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Australian Army commanders' diaries

Royal Australian Infantry

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**Item: 8 Battalion Royal Australian
Regiment**

Narrative, Annexes

1-28 February 1970

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)

Appointment

LT COL
CO B RAR
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

PART 2

AF C 2119 (Adapted)
Revised 1, 1965**SECRET**~~ORIGINAL~~

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation 8 RAR

From 1 Feb 70

To 31 Feb 70

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Narrative (AF C 2118)

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- I Administrative orders and instructions received
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PART 3

COMMANDERS DIARIES INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

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

GENERAL

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

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

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

During Operational Periods (1)

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

COMPILATION

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

for operations form Annex "Z", "TOP SECRET" the document. It is to be prepared and disposed of as

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of orders given.

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Commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

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of officers, men and equipment.

moment captured.

employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

and to save work as much information as possible is to be entered on the cover. All orders issued and received, routine returns, etc. All dates and the time of receipt or despatch is to be given.

the annexes, but need not give a precis of any of them.

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COMBAT DIARIES 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.

16. **TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.**

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

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

TOP SECRET

ANNEX Z to

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

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

c. The duplicate supplementary diaries must be despatched as shown in Paragraph 14 as soon as receipt of the original has been acknowledged.

This form is to be enclosed with the annexes in AF-C 2119 (Adapted).

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF - 118 (Adapted)
Revised Jun. 1965

UNIT/FORMATION 8 RAR

MONTH AND YEAR.....Feb 70

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REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col K.J. O'NEILL

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	1 Feb		Operation KEPERRA continued (see Annex O, 8 RAR After Action Report, Operation KEPERRA).	
	10 Feb		Operation HAMMERSLEY (ref Annex O of Commander's Diary Mar 70 After Action Report Operation HAMMERSLEY) began. C Company, with a section of mortars, one troop of tanks and one troop of cavalry, deployed to protect a quarry party of 17 Construction Squadron RAE on the western edge of the Long Hai hills (YS4353).	
	14 Feb		<p>Operation KEPERRA concluded. This operation, whilst achieving only modest success in eliminating the enemy pre-empted some Viet Cong operations planned for the TET period. As in Operation ATHERTON, (10 Dec - 10 Jan) patiently ambushing recently used tracks and enemy sign and restricting air movement over the area of operations, proved a successful method of operating.</p> <p>It was during this operation the first enemy documents referring to 8 RAR as "Australian Commandos" were captured. It is thought that the infrequent use of helicopter support, the practice of personal camouflage, not using tracks for movement and the ability to lie silently for long periods in ambush, led to this description.</p>	

1 B P Coy—275/65—55m

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

Lt Col K.J. O'NEILL COMMANDING OFFICER

8TH BATTALION THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

NUI DAT

5 FEB 70

ROUTINE ORDER NO

TITLE

VN 29/70

DUTIES - REAR CP DUTY OFFICER.

VN 30/70

TRAFFIC OFFENCES.

VN 31/70

MOVEMENT BY APC.

VN 32/70

CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR.

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DUTIES - REAR CP DUTY OFFICER

1. The following members will mount Rear CP Duty Officer on date/time shown:

Fri 6 Feb 70	Ssgt	KRAUSE	0800 - 1300
	WO2	MORRIS	1300 - 1800
	Sgt	NEAVE	1800 - 0800
Sat 7 Feb 70	WO2	MORRIS	0800 - 1300
	Sgt	KOSTER	1300 - 1800
	WO2	McDONALD	1800 - 0800
Sun 8 Feb 70	Sgt	KOSTER	0800 - 1300
	2Lt	SMITH N.	1300 - 1800
	Sgt	LOFTS	1800 - 0800
Mon 9 Feb 70	2Lt	SMITH N.	0800 - 1300
	Ssgt	KRAUSE	1300 - 1800
	Sgt	HAY	1800 - 0800
Tue 10 Feb 70	Ssgt	KRAUSE	0800 - 1300
	WO2	MORRIS	1300 - 1800
	Sgt	SHANNON	1800 - 0800
Wed 11 Feb 70	WO2	MORRIS	0800 - 1300
	Sgt	KOSTER	1300 - 1800
	WO2	DUNNECLIFF	1800 - 0800
Thu 12 Feb 70	Sgt	KOSTER	0800 - 1300
	2Lt	SMITH N.	1300 - 1800
	Ssgt	KENNEDY	1800 - 0800

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TRAFFIC OFFENCES - SPEEDING.

1. Speeding has become prevalent both within 1 ATF Base and on roads outside the base.
2. Speed limits are:
 - a. On roads outside 1 ATF Base (except in towns and built up areas): 30 MPH.
 - b. In towns and built up areas outside 1 ATF Base: 15 MPH.
 - c. Inside 1 ATF Base (except where speed limit signs showing a speed slower than 15 MPH are displayed): 15 MPH.
 - d. In 8 RAR area: 10 MPH.

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Charges relating to the offence of speeding are to be remanded to the

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MOVEMENT BY APC

Members of 8 RAR, when travelling in APCs, are to be seated inside the APC whenever practicable.

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CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR

1. 8 RAR RO 40/69 deals with the subject of consumption of alcoholic liquor in the 8 RAR area.
2. In 1 ATF Base, the consumption of alcoholic liquor is expressly forbidden in vehicles and in areas other than those specifically laid down in a unit's Routine Orders Part 1.
3. In areas outside 1 ATF Base, the consumption of alcoholic liquor is forbidden except in those areas specifically authorised for rest, recreation and convalescence.


(R.J. SAVAGE)
Lt
Asst Adjt

NOTICES

1.

NATIONAL FLAG -- REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

1. The National Flag of the Republic of Vietnam was officially adopted on 14 Jun 48. The yellow background of the flag is the traditional colour of the ancestral land, symbolizing the golden rice grains and the metal considered one of the most precious by humanity. The three red bands represent the three regions of Vietnam, North, Central and South, reunited in the national community.
2. When flown in 1 ATF, in conjunction with other flags, the flag of the Republic of Vietnam will be displayed on the right. It will be hoisted first and lowered last.

2.

MEDICAL CONDITION STATES OF PATIENTS AT 1 AUST FD HOSP

1. 1 AUST FD HOSP will provide medical states of patients to unit HVOs and by signal to units.
2. 8 RAR soldiers wishing to know the condition of a patient should enquire at their company HQ.

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3.

ELECTIONS

1. A district election for the electorate of ALBERT (QLD) will be held on 14 Feb 70.
2. Postal vote forms will be available from Bn HQ from 7 Feb 70.

4.

R AND R LEAVE

Rumours have been circulating throughout AFV that R and F flights are to be discontinued. All ranks are to be advised that these rumours are not repeat not true.

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8TH BATTALION THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

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ROUTINE ORDER NO

TITLE

VN 33/70

REDUCTION IN RANK

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REDUCTION IN RANK

1. The following members of 8 RAR are reduced to the rank of private with effect 7 Feb 70:

- a. 4720265 Cpl R.S. YOUNG (Gp 4 Military Skills)
- b. 61895 Tpl R.C. GOSS (Gp 4 Military Skills)
- c. 1200166 Cpl W.E. JOHNSON (Gp 9 Military Skills)

2. The above reductions are a result of a summary award given by CO 8 RAR on 19, 22 and 26 Jan 70 respectively and concurred with by Comd 1 ATF on 6 Feb 70.



(G.F. WALKER)
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ROUTINE ORDER NO

TITLE

34/70

DUTIES - REAR CP DUTY OFFICER

35/70

DRESS - WEARING OF AMERICAN SHIRTS AND JACKETS.

34.

DUTIES - REAR CP DUTY OFFICER

1. The following are rostered for Rear CP Duty Officer on date/time shown:

Fri 13 Feb 70	0800 - 1300	Lt N. Smith
	1300 - 1800	Ssgt N. Krause
	1800 - 0800	Sgt M. Barnwell
Sat 14 Feb 70	0800 - 1300	Ssgt N. Krause
	1300 - 1800	WO2 A. Morris
	1800 - 0800	Sgt B. Jones
Sun 15 Feb 70	0800 - 1300	WO2 A. Morris
	1300 - 1800	Sgt P. Koster
	1800 - 0800	Sgt D. De Heer
Mon 16 Feb 70	0800 - 1300	Sgt P. Koster
	1300 - 1800	Ssgt N. Krause
	1800 - 0800	Lt R. Savage
Tue 17 Feb 70	0800 - 1300	Ssgt N. Krause
	1300 - 1800	WO2 A. Morris
	1800 - 0800	Sgt D. Howell
Wed 18 Feb 70	0800 - 1300	WO2 A. Morris
	1300 - 1800	Sgt P. Koster
	1800 - 0800	Sgt M. Talbot
Thu 19 Feb 70	0800 - 1300	Sgt P. Koster
	1300 - 1800	Ssgt N. Krause
	1800 - 0800	WO2 T. Mitchell

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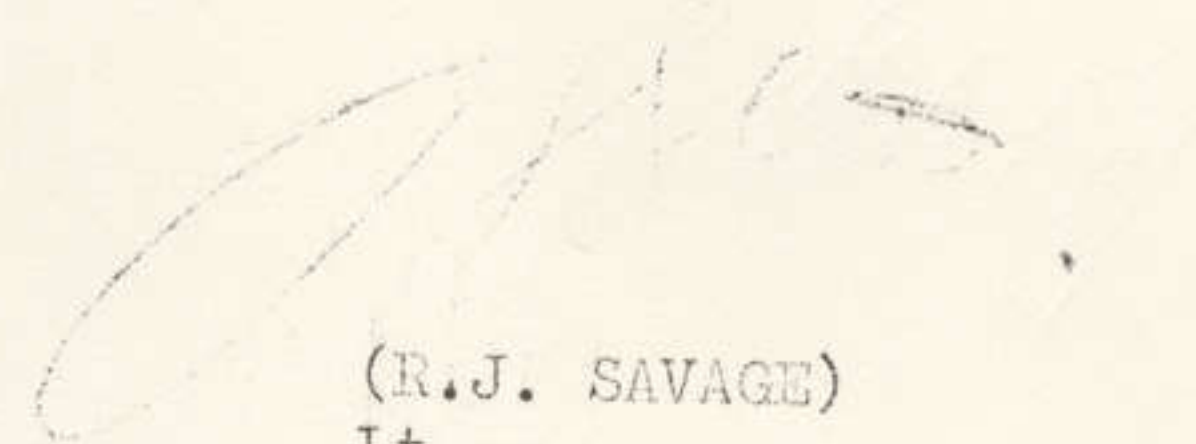
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35.

DRESS - WEARING OF AMERICAN SHIRTS AND JACKETS

United States pattern shirts and jackets are not to be worn


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ROUTINE ORDER NO	TITLE
36/70	DUTIES - BN HQ DUTY CLERK.
37/70	QUALIFICATION OF GP 9 MILITARY SKILLS - FIRST AID.
38/70	VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN MEDAL.
39/70	REDUCTION IN RANK.
40/70	STARLIGHT SCOPES.
41/70	SAFETY - DESTRUCTION OF AMMUNITION.

36. DUTIES - BN HQ DUTY CLERK

1. The following members will mount Bn HQ Duty clerk on the dates shown. The time of mount is 00 hours daily:

Wed 18 Feb 70	Pte K. McDOUGALL
Thu 19 Feb 70	Pte T. LYNCH
Fri 20 Feb 70	Pte B. COONEY
Sat 21 Feb 70	Lcpl R. ASLAN
Sun 22 Feb 70	Lcpl B. TEE
Mon 23 Feb 70	Pte L. LAMBERT
Tue 24 Feb 70	Pte C. HARRIS
Wed 25 Feb 70	Cpl P. ZAAT

37. QUALIFICATION GP 9 MILITARY SKILLS - FIRST AID

1. 1200726 Sgt B.W. MISON is qualified in first aid requirements for group 9 military skills.

38. VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN MEDAL

1. Subject to verification by CARO, the following members are awarded the Vietnamese Campaign Medal on dates shown:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
55888	Pte	J.H. GALE	3 Sep 69
5716545	Pte	R.J. NORTH	3 Sep 69
2791471	Pte	N.T. RHODES	3 Sep 69

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39. REDUCTION IN RANK

1. 37909 Tcpl (Tp 6) W.J. MELLORDS is reduced to his substantive rank of private with effect 17 Feb 70.
2. The above reduction is a result of a summary award given by CO 8 RAR on 26 Jan 70 and confirmed by Comd 1 ATF on 15 Feb 70.

40. STARLIGHT SCOPES

Reference: HQ 1 ATF Q 0275 dated 11 Feb 70.

1. Several instances of damage to Starlight scopes has resulted from persons removing the end cap during daylight.
2. All ranks are to be warned against this practice and are to be made aware of the damage which it causes.

41. SAFETY - DESTRUCTION OF AMMUNITION

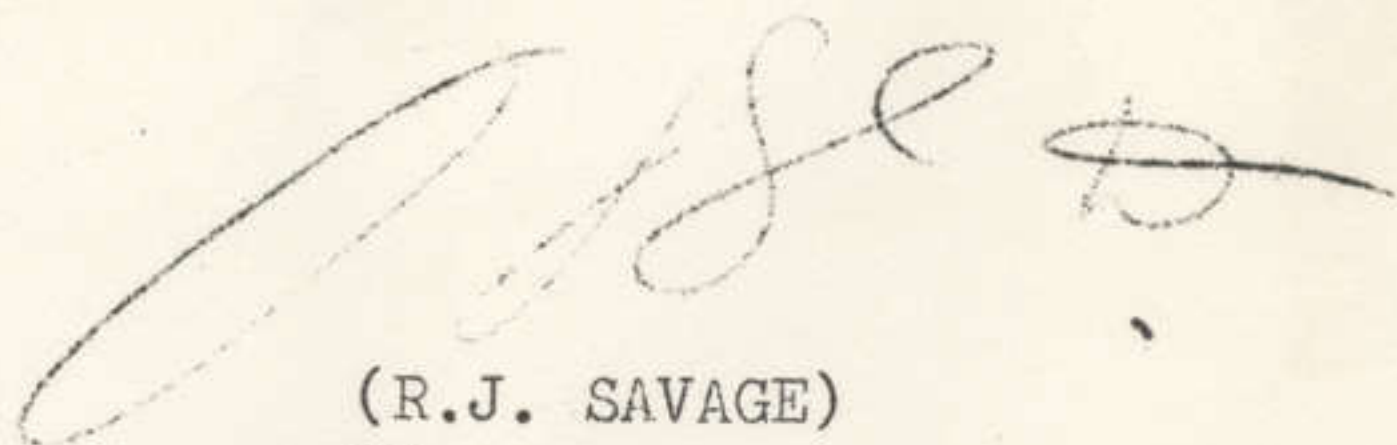
1. As a result of recent accidental injury the following directive has been received from AFV:

- a. Where a unit suspects that ammunition has become unserviceable through age or exposure, the matter is to be referred to 1 ATF Ammunition Technical Officer or the Force Ammunition Technical Officer who will inspect the ammunition and arrange for its sentence and disposal.

- b. Personnel trained and qualified to destroy specific types of blinds are not qualified to modify or destroy ammunition, even though it may be unserviceable and of the type for which a qualification is held.

- c. Under no circumstances should unqualified personnel attempt to remove or destroy unserviceable or dangerous ammunition.

2. Companies are to ensure that all personnel are warned of the dangers inherent in aged/exposed ammunition and UXB and reminded of the correct method of reporting the presense of any suspect ammunition or UXB.


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ROUTINE ORDER NO

TITLE

42/70	DUTIES - REAR CP DUTY OFFICER
43/70	DUTIES - BN HQ DUTY CLERK
44/70	EDUCATION COURSES - RESULTS 2/70 AACE COURSE
45/70	PERSONAL PROPERTY OF MEMBERS PLACED IN CLOSE ARREST
46/70	REMITTANCE OF UNDRAWN PAY AND PAYMENT BY CHEQUE FOR MEMBER ON RTA
47/70	REMOVALS - APPROVING AUTHORITIES

42. DUTIES - REAR CP DUTY OFFICER.

1. The following will mount Rear CP Duty Officer on date/time shown:

Thu 26 Feb	WO2	KRAUSE	0800 - 1300
	WO2	MORRIS	1300 - 1800
	Sgt	JONES	1800 - 0800
Fri 27 Feb	WO2	MORRIS	0800 - 1300
	Sgt	KOSTER	1300 - 1800
	Lt	SAVAGE	1800 - 0800
Sat 28 Feb	Sgt	KOSTER	0800 - 1300
	WO2	KRAUSE	1300 - 1800
	Sgt	HOWELL	1800 - 0800
Sun 1 Mar	WO2	KRAUSE	0800 - 1300
	WO2	MORRIS	1300 - 1800
	Sgt	TALBOT	1800 - 0800
Mon 2 Mar	WO2	MORRIS	0800 - 1300
	Sgt	KOSTER	1300 - 1800
	WO2	MITCHELL	1800 - 0800
Tue 3 Mar	Sgt	KOSTER	0800 - 1300
	WO2	KRAUSE	1300 - 1800
	Sgt	NEAVE	1800 - 0800

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Wed 4 Mar	WO2	KRAUSE	0800 - 1300
	WO2	MORRIS	1300 - 1800
	Sgt	LOFTS	1800 - 0800
Thu 5 Mar	WO2	MORRIS	0800 - 1300
	Sgt	KOSTER	1300 - 1800
	Sgt	HAY	1800 - 0800
Fri 6 Mar	Sgt	KOSTER	0800 - 1300
	WO2	KRAUSE	1300 - 1800
	WO2	DUNNICLIFFE	1800 - 0800

43. DUTIES - BN HQ DUTY CLERK

1. The following will mount Bn Duty Clerk on date shown.
Time of mount is 0800 hours daily.

Thu 26 Feb	Cpl	R.	O'CONNOR
Fri 27 Feb	Pte	K.	McDOUGALL
Sat 28 Feb	Pte	T.	LYNCH
Sun 1 Mar	Cpl	B.	COONEY
Mon 2 Mar	Lcpl	R.	ASLAN
Tue 3 Mar	Lcpl	B.	LEE
Wed 4 Mar	Pte	L.	LAMBERT
Thu 5 Mar	Pte	C.	HARRIS
Fri 6 Mar	Cpl	P.	ZAAT
Sat 7 Mar	Cpl	R.	O'CONNOR
Sun 8 Mar	Pte	K.	McDOUGALL
Mon 9 Mar	Pte	T.	LYNCH

44. EDUCATION COURSES - RESULTS 2/70 AACE COURSE

1. Attached as Annex A are the results of 2/70 AACE Course conducted at AFV Education Centre from 26 Jan to 6 Feb 70.

45. PERSONAL PROPERTY OF MEMBERS PLACED IN CLOSE ARREST

References: A. AMR and O 364 (3).
B. ARO 155/69.
C. AFV Routine Order 26/70.

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

2. Companies are to ensure that moneys and valuables are not removed from members placed in close arrest.

46. REMITTANCE OF UNDRAWN PAY AND PAYMENT BY CHEQUE FOR MEMBER ON RTA.

Reference: AFV Routine Order 27/70.

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

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

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

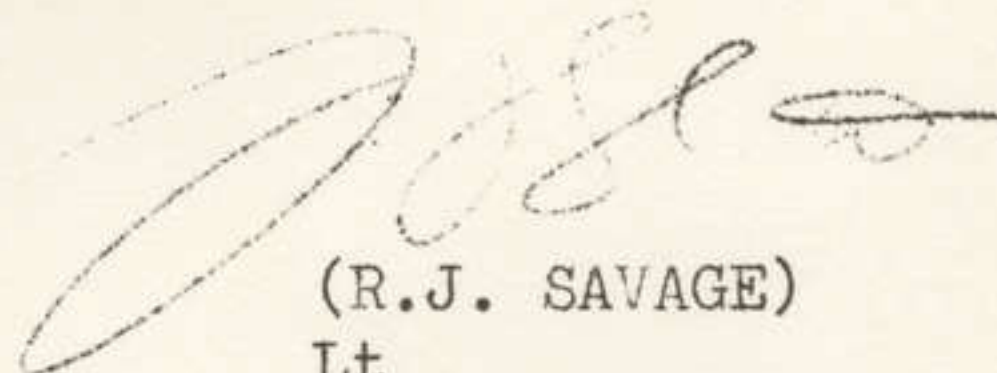
b. Payment by Cheque. Paybook credits may be drawn at Mascot as either cash, cheque or both. Should members require payment by cheque, this can be arranged by notifying the Aust RTA representative who interviews members preparing for RTA during the week preceeding RTA.

47. REMOVALS APPROVING AUTHORITIES.

References: A. MBI 150-3.
B. AFV Routine Order 29/70.

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

2. Companies are to ensure that all AAF H10s, Application for Removal, are endorsed with the Command in which the member last served.



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ANNEX A TO
8 RAR RO 44/70
DATED 26 FEB 70

RESULTS OF 2/70 AACE 2 COURSE 26 JAN 70 - 6 FEB 70

Number	Rank	Name	Unit	Subjects	Cert No
55703	Pte	R. .OSBORN	8 RAR	Arith; SS	_____
44563	Pte	M. TAYLOR	8 RAR	Arith; Eng; SS	15408
55700	Pte	P. HESTER	8 RAR	SS	_____
1202332	Pte	A.R. FIXTER	8 RAR	Arith; SS	_____
2792322	Pte	K.T. BALDWIN	8 RAR	Arith; SS	_____

RESULTS OF 2/70 AACE 3 COURSE 26 JAN 70 - 6 FEB 70

55703	Pte	R. OSBORN	8 RAR	Arith; SS; Eng	25491
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14 Mar 70

Distribution Below.

8 RAR COMBAT OPERATIONS AFTER ACTION REPORTOPERATION KEPERRA.

- References: A. HQ 1 ATF Standing Operating Procedures Chapter 3, Annex B, Appendix 4.
B. Maps, South Vietnam, Series L7014, 1:50,000.
(1) Sheet 6429 i, XA VUNG TAU.
(2) Sheet 6429 iv, DAT DO.
(3) Sheet 6429 ii, XA XUYEN MOC
(4) Sheet 6429 iii, XA BINH BA

Name and Type of Operation.

1. Operation KEPERRA involved:
- a. The cordon and search of selected hamlets in XUYEN MOC, YS6568, and AP NUI NHON, YS5763.
 - b. Reconnaissance and ambush operations on and around NUI THI YS3565.
 - c. Reconnaissance and ambush operations in the vicinity of HOA LONG, YS4364.

Dates.

2. Cordon and search operations were conducted on the following dates:
- a. XUYEN MOC Hamlets: 23 and 24 Jan 70.
 - b. AP NUI NHON: 24 and 25 Jan 70.
3. Reconnaissance and ambush operations commenced on 26 Jan 70 and concluded on 14 Feb 70.

Locations.

4. Reconnaissance and ambush operations were conducted in AO SAMFORD, the boundaries of which are shown in Annex C.
5. Bn HQ remained at NUI DAT from 26 Jan 70 until 14 Feb 70.

Command.

6. Operations were commanded by Lt Col K.J. O'NEILL, CO 8 RAR.

Task Organization.

7. Task organization during the cordon and search operations was as follows:
- a. In direct support:
 - (1) 161 Bty (RNZA)
 - (2) One H13 aircraft 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.
 - b. In support:
 - (1) HQ one troop and two combat engineer teams 1 Fd Sqn.
 - (2) Elements 1 Div Int Unit with in support 10 MID personnel, National Police, Special Branch Police and Interpreters.

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- (3) Elements 1 ATF Psyops Unit.
- (4) Elements 1 Aust Civil Affairs Unit.
- (5) One RF Coy (for operations in XUYEN MOC only)
- (6) One platoon of ARVN armoured vehicles.

8. Artillery and engineer elements remained in direct support and in support respectively, during reconnaissance and ambush operations.

Intelligence.

9. Summaries are attached as follows:

- a. General Intelligence Summary: Annex B.
- b. Summary of Contacts and Incidents: Appendix 1 to Annex B.
- c. Summary of Enemy Losses: Appendix 2 to Annex B.
- d. Locations of Contacts and Incidents: Appendix 3 to Annex B.

Missions.

10. a. To cordon and search selected hamlets in XUYEN MOC, YS6568, and AP NUI NHON, YS5763.
- b. Following cordon and search operations, to destroy enemy and enemy installations within AO SAMFORD.

Concept of Operations.

11. Cordon and Search Operations.

- a. During preliminary planning all possible sources of information were exploited and close liaison was effected with District Chiefs.
- b. Positive steps were taken to maintain security. These included:
 - (1) Promulgation of information on a "need to know" basis only.
 - (2) Development of a deception plan to conceal the reason for the Battalion's deployment to the east of Phuoc Tuy Province.
- c. The principal aim of both operations was to detain VC who may have been in the villages. Accordingly the cordons were positioned between the hours of 2300 and 0200; that is between probable times of VC movement into and out of the populated areas.
- d. The positioning of the cordon around each village presented different problems.
 - (1) XUYEN MOC is a large village of high population density. The hamlets to be searched were adjacent to other populated areas, through which the cordon force had to move in order to reach the cordon location. Maintenance of security was considered to be impossible once troop movement commenced. Speed in positioning the cordon was therefore essential in order to prevent VC moving out of the target area. Vehicles were used:

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- (a) To achieve this speed of deployment.
- (b) To thicken up the cordon.
- (c) To illuminate those areas where soldiers could not be positioned.

(2) AP NUI NHON is a small rural hamlet with a main road to the west of the populated area. The cordon was positioned on foot without loss of security.

- e. All search groups were accompanied by South Vietnamese Police.
- f. Considerable care was taken to ensure minimum inconvenience to innocent civilians.
- g. A joint South Vietnamese/Australian screening centre was established.

12. Reconnaissance and Ambush Operations.

- a. Command and fire support elements of 8 RAR remained in an established HQ area at NUI DAT within artillery range of likely areas of contact.
- b. Two companies were positioned in ambush locations in the foothills of the NUI THI.
- c. Two companies were moved by air to the top of NUI THI and reconnoitred from the high ground towards the established ambush positions, with the aim of forcing the enemy to move into our ambushes.
- d. Sub-units were prepared to concentrate should a major target be located during reconnaissance.

13. Operation Orders are enclosed as enclosures 2 and 3.

Execution.

14. The sequence of events is attached as Annex A.

Results.

- 15. Enemy losses are summarized in Appendix 2 to Annex B.
- 16. Friendly losses were one killed in action and one wounded in action.

Lessons Learned.

17. No new lessons were learned during the cordon and search operations, however, the following concepts were confirmed:

- a. Surprise is essential if a cordon and search operation is to be successful.
- b. Adequate time must be allowed:
 - (1) Before the operation to enable collection of intelligence.
 - (2) During the search phase, when operations must be slow and methodical.

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c. Close liaison must be established with the District Chief during the planning stage of the operation.

18. During the reconnaissance and ambush phase of the operation:

a. Valuable experience was gained from close liaison with US forces with which 8 RAR shared a common boundary. An exchange of liaison officers proved to be mutually advantageous.

b. A re-allocation of M60 s within the Battalion enabled each rifle platoon to establish two night ambushes, each containing two guns.

c. Two of the enemy KIA resulted from the springing of an ambush which had been in position for six days in an extremely favourable position. The necessity for patience during ambush operations was again highlighted.

d. On the conclusion of 8 RAR's operation, a 20 strong US stay behind force was inserted into the area using the helicopters which extracted Australian personnel. This stay behind group successfully ambushed an enemy foraging party, proving the value of the concept.

19. The tangible results of Operation KEPERRA were not large, however it is probable that 8 RAR's activities close to centres of civilian population did prevent VC operations during the period of TET.

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Annexes

- A. Sequence of Events.
- B. Intelligence Summary.
- C. Boundaries of AO SAMFORD.
- D. Sub Unit Deployment Routes.

Enclosures

1 - 12: Details of Orders Issued and Received, Contacts and Incidents.

Distribution:

HQ 1 ATF	12
3 RAR	1
Commanders Diary	2
Unit History	1
Intelligence Library	1
Sub Unit Float (Then Library)	1
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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Serial	Date	Time (hours local)	Event	Number of Related Enclosures (if applicable)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1.	22 Jan 70		HQ 1 ATF Op Instruction received	1
2.	22 Jan 70		8 RAR Operation Order Ops 3 (Op 01) promulgated	2
3.	22 & 24 Jan 70		Cordon and Search of XUYEN MOC conducted. Seven personnel were detained.	
4.	24 & 25 Jan 70		Cordon and Search of NUI NHON conducted. One person was detained.	
5.	26 Jan 70		8 RAR Operation Order Ops 3 (Frag 02) promulgated	3
6.	26 Jan 70		B Coy and D Coy deployed in accordance with enclosure 3. Admin Coy continued to provide One patrol in the Base Defence TAOR.	
7.	26 Jan Night Locations		Bn HQ, A Coy, and C Coy: NUI DAT. 4Pl : YS 380660 5Pl : YS 377681 6Pl : YS 388687 10Pl : YS 389640 and YS 385646 11Pl : YS 380641 and YS 381643 12Pl : YS 373646 and YS 371641 Admin Coy Ptl : YS 410656	
8.	27 Jan 70		A Coy, C Coy, Assault Pnr Pl and One Sect of the Mortar Pl deployed by air in accordance with enclosure 3.	
9.	27 Jan 1145		The Anti-Tank Pl was deployed as the Infantry component of the 1 ATF Hawk Flight, to investigate diggings YS 4367. No enemy were found.	
10.	27 Jan 70		LOS were exchanged between 8 RAR and 1/16(Mech) Inf Bn (US)	
11.	27 Jan 70		At YS 374628 C Coy located two water points. One had been used earlier in the day and follow up of tracks led to the discovery of an unoccupied camp, consisting of 9 x 2 man weapon pits.	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
12.	27 Jan 70	1547	3Pl A Coy, while investigating signs at YS 345637, contacted an unknown number of enemy who initiated the contact by firing a claymore type mine. Contact was broken. One Aust soldier was slightly WIA and remained on duty.	4
13.	27 Jan 70	Night Locations	<p>BnHQ, and Elms Sp Coy at NUI DAT.</p> <p>A Coy HQ: YS 343638</p> <p>1Pl: YS 341636</p> <p>2Pl: YS 343638</p> <p>3Pl: YS 347636 and YS 346637</p> <p>B Coy HQ: YS 378678</p> <p>4Pl: YS 369670</p> <p>5Pl: YS 364675 and YS 359677</p> <p>6Pl: YS 378699</p> <p>Sp Sect B Coy: YS 377676</p> <p>C Coy HQ: YS 356658</p> <p>7Pl: YS 356658</p> <p>8Pl: YS 353659</p> <p>9Pl: YS 356658</p> <p>D Coy HQ: YS 332624</p> <p>10Pl: YS 321623 and YS 326622</p> <p>11Pl: YS 333625 and YS 335622</p> <p>12Pl: YS 343625 and YS 341623</p> <p>Aslt Pnr Pl: YS 346644</p> <p>Sec+ : YS 347645</p> <p>TAOR Ptl: YS 409654</p>	
14.	28 Jan 70	1435	9Pl C Coy at YS 355660 engaged one enemy who withdrew. Nil casualties were inflicted.	
15.	28 Jan 70	-	At YS 345637 A Coy investigated an unoccupied bunker system. The area had been booby trapped and consisted of approx 30 bunkers. Documents, food and a small quantity of ammunition were recovered.	
16.	28 Jan 70	1846	At YS 332624 D Coy HQ contacted three VC. Results; 1 VC KIA, 1 VC Wounded and CIA, 2 wpns CIA. The wounded VC was evacuated to NUI DAT by helicopter.	5

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
17.	28 Jan 70	2347	At YS 378678 B Coy HQ contacted an estimated five enemy. Results; nil known enemy casualties, 013 Aust KIA.	6
18.	28 Jan 70	Night Location	<p>Bn HQ and Elms Sp Coy at NUI DAT.</p> <p>A Coy HQ: YS 343638 1Pl: YS 336634 2Pl: YS 344636 3Pl: YS 344636</p> <p>B Coy HQ: YS 378678 4Pl: YS 365668 5Pl: YS 359677 and YS 364675 6Pl: YS 379696</p> <p>C Coy HQ: YS 357662 7Pl: YS 361661 8Pl: YS 357662 9Pl: YS 355662</p> <p>D Coy HQ: YS 332624 10Pl: YS 321623 and YS 326622 11Pl: YS 333625 and YS 335622 12Pl: YS 343624 and YS 341623</p> <p>Aslt Pnr Pl: YS 346644 Sect Mcr Pl YS 347645 Admin Coy Ptl: YS 390639</p>	
19.	29 Jan 70	-	The bunkers reported upon in serial 15 of this sequence of events were found to be booby trapped. Investigation continued and during the day, explosives, medical supplies, enemy equipment, and food were found.	
20.	29 Jan 70	1145	At YS 386697 6Pl B Coy located a VC letter box containing documents. The documents were evacuated to HQ 1 ATF for exploitation.	
21.	29 Jan 70	-	C Coy located considerable signs of enemy having been in their area during the previous three days.	
22.	29 Jan 70	-	At YS 344635 3Pl A Coy, located an RPG2 Rd rigged as a booby trap. The round was destroyed.	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
23.	29 Jan 70	1840	At YS 344636 3Pl A Coy located vitamin capsules and paperflowers and streamers. The latter items indicate a possible enemy intention of entering a local town during TET.	
24.	29 Jan 70	2035	At YS 332632 1Pl contacted an unknown number of enemy. The enemy were engaged with SA & claymores. A first light sweep did not reveal any enemy casualties.	7
25.	29 Jan 70	Night	BnHQ and Elms Sp Coy at NUI DAT. Location A Coy HQ: YS 343638 1Pl: YS 336632 2Pl: YS 346634 and YS 344634 3Pl: YS 344635 B Coy HQ: YS 378678 4Pl: YS 365668 5Pl: YS 359677 and YS 364675 6Pl: YS 379696 C Coy HQ: YS 357664 7Pl: YS 363667 8Pl: YS 361660 9Pl: YS 354671 D Coy HQ: YS 332624 10Pl: YS 321623 and YS 326622 11Pl: YS 333625 and YS 335622 12Pl: YS 350623 and YS 343622 Aslt Pnr Pl: YS 346644 Sect Mgr Pl: YS 347645 Ptl Admin Coy: YS 393640	
26.	30 Jan 70	0805	At YS 343635 3 Pl A Coy detonated a booby trap resulting in one Aust WIA.	
27.	30 Jan 70	0900	The ATK Pl was committed to the North of NUI DAT as the Infantry Component of the 1 ATF Hawk Flight.	
28.	30 Jan 70	1232	9 Pl C Coy located an overnight stopping place and tracks of approximately 60 enemy. The area had been last used about 24 Jan. The tracks are being followed in a generally northerly direction.	
29.	30 Jan 70	1455	At YS 3564 C Coy located the site of a cache emptied about 3 days ago. Tracks of approximately 4 people led North East.	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
30.	30 Jan 70		A Coy found further stores in the vicinity of YS 345637.	
31.	30 Jan 70	Night Location	<p>BnHQ and Elms Sp Coy at NUI DAT.</p> <p>A Coy HQ: YS 343638</p> <p>1Pl: YS 332634</p> <p>2Pl: YS 344634</p> <p>3Pl: YS 339633</p> <p>B Coy HQ: YS 378678</p> <p>4Pl: YS 378676</p> <p>5Pl: YS 377685</p> <p>6Pl: YS 379697</p> <p>C Coy HQ: YS 357664</p> <p>7Pl: YS 379667</p> <p>8Pl: YS 361660</p> <p>9Pl: YS 357675</p> <p>D Coy HQ: YS 334623</p> <p>10Pl: YS 321623 and YS 334618</p> <p>11Pl: YS 333625 and YS 335622</p> <p>12Pl: YS 350623 and YS 343622</p> <p>Aslt Pnr Pl: YS 346644</p> <p>Sect Mgr Pl: YS 347645</p>	
32.	31 Jan 70		9Pl C Coy followed up the trail of approx 60 personnel. (Ser 28 refers)	
33.	31 Jan 70		AT YS 344635 3Pl A Coy continued investigation and destruction of bunkers. Additional equipment and clothing, propoganda material, printing equipment and food were found.	
34.	31 Jan 70	1135	5Pl B Coy, at YS 385696 found a fresh blood trail and bandages. A small camp used approximately 24hrs previously was located at YS 382707.	
35.	31 Jan 70	1645	At YS 360365 The Aslt Pnr Pl (-) contacted 2-3 enemy with negative results.	8
36.	31 Jan 70	2030	At YS 345625 3Pl A Coy heard an unknown number of enemy below them at the base of a cliff. The enemy were engaged with grenades.	9
37.	31 Jan 70	2212	At YS 355668 C Coy observed 10 major and a number of small lights. The area was engaged with ground directed mortar fire.	

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38.	31 Jan 70	Night	Bn HQ and Elms Sp Coy at NUI DAT.	
		Location A Coy HQ	YS 343638	
		1Pl:	YS 334623	
		2Pl:	YS 343625	
		3Pl:	YS 343625	
		B Coy HQ:	YS 378678	
		4Pl:	YS 368696	
		5Pl:	YS 388701 and YS 386699	
		6Pl:	YS 381706 and YS 381696	
		C Coy HQ:	YS 357664	
		7Pl:	YS 359668 and YS 357666	
		8Pl:	YS 363657	
		9Pl:	YS 359682	
		Sp Sect:	YS 361660	
		D Coy HQ:	YS 334623	
		10Pl:	YS 321623 and YS 327622	
		11Pl:	YS 333625 and YS 335622	
		12Pl:	YS 350623 and YS 343623	
		Aslt Pnr Pl:	YS 363635 and YS 384648	
		TEMA Pl :	YS 413659	
		Sect Mor Pl :	YS 347645	

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39	1 Feb 70	-	At YS 358687 9Pl C Coy continued to follow up the tracks of 60 enemy as previously reported.	
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40	1 Feb 70	-	Two companies (A and C) continued reconnaissance towards the ambush points established by B Coy and D Coy	
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41	1 Feb 70 Night			
	Location	Bn HQ and Elms Sp Coy	Nui Dat	
		A Coy HQ	YS 349642	
		1 Pl A Coy	YS 348636	
		2 Pl A Coy	YS 354643	
		3 Pl A Coy	YS 341640	
		B Coy HQ	YS 378678	
		4 Pl B Coy	YS 377684	
		5 Pl B Coy	YS 387706	
		6 Pl B Coy	YS 381706	
		C Coy HQ	YS 357664	
		7 Pl C Coy	YS 356672	
		8 Pl C Coy	YS 374660 and	
			YS 373663	
		9 Pl C Coy	YS 357684	
		Sp Sect C Coy	YS 361660	
		D Coy HQ	YS 334623	
		10 Pl D Coy	YS 321623 and	
			YS 327622	
		11 Pl D Coy	YS 333625 and	
			YS 335622	
		12 Pl D Coy	YS 350623 and	
			YS 344624	
		Aslt Pnr Pl	YS 358635 and	
			YS 384653	
		Ptl Admin Coy	YS 408652	
		Pl TFMA	YS 347645	

42	2 Feb 70		Reconnaissance and ambush continued - Signs of movement were seen, however, there were no contacts.	
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43	2 Feb 70 Night			
	Location	Bn HQ and Elms Sp Coy	Nui Dat	
		A Coy HQ	YS 349642	
		1 Pl A Coy	YS 346631	
		2 Pl A Coy	YS 358631	
		3 Pl A Coy	YS 331636	
		B Coy HQ	YS 378678	
		4 Pl B Coy	YS 378684	
		5 Pl B Coy	YS 406708	
		6 Pl B Coy	YS 380706	
		C Coy HQ	YS 357664	
		7 Pl C Coy	YS 356676	
		8 Pl C Coy	YS 380661	
		9 Pl C Coy	YS 367693	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
43 cont	2 Feb 70	Sp Sect C Coy D Coy HQ 10 Pl : Coy 11 Pl D Coy 12 Pl D Coy Aslt Pnr Pl Ptl Admin Coy Ptl ARU Sect Mors and TFMA Ptl	YS 361660 YS 334623 YS 318623 and YS 327622 YS 333625 and YS 335622 YS 350623 and YS 344624 YS 358636 and YS 384654 YS 393642 YS 450647 YS 347645	
44	3 Feb 70	At YS 378710 6 Pl B Coy contacted 3 VC. Results: One VC KIA (BC), One WIA (BT), One AK 47 CIA. 11 Lbs of food were found on the body		10
45	3 Feb 70	Two coys continued sweeps on the NUI THI with two coys in ambush.		
46	3 Feb 70 Night Location	Bn HQ and Elms Sp Coy A Coy HQ 1 Pl A Coy 2 Pl A Coy 3 Pl A Coy B Coy HQ 4 Pl B Coy 5 Pl B Coy 6 Pl B Coy C Coy HQ 7 Pl C Coy 8 Pl C Coy 9 Pl C Coy D Coy HQ 10 Pl : Coy 11 Pl D Coy 12 Pl D Coy Aslt Pnr Pl Ptl Admin Coy TFMA and Sect mors	Nui Dat YS 349642 YS 345626 YS 358631 YS 324634 YS 378678 YS 380688 and YS 378674 YS 406708 YS 382708 YS 363675 YS 356676 YS 353673 YS 367693 YS 334623 YS 318623 and YS 327622 YS 333625 and YS 335622 YS 350623 and YS 344624 YS 358636 and YS 395655 YS 402644 YS 347645	

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47	4 Feb 70	0743	At YS 382708 6 Pl B Coy contacted 4 enemy moving from the east. The enemy were engaged at 3 metres. Results: 2 enemy KIA (BC) 1 WIA and captured, 2 X M1 carbine plus food, documents and equipment CIA.	11
48	4 Feb 70	-	Acting upon information received from the PW captured above, national police escorted by a section of the Atk Pl, located and destroyed a tunnel system which contained ammunition and equipment.	
49	4 Feb 70	-	C Coy and D Coy returned to Nui Dat to assume 1 ATF Ready Reaction duties over the TET period.	
50	4 Feb 70	Night location	Bn HQ and Elms Sp Coy, C Coy and D Coy A Coy HQ 1 Pl A Coy 2 Pl A Coy 3 Pl A Coy B Coy HQ 4 Pl B Coy 5 Pl B Coy 6 Pl B Coy Ptl's Admin Coy Mor Sect	Nui Dat YS 348645 YS 361660 YS 352621 and YS 363634 YS 321635 and YS 322621 YS 378678 YS 330688 and YS 378683 YS 405715 and YS 405708 YS 382708 YS 401641, YS 408650 and YS 416661 YS 347645
51	5 Feb 70	-	A Coy and B Coy continued reconnaissance and ambush operations.	
52	5 Feb 70	1800	A 24 hr cease fire commenced because of TET	
53	5 Feb 70	1857	B Coy observed 6 - 10 enemy. The force was not engaged because of the cease fire.	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
54	5 Feb 70	Night Location	Bn HQ, C C Coy, D Coy and elms Sp Coy A Coy HQ 1 Pl A Coy 2 Pl A Coy 3 Pl A Coy B Coy HQ 4 Pl B Coy 5 Pl B Coy 6 Pl B Coy Aslt Pnr Pl Ptls Admin Coy, TFMA and mor sect Mor Sect	Nui Dat YS 348645 YS 361660 YS 348622 YS 321635 and YS 323621 YS 378678 YS 412701 YS 405714 and YS 405708 YS 378710 YS 378684 and YS 380688 YS 402643, YS 408652 and YS416659. YS 347645
55	6 Feb 70	-	1. A Coy and B Coy continued operations to the west of Nui Dat. 2. D Coy remained 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.	
56	6 Feb 70	Night Location	Bn HQ, C Coy, D Coy and elms Sp Coy A Coy HQ 1 Pl A Coy 2 Pl A Coy 3 Pl A Coy B Coy HQ 4 Pl B Coy 5 Pl B Coy 6 Pl B Coy Aslt Pnr Pl Admin Coy and TFMA Ptls Mor Sect	Nui Dat YS 348645 YS 353656 YS 348622 YS 321635 and YS 323620 YS 378678 YS 412701 YS 405714 and YS 405708 YS 381701 YS 381706 YS 377684 and YS 385683 YS 401640, YS 408652 and YS 413659 YS 347645
57	7 Feb 70	-	Operations west of Nui Dat continued.	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
58	7 Feb 70 Night	Bn HQ D Coy and Sp Coy (-)	Nui Dat	
	Locations	A Coy HQ	YS 348645	
		1 Pl A Coy	YS 359655	
		2 Pl A Coy	YS 379637 and	
			YS 360632	
		3 Pl A Coy	YS 354620	
		B Coy HQ	YS 378678	
		4 Pl B Coy	YS 412701	
		5 Pl B Coy	YS 405714 and	
			YS 405708	
		6 Pl B Coy	YS 381707 and	
			YS 382707	
		C Coy HQ	Nui Dat	
		7 Pl C Coy	YS 435638 and	
			YS 434628	
		8 Pl C Coy	YS 437643	
		9 Pl C Coy	YS 431651 and	
			YS 435648	
		Admin Coy Ptl	YS 402642	
		TFMA Ptl	YS 408649 and	
			YS 409656	
		Aslt Pnr Pl	YS 385683	
59	8 Feb 70	a. The Atk Pl was committed to operations east of the NUI THI under operational control of B Coy.		
		b. 2 Pl A Coy commenced to conduct night fighting patrols.		
		c. D Coy (less one Pl) continued to be 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.		
		d. One platoon D Coy was committed to the south east of Phuoc Tuy Province as 1 ATF Hawk Flight.		
60	8 Feb 70 Night	Bn HQ and D Coy	Nui Dat	
	Locations	A Coy HQ	YS 348645	
		1 Pl A Coy	YS 355651	
		2 Pl A Coy	YS 394650	
		3 Pl A Coy	YS 354621	
		B Coy HQ	YS 381688	
		4 Pl B Coy	YS 412716	
		5 Pl B Coy	YS 405714 and	
			YS 405708	
		6 Pl B Coy	YS 381707 and	
			YS 382707	
		Atk Pl	YS 392712	
		Aslt Pnr Pl	YS 377684 and	
			YS 385683	
		7 Pl C Coy	YS 435638 and	
			YS 436628	
		8 Pl C Coy	YS 434648 and	
			YS 442643	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	8 Feb 70 Night Location cont.	9 Pl C Coy Admin Coy Ptl TFMA Ptl's	YS 419657 and YS 430653 YS 402642 YS 408649 and YS 417661	
61	9 Feb 70 Night Location	Bn HQ and D Coy A Coy HQ 1 Pl A Coy 2 Pl A Coy 3 Pl A Coy B Coy HQ 4 Pl B Coy 5 Pl B Coy 6 Pl B Coy C Coy HQ 7 Pl C Coy 8 Pl C Coy 9 Pl C Coy D Coy HQ Admin Coy Ptl TFMA Ptl's	Nui Dat YS 348645 YS 355656 YS 394647 YS 354621 and YS 362634 YS 381688 YS 412716 YS 415708 YS 378710 and YS 381709 Nui Dat YS 466635 and YS 437629 YS 435648 and YS 438642 YS 431650 Nui Dat YS 401641 YS 400651 and YS 417660	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
62	10 Feb 70	1230	3 Pl A Coy returned to NUI DAT and assumed the task of 1 ATF Counter Penetration Force.	
63	10 Feb 70		B Coy and A Coy less one Pl continued to conduct reconnaissance and ambush operations north and east of NUI DINHS.	
64	10 Feb 70	Night Locations	Bn HQ and D Coy A Coy HQ 1 Pl A Coy 2 Pl A Coy 3 Pl A Coy H Coy HQ 4 Pl B Coy 5 Pl B Coy 6 Pl B Coy Atk Pl Aslt Pnr Pl Admin Coy Ptl TFMA Ptl Mor Sect	NUI DAT YS 348645 YS 361660 YS 394647 NUI DAT YS 395724 YS 418737 YS 395728 and YS 402731 YS 373711 YS 374723 YS 377684 and YS 385683 YS 402644 YS 408652 and YS 414659 YS 347645
65	11 Feb 70	-	A Coy less one Pl, B Coy, Atk Pl and Aslt Pnr Pl remained north and east of the NUI DINHS conducting reconnaissance and ambush operations. D Coy continued to be 1 ATF Ready Reaction Force.	
66	11 Feb 70	1932	At YS 385683 a patrol from the Aslt Pnr Pl contacted 2 enemy. Results: 2 VC KIA (BC), 12 2 weapons and 7 magazines CIA.	
67	11 Feb 70	Night Locations	Bn HQ A Coy HQ 1 Pl A Coy 2 Pl A Coy 3 Pl A Coy B Coy HQ 4 Pl B Coy 5 Pl B Coy 6 Pl B Coy	NUI DAT YS 348645 YS 355661 YS 394655 NUI DAT YS 395723 YS 420744 and YS 418737 YS 395733 and YS 403735 YS 366716

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
67			D Coy	NUI DAT
Cont			Admin Coy Ptl	YS 400642
			TFMA Ptl	YS 408652 and
				YS 415660
			Atk Pl	YS 383726
			Aslt Pnr Pl	YS 383685 and
				YS 385683
			Mor Sect	YS 347645
68	12 Feb 70		Operations as per serial 65 continued.	
69	12 Feb 70	Night Locations	Bn HQ	NUI DAT
			A Coy HQ	YS 348645
			1 Pl A Coy	YS 358680
			2 Pl A Coy	YS 394647 to YS 395655
				to YS 398657 to YS 394647
				(Timings 1915 to 0400)
			3 Pl A Coy	NUI DAT
				(Counter Penetration)
			B Coy HQ	YS 395723
			4 Pl B Coy	YS 420744
			5 Pl B Coy	YS 395733 and
				YS 410730
			6 Pl B Coy	YS 373711
			D Coy complete	NUI DAT
				(Ready Reaction)
			Admin Coy Ptl	YS 410655
			Atk Pl	YS 393710 and
				YS 393708
			Aslt Pnr Pl	YS 383682 and
				YS 385683
			Mor Sect	YS 347645
70	13 Feb 70		The TFMA Pl passed from under operational control of 8 RAR.	
71	13 Feb 70	0813	One Pl of D Coy ready reacted to YS 475732 following an SAS contact in that vicinity.	
72	13 Feb 70	Night Locations	Bn HQ	NUI DAT
			A Coy HQ	YS 348645
			1 Pl A Coy	YS 358680
			2 Pl A Coy	YS 394647
			3 Pl A Coy	YS 361662
			B Coy HQ	YS 395723
			4 Pl B Coy	YS 420744
			5 Pl B Coy	YS 395733 and
				YS 410730
			6 Pl B Coy	YS 373711

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OPERATIONS AFTER ACTION
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OPERATION KEPERRA

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
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Atk Pl

YS 393708 and
YS 393710

Aslt Pnr Pl

YS 384682 and
YS 385683

Sect Mor Pl

YS 347645

D Coy

NUI DAT

Admin Coy Ptl

YS 402643

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All sub-units involved in Op KEPERRA
returned to NUI DAT.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

En Sit

1. The en intention at the time of the op was to carry out some type of TET offensive action against villages on Route 2, particularly HOA LONG.
2. Elms of D440 and C41 appeared to have combined with the aim of carrying this out. These units were loc in the NUI DINH area and in the SONG XOAI base area to the North.
3. Large parties of C41 were making frequent trips into HOA LONG for food.
4. In order to increase motivation, an indoctrination course was held in the NUI DINH area, prior to the TET period, it was attended by elms of D440 and C41.

Units Contacted

5. C41 CHAU DUC

- a. C41 was contacted and identified a no of times, particularly in the area between the NUI DINHs and HOA LONG.
- b. The gps contacted were engaged in resup from HOA LONG and DUC MY.

6. Guerilla Units

- a. The BARIA City Unit and the VUNG TAU City Unit were identified after a contact in bunkers at YS344636 and YS345637.
- b. There was nothing significant about their presence as the NUI DINHs are normal areas of op for them.

En Activity

7. Sign of recent mov of 60 pers was found heading North from YS357676 to YS358687. It is possible that this was the gp that attended the indoctrination course.
8. The en continued to use the resup routes into HOA LONG and DUC MY. Information about these routes was obtained from a PW from C41 and resulted in 2 VC KIA during an ambush on one of the routes. The PW also loc a tunnel and hide used by C41 inside HOA LONG.

Points of Interest

9. The booby traps loc in bunkers at YS343635 were hurriedly set up and relatively easy to loc. En within the bunkers did not stay and fight but broke contact quickly and withdrew.

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10. One of the PWs had only recently been recruited into C41 from the NGAI GIAO Guerillas and was not happy with his lot. He was most co-operative. The forced recruitment of guerillas has caused much discontent.

11. One en soldier involved in the contact at YS378710 was particularly skillful, as on contact, he withdrew only a short distance, wrote a note wng those following and then indicated a safe route to follow.

12. Torches were frequently used by the en moving in and out of HOA LONG. Arty and mor fire succeeded in extinguishing them, but for short periods only.

Conclusions

13. The pre-emptive measures taken by friendlies prior to TET succeeded in disrupting planned activities of C41 and I.

14. Although en mov into HOA LONG was limited during the op it is most probable that it will increase again now that 1 ATF pressure has been removed.

App:

1. Summary of Contacts & Incidents
2. Summary of En Losses
3. Locs of Contacts & Incidents

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SUMMARY OF CONTACTS & INCIDENTS

SERIAL	D/TIME	GRID	SUB-UNIT	DETAILS	RESULTS
1	271327H	YS353654	C Coy	Three graves, 6 - 9 months old, found.	-
2	271547H	YS345637	3Pl/A Coy	Four en initiated contact with comd detonated mor bombs, auto wpns and 1 RPG.	1 Aust WIA.
3	271635H	YS356657	C Coy	Loc nine pits (two with OHP) and an OP in a tree, covering the southern and western approaches.	-
4	271845H	YS347633	3Pl/A Coy	Concrete water tank loc.	-
5	281340H	YS344636	A Coy	28 bunkers and pits for approximately 50 people were found. All bunkers had OHP of timber, rock and soil. Some were booby-trapped. System was 6-12 months old and recent constr was evident.	280lbs of rice, 75 lbs misc food CIA. Plus 2 gren, 1 RPG rd, 1 M72 rd and 41 detonators.
6	281435H	YS355660	9Pl/C Coy	One en was fired upon by the sentry.	-
7	281845H	YS322624	D Coy	Three en moving south were engaged with the M60.	1 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA (PW), 1 x M2, 1 x AK47 CIA.
8	282347H	YS378678	B Coy	4/5 VC engaged the perimeter - Shell Drake ringed the perimeter with arty and the en withdrew. Sweep conducted in the morning found no results.	1 Aust KIA.
9	291129H	YS383696	B Coy	Letter box was found.	-
10	291225H	YS352665	C Coy	Extensively used track running NNW loc.	-
11	291445H	YS362665	C Coy	Four en were heard moving, and engaged.	One blood trail was found.
12	291718H	YS363665	C Coy	Old destroyed camp loc.	-
13	292035H	YS336632	A Coy	Contact with unknown no of en - the en was moving into an AP from the south and engaged with claymores.	Negative result.

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SUMMARY OF CONTACTS & INCIDENTS

SERIAL	D/TIME	GRID	SUB-UNIT	DETAILS	RESULTS
14	301232H	YS357675	C Coy	Loc a stopping place for 60 people, with 15 fireplaces, used in the last 3/5 days. A track was found leading to the NE.	-
15	301518H	YS358664	C Coy	An empty rice cache was loc, rice had been recently removed.	-
16	302003H	YS377685	B Coy	Lights were sighted.	-
17	311135H	YS388701	B Coy	A fresh blood trail was followed to the south to grid YS382707, a blood-stained gauze was found.	-
18	311610H	YS365663	C Coy	Loc en marking.	Found in creek bed.
19	311645H	YS360635	Aslt Pnr	Contact with 2/3 en moving north along a path.	Negative result.
20	312040H	YS345625	A Coy	Contact with unknown no of en - engaged outside the perimeter.	Negative result.
21	312059H	YS355668	C Coy	Concentration of lights; engaged with mors - lights dispersed, then re-appeared engaged again, but re-appeared again at 312345H.	-
22	011420H	YS344641	A Coy	One head and one body found, they were not related.	-
23	011535H	YS357676/ YS358687	C Coy	A track which had been used by approximately 60 people was followed until it split at YS358687.	-
24	011700H	YS357635	Aslt Pnr	Loc a battery and a gren.	-
25	011745H	YS341640	3Pl/A Coy	5 claymores, all without firing devices were found; also one gren set up as a booby-trap.	-
26	021717H	YS364692/ YS360687	9Pl/C Coy	Loc 1 x 175mm bomb and 1 x 80mm rocket.	-

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SUMMARY OF CONTACTS & INCIDENTS

SERIAL	D/TIME	GRID	SUB-UNIT	DETAILS	RESULTS
27	030752H	YS378710	6Pl/B Coy	Contacted three en carrying AK47s, moving West. They were fired upon by the M60. The third en threw a smoke gren to cover the withdrawal of himself and one wounded en.	1 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA, 1 AK47, dried fish vegetables and two cabbages were CIA.
28	040855H	YS382708	6Pl/B Coy	Four en were contacted during ambush. En returned fire and one escaped. A blood trail was followed and one en surrendered.	2 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA (PW), 2 M1 and 2 AK47 mags were CIA.
29	051857H	YS405714	5Pl/B Coy	6/10 VC sighted moving East.	-
30	061300H	YS348645	A Coy	Sentries heard movement and engaged the suspected en.	-
31	061300H	YS355656	A Coy	There was a large camp loc.	-
32	061304H	YS412701	B Coy	A small party of en were sighted moving SE.	-
33	071853H	YS359619	A Coy	One to two en carrying wpns were sighted.	-
34	080815H	YS385683	Aslt Pnr	Found abandoned en fire and signs of two people.	-
35	091955H	YS417660	TAOR	Observed a no of lights.	-
36	112133H	YS385683	Aslt Pnr	Contacted two en who walked into ambush posn.	2 VC KIA, 1 AK47, 1 Chicom SMG, 3 x AK47 mags and 4 SMG mags were CIA.

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SUMMARY OF EN LOSSES

1. En cas:
6 KIA (BC)
1 WIA
2 PW
2. Weapons:
3 AK47
1 PPS 43
4 M1/M2
3. Ammunition:
7.62mm - 100
Grenades - 2
Chicom Explosive - 21bs
Detonators - 41
4. Food:
Rice - 285lbs
Salt - 21bs
Miscellaneous - 100lbs

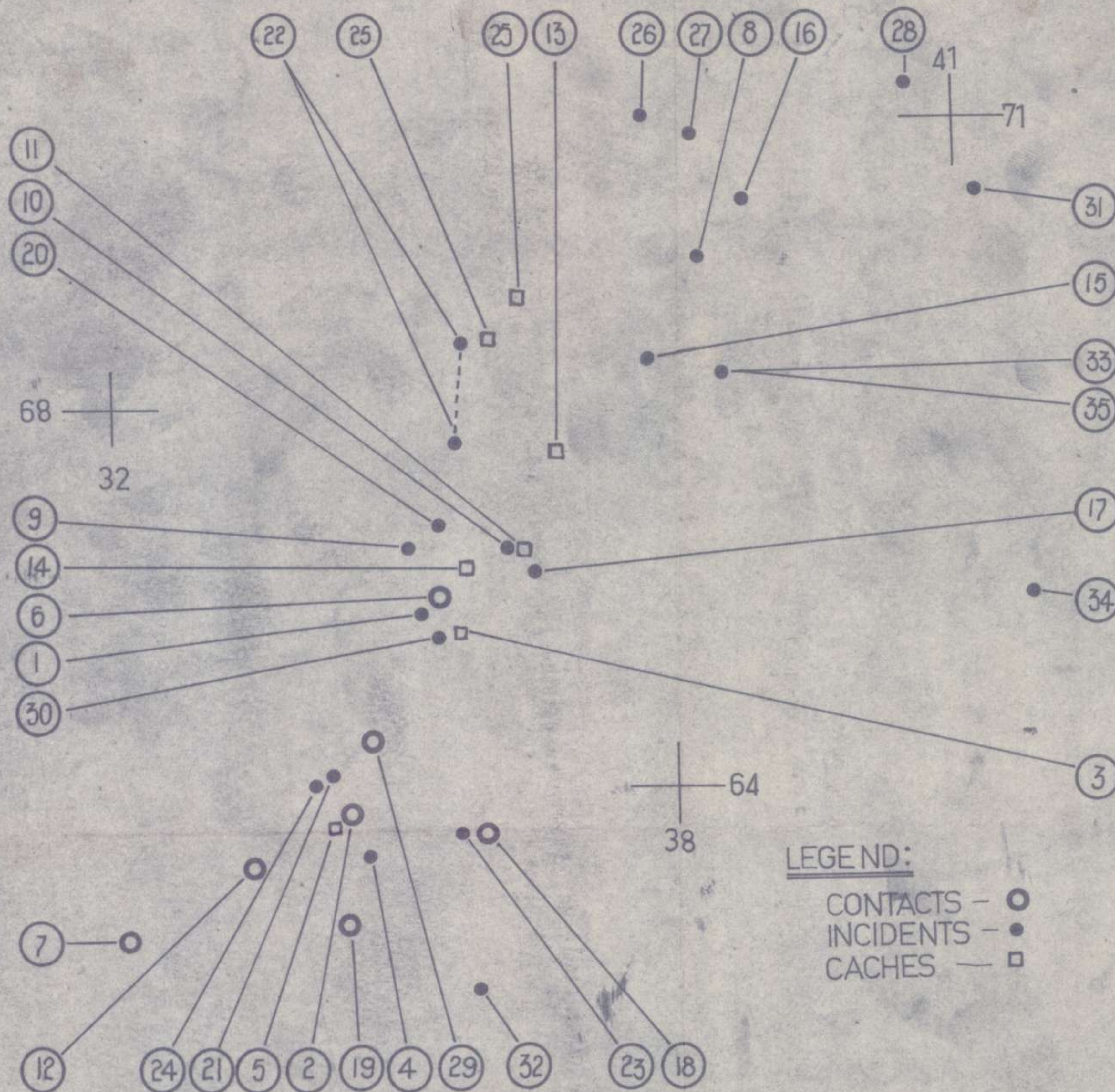
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LOCS OF CONTACTS & INCIDENTS

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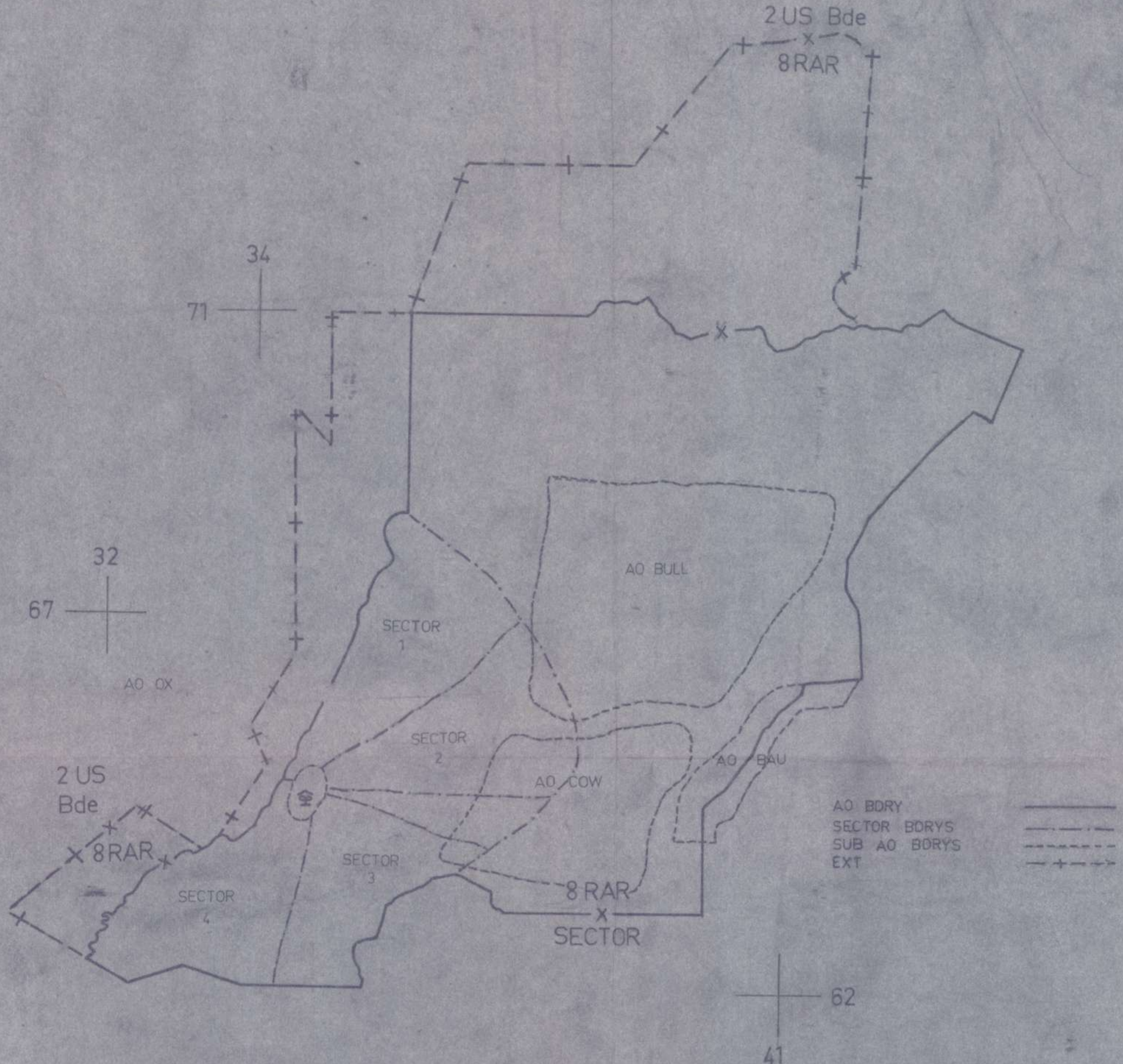
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BDRYS OF AO SAMFORD

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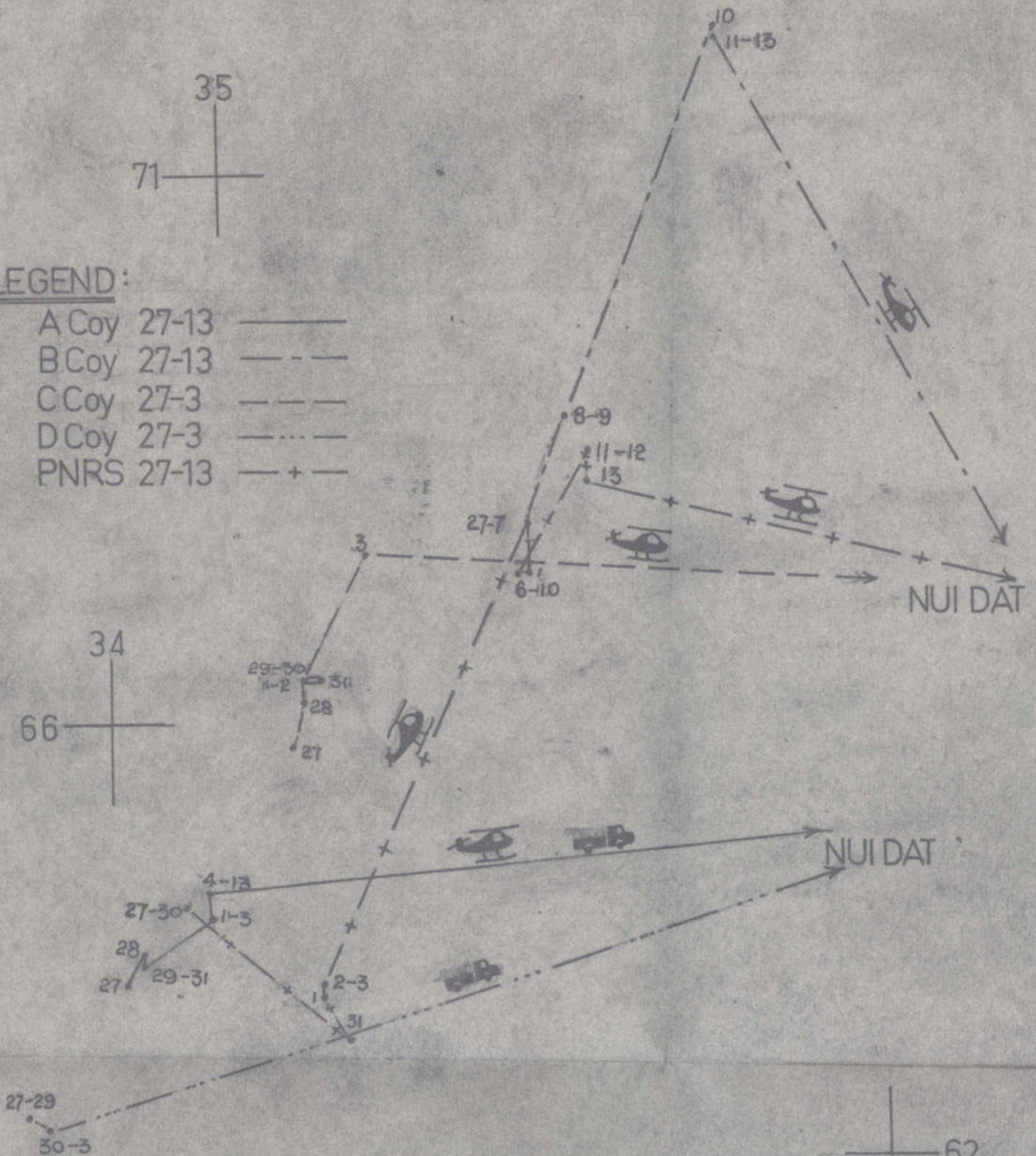
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SUB UNIT DEPLOYMENT ROUTES

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LEGEND:

A Coy	27-13	————
B Coy	27-13	-----
C Coy	27-3	-----
D Coy	27-3	-----
PNRS	27-13	— + —



BN GP MOV:

NUI DAT to XUYEN MOC	— 23 JAN 70
XUYEN MOC to NUI NHON	— 24 JAN 70
NUI NHON to NUI DAT	— 25 JAN 70
NUI DAT to AO SAMFORD	— 27 JAN 70

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HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT
24 Jan 70

Op Instr 3/70 (Op KEPERRA)

To: Lt Col K.J.O'NEILL, CO 8 RAR.

1. Situation.

a. En. Brief and data base issued separately.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 1 ATF Ops.

(a) 1 ATF SITREPs and plans summaries.

(b) Op MATILDA ETA Nui Dat 28 Jan 70.

(c) Land clearing ops in LONG GREEN terminate

22 Jan 70.

(2) Sector.

(a) See 1 ATF Provincial Data Handbook.

(b) CA teams from B Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd

Regt deployed at Xuyen Moc.

(3) 2nd Bde 1st US Inf Div.

(a) 1/16 (Mech) Inf commences ops in Nui Dinh
within AO DAGGER on 27 Jan 70.

(b) 1 ATF LO remains FSPB COLORADO.

2. Mission. To conduct ops from Nui Dat base at Xuyen Moc,
Nui Nhon and in the Nui Dinh hills.

3. Execution.

a. Gen Outline.

(1) This instr covers the period up to and incl TET.
Ops, chronologically, are:

(a) Cordon and search of Xuyen Moc
to commence on 23 Jan.

(b) Cordon and search of Nui Nhon on
completion of search of Xuyen Moc.

(c) Recce and ambush ops in Nui Dinh
hills in conjunction with 1/16 (Mech) Inf, to commence on 26 Jan.

(2) Atk Pl, to remain Nui Dat as Hawk Flight Pl.

b. Cordon and Search Ops.

(1) Grouping.

(a) In DS

161 Fd Bty
one H13 ac 161 (Indep) Recce
Flt.

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(b) In sp from 231000H

one ACV HQ 1 ATF HQ one
tp 1 Fd Sqn two CETs 1
Fd Sqn elm det 1 Div Int
Unit elm Psy Ops Unit elm
1 Aust CA Unit 32 TCVs as
org by TFMA one pl V 100
(Cdo vehs) (four vehs)
nine pers 10 MID 15 PFF
eight NP (incl two females)
six Special Branch Police
10 interpreters VIS
loudspeaker van.

(2) Tasks

(a) Cordon and search of part of Xuyen Moc village
as decided with District Chief Xuyen Moc.

(b) On conclusion of the Xuyen Moc op, deploy to
cordon and search Nui Nhon.

(c) Deployment by TCV.

c. Recce and Ambush Ops.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Remaining in DS 161 Fd Bty
one H13 and 161 (Indep)
Recce Flt

(b) Remaining in sp HQ one tp 1 Fd Sqn

(c) In sp from 260700H four splinter teams 1 Fd
Sqn

(d) In sp on rel from
Op MATILDA one tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt

(2) Tasks. Conduct recce and ambush ops in Nui Dinh
hills area in conjunction with 1/16 (Mech) Inf, deploying by air
and TCV.

d. Coord Instrs.

(1) Timings.

(a) Cordon and Search Ops. To commence 23 Jan 70.

(b) Recce and Ambush Ops. To commence 26 Jan 70.

(2) AO (Recce and Ambush Ops). Annex A (to be issued).

(3) FSPB. Remains Nui Dat.

4. Administration and Logistics. Special stores and feeding
arrangements for cordon and search ops arranged separately.

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5. Command and Signal.

a. Radio. No change to 1 ATF SOIs.

b. Nicknames.

(1) Op. KEPERRA.
(2) AO. SAMFORD.

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OPO 1

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.

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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.

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(c) In sp for phase 2 : Three x ¼ 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 dispersal 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
I61 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 1.
- (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 tfc 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).

..../ (c) XUYEN MOC

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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 Phrs 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.

.... / (2) RAP

(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 Pnr Pl.

l. Interrogation Centre

- (1) Annex F.
- (2) Estb by Aslt Pnr Pl as directed by Bn 2IC.

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 folo:
 - (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 folo:
 - (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
Ops Offr	64 - 65	12
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Gen

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 HAIs. 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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C610. BARIA

- 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	51b 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.

App 1. Hamlet Plan.

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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 site 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 recce 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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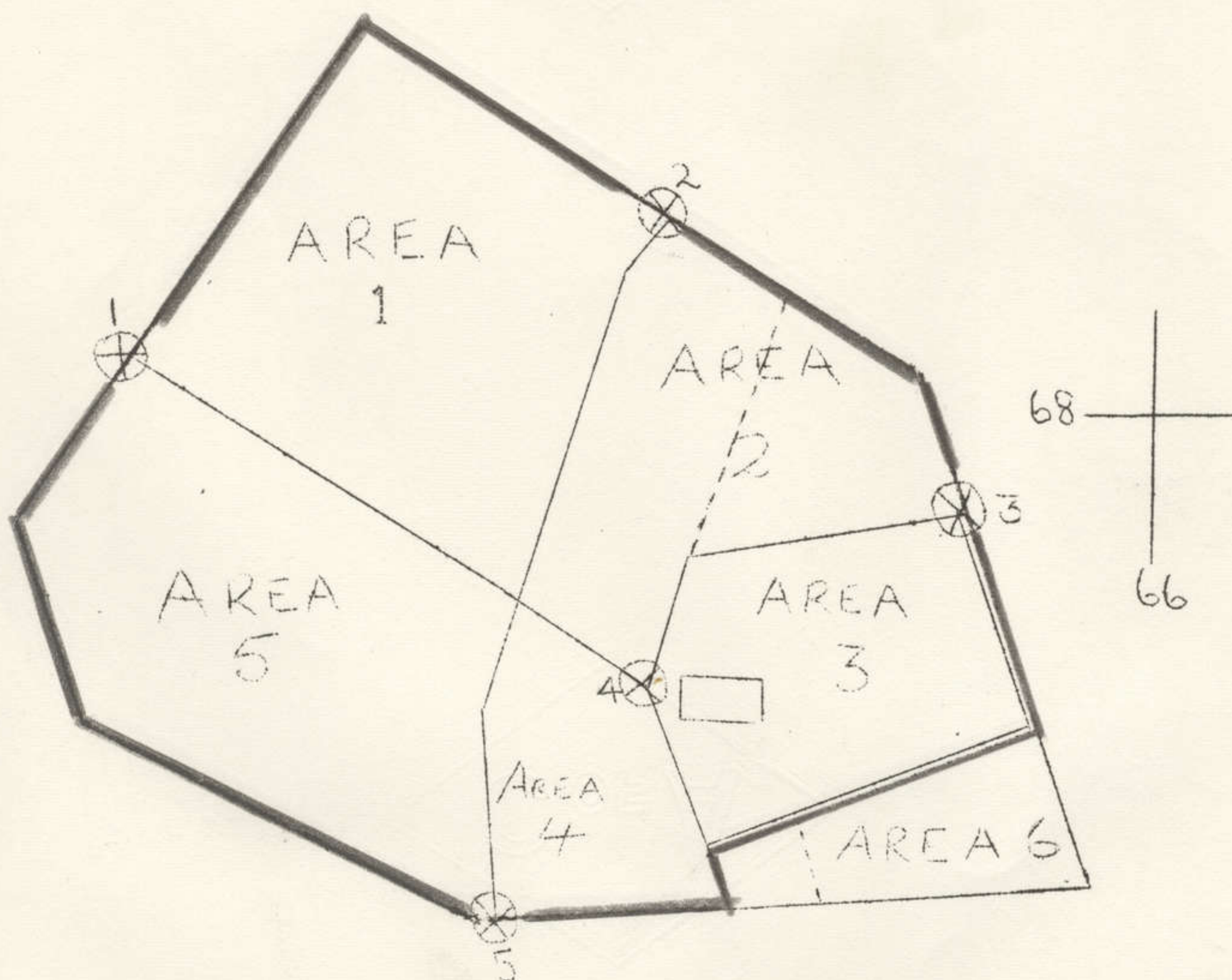
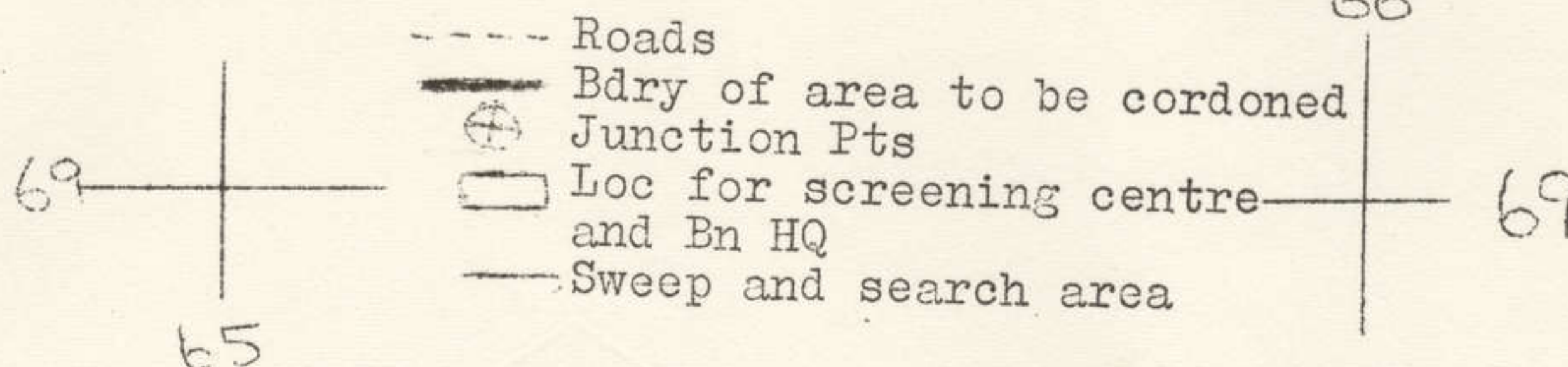
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CORDON LOCS, SWEEP/SEARCH AREAS, JUNCTION PTS INSTL
LOCS : XUYEN MOC

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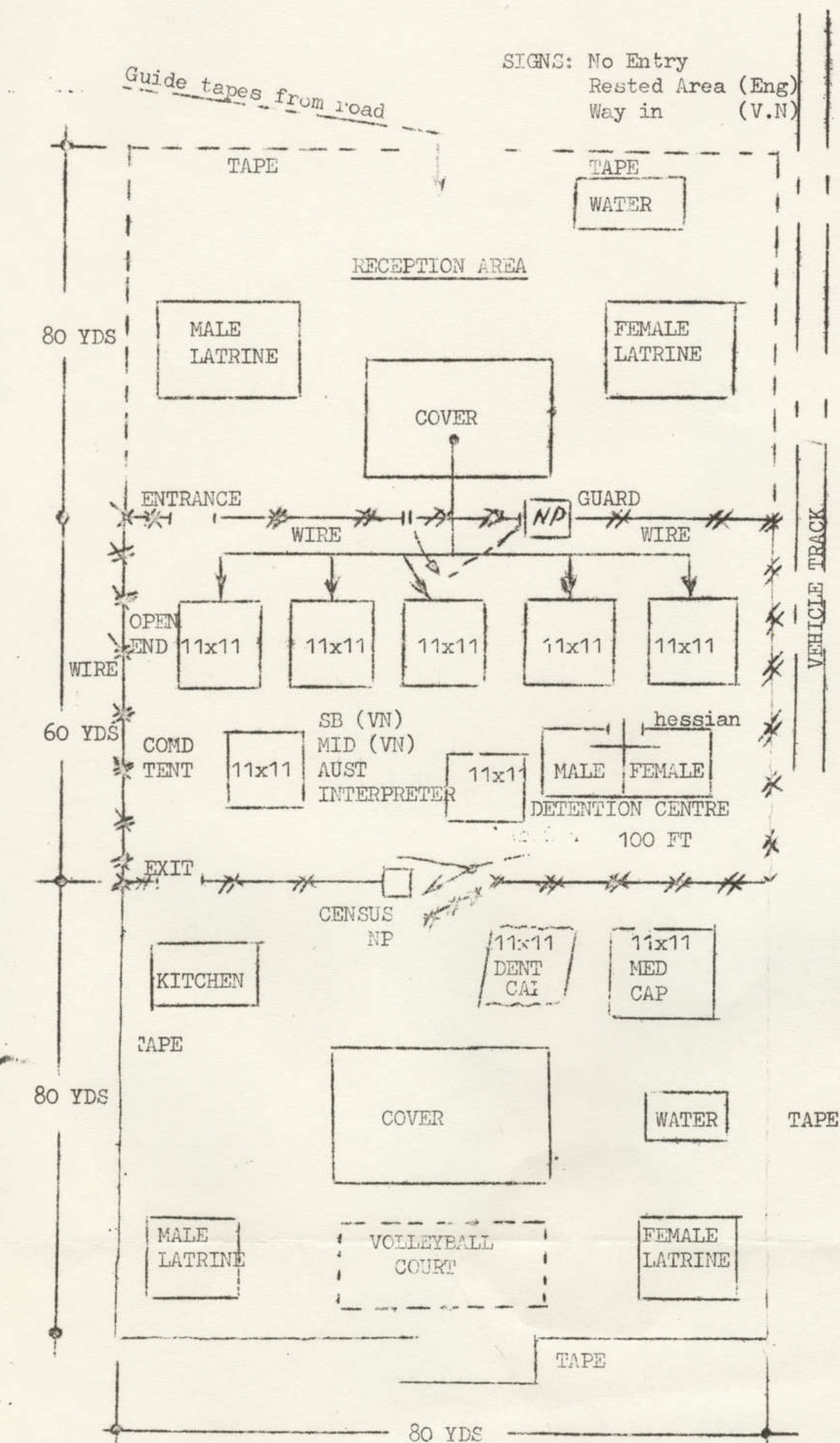


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DETAILS OF INTERROGATION CENTRE



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 BUSFMAN 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. Bn 2IC Gp : 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
DATED 22 JAN 70

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	
	8	TCV			
3	2	¾Ton	C Coy	OC C Coy	
	7	TCV			
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	Bn 2 IC	Bn 2IC	Move as Directed morning 24 Jan 70.
	8	¾Ton			
	4	2½/5 Ton			

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CONVOY NO 3
XUYEN MOC TO VIC YS 5662

APP 4 TO ANNEX G
TO 8 RAR OPS 3
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| <p>1. Date: 24 Jan 70</p> <p>2. Assy Area: Cordon posn</p> <p>3. SL: Junction of Pt 5 Annex E</p> <p>4. Route: Route 23</p> <p>5. Critical Pts:
a. SL
b. Rel Pt</p> | <p>6. Timings: As ordered by CO 8 RAR
(Anticipate 241715H)</p> <p>7. Release of TCVs: Once Inf have debussed
convoy is to return to
NUI DAT under comd
RAASC Comd.</p> <p>8. Overall Comd of Inf Force: Bn 2IC.</p> |
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Ser	Veh		Load	Comd	Anticipated Timings		Remarks
	No	Type			SL	Rel Pt	
	(b)	(c)			(f)	(g)	
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 1 4 2	¾LR 1 ½ Amb 2 ½/5 Ton Armd Cars	2IC Gp	Capt Loftus	0646	0706	See App 1 for details of composition and loading
2.	8 1 2	¾ LR ACV Armd Cars	Bn HQ Gp	OC Sp Coy	0645	0700	See App 1 for details of composition and Loading.

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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 HQ'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.

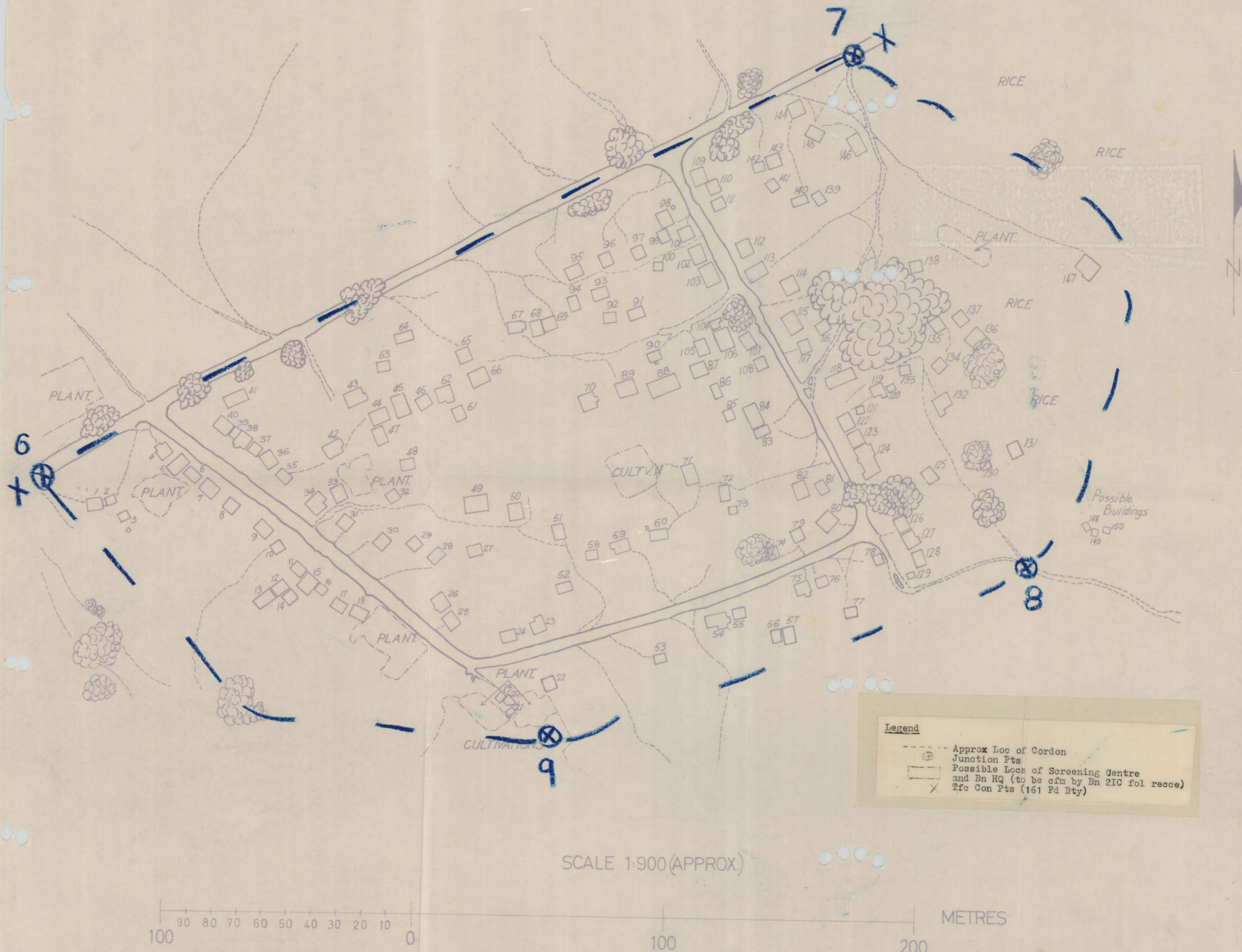
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NUI NHON VILLAGE

GORDON LOC, JUNCTION PTS, HAMLET LAYOUT AND INST LOC.

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NUI DAT

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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 DS: 161 Fd Bty (RNZA).

(2) Remaining in sp: HQ one tp 1 Fd Sqn.

(3) In sp from 260700H: Four splinter teams 1 Fd Sq.

(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

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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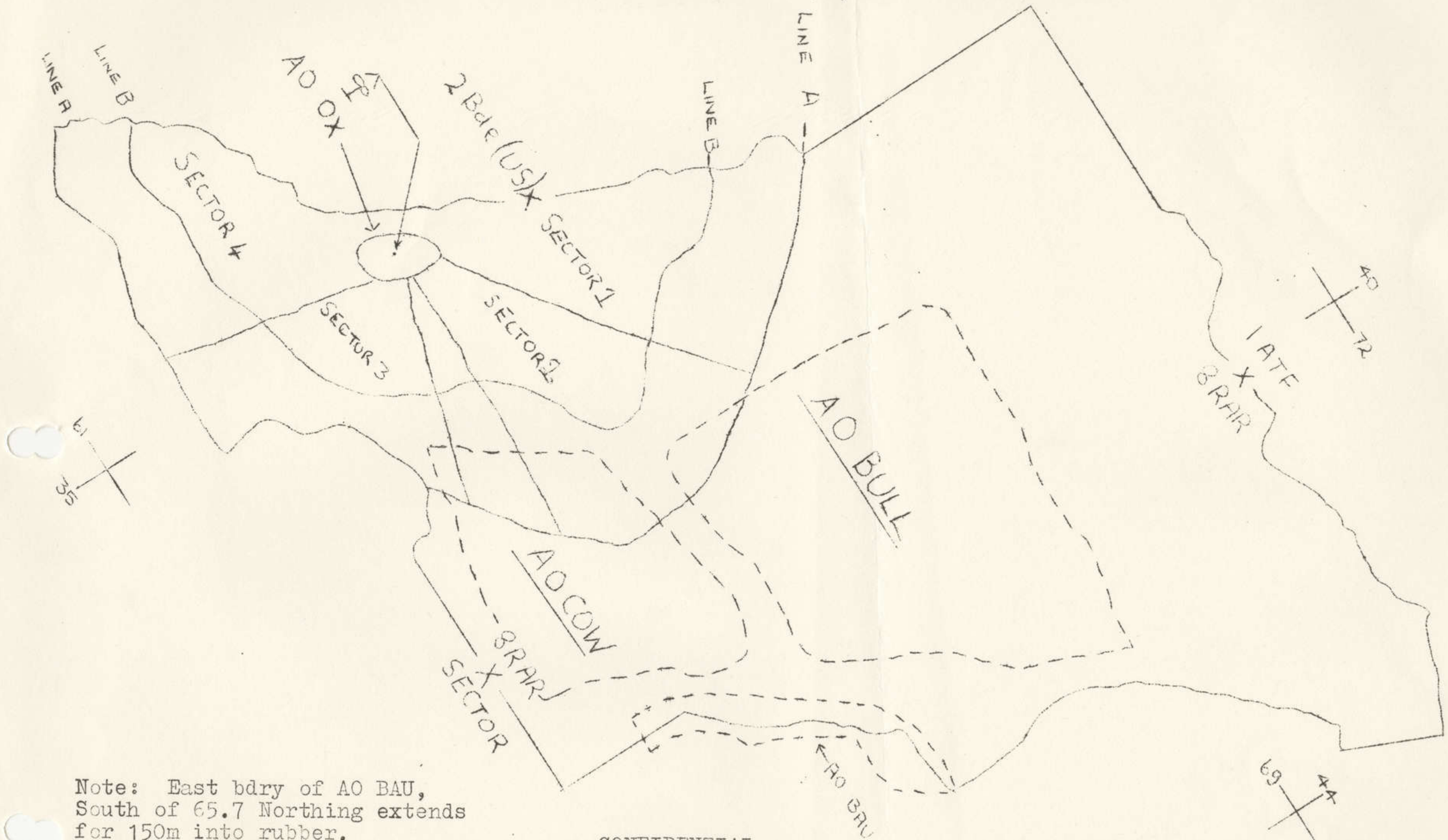
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ANNEX A TO
8 RAR OPS 3 (FRAGO 2)
DATED 26 JAN 70

Ref: Map VIETNAM Series L7014 Sheet 6430 III 1:50,000



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

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NNEX B TO
8. RAR OPS 3
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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 Pnr 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	
	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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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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ENCLOSURE 4 TO
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CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT OF KEPERRA

Part 1

1. Report by No 38520 Sgt D.H.JUCKEL, 8 RAR, A Coy, 3 Pl.
2. Date/Time of contact was 271547H, at grid location of YS345637
3. Duration of (i) Firefight: 10 mins, for a total of 10 mins.
4. Description of contact, including task and events prior to contact and friendly/enemy reaction. Include sketch.

The task was to do a recce-in-force of the western side of the re-entrant at the above grid reference. We discovered bunker-signs and shook out in extended line from the top of the ridge to the creek. The enemy initiated the contact with 2-3 claymores and 1 RPG. followed by long bursts of 2-5 AK47s. The section 2IC was only 4 or 5 feet from the claymore, which was badly sighted.

5. Description of the terrain and canopy, including estimated ranges of visibility.

Steep and rocky with a poor visibility of 5-7 metres.

6. Who was the first to see the enemy (names not required; insert fwd scout, MG No 1, etc as applicable.) - The fwd scout.

7. Distance to the enemy when first sighted was 20 metres.

8. What caused the enemy to be noticed?

There were fresh bunkersigns (latrine) seen by the Ptl Comd when he went on a recce from the Pl harbour.

9. Strengths: Enemy - 5 to 7 mainforce. Own - 14.

10. Enemy type: They were main force troops.

11. Who fired first (Names not required; insert fwd scout, MG No 1, etc as applicable)

The enemy fired first at a range of from 4 to 10 metres.

12. The range of the first engagement was 4 metres.

13. Maximum range of engagement was 10 metres.

14. Weapons fired by:

a. Friendlies were - M16s, SLRs.

b. Enemy were - Claymores, RPG2, AK47s.

15. Approximate number of friendly rounds fired were - 100 x 5.56, 40 x 7.62.

16. Total enemy casualties - 1 WIA (BT).

Weapons causing casualty? - M16.

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17. Friendly casualties: 1 Aust slightly wounded, RPG shrapnel in both legs - remained on duty.

Weapon causing casualty was an RPG2.

18. Other points and lessons learnt?

If the scout is alert, bunkersigns are a dead give-away. The patrol was in the correct formation and when hit were expecting it and came out of it with a minimum of fuss and orders. One must always stay low; cover each other and make maximum use of fire and movement. All enemy weapons were fired high.

Part 2

19. Platoon actions and commander's comment, if different from above.

Nil.

20. Support fire, arty, air, mortar and/or any other?

Nil.

21. Support fire ammunition expended?

Nil.

Part 3

22. Company Commander's Comments.

This patrol was fortunate that the enemy had not sighted his claymore with care. However the reaction on contact was good.

.....Sgt.D.H.Juckel....Ptl Comd

.....Pl Comd

.....Maj.V.Murphy.....Coy Comd

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ENCLOSURE 5 TO
8 RAR COMBAT OPS
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CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT OF KEPERRA

Part 1

1. Report by: No 14699 Rank: WO2 Name: D.J.JUILLERAT
Bn: 8 RAR Coy: D Coy Pl: CHQ.
2. Date/Time of contact was 281846H Jan 70 at grid location YS332624.
3. Duration of (i) Firefight - 30 seconds (ii) Total of 30 seconds.
4. Description of contact, including task and events prior to contact and friendly/enemy reaction. Include sketch.
CHQ was in an ambush position. Three enemy approached the sp section MG from the south. The MG opened fire, killing one and wounding another. The third enemy withdrew east. When the MG opened fire, the enemy had stopped approximately seven metres from the gun position, and appeared to be looking at a claymore mine.
(For diagram (see appendix I)).
5. Description of terrain and canopy, including estimated ranges of visibility.
Rocky with low scrub. In the area around the MG, visibility was restricted to 15 metres.
6. Who was the first to see the enemy (names not required; insert fwd scout, sentry, etc as applicable.)
The sentry was the first to see the enemy.
7. What was the distance to the enemy when first sighted?
About 15 metres.
8. What caused the enemy to be noticed?
Movement.
9. Strengths: Enemy - 3
Own troops - 24
10. What was the enemy type?
They were local type enemy.
11. Who fired first (Names not required; insert fwd scout, MG No 1, etc as applicable)?
The sentry on the MG was the first to fire.
12. What was the range of the first engagement?
Approximately seven metres.
13. Maximum range of engagement?
Approximately nine metres.
14. Weapons fired were:
Friendlies - M60.
Enemy - Nil.

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15. Approximate No of friendly rounds fired:
33 x M60 rounds.
16. Total enemy casualties: 1 VC KIA and 1 PW WIA.
Weapons causing casualty were: M60.
17. Friendly casualty: Nil.
Weapon causing casualty? Not applicable.
18. Other points and lessons learnt?
Sentries on the MGs must be positioned to cover the tracks if possible.

Part 2

19. Platoon actions and commander's comments, if different from above.
Nil.
20. Was there any supporting fire?
Nil.
21. Supporting fire ammunition expended:
Not applicable.

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22. Company Commander's Comments?
Nil.

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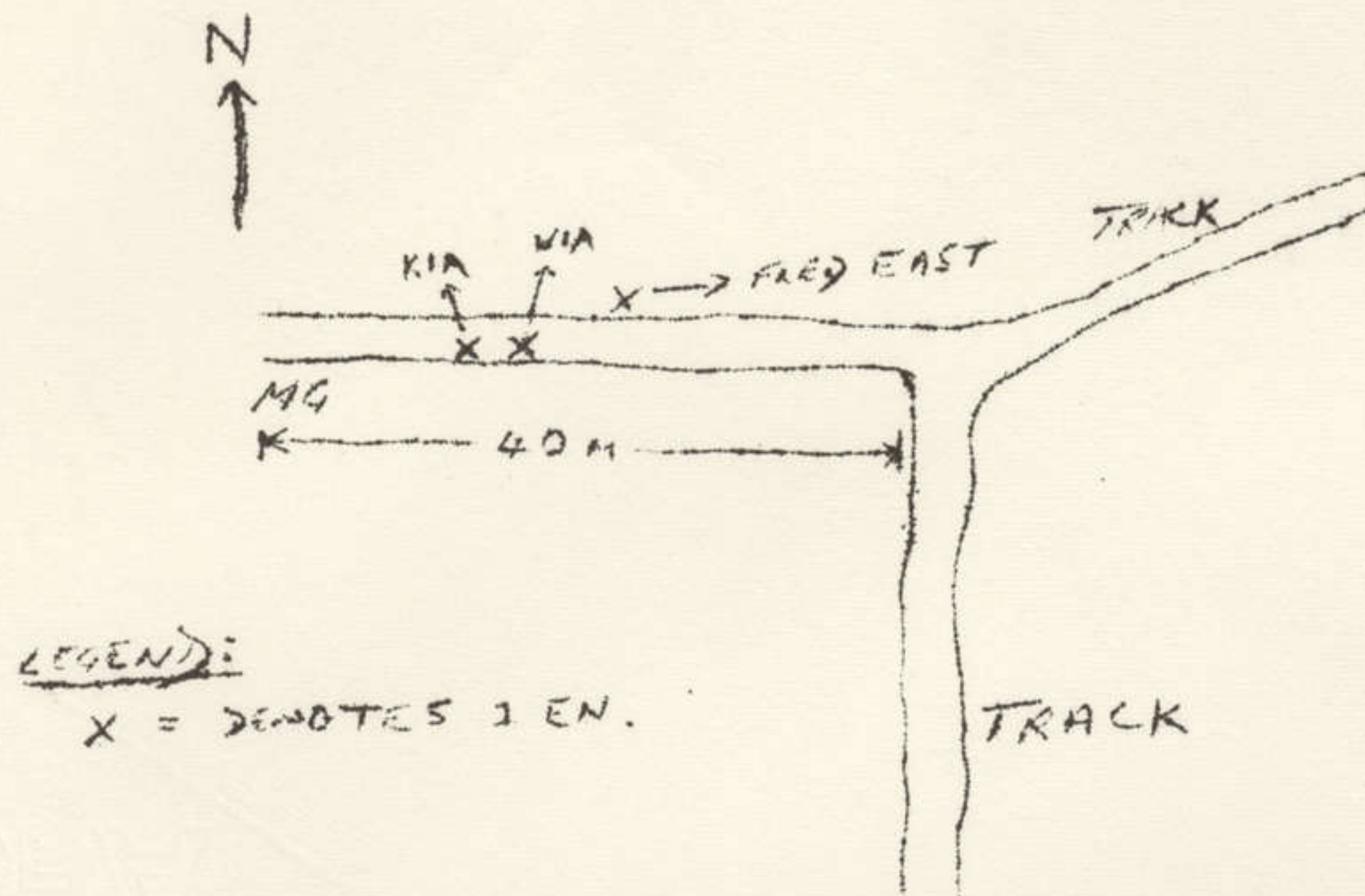
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ENCLOSURE 6 TO
8 RAR COMBAT OPS
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CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT OF KEPERRA

Part 1

1. Report by 57053, Major P.M. JEFFERY, CHQ, B Coy, 8 RAR.
2. Contact took place at 282347H Jan 70 - Grid YS378678.
3. Total duration of firefight was 30 seconds.
4. Description of contact, including task and events prior to contact and friendly/en reaction. Include sketch.
The coy HQ was harboured up for the ni. At 282340H all of coy HQ stood to as lights were seen to approach the perimeter. As they were coming closer, one soldier stood up to move to a new position and was killed by a single burst of fire from about 20ft. Coy HQ returned the fire, but en escaped without cas.
5. Description of terrain and canopy, incl estimated ranges of visibility.
Position was in the midst of bamboo - it was pitch dark and there was nil visibility.
6. Who was the first to see the en?
The ni sentry.
7. At what distance was the en first sighted?
Approximately 40 metres.
8. What caused the en to be noticed?
Lights were seen to be moving towards the perimeter.
9. Strengths: Enemy - 3/5
Own - 12
10. What type of en was there?
Not known.
11. Who fired first?
Whole gp fired simultaneously, after en had initiated the contact.
12. What was the range of the first engagement?
About 5 metres.
13. What was the maximum range of engagement?
About 5 metres.
14. What weapons were fired?
Friendly - SLR, M16.
Enemy - AK47
15. Approximate no of friendly rounds fired?
M16 - 5; SLR 10.

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16. Total en cas?
Nil.
Weapons causing cas?
N/A.
17. Friendly cas?
One KIA.
Weapons causing cas?
AK47.
18. Other points and lessons learnt?
N/A.

Part 2

19. Platoon actions and commander's comments, id different from above.
N/A.
20. Was there any supporting fire?
Nil.
21. Amount of ammunition expended by supporting fire?
N/A.

Part 3

22. Company Commander's Comments?
Own member KIA because he stood up and moved. The en fired a burst at the noise at a range of about 20 metres.

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.....Pl Comd
.....Maj. P.M. Jeffery Coy Comd

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ENCLOSURE 7 TO
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CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT OF KEPERRA

Part 1

1. Report by: 213121, Sgt L.E.FIELDING, 1 Pl, A Coy, 8 RAR.
2. Date/Time of contact was 292035H, at grid location YS332632.
3. Duration of: (i) Firefight - 4 minutes.
(ii) Total - 4 minutes.
4. Description of contact, including task and events prior to contact and friendly/enemy reaction. Include sketch.
The Pl was in a night ambush. The section on the left flank had claymore mines along the track. Heard people on the track and detonated the claymores.
5. Description of terrain and canopy, including estimated ranges of visibility.
Thick jungle, with approximate visibility of 5 metres.
6. Who was the first to see the enemy (names not required; insert fwd scout, sentry etc, as applicable)?
Member of the MG group first heard the enemy.
7. Distance enemy first sighted at was unknown, as the enemy was only heard, not seen.
8. What caused the enemy to be noticed?
Noise to the front of the sentry.
9. Strengths: Enemy : Unknown
Own troops: 26
10. Enemy type - unknown.
11. Who fired first (Names not required; insert fwd scout, MG No 1, etc as applicable)?
Our own troops.
12. Range of first engagement was unknown.
13. Maximum range of engagement was 100 metres.
14. Weapons fired: Friendly - Claymores, M79s and M26 gren.
Enemy - Nil.
15. Approximate no of friendly rounds fired?
4 claymore mines, 2 x M26 grenades, 2 x M79 rounds.
16. Total enemy casualties?
Nil.
Weapons causing casualty?
Not applicable.
17. Friendly casualties?
Nil.

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17. Weapons causing casualty?

Not applicable.

18. Other points and lessons learnt?

Must try and sight the enemy before springing an ambush, if possible.

Part 2

19. Platoon actions and commander's comments, if different from above.

Followed up with Standard Operating Procedure.

20. Was there any supporting fire?

Nil.

21. Support fire ammunition expended?

Nil.

Part 3

22. Company Commander's Comments.

The AP was established on a very well used track, but the nature of the country (very steep, thick bamboo and numerous large rocks) made ambushing very difficult.

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.....Sgt L.E. Fielding.....Pl Comd
.....Maj V. Murphy.....Coy Comd

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ENCLOSURE 8 TO
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CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT OF KEPERRA

Part 1

1. Report by 5714331, 2Lt K.J.Jones, Aslt Pnr Pl, Sp Coy, 8 RAR.
- 2.5 Date/Time of contact was 311645H Jan 70, at Grid YS360635.
3. Duration of the firefight and contact was two minutes.
4. Description of contact, incl task and events prior to contact and friendly/en reaction. Include sketch.
The Pl was just about to cross a path, when en were sighted moving east down the path. The en was engaged by the fwd elms of the Pl and they withdrew west.
5. Description of terrain and canopy, incl estimated ranges of visibility.
Thick bush with some open patches, visibility about 30 m.
6. Who was the first to see the enemy?
The forward scout.
7. At what distance was the enemy first sighted?
About 15 metres.
8. What caused the enemy to be noticed?
Movement.
9. Strengths:
Own troops: 14
Enemy, : 2/3
10. What type of enemy was it?
It was suspected to be a local type of enemy.
11. Who was the first to fire?
The fwd elms of the pl.
12. What was the range of the first engagement?
About 15 metres.
13. What was the maximum range of engagement?
About 50 metres.
14. What weapons were fired?
SLR, M16, M60.
15. Approximate no of rounds fired?
M60 - 50, M16 - 100, SLR - 50.
16. Total enemy cas?
Nil.
Weapons causing cas?
Nil.

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17. Friendly cas?
Nil.
Weapons caused by?
N/A.
18. Other points and lessons learnt?
Nil.

Part 2

19. Platoon actions and commander's comments, if different from above.
There is a requirement for more accurate shooting.
20. Was there any supporting fire?
Nil.
21. Approximate ammunition expended by supporting arms?
N/A.

Part 3

22. Company Commander's Comments.
Nil.

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.....Pl Comd
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CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT OP KEPERRA

1. Report by: No 1731105; Rank - 2Lt; Name - B.DARR
3 Pl; A Coy; 8 RAR.
2. Date/Time of contact was 312000H at grid location YS345625.
3. Duration of: (i) Firefight was 30 seconds.
(ii) Total contact lasted for 5 minutes.
4. Description of contact, including task and events prior to contact and friendly/enemy reaction. Include sketch.
The Pl was in an ambush position, when the gun position heard some movement. A grenade was thrown, and movement could again be heard, this time moving away from the position. After the grenade had exploded, the M60 fired a burst at the movement, but there was no known result, and it could well have been just an animal.
5. Description of terrain and canopy, including estimated ranges of visibility.
It was an open area, with a lot of low brush. Maximum visibility of 20 metres.
6. Who was the first to see the enemy (names not required; insert fwd scout, sentry etc as applicable)?
The sentry on the MG heard what he thought to be the enemy.
7. What was the distance to the enemy when first sighted?
The enemy was never sighted, only heard just to the front of the gun position.
8. What caused the enemy to be noticed?
Movement and noise.
9. Strengths were: Enemy - unknown.
Friendly - 26.
10. What type (main/regional/local) of enemy was there?
Unknown.
11. Who fired first (names not required; insert fwd scout, MG No1 etc, as applicable)
The sentry on the MG threw a grenade.
12. What was the range of the first engagement?
About 25 metres.
13. What was the maximum range of engagement?
About 25 metres.
14. What weapons were fired - Friendly: M26 grenade, M60.
Enemy : Unknown.

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15. Estimate of all friendly rounds fired?
One M26 grenade and 20 rounds of 7.62 link.
16. Total enemy casualties?
Nil.
Weapon(s) caused by?
Not applicable.
17. Friendly casualties?
Nil.
Weapon(s) caused by?
Not applicable.
18. Other points learned?
Nil.

Part 2

19. Platoon actions and commander's Comments, if different from above.
Pl members did not identify the target, but movement was going away from position after passing across our front, moving north. A grenade was thrown, and the MG fired a burst at some further movement; but with no results.
20. Was there any supporting fire?
Nil.
21. Estimate of all ammunition expended by supporting fire.
Nil.

Part 3

22. Company Commander's Comments.
I believe that the action taken by the Pl was justified due to the proximity of the AP to several well-used tracks.

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.....2Lt. B. Darr.....Pl Comd
.....Maj. V. Murphy.....Coy Comd

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CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT OP KEPERRA

Part 1

1. Report by 519712, Cpl P.R.C. Smith, 6Pl, B Coy, 8 RAR.
2. Date/Time of contact was 030752H Feb 70, at Grid YS378710.
3. The total duration of the firefight was 30 seconds, and the time for the contact, incl the sweep was 10 minutes.
4. Description of contact, incl task and events prior to contact and friendly/en reaction. Include sketch.
At 0715, a section of C/S23 went from the C/S ni loc on a recce patrol. At 0730, the section halted by the side of a track. At 0743, en were seen to be moving along the track towards them and the gunner initiated the contact. The first en was killed in the initial burst, the second one turned and ran back down the track and a third en covered his withdrawal by firing an RPG2. The section moved from all round defence and did a sweep. This disclosed one VC KIA and one WIA (BT).
5. Description of terrain and canopy, incl estimated ranges of visibility.
Light bamboo. about 30 yds visibility.
6. Who was the first to see the en?
The No2 on the M60.
7. At what distance was the en first sighted?
15 metres.
8. What caused the en to be noticed?
Movement.
9. Strengths: Own troops: 8
Enemy : 3
10. What type of en was it?
It was thought to be a regional type en.
11. Who was the first to fire?
The No1 on the M60.
12. What was the range of the first engagement?
About 15 metres.
13. What was the maximum range of engagement?
About 30 metres.
14. What weapons were fired?
Friendly - M60, M16, SLR.
Enemy - RPG2, AK47.
15. Approximate no of rounds fired?
M60 - 75, M16 - 10, SLR - 24.

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16. Total en cas?
1 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA (BT).
Weapons causing cas?
M60, SLR.
17. Friendly cas?
Nil.
Weapons causing cas?
N/A.
18. Other points and lessons learnt?
Nil.

Part 2

19. Platoon actions and commander's comments, if different from above.
Only lesson learnt was that the Machine-gunners should be lying behind their guns at all times, ready to fire.

20. Was there any supporting fire?
Nil.
21. Approximate ammunition expended?
N/A.

Part 3

22. Company Commander's Comments.
Nil.

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....2Lt J.R. Brien.....Pl Comd
....Maj P.M. Jeffery.....Coy Comd

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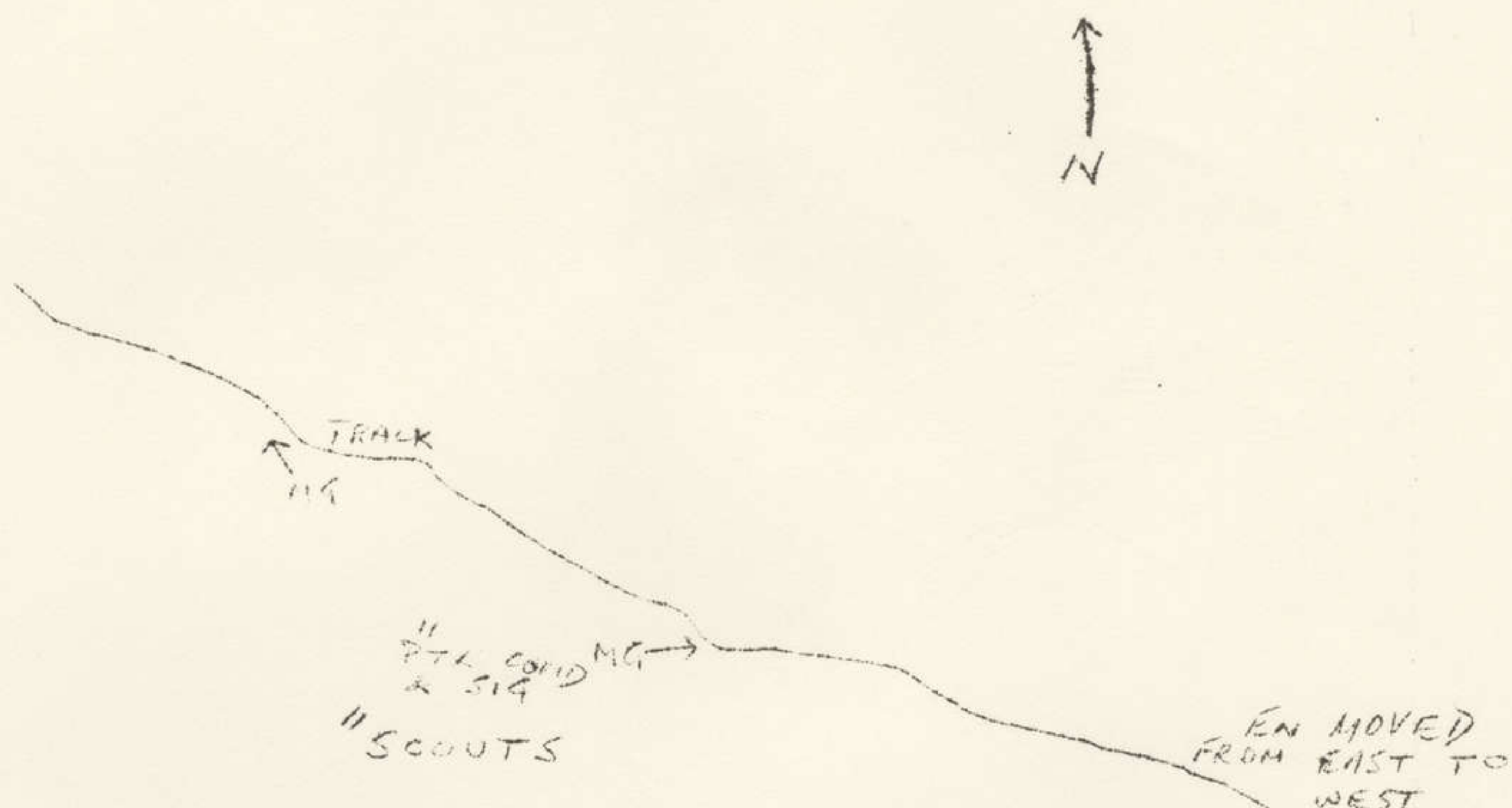
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CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT OP KEPERRA

Part 1

1. Report by 1201045 2Lt J.R.Brien, 6Pl, B Coy, 8 RAR.
2. Date/Time of contact was 040743H Feb 70, at Grid.YS382708.
3. Total duration of the firefight was five minutes.
4. Description of contact, incl task and events prior to contact and friendly/enemy reaction. Include sketch.
Platoon was in ambush on a east/west track. The enemy approached from the east but on reaching the eastern flank of our ambush, prooped and appeared suspicious. We initiated the contact and subsequently did a sweep with the result of finding two enemy KIA, and one WIA (PW).
5. Description of terrain and canopy, incl estimated ranges of visibility.
Secondary growth with bamboo clumps on the opposite side of the track.
6. Who was the first to see the enemy?
The No1 on the M60.
7. At what distance was the enemy first sighted?
About 20 metres.
8. What caused the enemy to be noticed?
Movement.
9. Strengths: Own troops: 29
Enemy : 4
10. What type of enemy was it?
The enemy was of a regional nature.
11. Who was the first to fire?
The No1 on the M60.
12. What was the range of the first engagement?
Three to four metres.
13. What was the maximum range of engagement?
About 20 metres.
14. What weapons were fired?
Friendly - M60, M16, SLR, Claymores.
Enemy - Unknown, poss AK47s.
15. Approximate no of friendly rounds fired?
M60 - 400, M16 - 100, SLR - 60, 15 Claymores.
16. Total enemy cas?
Two KIA, and one WIA.
Weapons causing cas?
M60 and claymores.

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17. Friendly cas?
Nil.
Weapons causing cas?
N/A.
18. Other points and lessons learnt?
The head on was moving a little off the track.

Part 2

19. Platoon actions and commander's comments, if different from above.
Nil.
20. Was there any supporting fire?
No.
21. Approximate ammunition expended by supporting fire?
N/A.

Part 3

22. Company Commander's Comments.
A good result, sweep did well to take a PW.

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.....2Lt..J.R.Brien.....Pl Comd
.....Maj.P.M.Jeffery.....Coy Comd

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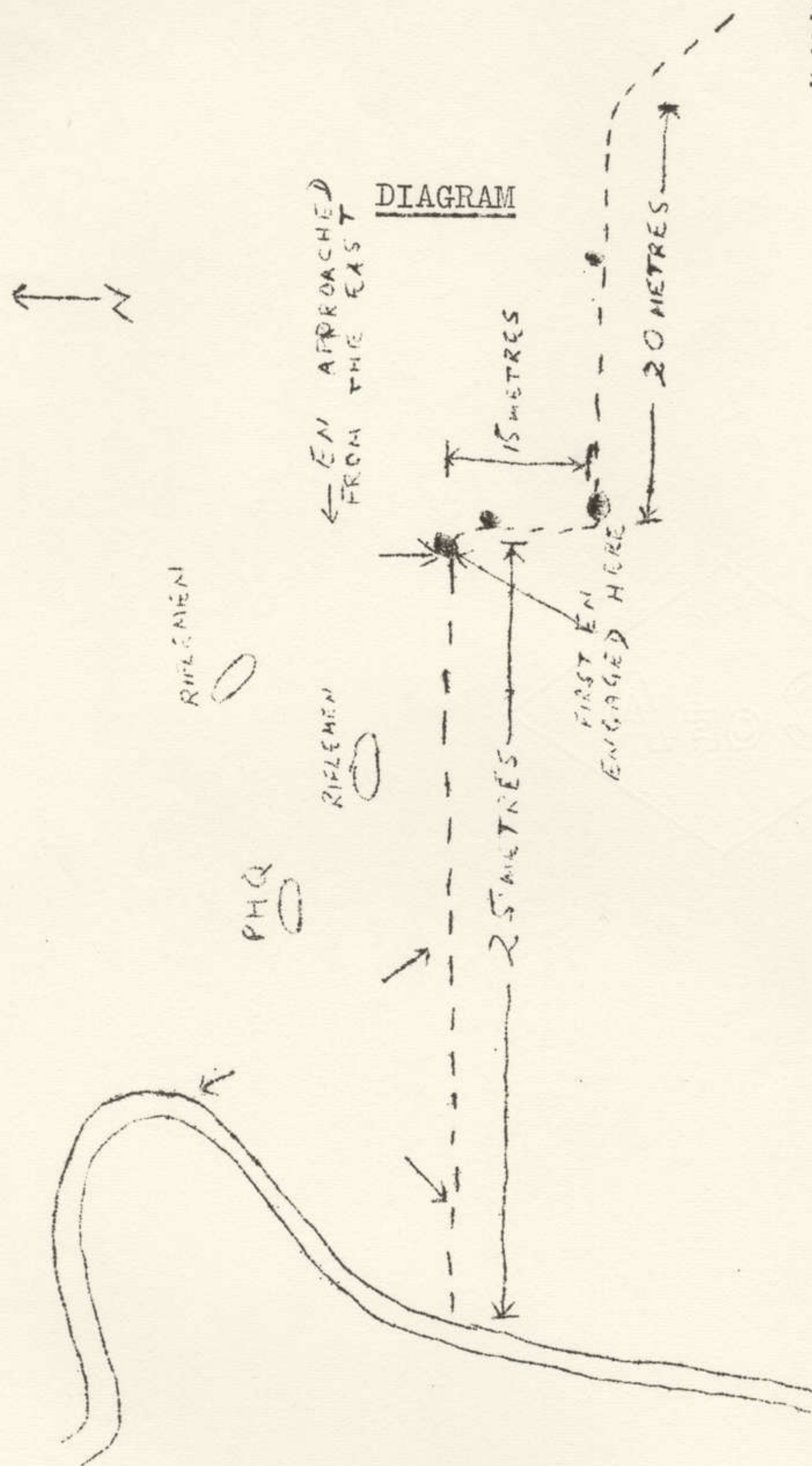
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ENCLOSURE 12 TO
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CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT OP KEPERRA

Part 1

1. Report by 213390, Sgt M.WHITE, Aslt Pnr Pl, Sp Coy, 8 RAR.
2. Date/Time of contact was 112133H Feb 70, at Grid YS385683.
3. Duration of the contact was 60 minutes.
4. Description of contact, incl task and events prior to contact and friendly/en reaction. Include sketch.
Pl was ambushing the track for six days. The en walked into the ambush, and the ambush was sprung by our own troops, killing one of the en and wounding the other in the legs. The wounded en crawled to the left flank and appeared to be fighting back. I led a section sweep through the area and the second en was subsequently KIA.
5. Description of terrain and canopy, incl estimated ranges of visibility.
Mainly paddy with clumps of bamboo - mainly along the creek lines.
6. Who was the first to see the en?
All of us, as the en sprung a trip-flare.
7. At what distance was the en first sighted?
Approximately 15 metres.
8. What caused the en to be noticed?
The en initiated a trip-flare.
9. Strengths: Own troops - 14
En - 2
10. What type of en was it?
They were local type en.
11. Who was the first to fire?
The section fired simultaneously.
12. What was the range of the first engagement?
About 15 metres.
13. What was the maximum range of engagement?
About 30 metres.
14. What weapons were fired?
Friendly: M60, M16, M79, SLR, Pistol.
En : AK47.
15. Approximate no of friendly rounds fired?
M60 - 600, M16 - 346, SLR - 126, M79 - 48, 9mm Pistol - 12.
16. Total en cas?
Two (2) KIA.
Weapons causing cas?
M16, M79.

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17. Friendly cas?
Nil.
Weapons causing cas?
N/A.
18. Other points and lessons learnt?
En were moving well, as they were well spread out, weapons at the ready and moving very quietly.

Part 2

19. Platoon actions and commander's comments, if different from above.
Nil.
20. Was there any supporting fire?
Nil.
21. Amount of ammunition expended by supporting fire?
Nil.

Part 3

22. Company Commander's Comments?
The ambush was sited to cover a track which was a route, the only one, through an area of thick bamboo. It should remain a profitable ambush loc.

.....Sgt. M. White.....Ptl Comd
.....2Lt. K. J. Jones.....Pl Comd
.....Coy Comd

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