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**[1-31 Oct 1969]**



## PART 1

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**COMMANDERS DIARY**

OF

Unit or Formation

1 FD SQN RAE

From 1 OCT 69

To 31 OCT 69

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Narrative (AF C 2118)

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PART 3

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COMMANDERS DAIRY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR OCT 69

UNIT 1 FD SQN RAE  
OFFICER COMMANDING MAJ R. ROWE

| DATE     | EVENT OR INFORMATION   | ANNEX LETTER AND ENCLOSURE No |
|----------|--|-------------------------------|
| 1 OCT 69 | OPS KINGSTON, JACK and CHIEFTAN continued. Plant Tp continued road construction on Route 23 between AN NHUT and LONG DIEN. A mini team and a splinter team from 1 Tp deployed on OP TAWA with W/Coy 6RAR and 17 Const Sqn in the THAI THIEN area. The recce officer (Capt J. BURROUGH) continued minefield recces along Route 15 between BARIA AND PHU MY. 3 mini teams supported B Sqn 3 Cav on escort duties. The 3 Tp Officer (Lt D. GEORGE) commenced recce of the SONG CA to locate a crossing point for the US LCT. The mini team with TANGO force in AO SABOT (OP CHIEFTAN) reported that a tank hit a mine and was damaged., but there were no casualties. |                               |
| 2 OCT 69 | 2 mini teams were required to support B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on escorts tasks. Minefield recces were continued along Route 23 East of DAT DO to XUYEN MOC. A splinter team from 3 Tp deployed with C Coy 9RAR into AO STUART. The 1 Tp Ready Reaction CET reacted with the force to DAT DO/Route 23 to clear the area prior to the visit of the Australian Ambassador. The 1 Tp standby mini team reacted with a Cav force to HOA LONG to investigate reported VC activity. 21 Engr Sp Tp provided a TAOR patrol during the evening.   |                               |
| 3 OCT 69 | 2 CET's from 3 Tp were despatched to assist in construction of the bridge over the SONG CA for mov of the US LCT. 3 mini teams were provided to B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A senior NCO visited the Aust LO in DAT DO to advise on the reconstruction of bunkers destroyed by the VC last month. The Ready Reaction CET was reacted with the force to reported enemy activity in DAT DO. Two pre-fabricated arc mesh pads were flown into 3 Tp at the bridge site for use on the approaches.  |                               |
| 4 OCT 69 | A quiet day. 3 mini teams were provided to B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. An LZ const kit was flown into the splinter team with B Coy 9RAR. A US bridging eqpt was airlifted into the crossing on the SONG CA, was completed by 3 Tp by 1800hrs. Plant Tp supplied a TAOR patrol during the evening.  |                               |
| 5 OCT 69 | A CET from 2 Tp was flown into c/s 61 of 5RAR on a bunker demolition task. 32 bunkers were demolished and the team extracted late in the afternoon. 2 mini teams were provided to B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Road construction on Route 23 continued satisfactorily. HQ Tp supplied a TAOR patrol during the evening.   |                               |



COMMANDERS DAILY NARRATIVEMONTH AND YEAR OCT 69UNIT 1 FD SQ 2AE  
OFFICER COMMANDING MAJ R. ROWE

| DATE      | EVENT OR INFORMATION  | ANNEX LETTER AND ENCLOSURE No |
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| 6 OCT 69  | Elements of 5RAR redeployed south into AO JOHN. FSPB BRUISER was estb by a dozer and backhoe from Plant Tp. The 2 Tp Officer (Lt J. HOPMAN) moved to BRUISER while the 2 Tp Comd (Capt J. ATRENS) remained at FSPB BEN. 1 Tp deployed a mini team and a splinter team with A Coy 6RAR and the 17 Const LCT on OP BIRCH in the SW of the LONG HAI peninsula. 2 other mini teams supported B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on escort duties. One of the 3 Tp CET's at the bridge site in AO STUART was extracted for an anticipated redeployment tomorrow. |                               |
| 7 OCT 69  | A splinter team and 2 mini teams from 1 Tp deployed into AO SABOT on a combined Inf/Armd/Cav op. (OP ARAWA). A further mini team supported B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on an escort task.  |                               |
| 8 OCT 69  | 4 mini teams supported B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on escort duties. A CET from 3 Tp deployed into the LONG GREEN. to clear a suspected mined bunker system. 3 Tp completed recce of the next river crossing for mov of the US LCT. 21 Engr Sp Tp supplied a TAOR patrol during the evening.   |                               |
| 9 OCT 69  | 2 Tp HQ's, which had been split between FSPB's BEN and BRUISER, concentrated in BRUISER with the move of 5RAR almost wholly into AO JOHN. Only C Coy 5RAR remained in AO MAX. 3 mini teams were provided to B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.   |                               |
| 10 OCT 69 | One mini team deployed on OP CHIEFTAN II in AO SABOT as OP ARAWA concluded. 4 mini teams supported B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on escort duties. Two CET's from 3 Tp were flown into AO STUART to prepare the crossing over the SOUI QUIT for the mov out of the US LCT.   |                               |
| 11 OCT 69 | The 1 Tp Officer (Lt B. KOWALD) conducted a recce of a bridge crossing site at YS629654 on Route 328. 3 mini teams supported B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Other Ops continued without incident. Plant Tp supplied a TAOR patrol during the evening.  |                               |
| 12 OCT 69 | A CET from 2 Tp deployed to C Coy 9RAR on a bunker demolition task at 1555hrs. 3 mini teams supported B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on escort duties.. A quiet day.  |                               |



COMMANDERS DAIRY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR OCT 69

UNIT 1 FD RAE  
OFFICER COMMANDING MAJ R. ROWE

| DATE      | EVENT OR INFORMATION   | ANNEX LETTER AND<br>ENCLOSURE No |
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| 13 OCT 69 | <p>An element of 1 Tp HQ's and 2 CET's deployed by road to construct the bridge crossing on Route 328 near XUYEN MOC, prior to the move of 6RAR on their next major Op. One CET from 2 Tp reacted at 0824hrs on a bunker demolition task into C Coy 5RAR. An element of 3 Tp HQ's and 2 CET's from 3 Tp deployed to AO STUART to construct the final bridge, crossing for the mov out of the US LCT. 3 mini teams deployed with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on escort duties. The pre-fabricated steel girder bridge was airlifted into 1 Tp starting at 1400hrs. By evening the bridge and ramps were in position and the decking was 75% complete. The CET with C Coy 5RAR completed their task, having demolished 37 bunkers, and returned to base. One of the CET's with 3 Tp on their bridging task was withdrawn for a possible redeployment on 14 Oct.</p> |                                  |
| 14 OCT 69 | <p>By 0850hrs, 1 Tp completed the bridge on Route 328 and the convoy deploying 6RAR to FSPB DISCOVERY crossed the bridge at 0940hrs. A CET(-) from 1 Tp deployed with an element of D Coy 6RAR on mine clearance of an area in PHUOC LOI. HMAPC's FLINT and STEELE deployed to FSPB BRUISER under the OC (MAJ R. ROWE) for mine clearance activities on 15 Oct 69. Elements of Plant Tp deployed with the road convoy to open up FSPB DISCOVERY and close down FSPB BRUISER. The mov out of the US LCT in AO STUART continued at a slow pace. Mini teams remained in support of Armd/Cav elements in AO's SABOT and SEABREEZE. Plant Tp continued road construction on Route 23 between AN NHUT and LONG DIEN. HQ Tp deployed one T AOR patrol.</p>  |                                  |
| 15 OCT 69 | <p>Additional bridging stores were flown into the 3 Tp team working on the bridge over the SOUI QUIT. The 6RAR insertion into AO LINTON completed. It is noteworthy that no Engrs teams deployed with the 6RAR rifle Coys. It remains to be seen whether this system will work satisfactorily. Early in the morning HMAPC's FLINT and STEELE cleared the XUYEN MOC airfield prior to the 5RAR fly out by Caribou aircraft. The mov out of the US LCT continued more slowly than expected and a 5 hrs delay on tomorrows fly out of the Bn eqpt was requested. The D4 dozer returned after assisting to close down FSPB BRUISER. 2 Tp elements returned to base. 3 mini teams supported B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.</p>   |                                  |
| 16 OCT 69 | <p>The TD15B dozer and Case backhoe returned after opening up FSPB DISCOVERY for 6RAR. The fly out of the Bn eqpt in AO STUART was delayed until 17 Oct after one section of the Bn had been lifted out by Skycrane. The 3 Tp Comd (Capt P. KNIGHT) and CET remained in location. 2 mini teams supported B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.</p>   |                                  |



COMMANDERS DAIRY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR OCT 69

UNIT 1 FD S RAE  
OFFICER COMMANDING MAJ R. ROWE

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| 17 OCT 69 | <p>2 mini teams from 3 Tp replaced 1 and 2 Tp mini teams with TANGO force in AO SABOT. A mine incident at LO GOM RF Post caused the reaction of 2 mini teams to clear the area. The teams later cleared the surrounds of 4 bunkers in DAT DO which were destroyed last night by the VC. 4 mini teams were despatched in support of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, one from 3 Tp to remain with the Op Com sect in AO STUART. At 1545hrs a CET from 3 Tp was airlifted into B Coy 9RAR to demolish a number of bunkers. 1 FD SQN WKSP supplied a TAOR patrol for the evening. The fly put of the Bn across the SOUI QUIT was completed, the US LCT having crossed and regrouped West of the river.</p>   |                               |
| 18 OCT 69 | <p>A CET from 1 Tp moved to PHUOC LOI to assist D Coy 6RAR elements by clearing an area to prove it free of mines. The team was released at 1515hrs. The OC (MAJ R. ROWE) travelled to SAIGON to attend a conference on a new type of mine dog. The Deputy Comd 1 ATF inspected the unit and in general commented that the results were satisfactory. 1 Tp deployed three splinter teams (equiped as mini teams) to assist elements of D Coy 6RAR attached to PF Posts in the Route 44 area (PHUOC LOI to PHUOC HAI). A splinter team from the Ready Reaction CET (2 Tp) moved into an area south of the NUI DINHS with A Coy 5RAR. 2 mini teams supported B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on escort duties. The CET from 3 Tp completed a bunker demolition task commenced yesterday in support of B Coy 9RAR, and was extracted to NUI DAT at 1115hrs. A further mini team was reacted with an element of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt at 1900hrs on a task along Route 15 the team returning at 2130hrs. Ops in AO's STUART, SABOT, LINTON and SEA BREEZE continued, as did the Route 23 roadworks near AN NHUT.</p> |                               |
| 19 OCT 69 | <p>The 1 TP Officer (Lt B. KOWALD, acting as Tp Comd in the absence of Capt B. REID, who is being MEDEVAC to Australia on 20 Oct) returned to FSPB DISCOVERY, taking pentaprime and sprayer to seal LZ's at the FSPB. 3 mini teams from 3 Tp deployed into AO STUART with Cav and Armd elements who were to come under Op Comd 9RAR. 2 further mini teams were supplied to B Sqn 3 Cav Regt to assist in escort tasks. A quiet day operationally. 21 Sp Tp supplied a TAOR during the evening.</p>   |                               |
| 20 OCT 69 | <p>A splinter team from 2 Tp reacted with an elm of 1 ARU to HOA LONG to check on areported cache. Negative results. In the afternoon the OC (MAJ R. ROWE) conducted a recce of parts of the Barrier Minefield near DAT DO in preparation for the re-commencement of final clearing ops in the field. HMAD8 (Her Majesties Armoured D8) POWER is being fully armoured in preparation for these activities. 2 mini teams supported B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on escort duties.</p>   |                               |



COMMANDERS DAIRY NARRATIVEMONTH AND YEAR OCT 69UNIT 1 FD SQ AE  
OFFICER COMMANDING MAJ R. ROWE

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| 21 OCT 69 | A splinter team from 2 Tp deployed with C Coy 5RAR into AO SABOT on OP WRIDGWAY. 2 further mini teams supported B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on daily escort duties. The OC MAJ R. ROWE conducted a further recce of the barrier minefield near DAT DO. At 1310hrs a mini team leader (L/Cpl B HANSEN) working with a B Sqn 1 Armd Regt element on Route 326 was KIA when a mine or booby trap was detonated. The other member of the team was WIA (slightly). The OC and a replacement mini team moved to the site of the incident. The OC visited the 1 Tp Officer (Lt B. KOWALD) at FSPB DISCOVERY late in the day. During the evening a requirement for deployment of an assault boat and a crew into 6 RAR's AO LINTON was passed and processed. Other ops continued without incident.                              |                               |
| 22 OCT 69 | A 1 Tp CET (-) plus asslt boat were lifted to the mouth of the SONG RAI and conducting boating ops with V Coy 6RAR during the day returning late afternoon. 2 members of a 1 Tp mini team with elements of B Sqn 3 Cav Regt in the LIGHT GREEN were WIA when 2RPG's hit the APC in which they were travelling. 3 mini teams supported B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on escort duties. Plant Tp deployed a TAOR patrol during the evening.   |                               |
| 23 OCT 69 | 1 Tp deployed a CET (-) to FSPB DISCOVERY for a task on 24 OCT and a splinter team to join V Coy 6RAR in an area where mines could be expected. Plant Tp commenced roadworks on Route 52 near the XA LONG TAN corner. Roadworks on Route 23 between DAT DO and LONG DIEN continued. During the day three mine incidents occurred involving armd/cav elements: 2 in AO SABOT and 1 in AO STUART. The mini team involved in the latter incident were badly shaken and were replaced. Four mini teams deployed on escort tasks with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Euclid scraper became U/S on Route 52 and after considerable to extract the machine, attempts were abandoned late at night and a security element from Plant Tp remained overnight with the machine. (The whole machine was recovered early on 24 OCT). |                               |
| 24 OCT 69 | A 2 Tp splinter team and a 3 Tp mini team with A Coy 5RAR on Op SWITCH west of the NUI DINHS. 3 mini teams deployed with B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on escort duties. The 1 Tp CET moved out from DISCOVERY to a bunker system, cleared the area for mines (none found) and blew the bunker system. 1 Tp elements provided security for the Plant Tp works on Route 52.  |                               |



# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR OCT 69

UNIT 1 FD SQN

OFFICER COMMANDING Maj Rowe

| DATE      | EVENT OR INFORMATION  | ANNEX LETTER AND ENCLOSURE No. |
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| 25 OCT 69 | <p>A CET from 3 Tp was flown into A Coy 9RAR at 0905 hrs on a bunker dmln task. At 1220 hrs a DUST OFF request being passed by D Coy 6RAR at the horseshoe was monitored on the 1 ATF Comd Net. A request for a mini team was mentioned. 3 Tp were immediately tasked to stand by a team at short notice. At 1250 hrs the mini team was picked up by Albatross at WOMBAT pad and flown into LO GOM. At 1308 hrs advice was received from D Coy that Spr A.L. Duncuff had been KIA in the incident.</p> <p>It later eventuated that the No 1 of the team, Spr D.F. MC Kenzie, had been very lightly WIA and had remained on duty. 2 Aust soldiers were KIA and 6 WIA in the incident. The OC (Maj R. Rowe) travelled to the scene of the incident and spoke with Spr McKenzie, who was shaken and was later brought back to base as a routine MEDEVAC. The 3 Tp mini team returned from the bunker dmln task at about 1745hrs, 3 mini teams sp B Sqn 3 Cav during the day on escort tasks.</p> |                                |
| 26 OCT 69 | <p>The mine clearing group ( APCs FLINT &amp; STEEL, a RAEME repair team, and a mini team from 3 Tp ) under comd of the 3 Tp Offr (Lt D. GEORGE) conducted a warm-up for the major mine clearing to come by clearing and area of rifle ranges near Long Hoi on the peninsula. No mines were detonated, however the day was a good trial of comms and techniques with the APCs. During the day 3 mini teams sp B Sqn 3 Cav on escort duties. The 3 mini teams from 1 Tp which had been working with elms of D Coy 6RAR and PF Coys along Route 44, re-grouped in the Horseshoe. During the day one of the teams neutralised an M 16 mine found on top of the ground at Hoi My. Other ops continued with little incident.</p>   |                                |
| 27 OCT 69 | <p>1 Fd Sqn deployed elms on Op FRANGINUS 111, the third phase of the barrier minefield clearing. The group comd was the 3Tp Offr (Lt D. George), with the op of course comd by the OC (Maj R. Rowe). A CET from 3 Tp, 4 plant ops from plant tp ( for HMA D8 POWER and the 2 TD15B dozers), a fwd repair team from the Wksp and drivers from Tpt for the APCs and B vehs. The group left NUI DAT at 0700 hrs. By mid day the night defensive posn (NDP) was still under construction and the first access cuts were being made in the minefield fence. 21 Engr Sp Tp sup an ambush ptl (AP) to assist in the night def of the area. This ptl discovered booby traps in the perimeter bunkers const some months ago by this unit which had obviously been evacuated by the PF who were supposed to man them. During the day 15 M16 mines were detonated by the APCs. 2 Tp sup a 3 man trg team under Ssgt Jones to instr a PF Coy in Dat Do in minewarfare.</p>                               |                                |
| 28 OCT 69 | <p>A sect from 2 Tp deployed to Phu My mil post on Route 15 to commence bldg a community centre as part of the pacification programme. The Comd 1 ATF (Brig Weir) visited the mine clearing activities at DAT DO. At 1100hrs the mine clearing group was fired on by two groups to the North and East of their posn. Late in the day the Comd 1 ATF arranged for an ACV and one tank to be placed under comd of the group and these welcome additions (for comms and security) arrived at 1920 hrs. During the day 34 mines were exploded.</p>  |                                |



# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT 1 FD SQN

MONTH AND YEAR OCT 69

OFFICER COMMANDING Maj Rowe.

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| DATE      | EVENT OR INFORMATION   |
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| 28 OCT 69 | Four mini teams sp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on escort duties.  |
| 29 OCT 69 | At 0855 hrs a shot was fired at HMAD8' POWER, without result. 3 USMC visitors , ( Lt G. Goslin and two cpls), deployed from FSPB DISCOVERY with the acting 1Tp Comd(Lt B. Kowald) and elms of 1 Tp on a small bunker dmln task. During the afternoon HMAPC STEELE was damaged by an M16mine. The Wksp Comd ( Capt J. Power) went to the NDP for the night to assess the extent of the damage. 21 Engr Sp Tp again sup an AP for area security during the evening. One mini team sp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt during the day.  |
| 30 OCT 69 | The team for 2 tp shifted their mine training activities from Dat Do to the PF Coy at Hoi My. Plant Tp elms working on Route 52 near the old Long Tan were sp by security elms from 1 Tp . Heavy rain at Dat Do (about 7") during the night saturated the mine clearing group, who spent most of the day baling out and drying out.HMAPC FLINT left the group for the day for a task at Phy My 5 airfield (Route 15). The airfield was to be checked for mines prior to its use on the subsequent days for Caribou aircraft movement. A D8 dozer working in the HORSESHOE quarry was brought back to Nui Dat to be armoured-up to assist POWER and increase the earth moving output of the team at the mine - clearing. 1 Tp sup the AP for mine-clearing during the night . The fitters APC was involved in a minor rd accident in Baria on its return journey from Phu My with FLINT, and the night was spent at a <del>camp</del> compound in Baria. 21 Engr Sp Tp sup a TAOR ptl during the evening. 2 mini teams sp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. |
| 31 OCT 69 | 2 Tp commenced their deployment with 5RAR on Op KINGS CROSS in the Hat Dich area. An elm of Tp HQs under the Tp Offr (Lt J. Hopman), 2 splinter teams with rifle coys and four mini teams with the cav and armd sp. Plant Tp supplied 3 ops for the 2 backhoes and one case dozer airlifted in to FSPB CAPE. Elms of 3 Tp commenced to return to Nui Dat with 9RAR. 2 further mini teams sp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on escort duties.<br><br>Op FRANGIMUS continued steadily. Plant Tp sup the ambush ptl during the night. An M16 mine detonated in the minefield near the NDP at 2155hrs, then at 2212 the group stood-to when mor fire from SW of Dat Do started to land about 400 metres to the West, some 200 metres from the AP. However no further incidents occurred during the night.<br><br>Other Ops continued quietly. 1 Tp elms sp 6RAR in AO LINTON and the Dat Do district. Mini teams from 3Tp sp B Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO SABOT. The sect from 2Tp continued with their const task at Phu My.                                     |



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## OPERATION LOG

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| DATE/TIME | FROM            | TO       | EVENT  | ACTION TAKEN                                      |
|-----------|-----------------|----------|--|---|
|           |                 |          | PRE PLANNED TASKS. 3 mini teams, minefield recce up Route 15 West of of NUI THAI VAIS/NUI DINHS. <i>Splinters mini team Op JACK</i>  |   |
| 010750    | CP              | 1 ATF CP | Advised of groups undertaking minefield recce along Route 15 at fol loc. YS252640-268668-261678-259679-254710-254744.  | Clearance for movement granted                    |
| 010839    | OA              | 3A       | Who is conducting recce of SONG CA? What is expected duration.   | Lt GEORGE. Air recce - should be completed today. |
| 010920    | AATTV<br>SAIGON | CP       | OC 1 Fd Sqn returning from 1 Corps. Will be back in NUI DAT 2 Oct on Wallaby 2 or Wallaby 4.   | Ack   |
| 011155    | 17 Cons Sqn     | CP       | Request use of Wombat pad 1345-1400hrs   | Granted   |
| 011530    | 11 TA           | OA       | <u>MINE INCIDENT REPORT</u><br>A. TANGO force<br>B. 011430 Oct 69<br>C. YS448797<br>D. Pressure electrical<br>E. 105mm shell in middle of road<br>F. N/A<br>G. Not known<br>H. Switch one foot from edge of road<br>I. 6FT<br>J. Lead tank slightly damaged, returning to NUI DAT. No cas. Dvr saw circle of red banana leaves 30 meters away. Could have been marker. | Ack   |
| 011650    | OA              | 29       | Above mine incident report sent for info.  |   |
| 011700    | B/3 Cav CP      | CP       | Mini teams 2 Oct. A. Serial 5 RV 0745. All day task<br>B. Serial 6 RV 0815. All day task   | 2 Tp tasked<br>3 Tp tasked                        |
| 011729    | STEELE          | OA       | Returned to NUI DAT from minefield recce.  | Ack   |
| 011925    | CP              | 1 ATF CP | RAIN REPORT. Total for 24 hrs 15 pts   | Passed to D/O                                     |
| 012050    | 3               | OA       | Lt GEORGE will return 2 Oct from recce of possible river crossing over SONG CA.  | Full report required on his return to FSPB.       |



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|           |            |          | PRE PLANNED TASKS. Two mini teams, minefield recces Route 23 to XUYEN MOC, splinter team deploy with C/9RAR to AO STUART.   |   |
| 020745    | CP         | 1 ATF CP | Advised duty officer of minefield recces Route 23   | FLINT & STEELE to move with B/3 Cav Serial 6 to XUYEN MOC. B/3Cav advised.                                      |
| 020830    | B/3 Cav    | CP       | Request mini team for DAT DO Route 23 area clearance prior to visit of Aust High Commissioner.  | 3 Tp tasked   |
| 020840    | 1 AT FCP   | CP       | Request CET for DAT DO Route 23 clearance. Mini team not required.  | 3 Tp stood down. 1 Tp Ready Reaction CET tasked. Additional CET from 1 Tp placed on standby for Ready Reaction. |
| 020958    | B/3 Cav CP | CP       | Request mini team ASP. Cav reaction task to activity in HOA LONG.   | 1 Tp standby team tasked.   |
| 021105    | OA         | NET      | Frequency change to 63.65.  | Actioned  |
| 021140    | STEELE     | OA       | LOCSTAT. YS599637. Moving from that loc now.  | Ack   |
| 021220    | 29         | OA       | <u>MINE INCIDENT REPORT</u><br>A. I c/s 4841<br>B. Q + 1½ ( 021030 hrs Oct 69 )<br>C. YS525786<br>D. 9<br>E. 20 - 30 lbs TNT<br>F. Block<br>G. (-) 2"<br>H. N/A<br>I. N/A<br>J. Nil | Ack. Recorded in minefield records.   |
| 021630    | OA         | 3        | Following visit of CE to APACHE he has advised us of river crossing plan. Will send one or two CET's to your location. Details to be confirmed.                                     | Ack   |
| 021637    | 3          | OA       | Lt GEORGE left on recce of proposed site for bridge to cross SONG CA  | Ack. Request advise us as soon as information available.  |
| 021640    | STEELE     | OA       | Returned to NUI DAT from minefield recces.  | Ack   |



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| 021915    | 29   | 0A    | Request information on suspected mined areas in vicinity BAU HAM<br>( YS6784 )  | Advised information held in<br>minefield records |
| 022015    | CP   | 1 ATF | <u>RAIN REPORT</u><br>Overnlight to 0800hrs      66 pts<br>0800 - 1900 hrs            54 pts<br>Total for 24 hrs           120 pts. |  |



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|           |          |        | PRE PLANNED TASKS. 3 mini teams, 2 x CET's from 3 Tp to YS3388 to const river crossing over SONG CA for mov of US LCT, Snr NCO to DAT DO to advise on bunker const |  |
| 030715    | OA       | 3      | 2 x CET's plus chainsaws flying in to your location, 0830hrs. ARC mesh and other material not available until later today.   |  |
| 030840    |          |        | 2 Albatross left WOMBAT with CET's from 3 Tp   | C/S 3 advised  |
| 030950    | TA 39 J  | OA     | Request info on arrival of stores for Engr Comd in APACHE.   | Advised no stores forwarded yet. ARC mesh pre fab matting will be delivered when made.                                   |
| 031102    | 1 ATF CP | CP     | Ready Reaction CET required for reaction task to DAT DO  | 1 Tp warned. Team picked up by Cav Tp 1100hrs.   |
| 031240    | B/3 Cav  | CP     | From TA 30 B who is at crossing site on SONG CA. Work not commencing until about 1310hrs   | Ack  |
| 031539    | 92A      | OA     | Albatross with ARC mesh matting underslung leaving WOMBAT for c/s 3A loc   | C/S 3 informed   |
| 031700    | CP       | CE AFV | Message to be passed to US Engrs (Sgt GLEESON), LONG BINH. River crossing SONG CA, for US LCT. Cannot fly in tank bridge. 2 x 30ft bridges with trestle.           | Ack. Message eventually passed to Col O'Sullivan, CES branch, LB. They will advise us of details through the LCT in loc. |
| 031900    | 1 ATF CP | CP     | <u>RAIN REPORT</u><br>Overnight to 0800hrs 1 pt<br>0800 - 1900 hrs Nil<br>Total for 24 hrs 1 pt.   |  |



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|           |                   |    | PRE PLANNED TASKS. 2 mini teams only.  |   |
| 040735    | 1 ATF CP          | CP | Route report. Route 2, 15, and 23 clear.   | Ack   |
| 040855    | 3A                | OA | ARC mesh matting not required.   | Ack   |
| 041230    | 9 RAR             | CP | Require LZ const kit lifted into B/9RAR at YS322889 to be lowered by rope.         | 3 Tp tasked. 9RAR tasked Albatross. Serial 911 for 1340hrs.   |
| 041304    | 3                 | OA | SAPIEM confirming above request.   | Advised c/s 3 action in hand.   |
| 041318    | 29                | OA | Require CET on 60 mins standby for bunker demolition.                              | 2 Tp advised  |
| 041327    | 8                 | OA | Request clearance for demolition at YS436660 from 1345hrs - 1430 hrs for trg cell. | Air clearance, Arty Tac D/O, 1330hrs.<br>Ground clearance, 1 ATF, 1335 hrs,<br>Advised G2 Air, 1337 hrs. Advised 17 const<br>Sqn, Wksps, W1, 1 ARU, by 1340hrs.<br>C/S 8 informed. Advised of possible con-<br>flicting air with Albatross to WOMBAT.<br>C/S 8 to obtain further clearance from<br>CP prior to lighting demolition. |
| 041345    | OA                | 3  | Albatross sortie with LZ const kit leaving WOMBAT for AO STUART at this time.      | Ack   |
| 041435    | B/31 Cav          | CP | Request mini team for task. RV 1445 hrs.   | 1 Tp standby mini team tasked.  |
| 041608    | 29                | OA | Stand down CET on 1 hrs notice. Place on stand by tomorrow morning.                | 2 Tp advised  |
| 041753    | 3A<br>(through 3) | OA | Bridge is complete across SONG CA.   | Ack   |



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|           |         |    | <u>Preplanned Tasks.</u> 1 mini team only.   |   |
| 050830    | 29      | OA | SAPDEM<br>A. c/s 29<br>B. 1 CET plus 3<br>C. Bunker demolition<br>D. 8 of 15' by 10'; 40 of 10' by 8'; 30 of 8' by 4'.<br>Average 4' deep, 12" to 18" OHP<br>E. JAVYQOLR (YS 552674)<br>F. ASP<br>G. 57V (51.35 mc/s)<br>H. c/s 61<br>I. 500lb of C4, 4 rolls det cord, safety fuse and dets.<br>Request extraction at Q+13 (1800hrs). | 2 Tp placed on 15 mins standby.<br>Air task request 413 placed.<br>Time confirmed 1000hrs.<br>2 Tp, Tpt, c/s 29 informed. |
| 050900    | OA      | 29 | Delivery of team plus explosives by one aircraft flying two sorties; first leaves WOMBAT ANRVLN (1000) hrs.  | Ack.  |
| 051010    | OA      | 29 | Albatross 04 leaving WOMBAT for I c/s 61 loc.  | Ack.  |
| 051030    | OA      | 29 | Sortie No. 2 leaving WOMBAT for I c/s 61 loc.  | Ack.  |
| 051240    | B/3Cav  | CP | Request mini team for QL15 escort: RV 1315hrs.   | 1 Tp standby team tasked.   |
| 051340    | G2(Air) | CP | Backload of pers from 5RAR c/s 61 arranged-2 sorties commencing 1730hrs.   | CP will confirm if time satisfactory at 1600hrs.  |
| 051415    | G2(Ops) | CP | Wng Order for deployment of force back into AO SABOT area. Rifle coy, tp tks, sect cav. Deploying 7 Oct. Request suggested engr grouping.  | Suggested mini team with Cav; splinter teams with rifle coy.  |
| 051439    | 29      | OA | Redeployment eims 5RAR 6 Oct. Require dozer and backhoe. Tp Ofir to go out with plant.   | Ack. Further details obtained from G and Q Branch, 1ATF.  |



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| 051530    | DAQMG    | CP | Confirmed requirement for backhoe and dozer to go to FSPB BRUISER (YS 6464) tomorrow.  |   |
| 051545    | OA       | 29 | Extraction sect from I c/s 61 to be at Q+12½ (1730) hrs.   | Ack and confirmed satisfactory.   |
| 051700    | SC 'S&T' | CP | Confirmation of plant movement 6 Oct:<br>a. Backhoe by Skycrane PELICAN - BRUISER.<br>b. Case dozer by loader to XUYEN MOC, crossloaded by CH47 to BRUISER.<br>c. PAX by road to XUYEN MOC, crossload by air | Plant and Tpt advised.<br>Backhoe delivered to PELICAN.<br>Dozer and fuel loaded.<br>2 Tp Ofir advised. |
| 051743    | FLINT    | OA | Leaving Nui Dat to deploy TAOR ptl vicinity Hoa Long.  | Ack.  |
| 051818    | FLINT    | OA | Returned to Nui Dat.   | Ack.  |
| 051900    | OA       | 29 | Results of bunker demolitoin - 32 pits demolished, not 78 as reported.   | Ack.  |



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|           |      |          | Pre-planned Tasks. Two mini teams; plant deployment to FSPB BRUISER under 2 Tp Offr; mini and splinter team deployment to AO SEABREEZE with LCT/Coy group. |   |
| 0815      | OA   | 3        | Require info for air lift-out of bridging eqpt from Song Ca.   | 3 Tp Comd to advise.  |
| 0903      | 92A  | OA       | Convoy for Xuyen Moc leaving east gate.  | Ack.  |
| 0908      | OA   | 3        | Require 1 CET to return from c/s 3A's loc (NDP NAVAJO) today for redeployment 7 Oct. If there are any problems advise OA ASP.                              | Ack. Advised at 1035 hrs that CET to be extracted late today.   |
| 1324      | 2A   | 29       | Case dozer arrived at FSPB BRUISER and working. Backhoe due in approx 10 mins.   | OA ack.   |
| 1345      | 2A   | OA       | Backhoe cannot work-holes fill with water. All defences to be constructed by bunding.  | Backhoe to be backloaded 8 Oct - earliest opportunity.  |
| 1400      | 8    | OA       | Request clearance for demolitions at YS 436660 from 1415-1445 hrs.   | Clearance obtained from Arty Tac, 1 ATF CP. W1, Wksps, 17 const Sqn, 1 ARU advised. C/s 8 advised at 1422hrs. |
| 1434      | 8    | OA       | Demolitions complete.  | 1ATF CP advised.  |
| 1445      | 8    | OA       | Request further clearance for demolitions. Same grid, 1515-1545 hrs.   | Clearance passed.   |
| 1529      | 8    | OA       | Demolitions complete.  | 1 ATF CP advised.   |
| 1548      | OA   | 3        | CET being extracted. Will now not be redeployed to AO SABOT. C/s 1 will be tasked. CET is still to be extracted.   | Ack.  |
| 1900      | OA   | 1 ATF CP | RAINREP. Overnight to 0800, 39 points. 0800-1900, nil. Total for 24 hrs, 39 points.  |   |



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| 1945      | OA   | 29, 39,<br>2A | <u>SITREP</u><br>1. Elms of c/s 2 and c/s 4 deployed in AO JOHN to AVKHOGWR (YS 645645).<br>2. Elms of c/s 1 and sister unit (17 Const Sqn) deployed on LCT in AO SEABREEZE, SSW of THRUST adjacent to the coast.<br>3. Elms of c/s 1 deploy tomorrow on a similar task to a previous one in AO SABOT. | Ack.         |



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| 070735    | EBONY CP | ELEVATE CP | Routes 2 & 15 clear. Route security classification unchanged.   | Tpt advised at 0745  |
| 070750    | W1       | OA         | Observed two men with rifles slung 150meters from pit moving towards 9 RAR on a bearing of 3000mils. Now gone out of sight into dead ground.  | 1 ATF CP advised   |
| 070801    | 1        | OA         | MT for B Sqn 1 ARMD Regt not picked up at 0730  | Contacted 1 Armd Regt. MT picked up at 0830.                     |
| 070802    | OA       | 39         | We are short of ANPRC 25 sets. Will forward when one available. Air task request to lift out M4 Bn cancelled. I am presently moving to NAVAHOE.   | Advised OC of cancellation                                       |
| 070932    | OA       | 29         | Can you use your dozer to assist shellchoke people. You will still be ready for backloading.  | Advised 1 ATF  |
| 071020    | B/3 Cav  | CP         | Mini team required 1055 RV for resupply to LCT LONG HAIS  | 1 Tp tasked  |
| 071047    | B/3 Cav  | CP         | Mini team half way to XUYEN MOC required 1200 at B/3 Cav  | 1 Tp tasked. Tpt tasked  |
| 071450    | 29       | OA         | Case dozer FSPB BRUISER is not working due to belly plate falling off it. 6"x1½"x1½" dia bolts with spring washes. Plus socket spanner and ratchet. URGENT.   | Workshops asked to prepare. Fwd to 29 by 5RAR. Resupply ac.      |
| 071530    | OA       | 29         | The backhoe will be picked up tomorrow by road convoy in a tilt bed tlr.  | Advised Tpt and Plant Tp to meet convoy at East Gate at 1030hrs. |
| 071627    | OA       | 29         | Parts despatched on resupply ac.  | NFA  |
| 071630    | 29       | OA         | Fwd Seagull parts and tools have arrived.   |  |
| 071910    | 29       | OA         | At 091000 will be shifting to c/s 2A (BRUISER). Will be backloading bunker and demolition stores. Taking all my c/s to FSPB BRUISER. Not require dozer to close dpwn BEN will use shelldrake dozer blow rest. Backloading some personnel on following day to gain loc Case B/H not required tomorrow. Dozer at FSPB BRUISER required for extra half day. Require 5 copies of A0 JOHN mine maps. | Maps fwd on 8 Oct 69   |



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| 071950    | 29                   | OA       | Locstat I c/s 1. 591608- I c/s 2 552091 I c/s 3 544694<br>I c/s 4 392302  | Placed on ops board   |
| 072010    | OA                   | 3        | Inform your Sunray that OC is visiting early tomorrow morning.  |   |
| 072300    | ATF                  | 1 FD SQN | TF CP inquires into minefield crossing points between HOI MY & PHUOC HAI  | a. Minefield gap 513549 near LO GOM<br>MIL post.<br>b. 150ft between minefield fence and sea. |
| 072320    | B Sqn 3 C            | 1 FD SQN | Similar inquires from OC B Sqn 3 CAV  | Above info given  |
| 072330    | ATF                  | 1 FD SQN | Warning O. PR to deploy LIGHT GREEN with following forces.<br>CET. B Coy 6RAR at 6RAR 0600<br>MT . Troop APC's at 6RAR 0600 | 3 Tp informed by phone<br>2 " " " duty runner   |
| 072315    | B Sqn 1<br>Armd Regt | 1 FD SQN | Require MT at PR at our RV.   | 2 Tp informed by duty runner  |
| 07        |                      |          |   |   |



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| 080545    |               |          | CET moved to B Coy 6RAR   | 3 Tp  |
| 080550    | W2            | CP       | 2 people seen running across dam wall.  | Pit 2 warned to report any more movement.<br>Early morning run??? |
| 080605    | 29            | OA       | Reference Ready Reaction task in the LONG GREEN would like mine info from 53-56 Easting.  | 5 copies made and passed to 29 at AO JOHN.                        |
| 080645    | ATF           | 1 FD SQN | Culvert blown at YS340612 (Route 15 East of BARIA). MT required to clear ASP. If no one there be at BARIA 0730.   | MT from 2 Tp despatched at 0700hrs.                               |
| 080700    | ATF           | 1 FD SQN | GR 253726. Blown with 2 holes road. Province Engineers handling at the repair of this job.  | Advised OC  |
| 080800    | 39            | OA       | CET which returned today washed out require complete kit replacement except rifles and basic wpns. 5 m were crossing place to the north for the bridge. Need 2 x CET's for tomorrow. Stores later in the day. | Advised 3 Tp and Q store  |
| 080840    | 29            | OA       | Like info on enemy minefields 5458, 5559, 5858. Let me have 2 copies of sheet 21.   | Passed on net. Not send days as above.                            |
| 080845    | 1 ATF         | OA       | Request use of tilt bed to load ammo and def stores for FSPB BRUISER.   | Passed to Plant Tp and VN10 for action.                           |
| 080846    | 29            | OA       | Advise c/s 2A CMF officer visit tomorrow to stay overnight and backload the following day.  | Arranged with VN10  |
| 081035    | 29            | OA       | 2A requires a water testing kit from c/s 5 also need 2 bottles.   | 21 Sp Tp tasked to provide.                                       |
| 081100    | 92A           | OA       | No vehicles from 2A to escort convoy from East gate.  | Escort CP advised to notify.                                      |
| 081105    | Albatross 031 | OA       | 7 PAX in 10 mins at WOMBAT.   | Advised 92  |
| 081205    | 29            | OA       | T c/s 9 5RAR requests CET mine clearing task.   | 1 Tp standby.   |
| 081207    | 9             | OA       | Explain task. Deploy to LONG GREEN on task of mine clearance in bunkers.  | 29 required 60 mins delay.  |



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| 081207    | 9                | OA | Explain task. Deploy to LONG GREEN on task of mine clearance in bunkers.   | 29 advised 60 mins delay                                |
| 081208    | 9B               | OA | Convoy now leaving for FSPB BRUISER.   | Advised 29  |
| 081227    | 29               | OA | <u>SAPDEM</u><br>A. I C/S 9<br>B. 1 x CET<br>C. Clearance of suspected mined bunker area.<br>D. Mined bunkers ?<br>E. RSTEWAMF (545585)<br>F. ASAP<br>G. 67 H<br>H. C/S II<br>I. 2 Mine detectors: Advise when arranged. | Air task 415 to 1 ATF<br>1 Tp on standby<br>92 advised. |
| 081232    | OA               | 29 | Any ST in area. No not in immediate area. Team with I C/S 1. What is estimate of task. Take 3-4 hours, make pickup at 1800 hours.  | 1 ATF advised   |
| 081311    | OA               | 49 | In an emergency you may have to be RR.   | 1 Tp advised  |
| 081335    | 29               | OA | There is a possibility CET not out tonight. 700 metres from LZ. If are complete advise ASAP.   | 1 Tp advised  |
| 081354    | 29               | OA | Send by earliest means 1 roll of det cord, by 091000.  | 2 Tp advised to arrange or Bn Resp ac.                  |
| 081355    | 29               | OA | Convoy arrived 2A loc. No sign of CMF Offr.  | Suggest you check TA Vehs.                              |
| 081402    | <del>29</del> 29 | OA | Tilt bed tlr 2A loc flat tyre. If possible need spare sent out.  | Advised 29 to return with flat tyre.                    |
| 081455    | 9B               | OA | Leaving your loc now.  | Ack   |



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| 081517    | OA    | 29 | What is est time of CET with C/S 11. Not known will advise   |   |
| 081520    | 9     | OA | For SEAGULL: Have you passed mine incident report. Yes   | Ack   |
| 081520    | 39    | OA | For SEAGULL: Air Task for 2 CETs submitted through Inf net. required 1 hr before lunch time to LZ. 1000 metres short of LZ. 120 mins later have booked Albatross to hoist lower the following stores: 2 Albatross kits with accessories and fuel, 400 lb C4, 2 rolls of Det cord, 1 roll of Safety fuze, 1 box dets, 2 picks, 4 shovels, 2 x 10" wrenches, 2 x S/Hammers, 2 x Claw Hammers. Proposed fly in br 10 Oct, br complete 11 Oct 69 crossing 12 Oct 69. | 3 Tp advised to prepare for air mov.                        |
| 081525    | 9 RAR | OA | Ac Task 962 14 Pax WOMBAT C/S 41, 43.45, 0930 9 Oct 69.<br>Ac Task 964 WOMBAT C/S 41, 43.45, stores hoist lowered 1400 9 Oct 69.   | Confirmed with GS02 Air.<br>Ack. Pilot msn briefs prepared. |
| 081535    | 29    | OA | At 1800 CET I C/S 11 5 RAR pick up LZ at 838583.   | Advised GS02 Air. Task Confirmed.                           |
| 081540    | 39    | OA | SM on Recce at site now, may be smaller task. Will try and task one left using Super hook. Make sure people when come out prepared to stay 3 days.   | Passed to 3 Tp.   |
| 081548    | 39    | OA | Cannot contact my SM. He is req your loc - contact and advise him.   | Passed to C/S 3 SM at DIGGERS REST                          |
| 081553    | OA    | 3  | Return to this loc ASP to control C/S elms at rear.  |   |
| 081615    | 29    | OA | From CET with I C/S 11 req 3 full jerry cans water.  |   |
| 081617    | OA    | 29 | Are cans with I C/S R. We will fill 3 cans and send them on.   | Arranged with GS03 Air.                                     |
| 081630    | OA    | 29 | Ref G.R. extraction CET with I C/S 11 - verify - GR 538583.  | Revised GR passed to air cell.                              |



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| 081647    | 9B   | 0A | Closedown  |  |
| 081704    | 0A   | 39 | Ref your last - timings tomorrow different. 1st timing 1½ hrs after normal parade time. 2nd timing (1-Q-6½ 2-Q-2) lot of moving. Timings firm now possibly move LZ, closer to where you wish. Only 4-500 metres. Have they come through 1's system or ours. Through I's system. In future through Holdfast system, will discuss with I's. SM doing recce, smaller jobs. Haven't received recce report but doesn't seem to be a lot of work. Understand this is last crossing - US LCT proceeding this way. Agree to 2 CET tomorrow at your loc. CET working to the South. Will be back in this loc to-night. |  |
| 081745    | 92A  | 0A | Req more info about Albatross if avail. 2 sorties at this loc but both belong 17 Const Sqn. Pers should arrive any minute.   |  |
| 081800    | 92A  | 0A | Albatross leaving this loc for extraction task.  |  |
| 081822    | 92A  | 0A | CET from C/S 1 loc has returned  | 1 Tp advised   |
| 081825    | 92A  | 0A | Close down.  |  |
| 081910    | 29   | 0A | Anything from 2A - No!   |  |
| 081912    | 29   | 0A | CET from I C/S 1 extracted   | Ack  |
| 081914    | 29   | 0A | Will provide a brief summary of CET team leaders report on CET assistance today on 9 Oct 69.   |  |
| 082040    | 39   | 0A | River crossing particulars - dry gap 70ft - wet gap 42ft - water depth 2'3" - hgt of banks above water level, Southern 4'8", northern (far bank) 1'6" - condition of bottom, river gravel on rock, very solid - approaches, South bank is clay and reasonably solid, North bank is rock - river flow is 10ft a sec - this info for bridging organization should be same  | GR 289908<br>Details of site passed to Maj STETZINGER PLANTATION 5704<br>advised him of fly in on 11 Oct<br>More details to follow HURRICANE 115 |



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|           |       |       | as last time - no arc mesh req - crossing will be put back one day, actual fly in of br will be the morning after previously planned - tomorrow I will send air task request as formal request - 'ref LB - only one bridging company there.                                       |                         |
| 082100    | OA    | 39    | Your SM is req this loc to assist with mess stocks and will return if possible without causing too much interference to your work - The group to your South is now in this loc and will be moving to your loc - NCO member O will not be coming to your loc but member P instead. |                         |
| 081923    | OA    | EBONY | Rainfall Report - Overnight to 0800 - 4 pts<br>0800 to 1900 - 44 pts<br>Total for 24 hrs 48 pts   | Passee to 1 ATF D/O Ack |
| 090640    | EBONY | OA    | 3 sorties of pers and stores to 9 RAR have all been cancelled due to operational situation.   | Advised Tpt and 3 Tp    |



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| 0750      | 1 ATF CP | CP | PRE PLANNED TASKS. 3 mini teams only.   | Ack                            |
| 0950      | 29       | OA | Routes 2 & 23 clear. Route 15 passable at YS 223807<br>Have moved from FSPB BEN and arrived at c/s 2A<br>Loc (FSPB BRUISER )  | Ack                            |
| 1134      | FLINT    | OA | Leaving NUI DAT on escort duty for move of D8 to Horseshoe  | Ack                            |
| 1220      | 39       | OA | <u>AIR TASK REQUEST FOR FLY-IN OF BRIDGING STORES:</u><br>A. Load 1:5700 lb, 2: 5400 lb, 3: 5400 lb 4: 5200lb 5: 5200lb,<br>6: 4120 lb, 7: 3000 lb,.<br>B. CH 47<br>C. PZ- Long Binh. YT 068054, c/s 8, Freq 44.85<br>D. LZ- YS 289908.<br>E. 111200 H Oct 69 (1200 to 1400 hrs )<br>F. On completion<br>G. Direct<br>H. Nil<br>I. Load No. 2 not before H+ 20 mins. Load No. 3 not before H + 40mins | Air task request 416 processed |
| 1317      | STEELE   | OA | Leaving Horseshoe with D8 for your location.  | Ack                            |



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|           |         |         | <p>PRE PLANNED TASKS</p> <p>4 mini teams for daily escort duties</p> <p>1 mini teams for Op, CHIEFTAN 11</p> <p>2 CETS to bridge crossing task at YS 289908</p> |                                       |
| 0645      | 2       | OA      | <p>REQUEST FOR WATER SUP EQPT:</p> <p>2 - 1250 gal stove tanks, 1 Alcon, 1 bag WSP, tap bar &amp; hoses</p>   | Eqpt despatched to BRUISER on 11 Oct. |
| 1226      | 92A     | OA      | First sortie leaving WOMBAT with 2 pers & stores  |                                       |
| 1330      | 92A     | OA      | Second " " "  |                                       |
| 1446      | 92A     | OA      | Third " " "   |                                       |
| 1850      | CP      | 1ATF CP | RAINREP. Overnight, zero. 0800 - 1900 hrs, 11 points. Total 11pts.  |                                       |
| 2000      | 62(Ops) | CP      | Require engr recce of bridge demolished at YS 629654 .<br>Deputy comd requires info by 1200 hrs.  | 1 Tp tasked to recce.                 |
| 2030      | DAQMG   | CP      | <p><u>PLANNING DETAILS FOR MOVE OF US LCT:</u></p> <p>A. Bridge fly - in 13 Oct</p> <p>B. Move LCT across river 15 Oct</p> <p>C. Complete op 17 Oct.</p>        | Ack.                                  |



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|           |      |          | PRE - PLANNED TASKS. 3 Mini teams, recce of bridge.                                |   |
| 0735      | 2    | OA       | Dozer at FSPB BRUISER has completed task. Returning to NUI DAT.                    | Ack.  |
| 0901      | 1    | OA       | Leaving Nui Dat on bridge recce.   | Ack.  |
| 1000      | 1    | OA       | Arrived at bridge site YS 629654   | Ack.  |
| 1025      | 2    | OA       | Require mine info in area bounded by Eastings 53 to 60, Northings 59 to Coastline. | Prepared  |
| 1200      | 1    | OA       | Back in Nui Dat now.   | Ack.  |
| 1245      | 2    | OA       | Request info on avail of dozer to close down in near future.                       | D4 or TD15 will be avail.   |
| 1310      | 8    | OA       | VN dressed in black 200 metres from hollow near dem. site.                         | I ATF CP advised . NFA.   |
| 1327      | 8    | OA       | Re quest clearance for dmls YS 436660 until 1430                                   | Obtained and passed.  |
| 1850      | CP   | I ATF CP | RAINREP. 1 point overnight. Total for 24 hrs, 1 pt.                                |   |
| 1855      | 39   | OA       | Require CET to sp C / 9RAR for bunker demln ( 70+ bunkers )                        | OC discussing with CO 9RAR .<br>Air task requests 418, 419, placed. |
| 2005      | OA   | 39       | CET will be despatched PM 12 Oct.  |   |



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|           |           |                   | PRE - PLANNED TASKS. 3 mini teams, CET from 2tp <del>to</del> to CCoy 9RAR  |   |
| 0745      | I ATF CP  | CP                | Route Security Classification. R 23 Dat Do to Xuyen Moc now Amber.<br>No other changes.   | CP map marked   |
| 1015      | 63 (Air ) | CP                | LZ for insertion CET to C / 9RAR at YS 233863   | Ack. Air task for 1430 hrs.   |
| 1223      | 92A       | OA                | LZ const kit despatched from WOMBAT for const LZ at 9RARs loc.  | Ack.  |
| 1323      | 9RAR      | CP                | CET not required until 1530 when LZ completed.  | 62 ( Air ) notified. Sortie 419 cancelled; 418 now 2 sorties starting 1530 hrs. |
| 1340      | 29        | OA                | Require CET for bunker demln task 13 Oct. System of 50 bunkers, 200metres long, 18 - 24" OHC . SAPDEM to follow   | 2 Tp tasked to send CET   |
| 1400      | CP        | Long Binh<br>4183 | Confirmed first skycrane sortie for fly - in of bridge to be at 0900hrs 13 Oct.   | Ack.  |
| 1440      | OA        | 39                | Above message passed. 3 sorties, 30 mins apart  | Ack.  |
| 1525      | 2         | OA                | SAPDEM<br>A. I c/s 3<br>B. 1 CET<br>C. Bunker demln<br>D. Approx 50 bunkers<br>E. Approx size 10' x 2' x 3' in T shape, 18" to 24" OHC<br>F. 300lb C4, 1 roll safety fuze, 5 rolls det cord<br>G. LZ at YS 565705<br>H. ASP 13 Oct<br>I. c/s 31, Freq 35.85<br>J. Additional stores: hammer , <del>nail</del> nails, & axe. |   |



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| 121555    | 92A      | OA       | Sortie leaving WOMBAT with CET for C/9RAR  | Ack   |
| 121845    | CP       | 1 ATF    | Trip flare set off opposite W1   | EBONY CP notified. Careful watch maintained.  |
| 121900    | CP       | 1 ATF CP | RAIN REPORT 12 Oct 69. Overnight to 0800 hrs 5 pts<br>0800 1900 Storm during AM 98 pts<br>Total for 24 hrs 103 pts   |   |
| 122000    | 1 ATF CP | CP       | Movt of bridge to YS629654 on 13 Oct 69. Timings brought forward.<br>Bridge uplifted 1200 by Sky crane. Convoy to depart E gate 0900hrs  | Wrecker to 1 Tp 0740hrs. Surveyor and equpt to 1 Tp 0740. 2 Dump trucke 1 Tp 0630hrs. 21 Sp Tp top yard open 0630. Crane avail from 0800hrs. Spr CASEY prep maps 0740 1 Tp. |
| 122040    | 1 ATF CP | CP       | Mini team required HORSESHOE 0800 for Ops in DAT DO during day.  | 1 Tp tasked mini team RV WOMBAT 0745 hrs.   |
| 122145    | CE       | CP       | Due to washout on Route 15 no RAASC tippers available to 1 Fd Sqn on 13 Oct 69. CET to be flown from WOMBAT to YS629654 at 1530hrs, 13 Oct 69 after preparing bridge for airlift.  | Lt COOPER notified.<br>1 Tp tasked.   |
| 122220    | B/3 Cav  | CP       | Mini team required at RV 0645hrs for QL 15 escort<br><br>PRE planned tasks. 5 mini teams (2 later cancelled ); 1 Tp HQ's and 2 CET's deploy to const bridge at YS629654; CET from 2 Tp deploys to C/5RAR on bunker demolition task; 3 Tp HQ's and 2 CET's deploy to const bridge for cross over of US LCT at YS289908. | Ack   |
| 130635    | OA       | 2        | Extraction of CET from C/5RAR will be at 1800hrs.  | Ack   |
| 130725    | 1 ATF CP | CP       | D/6RAR on HORSESHOE require CET between 0800 - 1600hrs 14 Oct for mine clearance op in PHUOC LOI.  | 1 Tp CET (-) tasked   |
| 130824    | OA       | 2        | Albatross leaving WOMBAT with CET for C/5RAR.  | Ack   |



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| 131035    | 1                  | OA | Convoy for bridge crossing job leaving NUI DAT.   | Ack   |
| 131128    | OA                 | 39 | Require to extract 1 CET from bridge site for redeployment tomorrow.  | Air tasking arranged for lift out of team at 1530hrs. |
| 131147    | 1<br>(through 2 )  | OA | In loc at bridge site. Commencing work.   | Ack   |
| 131300    | 1<br>( through 2 ) | OA | Preparations complete. Ready to receive bridge fly in.  | TFMA advised.   |
| 131305    | 39                 | OA | CET with C/9RAR will not complete task until late PM 14 Oct. Tp Comd flying in to check on progress.  | Ack. OC advised                                       |
| 131346    | B/3 Cav            | CP | Request mini team for QL 15 to extract bogged truck.  | 1 Tp standby mini team tasked.                        |
| 131400    | 6A                 | OA | FLINT, 6A, and CET leaving NUI DAT for YS629654   | Ack   |
| 131411    | 1                  | OA | First skycrane load delivered.  | Ack   |
| 131443    | 1                  | OA | Second skycrane load delivered.   | Ack   |
| 131500    | OA                 | 2  | Extraction of CET from C/5RAR arranged for 1730hrs.   | C/S 2 advised C/5RAR.                                 |
| 131632    | 6A                 | OA | Leaving bridge site for your loc.   | Ack   |
| 131752    | 1                  | OA | Ramps completed, driving surface 75% complete. Moving to night loc with TA's at YS629653.   | Ack   |
| 132000    | 2                  | OA | Bunker system CET destroyed today at YS5670. 37 of 44 bunkers blown. 7 will be blown tomorrow by splinter team. Size 10'x8'x5' deep with 18" OHC. |   |



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|           |         |    | Pre planned tasks. 4 mini teams; CET(-) from 1 Tp to PHUOC LOI on mine clearance of area; mine clearing APC's to FSPB BRUISER for clearance XUYEN MOC airfield 15 Oct; TD15 and backhoe deploy to open FSPB DISCOVERY YS6068; D4 to close down FSPB BRUISER. |  |
| 140740    | 92A     | OA | Convoy for DISCOVERY and BRUISER leaving NUI DAT.  | Ack  |
| 140851    | 1       | OA | Bridge complete at YS629654.   | Ack  |
| 140945    | 2       | OA | Convoy has crossed bridge and heading up Route 328 for DISCOVERY.  | Ack  |
| 141100    | 39      | OA | Require additional stores to hold down bridge prior to LCT crossing. 950lb load all up.  | Tasked by Chinook AM 15 Oct                        |
| 141140    | 39      | OA | Fly out of bridge required for 161000hrs Oct. CET to be then flown out at 1200hrs.   | Tasked 15 Oct by Skycrane. 8 persons by Albatross. |
| 141230    | 1       | OA | Backhoe blown hydraulic hose. Require replacement.   | Despatched with mine clearing APC's at 1400 hrs.   |
| 141700    | B/3 Cav | CP | Mini teams 15 OCT:<br>2 x MT 0630 hrs RV - Serial 6<br>1 x MT 0800 hrs RV - Serial 7   |  |
| 141710    | 9A      | OA | Returned to NUI DAT with CET (-) 1 Tp from HORSESHOE following mine clearance task in PHUOC LOI.   | Ack  |
| 141744    | 1       | OA | SITREP. Plant working OK - both items op. FSPB still under construction.   | Ack.   |
| 1812      | 39      | OA | BRIDGING STORES SHOULD ARRIVE 0735 HRS 15 OCT 69   | ACK.   |



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|           |      |    | PRE PLANNED TASKS. 3 mini teams only.   |   |
| 151020    | 2    | OA | Mine clearing APC's leaving this area after successfully clearing XUYEN MOC airfield. Closing down to return to NUI DAT   | Ack   |
| 151055    | 9    | OA | LOCSTAT. At FSPB DISCOVERY. Leaving shortly for your loc.   | Ack   |
| 151135    | 1    | OA | Future intention to construct culvert on access track from Route 328 into DISCOVERY. Recce 17 Oct, const 18 Oct. No inf protection avail prior to that date. Plant tasks in FSPB should be completed today. | Warned DAQMG of likely road movement requirement on 18 Oct. 1 Tp to send SAPDEM when request finalised. Plant tasked for return on 16 Oct.                            |
| 151500    | 39   | OA | Move over of US LCT going slowly. Will confirm pre arranged timings tonight.  | Skycrane lift out booked to start 1000hrs. Pers lift out at 1330hrs.  |
| 151815    | OA   | 1  | Convoy to recover plant from DISCOVERY leaving NUI DAT at 0830hrs 16 Oct. CMF visitor to your loc tomorrow, staying overnight.  | Ack   |
| 151935    | 39   | OA | Move over of US LCT only 30% complete. Delay fly out of bridge by 5 hrs (i.e. to 1500hrs). CET to come out after that time.   | Checked with TFMA to ensure they were advised of delay. DAQMG putting back timings 5 hrs. Will check progress 161200hrs to see if cancellation to 17 Oct is required. |



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|           |          |    | PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 2 mini teams; recover TD15 and backhoe from FSPB DISCOVERY; return of 3 Tp CET from AO STUART after bridge fly-out.                                   |   |
| 161440    | B/3 Cav  | CP | Request mini team for cordon and search op 17 Oct. Pick up 1615 at RV.   | 1 Tp tasked. Pickup time later changed to 1715 hrs.                                 |
| 161528    | 1        | ØA | Plant leaving DISCOVERY to return to Nui Dat.  | Ack   |
| 161555    | 6B       | ØA | At Baria tilt-bed carrying TD15B has slipped off the road into the paddy. Additional recovery gear required.   | Wksps tasked.   |
| 161810    | G3 (Ops) | CP | 6 RAR request CET for mine clearing op in Phuoc Loi 18 Oct.  | 1 Tp tasked.  |
| 161830    | 6B       | ØA | Have finally moved TD15 of tilt-bed. Should complete recovery in 15 mins.  | 1 ATF CP advised.   |
| 161856    | 6B       | ØA | Returned to Nui Dat.   | Ack   |
| 161905    | 1TA      | ØA | SITREP from mini team attached to TA86 on LCT op in AO SEABREEZE. Clearing along base of Long Hoi mts. Current task will take 7 days.                                    | Ack   |
| 161920    | ØA       | 39 | Arrangements for fly out of remaining parts of bridge: First Skycrane sortie at 0800, second at 0900. CET will be withdrawn after bridge flyout by Albatross or Chinook. | Ack. CET did not return as bridge flyout was not completed. Should return tomorrow. |



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| 170740    | 1ATF CP | CP                   | PRE-PLANNED TASKS. Changeover 2 mini teams on Op CHIEFTAIN.<br>3 mini teams.<br>6 RAR report mine incident at YS510550 involving PF elms.<br>A number of casualties. Request mini team to clear area.  | Casualties later verified as 1 KIA,<br>1 WIA. Mine verified as M16.<br>1 Tp and 2 Tp to provide 1 mini team<br>each. Tpt tasked to move pers. |
| 170745    | CP      | Horseshoe<br>D/6 RAR | Check on above requirement and queried if mini team already<br>attached to D/6 RAR could be used.  | Negative. Other team engaged in<br>cordon and search op.  |
| 170747    | 1ATF CP |                      | Routes 2, 15, 23 clear.  | Ack   |
| 170815    | 92B     | ØA                   | Leaving Nui Dat with 2 mini teams for mine clearance task.<br>Moving via Route 52, Dat Do.   | Ack   |
| 170850    | 92B     | ØA                   | Reached destination. Mini teams have commenced clearance.<br>Second vehicle has left to return to Nui Dat.<br><br>Report bunker blown in Dat Do. 15 man bunker adjacent to<br>Southern checkpoint. Mini team required to check area after<br>present task. | Ack. OC advised. Clearance given for<br>mini team to remain on second task.   |
| 170855    | B/3 Cav | CP                   | Mini team for Serial 8 will be required to remain out with<br>9 RAR on Op JACK until 27 Oct. Present team not equipped<br>to stay out.   | Serial retasked to 3 Tp.  |
| 171007    | TFMA    | CP                   | Flyout of bridge in AO STUART complete. CET tasked out<br>shortly.   | 3 Tp advised.   |
| 171010    | B/3 Cav | CP                   | Mini team Serial 10 pickup at 1145 at RV. Will be remaining<br>out with 6 RAR.   | 1 Tp advised.   |



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| 171150           | 3 Tp Comd<br>(on return<br>from AO<br>STUART) | 2IC                 | CET + 400 lb explosives required for bunker dmln (25 bunkers) with B/9 RAR mid afternoon. LZ at YS285834, c/s 2, freq 43.45. At present this c/s is in contact and it will be necessary to check that the LZ is secure.                                | 3 Tp tasked. Air task request 425 to G2(Air).  |
| 171350           | 2IC   | 1 ATF CP<br>G2(Air) | Check on insertion of CET and explosives to B/9 RAR. 9 RAR advised now required ASP. G2(Air) advised Albatross avail 1530 hrs.   | 3 Tp and Tpt advised of timings.   |
| 171420           | 1 ATF CP                                      | CP                  | Horseshoe request 3 mini teams for attachment to D/6 RAR gps working in PF Posts along R.44.   | OC advised. OC to discuss with Maj Johnson at Sector HQ's in Baria in a few minutes. |
| 171421           | CP  | Horseshoe           | Queried above request with 2IC D/6 RAR. Task originated with CO of R.44 Area (Maj Johnson).  |  |
| 171545           | 92A   | ØA                  | 1st sortie left WOMBAT for B/9 RAR   | Ack  |
| 171615           | 92A   | ØA                  | 2nd " " " " "  | "  |
| 171635           | 9   | ØA                  | Reference above request for mini teams. Comd 1ATF has demanded their sup. They can move out AM 18 Oct.   | Ack. 1 Tp tasked. c/s 1 at DISCOVERY advised for info.                               |
| 171810           | ØA  | 1 and 39            | SITREP.<br>1. 6RAR reported mine incident at YS510550 (AYKWHXLE) involving PF elms. 2 PF KIA. 2 mini teams deployed to clear area.<br>2. C/s 1 to deploy 1 CET to Phuoc Loi tomorrow.  |  |
| 171845<br>171845 | B/3 Cav<br>B/3 Cav                            | CP<br>CP            | Mini team tasks 18 Oct:<br>a. Serial 5, 1 x MT, RV 0645 hrs<br>b. Serial 6, 1 x MT, RV 0745 hrs<br>Warning Order:<br>2 mini teams required for TA2 working with 9 RAR for indefinite period commencing 19 Oct. TA3, who was at NAVAJO returns tonight. | 2 Tp tasked for both serials.<br><br>3 Tp warned.                                    |



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| 171850    | G2(Ops) | CP      | Ready reaction task tomorrow. 5 RAR Coy will be deployed. Timings TBA by Ops Offr 5 RAR.                               | 2 Tp advised.   |
| 172055    | 9 RAR   | CP      | 9 RAR TAOR Ptl briefing for ptl on 19 Oct now at 1500 hrs 18 Oct.  | 21 Engr Sp Tp notified.                               |
| 172115    | CP      | B/3 Cav | Request advice on timings for Ready Reaction task 18 Oct.  | Tentatatively 0800 hrs.<br>Check at 1030 hrs tonight. |
| 172235    | A/5 RAR | CP      | Full CET not required for Ready Reaction task - splinter team only. To be at A/5 RAR at 0715 hrs, move to Nui Thi Vai. | 2 Tp tasked.  |



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|                |         |    | PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 1 Tp CET to Phuoc Loi to assist D/6RAR by mine clearance. 3 mini teams from 1 Tp to assist D/6RAR elms and PF Posts in R.44 area. Mov above elms by APCs FLINT and STEELE. Ready Reaction (splinter team only) with A/5RAR. 2 mini teams with B/3Cav on escort duties. |  |
| 180730         |         |    | OC left for SAIGON to attend conference on new type of mine/booby trap dog.   |  |
| 180759         | 1ATF CP | CP | Splinter team deployed with Ready Reaction force - query on why full CET not sent.  | Advised that 5RAR requested only a splinter team.  |
| 180840         | 1D      | ØA | Arrived at Phuoc Loi. Request APCs (FLINT and STEELE) remain for protection and mov.  | APCs to remain until D/6RAR reps arrive, then to return.   |
| 181010         | 39      | ØA | CET completed bunker dmln with B/9RAR. Request backload within 80 mins.   | Air task request 426 processed.  |
| 181115(approx) |         |    | CET returned from B/9RAR.   |  |
| 181355         | 8       | ØA | Request clearance for dmlns at YS435660 from 1430-1530 hrs.   | Air and ground clearance obtained 1435 hrs. Wksps, W1, 17 Const Sqn, 1 ARU advised. C/s 8 advised. |
| 181450         | 8       | ØA | Dmlns complete.   | 1 ATF CP notified.   |
| 181515         | 1D      | ØA | Request tpt to pick up CET at Phuoc Loi.  | Tpt tasked.  |
| 181600         | B/1ARMD | CP | Request mini team for about 5 days to deploy to 9RAR area. Pick up 190745H Oct at RV.   | 3 Tp tasked.   |



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| 181730    | OC<br>B/1ARMD | 2IC | Discussion on likely rd clearance task of Route 2 20 or 21 Oct. Possible 1 or 2 CET requirement.                            | To be further discussed with OC B/1ARMD by OC on his return. More d4tails required. |
| 181900    | B/3Cav        | CP  | Urgent request. Mini team required ASP at B/3Cav for overnight task on R.15.  | 2 Tp standby team and tpt tasked.   |
| 181915    | 1             | ØA  | 6RAR have requested LZ at DISCOVERY be sealed. Request penepime sprayer. Arty dozer to prepare the site.                    | Told 1 Tp Ssgt to inspect the site in morning and advise us if it is necessary.     |
| 182045    | B/3Cav        | CP  | Mini team reacted earlier tonight will be returned approx 2200 hrs. Serial 8 19 Oct, timing changed to 1045 hrs for pickup. | Returned at approx 2130 hrs.<br>3 Tp notified.                                      |



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|           |         |    | PRE-PLANNED TASKS. Penepime eqpt to DISCOVERY to seal LZs. 2 mini teams for B/3Cav and 1 for B/1Armd joining 9RAR in AO STUART (all from 3 Tp). 2 further mini teams for B/3Cav on escort duties. |  |
| 190710    | 1ATF CP | CP | Routes 2, 15 and 23 clear. No change in Route Security Classification.  | Ack  |
| 190735    | 1       | ØA | Confirm requirement for pentaprime to seal 1200 sq yds for LZ/PZs.  | 1 Tp, Tpt, Plant tasked to load TCV and sprayer to leave on convoy 1330 hrs. |
| 190915    | ØA      | 39 | There will be no ac aval for mov of engr pers or eqpt from ANBTSMLW (20 1000) until KMZCJXNS (20 1300) Oct.   | Ack. Message passed verbally to 1Tp Offr prior to departure for DISCOVERY.   |
| 191130    | 2A      | ØA | Case backhoe at Dat Do has broken hydraulic line. Require fitter and parts.   | Wksps tasked. Veh despatched.  |
| 191600    | 1       | ØA | 6RAR require to know aval of aslt boats for possible boating ops.   | Advised 4 aslt boats and motors aval.  |
| 192000    | 1       | ØA | Possible LZ for insertion aslt boats at YS585636  | Ack.   |
| 192215    | G2(Ops) | CP | Extra forces being deployed 21 Oct to open up Route 2 north of Ngai Giao. Require mini teams be increased to CETs. Liaise with OC B/1Armd on mov details.   | 2IC and OC advised. OC to discuss with G2(Ops) and OC B/1Armd.               |



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|           |         |     | PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 2 mini teams only.  |   |
| 200810    | 1ARU    | CP  | Request engr elm to sp 1ARU. Moving to vicinity of Hoa Long to check out suspected cache. RV at 1ARU 1050 hrs.           | Splinter team tasked from 2 Tp.   |
| 200812    | ØA      | 1   | Query on likelihood of aslt boats being deployed into AO LINTON.   | Discussing with CO/6RAR shortly. Will advise.   |
| 201040    | OC      | 2IC | OC to do recce of parts of Barrier Minefield PM today. Require APC and pers.   | Tpt tasked to sup APC. 1 Tp tasked for mini team. RV Tpt 1300 hrs.                    |
| 201055    | G2(Ops) | CP  | C/5RAR require splinter team for op 21-24 Oct in AO SABOT (west of Route 2). Air insertion. Liaise with 5RAR on timings. | RV C/5RAR 0900 hrs 21 Oct. 2 Tp tasked.   |
| 201307    | 1       | ØA  | Fault with penepime sprayer explained.   | 21 Sp Tp fitter to be sent to DISCOVERY on convoy 21 Oct.                             |
| 201320    | 8       | ØA  | Request clearance for dmlns at YS435660 from 1400-1445 hrs and 1500-1545 hrs.  | Obtained from Arty Tac and 1ATF CP. Wksps, W1, 17 Const, 1ARU advised. C/s 8 advised. |
| 201525    | 8       | ØA  | Dmlns complete.  | 1ATF CP advised.  |
| 201812    | 29      | ØA  | Back in your loc after work on culvert in Dat Do.  | Ack.  |



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| 211015    | ØA                  | 2A      | PRE-PLANNED TASKS. Splinter team from 2 Tp deploying with C/5RAR in AO SABOT. 2 mini teams.   |  |
| 211050    | FLINT               | ØA      | Standby mini team required ASP to deploy with OC on recce.  | Team returned. Further team placed on standby.                       |
| 211355    | D/6RAR<br>Horseshoe | CP      | Return convoy leaving DISCOVERY. 21 Engr Sp Tp fitter returning having repaired penepime sprayer.   | Ack  |
|           |                     |         | NOTICAS FATAL<br>1. 218451 Lcpl B Hansen RAE<br>2. BC - KIA<br>3. YS 495556, 211310 H Oct 69<br>4. Clearing road for TANGO elms. Investigating heap of earth and earth and rocks on roadway. Explosion similar to M26 grenade.<br>Further info. Other member of mini team not injured - he is at present clearing the vicinity in the area of the incident. Albatross on way to recover casualty. | Ack. NOTICAS sent to AFV. OC to move to area of incident.            |
| 211400    | 9                   | ØA      | Require replacement member for casualty to move to scene of incident with me.   | 1 Tp tasked.   |
| 211410    | 1ATF CP             | CP      | Have been advised by TANGO comd that he recommends second member of mini team be replaced.  | 1 Tp tasked. Both members departed with OC by veh at about 1430 hrs. |
| 211435    | ØA                  | 1       | Summary of NOTICAS sent to 1 Tp Offr (acting 1 Tp Comd)   | Ack  |
| 211450    | CP                  | 1ATF CP | Have been advised by 1 Aust Fd Hosp (Vung Tau) that second member of mini team was evacuated suffering from shock and slight injuries to head.  | 1ATF duty offr checked and confirmed. NOTICAS sent to AFV.           |



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| 211510<br>and<br>211521 | 9                   | ØA  | Have been to scene of incident. Exactly the same place as one two weeks ago when grenade or similar device exploded with no casualties. I am proceeding to Vung Tau to see second member of mini team. | Advised 1ATF CP duty offr at 1558 hrs that incident occurred in the same place as one reported on 8 Oct69 at YS 491557.            |
| 211515                  | 1                   | ØA  | Request second member of mini team remain at scene of incident.  | Advised c/s1 that member evacuated on recommendation of comd of TANGO elm.   |
| 211545                  | B/3Cav              | CP  | Mini team requirements 22 Oct:<br>1. Serial 5, RV 0700 hrs, all day task.<br>2. Serial 6, RV 0745 hrs, " " "   | Ack<br>1 Tp tasked<br>2 Tp tasked  |
| 211625                  | D/6RAR<br>Horseshoe | CP  | NOTICAS<br>1. 5716280 Spr TR Kelly RAE<br>2. BC - WIA<br>3. YS 495556 at 211310 H Oct 69<br>4. Shock, slight scratches to head<br>5. Not known<br>6. Evacuated with KIA.                               | Ack. NOTICAS already passed to AFV.  |
| 211635                  | OC<br>(Vung Tau)    | 2IC | Have seen Spr Kelly in hosp - he is OK. Returning now. Advise G2(Air) will be late for Possum.   | Advised G2(Air) OC would not return until approx 1730 hrs.   |
| 211650                  | D/6RAR<br>Horseshoe | CP  | Replacement mini team has not arrived.   | Check with OC. He advises they are working in area of incident and will be returning to their base later. D/6RAR informed and ack. |
| 211740                  | ØA                  | 1   | OC leaving this loc for DISCOVERY by POSSUM. Will be in your loc in 20 mins.   | Ack. OC advised.   |
| 211853                  | 6RAR CP             | CP  | Task tomorrow for 11 sappers in cordon and search op now cancelled.  | Ack. OC advised.   |



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| 211915    | SC 'Ord'<br>1ATF | CP  | 6RAR have requested Zodiac and 40 HP Johnson outboard tomorrow for boating ops. Ord system cannot provide Zodiac in that time. Can you assist with aslt boat.   | Advised we could do.  |
| 211920    | ØA               | 1   | Queried boating ops in AO. Advised non-aval of Zodiac through Ord system and that we would probably be tasked. Request details.   | 1 Tp Offr to speak with CO 6RAR and advise.   |
| 212000    | 1                | ØA  | SAPDEM<br>A. c/s 1<br>B. Sub c/s Yellow (4 Sect)<br>C. To provide facilities for river crossing and patrolling.<br>D. N/A<br>E. LZ at EAOZNWXT (580572)<br>F. Time KRAQKIYX + 1.5 (220800 + 1.5 = 220930)<br>G. 49R (55.30) } Not at LZ. LZ insecure.<br>H. I c/s 3 }<br>I. Require 2 Albatross sorties; One carrying boat, motors, ropes, paddles, 30 gals fuel, MG mount, splashboards, life jackets, flak jackets, GPMG; Second sortie carrying 7 PAX. 1 Tp Offr will fly in from DISCOVERY to LZ. 1 Tp Ssgt to move to DISCOVERY. | Air task requests 429 and 430.<br>1 Tp: 5 PAX under NCO only plus<br>TFMA AD rigger who will remain.<br>TFMA: AD rigger to be picked up<br>0730 hrs.<br>Tp Sgt, 1 Tp: to FSPB DISCOVERY<br>0830 hrs PELICAN.<br>Tpt: L/R 0700-0930. TCV from 0800 hrs.<br>Q-store and 21 Sp Tp advised. |
| 212000    |                  |     |   |   |
| 212045    | OC               | 2IC | Spoken to Ops Offr 6RAR on 1ATF secure means. Boat moving to YS 6060, RV with V/6RAR. Extraction required 221600H Oct 69.   | See Air Task Request 430. G2(Air) advised of requirement by phone.  |
| 212120    | ØA               | 1   | Arrangements complete. Advised insertion and extraction times. (0930, 1600).  | Ack   |
| 212137    | ØA               | 1   | CET(-) will have radio, which should be used on I c/s 3 net once elms on the ground. For extraction flick back to our Sqn Comd Net for lift put con.  | Ack   |



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|           |               |         | PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 2 mini teams. CET (-) from 1 Tp plus aslt boat airlifted to Song Rai to work with V/6RAR.   |  |
| 220703    | 1ATF CP       | CP      | Routes 2 and 15 clear..  | Ack  |
| 220749    | ØA            | 1       | Pick up time for return of aslt boat and crew is at ACOYEU (1700 hrs) on the day specified.  | Ack  |
| 220840    | 1             | ØA      | Require 8 drums pentaprime and 4 drums JP4 to continue sealing LZs at DISCOVERY.   | Tpt advised. Maint Conference - not possible to move in by air 23 Oct. Will go by road convoy 24 Oct. C/s 1 advised of this at 1638 hrs. |
| 220911    | 1             | ØA      | Request confirmation of lift out time for CET(-) and aslt boats.   | Advised Q - 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ (0915 hrs)   |
| 220915    | ØA            | 1       | Both sorties leaving this loc now.   | Ack (Serial 429)   |
| 220925    | Bushranger 71 | ØA      | Tps on the ground, cannot contact by radio.  | Advised Bushranger 71 to try V/6RAR net (48R - 55.30)  |
| 220940    | 1ATF CP       | CP      | Ready Reaction CET to be placed on 15 mins standby for possible task in area of Nui Nhan (YS 4377). Tracks for 70 people in area, suspected occupied camp. | 2 Tp warned and CET returned to Tp area by 1000 hrs.   |
| 221032    | CP            | 1ATF CP | Any further info on deployment of RR CET?  | Not yet. Looks as though will deploy.  |
| 221330    | 1ATF CP       | CP      | 6RAR require any info held on mines in square YS 5767  | Advised that no record of any incidents in this area.  |
| 221533    | B/3Cav        | CP      | Request mini team be placed on short standby. Required in approx 30 mins. Will confirm.  | 2 Tp standby team tasked.  |



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| 221535    | 1              | ØA       | Task on Song Rai completed. Boats and crew ready for pickup.  | Checked with G2(Air) but Serial 430 could not be brought fwd. Advised c/s 1 at 1555hrs original timing (1700 hrs) to stand. |
| 221542    | 1ATF CP        | CP       | Suspected mine incident has occurred in the Light Green (YS 551573) at approx 1515 hrs. Initial reports indicate 1 engr WIA. Further details to follow ASP. | Ack. HQ (A) warned of requirement to raise NOTICAS shortly.   |
| 221544    | 6RAR           | CP       | Further details of above incident. C/s 43 in contact at same time. APC may have been hit by RPG fire. Dustoff complete.                                     | Message passed to DCREs office to pass to OC. OC rang 1550 hrs to check on details.   |
| 221609    | 1 Aust Fd Hosp | 1 Fd Sqn | Names of engrs WIA:<br>1735059 Spr W F Miskin<br>2791437 Spr A Lisle  | Ack.  |
| 221613    | B/3Cav         | CP       | Mini team required ASP to move to Phuoc Hoi area to recover APC damaged in above incident. No further details avail on incident at this time.               | 2 Tp standby mini team moved to RV.   |
| 221620    | ØA             | 1        | There has been an incident in the Light Green. There are 2 pers WIA from your c/s. Further details will follow.   | Ack.  |
| 221625    | ØA             | 1        | Pers WIA are 1735059 M and 2791437 L  | Ack.  |
| 221628    | CP             | 2 Tp     | Ready reaction CET to be placed back on 30 mins standby. Unlikely to be reacted today now.  | Ack.  |



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| 221630    | 1A                | ØA      | 2 Albatross circling some miles to our West. Could be looking for us (at Song Rai mouth).   | Advised e/s 1A not likely to be ac for <sup>you</sup> as time could not be brought forward.        |
| 221700    | CP                | 6RAR    | CONTACT REPORT received:<br>A. c/s 43 and TA<br>B. 221503 H Oct 69<br>C. YS 551573<br>D.-G. Nil or unknown<br>H. VC<br>I. 2 x RPG rounds. Fired at lead TA from trees. Holdfast ruled out all possibility of booby trap. AK47 fire also received. |  |
| 221710    | ØA                | 1A      | Bushranger 71 trying to contact you.  | Ack and contacted. Advised that Albatross sortie with boat and accessories on way back to Nui Dat. |
| 221735    | OC                | CP      | Fighting ptl 23/24 Oct. 12 men from 2 Tp, offr in comd. Further details to follow.  | 2 Tp tasked.   |
| 221740    | B/3Cav            | CP      | Require mini team RV 1030 hrs tomorrow. Resup convoy with ARVN Cdos.  | Ack. 3 Tp tasked.  |
| 221750    | 1 Aust<br>Fd Hosp | CP      | Condition on members WIA:<br>Spr Miskin Very Satisfactory<br>Spr Lisle VSI  | Ack  |
| 221835    | CP                | G2(Air) | Air Task 431, recce Dat Do - request confirmation.  | 1030-1130. Pickup WOMBAT.  |
| 221945    | B/3Cav            | CP      | Require additional mini team; RV 0705 hrs. To Horseshoe and on.   | 1 Tp tasked.   |



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| 222120    | 1    | ØA | <p>SAPDEM 1.</p> <p>A. c/s 1</p> <p>B. 1 mini team</p> <p>C. To join I c/s 3 as engr elm in sp</p> <p>D. Suspected minefields and bunker dmlns.</p> <p>E. LZ at FZBMFLQV (602607)</p> <p>F. SAVTIGRZ, <math>-\frac{1}{2} + 1</math>. (230800 hrs, 0739-0900)</p> <p>G. 76 T (63.10)</p> <p>H. c/s 3</p> <p>I. No flak jackets or helmets required. To carry mine detector. Flak jackets and helmets remain at FSPB DISCOVERY on call.</p>  | 1 Tp tasked. Air Task Request 432 booked.              |
| 222125    | 1    | ØA | <p>SAPDEM 2.</p> <p>A. c/s 1</p> <p>B. CET(-)</p> <p>C. Area search and minefield clearance on FVGP (24) Oct.</p> <p>D. Suspected minefield at KSJWOEXZ (578676)</p> <p>E. FSPB DISCOVERY.</p> <p>F. XQLYVRID (-1+2) (231500 hrs, 1400 - 1700)</p> <p>G. 76 T (63.10)</p> <p>H. c/s 92</p> <p>I. Members to bring flak jackets, helmets, minefield marking tape. Additional stores required: 1 mine detector, 2 flak jackets, 2 steel helmets. Anticipate extraction from DISCOVERY fol day. I c/s 62 is to accompany engr on task to provide security. 1 Tp Offr. to accompany gp. CET to be made up with splinter team <sup>already</sup> in this loc.</p> | 1 Tp tasked. Air Task Request 433 booked. Tpt advised. |



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|           |         |    | PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 1 Tp CET(-) to join splinter team and Tp Offr at FSPB DISCOVERY, deploy fol day with ATK/6RAR on bunker clearance task. 1 Tp splinter team to join V/6RAR. 3 mini teams. VR for possible ptl Dat Do area (Ptl Comd). |  |
| 230740    | 1ATF CP | CP | Routes 2, 15, 23 clear.   |  |
| 230950    | 49      | ØA | Elms this c/s working from laterite pit at YS 490653 back along Route 52 to the West. Elms on the ground at YS 490653 and YS 473660.  | Queried protection. Plant Tp Comd satisfied with security from within his own resources. |
| 230923    | B/3Cav  | CP | Further mine incident near Xa Bang. Mini team OK. Request mini team go with 1 rec elm. Pick up at 0955 hrs.   | 2 Tp standby team tasked.  |
| 230937    | B/1ARMD | CP | Request mini team to go with B veh elm going down R.44 from Dat Do. Pickup at RV 1000 hrs.  | 2 Tp second standby team tasked.   |
| 231023    | B/3Cav  | CP | Serial 6 mini team cancelled.   | 3 Tp advised.  |
| 231052    | 29      | ØA | Completed liaison with OC D/6RAR on possible fighting ptl near Dat Do. Most unlikely that it will take place due to other activity in the area.   | Discussed with OC. Ptl cancelled. 2 Tp notified. Horseshoe (D/6RAR) advised.             |
| 231208    | B/3Cav  | CP | Mini team with TA22 involved in mine incident near Tam Phuoc (AO STUART) this morning. APC hit 10-15 lb mine. Mini team shaken. Recommend replacement.  | 3 Tp tasked. Replacement team to move out approx 1400 hrs.                               |
| 231355    | ØA      | 1  | Queried probable backload timing for CET(-) being inserted to DISCOVERY today.  | C/s 1 advised approx 1630 hrs 24 Oct. Air Task Request 434 placed.                       |



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| 231406    | ØA      | 1  | Further discussion on task for CET. 1 Tp Offr to go with them. I c/s 62 going as security.   | During evening OC discussed with 1 Tp Offr his movs on 24 Oct.  |
| 231418    | G2(Air) | CP | Air Task 433 brought fwd to ASP.   | 1 Tp, Tpt advised.  |
| 231426    | 92      | ØA | Albatross leaving with CET(-) for c/s 1 now.   | C/s 1 advised.  |
| 231428    | 4       | ØA | One Euclid scraper has u/s wheel. Require Plant Tp Comds veh to obtain tools, etc.   | C/s 49 advised and left for c/s 4s loc.   |
| 231445    | 49      | ØA | Require Euclid tyre from c/s 5.  | Contacted Plant Tp, 21 Sp Tp and Tpt and arranged for mov of tyre.                                    |
| 231450    | 1       | ØA | CET(-) arrived short of equipment requested. Require fol: 3 mine detectors, 5 flak jackets, 5 helmets, 3 spare btys per detector, 12 rolls minefield marking tape. | Eqpt despatched on 6RAR resup Albatross approx 1630 hrs. Received by 1 Tp.                            |
| 231650    | 4       | ØA | At loc of u/s Euclid. Suggest backload as to repair. Request certain tools for repair.   | Advised c/s 49 to move to site immediately and assess situation. Despatched tools requested by c/s 4. |
| 231705    | B/3Cav  | CP | Mini teams 23 Oct: Serial 5 0640, Serial 6 0640, Serial 7 0745, Serial 8 approx 1530.  |   |
| 231717    | A/5RAR  | CP | Require splinter team, mini team to deploy with a coy on 5 day op.   | Advised A/5 will be delivered together by B/3Cav at 0659.   |
| 231735    | ØA      | 49 | Request SITREP on repair/rec of Euclid.  | Will advise in 20 mins. Placed Wksps wrecker on standby.  |
| 231810    | ØA      | 49 | Request SITREP. Will you finish before dark.   | Tyre off, but repair problems. Wrecker crew ordered out.  |



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| 231835    | 49     | ØA | Tyre on . Awaiting arrival of rec veh.   | Ack. Checked with c/s 6B, who was just leaving.                                      |
| 231837    | 1TA    | ØA | Mini team Op BIRCH with LCT. Little activity in their area. Requested gear for dmlns kits. | 1 Tp advised of explosives required. Passed brief SITREP on cas from mine incidents. |
| 231849    | 6B     | ØA | Rec crew leaving Nui Dat now.  | Ack.   |
| 231902    | 49     | ØA | Further delays experienced. Sending as many vehs back as possible.                         | 1ATF CP advised that this elm still out at YS 460655.                                |
| 231943    | 49     | ØA | Half hour behind schedule. Notify in 10 mins whether can complete rec tonight.             | Ack  |
| 231950    | B/3Cav | CP | Further mini team required 0645 hrs at RV to go with TA2ØB also with A/5RAR.               | 3 Tp tasked.   |
| 232030    | 9      | ØA | Returning with c/s 49. Make arrangements for piquet on eqpt overnight if necessary.        | Plant Tp tasked and a security elm despatched.                                       |



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|                    |                     |    | PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 2 Tp splinter team to A/5RAR Op SWITCH. 2 mini teams to B/3Cav for Op SWITCH. 3 mini teams on escort duties. Plant Tp elm remained out overnight with u/s scraper. |   |
| 240747             | 49                  | ØA | Euclid blocking R.52. Closed for at least 30 mins.  | 1ATF CP notified.   |
| 240847             | 49                  | ØA | On way back into base with Euclid.  | Ack.  |
| 240905             | 1                   | ØA | LOCSTAT. c/s 19 and I c/s 62. FZNTJRTA (579673). Started clearing about 15 mins ago. Clearing North into a bunker system.   | Ack.  |
| 241115             | D/6RAR<br>Horseshoe | CP | Ref earlier query on loc of missing mini team. They are with c/s 41. Mix-up yesterday.  | D Coy to return splinter team to Horseshoe ASP. Pers eqpt sent out for team with c/s 41.<br>1 Tp advised.   |
| 241205             | ØA                  | 1  | Backload CET(-) at JBINTR (1700hrs). Request advise if you can meet this deadline.  | c/s 1 advised at 1235 hrs that timing is OK.  |
| 241312             | 92                  | ØA | Leaving for Long Tan area with Ready Reaction CET so security elm for Plant elm working on R.52 and laterite pit.   | Ack.  |
| 241442)<br>241455) | G3(Ops)<br>1ATF     | CP | Query on avail of mine clearing APCs to assist 9RAR aslt pns and MSF near Xa Long Hai on rifle ranges. There have been a large no. of cas recently, mainly from M16s.                 | Discussed with OC. APCs to be made avail Sun 26 Oct only. To be back by 1600 hrs for preps for further barrier minefield clearance on Mon 27 Oct. |
| 241510             | 49                  | ØA | Truck has damaged water pipe in An Nhut. Repairs required.  | 21 Engr Sp Tp pers despatched at 1540 hrs to effect repairs.  |
| 241630             | 1ATF CP             | CP | Wng O for probable CET requirement 25 Oct for bunker dmln with either A or D/9RAR.  | Advised c/s 39 to check and give us any further info. 3 Tp Comd advised.  |



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| 241646    | 9B     | ØA | Repair task at An Nhut completed.   | Ack.  |
| 241730    | B/3Cav | CP | Mini teams 25 Oct. Serial 6, RV 0745 hrs. Serial 7, RV 0715 hrs. Serial 9, RV 1445 hrs.   | 1 Tp tasked for all serials.  |
| 241930    | 9RAR   | CP | SAPDEM.<br>A. c/s 1<br>B. 1 CET<br>C. bunker dmln.<br>D. 40 bunkers, 3 ft OHC, ave 6 ft x 10 ft x 5 ft.<br>E. YS 271832.<br>F. 250900 H Oct 69<br>G. 20E (43.45)<br>H. c/s 1<br>I. 1000 lb C4, 4 rolls det chord, 1 box dets, 1 can of safety fuse. | 3 Tp tasked. Tpt warned for PZ con. SSM warned for explosives reqts. c/s 39 advised explosives requested were excessive and cut to 600 lb C4, 3 rolls det cord. Air Task Request 436 placed with G2(Air). |
| 242010    | B/3Cav | CP | Change in timing; Serial 9 now RV 0815 hrs.   | Ack. 1 Tp advised.  |
| 242025    | ØA     | 1  | Continue sealing of LZ tomorrow. 1 Tp Comd visiting mini teams along R.44 tomorrow.   | c/s passed info from c/s IV. Small camp at 589606; rec 20 lb C3, 100 AK47 rds. Mine sign on track at 588603, leading to bunker system.  |



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|           |                                    |             | PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 3 Tp CET to A/9RAR on bunker dmln task.<br>3 mini teams.  |   |
| 250905    | 92                                 | ØA          | Albatross sortie with CET leaving for A/9RAR.  | Could not contact c/s 39.                                     |
| 250910    | 9B                                 | ØA          | Leaving for Phu My for recce of pacification task.   | Ack.  |
| 250927    | 92                                 | ØA          | Second sortie leaving for A/9RAR.  | Ack.  |
| 251035    | G3(Ops)                            | CP          | Request additional mine clearing effort at Long Hai today and tomorrow.  | Advised one day only possible due to maint on APCs.           |
| 251214    | 1                                  | ØA          | Penepime sprayer U/S. Inlet valve siezed. Require assistance.  | 21 Engr Sp Tp fitter despatched on resup Albatross 1630 hrs.  |
| 251220    | 25<br>(Horseshoe)<br>1ATF Comd Net | 49<br>(NCS) | Dust-off request. Request for mini team mentioned. Mini team task confirmed by phone from 1ATF CP.   | 3 Tp tasked. 4ATF booking ac.<br>Pilot Msn Brief prepared.    |
| 251230    | ØA                                 | 19          | Recent mine incident at Lo Gom. Mini team will be airlifted in. Do not proceed to Lo Gom without obtaining clearance from D Coy 6RAR at Horseshoe. | Ack.  |
| 251250    | 92A                                | ØA          | Albatross leaving with mini team now.  | Horseshoe advised. They advise possible engr cas in incident. |
| 251300    | 25<br>1ATF Comd Net                | 49          | Mini team arrived at Lo Gom. Dustoff complete.   | Monitored.  |
| 251308    | D/6RAR<br>Horseshoe                | CP          | Advised of FATAL NOTICAS from mine incident:<br>5716228 Spr A. L. DUNCUFF. Other names will be sent ASP.   | Ack. OC and 1 Tp Comd notified.                               |



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| 251314    | D/6RAR | CP | Other member of mini team 255188 Spr D. F. McKENZIE only very slightly WIA. Remained on duty.  | Ack. OC and 1 Tp Comd notified.  |
| 251325    | 8      | ØA | Request clearance for dmlns at YS 435660 from 1415 to 1445 hrs.  | Air and grd clearance obtained 1ATF CP. Wksps, W1, 17 Const, 1 ARU advised. c/s 8 advised. |
| 251345    | STEELE | ØA | C/s STEELE, FLINT, 6A leaving Nui Dat for Baria - Dat Do and return on Comms check run   | Ack.   |
|           | 6RAR   | CP | MINE INCIDENT REPORT.<br>A. I c/s 4 and 3/52 ARVN<br>B. 251205 H Oct 69<br>C. YS 508549<br>D. Pressure<br>E. M16<br>F. Cylindrical<br>G. Prongs surface level.<br>H. and I. Nil<br>J. 2 Aust KIA, 4 WIA, Caseyac, 2 WIA ROD. |  |
| 251430    | 8      | ØA | Dmlns complete.  | 1 ATF CP advised.  |
| 251535    | B/3CAv | CP | Mini team requirements 26 Oct. Serial 6, 0745 at RV all day. Serial 7, 0745 hrs RV, all day.   | 1 Tp tasked.   |
| 251620    | 9RAR   | CP | CET returning from bunker dmln task approx 1730 hrs.   | Tpt and 3 Tp advised.  |



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|           |                     |      | PRE-PLANNED TASKS. Mine clearing gp for 1 day task at Long Hai (3 Tp, Tpt, APCs, Wksps). 2 mini teams. HMAD8 POWER trials.  |   |
| 260715    | STEELE              | ØA   | Leaving Nui Dat for Long Hai  | Ack.  |
| 260800    | "                   | "    | Reached RV at YS 424573. Awaiting for escort.   | Ack.  |
| 260805    | "                   | "    | Have contacted escort. Proceeding South shortly.  | Ack.  |
| 260950    | "                   | "    | In process of clearing working area. Both STEELE and 6A have thrown tracks.   | Ack.  |
| 261005    | B/3Cav              | CP   | Request additional mini team at 1345 hrs RV for R.15 escort.  | 1 Tp tasked for 2 members of Ready Reaction CET. B/3Cav OC advised of this.                                     |
| 261100    | CP                  | 2 Tp | Re-tasked above mini team to 2 Tp on their return from Vung Tau. 2 Tp placed on Ready Reaction CET and Standby Mini-team as of 1200 hrs.  | 1 Tp advised.   |
| 261120    | D/6RAR<br>Horseshoe | CP   | M16 mine loc on top of ground in Hoi My at YS 505557. Member of 1 Tp mini team neutralised. All 4 mini teams now grouped in Horseshoe. Request to hold 4 mini teams if possible.                            | 3 Tp mini team replaced by 1 Tp team late in afternoon. 1 mini team deploying with tanks to AO LINTON tomorrow. |
| 261120    | STEELE              | ØA   | Progress report. Area cleared 80 metres x 40 metres. Total area required to be done is 100 metres x 600 metres, but much of this appears to be underwater. Testing now to see if APC can work in this area. | Ack. OC advised.  |



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| 261140    | B/1Armd | CP | Request mini <sup>team</sup> /for tanks deploying from Horseshoe to DISCOVERY.   | Advised B/1Armd to take one of the mini teams from Horseshoe. |
| 261524    | STEELE  | ØA | Completed all tasks we can do at this loc. In process of of packing up to return.  | Ack.  |
| 261645    | "       | "  | Returned to Nui Dat.   | Ack.  |
| 261755    | B/3Cav  | CP | Mini team requirements 27 Oct.<br>Serial 6 0830 RV All day<br>" 7 1025 RV Free by 1400 hrs<br>" 8 1215 RV All afternoon. | 2 Tp tasked.  |
| 262245    | 1ATF CP | CP | Mini team required for 0700 hrs Pearly Gates to escort Husky Charlie to Phu My.  | 2 Tp tasked.  |



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|           |         |    | PRE-PLANNED TASKS. Elms 3 Tp, Plant, Tpt, Wksps deploy on Op FRANGIMUS III. 3 pers to Dat Do on PF mine training. 21 Sp Tp ambush ptl during ni in conjunction with Op FRANGIMUS III.                          |   |
| 270700    | 9D      | ØA | Convoy for Op FRANGIMUS leaving Nui Dat  | Ack   |
| 270745    | G2(Air) | CP | Albatross crashed at YS 255842. Assessment team will see if ac can be lifted out. If not require dmln team.  | 1 Tp CET(-) tasked. To take 200 lb C4 and accessories. 15 mins standby. |
| 270755    | 9D      | ØA | At Horseshoe. Conducting final briefing before moving to Dat Do.   | Ack.  |
| 270808    | "       | "  | Preparing to offload dozers at Southern checkpoint of Dat Do.  | Ack.  |
| 270945    | "       | "  | NDP cleared. Work about to commence.   | Ack.  |
| 271012    | ØA      | 9D | OC leaving for your loc. Work with FLINT and STEELE not to commence until he arrives.  | Ack.  |
| 271138    | 9D      | ØA | Ground v. hard. Request backhoe to assist in digging defences.   | Plant and Tpt tasked.   |
| 271140    | B/3Cav  | CP | Request mini team to go to DISCOVERY? pick up 1245 hrs.  | 2 Tp tasked.  |
| 271203    | 1       | ØA | SITREP. Future intentions; FSPB TASMAN at JCRKSHFB (613859) from ECNX (28) to OQYZ (31) Oct. Tp sgt this loc will deploy as c/s 1W to TASMAN. c/s 11TA and c/s 1T also deploy to TASMAN. No plant requirement. | 1 Tp advised.   |
| 271207    | 9D      | ØA | Progress report. NDP still under const. Party moving fwd to make first cuts in fence.  | Ack.  |



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| 271209    | 4                   | ØA | Require plant fitter to examine U/S Massey Ferguson.   | Wksps tasked. Fitter despatched.  |
| 271210    | D/6RAR<br>Horseshoe | CP | Mini team (Luttrell, Marinich) left with T21 for DISCOVERY. Daily conference at Horseshoe at 1300 hrs not 1330 hrs as shown in Op Instr. | 1 Tp advised.<br>c/s 9D informed.   |
| 271303    | ØA                  | 9D | Tiltbed and backhoe deployed. Will be in your loc in 40 mins.  | Ack.  |
| 271355    | 8                   | ØA | Request clearance for dmlns at YS 435660 from 1415 - 1445 hrs.   | Air and ground clearance obtained from 1ATF. W1, Wkps, 17 Const, 1ARU advised. c/s 8 advised. Extension obtained 1445 - 1515 hrs. |
| 271510    | 8                   | ØA | Dmlns complete.  | 1ATF CP advised.  |
| 271538    | 9D                  | ØA | Both FLINT and STEELE have damaged axles and require repair. FLINT should be ready in 20 mins.   | Ack. OC advised.  |
| 271540    | G2(Air)             | CP | Dmln team for crashed ac not required today. Standby for tomorrow.   | 1 Tp informed.  |
| 271608    | ØA                  | 9D | FLINT entering minefield now. Have had only one detonation so far.   | Ack.  |
| 271617    | 49                  | ØA | RAASC tipper has had an accident at An Nhut.   | 1ATF Pro Coy advised.   |
| 271650    | 9D                  | ØA | Completed use of FLINT and STEELE in first area. Ready for power to enter minefield.   | Advised OC. Instructed c/s 9D to go ahead with POWER.   |
| 271725    | B/3CAV              | CP | Mini teams 28 Oct. Serial 6, RV 0630. Serial 7, RV 0745 hrs.   | 2 Tp tasked.  |
| 271728    | 9D                  | ØA | OC 21 Sp Tp ambush ptl at c/s 9Ds loc. Recce for AP loc has shown up 2 booby traps in area of bunkers.                                   | OC to discuss position of AP on his arrival at c/s 9Ds loc shortly.   |



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| 271840    | 9D     | ØA      | Op FRANGIMUS SITREP.<br>A. 271800 H Oct 69<br>B. Area cleared 49485878 - 49685881 - 49535864 - 49735867.<br>C. 15 mines exploded.<br>D. 2 hrs lost due to damage to outside edge of axle. | Passed to 1ATF CP. Passed for info to c/s 1 at 1905 hrs. |
| 271855    | 9D     | ØA      | LOCSTATS. NDP no change (501589). c/s 5 AP at YS 496587.  |  |
| 271900    | CP     | 1ATF CP | RAINREP. Overnight 33 points.   |  |
| 271930    | ØA     | 1, 9D   | Elms of c/s 2 deploy tomorrow to FR PYXSXN (237772) on pacification task.   | Ack.   |
| 272015    | B/3Cav | CP      | Request additional mini team, at 0745 hrs.  | 1 Tp tasked.   |



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|           |          |     | PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 2 Tp sect deploys to Phu My on pacification task (bldg const). <del>Four</del> mini team <del>3</del> .  |   |
| 280825    | 92       | ØA  | Sect 2 Tp leaving Nui Dat now for Phu My.   | Ack.  |
| 280845    | 9D       | ØA  | Progress report. Initial slot dug by POWER. TD15B moving in to incr depth. No mines so far. 3 u/x mines today.  | Ack.  |
| 280855    | G2(Air)  | 2IC | Ac dmln now being by SAS. Stand down 1 Tp CET.  | Ack. 1 Tp advised.  |
| 280859    | 9        | ØA  | Comd 1ATF visiting works at Dat Do within next 30 mins.   | Ack. Passed to 9D.  |
| 280930    | 21 Sp Tp | CP  | Bunker 18, YS496588, at Dat Do booby trapped. 2 trip wires and grenades. Both at entrance. One below GL, the other has a wire which comes 4 - 5 ft out from the bunker.                     | Ack. 1ATF Duty Offr advised 1050 hrs.                       |
| 281213    | D/6RAR   | CP  | Mini team LOCSTATS.<br>ATHOVBM (565597)<br>AMKTLGMD (549572)  | Teams with elms D/6RAR and 3/52 ARVN Bn.                    |
| 281240    | ØA       | 9D  | Were you fired upon this morning. Reply affirmative, but not sure of details.   | Requested 8/9s 9D to pass on details on return to that loc. |
| 281310    | 9D       | ØA  | Progress report. STEELE has been working 25 mins. FLINT getting new axle. POWER commenced windrowing.   | Ack.  |
| 281325    | 9D       | ØA  | INCIDENT REPORT.<br>A. Incident consisted of about 20 shots from East to Tower 100 metres to North.<br>B. 281100 H Oct 69<br>C. YS501590<br>D. and E. Not known.<br>F. Nil<br>G. Not known. | Ack. Passed by phone to 1ATF CP Duty Offr.                  |



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| 281444    | 49     | ØA      | 6 people wearing very heavy clothing came from scrub asking for water. Sitting on road at YS487658.  | Ack. Passed to 1ATF CP Duty Offr. Requested he be kept informed of further activities.       |
| 281535    | 9D     | ØA      | STEELE bogged in crater. Require assistance. OC to be notified before recovery attempted. POWER will be able to shift STEELE.  | Ack. OC notified. Advised at 1445 hrs. c/s 9D to go ahead and recover using POWER.           |
| 281545    | 9D     | 9       | Progress report. Total of 24 mines today. Windrow progressed 30 metres from first slot. POWER has had 3 dets, seen about 30 mines. Everything set for tonight.   | Ack.   |
| 281605    | B/3Cav | CP      | Require mini team at RV, 1645 hrs.   | 2 Tp standby team tasked.  |
| 281612    | B/3Cav | CP      | Request mini team RV 0800 hrs 29 Oct.  | 2 Tp tasked.   |
| 281625    | 9D     | ØA      | STEELE recovered.  | Ack.   |
| 281640    | 9D     | ØA      | Damage to grouser plate on POWER due to detonation. Repairing.   | Ack.   |
| 281645    | 49     | ØA      | 2IC requested to task 20 tonnerto bring D4 back to Nui Dat. D4 at present loc on R.52.   | Passed to Plant.   |
| 281710    | 9D     | ØA      | POWERs grouser plate still being repaired. Will not be ready again tonight. Request permission from OC to stop FLINT and STEELE, as they are too far ahead of POWER for protection purposes. STEELE has just broken split pins in track. | Advised c/s 9D to halt until OC aval. OC later advised c/s 9D not to continue with the APCs. |
| 281725    | CP     | 1ATF CP | Correction to SITREP 27 Oct 69. 15 mines instead of 5.   |  |



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| 281730    | 1ATF CP           | CP | Standby mini team to RV ASP. Go with TA to mine clearing.  | 2 Tp standby team tasked. Did not go as ACV and tank did not wait. |
| 281755    | ØA                | 9D | OC arranged for ACV and tank to go to your loc. Leaving shortly. Request you meet them at Cross Roads, Dat Do in 25 mins.  |  |
| 281810    | 9D<br>(through 1) | ØA | SITREP. Op FRANGIMUS.<br>A. As at 281800.<br>B. (1) By FLINT and STEELE<br>49685881 - 49735867 - 50085886 - 50165884.<br>(2) By POWER<br>49605872 - 49565871 - 49625862 - 49585872.<br>C. 33 mines detonated, 1 destroyed in situ.<br>D. 4 hrs lost due to road wheel damage to FLINT and STEELE.<br>2 hrs lost by POWER due to grouser plate damage.<br>LOCSTATS.<br>NDP - No change. (501589)<br>c/s 5 - NYFJNTVG (501589) | Ack. Passed to 1ATF CP by phone 1916 hrs.                          |
| 281815    | 1ATF CP           | CP | 6RAR CP DISCOVERY. Flat bronze circular plate M79 round BLU 3-5. Lot No ATO.   | Passed to 1ATF CP that it is a CBU. Also passed to our c/s 1.      |
| 281820    | ØA                | 1  | Mine info. Size of M79. Flat round disc with markings BLU 3-5. Believed to be top part of CBU pressure plate. CBU has been used as initiator for larger type. Figures are same as on top of a CBU. Should be careful and ascertain what is below it.   |  |
| 281840    | B/1Armd           | CP | Mini team ordered to go to Dat Do stood down.  | Ack. 2 Tp advised.   |
| 281920    | 9D                | ØA | To OC. ACV and tank arrived our loc. POWER damaged when mine detonated. 2 grouser plates damaged but can be fixed. STEELE and FLINT worked through afternoon.  |  |
|           |                   |    |  | OC advised continue with FLINT and STEELE or best means avail.     |



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| 281920<br>(CONTINUED) | 9D   | ØA | Situation explained as in message 281710 above. Work at NDP completed. Set up completely as required. Will normal VR take place tomorrow.<br>MAINTDEM 2/69 and 39   | Depends on OC Task Force on future activities. Must obtain clearance from I c/s 4 first, as is outside our AO. Anything in AO engage without prior reference. Watch for movement where earth disturbed, particularly in West. |
| 281930                | 1    | ØA | SITREP c/s 1. c/s 19 moving to system of 11 bunkers at AKQZVSGR (591673) with US pers. for bunker dmlns tomorrow. c/s 1W loc at TASMAN.<br>Penepime completed this loc. Request B vehicle and trailer join convoy for this loc on 30 Oct. | Ack. 1 ton tlr despatched with TFMA vehicle on 30 Oct.  |



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| 290640    | 9D      | ØA | PRE-PLANNED TASKS. One mini team only.<br>Possum did not call in for first light VR.  | G2 (AIR) advised. Possum to call in on return journey from Xuyen Moc. c/s 9D advised. |
| 280715    | 1ATF CP | CP | Routes 2 and 15 clear. No changes in Road Security Classification.  | Ack.  |
| 290755    | 6A      | ØA | D8 has hit a mine and is damaged. Rails spread. Track damaged.  | Wksps advised action to be taken.   |
| 290855    | 9D      | ØA | Shot fired at POWER at YS497587 from approx YS495587. c/s 1T and 6A investigating.  | Requested formal incident report.   |
| 290932    | 9D      | ØA | Still checking area of incident. Will send report on completion.  | Ack.  |
| 290941    | 9D      | ØA | A. INCIDENT<br>B. 290902 H<br>C. YS497587<br>D. and E. Not known<br>F. Nil<br>G. Not known. D8 POWER received 1 round of SA fire. Area investigated with negative result. | Passed to 1ATF CP.  |
| 290940    | ØA      | 1  | Penepime sprayer to be backloaded 30 Oct from DISCOVERY.  | Tasked at Maint Conference 1330 hrs.  |
| 290951    | 9       | 9D | Arriving your loc in 10 mins.   | Ack.  |



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| 291035    | 1       | ØA | LOCSTAT c/s 19 and 3 USMC visitors EQPVNHTJ (594675).  | Ack.   |
| 291155    | ØA      | 9D | 3 USMC visitors will come to your loc by air from c/s1 at approx Q-2½ (1630 hrs). To return from your loc with resup backload.<br>One of the APCs and 1 truckload stores to return from your loc with backload for redeployment tomorrow. A veh will be sent to your loc for this purpose. | Ack.   |
|           | 9D      | ØA | Progress report. POWER still moving. 4 mines exploded. 3rd cut being made. Request permission to use bangalore torpedoes to open gaps in wire. Request safety distances.   | Ack. Checked with G3(Ops) On use of bangalores. OK. Normal dmln clearances to be obtained. Advised safety distances 100 metres in line, 300-500 metres to flank. |
| 291355    | 1       | ØA | c/s 19 with 3 USMC returned to DISCOVERY. 6 bunkers in system demolished.  | Ack.   |
| 291431    | 9D      | 9  | STEELE bogged in minefield. c/s 6A proceeding out to investigate. Progress on slot; approx 1'-6" deep.   | OC advised no foot movement in field All mov to be closed down. Extract STEELE and proceed with job.   |
| 291515    | 9D      | ØA | STEELE extracted from bog and working again. Recce of this part of field shows it to be quite boggy in area of YS502589.   | Ack. OC later advised c/s 9D not to proceed into boggy area.   |
| 291625    | G2(Air) | CP | Albatross taking plant ops to FSPB CAPE deploying from WOMBAT 1800 hrs 30 Oct.   | Plant Tp and Tpt advised.  |



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| 291634    | 9D     | ØA | STEELE blown a road wheel and 9" dia hole in floor - unsafe to use. Difficult job. Recommend backload to Nui Dat for repair.   | OC will advise - going to c/s 9Ds loc with OC Wksp. |
| 291635    | B/3Cav | CP | Mini teams for 30 Oct:<br>Serial 4, 0740 RV allday<br>" 5, 1000 RV " "   | 2 Tp tasked.  |
| 291640    | 9D     | ØA | Is there an additional security elm coming to this loc. USMC visitors have arrived.  | Advised elm from 21 Sp Tp coming.<br>Ack.           |
| 291715    | 92     | ØA | Leaving c/s 9D on return from resup run.   | Ack.  |
| 291836    | 9D     | ØA | SITREP Op FRANGIMUS.<br>A. Report as at 291800 H<br>B. 1. By FLINT and STEELE: Area cleared nil due to break-down of STEELE.<br>2. By POWER: 1 slot to depth of 3 feet.<br>C. 13 mines detonated.<br>D. FLINT did not work - being stripped for move back to Nui Dat and redeployment. STEELE did not work until 1400 - lost 1 hr due to bogging, 2½ hrs due to severe mine damage. POWER lost 1 hr due to damaged ram.<br>LOCSTATS will be late due to late arrival AP. | Passed to 1 ATF CP.                                 |
| 291904    | 9D     | ØA | LOCSTATS. c/s 9D No change (YS501589)<br>c/s 5 MDNHMTYM (YS496586)   | Passed tp 1 ATF CP.                                 |
| 292009    | 9D     | ØA | From OC. D8 at Horseshoe is to be moved to Nui Dat tomorrow. To be armoured as for LCT dozers. TD15B at this loc will then move to Horseshoe.  | Tpt, TFMA and Plant advised.                        |



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|           |         |    | PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 1 Tp CET as plant protection elm on R.52. 2 Tp mine trg for PF at Hoi My. 2 mini teams. 1 Tp AP for Op FRANGIMUS during evening. 3 plant ops deploy to FSPB CAPE late PM. Mine clearing team (FLINT) to Phu My 5 airfield for clearance prior to 5RAR/9RAR op changeover. 21 Engr Sp Tp TAOR PATROL. |   |
| 300710    | 1ATF CP | CP | Routes 2 and 15 clear - no change to route security classification.   | Ack.  |
| 300650    | 9       | ØA | Heavy rain during night at minefield causing trouble-Fitter APC not returning to Nui Dat. If FLINT requires fitter support call c/s 9D.   | QC Tpt advised APC will not be on convoy to Phu My - 2 pers from Wksps - Tpt tasked to recover 21 ESP AP.       |
| 300750    | FLINT   | ØA | Leaving now for airfield clearance task at Phu My.  | Ack.  |
| 300755    | 9D      | ØA | Because of heavy rain, requirealcon pump to pump out position.  | Vehs to pick up 21 Engr Sp Tp AP delayed - 21 Engr Sp Tp tasked to providealcon pump tp be used as sludge pump. |
| 300832    | 9       | ØA | Present loc - NDP Op FRANGIMUS Dat Do.  | Ack.  |
| 300910    | 92      | ØA | Leaving for Dat Do - escorting backhoe to An Ngai, pump tp Op FRANGIMUS.  | Ack.  |
| 300932    | ØA      | 92 | LOCSTAT. An Ngai.   | Ack.  |
| 300940    | STEELE  | ØA | LOCSTAT. In your loc for repairs.   | Ack.  |



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| 301002    | 92              | ØA   | 20 tonner broken down. Will advise when moving again.  |  |
| 301025    | 6B              | ØA   | Leaving for DISCOVERY on 1 ATF Convoy.   |  |
| 301115    | TFMA            | CP   | FLINT has broken axle at Phu My. Requires angle iron and welding machine.  | Spoke to op on TFMA net. See below.  |
| 301110    | 2B              | ØA   | Inform c/s 49 very low on water. Returning to pick up petrol driven pump and other stores.   | Passed.  |
| 301120    | 92              | ØA   | LOCSTAT. Minefield Dat Do. Returning in 4 mins. Will pick up backhoe on route.   | Ack.   |
| 301140    | EØA<br>TFMA NET | 62   | Ref broken down APC FLINT. Angle iron and angle bracket broken away, angle iron BER requires replacing. If repairs to be done on location require oxy welding gear, angle iron and tradesman. Airfield clearance task half finished. | c/s 6A fitters APC tasked to go from Dat Do mine clearing to do task in Phu My. Wksps vehicle will RV with 6A in Baria and supply extra materials. |
| 301205    | ØA              | 9D   | FLINT broken down. c/s 6A to repair at Phu My. c/s 6A to RV with RAEME veh at Baria, then proceed to Phu My. c/s 1 will supply tonights AP.  | c/s 1 Ack.   |
| 301208    | 9D              | ØA   | Ref mov OC Wksps to this loc. Require VW welder as welder here too large. Nothing to tow with.   | VW welder will be taken to RV, in trailer which 6A can tow. Leaving in 30 mins.  |
| 301226    | 9D              | ØA   | c/s 6A left for RV. One TD15 has possible blown gasket on fuel pump. No fitters in this loc to repair.   | Wksps tasked to repair.  |
| 301320    | ØA              | 1R,4 | Return today at 1600. c/s 1 have another task-to supply AP.  | Ack.   |



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| 301330    | 1    | ØA | c/s 1W, 11TA, 1T in this loc.  | Ack.  |
| 301318    | TFMA | CP | c/s 6A arrived at Phu My.  | Ack.  |
| 301325    | 9D   | ØA | SITREP. POWER making new slot approx 2' deep. One TD15 awaiting fitters, other TD15 making repairs to NDP. 3 mines detonated today. What is name of NDP. | NDP FRANCIMUS.  |
| 301334    | 1    | ØA | c/s 1T moving to Horseshoe now.  |   |
| 301448    | 6A   | ØA | Checked FLINT. Damage not severe. 2 hrs for repairs.   |   |
| 301531    | 39   | ØA | Is my Tp Sgt coming to my loc. What happened to STEELE yesterday.  | Arriving at 1200 hrs. STEELE damaged. FLINT doing other job at airfield which is still in progress. |
| 301544    | ØA   | 92 | Warn out D8 operator at Horseshoe, transporter should be there soon.   |   |
| 301645    | TFMA | CP | Is FLINT to return tonight to Nui Dat.   | Fitters Veh and FLINT to remain at Phu My until airfield cleared.                                   |
| 301653    | 6A   | ØA | FLINT repaired and is now clearing airfield.   |   |
| 301758    | ØA   | 9D | Have info that something is going on North of your loc tonight, Watch carefully and follow instr given.  | Ack.  |
| 301800    | 6A   | ØA | c/s 6A, FLINT and cargo veh returning to Nui Dat. Task completed.  |   |
| 301811    | 92   | ØA | Albatross taking plant operators to FSPB CAPE, leaving now.  |   |



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| 301838    | ØA    | 9D | TCV still in your loc. Too late and dark for return. Stay your loc overnight.  |   |
| 301846    | 9D    | ØA | SITREP.<br>A. Report as at 301800 H<br>B. (1) Nil by FLINT and STEELE.<br>(2) POWER and TD15B - 1 slot 6' deep, 1 slot 3' deep<br>C. 3 mines detonated. 8 lying on surface after dozer been in.<br>D. 1 TD15B lost 2 hrs due to radiator hose damage.  | Passed to 1ATF CP   |
| 301855    | 9D    | ØA | LOCSTATS.<br>NDP - No change<br>AP. c/s 1A - 497587.   | Passed to 1ATF CP   |
| 301925    | 6A    | ØA | Involved in minor accident. Presently in compound of main road in Baria. Ebony CP advised us to remain overnight, return to Dat Do in morning.   |   |
| 301900    | FLINT | ØA | Arrived at Nui Dat.  |   |
| 301940    | 1     | ØA | SAPDEM. c/s 1, CET with steel helmets and flak jackets to patrol river and search banks between YS582729 and YS599637 LZ at DISCOVERY required at 311500 H (-1+2). Freq 63.10 c/s - Ic/s 92.<br>(1) Stores required: 2 aslt boats, 2 motors, 60 gall fuel, 2 splash boards, 2 MG mounts, quantity of life jackets, ropes and paddles, 1 radio.<br>(2) Extraction. PZ 599637. Freq 63.65. c/s 19<br>(3) Activities for day only. Inf protection. Inf sub c/s move in second boat. c/s 19 in command.<br>(4) Composition. c/s 19 and SSM, MT from DISCOVERY. CET from your loc. c/s 19 doing recce tomorrow. TA this loc and Tpt party to starting point and then secure PZ. | CET(-) only to be sup due to lack of 0 pers.<br>1 Tp and Tpt tasked. Air Task Request 439 to G2(Air). |



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| 302000    | 9D   | ØA | Ref use of TA against occupied targets req:<br>1. 8 figure GR<br>2. permission from c/s 9".<br>3. clearance from Indias near this loc.                                     | From c/s. Delete all ref to T activity.<br>Ref bangalores. Not permitted to use<br>at this stage. |
| 302122    | ØA   | 1  | Ref Sapdem. Are you coming to this loc for briefing. If<br>CMF member comes to this loc tomorrow, he cannot get back<br>to activity in time. Freq Desig will have changed. | Will be moving to your loc tomorrow<br>then returning by DS POSSUM.                               |
| 302140    | ØA   | 9D | c/s 19 must report to 2IC tomorrow for briefing.   |   |
| 302146    | 1A   | ØA | Have monitored all c/s 1 transmissions.  |   |



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|           |         |    | PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 2 mini teams. 2 Tp deployment with 5RAR - det Tp HQs, 2 splinter teams, 3 mini teams with B/3Cav, 1 mini team with B/1Armd. PF mine trg at Hoi My.   |  |
| 310640    | 6A      | ØA | Moving to c/s 49s loc now.  | Ack.   |
| 310650    | 9D      | ØA | VR complete NVR.  | Ack.   |
| 310717    | 92 ØA   | ØA | Leaving your loc for Vung Tau with 7 U/S veh.   | Ack.   |
| 310720    | 1ATF CP | CP | Routes 2 and 15 clear. Route Security Classification unchanged.   | Ack.   |
| 310735    | 9D      | ØA | For 2IC. Is it possible to get TA type 10' whip aerial with base, weld base to top of POWER* then have lead back to 25 set. An antenna tuning unit required. Comms with POWER not satisfactory due to static. | Advised not possible due to lack of tuning units. Advised to lift radio bracket so that majority of aerial outside D8 cabin. |
| 310925    | ØA      | 1  | Move in of aslt boats and CET(-) to DISCOVERY requested yesterday will commence at 1500 hrs (Q+5).  | Ack by 1 Tp.   |
| 310937    | 9       | 9D | Will be in your loc approx 60 mins.   |  |
| 311005    | ØA      | 39 | When will obsn tower be backloaded.   | Will be crossloaded to FSPB CAPE this afternoon.   |
| 311220    | 2       | ØA | Case dozer has yet to arrive.   | Due to delay in air programme. Expected within few hrs.  |
| 311306    | 2       | ØA | Have not received our CP stores. Dozer has not yet arrived.   | Ack.   |



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| 311313    | ØA   | 9D | AP for tonight from Plant Tp. 8 strong.   |  |
| 311502    | 92   | ØA | 1st Sortie with PAX, 2nd Sortie with underslung boat, have left for DISCOVERY.  | Passed to c/s 1.   |
| 311710    | 2    | ØA | Case dozer and pers have arrived this loc.  | Ack.   |
| 311950    | 9D   | ØA | SITREP Op FRANGIMUS.<br>A. As at 311800 H<br>B. (1) By FLINT and STEELE- Nil.<br>(2) By POWER/TD15B - 1 slot 10 ft deep, 1 slot 7 ft deep.<br>C. Nil<br>D. 1 hr lost due to wet ground.<br>LOCSTATS.<br>c/s 9D No change (YS500589)<br>c/s 4A JHEDBMTH (YS497586) | Passed to 1 ATF CP.  |
| 311947    | 2    | ØA | SITREP. All machines arrived this loc. 3 working up until dark. Require fair amount penepime. Dust severe. Send penepime ASP.<br>Also require:<br>3 x 44 gal drums gravel<br>2 x 44 gal drums sand<br>6 bags cement.  | Penepime sprayer and 10 drums despatched 1 Nov approx 1200 hrs. Gravel, sand, cement to be sent 2 Nov. |
| 312005    | 1    | ØA | River op this loc been called off tomorrow. Take place fol day. Being transported to river by air after all - could not be carried on APCs.   | CET(-) will stay at your loc.  |



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| 192035    | 9D   | ØA | For 2IC. Size of AP sent this loc tonight not acceptable. Party of that size has little chance of defending itself. If AP came against something big, time lag to move reaction force from this loc to AP could prove disastrous. | Explained we would keep AP size up as far as manpower allows. Additional sp to be obtained from D/6RAR at Horseshoe if required. |
| 312155    | 9D   | ØA | Something going on to front. Believe M16 has been detonated in front of AP. Contacted Inf who will give illuminations.  | Ack.   |
| 312212    | 9D   | ØA | All pers this loc standing to. Village next to loc receiving mortar fire. Approx 400 metres from NDP. Remainder of night quiet.   | Ack.   |



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261200 H Oct 69  
ANNEX C.

Op Instr 5/69 (Op FRANKLINS - Phase III Ops)

Ref: A. Map, DAT DO (SPECIAL), Edition 2, 1:10,000  
B. Map, DAT DO, Series L8015, Sheet 6429-I-IV, Edition 3, 1:25,000  
C. Map, XUYEN HOC, Series L8015, Sheet 6430-II-SW, Edition 3, 1:25,000

Time zone used throughout the orders: HUEI

1. Situation

a. En Forces. 1ATF daily HITSUM.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 1ATF daily SITREP
- (2) Sector by Provincial Data Handbook
- (3) Minefield records held by 1 Fd Sqn CP

c. Atts and Dets. In sp on request, elms of D Coy and Mor Pl 6RAR/12 (ANZAC). Under comd mod ord 3 Fd Amb.

2. Mission. 1 Fd Sqn is to complete minefield clearing ops in the Dat Do section of the barrier minefield.

3. Execution.

a. Gen Outline. To remove and bury the top layer of soil in the section of barrier minefield from YS495587 to YS496617. Engr elms to remain in loc during the op with additional security elms to be provided by ni from engr and inf resources. Engr base to be estb initially at YS501589 and repositioned as required. Initial minefield clearance in the section from YS495587 to the 59 Northing.

b. Engr Gp.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Tp offr, CET, sig from 3 Tp.
- (b) 4 ops, H1AD8 POWER, 2 TD15B dozers from Plant Tp.
- (c) 5 drvs, H1APCs PLINT and STEELE, 5 ton GS, 5 ton dump,  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton GS from HQ Tp.
- (d) Fwd repair team and fitters APC from 1 Fd Sqn Wksp.
- (e) Additional security elms as required. 21 Engr Sp Tp to provide ambush ptl ni 27/28 Oct.

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Remove and bury the top layer of the barrier minefield.
- (b) Provide base posn security by ni and day.

c. 6RAR.

- (1) Grouping. In sp, elms of D Coy and Mor Pl as arranged between OC 1 Fd Sqn and OC D Coy 6RAR.
- (2) Tasks. Assist in providing security for the AO and to provide fire sp from the Horseshoe.

d. Coord Instrs.

- (1) Timings. Engr Gp RV 1 Fd Sqn Wksp area 270645 H Oct 69, depart 0700 hrs. One TD15B from Horseshoe to walk to NDP starting at 0720 hrs after main convoy has passed. NDP to be estb and force ready to commence ops by 1200 hrs.
- (2) Route. To Dat Do via Route TL52 and TL44 to YS491586 then East to NDP.
- (3) NDP. First NDP to be estb at YS501589. Oben tower already in loc. Def wks required are bunding of NDP, sandbagging of oben tower and CP tent.
- (4) Boundaries. Initial AO, see Annex A, current from 270800 H Oct to 061800 H Nov 69. Application for change of AO to be submitted through 1 Fd Sqn CP to 1ATF. Clearance to op outside this AO to be obtained through D Coy 6RAR and District HQs Dat Do.
- (5) Liaison. Op comd or delegate to attend D Coy 6RAR O Gp at 1330 hrs daily. Liaison with District through 1ATF LO Dat Do on a daily basis.
- (6) LOCSTATS. NI locs of elms within AO to be notified to 1ATF CP through 1 Fd Sqn CP by 1900 hrs daily.
- (7) Ac Mov. Clearance for ac mov in vicinity to be obtained from force CP.

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- (8) Additional Security Elms. Elms of 1 Fd Sqn nominated to provide ambush ptls are to report to NDP by 1800 hrs. Bids for these elms to reach 1 Fd Sqn CP by 1000 hrs on the day required.

4. Admin and Log.

- a. Gen Outline. Gp to remain in the field until completion of op. Resup daily by road. Max repair effort to be conducted on loc. Resup requirements to be coord through 1 Fd Sqn CP.
- b. Rats.  
 (1) Carry 3 days rats on deployment. Further resup as requested.  
 (2) Hotbox meal provided daily.
- c. Water.  
 (1) Each man to carry 4 full water bottles.  
 (2) Gp to take 20 jerry cans. Resup daily as required. Empty jerry cans to be backload ASP.
- d. Ammo. One first line to be carried.
- e. Wms. 3 GPMs to be provided by 3 Tp.
- f. Med.  
 (1) 8 Fd Amb to provide one med ord.  
 (2) Further treatment, evac by rd or DUSTOFF as requested through 1 Fd Sqn CP.
- g. Mine Killers.  
 (1) HMIAPCs FLINT and STEELE to be fully serviceable by 262200 H Oct 69.  
 (2) Two spare axles to be deployed initially.  
 (3) 1 spare protective frame to be prepared and held at Nui Dat. Additional stool sheeting is to be obtainable at short notice.  
 (4) All plated tyres to be held in the NDP. Additional plated tyres manufactured at Nui Dat on request.  
 (5) Remote driving devices to be held in the NDP.
- h. Plant. HMIADS POWER and 2 TD15Bs to be serviceable by 262000 H Oct 69.
- i. Tpt.  
 (1) One 5 ton GS, one 5 ton dump, one  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton GS to remain with the gp during the op.  
 (2) Rd resup convoy daily at approx 1530 hrs. Tpt NCO to check with 2IC on routes and additional requirements before convoy leaves.  
 (3) Initial deployment 27 Oct will require 20 ton lowbed tlr (TD15B) to be loaded by 262000 H Oct. Transporter for HMIADS to be provided by TFMA.  
 (4) Tpt NCO to coord resup and late meal requirements at Nui Dat.
- j. Fuel and Oils. Diesel tanker, POL, service wagon to deploy daily to the NDP with the resup convoy.
- k. Def Stores. 21 Engr Sp Tp is to sup 1,500 sandbags.
- l. Radio Eqpt. 2 AN/PRC 25 sets, one loudspeaker and one dipole aerial to be taken in addition to eqpt already fitted to vehs, APCs and plant.
- m. Additional Stores and Equipment.  
 (1) Timber baulks for rec purposes.  
 (2) SWR tow ropes.  
 (3) 11 x 11 tent.  
 (4) Flak jackets and steel helmets on a basis of one each per person. Additional 4 jackets and helmets to be held in NDP for visitors.  
 (5) One spare mine detector and batteries.
- n. Malaria. Normal precautions are to be strictly observed.



5. Command and Signals.
- Cond. Op cond by OC 1 Fd Sqn.
  - CP. OC, 3 Tp Offr, 3 Tp NCO, Plant Tp NCO, sig.
  - Radio.
    - 1 Fd Sqn and 1ATF SOIs apply.
    - Radio nets and frequencies, see Annex B.
  - Reporting. The fol reports are required:
    - Daily SITREP, details see Annex C.
    - Progress reports during the day.
    - Additional reports as required (ie. CONTACT, MINE INCIDENT, etc.)

Ask Instr: Ask by phone to CP.

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Annexes: A. Initial area of Operations  
B. Radio Nets  
C. Details of daily SITREP

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|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| 1 Tp          | 1              | 1              | 1                      |
| 2 Tp          | 2              | 2              | 2                      |
| 3 Tp          | 3              | 3              | 3                      |
| Plant Tp      | 4              | 4              | 4                      |
| 21 Engr Sp Tp | 5              | 5              | 5                      |
| HQ Tp         | 6              | 6              | 6                      |
| 1 Fd Sqn Wisp | 7              | 7              | 7                      |
| OC            | 8              | 8              | 8                      |
| 2IC           | 9              | 9              | 9                      |
| Recco Offr    | 10             | 10             | 10                     |
| Admin Offr    | 11             | 11             | 11                     |
| Tpt NCO       | 12             | 12             | 12                     |
| Comds Diary   | 13,14          | 13,14          | 13,14                  |
| Tech Report   | 15-20          | 15-20          | 15-20                  |
| File          | 21             | 21             | 21                     |
| Spare         | 22-23          | 22-23          | 22-23                  |
| HQ 1ATF       | 24             | 24             |                        |
| GRAR          | 25             | 25             |                        |
| D Coy GRAR    | 26             | 26             |                        |
| 8 Fd Amb      | 27             | 27             |                        |

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OP F. ANGIMUS III  
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Reference Map: DAT DO (Special), Edition 2

Scale: 1 : 10,000

Effective: 270800H OCT 69 - 061800H NOV 69

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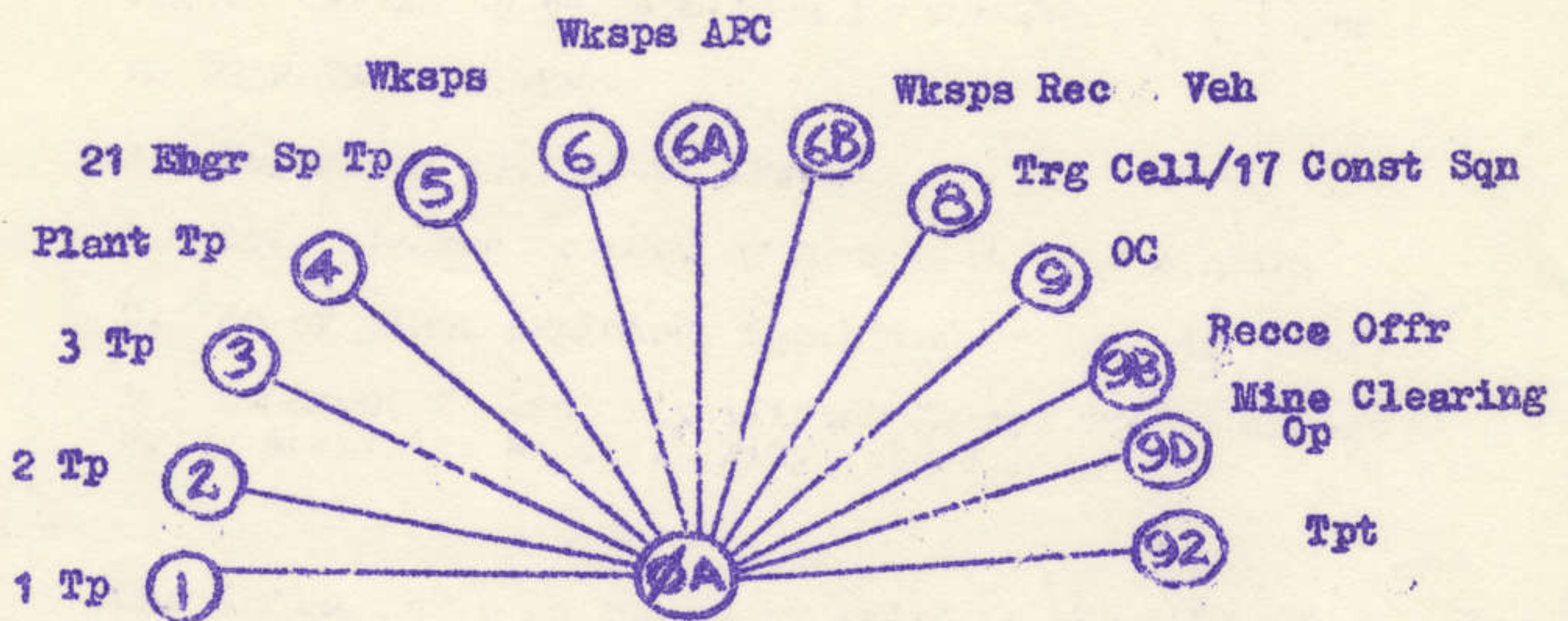


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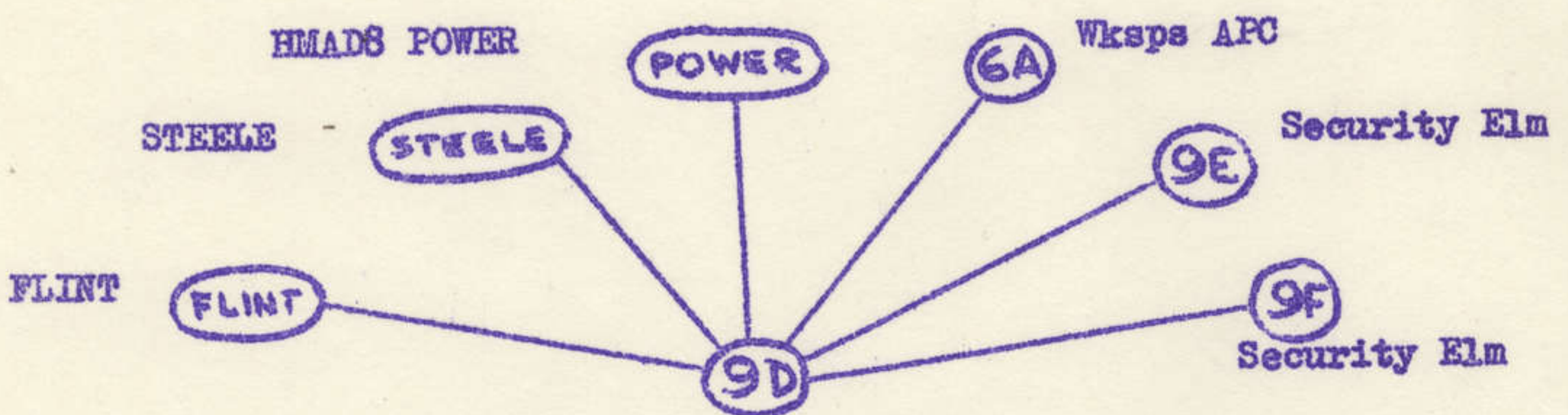
RADIO NETS

a. 1 FD SQN Comd Nets



Frequency : 63.65 mc/s

b. Internal Net



Frequency : 55.55 mc/s

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DAILY SITREP

Format

1. The SITREP is to be submitted in the following format:  
OP FRANGIMUS SITREP
  - A. Report as at...1800H (Date)
  - B. Area cleared bounded by coords (8 figure grids)
  - C. No of mines exploded, destroyed or loc, if known.
  - D. Remarks( to incl significant delays due to damage or en activity, servicibility, etc.)

Timings

2. The SITREP is to be passed by radio to the 1 FD SQN CP by 1845hrs daily. The Duty Officer is to pass the info to 1 ATF CP Duty Officer by 1700hrs.

Record of Progress

3. The 1 FD SQN Duty Officer is to enter the days results on a progress sheet in the OP FRANGIMUS file and is to mark the ops map accordingly.

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