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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR DEC 69

UNIT 1 FD SQN

OFFICER COMMANDING

MAJ R. ROY

DATE	EVENT OR INFORMATION	ANNEX LETTER AND ENCLOSURE No
1 Dec 69	<p>Erection of M4T6 bridging on Route 44 started today. The DRAC (Col J, M. MAXWELL) visited the Sqn today and showed great interest in the mines room and the APC mine killer device. He visited the mine clearance op at Dat Do where during the day 23 mines were disposed of and new slots were commenced. The RF mine training team again deployed to Long Dien. Route 23 and Route 2 construction continued. 2 Backhoes, one Case dozer, one Patterson trailer, with waterpoint stores and a blade for the D4 were deployed by air to FSPB PICTON under CH47s (Chinooks) and CH54 (Skycrane). The D4 prepositioned at FSPB LION was lifted to PICTON and build up of the base commenced. The Eiffel bridge on Route 44 was inspected and repair plans made.</p>	
2 Dec 69	<p>This was rather a hectic day in which a lot of blast rock was carried to Route 23 and spoil carted away from Route 2. As well, a lot of stores were delivered to Route 44 where as well the bypass bridge construction repairs were made to the damaged Eiffel bridge. The mine clearing continued at a slow pace but 18 mines were seen to be disposed of. A good supply of water was found adjacent to FSPB PICTON and water point development commenced. The RF mine training team continued in Long Dien.</p>	
3 Dec 69	<p>Another busy day as the bypass bridge on Route 44 progressed, as did construction on Route 2 and Route 23. The early morning inspection of the minefield to the front of W1 and W2 revealed that 11 trip flares had disappeared overnight. A further 2 disappeared during the day. A claymore was found attached to the wire in the Dat Do mine-field in such a way as to catch anyone disturbing the wire. 9 mines were disposed of in the minefield and further slots completed. RF mine training continued at Long Dien. Lights were seen outside our wire in the early evening.</p>	
4 Dec 69	<p>A CET from 1 Tp was deployed to D Coy 6RAR for bunker demolitions. The bypass bridge on Route 44 was completed and Route 2 and Route 23 construction continued. The construction group from Phu My had their comms problem finally sorted out and the job progressed well. More slots in the minefield were commenced and 6 mines were destroyed.</p>	
5 Dec 69	<p>Training for Coys and Aslt Pnrs of 8RAR continued by 3 Tp in the sqn area on what was a quiet day generally. Roadworks on Route 2 and Route 23 progressed but work on Route 2 was slowed due to lack of suitable rolling equipment. The first bridge on Route 44 was demolished and the minefield clearance continued. Construction also continued at Phu My.</p>	

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UNIT 1 FD SQN
OFFICER COMMANDING MAJ R. P. E

DATE	EVENT OR INFORMATION	ANNEX LETTER AND ENCLOSURE No
6 Dec 69	Construction of the first bridge on Route 44 started with the pouring of abutments. The training of Coys and Aslt Pnrs of 8RAR continued in the sqn area. The mine clearance went ahead well as more slots were dug and athus filled in. The road works being carried out by Plant Tp continued on Routes 2 and 23.	
7 Dec 69	A member of 3 Tp received light shrapnel wounds this morning when a 60 mm mortar went off in grass being burnt off around the second bridge on Route 44. D8 POWER had a track blown off and a tilt ram damaged by a mine and had to be recovered from the minefield. As a result, the progress of the mine clearance was slow. Work was again undertaken on the Long Tuan Orphanage.	
8 Dec 69	Today was a bad day. One member of 1 Tp (Spr J.G. GREENE) was killed in action by a mine whilst travelling as a mini team member on an APC just North of the deserted village of Thua-Tich. Another member of 1 Tp (Cpl D.L. STURMER) was dusted off from the incident. Most of the day was spent getting D8 POWER back on the road and as a result the progress of the minefield clearance was slow. Construction of Routes 2 and 23 continued as did vertical construction at Phu My. Training of the Coys of 8RAR concluded today.	
9 Dec 69	Four loads of CH54 loads of erected M4T6 bridge trestle section were flown in for the second bypass bridge on Route 44. D8 POWER was finally mobile in the minefield clearance and progress picked up. Route 2 and 23 construction continued but as all trucks were carting to the Route 44 bypass progress was slow.	
10 Dec 69	Final preparations were made for the arrival of the EIS team this morning and the inspection of weapons appears to be going well. Blast rock was again carted to approaches to Route 44 bypass bridge which slowed progress on Routes 2 and 23. Mine clearance proceeded well. Movement was again noticed on the perimeter wire and more flares disappeared from the minefield.	
11 Dec 69	The mine clearance NDP received 10 incoming 82 mm mortars early this morning and fortunately there no casualties. The compound in which the construction group from 2 Tp are living at Phu My also received RPG fire but again there were no casualties. Bridges on Route 44 as did road construction on Route 2 and Route 23. On the latter more penepime sealing was done. Bunker demolition was continued in a hospital complex in the May Tao's by 1 Tp. Preparation for deployment of Sqn HQ (-) fwd were completed for the move out of TF HQ Main tomorrow. Minefield clearance went well with more new slots commenced.	

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OFFICER COMMANDING

1 FD SQN

MAJ R. ROWE

DATE	EVENT OR INFORMATION	ANNEX LETTER AND ENCLOSURE No
12 Dec 69	<p>Sqn HQ deployed fwd with TF HQ Main on a shakedown deployment in preparation for possible deployments during the TET Period. A Cat 955K was borrowed from 17 Const Sqn and was deployed along with a TD15, D4 and Case Backhoe. The Tp Comd 2 Tp (Capt J. ATRENS) deployed the Sqn HQ element and organized the Engr assistance for the rest of TF HQ. HMAPC FLINT suffered damage in the minefield again and was replaced by HMAPC STEELE, however Op FRANGIMUS III proceeded for the day. Progress on Route 2 was halted due to wet weather but some progress was achieved on Route 23. Construction of Route 44 bridges proceeded as did vertical construction at Phu My.</p>	
13 Dec 69	<p>A quiet day generally and all tasks proceeded well, except the Route 2 road construction which was again held up by rain. HMAPC STEELE had a busy day and 36 mines were destroyed by it with a further jumping after the primary detonation. The second bypass bridge on Route 44 was completed. Digging in at TF HQ Main was completed and Plant elements returned to NUI DAT. Wksps provided the fighting patrol to the front of the Sqn position to try and catch some kills after movement had been noticed on several nights recently.</p>	
14 Dec 69	<p>Fighting patrol beyond the 1 Fd Sqn minefield continued and was supplied by 17 Const Sqn. More caches and caves were found by 6RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn and Tp Comd 1 Tp (Capt R. MANN) was deployed fwd to advise and assist the Coys. A mine incident near FSPB BARBARA caused two further casualties for the Sqn, one of whom was the TpTpSsgt (Ssgt P. RYAN). The 20 ton low loader again caused problems and for the third time in a week had to be recovered from outside the base after dark. As this a critical vehicle it is causing some problems at the moment but the machine is so old that anything can be expected. Other tasks proceeded satisfactorily.</p>	
15 Dec 69	<p>Damage occurred to the Austin Weston Crane today and looks like slowing down the Route 44 bridges. However Route 2 dried out and work recommenced. More caverns and caches have been found in the May Tao and are being dealt with by 1 Tp. Various tilt switches and mines have been found and examples returned to us. Other tasks proceeded smoothly.</p>	

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OFFICER COMMANDING MAJ R. ROWE

DATE	EVENT OR INFORMATION	ANNEX LETTER AND ENCLOSURE No
16 Dec 69	<p>Another track had to be replaced on D8 POWER today which caused some loss of time in the minefield clearance. Route 15 was interdicted and a 2 Tp mini team with Ssgt P. JONES was despatched to quickly clear the area. A small land clearing effort was put into the front of the Sqn position to allow better observation. The 2 Tp gp at Phu My had a badly burnt child brought to them by the locals late this afternoon and a dustoff was arranged. Road construction continued on Routes 2 and 23 and the bridge building on Route 44 continued.</p>	minefield clearance
17 Dec 69	<p>1 Tp continued to find more systems in the MAY TAO's and deal with them. Otherwise the day was a quiet one and all jobs progressed satisfactorily. The SSM (WO2 R. JANVRIN) was sent out to 1 Tp to see if there was anything of interest and to report on possible ways of improving methods of demolition. 3 Tp with 8RAR also started to find bunker systems and demolish them.</p>	
18 Dec 69	<p>The fighting patrol in front of the minefield saw movement about 0030 hrs this morning and engaged, but there were negative results. Otherwise the day was fairly quiet and all tasks proceeded smoothly except for the construction at PHU MY. The 2 Tp gp was withdrawn and proceeded to VUNG TAU with the rest of 2 Tp for a well earned 36 hr rest. The plant Tp Comd (LT R. FRISCH) took a TD15B at DUC THANH where the District Chief had a small land clearing task to be done. 3 Tp provided the fighting patrol in front of the wire and were led by their new Tp Comd (Capt D. BEVERIDGE).</p>	
19 Dec 69	<p>The day proceeded quietly with the only major problem being plant breakdowns at the Op FRANGIMUS site. Bridge construction on Route 44 and the road construction on Routes 2 and 23 continued with sealing of part of Route 23 occurring.</p>	
20 Dec 69	<p>A 2 Tp Sect deployed to FSPB BARBARA to patrol and ambush around the TF HQ (Main) Fire base under the command of Lt J. HOPMAN. The first of the new bridges on Route 44 were completed today and work continued on the demolition of the second bridge. Work picked up again at PHU MY after the groups return from VUNG TAU. The minefield clearance continued well and no plant down time occurred. Routes 2 and 23 proceeded.</p>	

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DATE	EVENT OR INFORMATION	ANNEX LETTER AND ENCLOSURE No
21 Dec 69	<p>Work began on the closedown of FSPB BARBARA and small land clearing tasks were undertaken around DUC THANH. The 2 Tp AP continued to patrol and ambush in the area. A member of a 3 Tp splinter team (Spr J. KEARNEY) was wounded today in a contact while supporting a coy of 8RAR in the DUC THANH area. His condition is satisfactory. Op FRANGIMUS continued well with all machines continuing work. The roadworks also progressed as did vertical construction at PHU MY. The Tp Comd 1 Tp (Capt R. MANN) requested the deployment of tunnel search gear which will go out with SSM (WO2 R. JANVRIN) by Chineek tomorrow.</p>	
22 Dec 69	<p>The closedown of BARBARA was completed and Sqn HQ (Fwd) came back to NUI DAT. The day was a quiet one and all tasks proceeded smoothly.</p>	
23 Dec 69	<p>Reccnaissance of a further bypass bridge site was carried out today on Route 23 East of An Nhut. All jobs proceeded well with further slots being filled in the DAT DO minefield. Destruction of the central pier on Bridge 2 on Route 44 commenced finally and underpinning of the abutments on Bridge 3 concluded, which completely finished this bridge.</p>	
24 Dec 69	<p>All equipment from Op FRANGIMUS and both road tasks was moved back in today in preparation for some standdown over Christmas. It was a rather hectic day but all requirements were met and except for elements deployed with Bns all personnel were back in NUI DAT for Christmas Eve.</p>	
25 Dec 69	<p>Christmas Day was a standdown day for most of the Sqn gp and the day dawned to show the Sqn Offrs delivering Coffee Royale to all the soldiers. A good day was had by all with the officers serving a tremendous Christmas dinner to the troops at midday and the day was finished off with troop barbeques. Christmas 1969 in SVN will be remembered by these present for a long time.</p>	
26 Dec 69	<p>A quiet day spent mostly in recovering from Christmas Day. The Sect from 2 Tp redeployed to PHU MY to continue the vertical construction and Plant Tp had a maintenance day.</p>	
27 Dec 69	<p>Op FRANGIMUS got underway again and deployed to a new NDP at GR 498603. The gp deployed under the command of Lt P. THORPE and included the 3 Tp construction gp for the Route 44 bridges. A very quiet day as Plant Tp had departed for the Peter badcoe Club early in the morning.</p>	

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28 Dec 69	Most of 2 Tp under the Tp Comd (Capt J. BURROUGHS) deployed with 5RAR for cordon and search ops around BINH BA and DUC MY. Op FRANGIMUS got into top gear again but plant problems lessened the output. Construction at PHU MY continued and the Community centre is now ready for plastering.	
29 Dec 69	D8 No5 continued to cause problems in the minefield but good work by the ASM of the Workshops (Lt A.M. COOPER) got the machine going again. However Op FRANGIMUS continued with more slots dug and others filled. Plant Tp returned from the Badcoe Club early in the morning and work began again on Routes 2 and 23. Lack of stores supply again caused a slowing down of the PHU MY construction. Blast rock was placed on the approaches to the bypass bridge on Route 23 near AN NHUT.	
30 Dec 69	A second TD15 was deployed to the minefield clearance to speed up the job. M4T6 bridging was moved to Route 23 and a bypass built and completed just East of An Nhut by 1 Tp. Other tasks proceeded smoothly at PHU MY and on the road constructions.	
31 Dec 69	Lt P.C. COOPER moved out with HMAPC STEELE to destroy the minefield around the deserted Heavyweight ARVN camp. During the day it was discovered that M14s had been laid in this minefield and not M16s as originally thought. Op FRANGIMUS continued and more slots were completed. Other tasks continued and apart from minor breakdowns the day produced some good work.	

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DATE/TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
010638	9D	ØA	PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 1 x mini team for B/3 Cav, RF mine trg team. For c/s 5. The Wisconsin pump on generator unsvc since last night. Require advice.	Passed to 21 Sp Tp.
010745	1 ATF CP	CP	Routes 2 and 15 clear. Route 23 clear but there is a scorched area at YS 553614 where there appears to have been a mine detonated.	
010835	9D	ØA	The Wisconsin generator at this loc has given up the ghost. Require someone from c/s 5 to come and have a look at it.	Passed to 21 Sp Tp.
010855	9D	ØA	From c/s 3. 2 chain hoists, 1 socket (size 1½") and handle are required on first aval tpt.	Passed to 3 Tp.
010910	9D	ØA	From c/s 9. Members from that loc having trouble. Going to have to cut holes in transom.	
	ØA	9D	Do not cut holes. Make equipment work as it is supposed to.	Ack by 9D.
010925	9D	ØA	The US advisor in c/s 3s loc says holes should be cut.	Informed c/s 3 that this is OK.
010930	9D	ØA	Request: 2 x 44 gal drums of dieso 5 prs goggles for dust protection. Normal brake and hydraulic oil for D8.	
011010	9	9D	Will be at your loc soon with Senior Armoured Rep. He would like to see killer machine in action.	
	9D	9	Will probably have to go further North via APC to do this.	
011105	9D	ØA	From Sunray c/s 3. Request 2 further bridge sections complete. Also require 1 x 18" crescent spanner.	Tpt advised.
011320	ØA	9D	c/s 5 this loc has member on way to fix generator.	

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011455	8	ØA	1 misfire. Am putting in another charge now.	
011510	8	ØA	Demolition complete.	TR notified.
011602	49	ØA	Contact c/s 92 and request that they have Mk 5 tipper, tiltbed and wrecker standing by. Purpose - to mend broken bridge.	Passed to c/s 92.
011620	ØA	9D	How many mines have been detonated.	
	9D	ØA	10.	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
011640	9D	ØA	A new generator will be sent to your loc tonight. Backload c/s 5 member and old generator.	
011700	1 ATF CP	CP	A 1 Fd Sqn truck has broken down at grid square 3361. Needs recovery.	Wrecker c/s 8 despatched to effect recovery.
011730	9D	ØA	From Sunray c/s 3. SITREP OP GLADESVILLE BRIDGE. 25% complete. Should get to other embankment tomorrow. Require 1 chainsaw and timbers for wooden keyway.	Passed to 3 Tp Comd.
011735	3 Cav	CP	Require 2 x mini teams for tomorrow. To be at RV 0730 hrs. One to go to Xuyen Moc, the other to go up Route 2 with ARVN Commandos.	Ack.
011815	6B	ØA	Recovery complete. Back in Nui Dat now.	Ack.
011825	9D	ØA	Incident to left of c/s 2E. Explosion 5700 mils from c/s 9E at a distance 400-500 metres. ARVN seen running around. It is thought that a person was injured. Will put in incident when get particulars.	Checked at 020800 hrs for further details but none avail.
011902	ØA	9D, 1, 29	Sitrep. First part of job by c/s 3 25% complete. Satisfactory progress at 9D loc. Lift out to PICTON progressing as planned.	

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011910	9D	ØA	<p>SITREP OP FRANGIMUS III.</p> <p>A. 011800 H</p> <p>B. Area cleared 90 m 'x 100 m. 3 slots started. 2 bunds completed, 2 remaining.</p> <p>C. 14 mines exploded, 9 seen.</p> <p>D. POWER lost 2 hrs, TD15 lost 1 hr.</p> <p>E. 40.</p> <p>LOCSTATS.</p> <p>c/s 9D No change.</p> <p>VN AP - will send later.</p> <p>Tango elms firing H & Is 2030 - 2045 hrs.</p>	

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DATE/TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 2 x mini teams for B/3 Cav, RF mine trg team.	
020107	W1	CP	Flare went off in minefield.	
020735	1 ATF CP	CP	Routes 2, 15 and 23 clear. No change in Route Security Classification.	
020740	9D	ØA	Require part for D8 Caterpillar No 353577. Item is called a service meter, part no. 6645-00-948-9763.	Passed to Wksps but informed none avail. However machine can still operate.
020745	9D	ØA	Meter reading on POWER useless. 170½ working hours since 7th last month.	
	ØA	9D	Require meter reading also.	Passed to Wksp.
020835	ØA	1	Ref water in your loc. Try digging slot from which water can be pumped. Also possibility of well drilling rig being flown in.	
020845	ØA	9B	We will have to get timber from c/s 5 for longitudinal decking of slot. Timber will be picked up this end and delivered to work site.	
020920	1	ØA	Require hose. Case backhoe page 163, Ref 26D, Part No 39140 RUF. 1 required 23½" long.	Advised c/s 1 that hose will probably be sent with tomorrows resup.
020935	1 (through 9D)	ØA	Flow water in creek is 1500 gals per hour. Would be sufficient for a Patterson water trailer. Creek line is close to wire and suitable position for pump is 75 m outside wire with water trailer inside wire.	Advised OK to use trailer.
021040	AMERICAN STATION	ØA	Suggest you check your push. Can you contact Hartford 26B and they will tell you of our job and try to sort out problem.	Advised them we are on the right freq and will contact higher with regard to sorting out.
021120	49	ØA	Tell my SM to send a 966B to Horseshoe ASP.	Plant Tp informed.
021202	49	ØA	From c/s 3. They require 22 tapered baulks. (Ramp ends for M4T6 bridging).	

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021525	ØA	9B	How is progress.	
	9B	ØA	Should be finished in 30 mins.	
021535	ØA	3	What is progress and how many trestle sections are up.	
	3	ØA	Second transom for first main section of bridge. One second trestle going into position now.	
021630	3 SAS SQN	CP	Fire out of control near rubbish tip. Fire team was alerted. Fire reported under control 1705 hrs.	Ack.
021745	ØA	9B	What is progress.	
	9B	ØA	Bridge open in 2 mins.	
021752	9B	ØA	Bridge complete. Traffic flowing smoothly.	Ack.
021800	CP	1 ATF CP	Route 44 now open.	
021805	9D	ØA	SITREP OP FRANGIMUS III. A. 021800 H B. Area cleared 100 m x 50 m. 1 bund flattened. C. 3 mines detonated, 15 mines seen. D. TD15 lost 1 hr, D8 lost nil.	Passed to 1 ATF CP together with Rainfall Report.
021820	9D	ØA	For Seagull. Austin Weston still bridge site. c/s 6A is still on way to bridge site to escort Austin Weston back to this loc.	
021855	9D	ØA	Austin Weston now in this loc but 6A has not returned.	c/s 6A returned at 1910 hrs.
021950	ØA	9D	For c/s 5. What is progress on bridge.	

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DATE/TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
	9D	ØA	Last section in tonight. Tomorrow, will have to lower transom then lay decking. Can this be done before blast rock.	Informed this will be OK.
021955	ØA	29	From SM. Re-establish Sitreps on c/s 2 activities and send about every morning tea time, each day.	
022025	ALL STATIONS	ØA	Daily Sitrep. Satisfactory progress at 9D loc. 3 mines det, 15 seen. Bridge construction by c/s 3 M4T6 bypass is expected to be finished in two days. Collapsed bridge on Route 44 has been repaired. c/s 2E held up due to lack of bricks. c/s 1 at PICTON is making satisfactory progress.	
022045	ØA (through 9D)	1	When do you want to send plant back so that Seagull can arrange tpt for backloading.	
	1	ØA	Plant to be sent back on 7th. Date arranged with c/s 9 this afternoon.	

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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 2 x mini teams for B/3 Cav, RF mine trg team.	
030630	9D	ØA	From c/s 3. Would like to know if c/s 3 your loc is sending out another transom, baulk and stiffener. Info required before work starts.	Passed to 3 Tp.
030735	1 ATF CP	CP	Routes 2 and 15 clear. No change to Route Security Classification.	
030817	9D	ØA	TD15 has broken down. Requires selectors.	c/s 49 notified.
030830	WKSPS	CP	Inspection this morning disclosed that of 12 flares set up near minefield in front of W1, only 1 remains. Disappeared overnight.	TF notified.
030900	ENTRY		TF provided Possum for OC to inspect area of minefield where flares disappeared, for tracks.	
030955	9D	ØA	Ref losing of 6A. Sent 6A to find Austin Weston. When they could not find AW, tried to notify me but radio would not transmit. A c/s 3 veh escorted AW back to mine field and 6A arrived alone later.	Ack.
031112	9D	ØA	c/s 3 require: 2 x transom legs and base plates. 12 x transom bracing pipes. 20 x bracing clamps. 4 x bracing type holdfast pickets.	
031316	ØA	9D	Any info on claymore incident.	
	9D	ØA	Will send when mini team becomes aval.	
031318	9D	ØA	Mine Incident Report. A. c/s 9D B. 031205 H C. 502589 D. Antipersonnel E. Claymore F. Attached to minefield fence. G. Above surface H. & I. N/K.	

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			Mine Incident Report Contd.	
			J. Nil damage. Area inspected by mini team. Believe claymore set up by VC to catch anyone tampering with fence.	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
031412	ØA	9D	Could you get a mini team to meet tippers from Horseshoe to go to c/s 3 loc ASP.	
	9D	ØA	OK.	
031438	29	ØA	Have found 36 grenade (with no base plug) with fuse (unknown type). The fuse is a circular aluminium type, screwed in, in lieu of normal lever. Projecting from aluminium ring is fuse, with 2 safety pin holes with pins (made of wire) inserted. There is another cylindrical part, somewhat loose. Do you recognise. Could be switch.	
	ØA	29	Negative. Will check SMM c/s 5.	SMM spoke to c/s 29.
			ENTRY	
031529	29	ØA	Monitored on TF Net that grenade was blown in situ on chopper pad. Booby Trap Report. A. I c/s 6 B. 031245 H C. Cape D. Grenade E. HE F. Ground G. At surface H. Instant fuse. I. N/A J. Nil casualties or damage. Grenade pulled and then destroyed insitu.	Passed to TF.
031540	ØA	9	c/s 6 (Wksp) have reported 2 further flares have disappeared since this mornings relaying of flares at the minefield in front of W1.	

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031545	49	ØA	Work progressing satisfactorily. Austin Weston going across Eiffel bridge.	Ack.
031657	39	ØA	Only one abutment to be completed. About 2 hrs work left to be done before ready for public use.	Ack.
031700	49	ØA	Progress satisfactory. AW can now get across bridge, 966B also. Require 4 trucks to finish job.	Ack.
031850	9D	ØA	SITREP OP FRANGIMUS III. A. 031800 H B. Area cleared - nil. 3 slots prepared for filling. 1 mound pushed back into minefield. C. 4 mines detonated, 5 seen. 1 claymore detonated as per incident report. D. TD15 lost 1 hr. E. 37	Passed to TF.
031910	ENTRY		Comms stand to at 1830. All c/s responded by radio or LL with exception of HQ Tp. Received heavy interference from American c/s Fox Air. Comms otherwise good.	
032000	CP	1 ATF CP	Flashing lights reported in vicinity of Heavyweight.	
032020	W1	CP	Lights on again near Heavweight.	Duty Offr surveyed situation from tower.
032040	1 (through 9D)	ØA	SAPDEM. A. c/s 1 B. CET C. Bunker demolition I c/s 4 D. 33 bunkers found so far. Bunker system appears to be extensive and is also very recent. E. AOSXJVYZ (647933) F. BLTQYEXV (041000) G. 44Q H. I c/s 4	

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SAPDEM Contd.			I. Require 500 lbs C4, 500 ft det cord and extras. Request CET carry mine detector. Inf I c/s 4 will assist Engrs in demolition preparation. CET to be returned to ØA loc on completion of task.	
032112	9D	ØA	Contact at Dat Do. All pers stood to at this loc. At the moment tracer is going over our heads but nothing to worry about at the moment. Inform Sunray of this.	OC informed.
032115	9	9D	Anything further on contact.	
	9D	9	Negative.	
032118	TOWER	CP	Have seen light about 200 metres in front of dam at a bearing of 3200 mils.	Passed to TF Duty Offr.
032125	9D	ØA	We are now standing down.	
032130	ØA	9D	From 1 ATF CP. Can you hear mortars to your rear.	
	9D	ØA	Negative.	TF informed.

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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 2 x mini teams for B/3 Cav.	
040715	6	ØA	Clearing patrol in. Nothing to report.	Ack.
040800	ØA (through 9D)	1	Sapdem will lift off from Wombat at 1000 hrs.	Ack.
040845	ØA	9B	Oxy gear for bridge site is to be picked up from c/s 9D loc.	9D informed.
040900	ØA	9B	Truckload of stores has arrived from Long Binh and is on way to c/s 3 loc. Inform c/s 3.	
040940	9D	ØA	Inform Bluebell that the 966B requires 0 ring. He will have to send part and fitter to Horseshoe.	Passed to Wksps.
040945	1 (through 9D)	ØA	Ref grenades found yesterday. A. 5 x VC home made grenades. Shape, rectangular; 4" x 2" x 6" fitted with grenade type initiation sets. B. 5 x French type grenades 4" long x 2" dia. C. 2 x anti-vehicle mines, trapezoidal shape base: 5" base x 3" top x 3" height. Both fitted with grenade type initiation sets.	Ack.
041015	1 (through 9D)	ØA	More VC mines: weight 5 lbs, shape trapezoidal, length 10" x base width 7" by height 3½" x top width 4". Has grenade mechanism.	Ack.
041100	9D	ØA	NOTICAS. A. 5716315 M B. Injured by AD C. c/s 1 loc (041034) D. Gunshot wound to left hand and left leg. E. Inbound your loc. F. Albatross taking member to medic your loc.	Passed to TF.
041102	3	ØA	Ref parts of old bridge to be recovered. Where are they to go.	

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	ØA	3	Steel to be backloaded to c/s 5 loc and timber to this loc.	
	3	ØA	Will send timber back to your loc with TCV via 9D loc.	9D informed.
041141	ØA (through 9D)	1	Commence prelim investigations into accident this afternoon.	Ack.
041155	1 (through 9D)	ØA	Water point working and now have 2000 gals of treated water stored.	Ack.
041155	9D	ØA	Dieso truck has two flat tyres. Require one spare.	Instructed 9D to use spare from TCV when it arrives.
041715	9D	ØA	Contact c/s 49 and ask him to pick up members with injured fingers if he is still in our loc.	Contacted c/s 9, but nearly back to Nui Dat. c/s 9D informed that tpt would have to be arranged from that end.
041852	9D	ØA	SITREP OP FRANGIMUS III. A. 041800 H B. Area cleared 60 x 100 metres. Area adjacent to Northern most area cleared. 3 slots 75% complete. C. 4 mines detonated, 4 mines seen. D. Total 1 hr lost on servicing. E. 35	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
041910	CP	1 ATF CP	Nil rainfall for 24 hrs.	

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050530	TOWER	CP	PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 4 x mini teams for B/3 Cav. Trip flare has gone off near water point. Nothing seen or heard.	TF Duty Offr, W1 and W2 informed.
050645	6	ØA	Clearing patrol leaving this loc now.	
050717	6	ØA	Clearing patrol inside our loc now. Nothing to report.	
051010	3A	ØA	Request clearance for dmlns, GR 435660.	Air and ground clearance obtained from Arty Tac and 1 ATF CP.
051020	ØA	3A	Clear for dmlns until 1045 hrs.	1 ARU, 17 Const Sqn, Tower and Wksps informed.
051040	9D	ØA	SITREP. TD15 bogged in slot for last 15 mins. POWER is pulling it out now.	Ack.
051330	49	ØA	Contact my SM and tell him to send all trucks from Routes 23 and 44, which are in your loc now, to Route 2. They are to cart from there back to my yard.	Plant notified.
051345	49	ØA	D8 No5 at Horseshoe Quarry has broken down. Hydraulic line to tilt ram needs to be blocked off.	Passed to Wksps.
051620	ØA	9D	Require Sitrep from you and c/s 3.	
	9D	ØA	4 mines detonated, 12 seen.	
051625	ØA	3	SITREP. Putting formwork to lay concrete. Will take until 1000 hrs tomorrow to complete, but will require all equipment. Working at both ends now.	Ack.
051903	9D	ØA	SITREP OP FRANGIMUS III. A. 051800 H B. Area cleared 100 x 40 metres. 4 slots ready to be filled. 3 slots 50% complete.	

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SITREP OP	FRANGIMUS	III CONTD.	C. 4 mines detonated, nil seen. D. D8 POWER requires 15 mins repair tomorrow. E. 34	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
051955	ØA	ALL STATIONS	DAILY SITREP. Work on Routes 2 and 23 progressing well. Route 44 bridges: 1 bypass complete and old bridge removed. Minefield: D8 No5 on road again. Progress satisfactory.	

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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 1 x mini team for B/3 Cav, Phu My construction gp return to Phu My with stores.	
060710	6	ØA	Clearing patrol back in our loc now. Nothing to report.	Ack.
060852	9D	ØA	A mini team from this loc has gone down the road towards POWER to check out suspected mine.	Ack.
060910	PLAYTIME 23	ØA	2 vehs unsvc. One has faulty brakes, other has broken welds and cab nearly off.	c/s 92 acknowledged.
061030	ØA	3	What is progress.	
	3	ØA	Awaiting aggregate.	
061240	3	ØA	Progress Report. Reinforcing into abutment. Concrete will be poured at 1300 hrs. At second bridge, team is clearing along edges of road and awaiting dieso to begin burning off.	Ack.
061340	ØA	8	You have ground and air clearance for dmlns at 435660 from 1400 to 1445 hrs.	Clearances were obtained from 1 ATF CP and Arty Tac. 1 ARU, 17 Const Sqn, Tower and Wksps informed.
061425	8	ØA	Dmlns complete.	1 ATF CP informed.
061447	29	ØA	From c/s 2E. 1 load sand required at Phu My tomorrow.	Ack.
061606	9D	ØA	Progress Report. 3 mines detonated, 25 seen.	Ack.
061610	3	ØA	Progress Report. Presently pouring concrete. Northern abutment 75% complete.	Ack.
061735	3	ØA	Pouring of concrete, North abutment almost finished. Burning off on South end of 2nd bridge complete. Timber and wire still to be cleared. North end not started as yet.	Ack.

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061845	9D	ØA	SITREP OP FRANGIMUS III. A. 061800 H B. Area cleared 150 x 100 metres. 4½ slots complete, 4 under construction. C. 6 mines detonated, 26 seen. D. No time lost. E. 32.	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
061905	ØA	29	Sitrep of Daily Activities.	

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070705	6	ØA	PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 1 x MT for B/3 Cav, work on Long Tuan Orphanage. Trip flare just set off by animal.	Ack.
070710	6	ØA	Clearing patrol back in our loc.	Ack.
070715	1 ATF CP	CP	Routes 2 and 15 clear. No change in Route Security Classification.	Ack.
070826	ØA	2E	Stores you require will be on this mornings convoy.	
070840	3	ØA	1 member going back to NDP with light shrapnel wounds to right shoulder.	Ack.
070842	ØA	3	Forward Incident Report and Noticas.	
070845	9D	ØA	Will forward reports as soon as member injured arrives this loc.	
070900	9D	ØA	Member 2791820 M.	
070901	9D	ØA	Mine Incident Report. A. c/s 3 B. 070840 C. 500564 D. Anti personnel E. 60 mm mortar round. F. N/A G. 0" from surface. H. & I. N/A J. 1 Aust WIA. Details : Personnel burning off scrub at S end of Northern most bridge. Wounded member was sentry at S end of bridge. He was 50 m away from bridge and was standing on embankment with only head and shoulders above road level. Mine was apparently set off by heat.	

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070905	9D	ØA	<p>NOTICAS.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2791820 M. 2. 500564 3. 070840 4. 60 mm mortar round. 5. Light shrapnel wounds to shoulder 6. Returning to Nui Dat. 	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
071040	ØA	29	<p>Sitrep from c/s 2 Rear. 61973 F and 411599 H on MT today. 217393 B to Cotter River (Vung Tau), for reunion. 215405 A still being treated. 1 x MT on standby. Member 5411614 R is spare. 1200254 A not returned to this loc.</p>	
071155	9D	ØA	D8 POWER has thrown a track in minefield. Will recover now, probably by towing with tank.	
071235	9D	ØA	Ref D8 POWER. Right hand blade ram is broken. Mini team is clearing path in. Also clearing in slot to get fitters veh in with oxy.	Ack.
071410	ØA	29	Inf, your loc have requested Case Dozer. Is this necessary.	Yes, they do need one.
071420	9D	ØA	Progress satisfactory. Tank being used for recovery.	
071440	6	ØA	Problems with D4. Require an M543 and a number of heavy duty chains aval at Wksps.	Passed to Wksps.
071505	9D	ØA	D8 is off the field now.	Ack.
071535	9D	ØA	POWER is out of field and we have a track ready to fit. However there is no pin with the track. We also require stainless cylinder which fits inside the right hand blade ram.	Passed to Wksps.
071615	ØA	3	Progress Report. Burning off round second bridge. Will require steel on Wednesday.	

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071824	9D	ØA	POWER still in field. Have no pin to secure track. If we cannot get POWER back, will have to send out AP.	Seagull spoke to c/s 9D. From Sunray. Send out AP if POWER cannot be recovered.
071915	39	3	Require all but essential personnel at this loc tomorrow to assemble makeshift bridge.	Sunray 3 Tp spoke to c/s 3.
071930	ØA	29, 9D	SITREP. Orphanage job almost complete. Progress satisfactory on R 44 bridges. A member from c/s 3 was wounded whilst burning off some grass. Heat exploded a 60 mm mortar round. Member in very satisfactory condition.	
071948	9D	ØA	POWER back in our loc.	Ack.
072030	9D	ØA	SITREP OP FRANGIMUS III. A. 071800 H B. Area cleared 40 x 100 metres. 2 slots ready to be filled, 4 slots under construction. C. 5 mines detonated. D. 12 machine hrs lost. D8 POWER still without track. E. 33	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
072050	ENTRY		W1 and W2 each put one unauthorised flare.	1 ATF CP notified.
072100	"		2 flares set off from tower.	1 ATF CP " .
072226	W1	CP	Light on far side of minefield. Permission to set off flare.	Clearance obtained from 1 ATF CP. Duty Offr investigated.
072255	ENTRY		Duty Offr reported to 1 ATF CP that everything quiet in minefield.	

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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 1 x MT for B/3 Cav.	
080705	6C	ØA	Clearing patrol back in our loc now. Nothing to report.	Ack.
081150	ØA	92B	What happened to tiltbed with multi - wheel roller in it.	
	92B	ØA	Returning now, and I am following to ensure it does not roll off.	Passed to Tpt.
081330	ØA	9D	NOTICAS. 1. A. 2790874 S B. TA hit 2 mines. Type not known C. YS622839 at 081130H D. Shock E. N/A F. Inbound your loc by Dustoff by TA. 2. A. 2791447 G B. As per para 1a. C. As above D. KIA E. N/A F. As above.	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
081400	8	ØA	Check on clearance for dmlns. Pilatus Porter flew 10 ft overhead.	Ack.
081403	ØA	8	Have checked clearance. Higher is investigating aircraft.	
081410	29	ØA	Can you give details of mine incident.	Info passed to c/s 29.
081415	9D	ØA	From Sunray c/s 4. Inform c/s 92 that 20 ton low loader is to go to Horseshoe Quarry and pick up TD15 for pre-op check. TD15 must come in today. Tpt informed.	
081510	9D	ØA	Have been requested by Sector, this loc, to send MT to RF compound to blow 105 mm blind. If cannot blow it there, will take it elsewhere.	Ack.

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081525	3	ØA	Burning near second bridge taking longer than expected. Can we get dieso truck back this afternoon.	
	ØA	3	It should come on normal resup.	
081615	ØA	9D	Progress Report. 1 mine exploded, 2 slots dug and 1 in progress.	Ack.
081625	ØA	3	Clearance to approaches of N bridge complete. One 1st N abutment completely poured. Formwork on S abutment being completed. Clearing still under way at N bridge.	Passed to 1 ATF Duty Offr.
081715	92A	ØA	Is dieso truck coming out to c/s 9D loc tonight.	Informed c/s 92A that it would not.
081720	3	ØA	If dieso truck does not come, bypass will definitely be open tomorrow. Have not yet cleared area.	Ack.
081730	3 Cav	CP	Tasks tomorrow. 1 mini team RV 0745 for ARVN Commandos, all day. 1 mini team pickup 0745 for resup to DISCOVERY.	Ack.
ENTRY.	W1	CP	VN sighted lighting a fire about 500 metres from our position.	1 ATF CP advised of VN at GR 433660 at 1820 hrs.
081900	9D	ØA	SITREP OP FRANGIMUS III. A. 081800 H B. Area cleared - nil. 3 slots ready to be filled, 1 still under construction. C. 1 mine detonated. D. D8 POWER did not work at all today. TD15 bagged for 3 hrs. E. 33	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
081905	ØA (through 9D)	1	Tomorrow your SM is going to Vung Tau. MT to check out bridge near your loc.	Ack by c/s 1.

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081910	9D	ØA	For SM Bluebell. Require new pin plus press or new track assembly for D8. Also a new winch cable and tilt hose on POWER.	SM Bluebell spoke to c/s 9D.
081925	49	ØA	Contact my SMM and get Austin Weston crane operator out here in the morning. He is to be at Route 44 bridges sometime tomorrow.	Passed to Plant Tp.
082030	ØA	ALL STATIONS	Daily Sitrep. Progress at c/s 9D slow. Progress at c/s 3 satisfactory. Mine incident involving TA at GR 622836. 1 Holdfast member c/s 1 KIA. 1 Holdfast member c/s 1 WIA.	
082040	1 (through 9D)	ØA	What time will bridge in our loc be recovered.	
	ØA	1	You must have MT for bridge site in location by 0730 hrs.	
082050	49 (through 9D)	ØA	Trucks for Route 23 are to load at your location all day tomorrow.	Sunray Tpt informed.

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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 2 x mini teams for B/3 Cav, fly-in of M4T6 bridging sections to Route 44, pick up of TD15, D4 and tiltbed from 2A0D.	
090755	ØA	9D	From SM Bluebell. Master pin and deck press will be in your loc in 45 mins. Winch rope and new track will be sent later.	
090815	ØA	9D	Could you send one set pins from transom back with dieso truck.	c/s 92 ack.
090950	ØA	9D	Can you fit pin.	
	9D	ØA	Cannot remove old pin to replace it.	SM Bluebell spoke to c/s 9D. Told 9D a complete new track would be despatched.
091007	9B	ØA	First part of bridge in position. Skycrane returning to your loc. Get c/s Irish to 9D loc ASP.	Ack.
091020	39	ØA	Pass to Eagle Farm. We require handling ropes be positioned lower.	Passed.
	ØA	39	Next load (in 10 mins) will possibly be the last.	
091025	ØA	9B	Any reason at bridge site why all loads cannot be flown in today.	
	9B	ØA	Negative.	
091027	TFMA NET E9A (OA)	Control	Any reason why all loads cannot be done today.	Reply negative.
091027	SKYCRANE	E9A (OA)	We were only told of 3 loads. We will do those before we leave.	
091032	ØA	92A	What is the delay.	
	92A	ØA	Did not have time to assemble 3rd and 4th parts. Had to clear from area of pad before building commenced.	Ack.

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091058	92A	ØA	Last section of bridging will take about 1½ hrs, to construct.	Informed c/s 92A that Chairman people are trying to arrange for Skycrane to return in about 2 hrs.
091100	9D	ØA	For Seagull. D8 POWER will be back in action in 10 mins.	Ack.
091120	39	ØA	Would it be possible to get a 966B to this loc to assist building of abutment.	Yes, c/s 4 tasked.
091125	29	ØA	CS crystal incident at JARNVLIL (245858) near FSPB INDIGO, PKDTCV (2187).	Ack.
091145	ØA	39	4th section of bridge will be lifted out to your loc in 90 mins.	c/s 39 ack.
091152	29	ØA	Grid for CS incident should have been 3 to 4 clicks further North.	Ack.
091154	29	ØA	Ref incident at 2E loc. They report personnel had come into Phu My carting timber, then left carting rice. No activity recently.	Ack.
091200	8	ØA	US pers, Dat Do, require mini team to look at RKG AT grenade found in South Dat Do.	
	ØA	8	Check it and if necessary get MT from c/s 3 loc.	
091205	8	ØA	RKG anti-tank grenade is still live, with pin in. Very rusty. Recommend it be destroyed in situ.	
091235	8	ØA	Have a MT. Should be finished in 5 mins.	Ack.
091410	3	ØA	Have had 3 to 4 loads blast rock dumped this afternoon. Awaiting more. Concrete will be poured today if all goes well. 1 part of bridge complete.	Ack.
091555	9D	ØA	SAPBEM. A. c/s 1 B. CET	

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SAPDEM	CONTD.		<p>C. Bunker demolition for c/s 2, India. D. 30 bunkers, 16 ft x 10 ft. System appears to be hospital, bunkers well constructed. Additional 2 bunkers, 2 huts, 1 lecture area with stools and tables for 100 people, communications trench and kitchen. E. DZCKZQTR (714930). F. To be advised sometime tomorrow. G. 21 x H. 1 c/s 2. I. Suggest: 500 lbs explosives 5000 ft det chord Normal extras.</p>	
091608	ØA	9D	<p>Inform c/s 1 that if they cannot receive CET at 0730 he will have to wait until 1600 hrs.</p>	<p>Passed to c/s 1.</p>
091630	9D	ØA	<p>OPDEM. A. 1/12 B. c/s 1 C. 1 mine detector, 2 batteries for mine detector, 30 split pins, 100 ft mine marking tape. D. 10/0800. Transport if possible to Eagle Farm to be delivered by Possum.</p>	<p>Informed c/s 9D that requirements will come on tomorrows Possum.</p>
091770	1	ØA	<p>Inf not satisfied with times aval. Will use ST with extra explosives from</p>	<p>Inf. Informed c/s 1 that also use MT from FSPB by using Possum to lift in.</p>
091725	9D	ØA	<p>c/s 1A found plastic bomb, 2½" dia, spherical, plastic fins on top, orangy-yellow in colour, BLU. Do you want it destroyed or kept for mines room.</p>	<p>Checked with Ssgt Pritchard, 3 Tp.</p>

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091830	29	ØA	Do you know time dozer is coming to this loc.	
	ØA	29	You are not getting a dozer. Inf are aware of this.	c/s29 ack.
091845	9D	ØA	SITREP OP FRANGIMUS III. A. 091800 H B. Area cleared 100 x 60 metres. 4 bunds pushed across. C. No mines detonated or seen. D. D8 POWER lost 2½ hrs. E. 32	Passed to 1 ATF CP.

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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 5 x mini teams for B/3 Cav, 3 Tp elements and Plant deployed to AO ASHGROVE with SRAR, Route TL44 abutments for by-pass.	
100840	9D	ØA	Transport problems, this loc. FLINT is operating and we require its driver for truck carting rock, to c/s 3 loc.	Informed that c/s 92 took out a spare driver to cover this occurrence.
100915	ØA	3	Progress Report. Clearing up site of first bridge. About one-third approach to 2nd bridge filled with blast rock.	Informed c/s 3 that more stores would arrive today on low loader.
101010	92	ØA	966B has gone off road and is bogged at c/s 3 loc.	Ack.
101015	3	ØA	Austin Weston crane has arrived this loc.	Ack.
101040	9D	ØA	Require from Bluebell, 2 bottles oxy, but no acetylene.	Passed to Wksps.
101135	ØA	4A	Your c/s this loc requires compressor owned by 17 Const Sqn. It is to be returned ASP, as they require it this afternoon.	
101150	ØA	4A	That compressor is to be dropped off at Long Dien.	
101155	ØA	49	You are to pick up compressor from Horseshoe and take it to 17 Const Sqn at Long Dien.	
101350	3	ØA	Inform that veh requirements for tomorrow are: Low loader in the afternoon, to transport steel girders for Southern Bridge. Other stores can come on any veh.	Ack.
101400	1 (through 9D)	ØA	The explosives found yesterday have been destroyed by the ATO. We have retained an item of each explosive destroyed.	Ack.
101805	9G	ØA	Clearing patrol leaving now.	
101827	9G	ØA	Back in your loc.	
101855	9G	ØA	Leaving your loc now with mini team.	

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101921	9G	ØA	Returning to your loc with neutralized mine.	Ack.
101935	9D	ØA	SITREP OP FRANGIMUS III. A. 101800 H B. Area cleared 100 x 120 m. 5 bunds pushed in. C. 10 mines detonated, 6 seen. D. D8 POWER lost 1 hr due to damage by mines. 2 grouser plates blown off and blade cutting edge off. E. 37	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
101958	1 (through 9D)	ØA	Can you provide CET tomorrow morning. If so will send SAPDEM later.	
102020	1 (through 9D)	ØA	SAPDEM. A. c/s 1 B. CET C. Bunker dmlns I c/s 2. D. 30 bunkers found 16' x 10'. Hospital bunkers well constructed. E. FSTLNYIR (721927) F. AYLZMYJP (110900) G. 21 X H. I c/s 2 I. 500 lbs C4, 5000 ft det cord and associated dmlns stores. CET to ØAloc on completion of dmln task. I's just informed c/s 1 if CET can come, could not do as planned due to lack of air capabilities.	
102040	ENTRY		W1 put up a flare, with permission, to check out movement to their front.	Permission obtained from 1 ATF CP.
102052	ØA (through 9D)	1	Negative on supplying stores of Sapdem request as you can provide men and Indias can order own explosives.	

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102104	1	ØA	Indias have no air capabilities with their Possum. Still require Sapdem for explosives.	
102118	ØA	1 (through 9D)	We will supply explosives for Sapdem on provisional booking as no firm booking can be made.	Ack by c/s 1.

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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 3 x mini teams for B/3 Cav, 1 x mini team for B/ 1 Armd.	
110205	9D	ØA	Have just received 10 mortar rounds. No casualties. 3 rounds fell in camp. Most fell 100 m short. Direction 4900 mils. Range 300 to 400 metres. Size 60 mm.	Passed to 1 ATF CP Duty Offr.
110240	ØA	9D	Information passed to higher and they are fixing position of mortar plates for retaliation purposes.	
	9D	ØA	I think that the mortar plate has already received ground arms fire from locals down here.	Passed to 1 ATF Duty Offr.
110245	ØA	9D	From higher. Sector are sending ground troops to check it out.	
	9D	ØA	Have been talking to I c/s to north and they also received RPG fire.	
110840	ØA	3	What is location of Austin Weston crane.	
	3	ØA	On its way back to your location.	Ack.
110841	9D	ØA	In last nights report. Change to 81 or 82 mm mortar.	Ack.
110855	2E	ØA	Incident Report. A. 4 RPG rounds aimed at compound. B. 102100 H C., D., E., Unknown F. N/A G. Unknown No casualties and slight structural damage to friendly compound. Checked out job site. All personnel appeared clear.	Passed to TF and OC.

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110940	ØA	9D	For c/s 19. Request the following info: on malfunction of TNT last week: A. Date/time of malfunction. B. Amount used. C. Amount not detonated. D. How set up.	
111230	ØA	9D	Have you seen anyone working in minefield to your North. Vietnamese have requested clearance to work in the minefield at GR 500604 between 0700 and 1530 hrs.	
	9D	ØA	We have seen no-one.	
111300	3	ØA	Inform SM that we now have all bearing plates.	Passed to 3 Tp.
111315	9D	ØA	Operator on POWER has knocked in a bunker. He noticed a spider hole entrance. It was about 2'-6" square with star pickets in each corner.	Ack.
111330	9D	ØA	From c/s 1. Info on TNT malfunction: A. 4 weeks ago B. 20 lb. C. 10 - 15 lb. D. TNT placed in centre with $\frac{1}{2}$ lb C4 each side. Only C4 went off.	Ack.
111350	3 Cav	CP	Require 1 x MT for TAs. Leaving immediately to fight a fire at Dat Do.	2 Tp tasked.
111350	9B	ØA	I am South of Dat Do near RF post. There is a fire in part of a minefield.	Ack.
111352	9B	ØA	The fire is in hand.	Ack.
111530	3	ØA	The DCRE is not happy with concrete banks. There is a discrepancy in levels.	
	ØA	3	From Seagull. OC wants work to proceed.	

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111535	69	ØA	Have lost another flare. Would like to move 100 - 150 metres outside wire.	Permission obtained from 1 ATF CP.
111540	3	ØA	DCRE has said that work is not to proceed until a solution has been found.	Ack.
111600	3	ØA	Have reached a solution. Work has started again. We have set plates at different heights. Using the same principle as before, we are starting from the other end and levelling back the other way.	Ack.
111610	3	ØA	Progress Report. North bypass 45 ft complete. Progress slow on South bridge, due to late arrival of crane. Should have 4 to 6 bearing plates placed by tonight. RSJs to be placed in the morning.	Ack.
111615	ØA	9D	How many mines exploded today.	
	9D	ØA	28 exploded, 23 seen.	Passed to TF CP.
ENTRY	CP	1 ATF CP	Another 10 flares missing from outside our perimeter minefield.	
	1 ATF CP	CP	Have TF clearance to fire M79s followed by M60s at lights on your perimeter.	
111850	9D	ØA	SITREP OP, FRANGIMUS III. A. 111800 H B. Area cleared 100 m x 80 m. 4 new slots commenced. C. 10 mines detonated. D. No time lost with machines. E. 35	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
111905	3	ØA	Require a complete set of pins for transom and clamps for complete section of bridge.	3 Tp advised.
111930	ØA	ALL STATIONS	Daily Sitrep. c/s 9D - progress satisfactory - 10 mines detonated. 10 mortar rounds fired at 9D - no casualties, no damage.	

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Daily Sitrep Contd.			c/s 3 R44 bridges. N bypass delayed because of absence of crane. S bridge also delayed.	
ENTRY			M16 exploded in front of W2. 1 ATF Duty Offr authorized flare but nothing could be seen.	

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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 2 x mini teams for B/3 Gav, deployment of Sqn HQ fwd and Plant to TF Main.	
120730	4A	ØA	For Duty Offr. What time will backhoe come out. We require it to dig out holes for water pipes.	
	ØA	4A	It will be there by 0900 hrs.	
121025	ØA	ØB	From Seagull. Contact c/s 1 and find out answer on boat mines. It is important that we do have an answer.	
121031	ØB	ØA	For Seagull. Could you confirm that MT with the Cav people are to live and work with us.	
	ØA	ØB	From OC. It was arranged with Sunray TAs yesterday. If there is any trouble refer to Sunray TAs. If there is a deployment of TAs however, they must get their MT back.	
121035	ØB	ØA	Ref boat mine. c/s 1 was contacted yesterday and he will check today.	
	ØA	ØB	We would like an example of the mine if possible.	
121038	4A	ØA	For Seagull. We have Austin Weston crane. I believe c/s 3 require it all day. We require it for about 1½ hrs to load roller onto 20 tonner.	
	ØA	4A	c/s 3 will be using it as long as they require it. Contact c/s 49 and he will sort it out.	
121044	ØA	4A	From Seagull..You can use AW provided you fit in with c/s 3s schedule.	Ack by c/s 4A.
121350	9D	ØA	From higher. Urgent request for CET by air ASP.	2 Tp tasked.
121357	ØB	ØA	Should be finished with dozer tonight. Will leave D4 there. Progress: Bunding virtually complete. All pits finished. Rubbish pits dug.	Ack.

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121410	ØA	1	From Acorn. Docus sent to DIV INT are Instr for use of mines. ATO has more info on mines and advises all were blown in situ, none recovered.	Ack.
121540	9D	ØA	Damage to FLINT. Rear frame blown apart. Road wheel damaged. STEELE has been sent out to replace FLINT, which can move by itself.	
	ØA	9D	FLINT is not to leave loc prior to STEELEs arrival. FLINT is to be brought in tonight for changeover of gear.	
121725	29	ØA	D4 has just come off tiltbed. It slipped back and broke retaining pin. Require another tiltbed.	Ack.
121740	29	ØA	Air hose is broken, but brakes are not locking. We are proceeding slowly to your loc.	Ack.
121855	2E	ØA	SITREP. Meeting house unchanged. Community Centre last stages, stage 8. All corners formed to correct height and level. Filling in all walls and expect to complete tomorrow.	
121805	9D	ØA	SITREP OP FRANGIMUS III. A. 121800 H. B. Area cleared 100 x 60 metres. 6 slots under construction. C. 10 mines detonated, 6 seen. D. No time lost. E. 33 Total area cleared 1500 metres complete, North of GR 496518. Mine explosion South of us 400 - 500 metres. Investigation found nothing.	Passed to 1 ATF Duty Offr together with RAINREP (65 points), to 121900 hrs.
121908	3	ØA	Require one complete packet of railway pins for bridge tomorrow morning.	Passed to Wksps.
121913	9D	ØA	May require non-pot water trailer tomorrow, to fill radiator on POWER.	Informed c/s 9D that it is at Horseshoe and will be sent if possible.

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121925	2E	ØA	Expect there may be a little trouble tonight. People seem to be going home a little earlier than usual.	Told c/s 2E to keep us informed.
122020	ØA	ALL STATIONS	Daily Sitrep.	

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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 1 x MT for B/3 Cav.	
130934	9D	ØA	From c/s 3. Require 12 bridging clamps, 6 spaces long, 6 spaces short. These stores are at Eagle Farm and were to be recovered by c/s 5 yesterday. This was not done. Also require 2 fuel filters for D8 POWER.	
120946	39	ØA	For Seagull. We have damaged pipes and hose near control box.	Details passed to OC Wksps.
121000	9D	ØA	Has STEELE left your loc yet.	Informed by sc/s 92 that it had.
	ØA	9D	It is just leaving.	
121220	39	ØA	Received all parts required except for 18" pipe with nuts. Could this be sent on afternoon Piecart.	
121245	4A	ØA	There has been an accident at Hoa Long turnoff involving a US veh. Will probably require Provosts, Medic and Fire Veh.	Passed to 1 ATF CP Duty Offr. DCRE was advised ref fire truck.
131300	39	ØA	Inf this loc will allow operator to return in Possum to pick up parts we require.	
	ØA	39	Parts will be ready and can be loaded straight onto Possum.	
131320	9D	ØA	Despatch 2 truckloads of blastrock to c/s 3 ASP.	Passed to Plant. Informed that were despatched at 1350 hrs.
131330	39	ØA	Possum is leaving our loc with plant op on board. It will land at Wombat to be met by Wksps and taken to get parts, then returned to Wombat to Possum.	Ack. Passed to Wksps.
121355	3 (through 9D)	ØA	What time will bridging parts, requested earlier, arrive in our loc. Cannot complete bridge until they arrive.	Contacted Tpt. They informed that if parts did not arrive in 15 mins with US Holdfast people, then they would arrive on normal resup. Info passed to c/s 3.

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131410	8	ØA	Request ground and air clearance at Grid 435660, timings 1415-1445 hrs.	Obtained from 1 ATF CP and Arty Tac.
131435	8	ØA	Have we ground and air clearance.	Informed affirmative clearances. Notified 1 ARU, Tower, Wksps and 17 Const Sqn.
131440	8	ØA	Dmlns complete.	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
131515	9D	ØA	SITREP. 36 mines detonated and further 11 with primaries det. c/s 4 noted that STEELE suffered some damage but is still able to work in field.	Ack.
131735	ØA	3	What is progress on bridges.	
	3	ØA	Bypass finished but smaller one will take further 2 days. On bridge proper, all bridging is in place and welded. Tomorrow morning, will start dismantling. All stores are in this loc.	Ack.
131855	9D	ØA	SITREP OP FRANGIMUS III. A. 131800 H B. Area cleared - nil. 3 slots complete. 2 slots 50% complete. C. 48 mines detonated. D. POWER lost 3 hrs. E. 38.	Passed to 1 ATF CP together with RAINREP.
131915	9G	ØA	Patrol going out in 5 mins. Inform strongpoint bunkers.	W1, W2, Plant and Tower informed.
131920	9G	ØA	Leaving wire now. Will call you again when in ni loc.	Ack.
131935	9G	ØA	In ni loc now.	
132005	ØA	ALL STATIONS	Daily Sitrep. Rain severely hampered work on road jobs today. R 23 is going well and our quarry has got a good stockpile in it, probably enough for 4 days. R 2 had very little work done on it and the rain tonight looks like preventing the completion of orphanage tomorrow. R 44 bridges - The second bypass is complete and progress is good on the new bridge.	

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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 1 x mini team for B/3 Cav.	
140420	9G	ØA	Will be moving from ni loc soon. Inform piquets.	Ack. Tower, W1, W2, 1 ARU informed.
140705	1 ATF CP	CP	Routes 2, 15, 23 clear. No change in Route Security Classification.	Ack.
140824	ØA	39	What is situation with Case dozer.	
	39	ØA	Inoperative at moment. It is awaiting on parts coming on this afternoons Hillclimber.	Wksps informed.
140946	ØA	1	From 2IC to OC c/s 1. Are you coming back to this loc. There are still problems with your Inf regarding explosives. Could you sort this out. OC wishes you to return to this loc.	
	1	ØA	I will be staying at this loc as Inf have found extensive tunnel system. This may take a few days.	
	ØA	1	Make sure that nothing of interest is destroyed. It may be better if you return to this loc and arrange suitable action.	OC c/s 1 ack.
141000	9D	ØA	Right hand lift ram is not lifting at all on POWER. Any chance of getting new ram and what time will it arrive. Dump valve ordered earlier has not arrived yet.	
	ØA	9D	The new ram will be sent ASP. Will send dump valve out with ram.	2IC Wksps spoke with c/s 9D.
141040	ØA	39	How is Case dozer going.	
	39	ØA	Wrong part brought out.	Passed to Wksps.
141053	ØA	1	You have been doing a lot more than thought from this end. In future tell us more.	Ack by c/s 1.
141110	39	ØA	The dozer is now working. Minor parts still required, but not urgent.	

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141325	1	ØA	For 2IC. Sunray c/s 19 is going to I c/s 4s loc to look at suspected tunnel system. They have found a village which is booby trapped. 9 booby traps have so far been found.	Ack.
141612	ØB	ØA	SMM c/s 1 in mine incident - broken arm, light shrap wounds. Member B c/s 3 (name synonymous with 'rivers') has shrap wounds to head and body Location GR 450797. Dustoff complete. Incident occurred on track which had been cleared.	and been cleared
141700	ØB	ØA	Duty Offr is to have mine detector and veh on standby, as Albatross will be leaving from Kanga Pad shortly. More details later.	
141705	ØB	ØA	Get mine detector to Wombat pad straight away. Call me when detector is on pad. Aircraft will come up on this freq.	
141710	ØA	ØB	Mine detector is on way to Wombat now.	
141715	ØB	ØA	Please advise when detector is picked up.	Informed c/s ØB at 1720 hrs.
141859	92	ØA	Trip back will be slow. Clutch is slipping on 20 tonner.	Ack.
141935	ØA	92	Do not move off road. You are in front of VN bunker system which is surrounded by booby traps.	
142021	9D	ØA	SITREP OP FRANGIMUS III. A. 141800H B. Area cleared 100 x 40 metres. 5 slots now complete. 4 slots in progress. C. 40 mines detonated, 10 seen. D. 35	Passed to 1 ATF CP together with RAINREP.

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142045	39	ØA	Any more info on c/s 3 member injured today.	Informed c/s 3 that he is in satisfactory condition in hosp at Vung Tau.
142055	1	ØA	<p>Installation Report. Info from c/s 19.</p> <p>A. Workshop factory.</p> <p>B. 141300 H</p> <p>C. AZQMAWBA (738898)</p> <p>D. 1 large workshop, hut with benches and stools. Dimensions 30' x 30'. Eating hut with tables and chairs 15' x 25'. 5 sleeping huts. Bunkers under eating huts. 10' escape tunnel under workshop hut. Several sleeping huts have have small bunkers. Area has crevices and small ravines formed by large boulders. Believed to be caused by explosion of volcano. Some crevices lead to water.</p> <p>E. 40 weapons - 5 KS, grease guns, Thompsons, M1, semi automatic shotgun, 3 IMGs, Bolt action rifles, a small 2 stroke motor which could be part of generator set, RPG2 rocket launcher, a quantity of tools, Bangalore torpedos, 3.5 rockets. In workshop they have been making some tilt switches. Booby trap command detonated type were set up in area. c/s 19 is bringing a sample of tilt switch.</p> <p>F. 2 days.</p> <p>G. Not finished searching. 3 members this loc going to I c/s 4 loc tomorrow to help in search.</p> <p>Stood to at 2145 hrs. All stations acknowledged except c/s 92. Movement sighted on 161 Bty's wire. c/s 9G (Ambush party) was moved back in. Stood down at 1130 hrs. Hammerhead ack by all stations except c/s 4 and c/s 92, who advised by phone.</p>	
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	8		PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 3 x mini teams for B/3 Cav.	
150739	4A	ØA	For OC Wksps. We require an arc welder to weld the hose protection plate of TD15B.	Passed to Wksps.
150745	ØA	9D	c/s 4A requires an arc welder today. Wksps arc welder this loc will be busy. Do you have one that can do the job.	c/s 9D informed that their welder is aval and queried if it was required at Horseshoe.
150747	ØA	4A	Is the ard welder required at Horseshoe.	
	4A	ØA	Affirmative.	Passed to c/s 9D who despatched welder to Horseshoe.
150845	4A	ØA	Message for Plant Tp. We require 1 x 966B right hand front wheel complete if possible. If unaval require 1 x tyre and seal ASP.	Passed to Plant Tp Comd at 0858 hrs.
150950	3	ØA	We request truck in this loc to load timber for Nui Dat. We could send timber back on our truck.	Advised c/s 3 to use their own truck.
151005	4A	ØA	Contact Plant Tp Comd and ask him to send out some drawbar pins for 966B.	Passed to Plant Tp Comd.
151310	49	ØA	Inform Plant Tp Comd that tippers on Route 23 are being used to cart blast rock.	Passed to Plant Tp Comd.
151405	39	ØA	For Seagull. There appears to be a tunnel system under FSPB PEGGY. Investigations under way.	Ack.
151440	3	ØA	Austin Weston crane is on way to your loc because of stripped cog in slewing mechanism. Because of this, work on bridge has stopped.	Ack.
151445	3	ØA	For Sunray c/s 3. 1st bridge: Welding finished this afternoon. Decking on tomorrow. 2nd bridge: AW crane stripped cog. Only 1/3 of bridge dismantled.	

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151645	ØB	ØA	Where is Scammel for moving our plant.	
	ØA	ØB	It will be unsvc for at least 2 days.	
151830	ENTRY		W1 has sighted 2 people on other side of minefield. Clearing patrol had just returned but went out again under control of c/s 69.	† ATF Duty Offr advised.
151845	Possum 25	ØA	Over your loc now. What area do you want me to look at.	
	ØA	Possum 25	Contact c/s 69 and they will advise you.	
151850	9D	ØA	SITREP OP FRANGIMUS III. A. 151800 H B. 3 slots completed. C. No mines detonated. D. 35	Passed to 1 ATF Duty offr.
	ENTRY		Permission granted from 1 ATF Duty Offr to fire M79s into suspected area. 6 x M79 rounds fired but no further activities sighted.	
151930	9	ØA	Old stores from bridge are to be given to provide engr. DCRE will contact you tomorrow.	
151941	6	ØA	Spotted slight movement at same loc. Request illumination.	Info passed to c/s 6G. Illumination denied.
151946	2E	ØA	SITREP. Meeting house unchanged, but recommencing work tomorrow. Completing stage 8 on Community centre. 1st step of stages 9 and 10 complete.	Ack.
151955	1	ØA	From 19. Have searched all caverns in area. After PR people have taken photos, MT will destroy all items. c/s 19 is backloading all items of engr interest.	Ack.

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152000	3	ØA	Almost completed welding on first bridge. Have cleaned up area and will demolish 2nd bridge tomorrow.	
152040	ØA	ØB	For OC. 2IC has approached me re clearing land in front of our mine-field. The TD15B and D4 are on standby and could do the job.	
	ØB	ØA	From OC. I agree, but 2IC is to get clearance from Deputy Commander.	Ack.
152045	ØA	ALL STATIONS	<p>Daily Sitrep.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. c/s 3 at R 44 bridges: welding almost complete on first bridge. Will demolish second bridge tomorrow. 2. 2E : Meeting House unchanged but recommence work tomorrow. Community Centre - completing stage 8. Step 1 of stages 9 and 10 complete. 3. 9D : 3 slots completed, no mines detonated. 4. R 23 : No sealing today. Tar truck broke down, 966B broke down. Drawbar pin also broke preventing rolling. All repairs completed. 5. R 2 : Grader broke down today. This impeded progress considerably. Repairs completed. Peg roller fixed and backfilling of sub-base to commence from tomorrow. 	
152300	9G	ØA	Everything is quiet. Is anything happening at your loc.	
	ØA	9G	All quiet. Will inform you if anything happens.	

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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 1 x MT for B/3 Cav, 1 x MT for B/1 Armd.	
160732	9D	ØA	For OC Wksps. POWER has had 3 grouser plates blown off. Can we get replacement track this morning.	
	ØA	9D	Not known. Will have to check.	
160745	ØA	9D	There will be a track aval this morning.	
160822	ØB	ØA	Require service wagon. Large backhoe requires 1000 hr service.	Ack.
160842	2E	ØA	There is a road block on Route 15 and we cant get through to get water.	Ack.
	ØA	2E	Check out and be careful.	
160850	2E	ØA	VC road block is hole in road, about 5 clicks from our loc.	Ack.
160917	ØA	2E	Report on blown culvert. Culvert blown right across road. 100% demolition.	
161000	ØA	9D	Track for D8 has not left yet. Will chase up ASP.	
161012	ØA	39	Ref bunker system, yesterday. I believe it is an old camp. White ants are in the bunker. No sign of village.	
	39	ØA	I believe it is an old camp. White ants are intimber work. No sign of village.	
161033	ØB	ØA	Requested by TA to check mine. Required to lift if possible. Location is where RF were contacted yesterday.	Ack.
161040	9	ØA	I have just arrived in PICTON. The D8 in the quarry is to be moved to minefield late this afternoon or early morning.	Ack.
161127	ØA	9D	Ensure that old track from POWER is returned to Nui Dat as we may be able to use it at a later date.	Ack by c/s 9D.

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161135	39	ØA	Bunker system at I c/s 1 loc appears to be more extensive than thought. We can handle them however.	Ack.
161153	ØA	49	Return to this loc. Plant to the front of our loc is clearing the wrong side. Also require work to be stepped up along Route 2.	
161305	ØA	3	There is a 955K on way to your loc.	
	3	ØA	Will use it to work on abutments of 2nd bridge.	
161440	49	ØA	Send 2 truck loads of gravel today.	Ack.
161610	ØA	3	955K will now not reach your loc until tomorrow afternoon.	Ack by c/s 3.
161645	9D	ØA	Ref Possum flights. I feel we can do away with them. They are too early and cannot see anything.	
	ØA	9D	From OC. They may prevent a catastrophe. Will see what can be done about timings about timings.	
161810	2E	ØA	Locals have brought child to us. It has severe burns from hot water. Can you advise us.	
161825	ØA	2E	Dustoff will be leaving for your loc ASP. Have child and one parent on the pad. Medic will be on board to look at child.	
161845	TF NET 44	27	Dustoff complete.	
161850	1	ØA	From c/s 19 A. Installation Report. B. 161100	

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Installation Report Contd.			<p>C. AQWGJTST (539898)</p> <p>D. 6 huts complete, 2 kitchens, 1 operating hut, 2 stores huts. Large amount of bed supplies. Several mines. These type of mines were referred to your loc by c/s 9. 50 lb explosives, a few grenades.</p> <p>E. Part of camp used one month ago and part of camp used 3 days ago.</p> <p>F. Still searching area. C/s 19 does not think he will be able to return to this loc tomorrow. Will be following day. Medical store is very interesting in his opinion.</p>	
161905	9D	ØA	<p>SITREP OP FRANGIMUS III.</p> <p>A. 161800 H</p> <p>B. Area cleared 100 x 80 metres. 350 m x 100 m cleared by STEELE.</p> <p>C. 42 mines detonated, 2 mines seen.</p> <p>D. 31.</p>	Passed to † ATF Duty Offr together with RAINREP (nil).
161935	9	ØA	Anything to report.	
	ØA	9	Ambush party has gone out. c/s 2E dusted off a VN child.	
161943	2E	ØA	SITREP. Meeting house progressing further with stage 8. Community centre stage 8 as far as possible. Stage 9 complete. Stage 10 should be complete by dinner time tomorrow. Preparing and expect to start stage 12 tomorrow. Further supplies received at dinner time today for this site.	
162055	ØA	ALL STATIONS	Daily Sitrep.	

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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 3 x mini teams for B/3 Cav, 1 x mini team for B/1 Armd, D8 No 5 move to c/s 9D location.	
170908	ØA	49	For SM. Position yourself at North gate and ensure that speed is kept slow to reduce dust.	
	49	ØA	We have no-one using it and there is already someone sitting there.	Ack.
170918	9D	ØA	D8 has no armour plate.	
	ØA	9D	It fell off. It will be sent out for Wksps people to fix on.	
170919	92	ØA	Ref armour plate for D8. It should have left 10 mins ago.	Told c/s 92 to check this.
170923	9	ØA	For 2IC. How are things.	
	ØA	9	Nothing to report re last nights patrol. D8 armour plate giving a little trouble.	Ack by c/s 9.
170955	9D	ØA	For 2IC. Has 500 lb of explosive for us been sent to Horseshoe yet. One of our members there informed us that it had not been delivered.	Tpt informed 2IC that it was still in Nui Dat. Info passed to c/s 9D.
171109	3	ØA	Compressor is returning to Nui Dat for parts. 955K will be there first thing tomorrow.	
171435	19	ØA	We are still finding camps. Destroyed medical store at AJKURZCD (739898) with Chicom explosives.	
	ØA	19	Any info on cache found on 14 Dec.	
	19	ØA	Will send when aval.	
171450	92	ØA	SSM is off on a mission regarding report on new mines and pyrotechnics.	

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171548	1	ØA	For ZIC. Cache discovered on 14th was a workshop and factory for weapons.	
	ØA	1	How was it dealt with.	
	1	ØA	Not known at this stage.	Informed c/s 1 that their Sunray would be required to give a full report on last 8 - 10 days activities.
171610	9D	ØA	Progress Report. STEELE is in field and has cleared 100 x 150 metres. 15 mines detonated. POWER filled in 2 slots, detonated 6 mines. TD15 building another slot. D8 No 5 still being armour plated and will be ready byr tonight for work tomorrow. Track from POWER coming in.	
171611	4A	ØA	Coming to your loc tp pick up plant for project.	Ack.
171630	49	ØA	17 Const Sqn's 955K will be taken to bridges by own Scammel, probably at 0815 hrs.	Ack.
171735	1	ØA	SSM has arrived, this loc. He will be movijg to I c/s 4 tomorrow.	
171830	ØA	BLACK ONYX	Practice comms stand to.	
171850	ØA	ALL STATIONS	Daily Sitrep.	
171900	9D	ØA	SITREP OP FRANGIMUS III. A. 171800 H B. Area cleared 100 x 100 metres. C. 36 mines detonated, 12 mines seen. D. 34	Passed to 1 ATF CP at 1920 hrs.
171915	39	ØA	Demolished 19 bunkers today.	Ack.

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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 1 x mini team for B/3 Cav, 1 x mini team for B/ 1 Armd.	
180030	9G	ØA	Have sighted 2 people. Require illumination.	Flares were fired and c/s 9G opened fire.
180140	ENTRY		Ambush party called for searchlight from Nui Dat hill. They sighted a pers crawling 45 metres to front. May have been result of initial attack. No further sightings.	
180240	ENTRY		81 mm mortar rounds were put in about 1500 metres in front of AP following detection of movement by radar.	
180315	9G	ØA	Torch coming up track between minefield fence and fence in our loc. Possible contact.	c/s 9G were told to observe only for the moment.
180325	ENTRY		W1 sighted red light in minefield, bearing 4400 mils. 17 Const Sqn obtained permission to fire flare at 0345 hrs and W1 sighted red light directly in front of Plant yard to right of minefield.	
180445	9G	ØA	Request clearance to move in at appointed time (0500 hrs).	Ack. Informed W1, W2 and Tower.
180755	9D	ØA	Require auto electrician for arc welder machine which will not start.	Passed to Wksps.
181052	3	ØA	For Seagull. Dozer at my loc will return to Nui Dat today. No timings as yet.	Ack.
181115	9D	ØA	Elec mech from Wksps will leave this loc and be picked up from Orphanage. Will you check with OC Wksps.	Had already been checked and confirmed.
181124	1	ØA	For 2IC. SSM is being despatched to I c/s 4 and he will be with them for 3 or 4 days.	Ack.

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181345	9D	ØA	Require a set of points and distributor cap for 100 cfm compressor on tonights resup.	Passed to Wksps.
181556	ØA	9D	Have CET on standby as there has been an incident in the Long Hai's.	Ack by c/s 9D.
181545	3	ØA	Have just had a contact. Sentry saw VC member moving to his front and engaged with SA.	
181845	ØA	3	Any more info on contact.	
	3	ØA	VC was just outside wire. Sentry fired 2-3 rds M16 and is sure he hit the en. Area has been engaged with mortar. Patrol has gone out to sweep area.	Ack.
			Also team with I c/s 2 located 20 bunkers a short distance away in an area 100 x 40 metres, and a second lot in an area 30 x 20 metres. A UXB shell, 8 in or WP, was found in one hole being dug and was blown with 1 lb C4.	
181855	9D	ØA	SITREP OP FRANGIMUS III. A. 181800 H B. Area cleared 100 x 120 metres. 4 slots filled. C. 9 mines detonated, 6 seen. D. No time lost. E. 37	Passed to 1 ATF CP at 1005 hrs.
182015	9D	ØA	Piquet point has sighted light slightly NE about 200 m from minefield. Contact c/s 30 and inform him.	
	ØA	9D	Keep us informed.	

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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 2 x mini teams for B/3 Cav.	
190430	9G	ØA	What is machine gun fire and flares to our South.	
	ØA	9G	From Higher. A contact between friendlies and VC in the Long Hai's.	
190705	1 ATF CP	CP	Routes 2, 15, 23 clear. No change in Route Security Classification.	
190755	ØA	3Z	Inform SMMM that our compressor is still unsvc and Wksp are using theirs today.	Passed to 3 Tp.
190805	ØA	9D	Tell the tank at your loc to come up on his unit's freq.	
190810	9D	ØA	Require auto electrician as both D8s will be off the road until he arrives.	Ack. Passed to Wksp. Informed 9D that he would arrive at 0900 hrs.
190925	9	ØA	For 2IC. Do you know anything of the activity at c/s 2Es location.	
	ØA	9	Negative.	
	9	ØA	Tell him that they should keep you informed so that info can be passed to higher.	Ack.
190927	ØA	2E	What kind of activity took place in your loc last night.	
	2E	ØA	A few flared were fired.	Instructed c/s 2E to talk to locals and see if they have any info.
190946	9D	ØA	Arc welder from c/s 3 has not arrived.	
	ØA	9D	The welder left here some time ago and I believe it may have gone to Horseshoe.	

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190955	2E	ØA	Concerning activities last night. Thai soldiers were in contact at GR 237773.	Ack.
191145	9D	ØA	Tell Wksps we require a left hand steering booster ASP, for the TD15 at Horseshoe.	Passed to Wksps.
191305	9	ØA	Inform c/s 49 that I have given his SM permission to commence repairs to road just west of Dat Do.	Attempted to contact c/s 49 with negative result.
191905	9D	ØA	SITREP OP FRANGIMUS III. A. 191800 H B. Area cleared 100 x 50 metres. 4 new slots commenced. C. 6 mines detonated. D. 2 hrs lost by D8. E. 36	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
192010	ØA	ALL STATIONS	Daily Sitrep. Route 44 - completion of 1st bridge decking tomorrow. Route 23 - sealing from Long Dien to An Nhut 40% complete. Route 2 - no change.	
192050	ØB	ØA	Send up dieso truck to refuel TD15.	Ack.

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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. Nil.	
200730	2E	ØA	Quiet night. A few shots were fired by locals.	Ack.
200834	4A	ØA	Trucks have not yet arrived. Contact c/s 92 and get our trucks out to Horseshoe.	Tpt contacted.
200835	92B	ØA	Trucks are on the way now.	Monitored by c/s 4A.
200842	9D	ØA	For OC Wksps. Require elec mechs ASP as compressor and arc welder are unsvc.	Passed to Wksps.
200934	ØB	ØA	Make sure AP coming to this loc have the necessary equipment: 8 parachute flares, 1 flak jacket per person, 2 x GPMGs, 2 x M79s, 8 Claymores.	Ack.
201200	39	3Z	Send progress report on No 2 bridge site.	
	3Z	39	Shovelling out blast rock at the moment. Compressor is not working.	
	39	3Z	Get as much compaction done as possible. Tomorrow we will start drilling holes for central pier.	
201410	ØA	8	Ground and air clearance approved for dmlns at GR 435660, timings 1400 - 1500 hrs.	Ground and air clearance obtained from 1 ATF CP and Arty Tac. 17 Const Sqn, Tower, Wksps, 1 ARU notified.
201425	8	ØA	Dmlns complete.	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
201515	4A	ØA	For 2IC. 966B has blown right hand front tyre. Cannot repair today.	
	ØA	4A	Take tyre off some other equipment and move 966B to Horseshoe tonight.	

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201645	4A	ØA	Ref water main broken this afternoon. 6 in gate valve is coming in to be repaired by the CA people. There will be no water in the pipe tonight and will not know how long water will be off until CA people are contacted.	Ack.
201850	9D	ØA	SITREP OP FRANGIMUS III. A. 201800 H B. 4 slots completely dug. C. 3 mines detonated, none seen. D. No time lost. E. 37	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
201930	9	ØA	Tell c/s 39 to have all excess M4T66 bridge parts at bridge site, R 44, to be returned to Nui Dat tomorrow.	Ack.
201940	2E	ØA	SITREP. Continued stage 8 of meeting house. Stage 10 of community centre complete. Stage 12 begins tomorrow. Request stores for 14th and 15th stages by 22nd.	Ack.

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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 2 x mini teams for B/3 Cav.	
210745	1 ATF CP	CP	No change in Route Security Classification.	
210809	9	ØA	For 2IC. The TD15 will be working on some minor land clearing tasks North of the works on Route 2. They only have 1½ hrs fuel. Send more.	Ack.
210905	ØB	ØA	OC this c/s would like a Case dozer sent up.	Passed to Plant.
211235	9D	ØA	For Wksps OC or 2IC. TD15 has a leaky fuel injector.	Passed to Wksps and they informed that they would get one out ASP.
211240	9E	ØA	I would like to speak to OC ref location of tonights Ambush Party as soon as he is aval.	Ack.
211428	ØA	ØB	There will be a tiltbed with wrecker in your loc tomorrow for Case dozer.	Ack by c/s ØB.
211454	9D	ØA	Tell Wksps to send correct fuel line for TD15 No 1 injector.	Passed to Wksps.
211522	3Z	ØA	Bridge No 1 is now open.	Ack.
211535	9D	ØA	Inform OC Wksps that TD15 is now working.	OC Wksps notified.
211630	3	ØA	One of our members with I c/s 4 was wounded in leg in contact. No details as yet.	OC notified. Requested details ASP.
211645	ØA	3	Anything further on member wounded.	
	3	ØA	Negative. I c/s 4 is still in contact.	
211728	3	ØA	No further info on member wounded. Have heard that pad is being cleared and 2 injured members will be dusted off.	Ack.

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211750	3	ØA	I c/s 4 still in contact, in a bunker system. En are fighting back and not withdrawing. They are using RPG and SA fire. Dustoff cannot get in to fly out members wounded.	Ack. Requested we be kept informed.
211842	3	ØA	Wounded are still at this loc. Dustoff has not been completed.	Ack.
211845	9D	ØA	SITREP OP FRANGIMUS III. A. 211800 H B. 5 slots under construction. 2 bunds pushed in. C. 2 mines detonated, 5 seen. D. TD15 lost 1 hr. E. 37	Passed to 1 ATF CP Duty Offr.
211900	3	ØA	Dustoff complete. Still do not know details.	Ack.
211915	ØA	3	Any more info.	
	3	ØA	There were 2 WIA dusted off. 1 KIA will be dusted off later. No further info.	Ack.
211950	2E	ØA	SITREP. Meeting House continuing stage 8. 2 teams will be working at this site tomorrow. Stage 12 of Community Centre progressing well. A new coy of VN Inf have moved in and are at present shooting wildly. There are suspected VC around, so will stay on air for a while.	Ack.
212000	1	ØA	Ask 1 Tp to send out 1 pistol and torch on tomorrows Piccart.	Passed to 1 Tp.
		ENTRY	NOTICAS. Passed by LL from D/8RAR at 1950 hrs. 1. Member 2791457 K (KEARNEY) 2. YS391906, 211700 H. 3. Battle casualty. WIA in Long Khan Province. Gunshot wounds to both legs.	Passed to 1 ATF Duty Offr at 2010 hrs.

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212030	ØA	3	Will replace injured member ASP.	
212045	2E	ØA	The previous incident was caused by a suspected sighting of from 3 to 10 VC. Everything quiet now.	Ack.
ENTRY	1	ØA	SAPDEM. A. Sapdem B. c/s 1 C. Tunnel search equipment to include at least 100 ft nylon rope and 3 pistol torches. D. Possum tomorrow morning. E. 1000 hrs tomorrow. F. Air G. This loc H. This means I. c/s 1 J. The tunnel search equipment has been repaired and is at this c/s rear. Equipment to be checked before being sent out. Batteries to be sent with torches.	
212135	ØA	1	The requested tunnel equipment will arrive your loc on Chinook early tomorrow.	

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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 2 x mini teams for B/3 Cav.	
220820	4A	ØA	RAASC veh No 171-563 has hit Police Chief's veh (DAT DO) and did not stop.	
	ØA	4A	Get veh back to Nui Dat ASP and get IO to contact Provosts.	
221015	6B	ØA	Coming back to your loc with casualty.	Ack.
221041	ØA	ØB	When do you want tiltbed.	
	ØB	ØA	ASP. We have 2 machines without transport.	
221052	9D	ØA	The TD15 is unsvc due to the front right hand idler wheel being broken. Will have to return to your loc.	Ack.
221057	ØA	4B	Send tiltbed in your loc to FSPB BARBARA, ASP.	
221100	ØB	ØA	Empty tiltbed from c/s 4B has arrived. Will use it to backload a machine.	Ack.
221121	ØA	9D	Advise us how many vehs will be required for move out on Wednesday.	Ack by c/s 9D.
221125	2E	ØA	A. Incident Report. B. 212200 H C. 1000 m S of my loc. D. 16 E. U/K F. 5 bags rice, quantity of sweets, meat, rice papers and noodles. G. East.	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
221138	ØA	ØB	Have you started backloading any plant yet.	
	ØB	ØA	We have backloaded Case dozer.	

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221147	9D	ØA	Veh requirements for move out are: 2 x 40 ton loaders, 2 x TCVs, 1 x Landrover and trailer, 1 x dump and tiltbed. We have Landrover, trailer and TCV. TCV can do 2 trips. Landrover and trailer can come back.	Ack.
221245	ØB	ØA	What time is tiltbed coming out to pick up TD15.	Informed c/s ØB that it is enroute to their loc.
221450	8	ØA	Dmlns complete.	Ground and air clearances were previously obtained from 1 ATF CP and Arty Tac for GR 435660, timings 1400-1500 hrs. 17 Const Sqn, 1 ARU, Wksps and Tower were notified.
221655	ØA	3Z	From OC c/s 3. Ref task tomorrow. Phase 1 lift out of bridge will be carried out. Phase 2 - reassembly in this loc is cancelled. Therefore not necessary to return proposed pers to this loc.	Ack.
221850	9D	ØA	SITREP OP FRANGIMUS III. A. 221800 H B. 3½ slots filled, 2 bunds pushed in. C. 16 mines detonated, 15 seen. D. TD15 down most of day. E. 37	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
221915	2E	ØA	Sitrep. All stages continuing.	

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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 1 x mini team for B/3 Cav.	
230840	4A	ØA	Do you require backhoe in your loc.	
	ØA	4A	Affirmative. Will arrange backloading sometime this afternoon.	
230907	49	ØA	For Plant. They are to have tiltbed with TD15 ready to move in 20 mins.	Ack . Passed to Plant.
230920	4A	ØA	TD15 is unsvc. Wksps have been notified and are effecting repairs.	Passed to 2IC and c/s 4.
231020	9B	ØA	What bridge has to be checked.	
	ØA	9B	First one East of An Nhut.	
231315	9D	ØA	Going off air for 15 mins to pull down bunkers.	
	ØA	9D	Stay on air. Put up rod aerial before you take down "292".	
231420	ØA	2E	You are to return to this loc tomorrow, no earlier than 1600 hrs. Leave 3 men behind. You will return to your loc on the 26th.	Ack by c/s 2E.
231505	ØA	4A	Tiltbed and backhoes must come back ASP. They have other jobs which must be done this afternoon.	Ack by c/s 4A.
231530	ØA	3	4 drums MC70 plus 3 drums JP4 and 3 knapsacks will arrive your loc tomorrow morning. Mixture of 1 part JP4 to 2 parts MC70 should produce sufficient spray with knapsack.	
231555	ØA	9D	Send progress report.	
	9D	ØA	1 slot filled, 3 bunds pushed across field, 3 mines detonated.	Passed to 1 ATF Duty Offr.
231850	9D	ØA	SITREP OP FRANGIMUS III. A. 231800 H B. Area cleared 100 x 40 metres. 1 slot filled. 5 bunds pushed	

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SITREP OP	FRANGIMUS III	CONTD.	back across field. C. 6 mines detonated. D. TD15 lost 1½ hrs. E. 37	
231900	2E	ØA	Sitrep. Meeting House - continuing with stage 8. All joinery in place. Community Centre - expect to complete stage 12 by dinner time tomorrow. Have sorted out stage 15 which will be started on return from Christmas break. Have started stage 13. Stage 14 held up because of lack of stores. Will try to rectify stage 14 on our return tomorrow.	Passed to 1 ATF Duty Offr.
231905	3Z	ØA	Sitrep. 2nd bridge R 44. New plans for new bridge: Half centre pier out. Pulled braces out from the bypass bridge. 2 loads of blast rock delivered for North end of abutment. Did not spread it - saving for dam. Abutments for 1st bridge finished completely.	
231950	ØA	ALL STATIONS	Daily Sitrep. c/s 1 will have bridge job after Christmas, otherwise no change. SSM still in bush. c/s 2E progressing well - still having stores problems. c/s 3Z. Finished first bridge completely. Bypass was flown out today. Drastic change of plans on second bridge - will be sorted out tomorrow. c/s 3. No change at PEGGY. c/s 4 R 2 progress accelerating. R 23 work continuing. c/s 9D - 40 more metres of minefield beaten, 6 mines detonated.	

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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. Move back to Nui Dat of Minefield Clearance Team and all plant.	
240845	3	ØA	Compressor of c/s 3 is inoperative.	Ack.
240900	9	ØA	There are 2 dead cows in a minefield adjacent to road on Western side of Hoa Long.	No action required from 2IC as yet.
241028	ØA	9B	From OC 3 Tp. What arrangements have been made for delivery of compressor.	Informed by c/s 9B that no arrangements made.
241030	ØA	9D	Do you want a compressor from here.	
	9D	ØA	Affirmative.	c/s 9D informed that he would be advised further.
241100	39	ØA	Relay to c/s 3Z that compressor is on way to his loc.	Info relayed.
241135	39 (through 9D)	ØA	Request 5 more men from 3 Tp as a protection party.	2IC tasked 3 Tp.
241255	3	ØA	Require 2 drums of JP4. Of the 2 drums sent this morning, one was half full and the other full of engine oil.	Ack.
241400	ØA	3	Ref the drums of JP4 in your loc. Is the engine oil marked on the outside.	
	3	ØA	Negative. It is contaminated JP4 and is too thick to use.	Informed c/s 3 it would be sent out in about 48 hrs.
241428	4A	ØA	Army veh No 174-496 has collided with VN motor cycle, 400 yds East of LOs quarters. Occurred 2 mins ago. One VN disappeared. Army driver involved is 1201193 S (Spr J.L. SMITH).	2IC advised c/s 4A to submit a report on return to Nui Dat. Crash 1 raised and sent to TF.

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241430	9D	ØA	DS with hydraulic leaks being repaired. Other being brought back to Nui Dat.	Ack.
241830	ENTRY		Comms stand to at 1830 hrs. All Troops ack by either radio or telephone.	

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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. Nil.	
250635	9G	ØA	Clearing patrol leaving your loc now.	Informed W1, W2.
250655	9G	ØA	Coming in, now.	Ack. Informed W1, W2.
251340	ØA	3	For OC 3Tp. Request talk with engrs, about splinter team.	
251800	9G	ØA	Leaving your loc now.	Informed W1, W2.
251850	9G	ØA	Returning your loc now.	Informed W1, W2.

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261715	3	ØA	PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 2 x mini teams for B/3 Cav. Require info on mine incident at GR MWAOTFNW (362882). Also send to this loc coax cable which goes from radio to 292 aerial.	Info passed to c/s 3. Call taken by 3 Tp Comd.
	ØA	3	Anything further on mine incident today.	
	3	ØA	40 to 60 lbs of explosive was set up on Route 2 and underneath the switch was a further charge. When blown, a crater of 6' deep x 4' dia resulted. Incident involved a mini team with T24.	
261930	2E	ØA	Sitrep. Meeting House - continuing stage 8. Community Centre - commenced stage 15.	Ack.
			ENTRY Lights were reported almost directly in front of W1. 1 ATF gave clearance to fire M79s but there no results.	
262245	TF NET 39	65	Change to Sun Demon. There is a bogus radio station using c/s Bush Ranger 71 trying to obtain info on movements tomorrow. If he comes up on your internal, give him 'wait out' and contact TF Duty Offr immediately.	

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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 2 x mini teams for B/3 Cav, 2 x mini teams for A/1 Armd.	
270740	3	ØA	Request details and US Inf unit involved in mine incident mentioned last night. Also require details of minefield 1000 metres SE of that loc.	Ack.
270750	ØA	3	Why do you want to know unit. What info you require.	
	3	ØA	Our Inf want to pass info to unit. Require type and density of mines.	
	ØA	3	This info was obtained from a II FFV proforma. There have been a further 3 incidents, two 1000m S and 2000m W and the other 1000m to W of that. One was command detonated and the other two incidents are suspected minefields.	
271330	ØA	9D	For OC c/s 9D. Will despatch backhoe on Scammel. Could you arrange an RV. POWER will not be out until 1500 hrs.	
	9D	ØA	RV at East checkpoint.	
271340	ØA	9D	Convoy, with backhoe will be leaving in 10 mins. Backload backhoe on Scammel when possible.	
271610	ØA	92A	What is your location.	
	92A	ØA	Still at bridge site. From Sunray. We have accomplished all we can until blast rock arrives tomorrow. Bridging stores required are 2 large baulks.	Ack.
271900	3	ØA	Bunker system searched today by people with TAs. Possibly booby trapped. System is in area of mine incident referred to last night.	
271930	9D	ØA	Locstat. GR 498605. We have no codes.	

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271940	2E	ØA	SITREP. Meeting House continuing stage 8. All joinery primed. Community Centre continuing stage 15. Expect to start stage 13 and 14 tomorrow. Insufficient stores for stage 14 but use what I have. Require 1 gal of undercoat.	2 Tp Comd informed.

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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 3 x mini teams for B/3 Cav, 2 Tp deployed with 5RAR for Cordon and Search Op on Route 2.	
280900	ØA	3	We are unable to supply coax cable you require. Try Arty pers at your loc.	
280920	2E	ØA	A. Incident Report. B. 280730 H C. On R 15 in front of my loc. D. 1 VC E. U/K F. Nil G. SW. Have cleared job site. Locals sighted one VC. Shots fired but he escaped.	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
281025	9D	ØA	We require compressor to clean out radiator of D8. Also require pressure control valve and 1 x cylinder of oxygen.	Passed to Wksps.
281050	9D	ØA	We require water trailer. We are sending veh to pick it up.	Ack.
281310	9D	ØA	POWER is off the road again due to overheating. Radiator has been cleaned and am now checking thermostat.	c/s 9D requested to keep us informed on D8. Also advised that ACV on way to their loc.
281455	ØA	9D	Part you require for POWER and pers to install it are en route to your loc.	
281520	3Z	ØA	We have all the equipment we require but as soon as water is pumped out, it seeps back again.	Ack.
281535	ØA	9D	The water trailer is still being repaired.	c/s 9D asked that it be sent out tomorrow.
281925	9D	ØA	SITREP OP FRANGIMUS III A. 281800 H B. No area cleared. No slots filled but 5 were deepened. C. No mines detonated or seen. D. POWER lost 5 hrs. D8 No 5 worked from 1330 hrs onwards.	Passed to 1 ATF CP.

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281942	2E	ØA	SITREP. Meeting House continuing stage 8. Community Centre stage 15 which is 90% complete. Stage 13 progressing well. Everything ready for stage 16.	
282007	ØA	3	Inf have been requested to deal with 400 lbs of dangerous explosive.	Told c/s 3 there is nothing dangerous about C3 and to talk to people concerned and inform us of results.
282200	TF NET 39 ENTRY	ØA	Pulse Rate this is Doll Time 39, radio check. One c/s gave 'Wait Out'. Nothing heard by c/s ØA from other c/s on TF net.	

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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 1 x mini team for B/3 Cav.	
290915	9D	ØA	For 2IC Wksps. Having trouble with brakes on D8 No 5.	
	ØA	9D	From 2IC Wksps. I will come out to your loc within the next hour.	
291100	3	ØA	Require 1 x splinter team at this loc today to replace the team at I c/s 1.	2IC arranged swap.
291330	4A	ØA	Require bag of cement, sand and some heavy gauge wire to fix broken pipe.	Passed to Plant Tp.
291445	9D	ØA	For OC Wksps. Have tried adjustment with no results. Also POWER is overheating again.	
291845	9D	ØA	SITREP OP FRANGIMUS III A. 291800 H B. Area cleared - nil. 7 slots opened and 1 slot completed. C. 5 mines detonated. D. POWER lost ½ hr due to overheating. D8 No5 only worked 2 hrs and is now unsvc. E. 33	Passed to 1 ATF Duty Offr.
291925	ØA	9D	FLINT is to be returned to this loc tomorrow.	
291945	2E	ØA	SITREP. Meeting House as before. Community Centre stage 15 complete, continuing stage 13. Trial run on stage 16.	
291955	29	ØA	c/s 2E did not receive undercoat and remainder of electrical stores today. Ask 2IC to organize this with CA people and get stores to c/s 2E ASP.	Ack.

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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 2 x mini teams for B/3 Cav, 1 Tp deployed 3 x mini teams with A and W/6RAR for land clearing ops.	
300817	4A	ØA	There was an accident yesterday. A 966B struck a shrine.	
	ØA	4A	Find out who the operator was and why it was not reported yesterday. Report it to Sector if you have not already done so.	
301000	9D	ØA	There has been an explosion 40 m in front of Tower. It occurred in field and children disappeared. We are waiting for POWER to return before we clear it.	Ack.
301115	29	ØA	Do you have any info on the tunnels that were located at Binh Ba in June of this year.	
	ØA	29	Negative. Your elms were involved.	
301126	9D	ØA	Explosion near our loc was an M16 mine. Do not know what set it off.	Ack.
301225	9D	ØA	TD15 arrived, but with only one ripper. Require the other 2 ASP.	Informed 2IC. Advised c/s 92 that rippers would be despatched on todays resup.
301325	9D	ØA	There is a fault in D8 No5. Contact OC Wksps.	Wksps notified.
301330	ØA	9D	From OC Wksps. Sending out parts and people.	
301345	4A	ØA	There is a UXB outside IOs residence.	2IC arranged for its removal.
301425	3Z	ØA	From 2IC 3 Tp. Require advice on foundations for pier of bridge.	Advised c/s 3Z to contact c/s 9.
301437	ØA	49	By-pass bridge is completed.	
301620	ØA	9D	At 1600 hrs every day, we require a progress report.	
301640	ØA	ØA	A pipe has burst on the Case dozer. Require part by tomorrow morning.	Details passed to Wksps.

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301755	9D	ØA	SITREP OP FRANGIMUS III. A. 301800 H B. Area cleared - nil. 2 slots 50% complete, 2 slots 75% complete. C. No of mines destroyed - 1 D. POWER left this loc for 3 hrs with c/s 49. POWER lost ½ hr in field due to overheating. D8 No5 lost 10 hrs due to steering defect. TD15 bogged for 2 hrs.	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
301945	2E	ØA	SITREP. Meeting House continuing stage 8, but this stage accelerating. Community Centre trial run on stage 16 is 80% complete.	

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310720	ENTRY		PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 1 Tp gp for clearance of Heavyweight Minefield, 2 x mini teams for B/3 Cav.	
			Arty Tac warned that mines will be going off around Heavyweight all day.	A general air warning has been issued.
311010	9Z	ØA	Have struck 9 x M14 mines, but no M16s.	Ack.
311120	ØA	9	The DCRE is sending a representative down to the bridge on Route 44, but I do not think he will be much use.	
	9	ØA	There has been an M16 mine reported just North of Lo Gom. We have a mini team checking out area. Pass info to higher.	Ack.
311130	9D	ØA	Inform Wksps that D8 No5 has been working for 30 mins and has developed the same trouble as before.	Passed to Wksps.
311215	9Z	ØA	85 x M14 and 1 x M26 have been recovered. Preparing to go into M16 lane.	Ack.
311350	92B	ØA	Require an A frame on next truck arriving at Nui Dat. Also 1 truck has broken down.	Details passed to Tpt.
311355	4A	ØA	The 2nd 966B has blown a tyre. We now require two.	Passed to Plant Tp.
311411	9Z	ØA	Have tried all lanes and have only found M14s. May have been an M14 field.	
	ØA	9Z	Negative. Not from our records. Try around perimeter of field.	
311430	9Z	ØA	STEELE has broken an axle part of which is caught in track. Can we get FLINT out.	2IC despatched FLINT and advised c/s 9Z to change radios from STEELE to FLINT.
311450	9Z	ØA	Bangalore set to fire in 5 mins.	Ack.

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311455	9D	ØA	We have a DC member at this loc saying something about a bunker. Will contact LO and sort matter out.	Ack.
311530	1B	ØA	Should be finished job shortly. Require about another 5 truckloads of rock.	Ack.
311610	49	ØA	If there are no tyres aval for 966B in that loc, take them from a machine that is not working.	Ack.
311700	9Z	ØA	STEELE is stuck in wire. May need FLINT to get him out.	Ack.
311715	9Z	ØA	STEELE is clear of fence and returning to Nui Dat. Had to leave tyres in fence but will check out tomorrow.	
311845	9D	ØA	Have found some mine markers 30 yds from NDP. We are investigating.	Ack.
311910	ØA	9D	SITREP OP FRANGIMUS III. A. 311800 H B. Area cleared - nil. 4 slots completed. 1 slot half finished. C. 19 detonations. D. D4 lost 2 hrs due to overheating. D8 no5 lost 10 hrs due to steering problem. TD15 292 lost 6 hrs. TD15 C lost 3 hrs on 500 mile service, and leaking seal. E. 33	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
311917	9D	ØA	SITREP. From c/s 3Z. 12 inches of pier knocked out. Dug back earth from side. More work to be done before we reach the required depth.	
311930	2E	ØA	SITREP. House as before. Meeting House as before. Community Centre trial run on stage 16 complete. After inspection tomorrow, expect to continue this stage.	
311934	ØA	39	Central excavation will be 30' x 12½' x 5½'	Ack by c/s 39.

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312000	ØA	9D and 2	SITREP. A. Route 23 right hand slot almost completed in DAT DO. B. Route 2. Stage 1 - rock ready for compaction. C. Route 44. Bridge No 2. Work continued on centre pier. Having problems with foundations. D. Minefield clearance, Heavyweight commenced. 170 M14 mines detonated. E. c/s 9D - 4 slots completed today.	
312300	W1	ØA	4 lights sighted. 1 moved towards 8RAR. Other 3 are 1300 metres away, bearing 2800 mils. Mortars are being fired from Hoa Long.	Reported to 1 ATF CP.
312310	69	ØA	2 static lights seen at 2700 mils. Also 2 moving.	Passed to 1ATF CP.
312320	CP	W1	Lights taken care by higher. Believed to be shadow coming into this loc. Inform OC Wksps.	