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[Vietnam]

Engineers units

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**Item: 17 Construction Squadron
Group**

Narrative

operations log

annexes

[1-31 Dec 1969]

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)

OC 17 Const Sqn Gp

Appointment

(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation..... 17 Const Sqn Gp

From..... 1 Dec 69 To..... 31 Dec 69

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Narrative (AF C 2118)

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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 NII will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, starting at B.

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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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This form is to be enclosed with the annexes in AF - C 2119 (Adapted).

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF - C 2118 (Adapted)

Revised Jun, 1965

MONTH AND YEAR December 1969

REFERENCE MAP SHEET 6442 II VIETNAM 1:50,000

UNIT/FORMATION 17 Const Sqn

Maj E.J. WERTHEIMER

COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	3 Dec 69		Capt Quantrill, Capt Parker and 16 soldiers marched in. Lt Frost, WO1 Dickinson and 12 soldiers marched out.	
	3 Dec 69		Receipt of Det 17 Const Sqn Gp RO's Pt I Serial 45	Enclosure 1 to Annex I
	6 Dec 69		Issue of 17 Const Sqn Gp RO's Pt I Serial 53	Enclosure 1 to Annex H
	6 Dec 69		Receipt of Det 17 Const Sqn Gp RO's Pt I Serial 46	Enclosure 2 to Annex I
	7 Dec 69		Issue of 17 Const Sqn Gp Periodical Technical Report for Nov 69	Enclosure 1 to Annex O
	10 Dec 69		2Lt Mills and 1 soldier marched in. Capt Graham, Capt Crews and 6 soldiers marched out.	
	13 Dec 69		Issue of 17 Const Sqn Gp RO's Pt I Serial 54	Enclosure 2 to Annex H
	16 Dec 69		Receipt of Det 17 Const Sqn Gp RO's Pt I Serial 47	Enclosure 3 to Annex I
	17 Dec 69		11 Soldiers marched in from Australia. 2Lt Minnikin, 2Lt Wilkinson and 11 soldiers RTA.	
	19 Dec 69		Receipt of Det 17 Const Sqn Gp RO's Pt I Serial 48	Enclosure 4 to Annex I
	20 Dec 69		Issue of 17 Const Sqn Gp RO's Pt I Serial 55	Enclosure 3 to Annex H
	23 Dec 69		Receipt of Det 17 Const Sqn Gp RO's Pt I Serial 49	Enclosure 5 to Annex I
	23 Dec 69		Capt Dufall and 2 soldiers marched in. 4 Soldiers marched out RTA.	
	24 Dec 69		LCT returned to unit lines	
	26 Dec 69		Receipt of Operation Order for "OP CUTLASS II" - Landclearing in LONG GREEN AREA	Enclosure 1 to Annex D
	26 Dec 69		Receipt of Det 17 Const Sqn Gp RO's Pt I Serial 50	Enclosure 6 to Annex I

17 Const Sqn Operations Log

(for 24 hr period commencing 0800 hrs On22 Dec 69.....)

Serial	Time in	From Whom	Brief Description	Action Taken
1	1645	47	Mine Incident Report:- (Serial 11) D8 ran over M16 mine - nil injuries	1 ATF CP notified
2	1815	47	Land Clearing Report:- A. 35,000 sq yds B. 1 mine - M16 2 growser plates smashed C. 2 serviceable, 6 unserviceable	1 ATF CP notified

.....Capt G.B. PARKER..... Duty Ops Officer

17 Const Sqn Operations Log

(for 24 hr period commencing 0800 hrs on .23 Dec 69.....)

Serial	Time in	From Whom	Brief Description	Action Taken
1	1747	47	Land Clearing Report:- A. 40,000 sq yds B. nil C. 5 serviceable, 3 unserviceable	1 ATF CP notified

..... Capt G.B. PARKER Duty Ops Officer

17 Const Sqn Operations Log

(for 24 hr period commencing 0800 hrs on 24 Dec 69.....)

Serial	Time in	From Whom	Brief Description	Action Taken
1	1310	46	Last convoy left LCT area. All back for Christmas. Due to return to area 30 Dec 69.	1 ATF CP informed

..... Capt G.B. PARKER Duty Ops Officer

17 Const Sqn Operations Log

(for 24 hr period commencing 0800 hrs on30 Dec 69.....)

Serial	Time in	From Whom	Brief Description	Action Taken
1	0740	ARTY TAC	Requested ground clearance in LCT A0 for destroyer gun fire	47 granted clearance
2	0805	47	LCT convoy departed NUI DAT for redeployment in LONG GREEN	
2	1015	47	LCT started work on Night Def Posn at YS 538602	
4	1810	47	LCT REPORT:- A. nil B. nil C. 6 serviceable, 2 unserviceable	

.....Capt G.B. PARKER..... Duty Ops Officer

17 Const Sqn Operations Log

(for 24 hr period commencing 0800 hrs on .31 Dec 69.....)

Serial	Time in	From Whom	Brief Description	Action Taken
1	1815	47	LCT REPORT:- A. 20,000 sq yds B. nil C. 6 serviceable, 2 unserviceable	1 ATF CP notified

..... Capt G.B. PARKER Duty Ops Officer

Enclosure 1 to Annex I
to 17 Const Sqn Gp
Comd's Diary Dec 69.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

CAPTAIN G.R. GRAHAM

OFFICER COMMANDING DETACHMENT 17 CONSTRUCTION SQUADRON GROUP

VUNG TAU

3 Dec 69

Serial 45

RO 188 - 191

<u>ROUTINE ORDERS NO</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
188	WEARING OF RINGS
189	PAYING OFFICER
190	POSTAL ORDERS
191	CARRIAGE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR OUTSIDE 1 ALSG AREA

RO 188 WEARING OF RINGS

Reference: A. Dress Manual 1963, paragraphs 23 and 24.

1. Although approval exists for rings to be worn, soldiers who do so should be aware of the safety hazard involved. There are constant occurrences of injuries caused by rings catching on some protrusion - particularly when handling stores and when mounting/dismounting vehicles. At the best this results in a sore finger, at the worst - no finger.

2. When members are engaged on duties where such hazards exist, they should bind the ring and finger with sticky tape.

RO 189 PAYING OFFICER

17102 Capt TAYLOR P will be the Unit Paying Officer on Thu 4 Dec 69.

RO 190 POSTAL ORDERS

Reference: A. Manual of Procedure in Cash Offices Chap 27 Para 2703.

The person negotiating or cashing a postal order is to ensure that it is correctly signed by the payee and the date of cashing is not more than six months after the date of issue.

RO 191 CARRIAGE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR OUTSIDE 1 ALSG AREA.

1 ALSG ADMIN INSTR NO 7 OF 22 MAY 69 REFERS.

1. DUE TO THE INCREASING NUMBER OF INCIDENTS IN THE CITY OF VUNG TAU RESULTING IN INJURY TO AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND SERVICEMEN CMM THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO 1 ALSG ADMIN INSTR NO 7 OF 22 MAY 69 IS TO BE EFFECTIVE FROM 0800 HRS WEDNESDAY 3 DEC 69. UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, MEMBERS OF 1 ALSG AND ATTACHED PERSONNEL ARE NOT TO CARRY OUT OF THE 1 ALSG AREA OR ANY OTHER FREE WORLD ESTABLISHMENT, BOTTLES OR CANS OF SPIRITS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSUMPTION WHILE ON LEAVE.

2. CONTRAVENTION OF THIS INSTRUCTION WILL RESULT IN

ALFA . CONFISCATION OF LIQUOR.

BRAVO . CANCELLATION OF LEAVE.

DELTA. APPROPRIATE DISCIPLINARY ACTION.



(G.R. GRAHAM)

Capt

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Enclosure 1 to Annex H
to 17 Const Sqn Gp
Comd's Diary Dec 69.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

Major E.J. WERTHEIMER

Officer Commanding 17th Construction Squadron RAE

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6th DECEMBER '69

Serial 53
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CAMP DUTIES

Duty personnel for the week ending 14 Dec 69 are listed below. Duty timings are 0730 hrs on the day shown to 0730 hrs the following day except where shown otherwise.

a. Duty Officer

Mon 8 Dec 69	2Lt WILKINSON
Tue 9 Dec 69	WO2 ROSS
Wed 10 Dec 69	WO2 THATCHER
Thu 11 Dec 69	Capt MORTON
Fri 12 Dec 69	Capt PARKER
Sat 13 Dec 69	WO2 ROGERS (Dismount 0830 hrs Sun)
Sun 14 Dec 69	WO2 McDONALD (Mount 0830 hrs Sun)

Next for Sunday duty - WO1 BOURKE

b. Duty Sergeant

Mon 8 Dec 69	Sgt MARTIN
Tue 9 Dec 69	Sgt PHILLIPS
Wed 10 Dec 69	Sgt SLOANE
Thu 11 Dec 69	SSgt KAY
Fri 12 Dec 69	Sgt JONES
Sat 13 Dec 69	Sgt BAKER (Dismount 0830 hrs Sun)
Sun 14 Dec 69	SSgt KAY (Mount 0830 hrs Sun)

Next for Sunday duty - Sgt SLOANE

c. Mess Duties ORs Mess

Tour of duty is from 0600 hrs Mon 8 Dec 69 to 1930 hrs Sun 14 Dec 69.

Spr BRITTON (9 Tp) Spr SEE KEE (10 Tp)

d. Mess Duties Offr/Sgts Mess

Tour of duty is from 0600 hrs Mon 8 Dec 69 to 1930 hrs Sun 14 Dec 69.

Spr MOREMAN (Pl Tp)

e. Hygiene Duties

Tour of duty is from 0730 hrs Mon 8 Dec 69 to 1230 hrs Sun 14 Dec 69. Member is to report to the SSM at 0745 hrs daily except Sunday when he will report as 0845 hrs.

Spr HANSFORD (HQ Tp)

f. Area Maintenance

Tour of duty is from 0800 hrs Mon 8 Dec 69 to 1230 hrs Sun 14 Dec 69. Members are to report to the SSM at 0800 hrs daily except Sunday when they will report at 0900 hrs.

Spr McMAHON (Pl Tp) Spr FINNEY (9 Tp)

g. Switch Operator

Tour of duty is from 0730 hrs to 1700 hrs daily.

Spr SLATER O.W. (HQ Tp)

h. Command Post and Strong Points

Tour of duty is from 0730 hrs on the day shown until 0730 hrs the following day except Sunday when picquets will dismount and mount at 0830 hrs.

To be notified daily.

454.

BREACHES OF CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

1. The Department of Customs and Excise has brought notice of a number of declaration irregularities when examining servicemen's parcels forwarded through the post.
2. Irregularities detected include :
 - a. Use of fictitious names by senders.
 - b. Fraudulent certification of parcels using the names of non existent officers.
 - c. Use of other members concessions when senders have fully utilized their own.
 - d. The obvious undervaluation of goods declared.
3. Members are warned :
 - a. Full duty and sales tax is assessed whenever irregular circumstances are detected.
 - b. Details of irregularities brought to notice of HQ AFV can render offenders liable to disciplinary action under AA 25(3).
 - c. Violations can be detected, and continued violation by a few soldiers is likely to cause customs officers to take a harder line with the force as a whole.

455.

VEHICLE INSPECTION AND SERVICE

The following vehicles are due for inspection and service during the period 8 Dec to 14 Dec 69.

SERVICE :	8 Dec 69	2000	112876	HQ Tp	
			2000	171849	HQ Tp
	9 Dec 69	2000	113720	HQ Tp	
			2000	113045	9 Tp
	10 Dec 69	2000	114547	Pl Tp	
			2000	171639	10 Tp
	11 Dec 69	2000	114386	HQ Tp	
			2000	171894	HQ Tp
	12 Dec 69	2000	171876	HQ Tp	
			2000	171839	10 Tp
	13 Dec 69	2000	114006	Pl Tp	
NON TECH :	8 Dec 69		171718	HQ Tp	
			171821	HQ Tp	
	10 Dec 69		171538	HQ Tp	
			171825	HQ Tp	
	12 Dec 69		172687	HQ Tp	
		171620	HQ Tp		
	13 Dec 69		112960	Pl Tp	

456.

CARRIAGE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR OUTSIDE 1 ALSG AREA

1. Due to the increasing number of incidents in the City of Vung Tau resulting injury to Australian and New Zealand servicemen, the following is to apply with immediate effect.
 - a. Until further notice, members proceeding on leave into Vung Tau from 1 ALSG area are not to carry out of the 1 ALSG area or any other Free World establishment bottles or cans of spirits for the purpose of consumption while on leave.
2. Contravention of this order will result in :
 - a. Confiscation of liquor.
 - b. Cancellation of leave.
 - c. Appropriate disciplinary action.

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37.

CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL OUTSIDE THE 1 ATF AND 1 ALSG AREAS

1. Alcoholic liquor is not to be consumed outside the 1 ATF or 1 ALSG areas by members of 17 Const Sqn Gp whilst on duty without the express approval of the OC.

458.

REGIMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

- a. 235301 Capt J.R. QUANTRILL is appointed Tp Comd 9 Tp vice 17116 Capt J.F. KOEK with effect 1700 hrs Fri 5 Dec 69.
- b. 1905025 Capt A. MacLEOD is appointed Tp Comd HQ Tp and Works Officer vice 235283 Capt W.J. CREWS with effect 0700 hrs Sat 6 Dec 69.

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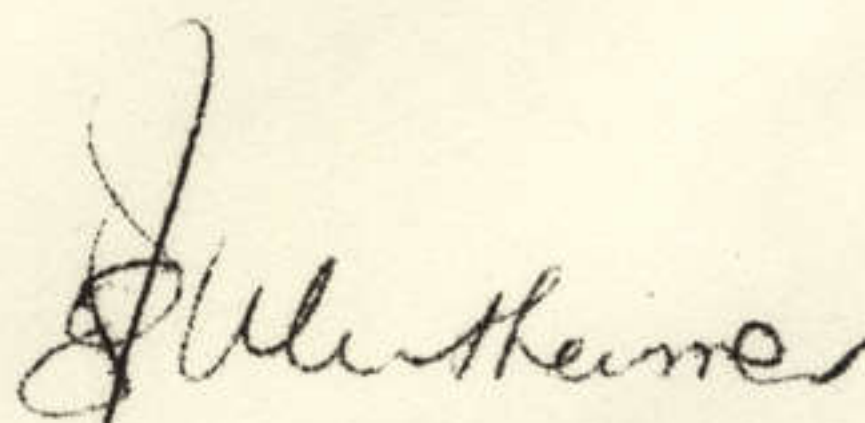
EXTRA REGIMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

- a. Capt QUANTRILL - Supervising Officer Overton Club Unit Soccer Rep.
- b. Capt MacLEOD - Unit Rugby Rep
Unit Fire Officer.
- c. Capt PARKER - Unit Aust Rules Rep.

460.

DRIVING OF MECHANICAL VEHICLES IN SOUTH VIETNAM

- 1. AAF G11 Army Driving Licences :
 - a. On march in to 17 Const Sqn Gp all holders of Army Driving Licences (AAF G11) are to produce their G11 to the Supervisor Transport for registration in the Sqn Gp licence register.
 - b. Before a holder of a G11 drives in South Vietnam he is to be instructed on local traffic laws and customs, military and civilian, by the unit Supervisor Transport. At the conclusion of the instruction he is to be tested on the instruction given. The test is to be conducted by using the approved AFV test paper. A holder of a G11 is not to drive in South Vietnam until he qualifies with a pass of 80% or better on the above test.
 - c. When the holder of a G11 qualifies in the test his G11 is to be stamped with the words "Passed AFV Traffic Test On". The certificate is to be signed by the unit Supervisor Transport. Only after a G11 is correctly certified as above, may a member of 17 Const Sqn Gp drive an AMF vehicle in South Vietnam.



(E.J. WERTHEIMER)
Maj
OC 17 Const Sqn Gp

Enclosure 2 to Annex I
to 17 Const Sqn Cpt
Comd's diary Dec 69.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

CAPTAIN G.R. GRAHAM

OFFICER COMMANDING DETACHMENT 17 CONSTRUCTION SQUADRON GROUP

VUNG TAU

6 Dec 69

Serial 46

RO 192 - 203

<u>RO NO</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
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1.	BAR-B-QUES
2.	PHOTOGRAPHIC TOURS.

RO 192 CAMP DUTIES

Duty personnel for the weekending the 14 Dec 69 are listed below. Duty times are 0730 hrs on the day shown to 0730 hrs the following day except where shown.

	a. <u>Duty Officer</u>	b. <u>Duty Sgt</u>	c. <u>Duty Cpl</u>
Mon 8 Dec 69	- Capt TAYLOR	Sgt FARMER	Cpl McGRATH
Tue 9 Dec 69	- WO2 MUTTON	Sgt GRIFFITH	Cpl DART
Wed 10 Dec 69	- Lt CLARK	Ssgt TAPSCOTT	Cpl QUIN
Thu 11 Dec 69	- Lt COSGROVE	Ssgt MORGAN	Cpl BURTON
Fri 12 Dec 69	- WO2 COUCHMAN	Sgt DAWSON	Cpl NANKERVIS
Sat 13 Dec 69	- WO2 REED	Sgt KIMBERLEY	Cpl McLOED
Sun 14 Dec 69	- Lt SALTER	Sgt SHEWRING	Cpl LINCK
Next for Sun Duty - WO2 MUTTON Sgt KIMBERLEY Cpl McILWANE			
d.	<u>East Gate Guard and picquets</u> - To be notified.		
e.	<u>Duty Driver</u>		f. <u>Duty Switch Op</u>
Mon 8 Dec 69	- Spr SCOTT		Spr INGRAM
Tue 9 Dec 69	- Spr REID		Spr MORGAN
Wed 10 Dec 69	- Spr MITCHELL		Spr SMITH
Thu 11 Dec 69	- Spr BROWN J		Spr THOMAS
Fri 12 Dec 69	- Spr BLAIR		Spr CAMPBELL
Sat 13 Dec 69	- Spr TOWNS		Spr CLARKE
Sun 14 Dec 69	- Sprs SCOTT - MITCHELL		Spr INGRAM
g.	<u>Duty Elect</u> - Spr DUNSTAN L		
h.	<u>Duty Plumber</u> - Spr POTTER		
j.	<u>Camp Picquets</u> - To be notified.		

RO 193 VEHICLE SERVICING

<u>Date</u>	<u>Veh No</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Troop</u>
8 Dec 69	171-621	1000	8
8 Dec 69	171-608	Non tech	HQ
9 Dec 69	172-429	4000	HQ
9 Dec 69	113-928	Non Tech	30 Term
10 Dec 69	112-934	4000	30 Term
10 Dec 69	170-378	Non Tech	HQ
11 Dec 69	171-550	1000	HQ
11 Dec 69	113-185	Non Tech	HQ
12 Dec 69	171-677	1000	HQ
12 Dec 69	174-501	Non Tech	HQ

All Veh to be cleaned prior to servicing.

RO 194 ECONOMY IN VEHICLE OPERATION1. Trips to Vung Tau and the Air Base.

A bus from AFV Amenities unit currently leaves the Peter Badcoe Club at 0820, 0920, 1020, 1120, 1320, 1420, 1520 and 1620 hrs daily, travelling via Beach Road, 8 Pet Pl, 2 AOD, 1 Pl AFCU and the West Gate. Priority for passengers is given to members accommodated at the Peter Badcoe Club or at the R and C centre; others may travel in the bus and space is normally available. Units are to make use of this bus to transport members to and from the R and C centre or who need to travel to the city area on personal tasks or unit tasks not involving large quantities of stores.

The bus leaving at 0820 hrs is normally filled by members accommodated at the Peter Badcoe Club and units should avoid using this bus.

The buses leaving at 0920 and 1320 hrs will carry passengers to the US PX/Air Base area before leaving for the city area. The return buses at 1020 and 1420 hrs will collect passengers at the US PX. Units are to make use of these buses for members visiting the US PX or concessionaires and other units or activities close by. This service will start from Mon 8 Dec 69.

2. Transport To and From Courier Aircraft

The number of vehicles taking passengers to and from the courier aircraft is to be drastically reduced. From Mon 15 Dec 69, a bus will depart from 5 Coy RAASC at the times shown at Annex A. The bus will travel from 5 Coy, on a ring route, Via 55 Engr Wksp and Park Sqn (lower corner), 17 Const Sqn, Peter Badcoe Club, along Beach Rd, 8 Pet Pl, 2 AOD, hospital, HQ 1 ALSG to the West Gate. Bus stop signs will be erected at pick-up/set-down points convenient for unit members. The bus will take passengers to C Ramp and will return along the reverse route.

The bus will not wait at bus stops and passengers are to be in position before the laid down departure time.

The bus will not take passengers to the RTA flight as it is realized other members will wish to farewell passengers. Unit commanders should, however, exercise economy in the number of vehicles sent to the Air Base for this departure.

1 ALSG officers using air transport for routine visits outside Vung Tau are to travel to C Ramp in the bus. At CO's/OC's discretion officers of field rank and above visiting 1 ALSG may be transported in unit vehicles.

The departure, arrival and show times for aircraft and the corresponding departure and arrival times of buses are shown in the table at Annex A.

RO 195 BOUNDS

The area between 17 Const Sqn Sgts Mess and 17 Const Sqn Officers Mess is out of bounds to all personnel except on duty.

RO 196 DRIVING OF VEHICLES IN VUNG TAU AREA INCLUDING 1 ALSG AREA

No person holding an AAF G11 will drive a vehicle in Vung Tau or 1 ALSG Area unless it has been registered with the Transport NCO and approval has been given for him to drive.

RO 197 SECURITY ESCORTS FOR PEST CONTROL

The following personnel will report the West Gate Guard Comd at 0715 hrs on 12 Dec 69.

Cfn GORBUNOUS

Cfn COOK

...../4.

RO 198 SECURITY ESCORTS FOR CIVIL CONTRACTORS VEHICLES.

The following personnel will report to the West Gate at 0730 hrs to carry out the duties of security escorts.

15 Dec 69	-	Spr	BUJNOWSKI
16 Dec 69	-	Spr	DINGLEY
17 Dec 69	-	Spr	SCOTT
18 Dec 69	-	Spr	TAYLOR A
19 Dec 69	-	Spr	TOWNS
20 Dec 69	-	Spr	USHER
21 Dec 69	-	Spr	SUTTON

RO 199 SECURITY OF PERSONAL WEAPONS

1. The loss occurred recently of a pistol and holster from a belt when the brass attachment loop on the holster fractured. The member was travelling in a vehicle at the time and the loss was not noticed immediately.

2. Units are to:-

a. Inspect holsters at the unit non-technical inspection of weapons for signs of wear or fracture of materials.

b. Instruct all personnel travelling in doorless vehicles and wearing a pistol that the weapon is to be worn on the side not adjacent to the door opening.

RO 200 BREACHES OF CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

Reference: AHQ Admin Instruction No. 8.

1. The Department of Customs and Excise has brought notice of a number of declaration irregularities when examining servicemen's parcels forwarded through the post.

2. Irregularities detected include:

a. Use of fictitious names by senders;

b. fraudulent certification of parcels using the names of non-existent officers;

c. use of other member's concessions when senders have fully utilized their own; and

d. the obvious undervaluation of goods declared.

3. Members are warned.

a. Full duty and sales tax is assessed whenever irregular circumstances are detected.

b. Details of irregularities brought to the notice of this Headquarters can render offenders liable to disciplinary action under AA 25 (3).

c. Violations can be detected, and continued violation by a few soldiers is likely to cause customs officers to take a harder line with the force as a whole.

RO 201 AMMUNITION MALFUNCTION AND ACCIDENT REPORTS

Reference: A. AFV SOPs Part 2 Paras 4099.

1. Members are to ensure that every malfunction or accident involving ammunition or explosives is reported immediately to HQ Det 17 Const Sqn, irrespective of whether a similar type of incident has been reported previously, and no matter how unorthodox the circumstances or how obvious the cause.

2. Where injuries to personnel are involved in these incidents, A Branch HQ AFV is to be advised of the details of the injury. Details are to be forwarded through normal channels.

RO 202 ACQUATIC SAFETY

The following members are rostered for SLSC beach patrol on dates given.

Sun 7 Dec 69 - 0800 - 1230 hrs

Spr CAMPBELL

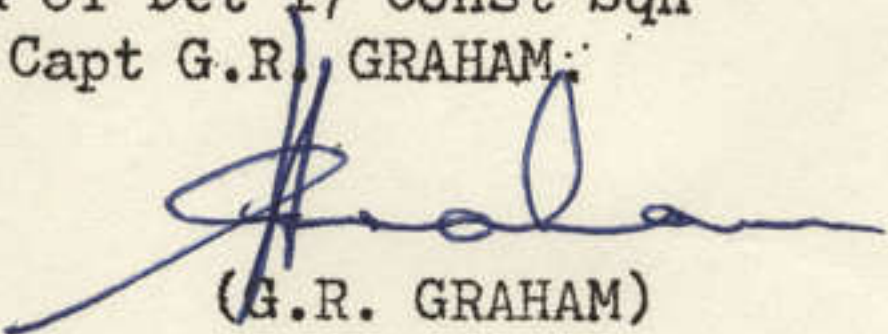
Spr DAVIDSON

Sun 21 Dec 69 - 0800 - 1230 hrs

Spr SANDERS

RO 203 CHANGE OF COMMAND

15871 Capt B B LENNON Assumes Command of Det 17 Const Sqn VUNG TAU at 1100 hrs 9 Dec 69 Vice 213817 Capt G.R. GRAHAM.


(G.R. GRAHAM)
Capt
OC

NOTICES1. BAR-B-QUES

a. 11 MC GROUP will be holding a Bar-B-Que in the 17 Const Sqn Bar-B-Que pit area on Sat 6 Dec 69.

b. The Aust Rules team will be holding a Bar-B-Que in the 55 Engr Wksps and Fd Pk Sqn pit area on Sun 14 Dec 69 at 1300 hrs.

2. PHOTOGRAPHIC TOURS

It is proposed to task a Troop Carrying Vehicle which will leave 1 ALSG at 1400 hours each Sunday, commencing 7 Dec 69, and follow a route which will include VC Hill, Back Beach and Lighthouse Hill. The vehicle will halt at appropriate points to enable photographs to be taken.

Pick-up points will be the YMCA and the main West Gate.

Dress is greens. Shorts may be worn. Weapons are to be carried.

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Enclosure 1 to Annex O
to 17 Const Sqn Gp
Comd's Deam, Dec 69.
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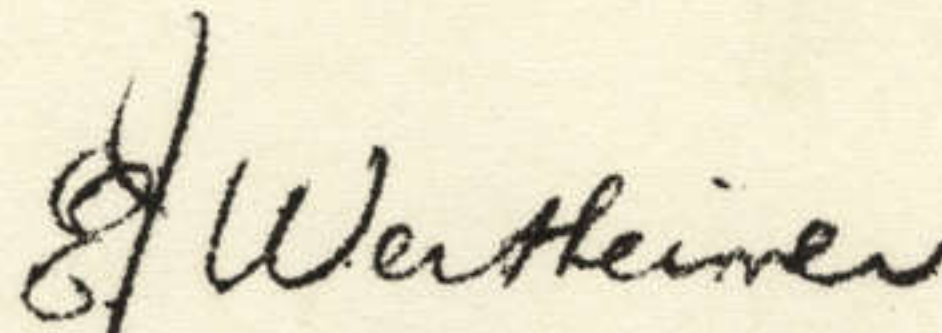
AHQ (for D Engrs)

PERIODICAL TECHNICAL REPORT

FOR MONTH ENDING 30 NOV 69

Reference : A. AHQ (D Engrs), 234-4-16 of 10 Sep 68.

1. The Periodical Technical Report for 17 Const Sqn is given in the attached annexes as outlined below.



(E.J. WERTHEIMER)
Maj
OC 17 Const Sqn Gp

Annexes : A. Operations, Activities and Works.
B. Personnel.
C. Equipment (omitted).
D. Training.
E. Organisation for Works.
F. Repetitive Routine Orders.

For Information : HQ AFV (for CE)(2)
HQ 1 ATF
HQ 1 ALSG
198 Wks Sect (Less att 1 and 2 to App 1 and App 9 to
Det 198 Wks Sect (Annex A, Apps 1, 2 and 3 to Annex D and
(Annexes E and F)

Internal : List B (Less Att 1 and 2 to App 1 and App 9 to Annex A, Apps 1,
2 and 3 to Annex D and Annexes E and F).

OPERATIONS, ACTIVITIES AND WORKS

1. Details of operations, activities and works are given in the attached appendices as follows :

Appendix 1	-	Operations
Appendix 2	-	Works - 1 ALSG
Appendix 3	-	Electrical Works - 1 ALSG
Appendix 4	-	Works - 1 ATF
Appendix 5	-	Quarry Report - 1 ATF
Appendix 6	-	Electrical Works - 1 ATF
Appendix 7	-	Well Boring
Appendix 8	-	Works outside 1 ALSG and 1 ATF areas
Appendix 9	-	Roles and Employment

OPERATIONS

1. The Squadron and 5 RAR continued to conduct joint infantry patrols close to the 1 ATF base.
2. Liaison visits to the 1st Engr Combat Bn (US) continued at a low but valuable level.

Land Clearing

3. The Land Clearing Team deployed into the LIGHT GREEN from 5 Nov to 20 Nov 69. During 16 days of operation, the team cut a total of 620 acres. There were 7 mine incidents, one of which resulted in 2 sappers being burnt and medevac to Australia, and a D8 being severely damaged (BLR).
4. After a 1 day tractor maintenance period the team deployed into the LONG GREEN on 22 Nov 69. After construction of 600 metres of lateritic gravel road through the swamp, in order to enter the LONG GREEN, the team started cutting on 29 Nov 69. The team has under command one troop of tanks, one section of APCs and one infantry platoon.

Plant Holdings

5. A list of C vehicles held is included as attachment 1. The number and variety of C vehicles reflects the requirement for a large number of miscellaneous machines for operational and pacification tasks. Included is plant for land clearing, road construction, well boring, quarry operations, site preparation etc.

Telephone Communications

6. The NUI DAT telephone line diagram is included as attachment 2. Two SB 22 switchboards are required. The line diagram illustrates the additional equipment which is necessary above the entitlement when a Squadron Group is at war.

WORKS - 1 ALSG

Vertical Construction

1. Tasks completed during November

Ser	Pri	P27No	Task
1	3	W645	Repair unsvc cisterns Viet Room Amen Unit.
2	4	W699	Construct Seepage drain & pit 5 Coy.
3	6	W702	5 Coy RAASC Bldg 752. Extend bldg to include a laundry and install plumbing.
4	8	W733	1 Aust Fd Hosp Bldg 622. Install choofer & modify plumbing.
5	9	W736	West Gate 1 ALSG. Construct & erect Boom Gate.
6	10	W745	102 Fd Wksp Bldg 42. Repair leaking roof.
7	18	W776	17 Const Sqn Gp Bldgs 434, 454, 472, 478, replace rotting timber & line with CGI.
8	2	W760	Repair broken tiles in Harold Holt memorial Pool.
9	17	W774	17 Const Sqn Gp Bldg 483. Elec works.
10	Nil	W782	HQ Coy Bldg 167. Extend flu pipe on choofer.
11	21	W783	R & C Centre. Raise height of hot water system.
12	21	W787	Repair white ant damage at northern end of ANZAC Chapel.
13	22	W788	17 Const Sqn Gp Bldg 474, repairs to iron roof.
14	23	W791	HQ Coy Bldg 119 replace rusted urinal trough.
15	24	W792	HQ Coy Reposition all choofers to a safe distance from walls & tankstands.
16	25	W793	HQ Coy Bldg 121. Replace breather pipe on choofer.
17	29	W804	17 Const Sqn Gp. Replace choofer at Sgts Lines.

2. Tasks in progress at the end of November.

Ser	Pri	P27No	Task
1	1	CE auth 981/ 16/ 13 of 29.5. 69	Kevin wheatley stadium 45% completed.
2	11	W750	1 Aust Fd Hosp Bldg 608, Reconstruc sullage pit.
3	Nil	W805	2AOD Excavate hole & construct frame for 2 hole latrine .
4	Nil	W806	Peter Badcoe Club Plumbing works required on fountain.
5	28	W803	2AOD Bldg 351. Replace iron floor covers.
6	16	W771	5 Coy RAASC Bldg 771 Replace Ridging cap.
7	Nil	W493	5 Coy RAASC Install emergency power to Bldg 718 (awaiting stores).

3. Tasks received but not started.

Ser	Pri	P27No	Task
1	26	W794	17 Const Sqn Gp Tpt Lines, Replace unsvc choofer.
2	27	W795	17 Const Sqn Gp. Repairs to bldgs in Detachment area.
3	Ur- gent	W798	1 Aust Fd Hosp Excavate hole construct frame for 8 hole latrine.
4	Nil	W801	AFV Provost Unit Bldg 905 Supply & Instal fly wire doors.

Plant Tasks.4. Plant tasks completed during November.

- a. Repairs to wash away on Sig Hill.
- b. Grade & surface entrance road to 1 Aust Fd Hosp. Offrs & Sgts lines.
- c. Grade & Surface & drain area at rear of ANZAC Chapel.

5. Plant tasks outstanding.

- a. Construct Road, St Kilda Helipad to 1 ALSG East Gate.
- b. Hardstand Peter Badcoe Club water point area.
- c. Grade & surface Peter Badcoe Club Vehicle Park.
- d. Reform dam adjacent to 1 ALSG Fire station.
- e. Reseal St Kilda Helipad.
- f. Fill area surrounding Bldg 628 of 1 Aust Fd Hosp with rock filling.
- g. Prepare 30 Terminal Sqn Road for sealing.
- h. Reseal & surface 1 ALSG YMCA Basketball Court.
- j. Grade up sand around bldgs 45 & 46 of 102 Fd Wksp.

Rock & Sand Production.

6. Rock from US Quarry
 - a. 3" minus 400 yards
7. Rock from Aust Quarry - 696 yards.
8. Sand issues 354 yards.
9. NUI DAT Quarry Rock 522 yards.

Water Supply10. Water issued for month (gallons).

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|----|--------------------|-----------|
| a. | 1 ALSG Water Point | 1,357,800 |
| b. | PBC Water Point | |
| | (1) Pot | 675,800 |
| | (2) Non Pot | 175,200 |
| c. | 1 Aust Fd Hosp | 455,200 |
| d. | Total consumption | 2,664,000 |

Maintenance

- 11. Minor maintenance all trades (excl elec)
 - a. No of calls 32
 - b. Man hours 108

- 12. Minor maintenance electrical.
 - a. No of calls
 - (1) Day 29
 - (2) Night 11
 - b. Man Hours.
 - (1) Day 26
 - (2) Night 10

Electrical.

- 13. See Appendix 3 for detailed report.

ELECTRICAL WORKS - 1 ALSG

Ser	Pri	P27 No	Task	% Previously Completed	% Currently Completed	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1	1	W458	1 Aust Fd Hosp-Staff kitchen	60	60	Waiting for PA&E
2	2		110 Sig Sqn-Kitchen appliances	75	90	Waiting for PA&E
3	26	W694	HQ Coy 1 ALSG-Elec alteration bldg 139	80	100	
4	27	Local	HQ Coy 1 ALSG-Install one ceiling fan	Nil	100	
5	3	W682	1 Aust Fd Hosp-Connect bldgs 616-615-661 to emergency power	Nil	Nil	
6	-	W493	5 Coy RAASC-Emergency power bldg 718	Nil	Nil	Waiting stores
7	36	W725	1 Aust Fd Hosp-Install lighting bldg 642	Nil	100	
8	4	W713	102 Fd Wksp-Instal power to compressor line	Nil	Nil	
9	7	W763	1 Aust Fd Hosp-Elec work required bldg 661	Nil	50	Waiting fittings
10	10	W773	5Coy RAASC-Connect bldg 769 to power and install lighting	Nil	100	
11	11	W774	17 Const Sqn-Elec work required on svc sta	Nil	100	
12	12	W775	AFV Pro Unit-Elec alterations to bldg 920 to provide for extension	Nil	100	
13	-	W779	AFV Pro Unit-Connect bldg 932 to power	Nil	Nil	
14	-	W780	2 AOD-Elec repair and maint where necessary	75	100	
15	-	W784	EOD-Rewire Quarters	Nil	100	
16	-	W796	2 AFCU-Install fluorescent fitting bldg 1003	Nil	100	
17	-	W797	AFV Pro Unit-Install fluorescent fitting bldg 913	Nil	100	
18	-	W799	5 Coy RAASC-Install 415V 3Phase power outlet	Nil	100	
19	-	W800	1 Aust Fd Hosp-Install 1 light & switch bldg 640	Nil	100	
URM - Day Calls - 26 hrs - Night Calls - 10 hrs - Concerts - 2½hrs						

WORKS - 1 ATF

Plant Tasks

1. Roadworks
 - a. In association with 1 Fd Sqn, major Task Force roads, not yet sealed, were prepared and peneprimed as a dust control measure.
 - b. Further priming will be carried out as the bitumen sprayer can be released from Route 23 sealing.
2. Site Preparation. Sites were prepared for :
 - a. P27 749/69 - Q Store 8 Fd Amb.
 - b. P27 880/69 - Extension to Pathology Lab 8 Fd Amb.
3. Miscellaneous Tasks
 - a. P27 709/79 - Assistance with reconstruction of Helicopter Rearming Point is in progress and 30% complete.
 - b. Pengo tasks continued during the month, holes being required for latrines, urinals and defence works.
 - c. P27 835/69 - Construction of the TFMA heavy lift helipad has continued and is 95% complete.

Vertical Construction

4. Tasks completed during November :

Priority	P27	Task
Not programmed	737/69	Roof guttering - 106 Fd Wksps
Not programmed	Verbal	Supervise laying of aircraft taxiway Luscombe terminal (PSP)
Not programmed	734/69 (Part)	Paint tank - Banana Water Point
7	663/69	Const 20'x17' RAP B Sqn 1 Armd Regt
8	714/69	Const Office/living quarters OC B Sqn 1 Armd Regt
15	749/69	Q Store 8 Fd Amb

5. Tasks in progress at end of November :

Priority	P27	Task	% complete
Not programmed	734/69	Banana Water Point	55%
Not programmed	880/69	Extension for Pathology Lab 8 Fd Amb	20%
1	647/69	1 ATF Community Centre	99%
13	741/69	40'x19' Tpt Office/Store HQ Coy 1 ATF	80%
16	800/69	4 chair Barber Shop	97%

6. Tasks in hand but not started :

Priority	P27	Task
Not programmed	610/69	Extension to shower block - 17 Const Sqn
Not programmed	720/69	B Coy 6 RAR Shower block
Not programmed	754/69	TFMA toilet assistance
Not programmed	801/69	Repairs to leaking roof - TFMA
Not programmed	798/69	Supervise tank stand 161 Fd Bty
Not programmed	899/69	TFMA skylighting
Not programmed	962/69	Construct Scale A latrine - 17 Const Sqn
Not programmed	886/69	Extension to Sgts Mess 17 Const Sqn
Not programmed	1034/69	Install sink Det 1 Div Int Unit

QUARRY REPORT

1 ATF Quarry

1. During the month the quarry was further extended for production of road construction base material and for the crushers.
2. Material produced during the month was mainly used on road work at Route 23.
3. The three crushing plants were in operation for most of the month until non availability of replacement parts and the reconstruction of holding bins caused the shut down of two machines for the latter part of the month.
4. A new "crusher swing hammer" is now in the quarry being tested.

Rock Production

5. Statistics for the period are :

Details	3/8"(-)	3/4"	1 1/4"	3"(-)	Sand
Stock B/F	638	1422	362	480	55
Production ND	98	300	39	Nil	Nil
From VT	Nil	Nil	Nil	155	274
Total	736	1722	401	635	329
Issued	30	527	8	101	314
Balance	706	1195	393	534	15

6. Crushing machine hours were :

<u>Machine</u>	<u>Hours</u>
M71 (P)	Nil
M72 (S)	Nil
M59 (P)	38
M71 (S)	51
M70 (P)	5
M70 (S)	6

ELECTRICAL PROGRESS REPORT

1 ATF

PROGRAMMED WORKS - JAN - DEC 69

Serial	Priority	Task	% Previously Completed	% Total Completed	Remarks
1	29	Multiple Earth Neutral Reticulation	50%	55%	Bldgs progressively connected
2	7	B Sqn 1 Armd Regt RAF	Nil	100%	
3	7	B Sqn 1 Armd Regt OC's Accn	Nil	100%	
4	13	HQ Coy 1 ATF Tpt Office	Nil	100%	
5	15	8 Fd Amb Q Store	Nil	10%	Awaiting stores
6	24	1 ARU Offrs/Sgts Mess	Nil	100%	
7	26	Fans all areas	4%	30%	
8	28	1 Fd Regt renew mains	Nil	Nil	
9	30	21 Engr Sp Tp Top Yard	50%	80%	
10		Tent Lighting 1 Div Int Unit	Nil	50%	Awaiting stores
11		Light and Power Pathology Lab 8 Fd Amb	Nil	Nil	
12		Baria Hospital Complex	20%	40%	
13		Install Light and Power Q Store 8 Fd Amb	Nil	10%	
14		Light and Power to 3 bldgs 1 Fd Regt	Nil	Nil	
15		Light and Power to Meeting House Vinh Trung Hamlet	Nil	95%	Awaiting stores
16		Light and Power to Meeting House Vinh Ha Hamlet	Nil	95%	Awaiting stores
17		Install Lights TFMA Kitchen	Nil	100%	
18		Install GPO's Radio Mast TFMA	Nil	100%	
19		Install GPO's Theatre TFMA	Nil	100%	
20		Install GPO's and Light Concessionaires Tent TFMA	Nil	100%	
21		Install 2 Fluorescent Lights TFMA Q Store	Nil	100%	

ELECTRICAL PROGRESS REPORT1 ATFPROGRAMMED WORKS - JAN - DEC 69

Serial	Priority	Task	% Previously Completed	% Total Completed	Remarks
22		1 OFF 1 ATF Stores Shed Install GPO's and Lights	Nil	Nil	
23		Install Light and Power in Laundry and Padres Tent 1 Fd Regt	Nil	Nil	
24		Rewire Various Bldgs H Bty 2/35 Arty US	Nil	Nil	
25		161 Fd Bty RNZA 1 ATF Rewire Various Bldgs	Nil	Nil	
26		Sgts Dining Mess TFMA Install GPO's	Nil	Nil	
27		Sgts Mess Rewire TFMA	Nil	Nil	
28		TFMA Ops Tent Install Fluorescent Lights and GPO's	Nil	Nil	
29		Install Fluorescent Light 8 Pet Pl	Nil	Nil	
30		Rewire Offrs Laundry TFMA 1 ATF	Nil	Nil	

WELL BORING REPORT

General

1. Two well drilling tasks were undertaken during the month, the first being interrupted due to the higher priority of the other.

HOI MY (YS 5055)

2. This well was commenced in Oct 69 (refer Periodical Technical Report for month ending 31 Oct 69). Drilling temporarily ceased on 9 Nov 69 as the rig was required for drilling of well at FSPB CAPE. Drilling recommenced on 24 Nov and is proceeding.

3. Drilling details are as follows :

- a. 0 ft to 18 ft - coarse sand only.
- b. 18 ft to 20 ft - depth of existing well - water in sand.
- c. 20 ft to 47 ft - coarse sand.
- d. 47 ft to 54 ft - clay and sand.
- e. 54 ft to 56 ft - clay.
- f. 56 ft to 84 ft - clay and sand.
- g. 84 ft to ? - sand.

FIRE SUPPORT BASE CAPE (YS 3082)

4. A well was urgently required at FSPB CAPE to alleviate the resupply of water from 1 ATF base.

5. Drilling commenced on 13 Nov 69. The rig was flown in by CH 47.

6. Drilling details are as follows :

- a. 0 ft to 33 ft - laterite changing in colour from red to grey.
- b. 33 ft to 65 ft - redish grey laterite with some porous rock at 50 ft.
- c. 65 ft to 112 ft - light grey laterite with some sand. The sand content increased with depth. Small quantities of river gravel was encountered at 102 ft.
- d. 112 ft - drilling stopped on 19 Nov 69 due to the difficulty of penetration of a timber/coal seam.

WORKS - AREAS OTHER THAN 1 ALSG AND 1 ATF

Plant Tasks

1. Road Reconstruction - Route 23. 60% of Stage 1 was sealed with a double bituminous seal coat. Stage 2 has not been started. Stage 3 is primed. Stage 7 from YS 419595 to YS 437596 was started and it is 30% complete. 8010 cu yds of ripped quarry rock was hauled to the road.
2. Baria Market. Due to plant effort being directed to Route 23, no further work was done on Baria Market.
3. Rach Hao Causeway. Further settlement of the causeway occurred during the month. It is intended to seal the causeway during the next two months. The M4T6 floating bridge was removed and returned to Long Binh.
4. Miscellaneous Tasks.
 - a. The PARKER Spotmix machine has been on loan to Baria PWD for maintenance of the Province roads including Route 2, Route 23 and Route 15.
 - b. Fill excavated from Route 23 was placed on the Long Dien hospital site.
 - c. Plant operator assistance was provided to Baria PWD for minor roadworks and instruction on the Pacific Ace bitumen sprayer.

Vertical Construction

5. Tasks in progress at end of November :

P27	Task	% complete
832/69	Const Maternity Hospital on Long Son Island	45%
839/69	Pour slabs for bridges on Route 23	8%
646/69	Bus shelter Route 23	40%
841/69	Baria Hospital modifications :	
	a. Child Health and Maternal Bldg	90%
	b. Kitchen/Dining Room	80%
	c. Type E Toilet	60%
	d. Type F Toilet	65%
	e. Roadworks	5%
	f. Incinerator	100%

6. Tasks in hand but not started:

P27	Task
985/69	Construct 4 bridges - Route 23
902/69	Pacification - trade assistance Long Dien Market reconstruction

PERSONNEL

1. Strength State (as at 30 Nov 69)

Serial	Unit/Det	Estb	Location	Strength			
				Estb		Posted	
				Offr	OR	Offr	OR
1	17 Const Sqn (less Det)	III/10/3 (TW) (incl Amdt No 3)	NUI DAT	12	304	10	190
2	Det 17 Const Sqn		VUNG TAU			4	101
3	Total 17 Const Sqn			12	304	14	291
4	17 Const Sqn Wksp (less Det)	III/40/2 (TW) (no amdt)	VUNG TAU	1	53	1	33
5	Det 17 Const Sqn Wksp		NUI DAT				24
6	Total 17 Const Sqn Wksp					1	53
7	Total 17 Const Sqn Gp			13	357	15	348

2. Officer Postings (as at 30 Nov 69)

Serial	Appointment	Incumbent		
		No	Rank	Name
1	OC	335114	Maj	E.J. WERTHEIMER
2	2IC	15871	Capt	B.B. LENNON
3	Const Offr (Detached to 198 Wks Sect)	335145	Capt	I.R. SARAH
4	Const Offr	235283	Capt	W.J. CREWS
5	QM	24420	Lt	W. FROST
		21308	Lt	W.P. SALTER
6	8 Tp Comd	17102	Capt	P.B. TAYLOR
7	9 Tp Comd	17116	Capt	J.F. KOEK
8	10 Tp Comd	335165	Capt	A.J. MORTON
9	Plant Tp Comd	29921	Capt	R.L. BRICKNELL
10	Tp Comd (Tall Pines Tp)	1733484	2Lt	R.N. MINNIKIN
		1905025	Capt	A. MacLEOD
11	OC Det (Resources Tp Comd)	213817	Capt	G.R. GRAHAM
12	Admin Offr	2786485	2Lt	D.R. WILKINSON
13	OC 17 Const Sqn Wksp	18590	Capt	S.S. MEIKLEJOHN

3. Deficiencies in WOs and Sgts :

Storeman Tech Sgt

4. Deficiencies in rank and file :

Serial	ECN	Trade Designation	Forecast Replacement
1	056	Blacksmith	Spr SUTTON
2	056	Blacksmith	
3	060	Bricklayer	Cpl PRITCHARD
4	060	Bricklayer	Spr AMATO
5	060	Bricklayer	Spr CARBERRY
6	109	Driver	Spr SHARPE
7	140	Fd Engr	Cpl WILLIS
8	149	Fitter Engr Equipment	Spr DOWDELL
9	268	OMHE	
10	270	Op Plant	
11	270	Op Plant	
12	270	Op Plant	
13	270	Op Plant	
14	314	Plumber & Pipefitter	Spr ROGERS
15	314	Plumber & Pipefitter	Spr SOULOS
16	366	Storeman Tech	Spr HACKING
17	366	Storeman Tech	
18	366	Storeman Tech	Spr AULD Spr LINDFORS

TRAINING

1. Orientation and refresher courses for all march ins continue.
2. On site training continued for plant operators, (including well boring rigs) drivers, and water point operators.
3. A set of operational reports was compiled for use by officers and NCOs in the field. This list is included as attachment 1.
4. A report on training for individual replacements to 17 Const Sqn, prior to their movement to South Vietnam, is required by HQ AFV bi annually. A copy of the first report is included as attachment 2.
5. Six officers and fourteen other ranks visited the Long Binh quarry of RMK-BRJ, a group of American engineering companies employed on major civil engineering projects in South Vietnam. A report on this visit is included as attachment 3.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Enclosure 2 to annex H
to 17 Const Sqn Gp
Comd's Diary Dec 69.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

Major E.J. WERTHEIMER

Officer Commanding 17th Construction Squadron RAE

NUI DAT

13th DECEMBER '69

Serial 54
RO 461 - 468

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- 461. CAMP DUTIES
 - 462. VEHICLE INSPECTION AND SERVICE
 - 463. OUT OF BOUNDS - PELICAN HEIGHTS
 - 464. DRESS IN AUSTRALIA
 - 465. PAY ARRANGEMENTS FOR RTA PERSONNEL AT MASCOT
 - 466. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS ON HELI PADS
 - 467. MARKINGS ON MAIL
 - 468. INNOCULATIONS
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CAMP DUTIES

Duty personnel for the week ending 21 Dec 69 are listed below. Duty timings are 0730 hrs on the day shown to 0730 hrs the following day except where shown otherwise.

a. Duty Officer

Mon 15 Dec 69	Capt QUANTRILL
Tue 16 Dec 69	2Lt MILLS
Wed 17 Dec 69	WO2 McDONALD
Thu 18 Dec 69	WO1 BOURKE
Fri 19 Dec 69	Capt MacLEOD
Sat 20 Dec 69	WO2 MACE (Dismount 0830 hrs Sun)
Sun 21 Dec 69	WO1 BOURKE (Mount 0830 hrs Sun)

b. Duty Sergeant

Mon 15 Dec 69	Sgt WARREN
Tue 16 Dec 69	Sgt BENDING
Wed 17 Dec 69	Sgt CHAPMAN
Thu 18 Dec 69	Sgt MARTIN
Fri 19 Dec 69	Sgt SLOANE
Sat 20 Dec 69	Sgt PHILLIPS (Dismount 0830 hrs Sun)
Sun 21 Dec 69	Sgt SLOANE (Mount 0830 hrs Sun)

c. Mess Duties - ORs Mess

Tour of duty is from 0600 hrs Mon 16 Dec 69 to 1930 hrs Sun 21 Dec 69.

Spr SOULOS (9 Tp) Spr GESTIER (10 Tp)

d. Mess Duties - Offrs/Sgts Mess

Tour of duty is from 0600 hrs Mon 16 Dec 69 to 1930 hrs Sun 21 Dec 69.

Spr WOOD (Pl Tp)

e. Hygiene Duties

Tour of duty is from 0730 hrs Mon 16 Dec 69 to 1230 hrs Sun 21 Dec 69. Member is to report to the SSM at 0745 hrs daily except Sunday when he will report at 0845 hrs.

Spr KAMPHUIS (HQ Tp)

f. Area Maintenance

Tour of duty is from 0800 hrs Mon 16 Dec 69 to 1230 hrs Sun 21 Dec 69. Members are to report to the SSM at 0800 hrs daily except Sunday when they will report at 0900 hrs.

Spr CAIRNES (Pl Tp) Spr BYRNE (10 Tp)

g. Switch Operator

Tour of duty is from 0730 hrs to 1700 hrs daily.

Spr SLATER (HQ Tp)

h. Command Post and Strong Points

Tour of duty is from 0730 hrs on the day shown to 0730 hrs the following day except Sunday when picquets will dismount and mount at 0830 hrs.

To be notified daily.

VEHICLE INSPECTION AND SERVICE

The following vehicles are due for inspection and service during the period 15 Dec 69 to 21 Dec 69.

SERVICE :	15 Dec 69	4000	171614	9 Tp
	16 Dec 69	4000	112951	Pl Tp
	17 Dec 69	4000	171640	HQ Tp
	18 Dec 69	4000	171624	HQ Tp
	19 Dec 69	2000	171686	Pl Tp
NON TECH :	15 Dec 69		113935	9 Tp
			171835	9 Tp
	16 Dec 69		171871	HQ Tp
			162244	Pl Tp
	17 Dec 69		114021	10 Tp
			114526	HQ Tp
	18 Dec 69		171849	HQ Tp
			171891	HQ Tp
	19 Dec 69		113045	9 Tp
			174252	HQ Tp
		171852	HQ Tp	
	20 Dec 69		114015	9 Tp
			171717	HQ Tp

463. OUT OF BOUNDS - PELICAN HEIGHTS

Pelican Heights is out of bounds to all personnel except those from 26 Coy RAASC, and from units engaged in delivery and collection of stores.

464. DRESS IN AUSTRALIA

1. Summer dress in E Comd and for movement interstate in Australia includes wearing of ties and shirt sleeves rolled down.
2. All members of AFV returning to Australia by air, for any reason, are to wear summer dress as detailed in paragraph one above, at the time of deplaning and during subsequent movement in Australia whilst in uniform.

465. PAY ARRANGEMENTS FOR RTA PERSONNEL AT MASCOT

1. Difficulties are being experienced in E Comd in that some members who have elected to draw pay on arrival at Mascot are leaving the reception area without doing so.
2. All members are advised that once they have elected to draw pay they must accept the short delay in waiting for pay or have the paybook entry cancelled before leaving Mascot.

466. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS ON HELI PADS

1. Recently a helicopter suffered main rotor damage due to loose items on and around the helipad.
2. The attention of all members is drawn to the necessity to exercise utmost care and caution in keeping helipads free of loose articles. A comparatively light item such as an empty sandbag could cause damage up to \$6,000.

467. MARKINGS ON MAIL

1. All members of 17 Const Sqn Gp are informed that mail on which slogans such as "Whack a Wharfie", "Whallop a Wharfie" or other objectionable markings will be returned to the sender by all AFPOs.

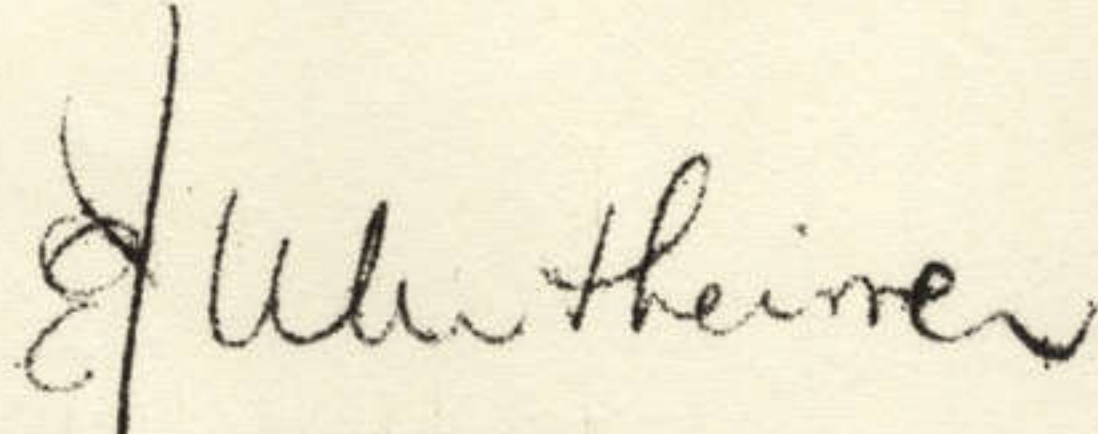
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INNOCULATIONS

1. The following personnel are to parade at 17 Const Sqn Gp RAP at 1830 hrs on Tue 16 Dec 69 for inoculations :

Spr CHENEY
Spr GESTIER
Cpl HOHNHOLT
Spr LUGOWSKI
Spr McCOLM
Lcpl PILCHER
WO2 ROGERS
Sgt SLOANE
Spr WEERS
Spr MOREMAN
Capt QUANTRILL

Spr CHAPMAN J.S.
Spr HOWLETT
Spr LANG
Cpl McDERMOTT
Spr MASKELL
Spr REID
Spr SLATER O.W.
Spr SCHIEMER
Cpl WOOD
Cpl MAXWELL



(E.J. WERTHEIMER)

Maj

OC 17 Const Sqn Gp

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

CAPTAIN B.B. LENNON

OFFICER COMMANDING DETACHMENT 17th CONSTRUCTION SQUADRON GROUP

VUNG TAU

13 Dec 69

Serial 47

RO 204 - 208

<u>ROUTINE ORDER No</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
204	CAMP DUTIES
205	VEHICLE SERVICING
206	SUNDAY LEAVE PARADE
207	DRESS FOR MEMBERS IN AUSTRALIA WHILE EN ROUTE TO AND FROM SVN
208	BOUNDS

NOTICES

1. BAR-B-QUE

RO 204 CAMP DUTIES

Duty personnel for the weekending the 21 Dec 69 are listed below. Duty times are 0730 hrs on the day shown to 0730 hrs the following day except where shown otherwise.

	a. <u>Duty Officer</u>	b. <u>Duty Sgt</u>	c. <u>Duty Cpl</u>
Mon 15 Dec 69	- Capt MEIKLEJOHN	Sgt ROWE	Cpl HUDSON *
Tue 16 Dec 69	- Capt EDSTEIN	Sgt O'CONNOR	Cpl CONSTABLE
Wed 17 Dec 69	- Capt TAYLOR	Sgt AINSWORTH	Cpl TUBBS
Thu 18 Dec 69	- WO2 COUCHMAN	Sgt DAWSON	Cpl MARSDEN
Fri 19 Dec 69	- WO2 REED	Sgt DANN	Cpl DART
Sat 20 Dec 69	- Lt SALTER	Ssgt MORGAN	Cpl HUDSON
	Dismount 0830 hrs		
Sun 21 Dec 69	- WO2 MUTTON	Sgt KIMBERLEY	Cpl McILWANE
	Mount 0830 hrs.		
Next for Sun Duty- WO2 COUCHMAN		Sgt O'CONNOR	Cpl TUBBS

d. East Gate Guard - To be notified.

	e. <u>Duty Driver</u>	f. <u>Duty Switch Cp</u>
Mon 15 Dec 69	- Spr JOHNSTON	Spr INGRAM
Tue 16 Dec 69	- Spr PAIX	Spr MORGAN
Wed 17 Dec 69	- Spr TOWNS	Spr SMITH
Thu 18 Dec 69	- Spr BROWN J *	Spr THOMAS
Fri 19 Dec 69	- Spr SELLERS	Spr CAMPBELL
Sat 20 Dec 69	- Spr SCOTT	Spr CLARKE
Sun 21 Dec 69	- Sprs REID - BROWN J	Spr MORGAN

g. Duty Elec - Spr WEBB

h. Duty Plumber - Spr GOLDMAN

j. Camp Picket - To be notified.

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RO 205 VEHICLE SERVICING

<u>Date</u>	<u>Veh No</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Troop</u>
15 Dec 69	171-164	2000	HQ
15 Dec 69	114-339	Non Tech	8
16 Dec 69	171-736	6000	HQ
16 Dec 69	171-666	Non Tech	HQ
17 Dec 69	113-030	4000	8
17 Dec 69	114-380	Non Tech	8
18 Dec 69	114-013	2000	8
18 Dec 69	172-407	Non Tech	HQ
19 Dec 69	171-735	4000	30 Terminal Sqn
19 Dec 69	172-429	Non Tech	HQ
20 Dec 69	171-911	Non Tech	HQ

RO 206 SUNDAY LEAVE PARADE

Leave parades will held on Sundays at the following times.

1000 hrs
1330 hrs
1730 hrs

Leave passes will only be issued at the Orderly Room at these times.

RO 207 DRESS FOR MEMBERS IN AUSTRALIA WHILE EN ROUTE TO AND FROM SVN.

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RO 208 BOUNDS

The HONG NHUT Bar, 27 Duong TRAN HUNG DAO, Vung Tau, known as the Big Boy Bar is now out of bounds.

B. Lennon
(B.B. LENNON)
Capt
OC

NOTICES1. BAR-B-QUE

HQ Tp will be holding a Bar-B-Que in the 17 Const Sqn Bar-B-Que pit area on Sun 21 Dec 69.

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VUNG TAU

16 DEC 69

Serial 48

RO 209 - 211

<u>ROUTINE ORDER NO</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
209	PAYING OFFICER
210	VEHICLE SAFETY
211	BOUNDS

NOTICES

1. PX CARD
2. TENNIS

RO 209 PAYING OFFICER

17102 Capt P.B. TAYLOR is to be the unit Paying Officer on Thu 18 Dec 69.

RO 210 VEHICLE SAFETY

1. An accident occurred recently where a vehicle was being driven by a member wearing thongs. The member's foot slipped from the pedal and he lost control of the vehicle.
2. Vehicles are not to be driven in the 1 ALSG area by drivers wearing thongs or similar footwear which may be the cause of feet slipping from the pedals.

RO 211 BOUNDS

Det 17 Const Sqn Orderly Room is out of bounds to all unauthorized personnel. All enquires will be made at the counter.

Anyone to see the OC Det, R.D.N.C.O or Pay Rep will enter the HQ building by the side door.

B. B. Lennon
(B.B. LENNON)
Capt
OC

NOTICES1. PX CARD

Any member of Det 17 Const Sqn, 17 Const Sqn Wksp or Det 30 Terminal Sqn who has not been issued with a PX Card is to submit his name to the unit Orderly Room.

2. TENNIS

A 1 ALSG tennis competition is to commence on 25 Dec 69. 17 Const Sqn Gp has nominated two teams. Any member who wishes to play is to notify Cfn GIBSON on Ext 80 before 25 Dec 69.

B. B. Lennon
(B.B. LENNON)
Capt
OC

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

Major E.J. WERTHEIMER

Officer Commanding 17th Construction Squadron RAE

NJI DAT

20th DECEMBER '69

Serial 55
RO 469 - 474

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- 469. CAMP DUTIES
 - 470. VEHICLE INSPECTION AND SERVICE
 - 471. EXTRA REGIMENTAL APPOINTMENTS
 - 472. REGIMENTAL APPOINTMENTS
 - 473. PROTECTION OF EARS AND HEARING FROM NOISE AND BLAST
 - 474. LOSS OF WEAPONS

NOTICES

- 1. CAR AIR CONDITIONER
 - 2. CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCES
 - 3. CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM CHIEF ENGINEER
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469.

CAMP DUTIES

Duty personnel for the week ending 28 Dec 69 are listed below. Duty timings are 0730 hrs on the day shown to 0730 hrs the following day except where shown otherwise.

a. Duty Officer

Mon 22 Dec 69	WO2 ROSS
Tue 23 Dec 69	WO2 THATCHER
Wed 24 Dec 69	Capt MORTON
Thu 25 Dec 69	Capt PARKER
Fri 26 Dec 69	WO2 ROGERS
Sat 27 Dec 69	Capt QUANTRILL (Dismount 0830 hrs Sun)
Sun 28 Dec 69	Capt MacLEOD (Mount 0830 hrs Sun)

Next for Sunday duty - Capt QUANTRILL

b. Duty Sergeant

Mon 22 Dec 69	SSgt KAY
Tue 23 Dec 69	Sgt JONES
Wed 24 Dec 69	Sgt WARREN
Thu 25 Dec 69	Sgt BENDING
Fri 26 Dec 69	Sgt CHAPMAN
Sat 27 Dec 69	Sgt MARTIN (Dismount 0830 hrs Sun)
Sun 28 Dec 69	Sgt JONES (mount 0830 hrs Sun)

Next for Sunday duty - Sgt MARTIN

c. Mess Duties - ORs Mess

Tour of duty is from 0600 hrs Mon 22 Dec 69 to 1930 hrs Sun 28 Dec 69.

Spr RUSSO (9 Tp)

Spr STANKOWSKI (10 Tp)

d. Mess Duties - Offr/Sgts Mess

Tour of duty is from 0600 hrs Mon 22 Dec 69 to 1930 hrs Sun 28 Dec 69.

Spr CHAPMAN R.J. (Pl Tp)

e. Hygiene Duties

Tour of duty is from 0730 hrs Mon 22 Dec 69 to 1230 hrs Sun 28 Dec 69. Member is to report to the SSM at 0745 hrs daily except Sunday when he will report at 0845 hrs.

Spr REID K.L. (HQ Tp)

f. Area Maintenance

Tour of duty is from 0800 hrs Mon 22 Dec 69 to 1230 hrs Sun 28 Dec 69. Members are to report to the SSM at 0800 hrs daily except Sunday when they will report at 0900 hrs.

Spr CALWAY (Pl Tp)

Spr TAYLOR (9 Tp)

g. Switch Operator

Tour of duty is from 0730 hrs to 1700 hrs daily.

Spr SLATER (HQ Tp)

h. Command Post and Strong Points

Tour of duty is from 0730 hrs on the day shown to 0730 hrs the following day except Sunday when picquets will dismount and mount at 0830 hrs.

To be notified daily.

470.

VEHICLE INSPECTION AND SERVICE

The following vehicles are due for inspection and service during the period 22 Dec 69 to 27 Dec 69.

SERVICE :	22 Dec 69	4000	113932	10 Tp
		4000	174252	HQ Tp
	23 Dec 69	2000	171719	HQ Tp
		4000	171538	HQ Tp
	24 Dec 69	4000	171620	HQ Tp
		4000	171825	HQ Tp
	26 Dec 69	4000	112960	Pl Tp
		4000	171835	9 Tp
	27 Dec 69	2000	162116	Pl Tp
NON TECH :	22 Dec 69		113720	Hq Tp
			114008	Pl Tp
	23 Dec 69		114386	HQ Tp
			171894	HQ Tp
	24 Dec 69		114547	Pl Tp
			171839	10 Tp
	26 Dec 69		112876	HQ Tp
			171876	HQ Tp
	27 Dec 69		171686	Pl Tp

471.

EXTRA REGIMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

215645 2Lt D.R. MILLS is appointed Unit Messing Officer and Unit Cricket Representative with effect Sat 13 Dec 69.

472.

REGIMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

1. 215645 2Lt D.R. MILLS is appointed Tp Comd 10 Tp vice 1733484 2Lt R.N. MINNIKIN with effect 13 Dec 69.
2. 342867 Capt G.B. PARKER is appointed Defence Commander Nui Dat with effect 11 Dec 69.
3. 15871 Capt B.B. LENNON is appointed Defence Commander Vung Tau with effect 11 Dec 69.

473.

PROTECTION OF EARS AND HEARING FROM NOISE AND BLAST

Reference : Manual of Army Safety Section 39.

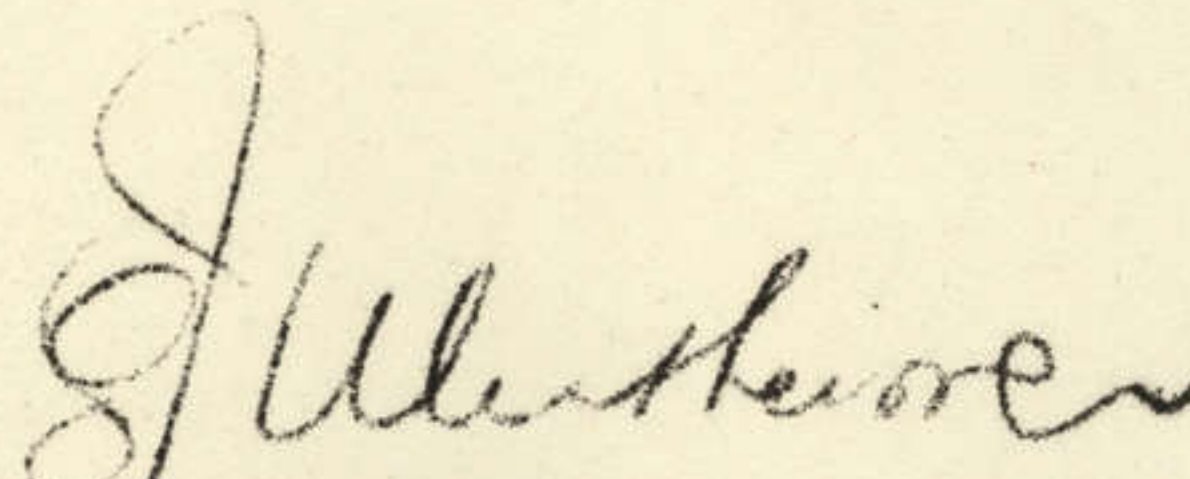
1. Instances of damage to hearing by blast are increasing. A proportion of these are attributable to non battle causes such as rifle range practices or test firing in test pits.
2. The use of ear protection in the form of either cotton or wax impregnated ear plugs is required by the reference during range practices and on other occasions. The use of ear muffs (Aural Protectors) is prescribed for personnel in a constant environment of loud noise.
3. Tp Comds are to ensure that :
 - a. The general requirements of the reference are adhered to.
 - b. Range safety officers provide ear protection for personnel involved in range practices.
 - c. Any person firing weapons in test fire pits are equipped with ear muffs.

474.

LOSS OF WEAPONS

Reference : AFV SOPs Part 3 Chapter 1 Section 4.

1. Loss of weapons by other than operational causes is far too prevalent.
2. Tp Comds are to draw attention to members of 17 Const Sqn Gp to individual responsibilities and the security of weapons.



(E.J. WERTHEIMER)
Maj
OC 17 Const Sqn Gp

NOTICES

1. CAR AIR CONDITIONER

2 AFCU wish to dispose of an air conditioner suitable for a Ford Falcon 500 being a factory kit which has become surplus.

The present price is US \$285.05 however a 10% discount is offered to interested personnel.

Enquiries may be made to 2 AFCU Vung Tau.

2. CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCES

The normal restrictions of vehicle and personnel movement after 1900 hrs have been modified for the night of 24/25 Dec 69 subject to a truce being announced by 1800 hrs 24 Dec 69 to allow members to attend midnight service on Christmas Eve.

If a truce is announced the following midnight services are to be held :

- a. CE & PD. Midnight communion service in the Task Force Chapel at 0001 hrs 25 Dec 69.
- b. RC. Midnight mass at Luscombe Bowl at 0001 hrs 25 Dec 69.

Movement to and from these services may take place within the following times :

- a. To services - 2330 - 2400 hrs 24 Dec 69.
- b. From services - 0045 - 0115 hrs 25 Dec 69.

No movement is permitted outside these timings and movement to and from these services is to be by unit groups.

Services Christmas Day are to be conducted as follows :

	<u>CE & PD</u>	<u>RC</u>
Task Force Chapel	0700 & 0930	0900

3.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM CHIEF ENGINEER

The following is the text of a signal received from the Chief Engineer AFV :

"To all Sappers in SVN, best wishes for Christmas and New Year. 1969 saw engineer effort at its best, next year I am confident we will do even better".

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

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OFFICER COMMANDING DETACHMENT 17th CONSTRUCTION SQUADRON GROUP

VUNG TAU

20 Dec 69

Serial 49

RO 212-215

<u>ROUTINE ORDER NO</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
212	CAMP DUTIES
213	VEHICLES SERVICING
214	MOVEMENT THROUGH 1. AUST FD HOSP AREA
215	LIQUOR

NOTICES.

1. BAR-B-QUE
2. - 1969 CHRISTMAS CONCERT (ARMY & AFOF SPONSORED).
3. TIMINGS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

RO 212 CAMP DUTIES

Duty personnel for the weekending the 28 Dec 69 are listed below. Duty times are 0730 hrs on the day shown to 0730 hrs the following day except where shown otherwise.

	a. <u>Duty Officer</u>	b. <u>Duty Sgt</u>	c. <u>Duty Cpl</u>
Mon 22 Dec 69	- Capt EDSTEIN	Ssgt TAPSCOTT	Cpl LINCK
Tue 23 Dec 69	- WO2 COUCHMAN	Ssgt MORGAN	Cpl BUCK
Wed 24 Dec 69	- Capt TAYLOR	Sgt KIMBERLY	Cpl NANKERVIS
Thu 25 Dec 69	- Capt MEIKLEJOHN	Sgt O'CONNOR	Cpl QUIN
Fri 26 Dec 69	- Lt SALTER	Sgt SHEWRING	Cpl WHEATLEY
Sat 27 Dec 69	- Lt CLARK	Ssgt OWENS	Cpl BURTON
Sun 28 Dec 69	- WO2 REED	Sgt FARMER	Cpl TUBBS

Next for Sun Duty - WO2 COUCHMAN - Sgt AINSWORTH Cpl DART

d. East Gate Guard - To be notified

	e. <u>Duty driver</u>	f. <u>Duty Switch Operator</u>
Mon 22 Dec 69	- Spr JOHNSTON	Spr INGRAM
Tue 23 Dec 69	- Spr PAIX	Spr MORGAN
Wed 24 Dec 69	- Spr BROWN J	Spr SMITH
Thu 25 Dec 69	- Sprs BLAIR - TOWNS	Spr SMITH
Fri 26 Dec 69	- Spr SCOTT	Spr THOMAS
Sat 27 Dec 69	- Spr REID	Spr CAMPBELL
Sun 28 Dec 69	- Sprs SELLERS - BROWN J	Spr THOMAS

g. Duty Electrician - Spr CRANMER

h. Duty Plumber - Spr CARLSON J

j. Camp Pickets - To be notified

RO 213 VEHICLES SERVICING

<u>Date</u>	<u>Veh No</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Troop</u>
22 Dec 69	171-816	4000	HQ
22 Dec 69	171-621	Non Tech	8
23 Dec 69	171-608	4000	HQ
23 Dec 69	171-550	Non Tech	HQ
24 Dec 69	114-339	2000	8
24 Dec 69	114-013	Non Tech	8
25 Dec 69	170-378	2000	HQ
25 Dec 69	171-164	Non Tech	HQ
26 Dec 69	174-501	4000	HQ
26 Dec 69	112-934	Non Tech	30 Terminal
27 Dec 69	114-380	2000	8
27 Dec 69	113-928	4000	30 Terminal

All vehicles to be cleaned prior to service.

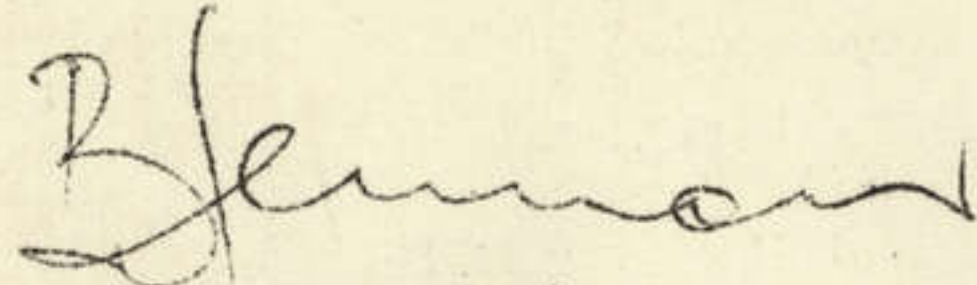
RO 214 MOVEMENT THROUGH 1 AUST FD HOSP AREA

Members of units other than 1 Aust Fd Hosp are not to move through the 1 Aust Fd Hosp Area unless on a duty task connected with 1 Aust Fd Hosp Operations. This particularly applies to movement through the general area of Vampire pad.

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RO 215 LIQUOR

Under no circumstances is alcoholic liquor to be taken into or stored in the sleeping quarters.



(B.B. LENNON)
Capt
OC

NOTICES1. BAR-B-QUE

8 Tp will be holding a Bar-B-Que in the 17 Const Sqn Gp Bar-B-Que pit area on Sun 11 Jan 70.

2. 1969 CHRISTMAS CONCERT (ARMY & AFOF SPONSORED) 23 DEC - 3 JAN 70Composition

- a. (1) Escort Officer: Capt G.T.C. O'KNEEFE - HQ E Comd 1
- (2) Entertainers: (AFOF sponsored) 6
- | | | | |
|-------------------|---|------------------|--|
| Lucky Grills | - | Compere | |
| *Julie Lewis | - | Vocalist | |
| *Jill Lindfield | - | Vocalist | |
| Walter Park) | - | "Baron et Bijou" | |
| *Diana Donnachie) | | Balancing Act | |
| Gus Merzi | | | |
- (3) Sydney ABC Dance Band (Army sponsored) 13
- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| Frank Arnold | Alan Nash |
| Keith Atkinson | David Rutledge |
| Mark Bowden | Neville Thomas |
| Eric Cook | Walter Wickham |
| John Costelloe | Edward Wilson |
| Jack Iverson | Alan Wood |
| Charles Munro | |
- (4) Total: 17 Males, 3 Females 20

Performances

- b. The party is to give performances in the 1 ALSG area as follows:
- (1) 26 Dec 69 - 1 Aust Fd Hosp - Commencing 1430 hrs.
- (2) 26 Dec 69 - Peter Badcoe Club - Commencing 1930hrs.
- (3) 30 Dec 69 - Peter Badcoe Club - Commencing 1930 hrs.

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NOTICE

3. TIMINGS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY.

- a. Christmas day is a full stand down day.
- b. A sit down Christmas lunch will be served at 1230 hrs with Officer and senior NCO steward service.
- c. Wet Canteen hours.
1200 - 1230 hrs
1500 - 1700 hrs
1900 - 2130 hrs
- d. The Peter Badcoe Bar is out of bounds to all Det 17 Const Sqn Gp personnel until 1300 hrs.
- e. There will be organized inter troop sport on Christmas morning.
- f. A conference of all Officers, senior N.C.Os, the manager of the OASIS Club and Cpl EDDY, to discuss the activities mentioned above will be held at 1030 hrs on the 24 Dec 69.
- g. The rules concerning the consumption and storage of alcoholic liquor in the lines continue: to apply notwithstanding the festive occasion.

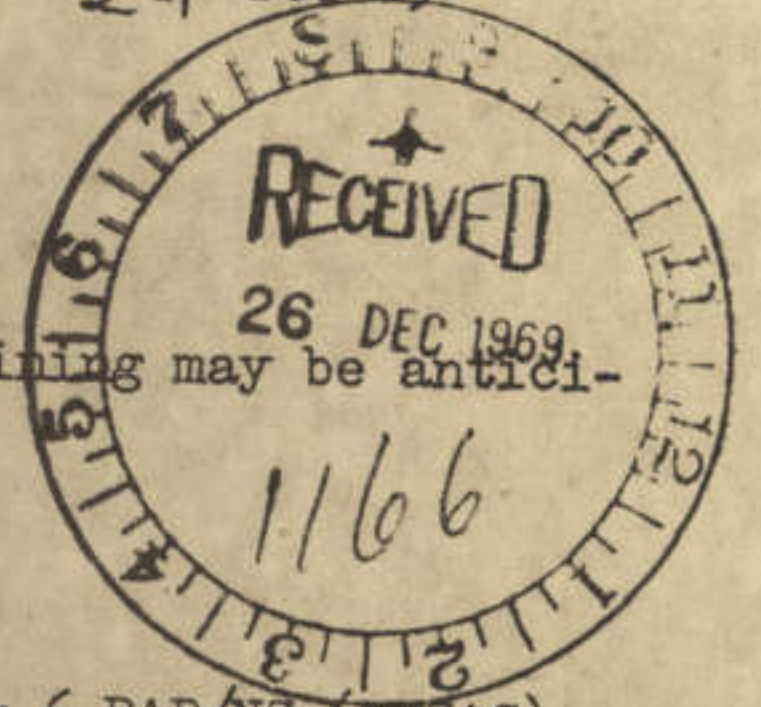
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Comd's Order Dec 69.

HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

24 Dec 69



Op Instr 101/69 (Op CUTLASS II)
TO: Maj E.J. Wertheimer, 17 Const Sqn.

1. Situation.

- a. Enemy. As per current 1 ATF INTSUM. Increased mining may be anticipated.
- b. Friendly Forces.
 - (1) 1 ATF Ops as per current 1 ATF SITREPS.
 - (2) HORSESHOE Ops by direct liaison with OC A Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC).
 - (3) Civilians will be encountered to the NORTH, SOUTH and WEST of the AO between 0600H - 1900H daily. See 1 ATF Provincial Data Handbook.

2. Mission. To continue land clearing in the LONG GREEN area.

3. Execution.

a. Gen Outline. Force commences deployment into LONG GREEN area and establishes NDP 30 Dec 69. Land Clearing to commence when whole force in position.

b. Grouping. 17 Const Sqn Land Clearing Team with:

- (1) In sp from 300600H Dec
 - one tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt
 - one sect B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - one ACV HQ 1 ATF
 - one FO party 1 Fd Regt
 - med Arty from 1 ATF Base
 - one sect 105mm guns from HORSESHOE
 - three mini teams 1 Fd Sqn
 - one Pl A Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC)
 - med asst 8 Fd Amb

c. Tasks. To continue Land Clearing in accordance with plan laid down by CE.

d. Coord Instrs.

- (1) AO. Annex A.
- (2) Liaison. Liaison to be effected with OC A Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) prior to entering AO and thereafter as required.

e. Administration and Logistics.

- (1) FOC. Resupply by road under unit arrangements.
- (2) Rats. Supplied by individual units composing force and delivery co-ordinated by 17 Const Sqn.
- (3) Water. Delivery of water to all elements to be co-ordinated by 17 Const Sqn.
- (4) Medical. SOP.

5. Command and Signal.

a. Comd. OC 17 Const Sqn Land Clearing Team.

b. Radio. As well as your internal and external command nets you are to estb comms with the HORSESHOE CP.

+ Fd Regt. (?)

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26 Dec 69

File	to be co-ordinated by
OC	W
2nd	W
Comd Sqn	
Comd	
ASST	
Exp. KOCK	J. K.

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- c. SITREPS. SITREPS and contact/incident reports are to be passed:
- (1) To 1 ATF CP through 17 Const Sqn.
 - (2) To HORSESHOE CP.
- d. Locstats. Locstats for all elements of the force to be passed:
- (1) To 1 ATF CP through 17 Const Sqn.
 - (2) To HORSESHOE CP. — local info?

Ack Instr . Ack to 1 ATF CP.

Authentication:

Distribution:

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For Information:

List 2 less serials 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 12, 21, CP, FSCC.

(S.P. WEIR)

Brig
Comd.

(T.C. BANNISTER)

Maj
GSO2 (Ops)

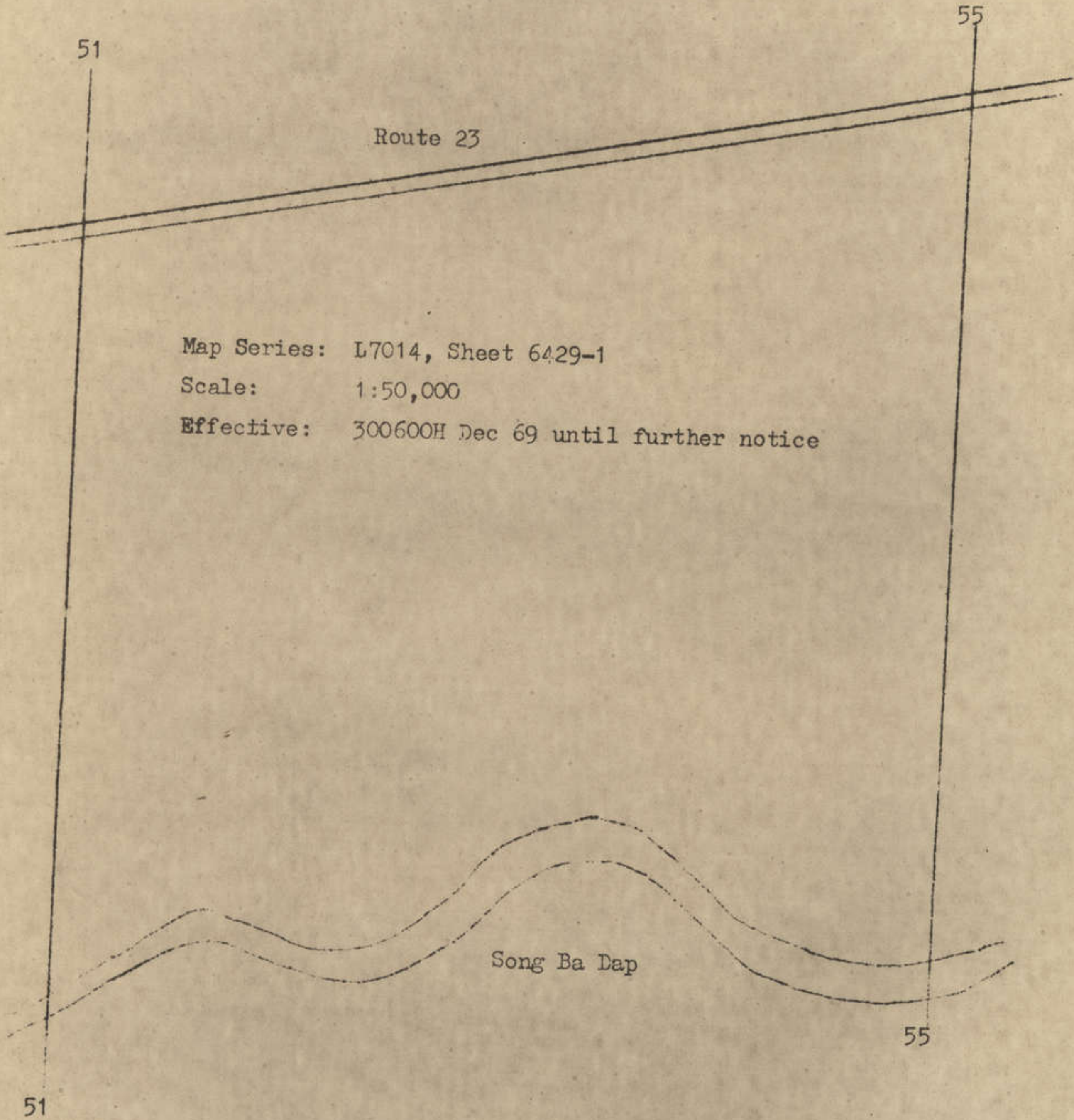
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ANNEX A TO 1 ATF
OF INSTR 101/69
DATED DEC 69

LAND CLEARING AO



Map Series: L7014, Sheet 6429-1
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Effective: 300600H Dec 69 until further notice

- NOTICE:
1. NOT TO SCALE
 2. Both Route 23 and the Song Ba Dap are excl.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

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OFFICER COMMANDING DETACHMENT 17th CONSTRUCTION SQUADRON GROUP

VUNG TAU

23 Dec 69

Serial 50

RO 216 - 222

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RO 216 UNAUTHORISED ADJUSTMENTS TO ELECTRICAL FITTINGS

No member of 1 ALSG unless qualified and authorised to do so, is to modify or make adjustments to any electrical fittings. Tampering with such fittings can result in serious injury to the member as well as presenting a potential fire danger. Disciplinary action is to be taken against offenders.

RO 217 PHOTOGRAPHIC TOURS

1. A photographic tour will depart from YMCA at 1400 hours each Sunday. Members are to book with YMCA representative (phone EMU 87) by 1200 hours each Sunday. Routes and halts are to be only those nominated by the YMCA representative.
2. Dress is to be civilian clothes and all members are to be in possession of a leave pass.
3. 5 Coy RAASC is to provide the TCV. Driver and Shotgun are to be in uniform and armed.

RO 218 LEAVE - CHRISTMAS DAY 1969

There will be no local leave on Christmas Day, Thursday 25 Dec 69.

RO 219 UNAUTHORISED SLOGANS ON PERSONAL MAIL

Reference: A. File R449/2/5.

1. Instances have been detected where derogatory slogans have been endorsed on personal mail sent to persons in Australia. This practice is expressly forbidden in Post Office Regulations and is to cease forthwith.
2. AFPOs are to return to the sender all letters endorsed with these slogans.

RO 220 CUSTOMS DECLARATIONS

Reference: A. File R352/5/9.

1. Members sending goods to Australia by post under the existing concessions awarded by the Department of Customs and Excise are to accurately complete the Customs Declaration Form.
2. Inspecting officers are to ensure that the provisions of AFV (AMF Comp) SOPs Part 3 paragraphs 1131-1133 are complied with.
3. All items sent by mail to Australia are subject to Customs inspection. All members are reminded that breaching Customs Regulations is a serious offence and continued violations could result in a restriction of the generous concessions which personnel serving in SVN now enjoy.

RO 221 TRANSMISSION OF SPIRITOUS LIQUORS THROUGH THE POST

Reference: A. File R352/5/9.

1. Commonwealth of Australia Postal Regulations prohibit the transmission of inflammable substances (including liquids) having a flash point less than 80 degrees F through the post.

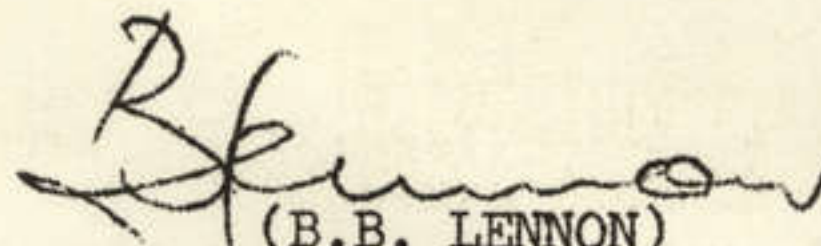
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2. Spiritous liquors having a proof rating in excess of 85 Proof or 74 Proof UK come within this category, and are not to be transmitted through the post to Australia.
3. The importation of spiritous liquors into Australia under provision of the special defence force concession is strictly prohibited. Spiritous liquor may only be awarded a custom concession when a member brings it with his other effects on RTA.
4. However there is no objection to members posting spiritous liquors to Australia provided:
 - a. The member understands duty may be imposed by the Department of Customs and Excise. (Duty on one bottle of Scotch is about A\$1.85).
 - b. The liquors have a proof rating below the stipulated figure at paragraph 2.
 - c. The bottles are packed safely and in such a manner that damage will not result to other items should the bottles break in the mail.
5. If members send spiritous liquor through the post, they are to pack the bottles as follows:
 - a. Each bottle is to be wrapped in a material which must protect the bottle against shock and absorb the liquor if the bottle breaks. Plastic foam sheeting is a suitable material for this purpose.
 - b. The bottle is then to be sealed in a heavy guage waterproof bag.
 - c. The bottle is then to be placed in an outer container, which is to be securely made of strong and rigid material such as a 105 mm cartridge container.
 - d. The outer container is to be clearly branded "BOTTLES-HANDLE WITH CARE".
6. If a bottle breaks and the contents leak and damage other articles, the member is liable to pay full compensation to the PMG for the damage so caused.
7. The proof rating is normally displayed on the label of most spiritous liquors sold in Vietnam. Where in doubt exists, the liquor is not to be sent.
8. Before signing the Certificate of Inspection, Inspecting Officers are to:
 - a. Check that the proof rating is not in excess of 85 Proof US or 74 Proof UK.
 - b. Ensure that the bottle is packed in accordance with para 5 above.
 - c. Delete the words "or essence of wines or spiritous liquor" from the face of the Certificate of Inspection.

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RO 222 THROWING OF ROCKS

The throwing of rocks at buildings or any other structure or at a person is an offence and is forbidden.


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NOTICES1. UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND COURSES

- a. The US Army Edn Centre Vung Tau proposes to conduct courses at night which lead to credit with the University of Maryland.
- b. The courses are as follows:
 - (1) Business Enterprise.
 - (2) Business Law.
 - (3) English Composition.
- c. The courses will be run over eight weeks 26 Jan 70 - 21 Mar 70 on the basis of lectures for three hours per night on two nights a week.
- d. Cost of each course is \$70. Recognition of these courses for refunds under SVETS has been applied for, but approval has yet to be received. The necessary texts can be purchased locally.
- e. Members interested in enrolling in any of these courses should contact the AFV Edn Sec (EMU 65) for further information.

2. FORD CAR REPRESENTATIVE

The Ford car representative, Mr R. Spencer, currently visits the 1 Pl 2 AFCU Gift Shop from 1000 hours to 1600 hours each Thursday. During this time he is available to give advice and take orders for Ford cars.

3. HONG KONG CONCESSION SHOP

The HONG KONG concession shop will close from 1300 hrs 24 Dec 69 to 1000 hrs 26 Dec 69.

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to 17 CONST SQN GP
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

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Officer Commanding 17th Construction Squadron RAE

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27th DECEMBER '69

Serial
RO 475 - 478⁵⁶

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- 475. CAMP DUTIES
 - 476. VEHICLE INSPECTION AND SERVICE
 - 477. SAFETY - RIFLE 5.56 MM M16A1
 - 478. ELECTRICAL INSPECTION
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CAMP DUTIES

Duty personnel for the week ending 4 Jan 70 are listed below. Duty timings are 0730 hrs on the day shown to 0730 hrs the following day, except where shown otherwise.

a. Duty Officer

Mon 29 Dec 69	2Lt MILLS
Tue 30 Dec 69	WO2 McDONALD
Wed 31 Dec 69	WO1 BOURKE
Thu 1 Jan 70	Capt MacLEOD
Fri 2 Jan 70	WO2 MACE
Sat 3 Jan 70	WO2 ROSS (Dismount 0830 hrs Sun)
Sun 4 Jan 70	Capt QUANTRILL (Mount 0830 hrs Sun)

Next for Sunday duty - 2Lt MILLS

b. Duty Sergeant

Mon 29 Dec 69	Sgt SLOANE
Tue 30 Dec 69	Sgt PHILLIPS
Wed 31 Dec 69	SSgt KAY
Thu 1 Jan 70	Sgt JONES
Fri 2 Jan 70	Sgt BAKER
Sat 3 Jan 70	Sgt WARREN (Dismount 0830 hrs Sun)
Sun 4 Jan 70	Sgt MARTIN (Mount 0830 hrs Sun)

Next for Sunday duty - Sgt WARREN

c. Mess Duties - ORs Mess

Tour of duty is from 0600 hrs Mon 29 Dec 69 to 1930 hrs Sun 4 Jan 70.

Spr NAPIER (10 Tp)	Spr PIZZONI (9 Tp)
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d. Mess Duties - Offr/Sgts Mess

Tour of duty is from 0600 hrs Mon 29 Dec 69 to 1930 hrs Sun 4 Jan 70.

Spr DUNN (Pl Tp)

e. Hygiene Duties

Tour of duty is from 0730 hrs Mon 29 Dec 69 to 1230 hrs Sun 4 Jan 70. Member is to report to the SSM at 0745 hrs daily except Sunday when he will report at 0845 hrs.

Spr CULEY (HQ Tp)

f. Area Maintenance

Tour of duty is from 0800 hrs Mon 29 Dec 69 to 1230 hrs Sun 4 Jan 70. Members are to report to the SSM at 0800 hrs daily except Sunday when they will report at 0900 hrs.

Spr MASON (Pl Tp)

Spr CAVANAGH (10 Tp)

g. Switch Operator

Tour of duty is from 0730 hrs to 1700 hrs daily.

Spr SLATER (HQ Tp)

h. Command Post and Strong Points

Tour of duty is from 0730 hrs on the day shown to 0730 hrs the following day except Sunday when picquets will dismount and mount at 0830 hrs.

To be notified daily.

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VEHICLE INSPECTION AND SERVICE

The following vehicles are due for inspection and service during the period 29 Dec 69 to 2 Jan 70.

SERVICE :	29 Dec 69	2000	113935	P1 Tp	
		2000	114021	10 Tp	
	30 Dec 69	4000	114526	HQ Tp	
		2000	171821	HQ Tp	
	31 Dec 69	2000	171717	HQ Tp	
		4000	172687	HQ Tp	
	1 Jan 70	4000	171718	HQ Tp	
	2 Jan 70	2000	162224	P1 Tp	
	NON TECH :	29 Dec 69		113932	10 Tp
				171624	HQ Tp
30 Dec 69			112951	P1 Tp	
31 Dec 69			171640	HQ Tp	
			171666	HQ Tp	
1 Jan 70			171837	9 Tp	
2 Jan 70			171614	9 Tp	

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SAFETY - RIFLE 5.56 MM M16A1

1. Following an incident involving an M16A1 rifle, it is necessary to place some restrictions on the sustained firing of this weapon. A rapid rate of fire of 60 rounds per minute for two minutes (six magazines) is not to be exceeded except in an emergency. This should be reduced if continuous normal single shot firing has been carried out immediately before hand.
2. Emphasis should be given to regular cleaning of the chamber as part of the normal care and maintenance of the rifle by the user.
3. If water enters the barrel of the M16A1 rifle, its surface tension, combined with the small diameter of the bore, prevents it from running out when the barrel is depressed. To overcome this problem the cocking handle should be pulled to the rear to allow air to enter the chamber.

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ELECTRICAL INSPECTION

1. Unauthorised electrical fittings or appliances are not permitted in the 17 Const Sqn Gp area. If in doubt whether an electrical fitting or appliance is authorised, members are to check with their Troop Commanders before using the electrical fitting or appliance.
2. Clothing is not to be hung on or over electrical fittings or cable.

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VUNG TAU

27 Dec 69

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RO 223 - 226

<u>ROUTINE ORDER NO</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
223	CAMP DUTIES
224	REGIMENTAL FUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING
225	ANTIMALARIAL PRECAUTIONS.
226	VEHICLES SERVICING
	NOTICES
1.	BAR - B - QUE
2.	BAR - B - QUE

RO 223 CAMP DUTIES

Duty personnel for the weekending the 4 Jan 70 are listed below. Duty times are 0730 hrs on the day shown to 0730 hrs the following day except Sunday, which is from 0830 hrs to 0830 hrs

a. <u>Duty Offr</u>		b. <u>Duty Sgt</u>		c. <u>Duty Cpl</u>	
Mon 29 Dec 69	- Capt EDSTEIN	Sgt DANN		Cpl CARR	
Tue 30 Dec 69	- WO2 MUTTON	Sgt AINSWORTH		Cpl McLEOD	
Wed 31 Dec 69	- Lt CLARK	Sgt DAWSON		Cpl MARSDEN	
Thu 1 Jan 70	- Capt MIEKLEJOHN	Sgt ROWE		Cpl HUDSON	
Fri 2 Jan 70	- WO2 MUTTON	Sgt KIMBERLEY		Cpl McILWAIN	
Sat 3 Jan 70	- Lt SALTER	Sgt GRIFFITHS		Cpl LINCK	
Sun 4 Jan 70	- Capt EDSTEIN	Sgt AINSWORTH		Cpl DART	
Next for Sun Duty - Lt CLARK		Sgt DANN		Cpl BURTON	
d. East Gate Guard - To be notified					
e. <u>Duty Driver</u>		f. <u>Duty Switch Op</u>			
Mon 29 Dec 69	- Spr JOHNSTON	Spr CLARKE			
Tue 30 Dec 69	- Spr PAIX	Spr INGRAM			
Wed 31 Dec 69	- Spr BLAIR	Spr MORGAN			
Thu 1 Jan 70	- Spr BROWN. A.	Spr SMITH			
Fri 2 Jan 70	- Spr TOWNS	Spr THOMAS			
Sat 3 Jan 70	- Spr BROWN. J.	Spr CAMPBELL			
Sun 4 Jan 70	- Spr JOHNSTON - PAIX	Spr CLARKE			
g. <u>Duty Electrician</u> - Spr WEBB					
h. <u>Duty Plumber</u> - Spr POTTER					
j. <u>Damp Pickets</u> - To be notified					

RO 224 REGIMENTAL FUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING

Next meeting will be on 21 Jan 70 at 1030 hrs at the OASIS CLUB.

RO 225 ANTIMALARIAL PRECAUTIONS

In the 14 days immediately preceding return to Australia from Vietnam all personnel must complete a course of anti malarial drugs.

The drugs used are :

Chloroquine - 300 mgm base. (large pink tablet)
Primaquine - 7.5 mgm base. (small brown tablet)

During the course personnel must continue to use paludrine twice daily but dapsone is not to be taken.

The course is :

Day	Time	Drug and Dose		
Day 1	0700H	Chloroquine	2 tablets	
		Primaquine	1 tablet	
	1300H	Chloroquine	1 tablet	
		Primaquine	1 tablet	
		Primaquine	1 tablet	
Day 2 & 3	0700H	Chloroquine	1 tablet	
		Primaquine	1 tablet	
	1300H	Primaquine	1 tablet	
		1800H	Primaquine	1 tablet
Day 4 - 14	0700H	Primaquine	1 tablet	
		1300H	Primaquine	1 tablet
		1800H	Primaquine	1 tablet

Failure to complete the course prior to RTA could lead to postponement of RTA.

RO 226 VEHICLES SERVICING

<u>Date</u>	<u>Veh No</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Troop</u>
Mon 29 Dec 69	171-911	2000	HQ
Tue 30 Dec 69	171-677	Non Tech	HQ
Wed 31 Dec 69	171-736	Non Tech	HQ
Thu 1 Jan 70	171-735	Non Tech	30 Term

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NOTICES1. BAR - B - QUE

30 Terminal Sqn will be holding a BAR - B - QUE in the 17 Const Sqn Gp
 BAR - B - QUE pit area on Mon 29 Dec 69.

2. BAR - B - QUE

198 Wks Sect will be holding a BAR - B - QUE in the 17 Const Sqn
 BAR - B - QUE pit area on Sun 28 Dec 69.

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RO 227 - 230

<u>ROUTINE ORDER NO</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
227	ACQUATIC SAFETY
228	PAYING OFFICER
229	OASIS CLUB TIMINGS NEW YEARS EVE
230	CLOSING OF AREA CLOTHING STORE

RO 227 ACQUATIC SAFETY

The following members of ASLSC are rostered for duty as AFV Amenities Beach safety Officer on the dates given.

14 Jan 70 - Cfn HODSON
 15 Jan 70 - Spr FOSTER
 16 Jan 70 - Spr SANDERS
 6 Feb 70 - Spr CAMPBELL
 9 Feb 70 - Spr DAVIDSON

RO 228 PAYING OFFICER

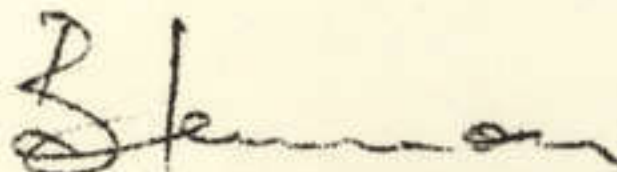
18590 Capt S.S. MEIKLEJOHN is to be the Det Paying Officer on Thu 1 Jan 70.

RO 229 OASIS CLUB TIMINGS NEW YEARS EVE

From 1700 - 1745 hrs
 1900 - 2130 hrs
 2345 - 0015 hrs

RO 230 CLOSING OF AREA CLOTHING STORE

The area clothing store at 2AOD will be closed for the period 4 - 11 Jan 70 while stocktake is carried out.



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17 Const Sqn Operations Log

(for 24 hr period commencing 0800 hrs On 1 Dec 69

Serial	Time in	From Whom	Brief Description	Action Taken
1	1830	47	LCT Report:- A. 50m from YS 534600 to TS 534584 B. nil C. 3 bulldozers serviceable Ni Loc: YS 534600	1 ATF CP advised

..... 2Lt DR WILKINSON Duty Ops Officer

17 Const Sqn Operations Log

(for 24 hr period commencing 0800 hrs On ...2 Dec 69.....)

Serial	Time in	From Whom	Brief Description	Action Taken
1	1845	47	LCT Report:- A. 75 m wide on west of cut. Total area now 250 m X 1600 m B. nil C. 3 bulldozers serviceable. Ni Loc; YS 534600	

2Lt DR WILKINSON Duty Ops Officer

17 Const Sqn Operations Log

(for 24 hr period commencing 0800 hrs On 3 Dec 69

Serial	Time in	From Whom	Brief Description	Action Taken
1	1845	47	LCT Report:- A. 100 m wide west of cut B. nil; 1 mine marker found on southern trail. Chain run to be done tomorrow. C. 3 D8's serviceable Ni Loc: YS 534600	1 ATF CP advised

..... 2 Lt DR WILKINSON Duty Ops Officer

17 Const Sqn Operations Log

(for 24 hr period commencing 0800 hrs On 4 Dec 69

Serial	Time in	From Whom	Brief Description	Action Taken
1	1615	47	DUSTOFF Request: Soldier bittern by scorpion	Air cell advised. Possum re-routed to do Dustoff
2	1845	47	LCT Report:- A. 50 m wide on west of cut B. nil C. 2 D8's serviceable 1 D8 unserviceable Ni Loc: YS 534600	1 ATF CP advised

..... 2Lt DR WILKINSON Duty Ops Officer

17 Const Sqn Operations Log

(for 24 hr period commencing 0800 hrs On 5 Dec 69

Serial	Time in	From Whom	Brief Description	Action Taken
1	1845	47	LCT Report:- A. 50 m wide from YS 540581 to water B. nil; fresh mine marker at YS 536584 at entrance to bunker. Bulldozed in; nil result C 2 D8's serviceable 1 D8 unserviceable	1 ATF CP advised

..... 2Lt DR WILKINSON Duty Ops Officer

17 Const Sqn Operations Log

(for 24 hr period commencing 0800 hrs On ... 6 Dec 69

Serial	Time in	From Whom	Brief Description	Action Taken
1	1845	47	LCT Report:- A. 4 acres B. nil C. 2 D8's serviceable 1 D8 unserviceable Ni Loc: YS 534600	1 ATF CP advised

2Lt DR WILKINSON
 Duty Ops Officer

17 Const Sqn Operations Log

(for 24 hr period commencing 0800 hrs On ...7 Dec 69.....)

Serial	Time in	From Whom	Brief Description	Action Taken
1	1845	47	LCT Report:- A. 4 acres B. nil C. 2 D8's serviceable c 1 D8 unserviceable	1 ATF CP advised

..... 2Lt DR WILKINSON Duty Ops Officer

17 Const Sqn Operations Log

(for 24 hr period commencing 0800 hrs On 8 Dec 69

Serial	Time in	From Whom	Brief Description	Action Taken
1	1900	47	LCT Report:- A. 6 acres B. nil C. 2 D8's serviceable 1 D8 unserviceable Ni Loc: YS 534600	1 ATF CP advised

..... 2Lt DR WILKINSON Duty Ops Officer

17 Const Sqn Operations Log

(for 24 hr period commencing 0800 hrs On ...9 Dec 69.....)

Serial	Time in	From Whom	Brief Description	Action Taken
1	1850	47	LCT Report:- A. 12 acres B. nil C. 2 D8's serviceable 2 D8's unserviceable Ni Loc: YS 534600	1 ATF CP advised

..... 2Lt DR Wilkinson Duty Ops Officer

17 Const Sqn Operations Log

(for 24 hr period commencing 0800 hrs On 10 Dec 69

Serial	Time in	From Whom	Brief Description	Action Taken
1	1200	47	MINE INCIDENT REPORT (Serial 10) M16 at YS 538584 nil damage	1 ATF CP advised
2	1915	47	LCT Report:- A. 10 acres B. 1 C. 3 D8's serviceable 5 D8's unserviceable CONTACT INCIDENT REPORT (Serial 4) Inf found tracks of 3 pers walking and crawling towards landclearing cut.	1 ATF CP advised

..... Capt GB PARKER Duty Ops Officer

17 Const Sqn Operations Log

(for 24 hr period commencing 0800 hrs On11.Dec.69....)

Serial	Time in	From Whom	Brief Description	Action Taken
1	1920	47	Land Clearing Report:- A. 1 acre around camp site due to maint and service committments B. nil C. 3 serviceable, 5 unserviceable	Passed to 1 ATF CP

...Capt. G. B. PARKER..... Duty Ops Officer

17 Const Sqn Operations Log

(for 24 hr period commencing 0800 hrs On 12 Dec 69

Serial	Time in	From Whom	Brief Description	Action Taken
1	1415	47	VC Installation Report:- A. A bunker system of approx 30 bunkers unoccupied for one year located at YS 534594. Demolished by bulldozer.	1 ATF CP informed
2	1910	47	Land Clearing Team Report:- A. 70,000 sq yds B. nil C. 3 serviceable, 5 unserviceable VC Installation Report:- A. A mine marker several months old was found at YS 546587	1 ATF CP informed 1 ATF CP informed

..... Capt G.B. PARKER Duty Ops Officer

17 Const Sqn Operations Log

(for 24 hr period commencing 0800 hrs On 13 Dec 69.....)

Serial	Time in	From Whom	Brief Description	Action Taken
1	1820	47	Land Clearing Report:- A. 75,000 sq yds B. nil C. 3 serviceable, 5 unserviceable	1 ATF CP advised

Capt G. B. PARKER Duty Ops Officer

17 Const Sqn Operations Log

(for 24 hr period commencing 0800 hrs On 14 Dec 69.....)

Serial	Time in	From Whom	Brief Description	Action Taken
1	1815	47	Land Clearing Report:- A. 40,000 sq yds B. nil C. 3 serviceable, 5 unserviceable	1 ATF CP notified

..... Capt G.B. PARKER Duty Ops Officer

17 Const Sqn Operations Log

(for 24 hr period commencing 0800 hrs On ...15.Dec.69.....)

Serial	Time in	From Whom	Brief Description	Action Taken
1	1840	47	Land Clearing Report:- A. 160,000 sq yds B. nil C. 3 serviceable, 5 unserviceable	

.....Capt G. B. PARKER..... Duty Ops Officer

17 Const Sqn Operations Log

(for 24 hr period commencing 0800 hrs On 16 Dec 69

Serial	Time in	From Whom	Brief Description	Action Taken
1	1820	47	Land Clearing Report:- A. 90,000 sq yds along west of the cut B. nil C. 3 serviceable, 5 unserviceable	1 ATF CP notified

..... Capt G.B. PARKER Duty Ops Officer

17 Const Sqn Operations Log

(for 24 hr period commencing 0800 hrs On 17 Dec 69

Serial	Time in	From Whom	Brief Description	Action Taken
1	1750	47	Land Clearing Report:- A. Nil. RAAC had mechanical trouble and could not provide protection B. nil C. 3 serviceable, 5 unserviceable	1 ATF CP notified

..... Capt G.B. PARKER Duty Ops Officer

17 Const Sqn Operations Log

(for 24 hr period commencing 0800 hrs On 18 Dec 69

Serial	Time in	From Whom	Brief Description	Action Taken
1	1800	47	<p>Land Clearing Report:- A. 55,000 sq yds B. nil C. 3 serviceable, 5 unserviceable</p> <p>Installation Report:- Bunker system of 6 pits found at GR 537584. Bulldozed into the ground.</p> <p>Installation Report:- Bunker system of 60 plus found over 350 metre length from GR 533583 to GR 530578. Bulldozing them into the ground. Found in the system:- Qty of Australian mosquito repellant, military socks, American cups and water bottles, plastic sandals, black pyjama type clothing (male and female), 1xRPG2 round, large fishing net, eating utensils, used med sups, empty oil drums, torch batteries and pers oil bottles.</p>	1 ATF CP advised

..... Capt G.B. PARKER Duty Ops Officer

17 Const Sqn Operations Log

(for 24 hr period commencing 0800 hrs On ...19 Dec 69.....)

Serial	Time in	From Whom	Brief Description	Action Taken
1	1730	47	Land Clearing Report:- A. 30,000 sq yds B. nil C. 2 serviceable, 6 unserviceable	1 ATF CP notified

.....Capt G. B. PARKER..... Duty Ops Officer

17 Const Sqn Operations Log

(for 24 hr period commencing 0800 hrs On 20 Dec 69

Serial	Time in	From Whom	Brief Description	Action Taken
1	1810	47	Land Clearing Report:- A. 30,000 sq yds B. nil C. 2 serviceable, 6 unserviceable	

..... Capt G. B. PARKER Duty Ops Officer

17 Const Sqn Operations Log

(for 24 hr period commencing 0800 hrs On 21 Dec 69

Serial	Time in	From Whom	Brief Description	Action Taken
1	1810	47	Land Clearing Report:- A. 40,000 sq yds B. nil C. 3 serviceable, 5 unserviceable	

Capt G.B. PARKER
..... Duty Ops Officer