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**Australian Army commanders' diaries**  
**[Vietnam]**

**Engineer units**

**Item number: 4/2/69**

**Item: 1 Field Squadron**

**Narrative**

**Operations Log**

**[1-31 Mar 1971]**



## COVERING LETTER

Reference No. ....

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

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

2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Capt.

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# COMMANDERS DIARY

**OF**

Unit or Formation ..... 1 FD SQN GP

**From** 1 MAR 71 **To** 31 MAR 71

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Narrative (AF C 2118)

## ANNEXES

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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

### ITEMS

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## COMBAT 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:

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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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- Appendices 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 annexes for an annex NIL will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are added for a particular day, the date will be entered at the end of the list.

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orders given.

10 day's fighting, including complete operations

annexes with regard to equipment, losses, etc.

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COMMANDERS DAIRY NARRATIVEMONTH AND YEAR MAR 71UNIT 1 FD SQN GPOFFICER COMMANDING MAJ. R.P.KUDNIG

DATE	EVENT OR INFORMATION	ANNEX LETTER AND ENCLOSURE No
1 Mar	No changes.	
2 Mar	The land clearing team completed work on Route 23 and is returning to NUI DAT. The proposed establishment of FSB GWENDA has been cancelled.	
3 Mar	NDP DANI closed and the MCT returned to NUI DAT.	
4 Mar	No significant operational activity.	
5 Mar	Plant returned a D4 to FSB MARJ for additional works on the defences.	
6 Mar	HQ of 2 Troop, with a D4 and Ferguson Backhoe deployed to FSB BETH (YS6068) to establish a FSB for 3 RAR. A MCT D8 deployed to TAM PHOUC to construct FSB CARMEN for the 155 mm guns (C/5/42 Arty US).	
7 Mar	1 Troop deployed a CET to YS 3682 to deal with a suspected tunnel system breather hole. Assessed as the entry path of UXB, which was subsequently recovered by VC. Mine incident with T4.	
8 Mar	The mine incident which occurred on 7 Mar (T4) occurred on Route 328 (4th in this location), 50 metres from creek crossing.	
9 Mar	No changes.	
10 Mar	No significant operational activity.	
11 Mar	Plant Troop's D4 and Fergusson Backhoe returned from FSB BETH.	
12 Mar	No significant operational activity.	
13 Mar	No significant operational activity.	
14 Mar	No significant operational activity.	
15 Mar	LCT deployed to NDP REBBECCA to commence operations in the LONG GREEN area. Two mine clearing D8s deployed to FSB CARMEN (C/5/42 Arty).	
16 Mar	A backhoe was deployed to FSB LINDY for a minor task. The ACV was withdrawn from the LCT and replaced by 92S. LCT disturbed an old CS cannister. Some operators were slightly affected by the gas.	
17 Mar	1 x D8 and 1 x 955K returned from FSB CARMEN. 32 Ton low-loader assisted in a 1 ATF recovery task. Backhoe returned from LINDY.	



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DATE	EVENT OR INFORMATION	ANNEX LETTER AND ENCLOSURE No
18 Mar	Remaining D8 returned from FSB CARMEN. LCT located and destroyed 1 x 155mm UXB. LCT also located a sleeping bay area and several fresh tracks.	
19 Mar	92T continues to support 17 Const Sqn in reconstruction of Route 2 by daily road clearance.	
20 Mar	No change.	
21 Mar	Deployed 1 x CET to FSB TOBY to clear area prior to occupation. 1 x D4 also deployed to assist in development of defences. Two mine incidents for the day. One at YS619831, detonated by TA86 and consisted of a BLU and RPG2. APC badly damaged. Second mine was visually detected at YS 420893 by V Coy 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC), consisted of 105 mm UXB, 1 x BLU and a Chi-com anti-tank grenade.	
22 Mar	During the day LCT located, 1 x 500 lb UXB, 7 x Chi-com 107/140 mm rocket fuses and 1 x Chi-com rocket (Possible 140mm).	
23 Mar	D4 returned from FSB TOBY escorted by 92T. Two craters were located at GR 608782 after two explosions were heard. Believed to be anti-vehicular mines detonated by a grass fire.	
24 Mar	MCT at DUC THANH completed task and returned to NUI DAT. TD15B to CARMEN to assist with defences. LCT continue to find "blind" munitions.	
25 Mar	Additional LCT D8 moved to NDP REBBECCA and TD15B returned from FSB CARMEN (US).	
26 Mar	MCT redeployed to HORSESHOE to complete clearance of Southern minefield. 2 x MC D8s. Mine incident at YS 624664 involving TA10B. Estimated 40 lb Chi-com, heavy damage to APC with nil casualties. A 25 lb Chi-com mine was located on Route 23 at YS 614643. Indicated to TAZ9 by a civilian.	
27 Mar	92T cleared Routes 23 and 329 for 12 Fd Regt withdrawal from FSB TOBY to FSB BETH. TD15B re-located at FSB BETH to assist with further defence works.	
28 Mar	CET to B Coy 2 RAR for bunker demolition task at YS3591.	
29 Mar	LCT discovered a VC bunker system and extensive cache of munitions. Old system and in poor condition. YS 568590.	
30 Mar	1 x D8 from LCT returned to NUI DAT for major repairs. 250 hour service completed on other D8s.	
31 Mar	Unit required to have crushed rock from LONG BINH for Luscombe airstrip repairs. LCT team located an old VC bunker system at YS 573598. 100 "T" shape bunkers.	



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DATE/TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
			PRE - PLANNED TASKS Plant Troop's D4 is to return from FSB MARJ.	
010810	øA	7	You have affirmative air and ground clearance for MCT.	Ack.
011530	7	øA	Mine Clearing Report. A. 011530H Mar. B. Mini team clearing by hand. C. 19 x M16 mines recovered and destroyed. 4 x M16 mines blown in situ. D. Nil E. 3 x mini teams.	Ack.
011531	7	øA	Land Clearing Report A. 25,000 sq m B. Nil C. 1 D. Nil	Ack.
011642	7	øA	Request air and ground clearance for Holdfast people with TA22 at 582639 from 1645 hours to completion of mission.	
011650	øA	7	Affirmative clearance.	Ack.
011651	TA31	øA	Mine Incident Report. A. TA31 B. 011220H Mar C. 470895 D. TA31A E. Chi-com F. Chi-com G. 30 lbs H. Unknown. Suspected tilt switch. Right hand final drive and right hand front road wheels. I. Above. J. Nil. 2 weeks old. No mine marker found in the area.	Ack.
011940	7	øA	Locstat of c/s T3 - 579634.	Ack.



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			PRE - PLANNED TASKS	
			Mine clearing and Land clearing team returns to NUI DAT today.	
021432	ØA	5	Could you have your fire wagon go out to range 3 and check fire.	Ack.
021545	79	ØA	Progress report on todays activities. Land clearing task is complete. Tomorrow we will be returning to NUI DAT some time.	Ack.
021540	79	ØA	Land Clearing Report A. 30,000 sq m B. Nil C. 1 D. Task complete. Mine Clearing Report. Fencing complete and task complete.	Ack.
030230	ENTRY		The move of A Bty to GWENDA is cancelled and therefore do not require the D4. FSB MARJwill be remaining.	



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DATE/TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
031332	79	øA	PRE - PLANNED TASKS NDP DANI to close and MCT withdraws to NUI DAT. We have all gear loaded and are departing shortly. Has Scammel left your location for second trip.	
	øA	79	Scammel has blown a tyre but will be in your location in 30 minutes.	Ack.



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			PRE - PLANNED TASKS No change.	



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DATE/TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
			<p>PRE - PLANNED TASKS</p> <p>Plant Troop to deploy a D4 to FSB MARJ for additional work.</p>	



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DATE/TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
			<p>PRE - PLANNED TASKS</p> <p>Plant Troop to deploy MCT D8 to FSB CARMEN to bund up for 155mm guns.</p> <p>Plant Troop to deploy backhoe and D4 to FSB BETH.</p>	



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DATE/TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
071105	TA33	ØA	<p>PRE - PLANNED TASKS</p> <p>1 Troop to deploy a CET to tunnel system at YS 3682.</p> <p>VC Installation Report.</p> <p>A. 1. 1 x tunnel and 3 x bunkers. 2. 5/2 3. TA33</p> <p>B. 455925</p> <p>C. 1. 100 metres square 2. 3 bunkers and 1 tunnel 3. tunnel - 3' and bunkers - 4' - 6'</p> <p>D. 1. 12 months 2. 1 bunker 1 week, other bunkers 2 months and tunnel 3 months 3. Fair</p> <p>E. 1 and 2 - Nil</p> <p>F. 1 - 3. Nil</p> <p>G. 1. Negative 2. Demolition 3. ASAP.</p>	
071400	ENTRY		<p>Mine Incident Report.</p> <p>A. T5</p> <p>B. 070932H Mar 71</p> <p>C. 635628</p> <p>D. Detonated.</p> <p>E. Unknown - probable Chi-com</p> <p>F. Unknown - probable Chi-com</p> <p>G. 45 - 50 lbs</p> <p>H. Tilt or pressure switch</p> <p>I. Right hand road wheel of ARV severely damaged.</p> <p>J. Nil.</p>	Ack.
072100	ENTRY		<p>Agent report from DUC THANH says that road running South West off Route 2 at 458841 is mined. Location and extent unknown.</p>	



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DATE/TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
			PRE - PLANNED TASKS No change.	
081105	ØA	2	Reference mine incident with T4. Have a debrief with mini team. I understand the first vehicle passed it and second vehicle detonated the mine. I want an accurate distance of it from the creek bed etc.	Ack.
081310	TA33	ØA	NCO member T from GARTH. Reference installation report passed yesterday. We have found more bunkers, resembling a house. Also a lot of mud. Have decided not to destroy the bunker.	Ack.



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DATE/TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
091025			PRE - PLANNED TASKS No change.	
	2	ØA	C/s 52 has located a 250 pound napalm. What are your requirements.	
	ØA	2	Normal as per HE. Have you a team to get fid of it.	
	2	ØA	Roger. Foxhound.	
	ØA	2	Suggest Foxhound go through their own push to obtain clearance.	Ack.



Date...10. Mar. 71.

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DATE/TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
			PRE - PLANNED TASKS Nil	
101034	2	ØA	The escort for the tilt-bed will not be at the location previously discussed before 1300 hrs.	Ack.
101430	ØA	2	Reference escort. It has been cancelled from this end. We will arrange our own escort.	Ack.



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Date..11.Mar.71.

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DATE/TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
			PRE - PLANNED TASKS Plant Troop's D4 to return from BETH.	
110800	92G	ØA	Leaving your location now.	Ack.
111125	92G	ØA	Leaving c/s 2's location now.	Ack.
111258	92G	ØA	Back in your location now.	Ack.



Date. 12 Mar 71.

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DATE/TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
			PRE - PLANNED TASKS Nil.	
121505	2	ØA	Reference Charlie Horse pad. Check request on what's to be done on matter.	
	ØA	2	Nothing we can do. Try shifting pad	Ack.



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DATE/TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
			PRE - PLANNED TASKS Nil	



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DATE/TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
			<p>PRE - PLANNED TASKS</p> <p>No significant operational activity.</p>	



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DATE/TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
			PRE - PLANNED TASKS Land Clearing Team deployed to NDP REBBECCA to commence operations in AO JOSEPHINE. 2 x D8s deployed to FSB CARMEN to assist C/5/42 US.	
151622	79	ØA	We are now at NDP REBBECCA.	
	ØA	79	Roger. Your resupply will commence at 0800 hrs tomorrow.	Ack.
151730	79	ØA	Locstat - 57686028.	Ack.



Date..16.Mar.71..

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DATE/TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
			PRE - PLANNED TASKS Backhoe deployed to FSB LINDY for minor task. 92T deployed for road clearance of Route 2.in conjunction with 17 Const activities.	
161052	79	ØA	We require on tonight's piecart - 1 x 11 x 11 tent, 1 x sheet of talc and 2 x pieces of PSP. Also there is 70 pax in this location.	Ack.
161205	7	ØA	Requirements for tomorrow - 500 gals of dieso and 500 gals mogas. Also 1 x 44 gal drum each of 90,50,30,10 grade oil.	Ack.
161600	7	ØA	Land Clearing Report - REBBECCA. A. 100,000 sq m cleared. B. 1 x CS canister broken open by dozer. Operators effected slightly. Able to continue work. No casualties. C. 3 x D8s land Clearing. 1 x D8 defence work. D. Nil.	Ack.



Date...17.Mar.71.

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DATE/TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
			<p>PRE - PLANNED TASKS</p> <p>1 x D8 and 1 x 955K returned from FSB CARMEN.</p> <p>32 Ton low loader employed on 1 ATF recovery task.</p> <p>Backhoe returned from FSB LINDY.</p> <p>92S (APC STEEL) used at FSB CARMEN as a safety vehicle.</p>	
171025	7	ØA	Requirements for tomorrow (18 Mar 71) - 500 gals of dieso and 500 gals of water. Requirements for 19 Mar 71 - 1,000 gals dieso, 500 gals mogas and 500 gals water.	Ack.
171420	49	ØA	New location of MCT. Their Sunray wants machines working for an extra day. The 955K and one overheating D8 can return to your location. Other D8 required for more clearing.	
	ØA	49	Roger. 955K and one D8 (unserviceable) will be alright back to this location. If not enough time keep the other D8 working.	Ack.
171520	7	ØA	<p>Land Clearing Report - REBBECCA.</p> <p>A. 100,000 sq m</p> <p>B. Nil</p> <p>C. 4</p> <p>D. Nil.</p>	Ack.



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DATE/TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
			<p>PRE - PLANNED TASKS</p> <p>Remaining D8 returned from FSB CARMEN.</p> <p>92S deployed to LCT for use as an ACV.</p>	
180835	ØA	79	Sending 92S with 25 and 524 set radios to take over from other vehicle.	Ack.
181420	92S	ØA	Leaving your location for c/s 7.	Ack.
181510	7	ØA	<p>Land Clearing Report - REBBECCA.</p> <p>A. 140,000 sq m cleared</p> <p>B. 1 x 155 mm blown in situ yesterday. Mine marker found, area checked, nothing found. Sleeping bay area found. Rough frame structure for putting canvas over. 3 x tracks found, freshly used within last 8 hrs.</p> <p>C. 3 x dozers involved in land clearing.</p> <p>One dozer used at RF location for clearing further area around this location.</p> <p>D. Nil.</p>	Ack.



Date. 19. Mar. 71..

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DATE/TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
			PRE - PLANNED TASKS Nil.	
190840	92T	ØA	We are just North of NGIA GIAO and we require the assistance of a wrecker and TCV.	
	ØA	92T	Roger. Are the rollers unserviceable.	
	92T	ØA	Yes. They have both snapped and dropped off.	Ack.
190928	6B	ØA	Leaving your location for NGIA GIAO.	Ack.
191114	79	ØA	Requirements for tomorrow. 500 gals water and 500 gals dieso.	Ack.
191510	7	ØA	Land Clearing Report - REEBECCA. A. 85,000 sq m B. Nil C. 2 x D8s worked all day. 2 x D8s worked ½ day. D. Nil.	Ack.



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DATE/TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
			PRE - PLANNED TASKS Nil.	
201100	7	ØA	Require 1,000 gals dieso and 500 gals water for tomorrow.	Ack.
201340	7	ØA	VC Installation Report. A. 1. Bunker system. 2. 201230H Mar 3. T1 B. 582599 C. 1. 30' x 30' x 30' triangular. 2. Ten fighting pits and number of sleeping spaces. 3. 12 - 18" OHP. 4. Nil. Heavily overgrown. D. 1. 12 months. 2. 12 months. 3. Very poor. E. 1. N/A 2. D8. F. N/A G. N/A.	Ack.
201515	7	ØA	Land Clearing Report. - REBBECCA. A. 180,000 sq m B. Bunker system as per Installation Report. C. 4 x D8s D. Maint Dem as per form No 51/71.	Ack.



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DATE/TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
			PRE - PLANNED TASKS Deployed 1 x CET to FSB TOBY to clear area prior to occupation. D4 deployed to FSB TOBY to assist in developement of defences.	
211055	7	ØA	Requirements for tomorrow. 500 gals water and 500 gals dieso.	Ack.
211300	TA86	ØA	Mine Incident Report. A. TA86. B. 211152H Mar. C. 619831. D. Pressure E. BLU 3 big early type plus RPG 2 or RPG 7. F. Chi-com G. 3 lb. H. Pressure I. Right hand track blown plus 2 sets of road wheels and support. Armoured badly damaged. J. Nil.	Ack.
211450	7	ØA	Land Clearing Report - REBBECCA. A. 120,000 sq m B. Nil C. 3 x D8s worked all day. 1 x D8 worked ½ day. D. Nil.	Ack.
211600	92G	ØA	Mine Clearing Report - DUC THANH. A. 211545H Mar. B. 800 sq m C. Nil D. 48A only 2 hrs. E. 6 F. General info: 1.Ground North edge proved. 2.Going- Firm to hard. 3.First slot commenced.	Ack.
211600	ENTRY		Mine Incident Report. A. c/s 42. B. 211400H Mar. C. 420893. D. Visual. E. 1 x 105mm HE plus 1 x BLU and 1 x Chi-com anti tank grenade. F. US - Chi-com. G. N/A H. Bamboo Switch J. Mine set up on APC track with switch. Charge in centre of 2 tracks.	I. Nil. Mine was laid last wet season.



Date...22. Mar. 71.

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DATE/TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
			PRE - PLANNED TASKS Nil.	
220820	ØA	92G	You have affirmative air clearance.	Ack.
221034	7	ØA	Require 750 gals water for tomorrow.	Ack.
221359	7	ØA	Patrol found 500 lb bomb. Blown in situ at GR 572597. Also at time 1214 hrs at GR 569596, patrol located small plastic bag with 7 x Chi-com fuse assembly units. They are definately not mortar fuses. Containers are approximately 6" long by 1½" in dia with screw top lid with Chi-com writing on lid. Also No 3-EE-34. (Note: Identified by the SSM as 107/140mm Chi-com rocket fuses).	Ack.
221400	7	ØA	VC Installation Report. A. 1. Sleeping bays and food cache. 2. 221100H Mar. 3. LCT B. GR 593613 C. 1. "L" Shaped 2. 2 x pits 18" to 2' deep 3. 3" to 4" logs with 6" to 7" OHP 4. Entries and exits overgrown D. 1. 2 to 3 years old 2. Last used 3 to 6 months ago. 3. Poor condition. Bad state of decay. E. 1. Nil food stuffs but empty cans reasonable fresh. 2. D8 exposed. F. N/A. G. 1. Yes 2. D8s 3. N/A.	Ack.
221512	7	ØA	Land Clearing Report - REBBECCA. A. 160,000 sq m B. Nil. C. 4 D. As per Installation Report.	Ack.



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221550	92G	ØA	<p>Mine Clearing Report - DUC THANH.</p> <p>A. 221545H Mar</p> <p>B. 5,000 sq m</p> <p>C. 1 + 9 to be destroyed.</p> <p>D. 48B down 1 hr waiting for friends this location to work plus 20 minutes welding job.</p> <p>E. 48A commenced 1515 hrs.</p> <p>F. 2 nd slot commenced.</p>	
221743	7	ØA	<p>We have found a rocket 8" dia x 4' long Chi-com. To be destroyed and a diagram will be sent in. (Note: Possible 140 mm rocket. GR 569596 being the same location as for fuses mentioned above.)</p>	Ack.



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			<p>PRE - PLANNED TASKS</p> <p>D4 returned from FSB TOBY.</p> <p>92T escorted tipper and tilt- bed returning D4 from FSB TOBY.</p>	
231155	7	ØA	Locstat of RF NDP - 554608	Ack.
231518	7	ØA	<p>Land Clearing Report -REBBECCA.</p> <p>A. 100,000 sq m</p> <p>B. N/A</p> <p>C. 4 x D8s worked ½ day.</p> <p>D. N/A.</p>	Ack.
231545	92G	ØA	<p>Mine Clearing Report - DUC THANH.</p> <p>A. 231545H Mar</p> <p>B. 6,000 sq m</p> <p>C. 1. 3 x M16 detonated.</p> <p>2. Destroyed 22 x M16 mines (Including 9 from yesterday), 1 x smoke blind and 1 x illumination blind.</p> <p>D. Both machines down 1 hr for serviceing.</p>	Ack.
231907	2	ØA	Two craters found at GR 608782. Depth 2' by 3'-6" dia. Explosions were heard and TA were sent to investigate and found the two craters. When they arrived a fire was in progress. It is not known if fire started the explosion or vice versa.. Two craters were 10' apart so if a vehicle was hit, possible the recovery vehicle may have been hit.	Ack.
232210	59	ØA	Fire at 106 Fd Wksps under control. 1 x member dusted off.	Ack.



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			PRE - PLANNED TASKS MCT - 2 x D8s returned from DUC THANH RF Post, task complete. TD 15 B to FSB CARMEN to assist with defences. Scammell used to deliver 1 Armd Regt tank to VUNG TAU.	
240810	ØA	92G	You have affirmative air clearance from 0800 to 0930 hrs.	Ack.
240850	7	ØA	Request 500 gals water and 500 gals dieso for tomorrow.	Ack.
241400	92G	ØA	Job complete and returning to your location in 30 minutes.	Ack.
241401	2	ØA	VC Installation Report. A. 1. Bunker system 2. 231630H Mar. 3. c/s 13 B. GR 673805 C. 1. 300 metres. 2. Unknown, 2 x (14' x 10' x 18' deep) 3. 10' OHP 4. Group South and North. D. 1. Very old 2. Existing used in 48 hrs. 3. Overgrown. E. 1. Nil 2. N/A F. N/A G. 1. Yes partially. Haven't been used since. 2. ASP 3. N/A.	Ack.
241650	7	ØA	Land Clearing Report - REBBECCA A. 140,000 sq m B. N/A C. 4 x D8s worked all day. D. Very, very heavy CS gas in the area.	Ack.



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241850	79	ØA	Boundary AOs - 550614, 550590, 560590, 560600, 565600, 565620. Location of APs - 551613, 552603, 559609. Location of NDP - 554608.	
241900	7	ØA	VC Installation Report. A. 1. Bunker system 2. 241030H Mar 3. T1A B. GR 589599 C. 1. 130 x 50 metres. 2. 30 sleeping bays, fighting pits and bunkers. 3. 6" to 18" OHP 4. Overgrown D. 1. 2 years 2. 1 year plus 3. Poor E. 1. Small quantity of medical supplies and cooking utensils. 2. Destroyed by D8. F. N/A G. 1. Yes. 2. Land Clearing.	Ack.
241950	7	ØA	Incident Report Found today by tango personnel. 1. 1 x 82 mm mortar - Chi-com - being returned to NUI DAT (Found at GR 602598) 2. 1 x 5" naval shell blown in situ at 1500 hrs at GR 592598. 3. 1 x 4" rocket found at 1500 hrs at GR 588602, blown in situ.	Ack.



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250919	79	ØA	<p>BRE - PLANNED TASKS  LCT D8 to REBBECCA.  TD15B returned from CARMEN.</p> <p>Require 1,000 gals water, 500 gals dieso and 500 gals mogas for tomorrow.</p>	Ack.



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260908	ØA	7	<p>PRE - PLANNED TASKS</p> <p>MCT - 2 x D8s deployed to the HORSESHOE today.</p> <p>For 79. You are to have one AP per night, preferable in area of work for next day. You can use any of the 3 types of protection you have. Must start tonight and ØA must be informed of location of AP before 1800 hrs daily.</p>	Ack.
261152	2	ØA	<p>Mine Incident Report</p> <p>A. TA10B</p> <p>B. 260900H Mar</p> <p>C. 624664</p> <p>D. Detonated.</p> <p>E. Chi-com</p> <p>F. Local</p> <p>G. 40 lb</p> <p>H. Unknown. Possible pressure</p> <p>I. 1 final drive, 2 road wheels and 1 track damaged.</p> <p>J. Nil.</p>	Ack.
261455	ENTRY		<p>Mine Incident Report</p> <p>A. TAZ9</p> <p>B. 261300H Mar</p> <p>C. 614643</p> <p>D. Civilian pointed to it on road</p> <p>E. Chi-com, VC local manufacture</p> <p>F. Chi-com, VC local manufacture</p> <p>G. 25 lb</p> <p>H. Pressure</p> <p>I. Nil</p> <p>J. Nil : Note: Mine had been in ground approximately 2 months, fuse only 2 days. MCT returning mine to NUI DAT.</p>	
261520	7	ØA	<p>Land Clearing Report</p> <p>A. 210,000 sq m</p> <p>B. N/A</p> <p>C. 5 x D8s worked all day.</p> <p>D. N/A.</p>	Ack.



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262117	ØA	7	Have just heard of possible contact to your West so illumination will be fired soon.	Ack.
262235	7	ØA	RF contacted 4 x VC, on wire. They suspect it is a recce group for a larger force. They believe to be betwen them and us.	Ack.
262312	1 ATF	ENTRY	Spot Report. 1. PHOUC TUY - DAT DO 2. YS 555600 3. 262110H Mar 4. 955 RF 5. 3 VC sighted in area. 1 VC sighted in another area. 6. a. End of contact 2140 hrs. b. Withdrawal to the South. 7. Negative findings in sweep. Further sweep at first light. 8. 155 illumination from DAT DO.	



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270720	ØA	7	<p>PRE - PLANNED TASKS</p> <p>92T cleared Routes 23 and 329.</p> <p>TD15B returned from FSB CARMEN.</p> <p>Be advised target numbers for DF grids are as follows:</p> <p>57065931 - ZT 4006</p> <p>57395909 - ZT 4007</p> <p>57885924 - ZT 4008</p> <p>57335951 - ZT 4009</p>	Ack.
271015	7	ØA	Fuel and water requirements for tomorrow are nil.	Ack.
271520	7	ØA	<p>Land Clearing Report - REBBECCA.</p> <p>A. 212,500 sq m</p> <p>B. Nil</p> <p>C. 3 dozers worked full day</p> <p>4 dozers worked 7 hours</p> <p>5 dozers worked 5 hours</p> <p>D. Picked up fresh tracks, 4 to 7 hours old found. Ration tins of US organ and also fresh chips and papers of local organ found. Member of mini team thought he saw movement. Sweep done by tango people with nil results.</p>	Ack.
271600	92G	ØA	<p>Mine Clearing Report - HORSESHOE</p> <p>A. 271545H Mar</p> <p>B. 2,800 sq m</p> <p>C. 2 x M16 mines</p> <p>D. 15 minutes serviceing and 1 hour and 10 minutes for traffic stop.</p> <p>E. 7</p> <p>F. Ground rocky, work slow.</p>	Ack.
271645	92G	ØA	92G has thrown right hand track. Request Bluebell assistance.	Ack.



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281250	92G	ØA	<p>PRE - PLANNED TASKS            CET to B Coy 2 RAR. Bunker demolition at YS 3591            D8 to MCT at HORSESHOE.</p> <p>Recovery Request.            A. D8 - 48B            B. 100 metres from South Gate my location (HORSESHOE)            C. Machine overturned right side in slot.            D. Recovery and backload.            E. 1. Machine in mine area               2. 48A clearing safe area for recovery.            F. Yes. Not injured.            G. No request by 92G.</p>	Ack.
281400	6B	ØA	Now leaving this location for 92G.	Ack.
281450	92G	ØA	<p>Mine Clearing Report            A. 281535H Mar            B. 5,000 sq m            C. 1. 1 x M16 mine blown in situ               2. 1 x M16 mine detonated.               3. 23 x M16 mines recovered and destroyed.               4. 14 x M16 mines recovered after time of yesterday's report.            D. 3 hours to replace track of 92G, 48B overturned after one hours work.               48A down half hour for traffic control stops and one hour for recovery               of 48B.            E. 8.</p>	Ack.
281610	7	ØA	<p>Land Clearing Report - REBBECCA.            A. 200,000 sq m            B. Nil            C. 5 x D8s worked 8 hours.               4 x D8s worked full day.            D. The members out there heard two explosions. Investigated by mini               team who found 2 small craters 1 foot deep.</p>	Ack.
281720	92G	ØA	D8 has been recovered and on its feet and returning back.	Ack.



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			PRE - PLANNED TASKS TD15B to FSB TOBY for closing down works. Then to FSB BETH for additional defence work. 20 Tonner transported TD15B with 92T escorting.	
290755	ØA	92G	You have affirmative air clearance.	Ack.
290915	7	ØA	Nil requirements of water and dieso for tomorrow.	Ack.
290936	92G	ØA	Have civilians in area and am reluctant to commence demolition.	
	ØA	92G	Roger. Chatterbox is on his way to your location to clear this up.	
	92G	ØA	Roger. Also despite the fact that we have air clearance a Charliehorse just flew over.	Ack.
290950	92T	ØA	Have dropped an arm off front of 92T. Will dismantle whole front. Convoy proceeded on. When it returns will load front of 92T on 20 Tonner. We are 3 miles North of XUYEN MOC.	Ack.
291325	7	ØA	VC Installation Report A. 1. Bunker system 2. 290715H Mar 3. 54. B. 568590 C. 1. 30 x 30 metre triangular shape. 2. 12 bunkers and fighting pits. 3. 6" OHP 4. Overgrown D. 1. 2 years 2. 6 to 12 months. 3. Poor E. 1. 2 x RPG 7 rockets complete, 1 x DH10 directional mine, 9 x 82mm mortars, 2 x tins of fuses, 1 x tin base charges, 100 x SKS rounds, 100 x 30cal rounds, 1 x RPG 7 booster rocket. 2. All returned to REBBECCA for backload to NUI DAT. F. Nil. G. 1. Yes. 2. LCT dozers. 3. N/A.	Ack.



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291357	ØA	92T	What is your progress.	
	92T	ØA	Am loading 92T wheels on wrecker now and will be on our way very shortly.	Ack.
291535	7	ØA	Land Clearing Report - REBBECCA. A. 180,000 sq m B. Nil C. 4 x D8s worked full day. 5 x D8s worked 8 hours. D. As per VC Installation Report.	Ack.



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			PRE - PLANNED TASKS 1 x D8 returned from REBBECCA for repairs. Service truck to LCT for 250 hr service.	
300825	ØA	92G	You have affirmative air clearance for today.	Ack.
300827	69	ØA	Inform Seagull that the convoy for REBBECCA is moving out now.	Ack.
301148	7	ØA	Require 1,000 gals water and 1,000 gals dieso for tomorrow.	Ack.
301520	7	ØA	Land Clearing Report - REBBECCA A. 40,000 sq m B. N/A C. 4 machines worked 1½ hours for routine maintenance and serviceing of machines. D. Nil.	Ack.
301550	92G	ØA	Mine Clearing Report - HORSESHOE. A. 301545H Mar B. 10,000 sq m cleared C. 1. 2 x M16 mines detonated. 2. 30 x M16 mines recovered and destroyed. D. 48A down ½ hour with fuel trouble and 48B down ½ hour with belt trouble Both machines down ½ hour for traffic stoppages. E. 9.	Ack.



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310841	ØA	92G	PRE - PLANNED TASKS 4 x tippers hauled crushed rock from LONG BINH.	Ack.
311335	7	ØA	You have affirmative air clearance.	
			VC Installation Report	
			A. 1. Bunker system	
			2. 310840H Mar	
			3. T1	
			B. 573598	
			C. 1. Circular shape 100 metres in diameter with command bunkers in the centre.	
			2. 100 x bunkers of "T" shape 8' x 6'.	
			3. 18" OHP	
			4. Overgrown	
			D. 1. 2 years	
			2. 12 months	
			3. Some good with some poor	
			E. Nil	
			F. Nil	
			G. 1. Yes	
			2. D8s	
			3. N/A.	
311530	7	ØA	Land Clearing Report - REBBECCA.	Ack.
			A. 210,000 sq m	
			B. Nil	
			C. 4 dozers worked full day.	
			D. As per VC Installation Report.	
311545	92G	ØA	Mine Clearing Report - HORSESHOE	Ack.
			A. 311545H Mar 71	
			B. 10,000 sq m	
			C. 1. Nil	
			2. 30 x M16 mines from yesterday destroyed.	
			D. Both D8s down 20 minutes. Service and traffic stops ½ hour.	
			E. 9.	Ack.