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## PART 3

# COMMANDERS DIARIES INSTRUCTIONS

### AIM

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

### GENERAL

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

### RESPONSIBILITY

#### During Non-operational Periods

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

#### During Operational Periods (1)

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

### COMPILATION

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

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

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as well as map references), establishment, equipment

and orders given.

the day's fighting, including company movements.

Commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

potential importance.

of officers, men and equipment.

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employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

and to save work as much information as possible is to be included in the reports issued and received, routine returns, etc. All reports and the time of receipt or despatch is to be given.

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## COMMUNAL DIARIES DISPOSAL

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

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

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

16. **TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.**

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

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

TOP SECRET

ANNEX Z to

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

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

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

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7. All details of the unit's formation (if a detachment is shown) to be signed by the commanding officer and enclosed with the annexes are to be shown in the diary. The diary is to be completed since the last report, the date of assumption of command, and the date of departure.

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MONTH AND YEAR APR 70COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVEUNIT 1 FD SQN GPOFFICER COMMANDING MAJ R. JOHNSON

DATE	EVENT OR INFORMATION	ANNEX LETTER AND ENCLOSURE NO
1 APR 70	Sqn commences the month with 1 Tp sp 6RAR in AO AUCKLAND and 2 Tp sp 7RAR in AO Kurrajong. Resealing of Route 23 continues, and reconstruction of Route 2 is progressing. The drainage of Route 2 (OP RAINLOVER) is approaching XA BANG.	
2 APR 70	Const commenced today on the central pier of a bridge at NUI NHON on Route 23. Mine clearing progresses, with 3,000 squ yds being stripped today. 9 mines were detonated.	
3 APR 70	MCT prepared today for movement out of HORSESHOE to NDP TIMOTHY at GR509551 (LO GOM area). No change in other dispositions.	
4 APR 70	MCT moved to NDP TIMOTHY today at GR508551. 1 Tp deployed 2 x CETs to GR631941 to demolish an extensive bunker system. Op RAINLOVER continues, resup by air seems to be satisfactory.	
5 APR 70	The bunker system at GR631941 was partially destroyed by 1 Tp. A total of 54 bunkers 10' x 6' x 4' were found, 39 destroyed today. Plant began mov of 2 x Case dozers to FSPB ANNE for close down of the base.	
6 APR 70	1 Tp completed demolition of bunker system found by V/6RAR/NZ. MCT commenced ops at LO GOM.	
7 APR 70	MCT progressed to 2 slots 30% complete in the Southern barrier minefield. 2 Tp began wdr from FSPB ANNE using 2 x Case dozers to assist in closing down. Op RAINLOVER progresses. Occasional old AP and AT mines are being turned up.	
8 APR 70	3 Tp deployed with 8RAR on Op PHOI HOP in the HOA LONG-SOUI NGHE area. Provided up to 8 x splinter teams and 2 x mini teams during the day. Three mine incidents were reported by Sqn subunits. These caused damage to the MCT DB and to one of the graders on Route 2. No personnel casualties were reported.	
9 APR 70	Op RAINLOVER was completed today. Final repairs at DAT DO schools commenced today.	
10 APR 70	Removal of the by-pass bridge on Route 44 (Op GLADESVILLE BRIDGE) commenced today.	
11 APR 70	1 Tp completed the construction of the pier for the Route 23 bridge at NUI NHON.	



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DATE	EVENT OR INFORMATION	ANNEX LETTER AND ENCLOSURE NO
12 APR 70	A quiet day. No significant change in tasks or dispositions.	
13 APR 70	Road formation on Route 2 has reached NGAI GIAO. An extra CET, to clear the road daily, has been allotted to Plant Tp.	
14 APR 70	3 Tp detachment employed on dismantling of the M4 bridge on Route 44 were fired upon by an LF geurilla. No damage or casualties were sustained. The det captured a suspect. Later identified as an ARVN deserter.	
15 APR 70	Armoured DB CRAZY has had modifications completed and was tested in the minefield. A total of 32 M16 mines have been detonated in the minefield by the DB over the last two days.	
16 APR 70	MCT recommenced work with armoured DB CRAZY. 3 Tp completed the stripping of the M4T6 bypass bridge on Route 44.	
17 APR 70	A quiet day. Route 2 reconstruction continues at a satisfactory rate. Resealing of Route 23 is held up due to lack of aggregate.	
18 APR 70	Plant Tp prepared for the opening of FSPB ELAINE for 6RAR ops. Friendly mortar landed in the Plant NDP on Route 2 - slight damage to 5 ton dump, stove tank and other equipment.	
19 APR 70	1 Tp opened FSPB ELAINE for 6RAR and closed down FSPB PAT.	
20 APR 70	Sqn HQ (Tac), 1, 2, and 3 Tps deployed in sp of Op CONCRETE today. At 0855 hrs, a mine incident was initiated. An APC detonated an AT mine, 11 WIA resulting. 17434835 Spr B.M. CRAWFORD was wounded.	
21 APR 70	Op CONCRETE continued today. Development of FSPB's BOND (8RAR and TF HQ) and DISCOVERY (7RAR) continues.	
22 APR 70	Op CONCRETE continues with the Fd Tps in sp of their Bns. The base defence was practiced with a stand to at 2200 hrs.	
23 APR 70	FSPB ELAINE was closed down, and 1 Fd Tp (in sp 6RAR) prepared to return to base.	



MONTH AND YEAR APR 70COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT 1 FD SQN GP

OFFICER COMMANDING MAJ R. JOHNSON

DATE	EVENT OR INFORMATION	ANNEX LETTER AND ENCLOSURE NO
24 APR 70	1 Tp returned to base. 2 and 3 Tp continued in sp Op CONCRETE. Sqn HQ (Tac) remains at FSPB BOND with Tac HQ 1 ATF.	
25 APR 70	Sqn held a dawn service for Anzac Day at the Sqn memorial. Normal operations continued.	
26 APR 70	TF HQ and Sqn HQ returned from FSPB BOND. One of the APCs protecting the mine clearing team at NDP TIMOTHY detonated a mine in the minefield gap. APC severely damaged, 1 KIA, 3 WIA from 7RAR and B/3 Cav.	
27 APR 70	8RAR Gp closed down FSPB BOND and returned to NUI DAT. VC activity following night ambushes in vic NDP TIMOTHY has increased. The enemy occupied LO GOM on the ni 26/27 Apr and have set up a road block on Route 44. Road block cleared by RF.	
28 Apr 70	3 Tp is supporting 8RAR ambush ops in the HOA LONG area. Activity in the area of NDP TIMOTHY continues with en apparently attempting to move into HOI MY and LO GOM to collect supplies. Evidence of en intention to mine Route 2 was supported by finding 50 lb Chicom charge in the road verge.	
29 APR 70	2 Tp, with TD15B, removed two bunds for the US 155mm guns bty from FSPB DISCOVERY. 2791326 Spr H. W. HURST was killed today in a mine incident while working with a MAT team in the BINH BA rubber.	
30 APR 70	Plant Tp moved from FSPB LEILOI to NDP ELIZABETH at GR460811, to continue reconstruction of Route 2.	



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DATE/TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
011007	9D	OA	PRE PLANNED TASKS: 1 Tp to bridge task on R23 (NUI NHON) 2 Tp MT to MCT at LO GOM. 3 Tp work party to construct tunnel system in Sqn area. Tpt to supply 4 tippers for 3/4" agg from quarry, remainder to R2.  For 2IC. Received mine report from the Cav. A mine was found on Route 44 by RF pers. Further details available from Cav CP.	Passed to 2IC
011545	9D	OA	PROGRESS REPORT & OP FRANGIMUS III  A. 011800H 1 Apr 70 B. 1 slot 80% complete C. No mines detonated D. No time lost	Passed to 1 ATF CP
011630	T2	6A	Monitored. Rear c/s APC hit mine with inside of right hand track. Incident occurred at YS462809. There were no cas.	2IC called T2 and asked for Plant Tp Comd to send details ASP.



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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 1 Tp to provide pers for bridge task at NUI NHON and provide 2 pers as shotguns on Route 23. 3 Tp to provide Ready Reaction CET and construct tunnel system for training. Plant Tp to provide 966B for 8RAR. Tpt to send tipplers to 21 EST for bridge materials and the remainder are to go to Route 2.	
020910	T2	ØA	A mortar bomb has been found at YS 463791. Request ground and air clearance to blow.	Ground and air clearance obtained from 1 ATF CP and Arty Tac. Passed to c/s T2.
020930	T2	ØA	Demolition complete.	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
021100	ENTRY		Ready Reaction CET scrambled.	
021600	9D	ØA	Progress Report & SITREP OP FRANGIMUS III. A. 021800 H B. 43,000 squ yds stripped. C. 9 mines detonated D. No time lost with machines.	Info passed to 1 ATF CP at 1620 hrs.



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DATE/TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 1 Tp to continue bridge task at NUI NHON (Route 23). Ready Reaction CET to be supplied by 3 Tp two mini teams from which are to move at 1410 hrs with Cav. Mine clearing team to move to new loc at LO GOM and set up NDP. They will be supported by: 1 x Pl W/6RAR, 1 x Sect of B/3 Cav, 1 x sect mortars, half a Tp of tanks from A/1 Armd. Plant Tp to supply Case backhoe to MCT for setting up NDP. Tpt to prepare for movement of plant from HORSESHOE to LO GOM.	
031250	92F	ØA	For SSM. We are at VAN KIEP and believe there is a UXB the other side of BARIA. What is its exact location.	Directions passed to c/s 92F at 1305 hrs. Locals had given him some info.
031604	9D	ØA	Progress Report & SITREP OP FRANGIMUS III. No progress. Preparations under way for move to new loc.	MCT moves to LO GOM on 4 APR 70 to commence Op Frangimus Phase IV in the southern section of the barrier minefield.



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			PRE PLANNED TASKS: 1 Tp for bunker deml north of AO KURRAJONG - 2xCET fly in 0930. MT from 2 Tp to accompany convoy to LONG BINH. Plant resupply to Op RAINLOVER, Case backhoe to FSPB ANNE for closure of base 7-8 Apr. Tpt to take PSP tp NDP TOMOTHY.	
041315	9D	OA	LOCSTAT: YS508549	Ack
041411	OA	49	Have booked a 1000gal diesoline resup for tomorrow. Unable to arrange water resup but will get 500gal plus 4 jerricans out on 6Apr. Part for broken down machine will be out this afternoon. If there is any problem with water shortage inform this c/s.	Ack by Plant Tp Comd
041500	OA	49	From 2IC. Will check on backhoe this afternoon and find out if it is available for your job tomorrow.	
	49	OA	Ack. This job has first priority.	
041558	OA	9D	Do you have SITREP or Progress Report.	
	9D	OA	Settling into new NDP. No reports today or tomorrow. Expect to recommence work on Monday.	Ack. Passed to 1 ATF CP
041630	OA	1	Will despatch CET. Pick up mini team from FSPB TIGER and that will give us almost two teams.	Ack by c/s 1
041634	OA	1	600lb of 60 and pers required will go to I c/s 3 at 0930 tomorrow. The aircraft will fly in directly and the 3 Tp Officer will not be picked up.	Ack by c/s 1



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			PRE PLANNED TASKS: 1 Tp CET to TIGER. 2 Tp escort to ANNE for OC. Tpt to take stores to NDP TIMOTHY.	
050738	OA	9D	There is a tiltbed en route to your loc to pick up backhoe and take it to work with plant job.	Ack by c/s 9D
050750	OA	92C	Are you working on Route 23 bridge.	
	92C	OA	Affirmative.	Advised c/s 92C that materials required would be sent.
050900	1	OA	The bunker system is very large and will require about 20 lb of explosive per bunker for demolition. Extra men required also.	Ack
051620	9D	OA	Request blanket ground and air clearance for the next 5 days at NDP TIMOTHY.	Informed c/s 9D at 1905hrs that 2IC arranges ground and air clearance daily.



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061020	1	OA	<p>PRE PLANNED TASKS: 2 Tp MT to Cav for convoy to LONG BINH and two men for sealing. 3 Tp RR CET. Plant Tp to move Case dozer to close down FSPB ANNE.</p> <p>Enemy Installation Report</p> <p>A. Bunker system</p> <p>B. 4 Apr 70</p> <p>C. YS631941</p> <p>D. 54 bunkers total: 30 bunkers 10' x 6' x 4' with 2' OHC. 10 bunkers dug into large anthills. 14 sentry pits and small two-man bunkers. This system is believed to be the 'Q' section of a VC unit.</p> <p>E. One radio (Chicom), 1 belt .30 cal, a few assorted items.</p> <p>F. 2 to 3 weeks</p> <p>G. 39 bunkers destroyed today, mainly by explosives. Small bunkers were pulled apart where possible. 15 bunkers to be destroyed today.</p> <p>H. Charges dug into walls and roof. 18lb of explosive used for large bunkers.</p> <p>I. Nil</p> <p>J. N/A</p> <p>K. Bunkers spread over 500 meters in groups of 2 and 3 along a N-S track</p>	<p>Passed to 1 ATF CP bu duty Sig</p>
061621	9D	OA	Progress Report (minefield clearance). 3 mines detonated.	Passed to 1 ATF CP
061850	OA	9D	From Duty Officer. You may expect H & I's to your east tonight.	Ack by c/s 9D



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TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 1 Tp to supply 2 men to sealing team Route 23. 2 Tp elms commence withdrawal from FSPB ANNE. Plant Tp to supply Case Dozer to FSPB ANNE.	
070820	1 ATF CP	CP	Routes 2 and 15 cleared. Route 23 not clear as yet.	Ack.
070834	4	ØA	Towing eye on grid roller has broken.	Passed to 21 EST who arranged for repairs.
071020	9D	ØA	Require oxy gear to cut large holes in axle to go on GEORGE, as other axle is unsvc.	21 EST notified.
071050	29	ØA	Where is our other dozer.	
	ØA	29	One was sent yesterday and the other has been despatched by air today, ETA 30 mins.	Ack by 2 Tp Comd.
071300	ØA	4B	From Plant Tp (rear). Send 2 x LW18 to this loc to cart $\frac{3}{4}$ " rock to HORSESHOE.	Ack by Plant Tp Sgt.
071349	49	ØA	For Admin Offr. Three Euclids are off the road at the moment due to mechanical problems.	Ack. Passed to Admin Offr.
071355	4C	ØA	Leaving NUI DAT now and heading for Route 2 to commence sealing.	Ack.
071448	49	ØA	All Euclids back on the road.	Ack. Passed to Admin Offr.
071538	4C	ØA	For Plant Tp (rear). When the tar truck arrives back at NUI DAT, fill it with MC800 and fire it up. The 966B at the southern laterite pit can be made aval to load it.	Ack. Passed to Plant Tp HQ.



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071548	9D	ØA	SITREP OP FRANGIMUS III. A. 071800 H B. 2 slots 30% complete. C. 10 mines detonated. D. Nil time lost.	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
071600	49	ØA	Picked up mine in one of my Euclids, but it did not explode. Will try to identify it. Location YS455869.	Ack.
071635	49	ØA	Mine Incident Report. A. c/s 49 (Plant Tp Comd). B. 071610 H C. YS455870 D. 2 mines picked up by scrapers. E. 1. Small US TNT type 2. Large Chicom type F. 1. Small US 2. Large home made G. 1. 5 lb explosive 2. 15-20 lb. H. 1. None 2. pressure switch I.&J. Nil.	Passed to 1 ATF CP.



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DATE/TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
080745	9D	ØA	<p>PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 1 Tp to provide 2 men for road sealing team and 2 men to Wksp to clean weapons. 2Tp Ready Reaction CET. 3 Tp to supply combat sp to 8RAR: 2 x mini teams, 8 x splinter teams. 3 Tp HQ deploy.</p> <p>Mine Incident Report.  A. 1 Fd Sqn MCT.  B. 080715 H APR 70  C. YS509554  D. Detonated (pressure)  E. Chicom TNT  F. N/A  G. 30 to 40 lb approx.  H. Offset pressure-electric switch.  I. MCT armoured dozer damaged. Damage not fully assessed but belly plate pierced.  J. Nil casualties.</p>	
080827	1 ATF CP	CP	Routes 2, 15 and 23 clear.	Passed to 1 ATF CP.  Ack.
081245	4C	ØA	Leaving NUI DAT for Route 23 to start spreading.	Ack.
ENTRY	4	ØA	<p>Mine Incident Report.  A. c/s 4 (Plant Tp)  B. 081600 H APR 70  C. YS463785  D. Run over by grader.  E. M16  F. US  G.&amp; H. N/A  I. 2 flat tyres, steering booster ram unsvc.  J. Nil Casualties.</p>	Passed to 1 ATF CP.



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081745	49	ØA	Mine Incident Report. A. c/s 49 (Plant Tp Comd). B. 081600 H APR 70 C. YS457885 D. D8 CRAZY E. Chicom F. En 1967 G. 20 lb. H. Pressure switch I.&J. Nil.	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
081830	ØA	WATER RAT	Practice Comms Stand To. (Radio and LL). Practice was completed.	



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DATE/TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
090944	9D	ØA	<p>PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 1 NCO and 3 ORs to effect repairs to DAT DO school, to be supplied by 2 Tp. 2 Tp to assist with sealing of Route 23 and provide Ready Reaction CET. Plant Tp to work on a veh access route. Tpt required for DAT DO school work, carting blast rock to Route 2 and also sealing trucks to be provided.</p> <p>Mine Incident Report.  A. MCT (c/s 9D)  B. 090900 H APR 70  C. YS509554  D. Visually  E. M16 mine- no fuse- wrapped in green plastic.  F. N/A  G. 2" under  H., I. &amp; J. N/A  Happened 40m S of site of last incident. Mechanism from previous mine incident also found directly opposite charge on side of track. Consisted of a pressure switch with battery.</p>	<p>Passed to 1 ATF CP.</p> <p>Passed to 1 ATF CP.</p>
091240	49	ØA	<p>Mine Incident Report.  A. c/s 49 (Plant Tp Cpmd)  B. 091200 H APR 70  C. YS457883  D. By D8 Crazy.  E. Chicom  F. En  G. 20 lbs  H. Missing  I. &amp; J. N/A</p>	<p>Passed to 1 ATF CP.</p>
091638	9D	ØA	<p>Ask 21 EST to send out oxy gear for back axle.  SITREP OP FRANGIMUS IV.  A. 091800 H  B. 2 slots 100% complete  C. Nil mines det</p>	<p>Passed to 1 ATF CP.</p>



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DATE/TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
SITREP OP FRANGIMUS IV Cont.				Verified with c/s 9D that no further info for SITREP at 1800 hrs.
091700	49	ØA	Op RAINLOVER complete.	Ack. Passed to 1 ATF CP.



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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 1 Tp to supply 1 x mini team for B/3 CAV for 17 Const Sqn LCT. 2 Tp Ready Reaction CET. 3 Tp to remove bypass bridge on Route 44. Tpt: 2 trucks to Route 44 on bridge demolition, 2 trucks of $\frac{3}{4}$ " aggregate from NUI DAT to HORSESHOE, 11 trucks to Route 2 with blast rock.	
101006	92C	ØA	For 21 EST. Require 3 more nuts for anchorage job on bridge.	Ack. Passed to 21 EST.
101008	3Z	ØA	Anything further ref my air clearance.	At 1012 hrs advised c/s 3Z that clear air had been arranged with Arty Tac.
101023	3Z	ØA	Demolition complete. (Removal of bypass bridge on Route 44).	1 ATF CP informed.
101028	4C	ØA	Advise anyone that is coming to visit us that we have been moved and are now working on Route 10.	Ack.
101418	9D	ØA	Progress Report (minefield clearance). 1 slot 60% complete, 1 slot 20% complete.	1 ATF CP notified.
101507	9	ØA	For 2IC. Is road force out today.	Informed OC that they are working on Route 10 but that its exact loc is not known.
101555	ØA	9D	Do you have SITREP.	
	9D	ØA	No change from Progress Report. SITREP OP FRANGIMUS IV. A. 101800 H B. 1 slot 60% complete, 1 slot 20% complete. C. Nil mines detonated.	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
102215	ØA	9D	Tomorrow morning, a section of TAs are to report to HOI MY RF Compound to sweep grid square 4853 at spot where helicopter was fired on by suspected AK-47. Have searched area with lights and found nothing.	c/s 9D read message back.



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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. No change.	
110840	49	ØA	Mine Incident Report. A. c/s 49 B. 101130 H APR 70 C. YS457840 D. By D8 CRAZY E. M16 F. US G. N/A H. Pin or plate withdrawal I. No damage to machine J. 1 casualty - minor shrapnel wounds to both arms.	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
110910	4C	ØA	For Plant Tp Comd. There is a broken water pipe in DAT DO which is causing trouble.	Passed to Plant Tp Comd.
111505	9D	ØA	Progress Report & SITREP OP FRANGIMUS IV. A. 111800 H B. 1 slot 100% complete C. Nil mines detonated.	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
111810	92C	ØA	Tell 1 Tp Comd that everything went to plan today.	Passed to 1 Tp Comd.
112133	ENTRY		Duty Offr received telephone call from 1 ATF CP at 2057 hrs. Ready Reaction CET was deployed at 2120 hrs.	



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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. No change.	
120945	ØA	9D	There will be an SSZ immediately west of your loc (LO GOM). Boundaries are: Eastings 47-49, Northings 52-56. Timings ASAP until 1300 hrs.	Ack by c/s 9D.
121005	9D	ØA	Ref loading dozer to c/s 3Z loc. Tiltbed has arrived to move the TD15. Is this permissible.	
	ØA	9D	Negative. Walk the machine.	
121546	9D	ØA	Progress Report (minefield clearance). Nil carried out today.	Passed to 1 ATF CP as Progress Report and SITREP for Op FRANGIMUS IV at 1800 hrs.



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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 2 Tp to allot CET to Plant Tp for Route 2 clearance North of NGAI GIAO. 21 EST is construct tank crossing at 8RAR/1 Armd Regt area. Tpt to supply 3 x tippers for Route 23 resealing, the remainder to cart rock on Route 2.	
130829	CRAZY	øA	Moving into field. Will notify of future developments.	OC and Capt POWER took CRAZY into 1 Fd Sqn minefield to test armour.
130847	CRAZY	øA	Completed operation.	Ack.
131027	øA	9D	There are 2 roadblocks on Route 326 in grid square 4855. You are not to take any action as they are to be cleared by locals.	Ack by c/s 9D.
131115	2B	øA	Moving out to check mine marker on Route 2.	Ack.
131145	øA	2B	Are you in position.	
	ø2B	øA	Affirm. The object consists of 4' x 2' x 2'-6" high pile of logs. Have pulled it and nothing happened. Am detecting edge of road.	Ack.
131424	8	øA	Permission to fire. (Trg dmlns at YS436660, timings 1400-1500 hrs).	
	øA	8	You have clearance.	Clearances had been obtained from 1 ATF CP at 1330 hrs. 1 ARU, 17 Const Sqn and Wksps notified.
131600	9D	øA	Progress Report (Op FRANGIMUS IV). Nil operations today. DB undergoing modifications and repairs. APC GEORGE undergoing repairs.	Ack. Passed to 1 ATF CP.
131835	øA	9D	Have you final SITREP.	
	9D	øA	Nothing further to report.	1 ATF CP notified.



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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 2 Tp to allot a further CET to Plant Tp for Route 2 clearance. 1 x mini team from 3 Tp to B/3 Cav for 7RAR APC trg. No change to tipper allocation.	
140810	1 ATR CP	CP	Routes 2, 15 and 23 clear.	Ack. 2IC notified.
140935	9D	ØA	Have detained a civilian who has a very old ID card which dates back to 1962.	2IC spoke to TF.
	ØA	9D	Hold civilian until friendlies from Sector arrive.	Ack by c/s 9D.
141000	4B	ØA	Found M26 grenade and request air clearance for GR about 500 metres north of NGAI GIAO.	c/s 4B called at 1020 hrs and informed 2IC that grenade had been disarmed and clearance could be cancelled.
141055	9D	ØA	ARVN troops have brought birth certificate of detained VN.	
	ØA	9D	From 2IC. Do not release him as yet.	2IC told c/s 9D to release him at 1100 hrs
141320	4	ØA	Request ground and air clearance to blow 105mm blind at GR459759.	
	ØA	4	Clearance has been granted. Inform us of demolition complete.	Clearances obtained from 1 ATF CP.
141405	4	ØA	Recovery Request. A. Case Forklift, 98935. B. c/s 3Z loc. C. Punctured tyre, require lift and tow. D. Recovery required. E. Daylight recovery. F. Operates with c/s 3Z crew. G. No load. H. Required by SM c/s 3Z.	Passed to Tpt.



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141425	3Z	0A	<p>A. INCIDENT Report</p> <p>B. approx 1400 hrs.</p> <p>C. approx 400 metres due west of this loc, near Route 326.</p> <p>D. One.</p> <p>E. Appeared to be a local villager. He made off in direction of PHUOC LOI.</p> <p>F. Nil cas, nil wpns captured.</p> <p>G. Mov into PHUOC LOI.</p> <p>Suspect captured and taken to American compound.</p>	<p>Passed to 1 ATF CP.</p>



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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 1 Tp to provide 2 x mini teams for insertion and ops with W/6RAR from 16 - 23 Apr. 2 Tp to support insertion of RF into LONG HAI's and provide 1 x mini team for supporting elms of A/1 Armd Regt. Ready Reaction CET from 2 Tp to sp B/3 Cav for one day. DB CRAZY to clear mines at HOA LOI, then go to MCT to replace POWER.	
150901	1	øA	Info on mine/booby trap sign. It reads: "This area has exploding bombs". The area was found to contain claymores, etc, and was probably used to keep locals out. The sign was not recovered.	Ack.
150940	9D	øA	The axle on the rear of APC GEORGE is unsvc.	Advised c/s 9D to return axle to NUI DAT for repair.
151047	1	øA	I c/s 3 found more minefield signs west of the first sighting.	Ack.
151345	CRAZY	øA	Have clearances to start in 3 mins.	
	øA	CRAZY	Affirm.	CRAZY taken into 1 Fd Sqn minefield to test armour. Test completed at 1410 hrs.
151530	9D	øA	Progress Report, OP FRANGIMUS IV. DB and GEORGE undergoing repairs and modifications.	Passed to 1 ATF CP. No further info for SITREP at 1800 hrs.



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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 1 x mini team for B/3 Cav for Op in AO TULIP, to be supplied by 1 Tp. Plant Tp to prepare Case dozers and D4 for air deployment. Tpt to supply mov veh for plant.	
160935	92A	ØA	I am at Route 44 bridgeworks with the D4, but there is no-one here.	
	ØA	92A	There have been transport problems. Pers should arrive in about 30 mins. Meanwhile unload the machine and start work.	Ack by c/s 92A.
160948	4B	ØA	Request air and ground clearance to blow M26 grenade at YS462775.	Clearances obtained from 1 ATF CP at 1020 hrs and passed to c/s 4B. He was advised to ensure that road clear of people.
161033	4B	ØA	Demolition complete.	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
161545	9D	ØA	Progress Report, OP FRANGIMUS IV. 4,000 squ m stripped.	Passed to 1 ATF CP. No further info for SITREP at 1800 hrs.



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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. Preparation of Case dozer, Case backhoe, D4 for move to FSPB ELAINE.	
170715	1 ATF CP	CP	Routes 2, 15 and 23 clear.	Ack.
170735	ØA	9D	From 2IC. CA requires 2 trucks to RV at HOI MY at 0845 hrs.	Ack by c/s 9D.
170810	4	ØA	For 2IC. Contact 21 EST and get them to send pers to fix vibrating roller.	Ack. Passed to 21 EST.
171555	9D	ØA	Progress Report, OP FRANGIMUS IV. GEORGE detonated 18 mines. CRAZY still undergoing repairs. 1 slot 40% finished.	Passed to 1 ATF CP.



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			PRE PLANNED TASKS: Plant to prepare for movement to FSPB ELAINE of, 1 x D4, 1 x Case dozer, 1 x Case Backhoe.	
180100	4	OA	For Duty Officer. We have just received a friendly mortar round in our compound. There were no casualties but there was some equipment damage. One Mk 5 windscreen broken and there are holes in water tank. Will give more comprehensive report on damage in the morning.	Ack. DO deferred action until morning
181145	CP	1 ATF CP	Request air and ground clearance for GR 439660, timings 1400 - 1430 hrs. for reinforcement training demolitions. Using total of about 40 lbs of explosive.	Clearance granted. Demolitions fired at 1410hrs and demolition complete passed to TF CP.
181610	9D	OA	Progress Report OP FRANGIMUS IV 2 slots 100% complete, 6000 sq yds stripped.	1 ATF CP informed. No further info for SITREP at 1800hrs.
181720	1	OA	SITREP. Plant arrived this morning. Case bullblade finished. D4 started work at 1230 hrs, backhoe started at 1100hrs. All work will be completed by about 1830hrs.	Ack



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			PRE PLANNED TASKS: No change	
190754	OA	1	Assume OK to move machines today. Ref broken pipe on Case. Can you have it returned with machine, as we may be able to repair and use as spares.	Ack by c/s 1
190815	1	OA	For 2IC. What are arrangements for return of Ferguson. Will operator return with machine.	
	OA	1	Machine and driver to return.	
190857	OA	1	Ref requirement for removing pump. Have despatched well cap and two pairs of stilsons to FSPB PAT.	
190930	9D	OA	For AO. 1 of our TM15B has damaged injector pipes. Inform BLUEBELL and have some sent here to effect repairs.	BLUEBELL informed
191050	9D	OA	For 2IC. Penepime machine will not hold pressure. Could you get BLUEBELL aid to repair.	Phoned 21 EST. Handled by them
191054	1	OA	Size 0 blade has been air lifted and will arrive in your loc in next 60 m.	Phoned to Wksps
191153	1	OA	From FSPB PAT. D4 is about to commence work. Blade damaged and nothing done. Request to keep D4 till as late as possible.	
191214	OA	1	Replacement Case bull blade on way to FSPB PAT, but will have to be push started.	Ack by c/s 1
191530	ENTRY		C/S 49 found RPG 2 round on bridge at YS501562	



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191550	49	OA	Request ground and air clearance to destroy RPG 2 at YS501562.	Clearance received from Arty Tac at 1624.
191630	9D	OA	Progress Report OP FRANGIMUS IV 2 slots 100% complete, 1 slot 30% complete. 2000 sq meters stripped	Passed to Ebony CP
191637	49	OA	Destruction of blind completed. Am returning to 9D loc.	Arty Tac informed.



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			PRE PLANNED TASKS: 4 Pax for FSPB ELAINE ( OP CONCRETE) from 1 Tp. 2 Tp MT for Tanks at HORSESHOE, 2 X MT for APC's in Sp 7RAR. 3 Tp 2 x MT for tanks, 2 x MT for APC's in Sp 8RAR. Plant and Tpt to move as per Op CONCRETE Op Instr.	
200755	ENTRY		Routes 2, 15 and 23 clear	
200815	9D	ØA	Mine Report A. Mine Clearing Team B. 200700H Apr 70 C. YS508549 D. Found by patrol returning to this loc E. M26 grenade with trip wire F. N/A G. N/A H. N/A I. Nil J. Nil K. Found approx 50 meters other side of road from this loc and destroyed by our team.	
201100	39	ØA	Mine report. 1 Engr member wounded. Further details being sought.	
201120	ØA	39	Member wounded is 1734835 Spr B.M. CRAWFORD	



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201140	39	ØA	<p>MINE INCIDENT REPORT</p> <p>A. C/S 22</p> <p>B. 200855H Apr 70</p> <p>C. YS638627</p> <p>D. Det, unknown possible pressure</p> <p>E. Anti tank mine</p> <p>F. U/K</p> <p>G. 80 lbs CHICOM</p> <p>H. Possible pressure</p> <p>I. 1 TA U/S</p> <p>J. 3 vehicles crossed at crossing, and 4th hit mine.</p>	
201645	9D	ØA	<p>Progress Report OP FRANGIMUS IV</p> <p>4,000 sq yds stripped, 2 slots completed.</p>	Passed to Ethony CP



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			PRE PLANNED TASKS: 1 & 2 Tp to replace damaged chesses on bridge on R23 3 Tp in Sp 1 ATF Op CONCRETE continues.	
211014	9	OA	What is the availability of size 0 bull blade and operator to come out with it. If none, will retain D4 in this loc.	
211043	9D	OA	Having trouble with fuel and no machines working.	
211044	OA	5	9D requires replacement fuel pump if possible.	Ack by c/s 5
211105	5	OA	Have pump from 92 and will check and take to 9D	
211107	OA	39	Member 1734835 Spr B.M. CRAWFORD is on seriously ill list. Has suspected broken spine and internal injuries.	
211150	29	OA	Require 14 drums of MC 70 and 7 drums of DIESEL or AVGAS	
211153	OA	OB	Penepime to your loc tomorrow. Have changed penepime requirements to 34 drums of MC 70 and 17 drums DIESEL	
211350	92B	OA	For 92. Tell him I am at 5's loc fixing penepime machine.	Passed to 92
211354	9D	OA	Progress Report OP FRANGIMUS IV 2 slots 100% complete, 15,600 sq meters stripped	Passed to Ebony CP
211417	OA	9D	Will require your penepime kettle to meet us at DAT D0	
211418	OA	OB	Task completed by c/s 1 at 1330H. Bridge is now fixed.	
211456	OA	OB	Ref bull blade. BLUEBELL says it will not be ready tomorrow, so keep D4 in your loc.	



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			PRE PLANNED TASKS: No Change	
220840	9D	OA	Compressor has leaking capillary tube. Require silver solder.	BLUEBELL on way
221145	1	OA	MINE INCIDENT REPORT A. I C/S 1 B. 221030 H Apr 70 C. YS 626607 D. Believed to be initiated by I c/s 1 E. M 16 A.P F. U/S G. U/K H. U/K I. U/K J. 1 KIA, 4 WIA. (Member KIA is SHELLDRAKE member)	
221550	9D	OA	Progress Report OPFRANGIMUS IV 6 bunds pushed in	Passed to Ebony CP
222200	ENTRY		SHOVELNOSE (Stand To) completed 2210. First notice received of stand to was by ringing Ebony CP. HAMMERHEAD (Stand Down) completed at 2234H	



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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 1 x mini team from 3 Tp to FSPB BOND. Plant to supply D4 to close down FSPB ELAINE and a Case Size '0' dozer to close FSPB BOND.	
230900	1	ØA	Have arrived at base and am fitting blade and tractor should be working in about 20 mins.	
231545	9D	ØA	Progress Report OP FRANGIMUS IV. 1 bund pushed in. D8, TM5 undergoing repairs.	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
232050	ENTRY		WHISKY 1 reported 2 flares going up to their front.	Passed to 1 ATF CP.



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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. No change.	
240505	ENTRY		1 ATF CP required LOCSTAT of MCT. Informed them it was at NDP TIMOTHY.	
240945	39	ØA	There has been a mine incident with I c/s 32. There are 2 casualties, 1 litter and 1 standing.	2IC and 1 ATF CP notified.
241230	ØB (through 39)	ØA	Mine Incident Report. A. I c/s 32 B. 240945 H APR 70 C. YS602612 D. Detonated E. M16 F. US G. 1 lb. H. Pressure I. 3 WIA J. Believed pressure but to be confirmed.	
241605	9D	ØA	Progress Report OP FRANGIMUS IV. 7 bunds cleared.	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
242015	ØB	ØA	D4 will be finished tomorrow and would like tiltbed to backload. Also require extra chains to secure and return penepime kettle on afternoon convoy.	Ack.



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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. Plant Tp to supply TD15 to FSPB BOND to close down TF HQ on 26 Apr (AM). Tpt to arrange tiltbed for FSPB DISCOVERY to pick up D4. Tpt to send vehs required for close down of TF HQ to FSPB BOND.	
250255	W1	ØA	Permission to put up flares as trip flare has been set off and movement seen.	Flare sent up and nothing seen.
250300	W1	CP	Another trip flare set off but no movement noticed.	Ack.
251105	49	ØA	Warn medic, your loc that we are bringing a member who has gashed head and requires stitches.	Ack.
251545	92	ØA	Progress Report, OP FRANGIMUS IV. A. 251600H APR 70 B. 1 slot completed. All bands cleared. C. 1 mine detoanted. D. CRAZY started work 0700 hrs, TD15 at 0800 hrs. TD15 is still under repair.	Details passed to 1 ATF CP. No further info for SITREP at 1800 hrs.



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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 1 Tp to supply 2 x mini teams from RR CET for clearance task on Route 2, 3 Tp to supply 1 x mini team to clear Plant task. 3 Tp to assist in close down of FSPB BOND, TF HQ. Plant Tp to complete close down of FSPB BOND and return TD15 from BOND to NUI DAT.	
260700	ENTRY		1 Fd Sqn Tac HQ (c/s ØB) at FSPB BOND closed down and returned to NUI DAT.	
261135	4	ØA	A grader operating S of the BINH BA rubber has broken a steering pin. Contact Wksps and inform them that the machine will have to be repaired in situ.	Ack. Passed to Wksps who despatched team at 1415 hrs.
261420	49	ØA	Am enroute to BINH BA with two VN who were injured in an accident.	Ack.
261635	4	ØA	Progress Report, OP FRANGIMUS IV. A. 261600 H Apr. B. 2 slots complete, 5 slots opened, 6,000 squ m cleared. C. 4 mines detonated. D. No time lost with machines.	Info passed to 1 ATF CP and there was no further info for SITREP at 1800 hrs.
262000	9D	ØA	There has been an explosion. It appears that an APC has hit a mine. Believe there are casualties.	Ack.
262105	9D	ØA	Track Comd was thrown from track when mine detonated.	Ack.
262140	9D	ØA	Mine ripped out bottom of APC. Inf Comd was blown onto fence and was KIA. Will send full report tomorrow.	Ack.



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			<p>PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 3 Tp return from FSPB BOND which closed down. Plant Tp returned TM5 from this loc.</p> <p>ENTRY</p> <p>Mine Incident Report.</p> <p>A. 9 Pl, C Coy, 7RAR; 1 Sec, 1 Tp, B Sqn, 3 Cav Regt.</p> <p>B. Approx 261917 H APR 70.</p> <p>C. GR YS513550</p> <p>D. Homemade pressure switch.</p> <p>E. Explosive probably Chicom, 40-50 lbs. No fragments of a casing could be found.</p> <p>F. Solid block.</p> <p>G. Approx 1 ft below ground.</p> <p>H. The firing device seemed to be under the left hand track and the explosive to the rear and in the centre of the path.</p> <p>I. Material losses:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The APC was thrown on its back and fwd about 30 ft.</li> <li>2. The mine exploded in the centre of the APC about 3 ft behind the engine immediately below the top rear square hatch cover.</li> <li>3. The rear door was blown off. The top hatch cover rear was blown off.</li> <li>4. The platoon comd 9Pl/C Coy/7RAR and the APC Sec Comd were thrown forward.</li> </ol> <p>J.1. The Pl Comd was found on the left hand wire fence approximately 120 feet in front of the APC. He was dead.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. The driver, Sec Comd and two other soldiers of the APC were all WIA.</li> </ol>	
270743	1 ATF CP	CP	Routes 2, 15 and 23 are GREEN.	Report made out by Lt BLEWITT.
270755	9	DA	For 2IC. VC have captured a village to the S of us and there is a roadblock which friendly soldiers are trying to clear using charges. Will investigate.	Ack.  Ack. Informed by OC at 0800 hrs that tools were being used to clear roadblock.



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270935	6A	ØA	Recovery job is probably booby trapped.	Veh was US and had broken down and been left overnight.
270940	ØA	4	Take mini team to c/s 6B loc to clear it before recovery.	Ack by c/s 4. c/s 6B later reported that Inf had watched veh all night. Mini team was cancelled by 2IC.
271057	9D	ØA	Request air clearance to blow mortars.	Asked c/s 9D for GR of these. Clearance obtained from 1 ATF CP and passed to c/s 9D.
271130	9D	ØA	There is an Albatross flying overhead and am about to blow mortars.	Contacted 1 ATF CP who moved ac from zone.
271355	ØA	8	Ground and air clearance has been approved from 1400-1430 hrs for GR 439660 reinforcement training demolitions. Total explosive to be fired, 40 lb.	Ack by c/s 8.
271445	8	ØA	Demolition complete.	1 ATF CP notified.
271600	9D	ØA	Progress Report, OP FRANGIMUS IV. A. 271600 H Apr B. 2 slots 100% complete, 1 slot 50% complete. C. Nil mines detonated. D. 1 x TDM5 under repair for 3 hrs, otherwise full production except for CRAZY on APC clearing.	Info passed to 1 ATF CP.
271940	9D	ØA	There is a fire in hills to the W of our loc. There have been no recent air strikes and it may be a camp. Request permission to fire on it. Also there is a contact 250 metres from our loc and our Inf are involved.	Ack.
272000	9D	ØA	The contact is with en in two houses at GR YS507548 and Cav and Inf are involved.	Informed at 2012 hrs by c/s 9D that contact had quietened down.



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272020	9D	ØA	Cav are still firing. Our Inf contacted VC who moved N towards HOI MY. Contact has caused some damage to Route 44.	Ack. At 2040 hrs informed by c/s 9D. that 5 VC ran into the Inf patrol whilst en route to an ambush point. OC advised c/s 9D to be prepared to send plant ops as sp for Cav if they leave NDP.
272135	29	ØA	SITREP. Very quiet. I have 2 mini teams, one for Cav and one for tanks. Nothing to report from I c/s's.	Ack.



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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 3 Tp to provide: 3 x splinter teams for 8RAR, 2 x mini teams for B/3 Cav, 1 x mini team for Armd Regt in AO TULIP, 1 x mini team to B/3 Cav for ARVN Trg.	
280914	9D	ØA	More info on last nights contact. Inf swept this morning and found a lot of drag marks and blood trails which they are following up with trackers.	Ack.
281003	4	ØA	From Plant Tp. Cat 955K has unsvc final drive assembly. Require immediate recovery.	Ack. Passed to Wksps.
281345	9D	ØA	TD15 is unsvc. Suspect that head gasket is damaged. Require Wksps assistance.	Ack. Wksps notified.
281530	49	ØA	Case backhoe on Route 2 is unsvc. May be able to get it to ni loc/	Informed by Wksps that all resources committed and may be able to assist in the morning.
281604	9D	ØA	Progress Report, OP FRANGIMUS IV. A. 281600 H Apr B. 2 slots complete and 3 slots open. C. 1 mine detonated. D. Nil.	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
281654	49	ØA	Mine Incident Report. A. c/s 4. B. 281630 H Apr C. YS447723 D. Uncovered by front end loader. E. Chicom F. Chicom G. 30 lbs. (re-estimated to be 50 lb after demolition). H. Bamboo swithh. (later found to be bush timber). I.& J. N/A.	Passed to 1 ATF CP.



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281707	49	ØA	Ready to blow mine.	Clearance obtained from 1 ATF CP. Demolition complete by 1725 hrs. TF CP notified.
281755	49	ØA	Switch from mine is now in my possession and it is not bamboo, but brush timber, approx 3" x 1½".	Ack. OC informed.
281940	2	ØA	SITREP. All quiet. Penepime kettle returned to your loc. One member of splinter team is moving out tomorrow for small job.	Ack.



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			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. 1 Tp to provide additional CET to sp Route 2 reconstruction. 3 Tp to provide 2 x mini teams to B/3 Cav for Ops in the COURTENAY RUBBER. Tpt to collect TM5 from FSPB DISCOVERY - demolition of 155mm gun bunds is complete.	
290822	ØA	3A	TM5 instead of D4 will be going to your loc, arriving approx 15 - 20 mins.	Ack by c/s 3A.
291335	4	ØA	For 21 EST. Is backhoe in my loc to be replaced or repaired as I am moving night loc tomorrow.	Message passed to Wksp.
291345	9D	ØA	Have you any info on mine incident.	
	ØA	9D	Not at this stage.	Later reported that an Aust MAT team travelling in a Landrover hit a 30-50 lb AT mine. Result 1 Aust KIA, 1 Aust WIA. Spr H.W. HURST was KIA in the incident.
	ENTRY		<p>Noticas.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2791326 Spr H.W. HURST.</li> <li>YS454735, 291130 H Apr</li> <li>Member killed when Landrover in which he was travelling detonated an anti-tank mine.</li> <li>1 Aust Fd Hosp.</li> </ol>	Passed to 1 ATF.
291610	9D	ØA	<p>Progress Report, OP FRANGIMUS IV.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>291600 H Apr</li> <li>2 slots opened, 2 slots completed.</li> <li>Nil mines detonated</li> <li>Nil.</li> </ol>	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
291930	2	ØA	Progress Report. Dozer pushed in main US CP. Will start on main bund tomorrow. Supposed 1000 lb bomb was CBU cannister. This was destroyed.	Ack.
292040	9D	ØA	For Duty Offr. Saw white light flashing towards coast from hills to W and tanks fired 3 rounds at it. Light is still flashing.	Passed to Duty Offr.



OPERATIONS LOG

Date 30 APR 70

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DATE/TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
			PRE-PLANNED TASKS. No change.	
300746	ENTRY		Routes 2, 15 and 23 clear.	
300810	9D	ØA	For Wksps. Require ball joint that joins A to C frame on CRAZY. The blade was split by an M16 mine.	Passed to Wksps.
300835	49	ØA	Request air clearance to blow an M26 grenade at GR465796.	Clearance obtained from Arty Tac and passed to Plant Tp Comd, 0840 hrs.
300845	49	ØA	Demolition complete.	Passed to 1 ATF CP.
301005	49	ØA	Mine Incident Report. A. c/s 49 B. 300825 H Apr C. YS465796. D. Mine marker on right hand edge of road. E. M26 grenade, upside down in road. F. US G. 2 ozs. H. Spring release. I. & J. Nil.	1 ATF CP informed.
301553	9D	ØA	Progress Report, OP FRANGIMUS IV. A. 301600 H Apr 70 B. 2 bunds pushed in and some area stripped. C. 1 mine detonated. D. CRAZY worked for 3 hrs and at present is undergoing repairs to turbocharger. TD15 worked all day and other machine had repairs to radiator.	Passed to 1 ATF CP.



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- REF: A. Map XA BINH BA 6430111 1 : 50,000  
B. Map XUYEN MOC 643011 1 : 50,000  
C. Map DAT DO 64291 1 : 50,000  
D. Map AP BINH CHAU 6530111 1 : 50,000

Time zone used throughout these orders HOTEL

1. Situation

- a. En Forces. 1 ATF daily INTSUM  
b. Friendly Forces. 1 ATF daily SITREP

2. Mission. 1 FD SQN is to provide combat Engr Sp for 1 ATF Ops in the XUYEN MOC area.

3. Execution.

a. Gen Outline. Sqn Tac HQ is to deploy with 1 ATF Tac HQ while ~~two~~ field troops continue to support their affiliated bns plus any sp arms allotted to the bns.

b. Grouping.

(1) Sqn Tac HQ. No change from verbal instrs issued by OC 1 Fd Sqn Gp.

(2) 1 Tp. In sp 6RAR at FSPB ELAINE allotted under comd from 180700H Apr to 191700H Apr the following:

- (a) 1 x D4 tractor w/bull blade  
(b) 1 x Size 0 tractor w/bull blade.  
(c) 1 x size tractor w/backhoe

(3) 2 Tp. In sp 7RAR at FSPB DISCOVERY allotted under comd from 200700H Apr till 201600H Apr the following:

- (a) 1 x D4 tractor w/bull blade  
(b) 1 x size 0 tractor with backhoe  
(c) 1 x 955K tractor w/ backhoe.

(4) 3 Tp In sp 8RAR at FSPB BOND allotted under comd from 200700H Apr till completion of task the following:

- (a) 1 x TD15B tractor w/angle blade  
(b) 1 x size 0 tractor w/backhoe  
(c) 1 x D4 tractor w/bull blade

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b. Tasks

- (1) Sqn HQ Tac. As per Sqn SOP's
- (2) 1 Tp
  - (a) Combat sp to 6RAR plus atts
  - (b) Develop FSPB ELAINE
  - (c) Close down FSPB PAT
- (3) 2 Tp
  - (a) Comdat sp to 7RAR plus atts
  - (b) Develop FSPB DISCOVERY
- (4) 3 Tp
  - (a) Combat sp to 8RAR plus atts
  - (b) Develop FSPB BOND

c. Coord Comd Instrs. Timings to be issued later.

4. Admin and Log

a. Movement

- (1) Fd Tps. Mov as arranged by affiliated bns
- (2) Sqn HQ Tac. Coord separately with HQ 1 ATF.
- (3) Plant. As per movement table as Annex A.

b. Rats.

- (1) Fd tps to be MOB 3 to affiliated bns.
- (2) Sqn HQ Tac to carry 4 days rats resup as required.

c. Fuel and Oils. All machines to leave with at least 2 days requirements. Re sup as required by use agencies.

d. Radio Eqpt. Sqn HQ Tac to take out extra set. 292 aerial to be obtained from 2 Tp.

5. Comd and Sig.

a. Loc Sqn HQ Tac. Sqn HQ Tac to be loc with Tac HQ 1 ATF in FSPB BOND.

b. Radio

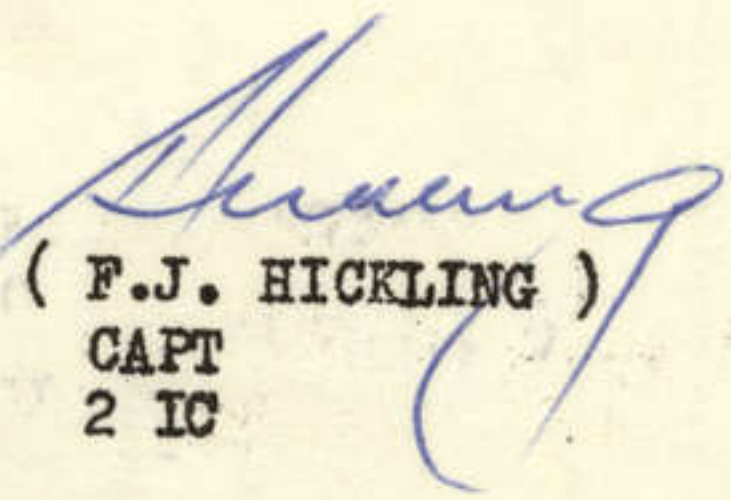
- (1) 1 Fd Sqn and 1 ATF SOI's apply.
- (2) Radio net diagram as Annex B.

6. Ack Instrs. Ack by phone to Sqn CP



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- Annexes. A. 1 Fd Sqn movement table  
B. Radio net diagramm.

<u>Distr</u>	<u>Copy No</u>
1 Tp	1
2 Tp	2
3 Tp	3
Plant Tp	4
21 Engr Sp Tp	5
HQ Tp	6
1 Fd Sqn Wksps	7
OC	8
2IC	9
RECCE Offr	10
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**1 FD SQN MOVEMENT TABLE**

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SERIAL	DATE	ITEM	FROM	TO	AGENCY	UNIT	REMARKS
a.	b.	c.	d.	e.	f.	g.	h.
1	18 Apr	D4	NUI DAT	FSPB ELAINE	Air	6RAR	Air request by 6RAR
2	18 Apr	Size 0 with backhoe	"	" "	"	"	
3	18 Apr	Size 0 bullblade	"	" "	"	"	
4	19 Apr	D4	FSPB ELAINE	FSPB PAT	"	"	
5	19 Apr	D4	FSPB PAT	NUI DAT	"	"	
6	19 Apr	Size 0 with backhoe	FSPB ELAINE	NUI DAT	"	"	
7	19 Apr	Size 0 bullblade	" "	FSPB PAT	"	"	
8	19 Apr	Size 0 bullblade	FSPB PAT	NUI DAT	"	"	
9	20 Apr	Size 0 with backhoe	NUI DAT	FSPB BOND (YS6264)	Road	8RAR	1 Fd Sqn prime mover and tiltbed.
10	20 Apr	D4	" "	" "	"	"	1 Fd Sqn prime mover. 17 Const Sqn tiltbed - 0730.
11	20 Apr	TD15B	" "	" "	"	"	1 Fd Sqn transporter.
12	20 Apr	D4	" "	New FSPB DISCOVERY (YS6068)	"	7RAR	1 Fd Sqn prime mover, 106 Wksp tiltbed.
13	20 Apr	Size 0 with backhoe	" "	" "	"	"	As above.
14	20 Apr	M113A1 Fitters APC.	" "	FSPB BOND	"	8RAR	
15	21 Apr	Return serials 9, 10, 12 & 13.	FSPBs	NUI DAT	"	7/8RAR	Tpt as for insertion. Vehs may stay in FSPBs or overnight at HORSESHOE.
16	22 Apr	D4	FSPB DISCOVERY	NUI DAT	"	8RAR	As for serial 11

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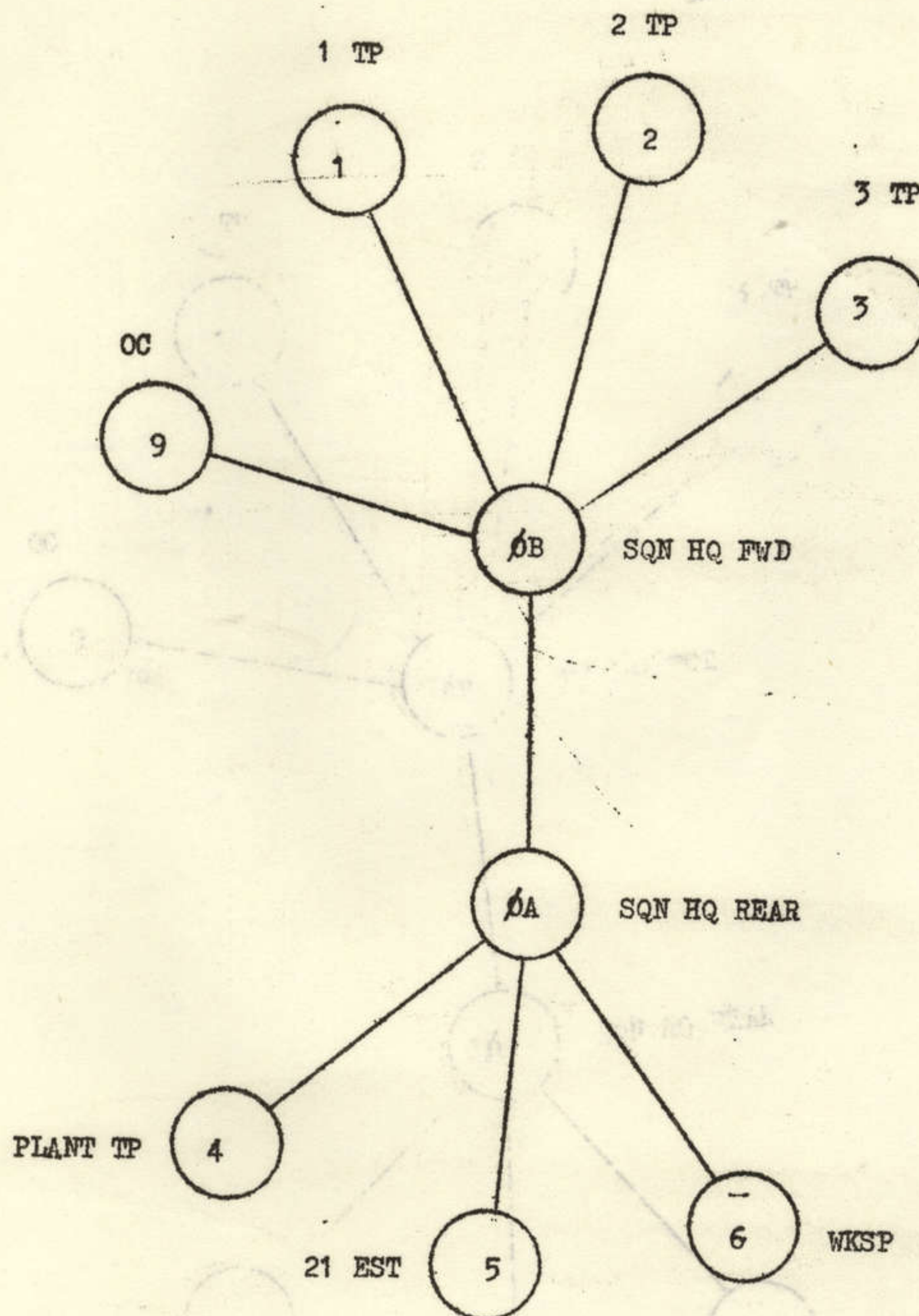


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