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**Narrative**

**Duty Officer's log**

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**[1-31 Jun 1966]**

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3 SAS Sqn Comds Diary  
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## **COVERING LETTER**

Reference No..... Ops. 27

**To:** OIC, Military History Section, AHO

1. I enclose Commanders Diary (A) as indicated at Part 2.

2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature) .....

**Appointment** .... OC 3 SAS  
(OC Unit)

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*Appointment* ..... OC 3 SAS Sqn .....  
*(OC Unit or senior staff officer)*

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## PART 2

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# COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

To ..... 30 Jun 66

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### **Unit 10: Evolution**

From 15 Jun 66

3. SAS Sqn.

To ..... 30 Jun 66.

## Narrative (AF C 2118)

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  - F Orders of battle and location reports issued
  - G Intelligence reports and summaries issued; appreciations made
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  - N Other papers, eg, maps and diagrams, air photos, reports from sub units
  - O Periodical summaries of operations
  - Z Top Secret Supplementary Diary

\* Only to be included during operations.

**†** Cross out whichever is not applicable.

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PART 3

## COMMANDERS DIARIES INSTRUCTIONS

### AIM

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

### GENERAL

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

### RESPONSIBILITY

#### During Non-operational Periods

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

#### During Operational Periods (1)

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

### COMPILATION

6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:
  - a. Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
  - b. Index as printed on cover.
  - c. Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
  - d. Annexes as shown in the Index.

7. All details of the unit or formation (if a detachment is concerned, the name of the parent unit), period covered and enclosure numbers of the annexes are to be shown on the cover. If there has been a change of command since the last report, the date of assumption by the new commanding officer is to be included.

8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no enclosures for an annex NII, will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, starting at B.

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## DISPOSAL

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:

During Operational Periods (1) A Commanders Diary is to be compiled

**TOP SECRET**

**ANNEX Z to**

5. A Commanders Diary is to be compiled in duplicate by..... (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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## COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION 3 SAS Sqn

MONTH AND YEAR Jun 66

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj JM MURPHY

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
PERTH WA	15 Jun	0800	3 SAS Sqn, less Eastern States leave personnel, emplaned at PEARCE RAAF Station en route to VIETNAM.	
ADELAIDE		1230	Unscheduled refuelling stop at ADELAIDE due to bad weather forecast for RICHMOND.	
RICHMOND		1900	Arrived RICHMOND RAAF Station, where leave personnel rejoined Sqn.	
		2000	Briefing on general situation in VIETNAM, progress of Op HARDIHOOD and security was given by AHQ Briefing Team led by Col CAE EAST MBE.	
		2345	Departed RICHMOND.	
TOWNSVILLE QLD	16 Jun	0215	Refuelling stop for forty minutes.	
MANILA		0730	Refuelling stop 1½ hours.	
SAIGON		1100	Deplaned TAN SON NHUT. OC met by Commanding General US 1st Log Comd.	
		1300	US C130 uplifted half Sqn to VUNG TAU arriving there 1330hrs. Met by 2Lt PJ SCHUMAN OC of Stores Party which had arrived SVN on HMS SYDNEY on 6 Jun.	
VUNG TAU		1445	Remainder of Sqn arrived VUNG TAU. Sqn conc at ALSG Staging Area overnight stop.	
		1530	OC moved up to HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT for briefing by TF Comd (Brig OD JACKSON OBE) and remained there overnight.	
	17 Jun	1130	Sqn departed VUNG TAU by road convoy for Task Forcearea.	
NUI DAT		1245	Sqns arrival was greeted by tropical downpour which lasted for 45 minutes. During	

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COMMANDING OFFICER Maj. J.M. MURPHY

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			this time layout of Sqn HQ and Tp areas were sited and work began digging shell scrapes and erecting hootchies.	
NUI DAT	17 Jun	1700	Sqn 2i/c (Capt G.E. CHIPMAN) and Operations Officer (Lt T.G. MARSHALL) accompanied OC to Task Force daily briefing.	
		1800	OC's O Gp for Tp Comds. Op patrolling to commence on 21 Jun.	
	18 Jun	0630	Work continues on building up defensive position.	
		1800	OC's O Gp. Plans to commence patrolling postponed for several days due to lack of essential equipment. Tps will now conduct shakedown ptls in the form of night ambushes in the TAOR.	
	19 Jun	0630	Digging and laying of wire obstacles continues in Sqn area.	
		1800	J Tp warned for night ambush ptl for night 20-21 Jun.	
	20 Jun	0730	Work continues on defensive position. Permanent cookhouse, latrines and showers under construction.	
		1330	OC J Tp (2Lt P.J. SCHUMAN) briefed on night ambush by OC.	
		1730	J Tp ptl crossed start line.	
		1800	I Tp warned for ambush ptl for night of 21-22 Jun.	
	21 Jun	0730	J Tp ptl returned this loc. No contact made with VC. Pt1 comd debriefed by Ops Offr.	ANNEX M No 1

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NUI DAT	21 Jun	1130	OC I Tp (2Lt P.M. INGRAM) briefed on night ambush by OC.	
		1700	I Tp ptl crossed start line.	
		1910	Warning order received from 1 ATF for possible search operation in HOA LONG village (2 miles to SOUTH). A military policeman was shot and killed in this village at 211800H whilst escorting three PW to PW cage at 1 ATF.	
		2030	Warning order cancelled. Sqn interpreter only required. Lcpl J.F. BAILEY warned.	
	22 Jun	0815	I Tp ptl returned this loc. No contact made with VC. Pt1 comd debriefed by Ops Offr.	ANNEX M No 2
		1040	Warning Order received from 1 ATF for Sqn (less one Tp) ambush tonight. Sqn Tac HQ, J and K Tps warned for task.	
		1300	Warning Order cancelled. K Tp warned for ambush ptl tonight.	
		1345	OC K Tp (2Lt T.W. RODERICK) briefed for ptl by Ops Offr.	
		1425	A section of men under Cpl C.A. JENNISON sent to assist an Engineer party investigate smoke from suspected tunnel system. Smoke proved to be from smouldering fires.	
		1640	I and J Tps warned for area ambush task on night 23-24 Jun. Attached to Sqn for this task are two pls from A Coy 5 RAR.	
		1705	K Tp ptl drossed the start line.	
	23 Jun	0715	K Tp ptl returned this loc. No contact made with VC. Debriefed by Ops Offr.	ANNEX M No 3

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
NUI DAT	23 Jun	0830	Air recce of ambush area by OC and all ptl comds.	
		1030	Briefing of ptl comds by OC.	
		1100	The first of three 1 hour Australian variety shows to be staged throughout the day was held at LZ KANGAROO. Shows were well attended by members of the Sqn.	
		1750	All ambush ptls crossed start line.	
	24 Jun	0715	Ambush ptls returned this loc. No contact with VC.	
		1010	Warning Order to K Tp for sweep ptl tonight.	
		1130	OC K Tp briefed by Ops Offr.	
		1700	K Tp ptl crossed start line.	
		1730	Ptl located a number of native baskets containing food and cooking and eating utensils. Ptl's original task was cancelled and ambush was set.	
		2000	Ambush lifted and ptl commenced return as Artillery Hand I tasks were to be fired in the area, commencing at 2100 hrs.	
		2030	Ptl returned this loc. No contact made with VC.	
25 Jun	0800		Ptl comd debriefed by Ops Offr.	ANNEX M... No4
	0815		Aerial recce of future area of operations carried out in RAAF UH1B helicopter by Tp Comds, Tp and sec Sgts, Ops Offr and Int Sgt.	

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
NUI DAT	25 Jun	0900	OC attended briefing and ground demonstration of the Armed/Armoured Chinook (ACH - 47).  This helicopter is on evaluation trials and may be available for fire mission tasks.	
		1145	OC, Capt ROONEY (CIVIL AFFAIRS) and Lcpl BAILEY, carried out a recce on HOA LONG village. During the recce a man was arrested and detained as a suspect VC.	
		1845	Warning Order issued to Sqn Tac HQ, I, J and K Tps for search operation in HOA LONG.	
		2129	MG and SA fire received on left flank from direction of TFMA. This fire shifted along and then landed in the Engineer's area, who returned the fire. A few minutes later our standing ptl reported 4-5 VC in the padi. VC ptl disappeared before effective fire could be directed at them.	
	26 Jun	0800	OC attended briefing at HQ 1 ATF for search and clear operation.	
		1135	The Minister for the Army (Mr M. FRASER) arrived and spent 15 minutes inspecting the Sqn area and talking to members.	
		1315	Search and clear operation began with Tac HQ moving to HOA LONG where Op Control (Ops Offr and sig) was set up at HQ 1 Commando Coy. This Coy provided the cordon during the operation.	

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NUI DAT	26 Jun	1400	Search troops commence move through area.	
		1600	Search completed negative results.	
	27 Jun	1100	OC briefed by Comd 1 ATF on future SAS operations and 1 ATF operations.	
	28 Jun	1130	Warning Order issued to ptls 13, 21, 22, 32, and 33 for recce tasks. Ptl programme issued.	
		1150	A standby reaction force to assist recce ptls was organised. It consists of HQ and No's 1 and 2 secs of I Tp and No 4 Sec of J Tp. Lt INGRAM as Force Comd.	
			OC called to HQ 1 ATF for conference with Comd. Because of other activity in ptl area it was decided to delay infiltration of ptls by 24hrs.	
	29 Jun	1300	Ptl preparation and briefings, drawing and checking of wireless sets.	
	30 Jun	1030	Recce ptls commence infiltration into ptl areas.	
		1800	Comms established with ptl 32.	

Annex 'A'

3 SAS Sqn

Comds Diary

Jun 66

Unit: 3 SAS Sqn

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DUTY OFFR LOG

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
1	180800H		1 ATF	Sitrep 2 from 0400hrs to 0800hrs. Enemy NTR		
2	181200H		1 ATF	Sitrep 3 from 0800hrs to 1200hrs. Enemy NTR		
3	181600H		1 ATF	Sitrep 4 From 1200hrs to 1600hrs. Enemy NTR		
4	182000H		1 ATF	Sitrep 5 from 1600hrs to 2000hrs. Enemy NTR		
5	182400H		1 ATF	Sitrep 6 from 2000hrs to 2400hrs. Enemy NTR		
6	190400H		1 ATF	Sitrep 1 from 2400hrs to 0400hrs. Enemy NTR		
7	190615H		1 ATF	Test firing weapons to commence now		
8	"		1 ATF	Roger		
9	190635H		1 ATF	Test firing completed		
10	190800H		1 ATF	Sitrep 2 from 0400hrs to 0800hrs. NTR		
11	190815H	6 RAR		Ptl moving out at 0945hrs to GR443667 in loc approx 1 hr		
12	191200H		1 ATF	Sitrep 3 from 0800hrs to 1200hrs. NTR		
13	191600H		1 ATF	Sitrep 4 from 1200hrs to 1600hrs. NTR		
14	191800H		1 ATF	J Tp warned for ambush ptl on 20/21 Jun		
15	191940H		1 ATF	Standing ptls tonight located at GR440670 and GR440667 Request clearance to test fire at 0615hrs tomorrow. Please inform all units.		
16	192000H		1 ATF	Sitrep 5 from 1600hrs to 2000hrs. NTR		
17	192400H		1 ATF	Sitrep 6 from 2000hrs to 2400hrs. NTR		

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Duty offr LOG

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
18	200400H		1 ATF	Sitrep 1 from 2400hrs to 0400hrs. NTR		
19	200600H		1 ATF	Request final confirmation at 0615hrs to test fire		
20	200615H		1 ATF	Test firing now		
	"		1 ATF	Roger		
21	200630H		1 ATF	Test firing completed		
22	200830H		1 ATF	Sitrep 2 from 0400hrs to 0800hrs. NTR		
23	201003H		1 ATF	Delivery point now open	Info 2 i/c	
24	201130H			Prelim briefing to OC J Tp (2Lt P SCHUMAN) for night ambush		
25	201210H		Sig Cen	Confirm if new Passwords and Radio Codes have been dispatched to this unit.	To ring back	
26	201235H		1 ATF	Sitrep 3 from 0800hrs to 1200hrs. NTR		
27	201330H		1 ATF	Final briefing to OC J Tp		
28	201330H		1 ATF	Passwords and Radio Codes have been dispatched to your unit		
29	201645H		1 ATF	Sitrep 4 from 1200hrs to 1600hrs. NTR		
30	201705H			J Tp departed this loc for night ambush task		
31	201730H	J Tp		TOP HAT (crossed Start Line)		
32	201800H			I Tp warned for night ambush 21/22 Jun		
33	202040H		1 ATF	Sitrep 5 from 200600hrs to 202000hrs Enemy NTR. Own sit nothing heard from ambush ptl since 1730hrs Standing ptls at GR439670 GR440668		

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DUTY OFFICER LOG

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
34	202210H	EBONY S/B		Line Ceck		
35	202359H		1 ATF	Sitrep 6 from 202000H to 202400H En NTR. Own sit ambush ptl nothing heard.		
36	210010H		EBONY	Nothing heard from our ambush ptl		
37	210400H		1 ATF	Sitrep 1 from 210001H to 210400H. En NTR. Own Sit. Nothing heard from ambush ptl since 201730H. Adm. NTR		
38	210815H		1 ATF	Sitrep 2 from 210400H to 210800H. En. NTR. Own Sit. Ambush ptl has returned this loc.		
39	211130H		1 ATF	I Tp OC (2Lt P INGRAM) briefed for ambush ptl		
40	211230H		1 ATF	Sitrep 3 from 210800H to 211200H NTR		
41	211600H	I Tp	1 ATF	Sitrep 4 From 211200H to 211600H NTR		
42	211700H	I Tp		FAIR WIND ( crossed Start Line)		
43	211910H	1 ATF		Recieved Warning Order for Search and Clear Op in village of HOA LONG after first light 22 Jun 66.	Warning Order Issued to J Tp and K Tp	
44	211935H	I Tp		PIN HEAD (in LUP)		
45	212000H	DAGMIG		Defence stores ready for collection from 21 Engr Sp Tp 22 Jun. 2000x AUST Sandbags, 1000 x 6' pickets 1000x 26 lb roll Barbed Wire, 50 x Coils Dannet Wire	2i/c to action	
46	212030H	GS02	1 ATF	Warning Order for search and clear mission cancelled interpreter only required.	Wng O to Tps Cancelled.	
47	212100H		1 ATF	Sitrep 5 from 211600H to 212000H. En NTR. Own Sit. Ambush ptl Ford GR407673		

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Serial	Date, Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
48	212250H		1 ATF	Radio Check		
49	212400H		1 ATF	Sitrep 6. From 212000H to 212400H. En. Nil. Own Sit. No change. Adm. NTR		
50	220002H	I Tp		Radio check		
51	220020H	Ebony		Telephone Check		
52	220230H	Ebony		Telephone check		
53	220320H		I Tp	Radio check. OK		
54	220415H		1 ATF	Sitrep 1. From 212400H to 220400H. En. NTR. Own Sit. No change.		
55	220600H		1 ATF	This c/s will be test firing at 0615hrs.		
56	220610H	I Tp		COCKED HAT (ambush lifted)		
57	220625H		1 ATF	Test firing completed		
58	220645H	I Tp		Locstat GR402671. Returning now		
59	220815H			I Tp ambush ptl returned to this location		
60	220840H		1 ATF	Sitrep 2. From 220400H to 220800H. En. NTR. Own Sit. Ambush ptl now this loc		
61	221000H			Intsums No's 92, 95, 96 received from II FFORCE V. Sitrep 200001H to 202400H from 1 ATF. Intsum No 19 From 1 ATF		
62	221040H	1 ATF		Wng 0 for Sqn (less one Tp) ambush tonight	Info J and K Tp. O Gp 1330hrs	

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Serial	Date, Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
63	221300H			Wng 0 for Sqn ambush cancelled K Tp night ambush tonight		
64	221320H		1 ATF	Sitrep 3 from 220800H to 221200H. NTR		
65	221425H	1 ATF		GS02 request Sec move to 1 Fd Sqn HQ loc. Report to Capt MARTIN ASP. Task to provide protection to Engr s as they investigate hole that has smoke coming out of it	Cpl JENNISONS sec plus Pte FORWARD departed on task 1434Hrs J Tp on 10 mins notice to move	
66	221630H			I and J Tps warned for ambush task on 23/24 Jun. Attached for task 2 Ptls A Coy 5 RAR.		
67	221630H		1 ATF	Sitrep 4 From 221200H to 221600H. En. NTR. Own Sit. One patrol assisting HOLDFAST on smoke investigation in his area		
68	221705H	K Tp		TIN LID now (crossed Start Line)		
69	221735H			Ptl assisting HOLDFAST returned to this location. Smoke proved to be from fires. 1 ATF Intsum no 20 received		
70	221740H			1 ATF Intsum No 20 redimeved		
71	221805H		1 ATF	For SEAGULL Ident No 189 Cable Power Thermoplastic Sheathed Flat 250 Volt 2 Core 7/.029		
72	221900H	K Tp		Radio Check OK		
73	222000H	K Tp		HOT DOG (ambush set)		
74	222015H		1 ATF	Sitrep 5 from 221600H to 222000H. En. NTR. Own Sit. Ptl GR410656		
75	222020H	SC(A)		Beer and Soft Drinks arriving in ration run a.m. tomorrow Info 2i/c		
76	222130H	TOC		Duty Offr 1 ATF reported firing in area of ambush ptl. Unable to raise K Tp on radio		

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Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
77	222315H	K Tp		Radio Check		
78	230005H		1 ATF	Sitrep 6 from 222000H to 222400H. En NTR. Own Sit. Comms re established with ptl Loc no change		
79	230405H		1 ATF	Sitrep 1 from 222400H to 230400H. En NTR. Own Sit. No change.		
80	230600H	K Tp		Radio Check		
81	230610H	K Tp		SOCK TOP (Ambush lifted)		
82	230715H			K Tp returning this location		
83	230830H			Air recce of ambush positions by ptl Comds		
84	230845H		1 ATF	Sitrep 2 from 230400H to 230800H. En. NTR. Own Sit. Ambush ptl now this loc		
85	231200H		1 ATF	Sitrep 3 from 230800H to 231200H. NTR		
86	231600H		1 ATF	Sitrep 4 from 231200H to 231600H. NTR		
87	231759H	TAC HQ		FAIRWIND (all ptls across Start Line)		
88	231820H	TAC HQ		TOM TUCKER (all ptls in LUP)		
89	232025H	TAC HQ		HAPPY VALLEY (all ptls in ambush posn)		
90	232040H		1 ATF	Sitrep 5 from 231600H to 232000H. En. NTR. Own Sit. 1 Ptl GR408653, 7 Ptl GR428660, 3 Ptl GR414657, 8 Ptl GR417657, 5 Ptl GR421661, 2 Ptl GR411656, 6 Ptl GR425660, 4 Ptl GR418659		
91	232400H		1 ATF	Sitrep 6 from 232000H to 232400H. En NTR. Own Sit. No change		
92	240120H	9		Radio Check		

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Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
93	240313H		1 ATF	Time Check		
94	240400H		1 ATF	Sitrep 1 from 232400H to 240400H. En. Nil. Own Sit. No change		
95	240600H	9		GUT FULL (lift ambush)		
96	240715H			Ambush ptls returned this loc		
97	240915H		1 ATF	Sitrep 2 from 240400H to 240800H. En. NTR. Own Sit. Ptls now this loc. NTR.		
98	241010H			Wng 0 to K Tp. Search and Clear task to GR410653. No move before 241730H.	K Tp Info	
99	241200H		1 ATF	Sitrep 3 from 240800H to 241200H. NTR		
100	241450H	1 ATF		Air Strike. Primary GR485653, Alternate GR392722. Time of strike 251200H	392722	
101	241600H		1 ATF	Sitrep 4 from 241200H to 241600H. NTR		
102	241700H	K Tp		DRY ROT (cross Start Line)		
103	241730H	K Tp		Baskets containing fruit, vegetables, cutting tools, and working utensils found at GR424660	424660	Info K Tp to set ambush and remain until SUNRAY returns from briefing
104	241815H	K Tp		From SUNRAY remain your present Loc. Original timings for return still apply		
105	241820H		1 ATF	Ptl to remain at GR424660		
106	242000H	K Tp		HOT WIND (ambush lifted)		
107	242020H		1 ATF	Sitrep 5 from 241600H to 242000H. En. NTR. Own Sit. Ptl has departed ambush site on return		

Unit: 3 SAS SqnDUTY OFFR LOG

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Serial	Date, Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
108	242025H	K Tp		COOL BREATH (inside wire). Request leave baskets with goods at Check Pt as they are too heavy to bring all the way back	1. Approved 2. TOC informed and told to notify Arty of the ptl's return	
109	242205H		1 ATF	Radio Check		
110	242400H		1 ATF	Sitrep 6 from 242000H to 242400H. En. NTR. Own Sit. Ambush ptl now this Loc.		
111	250400H		1 ATF	Sitrep 1 from 242400H to 250400H. NTR.		
112	250800H		1 ATF	Sitrep 2 from 250400H to 250800H. NTR		
113	250815H			Air recce of areas RED and CHERRY made By Tp Comds, Tp Sgts, Sec Sgts, Ops Offr and Int Sgt		
114	251040H	1 ATF	1 ATF	Point of origin (ANIMAL) compromised, cancelled		
115	251210H		1 ATF	Sitrep 3 from 250800H to 251200H. NTR		
116	251615H		1 ATF	Sitrep 4 from 251200H to 251600H. NTR		
117	251750H	1 ATF		Request to fire DF at GR385669	Area clear	
118	252010H		1 ATF	Sitrep 5 from 251600H to 252000H. NTR		
119	252129H			MG and SA fire received by left flank from area of TFMA (across re-entrant). MG fire then shifted and landed on Engrs area who commenced firing. Standing ptl sighted 4 - 5 VC approx 120m to the front VC disappeared into cover before effective fire could be directed at them.		

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Serial	Date, Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
120	260355H		1 ATF	Sitrep 6 from 252000H to 252400H. En. 4 - 5 VC sighted by standing ptl at 252130H, VC withdrew. Own Sit. MG fire received on left flank. No Cas		
121	260402H		1 ATF	Sitrep 1 from 260001H to 260400H. NTR		
122	260600H		1 ATF	Time Check		
123	260815H		1 ATF	Sitrep 2 from 260400H to 260800H NTR		
124	260845H	1 ATF		Visit of Minister for Army delayed 30 Mins		
125	261135H			Minister for Army (Mr M FRASER) arrived for 15 Min inspection of Sqn area.		
126	261330H			Tps move out to start search and clear Op		
127	261334H	Op Con		Have arrived in village. There will be another c/s listening in on this net (c/s 19).		
128	261415H	1 ATF		Sitrep 3 from 260800H to 261200H. NTR		
129	261600H		1 ATF	Sitrep 4 from 261200H to 261600H. En. NTR. Own Sit. Tps returning to this Loc. Further details to follow on their return		
130	261630H			Tps returned this Loc. Several tunnels located but no extensive systems, wpns or food stocks located		
131	262030H		1 ATF	Sitrep 5 from 261600H to 262000H. En NTR. Own Sit. Search Op at HOA LONG revealed several tunnels. No extensive tunnels systems, weapons or food stocks located		
132	270030H		1 ATF	Sitrep 6 from 262000H to 262400H. NTR		

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DUTY OFFR LOG

Serial	Date, Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
133	270415H		1 ATF	Sitrep 1 from 270001H to 270400H. NTR		
134	270845H		1 ATF	Sitrep 2 from 270400H to 270800H. NTR		
135	270955H	1 ATF		Air strike warning. 1000hrs YS501649. 1100hrs YS348638	1 ATF Info area clear	
136	271030H	1 ATF		Air strike warning. 1100hrs YS499649	1 ATF Info area clear	
137	271100H			1100hrs OC briefed by Comd 1 ATF on future SAS ops and 1 ATF ops		
138	271200H		1 ATF	Sitrep 3 from 270800H to 271200H. NTR		
139	271620H		1 ATF	Sitrep 4 from 271200H to 271600H. NTR		
140	272020H		1 ATF	Sitrep 5 from 271600H to 272000H. NTR		
141	272400H		1 ATF	Sitrep 6 from 271000H to 272400H. NTR		
142	280400H		1 ATF	Sitrep 1 from 280001H to 280400H. NTR		
143	280815H		1 ATF	Sitrep 2 from 280400H to 280800H. NTR		
144	291130H			Wng O into PIs 13, 21, 22, 32, 33 for recce task in areas CHERRY, and GOLD. No move before 290900H. J Tp Info		
145	281150H		I Tp	Wng O. Standby reaction force of I Tp less 3 Sec incl 4 Sec J Tp on 30 mins notice during daylight hours as from 291200H. Force Comd 2Lt PM INGRAM		
146	281335H		1 ATF	Sitrep 3 from 280800H to 281200H. NTR		
147	281600H		1 ATF	Sitrep 4 from 281200H to 281600H. NTR		

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DUTY OFFR LOG

Serial	Date, Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
148	281605H			Task Force Comd has postponed inflit of recce ptls by 24 hrs due to other activities in ptl area.	Ptls Info. Briefing now 291100H	
149	282005H		1 ATF	Sitrep 5 from 281600H to 282000H. NTR.		
150	290005H		1 ATF	Sitrep 6 from 282000H to 282400H. All groups NTR		
151	290430H		1 ATF	Sitrep 1 from 282400H to 290400H. NTR		
152	290840H		1 ATF	Sitrep 2 from 290400H to 290800H. NTR		
153	290900H		1 ATF	Request clearance tgt GR425678. Tgt GR422669. Tgt GR424673. Clearance between 0930 and 1030 hrs	Info ATF area clear	
154	291100H			Briefing of recce ptls by OC		
155	291200H		1 ATF	Sitrep 3 from 290800H to 291200H. NTR		
156	291500H	1 ATF		Search and Rescue. US Army helicopter No9422 missing. Do any units have Info	Negative Info	
157	291610H		1 ATF	Sitrep 4 from 291200H to 291600H. NTR		
158	292030H		1 ATF	Sitrep 5 from 291600H to 292000H. NTR		
159	292400H		1 ATF	Sitrep 6 from 292000H to 292400H. NTR		
160	300305H	1 ATF		Line Check		
161	300400H		1 ATF	Sitrep 1 from 292400H to 300400H. NTR		
162	300830H		1 ATF	Sitrep 2 from 300400H to 300800H. NTR		
163	301030H			Ptl 32 commenced infiltration		
164	301130H			Ptl 13 commenced infiltration		

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DUTY OFFR LOG

Serial	Date, Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
165	301200H			Ptl 23 commenced infiltration		
166	301205H		1 ATF	Sitrep 3 from 300800H to 301200H. NTR		
167	301430H			Ptl 22 commenced infiltration		
168	301500H			Ptl 33 commenced infiltration		
169	301545H	32		LocGR464718 seen no one. Some huts enroute appear deserted		
170	301715H		1 ATF	Sitrep 4 from 301200H to 301600H. NTR		
171	302000H		1 ATF	Sitrep 5 from 301600H to 302000H. NTR		
172	302230H	1 ATF		Line Check OK		
173	302400H	1 ATF		Line Check OK		
174	302400H		1 ATF	Sitrep 6 from 302000H to 302400H. NTR		

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CPS INT LOG

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
1	171245H			3 SAS Sqn arrived 1 ATF and took up def posn on SOUTH EAST section of perimeter		
2	171500H			Sqn now on Task Force Comd Net		
3	180800H		1 ATF	Sitrep 2 from 0400hrs to 0800hrs. Enemy. NTR		
4	181200H		1 ATF	Sitrep 3 from 0800hrs to 1200hrs. Enemy. NTR		
5	181600H		1 ATF	Sitrep 4 from 1200hrs to 1600hrs. Enemy. NTR		
6	182000H		1 ATF	Sitrep 5 from 1600hrs to 2000hrs. Enemy. NTR		
7	182400H		1 ATF	Sitrep 6 from 2000hrs to 2400hrs. Enemy. NTR		
8	190400H		1 ATF	Sitrep 1 from 2400hrs to 0400hrs. Enemy. NTR		
9	190800H		1 ATF	Sitrep 2 from 0400hrs to 0800hrs. Enemy. NTR		
10	190815H	6 RAR		Ptl moving out at 0945hrs to GR443667. In loc approx 1 hr		
11	191200H		1 ATF	Sitrep 3 from 0800hrs to 1200hrs. Enemy. NTR		
12	191600H		1 ATF	Sitrep 4 from 1200hrs to 1600hrs. Enemy. NTR		
13	191840H		1 ATF	Standing ptls tonight loc at GR440670 and GR440667. Request clearance to test fire at 0615hrs tomorrow. Please info all units	Confirm test firing at 200600H	
14	192000H		1 ATF	Sitrep 5 from 1600hrs to 2000hrs. NTR		
15	192400H		1 ATF	Sitrep 6 from 2000hrs to 2400hrs. NTR		
16	200400H		1 ATF	Sitrep 1 from 2400hrs to 0400hrs. NTR		
17	200800H		1 ATF	Sitrep 2 from 0400hrs to 0800hrs. NTR		
18	201235H		1 ATF	Sitrep 3 from 0800hrs to 1200hrs. NTR		

OPS INT LOG

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
19	201645H		1 ATF	Sitrep 4 from 1200hrs to 1600hrs. NTR		
20	201730H	J & Tps		TOP HAT (crossed Start Line)		
21	202040H		1 ATF	Sitrep 5 from 201600H to 202000H. En. NTR. Own Sit. Nothing heard ambush ptl since 1730hrs. Standing ptls at GR439670 GR440668		
22	202359H		1 ATF	Sitrep 6 from 202000H to 202400H. En. NTR. Own Sit. Ambush ptl nothing heard		
23	210400H		1 ATF	Sitrep 1 from 202400H to 210400H. En. NTR. Own Sit. Nothing heard ambush ptl since 201730H. Adm. NTR		
24	210815H		1 ATF	Sitrep 2 from 210400H to 210800H. En. NTR. Own Sit. Ambush ptl has returned this loc		
25	211230H		1 ATF	Sitrep 3 from 210800H to 211200H. NTR		
26	211600H		1 ATF	Sitrep 4 from 211200H to 211600H. NTR		
27	211700H	I Tps		FAIR WIND (crossed Start Line)		
28	211910H	1 ATF		Warning Order received for possible search and clear Op in HOA LONG village. No move before first light 22 Jun	Wng O issued J and K Tps	
29	211935H	I Tps		PIN HEAD (in LUP)		
30	212030H	1 ATF		Warning Order (ser 28) cancelled. Sqn interpreter (Lcpl BAILEY) only required	Wng O to J and K Tps cancelled	
31	212100H		1 ATF	Sitrep 5 from 211600H to 212000H. En. NTR. Own Sit. Ambush ptl GR401666		

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Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
32	212409H		1 ATF	Sitrep 6 from 212000H to 212400H. En. NTR. Own Sit. No change. Adm. NTR		
33	220415		1 ATF	Sitrep 1 from 212400H to 220400H. En. NTR. Own Sit. No change		
34	220610H	I Tp		COCKED HAT (ambush lifted)		
35	220645H	I Tp		Locstat GR402671. Returning now		
36	220840H		1 ATF	Sitrep 2 from 220400H to 220800H. En. NTR. Own Sit. Ambush ptl now this loc		
37	221040H	1 ATF		Wng 0 for Sqn (less one Tp) ambush in TAOR tonight	Wng 0 to J and K Tps O Gp 231330H	
38	221330H	1 ATF		Wng 0 for Sqn ambush cancelled	Info J and K Tps	
39	221305H		K Tp	Wng 0 for Tp ambush tonight		
40	221425H	1 ATF		Assistance required by 1 Fd Sqn to investigate smoke coming from in front of position.	One section sent 1435hrs J Tp on 10 mins notice	
41	221630H	1 ATF		Wng 0 for Sqn (less One Tp)ambush on 23 - 24 Jun. Attached for task 2 pls A Coy 5 RAR		
42	221630H		1 ATF	Sitrep 4 from 221200H to 221600H. En. NTR. Own Sit. One section assisting HOLDFAST on smoke investigation		
43	221705H	K Tp		TIN LID (crossed Start Line)		
44	221900H	K Tp		Radio Check OK		
45	222000H	K Tp		HOT DOG (ambush set)		

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Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
46	222015H		1 ATF	Sitrep 5 from 221600H to 222000H. En. NTR. Own Sit. Ptl GR410656		
47	222130H	TOC		Duty Offr 1 ATF reported firing in area of ambush ptl.	Unable to contact K Tp on radio	
48	222315H	K Tp		Radio Check. NTR		
49	230005H		1 ATF	Sitrep 6 from 222000H to 222400H. En. NTR. Own Sit. Comms re-established with ptl. Loc no change		
50	230405H		1 ATF	Sitrep 1 from 222400H to 230400H. En. NTR. Own Sit. No change		
51	230600H	K Tp		Radio Check. OK		
52	230610H	K Tp		SOCK TOP (ambush lifted)		
53	230830H		1 ATF	Sitrep 2 from 230400H to 230800H. En. NTR. Own Sit. Ambush ptl now this loc		
54	231200H		1 ATF	Sitrep 3 from 230800H to 231200H. NTR		
55	231600H		1 ATF	Sitrep 4 from 231200H to 231600H. NTR		
56	231750H	TAC HQ		FAIR WIND (all ptls across Start Line)		
57	231820H	TAC HQ		TOM TUCKER (all ptls in LUP)		
58	232025H	TAC HQ		HAPPY VALLEY (all ptls in ambush area)		
59	232040H		1 ATF	Sitrep 5 from 231600H to 232000H. En. NTR. Own Sit. 1 Ptl GR408653, 7 Ptl GR428660, 3 Ptl GR414657, 8 Ptl GR417658, 5 Ptl GR421661, 2 Ptl GR411656, 6 Ptl GR425660, 4 Ptl GR418659		

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60	232400H		1 ATF	Sitrep 6 from 232000H to 232400H. En. NTR. Own Sit. No change		
61	240120H	TAC HQ		Radio Check OK		
62	240400H		1 ATF	Sitrep 1 from 232400H to 240400H. En. NTR. Own Sit. No change		
63	240600H	TAC HQ		GUT FULL (ambush lifted)		
64	240915H		1 ATF	Sitrep 2 from 240400H to 240800H. En. NTR. Own Sit. Ptls now this loc. NTR		
65	241200H		1 ATF	Sitrep 3 from 240800H to 241200H. NTR		
66	271700H	K Tp		DRY ROT (cross Start Mine)		
67	241730H	K Tp		Baskets containing fruit, vegetables, cutting tools and cooking utensils found at GR424660	Info K Tp to set ambush and remain till SUNRAY returns from briefing	
68	241815H		K Tp	From SUNRAY. Remain your present loc. Original times for return still apply		
69	241820H		1 ATF	Ptl to remain at GR424660		
70	242000H	K Tp		HOT WIND (ambush lifted)		
71	242020H		1 ATF	Sitrep 5 from 241600H to 242000H. En. NTR. Own Sit. Ptl has departed ambush site on return		
72	242025H	K Tp		COOL BREATH (inside wire). Request leave baskets with goods at check point as they are too heavy to bring all the way back.	1. Request approved 2. TOC informed and asked to notify Arty of ptls return	
73	242400H		1 ATF	Sitrep 6 from 242000H to 242400H. En. NTR. Own Sit. Ambush ptl now this loc		

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74	250400H		1 ATF	Sitrep 1 from 242400H to 250400H. NTR		
75	250800H		1 ATF	Sitrep 2 from 250400H to 250800H. NTR		
76	251040H	1 ATF	1 ATF	Point of Origin (Animal) Compromised. Cancel		
77	251210H		1 ATF	Sitrep 3 from 250800H to 251200H. NTR		
78	251615H		1 ATF	Sitrep 4 from 251200H to 251600H. NTR		
79	251750H	1 ATF		Request to fire DF at GR385669	Info area clear	
80	252010H		1 ATF	Sitrep 5 from 251600H to 252000H. NTR		
81	252129H			MG and SA fire received by left flank from area of TEMA (across re-entrant). MG fire then shifted and landed in Engrs area who commenced firing. Own standing ptl sighted 4 - 5 VC approx 120m to the front. VC disappeared into cover before effective fire could be directed at them		
82	260350H		1 ATF	Sitrep 6 from 252000H to 252400H. En. 4 - 5 VC spotted by standing ptl at 2130hrs. VC wdr. Own Sit. MG fire received on left flank. No cas		
83	260402H		1 ATF	Sitrep 1 from 252400H to 260400H. NTR		
84	260815H		1 ATF	Sitrep 2 from 260400H to 260800H. NTR		
85	261330H		1 ATF	Tps have moved <del>out</del> to commence search and clear op in HOA LONG village		
86	261415H		1 ATF	Sitrep 3 from 260800H to 261200H. NTR		

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87	261600H		1 ATF	Sitrep 4 from 261200H to 261600H. En. NTR. Own Sit. Tps returning to this loc. Further details to follow on their return		
88	262030H		1 ATF	Sitrep 5 from 261600H to 262030H. En. NTR. Own Sit. Search Op at HOA LONG revealed several tunnels. No extensive tunnel systems wpns or food located		
89	270030H		1 ATF	Sitrep 6 from 262000H to 262400H. NTR		
90	270415H		1 ATF	Sitrep 1 from 262400H to 270400H. NTR		
91	270845H		1 ATF	Sitrep 2 from 270400H to 270800H. NTR		
92	271200H		1 ATF	Sitrep 3 from 270800H to 271200H. NTR		
93	271600H		1 ATF	Sitrep 4 from 271200H to 271600H. NTR		
94	272020H		1 ATF	Sitrep 5 from 271600H to 272000H. NTR		
95	272400H		1 ATF	Sitrep 6 from 272000H to 272400H. NTR		
96	280400H		1 ATF	Sitrep 1 from 272400H to 280400H. NTR		
97	280815H		1 ATF	Sitrep 2 from 280400H to 280800H. NTR		
98	281130H	Ptls, 13, 21, 22, 32, 33		Wng 0 for recce tasks in areas CHERRY and GOLD. No move before 290900H		
99	281150H	I Tp		Wng 0. Standby reaction force of I Tp less 3 Sec incl 4 sec J Tp on 30 mins notice during daylight hours from 291200H. Force Comd 2Lt P INGRAM	Info J Tp.	
100	281335H		1 ATF	Sitrep 3 from 280800H to 281200H. NTR		

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Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initia
101	281600H		1 ATF	Sitrep 4 from 281200H to 281600H. NTR		
102	281605H	1 ATF		Task Force Cond has postponed inflit of reoce ptls by 24 hours, due to other activity in ptl area	Ptls info. Briefing now 291100H.	
103	282005H		1 ATF	Sitrep 5 from 281600H to 282000H. NTR		
104	290005H		1 ATF	Sitrep 6 from 282100H to 282400H. NTR		
105	290430H		1 ATF	Sitrep 1 from 282400H to 290400H. NTR		
106	290840H		1 ATF	Sitrep 2 from 290400H to 290800H. NTR		
107	291220H		1 ATF	Sitrep 3 from 290800H to 291200H. NTR		
108	291500H	1 ATF		Search and rescue. US Army helicopter No 9422 missing. Do any units have info	Negative info	
109	291610H		1 ATF	Sitrep 4 from 291200H to 291600H. NTR		
110	292030H		1 ATF	Sitrep 5 from 291600H to 292000H. NTR		
111	292400H		1 ATF	Sitrep 6 from 292000H to 292400H. NTR		
112	300400H		1 ATF	Sitrep 1 from 292400H to 300400H. NTR		
113	300800H		1 ATF	Sitrep 2 from 300400H to 300800H. NTR		
114	301205H		1 ATF	Sitrep 3 from 300800H to 301200H. NTR		
115	301715H		1 ATF	Sitrep 4 from 301200H to 301600H. NTR		
116	302000H		1 ATF	Sitrep 5 from 301600H to 302000H. NTR		
117	302400H		1 ATF	Sitrep 6 from 302000H to 302400H. NTR		

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*Land Diary*

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Orders 1 - 32

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

Major J.M. MURPHY

OFFICER COMMANDING

3 SAS SQN

SOUTH VIET NAM

24 JUN 66

1. MARRIAGE TO ASIATICS.

Any member of 3 SAS Sqn contemplating marriage to an Asiatic is directed to contact the OC.

2. ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES.

Any AD by a member of 3 SAS Sqn will be acknowledged by a stoppage of 28 days pay.

3. AMMUNITION.

The SSM is to maintain the Sqn supplies of ammo at double first line.

4. APPOINTMENTS.

Unit Security Officer - Lt T.G. MARSHALL  
Unit Emplaning Officer - Lt T.G. MARSHALL  
Unit Civil Affairs Rep - Lt T.G. MARSHALL  
Unit Fire Officer - Capt G.E. CHIPMAN

5. The following amenities are available at the Q Store:

Volley Ball and Net.  
Darts  
Cards.

6. CHURCH SERVICES.

Timings - C of E 0830 hrs each Sunday.  
OPD 0930 hrs each Sunday.  
RC 1600 hrs each Sunday.

Tpt. Departs Tpt Lines at 0815, 0915 and 1545 for respective services.

7. CANTEEN.

The Sqn shall run a Canteen when the ASCO point is established within the TF area. Meanwhile beer and soft drinks in limited supplies are coming forward daily. Cpl HIGGINS is responsible for the running of the Sqn Canteen and the Supervising Officer is Capt G.E. CHIPMAN. The present system of issuing buk supplies to Tp Comds is to continue until further notice.

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DAILY TIMINGS

8. DAILY TIMINGS.

Reveille and Stand to as already promulgated.  
0620 - Paludrine issue.  
0630 - Raise flag.  
0730 - 0745 Breakfast.  
0800- OC's Conference.  
0800 - 1600 SAP Pdes  
0845 - Hospital Run/Rat run.  
1230 - 1300 Lunch  
1620 - Paludrine issue.  
1630 - 1700 Canteen.  
1700 - TF HQ Conference (Rep to attend).  
1700 - 1730 Evening Meal.  
1830 - Lower Flag.  
Stand to and stand down as already promulgated.

9. DEPARTURE FROM SQN AREA.

All ranks are reminded that prior to leaving the Sqn Area they are to report to the CP and that upon return to the area are to report to the CP once again.

10. DUTY OFFICER.

There is to be an officer on call in the CP at all times. CP Duty Officer Roster is to be co-ordinated and promulgated by Lt T.G.MARSHALL.

11. FIRE ORDERS.

Unit Fire NCO is Sgt P. LYONS. Fire Orders shall be promulgated separately.

12. VISITORS TO 36 EVAC HOSPITAL.

Visitors are not allowed between 1200 and 1400 hrs. Visitors are requested (for the well being of the patients) to report to the hospital in a clean condition.

13. ID DISCS.

ID Discs, clearly marked, are to be worn at all times.

14. LAUNDRY.

- a. One set of greens per man to be into the Q Store by 1500 hrs daily.
- b. Marked with unit code letter and name of outside rear of waist-band of trousers and inside collar of shirt. There are to be NO unit markings whatsoever visible on any laundry.
- c. Individuals are to meticulously check laundry items to ensure nothing is left in the pockets.
- d. Sgt WHITEAKER is responsible for arranging the delivery and pick-up of the laundry plus documentation as per TF Adm Instr.

15. MEDICAL.

Anti-malarial precautions are to be strictly observed. Paludrine is to be issued twice daily to all personnel (Comds of sub-units are to sign the paludrine book daily and also to submit it to the 2iC on the first Monday of each month.). Mosquito nets are to be used in the theatre except where the immediate tactical situation precludes it. Shirt sleeves are to be down and long trousers are to be worn from 1900 hrs daily to stand down the following morning.

Mite precautions. Anti-mite repellent is to be applied each Monday. It is to be recorded in the paludrine roll book by outlining the square of the day concerned in blue. Shorts may be worn from stand down in the mornings to 1200 hrs daily but long trousers must be worn outside these times.

16. MAIL.

Outgoing mail is required at the Ord Rm by 0930 hrs daily. Incoming mail is to be collected from the Ord Rm by Tp Sgts at 1100 hrs daily unless otherwise notified.

Stamps are in short supply. The driver doing the mail run buys stamps when they are available. In due course the Sqn Canteen will sell stamps. Meanwhile if stamps are not obtainable letters will be collected with NSA on them and may have to be paid for at the other end. The Sqn Ord Rm is to commence a small stamp account for official mail only and stamps can not be sold to individuals from this account under any circumstances.

17. NOK.

All personnel are reminded of the importance of notifying the Sqn Ord Rm of changes of Next of Kin and/or addresses immediately they are known by the individual member.

18. OFFICE WASTE.

All office waste paper is to be collected by the Sqn clek daily from Ord Rm, CP, OC and 2iC offices and burned until completely destroyed. The cipher NCO is responsible for destroying by burning all sig office waste daily. Under no circumstance are scrap papers of any description to be placed out for dumping in the tip.

19. PAY.

Pay is to be, as normal, fortnightly, and will be in MPC (Military Payment Certificate). MPC are the official notes within military canteens. However MPC is not accepted in the civilian community where Piastres (dong) are the recognised currency. MPC can be exchanged for piastres by the Paymaster as required. Those members requiring to exchange MPC for piastres can do so by passing MPC on to Cpl HIGGINS who shall exchange them with the Paymaster every pay day. It is illegal to be in the possession of American Dollars. All personnel wishing to be paid are to notify the unit Pay Rep by the Friday before pay, on the pay pro-forma that will be circulated. The unit Pay Rep is to forward the break up for pay to the Paymaster on the Monday of each pay week.

20. RESTRICTED AREAS.

The following work areas are out of bounds (except on duty). The kitchen, CP, OC's Tent, Pay/SAP Tent, Sig Centre, Ord Rm, Q Store, Ration Tent, Refrigerators, Canteen Store.

21. RULES OF ENGAGEMENT AND CHALLENGING.

It is often difficult to distinguish between VC and Friendly Forces. As a general rule persons are not to be engaged unless one or more of the following conditions apply:

- a. They open fire first.
- b. They are seen to be carrying arms.
- c. They are breaking curfew.
- d. They fail to stop when challenged and are NOT obviously friendly.
- e. They are obviously hostile

The following challenging procedure is to be applied; (using the challenge and reply of "CRAVEN - FILTER" as an example):

Sentry calls "Halt! CRAVEN!"

Person challenged answers with "FILTER!". (If there is more than one in the challenged party, the leader advises the number in the party to the sentry as he passes him).

**22. RUBBISH.**

All rubbish is to be cleared from the Sqn area daily at 0900 hrs, using Sqn tpt. This is to be arranged by the SSM.

23. RATIONS AND MESSING.

Sgt WHITEAKER is to be responsible for indenting, checking, collecting and distributing of rations.

The Sqn Messing Committee is as follows:

Capt G.E.CHIPMAN. Sgt L.R.WHITEAKER  
Cpl D.A.RANDLE Pte S.E.PLATER.

24. R & R.

Five days is an entitlement after 3 months service in the theatre. However it is unlikely any R & R will be possible for at least six months. The cities that R & R is being granted in are:

HONG KONG, SINGAPORE, BANGKOK, MANILLA.

Further details to follow when at hand.

25. R & C.

An R & C Centre is likely to be opened in this province on the coast commencing in the near future. Further details to follow when to hand.

**26. SAFETY**

a. Vehicles using road between 1 ATF and BARIA :

1. Minimum of 3 persons (2 shotguns, one in back facing rear).
  2. Shotguns to carry L2A1's or MGs.
  3. All pers in vch to wear steel helmets.
  4. Wpns in the stage 3 readiness.
  5. Coloured smoke is to be carried to attract spotter a/c.
  6. Vehicle to be cleared for departure by Sqn Duty Offr.
  7. Convoy Comds are to make themselves familiar with ANNEX Q to 1 ATF SOP before convoys depart.
  8. Drivers are not to let their vch be stopped or forced off the road when travelling between 1 ATF and BARIA.

b. Grenades:

1. Ensure grenade igniters secured in tightly.
  2. Ensure pins are properly crimped.
  3. To prevent accidental firing, handles should be taped (when stored).

c. Test firing of wpns . All requests for test firing are to be forwarded to Sqn CP by 1600 hrs the day before firing is required. Normal timings for firings 0615 to 0630 hrs.

d. Wpns are to be carried at all times.

c. Wpns readiness. The stages are as follows:

<u>STAGE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>WHEN APPLICABLE</u>
ONE	a. Breech empty, working parts fwd b. Safety catch applied c. Full mag in pouch.	In op base and log area
TWO	As for STAGE ONE but mag on wpn	a. travelling in veh when outside op base or log area. b. Stand to in bases outside operational base.
/....THREE	a. Round	

<u>STAGE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>WHEN APPLICABLE</u>
THREE	a. Round in breech, action cocked b. Safety catch applied. c. Full mag on wpn	a. On entering a VC controlled area on foot. b. Veh sentries on vechs outside op base or log area. c. When ordered by an officer
FOUR	As for STAGE THREE but with safety catch off.	a. When action is imminent b. Leading scouts on a pvt c. When ordered by an officer

The following should be noted:

- a. All ranks must clear wpns before entering the op base.
- b. The M79 or M72 must NOT be carried in the "Ready to Fire" condition.

27. TRANSPORT.

Ssgt J.J.MOONEY is responsible for:

- a. Maintenance of all tpt documentation and records.
- b. The co-ordination and allotting of tasks of Sqn Vehs in consultation with the 2iC. (The OC's veh is not to be used without his approval).
- c. Vehs and trailers when not in use are to be parked in the Sqn tpt park. Driver's are responsible for the condition of their vechs at all times.
- d. Maximum speed in 1 ATF area is 10 mph.

28. WEAPONS.

All weapons are to be cleaned daily and inspected by the Tp Comds. SSM is to inspect the HQ element wpns and Sgt D.A.CROUCHER the Sig Tp wpns. Carelessness towards the care of wpns is not acceptable. Holding of non-Aust pattern wpns is not condoned. Any such wpns (excepting M16 or M79) are to be secured by the unit armourer.

29. WATER.

Drinking and cooking water is to come from the Engr Water Point. Water from any other point may only be used for washing.

30. FIRST FIELD DRESSING.

The First Field Dressing is to be carried in the left hand map pocket of the trousers at all times.

31. HYGIENE.

Normal hygiene is to be carried out by all members. Cpl CHRISTENSEN is to check the hygiene in the toilets, showers, and kitchen daily before 0800 hrs.

32. DRESS ON LEAVE.

Until further notice the dress for any leave is JGs, GP Boots, berets, lanyards, SAS para wings badges of rank and "AUSTRALIA" titles (on epalettes).

*John R. Bailey*  
Maj  
OC 3 SAS Sqn

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Serial 2

Orders 33 - 35

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

Major J.M. MURPHY

OFFICER COMMANDING

3 SAS SQN

SOUTH VIET NAM

28 JUN 66

33. DELETION OF RO.

RO Part 1, Serial 1, Order No 2 promulgated by 3 SAS Sqn dated 24 Jun 66 is amended as follows:

- a. Delete all detail.
- b. Insert new RO.

34. ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES.

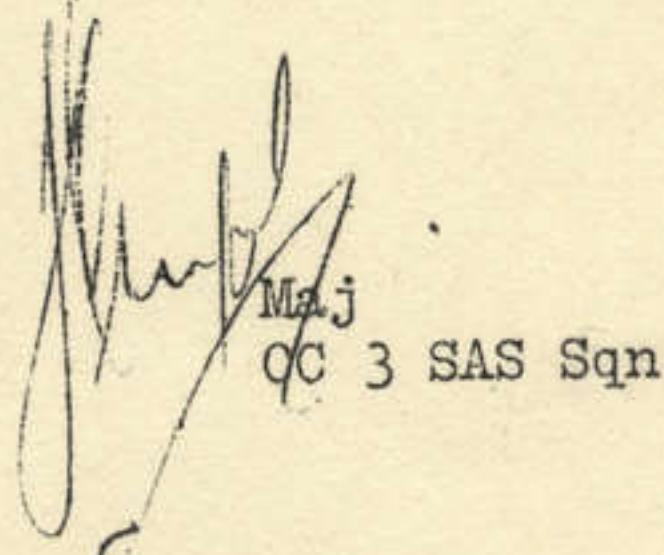
- a. Accidental discharges seem to be prevelant in the area.
- b. An AD, by any individual, shows carelessness, neglect and a low standard of professionalism. It can cause loss of life or serious injury to one's fellow soldiers and in addition can completely compromise an operation.
- c. Any AD caused by any member of 3 SAS Sqn is to be considered an offence offence and disciplinary action is to be taken against the offender.

35. UNIT LIBRARY.

The Sqn Library is to be located inside the entrance to the Signal Centre. It is open to all ranks at all times. All books shall be allotted a number in the Library Register which is to be maintained by Cpl W.A.LITTLE. To assist everybody, the following is to apply:

- a. Those who draw books are requested to sign for them, in the book provided.
- b. All new books are to be directed to the library for registration.
- c. Books are to be returned as soon as possible.

Newspapers, as they become available, are to be initially distributed by the Ord Room. Troops are requested to circulate the various papers as they have finished reading them.

  
Maj  
QC 3 SAS Sqn

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Orders 36 - 45

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

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MAJOR J.M. MURPHY

OFFICER COMMANDING 3 SAS SQN

SOUTH VIET NAM

1 JUL 66

36. SECURITY - PEN FRIENDS.

a. The use of pen friends' correspondence by foreign powers to obtain information concerning the Armed Forces of other nations is a well tried and successful technique. Furthermore, this method can be used for dissemination of propaganda by foreign powers amongst the members of the AMF.

b. All ranks are warned of the danger of pen friends' correspondence with foreign countries or within AUSTRALIA.

37. CANTEEN (Ref URO 7).

The following are the Canteen appointments for the unit:

Supervising Officer	Capt G.E.CHIPMAN
Canteen Manager	Sgt L.R.WHITEAKER
Canteen Accountant	Cpl B.J.HIGGINS

Details of appointments are shown in 3 SAS Sqn Canteen Instruction issued separately.

38. LAUNDRY.

An official complaint has been made re the standard of the laundry. Troops are reminded that all items must be checked for correct, bold marking before being submitted.

39. MAIL.

a. All incoming registered articles shall be delivered to the Sqn Ord Room. Only the following personnel are authorised to collect such articles from the Post Office:

Capt G.E.CHIPMAN	Pte P.M.DUFFY
Pte R.M.OPIE	Pte G.J.FORWARD

b. Troops are reminded to ensure both incoming and outgoing mail is addressed correctly. Several instances have occurred recently where incoming mail has been addressed incorrectly and has been held in the Dead Letter Office for several days. Addresses of both the sender and addressee must be on all articles in full.

c. The Sqn Ord Room is to ensure a current Sqn Nominal Roll goes to 1 Div Postal Unit so that "Dead Letters" may be forwarded with the minimum delay.

/.....40. PAY

40. PAY.

Monies can be forwarded to AUSTRALIA by the Unit Pay Rep by deducting it out of Pay Books.

41. MEALS.

Meal servers are to be provided by the Troops on a weekly basis from breakfast on Wednesdays to evening meal Tuesdays. Troops are to provide three servers and will be provided in the following sequence:

I Tp, J Tp, K Tp, remainder.

Servers are to report to the kitchen 30 minutes before the meal timing, so that they can have their meal before the normal meal times.

42. SPEED LIMIT.

Maximum speed limit through the TF Area and the village of HOA LONG is 10 mph.

43. TROOP BOXES - CLEARANCE.

The following are reminded to clear their pigeon boxes in the Ord Room at least twice daily:

I Tp, J Tp, K Tp, Sigs, Q Store, Pay/Med, SHQ.

44. RAT TRAPS.

Each Troop is to set four Rat Traps in their Troop Lines. The remaining twelve are to be set around the kitchen/ration tent and Q Store. Sub-unit Comds are to ensure these traps are set and cleared daily.

45. Attention of all ranks is drawn to the notices appearing with these orders.

  
Maj  
OC 3 SAS Sqn

NOTICES

3 SAS SQN EXERCISE TRAIIM NAU, PNG.

The following is the text of a memo received from Comd, PNG Comd:

"1. The 3 SAS exercise was conducted in PNG Comd in the LAE area from 28 Apr - 24 May 66, and was, as far as this Comd can ascertain extremely successful.

2. PNG Comd was delighted to have the SAS back in the Comd and was only too pleased to assist in whatever way possible.

3. From reports it appeared that all ranks conducted themselves in an exemplary manner and brought much credit on their Regiment and the Regular Army. Their public relations activities were of a very high order.

4. We look forward to having other SAS exercises in the Comd later this year."

CLUB FUNDS.

The Sqn Club has opened a "Trust Account" and all funds have been placed into this account.

/..... CHURCH SERVICES.

CHURCH SERVICES.

In addition to RO 6, Church Services shall be held in the unit area from time to time. On Sunday 3 Jul 66 a RC Service shall be held at 1 Fd Sqn HQ at 1430 hrs. The normal 1600 hrs service still applies.

SAS REGT ASSOCIATION.

A letter has been received from the Secretary SAS Regt Association of 17 Dukes Road, EUSTON, W.C.1, ENGLAND, inviting applications for membership of the Association from all ranks of SAS Regt. Officers, NCOs or soldiers are to hand their names into the Ord Room if they wish to apply. Application forms shall then be obtained from SAS Regt, SWANBOURNE. Rates are:

a. Officers-

Life membership - £3. 3. 0.  
Annual membership - 15. 0.

b. NCOs and ORS-

Life membership - £1.10. 0.  
Annual membership - 5. 0.

c. 5 years' subscription to the SAS Journal "Mars and Minerva" is £1. 0. 0. extra.

Annex 'H'  
3 SAS Sqn  
Comds Diary  
Jun 66

In Reply Please Quote

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES  
VIETNAM

Pro Forma № 2

To : HQ AAFV

3 SAS Sqn (Unit)

RETURNS (SPECIAL) — WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN  
AS AT 2359 HRS THU 30 Jun 66

(This Return will be lodged to reach DAAG HQ AAFV by 1600 hrs Friday of each week)

Serial	OFFICERS						WOS AND SGTS					RANK AND FILE				TOTAL ALL RANKS	DETAIL	NON-EFFECTIVE PERSONNEL ATTS ETC STRENGTHS
	Brig	Lt Col	Maj	Capt	Lt	TOTAL	WO1	WO2	S Sgt	Sgt	TOTAL	Cpl	L Cpls	Ptes	TOTAL			
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(t)		
1		1	1	4	6		1	1	18	20	16	16	43	75	101	ESTB		
2		1	1	4	6		1	1	16	18	18	18	41	77	101	Posted Strength		
3											2	2		4	4	Surplus (Note 1, 2)		
4										2	2		2	2	4	Deficient (Note 1, 2)		
5																Att NOT by TE		
6																Detached (Not incl below)		
7																Hospitalization		
8																Leave		
9																AWOL		
10																Guards/Sentry Det SAIGON		
11																Absent Other Causes (3)		
12																TOTAL NON EFFECTIVE		

- NOTES (1) Details are to be shewn on page 2  
(2) Either supernumerary in rank or surplus to estb  
(3) Details to be shewn on page 2

Rank

Chaplain Major  
OC 3 SAS Sqn

Appt

## D E F I C I E N C I E S

DETAILS OF SURPLUSES IN PRESENT RANK  
HELD AGAINST DEFICIENCIES SHOWN OPPOSITE

Appt/Posting	Job Rank	ECN	FORMER INCUMBENT (If Any)			Reasons for Deficiency	Army No	Rank	Name
			Army No	Rank	Name				
Clerk Incor	Pay Sgt	233				Cpl. filling posting	53734	Cpl.	B.J. HIGGINS
Tech Mec	Sgt	917				Cpl. filling posting	53865	Cpl.	K.J. BOAG
Aslt Pte	Pte	150				Posted as reinforcement prior to unit's departure from AUSTRALIA	54344	Lcpl.	E. KELLY
Aslt Pte	Pte	150				Posted as reinforcement prior to unit's departure from AUSTRALIA	213120	Lcpl.	F.K. BELL

Annex 'M'  
3 SAS Sqn  
Comd's Diary  
Jun 66

3 SAS Sign Ops 1/66

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210900H Jun 66

RECEIVED REPORT

AMBUSH PTL - J Tp

Ref: Map XA BINI BA 1:50,000  
Sheet 6442 iv  
Series L701

a. Size and composition of ptl.

1 Offr 20 GR's

b. Task.

Ambush at GR YB414657  
GR YB419664  
GR YB420659

c. Time of Departure.

201730H.

d. Time of Return.

210700H.

e. Routes(out and back)

See ANNEX F.

f. Terrain.

Open dry padi for 500m.

Banana plantation for next 500m.

Padi for next 1000m before moving into rubber which extends for 500m. It is young rubber and visibility is very good. Wet padi encountered to the SOUTH.

g. Enemy.

No enemy were identified. The following sightings were made.

(1) At 201750H at GR 422662 one man with digging implement on shoulder moving around hut. Range 200m.

(2) At 201805H at GR 410658 party of 15 moving across open padi from WEST to EAST into the rubber at GR 412658. Party moving in single file approx 100m apart. As the head of the party entered the rubber the following drill was observed. Nos 1 and 2 disappeared from view in the rubber. As No 3 entered the rubber one man moved from the rubber and walked on until he met No 4 and then walked back into the rubber with him. Both Nos 5 and 6 were met and "escorted" into the rubber. The rest of the party continued moving in until all were out of view. Range of sighting was 800m.

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(3) At 201920H at GR 414654 one men seen in rubber moving from WEST to BASE. Range 500m.

No footprints were seen on any tracks crossed by the ptl.

h. Map Corrections.

See ANNEX P.

j. Misc Info.

3 CVA propaganda leaflets were found in area.  
Unmarked thatch huts were found at the following GR.

(1) 2 huts at GR 422665. No signs of recent habitation.

(2) 1 hut at GR 415659. Signs indicate recent use.

(3) 1 hut at GR 419563. No signs of recent habitation.

A small quantity of rotting black clothing was found in huts. All huts listed had (vgn) pits inside.

Small arms fire was heard approx 202100 hrs about 800m to the SOUTH of ambush posn.

k. Results of encounters with En.

NIL.

l. Condition of PtL.

Good.

m. Conclusions and Recommendations:

After leaving the FIBA comms could not be established with Sqn H for the remainder of the patrol. The PtL HF net(A510) also proved unworkable.

Recommended no-quit repellent be carried by patrol members. Bayonets to be carried by all to use as prodders.

*P. Schuman.*  
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(P.J. SCHUMAN)  
2/Lt  
CC J Tp 3 SAS Sqn

n. Additional remarks by Interrogator.

Recommended that HQ 1 AIF check for a possible tie-up between unidentified patrol of 15 and small arms fire heard approx 2100 hrs.

Right ambush ptls to continue in this general area.

*T.G. Marshall*  
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(T.G. MARSHALL)  
Lt  
Ope Ofcr 3 SAF

MAP. REF.

XA BINH BA 1:50000

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LEGEND.

ROUTE IN/OUT. →→

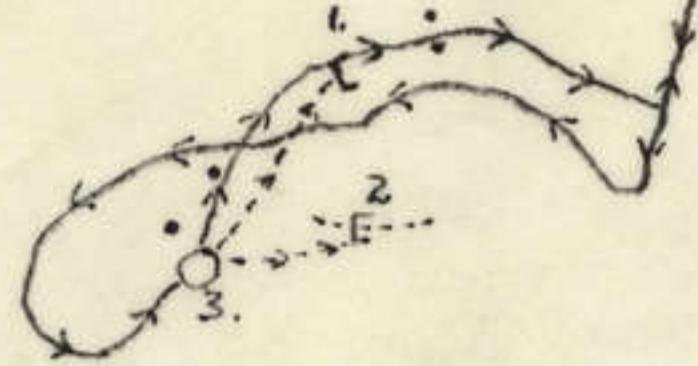
ROUTE TO AMBUSH →→-

AMBUSH POSN. L1

NEW HUTS •

NEW TRACK - - -

FIRM BASE O3



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PTL REPORTAMBUSH PTL - I Bn.

Ref: Map KA BINH BA 1:50,000.  
Sheet 6442 iv.  
Series L701.

a. Size and Composition of Ptl.

1 Offr and 21 OR's

b. Task.

Ambush at GR 398669  
GR 397666

c. Time of Departure.

211700H

d. Time of Return.

220815H

e. Routes(Out and Back)

See ANNEX P

f. Terrain.

Open dry padi for 500m. Patches of banana for next 500m. Open dry padi with occasional patches of low scrub. Belt of low timber, clear underneath on both banks of the SONG CAU. Another 700m of dry padi then thick undergrowth with medium timber.

g. Enemy.

No sightings made.

h. Map Corrections.

Nil

i. Misc Info.

At GR 419673 suspected tunnel air vent located on SOUTH side of cart track. An unmarked hut size 25' x 15' is 40m directly SOUTH of vent.

j. Results of encounters with Bn.

Nil

k. Condition of Ptl.

Good

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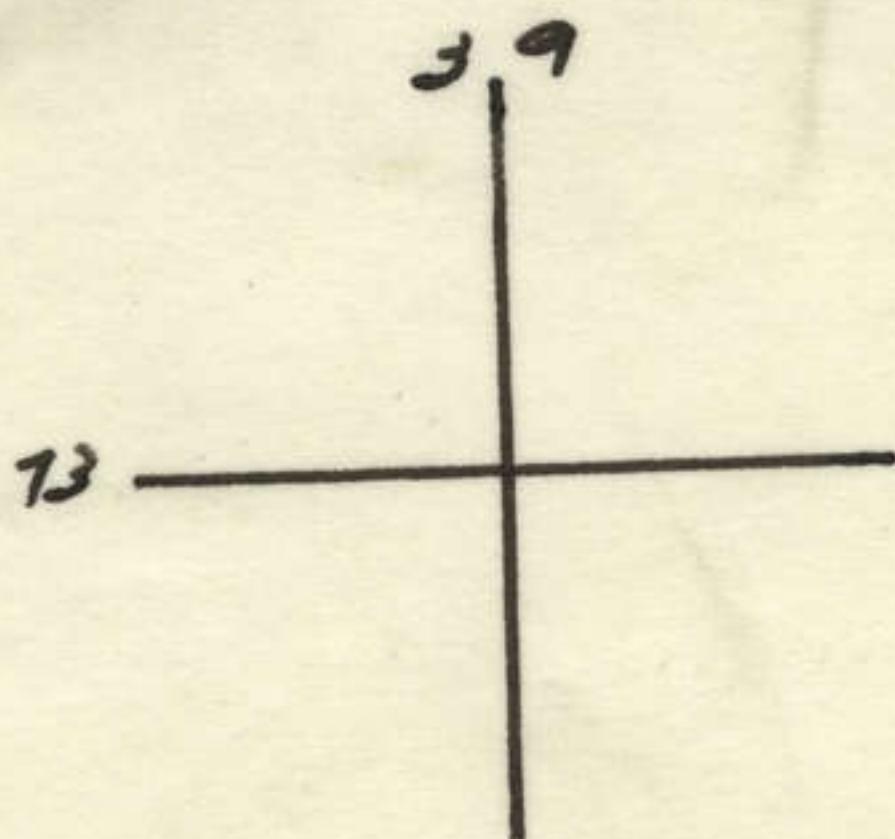
1. Conclusions and Recommendations.

Successful comms were maintained all night with Sgn HQ.

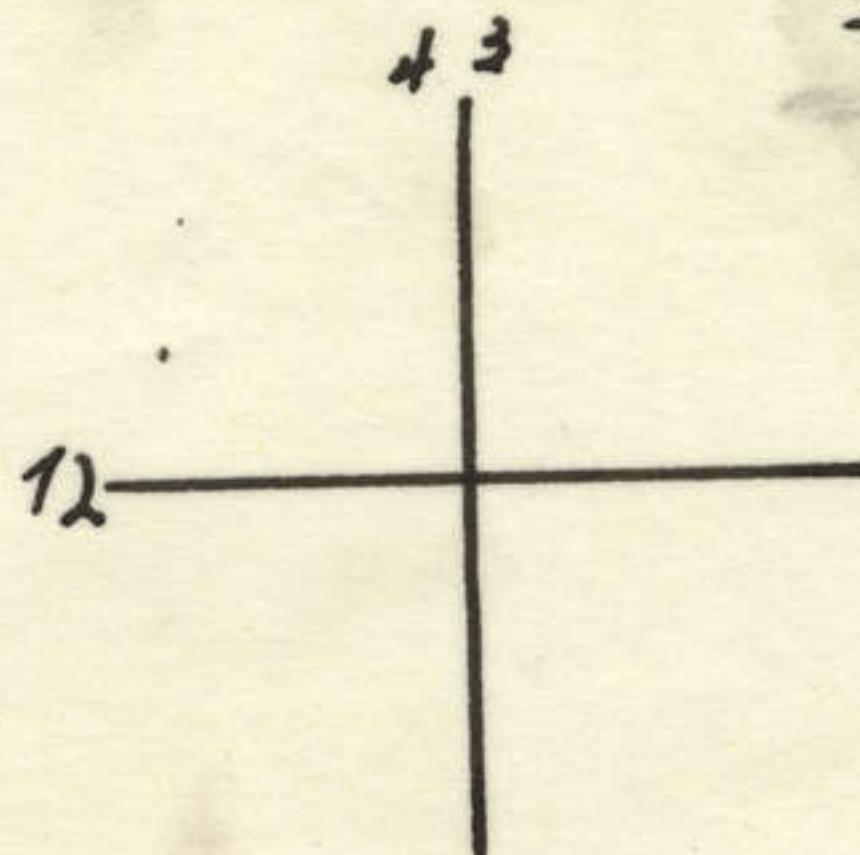
*P.M. Ingram*  
(P.M. INGRAM)  
2Lt  
OC I Tp 3 SAS Sqn

2. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

Recommend a check be made on suspected air vent at GR 419673 for possible tunnel system.



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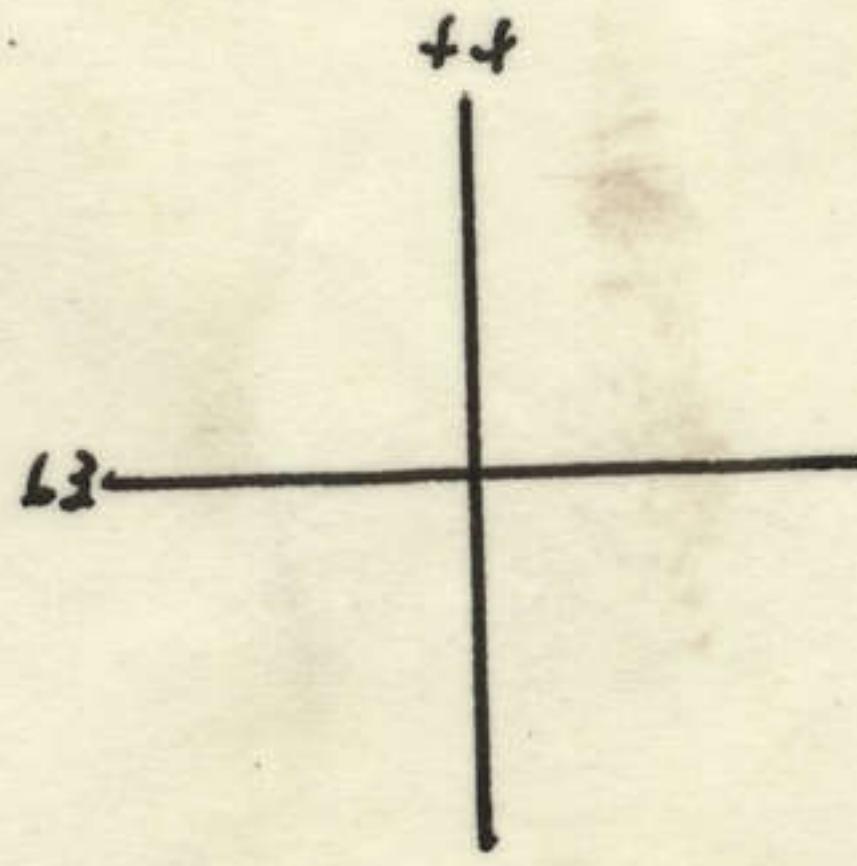


#### LEGEND

ROUTES OUT/IN →→→

NEW HOTS \*

SUSPECTED TUNNEL VENT ®



Tom and Diana

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## PATROL REPORT

### AMBUSH PTL - K Tp

Ref: Maps XA BINH BA 1:50000  
Sheet 6442 iv  
Series L701

#### A. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PTL.

1 Offr, 21 ORs.

#### B. TASK.

Ambush at GR 15410655.

#### C. Time of departure 221700H.

#### D. Time of return 230700H.

#### E. ROUTES (Out and Back).

..... See ANNEX P.

#### F. TERRAIN.

As per the map. A belt of banana approx 30 to 40 m deep with occasional gaps is growing along edge of rubber from GR 410656 to GR 417661. This belt of rubber is clean with good visibility. Padi to the WEST of ambush point was wet.

#### G. ENEMY.

No sightings were made.

#### H. MAP CORRECTIONS.

..... See ANNEX P

#### J. MISCELLANEOUS INFO.

Four huts and three tunnel entrances and a bunker type construction were found at track junction GR 410656 (Only one hut is marked on the map). Time did not allow a thorough investigation of the complex. The following observations were made:

1. There were no signs of recent use of this complex.
2. No footprints were found on the tracks.
3. A bicycle track was found from track junction leading out to the track across the padi.
4. The bunker like construction appeared to be a bomb shelter, 6' x 2', four to five feet deep with a mound of dirt providing the overhead protection.

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..... 5. Huts were of

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5. Huts were of split bamboo walls, and thatch grass roof. Tunnels were found in three huts as indicated in ANNEX Q.
6. The lookout tree marked had a climbing ladder leaning against it.
7. Suspected booby trap located (where marked) on SOUTH embankment of drain was covered with grass and broken bamboo leaf. A blue and silver metal container size 10 ins x 10 ins x 4 ins deep could be seen concealed under grass pulled down from the top.
8. Description of huts.
  - Hut 1. Size of hut 16' x 10'. A container with a number of cross bow bolts and two bows, 2 spears and six arrows were found. A bag containing salt and rice weighing about 50 to 60 lb found near tunnel entrance. Tunnel entrance not concealed. Roll of matting suspended from roof.
  - Hut 2. Size 15' x 8' x 8' high containing two suitcases, one empty, one containing rusty tools (pliers, spanners), and a roll of grass matting, two native grass hats also found. Tunnel entrance not concealed. SOUTH half of hut had split bamboo floor about 3' above ground level.
  - Hut 3. Size 15' x 8', dirt floor, no indication of tunnels.
  - Hut 4. Size 10' x 8' x 7' high, open on EAST side. The irrigation channel appears to go to and possibly through it. Search was not made of this hut.
9. Six scraggy fowls found wandering around.
10. Bare foot print found as shown.
11. Sticks piled up appear to be wood stacked for drying.

**K. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTER WITH ENEMY.**

NIL.

**L. CONDITION OF PTI.**

Good.

**M. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.**

The ground around the track junction is not suitable for a good ambush site. A reasonable killing ground could not be sighted due to the flat ground and trees and vegetation which severely restricts fields of fire at ground level.

*T.W.Roderick*  
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(T.W. RODERICK)

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**N. ADDITIONAL REMARKS BY INTERROGATOR.**

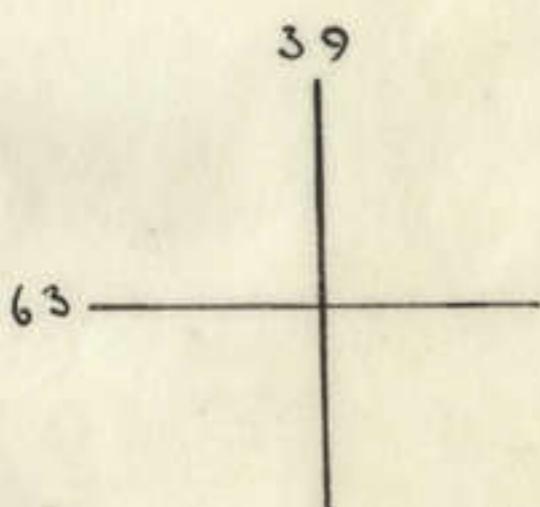
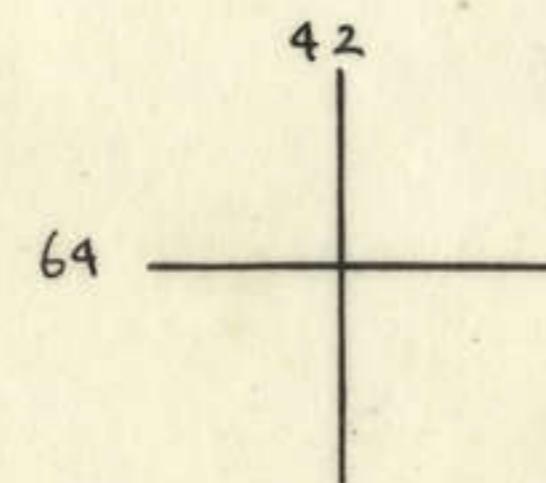
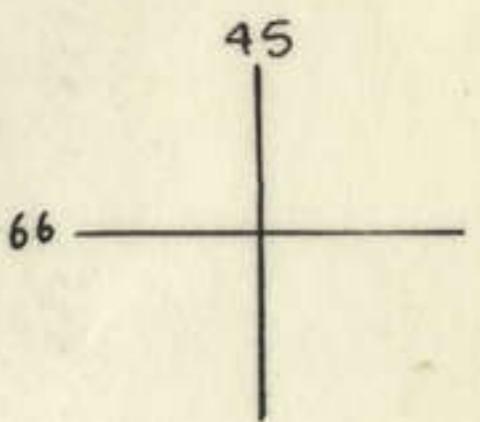
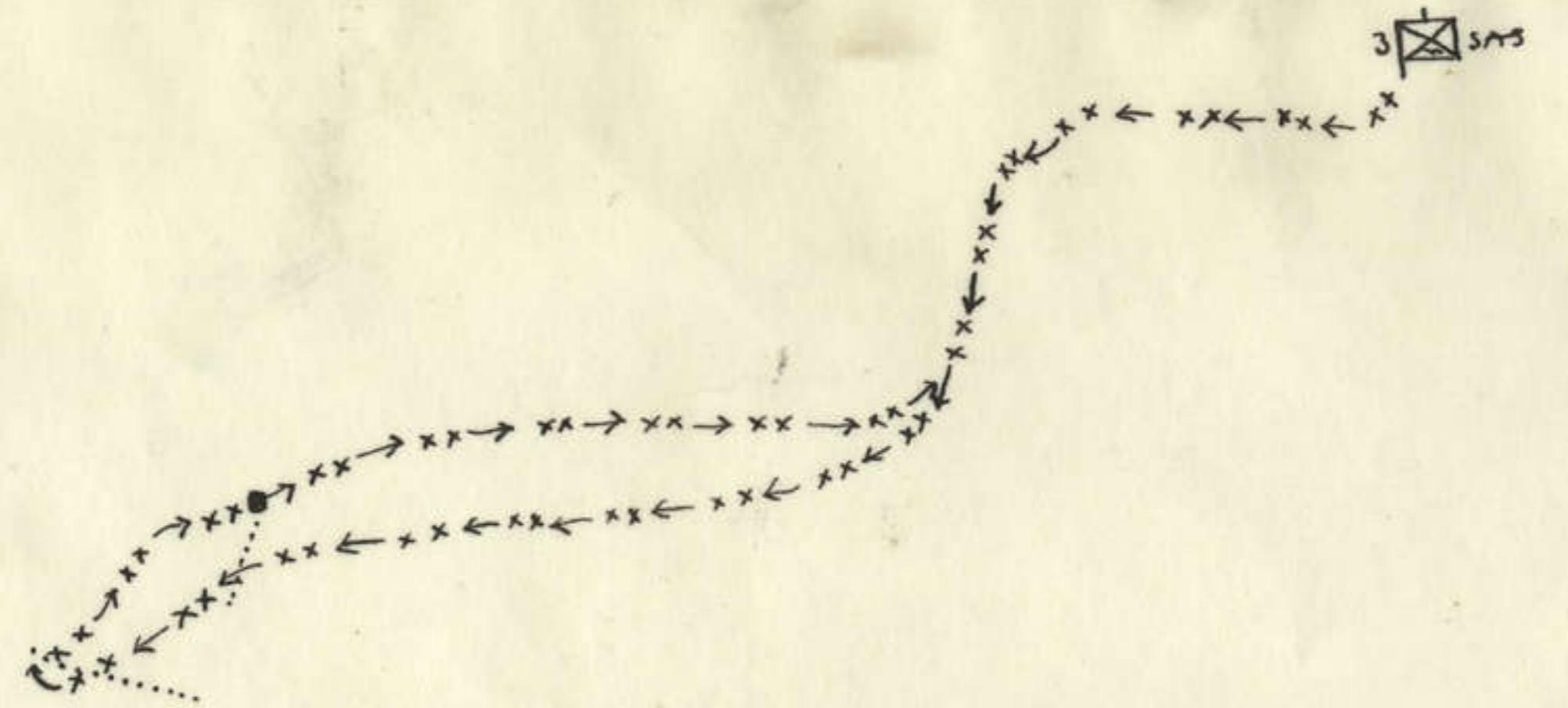
Recommend that a thorough search be made of these huts. Because of limited time (40 mins), the pti was unable to conduct a thorough and detailed search.

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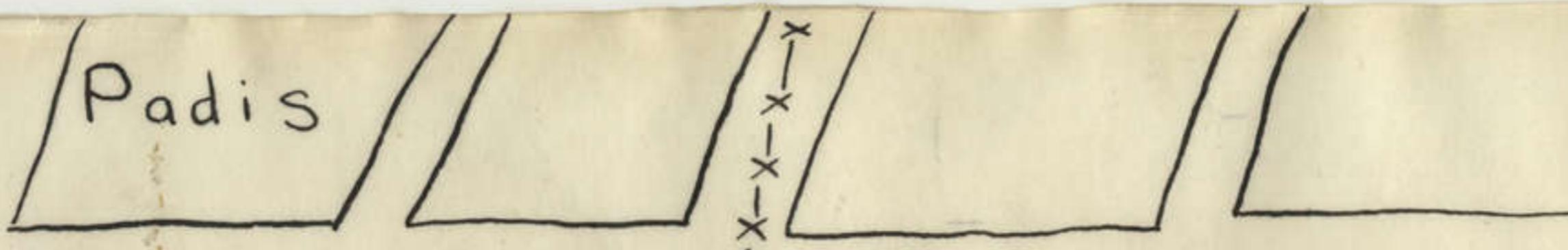
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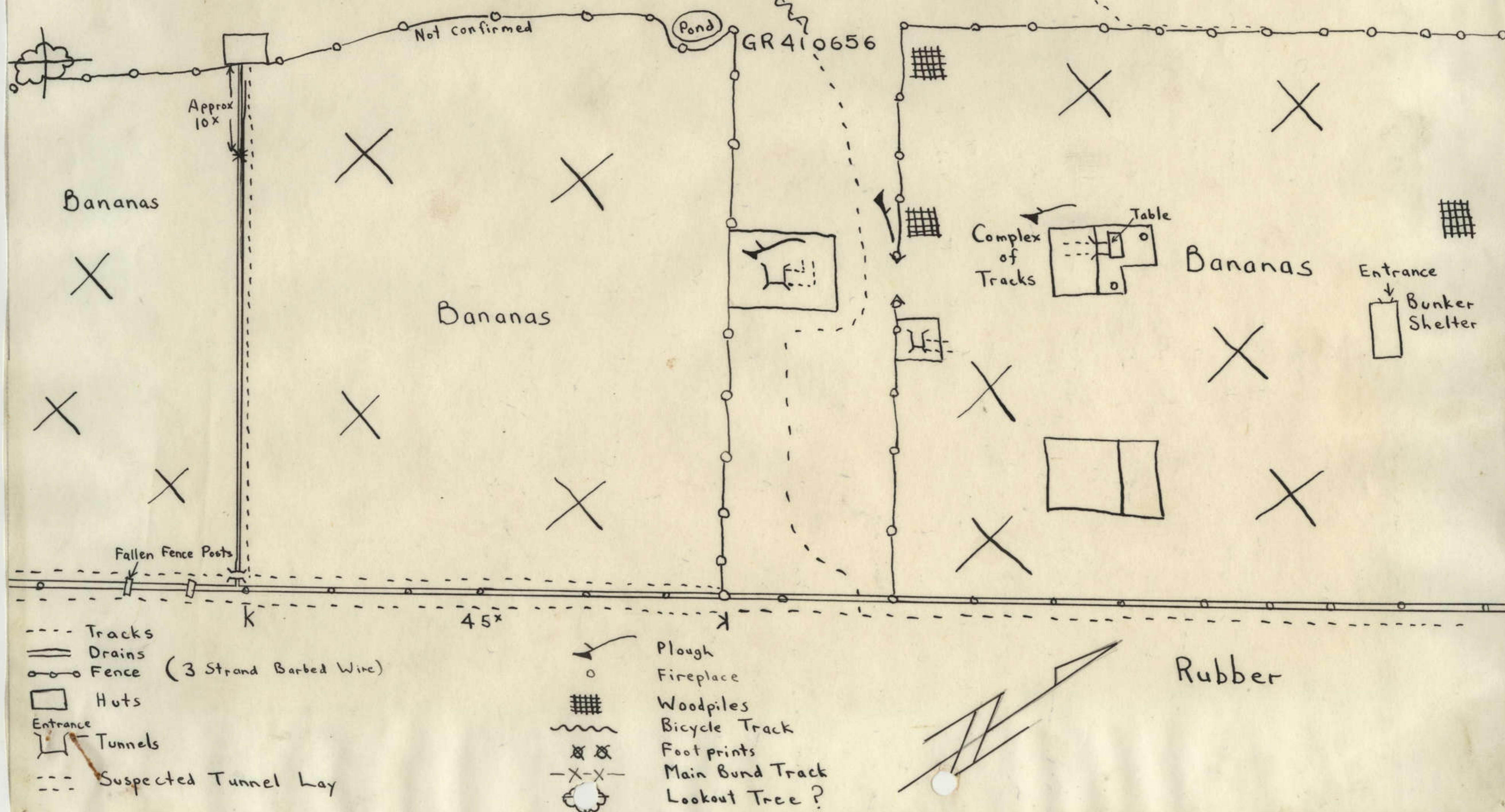
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PTL REPORT

AMBUSH PTL - K Tp

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A. Size and Composition of Ptl

1 Offr and 20 OR's

B. Task

1. Patrol to GR409654 and then to GR428659.
2. Set Ambush at GR428659.

C. Time of Departure

241700H

D. Time of Return

242030H

E. Routes

From Start Line GR429664 - South West to GR425660 - then return to Start Line.

F. Terrain

As per map.

G. Enemy

Nil

H. Man Corrections

Nil

I. Misc Info

At 241730H the patrol located 14 baskets at GR425660 containing large quantities of cucumbers, bananas, banana flowers and pumpkins(?).

In addition there were two pr rubber thongs, 1 metal kettle, 1 china teapot, 6 saucers, 6 plates, and 3 bladed cutting tools. It was estimated the food etc had been there about two days. Weight of food would have been about 200 lbs.

The original task of the patrol was changed and an ambush was set. The ambush was lifted at 2000H and the patrol returned to the Start Line bringing all items with them. These were handed in to CIVIL AFFAIRS 250930H.

J. Results of Encounters With En.

Nil

K. Condition of Patrol

Good

L. Conclusions and Recommendations

Nil

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M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator:

It is probable that the food had been left for VC to collect. The reason why it had not been picked up could be due to the fact that our patrols have been active in that area at night on 20, 22, 23 Jun.

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
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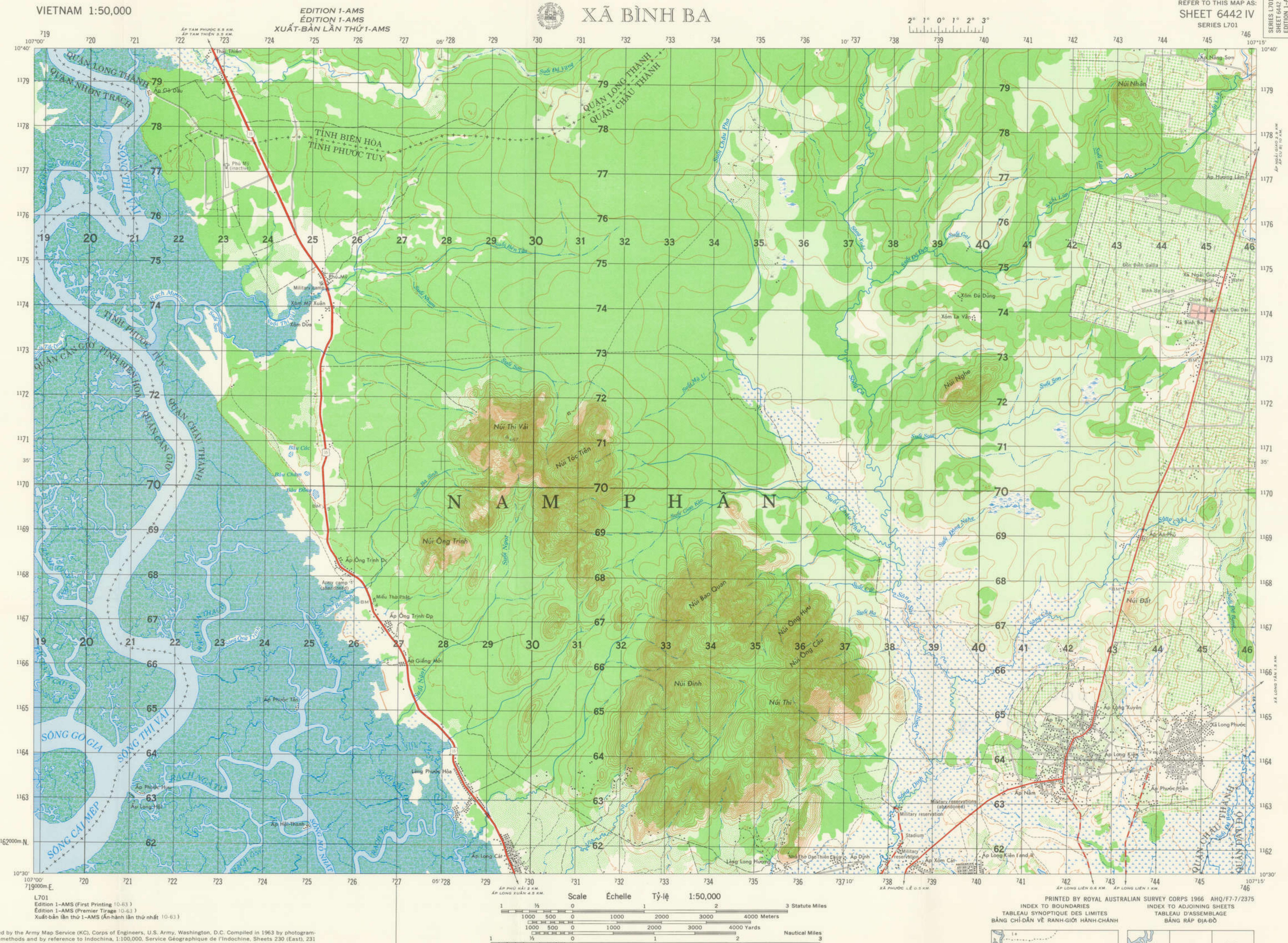
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




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