area except as directed by the OC,

b. Enter any soldiers' club or canteen,

c. Consume alcoholic liquor,

d. Attend the showing of a recreational film, or

e. Attend social functions.

3. Dress.

Dress for all parades is:

a. Shirts JG.

b. Trousers JG.

c. Hats utility.

d. Basic webbing pack containing:

- (1) First line small arms ammunition,
- (2) Sleeping gear,
- (3) Shelters individual,
- (4) Mosquito net,
- (5) 3 days rations,
- (6) Toilet gear including:

- (a) Shaving gear
- (b) Teeth cleaning gear.
- (c) Soap.

- (7) Eating gear,
- (8) One set of clean trousers and shirt,
- (9) Clean socks,
- (10) 7 days supply of Dapzone and Paludrine,
- (11)

e. Personal weapon.

f. Helmet.

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4. Company CSMs are to maintain a "Field Punishment Record Book" layed out as shown in Annex A to these orders.
5. The RSM is to periodically inspect the "Field Punishment Record Book" on behalf of the Commanding Officer.

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Atatched: A. Annex A to VN 15/70 : - CB Record Book.
B. Annex A to VN 16/70 - Field Punishment Record Book

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1 NUMBERS 17 - 19

by

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8TH BATTALION THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

NUI DAT

16 Jan 70

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DIARY

Routine Order No

Title

VN 17/70

DUTIES - BN HQ DUTY CLERK

VN 18/70

ROUTINE - DAILY ROUTINE 8 RAR

VN 19/70

QUALIFICATIONS - GP 9 MILITARY SKILLS

NOTICES

1. CHURCH SERVICES 1 ATF.

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FOUR.

17. DUTIES - BN HQ DUTY CLERK

1. The following members are rostered for Bn Duty Clerk on the date shown. Time of mount is 0800 hours daily.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>
Fri 26 Jan 70	3794585	Pte	G. AGNEW
Sat 27 Jan 70	3175928	Pte	C. HARRIS
Sun 28 Jan 70	2791831	Pte	R. O'CONNOR
Mon 29 Jan 70	1735431	Pte	K. MCDUGALL
Tue 30 Jan 70	3795227	Pte	B. COONEY
Wed 31 Jan 70	3794753	Pte	T. LYNCH
Thu 1 Feb 70	2149007	Cpl	P. ZAAT

18. ROUTINE - DAILY ROUTINE 8 RAR

1. The daily routine for 8 RAR in NUI DAT is as follows:

0615 hrs Stand To

Between 0615 hrs and 0700 hrs Clearing Patrols Conducted. (Time out to be notified periodically at COs morning briefing)

0700 hrs Stand Down

0745 hrs RMO's Sick Parade

1230 hrs-1300 hrs Soldiers Clubs may open at the discession of the Company Commander. No alcoholic liquor is to be consumed during this period.

1630 hrs Soldiers Club Bar Trading commences.

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1730 hrs	Soldiers Club Bar Trading ceases.
1730 hrs	Evening Meal.
1830 hrs	Sleeves are to be rolled down.
Between 1830 hrs and 1915 hrs	Stand To (Timing to be notified periodically at COs morning briefing) Clearing Patrols Conducted (Time out to be notified periodically at COs morning briefing)
1930 hrs	Stand Down. Soldiers Club Bar Trading commences (when 8 RAR is located in NUI DAT)
2130 hrs	Soldiers Club Bar ceases.
2145 hrs	All soldiers are to be clear of Soldiers Club premises except those on duty there.
2200 hrs	All soldiers are to be in their tents except those on duty elsewhere. A complete bed check is to be conducted by the company Orderly Officer or Orderly Sergeant.

2. RO VN 1/69 is cancelled.

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QUALIFICATIONS - GP 9 MILITARY SKILLS

1. The following members qualified on the 30 October 1969 in First Aid for Group 9 Military Skills:

1734504	Pte	B.W. NEAL
2791872	Pte	J.W. SHEPHERD
5716374	Pte	P.A. SWEET
4719246	Lcpl	P.L. CRUMP
1411013	Cpl	O.D. WOOD
44829	Lcpl	R.M. WESTON
1734338	Pte	S.F. SEARLES
3794882	Pte	I.G. ANDERSON
4719965	Lcpl	B.A. MORGAN
1734342	Pte	G.T. SIMMONDS
61838	Pte	C.E. PEARCEY
219105	Pte	G.W. WEBSTER
1734350	Pte	D.A. STAFFORD
62024	Pte	D.D. EVANS
1734096	Lcpl	G.R. CRAIG
5715956	Pte	S.J. STARKEY

2. The following members qualified on the 7 December 1969 in First Aid for Group 9 Military Skills:

3795146	Lcpl	H.D. BLANDTHORN
2789945	Lcpl	B.K. COE
4719904	Lcpl	P.T. DEGARIS
2790072	Lcpl	B.J. STEPHENS
39610	Pte	S.P. FORD
2166899	Pte	L.J. THOMPSON
1202010	Lcpl	R.L. ADAMS

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NOTICES

1. CHURCH SERVICES 1 ATF

a. The following are the timings for Church Services at 1 ATF.

	<u>TF</u>	<u>5 RAR</u>	<u>6 RAR</u>	<u>8 RAR</u>
CE.	0815 hrs 1930 hrs	0730 hrs	0900 hrs	0945 hrs
RC.	1630 hrs	0945 hrs	0815 hrs	0730 hrs
PD	1030 hrs 1930 hrs	0900 hrs	0945 hrs	0815 hrs

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8TH BATTALION THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

NUI DAT

19 Jan 70

Routine Order No

Title

VN 20/70

MOVEMENT OUTSIDE NUI DAT BASE

VN 21/70

DRESS IN AUSTRALIA

NOTICES

1. FOUND WALLET

20. MOVEMENT OUTSIDE NUI DAT BASE

1. All persons leaving NUI DAT are to inform the 8 RAR CP of their destination, route, time of departure and estimated time of return to NUI DAT.

2. Individuals or small groups leaving NUI DAT by vehicle other than with Task Force Convoy, and other than on operations, are to contact the Transport Office giving as much notice as practicable. The Transport Office is to co-ordinate all such vehicle movement to minimize the number of vehicles leaving NUI DAT.

21. DRESS IN AUSTRALIA

Reference: AFV Routine Order Number 214/69.

1. Summer dress in E Comd and for movement interstate in Australia, includes wearing of ties and shirt sleeves rolled down.

2. All members of 8 RAR returning to Australia, by air, for any reason, are to wear summer dress as detailed in paragraph one above, at the time of deplaning and during subsequent movement in Australia whilst in uniform.

G.F. Walker
(G.F. WALKER)

Capt

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NOTICES

1. FOUND WALLET

1. A wallet, containing a sum of money, has been found outside Bn HQ.
2. Owner may claim same, upon identification, from Chief Clerk at Bn HQ.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

Numbers: 24 - 28.

by

Lt Col K.J. O'NEILL COMMANDING OFFICER

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27 Jan 70

<u>Routine Order No</u>	<u>Title</u>
VN 24/70	DUTIES - BN DUTY CLERK.
VN 25/70	AWARD - VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL.
VN 26/70	RECEIPT BOOKS FOR USE BY REGIMENTAL AND MESS ACCOUNTS.
VN 27/70	TELEGRAMS TO AREAS OTHER THAN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.
VN 28/70	REDUCTION IN RANK.

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24. DUTIES - BN DUTY CLERK.

1. The following members will mount duty as shown. Time of mounting is 0800 hours daily.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Clerk</u>
Sat 31 Jan 70	Lcpl R. ASLAN
Sun 1 Feb 70	Cpl P. ZAAT
Mon 2 Feb 70	Pte G. AGNEW
Tue 3 Feb 70	Pte C. HARRIS
Wed 4 Feb 70	Pte R. O'CONNOR
Thu 5 Feb 70	Pte K. McDOUGALL
Fri 6 Feb 70	Pte B. COONEY

25. AWARD - VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

1. The undermentioned officer is, subject to verification by CARO, awarded the Vietnam Campaign Medal:

a. 252772 Capt K.A. ANDERSON - 24 Jan 70.

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26. RECEIPT BOOKS FOR USE BY REGIMENTAL AND MESS ACCOUNTS.

References: A. MBI 5 - 3 paragraph 3a.
B. AFV (Army Component) Routine Order 9/70.

1. A number of units have had Army Audit observations raised on the matter of issuing roneoed proforma type receipts rather than receipts from a printed, serially numbered, receipt book.
2. Australian Canteen Gift Shops in the theatre have sufficient quantities of printed receipt books for retail at 20 cents each.
3. The issue of a receipt, other than that type authorised by the reference is prohibited.

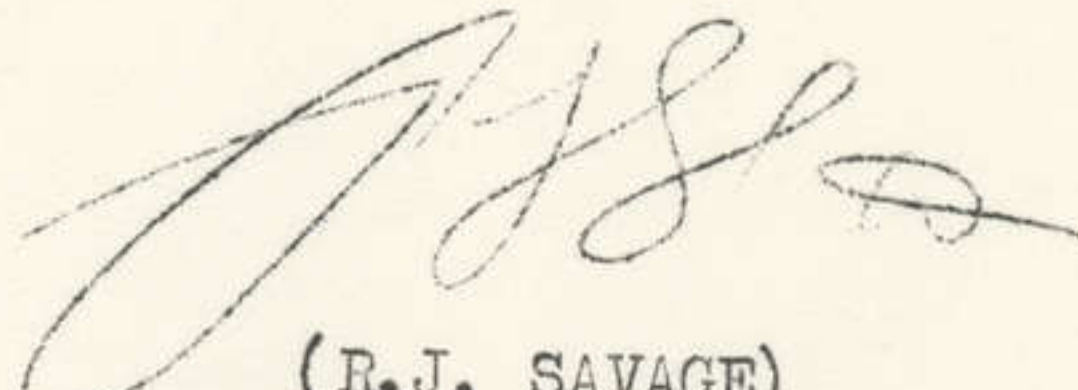
27. TELEGRAMS TO AREAS OTHER THAN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

References: A. AFV (Army Component) SOPs Part 3 Paragraph 1280.
B. HQ 1 ATF Message Q0143 dated 24 Jan 70.

1. An incident has occurred where a personal telegram was sent to MALAYSIA through the AFV Signal System.
2. The AFV Signal System is only to be used for telegrams sent to Australia and New Zealand and then only if the EFM code is used.
3. Telegrams for all other areas are to be forwarded through the South Vietnamese Postal System.
4. Members may arrange to use this system through AFPO 4.

28. REDUCTION IN RANK.

1. 213771 Cpl (T/Sgt) G.D. JONES (Group 9 Military Skills) is reduced to his substantive rank of corporal (Group 9 Military Skills) with effect 30 Jan 70.
2. The above reduction is a result of a summary award given by CO 8 RAR on 20 Jan 70 and concurred with by Comd 1 ATF on 29 Jan 70.


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8 RAR
NUI DAT

21 Jan 70

Distribution: See Below.

8 RAR CIVIC ACTION PROJECT
LONG DIEN

General

1. The battalion has been assigned a civic action task at Long Dien village involving the construction of a Sports Centre at the Long Dien Sports Stadium.

2. The construction of the building is to begin on 24 Jan 70. The date of completion is unknown. The following members of the battalion will comprise the construction team.

a. Carpenters.	1200671	Pte	L.G.	LUPULJEV	Sp Coy (Team Leader)
	2792219	Pte	S.K.	POOLE	A Coy
b. Plumber.	1735301	Pte	W.	LEE	B Coy
c. Concrete Workers.	57166513	Pte	R.	EVERHARDUS	D Coy
	218455	Pte	B.J.	DOLGAN	Sp Coy
d. General Labourer.	1202136	Pte	W.	BATZE	A Coy

3. C Coy is to provide two additional general labourers if required as the construction progresses.

4. Materials for construction are provided by 1 AUST CA Unit and are available for transportation to the work site as required by the team leader.

5. Technical advice will be provided by WO Bennett 198 Wks Section 1 ATF who will visit the site daily for consultation with the team leader.

Daily Routine

6. The construction team will move to the site daily by Landrover and return to Nui Dat by night. Each coy is required to provide its team members with a midday meal from coy resources.

7. The time table will be:

- 0745 hours team members picked up at coy lines under arrangements of the team leader.
- 0800 hours, arrive Long Dien, start work.
- 1700 hours, depart Long Dien for Nui Dat.
- 1715 hours arrive Nui Dat.

8. Normal anti-malarial precautions will be taken under coy administrative arrangements, by all team members.

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Dress and Equipment.

9. Team members will carry basic webbing and personal weapons to the work site daily.

Security on Site.

10. The team leader is responsible for security of tools and stores on site. Safe storage of tools and equipment overnight can be arranged through the 1 ATF LO at Long Dien, Capt R.C. Haines, in the District Headquarters, Long Dien.

Communications.

11. Communications during working hours from the construction team to 8 RAR are to be directed through Capt Haines at District Headquarters.

Briefing.

12. All team members are to be briefed in Bn 2IC office at 1600 hours 22 Jan 70.

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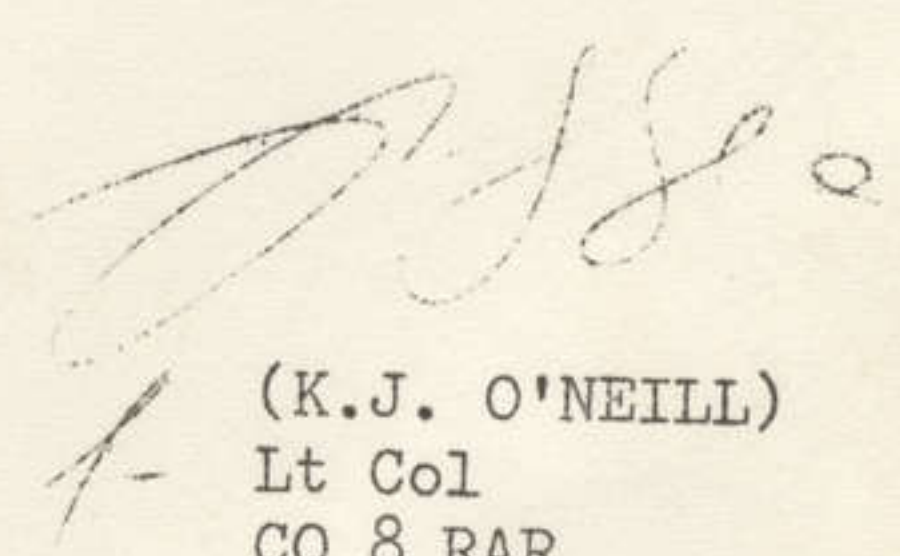
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PROTECTION OF EARS AND HEARING
FROM NOISE AND BLAST

Reference: A. Manual of Army Safety Section 39.

1. Instances of damage to hearing by blast are increasing. A proportion of these are attributable to non battle causes such as rifle range practices or test firing in test firing pits.
2. The use of ear protection in the form of either cotton or wax impregnated ear plugs is required by the reference during range practices and on other occasions. The use of ear muffs (Aural Protectors) is prescribed for personnel in a constant environment of loud noise.
3. All coys are to ensure that:
 - a. The general requirements of the reference are adhered to.
 - b. Range safety officers provide ear protection for personnel involved in range practices.
 - c. Any person firing weapons in test fire pits are equipped with ear muffs.
4. Wax impregnated wad protectors are available from Bn Q store supplies in packets of 100 plugs.
5. Coys requiring Aural Protectors (Ear Muffs) are to submit a request to the QM.
6. A copy of the reference is attached.


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SECTION 39 - PROTECTION OF THE EARS AND HEARING
FROM NOISE AND BLAST

General

906. Noise and blast from modern weapons and equipment can cause damage to unprotected ears and hearing. This can occur as a result of a single shock (for example, the discharge of a gun) or through continual exposure to various lesser noises (including small arms and engine noises).

Precautions.

907. The following forms of protection are authorized:

- a. Clean, dry, fibreglass plugs (obtainable through medical channels);
- b. Wax-impregnated, cottonwool plugs (obtainable through medical channels); and
- c. Aural protectors sound, which are a form of ear muff recommended by the Commonwealth Acoustic Laboratory (obtainable through Ordnance channels as 4240-66-018-4185 Aural Protectors, sound, acoustic ear muff).

908. The wool plugs should be large enough to block the entrance to the ear and small enough to lie comfortably in position. If the piece of wool is too small there is danger of its being forced into the ear. The plug should be fitted firmly enough to remain in position until removed by the wearer. A little practice will ensure correct fitting.

909. Rubber ear plugs are not to be used..They are easily lost or soiled and are unsuitable for use in hot climates.

910. The ears and hearing of the following are to be protected by fibreglass plug or wax-impregnated cottonwool:

- a. Artillery gun detachments, when firing;
- b. Gun detachments of anti-tank weapons, when firing;
- c. Recoilless and guided weapon and mortar crews, when firing;
- d. Tank crews, when firing and if not wearing ear phones;
- e. Members travelling in RAAF C 130 (Hercules) transport aircraft;
- f. A person present when blank or live firing is taking place in armoured, artillery or mortar practices;
- g. A person at the firing point when small arms or grenade practices are being carried out; and
- h. Members conducting demolitions.

911. The range safety officer, draft conducting officer or OC demolition team, as appropriate, is responsible for the provision of ear plugs and for ensuring that they are worn by the members involved.

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912. Members exposed to noise and blast for long periods are to wear aural protectors, sound. Members so exposed include:

- a. Instructors conducting armoured or artillery gunnery practices and directing grenade range practices;
- b. Personnel carrying out proof and trial firings at proof and experimental establishments;
- c. Craftsmen operating automatic drills and riveters;
- d. Personnel in workshops, or in the engine rooms of small ships where noisy engines operate continually; and
- e. Armourers "zeroing" weapons.

913. Reserved.

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SAFETY INSTRUCTION 1/70
SAFETY PRECAUTIONS WHEN EMPLOYING EXPLOSIVE AMMUNITION

Reference: A. 1 ATF Range Orders dated 17 Aug 69.
B. Manual of Army Safety.
C. Infantry Trg Vol 3 Pam 33.

Introduction.

1. The frequency of accidental injury resulting from the use of explosive ammunition during range practices and test firing of weapons in the field indicates that the requirements of the references are not understood or are being ignored.
2. References B and C, combined with specific pamphlets or Corp Instructions, are the authorities upon which safety precautions in peace and war are based. Reference A in no way alters any of the requirements of references B and C but simply applies those references to the specific ranges available in 1 ATF.
3. When in contact with the enemy considerable risks must be accepted. Unit drills are partly designed to reduce the risk of wounding by own weapons. When not in contact with the enemy, whether in the field or on a prescribed range, such risks are not acceptable. When practising on a range or test firing weapons in the field, safety precautions required by the references MUST be adhered to. It is the responsibility of every member in charge of such activities to understand and apply laid down safety precautions.

Pim.

4. This instruction summarises the primary requirements of references B and C which are to be adhered to by all 8 RAR members responsible for supervising or organising the use of explosive ammunition when not in contact with the enemy.
5. Weapons covered are:
 - a. Hand grenade.
 - b. Rifle grenade.
 - c. M72.
 - d. M79.
 - e. Claymore Mine.

Danger Areas.

6. All explosive ammunition has a danger area far in excess of the expected lethal radius. On 1 ATF ranges this danger area has been taken into account in the template for the range. General precautions on all 1 ATF ranges for all types of explosive ammunition are:

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a. Only the firer and the instructor may be within the danger area unless contained in a shrapnel proof bunker or behind cover and wearing steel helmet and flak jacket. Personnel not able to be situated in a bunker or behind cover are to wait outside the laid down danger radius from the firing point. For this reason firing points for explosive weapons are laid down in Reference A to be located a distance equal to or more than the danger radius from the SA firing mound. Such weapons, therefore, are not to be fired from the SA firing mound.

b. The firer and supervising instructor are NOT to watch the explosion of such ammunition. They are to take cover behind the wall or in the pit provided for each range after observing the flight of the projectile or before initiating the detonation of a claymore mine. Other personnel may observe the explosion only if they are situated outside the danger area.

c. On 1 ATF ranges firer and instructor are to wear steel helmets and flak jackets.

7. In the field during test firings the danger areas remain the same though facilities for protection may not. Many personnel are likely to be in the danger area measured from the firing point. Minimum general precautions to be taken in such circumstances are:

a. Personnel in the danger area other than the firer and the supervisor are to be warned that a test firing of an explosive weapon is about to occur and that they are to take cover.

b. Personnel in the danger area are to be in weapon pits or behind substantial cover such as logs, bunds, armoured vehicles, etc. and are not to watch the explosion.

c. The firer and the supervisor are not to observe the explosion if the projectile is aimed at or appears to be about to fall at less than the equivalent danger radius.

8. Danger radius of the subject weapons are:

a. Hand grenade - 300 metres (not required to be test thrown in field)

b. Rifle grenade - 300 metres

c. M79 - 80 metres

d. M72 - 200 metres including 40 metres in rear of the launcher being the back blast danger zone.

e. Claymore mine - 100 metres in rear of the mine.

9. The danger radii is measured from the firing point as this is the first point from which a malfunction or accidental initiation of the ammunition may occur. The location of other friendly troops must of course be taken into account when selecting targets and normal clearances obtained.

.../ Specific Pre

Specific Precautions.

10. In addition to general precautions, specific precautions to be taken for each weapon whether on a practice range or in the field are:

a. Hand grenades

- (1) Not to be thrown from other than prescribed ranges to be detailed in separate 8 RAR instructions.
- (2) Safety procedures for the throwing of hand grenades have been laid down in 1 ATF GS Instruction 21/69.

b. Rifle Grenades.

- (1) To be fired from prescribed grenade ranges except that they may be fired from M79/M72 firing points provided that the firing point is equipped with a substantial protecting wall or pit. The firing point must however be a minimum of 300 metres from access roads, spectator points etc, unless all such approaches are secured and kept clear by sentries. Use of such a range and the precautions to be taken are to be cleared with 1 ATF Safety Officer (DAQMG HQ 1 ATF).
- (2) Not to be aimed at targets at less than 100 metres from the firing point.
- (3) Should a grenade become armed during preparation to be fired it must be fired immediately.

c. M72.

- (1) To be fired from behind walled cover at targets not less than 100 metres from the firing point.
- (2) The firing point to be no less than 200 metres from the SA mound on 1 ATF ranges.
- (3) The firing point to be clear of weapon pits or obstructions within 40 metres behind the firing point and within the area of fire.

d. M79.

- (1) To be fired from walled cover or from a pit on 1 ATF ranges or from behind substantial cover in the field.
- (2) Not to be fired at targets at less than 80 metres range
- (3) Firer and instructor to take cover immediately the round appears to be dropping short of 80 metres.

e. Claymore Mine.

- (1) Firer and instructor/supervisor are to be behind substantial cover or in a weapon pit.

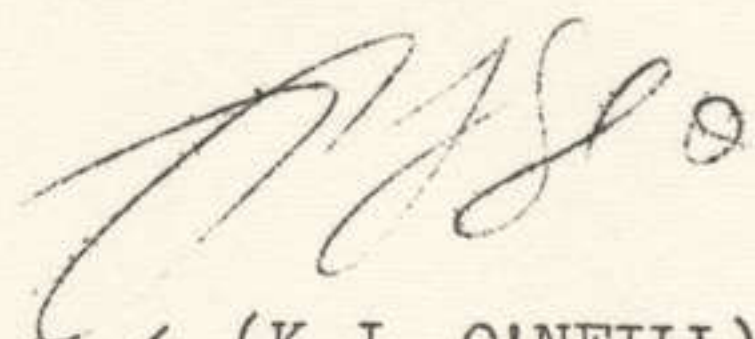
- (2) Firing point not to be within 16 metres of the mine location in any direction.
- (3) On 1 ATF ranges do not set up mines in areas heavily affected by shrapnel or other debris from other firings or range practices. If necessary the area should be cleared before carrying out practices.

Special Practices.

11. During reinforcement training or unit retraining programmes more realistic training may be required to prepare personnel for battle. In each such case a submission is to be made to HQ 1 ATF if relaxation or moderation of some of the laid down safety precautions is necessary to provide greater realism.

Conclusion.

12. Safety is a matter of commonsense. A blase attitude to the use of ammunition of any kind will almost invariably lead to totally unnecessary casualties. All officers, WOs and NCOs made responsible for organizing or supervising weapon practices of any kind must be aware of the safety requirements of all ammunition under their control and be held responsible for the safety precautions adopted during any practice firing.


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8 RAR - R AND R LEAVE INSTRUCTIONS

- Reference: A. HQ 1 ATF Admin Instr No 9 dated 26 Jan 69.
B. AFV SOP's (Annex B to Sec 3, ch 2).

Introduction

1. All members of 8 RAR are entitled to a five day period of R and R leave out of country, if they are serving a normal twelve month tour. R and R is not to be taken during the first three months nor the last month of the tour. Members with less than 6 months service in SVN are not entitled to R and R.

Aim

2. The aim of this instruction is to clearly define R and R policies within 8 RAR.

R and R Centres

3. R and R may be taken in one of the following centres:-

- a. Australia.
- b. Hong Kong.
- c. Bangkok.
- d. Taipei.
- e. Manila.

Vacancies

4. a. Vacancies are bid for to 1 ATF by 8 RAR based on the requirements of coys for each month.
- b. 1 ATF then allocates vacancies to 8 RAR.
- c. 8 RAR then distributes this allocation to the coys.
- d. After seats have been allocated to the coys Bn HQ will then call for a return showing the names and regimental details of members for each R and R centre on proformas as at Annex "D".

...../Nominations

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Nominations to fill vacancies

5. Each coy is to organise the requests so that:
 - a. An approximately equal no of soldiers apply to go on R and R each month.
 - b. All soldiers, who are eligible, are to go on R and R.
 - c. The coy is capable of going on operations at all times and to this end:
 - (1) No Coy Comd is to be absent at the same time as the Coy 2IC.
 - (2) No Pl Comd is to be absent at the same time as the Pl Sgt.
 - (3) The number of NCOs absent at any one time is to be carefully controlled.
 - (4) The number of specialists absent at any one time is to be limited.
6. Although there is no priority system, as such, Officers, WO's and Senior NCO's will normally be allocated vacancies after OR's.
7. Bn HQ's is to be advised if a vacancy cannot be filled so that it can be re-allocated.
8. Coys failing to fill a vacancy will not necessarily be granted additional vacancies at a later date.
9. Coys may bid for additional vacancies to centres other than Australia, but there is no guarantee of extra vacancies being available
10. Each coy is to nominate a soldier each month as a stand-by vacancy for Australia. If such a vacancy becomes available, it will usually be at short notice.

Documentation

11. Members proceeding on R and R are **required** to have the following documentation in their possession:
 - a. AAF A129 (Identity card).
 - b. F WF 5 (Pay book).
 - c. Current IHC.
 - d. FFI certificate (Australia only). See Annex B.

.... / e. R and R

- e. R and R check list. See Annex A.
- f. Leave pass AAF A196. (Australia only).
- g. Passport and visa (for Taipei only). See para 36.

12. During processing at **TAN SON NHUT** each member will be issued with the following:

- a. Customs Declaration.
- b. Emergency Data Sheet.
- c. Permissive Travel Orders.
- d. Boarding Pass.

Medical

- 13.
- a. Members on R and R to Australia By fourteen days before due date of departure, the member's RAP is to check that inoculation state (Smallpox, Cholera and plague) is correct for entry into Australia, and that IHC is correctly completed and signed.
 - b. Seven days before date of departure, or as soon as possible after this date, if operational requirements prevent earlier reporting, the member is to report to his RAP. RMO is to:
 - (1) Carry out medical and/or other essential examination.
 - (2) Advise the member of any diseases he may develop or contact while on R and R and what precautions and actions he should take.
 - (3) Advise the member of the necessity to continue the Malaria Prophylaxis (Palidrine and Dapzone).
 - (4) Attached to IHC a certificate (See Annex B) that the member is medically fit to proceed to Australia within seven days.
 - c. A member is to collect his IHC prior to march out and carry it while travelling. His medical records are to be retained by the RAP.
 - d. If a member is injured or falls sick while on R and R in Australia he is to report to his AMO and advise the Personnel Depot of the command where he is taking his R and R. Details of AMO's can be obtained from the Personnel Depots prior to departure to home destinations.

...../Members who

e. Members who fall sick or who are injured while on R and R at other centres are to report to the R and R centre in the city of disembarkation.

Pay

14. It is MACV policy that members are not to be paid in a currency other than MPC except on the day of departure ex Saigon for R and R. In order to implement this policy the following procedure is to be followed:

a. Members proceeding to Australia.

Two days prior to departure members are to report to Det AFV Cash Office Nui Dat with their paybook, a completed WF 226 (Adapted) and any MPC holdings. MPC may be converted to Australian currency up to a maximum of \$(Aust)10. Any remaining MPC held is to be deposited to the members paybook. If a member is not holding any MPC he may draw up to \$(Aust)10 from his paybook to cover incidental expenses en route.

b. Members Proceeding to other centres.

(1) Members who are to depart from Tan Son Nhut on the morning they depart from Nui Dat are to draw pay from Det AFV Cash Office Nui Dat. Their pay is made in US Dollars. The members pay book and completed WF 226 (Adapted) is to reach the Cash Office by 1600 hrs on the day prior to his departure.

(2) In other cases members are to carry their paybook and WF 226 (Adapted) and draw pay at Tan Son Nhut.

15. All personnel proceeding on R and R (Except to Australia) are to be in possession of a minimum of \$US200.00.

16. On return from R and R all members are to have their money exchanged for MPC at Tan Son Nhut. Coins will not be accepted for exchange.

17. Personnel proceeding to Australia on R and R are to draw pay on arrival at Mascot Airport.

Dress

18. All members are to wear summer dress (Polyesters) with hat KFF or cap as applicable, and shoes when travelling outside Vietnam. Dress on arrival in Australia, during transit to leave destination and return is summer dress, sleeves rolled up, no tie. If members wear uniform at any other time during leave they are required to conform with the dress regulations of the command in which the leave is taken.

...../19. Prior to

19. Prior to departure, coys are to inspect the clothing the members will be wearing from Tan Son Nhut to their leave destinations.

20. Members will wear Polyesters when travelling from Nui Dat to Tan Son Nhut. Facilities are available at Tan Son Nhut for members proceeding on R and R to shower and clean up prior to departing on leave.

21. On arrival at R and R centres, other than Australia, members are required to change into civilian clothing.

22. Coys are to ensure that, in addition to complying with paragraphs 18 - 21, all members are to have their hair cut in accordance with military instruction prior to reporting to Bn HQ for onward movement on R and R.

Movement.

23. Movement to Saigon is to be arranged by Bn HQ. Final details will be advised to coys.

24. Movement is normally in accordance with the following:

- | | | |
|----|---------------|--|
| a. | For Australia | Report Pn HQ at 0645 hrs on day of R and R. |
| | Taipei | |
| | Hong Kong | Move to Saigon Wallaby 1. |
| b. | For Bangkok | Report to Bn HQ at 1415 hrs on the day prior |
| | Manila | to R and R. Move to Saigon on Wallaby 3. |

25. When reporting to Luscombe for onward movement all members are to produce R and R check list (Annex A) with the certificate "Facts on Venereal Disease" (Annex C), attached to the front of the check list.

26. Full details of return movement are given on the outbound journey.

Baggage Allowance.

27. The baggage allowance on R and R flights is:

- | | | |
|----|---------------|---------|
| a. | Australia | 66 lbs. |
| b. | Other Centres | 40 lbs. |

Customs (Pt 3 Ch 1 Sect 6)

28. In conformity with MACV directive personnel proceeding on R and R to Australia may take only sufficient smoking needs to cover the outbound journey. Any cigarettes in excess of this is impounded at Tan Son Nhut and any remaining on arrival in Australia is confiscated.

29. No items of military equipment or field clothing is to be taken on R and R leave. All baggage is subject to inspection prior to departure from Camp Alpha and any prohibited items will be confiscated.

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30. The only customs concession available to members proceeding on R and R is the free admission of:

- a. One 26 oz bottle of spirituous beverage.
- b. Up to \$100 in gifts. (Reduces your entitlement upon RTA).

31. Customs regulations prohibit the carrying of the following into Australia:

- a. Narcotics.
- b. Marihuana.
- c. Explosives.
- d. Ammunition.
- e. Fireworks.
- f. All types of weapons including spring blade knives, daggers, sword sticks and knuckle dusters.
- g. Essences of wine or essences of spirituous liquors.
- h. Blasphemous or indecent works or articles.

Quarantine

32. Members proceeding to Australia are to ensure that all personal effects, particularly foot wear are free from mud, soil particles and dried vegetable matter. No sweets of any description are permitted. The following items are specifically prohibited:

- a. Foodstuffs manufactured from animal products.
- b. Meat (Canned or otherwise).
- c. Cheese.
- d. Poultry.
- e. Eggs.
- f. Milk.
- g. Untanned hides or skins (whole or in pieces).
- h. Straw and similar packing materials (Paper, wood, wool and synthetic excluded).
- i. Rawhide drums.

.... /j. Feathers

- j. Feathers.
- k. Trophies of any part of animals or animal products.
- l. Animals or birds, dead or alive.

Postal Regulations

32. All members proceeding on R and R to Australia are to be advised that it is a breach of postal regulations to carry letters or packages for other personnel for postage in Australia.

ARL with R and R

33. Whilst serving a normal tour of duty in SVN a member may apply to take 5 days ARL with his R and R leave at an authorised R and R centre (excluding Australia and Bangkok) provided that he has:

- a. Not previously taken R and R leave.
- b. Brought his wife to the nominated centre.

34. Application for such leave is to be forwarded to Bn HQ and is to include:

- a. An application for leave AAF A88.
- b. A signed undertaking that no expense **will be incurred to the Commonwealth.**
- c. A statement certifying that the member is holding a return ticket or that he has lodged the cost of a return ticket with Det AFV Cash Office Nui Dat or a travel agent.
- d. An application for or a statement that the member holds a current passport and if applicable a visa.

...../35. Application

35. Application for ARL with R and R cannot be accepted until the allocation of R and R vacancies is made. This is necessary because the member must apply for the actual dates he requires in order to allow the necessary arrangements to be made for his return travel. As allocations for each quarter are sometimes not received until three weeks before the quarter commences, members should be advised not to consider ARL with R and R in the first three weeks of each quarter in order to avoid difficulty in confirming their leave dates with their wife.

Passports and Visas (Ch 2 Sec 2)

36. Members proceeding to Taipei on R and R are required to be in possession of a current passport and entry visa. Applications for these documents are available from Bn HQ and should be prepared and submitted to Bn HQ when the coy bids for allocation of seats. Passport photographs should be held in personal documents. The cost of an entry visa is 300 Piastre which is to be submitted along with the application.

Recording of R and R

37. When a member proceeds on R and R leave he is to be recorded in the Coy or Unit Roll Book as being on leave. The centre at which he takes his R and R leave is to be recorded in the remarks column of the roll book.

38. When a member is transferred from one coy or unit to another within the theatre, his MOB 3 is to be endorsed to show whether or not a booking has been made for him. Details of dates and the R and R Centre involved are to be shown. A member who has been allotted a vacancy **but not taken R and R before transfer**, is to travel on the vacancy allotted by his original unit.

Flight Timings

39. Flight timings for all centres except Australia vary from month to month.

40. Flight timings to Australia remain reasonably constant and normally abide by the following:

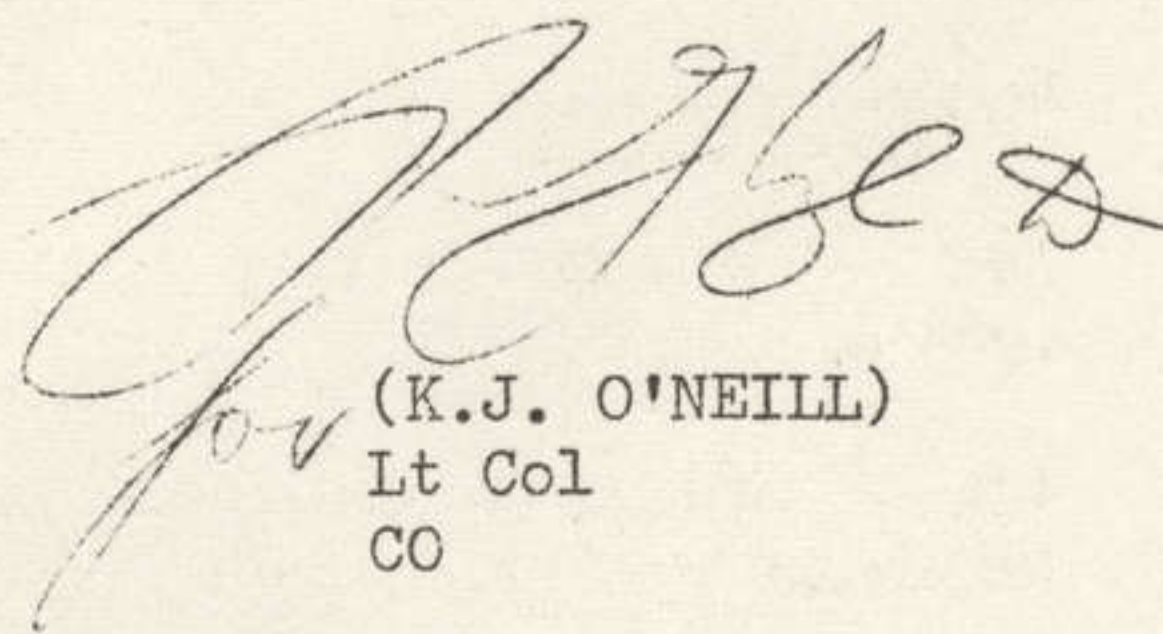
- a. Depart NUI DAT 0745 hrs.
- b. Depart TAN SON NHUT Flight A 1730 hrs. Flight B 1930 hrs same day.
- c. Arrive SYDNEY Flight A 0600 hrs, Flight B 0800 hrs, following day.

41. Coys are to ensure that members know which aircraft they are on to enable them to advise relatives of arrival time.

42. Personnel proceeding interstate may obtain their arrival time at the various airports from their Coy Clerks. These timings are based on the assumption that the member will be booked on the first available flight out of Mascot. Coys may obtain these timings from Bn HQ.

...../43. A general

43. General outline for members proceeding on R & R to Sydney:
- a. Day 1. Depart NUI DAT am, depart SAIGON pm.
 - b. Day 2. Arrive Sydney 0600 hrs, depart for leave destinations after briefing.
 - c. Day 3. Leave.
 - d. Day 4. Leave.
 - e. Day 5. Leave.
 - f. Day 6. Leave.
 - g. Day 7. Leave.
 - h. Day 8. Depart 0600 hrs to US R & R Centre (Chevron Hilton Hotel) to be briefed before departing for Saigon.
44. Those members proceeding on R & R to other states normally report to Movements in Sydney on day 7 and remain in Sydney overnight.
45. It is to be remembered that these timings are subject to change and members should advise their relatives accordingly.
46. Annex E is to be issued as a brief guide to members when preparing to go on R & R.


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- Annexes:
- A. R & R Check List.
 - B. Medical Examination Prior to Returning to Australia.
 - C. Facts on Venereal Disease.
 - D. Nominal Roll - R & R Centre.
 - E. R & R Brief Guide Sheet.

R AND R CHECK LIST

Reference: Annex F to 1 ATF Admin Instr No 9 dated 26 Jan 69.

..... (Number)	..... (Rank)	..... (Name)
Destination: Date of Departure:.....		
1.	IHC checked for validity and entry of dates, batch number, country of origin and type of vaccine.	..... RAP NCO
2.	Med check completed, FFI certificate attached to IHC (for Australia only)	,..... RAP NCO
3.	ID Card checked.	..... Chief Clerk
4.	Paybook with member.	..... UPR
5.	Leave Pass issued (Aust only).	..... Coy Clerk
6.	Paludrine and Dapzone tablets issued.	..... Coy Clerk
7.	Currency Exchange completed.	..... UPR
8.	If staying at CAMP ALPHA overnight Member is in possession of signed WF 226 (Adapted)	..... UPR
9.	Passport (Taipei only with R and R, but all centres if ARL, with R and R).	..... Movements NCO
10.	Visa (Taipei only)	..... Movements NCO

I certify all above action completed

Signature Lt
Asst Adjt 8 RAR

Date

I certify that all entries completed at time of emplanement.

Signature

Date

MEDICAL EXAMINATION PRIOR TO RETURNING
TO AUSTRALIA

I have medically examined:

.....
(Number) (Rank) (Name and Initials)

.....
(Unit)

and certify him free from infectious disease to return to Australia within
seven days from this date

.....
(Name (Rank)

Medical Officer

FACTS ON VENEREAL DISEASE

1. A number of soldiers in SVN get VD.
2. Half of them get it whilst on R and R outside SVN.
3. Prostitutes and enthusiastic amateurs always have VD.
4. Preventitive measures are available at the RAP.
5. VD is not easily cured. Go to your own Australian Medical officer for treatment, which is given IN CONFIDENCE.
6. Some cases take weeks to cure and patients under treatment cannot enter Australia. Having your RTA date deferred can be embarrassing to you and your family.

ANNEX D TO 8 RAR
R AND R INSTRUCTION
DATED 1 JAN 70

NOMINAL ROLL
(e.g. Australia)

Date	Army No	Rank	Surname	First Name	Middle Initial	Destination	Flight No

From

To Bn HQ 8 RAR

Month of

Note: Coy clerks are to ensure that each member receives a copy of this instruction at least 7 days prior to proceeding on R and R.

R AND R BRIEF GUIDE SHEET

..... of Coy is to
(Number) (Rank) (Name)
proceed on R and R to at hrs on the 70.

1. Check above details. If any discrepancies are revealed report to your Coy Clerk.
2. It is necessary that you commence your clearances at least 7 days prior to your departure date.
3. You are to report to your Coy Clerk where you will be fully briefed on R and R procedures.
4. On you are to report to the RAP at 1315 hrs with R and R check list for an IHC check (all R and R centres) and medical (Aust only).
5. On you are to report to the Pay Sergeant (Bn HQ) with paybook and R and R clearance and check list to arrange pay. Pay will be arranged as follows:

DEPARTURE TIME

TO BE PAID (EN ROUTE)

0645

1 ATF Cash Office

1445

TAN SON NHUT Cash Office

Your PAY BOOK and APPLICATION FOR PAY will be retained by the Pay Sergeant 8 RAR, and forwarded to the 1 ATF Cash Office if proceeding on R and R in the morning, or if departing in the afternoon, handed to you when leaving 8 RAR.

6. At 1345 hrs 2 days prior to departure, you are to report to the Movements Clerk at Bn HQ with ID Card, IHC, Med clearance (Aust only), leave Pass (Aust only) and R and R Check List for final clearance and confirmation of fly-out timings.

7. Ensure that your weapon is secured with CQMS before departure.

8. Dress:

Shirt Polyester
Shoes leather black
Badges of rank
(If applicable)
Ribbons
Cap Peak
(Officers/WOs only)

Trousers Polyester
Titles "AUSTRALIA"
Lanyard
Belt 1 3/4"
Hat Khaki Fur Felt with Pugaree
(ORs only)

9. A high standard of dress is required. Hair is to be cut to a reasonable length and Hat badge polished.

10. Once your destination is reached, civilian clothing is to be worn.

11. On your return from R and R, report immediately to your Coy Orderly Room to hand in your ID Card, IHC and Paybook.

Customs Restrictions - Australia.

12. The following customs restrictions apply to all R and R personnel proceeding to Australia. Importation of any of the following items is prohibited:

Narcotics	Gold or silver bullion.
Marihuana,	Articles produced in Communist China.
Explosives	More than 26 ozs of unopened liquor.
Ammunition	Cigarettes
Fireworks	
Firearms	
Vietnam currency in excess of 500 piastres	

Any enquiries re customs restrictions can be referred to the Movements Clerk at Bn HQ.

Baggage Allowance

14. The baggage allowance for R and R travel is:

Australia	66 lb.	Other Centres	40 lb.
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Special Remarks

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8 RAR - BEACH ANNEX STAND DOWN INSTRUCTION

Introduction

1. The beach annex to the Peter Badcoe Club at VUNG TAU gives soldiers of 1 ATF a temporary respite from operations and the 1 ATF base.
2. Normally members of 8 RAR will move down in company groups.

3. The annex provides accommodation, rest, messing, recreational and shopping facilities for soldiers on rest.

Aim

4. This instruction is to lay down the policy and administrative details effecting all groups visiting the club.
5. A separate instruction will be issued by Bn HQ detailing allocation, timings and movement details for each period.

Accommodation Available

6. The accommodation provided consists of:
 - a. One officers/WO/Sgts Block which includes showers, toilets, mess facilities and a shared kitchen to accommodate 8 officers and 12 WO/Sgts.
 - b. Two rank and file sleeping blocks to accommodate 134 OR in 4 main rooms.
 - c. One shower and toilet block for OR.
 - d. One kitchen and mess hall for OR.
 - e. A coy group will normally be allocated accommodation for 8 officers, 12 WO/Sgts and 128 OR.

Length of Stay

7. The normal period for each company will be two nights and one day.

Advance and Rear Parties

8. Before each visit a Movement Instruction will be produced detailing an advance party. This party will be separate to the company group standing down.

...../9. Composition

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9. Composition. The advance party will consist of one officer, one duty senior NCO and one RP.

10. The advance party should arrive during the morning of the occupation by 1030 hours, and report to the adjutant of the AFV Amenities Unit.

11. The duties of the advance party are listed in Annex A.

Timings

12. The arrival and departure of company groups at the beach annex should conform to the following timings:

a. Arrival: 1500 - 1600 hours.

b. Departure: 0830 - 0930 hours.

Command

13. Each group will normally be commanded by its coy cmd. However, the Commanding Officer may delegate the command to another officer not below the rank of captain.

14. Members of other units visiting the annex with an 8 RAR Coy group, will be subject to the same requirements, unless commanded by an officer of their own unit.

Discipline

15. The commander of the group is to ensure that a high standard of discipline is maintained at all times.

16. Personnel Excluded from Visit. All soldiers undergoing field punishment or confinement to barracks are to remain at NUI DAT on duty. Under no circumstances are they to visit VUNG TAU for recreation whilst on punishment.

17. In addition, soldiers committing offences at VUNG TAU, may be excluded from future visits for a period or indefinitely. Companies are to maintain a list of such soldiers and ensure that they are excluded.

Duty Personnel

18. Composition. Duty personnel will be nominated in the movement instruction. They will consist of:

a. Duty Officer - Same as advance party.

b. Duty Senior NCO - Same as advance party.

c. Duty RP - Same as advance party.

19. Tasks. The tasks of the duty personnel are listed in Annex A.

Leave

20. Company groups visiting the annex are on duty but may be granted leave at the discretion of the group commanders with the following limitations:

...../ a. Members

- a. Members are to be issued with a leave pass (AAF A96).
- b. Leave is concluded before the VUNG TAU evening curfew (2200).
- c. A bed check is conducted at the completion of the leave period.
- d. No more than 50% of the group is to be on leave at any one time.
- e. Civilian clothing is to be worn on leave.

21. It is suggested that leave passes and breakups of persons to go on leave be completed before leaving NUI DAT. Leave pass timings should read as either 1600 - 2200 hours or 0800 - 2200 hours.

22. Soldiers who are due to RTA within six weeks of a visit to the annex MAY NOT leave the 1 ALSG area.

Town Piquet

23. The duty sergeant and the RP are to mount a town piquet whenever local leave is authorized to assist the AFV Pro Det in the prevention of offences by 8 RAR members. It has authority only over members of the group staying at the annex.

Weapon Security

24. An armoury is provided at the Badcoe Club for the safe keeping of individual weapons and webbing. To save time taken to secure weapons at the armoury on arrival at the annex the following system is to apply:

- a. Prior to leaving NUI DAT, 3 copies of a nominal roll of the group will be prepared. Beside each persons name, the type of weapon and its registered number are to be recorded. Weapons should also be tagged. One copy of the nominal roll is to be left with the Asst Adjt prior to departure.
- b. On arrival at the annex, both copies of the nominal roll are to be presented. The armoury staff will check weapons as they are handed in and sign one copy of the nominal roll as a receipt and return it to the OC of the group.
- c. Before departure from the annex the OC will sign the other copy of the nominal roll certifying that all weapons have been received.

Transport

25. Transport for the move to and from VUNG TAU will be detailed in a separate movement instruction.

26. A landrover and trailer will be taken to VUNG TAU by the Duty Party and will be used at the direction of the duty officer. Coy vehicles may be taken for use by the OC.

Dress

27. For the move to and from VUNG TAU the dress will be patrol order and greens, boots and bush hat.

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28. Dress in the 1 ALSG and VUNG TAU area is specified in Annex B.

Medical

29. Venereal Disease. The incidence of VD in VUNG TAU is extremely high and some strains are difficult to cure. All soldiers are to be warned of this before proceeding on leave.

30. Malarial Precautions. All current malarial precautions are to be continued. This includes the conducting of Paludrine/Dapzone parades, maintaining of roll books and the wearing of long sleeves between 1830 hours and 0600 hours.

Pay

31. Pay is available through the Beach Annex Orderly Room.


Documentation

32. a. Mob 3s, listing all members staying at the beach annex are required to be handed into the Beach Annex Orderly Room.

b. Members are to carry ID Cards at all times.

General Information

33. For general information on the annex see Annex B. This is a copy of a visitors brief produced by the AFV Amenities Unit.


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(K.J.O'NEILL)
Lt Col
CO

Annexes: A. Duties of the Advance Party and Duty Staff.

B. General Information.

C. Allocation of Accommodation to Coy Groups.

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DUTIES OF THE ADVANCE PARTY AND DUTY STAFF

The Advance Party

1. The Advance party will normally move to Vung Tau by LR. It will usually be made up of the Duty Offr and NCO of the Duty Staff.
2. Duties The Advance Party is to:
 - a. Report to the Adjutant of AFV amenities unit and receive briefing on new policy.
 - b. Pay a courtesy call on the PM HQ 1ALSG.
 - c. Arrange for the stocking of the Offrs Mess and Sgts Mess bars.
 - d. Take over the barracks from the CQMS Amenities and verify any damage existing.
 - e. Liase with the Beach Master on sail and power boat requirements during Coy Group visits. Preferably by 1600 hrs the day prior to requirement.
 - f. At the conclusion of the visit hand back the Barracks noting the damage not caused by wear and tear. This will be subsequently charged against the sub unit members.

The Duty Staff

3. The Duty Staff, in addition to those duties above will be responsible for:
 - a. Duty Officer He is to:
 - (1) Be responsible to the Group Commander.
 - (2) Supervise the duties of the remaining staff.
 - (3) Be on call at all times. He is to report in uniform to the Adjt by 1700 hrs daily.
 - (4) Be in the Orderly Room at 2145 hrs to supervise control of returning troops.
 - (5) Clear the patio by 2215 hrs.
 - (6) Keep the troops informed of local requirements.
 - b. Duty Sergeant.
 - (1) To be on duty at all times. He is to report to the CSM in uniform at 1700 hrs daily.

..... (2) From 1700 hrs

- (2) From 1700 hrs until he is dismissed he is to perform his duties, except town picquet, from the orderly room.

c. RP

- (1) The RP is to assist the Duty Officer and Duty Sgt as requested.

- (2) He is to mount on town picquet with the Duty Sgt as directed by the Duty Officer. The aim is to prevent offences by 8 RAR soldiers. The RP has authority only over 8 RAR members.

4. Duty personnel are not to leave the unit area, or consume alcoholic liquor during their period of duty.

VISITORS BRIEF

1. Welcome to the Beach Annex and the Peter Badcoe Club for your rest period. The staff appreciate that you have earned your rest period and hope that you will relax and have a good time in whatever entertainment you yourself have planned.

2. The staff are here to help you. You will however be expected to adhere to any direction given by the staff. Any restrictions imposed are basically concerned with your safety on the beach or in the pool, or are restrictions on unruly conduct which disturbs the relaxation of other guests.

3. You are expected to behave as disciplined (AUSTRALIAN) soldiers. The discipline within these facilities is controlled by our own officers and NCOs. However, there are certain rules of conduct which you are expected to observe.

Firstly: If you come home at night under the influence, use the toilets for the purpose they are designed, ie., for the removal of body waste including vomit; otherwise you will find it a most unpleasant task cleaning the area the next morning.

Secondly: Exercise care not to destroy or damage wantonly the facilities. Vandalism will not be tolerated as this senseless action means that you yourself on your return here will not enjoy the full facilities we wish to provide; as replacement of items takes at least three months to obtain from Australia. Any damage will be charged against the Sub-Unit Barrack damages.

Thirdly: Remember that the Vietnamese women of the staff are here to serve meals, clean your quarters and serve beer: and nothing else.

Fourthly: Beer or Spirits are not to be taken into the ANNEX Room, spirits marked with the owners name may be left at the orderly room.

Points

4. You are required to remember and adhere to the following:

a. Leave. Leave terminates at 2200 hrs unless your Company Comd grants late leave at a military establishment. When he will be required to make arrangements for transportation back to this area. The granting of leave and policing of such is the responsibility of the Company Commander.

b. Transport. Our leave bus departs this area at 0820-0920-1020-1120 hrs then again in the afternoon at 1320-1420-1520 and 1620. Other leave transport leaves from the main gate at 1745 hrs onward until 2000 hrs. Transport for camp leaves the "FLAGS" Vung Tau from 2000 hrs till 2145 hrs.

c. Dress. (1) Uniform when worn is to comply with regulations for dress.
(2) Civilian clothing may consist of casual clothing when worn to:
(i) Vung Tau.
(ii) Messhalls.
(iii) Upstairs area of Peter Badcoe Club.

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- (3) It must include a shirt and correct footwear (not thongs).
(4) Personnel moving to and from the showers are to wear at least shorts or a towel.

Meals.

5. a. The meals served here are of excellent quality and are supplemented with fresh steak, sausages, etc flown in from Penang. You will find that you have the choice of several main courses. One of which you may choose.
b. As your choice is cooked to order, there will be a delay of approximately 10 minutes before you are served.
c. Members should come into the mess in small numbers.

Timings.

6. a. Meals. Breakfast 0730-0830 Lunch 1200-1300 hrs
Dinner OR's 1700-1800 hrs
Offrs/Sgts 1800-1845 hrs
Breakfast
(second day) 0730-0830 hrs
b. Lounge. Patio bars (beer/snack) open from 1000 to 1700 and 1830 till 2130 hrs. Soft drink may be purchased from 0900 to 2200 hrs.
c. Amenities Stores (Beach House) from 0800 till 1700 hrs for supply of surfboards, footballs etc.
d. Billiards, table tennis and reading rooms from 0900 to 2200 hrs.
e. Swimming Pool. 0600 - 0700 hrs
1000 - 2100 hrs
2100 - 2200 hrs (if Coy provides responsible life savers).
f. Boatshed. Open from 0800 to 1700 daily. Requests for boats to be made through the OC to Beachmaster.

Fire.

7. a. Alarm is given by shouting "Fire".
b. You will be required to assist in fire fighting under direction of Unit Orderly Officer.

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c. Personnel are not to:

(1) Smoke in bed.

(2) Fold curtains over bed side lights.

d. On alarm being sounded all men will assemble in area in front of buildings. NCOs are responsible to ensure all men have vacated rooms and are accounted for.

Visitors to Vung Tau.

8. a. Carry your ID Card separate to your wallet.
- b. Take the minimum amount of money into town.
- c. Secure your watches and cameras.
- d. Don't talk Army in front of bar girls or other Nationals. Talk may cost your mate his life.
- e. Don't leave your mate on his own if he is drunk. Get him back to Camp.
- f. Avoid trouble spots.
- g. Don't get into arguments with Vietnamese Nationals.
- h. Provosts in Vung Tau are there to help. Don't abuse them. If questioned don't become abusive.

Conservation of Water.

9. All water in this area is potable don't waste it. Turn off taps after use.

ALLOCATION OF ACCOMODATION TO COY GROUPS

General.

1. This annex shows the composition of each Coy Gp using the Beach Annex between 12 - 23 Jan 70, and is to be used as a planning guide for future visits.

Composition.

2. Badcoe Club Beach Annex.

a. Permanent duties to be appointed by Bn HQ.

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|-----|---------------|-------------------|
| (1) | 1 x duty offr | (To be appointed) |
| (2) | 1 x duty Sgt | (Sgt RP) |
| (3) | 1 x duty RP | (Lcpl RP) |

b. A Coy (12 - 14 Jan 70).

		<u>ORs</u>	<u>Shr NCOs</u>	<u>Offrs</u>
(1)	A Coy	118 (Incl 11 atts from Sp/Admin Coys)	7 (incl MFC)	5
(2)	161 Bty	3	-	1
(3)	Admin Coy	1	1	-
(4)	Duties	1	1	1
(5)	104 Sig Tp	3	-	-

c. B Coy (14 - 16 Jan 70).

		<u>ORs</u>	<u>Shr NCOs</u>	<u>Offrs</u>
(1)	B Coy	122 (Incl 10 atts from Sp/Admin Coys)	6	5
(2)	161 Bty	3	-	1
(3)	Admin Coy	1	1	-
(4)	Duties	1	1	1

d. C Coy (16 - 18 Jan 70).

		<u>ORs</u>	<u>Shr NCOs</u>	<u>Offrs</u>
(1)	C Coy	118 (Incl 9 atts from Sp/Admin Coys)	7 (Incl MFC)	5
(2)	161 Bty	3	-	1

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2 d contd. (3) Admin Coy 1 1 -
(4) Duties 1 1 1
(5) Sp 3 (COs Dvr, Batman, Sig)
e. D Coy

	<u>ORs</u>	<u>Shr NCOs</u>	<u>Offrs</u>
(1) D Coy	118 (Incl 8 atts from Sp/Admin Coys)	7 (Incl MFC)	5
(2) 161 Bty	3	-	1
(3) Admin Coy	1	1	-
(4) Duties	1	1	1

f. Sp Coy

	<u>ORs</u>	<u>Shr NCOs</u>	<u>Offrs</u>
(1) Sp Coy	86	3	3 (Incl Capt)
(2) 161 Bty	30	5	3
(3) Admin Coy	1	1	-
(4) Duties	1	2 (Incl 161 Bty)	1
(5) A Sqn 1 Armd Regt	10	1	1

3. R in C Centre.

a. 12 - 14 Jan 70.

	<u>ORs</u>	<u>Shr NCOs</u>	<u>Offrs</u>
(1) 161 Bty	30	4	3
(2) Sp Coy	12	1	-

b. 14 - 16 Jan 70.

	<u>ORs</u>	<u>Shr NCOs</u>	<u>Offrs</u>
(1) Sp Coy	12	2 (Incl G Sgt)	2 (Ops Offr Asst IO)
(2) Admin Coy	2	1	1 (Asst QM)

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c. 16 - 18 Jan 70.

	<u>ORs</u>	<u>Snr NCOs</u>	<u>Offrs</u>
(1) Sp Coy	12	2(Incl Int Sgt)	2 (CO, Adjst)
(2) Admin Coy	2	2	-
(3) 161 Bty	2		1 (BC)

d. 19 - 21 Jan 70.

	<u>ORs</u>	<u>Snr NCOs</u>	<u>Offrs</u>
(1) Sp Coy	12	2 (Incl CSM Sp)	1 (2IC Mor Pl)
(2) Admin Coy	2	-	2 (OC, QM)

e. 21 - 23 Jan 70.

	<u>ORs</u>	<u>Snr NCOs</u>	<u>Offrs</u>
(1) Sp Coy	-	1 (RD WO2)	2 (IO, Mor Pl Comd)
(2) Admin Coy	2	1	1 (2IC)
(3) 161 Bty	2	-	-

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CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT
TAOR PATROL - 6/70

1. TAOR patrol in AO GALLIPOLI, East of SUOI HOA NUOC.
2. Report by 16875 Sgt L.E.T.Lindsay.
3. 10 Pl, D Coy, 8 RAR.
4. Strength of the patrol in contact was 14 men.
5. The action took place at 2055H hours, on Jan 13, for a duration of 5 minutes initially, but was neutralised by fire until 2110H.
6. The action took place at YS 386652.
7. The patrol task was to do an ambush at the above grid reference.
8. Describe in your own words what happened (incl diagram)?
The ambush was covering a track junction near the SUOI HOA NUOC with a task of ambushing the junction and track in the paddi. At approximately 2055H the sentry on the M60 heard a radio playing, and waited until it was in the killing area. The MG group to the west fired the M18A1 mines and opened up with M60 and M79 fire into the arc of the killing ground. After approximately 5 minutes, firing ceased and moaning was heard. 2xM79 flares were fired and M26 and M79HE were once again employed in a slow neutralising pattern for a further 10 minutes. Artillery was called in and registered 600m west of the ambush position.
9. Description of the terrain (incl max visibility etc.)?
It was mainly open paddi and the max visibility was approximately 40 - 45 paces, in good moonlight. The radio was first heard about 80 paces out from the position.
10. What was the distance to the enemy when first sighted?
About 40 - 45 paces out from the position.
11. Who was the first soldier to see the enemy?
The sentry on the M60 at the western end of the ambush.
12. What was the soldier doing?
He was on sentry duty.
13. What caused the enemy to be noticed?
The noise of the radio playing.
14. What was the VC strength, type(main/regional/local), dress?
There were 11 enemy of a regional force nature, from the

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14. C41 CHAU DUC DISTRICT Coy. They were dressed in black and dark civilian trousers, black and green shirts and green shorts.
15. Who fired first and at what range?
The M60 group at the western end of the ambush.
16. What section weapons were fired?
M18A1 claymore mines, M60, M16, M79, SLR.
17. What was the enemy's immediate reaction?
There was no visible reaction, and no return of fire.
18. What was the section's immediate reaction?
The section sprayed the area with all section weapons and M18A1 claymore mines.
19. Enemy casualties?
8 KIA (incl 1 female), 2 WIA (PW),
20. Caused by (weapon)?
Claymores. M60, M79, M16, M26, SLR.
21. Friendly casualties?
Nil.
22. Caused by (weapon)?
Not applicable.
23. Approximate ammunition expended?
6 claymores, 12 M79, 7 M26, 120 M16, 600 M60, 30 SLR.
24. Documents and/or weapons captured?
1 RPG2, 2 M1 carbines, 1 AK47, 1 SKS, 1 Chicom pistol, 1 Smith & Wesson pistol, 1 M26, 3 Chicom grenades, 5 RPG propellant charges, 2 RPG rockets, 1 stick grenade, and numerous personal papers were all collected in a large bag, and 1 rand carbine.
25. Lessons learnt?
Fire must be directed low to the ground, with the arcs of fire interlocking? All of the killing group must give maximum fire to the killing area, on initial firing of the M18A1.
26. Other points?
M26 can be of beneficial use in open paddi, also the M79 flares are of great benefit after initial contact.

Part 2 - Platoon Commander's Comments

27. Related section report?
Not applicable.
28. Describe the platoon's actions?
The half platoon not involved in the actual ambush, moved to the location of the ambush at first light, to assist with

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28. the searching of the bodies, dustoff etc. The platoon then cleaned up and moved back to the base in APCs.

29. Estimate of all ammunition fired during contact (incl arty, mor and air).

Same as for para 23.

Part 3 - Company Commander's Comments

30. Comments.

A well sited ambush employing section/platoon weapons and good fire control, illustrates the efficiency of the principles and techniques long taught in Pam IV and associated AMF doctrine.

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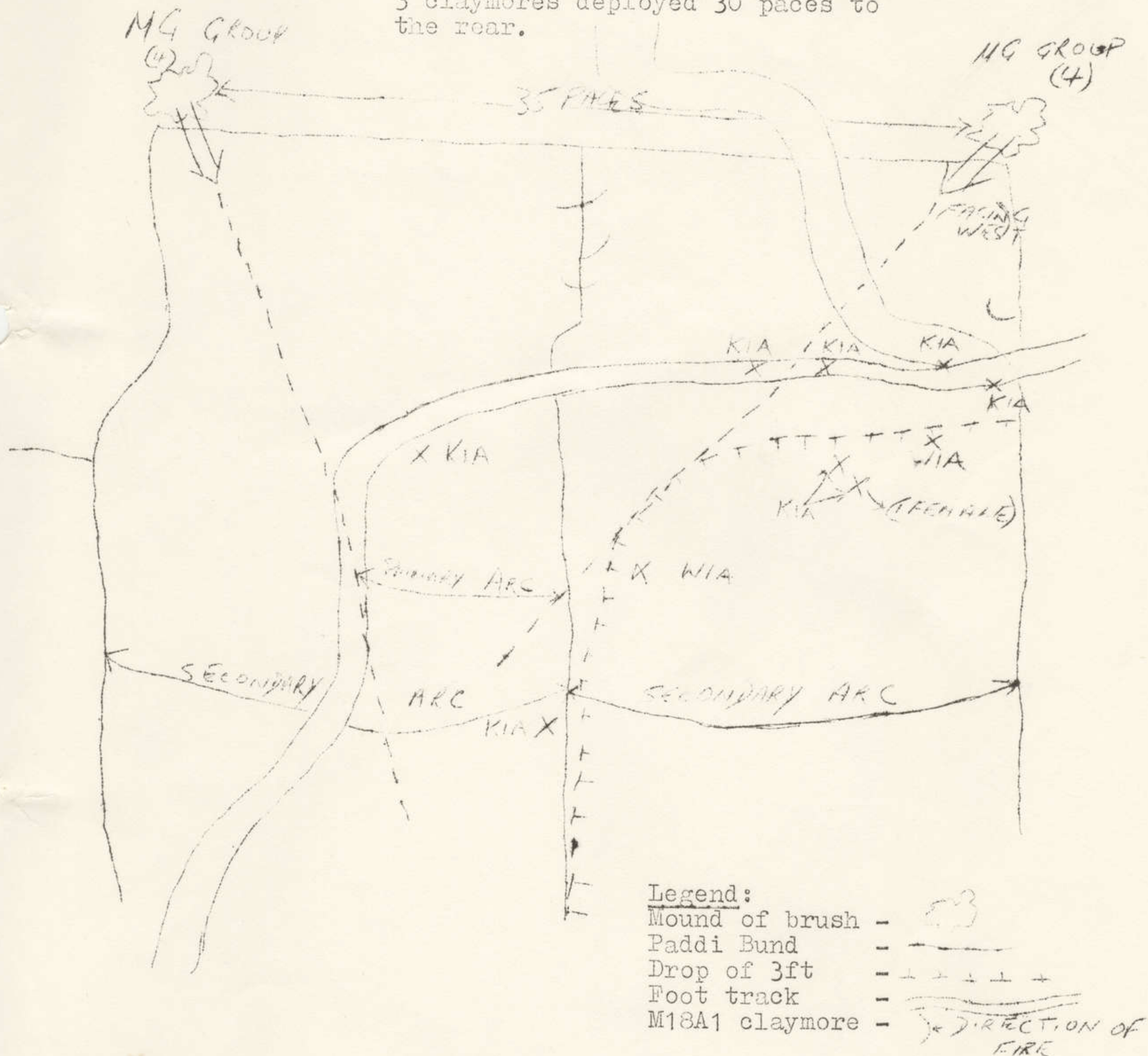
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CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT
TAOR PATROL - 6/70

REAR PROTECTION GROUP
4 + Pl Comd & Sig
3 claymores deployed 30 paces to
the rear.



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