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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

ANNEXES

as well as map references), establishment, equipment

and orders given.

of the day's fighting, including company movements.

of the commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

of potential importance.

of officers, men and equipment.

of equipment captured.

of personnel employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

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

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

COMMA DISPOSAL DIARIES

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

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

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

16. TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.

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

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

TOP SECRET

ANNEX Z to

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

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

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

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8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no annexes, the word "None" will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are required for a particular report, they are to be numbered in the order of their importance.

for operations from Annex "Z". If the diary is to be prepared and despatched as a TOP SECRET document, it is to be prepared and despatched as such.

REMARKS

as well as the (diary), establishment, personnel, and orders given. It is to be prepared and despatched as a TOP SECRET document.

tential importance. Officers, with the exception of those employed in the diary, are to be notified of the diary's contents.

and to save work in connection with the diary, the diary should be prepared and despatched as a TOP SECRET document.

to annexes that need not be prepared as TOP SECRET documents.

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C 2118 (Adapted)

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MONTH AND YEAR.....NOVEMBER 1968.....

REFERENCE MAP.....

UNIT/FORMATION.....1 RAR.....

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Lt Col P.H. BENNETT.....

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	1 Nov		The President of The United States of America, L.B. JOHNSON, proclaimed a halt in the bombing and shelling of North Vietnam commencing at 012100 H.	
	1 Nov		A, B and D Coys continued patrolling. C Coy patrolled in AO 4.	
YS 648827	1 Nov	0831	11 Pl fired on an unarmed man who escaped to the south east.	
651826	1 Nov	0840	12 Pl discovered a small en camp containing 3 18' x 10' bunkers with overhead protection and a lecture area with tables and chairs.	
	1 Nov	1000	Brig PEARSON visited the CO. He was accompanied by Lt Col COLBERT (CMF) who stayed with 1 RAR for a few days.	
648825	1 Nov	1030	10 Pl with D Coy HQ found an en training camp, still under construction in places. The camp measured 400m x 150m and contained: 1. Underground 30m x 50m hospital with med stores and possible operating table. 2. Grenade range with 3 Chicom grenades. 3. Firing range, 20' wide and 75m long, with figure 11 targets. 4. Control platform in trees. 5. Bakery and water point. 6. 17 bunkers, 4 still under construction. 7. Obstacle course consisting of wire fences, sapling fences and panji pits. 8. 8 sleeping areas.	

1 B P Coy—275/65—55m

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	1 Nov	1533	An old man walked into 11 Pl's camp and was detained. The detainee was evacuated to NUI DAT.	
	1 Nov		Ni locs: A Coy (-) 639850, 1 Pl 621860, 2 Pl 649852, B Coy (-) 602870, 4 Pl 604875, 5 Pl 606870, C Coy LION, C Coy standing ptl 612822, D Coy 647830.	
	2 Nov		A and D Coys continued to patrol in the AO, with D Coy working to demolish the en camp. B Coy occupied a blocking posn in the north of AO 6. C Coy commenced the preparation of their new defensive posn, prior to the arrival of the TFMA at LION. Sp Coy patrolled in AOs 1 and 3.	
YS 650852	2 Nov	1415	A Coy HQ with 3 Pl contacted two local force VC. A short fire fight developed and the VC escaped north.	
587812	2 Nov	1348	Aslt Pnr Pl found an en camp consisting of bunkers which had not been used for six months. However a small fire had been lit within the previous 2 - 3 days and a recent foot pad showed tracks leaving to the south.	
	2 Nov		Ni locs: A Coy (-) 648852, 1 Pl 622862, B Coy (-) 602870, 4 Pl 604875, 5 Pl 606870, D Coy (-) 647830, 10 Pl 657814, 12 Pl 659828.	
	3 Nov		A, B and D Coys continued patrolling in the AO without any contact.	

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YS 648825	3 Nov	1238	C Coy came under control of 1 ATF for base defence and patrolling within a separate AO.	
	3 Nov		D Coy completed the demolition of the en camp.	
653913, 645908	3 Nov		Ni locs: A Coy 631860, B Coy (-) 606837, 4 Pl 604875, 5 Pl 606870, D Coy 651816.	
	4 Nov	0015	POSSUM 16, carrying out a moon-light recce of the AO saw a cooking fire at 653913 and at the same time received tracer fire from the general area of 645908. The area was engaged by the 155mm guns of A Bty 2/35 US Arty.	
	4 Nov	0730	D Coy started air redeployment to an LZ secured by A Coy at 631860.	
	4 Nov	0800	D Coy completed the move.	
648825	4 Nov	1036	BDA on the air strike on the en trg camp revealed 3 bunkers destroyed.	
617864	4 Nov	1410	1 Pl found a 100m long en base camp consisting of 12 bunkers. 1 Pl received demolition stores, for the destruction of the camp, by last light.	
652869	4 Nov	1430	12 Pl with D Coy HQ discovered another trg complex. It consisted of a schoolroom, bunkers, a kitchen and appeared to be a med trg school.	
	4 Nov	1552	An unknown number of en walked into the camp and although 12 Pl fired upon them they escaped.	
	4 Nov		Ni locs: A Coy (-) 616874, 1 Pl 617864, B Coy 621889, D Coy (-) 655870, 10 Pl 652875, 11 Pl 649878.	

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	4 Nov		During the day 2Lt FISCHER marched out from G Coy to Admin Coy and 2Lt MOLNER marched from Admin Coy to A Coy.	
YS 655870	5 Nov	0253	A number of VC approached D Coy from the east. M60 fire was used against the en but they escaped to the north west.	
NUI DAT	5 Nov	1240	SSgt DEAN of A Coy won the Bn Sweep when RAINLOVER won the Melbourne Cup. The 1st prize was worth \$1,000.	
	5 Nov		B Coy continued patrolling along the SONG RAI without incident. A Coy patrolled without incident through AO 11 while 1 Pl completed the demolition of the camp at 617864, destroying a total of 35 bunkers. D Coy patrolled in AO 12 whilst carrying out demolition of the camp at 652869.	
	5 Nov		Ni locs: A Coy (-) 625880, 1 Pl 618865, 2 Pl 625878, B Coy (-) 612891, 5 Pl 612887, 6 Pl 615893, D Coy (-) 655870, 11 Pl 653876.	
624863	6 Nov	1005	1 Pl found an en camp containing 12 bunkers. 2 Chicom grenades, 1 RPG 7 projectile and a small med kit were found. The ammo was blown.	
626862	6 Nov	1300	1 Pl discovered an "International Scout" vehicle, completely disabled and unused for at least a year.	
	6 Nov		WO MUIR arrived to assume comd of Mor Pl while Capt McINALLY went on R and R leave.	

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	6 Nov		Ni locs: A Coy (-) 633884, 1 Pl 623863, 2 Pl 634888, B Coy (-) 612891, 5 Pl 620895, 6 Pl 615893, D Coy (-) 655870, 10 and 11 Pls 653877.	
	7 Nov		All coys continued patrolling without incident.	
YS 658873	7 Nov	0702	A POSSUM aircraft was fired at by small arms from 658873. This loc was deducted from bearings given by A and D Coys. The area was engaged by 102 Bty.	
578814	7 Nov	1630	A suspected en camp at 578814 was engaged by Mor Pl.	
	7 Nov		Ni locs: A Coy (-) 633884, 1 Pl 635816, 2 Pl 634889, B Coy (-) 615893, 4 Pl 612891, 5 Pl 620895, D Coy (-) 650855, 11 Pl 659859, 12 Pl 658868.	
659869	8 Nov	0830	3 en were contacted by 11 Pl. The en returned fire with RPG and 6708839 Pte M.J. BROWN received a shrapnel wound to his right wrist. The en escaped to the south east and a later follow-up revealed no further trace of them.	
662862	8 Nov	1100	12 Pl found a suspected cas clearing station at the junction of a foot and bullock track. There were signs of bullock cart movement and med treatment.	
660872	8 Nov	1140	12 Pl fired on two local force VC who managed to escape to the south east.	
598817	8 Nov	1330	9 RAR's Ops Offr accompanied by a gp of offr's visited BnHQ. They were briefed by Maj Chinn, Capt Bindley, Capt Hennessy and WO2 Watts on various 1 RAR procedures.	
	8 Nov		Ni locs: A Coy 645891, D Coy (-) 654859, 11 Pl 668867, 12 Pl 661870, C Coy LION.	

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	9 Nov		In preparation for redeployment for Op CAPITAL II D Coy received 8 days rations and a dummy extraction of the coy by hel took place.	
YS 6784	9 Nov	1228	A US Army gunship went down into BAU HAM (lake). 10 Pl were air lifted to help secure the area for extraction of the aircraft and crew.	
625846	9 Nov	1322	While moving 7 Pl an elm of 2 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt detonated a mine. 2412266 Pte J. BROWN received superficial head wounds in the incident.	
	9 Nov	1500	10 Pl were lifted back into D Coy area, as the extraction of the downed crew and aircraft had been completed.	
	9 Nov	1600	Lt Col Bennett was briefed on Op CAPITAL II by Comd 1 ATF at FSPB LION.	
601804	9 Nov	2050	Mor Pl engaged an area from which a torch had been seen by sentries of BnHQ.	
	9 Nov		Ni locs: A Coy 645907, B Coy 636895, D Coy (-) 654859, 11 Pl 658857.	
665865	10 Nov	1100	A recce elm of 11 Pl was fired on by 4 - 5 VC armed with AK.47s from a range of 50 m. 11 Pl swept the area but the en had withdrawn east.	
640912	10 Nov	1240	5 Pl sighted 2 en and fired on them. Capt FRENCH, acting OC B Coy (in the absence of Maj GEORGE on R and R leave), called for the tracking team to follow up. Accordingly, Lt TRANTER brought up the team and tracked the en to the east, losing the trail in the vicinity of Route 328. During this phase a blood trail was found and followed to the	

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			webbing and clothing of one man.	
	10 Nov	1328	D Coy were ordered to occupy ni posns to the north of the 86 Northing and to the west of the 66 Easting because of a B52 strike scheduled at 110200 at YS 6882.	
	10 Nov		Ni locs: A Coy 644905, B Coy 636906, D Coy (-) 654859, 11 Pl 660862, 12 Pl 658868.	
YS 642905	11 Nov	0900	6 Pl B Coy were in the process of securing a LP when they spotted a VC who promptly surrendered. The PW had been wounded in the arm during 5 Pl's contact of the 10 Oct. He was armed with an AK.47.	
	11 Nov	0940	An Iriquois hel was despatched from FSPB LION and extracted the PW.	
	11 Nov	1000	The OCs A, B and C Coys were brought to BnHQ at RACETRACK. Maj KELDIE GSOP2 (Ops) briefed the orders gp on the current situation for Op CAPITAL II and explained that there was a hold up in the movement of 1 RAR into AO PEARCE.	
	11 Nov	1015	Lt Col Bennett gave his orders for the insertion of 1 RAR into AO PEARCE and the initial deployment. Briefly, the op was to be carried out in three phases. As a preliminary op C Coy with elms A Sqn and C Sqn was to move from LION and secure an area at YS 650815 for FSPB LEOPARD. Phase I was to see B Coy air assault and secure LZ WARWICK FARM. A Coy was to follow	

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			<p>up. During this stage C Coy was to achieve blocking posns between 668831 and 671818. D Coy were already holding the posns for blocking between 667869 and 666849.</p> <p>Phase II - A Coy was to sweep west towards D Coy and B Coy west towards C Coy. FSPB LEOPARD was to remain operative until A and B Coys were within 105mm range of FSPB LION.</p> <p>Phase III - (given in outline only) D Coy were to secure FSPB PUMA while C Coy, followed by B Coy were to sweep the south of the AO's east.</p>	
	11 Nov	1545	Comd 18 ARVN Div accompanied by Brig Pearson visited BnHQ.	
YS 649910	11 Nov	1820	1 Pl, while moving into an ambush posn, saw 5 en 150m to their north and immediately engaged them. The en fled north east and north west. A sweep of the area revealed 2 bodies, 1 M16 rifle and 1 9mm pistol. One other VC had left a heavy blood trail from a possible stomach wound. Due to darkness 1 Pl were unable to follow up this trail.	
	11 Nov	1845	Arrangements were made to send forward the Tracker Team early on 12 Nov to assist in follow up.	
	11 Nov		D Coy occupied posns for occupation during Phases I and II of op in AO PEARCE.	
	11 Nov		Ni locs: A Coy (-) 644905, 1 Pl 648910, 3 Pl 641912, B Coy (-) 637905, 4 Pl 634906, D Coy HQ with sect 10 Pl 654859, 10 Pl (-) 660851, 11 Pl (-) 662862, 12 Pl 662871, sect 10 Pl 661860.	

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
YS 632957	12 Nov	0540	Recce Coy 43 ARVN Regt were engaged by an en force believed to be of two coy size. This contact lasted until approx 1030 hrs when the en withdrew, leaving behind 17 dead.	
649910	12 Nov	0700	1 Pl commenced sweep of the area but found no additional bodies to the two discovered after the contact. Tracker team were air lifted forward but could not follow trail due to overnight rain in the area.	
RACETRACK	12 Nov	1000	The two VC KIA by 1 Pl were identified as a Political Offr and a soldier of 2nd Coy D. 445 Bn.	
	12 Nov	1505	4 Tp C Sqn, escorted by 3 Tp A Sqn, moved north towards AOs 13 and 14 where they were to be deployed in sp of A Coy.	
634889	12 Nov	1600	4 Tp were unable to cross a creek and were forced to return to LION.	
NUI DAT	12 Nov		Maj H.L. BELL marched into 1 RAR to take comd of Admin Coy.	
	12 Nov		D Coy continued ambushing with their posns unchanged.	
	12 Nov		Ni locs: A Coy (-) 644906, 1 Pl 649909, 3 Pl 642912, B Coy (-) 637905, 5 Pl 636907, 6 Pl 633905.	
	13 Nov		A, B and D Coys continued ambushing in their current locs with only limited patrol activity.	
644906	13 Nov	1405	4 Tp C Sqn joined A Coy to assist in blocking en movement from the north.	

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
YS 661872	13 Nov	1645	12 Pl engaged two en moving from the north. One was seen to fall back into the creek the en had just crossed. A sweep of the creek revealed nothing.	
	13 Nov		Ni locs: A Coy unchanged, B Coy (-) unchanged, 4 Pl 633904, 5 Pl 636907, D Coy unchanged.	
661871	14 Nov	0731	12 Pl reported an explosion of unknown origin 25m from their loc.	
	14 Nov		12 Pl redeployed to 662870.	
605784	14 Nov	1350	7 Pl reported noises of digging and movement. Maj HONNER ordered the pl to withdraw to the east a few hundred metres while the area was engaged with mors. C Coy Tac Hq moved by APC with other elms of the coy to link up with 7 Pl. The area of the report was then searched and signs were found of people digging, possibly for roots.	
	14 Nov	1650	Maj MAWSON RWAR arrived at BnHQ for a few days visit with 1 RAR.	
	14 Nov		Ni locs: A Coy and 4 Tp C Sqn unchanged, B Coy (-) unchanged, 4 Pl 633904, 6 Pl 635907, D Coy unchanged (except 12 Pl who moved their ambush to 662870).	
	15 Nov	0800	Lt Col Bennett was briefed by Comd that ops were to commence in AO PEARCE on 16 Nov.	
	15 Nov	1315	C Coy less 8 Pl left LION with one sect 102 Bty, one tp A Sqn 3 Cav and three tracked load carriers towing the 105mm guns.	
	15 Nov	1540	C Coy secured FSPB LEOPARD.	
662862	15 Nov	2000	11 Pl moved from their loc to 669869. 12 Pl had moved earlier to take over 11 Pl's	

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			old loc at 662862.	
	15 Nov	2050	A sect of 2 Pl fired small arms and a claymore at an en who had set off an early warning device. Groans could be heard from the area.	
	15 Nov		Ni locs: A Coy (-) 645906, 1 Pl 649910, 2 Pl with T34 646909, 3 Pl 642912, B Coy 637905, C Coy (-) 650814, 8 Pl 612813, D Coy (-) 654859, 10 Pl 660851, 11 Pl 669869, 12 Pl (-) 662862, sect 12 Pl 661860.	
	16 Nov	0603	Engr elm with A Coy opened fire on a suspected en movement. A later sweep of the area revealed nothing. 2 Pl also swept the area of their previous ni's contact but found nothing.	
RACETRACK	16 Nov	0620	The C and C ship arrived at RACETRACK (BnHQ). Besides the CO, BC, and IO, Maj MAWSON, the visiting CMF offr, also went up in the C and C ship. The air move of A and B Coys into AO PEARCE was delayed approx 30 mins due to the LFT arriving late on station. Otherwise the move went as planned.	
YS 727855	16 Nov	0802	B Coy were complete at LZ WARWICK FARM at 727855.	
	16 Nov	0909	A Coy had completed their move to WARWICK FARM.	
	16 Nov	0949	7 Pl had completed their move from LEOPARD to LZ HIGH JUMP at 658818 which they secured for the fly in of 8 Pl.	

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	16 Nov	0931	B Coy started moving from WARWICK FARM.	
	16 Nov	0945	A Coy commenced moving from WARWICK FARM.	
	16 Nov	1012	C Coy HQ with 9 Pl left LEOPARD to join 7 Pl at HIGH JUMP.	
	16 Nov	1150	8 Pl were air lifted in to HIGH JUMP.	
	16 Nov	1247	C Coy HQ with 9 Pl arrived at HIGH JUMP and C Coy was then complete.	
	16 Nov	1400	8 and 9 Pls left HIGH JUMP and moved north east towards their blocking posns.	
YS 693854	16 Nov	1540	Lead sect of 3 Pl fired at 5 VC moving across their front 100m away. The VC, who were thought to be local force, escaped to the south.	
	16 Nov		Ni locs: A Coy (-) 696864, 3 Pl 693854, B Coy 702841, C Coy (-) 659818 (HIGH JUMP), 8 & 9 Pls 665825, D Coy HQ 654859, 10 Pl 658851, 11 Pl 671868, 12 Pl 662862, sect 12 Pl 661860.	
694839	17 Nov	0925	B Coy contacted 3 VC dressed in greens and carrying AK.47s. The VC were moving north east when contacted and they withdrew north with neg results.	
693834	17 Nov	1410	6 Pl contacted 1 VC at 20m. The VC, who was carrying an AK.47 and wearing webbing, initiated the contact and then withdrew to the north. In this contact 1201350 Pte R.D. HUGHES received gunshot wounds to the stomach and right hand and later died of wounds at 1 Aust Fd Hosp.	

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YS 657819	17 Nov	1451	8 Pl found a base camp with 16 bunkers and some hutchies which had not been used for 12 months.	
695835	17 Nov	1715	6 Pl contacted 2 armed VC who approached from the north and were fired on by 6 Pl's sentry at a range of 30m. The contact achieved neg results.	
	17 Nov		Ni locs: A Coy (-) 676856, 3 Pl 685849, 1 Pl 682862, B Coy (-) 691836, 5 Pl 689829, 6 Pl 695835, C Coy (-) 658819, 8 & 9 Pls 665825, D Coy HQ and sect 10 Pl 654859, 10 Pl (-) 658851, 11 Pl 671868, 12 Pl (-) 662862, sect 12 Pl 661860.	
	18 Nov	0700	A and B Coys continued sweeping to the east towards D and C Coys who remained in blocking posns.	
671868	18 Nov	0904	11 Pl, while in their ambush posn, heard movement 100m to their north. A sect who were sent forward to recce sighted a party of soldiers wearing helmets and green uniforms. At this stage a check was made by radio to determine whether they were a party from A Bde Vietnamese Marines. On determining that they were en the sect closed in and saw the en were in an ambush posn on a track. The en, surprised by the sect, fired a claymore, in the wrong direction, and fled north.	
679867	18 Nov	1242	1 Pl located a small en camp, on the north bank of the creek, which had been used within the previous week. The camp was marked with orange marker balloons for future destruction.	

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COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col P.H. BENNETT

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
YS 684832	18 Nov	1500	B Coy discovered a camp containing 4 bunkers underneath houses. The camp had been evacuated about a week before and it was estimated that each house had probably accomodated 4 persons. The CO ordered B Coy to destroy the camp during 19 Nov.	
684832	18 Nov	1653	5715657 Pte I.J. GIBBS of B Coy was fatally shot by a B Coy sentry. The Bn 2IC, Maj R.C. HUTTON, was ordered by the CO to investigate.	
	18 Nov	1715	A recce party consisting of the CO, BC, RSO, IO and Majors HAMMETT and PATTERSON flew over AO FARRER and inspected sites for FSPB LYNX and two LZs.	
	18 Nov		A Coy (-) 656860, 1 Pl 663858, B Coy (-) 684832, 5 Pl 688828, C Coy (-) 659818, 8 & 9 Pls 665825, D Coy 654859.	
	19 Nov	0615	C and C hel with CO, BC and IO left RACETRACK to overfly the air assault into FSPB LYNX at 753828.	
	19 Nov	0630	Arty preparation of LYNX by A Bty 2/35 commenced.	
	19 Nov	0645	The LFT was delayed but the CO decided that the air assault by D Coy would go in as planned.	
	19 Nov	0705	The first elms of D Coy landed at LYNX without contact.	
	19 Nov	0738	D Coy were complete at LYNX.	
	19 Nov	0745	Bn Tac HQ and recce party of 102 Bty arrived at LYNX.	

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UNIT/FORMATION.....1 RAR.....

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COMMANDING OFFICER.....Lt Col P.H. BENNETT.....

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	19 Nov	0747	C and C ship returned to RACETRACK, while hel of 9 Sqn RAAF refueled and move of 102 Bty was completed.	
	19 Nov	0945	C and C hel with the CO's party left RACETRACK again.	
	19 Nov	0955	Preparation of an LZ at YS 834795 by 102 Bty commenced.	
YS 834795	19 Nov	1015	The first lift of A Coy, escorted by LFT, secured LZ LOW RUN with no contact.	
834795	19 Nov	1048	A Coy were complete at the LZ.	
	19 Nov	1055	C and C ship landed at LYNX.	
	19 Nov	1158	BnHQ with Atk and Aslt Pnr Pls completed their move from RACETRACK to LYNX.	
	19 Nov	1415	D Coy, relieved of security of LYNX, commenced a sweep of the AO to the east, south and west.	
659818	19 Nov	1515	B Coy linked up with C Coy at YS 659818.	
740815	19 Nov	1635	10 Pl found a building which had been used for storing rice but was now empty. of rice rice The building was destroyed.	
748826	19 Nov	1715	D Coy reported that 10 Pl had seen mine indicators in the form of tufts of grass tied at the top.	
	19 Nov		Ni. locs: A Coy (-) 830811, 2 Pl 826817, 3 Pl 812812, B Coy 659818, C Coy 659818, D Coy (-) 760834, 10 Pl 748811, 12 Pl 749848.	

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UNIT/FORMATION..... 1 BAR

MONTH AND YEAR..... NOVEMBER 1968

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COMMANDING OFFICER..... Lt Col P.H. BENNETT

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	20 Nov	0730	C and G ship with the CO's party was again airborne to overfly the insertion of B Coy into an LZ at YS 793790.	
	20 Nov	0805	The first lift of B Coy secured the LZ without incident.	
	m 20 Nov	0827	B Coy were complete at the LZ.	
	20 Nov	0844	C Coy started moving east towards AO 19.	
	20 Nov		Ni locs: A Coy 829826, B Coy (-) 802808, 4 Pl 808811, 6 Pl 792810, C Coy 700809, D Coy (-) 776842, 10 Pl 779820, 11 Pl 787842.	
	21 Nov	0730	C Coy started patrolling east towards AO FARRER.	
	21 Nov	0745	to 1800: A, B and D Coys continued patrolling north through AO FARRER with no contact. The area showed little sign of recent en activity and no tracks were found.	
	21 Nov	1405	C Coy linked with BnHQ at LYNX and took a resupply.	
	21 Nov	1510	C Coy started patrolling north towards AO 26.	
	21 Nov		Ni locs: A Coy (-) 808852, 1 Pl 797843, 2 Pl 800868, B Coy 786842, C Coy 750842, D Coy 776842.	
	22 Nov	0630	to 1600: All coys continued patrolling throughout AO FARRER without incident.	
	22 Nov	1500	CO visited Comd 1 ATF at LION and received preliminary orders for the next op, due to commence approx 5 Dec.	

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COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col P.H. BENNETT

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	22 Nov	1608	C Coy reported shots fired due south of their loc, about 500m away. Arty was fired into the area and C Coy searched but found nothing.	
	22 Nov		Ni locs: A Coy (-) 799873, 1 Pl 785879, B Coy 769874, C Coy (-) 762879, 7 Pl 748888, 766893, D Coy (-) 764860, 10 Pl 762851, 11 Pl 777856.	
	23 Nov	0700	All coys commenced ptls in AO FARRER	
	23 Nov	1000	The Ops Offr, Maj CHINN visited TF and was given clearance to extend AO FARRER to the west and north east. Clearance had initially been sought by Lt Col Bennett because of the speed with which the coys were clearing the original AO.	
YS 762879	23 Nov	0945	A sentry of C Coy engaged two VC approaching his posn. The en returned the fire and then fled north.	
749856	23 Nov	1154	10 Pl found a new building which had been recently occupied. In it they found 4 x 10lb bags of rice, 1 cross-cut saw, several machetes, 1 file and various sets of black pyjama clothing.	
773863	23 Nov	1043	D Coy found a 100m square camp consisting of 8 bunkers, three of which had overhead protection. The camp had been built within the last 3 months.	
814863	23 Nov	1555	3 Pl found an old disused camp with no bunkers but a cooking area and sleeping area.	
	23 Nov	1700	Lt Col Bennett visited Maj Patterson and briefed him on the redeployment of A Coy into	

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UNIT/FORMATION 1 RAR

COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col P.H. BENNETT

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
			western extension of AO FARRER on 24 Nov. The move was to be made by helo of 9 Sqn RAAF.	
			The LZ at YS 741882 was to be secured by D Coy.	
	23 Nov		Ni locs: A Coy 810866, B Coy (-) 780888, 4 Pl 780893, 5 Pl 771889, C Coy 762873, D Coy (-) 741882, 10 Pl 747873, 11 Pl 764872.	
YS 741882	24 Nov	0730	to 0808: A Coy were redeployed by helo to the LZ secured by D Coy.	
735888	24 Nov	0937	2 Pl, in the lead of A Coy, contacted one VC who escaped to the north east.	
735890	24 Nov	1025	2 Pl, following up a well used track, surprised 12 - 15 en who were occupying a hasty ambush posn. 2 Pl opened fire, killing one VC and seriously wounding another in the head. During the action 130244 Pte K.W. MARTIN received a shrapnel wound to the arm and 217898 Pte W.W. DONNELLY a gunshot wound to the forehead. Pte DONNELLY later died of wounds.	
735889	24 Nov	1052	One VC approached A Coy from the rear and was shot dead. An AK.47 was recovered.	
	24 Nov	1127	Both A Coy's wounded were winched out by DUSTOFF helo.	
735890	24 Nov	1200	2 Pl had moved through the ambush posn and found themselves on the fringe of a large camp. Bunkers could be seen across a re-entrant to the north. Maj Patterson sent 1 Pl around to the left flank.	
	24 Nov	1250	3 Pl had move round to the left of 1 Pl to secure high ground in the area.	
	24 Nov	1310	1 Pl moved forward and sighted a claymore, just before it was exploded. Two soldiers	

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UNIT/FORMATION..... 1 PAR

COMMANDING OFFICER..... Lt Col P.H. BENNETT

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
			were wounded by the claymore: 214733 Cpl J.A. MOYLE shrap wound to the left leg and 3791689 Pte R.J. TOWNER shrap wound to the left shoulder.	
	24 Nov	1344	1 Pl were unable to move forward into the camp because they were pinned down by heavy defensive fire. 3 Pl were ordered to move forward on 1 Pl's left to ease the pressure. during this time 2786939 2Lt T.E. LANGLANDS and 2784162 Cpl F.J. ANNESLEY were KIA and 2789254 Pte M.N. McLEAN received a gunshot wound to the right shoulder.	
	24 Nov	1610	A Coy had secured the area of the camp which consisted of 30 bunkers measuring 15' x 10'. Clothing found in various areas indicated that families had been living in the camp. At this stage 12 Pl had been ordered forward to join A Coy and had linked up with them. The remainder of D Coy were ordered to link up with A Coy early on 25 Nov to assist in searching the camp and the surrounding area of AO.	
	24 Nov		Ni locs: A Coy + 12 Pl 735890, B Coy (-) 780888, 4 Pl 784888, 5 Pl 775885, C Coy (-) 762873, 7 Pl 766882, 9 Pl 770870, D Coy (-) 741882.	
	25 Nov	0740	D Coy started moving to join A Coy in the area of the camp while A Coy began preparation for destroying the camp.	
			B and C Coys continued patrolling in their AOs.	
YS 737890	25 Nov	0930	En route to A Coy's posn D Coy found an area of 12 new bunkers which had been booby	

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
			trapped.	
YS 726885	25 Nov	1010	POSSUM 21, carrying Maj CHINN, sighted a base camp of at least 15 bunkers.	
734888	25 Nov	1113	A Coy reported that docus found indicated the area had been used by A, B, C and D Coys of K76 unit. They also reported that the camp was of half Regt size.	
733893	25 Nov	1411	11 Pl found a camp covering an area of 100m x 200m and containing 20 bunkers and a schoolhouse. It had been damaged by arty on 24 Nov and appeared to have been evacuated at the same time.	
734888	25 Nov	1430	A Coy completed demolition of the camp which had contained in all 26 bunkers (10' x 20'), 3 outdoor trg areas and a med sect of 3 bunkers (10' x 20'). The camp had been used, apparently, for two years and was very well kept.	
	25 Nov	1500	The coys were moving towards areas to be used as PZs for the extraction of the BN on 26 Nov.	
	25 Nov		Ni locs: A Coy 744882, B Coy 757864, C Coy 762873, D Coy 741882.	
	26 Nov	0700	to 1600: 1 RAR and 102 Bty were extracted to NUI DAT by air.	
NUI DAT	27 Nov		Normal TAOR ptls were despatched to carry out their search within the TAOR.	
	28 Nov		Nothing significant was reported from TAOR ptls.	
	29 Nov		Recce and obsn ptls within the TAOR had nothing to report during the day or night.	
	30 Nov		TAOR ptls were carried out as normal and nothing was reported.	

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30 Nov 68

Distribution below

1 RAR AFTER ACTION REPORT 10/68 OPERATIONS CAPITAL I AND II

- References:
- A. 1 ATF OpO No 59/68 of 10 Oct 68.
 - B. 1 ATF FragO 3 to OpO 59/68 of 25 Oct 68.
 - C. 1 ATF CpO 66/68 of 3 Nov 68.
 - D. 1 ATF FragO I to OpO 66/68 of 15 Nov 68.
 - E. 1 ATF FragO 3 to OpO 66/68 of 24 Nov 68.

Name and Type of Operation

- 1. Operation CAPITAL - reconnaissance in force in AO's WATSON, PEARCE and FARRER.

Dates of Operations

- 2. 28 Oct - 26 Nov 68.

Locations

- 3. AO's WATSON, PEARCE. - North East PHUOC TUY Province.
- 4. AO FARRER. North West BINH TUY and North East PHUOC TUY Provinces.

Control HQ

- 5. HQ 1 RAR, under command HQ 1 ATF.

Task Organization

- 6. Under comd from 280630H Oct Three combat teams, 1 Fd Sqn.
Remaining in DS 102 Fd Bty, 12 Fd Regt.
In sp from 280630H Oct and One H13, 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.
at priority call from 280830H
to 281030H Oct
In sp from 280630H Oct to 104 Fd Bty, 12 Fd Regt.
191100H Nov
In sp 3 - 26 Nov A Bty 2/35 Arty (US)

Intelligence

- 7. Annex A.

Mission

- 8. To conduct reconnaissance in force operations in AO's WATSON, PEARCE and FARRER.

Concept of Operations

- 9. AO WATSON. Reconnaissance in force was planned involving three rifle companies moving northward from the south of the AO following air insertion. Fire support was to be provided from one FSPB containing the direct support field battery and secured by the fourth rifle company. HQ 1 RAR with Support Company platoons was to secure another FSPB containing 1 RAR Mortar Platoon less one section.

10. AO PEARCE. As a prelude to reconnaissance in force, two rifle companies were to be positioned to block movement. Two rifle companies were to be flown into an LZ from which the AO was to be searched in the direction of the blocking force. Fire support was to be provided from the same FSPB used in the reconnaissance in force of AO WATSON, protected by armour located in the Base with HQ 1 ATF. There was no change in the location of the HQ 1 RAR FSPB.

11. AO FARRER. A FSPB was to be secured by fly in of a rifle company, followed by the direct support field battery, which was to provide fire support for two rifle companies to fly in to LZs in the South of the AO. Reconnaissance in force was to be conducted by these companies northwards. The rifle company securing the FSPB was to be relieved by HQ 1 RAR with Support Company platoons including the Mortar Platoon less one section. This company and the fourth rifle company, completing reconnaissance in force of AO PEARCE, were assigned areas for reconnaissance in force in the west and north of the AO

Execution

12. Annex B - Sequence of Events.

Results

13. Casualties

- a. VC - 8 KIA (BC) 3 WIA 1 PW (WIA), 1 Detainee
- b. Australian - 4 KIA 1 DOW 4 WIA

14. Installations and Equipment

Annex A.

Lessons Learned

15. Assault Landing Co-ordination. The use of one round of smoke as the last round in fire for effect in LZ preparation proved most effective in indicating the end of artillery fire support and allowed air landing to follow with a minimum of delay.

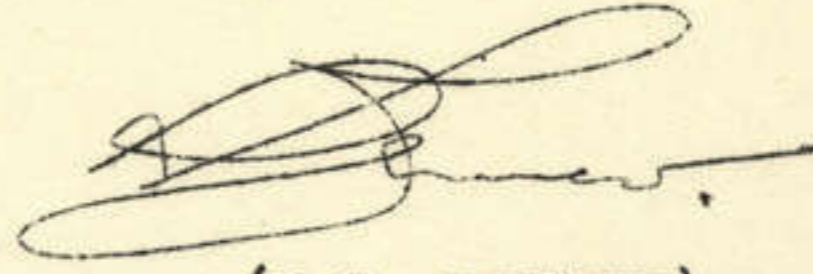
16. Direct Support Light Helicopter. For most of the period of this operation 1 RAR was without a direct support light helicopter. This situation was not acceptable as the light helicopter is required on immediate standby for such frequent occurrences as contacts, marrying up of sub units in close country, map spotting maintaining communications and mortar requirements for recce, liaison, medevac and deliveries of op dem items. There can be considerable wastage of flying hours in unproductive travel to position for and return from tasks when in support. This wastage was particularly in evidence in the case of operations in AO FARRER.

17. Communications with Gunships. On the occasions when gunships were used to cover winch operations during DUSTOFF, the gunships were not in contact with the sub unit concerned but only the DUSTOFF aircrafts. For safety of own troops and effective direction of gunship fire, it is essential that gunships and DUSTOFF be on the sub unit internal net.

18. Search and Destruction of Enemy Installations. The time available for the searching and systematic ground destruction of enemy installations was generally adequate. More enemy equipment and installations were discovered during search developed from areas initially located and engineer/assault pioneers assisted destruction was detailed. Airstrikes were used generally to open up the area of the installation for future surveillance.

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19. Locations of Forces in Adjoining AO's. Difficulty was experienced in obtaining up to date and positive locations of forces operating in proximity of the common boundary of 1 RAR and other non-1 ATF AO's. This situation gave cause for concern on a number of occasions and limited coverage of the AO's as well as requiring the withdrawal of sub units to safe separation distances.



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Annexes: A. Intelligence.
B. Sequence of Events.

Distribution: List C less serial 30
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Internal: CP
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102 Fd Bty
1 Fd Sqn
161 Indep Recce Flt
5 RAR
6 RAR
9 RAR
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

General:

1. OP CAPITAL initially took place in the THUA TICH area and was extended later to the EAST to include eventually the southern MAY TAO Area.

Int Forecast:

2. The initial AO, ie WATSON, including the traditional operation area for elements of Rear Services Group 84 and lay astride two major supply routes from the NORTH running SOUTH astride Route 328 and along the Province border to the WEST.

3. Within this area it was thought that elements of 274 VC Regt might be located, particularly in the NORTH, and Group 84.

AO WATSON:

4. Enemy Located. The enemy contacted in AO WATSON were located in two distinct areas; along the eastern border of the AO and in the extreme NORTH. The latter area is obviously a communications route linking the MAY TAO region with the area WEST of the SONG RAI. The former area was particularly used for base complexes. This is particularly the case along the SUOI DAY (centre of mass 650810) where camp sites were closely located.

5. The two most significant camps were the training complex at YS647823 and a possible medical training installation at YS652869.

6. Units Identified:

a. Ba Bien Provincial HQ: A document captured by D Coy on 30 Sep at YS 646830 indicates that elements of the Ba Bien Province HQ were possibly present in the area. The document was a detailed report of the VC infrastructure postings within the entire province with info dated Aug 68.

b. D445 Bn: A Coy killed a political officer and a soldier of C2D445 Bn at YS649910. The presence of this unit was quite unexpected particularly as at that time it was involved in several incidents in the LONG HAI. It can only be assumed that the element contacted was involved in liason tasks properly with 274 Regt.

c. K76 Unit: The medical training installation mentioned in para 5 suggested that K76 was represented in Group 84 activities in this area.

AO PEARCE:

7. Enemy Located: The significant contacts in this AO were those by D Coy in the area NORTH of BAU HAM (YS6784) in the immediate vicinity of the SUOI HOP. Here the enemy were continually trying to move SOUTH and attempted to harrass on two occasions friendly patrols in the area. After each contact the enemy withdrew NORTH across the SUOI HOP into an area which later was to be shown as a major site for enemy installation.

AO FARRER:

8. Enemy Located: All contacts were in the NORTH along the South Western lower slopes of the MAY TAO. It is obvious from the condition of camps in this area that the enemy has been free to develop their bases there without fear of interruption. The camps were particularly well established and in at least one, at YS735888, there was strong evidence of families present. The later sighting of cattle in the area also suggests a permanence not noted elsewhere.

9. A significant feature of AO FARRER was the lack of any sign of enemy activity along the fire trails to the coast. Additionally all

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Additionally all other foot tracks in the SOUTH were totally overgrown and bunkers located were long disused.

10. Units Identified: Captured documents taken after the A Coy contact at YS835838 positively identified K76 unit working in this area.

11. Base Camps: The majority of camps found were in AO WATSON. All camps were of the installation type and not sited for defence.

12. Although camps were located near sources of water it is of interest to note none were found along the SONG RAI. Presumably the enemy concludes that this would be too obvious.

13. One feature which was found to be wide spread was the development of bunkers under buildings - a feature not previously encountered by 1 RAR.

14. A VR conducted by 1 RAR 25 Nov showed that a complex of enemy camps runs more than 2,000 metres WEST from the camp at YS735838. No investigation could be carried out as 1 RAR was extracted 26 Nov.

15. Tracks: Once again it is noted that the enemy will continue to move on tracks despite the obvious possibility of friendly interdiction.

16. Conclusion: The detailed destruction of all enemy camps by 1 RAR has seriously disrupted the facilities of Group 84 within his established area.

17. Appendix 1-3 details all contacts and incidents.

18. Appendix 4 shows tracks and LPs location or used by 1 RAR.

19. Appendix 5 lists enemy casualty and equipment captured.

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APPENDIX 1 TO
ANNEX A TO 1 RAR
AFTER ACTION REPORT 10/68
DATED 18 DEC 68

<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>INCIDENT/CONTACT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>
1.	Incident	YS 609843	291225H	3pl discovered an old Coy size base camp, used within last 3 weeks. Track headed EAST-WEST.
2.	Incident	YS 607844	291330H	A Coy found on camp, part of 3 pl camp complex. Includes 3 houses (Tin walls and thatched roofs) with a bunker under each. Occupied by 6-12 people within last few hours. Cooking utensils and fowls left behind.
3.	Incident	YS 609483	291600H	3 pl found old en base camp which had been hit by air strike (Complex serial 1, 2 and 3 measures 400 m square)
4.	Incident	YS 609845	300925H	3 pl found en base camp, Coy size 200 m X 100 m. Camp consisted of 2 Command Bunkers 10' X 12'. 50 m coms trench 3'6" deep with over head cover every 12 ft. Camp not recently used.
5.	Incident	YS 609847	300925H	3 pl found a water point.
6.	Incident	YS 635836	301416H	10 pl observing en standing too.
7.	Incident	YS 605854	301650H	1 pl found old en camp not used for at least 6 months.
8.	Incident	YS 635830	310905H	D Coy found en base camp 50 m X 75 m. 1 bunker with 8" over head cover, 1 wpn pit 6' X 8' X 4' deep. Fresh tracks in camp indicating 2 - 4 men using camp. Also found 1 X M1 magazine carrier and sleeping acc. for approx 20 men. Camp of new const.
9.	Incident	YS 635831	310905H	D Coy found base camp 100 m X 75 m with 6 bunkers with over head cover. Also 6 bunkers under const NORTH of camp found yesterday. En departed in a hurry.
10.	Incident	YS 601853	310925H	1 pl found base camp in good condition. 12 houses with bunkers underneath. Camp 250 m (NORTH SOUTH) X 100 m (EAST-WEST). Used by approx 100 men about a month ago.
11.	Contact	YS 644829	311128H	D Coy contacted unknown number of men in base camp. En withdrew NORTHWEST leaving behind webbing and other gear. Results 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 X BAR, 1 Chicom rifle, 1 sewing machine, 2 transistor radios and docs captured.

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<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>INCIDENT/CONTACT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>
12.	Incident	YS 622856	311700H	1 pl found base camp 150 m X 50 m, with 18 bunkers and 2 cooking bunkers. Accn for 40 men. Camp used no more than 3 weeks ago.
13.	Contact	YS 648827	010826H	11 pl contacted 1 VC heading SOUTHEAST. 11 pl opened fire and believed to have wounded en. He was unarmed and fled SOUTH.
14.	Incident	YS 651826	010840H	12 pl found base camp containing 3 bunkers 18' X 10' with over head cover. Also a lecture area with tables and chairs.
15.	Incident	YS 648825	011030H	11 pl found trg camp and grenade throwing area. Many destroyed areas under construction.
16.	Incident	YS 647828	011030H	11 pl found camp complex. Extremely well prepared trg camp, including an underground hospital 30 m X 10 m. Complex links up with previous camp found by 12 pl at YS 651826. Booby trap range with M16 mines, claymores and 16 home made booby traps.
17.	Incident	YS 648822	011533H	D Coy - An old man walked into D Coys position - man detained.
18.	Incident	YS 655836		2 pl found old disused hut. Not used for approx 9 months.
19.	Contact	YS 650852	021415H	1 pl contacted 2 en at 25 m. En fled NORTH after returning fire.
20.	Incident	YS 587813	021330H	C/S 62 found base camp consisting of:- 4 bunkers 6' X 2', 2 bunkers 10' X 10'. Camp area 30 m X 20 m. Cooking fires used 2 - 3 days ago. Tracks leading to creek to the SOUTH.
21.	Incident	YS 653913	--	Possum received SA fire.
22.	Incident	YS 618867	041300H	1 pl found base camp with 16 bunkers. Camp not used for approx 1 month. Appears to be a transit camp. 4 Chicom grenades were found. A further camp to the NORTH at YS 619865 with 4 bunkers and 2 large cooking areas.
23.	Incident	YS 652869	041515H	12 pl found trg camp consisting of 1 school room, 3 bunkers, 2 hutchies and a cook house. Medical school with female teachers. Students appear to be 17 - 18 years old. Persons evacuated 2 days ago. Further searching of camp revealed a total of 40 bunkers, 27 hutchies and unknown no of cooking shacks. Bunkers include 2 hospital bunkers 25 m X 15 m. Also found 2 Chicom rifles and 2 tunnels.

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<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>INCIDENT/CONTACT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>
24.	Contact	YS 652869	041552H	12 pl - Machine gunner heard voices - thought en had sighted him so opened fire. Sweep of area revealed nothing. No of en unknown.
25.	Contact	YS 655870	050253H	D Coy contacted an unknown No of en who approached from the EAST. Machine gunner opened fire and en withdrew NE. Sweep of area in the morning found 2 packs, webbing, clothing and 70 lbs of rice.
26.	Incident	YS 624863	061000H	A Coy found en camp running NORTH - SOUTH for 150 m. 10 bunkers not used for at least 1 month.
27.	Incident	YS 626862	061155H	1 pl found a disabled International Scout vehicle last used approx 12 months ago.
28.	Incident	YS 658883	070702H	Single shot fired at Possum
29.	Incident	YS 637883	070710H	3 pl came across path through grass made by 5 - 10 en moving SOUTH - NORTH in last 24 hrs.
30.	Contact	YS 659869	080830H	12 pl contacted 3 en at 25 m. Contact opened by 12 pl. En returned fire then withdrew SE. En were carrying RPG's.
31.	Incident	YS 665862	081130H	11 pl found old hut suspected of being a casualty clearing station. Found in hut were six portable stretchers. Track running from hut in a NW direction towards a possible hospital. Evidence of litter patient being moved EAST recently.
32.	Contact	YS 660812	081210H	12 pl fired on two VC (Probably local). VC wearing blue shirts black shorts carrying AK 47's withdrew SE.
33.	Incident	YS 626846	091320H	C Coy - APC hit a mine on Route 320 Result 1 Aust WIA.
34.	Contact	YS 665863	101104H	11 pl recce group sighted 4 or 5 en and opened fire at 50 m. Neg cas either side. En withdrew EAST carrying AK 47's.
35.	Contact	YS 640912	101240H	5 pl contacted 2 en carrying no wpns. Fwd scout fired a small burst as VC approached down the track. VC withdrew SW and later a blood trail was found heading SOUTH. Result 1 VC WIA.
36.	Incident	YS 660868	101735H	12 pl found ox cart parked off track concealed. Held various items of motor engines.

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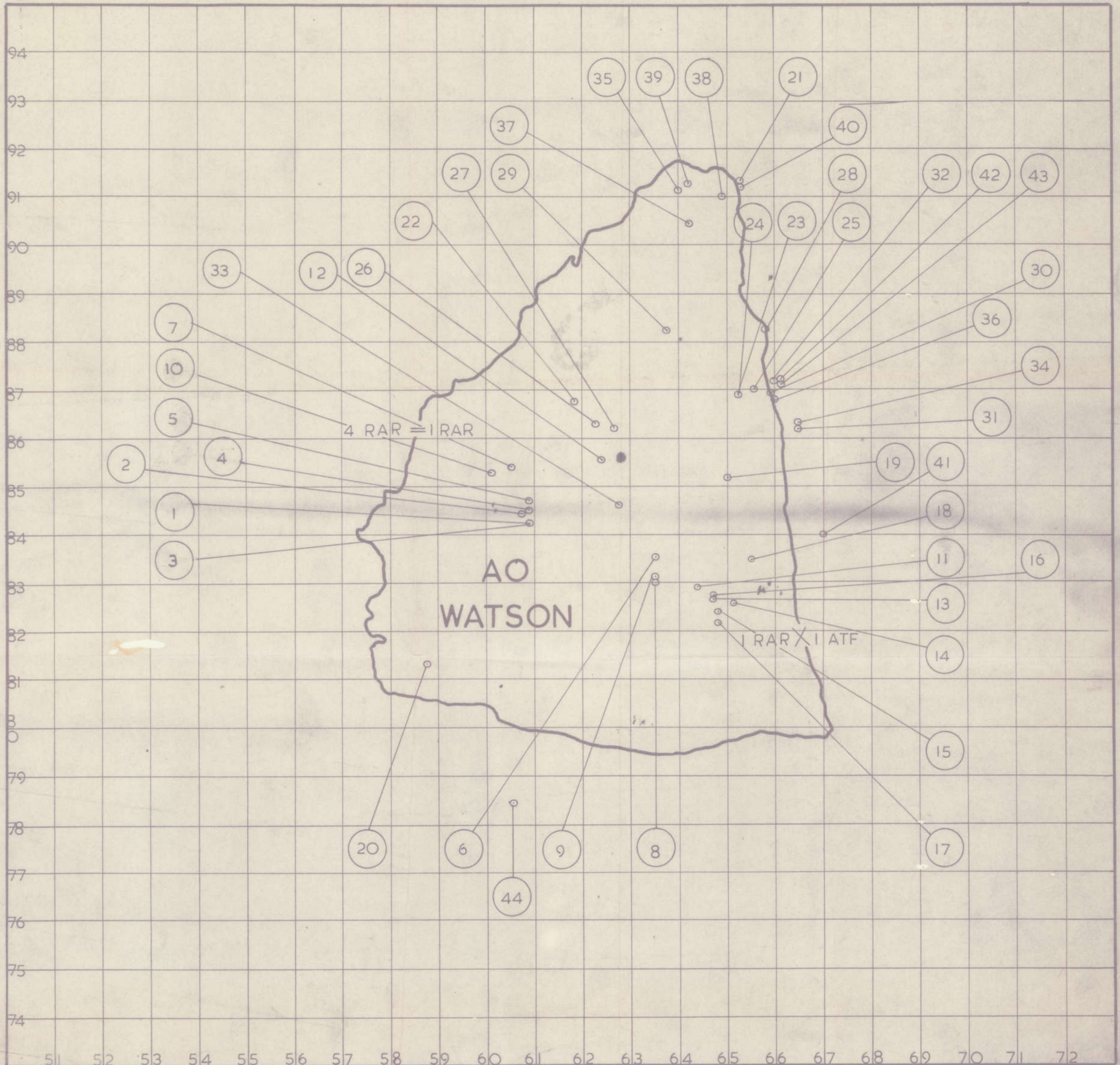
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37.	Contact	YS 642905	110900H	6 pl while moving to secure LP sighted a VC in scrub who then surrendered. He was wounded from the previous day. Later he was interrogated and found to be a rft for the 274 Regt.
38.	Contact	YS 649910	111900H	1 pl contacted 5 en probably NVA wearing greens and packs. En sighted by 1 pl at 150 m as they were moving into ni ambush. En withdrew NW after being engaged. Sweep of area revealed 2 VC KIA (BC), 3 packs, 1 Armalite, 1 X 7.62 Chicom Pistol.
39.	Incident	YS 642913	112000H	B Coy found live firing trg area for en mortarmen, situated in large clearing with scattered clumps of trees which concealed barked roof open shelters to accomodate approx 1 pl. Area 3 - 4 months old. Two base plate positions unused for at least 6 - 7 days.
40.	Contact	YS 654912	121110H	1 pl contacted 1 en thought to be local force. He was sighted at 500 m on edge of timber line. Arty engaged and VC e scaped to the NORTH.
41.	Incident	YS 670840	121400H	D Coy reported SA fire and ground activity in area. Arty engaged area with nil results.
42.	Contact	YS 661872	111645H	12 pl contacted 2 en dressed in blue. En engaged by M79. Another unseen en returned fire with AK 47. En withdrew NORTH back over the creek. Sweep of area revealed drag marks.
43.	Incident	YS 661871	140731	12 pl reported 2 explosions 25m outside perimeter. Thought to be a claymore type device. Nil cas.
44.	Incident	YS 605784	141400	7 pl heard metallic noises and mov to their front. 7 pl withdrew and area was engaged by arty. Sweep revealed fresh diggings at YS 602779.

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45.	Incident	YS 731852		Sighting by Albatros - 3 old bunkers. Also 3 old hutchies not recently used.
46.	Contact	YS 693854	161540H	3 pl. A sub unit of 3 pl contacted 5 en moving SOUTH at 100 m. Engaged by 3 pl at 100 m with negative results. En withdrew SOUTH. Suspected local force.
47.	Contact	YS 694839	170925H	B Coy contacted 3 VC dressed in green carrying AK 47's. VC were moving NE when contacted. VC withdrew NORTH. Negative results.
48.	Contact	YS 693834	171410H	6 pl contacted 1 VC at 20 m. VC carrying AK 47 and webbing. On contact which was initiated by en, en withdrew NORTH - NE. Result 1 Aust WIA.
49.	Incident	YS 657819	171451H	8 pl found base camp with 16 bunkers and some hutchies. Camp not used for 12 months.
50.	Contact	YS 695835	171715H	6 pl contacted 2 armed VC who approached from NORTH. Sentry fired on en at 30 m. Negative results. VC were dressed in greens.
51.	Contact	YS 671868	180855H	11 pl - A claymore was fired at them from 80 m. Was ineffective and en withdrew NORTH. En wearing greens and carrying M16 wpns.
52.	Incident	YS 679867	181442H	1 pl found old base camp. 2 huts with bunkers underneath. Used by 6 - 8 people a week ago. 3 bunkers with comms trenches. Also telephone cables linking huts.
53.	Incident	YS 654859	181442	10 pl heard machine gun fire on a bearing of 4200 mils at a distance of 3000 m.

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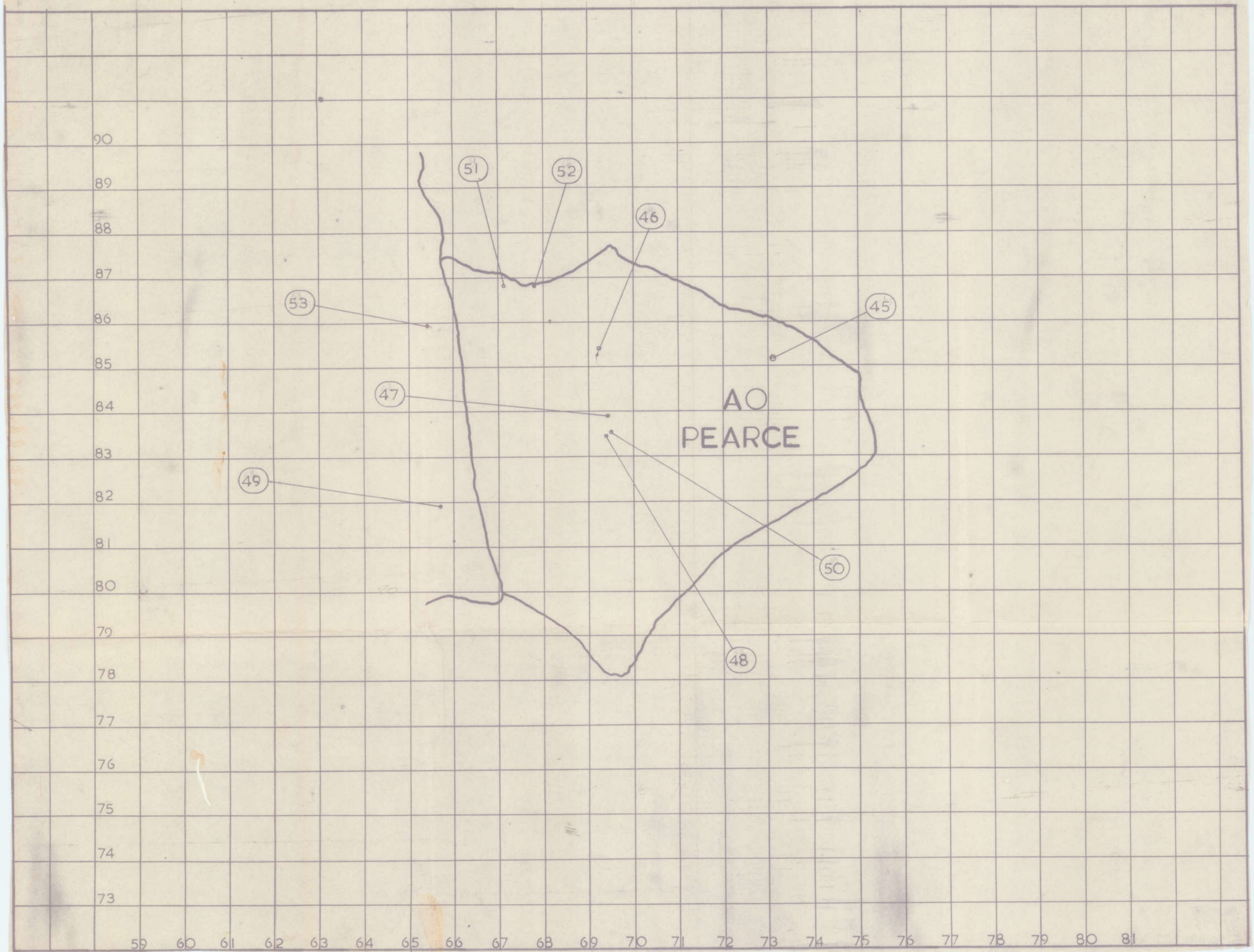
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54.	Incident	YS 740815	191600H	10 pl found a building used for storing rice. There was no rice in it.
55.	Incident	YS 748826	191715H	10 pl found some indications of a mine field ie, 3 tufts of grass tied together at the top within last 48 hrs.
56.	Contact	YS 762879	230945H	C Coy contacted 2 VC one in black and one in green. They were sighted by sentry and engaged at 20 m. VC returned fire with AK 47. Sentry was withdrawn and arty engaged area. VC withdrew NORTH. Negative results.
57.	Incident	YS 773863	231045H	11 pl found 8 bunkers approx 3 months old, 3 with over head cover, approx 100m X 100 m.
58.	Incident	YS 749856	231145H	D Coy found one building, new and recently used. Also found 4 sandbags of rice, one cross-cut saw, several macheties and several sets of black pajamas.
59.	Incident	YS 814863	231555H	3 pl found old disused VC camp.
60.	Contact	YS 735888	240945H	A Coy contact. (a) Contacted 1 en at 15 m, nil results. (b) VC went into a hurried ambush but 2 pl sprung first. Result:- 1 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA, and 2 own WIA (1 DOW). (c) Contact at rear - result 1 VC KIA. (d) Claymore set off. Result 2 own WIA. (e) 1 pl assaulted camp. Result 2 VC KIA - 2 own KIA, 1 WIA.
61.	Incident	YS 735890	241500H - 251500H	A Coy found 26 bunkers (10' X 12'), 3 bunkers (10' X 20') and a hospital, 2 bikes and 1 sewing machine.
62.	Incident	YS 737890	250930H	D Coy located 12 new bunkers, and booby traps of claymore home made trigger device.
63.	Incident	YS 726885	251010H	VR sighted 15 bunkers and track system.
64.	Incident	YS 733893	251411H	11 pl found 20 bunkers, two of which are school rooms.
65.	Incident	YS 732887, 737889, 718897, 722901	251400H - 251500H	VR sighted complex of camps.

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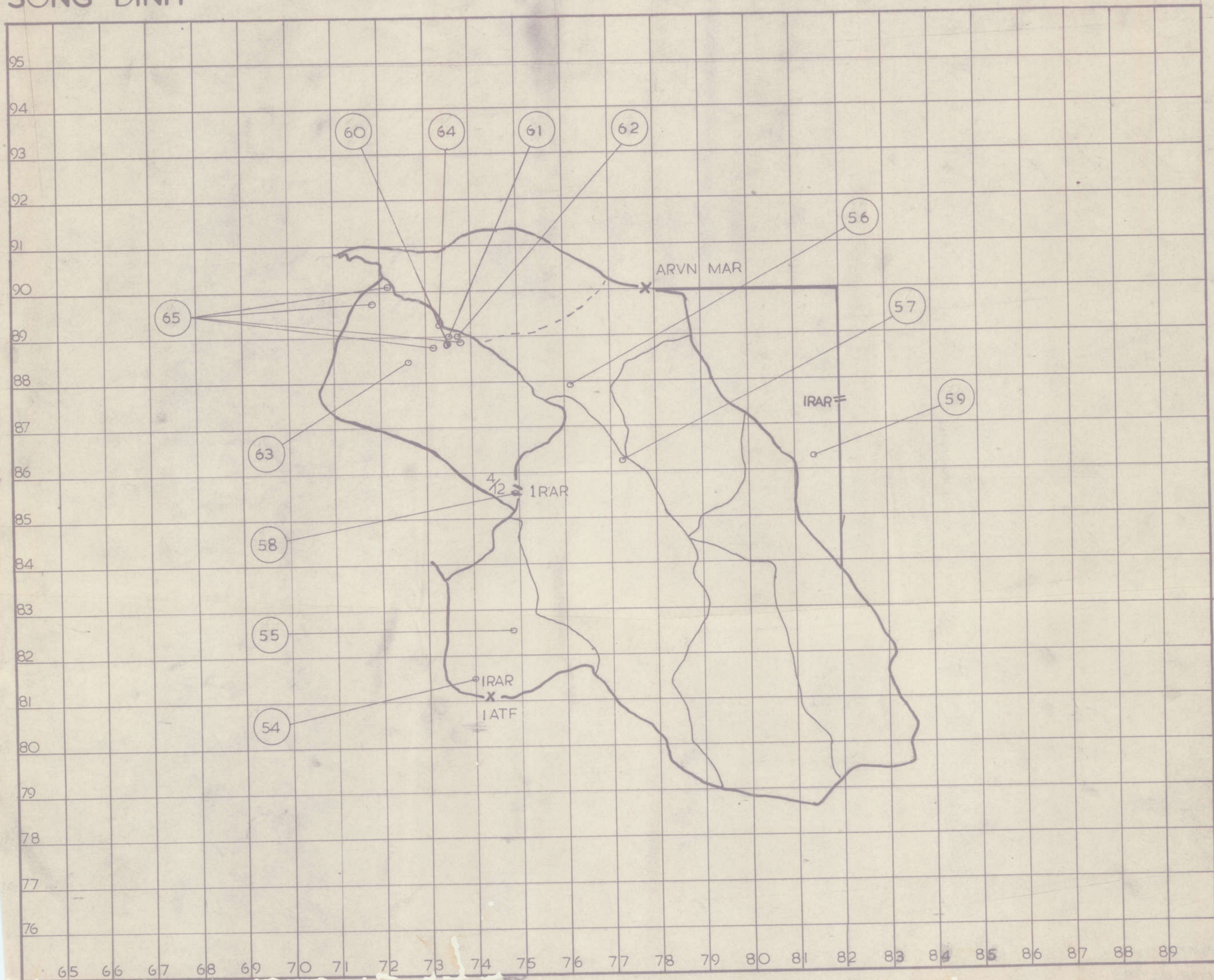
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SUMMARY OF ENEMY CASUALTIES, WEAPONS AND EQPT CAPTURED:
OP CAPITOL

1. ENEMY CASUALTIES:
 - 8 K.I.A. (BC)
 - 1 PW (W.I.A.)
 - 3 W.I.A.
 - 1 DETAINEE

2. WEAPONS:
 - 1 BAR
 - 3 AK47
 - 1 SKS
 - 1 M16
 - 2 MOSIN NAGANT
 - 1 7.62 CHICOM PISTOL

3. AMMUNITION:
 - 300 X 7.62MM SHORT
 - 50 X .30 M1
 - 100 X 7.62MM CHICOM PISTOL
 - 1 X RPG 7 ROUND
 - 6 X GRENADES
 - 3 X CLAYMORES

4. MISCELLANEOUS:
 - 2 BICYCLES
 - 2 SEWING MACHINES
 - 2 TRANSISTOR RADIOS
 - 1 SET SCALES
 - 1 CROSSCUT SAW
 - 7 MACHETTES
 - 1 FILE
 - 1 PITH HELMET
 - 24 3" X 5" TAPES
 - DOCUMENTS

5. DESTROYED IN SIT:
 - 5 PACKS
 - 1 M1 MAG CARRIER
 - 2 OXCARTS
 - 400lbs RICE
 - 80lbs SALT
 - 20lbs FISH
 - NUMEROUS BAGS CHINESE FLOUR
 - NUMEROUS SETS OF CLOTHING
 - MEDICAL SUPPLIES
 - INTERNATION SCOUT (VEHICLE, DISABLED)

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ANNEX B TO
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DATED 10 DEC 68

OPERATION CAPITAL 1 AND 11 - SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

DAY 1

28 OCT

- a.m. - Bn commences fly in to AO WATSON. All coys deployed from FSPB LION
YS 615814. Coys begin search of AOs.
Ni locs.
A/12 YS 620834
11 YS 611836
13 YS 621835
B Coy YS 585815
C Coy LION
D/41 YS 637805
42 YS 632798
43 YS 640803
HQ YS 597816

DAY 2

29 OCT

- a.m. - Coys continue search of AOs.
0934 - C/S1 reported well worn track recently used by men and bullocks - runs
EAST - WEST YS 618839. C/S1 followed this track to the WEST and NORTH
WEST
1200 - C/S1 located a large en camp - unoccupied, - at YS 606844.
1532 - C/S4 had one man accidentally wounded in the foot - Dusted off.

Ni locs
A, B and D in ambush.
A/12 YS 607844
11 YS 607845
13 YS 607843
B Coy YS 581834
C Coy LION
D/42 YS 639812
41 YS 636815
43 YS 636812

DAY 3

30 Oct

- a.m. - Search continued.
0925 - C/S13 found an en base camp 200m X 100m at YS 609845. Not recently used.
1416 - C/S41 came across occupied bunker system with en at elert - not observed
by en - 10c YS 645836. Coy converged - when camp entered at 1650 it was
empty.

Ni locs
A. Coy YS 614857
11 YS 605854
B. Coy YS 586854
C Coy LION
D/42 YS 633834
41 YS 635830
43 YS 629835

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DAY 4

31 Oct 68

- a.m. - Coys continued to search AO's
- 0846 - C/S61 crossed a well used track at 597810
- 0905 - C/S41 found a camp that had been quickly vacated at YS 635831 - 6 bunkers with OHP and 6 under construction. Oxen had been used in the area.
- 0925 - C/S 11 found an old unoccupied camp at YS 601853. 12 bunkers with huts on top. Used by up to 100 VC one month previous.
- 1128 - C/S 42 heard voices and chopping at YS 644829. Recce party was seen and they attacked the en. 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 BAR, 1 CHICOM rifle and eqpt. captured. Camp contained 14 bunkers and signs of women and children.
- 1410 - C/S 43 found rice padi 20m x 20m harvested one week previously.
- 1700 - C/S 11 found a well camouflaged camp. 18 bunkers and 2 cooking bunkers. Hold approx 40 VC and used within last 3 weeks.

Ni locs

A Coy 629851
A/11 622856
B YS 595867
C LION
D/42 648830
D/41 636830
D/43 651829

DAY 5

1 NOV

- 0826 - 1 VC contacted by C/S 42. Dress black shorts. YS 648827.
- 0840 - C/S 43 found 3 bunkers at YS 651826 with lecture tables etc.
- 1030 - C/S 42 found a training camp with rifle and grenade range, still under construction, also a hospital, obstacle course - mostly underground. YS 647828, YS 648825. This trg centre demolished by engr.
- 1533 - An old man walked into C/S 54s area and was detained. Interrogation confirmed age 72 and active CP member.

Ni locs

A/13 YS 639850
A/12 YS 649852
A/11 YS 621860
B YS 602870
B/22 YS 606870
B/21 YS 604875
C LION
D complete YS 647830

DAY 6

2 NOV

Search and ambush continues.

- 1348 - C/S 62 found an old camp at YS 587812
- 1415 - Contact C/S 1 with 2 local VC at 25 metres. Sweep revealed nothing.

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DAY 6 (cont)

2 NOV

Ni locs
A/13 YS 650851
A/11 622862
B/22 602870
B/21 604875
B/23 606870
C LION
D/42 647830
D/43 659838
D/41 657814

DAY 7

3 NOV

1456 - C/S 32B heard digging at YS 612803 NTR.

Ni locs
A YS 631860
B/23 606873
B/21 604875
B/22 606870
C LION
D YS 651816

DAY 8

4 NOV

1300 - C/S 11 found a camp at YS 617863. 8 bunkers. Not used for one month, found six grenades.

1450 - C/S 1 reported a camp at YS 619865. 16 assorted bunkers.

1515 - C/S 43 found another trg camp at YS 652869. One schoolroom 3 bunkers - med trg school.

1550 - C/S 43 contacted an unknown number of en - heard voices -NTR.

Ni locs
A YS 616874
A/11 617864
B 621889
C LION
D/43 YS 655870
D/41 652875
D/42 649878

DAY 9

5 NOV

0253 - Unknown number of VC approached C/S 4s loc. MG fired. NIL results. Loc YS 655870. Search found 2 packs, 1 bush hat - 70 lbs rice and webbing.

am/pm - C/S 4 continued to destroy en trg camp found on 4 Nov.

Ni locs
A (-) YS 625880
A/12 YS 625878
A/11 YS 618865
B/21 YS 612891
B/22 YS 612887
B/23 YS 615893
C LION
D (-) YS 655870
D/42 YS 653876

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DAY 10

6 NOV

- 1000 - C/S 11 found an en camp at YS 624867 - 10 bunkers - not used for 1 month
- 1300 - C/S 11 found an old US jeep type utility veh at YS 626862. Completely disabled.

Ni locs

A/13 YS 633884
A/12 YS 634888
A/11 YS 623863
B (-) YS 612891
B/22 YS 620895
B/23 YS 615893
C LION
D (-) YS 655870
D/42 YS 653877

DAY 11

7 NOV

NTR

Ni locs

A/13 YS 633884
A/11 YS 635876
A/12 YS 634889
B/23 YS 615893
B/21 YS 612891
B/22 YS 620895
C LION
D/41 YS 650855
D/42 YS 659859
D/43 YS 658868

DAY 12

8 NOV

- 0830 - C/S 43 in contact with 3 VC -- en returned fire with RPG. NTR. Loc YS 659869.
- 1130 - C/S 42 reported locating a possible casualty clearing station at YS 662862. Signs of bullock cart movement and med treatment.
- 1209 - C/S 43 in contact with 2 VC in blue shirts. NTR.

Ni locs

A YS 645891
B/21 617895
620895
615893
C LION
D/41 YS 654859
D/42 668887
D/43 661870

DAY 13

9 NOV

- 1320 - APC with an elm of C Coy detonated a mine at YS 625843. One soldier slight head injuries.

Ni locs

A YS 645907
B 635900
C LION
D (-) YS 654859
D/41 658857

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DAY 14

10 NOV

- 1100 - C/S 42 fired on by 4 or 5 en at 50 metres. NTR.
1240 - C/S 22 fired on 2 VC at 20 Metres. Blood trail followed by dogs. En escaped.
1735 - C/S 43 found an ox cart at YS 660868, concealed, with various motor engine parts.

Ni locs

A YS 644905
B YS 636906
C LION
D/41 YS 654859
D/42 YS 660862
D/43 YS 658868

DAY 15

11 NOV

- 0855 - C/S 2 captured wounded VC from contact on the 10th Nov. Captured one AK 47 at YS 642905.
1820 - C/S 11 engaged 5 VC - 2 VC KIA (BC) 1 WIA at YS 649910. 1 M16 captured.

Ni locs

A YS 644905
A/13 641912
A/11 648910
B (-) 637905
B/21 634906
C LION
D/41A YS 654859
D/41(-) 660857
D/42 662862
D/43 662871
D/41B 661860

DAY 16

12 NOV

NTR

Ni loc

A (-) YS 644906
A/11 649909
A/13 642912
B/21 637905
B/22 636907
B/23 633905
C LION
D/41A YS 654859
D/41 660851
D/42 662862
D/42B 661860
D/43 662871

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DAY 17

13 NOV

1645 - C/S 43 fired on 2 en crossing creek at YS 661872. NTR

Ni loc
A YS 645906
/11 649910
12/T34 646909
/13 642912
B/23 637905
21 633904
22 636907
C LION
D/41A YS 654859
41 660851
42 662862
42B 661860
43 661871

DAY 18

14 NOV

0730 - C/S 43 reported en explosion 25m from C/S's loc. NTR.

1350 - C/S 21 heard sounds of digging - engaged with mors -
investigation revealed shallow diggings possibly for roots.

Ni locs
A YS 645906
11 649910
12/T34 646909
13 642912
B/22 637905
21 633904
23 635907
C LION
D/4/41A 654859
41 660851
42 662862
42B 661860
43 662870

DAY 19

15 NOV

C/S 3 2 sect G10 deployed at FSPB LEOPARD to prep LZ for fly
in of C/S 1 & 2 on 16 Nov.

Ni locs
A YS 645906
11 649910
12/T34 646909
13 642912
B 637965
C LION
D/41A YS 654859
41 660851
42 669869
43 662862
43A 661870

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DAY 20

16 NOV

C/S 1 and 2 flown into LZ. C/S 2 secured LZ for fly in of C/S 1. Search commenced to WEST through AO PEARCE.

1540 - C/S 13 fired on 5 VC at 100m. NTR.

Ni locs
A YS 696864
13 693854
B 702841
C LION
D/41A 654859
41 658851
42 671868
43 662862
43B 661860

DAY 21

17 NOV

0925 - C/S 2 contacted 3 VC. NTR

1410 - C/S 23 fired on by 1 VC. One own KIA.

1715 - C/S 23 sentry fired on 2 VC who approached. NTR.

Ni loc
A/12 YS 676856
13 685849
11 682862
B/21 691836
22 689829
23 695835
C/3/31 658819
32/33 665825
D/41A 654859
41 658851
42 671868
43 662862
43A 661860

DAY 22

18 NOV

0855 - En fired a claymore 80 metres from C/S 42 at YS 671868. NTA.

1240 - C/S 11 at YS 679867 found 2 huts with bunkers underneath. Well used small camp with latrine and many tracks. Used two days previously. Marked for destruction by air.

1500 - C/S 2 found 4 well constructed bunkers at YS 684832. Huts were erected on top of the bunkers.

Ni loc
A YS 656860
11 662862
B(-) 684832
22 688828
C/31 659818
32/33 665825
D 654859

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Day 23

19 NOV

Bn less B and C Coy fly in to FSPB LYNX and Low Run.

0833 - C/S 4 secure at FSPB LYNX YS753827

1100 - C/S 1 secure at Low Run YS 835795.

Ni loc

A/11	YS	830811
13		812813
B		659818
C		659818
D/42		760834
41		748811
43		749848

DAY 24

20 NOV

NTR

Ni locs

A	YS	829826
B/22		802808
21		808811
23		792810
C		705809
D/43		776842
41		779820
42		787842

DAY 25

21 NOV

am - C/S 2 airlifted to HOT CAKE
C/S 3 commences move to EAST

Ni locs

A/13	YS	808858
12		800868
11		797843
B		786842
C		750842
D		776842

DAY 26

22 NOV

NTR

Ni locs

A	YS	799871
11		788881
B		769874
C/33		759878
32		766893
31		748888
D/43		764860
41		762851
42		777856

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DAY 27

23 NOV

- 0945 - Sentry from C/S 3 fired on 2 VC - VC one in black one in green carrying belt ammo. Loc YS 762879.
- 1145 - C/S 41 at YS 749856 found a new hut containing 40 lb rice, 1 crosscut saw, several knives, a file and clothes.
- 1555 - C/S 13 found an old unused VC camp at YS 814863.

Ni locs

A YS 810866
B/23 780888
21 780893
22 771889
C 762873
D/43 741882
41 747873
42 764872

DAY 28

24 NOV

- 0945 - C/S 12 sentry fired on one VC at YS 735888. NTR.
- 1025 - C/S 12 fired on ambush set by 10 - 15 VC 200 m NE of 735888. 1 VC KIA. 2 own WIA.
- 1051 - One VC approached C/S 1 from the rear. Result 1 VC KIA.
- 1130 - C/S 12 on moving forward entered a bunker system and found 4 packs - large system.
- 1310 - C/S 11 in contact - en fired claymore. 2 own WIA.
- 1338 - C/S 11 in heavy contact. C/S 13 moving to a flank to help. Own 2 KIA, 3WIA.
- 1535 - C/S 1 again in contact result 1 VC KIA.

Ni locs

A/12/43 YS 734888
11/13 735890
B 780888
21 784888
22 775885
C/32 762873
31 766882
33 770870
D/41/42 741882
43 with A Coy

DAY 29

25 NOV

- am - D Coy joined C/S 1 at base camp area of contact on 24 Nov.
- 1150 - C/S 42 discovered a booby trapped area at Northern end of camp YS 737890.
- 1410 - C/S 42 at 733893 found another bunker system of 20 bunkers.

Ni locs

A YS 744882
B 757864
C 762873
D 741882

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DAY 30

26 NOV

Bn lifted out to Nui Dat by air.

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