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PART 3

COMMANDERS DIARIES
INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

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

GENERAL

2. Entries are to be made daily on AF C 2118 (Adapted) each entry being initialled by the officer detailed to keep it.

3. Commanders Diaries will conform with the rules for drafting orders given in "Staff Duties (Australia)" Chapter 2, Section 12.

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

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

During Operational Periods (1)

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

COMPILATION

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

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

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

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TOP SECRET

COMMANDERS DIARIES

AF C 2118 (Adapted)

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COVERING LETTER

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Only to be included when observations

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ORIGINAL

COMBAT 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:

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.

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION 17 Const Sqn Wksp

MONTH AND YEAR SEPTEMBER 66

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER Capt R.D. KIPPEN

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	1 Sept 66		Received from 1 Fd Sqn Wksp, one stripped Oliver tractor No. 97121 Could possibly be BLR.	
	2 Sept 66		Cfn ADAMS re-admitted to 2 Fd Amb.	
	5 Sept 66		Cfn ADAMS now at 36 Cas Evac Hosp suspect Apendicitis. Spr T.A. GODDARD held by RAA Pro VUNG TAU.	
	7 Sept 66		Cfn RIDLEY marched into Cpl Elect Fitter vacancy.	
	9 Sept 66		Spr GODDARD remanded for Courts Martial	
	11 Sept 66		Squadron and Workshops held water sports on Aust beach.	
	12 Sept 66		Sgt BARRETT, Cfn BATH and Cnf OBRIEN depart on R & R.	
	15 Sept 66		Workshop "STOOD TO" between 2105 hrs to 2310 hrs no action	
	26 Sept 66		WO2 SMITH UNDER DADOS Authority reciprocal change with WO2 HILLIER of 2 Comp Ord Depot.	
	27 Sept 66		Received signal Authorising Spr HEALY to RTA 10 weeks prior to Discharge. Cpl DUNN and Cfn McMARTIN apply for RTA 10 weeks prior to Discharge. Cfn WYLIE notified to RTA Med Evac (Ears).	
	29 Sept 66		Cfn MUIR and Cfn FARRAR to SINGAPORE for OCS selection. Promoted Cfn RIDLEY to Cpl	

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF - C 2118 (Adapted)

Revised Jun, 1965

UNIT/FORMATION 17 Const Sqn Wksp

MONTH AND YEAR SEPTEMBER 66

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER Capt R.D. KIPPEN

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	30 Sept 66		Discussed spare parts supply with DOS Brig LAWSON Monthly Vouchers raised AF G982E - 68, AF G982E1- 64, Vouchers received AF G982E - 98, AF G982E1- 18, Outstanding AFG982E - 443, AF G982E1 - 267.	

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AF - C 2118 (Adapted)

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MONTH AND YEAR SEP 66

REFERENCE MAP

UNIT/FORMATION 17 Const Sqn RAE

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj P.J. DAY

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	1 Sep 66		Issued unit ROs SER 19	H1
	2 Sep 66		Rust developing on end panels of LYSAGHT HUT in offrs mess. Preparing report for Force Engineer.	
	4 Sep 66		Received instructions from ALSG for assistance required for relief of 3 Fd Tp (from 1 Fd Sqn) who will stage through 1ALSG. This unit has three members for RTA and replacement.	I1
	5 Sep 66		Cfn MUIR submitted application for OCS	N1
			Submitted report on rust appearing in LYSAGHT HUT	N2
	6 Sep 66		Received ALSG Routine Orders Serial VT21	I2
	8 Sep 66		Issued unit ROs SER 20	H2
			Received ALSG ROs Serial VT22	I3
			Submitted Scale A Progress report to Force Engineer	N3
			The complete monthly progress will appear at the end of Sept.	
	10 Sep 66		W02 LYALL arrived as replacement for W02 MILLS as Tpt W0. MILLS posted to 22 CONST SQN BORNEO. Requested MILLS do short plant refresher course at SME as not been associated with plant for approximately eight years.	N4
			Report submitted by 2Lt BRANDIE on use of dicalite as water filter	N5
			Submitted report to ALSG on use of dicalite as water filter	N5

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UNIT/FORMATION 17 Const Sqn RAE

MONTH AND YEAR SEP 66

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj P.J.DAY

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
Vung Tau	10 Sep 66		Submitted report to ALSG on use of dicalite as water filter	N5
	"		Instructed by ALSG to provide picquet for EAST gate on BACK BEACH RD restricting unauthorized entry into 1 ALSG area . Our committment is 1 Sgt and 1 Spr by night, two Spr by day. Issued unit RO's Ser 21 in this regard .	H3
	11 Sep 66		Plant Troop carried 100 yards of fill to Institute Bethanie convent as civil aid project. Conducted a water sports meeting on Back Beach . The entire Squadron participated. Prepared summary Evidence and Application for Court Martial in respect of 43136 Spr T.A. BODDARD .	
	13 Sep 66		1000 Co ft refrigerator for erection 1 Coy RAASC has many parts missing and in particular top and bottom panels. This unit moved from BIEN HOA and items could be still there . Signalled AFV to search at BIEN HOA.	
	15 Sep 66		JEPARIT arrived from Aust with approx 1900 Tons engr stores . Unit to provide three checkers on ship for unloading, two relief fork lift operators in 55AESS and two vehicles for distr ot items to other units. 2 Comp Ord, ASCO, Ammenities stores etc for duration of unloading.	

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UNIT/FORMATION 17 Const Sqn RAE

MONTH AND YEAR SEP 66

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER MAJ P.J. DAY

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	15 Sep 66		Distributed 120 concrete slabs, made by Resources Tp to 5 RAR. Slabs 18" x 18" x 2", Produced with assistance indigenous labour. Intention to deliver same to all TF units. Requested refills for CO2 foam extinguisher Ord can provide.	N8
	17 Sep 66		Issued Unit RO's Ser 22	H4
	19 Sep 66		Info that 18733 Spr B ALLISON, applicant for VIET Language course to do aptitude tests in SAIGON 24 Sep 66.	
	19 Sep 66		Requested allocation of hutted accommodation for future planning	N9
	20 Sep 66		Submitted consideration to AFV for variation to establishment of a Const Sqn.	N10
	21 Sep 66		The E in C and DES visited 1 ALSG. Inspected the area, generally and visited both Engr units in the area. Discussions on all engr aspects were conducted between the visitors, OC 17 Const Sqn, OC 1 Fd Sqn and OC 55 AESS. Broadly subjects covered were current works and associated problems establishments plant and equipment, manpower, training and relief of the existing Engr Force	N12

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AF - C 2118 (Adapted)

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MONTH AND YEAR SEP 66

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER MAJ P.J. DAY

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	23 Sep 66		Reported to ALSG loss of SLR No 6007833 to 1ALSG not been seen since member of 8Tp medavac from 2 Fd Amb Dustoff to 36 EVAC 18 Aug 66	
	23 Sep 66		Received reply from AFV re missing parts 1000Cuft refrigerator (Ref N7) Search failed to reveal whereabouts	N11
	24 Sep 66		Issued 1 ALSG RO's serial No 23 Received 1ALSG RO's Serial 23. OC visited SAIGON to finalize conference with E in C.	H5 I4
	25 Sep 66		Wind has changed 180° overnight and is now blowing in off SOUTH CHINA Sea from slightly NORTH of EAST. This must indicate that the Dry Season will soon be here with little rain and shifting sand with all the associated problems for the next six months.	
	25 Sep 66		Commenced civil aid project on school near Back Beach beach houses Dozers worked today clearing scrub and levelling area.	
	26 Sep 66		AFV have ordered large quantity material for scale 6 accommodation This construction will definately need firm priorities and not the rapid change in priorities whilst in mud stream as at present Signalled 1 ALSG putting facts to them	N112

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION 17 Const Sqn RAE

MONTH AND YEAR Sep 66

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER MAJ. P. J. DAY

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU	26 Sep 66		Informed that your members of the unit chosen as candidates for OCS selection board sitting in Singapore 29 Sep 66. Cpl D.J.HONEYCHURCH, SPR W.J.JEFFERS, of 17 Const Sqn and CFN P.A.MUIR and CFN M.T FARRAR of 17 Const Sqn WKSPS.	
	27 Sep 66		8 Const Tp detached to to 1ATF estimated completing task by 16 Oct 66. Signalled ALSG stressing importance of the Tp returning to this area as the original contract will be fulfilled by this date.	N13
	29 Sep 66		OC visited MAJ RACOWITZ of US Engrs at VUNG TAU who comes from 18Engr Bde, his role is to command all US Engrs Units in the area, namely D Coy 46 Engr Bn and 103 Quarrying Pl. Confirmed that blast rock can be made available from the US quarry to suit our current requirements. We need to provide two dozers to increase size of face. Probably begin hauling Mon 2 Oct 66 by shifts.	
	30 Sep 66		Received 1 ALSG RO's Pt 1 Ser 24	I5
	30 Sep 66		Proposal to construct 1 ALSG Chapel	N14
	30 Sep 66		Prepared Quarterly Technical Report	01
			Report from 17 Const Sqn WKSPS	N15

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Routine Orders Part 1

by

Major P.J. DAY

Officer Commanding
17 Const Sqn RAE VUNG TAU

~~31 Aug 66~~
1 SEP 66.

Ser No 19
RO No 147/156

147. SQN DUTY DRIVER

The sqn duty driver for the week 0730hrs 5 Sep 66 - 0730 12 Sep 66 to be supplied by: HQ, Resources Tp.

148. BATTLE CONGRATULATIONS

(a) The following messages regarding the recent decisive victory by elements of 1 ATF over VC troops are promulgated for the information of all Australian troops:

(1) Message from COMUS MACV to CANBERRA

"For General MACKAY from General WESTMORELAND. Your troops have won a spectacular victory over the enemy near BARIA. Aggressiveness, quick reaction, good use of fire power, and old-fashioned Australian courage have produced outstanding results. Hearty congratulations."

(2) Message from CANBERRA to COMUS MACV

"For General WESTMORELAND from MACKAY. Your personal message conveying your praise and congratulations on victory in PHUOC TUY was received with pleasure and pride and will be appreciated especially by the troops and the people of AUSTRALIA".

(3) Message from Comd AFV to Comd 1 ATF

"For Comd 1 ATF. Comd AFV adds his personal congratulations to you and all ranks Australian force particularly 6 RAR and supporting ground and air elements on their magnificent performance and achievement!"

(b) The Comd 1 ALSG, on behalf of all troops 1 ALSG, extends to all personnel who fought or supported the battle, his heartiest congratulations on a battle well fought and a victory well won.

149. SCHOOLS AND COURSES

(a) The following members attended HQ 1 ALSG 2/66 Weapons Instruction Course, at VUNG TAU, from 8 - 13 Aug 66.

13559	Sgt	R.	SIMMS
36279	Cpl	K.C.	JOHNSON
212794	Cpl	J.G.	GRAHAM
42673	Cpl	F.S.	CLAYTON
58708	Cpl	D.J.	HONEYCHURCH
42821	Lcpl	J.G.	PAULL
54388	Lcpl	A.V.	JONES
3411231	Lcpl	M.	PATTERSON
54675	Lcpl	K.E.	HOLMES
1200628	Spr	I.S.	HARRIS
215417	Spr	M.W.	HAYMAN

150. OFFICER CADET SCHOOL - JAN 67 ENTRY

(a) Nominations are called for the Jan 67 Intake of the Officer Cadet School.

-(b)

- (b) Units nominating members are to ensure that the following documents are completed and forwarded to reach this HQ by 15 Sep 66:

Application for Admission to OCS (AAF A140, Pt 1)
COs Report on Applicant (AAF A 140 Pt 3)
References (3), if available.
Education Certificates.

151. PREVALENT OFFENCE- LOSS OF IDENTITY CARDS

With immediate effect, and until further notice, the loss of Identity Cards (AAF A129) is declared a prevalent offence.

152. LOCAL LEAVE

(a) Local leave may be granted by CO's/OC's units/dets from 1800 hrs to 2359 hrs Mon - Fri and Sun and 1800 hrs to 0100 hrs Sat.

(b) Local leave may also be granted in particular cases by CO's/OC's units/dets during daylight hours to soldiers on night shift work. Leave is to cease at least 2 hrs prior to resumption of duty.

(c) 25% only of any unit is to be out of the area at any one time. This also includes personnel absent on duty for other reasons.

(d) A leave Pass proforma will be issued by HQ 1 ALSG to units for reproduction and issue to members. This pass will be handed in to the unit Orderly Room on return from leave. Any person found on leave without a pass in his possession may anticipate disciplinary action.

(e) It is the responsibility of CO's/OC's of units/dets granting daylight leave to ensure that members are issued with a leave pass stating times and date leave is granted from and to.

153. CURFEW VUNG TAU PENINSULAR

(a) 17 Const Sqn RAE RO No 124 is amended as follows.

(1) In sup para a line 3 delete 2100hrs insert in lieu 2200hrs

(2) In sub para b lines 1 & 2 delete 2100hrs insert in lieu 2200 hrs.

154. MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS

(a) By 1900 hrs daily all members of 1 ALSG will be clothed in shirts (sleeves unrolled and buttoned at the wrist) and long trousers tucked into boot tops. Shorts are NOT to be worn after 1900 hrs daily.

(b) Bathing or showering is not permitted between 1900hrs and 0500hrs the following morning.

(c) Mosquito nets are to be used by all personnel when sleeping after 1900hrs, and they must be erected so that the body does not come in contact with the net.

(d) Paludrine is to be issued to all OR personnel at a recognised parade. This issue is to be recorded in the Roll Book. Dosage of paludrine is 2 tablets per day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Officers are responsible for taking their own paludrine and recording the fact in a roll book which will be located in the Officer's Mess.

(e) Anti-mosquito lotion is to be applied to exposed surfaces of the body when required.

155. DRESS FOR R AND R LEAVE

(a) Instances have occurred of soldiers from 1 ALSG arriving at SAIGON for onmovement to R and R centres wearing dirty clothes, dirty boots and bush hats. Instances of this nature bring nothing but discredit on the AMF generally, and indicate a poor standard of personal hygiene, and pride, on the part of the soldier concerned.

(b) In the past, members wearing filthy clothing have been outfitted by HQ AFV up to an acceptable standard of dress. This practice will now cease, and future cases of this nature will result in the member concerned being removed from his draft and returned to his unit.

(c) The orders of dress to be worn by personnel proceeding on R & R leave from 1 ALSG are:

(1) Summer dress (polyesters), cleaned and pressed.

Shoes
Caps (Offrs and WOs)
Beret (OR)
Belt waist $1\frac{1}{4}$ "

or

(2) Green shirt } Cleaned and pressed
Green trousers }
Boots - polished
Hat Khaki Fur felt
Belt web.

(d) With immediate effect all 1 ALSG R & R leave drafts are to be inspected by unit Orderly Officers before leaving unit areas to ensure that all members are neatly dressed in one of the two authorised orders of dress.

56. APPLICATIONS TO DRAW PAY ON OTHER THAN PAYDAYS.

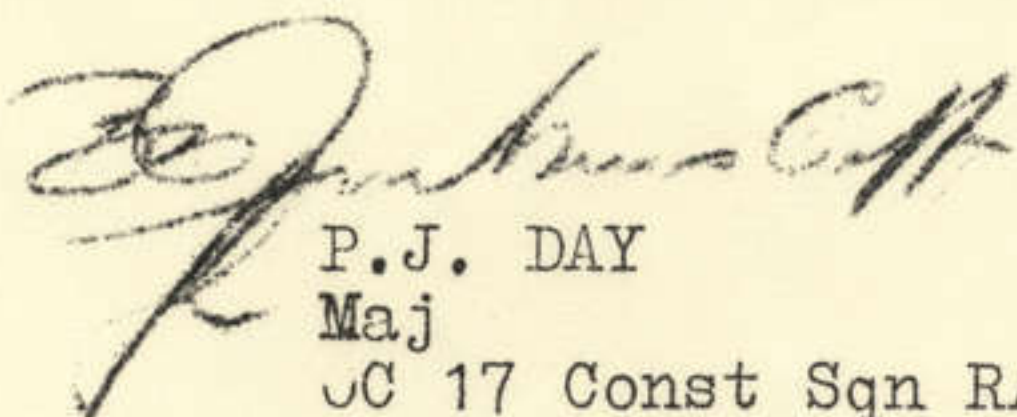
(a) Applications to draw pay (WF226), are to be signed by COs/OCs of units. They are to be used only when:

(1) The soldier is to be absent from his unit on pay day.

(2) The soldier is proceeding on R & C or R & R.

(3) The soldier is subject to a heavy financial commitment which could not have been foreseen the previous pay day. Purchases of PX items and entertainment expenses do not come into this category.

(b) The signature of COs/OCs has been deemed necessary to stop the heavy traffic of pay payments made at Det 1 Div Cash Office.


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JC 17 Const Sqn RAE

NOTICES

FOUND - WEDDING RING A wedding ring has been found in the 1 ALSG area. the owner may claim it from the Adjt, 101 Fd Wksp by identifying a date and names inscribed inside the ring.

BLOOD DONORS

1. On 25 Aug 2 Fd Amb received an urgent appeal for blood donors in order to sustain the life of Cpl CLEMENTS, 1 APC Sqn.

2. A request was made to all ALSG units for donors with a very gratifying response.

3. I would like my appreciation passed on to all members who offered their services so readily to assist their fellow soldier.

ROGERS. Lt Col. SMO VIETNAM

Distr. OC 1, 2ic 3, Ord Rm 1, SSM 1, Const Offr 1, QM 1, Res Tp 1,
Plant Tp 1, 8 Tp 1, 10 Tp 1, Wksps 1, Tpt 1, HQ 1ALSG 1,
Det 55AESS 1, HQ AFV 1, File 4.

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Routine Orders Part 1

by

Major P.J. DAY

Officer Commanding
17 Const Sqn RAE VUNG TAU

8 Sep 66

Ser No 20
Nos 157-162

157. Squadron Duties

a. Sqn Orderly Officer

9 Sep 66	Sgt	ABLETT
10 Sep 66	WO 2	MILLS
11 Sep 66	Lt	HOBBS
12 Sep 66	Lt	SIMPKINS
13 Sep 66	2Lt	BRANDIE
14 Sep 66	WO2	RAPLEY
15 Sep 66	2Lt	TONKS
16 Sep 66	WO2	REMFY
17 Sep 66	WO2	HENESS
18 Sep 66	WO2	SMITH

b. Sqn Orderly Sgt

12 Sep 66	SSgt	MERREDITH
13 Sep 66	Sgt	WARREN
14 Sep 66	Sgt	HOLLIMAN
15 Sep 66	Sgt	SIMS
16 Sep 66	Sgt	MYERS
17 Sep 66	Sgt	BARRETT
18 Sep 66	Sgt	ABBOTT

c. Sqn Duty Driver.

Sqn Duty driver for the week 0730hrs 12 Sep 66-0730hrs
19 Sep 66 to be supplied by 10 Troop and Plant Troop.

158. REGIMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

The undermentioned officers of 17 CONST SQN RAE are to be Inspecting Officers for clothing write offs when required:

41861	Capt	B.D. JENKINS
342805	2 Lt	D.J. BRANDIE

159. AMF RELIEF TRUST FUND

a. The Trustees of the AMF Relief Trust Fund have made special provision for loans for families of soldiers serving overseas.

b. Information regarding this loan can be obtained from Troop Commanders or Squadron 2ic.

160. VIETNAMESE ELECTIONS - OUT OF BOUNDS AREAS

a. Country wide Vietnamese elections are scheduled for 11 Sep 66 for the purpose of electing representatives to the Vietnamese Government Constituent Assembly. These are free Vietnamese elections and are in no way sponsored or monitored by any other nation.

b. In order to preclude any action that could be construed as influencing or interfering with the election, the following are to be strictly adhered to:

- (1) The town of VUNG TAU is out of bounds from 2200hrs 9 Sep 66 to 0600hrs 13 Sep 66, except for duty personnel.

- (2) The immediate vicinity of polling places is out of bounds on 11 Sep 66 to all personnel, whether on duty or not, except to RAA Pro personnel if their duties require them to be there. The locations of polling places is shown below.

Lam Son Primary School, VUNG TAU
 Thang Tam Girls Primary School VUNG TAU
 Thanh Mien House VUNG TAU
 Cong Dong Primary School THANG I
 Rad Dua Primary School THANG I
 Thang Nhi Primary School THANG II
 Nam Dong Primary School THANG I
 Ngie Cang Primary School THANG II
 Thang Nhi Pagoda THANG II
 Xom Vuon Primary School THANG III
 Nga Nam Primary School THANG TAM
 Phuoc Thanh Area Office PHUOC THANH
 Nam Binh Primary School PHUOC THANH
 Phuoc Thanh Meeting House PHUOC THANH
 Cong Hoa Theatre CONG SON Island
 Binh Dinh Buong Camp CONG SON Island
 Vung Tau Municipal Administration Hall VUNG TAU

- (3) No person is to attend any political gathering or give any support to any individual candidate or group of candidates unless specifically authorised to do so by the Commander 1 ALSG.
- (4) Personal conduct of troops in VUNG TAU or any other town or hamlet, whether on leave or on duty, is to be of the highest standard at all times but especially during the pre-election period.

o. Vietnamese employees are to be allowed time off to vote without loss of pay and may be taken to a selected site in VUNG TAU in unit transport, but NOT to a polling station. If the Government declares Election Day a Vietnamese holiday, this action will not be required.

161. SAFETY-HANDLING OF POL PRODUCTS

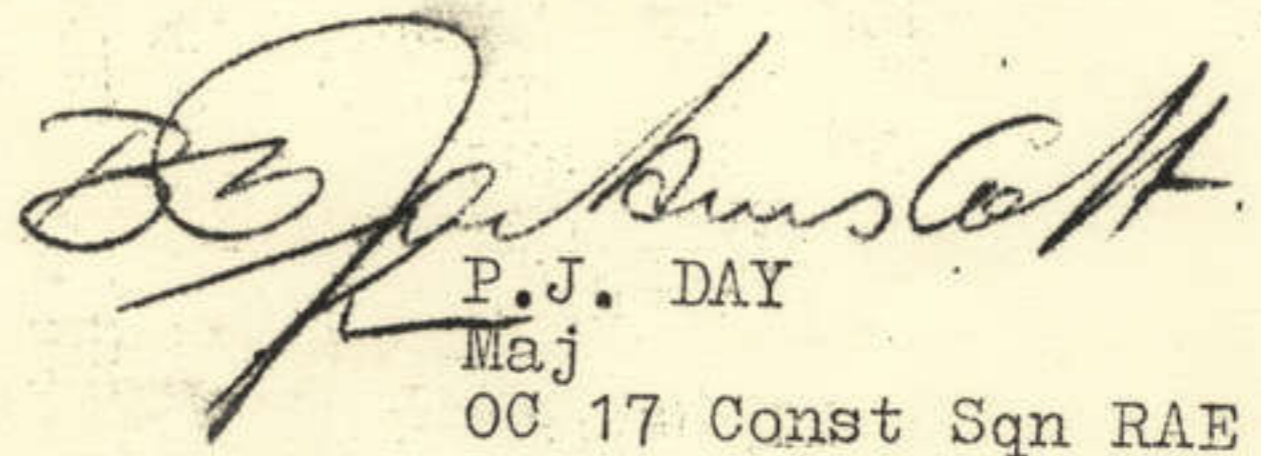
All personnel are warned of the dangers involved whilst using POL products in kitchen heating equipments and in the disposal by burning of waste matter. The utmost care is to be exercised by the individual in this regard.

162. AMENDMENTS

The 17 CONST SQN RAE RO No 154 (Malarial Precautions) is amended as follows:

- (a) Insert new sub para f.
 "(f) All personnel proceeding on leave from 1800 hrs onward are to wear long trousers and long sleeved shirts. Shirt sleeves are to be buttoned at the wrist after 1900 hrs"

<u>Distr</u>			
OC	1	Tpt	1
2ic	3	HQ 1 ALSG	1
Ord Room	1	Det 55 AESS	1
SSM	1	HQ AFV	1
Const Offr	1	File	4
QM	1		
Res Tp	1		
Plant Tp	1		
8 Tp	1		
10 Tp	1		
Wksps	1		


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Routine Orders Part 1

by

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Officer Commanding
17 Const Sqn RAE VUNG TAU

10 Sep 66

Ser No 21
Nos 163-164

163. SQN DUTIES

a. Sqn Duty Officer

10 Sep 66 WO 2 MILLS
11 Sep 66 Lt HOBBS
12 Sep 66 Lt SIMPKINS
13 Sep 66 2 Lt BRANDIE
14 Sep 66 WO2 RAPLEY
15 Sep 66 2 Lt TONKS
16 Sep 66 WO2 REMFRY
17 Sep 66 WO2 HENESS
18 Sep 66 WO2 SMITH
19 Sep 66 Capt BOLTON

b. Orderly Cpl and Picquet

As of 12 Sep 66 17 CONST SQN RAEs ORDERLY CPL and PICQUETS will be conducted on a sqn basis consisting of a Cpl and 12 picquets, they will mount at 1700 hrs and dismount at 0630 daily at the Sqn HQ.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Cpl</u>	<u>Picquet</u>
12 Sep 66	Res	Res (6) 10 Tp (6)
13 Sep 66	Wksp	Wksp (6) HQ (6)
14 Sep 66	10 Tp	Plant (6) Res(6)
15 Sep 66	HQ	HQ (6) 10 Tp (6)
16 Sep 66	Plant	Wksp (6) Plant (6)
17 Sep 66	Res	Res (6) HQ (6)
18 Sep 66	Wksp	Wksp (6) 10 Tp (6)
19 Sep 66	10 Tp	Plant (6) Res (6)

c. Telephone Orderly (Cpl)

Telephone orderly to mount at Sqn HQ from 1830-0700hrs daily.

12 Sep 66 10 Tp
13 Sep 66 HQ
14 Sep 66 Plant
15 Sep 66 Res
16 Sep 66 Wksp
17 Sep 66 10 Tp
18 Sep 66 HQ
19 Sep 66 Plant

d. Sqn Duty Driver

Sqn Duty Driver for the week 0730hrs 12 Sep 66 - 0730 hrs 19 Sep 66 to be supplied by:

10 Tp, Plant.

164. 1 ALSG Duties

As of 11 Sep 66 17 CONST SQN RAE will provide the following duties at the east gate of 1 ALSG AREA:

By Day from 0630 hrs - 1800 hrs - 2 Sappers
By Night from 1800hrs - 0630 hrs - 1 Sgt. 1 Sapper

-(A)

(a)	Date	By Day	By Night
	11 Sep 66	10 Tp	SSgt MERREDITH , HQ
	12 Sep 66	Plant Tp	Sgt WARREN , RES
	13 Sep 66	Res	Sgt HOLLIMAN , Wksp
	14 Sep 66	Wksp	Sgt SIMS , 10 Tp
	15 Sep 66	HQ	Sgt MYERS , PLANT
	16 Sep 66	10 Tp	Sgt ABBOTT , HQ
	17 Sep 66	Plant Tp	Sgt ABLETT , Res
	18 Sep 66	Res	SSgt KEEL , Wksp
	19 Sep 66	Wksp	Sgt ROSE , 10 Tp

(b) DRESS

Each member of the guard is to be dressed as follows:

Hats Fur Felt
 Battle order less small pouch
 Helmets steel will be taken for use in emergency.
 Personal weapons

(c) AMMUNITION

SLR 2 x full mags per weapon
 OMC 2 x full mags per weapon

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OC	1
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Ord Rm	1
SSM	1
Const Offr	1
QM	1
Res	1
Plant Tp	1
8 Tp	1
10 Tp	1
Wksp	1
Tpt	1
HQ 1 ALSG	1
Det 55 AESS	1
HQ AFV	1
Spare	4

[Signature]
 J. DAY
 Maj
 OC 17 Const Sqn RAE

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Routine Orders Part 1

by

Major P.J. DAY
Officer Commanding

17 Const Sqn RAE VUNG TAU

17 Sep 66

Ser No 21
Nos 163-174

165. Sqn Duties

a. Sqn Duty Officer

The squadron duty officer will mount at 0730 of day of mounting until 0730 the next day.

20 Sep 66	Lt	FERNIHOUGH
21 Sep 66	Capt	KIPPEN
22 Sep 66	WO2	LYALL
23 Sep 66	WO2	DAWSON
24 Sep 66	WO1	RUSSELL
25 Sep 66	Lt	HOBBS
26 Sep 66	Lt	SIMPKINS

b. Telephone Orderly

The squadron telephone orderly will mount duty at 1830 on day of mounting until 0730 the next day.

20 Sep 66	Cpl	COLLINS
21 Sep 66	Cpl	HOLMAN
22 Sep 66	Cpl	HONEYCHURCH
23 Sep 66	Cpl	HOWSON
24 Sep 66	Cpl	MAY
25 Sep 66	Cpl	JOHNSON K.C.
26 Sep 66	Cpl	MEEHAN

c. Picquet NCO and Squadron Picquet

Picquet will parade at Sqn HQ on day of mounting.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PICQUET NCO</u>		<u>PICQUET</u>
Tue 20 Sep 66	Cpl ROSS	Lcpl SELBY Spr STOCKMAN " WRIGHT " CROFT " DAWSON Cfn BATH	Lcpl URQUHART Spr BATES " VERCO " CLARK " EAGLETON Cfn ENGLISH
Wed 21 Sep 66	Cpl HOLMES	Lcpl RENAUD Spr FORREST " FIELD " GATT " GRIEVE " GODDARD	Lcpl WILSON Spr FRASER " ALLISON " GRAY I.D. " YOUNG Pte GILLESPIE
Thu 22 Sep 66	Cpl RICHARDS	Lcpl HUNT Spr GUTHRIE " HOBLEY " JOHNSON WH Cfn WALKER " GREGORY	Lcpl RADFORD Spr ROBERTSON Cfn RIDLEY Spr JONES GFH " JONES JTL Cfn KUNIGISKIS
Fri 23 Sep 66	Cpl HAMILTON	Lcpl PATTERSON Spr KITCHEN " LANDER " JACKSON " MUSTEY	Lcpl MURRIHY Spr KING " McCALLUM " MARTIN " MILLER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PICQUET NCO</u>		<u>PICQUET</u>
Sat 24 Sep 66	Cpl CLAYTON	Lcpl JOHNSTONE Spr FORD LG Spr OHAIRE Cfn McDONALD " FIRTH Spr ALEXANDER	Lcpl JONES Spr SCOTT " TWIGDEN " VAN EEDE " SHELDON " FORREST K.
Sun 25 Sep 66	Cpl MITCHELL	Lcpl CAMPBELL Spr MORRIS K.J. " OBRIEN WJ " MORRIS GG " SABELL Cfn PERRY	Lcpl DEVLIN Spr SCHWARTZ " PHILIP Cfn WYLIE Spr STODDART Cfn RYAN
Next in Line	Cpl MAINE	Lcpl BICKLE Spr RUSSELL " HEDGER " BLACK " TATTIS	Lcpl POTONIDES Spr MEREDITH " ROGERS " WARNE

d. Sqn Duty Driver.

The sqn duty driver will report to the sqn duty officer at 1700hrs on day of mounting at sqn HQ.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>No 1</u>	<u>No 2</u>
Tue 20 Sep 66	Spr MAPLEY	Cfn McMARTIN
Wed 21 Sep 66	" FORD KR	Spr SPRAGUE
Thu 22 Sep 66	" McILROY	Spr SOLOMON
Fri 23 Sep 66	" ROWE	Spr COX
Sat 24 Sep 66	" HAYMAN	" MADDISON
Sun 25 Sep 66	" SHELDON	" RUIG
Mon 26 Sep 66	" WILKINSON	" CORDWELL

e. Sqn Hygiene

The Hygiene duty man will report to the SSM at 0730hrs Mon. 19 Sep 66

10 Troop.

166. 1 ALSG DUTIES

The EAST gate guard will report to Duty officer on day of mounting at 0630hrs for Day Guard and 1800hrs for Night Guard.

a.

DAY GUARD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GUARD</u>
20 Sep 66	HQ(2)
21 Sep 66	10Tp (2)
22 Sep 66	Plant (2)
23 Sep 66	Res (2)
24 Sep 66	HQ (2)
25 Sep 66	10Tp (2)
26 Sep 66	Plant (2)

b. NIGHT GUARD

20 Sep 66	Sgt CASHION	Spr WASS
21 Sep 66	Sgt BARRETT	Spr HARGRAVE
22 Sep 66	SSgt MEREDITH	Spr FISHER VW
23 Sep 66	Sgt WARREN	Spr MILLS
24 Sep 66	Sgt HOLLIMAN	Spr NORTH
25 Sep 66	Sgt SIMMS	Spr BUSH

167. CANTEEN HOURS

The following Canteen Hours will be strictly observed.

MON-FRI	1200-1245	SOFT GOODS ONLY
	1700-1730	" " "
	1900-2130	HARD AND SOFT
SAT	1200-1245	SOFT GOODS ONLY
	1700-1730	" " "
	1900-2230	HARD AND SOFT
SUN OR	1100-1200	HARD AND SOFT
STAND	1400-1600	" " "
DOWN DAYS	1900-2130	" " "

The above hours will not be altered without the approval of the OC.

The canteen is to be cleared of all personnel within half an hour of the bar closing.

168. REMOVAL OF LIQUOR FROM CANTEEN

NO liquor will be removed from the canteen/theatre area under any circumstances.

LIQUOR/FOOD in UNIT LINES

NO liquor, soft drinks, food or other edible commodity will be held or consumed in unit lines.

169. OUT OF BOUNDS

The unit bulk refrigerator, food prep rooms and kitchen area generally are out of bounds to all ranks except when required there on duty. Under NO circumstances will food be consumed in these areas except at laid down meal parades.

Under No circumstances will food be removed from the above areas by unauthorised personnel.

170. BEACHCOMBER BAR

All ranks are warned that the Beachcomber Bar on Back Beach can only be visited when in possession of a leave pass authorised in the correct manner. Personnel proceeding to, or returning from the Beach Comber Bar will travel either by unit transport as may be arranged from time to time, or if on foot, along Back Beach Road, and not through the confines of the ROY R&R Centre.

171. REMOVAL OF STORES/FOOD ETC - INDIGENOUS EMPLOYEES

All indigenous employees are forbidden to remove from the unit area any food, stores or any articles whatsoever belonging to the Dept of the Army.

All service personnel are forbidden to encourage this practice and are to stop any indigenous employees from removing such items if detected.

172. REGIMENTAL AUDIT BOARD-AUDIT OF PUBLIC FUNDS ACCOUNTS

Members of the unit Regimental Audit Board are hereby appointed to examine Unit accounts as follows:

17 Const Sqn RAE Sgts Mess	Capt BOLTON Lt HOBBS
17 Const Sqn Unit Canteen A/c	Capt KIPPEN Lt SIMPKINS
17 Const Sqn Regtl Funds A/c	2Lt BRANDIE 2Lt TONKS

Reports of Boards shall be completed in conjunction with the President, Regimental Audit Board, Lt FERNIHOUGH

Supervising Officers are to ensure that books of account and statements of affairs for their accounts are completed as of close of business 30 Sep 66 by 1700hrs 1 Oct 66

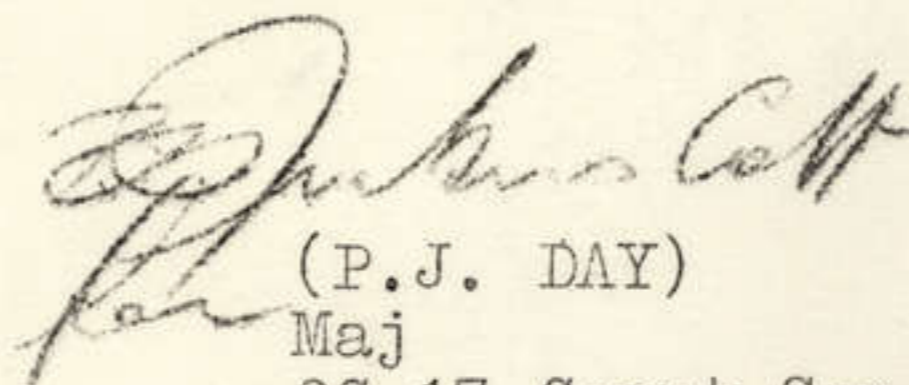
Reports of Boards are to be forwarded to Sqn HQ by 8 Oct 66.

173. DRESS

Only authorised orders of dress will be worn by unit members. Mixed uniform and civilian clothes will not be worn. Hats will be worn at all times whilst moving about or working within the area, and will only be removed when the nature of the task in hand so requires. Thongs will not be worn with uniform unless a medical certificate is held to this effect. Shoes may be worn with uniform after working hours if not on duty.

174. POSTAL HOURS

Hours for counter trading at AFPO3 are: Mon to Fri 0730hrs to 1130hrs and 1300hrs to 1700hrs. Sat and Sun 0730hrs to 1130hrs.



(P.J. DAY)

Maj

OC 17 Const Sqn RAE

NOTICES

Information has been received that a bombing incident may occur in the near future in the vicinity of the flags at, or about 2200hrs. NO military vehicle is to be parked, or is to wait in the vicinity of this location during the hours of darkness until further notice. The alternative pick up point for unit vehicles is the PACIFIC HOTEL.

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by

Major P.J. DAY

Officer Commanding

17 Const Sqn RAE VUNG TAU

24 Sep 66

Serial No 23
Nos 175-176

175. SQN DUTIES

a. Sqn Duty Officer

The Squadron duty Officer will mount at 0730 of day of mounting until 0730 the next day.

- 27 Sep 66 WO2 RAPLEY
- 28 Sep 66 2Lt TONKS
- 29 Sep 66 WO2 REMFRY
- 30 Sep 66 WO2 HENESS
- 1 Oct 66 WO2 SMITH
- 2 Oct 66 Capt BOLTON
- 3 Oct 66 WO2 DAWSON

b. TELEPHONE ORDERLY

The Squadron telephone orderly will mount at 1830 on day of mounting until 0730 the next day.

- 27 Sep 66 Cpl KELLY
- 28 Sep 66 Cpl JASPER
- 29 Sep 66 Cpl FULCHER
- 30 Sep 66 Cpl CONSTANTINE
- 1 Oct 66 Cpl TRYHORN
- 2 Oct 66 Cpl GRAHAM
- 3 Oct 66 Cpl ARNOLD

c. PICQUET NCO and SQN PICQUET

Picquet will parade at Sqn HQ on day of mounting at 1815 hrs.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PICQUET NCO</u>	<u>PICQUET</u>	
Mon 26 Sep 66	Cpl COLLINS	Sp4 LORETH Spr O'BRIEN Lcpl WHITTAKER Spr MARTIN Spr GRIEVE Spr GRAY R	Spr TATTIS Spr WARSOP Lcpl GILES Spr ALLISON Spr CARPENTER Spr HILL RS
Tue 27 Sep 66	Cpl ROSS	Spr TRINDER Lcpl MAHONEY Spr ATFIELD Spr HILL GD Spr RUSSELL Spr EAGLETON	Spr WYLIE Spr BLAIN Spr HOLLIS Spr FORREST Spr CROFT Spr YOUNG
Wed 28 Sep 66	Cpl HOLMAN	Lcpl SELBY Spr HARRIS Spr MUNN Spr WRIGHT Spr WARNE Cfn ADAMS	Lcpl WILSON Spr JACKSON Spr HILL GF Spr VERCOE Spr WASS Cfn BATH

.... / Thu 29 Sep

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PICQUET NCO</u>	<u>PICQUET</u>	
Thu 29 Sep 66	Cpl HOLMES	Lcpl RENAUD Spr FORREST EW Spr STEWART Spr GATT Spr DAWSON Cfn ENGLISH	Lcp JOHNSTONE Spr FRASER Spr SABELL Spr GRAY ID Spr HEDGER Spr GILLESPIE
Fri 30 Sep 66	Cpl RICHARDS	Lcpl RADFORD Spr GODDARD Spr JOHNSON WH Spr ROBERTSON Cfn RIDLEY Spr JONES JTL	Lcpl HUNT Spr HARGRAVES Spr GUTHRIE Spr HOBLEY Spr JONES GFH Pte WALKER
Sat 1 Oct 66	Cpl MAINE	Lcpl PATTERSON Spr STOCKMAN Lcpl BLACK Spr LANDER Spr MARTIN Spr MUSTEY Cfn KUNIGISKIS	Lcpl MURRIHY Spr FISHER Spr KING Spr McCALLUM Spr JACKSON Spr MILLER Cfn GREGORY
Sun 2 Oct 66	Cpl HAMILTON	Lcpl JONES AV Spr SCOTT Spr FORREST K Spr ALEXANDER Spr SHELDON Cfn MEYER	Lcpl CAMPBELL MJ Spr TWIGDEN Spr VAN EEDE Spr O'HAIRE Spr NORTH Cfn O'BRIEN
<u>Next in line</u>	Cpl HONEYCHURCH	Lcpl DEVLIN Spe O'BRIEN Cfn McDONALD	Spr SCHWARZ Spr MORRIS GG Cfn FIRTH

d. SQN DUTY DRIVER

The Sqn Duty Driver will report to the Sqn Duty Officer at 1700 hrs on day of mounting at Sqn HQ.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>No 1</u>	<u>No 2</u>
Tue 27 Sep 66	Spr MITCHELL	Spr HASSETT
Wed 28 Sep 66	Spr HEALY	Spr McMARTIN
Thu 29 Sep 66	Spr MAPLEY	Spr FORD K
Fri 30 Sep 66	Spr FARRAR	Spr SPRAGUE
Sat 1 Oct 66	Spr DUSCI	Spr McILROY
Sun 2 Oct 66	Spr SOLOMON	Spr ROWE
Mon 3 Oct 66	Spr COX	Spr DAUK

c. SQN HYGIENE

The Sqn Hygiene duty man will report to the SSM at 0730 Mon 26 Sep 66 to be supplied by Resources Troop

176. 1 ALSG DUTIES

The East Gate Gaurd will report to the 17 CONST SQN DUTY OFFICER on day of mounting at 0615 for day gaurd and 1800 for night gaurd.

a. DAY GAURD

27 Sep 66	Res (2)
28 Sep 66	HQ (2)
29 Sep 66	10Tp (2)
30 Sep 66	Plant (2)
1 Oct 66	Wksps (2)
2 Oct 66	Res (2)
3 Oct 66	HQ (2)

...../ NIGHT GAURD

b. NIGHT GAURD

26 Sep 66	Sgt ABLETT	Spr CROFT
27 Sep 66	Sgt MYERS	Spr FIELD
28 Sep 66	Sgt ROSE	Spr WUNDERER
29 Sep 66	SSgt KEEL	Spr MORRIS
30 Sep 66	Sgt CASHION	Spr ROGERS
1 Oct 66	Sgt BARRETT	Cfn RYAN

P. J. Day
 (P. J. DAY)
 Maj
 OC 17 Const Sqn RAE

DISTR

OC
 2IC
 ORD RM b. NIGHT GAURD

SSM Sep 66	Sgt ABLETT	Spr CROFT
CONST OFFR	Sgt MYERS	Spr FIELD
QMS Sep 66	Sgt ROSE	Spr WUNDERER
RES Sep 66	SSgt KEEL	Spr MORRIS
PLANT TP	Sgt CASHION	Spr ROGERS
8 TP 66	Sgt BARRETT	Cfn RYAN

TO TP
 WKSPS
 TPT
 HQ 1ALSG
 DET 55 AESS
 HQ AFV
 SPARE

P. J. Day
 (P. J. DAY)
 Maj
 OC 17 Const Sqn RAE

DISTR

OC
 2IC
 ORD RM b. NIGHT GAURD

26 Sep 66	Sgt ABLETT	Spr CROFT
27 Sep 66	Sgt MYERS	Spr FIELD
28 Sep 66	Sgt ROSE	Spr WUNDERER
29 Sep 66	SSgt KEEL	Spr MORRIS
30 Sep 66	Sgt CASHION	Spr ROGERS
1 Oct 66	Sgt BARRETT	Cfn RYAN

*Annex I, to Comd
Diary Sep 66*

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - VIETNAM

HQ 1 ALSG
VUNG TAU

4 Sep 66

HQ 1 ALSG Administrative Instruction 9/66.

RELIEF OF THE FORCE SEP 66
RECEPTION OF DRAFTS FROM AUSTRALIA
7/8 SEP 66

General

1. As part of the relief of the force, 99 reinforcements will be received by 1 ALSG on 7 Sep 66. Of this figure, 15 are for 1 ALSG units and 84 are for 1 ATF. Task Force personnel are to be rationed and quartered by 1 ALSG units 7/8 Sep 66. They are to move forward to 1 ATF during the morning of 8 Sep 66.
2. This instruction details the units responsible for fostering Task Force personnel overnight and arrangements for reception and administration.

Reception by 11 MC Gp

3. 11 MC Gp is responsible for the initial reception of the incoming draft at VUNG TAU Airfield. ETA of first party from SAIGON is 1100 hrs 7 Sep 66. During their initial reception, OC 11 MC Gp is to brief the draft on their movement programme from the Airfield to their parent or fostering unit at 1 ALSG. The briefing is to include leave arrangements, and restrictions, for the night 7/8 Sep 66.
4. After briefing, drafts are to be transported to Det 1 Div Cash Office in batches of approximately 40 personnel. Tpt is to be arranged by OC 11 MC Gp.

Reception by Det 1 Div Cash Office

5. Drafts will arrive at Det 1 Div Cash Office on 7 Sep 66 at approximately 1200 hrs, 1300 hrs and 1400 hrs in batches of 40 personnel. As draft members complete their currency exchange they are to be handed over to fostering or parent unit guides for transport back to unit reception areas.

Allocation to Units and Unit Guides

6. The allocation of reinforcements to parent or fostering units is detailed at Annex A. Each unit nominated is to arrange a unit guide, and, if considered necessary, transport for personnel and baggage, to be at Det 1 Div Cash Office at 1130 hrs 7 Sep 66. They are to remain on duty until dismissed by SSM 17 Const Sqn (see para 8 below).
7. Unit guides are to be under the control of SSM 17 Const Sqn, to whom they will report at Det 1 Div Cash Office.
8. As each draft completes its currency exchange, SSM 17 Const Sqn is to arrange them in parent unit and fostering unit groups and hand them over to unit guides. When all draft personnel have been cleared to units, the SSM 17 Const Sqn will dismiss unit guides from their duties.

Reception by Units and Intra Unit Administration

9. As drafts arrive at unit areas they are to be received and escorted to kitchen areas for their midday meals. In this respect, kitchens are to remain open until all draft members have been fed. The last draft should arrive in unit areas at approximately 1430 - 1500 hrs.
10. When all unit drafts have been fed they are to be briefed on local topography and the leave system as it operates at 1 ALSG. All draft members may be granted normal leave on 7 Sep. However, before proceeding on leave all members are to be informed of:
 - a. The contents of 1 ALSG RO 161/66 (Curfew - VUNG TAU Peninsular Area, and Local Leave).
 - / b. The necessity for a high standard

2.

- b. The necessity for a high standard of dress and conduct whilst on leave.
- c. Out of Bounds areas (1 ALSG RO 111/66).
- d. Malaria control measures.

Forward Movement to 1 ATF

11. All 1 ATF reinforcements are to move to 1 ATF on the convoy 8 Sep 66. A conference call is to be made from HQ 1 ALSG during the evening of 7 Sep advising fostering units of assembly areas and report timings.

D.L. Rouse
(D.L. ROUSE)
Lt Col
Comd, 1 ALSG
for

ALLOCATION OF REINFORCEMENTS TO
 PARENT OR FOSTERING UNITS

<u>Reinforcement Details</u>		<u>Parent/Fostering Unit</u>
101 Fd Bty	- 5	161 (Indep) Recce Flt
1 Fd Regt	- 2	"
161 (Indep) Recce Flt	- 5	"
2 Fd Tp	- 20	17 Const Sqn
17 Const Sqn	- 3	"
17 Const Sqn Wksp	- 1	"
2 Fd Tp	- 20	2 Comp Ord Dep
1 Fd Sqn	- 2	2 Fd Amb
1 Fd Sqn Wksp	- 1	"
1 Div Pro Coy	- 1	"
2 Fd Amb	- 2	"
6 RAR	- 1	"
HQ 1 ATF	- 1	"
1 Coy RAASC	- 1	1 Coy RAASC
1 ARU	- 31	"
87 Tpt Pl	- 1	"
HQ 1 ALSG	- 1	HQ 1 ALSG
145 Sig Sqn	- 1	145 Sig Sqn

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Routine Orders Part 1

by

Lieutenant Colonel D L ROUSE

Commanding

First Australian Logistic Support Group

6 Sep 66

Serial No. VT 21
Nos. 193 - 199

RO No	Title
193.	Vietnamese Elections - Out of Bounds Areas
194.	Handling of POL Products
195.	Hygiene Duty Roster
196.	Australian Swimming Beach - Duty Vehicle
197.	HQ 1 ALSG Duty Vehicle
198.	Surf Boards
199.	Amendments

ADMINISTRATION

193 VIETNAMESE ELECTIONS - OUT OF BOUNDS AREAS

a. Country-wide Vietnamese elections are scheduled for 11 Sep 66 for the purpose of electing representatives to the Vietnamese Government Constituent Assembly. These are free Vietnamese elections and are in no way sponsored or monitored by any other nation.

b. In order to preclude any action that could be construed as influencing or interfering with the election, the following are to be strictly adhered to:

- (1) The town of VUNG TAU is out of bounds from 2200 hrs 9 Sep 66 to 0600 hrs 13 Sep 66.
- (2) The immediate vicinity of polling places is out of bounds on 11 Sep 66 to all personnel, whether on duty or not, except to RAA Pro personnel if their duties require them to be there. The locations of polling places is shown in Annex 'A' to this RO.
- (3) No person is to attend any political gathering or give any support to any individual candidate or group of candidates unless specifically authorized to do so by the Commander 1 ALSG.
- (4) Personal conduct of troops in VUNG TAU or any other town or hamlet, whether on leave or on duty, is to be of the highest standard at all times but especially during the pre-election period.

c. Vietnamese employees are to be allowed time off to vote without loss of pay and may be taken to a selected site in VUNG TAU in unit transport, but NOT to a polling station. If the Government declares Election Day a Vietnamese holiday, this action will not be required.

194 SAFETY - HANDLING OF POL PRODUCTS

All personnel are warned of the dangers involved whilst using POL products in kitchen heating equipments and in the disposal by burning of waste matter. The utmost care is to be exercised by the individual in this regard.

195 HYGIENE DUTY ROSTER

a. The 1 ALSG Hygiene Duty roster from 5 Sep 66 is:

5 - 11 Sep	-	145 Sig Sqn 161 (Indep) Recce Flight
12 - 18 Sep	-	101 Fd Wksp 1 Coy RAASC
19 - 25 Sep	-	2 Comp Ord Dep 145 Sig Sqn
26 Sep - 2 Oct	-	161 (Indep) Recce Flight 101 Fd Wksp
3 - 9 Oct	-	1 Coy RAASC 2 Comp Ord Dep
10 - 16 Oct	-	145 Sig Sqn 161 (Indep) Recce Flight
17 - 23 Oct	-	101 Fd Wksp 1 Coy RAASC
24 - 30 Oct	-	2 Comp Ord Dep 145 Sig Sqn

/b. Each unit is

b. Each unit is to provide 1 man each day for one week commencing at 1730 hrs Mon and ceasing at 0730 hrs the following Mon. Duty personnel are to report to the NCO IC (from 17 Const Sqn) at the 1 ALSG tip.

196 AUSTRALIAN SWIMMING BEACH - DUTY VEHICLE

The Duty Vehicle roster for the Australian Swimming Beach from 5 Sep 66 is:

5 - 11 Sep	- 2 Comp Ord Dep
12 - 18 Sep	- 101 Fd Wksp
19 - 25 Sep	- 176 AD Coy
26 Sep - 2 Oct	- 161 (Indep) Recce Flight
3 - 9 Oct	- 17 Const Sqn
10 - 16 Oct	- 145 Sig Sqn
17 - 23 Oct	- 1 Coy RAASC
24 - 30 Oct	- 2 Comp Ord Dep

197 HQ 1 ALSG DUTY VEHICLE

a. Units providing the safety vehicle for swimming are to despatch that vehicle and driver at 1730 hrs daily to HQ 1 ALSG for duty as HQ 1 ALSG Duty Vehicle. The tour of duty is from 1730 hrs till 0730 hrs the following day.

b. Drivers of the HQ 1 ALSG Duty Vehicle are required to sleep at HQ 1 ALSG and provide their own stretcher, bedding and mosquito net.

198 SURF BOARDS

a. Units are advised that a limited number of Surf Boards are available for loan from the Australian R and C Centre.

b. Unit QMs/Adjts/Admin Officers may have liaison direct with the OC Australian R and C Centre.

199 AMENDMENTS

a. The following 1 ALSG RO Pt 1 is amended. Details are at Annex 'B'.

<u>RO No</u>	<u>Subject</u>
188/66	Malarial Precautions

b. The 1 ALSG Telephone Directory is amended. Details are at Annex 'B'.

K. A. Hawthorne
 (K A HAWTHORNE)
 Capt
 SC'A' HQ 1 ALSG

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES

1.	Lam Son Primary School, VUNG TAU	YS 275 449
2.	Thang Tam Girls Primary School, VUNG TAU	YS 279 439
3.	Thanh Mien House, VUNG TAU	YS 275 448
4.	Cong Dong Primary School THANG I	YS 306 492
5.	Rad Dua Primary School THANG I	YS 304 492
6.	Nam Dong Primary School THANG I	YS 358 523
7.	Thang Nhi Primary School THANG II	YS 277 468
8.	Ngie Cang Primary School THANG II	YS 268 475
9.	Thang Nhi Pagoda THANG II	YS 278 468
10.	Xom Vuon Primary School THANG III	YS 285 434
11.	Nga Nam Primary School THANG TAM	YS 286 449
12.	Phuoc Thanh Area Office PHUOC THANH	YS 347 514
13.	Nam Binh Primary School PHUOC THANH	YS 360 524
14.	Phuoc Thanh Meeting House PHUOC THANH	YS 347 518
15.	Cong Hoa Theatre CONG SON Island	XQ 7555
16.	Binh Dinh Buong Camp CONG SON Island	XQ 7555
17.	Vung Tau Municipal Administration Hall VUNG TAU	YS 276 440

AMENDMENTS

1. 1 ALSG RO 188/66 (Malarial Precautions) is amended as follows:-

a. Insert new sub para f.

"f. All personnel proceeding on leave from 1800 hrs onward are to wear long trousers and long sleeved shirts. Shirt sleeves are to be buttoned at the wrist after 1900 hrs"

b. Re-number existing sub para "f" to read "g".

2. The 1 ALSG Telephone Directory is amended as follows:-

HQ 1 ALSG

a. Delete "OC 11 MC Gp" and insert "11 MC Gp" in lieu.

b. Delete "Garrison Engineer" and insert in lieu "SC (Movements)".

Annex I 3 To Comms
Diary Sep 66

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First Australian Logistic Support Group

8 Sep 66

Serial No. VT 22
Nos. 200 - 201

RO No	Title
200. 201.	CURFEW - SAIGON BOUNDS

ADMINISTRATION

200 CURFEW - SAIGON

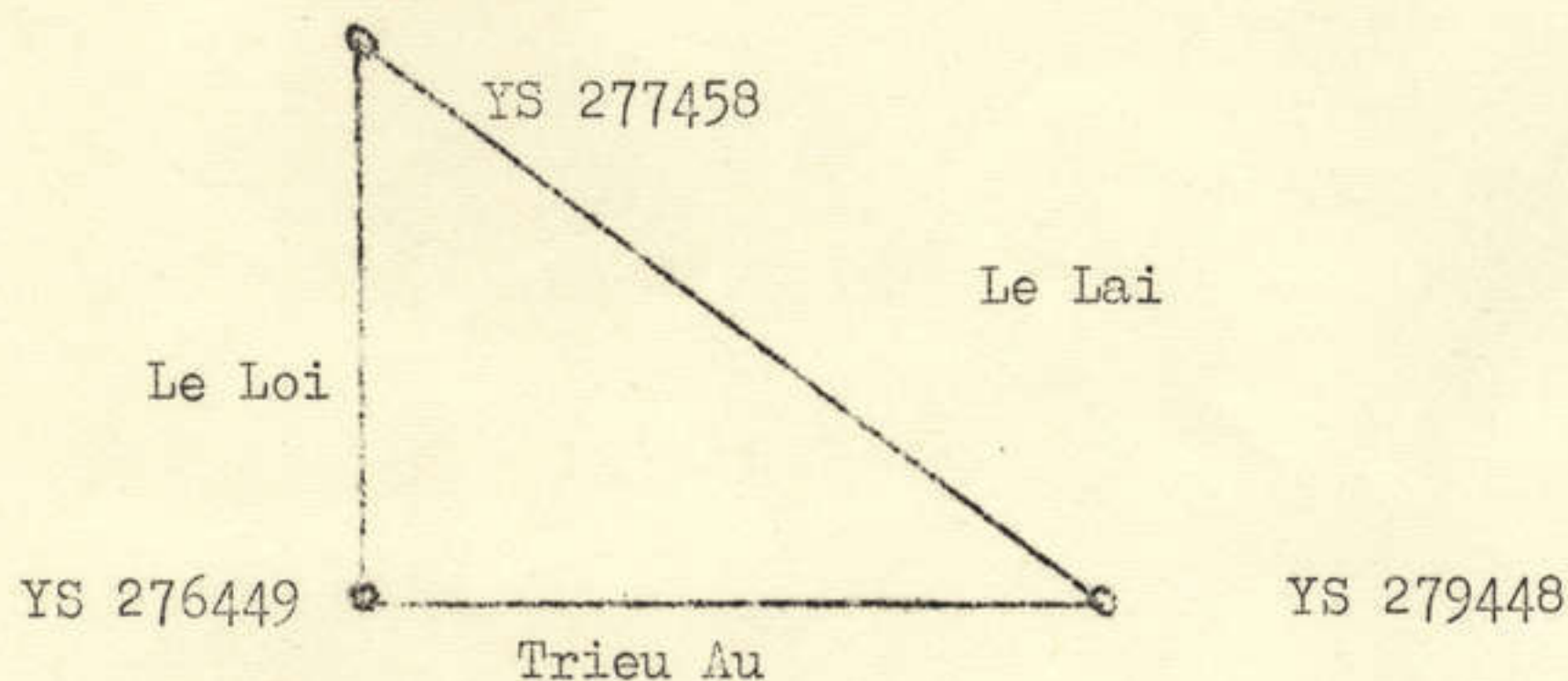
a. The following Curfew restrictions will apply in SAIGON from 1400 hrs 4 Sep 66 till 0400 hrs 12 Sep 66.

- (1) All personnel are to remain at their place of duty, quarters or mess, and off the streets except where necessary for the performance of their duties.
- (2) The PX at CHOLON may be visited from 4 Sep 66 to 1800 hrs 10 Sep 66. It will operate normal hours.

201 BOUNDS

a. The following area of VUNG TAU has been placed "off limits" to all allied personnel by the Mayor of VUNG TAU,

- (1) The area inside the triangle formed by Tricu Au Street on the SOUTH, Le Loi Street on the WEST, and the NORTH-NORTH EAST angle formed partly by Le Lai Street and continuing straight from the dead end of Le Lai Street on an imaginary line to where it would joining Le Loi Street.



K. A. Hawthorne

(K A HAWTHORNE)
Capt
SC 'A' HQ 1 ALSG

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VUNG TAU - SOUTH VIETNAM

24 Sep 66

Serial No. VT 23
Nos. 202 - 218

RO No.	Title
202	Weapons - Official and Private
203	1 ALSG Civil Labour Officer
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GENERAL STAFF202. WEAPONS - OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE

a. Officially issued weapons are to be carried by 1 ALSG members as follows:

(1) In the 1 ALSG Area. At all times, including meal parades, sick parades, conferences, concerts and social visits to other unit areas.

(2) In the Township of VUNG TAU, and the Back Beach Area (which includes the restaurant known as The Beachcomber). Weapons are not to be carried. They are to be secured under unit arrangements before leaving unit areas.

(3) When proceeding to 1 ATF Area, either by Road, Air or Waterway. Weapons are to be carried at all times.

b. Private weapons may be purchased by members of 1 ALSG providing the purchase does not contravene any AMF, US or Vietnamese law on the sale of firearms. Where members purchase weapons from individuals as opposed to PX sources, care should be taken that the weapon belongs to the vendor and has not been illegally acquired. Such a weapon shall always remain the property of the rightful owner and may be confiscated at any time.

c. Privately owned weapons are not to be worn or carried in lieu of officially issued weapons. They are to be stored in unit armouries under the conditions of MBI 242-4. Units are to maintain lists of weapons so held, to show regimental detail of the member, a description of the weapon and it's registered number.

d. All members are reminded that Customs restrictions are rigidly applied to the importation of weapons into AUSTRALIA, and they are subject to confiscation.

e. Further information on Customs/Weapons may be found in 1 ALSG RO 59/66, and AHQ Admin Instr 8/65.



(A.M. SALTER)
Majör
GSO2 1 ALSG

ADMINISTRATION203. 1 ALSG CIVIL LABOUR OFFICER

27146 Lt L.D. GLASS, 1 Coy RAASC, is appointed 1 ALSG Civil Labour Officer vice 213816 Lt J.A.F. PURVIS, with effect from and including 19 Sep 66.

204. DUTY LIFESAVER ROSTER - AUSTRALIAN SWIMMING AREA

a. The following units are rostered to provide 2 x Duty Lifesavers at the Australian Swimming Area in accordance with HQ 1 ALSG Admin Instr 3/66:

26 Sep - 2 Oct 66	17 Const Sqn
3 Oct - 9 Oct 66	161 (Indep) Recce Flt
10 Oct - 16 Oct 66	145 Sig Sqn
17 Oct - 23 Oct 66	1 Coy RAASC
24 Oct - 30 Oct 66	2 Comp Ord Dep

b. The duty Lifesavers provided need not be qualified Lifesavers, but they must be strong swimmers.

205. AUSTRALIAN SWIMMING AREA - HOURS OF OPERATION

The Australian Swimming Area is now open from 1400 - 1730 hrs daily.

206. 1 DIV POSTAL UNIT - HOURS OF TRADING

a. The following trading hours shall be kept by 1 Div Postal Unit:

(1) <u>Counter Trading</u>	Mon - Fri	0730 - 1130 hrs 1300 - 1700 hrs
	Sat/Sun	0730 - 1130 hrs

(2) Mail Pick-up Timings
for Unit Postal Reps

(a) <u>Parcel Mail</u>	Mon - Fri	0800 - 1130 hrs 1300 - 1700 hrs
	Sat/Sun	0800 - 1130 hrs
(b) <u>Letter Mail</u>	Mon - Sun	0800 hrs

207. POSTAL - MAIL POSTING IN AUSTRALIA

Staff shortages in the PMG in AUSTRALIA has caused a delay in the clearing of roadside mail boxes. To ensure that mail is not delayed, all members should advise friends and relatives in AUSTRALIA to post mail for VIETNAM in a Post Office and not a mail box.

208. POSTAL - CHRISTMAS MAIL

a. Mail to be delivered in AUSTRALIA for Christmas should be posted at Aust FPO 3 as follows:

(1) Letters, Cards etc	-	10 Dec 66
(2) Parcels	-	12 Nov 66

209. POSTAL - OUT OF BOUNDS AREAS

The Aust FPO 3 sorting marquee in the 1 Coy RAASC area is out of bounds to all members other than staff of Aust FPO 3 and members assisting them in the course of their duty.

210. FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

a. Advise and assistance on the use and maintenance of fire fighting equipment may be procured by unit Fire Officers and Quartermasters from 17 Const Sqn

b. With regard to the recharging of fire extinguishers in particular, assistance and supervision will be provided by 17 Const Sqn once the necessary stores have been procured by units concerned from 2 Comp Ord Dep.

211. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - 1 ALSG

a. Generating plant supplying the ALSG area is on charge to 1 Coy RAASC and operated by 17 Const Sqn RAE. Supply is provided 24 hours each day, but since the installed load in the area exceeds the capacity of the generators, shut downs may occur due to overloading unless this instruction is scrupulously observed.

b. Planned shut down of the plant for major overhaul or alteration to circuits will be notified by HQ 1 ALSG. This may effect one or two units or the whole area.

c. The following are the only appliances to be connected to the power supply:

(1) Refrigerators supplied by 55 AESS.
(2) Electric shavers and haircutters.

(3) Electric fans connected to power outlets installed by 17 Const Sqn RAE.

(4) 110 volt refrigerators allocated by DAA & QMG 1 ALSG prior to Aug 66 and connected to the mains via a transformer.

d. Additional appliances will not be used without approval by HQ 1 ALSG. This is to be sought by arranging for an inspection of the appliance by the Clerk of Works (Electrical) from 17 Const Sqn RAE. In general 110 volt appliances will not be approved, except in the case of signals equipment when this can be satisfactorily supplied from the mains.

e. When the main reticulation has been completed, power outlets for irons and washing machines are to be installed on the basis of one each in living areas for officers, warrant officers and sergeants, and other ranks.

f. Inspection of appliances or repair to wiring may be arranged by submission of an AAF P26 to 17 Const Sqn RAE, as is normal for all Engineer works.

g. Urgent repairs are to be requested by phoning Resources Troop 17 Const Sqn RAE during the day, or the Squadron Duty Officer during the night. Requests will not be made direct to Clerk of Works (Electrical) for any reason.

h. The continuous supply of power to all units in the area is important. The following actions may cause a breakdown of the supply, and disciplinary action is to be taken as necessary:

(1) Connection of non-approved appliances.

(2) Installation of wiring or power outlets without the approval of 17 Const Sqn RAE.

(3) Use of lamps in light outlets larger than 60 watt.

(4) Negligent damage to reticulation poles or wiring by any means.

212. MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS

a. By 1900 hrs daily all members of 1 ALSG will be clothed in shirts (sleeves unrolled and buttoned at the wrist) and long trousers tucked into boot tops. Shorts are NOT to be worn after 1900 hrs daily.

b. Bathing or showering is not permitted between 1900 hrs and 0500 hrs the following morning.

c. Mosquito nets are to be used by all personnel when sleeping after 1900 hrs, and they must be erected so that the body does not come in contact with the net

d. Paludrine is to be issued to all OR personnel at a recognized parade. This issue is to be recorded in the Roll Book. Dosage of paludrine is 2 tablets per day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Officers are responsible for taking their own paludrine and recording the fact in the Roll Book which is located in the Officers' Mess.

e. Anti mosquito lotion is to be applied to exposed surfaces of the body when required.

213. DIRECT DEMANDS ON US DEPOTS

Numerous complaints are being received from US sources regarding units other than depots demanding direct on US depots. Units are advised that this practice is to cease. Any complaints regarding the US system of supply are to be made through HQs of units, and not direct to US sources.

214. DENTAL HYGIENE

a. A study of treatment given by 33 Dental Unit reveals that normal rules of oral hygiene are not being used. The correct and regular use of a toothbrush is the best possible means of ensuring good oral hygiene. Lack of attention in this simple task is the primary cause of all teeth and gum diseases.

b. For the benefit of all personnel, the following are the rules of oral hygiene:

- (1) Teeth should be brushed after each meal.
- (2) A soft brush should be used, and replaced at least at 3 monthly intervals.
- (3) Teeth should be brushed in an up and down motion to clear food particles from between the teeth. Both teeth and gums should be brushed.
- (4) The Dental Post should be visited at the first sign of mouth or teeth infection.
- (5) All members should visit the Dental Post at six monthly intervals for a dental inspection.

215. MEDICAL SUPPLIES

a. There are indications that medical supplies are being borrowed from allied and even civilian medical facilities. Recently 36 Evac Hosp was approached for Iodine Water Sterilization tablets, sufficient to supply a company, and it is known that this practice continues on a smaller scale with medical items.

b. The source of supply for AFV is through the US medical stores system, and payment to the US Government is made under the Capitation Rate, or by direct payment in the case of equipment or hospitalization. All requests and demands are to be lodged with the Medical Store Element 2 Fd Amb, and not with allied or other Australian units or detachments.

c. In cases where items are in temporary short supply, AND IF THE DEMANDING UNIT INDICATES AN URGENT REQUIREMENT, the Medical Stores will BORROW from 36 Evac Hosp, and REPAY, when it's own stores come to hand. Therefore, there is no need for any unit to make a direct approach to that, or any other allied facility.

d. Issue figures returned to AHQ by the Medical Store are those on which future scalings and entitlements will be based.

e. If this unofficial procurement continues the following results will occur:

- (1) The Australian force can only lose in terms of status.
- (2) The US Government will be denied due remuneration.
- (3) Resulting false estimates will be severely to the detriment of all Australian units using medical supplies in the future.

f. COs/OCs are to ensure that this thoroughly undesirable practice is eliminated.

216 UNIT CANTEEN AND MESS ACCOUNTS WITH VIETNAM REGIONAL EXCHANGE FACILITIES

a. Unit Canteens and Messes who have accounts with VIETNAM Regional Exchange are to close their accounts with immediate effect. Purchases of all normal stock items will be made from the Australian PX Bulk Store.

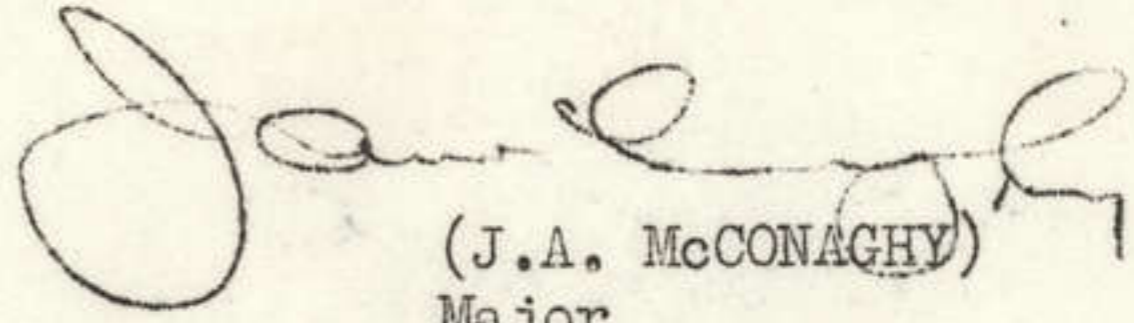
b. Payment for PX stores should, if possible, be paid for in cash at the time the order is placed. If this is not possible, payment should be made as soon as practicable after the pick up of the stores. In any case, accounts are to be paid by the 9th and 25th day of each month.

217. TAXATION GROUP CERTIFICATES

- a. All members of 1 ALSG who served in SOUTH VIETNAM during the fiscal year 1965/66 are entitled to claim that period of service as tax free. Normally, this period is endorsed on members Taxation Group Certificates by APAC.
- b. Where a member receives his Group Certificate without this endorsement, it should be returned to APAC for endorsement, together with proof of service if this is available (SPECSER and OVERSEAS ROs Part 2 issued by CARO).
- c. If a member has already submitted his unendorsed Group Certificate to the Taxation Department with his Taxation Return, then APAC should be still advised and asked to submit the information direct to the member's State Taxation Department so that an adjustment of tax assessment may be made.

218. AMENDMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS

- a. Amendments to the following 1 ALSG ROs Pt 1 are shown at Annex A to these orders:
- RO 197/66 - HQ 1 ALSG Duty Vehicle
 - RO 161/66 - Curfew - VUNG TAU Peninsula Area
- b. The following 1 ALSG ROs Pt 1 are cancelled:
- RO 145/66 - Appointments - 1 ALSG Labour Officer
 - RO 188/66 - Malaria Precautions.


 (J.A. McCONAGHY)
 Major
 DAA & QMG 1 ALSG

NOTICESLETTER TAPES

Personnel desirous of sending letter tapes to AUSTRALIA are advised that they may be played in any Record Shop, free of charge.

This is a special concession to Australian troops in VIETNAM provided by the RSL.

LOST AND FOUND

A wallet belonging to 4717626 Pte L.J. HARDING has been found. It may be obtained from Lt GLASS, Admin Officer 1 Coy RAASC.

A M E N D M E N T S

1 ALSG RO 197/66 (HQ 1 ALSG Duty Veh) is amended as follows:

Sub para a., lines 2 and 3. Delete "1730 hrs", twice occurring, and insert in lieu "1800 hrs".

1 ALSG RO 161/66 (Curfew - VUNG TAU Peninsula Area) is amended as follows:

Sub para a., line 2. Delete "2100 hrs" and insert in lieu "2200 hrs".

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30 SEP 1966

Routine Orders Part 1

by

Lieutenant Colonel D.L.ROUSE

Commanding

First Australian Logistic Support Group

VUNG TAU - SOUTH VIETNAM

28 Sep 66

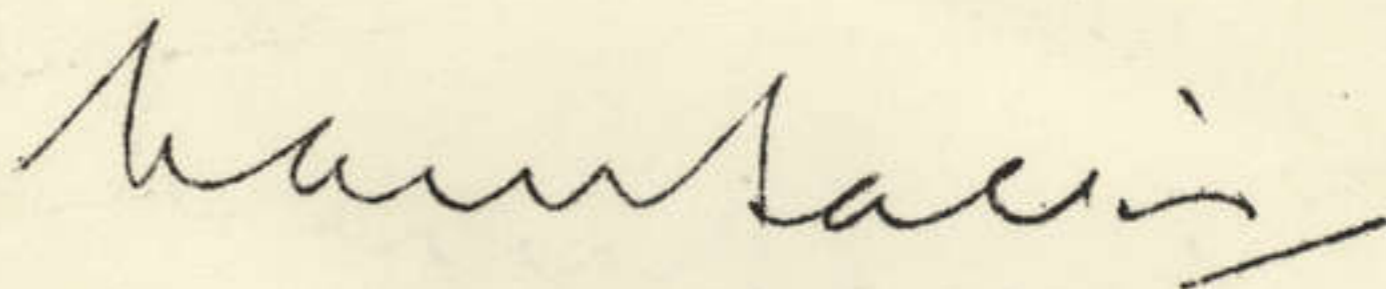
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219.	EAST and WEST Gate Guard Roster.
220.	Christmas Parcels - BATHURST and District Patriotic and War Fund.
221.	Postal - Aerograms

GENERAL STAFF

219. EAST AND WEST GATE GUARD ROSTER

- a. With effect from and including 1 Oct 66, the Duty Roster shown at Annex A to HQ 1 ALSG memo R750/6/2 of 9 Sep 66 shall be a continual commitment for the units named.
- b. Units are to provide personnel as listed until otherwise advised by this HQ.



(A.M. SALTER)
Maj
GSO2 1 ALSG

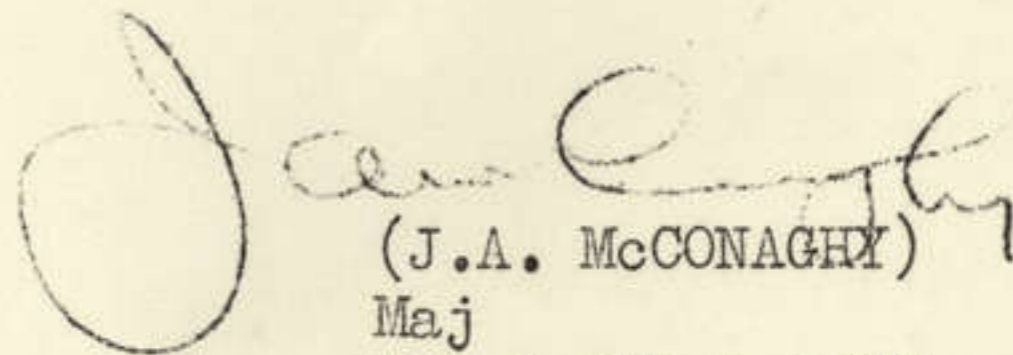
ADMINISTRATION

220. CHRISTMAS PARCELS - BATHURST AND DISTRICT PATRIOTIC AND WAR FUND

- a. BATHURST and District Patriotic and War Fund have offered to send Christmas parcels to members of the force from the BATHURST district.
- b. Units are to forward to this HQ by 7 Oct 66 a Nominal Roll showing No., Rank, Name and addresses of members who enlisted from the BATHURST District.
- c. Nil returns are not required.

221. POSTAL - AEROGRAMS

Aerograms are now available at AFPO 3. Cost is 10 cents (MPC) each. These aerograms are of no assistance to members posting mail to AUSTRALIA, but are a more advantageous means of sending letters to other countries.



(J.A. McCONAGHY)
Maj
DAA & QMG 1 ALSG

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Annex N1 To Comd's
Drany Sep 66

Quote in Reply

ADDRESS 17 Const Sqn
1 ALSG

5 Sep 66

Comd
1ALSG

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO OCS

Cfn P. A. MUIR

1. Cfn MUIR applied for OCS in Mar 66. He was to attend the selection board in May, at which time he was at sea on his way to this theatre. Certificates to character have been forwarded with his previous application.
2. He is a quiet, youthful looking soldier with a slight speech impediment which gives a poor initial impression. This first impression can be misleading since he has quiet a strong character under his gentle manner. His Workshop OC rates him as a potential officer as "Would take a chance with him".
3. It is recommended that he be allowed to attend the next selection board for OCS.

(P.J. DAY)
Maj
OC 17 Const Sqn RAE

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FOR FORCE ENGINEER @ RUST DAMAGE TO LYSACHT BLDG @ FIVE ROOF PANELS HAVE RUST PATCHES ONE TO TWO FEET SQUARE IN AREA @ NINE WALL PANELS HAVE RUST PATCHES @ ONE TO FOUR SQUARE FEET IN AREA @ WIDTH OF RUST PATCH IS SIX INCHES OR LESS IN ALL CASES @ ALL DAMAGED PANELS CAME FROM CRATE NO SIX @ DAMAGE PROBABLY CAUSED BY WATER IN CRATE TRAPPED BETWEEN PANELS @ TEN GALLONS ZINC PAINT BEING ORDERED FOR REPAIRS

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REF POSTING ORDER NO ENGRS 390/66022103
WO2 TV MILLS POSTED TO 22CONST SQN BORNEO
AS PLANT WO2 SOLDIER HAS NOT BEEN
ASSOCIATED WITH PLANT SINCE 1958 BEING
MAINLY ASSOCIATED WITH TPT SINCE THAT TIME
REQUEST MEMBER UNDER GOES SHORT PLANT
REFRESHER COURSE OF 2 TO 3 WEEKS AT SIME
PRIOR TO ACCEPTING NEW APPOINTMENT

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Annex N5 To Comms
Diary Sep 66

USER TRIAL REPORT

ON

USE OF DICALITE AS WATER FILTER POWDER

AT

VUNG TAU

ON

8 SEP 66

BY

2LT D.J. BRANDIE

OF

17 CONST SQN RAE

Change No 5 to Cont.
Dunlop 2000

SUMMARY

1. Tests made were limited to No 5 Patterson trailer water purification sets, due to mechanical faults in AB 3.
2. All engineer tests show DICALITE as favourable filter powder. Medical Amoebic Cyst Test has been made without results at this stage.
3. Tests show very little differences in the two types of powder. It is considered that previous reports on faulty powder may have *been* misdirected and was more likely faulty equipment.

DICALITE TEST

1. AB3 Water purification set was set up at the Water Point with a view to testing filter powder and machine. This piece of equipment had been used in earlier tests and found to be faulty. The bed on the filter candles had to be dropped and reformed every 10-15 mins which made it most uneconomical.
2. Early feeling was that the filter powder being used was too fine and a coarser Kieselguhr called Dicalite was produced for testing.
3. After many attempts to establish a workable AB3 we came to the point when due to mechanical faults this could not be done. Only two complete sets were held by this unit and they could not be satisfactorily combined to produce one set.
4. One brief test was made with the following result.
RATE 400 gal/hr
BED REFORMED every 12-20 mins
Free chlorine 5 ppm
5. A No 5 Patterson Trailer was received from Engr stores and put into immediate use with the following results.
6. The trailer was set up with a suction head of approx 5' and delivery head of approx 15'. Starting pressure averaged 22lb, which is low considering the delivery head. This indicates that the heavier filter powder makes little or no difference to the machines physical capacity, ie: there is no reduction in productivity.
7. The bed on filter candles using Dicalite could be left for up to 2½ hours as against 50 mins for filter earth normally used.
8. The final product using both filter powders contained similar characteristics and was impossible to depict difference in method of supply by Engr sources.
 - a. 5 ppm free chlorine
 - b. Clear, almost tasteless water (Slightly muddy and some times chlorination taste)
 - c. No residue of filter powder in water.
 - d. Slight hardness which can be overcome.
 - e. Medical Amoebic Cyst test has been taken but results at this stage are not known.
9. After tests with Patterson Trailer and without a thorough test on AB3 it is my opinion that the fault is more likely to be in the AB3 Water treatment set rather than in the fineness of the dust ~~pot~~ Kieselguhr. There does not seem to be sufficient difference in the two powders to account for ineffectiveness of previous use of AB3.
10. This unit will be very interested to further investigations on the AB3 as soon as repairs are effected. The two sets held by this unit were new machines. One had been used for instructional purposes prior

-/ to departure

to departure from AUSTRALIA, the other had not been used.

11. One further possibility is the amount of fine sand contained in the water and air. This could be causing damage to the filter. It is my opinion that every effort should be made to sedimentate the water prior to passing it through the filter.

D. J. Brandie

D. J. BRANDIE
2 Lt
Tp Comd Plant Troop

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*REF 1 ALSG HQ 3147 @ WATER FILTRATION @ FILTER BED
FORMED WITH DICALITE GAVE SATISFACTORY
PERFORMANCE FOR 2 1/2 HOURS @ BED FORMED WITH
FINE KIESEL GUHR LASTED 50 MINUTES @ TESTS
PERFORMED WITH PATTERSON TLR NO 5 @ JACKSON
TURBIDITY UNITS MEASURED BY 2FD AMB WERE
25 BEFORE FILTRATION AND 15 AFTER FILTRATION @
READINGS AFTER SEDIMENTATION IN 5 TANKS ARE
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*REFRIGERATION @ 1000 CU FT REFRIGERATOR
 TRANSFERRED FROM BIEN HOA TO BRAR TO 1COY RAASC
 IS DEFICIENT 48 TYPES OF ITEMS @ MAJOR ITEMS
 ARE TWO FLOOR PANELS AND TWO ROOF PANELS
 THE REMAINDER BEING BOLTS NUTS CONNECTION
 ANGLES AND INTERIOR SHELVING @ SEARCH AT IATF
 HAS NOT REVEALED LOCATION OF ANY ITEMS @ REQUEST
 THAT REAR PARTY AT BIEN HOA BE INSTRUCTED TO
 SEARCH FOR DEFICIENCIES SINCE WORK ON SUP PL
 AREA CANNOT CONTINUE UNTIL REFRIGERATION INSTALLED*

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FIRE PREVENTION @ THIS UNIT HAS AN URGENT REQUIREMENT FOR 18 REFILLS FOR CARBON DIOXIDE FOAM EXTINGUISHERS PLUS CERTAIN EXTRA TYPES OF COMPLETE EXTINGUISHER @ IT IS PROBABLE THAT OTHER UNITS ARE IN SIMILAR POSITION @ TO MY KNOWLEDGE ORD DOES NOT HAVE REFILLS AVAIL @ CPL HOUSON ATT THIS UNIT IS A TRAINED FIREMAN AND COULD AT REQUEST OF UNITS INSPECT THEIR FIRE APPLIANCES @ SUCH AN INSPECTION WILL PROBABLY REVEAL DEFICIENCIES IN FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND A CONSOLIDATED INDENT CAN BE SUBMITTED BY ORD FOR REFILLS AND BY UNITS FOR EXTRA APPLIANCES

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HUTTED ACCN @ FORCE ENGR HAS ORDERED MATERIALS FOR 200 ACCN BUILDINGS 60'x18' @ PRELIMINARY ALLOCATION WILL PROBABLY GIVE ALSO 50 BLDGS @ A STAFF DIRECTION IS SOUGHT ON THE DISTR IN THIS AREA SO THAT EARTHWORK PLANNING FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS MAY BE COMPLETED @ BLDGS WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR MESS HALLS IF THIS IS SEEN TO HAVE A HIGH PRI

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VARIATION TO ESTABLISHMENT
17 CONST SQN RAE

GENERAL

1. The manpower of a Construction Squadron under III/10/1(TW) is insufficient for the tasks it is likely to carry out. There is no possibility of creating a reserve and as priorities change - as they always will - incomplete work mounts up. The many detachments to other headquarters as well as unit duties must be borne by plant troop as well as the construction troops, and as a result expensive plant is used only up to 50% of its capacity due to the lack of men to work shifts. Apart from unit duties, the majority of which are done by local labour in this theatre, the following men have been detached:

HQ AFV	4
HQ 1ALSG	7

2. As far as this theatre is concerned, the prime need is for the third construction troop to enable the squadron to carry out its primary tasks.

- a. Base development in ALSG
- b. Maintenance of main supply route
- c. Assistance with base development in 1 ATF.

The remainder of the comments in this paper apply to a construction squadron wherever it is located.

SQN HQ

3. An increase of one driver/operator is sought so that both construction officers as well as the OC can operate away from the headquarters with mobile radio sets. The only other change is the withdrawal of the Clerk of Works Electrical and the Clerk of Works Mechanical from Resources troop to the HQ. It is hoped to include a soils testing kit in the equipment table and this could be used by two of the HQ Field Engineers under the direction of the Construction Officers.

CONST TROOP

4. The main deficiency is in Field Engineers. There are many more tasks on which a tradesman plus an assistant is a more economical force than two tradesmen. On occasions the effective work force of a troop in this theatre has been as low as 16 and is never higher than 22. It is proposed to organize the troop as follows:



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a. Troop HQ

Tp Comd	-1	Capt
A/C of W Const	-1	SSgt
Sgt FE	-1	Sgt
Dvr/Op	-1	
Storeman Tech	-1	
Clerk Tech	-1	
Dvr	-3	
FE	-1	

b. Const Sec (4)

Bricklayer	-1
Carpenter	-2
Driver	-1
FE	-5
Plumber	-1

5. This proposal would increase the troop to 50 all ranks compared with 38 under the present establishment. The increase will bring the construction troop closer in numbers to the field troop, whose task it may be expected to carry out. In addition the overall strength of the construction squadron will be more suitable for the defence of the large area it must occupy. The extra tradesmen in the troop (2 bricklayers, 2 Carpenters, 1 Plumber) have been found necessary, particularly when unit labour or civilian labour is to be supervised on construction tasks.

RESOURCES TROOP

6. The following increases are proposed.

a. Two fitter (engine and pumps). This brings the total to three and permits shift work on central generating plant as well as a man to check static plant in the unit area.

b. One painter and decoraror. There is a need for this trade, particularly in the production of signs.

c. One welder. This brings the total to two, which is considered a necessary minimum.

7. The following reductions are proposed.

a. Electrician (wireman). Reduced from four to three.

b. Storeman Tech (Engr). Reduced from three to two.

c. Two Clerks of Works transferred to Squadron headquarters (para 3).



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8. The total strength of the troop remains 41 all ranks as before.

PLANT TROOP

9. Drivers to be reduced to ten since this is all that is necessary for the transport allocated to the troop.

10. One extra Clerk (Tech) is required for maintaining POL records for the squadron. This brings the total to two in the troop.

11. Two extra plant operators are needed for the proposed extra item of plant (size 0 tracked tractor).

12. The troop total is raised to 60 compared with the existing 56 all ranks.

(P.J. DAY)

Maj

OC 17 Const Sqn RAE

CONSTRUCTION SQUADRON RAE
TROPICAL WARFARE ESTABLISHMENT
PERSONNEL

DETAIL	SQUADRON HQ	RESOURCES TROOP	CONST TROOP(3)	PLANT TROOP	TOTAL
Officer Commanding (Major)	1				1
<u>Captains</u>					
Second in Command	1				1
Construction Officer	2				2
Troop Commanders	-	1	1	1	4
<u>Lieutenants</u>					
Quartermaster	1	-	-	-	1
Total Officers	5	1	1	1	10
<u>Warrant Officers Cl 2</u>					
C of W Construction	1	-	-	-	1
C of W Electrical	1	-	-	-	1
C of W Mechanical	1	-	-	-	1
Plant Operator	-	-	-	1	1
Vehicle WO	1	-	-	-	1
SSM	1	-	-	-	1
Total Warrant Officers	5	-	-	1	6
<u>Staff Sergeants</u>					
Assistant C of W Const	-	-	1	-	3
SQMS	1	-	-	-	1
<u>Sergeants</u>					
Storeman (Tech)	-	1	-	-	1
Clerk (Tech)	2	1	-	-	3
Plant Operator	-	-	-	1	1
Field Engineer	-	-	1	-	3
Total Staff Sgts and Sgts	3	2	2	1	12
Corporals	8	6	5	6	35
Lance Corporals	3	6	5	6	30
Sappers	8	26	37	45	190
Total rank and file	19	38	47	57	255
Total other ranks	27	39	49	59	273
Total All ranks	32	40	50	60	283

CONSTRUCTION SQUADRON RAE
TROPICAL WARFARE ESTABLISHMENT
PERSONNEL

DETAIL	SQUADRON HQ	RESOURCES TROOP	CONST TROOP(3)	PLANT TROOP	TOTAL
<u>ATTACHED</u>					
<u>RAAMC</u>					
Corporal Medical Asst	1	-	-	-	1
<u>AACC</u>					
Sergeant Cook	1	-	-	-	1
Corporal Cook	1	-	1	-	4
Private Cook	-	-	1	-	3
<u>RAAPC</u>					
Corporal Clerk (Pay)	1	-	-	-	1
Total attached	4	-	2	-	10
Total incl attached	36	41	52	60	293
Blacksmiths	-	3	-	-	3
Bricklayers	-	-	4	-	12
Carpenters and joiners	-	2	8	-	26
Clerk (Tech)	3	1	1	2	9
Crane Operators	-	-	-	2	2
Draughtsmen (Arch)	1	-	-	-	1
Drivers	4	6	10	7	41
Driver/Operators	3	1	1	1	8
Electrical Mechanic	-	3	-	-	3
Electrician (Wireman)	-	3	-	-	3
Field Engineer	5	5	21	1	74
Motors (Engine & Pumps)	-	3	-	-	3
Fitter and Turner	-	1	-	-	1
Painter and Decorator	-	1	-	-	1
Plant Operator	-	2	-	40	42
Plumber and Pipefitter	-	-	4	-	12
Refrigeration Mechanics	-	3	-	-	3
Storeman Technical (Engr)	2	2	1	1	8
Surveyors (Engineer)	1	-	-	-	1
Welders	-	2	-	-	2
Total rank and file	19	38	47	57	255

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To <i>17CONST SQW</i>		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <i>UNCLAS</i>	
Info <i>1ALSG</i>		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER	

*Q 11700 @ REFRIGERATION @ YOUR AIRZ OF 13 SEP @
SEARCH OF STORES AT BIEN HOA BY ENGR REP
FAILED TO LOCAT MISSING PARTS @ ALL 1000 WFT
PARTS LOCATED BIEN HOA HAVE BEEN DESPATCHED
TO 1ALSG*

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Info		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <i>A10</i>	

DEVELOPMENT OF ARSG AREA C A DECISION IS REQUESTED ON THE PRIORITIES FOR BUILDING CONST IN THIS AREA C AT PRESENT WE ARE AUTHORIZED TO ERECT SCALE A AND A PERCENTAGE OF SCALE B C TO DATE EXTRAS LIKE THE BATTERY SHED BEACH CENTRE AND OFFERS DINING TENT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED FROM SURPLUS MATERIAL C AS THE US ENGR UNITS IN THEATRE INCREASE BUILDING MATERIALS WILL BECOME LESS AVAIL AND PROJECTS OUTSIDE AUTHORIZED SCALE MAY BE DELAYED FOR FIVE MONTHS C I UNDERSTAND THAT HQ AFV HAS ORDERED MATERIALS FOR SCALE C ACCOMMODATION C IT IS REQUESTED THAT A DECISION BE MADE REGARDING PRIORITIES FOR WKSP SHELTERS STORES BUILDINGS MESSSES BARRACKS WATER RETIC AND ANY OTHER REQUIREMENT C I WILL THEN CHECK IF SUFFICIENT STORES ~~WILL~~ HAVE BEEN ORDERED AND ASSESS THE LIKELIHOOD OF THEIR ARRIVING IN TIME C HQ AFV WILL PROBABLY WISH TO GIVE SOME GUIDANCE ON PRIORITIES IN VIEW OF THE

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STORES ALREADY ORDERED @ WHEN MY SQN
STARTS WORK ON MORE PERMANENT STRUCTURES
IT WILL BE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO CHANGE
PRIORITIES AS OFTEN AS HAS BEEN DONE IN
THE PAST @ IT IS THEREFORE ESSENTIAL THAT
A FIRM DECISION IS MADE AND NOTIFIED TO
ALL UNITS @ IN THIS RESPECT UNITS REALIZE
THAT SOME UPHEVAL WILL BE REQUIRED SO
THAT MORE PERMANENT BUILDINGS CAN BE
ERECTED AND ONCE THE PRIORITIES ARE LAID
DOWN PROGRAMMING OF ANY EARTHWORKS
REQUIRED CAN BE COMMENCED

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Info		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <i>A16.</i>	

ENGR CONST TP DET TO IATF @ SCALE A PLUS THE AGREED SCALE B BUILDINGS WILL BE COMPLETED IN TF AREA BY 16 OCT @ IN VIEW OF 1FD SQN CAPABILITY TO ERECT SCALE C TROPICAL HUTS NOW IT IS THOUGHT THAT 8 CONST TP IS NO LONGER REQUIRED @ IT IS REQUESTED THAT AFV BE ASKED TO RETURN THE TP TO THIS LDC FOR THE FOL REASONS @ ALFA @ ALSG SCALE A IS STILL ONLY 50 PER CENT COMPLETE AND THE SCALE B BUILDINGS ARE LESS THAN 15 PER CENT COMPLETE @ BRAVO @ TO CARRY OUT ESSENTIAL SERVICES SUCH AS WATER GUARDS ELEC RETIC MINOR MAINT THE SQN PLANT OPS HAVE BEEN MISUSED @ IF RDS NOT PAVED SOON TFC IN THIS AREA WILL STOP @ CHARLIE @ WKSP FACILITIES FOR RAEME AND SIGS PLUS SUITABLE STORAGE FACILITIES FOR ORD MUST BE COMPLETED SOON OTHERWISE TF MAINT WILL SUFFER

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Info <i>1ALSG 55AESS</i>			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <i>A20</i>

ENGINEER STORES @ A PROPOSAL IS BEING PREPARED FOR THE CONST OF A CHAPEL IN THE ALSG AREA @ THE CHAPEL IS TO BE AN A FRAME CONST 70FT BY 20FT @ IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR THE ROOFING TO BE CORRUGATED ASBESTOS FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF APPEARANCE AND ACCOUSTICS @ THE REMAINDER OF CONST CAN BE DONE WITH THE TYPE OF MATERIAL NOW AVAIL IN THEATRE @ ADVICE IS REQUESTED ON AVAIL OF 320 SHEETS OF 8FT BY 2FT CORRUGATED ASBESTOS

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17 CONST SQN RAE
PERIODICAL TECHNICAL REPORT
AS AT 30 SEP 66

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Attached is 17 Const Sqn RAE Periodical Technical Report
for the period ending 30 Sep 66

P.J. DAY
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OC 17 Const Sqn RAE

PART 1 - PERSONNEL

1. Strength State:

a.

Name of Unit	111/10/1(TW)		Posted Str		Effective Str	
	Offrs	OR	Offrs	OR	Offrs	OR
17 Const Sqn RAE	9	205	9	200	8	140
Sub Units	111/40/1(TW)		Posted Str		Effective Str	
	Offrs	OR	Offrs	OR	Offrs	OR
17 Const Sqn Wksps	1	40	1	40	1	38

b. Non Effectives

	17 Const Sqn RAE		17 Const Sqn Wksps	
	Offrs	OR	Offrs	OR
Posted Out (awaiting mov)		1		
Posted in (not yet arrived)		3		1
Medically Unfit		1		1
Compassionate/administrative liability		1		
Under age for overseas				
Away at course or detached	1	54		
Due for discharge within two months & not re-engaging				
Others				
Hospital		3		

...../2.

2. Deficiencies in WO's, Ssgts and Sgts

Sgt Storeman Tech
*Sgt Cook (Posted in not received)

Deficiencies in Rank and File tradesmen

*Pte Cook	(1)	
Spr FEs	(2)	
*Elec Wman	(1)	
Driver	(1)	Posted in not received
Fireman	(1)	Posted ETA 2 Oct 66

Excess in Rank and File tradesmen

(Asterisk denotes critical deficiencies)

5. Conditions of Service

Many national servicemen are posted to this unit as potential tradesmen. Those who can do their job efficiently should be paid as tradesmen. At present the only trade in which men cannot be tested here is plant operator. The Liaison Letter foreshadowed trade testing in units such as this one for plant operators. It is most important that official approval be given as soon as possible so that our group one plant operators can receive trade pay.

6. Personnel Matters

To date four members have been returned to Australia because of some form of mental unbalance. In every case the soldier was a tradesman who was unable to work at his trade due to late arrival of his tools or lack of spare parts. The importance of a tradesman's equipment is not only related to his work output but also to his morale and mental health. Unless psychological tests in Australia weed out unstable soldiers, this trouble can be expected to occur again. Hard manual work is no antidote because there has been never any shortage of this.

PART 2 - EQUIPMENT

1. Unit TW 111/10/1 of 30 Jun 65 and TWET 3010 of Apr 66.
2. Major items of equipment held additional to Estb on VET:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Auth</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Trucks Dump 5 ton GS	5	HQ ALSG	In lieu of Trucks Dump 2½ ton GS. Surplus to Q37 table but not surplus to TW
Mixers Concrete 5 cu ft	4	Force Engr	
Tractors tracked size 4 with BD and Ripper	2	DADOS HQ AFV	

Attached:

Appendix 1
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Unit: 17 CONST SQN RAE.

STATE OF VEHICLES AND PLANT

Appx 1 to Annex B
Periodical Technical Report
for Period ending
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CENSUS CODE NO.	DESIGNATION	ESTABLISHMENT	ON CHARGE	IN LIEU ITEMS HELD	ARMY NO OF EACH ITEM ON CHARGE	CONDITION	SERVICE-ABILITY	DATE US	DATE 1045 SUBMITTED	DATE CALLED INTO WKSP	REPAIR AGENCY	GENERAL STATEMENT OF REPAIRS	REMARKS
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)
6629/A12 A13,B7, C10,D10, D12.	Crane Shovel Basic Unit Truck Mounted ½ cu yd	1	1	-	96845	G	S						Prime mover
					S238	G	U	20/9/66	20/9/66	27/9/66	Y	US Generator	Crane upper Fitted as crane
6282	Auger Earth Truck Mounted 2½ Ton GS.	1	1	-	143	G	S						Borer motor
					170211	F	S						2½ ton GS
6501	Grader Road Motorized 12 ft Blade	4	3		96142 96949 97033	G G F	S S S						
6513/A10 A11,B6, C9,D9, E10.	Crane Shovel Basic Unit Crawler Mounted.	1	1	-	96584	F	S						Fitted as Face shovel
6528C	Scraper Semi Tractor 7/9 cu yd	4	3		96851	F	S						Trunion bolts & Limit Switch
					96952	F	U	21/9/66	21/9/66	30/9/66	Y		
					96953	P	U	27/5/66	27/5/66	28/5/66	Y	A/c Generator	Transformer Ordered 7/6/66
6534/K8/ N7.	Tractor Full Tracked Sz 4	2	3		97095 97108 97109	F	U	26/9/66	26/9/66	Awaiting	Y	Blown head gasket	F1A 2 Comp Ord

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)
6534/K8 G11.	Tractor Full Tracked Size 4 bd/r.	3	4	-	97075 97081 97091 97104	G F F F	S S S S						On F1A 2 Comp Ord On loan Lunar 2
6534/K8/ F29.	Tractor Full Tracked Size 4 bd/r.	3	3	-	97069 97070 97071	G G G	U S S	24/9/66	24/9/66	26/9/66	Y	Head Gasket	US Awaiting Parts
6566/A15 P8.	Tractor Wheeled Ind. Size 6 w/FEL and BH.	2	2	-	96893 96968	F P	S U	12/7/66	12/7/66	12/7/66	Y	Hydraulics & Ram seals	Awaiting parts
6567/P9	Tractor Wheeled Ind. Size 7 FEL.	3	3	-	96923 96925 96983	F P P	U U U	9/9/66 24/5/66 7/6/66	9/9/66 25/5/66 8/6/66	Waiting 25/5/66 9/6/66	Y Y Y	Brakes Brakes etc Power drive shaft	Awaiting parts " " "
	Roller Motor ized. Multi Wheeled Pneu Tyred 25000lb	1	1	-	74781	G	U	27/8/66	27/8/66	27/9/66	Y	Electrical system	Parts ordered
	Roller Towed Vibrating 3000 lb	1	nil	3000 lbs	80751	G	S						
	Mixer Concrete Trailer Mounted 5 cyd	4	4	-	72262 72263	F F	S U	26/9/66	26/9/66	26/9/66	Y	Fault in motor	
	Sweeper Rotary Towed 7 ft	1	1	-	82504	F	S						

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)
	Mixer Concrete Trailer Mounted 7 c ft	Nil	1	-	72293	F	S						
	Compressor Rotary Power Driven. Diesel Engine Driven 250 CFM Trlr Mounted	3	3	-	118044 118046 118049	F F F	S U S	17/8/66	17/8/66	17/8/66	Y	Air separator	Waiting parts
	Mixer Concrete Trlr Mounted 14 cu ft	Nil	1	-	72290	F	S						
	Machine Welding Trlr Mounted	1	1	-	117967	F	S						
	Distributor Bituminous Tank Type Truck Mounted	1	1	-	165171 76000	F F	S U	1/9/66	1/9/66	Waiting	Y	Minor repairs on pump	Basic truck
	Water Purification Set AB3	2	2	-	TR376 TR379	F F	S S						
(7885/03)	Generator Set Gasoline Engine 5 KW AC 120/240 V. Single Phase 120/240 V3 Phase 60 KC Skid Mounted	2	2	-	K005453 K005701	F F	S S						

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)
	Generator Set Pe 25 KVA.415 240 V3 Phase 50/CS AC Aust No2c Mk1	1	1	-	291W1	F	S						
	Generator Set Gasoline Eng- ine.300W24V Battery Charg ing Mk1 Aust	4	4	-	78315 79010 79543 79635	F F F F	S S S S						
	Refrigerators Pre Fab 300 cu ft	Nil	1	-	R7/355	F	S						
	Refrigerator 100 cu ft	Nil	1	-	31228	F	S						
	Refrigerator 30 cu ft	Nil	1	-	31177	F	S						
	Sprays Emuls- ion Trailer Mounted 45gal	Nil	2	-	8012 76014	F F	S S						
	Machines Gulleting Circular Saw 72"	1	1	-	LI 562	F	S						
	Outboard Mot- ors Gasoline (Johnson)	Nil	2	-	90638 90642	G G	S S						

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(n)	(o)
	Pumps Centrifugal & Accessory Kit No4 Patters											
	Drill Breaker Portable	2	2	-	737077 737128	F F	S S					
	Saws Chain Gasoline Engine 15"	2	2	-	175524 175689	F F	S S					
	Saws Chain Gasoline Engine 28"	2	2	-	131080 131010	F F	S S					
	Pump Set Water 4000 GPH Frame Mounted w/50' 1 1/2" Hose	1	1	-	114413	F	S					
	Spreaders Concrete Vibrating 12'	2	2	-	1570 3787	F F	S U	30/9/66	30/9/66	30/9/66	Y	Motor will not start Springs on handles US
	Welding Machine Arc Generator Type 40 -170 Amp. Model McCulloch 170		2	-	1103 1395	F F	S S					
622	Semi Trailer Low Bed 25 T	2	2	1	101634 101639	F F	S U	3/8/66	3/8/66	29/9/66	Y	Stabilizer legs & lights US

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)
6015	Trailers Cargo ½ Ton Light	13	6		101028 101066 101074 154368 154370 154442	G G G G G G	S U S S S S	10 Sep 66	12 Sep	12 Sep 66	Y	Replace Tow hook	
6016	Trailers Cargo 1 Ton	15	6		100706 100710 100714 100551 100655	G G G G G	S S S S S						

17 CONST SQN RAE

STATE OF VEHICLES AND PLANT

Code No	Designation	Establishment	On Charge	Items held in lieu	Army No of each item on charge	Condition	Service ability	Date US	Date 1045 Submitted	Date called into WKSP	Repair Agency	General Statement of Repairs	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)
6028	Truck UTE $\frac{3}{4}$ ton	15	13		112037 112058 112899 112910 112927 112960 113044 113106 113137 112876 112978 111898 112967	F F F G F F F F F P P P P	S S S S S S S S S S S S S						
6005	Truck $\frac{1}{4}$ ton GS	-	1		113217	F	S						Veh on FIA to R & C
								17 Sep	17 Sep	19 Sep	Y	Repair Generator	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)
6254A	Truck Dump 2½ Ton	11	6	5x6811 see list below	116416	P	U	12/8/66	12/8/66	12/8/66		Replace gearbox	
					116421	P	S						
					116671	P	S						
					116672	P	S						
					116673	P	U	12/8/66	12/8/66	12/8/66	Replace windscreen		
6811	Truck dump 5 Ton	Nil	5		108654	G	S						
					108655	G	S						
					108656	G	S						
					108657	G	S						
					108658	G	U	20/7/66	20/7/66	20/7/66	Repair to steering		
6069B	Truck cargo 2½ ton GS Mk 3	8	8		170101	F	U	5/9/66	5/9/66	5/9/66	Y	Repair to CV joints & tray	
					170143	F	S						
					170163	F	S						
					170178	F	S						
					170246	F	S						
					170159	F	S						
					170139	F	S						
170170	F	S											
6282	Auger earth truck mounted	1	1		170211	F	S						
6242	Machine shop truck mounted	1	1		170598	F	U				Y	Replace rear axles	

Basis of Calculation:

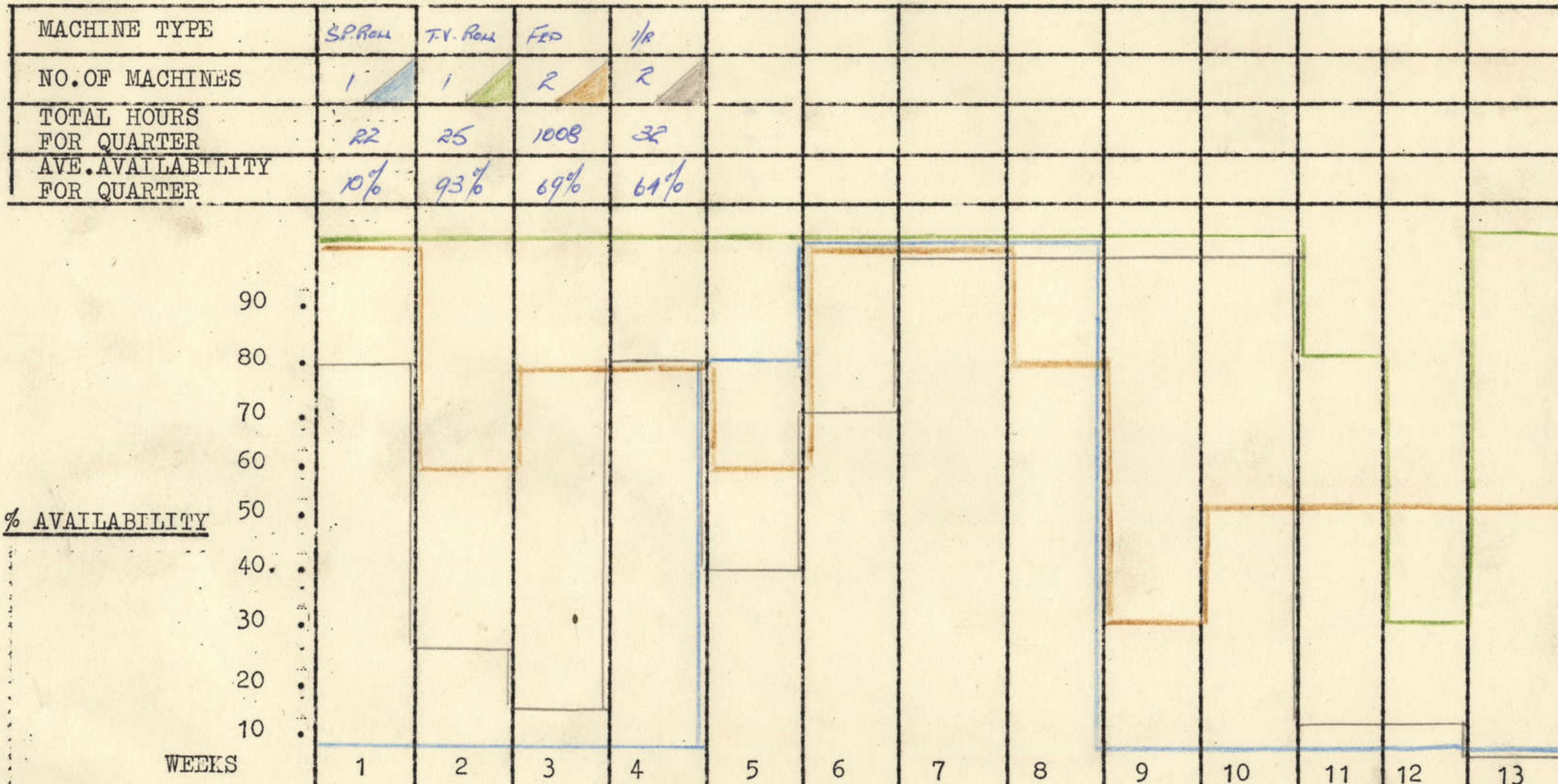
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Had They Been Available

$$\text{Ave. Availability} = \frac{\text{Total Ordinates}}{12}$$

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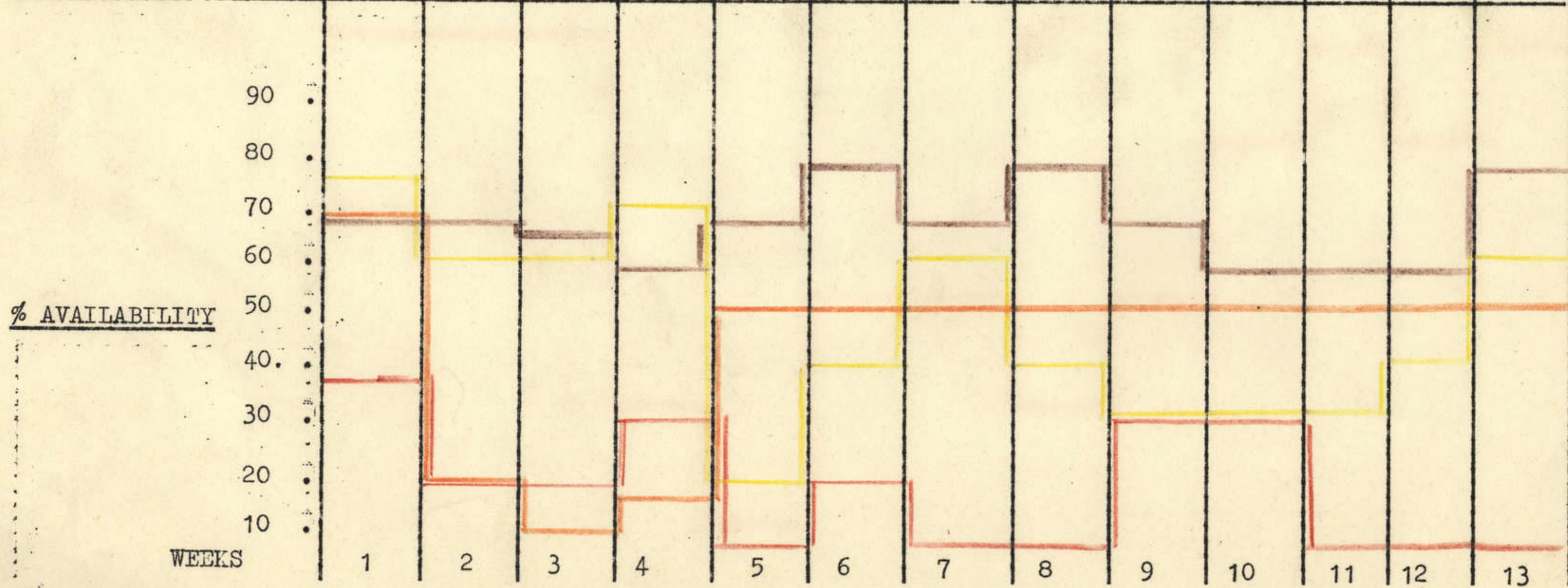
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MACHINE TYPE	D Pull	TD/5B	CHARMO	MICH
NO. OF MACHINES	3	10	2	3
TOTAL HOURS FOR QUARTER	318	4045	157	182
AVE. AVAILABILITY FOR QUARTER	43%	65%	33%	17%



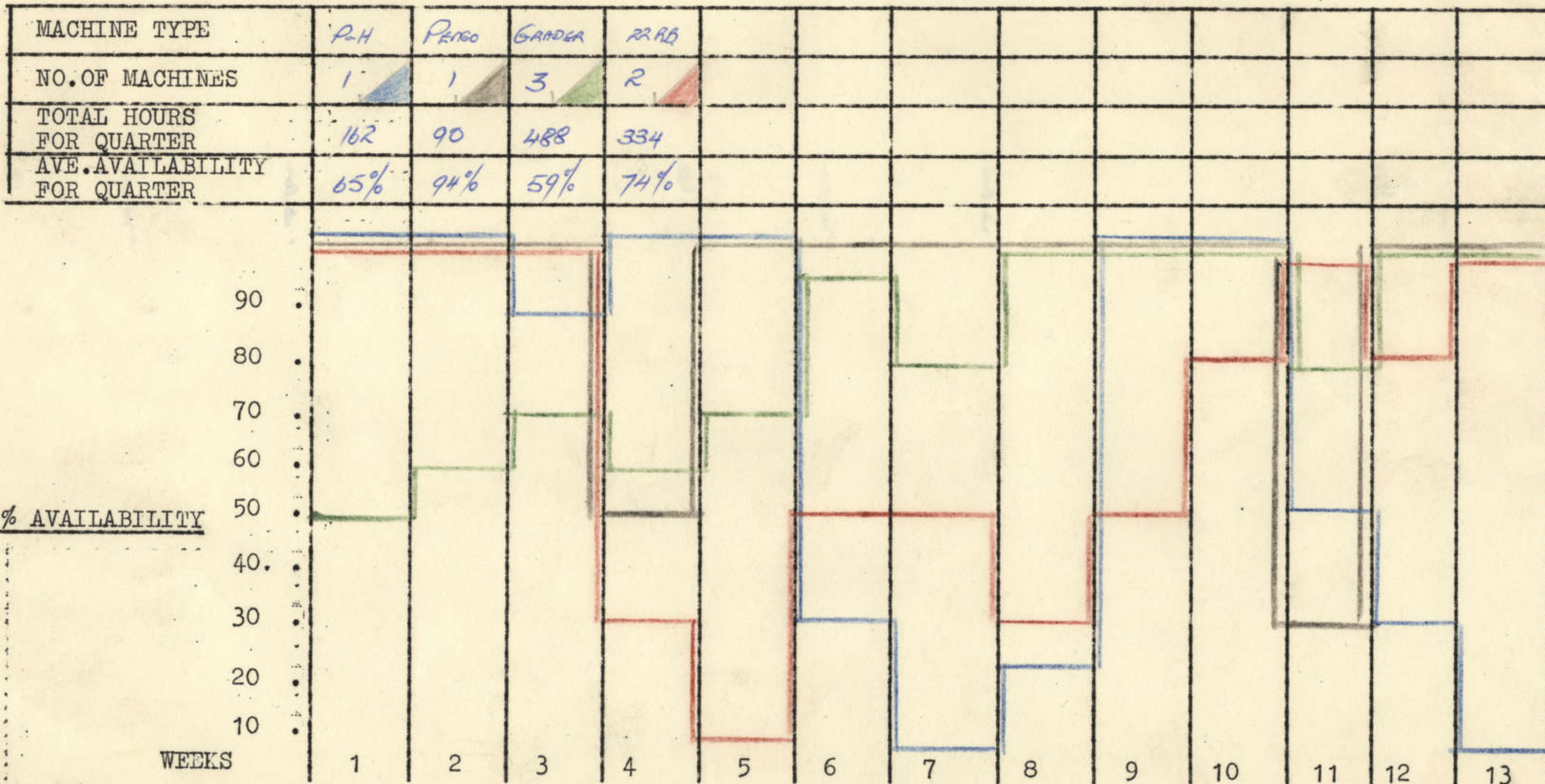
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PART 3 - SUITABILITY OF UNIT ORGANIZATION AND EQUIPMENT

Personnel

1. The construction troop is too small to produce an effective work force. After detachments, leave, and medical restrictions the working numbers in each troop have been between 14 and 20 of a strength in theatre of 37 all ranks. Bearing in mind that a construction troop may be required to carry out the tasks of a field troop it seems desirable that strengths of these sub-units should be more nearly equal. A proposal has been forwarded through staff channels in this theatre to increase the construction troop to 50 all ranks excluding attached cooks. The increase should be accomplished by forming four sections of 10 men plus a troop headquarters of 1 officer and 9 other ranks.
2. It has been found that works control is difficult with the Clerk of Works (Elec) and Clerk of Works (Mech) held in Resources Troop. In base construction close co-ordination of all work is essential and this is more easily done if the Clerks of Works operate from the Construction Office.

Unit Equipment Table

3. RVE action is now in process to recommend the following;
 - a. For surveying work compasses and protractors reading in degrees and minutes are needed, and for map reading they should be graduated in mils. In lieu issues are not acceptable.
 - b. The draughtsman should be issued with a Rapidograph set, metric scales and a 4 inch magnifying glass.
 - c. A soils testing kit consisting of at least sieves, beam balance, moisture tester and a liquid limit device is necessary. As part of this kit, or in addition, should be 18" dia sieves from 3" to $\frac{1}{4}$ " for checking concrete aggregate.
 - d. A pool of 10 pistols should be available for issue to electricians and other people working at heights. Carrying a rifle or machine carbine on such tasks can be dangerous, while leaving the weapon on the ground is undesirable. This unit holds one pistol.
 - e. Automatic rifles should be issued on the basis of three for each troop and one for squadron headquarters. The present allocation of six to the squadron is insufficient. In the ALSG area the construction squadron is one of the most powerful units and is expected to hold a considerable perimeter.

Suitability for the role in SOUTH VIETNAM

4. The primary roles given to this squadron by the E in C were;
 - a. Development of ALSG area.
 - b. Maintenance of L of C to 1ATF.

Due to the speed of development in both areas the existing engineer units are unable to cope with the work. It is considered desirable that this unit be brought to full strength as soon as possible. In particular the third construction troop should be sent as soon as possible. The present dispersion of effort in ALSG and 1ATF areas has meant that tasks are being carried out in an uneconomical way. Because of the low strength of the one construction troop in this area the plant troop must carry more than it's normal share of extra duties. This means that shift work can rarely be done with plant, which is therefore not being used to the best advantage.

PART 4 - OPERATIONS / ACTIVITIES

1. The RAE Planning Party arrived at VUNG TAU on Sun 10 Apr 66 and was shown a plot of sand dunes and told "go build an ALSG". The equipment available was that of 3 Fd Tp RAE until the arrival of LSM, JOHN MONASH and HMAS SYDNEY on 6 May 66.

2. PLANNING DATA.

During the early stages of planning there were no user requirements, or size of units known. In many cases the roles and tasks of the various subunits was also unknown. It was appreciated that the Ordnance and Engineer stores would take up the most real estate and to this end site levelling was concentrated in two main areas. As the Ordnance were to be the last in their area was to be used as a transit area for Task Force units.

3. COMMANDER'S PLAN.

The ALSG Commander and his unit commanders arrived approximately 24 Apr 66 and major changes occurred. The "Engineers Area" was given to RAASC and planning had to be revised. It was now too late for any detail plans to be made and it was up to unit commanders to demand on the Staff for works as required.

4. Since April the squadron has carried out tasks as follows.

- | | | |
|---|----------------------|--------------|
| a | 1 ALSG Complex | Appendix 21. |
| b | Outside ALSG Complex | Appendix 2. |
| c | Unit Aide VUNG TAU | Appendix 3. |
| d | 1 ATF | Appendix 4. |

5. ENGINEER SERVICES.

The squadron has been firmly committed from the outset in this field.

a. REFRIGERATION
Refer to Appendix 5.

b. ELECTRICITY
This has caused much unnecessary work. Due to a lack in the Master Planning units set themselves up wherever they could find a flat piece of ground. Originally power was supplied from a salvaged 100 KV BUDDA generator. With the heavy loads imposed on this machine it became unservicable. The staff then ordered the 25 KVA - petrol motor - from 17 Const Sqn into operation. It became unservicable and was sent back. The squadron lost two 25 KVA supplying power to ALSG. The next generator installed was a 62.5 KVA Meadows. With the demand ever increasing the Meadows 62.5 were replaced by two Meadows 125 KVA. Reference to Appendix 6 now indicates that there is a need for greater power output. The reason for the increase in power can be attributed to an increase in role for most units thus requiring extra power driven equipment.

c. WATER.

Water was found by simply dozing a depression 300 yards back from the sea. The daily output since 12 May 66 are listed at Appendix 7. Problems are still being experienced with the Patterson filters, caused mainly by the fine sand - as fine as castor sugar. To this end water is sedimentated in 'S' tanks and run into a 10,000gall (US) fabric bag where it is chlorinated.

d. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

This task has been thrust upon the unit by the staff and requires an NCO full time to supervise the rubbish tip. A letter of commendation has recently been received from the Senior Medical Officer commending the unit on the operation of the pit and in particular the NCO - a plant operator who is thought to be the oldest Corporal in the Corps.

6. ACCOMMODATION

To date the squadron has been involved in the construction of Scale A, B, and C accommodation.

a. SCALE A

The scale is being built in accordance with E in C Tech Instr No47 (Revised) 18 Dec 44. 1 ALSG was allocated 7 minor units in accordance with the schedule on page 10 of the above reference. The squadron has been responsible in the most part for the erection of serials 2, 3, 4, 5 and Food Preparation Rooms Tropical ECD 11710A. Most units were unable to provide labour assistance due to manpower shortage. The scale is complete except for latrines and ten shower shelters.

b. SCALE B

This scale consists of prefabricated metal huts as follows:-

- (1) LYSAGHT 60' x 25' with 2 x 10' verandahs.
- (2) KINGSTRAND 60' x 20' with 2 x 10' verandahs.
- (3) KINGSTRAND 30' x 30'.

The latter were pulled down at BIEN HOA. It is felt that this was a mistake as they have been badly damaged in handling and transit. To date the squadron has completed two LYSAGHT huts and seven KINGSTRAND huts. The former huts are by far the easier to erect but the KINGSTRANDS lend themselves to the employment of native labour due to repetition work. The squadron has seven large huts and ten small huts to erect. Due to their condition the small huts may never be erected.

c. SCALE C

Three structures have been erected in this scale.

- (1) Security building 40' x 18'. This is a 6" x 1" louvered wall building located at the main entrance. It is completely fly wired and contains two 7' x 8' ARC Mesh Detention Cells, a Gaurd Commanders Office and sleeping accomodation.

- (2) Entertainment Stage 30' x 15'

This is a plywood walled CGI roof structure with 110 and 240 volt GPOs. The building is mounted on sand filled 44 gallon drums. When not in use as a stage it is used as a holding ward for 2 Fd Amb.

- (3) Battery Shed 12' x 12'

This is a GCI walled masonite lined structure, airconditioned to store radio batteries and film negatives. It is located at 2 Comp Ord Depot.

7. EARTHWORKS

a. A large part of the squadron effort has been in this field. Our problem was the late arrival of plant - two weeks after the force began to fly into VUNG TAU. Units set themselves up on flat firm ground close to the existing surfaced roads so that they had vehicular access through the fine dry sand. Unfortunately engineer advice was not accepted and the firm ground happened to be dried grassed swamp.

-/b.

b. Accommodation Sites

One area has been completed for RAASC. This task was made easy because they were not sitting on their final accommodation site. The squadron area is 50% complete. All other areas are yet to be planned.

c. Hardstandings

Hardstandings were laid for Ordnance and Engineer store depots, RAASC transport compound, and to the squadron workshop. Further progress beyond this has been halted due to the non availability of rock from the US Engr Quarry. Appendix 8 gives the proposed hard standings for ALSG.

d. Helipad

This was sited by the staff and sealed with 12 inches of laterite and sprayed with diesel.

c. Statistics

- (1) Period May - Sep 66.
- (2) Hardstanding 72,500 square yards.
- (3) Roads 24' pavement 4,150 yards.
- (4) Helipad 2,000 square yards.
- (5) Gravel Hauled

Hards	10205	cu	yds
Roads	2110	"	"
Helipad	550	"	"
Road Repair	200	"	"
ISM Hard	300	"	"
TOTAL	13365	"	"

- (6) Sand Hauled 288,300 cu yards

8. OTHER WORKS

Reference to Appendix 1,2 and 3 shows the diversity of tasks undertaken.

9. IMPROVISATION.

As in most theatres of operations improvisation has become necessary. Examples are:

- a. Use of US Army/Air Force bomb containers as latrine revetment, drains, culverts and baths.
- b. Construction of ice boxes using 44 gallon drums and the foam insulation from bomb containers.
- c. Urinals and sullage drains using fruit tins, shell containers and rocket containers.

10. MASTERPLANNING.

At the beginning of August the Commander ALSG requested the squadrons undertake the masterplanning of the area. To date the area has been surveyed to a 10 foot contour interval, the drainage and major road plan designed and the helicopter pads sited. We are now awaiting a staff direction on the allocation of Scale 'C' accommodation to units so that areas for accommodation and work can be laid out.

11. LESSONS.

There is a definite requirement for Engineers to have the following information before building a logistic complex.

- a. Lodger units, this role, tasks, and engineer requirements for,
 - (1) Roads
 - (2) Hardstandings
 - (3) Electricity

-/b.

- b. The staff allocation of
- (1) Scaled accommodation
 - (2) Refrigeration

c. When moving to a theatre of operations Engineer subunits should move with their equipment and if the situation allows be the first to arrive.

d. Before occupying a permanent area a complete topographical survey to a five foot contour interval should be carried out and be supported by an aerial photograph taken not higher than 5000 feet above the ground. This will allow masterplanning to be carried out from the outset.

TASK TABLE - MILITARY PROJECTS - 1 ALSG

Serial	Task	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)
1	Erection of Seven Scale A Minor Units	As per E in C Tech Instr No 47
2	Installation, Repair and Maint of Refrigeration	Appendix 5 refs
3	Const of Powerstation, installation of two 125 KVA	Complete
4	Installation of LT electrical reticulation	Appendix 6 refs
5	Const, operation, development, maint of WP	Appendix 7 refs
6	Tacheometric Survey of Complex	
7	Const of hard standing	Appendix 8 refs
8	Const of roads within complex	
9	Const of helipad for 2 IROQUOIS	Complete
10	Const and supervision of rubbish tip	
11	Accn site preparation	
12	Design and const a demonstration GPMG M60/ CARL GUSTAF 84 mm RCL/Search Light bunker	Complete
13	Lay floor to HQ 1 ALSG	Complete
14	Mark 1 ALSG sub area boundries	Complete
15	Const shelving for bulk canteen	Complete
16	Const of entertainment stage	Complete
17	Const of Beach Shelters and Change Rooms	50% Complete
18	Const of Security Building & Guard Room	Complete
19	Const concrete floor for B and C Veh Wksp	Complete
20	Const of underground magazine	Complete-dug into sand dune
21	Const of air condition battery storage shed for Ord	Complete-12' x 12'with $\frac{1}{2}$ ton unit
22	Erection of Scale B Accn	
23	Const of semi circular bar to ALSG Offr Mess	Complete Radius 10'6"
24	Const of Two Shelters for AN/TRC 75 Radio	5% Complete
25	Removal of a tree from 145 Sig Sqn area	Completed
26	Const Bituman seal floor to Parachute storage shelter	Complete 2 Comp Ord
27	Const of shed to cover 2 x 1000 cu ft refridgerators	50% complete 21 Sup Pl RAASC
28	Manufacture concrete paving slabs 18"x18" x 2"	Set up in Resources Tp Production rate 70 slabs per day
29	Drainage of 1 ALSG Complex	40% complete
30	Manufacture of packing cases for 2 Comp Ord	Required for personnel on RTA

TASK TABLE - MILITARY PROJECTS - 1 ALSG

Serial.	Task	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)
31	Signwriting	Continuous task. Can only be done when pressure of work allows
32	Const of POL shed and ramp for 17 Const Sqn	Complete
33	Const a 6 foot high lapped paling post and rail screen fence at Offrs Mess	Complete
34	Const a detention cell within security building	Complete

TASK TABLE - MILITARY PROJECTS - OUTSIDE ALSG COMPLEX

Serial	Task	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)
1	Cleaning of fire Lane for AUSTRALIAN Advisers (MEDOAP)	Northern def to VUNG TAU - Complex
2	Rewire the electrical circuits to R & C centre a bridge guard barrack block	50% complete - storatge of material and manpower
3	Drain and fill Pre School Centre	Complete
3	Erect bridge classication signs along route	Complete
5	to BARIAde convent school	Complete
4	Construct new office to R & C Centre	Complete - ref
5	Clean out well at R & C Centre	Complete
6	Const film screen at R & C Centre	Complete
7	Repair Septic tank at R & C Centres Camp	Complete
8	Const security cupboard at R & C Centre	Complete
9	Const sentry box at R & C Centre	
10	Connect gas to stove at R & C Centre	Complete
11	Const water tower at R & C Centre	Complete
12	Reconstruct LSM/LCU hard on Poute 15	Complete
13	Replace roof to R & C Centre Orderly Room	Complete - roof removed by waterspout
14	Const 2 20' x 30' KINGSTRAND huts for RAAF	Complete - carried out in first month when NO tools or stores available to Unit to work at ALSG
15	Support to RAAF in the Const of BELLMAN Hanger	Complete
16	Support to Coy D 46 Engineer Bn Const at Quarry	22RB and TD15B
	Support to Coy D 46 Engineer Bn Conct at Airfield	D Pull and Backhoe
	Support to Coy D 46 Engineer Bn Const at Road Drainage	Backhoe
17	Road patrol Route 15 - Route 2 to TASK FORCE	Weekly task

TASK TABLE - CIVIL AID - VUNG TAU

Serial	Task	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)
1	Design and draw a Medical Civil Aid Post (MEDCAP)	Complete - building completed
2	Design and provide tech asst in const of a bridge guard barrack block	95% complete CATLO YS 327503
3	Drain and fill Pre School Centre	Complete
4	Clean out drinking well	Complete
5	Fill and grade convent school	Complete
6	Haul sand for contractor building MEDCAP	Complete - ref serial 2
7	Site levelling for new High School	50% complete
8	Site levelling for new Popular Forces Camp	50% complete

TASK TABLE - MILITARY PROJECTS - 1 ATF

Serial	Task	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)
1	Erection of 2 Major units of Scale A accn	} Food Prep Rooms } 100% complete } Showers 100% complete } Latrines 10% complete
2	Erection of 13 Minor units of Scale A accn	} Labour supplied by } Units
3	Erection of Scale B huts	4 x 80' x 20' KINGSTRAND Complete

REFRIGERATION IN THE ALSG

1. The Unit is responsible for the maintenance and repair of a variety of refrigeration units. These are listed on the attached Maintenance Table. It will be noted that there are a number of Units which have been acquired from US Army sources.

2. Due to the number of messes and the inability of domestic units to maintain cold drinks, most canteens have resorted to ice boxes. These are either an AMF or US Army issue item or a self help item. There are at present eight separate mess/canteen locations employing ice boxes each of which draw a minimum of 70 kilos of ice per day. A typical self help ice box is shown at PLATE 3

3. INCREASE IN SPECIAL UNITS

It is anticipated that the following units will have to be installed and maintained within the next three months.

- a. Water coolers - held in 55 AESS
- b. Air conditioners - hospital wards
- signal centre
- c. Biological refrigerators - storage of blood

4. STANDARDIZATION OF REFRIGERANT

Many of the knock down cabinets which arrived were charged with METHYL CHLORIDE. The Americans use FERON 12 throughout the theatre. All ALSG cabinets have now been connected to Feron 12

REFRIGERATION MAINTENANCE TABLE

UNIT	CAPACITY	ARMY NO	LOCATION	POWER	REMARKS
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
33 Dental	10-12	31278	Surgery	Kero	
2 Comp Ord	100-	30224	Kitchen	Elect/Mech	
	30	31170	Sgts Mess	Elect	
	Cooler	Aust Origin	Battery Shed	Elect	½ ton Air conditioner
145 Sig Sqn	65	US Army	OR Canteen	Elect	110 volt with transformer
	10	Aust Origin	Offr Mess	Elect	240 volt Pope Simpson
	3	US PX		Elect	110 volt private property
101 Fd Wksp	300	R7/401	Kitchen	Elect/Mech	
	30	51355	Kitchen	Elect	
	20	Aust Gift	OR Canteen	Elect	} Sir Edward } Halstrom
	4	Aust Gift	Offrs Mess	Elect	
Transit Cp	100	31230	Kitchen	Elect/Mech	
Bulk Canteen	Cooler	US Army	ASCO	Elect	Two 110 volt watercoolers
1 ALSG	100	30211	Kitchen	Elect	
Offrs Mess	Deep Freeze	Aust Origin	Mess	Elect	Mess property
	Floor Unit	Aust Origin	Mess	Elect	4 doors Mess property
R&C Centre	65	US Army	Kitchen	Elect	110 volt town sup
	12	US Army	Mess	Elect	110 volt town sup
	12	US Army	Bar	Elect	110 volt town sup
	12	US Army	Bar	Elect	110 volt town sup

REFRIGERATION MAINTENANCE TABLE

UNIT	CAPACITY	ARMY NO	LOCATION	POWER	REMARKS
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
17 Const Sqn	300	R7/355	Kitchen	Elect/Mech	
	100	31228	OR Canteen	Elect/Mech	
	30	31177	Kitchen	Elect	
	30	31372	Sgts Mess	Elect	
	Dispenser	US Army	Offr Mess	Elect	Salvaged vending machine 110 volt with transformer
	7-8	Aust Gift	Wksp	Kero	Sir Edward Halstrom
161 Recce Flight	100	30229	Kitchen	Elect/Mech	
	30	31171	Kitchen	Elect	
	12	US Army	Kitchen	Elect	110 volt with transformer
1 Coy RAASC	000	30570	21 Sup Pl	Mech	
	000		21 Sup Pl	Mech	Ex Bien Hoa incomplete
	300	R7/349	Kitchen	Elect/Mech	
	30	31369	Kitchen	Elect	
	30	31353	Sgts Mess	Elect	
	7-8	30255	Sgts Mess	Kero	US used as ice box
2 Fd Amb	300	R7/354	Kitchen	Elect/Mech	
	30	31162	Kitchen	Elect	
	30	31176	Kitchen	Elect	
	7-8	31015	RAP	Kero	Eqpt Table
	7-8	31014	Q Store	Kero	Eqpt Table
	7-8	30599	Q Store	Kero	Eqpt Table
	13	Aust Origin	Offr/Mess	Elect	Sealed Unit Mess Property
	ICE	Aust Origin	Kitchen	Elect	ICE Flaking Machine
	Ice Cream Cooler	" "	Kitchen	Elect	Ice cream machine
	Cooler	" "	Op Theatre	Elect	½ ton Air conditioner
	Cooler	" "	Op Theatre	Elect	½ ton Air conditioner
30	31172	Med/Dent	Elect		

ELECTRICAL RETICULATION TASK TABLE

Serial	Area	Estimated max demand on completion of known loads	Max demand col(c) less diversity factor	Calculated max demand by AFV April 66
1	2 Comp Ord less Veh Pk	18 KVA	13 KVA	5 KVA
2	101 Field Workshops	15 KVA	12 KVA	7.5 KVA
3	1 Coy RAASC plus AHS	25 KVA	20 KVA	7.5 KVA
4	Engineers	25 KVA	20 KVA	12 KVA
5	161 Recce Flight	24 KVA	18 KVA	7.5 KVA
	2 Comp Ord Veh Park			
	176 Air Dispatch			
6	145 Sigs Sqn	17 KVA	14 KVA	7.5 KVA
7	Medical/Dental	40 KVA	32 KVA	10 KVA
8	HQ 1 ALSG	8 KVA	6 KVA	12 KVA
9	Area Officers Mess	7 KVA	5 KVA	Nil
10	Education & Transit Area	5 KVA	5 KVA	Nil
11	Security & Floodlighting	12 KVA	12 KVA	24 KVA
Total		96 KVA	157 KVA	69 KVA
Less total diversity factor of .7		137.2 KVA	110 KVA	

ALSG WP DELIVERIES

Date	Gallons			Remarks
	Jerrycans	Bulk	Total	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
May 12	4552	3000	7552	
May 13	4969	2500	7469	
May 14	5720	3800	9520	
May 15	5154	3400	8554	
May 16	6884	4500	11384	
May 17	4812	3900	8712	
May 18	7555	6000	13555	
May 19	5893	5330	11223	
May 20	5969	5300	11269	
May 21	6460	5700	12160	
May 22	5913	8000	13913	
May 23	3889	5600	9489	
May 24	3610	4720	8330	
May 25	4483	6550	11033	
May 26	3688	6160	9848	
May 27	4937	8600	13527	
May 28	3375	6000	9375	
May 29	5028	7400	12429	
May 30	3301	1400	4701	
May 31	<u>1987</u>	<u>2400</u>	<u>4387</u>	
T als	<u>96192</u>	<u>100260</u>	<u>196452</u>	
Jun 1	3658	1600	5258	
Jun 2	4423	300	4723	Main storage bag under
Jun 3	5635	400	6035	repair
Jun 4	5093	14245	19338	Fully operational
Jun 5	5300	7488	12788	
Jun 6	5835	6750	12585	
Jun 7	5846	9844	15690	
Jun 8	4206	7712	11918	
Jun 9	4885	9700	14585	
Jun 10	4075	9000	13075	
Jun 11	2681	8300	10981	
Jun 12	3973	6818	10791	
Jun 13	2975	8200	11175	
Jun 14	2788	8938	11736	
Jun 15	2383	8400	10783	

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Date	Gallons			Remarks
	Jeerrycans	Bulk	Total	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Jun 16	3137	8400	11537	
Jun 17	3269	8150	11419	
Jun 18	2510	6888	9398	
Jun 19	2311	5900	8211	
Jun 20	3094	9488	12582	
Jun 21	2590	9988	12488	
Jun 22	2670	10388	13058	
Jun 23	3039	11346	14385	
Jun 24	2076	8800	10876	
Jun 25	1846	9132	10978	
Jun 26	4165	3732	7897	
Jun 27	3505	6400	9905	
Jun 28	3414	4900	8314	
Jun 29	3424	7288	10712	
Jun 30	2467	9450	11917	
Total	<u>107273</u>	<u>227945</u>	<u>335218</u>	
Jul 1	2170	11850	14020	
Jul 2	1905	9300	11205	
Jul 3	2035	9300	11335	
Jul 4	2485	8525	11010	
Jul 5	2380	11188	13568	
Jul 6	2650	9200	11850	
Jul 7	2295	8000	10295	
Jul 8	2520	12188	14708	
Jul 9	2825	8488	11313	
Jul 10	2670	9088	11758	
Jul 11	2390	9288	11678	
Jul 12	2500	10688	13188	
Jul 13	2085	8756	10841	
Jul 14	2265	8988	11253	
Jul 15	2110	10788	11898	
Jul 16	2165	10428	12593	
Jul 17	2030	9946	11976	
Jul 18	1820	12138	13958	
Jul 19	1675	9700	11375	
Jul 20	1945	9088	11033	

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Date	Gallon			Remarks
	Jerry cans	Bulk	Total	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Jul 21	2050	7800	9850	
Jul 22	2795	7588	10383	
Jul 23	4615	10088	14703	
Jul 24	2305	7388	9693	
Jul 25	3380	11780	15160	
Jul 26	1750	12500	14250	
Jul 27	1730	12600	14330	
Jul 28	1905	12750	14655	
Jul 29	1805	14500	16300	
Jul 30				
Jul 31	1625	10188	11813	
Total	68880	304117	372997	
Aug 1	1400	9100	10500	
Aug 2	2270	11688	13958	
Aug 3	1485	11900	13385	
Aug 4	1640	9200	10840	
Aug 5	1580	11300	12880	
Aug 6	2420	5700	8120	
Aug 7	3970	7200	11170	
Aug 8	1620	9600	11220	
Aug 9	1665	9000	10665	
Aug 10	1945	8950	10895	
Aug 11	1605	8400	10005	
Aug 12	1735	9300	11035	
Aug 13	1335	10500	11835	
Aug 14	1365	10400	11765	
Aug 15	2210	10300	12510	
Aug 16	1835	11000	12835	
Aug 17	2110	12500	14610	
Aug 18	1945	18200	20145	
Aug 19	2005	13540	15545	
Aug 20	2355	11855	14210	
Aug 21	1840	15400	17240	
Aug 22	1820	14450	16270	
Aug 23	2055	15500	17555	
Aug 24	2015	14700	16715	

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Date	Gallons			Remarks
	Jerrycans	Bulk	Total	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Aug 25	1590	15000	16590	
Aug 26	4055	17000	21055	
Aug 27	1420	15600	17020	
Aug 28	1665	13100	14765	
Aug 29	1675	22500	24175	5600 gals for LSM
Aug 30	1735	10900	12635	
Aug 31	1895	15450	17345	
Total	60260	379233	439493	
Sep 1	1900	15950	17850	
Sep 2	1440	15100	16540	
Sep 3	1260	9900	11160	
Sep 4	1750	17550	19300	
Sep 5	1380	15500	16880	
Sep 6	1395	24200	25595	
Sep 7	1005	16300	17305	
Sep 8	1445	14000	15445	
Sep 9	1610	15050	16660	
Sep 10	1440	9800	11240	
Sep 11	1310	18400	19710	
Sep 12	1450	18100	19550	
Sep 13	1225	15625	16850	
Sep 14	1340	13300	14640	
Sep 15	1265	15000	16265	
Sep 16	1275	14100	15375	
Sep 17	1090	14900	15990	
Sep 18	1285	18700	19985	
Sep 19	920	16080	17000	
Sep 20	1275	23400	24675	
Sep 21	1065	20044	21109	
Sep 22	1335	19300	20635	
Sep 23	775	15000	15775	
Sep 24	1155	18300	19455	
Sep 25	1125	14800	15925	
Sep 26	1360	20244	21604	
Sep 27	1475	17444	18919	

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Date	Gallons			Remarks
	Jerry cans	Bulk	Total	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Sep 28	1270	20500	21770	4000 gals for LSM
Sep 29	1700	19444	21144	
Sep 30	<u>1575</u>	<u>20200</u>	<u>21775</u>	
Total	<u>39890</u>	<u>506231</u>	<u>546121</u>	

PROPOSED HARDSTANDING 1 ALSG

Serial	Location	Area Sq.Ft	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	17 Const Sqn RAE	20000	Plant park
		15000	Vehicle park
		20000	Workshop RAEME
		10000	Resources dump
2	Det 55 AESS	120000	Maint dump
		280000	Def - Scale A & B dump
		240000	Scale C/Major Projects dump
3	1 Coy RAASC	132000	Vehicle park and Sup Depot
		15000	POL farm
		5000	Q Store
4	2 Field Amb	5000	Q Store
		6000	Med and Dent Store
5	2 Comp Ord Depot RAAOC	250000	Stores Pl
		320000	Vehicle park
		135000	Salvage Depot/Special Stores
		20000	Q Store
6	101 Field Wksp RAEME	60000	No 1 Pl
		50000	No 2 Pl
		30000	Crock park
		5000	Q Store
7	145 Sigs Sqn	40000	Tech Maint
		5000	Q Store
		15000	Vehicle park
8	HQ 1 ALSG	10000	Vehicle park
9	ASCO	80000	Stock dump
10	Officers Mess	15000	Vehicle park
11	Chapel	5000	Vehicle park

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Serial	Location	Area Sq. Ft.	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
12	Surround to Helipad	120000 22500	General Service Pad Medical Evacuation Pad

12 Total Area . 2,050,500 Square feet

Thickness of hardstanding = 6 inches

Material required approximately 38,000 cubic yards

PART 5 - TRAINING

1. Concreting

Officers and NCOs seem to be ignorant of or to have forgotten the basic rules for mixing and placing concrete. With the demise of the trade of concreter and steelbender it is suggested that junior officers and all NCOs receive instruction at SME in this subject. All concreting must be considered important. A faulty shower slab is as big a disgrace as a faulty concrete bridge - perhaps bigger.

2. Water Point Operation

All water supply equipment held by the Engineer Stores Service should be taught at the SME. The No4 pumping set and S-tanks may be obsolete, but they were the only equipments available to this squadron in the early stages. If possible the training should include the construction of a complete water point capable of producing in bulk or for jerricans. It is important that young officers as well as NCOs receive this training.

3. Unit Training

a. The following courses have been run by the unit.

- (1) ROCKCRUSHER OPERATORS course.
- (2) WELL BORER OPERATOR course
- (3) ALL ARMS WEAPONS COURSE - GPMG M60
 - Karl Gustav 84mm RCL
 - M79 Grenade Discharger
 - M26 Grenade
 - L2A1
- (4) WATER SUPPLY course
- (5) PLANT OPERATORS course
- (6) B VEHICLES DRIVERS course
- (7) WATERMANSHIP AND OUTBOARD MOTOR course.

b. The following courses have been conducted by ALSG and attended by selected soldiers of this unit.

- (1) Two ALL ARMS Weapons course
- (2) Cooking course US Army Rations
- (3) Stove M1937 Instruction course
- (4) Class 1 Education Course.