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## COMMANDERS DIARIES INSTRUCTIONS

### AIM

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

### GENERAL

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

### RESPONSIBILITY

#### During Non-operational Periods

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

#### During Operational Periods (1)

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

### COMPILATION

6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:
  - a. Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
  - b. Index as printed on cover.
  - c. Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
  - d. Annexes as shown in the Index.
7. All details of the unit or formation (if a detachment is concerned, the name of the parent unit), period covered and enclosure numbers of the annexes are to be shown on the cover. If there has been a change of command since the last report, the date of assumption by the new commanding officer is to be included.
8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no enclosures for an annex NIL will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, starting at B.

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DISPOSAL

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

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

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

16. TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.

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

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

TOP SECRET  
ANNEX Z to

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

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

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

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# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

MONTH AND YEAR July 68

REFERENCE MAP Xa VUNG TAU (Sheet 6442-111)

UNIT/FORMATION 17 Const Sqn RAE

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj M.M. VAN GELDER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
VUNG TAU RVN	3		Arrival of 3 Reinforcements	
	5		Receipt of 1 ALSG RO's Serial 18 and 20	
	6		Issue of 17 Const Sqn RO's Serial 81	
	10		Arrival of 4 Reinforcements Departure of 3 personnel for RTA	
	12		Receipt of 1 ALSG RO's Serial 19	
	13		Issue of 17 Const Sqn RO's Serial 82	
	14		Receipt of Det 17 Const Sqn RO's Serial 33	
	17		Arrival of 3 Reinforcements Departure of 2 personnel for RTA	
	20		Issue of 17 Const Sqn RO's Serial 83	
	24		Arrival of 12 Reinforcements Departure of 1 personnel for RTA	
	25		Receipt of 1 ALSG RO's Serial 21	
	27		Issue of 17 Const Sqn RO's Serial 84 Receipt of Det 17 Const Sqn RO's Serial 35	
	30		Arrival of 2Lt N M FRIEND (Admin Offr) and 10 reinforcements.	
	30		17 CONST SQN GP DEFENCE PLAN ISSUED	











ANNEX C to  
COMMANDERS DIARY  
FOR AUG 68

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17 CONST SQN GROUP

ZONE 2

DEFENCE PLAN

AS AT 30 JUL 68

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DISTRIBUTION

1. HQ 1 ALSG
2. OC 17 Const Sqn
3. Gp Def Offr
4. CP
5. Duty Defence Officer
6. QM
7. SSM 17 Const Sqn
8. 9 Tp
9. HQ Tp
10. Res Tp
11. Pl Tp
12. Tpt
13. Elec Tp
14. OC 17 Const Sqn Wksp RAEME
15. 17 Const Sqn Wksp RAEME
16. OC 55 Engr Wksp & Pks Sqn
17. 55 Engr Wksp & Pks Sqn
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DEFENCE PLAN - 17 CONST SQN GP - ZONE 2

- References A. 1 ALSG R571-1-1 dated 9 Jul 68.  
B. 1 ALSG R459-1-4 dated 27 May 68.

SITUATION

1. a. Enemy Forces - The enemy exists in small numbers in the VTSZ and does not appear sufficiently organised to mount an assault by a formed body of troops. His main courses of action would appear to be:-
  - (1) Infiltration for sabotage of buildings, vehicles, equipment and installations.
  - (2) Infiltration by small parties for murder and other terrorist activities.
  - (3) Mortaring or rocketing of buildings and installations from LONG SON or areas north of the VTSZ.
2. Friendly forces are detailed in Reference A.

MISSION

3. 17 Const Sqn Group is to maintain the security of Zone 2 within the 1 ALSG area.

EXECUTION

4. The following units are under command 17 Const Sqn for purposes of defence and are to carry out the tasks detailed in these orders and the annexes thereto:-
  - a. 17 Const Sqn Wksp RAEME.
  - b. Det 55 Engr Wksp and Park Sqn.
  - c. 1 ALSG Sect AFV A & W Unit.
5. The security of the area is to be maintained by the following means:-
  - a. The construction and maintenance of a perimeter fence capable of withstanding attempts at breaching by assault parties.
  - b. The manning of a system of strong points capable of bringing fire to bear on the perimeter fence if breaching is attempted.
  - c. Constant patrolling of the area throughout the hours of darkness to:-
    - (1) Give early warning of attempts to breach or penetrate the perimeter fence.
    - (2) Ensure stores and vehicles are not sabotaged, interfered with or stolen.
    - (3) Apprehend unauthorised persons moving in the zone area.
    - (4) Warn of fire or other disaster.
  - d. Sandbagging of all buildings and installations manned, from 1700 hrs to 0700 hrs daily.
6. Each unit is responsible for patrolling its own area. Areas to be patrolled are outlined in Annex A. Picquets are to patrol in pairs under normal conditions. On the upgrading of the alert status to YELLOW or higher picquets are to be doubled.



7. Each unit (with the exception of 17 Const Sqn Wksp) is to produce Unit Picquet Orders. These orders are to cover the points outlined in Annex A. Unit Picquet Orders are to be forwarded to HQ 17 Const Sqn by 20 Aug 68.

#### PERIMETER FENCE

8. 17 Const Sqn Ep is responsible for the perimeter fence from a point adjacent the southern alignment of St Kilda LZ along the beach, west to the Back Beach Road, north to the western alignment of 55 Engr & Wksp Sqn area.

9. The fence is of catwire type 2 construction. Unit responsibilities for upkeep of the perimeter fence is contained in Annex B.

#### BUILDINGS AND KEY INSTALLATIONS

10. Sleeping accommodation. Buildings are to be sandbagged to a height of 3'6" above floor level. Sandbags are to be a minimum of 12" from the nearest part of the wall. Baffle walls are to be erected in front of all doorways and exits.

11. Buildings normally occupied between 1700 hrs and 0700 hrs are to be sandbagged as above.

12. Key installations such as generator sheds, POL stores, magazines etc are to be sandbagged. The top layer of the sandbags is to be above the level of the equipments or stores which are being protected.

#### STRONG POINTS

13. Strong points are to be manned by the following:-

- a. Foxtrot - Plant Troop 17 Const Sqn.
- b. Golf - 17 Const Sqn Wksp.
- c. Hotel - 9 Tp 17 Const Sqn.
- d. Juliet - 55 Engr Wksp and Pks Sqn.

14. Orders for the manning of strong points are contained in Annex C.

#### ALARM SYSTEMS

15. Each unit is to have an alarm system, (gongs, triangles, bells etc) which can alert members to an imminent attack by mortar or rocket.

#### MOR ATTACKS

16. On receipt from HQ 1 ALSG of an imminent attack by mortar or rocket, Def Offr 17 Const Sqn will notify all units by quickest means. All members will move to the nearest sandbagged area and remain below the level of the sandbags until the all clear is received.

17. All movement in the open during a mortar or rocket attack must be approved by unit HQ.

#### REACTION TEAMS

18. The following reaction teams will stand by from notification of a YELLOW or RED alert:-

...../ a. Truck



- a. Mobile Fire Team.
- b. Demolition Team.
- c. Electrical Team.
- d. Fire Fighting Team.

19. Mobile fire team (1 NCO & 6 OR). To be rostered for duty on a 24 hour basis. Personnel to be drawn from all units in the group. Team members to be in building 405 at all times when on duty. In addition to personal weapons team will have:-

- a. Truck  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton GS - 1.
- b. Radio set AN/PRC 25.
- c. GPMG M60.
- d. Flares para illuminating.

20. Mobile fire team works under the Gp Def Offr to reinforce the perimeter if required. The mobile fire team will usually be called to the perimeter prior to calling on HQ 1 ALSG for assistance.

#### DEMOLITION TEAM

21. The team is responsible to carry out demolition work in the ALSG area. The team will normally be employed on removal of debris, where imminent danger exists to personnel or equipment, destruction of unsafe structures and breaking up of demolished structures to release trapped personnel. The teams composition and equipment is as shown in Annex D.

#### ELECTRICAL TEAM

22. The team is to carry out emergency repairs to restore electrical power in the ALSG area when failure occurs due to enemy action. The team may be required to cut power where a danger exists to personnel or property. The team may be required to rig emergency lighting. The teams composition and equipment is at Annex E.

#### FIREFIGHTING TEAM

23. The team acts under the direction of the Gp Def Offr to fight fires caused by an attack or sabotage. The team composition and equipment is at Annex F. Requests for fire fighting team are to be phoned direct to Gp Def Offr.

24. Each unit is to appoint its own fire officer and to provide for the extinguishing of fires in their own area. The Gp team will not be called on until unit efforts to extinguish a blaze appear unsuccessful.

#### UNIT STRENGTHS

25. The minimum unit strength in the ALSG area is not to be below 25% of the posted unit strength. Where the unit strength must fall below this figure, OC 17 Const Sqn is to be notified at least six hours prior to movement.

26. No more than 25% of the unit posted strength may go on leave at any one time. Unit Duty Officers are responsible to ensure that this number is not exceeded by periodically checking the unit leave book against the posted strength figure.

...../ 27. Numbers of



27. Numbers of persons sent outside the 1 ALSG area must be carefully balanced against the following strength requirements:-

- a. 25% of posted strength available at all times.
- b. 50% of posted strength available from 30 minutes of recall.
- c. 75% of posted strength available from 60 minutes of recall.
- d. 100% of posted strength in area two hours after recall.

ALERTS

28. Unit and individual actions during alerts are detailed in Reference A, Annex D.

29. Immediately the alert condition changes to GREY 17 Const Sqn is to man strongpoint Foxtrot continually until the alert status reverts to WHITE or lower.

30. SSM is to include personnel rostered for duty in strongpoint Foxtrot in Unit Routine Orders Part 1.

31. 17 Const Sqn Gp CP will open immediately the alert condition changes to YELLOW or RED. The CP will be continuously manned until the condition reverts to GREY or lower.

32. The CP will be manned by Def Offr 17 Const Sqn by day and a Def Duty Offr from 1700 hrs - 0700 hrs. Def Duty Offrs will be rostered from the officers in all units of the Group. Warrant officers will not perform the duties of Def Duty Offr.

33. SOPs for the CP are at Annex G.

34. From the time a YELLOW or RED alert is declared only essential services and maintenance tasks are to be performed. All duties normally performed by civilian labour will be performed by military personnel.

35. All strong points are to be manned throughout the duration of YELLOW and RED alerts. Personnel are to perform duty in the strong points for 12 hours each shift. SSM is to include personnel rostered for strong point duty in Unit Routine Orders Part 1.

36. All civilian labour is to be evacuated from the area for the duration of a YELLOW or RED alert. On the advice of a YELLOW or RED alert department heads are to have civilian labour escorted to Unit HQs. Civilians are to be checked and when all are accounted for they are to be transported to the Civil Labour office for movement from the area.

37. During YELLOW or RED alerts no personnel are to leave the ALSG area without permission first being obtained from HQ 1 ALSG through Def Offr 17 Const Sqn. The names of all personnel approved to leave the area are to be recorded on a schedule kept for the purpose. On their return to the area all names are to be checked off. The schedule is to be maintained at each unit HQ for unit personnel. The schedule is to be maintained in the form shown at Annex H.

38. Passwords will be distributed at 1700 hrs daily during YELLOW or RED alerts. Passwords will be sent by runner to each sub-unit. Unit and sub-unit commanders will parade troops under their command at 1700 hrs daily and inform them of:-

- a. The password and countersign.
- b. How to offer the password.

...../c. How to



- c. How to offer the countersign.
- d. Action to take if the challenged party is unable to give the countersign.

STAND TO

39. Whenever a stand to is ordered all personnel will move immediately to their assigned billets, and wait under command of their section NCOs. Section NCOs will ensure all personnel are fully dressed, wearing combat order and steel helmets. Weapons are to be checked and loaded.

40. At night, lights will be restricted to one 40w bulb per hut during stand to.

41. During YELLOW and RED alerts all sub-unit commanders are required to notify the Def Duty Officer of their location whenever they leave the unit area. Stand tos are to be notified to sub-unit commanders who are to ensure that adequate communications exist to the personnel under their command so that they can be deployed as quickly as possible after notification of stand to.

42. Reserved.

43. Reserved.

44. Reserved.

45. Reserved.

ADMINISTRATION

46. Names of personnel detailed for duty in strong points, picquets, and reaction teams are to be promulgated in Unit Routine Orders Part 1.

47. Names of officers to perform the duties of Def Duty Officer will be promulgated separately by HQ 17 Const Sqn.

48. During periods when the Gp CP is operating a copy of each Unit Routine Orders Part 1 is to be forwarded to 17 Const Sqn each week on the day of its publication.

49. SSM is to hold sufficient ammunition for the Group in the 17 Const Sqn magazine. He is to issue 2nd line ammunition to units within the Group when the alert status changes to YELLOW or RED. Normally, he is to ensure that stocks of ammunition are turned over regularly (on the principle of first in first out) in monthly range practices. Quantities of ammunition to be held are shown in Annex J.

50. VWO is to ensure that fuel drums are stored in accordance with "Instructions for Supplies and Transport 1966 Part 3-1966". During periods of imminent threat of mortar or rocket attack all B vehicles are to be dispersed as much as possible. In principle, vehicles are to be parked along the southern sides of hills or buildings and vehicles are not to be parked within 50 ft of each other.

51. QM 17 Const Sqn is to set aside stores for defence purposes. Stores earmarked for defence may not be released without the written approval of OC 17 Const Sqn or the Gp Def Officer on his behalf.

52. Defence stores are shown at Annex K. The declaration of a RED or YELLOW alert either verbally or in writing is authority to issue defence stores to units requiring them.

53. Reserved.

54. Reserved.

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/COMMAND



COMMAND AND SIGNALS

57. The Gp CP will be located in 17 Const Sqn switchroom. The 2IC 17 Const Sqn will act as Group Operations Officer on behalf of OC 17 Const Sqn whenever the CP is open.

58. The commanders Diary is to be maintained in the CP.

COMMUNICATIONS

59. All messages, both incoming and outgoing, relating to defence are to be passed through ENERGY switchboard. Normal admin traffic will not be accepted on ENERGY switch. Defence traffic will not be accepted on any other telephone except that in the event of a failure of ENERGY switch defence traffic will be passed through EMU 76.

60. All incoming and outgoing defence messages are to be entered in a message log.

61. SSM 17 Const Sqn is to draw D10 cable and K phones when a Yellow or Red alert is advised. Landline is to be run by Elec Tp to each strong point and reaction team to stand by rooms within 45 minutes of the advice of an alert. SSM is to supervise installation of K phones and connection to switchboard. The subscribers to the Defence Switch are shown at Annex L.

RADIO

62. Allocation of radio is shown at Annex M. Strong points will conform to 1 ALSG SOIs. Reaction teams will be outstations on 17 Const Sqn Comd net.

63. Nets will remain open continuously from the advice of a YELLOW or RED alert until the alert status reverts to GREY.

64. SOIs will be maintained by unit HQ. Net diagrams will be maintained at 17 Const Sqn and distributed to stations on advice of a YELLOW or RED alert.

65. Radio traffic is to be confined to:-

- a. Radio checks.
- b. Responses to comd calls.
- c. Calls by outstations where the information concerns more than one other party and the use of telephones is precluded by urgency of the situation.
- d. Calls related strictly to defence matters.

66. Reserved.

67. Reserved.

68. Reserved.

69. Reserved.



PICQUETS

1. Picquets are responsible to:-
  - a. Patrol the perimeter wire and to give early warning of attempts to breach or penetrate the wire.
  - b. Patrol stores areas, dumps, vehicle parks and sensitive areas to guard against theft, sabotage or other loss of stores or equipment.
  - c. Apprehend unauthorised personnel moving through the zone.
  - d. Give warning of fire or other imminent disaster.
2. Unit picquets are to patrol the following areas:-
  - a. 17 Const Sqn -
    - (1) Beat 1 - From 17 Const Sqn picquet hut through the transport and plant areas, around the road leading to 17 Const Sqn Wksps, through all buildings in the Wksp area thence to the kitchen/canteen complex. From there to the Q store complex, checking the security of all buildings, windows and doors, thence to Resources Troop area checking Res Tp store and wksp, generator shed, Elec Tp building and Refrig Tp building. The patrol will then return along the route it has travelled back to the point of origin.
    - (2) Beat 2 - From Strongpoint GOLF north along the perimeter wire to a point equidistant between Strongpoints HOTEL and JULIET thence back along the perimeter wire to Strongpoint FOXTROT thence back along the wire to the point of origin. Patrols are not to remain a constant distance from the wire but to follow an irregular path approximately parallel to the fence.
  - b. 55 Engr Wksp and Park Sqn -
    - (1) From Traffic Office around buildings 507, 508, 509, 510, 511 and 515, thence to 55 EWPS Wksp. From there uphill to living area. Check surrounds of kitchen, across to SP JULIET. Down hill on northern side to point where inner security fence joins perimeter fence, thence along the inner security fence to point where it joins the perimeter fence again. The picquet will then return along the route already travelled.
    - (2) During movement along the fence the picquet is to proceed generally parallel to it but at irregular distances from the wire.
  - c. 1 ALSG Sect AFV A & W Unit -
    - (1) From the Peter Badcoe Club Orderly Room east to the perimeter fence on the beach. Thence northern to a point being the intersection of the perimeter fence and the extension of the southern alignment of St Kilda LZ. West along the alignment of St Kilda LZ to the east fence of 55 EWPS stores yard, then south to the A & W unit buildings. Check all buildings for security. Return to Peter Badcoe Club Orderly Room.
    - (2) Each alternative patrol is to move in the opposite direction.

...../ 3. Unit



3. Unit picquets are to patrol from 1700 hrs to 0700 hrs in normal circumstances. Picquets are to patrol 24 hrs per day when alert conditions are YELLOW or RED.
4. All picquets are to have their beats and their duties explained to them by the Duty Sgt on mounting duties each day.
5. Picquets are to patrol in pairs in normal circumstances, in fours during RED or YELLOW alerts. Personal weapons are to be carried and each picquet is to carry two loaded magazines. The safety rules for carriage and discharge of firearms is at Reference A, Annex C. This Annex is to be reproduced in Unit Standing Orders. All picquets are to be read these rules and tested on their knowledge of them.
6. Picquets are to be equipped with torches. Torches are only to be used to examine locks and other security devices in stores areas. Picquets are to stand well apart when torches are used.
7. All suspicious incidents are to be reported immediately they are noted. If necessary one picquet will remain at the scene of the incident whilst the other returns to the picquet hut for the Duty NCO. All incidents will be recorded in a log and notified immediately to 17 Const Sqn Duty Officer.
8. Picquets are to report to the Duty NCO on completion of each tour of their beat. Units are to carefully time the duration of each beat and Duty NCOs are to ensure picquets complete each circuit within the prescribed period.
9. Picquets are to be informed of the correct use of passwords as shown in Appendix 1 to this Annex.



USE OF PASSWORDS

1. A password consists of two words called "sign" and "countersign", e.g. FAST FOX.
2. If a person or a group of persons approach or are detected by a sentry, the sentry is to take the following action:
  - a. Challenge the person or persons by giving the command "HALT", at the same time covering him/them with his weapon.
  - b. Once the person or persons have halted the sentry is to give the command "Advance one to be recognised". At this command one person only is to advance with his hands held up. It may be necessary to give the additional command "HANDS UP".
  - c. As the person approaches to within whispering distance, but not close enough to be able to physically reach the sentry or his weapon, the sentry gives the command "STOP".
  - d. The sentry is then to give the "sign" in a quiet, but to the challenged person, audible voice, e.g. "FAST".
  - e. The person is then to give the countersign e.g. "FOX", and if with a group, state how many are in the group.
  - f. The sentry is then to allow the person to proceed, and if a group is involved, count the number of persons passing to ensure the right number is present.
3. If a person fails to give or gives the wrong countersign he is to be arrested. Any group with such a person is also to be arrested after having been called forward singly, if they try to escape action as laid down in Reference A, Annex C, Para 11 (b) is to be taken.
4. If a group contains more persons than originally stated, the group is to be halted and any person not belonging to the group is to be identified by the person in charge of the group and is to be arrested.
5. Any failure to comply with any order given by a sentry in challenging, identifying and passing of a person or persons shall be taken as an act of hostility and dealt with in accordance with the provisions made in Reference A, Annex C, Paras 11 to 14.



PERIMETER FENCE

1. The fence is of Catwire, Type 2 construction. The lower coils are not to become buried more than 6 inches in the sand. When the fence commences to become buried it is to be progressively shaken out and raised. Heavy burial by sand will necessitate further coils being laid on top of the existing fence.
2. Each unit is responsible to maintain part of the perimeter fence. Where proper patrolling of the perimeter fence becomes dangerous or an element of risk is evident an inner security fence may be constructed in a more easily controlled area. The responsible unit is to then maintain both inner and outer fences.
3. Stores for construction and repair of fences are to be held by Res Tp 17 Const Sqn and are to be available on demand.
4. Units are responsible as follows:-
  - a. 17 Const Sqn - From the East gate westward along the fence to the gravel road then North to a point equidistant between SPs HOTEL and JULIET. In addition the outer fence below HOTEL is the responsibility of 17 Const Sqn.
  - b. 55 Engr Wksp & Parks Sqn - From a point equidistant between Strongpoints HOTEL and JULIET to the point where the inner fence below SP JULIET joins the outer fence. In addition 55 EWPS is responsible for the inner security fence in its area.
5. Permission to breach the fence for any purpose may only be given by HQ 1 ALSG. Permission is to be requested through Def Offr 17 Const Sqn Gp.
6. East gate is to be manned continuously when open for tipper traffic. 17 Const Sqn is responsible to check the gate at 1800 hrs daily to ensure it is properly secured and the security light is on. Failure of the light (when fitted) is to be reported immediately to the Duty Officer 17 Const Sqn.



MANNING OF STRONGPOINTS IN ZONE 2

1. Sub-units shown in para 13 of these orders are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the strongpoints allotted them. Sub-unit comds are to visit their strongpoints each week and ensure all necessary maintenance is carried out.
2. All strongpoints are to be manned continuously throughout alert periods. SP FOXTROT is manned from the beginning of a GREY alert, all others from the beginning of a YELLOW or RED alert.
3. Each strongpoint is to be manned by three men, one of whom is to be an NCO. All members of a strongpoint team are to be trained in the use of the GPMG M60.
4. The I/C team is to check that he is in possession of equipment and stores listed in Appendix 1 when mounting duty in the strongpoint. All personnel are to carry basic webbing, personal weapons, water bottles, steel helmets and mess gear.
5. Tour of duty is from 1830 hrs daily to 0630 hrs the following day and from 0630 hrs to 1830 hrs daily. During this period no member is to leave the immediate vicinity of the strongpoint without the permission from the Defence Officer.
6. Arcs of fire of the GPMG are to be clearly defined by two picquets driven into the ground in front of the SP. Each picquet is to be 24" clear of the ground and painted white. Arcs will be laid down by the Gp Def Offr and no alterations or adjustments are permitted without his authority.
7. Strongpoints are responsible for:-
  - a. Surveillance of the perimeter fence in their area.
  - b. Repelling any attempts by the enemy to breach the wire or mount an assault on the perimeter. This will require identification of possible FUPs and SLs and constant checks being carried out on these places.
  - c. Checking that picquets pass by their strongpoint at regular intervals.
  - d. Reporting any unusual activity to the Gp Def Offr.
8. In the event of trip flares being laid, I/C strongpoint is to arm the flares at last light and neutralize them at 0620 hrs daily.
9. Booby traps will only be laid at the direction of the Group Defence Officer.



STORES LIST : STRONGPOINTS ZONE 2

Item	Quantity
GPMG M60 or Rifle L2A1	1
Torch hand battery	1
Radio Set AN/PRC 25	1
Telephone set "K"	1
Flares hand held para illuminating	4
Can water plastic 5 gall (filled)	1
Cocker field section gasoline	1
24 hr ration pack (1 per man)(not to be opened without authority)	
First aid kit, general purpose, Army pattern combat	1
<u>Ammunition</u>	
7.62mm ball/tracer linked belt (if GPMG held)	500 rds
9mm ball	200 rds
7.62mm ball bandolier	200 rds (500 if AR issued)



DEMOLITION TEAM : 1 ALSG AREA

1. The Demolition Team is under command HQ 1 ALSG.
2. The functions of the team are to:-
  - a. Remove debris, fallen poles etc caused by an action where these impede traffic or access to buildings or facilities.
  - b. Demolish buildings which have been damaged by an action so as to:-
    - (1) Free trapped occupants; or
    - (2) Prevent imminent collapse of unsafe buildings where life or other property could be endangered.
3. The composition of the team is:-
  - a. I/C team - Ssgt ACW (Const) - 1.
  - b. Carpenters - 1.
  - c. Driver - 1.
  - d. Electrical Mechanic - 1.
  - e. FEs - 4.
  - f. Welder - 1.
4. The team is to be equipped as follows:-
  - a. Truck dump 5 ton GS - 1.
  - b. Radio set AN/PRC 25 - 1.
  - c. Welding and cutting set oxy/acetylene - 1.
  - d. Tool kit, electrical mechanic - 1.
  - e. Tool kit, pioneer, field troop - 1.
  - f. Cordage 2" - 300 ft.
  - g. Spotlight 12V with battery - 2.
5. During YELLOW or RED alert periods the demolition team is to be accommodated in the transit hut.



ELECTRICAL TEAM : 1 ALSG AREA

1. The electrical team is under command HQ 1 ALSG.
2. The functions of the team are to:-
  - a. Carry out emergency repairs to restore electrical power when failure occurs due to an action.
  - b. Cut off power in areas where a danger exists to life or property due to enemy inflicted damage.
  - c. Rig emergency lighting in areas where it is required for operational purposes.
3. The composition of the electrical team is as follows:-
  - a. Team I/C, Clerk of Works electrical (WO2) - 1.
  - b. 3 sects - ea 3 men - 9.
  - c. Driver - 1.
4. The team is to be equipped as follows:-
  - a. Truck  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton GS - 2.
  - b. Ladders extension - 1 per team.
  - c. Spotlight 12V with battery - 2.
  - d. Tool kit electrical mechanic - 1 per man.
  - e. Radio set AN/PRC 25 - 1.
  - f. Cordage 2" - 300 ft.
  - g. Light set illuminating - 2.
5. A defence stocking of electrical stores is to be held by Res Tp. Stocks of the following items are not to fall below the minimum levels shown hereunder:-
  - a. Cable electric 2 core 40/0076 - 500 yds.
  - b. Cable power 3 core 7029 TPS - 500 yds
  - c. Insulation tape - 12 rolls.
  - d. Split bolt connectors - 12.
  - e. Extension sockets and plugs 3 pin - 12.
  - f. Lamp electric incandescent 100w 240v - 24.
  - g. Lamp electric incandescent 100w 110v - 24.
  - h. Sockets 3 flat pin bakelite - 24.
6. The electrical team will continue to occupy their present accommodation in Elec Tp lines during YELLOW or RED alert. They will be available in this location at all times during an alert except that  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the team may be absent for meals or other requirements for periods not in excess of 40 minutes in any one instance.



Annex F to 17 Const Sqn  
Defence Plan dated  
Aug 68.

UNIT FIREFIGHTING TEAM

To be issued separately.



STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR 17 CONST SQN GP CP

1. The CP will operate from the Sqn HQ switchroom during RED or YELLOW alerts.
2. The CP is to be manned by the Gp Def Offr from 0730 - 1730 hrs daily. A Duty Defence Officer will man the CP from 1730 hrs - 0730 hrs.
3. The CP is equipped as follows:-
  - a. Map: Vung Tau Special Zone.
  - b. Plan: 1 ALSG area (Reference A, Annex B).
  - c. Location Board: Picquets and reaction teams.
  - d. Switchboard def net.
  - e. AN/PRC 25 ALSG net.
  - f. AN/PRC 25 17 Const Sqn net.
  - g. Message Log.
  - h. Commanders Diary (Narrative).
  - j. Duty Officers Log.
  - k. Officer Location Board.
4. All incidents reported are to be recorded in the Duty Officers Log, the format of which is at Appendix 1 to this Annex.
5. The details of all incoming and outgoing messages passed by radio are to be logged.
6. Standtos are to be notified to units and sub-units by the quickest possible means. Notification is to include as much detail of the nature and direction of the threat as is consistent with the need for urgency.
7. Gp Def Offr may deploy the following teams without reference to HQ 1 ALSG:-
  - a. Unit firefighting team.
  - b. Mobile fire party.
8. Other teams are not to be deployed except at the direction of HQ 1 ALSG. In the event of the deployment of teams in Para 7, Duty Offr HQ 1 ALSG is to be notified.
9. All incidents occurring during the Def Offr's tour of duty are to be plotted on the plan referred to in para 3b. Incidents occurring in the VTSZ which are notified by Superior HQ are to be plotted on the map referred to in para 3 a.
10. In the event of an incident occurring where shots are fired or the presence of en is suspected on the perimeter, the Def Duty Offr is to summon the Gp Def Offr. The Gp Def Offr is to notify OC 17 Const Sqn immediately an incident is verified as having been due to en activity.

...../11. The Gp Def Offr



11. The Gp Def Offr and the Dist Def Offr are both to be thoroughly ~~examined~~ with:-
  - a. The 1 ALSG Defence Plan.
  - b. The 17 Const Sqn Gp Defence Plan.
  - c. The current intelligence situation.
12. Radio checks are to be carried out hourly.
13. Passwords are to be issued from the CP at 1630 hrs daily. They are to be carried by runner to units and sub-units under command.
14. Reserved.
15. Reserved.
16. Reserved.
17. Reserved.
18. Reserved.
19. Reserved.
20. Reserved.



Appendix 1 to Annex G to  
17 Const Sqn Defence Plan  
dated Aug 68.

DUTY OFFICERS LOG

Serial	Time of Occurrence	Nature of occurrence	Action Taken	Referred to



PERSONNEL ABSENT FROM ALSG AREA

Name	Unit	Time Out	Destination	ETR	Actual Time of Return



AMMUNITION HOLDINGS 17 CONST SQN MAGAZINE

Type	For Issues	Reserve
7.62mm ball for SLR bandolier	3,600	20,400
7.62mm ball bandolier for AR	1,200	8,000
7.62mm ball tracer linked belt	or 2,000	8,000
9mm ball	5,320	16,625
Trip Flares		60
Flares hand held para		24



DEFENCE STOCKS

1. The following items are to be held by QM 17 Const Sqn against requirements during YELLOW or RED alerts.

2. Stores may be issued with the written authority of OC 17 Const Sqn, or in the event of a YELLOW or RED alert, QM 17 Const Sqn will issue to the authorised demanding unit:-

Rifles L2A1	6
GPMG M60	6
Torches hand battery	12
Radio set AN/PRC 25	7
Radio set AN/GRC 125	2
Phone sets K	9
Cable D10	8 reels
Cooker field set (Gasoline)	4
Spotlight 12V with battery	4
Light set illuminating	2
Cordage 2" 300 ft lengths	2
Tool kit, Pioneer, Engr Field Troop (CES 3141)	1
Cans water plastic 5 gal	4
Stretchers and support kit	1
First aid kit, general purpose, Army pattern combat	4
Surgical Dressing Set First Aid Field Large	3



SUBSCRIBERS : DEFENCE SWITCHBOARD

1. Enery (EMU 8) Switchboard.
2. OC/2IC Office.
3. Strongpoint F.
4. Strongpoint G.
5. Strongpoint H.
6. Strongpoint J.
7. Building 405.
8. Picquet Hut.
9. Officers Quarters.
10. Sgts Quarters.
11. Transit Hut.



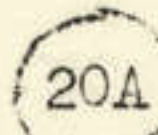
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Annex M to 17 Const Sqn  
Defence Plan Dated Aug 68.

17 CONST SQN DEFENCE NET



NCS = LB



NCS = LS



SP(F)



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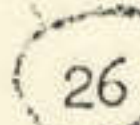
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Mobile  
Fire  
Team



Elec  
Team



Demolition  
Team

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

MAJOR M.M. VAN GELDER

Officer Commanding 17 Const Sqn RAE

VUNG TAU

6 Jul 68

Serial 81

RO 410

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RO 410 - CAMP DUTIES

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NOTICES:

1. MEAL ALLOWANCES - OFFICERS ON R AND C .
2. BATTLE CASUALTIES - WEEK ENDING 28 JUN 68.



RO No 410 Camp Duties.

a. Duty Officer tour of duty is from 0730 hrs on dates listed to 0730 hrs the following day.

Mon 8 Jul 68	- 2Lt McCANN	(HQ)
Tue 9 Jul 68	- 2Lt ANDREW	(R)
Wed 10 Jul 68	- WO2 GIBSON	(W)
Thu 11 Jul 68	- Capt GOSSCHALK	(9)
Fri 12 Jul 68	- Lt HARROP	(HQ)
Sat 13 Jul 68	- WO2 YOUNG	(E)
Sun 14 Jul 68	- WO1 STEWART	(W)
Next for Duty	- Capt FLANDERS	(W)
Next for Sunday Duty	- Capt THOMSON	(HQ)

b. Duty Sergeant Tour of duty is from 0730 hrs on dates listed to 0730 hrs the following day.

Mon 8 Jul 68	- Sgt FADDEN	(P)
Tue 9 Jul 68	- Sgt BAVIN	(W)
Wed 10 Jul 68	- Ssgt WEATHERALL	(R)
Thu 11 Jul 68	- Ssgt ROSCAREL	(HQ)
Fri 12 Jul 68	- Sgt CUDDIHY	(W)
Sat 13 Jul 68	- Sgt SMITH G L	(HQ)
Sun 14 Jul 68	- Sgt FREEMAN	(P)
Next for Duty	- Sgt DOYLE	(9)
Next for Sunday Duty	- Sgt FADDEN	(P)

c. Duty Corporal Tour of duty is from 0730 hrs on dates listed to 0730 hrs the following day .

Mon 8 Jul 68	- Cpl RAKE	(HQ)
Tue 9 Jul 68	- Cpl BILLINGTON	(9)
Wed 10 Jul 68	- Cpl McARTHUR	(P)
Thu 11 Jul 68	- Cpl WALKER	(W)
Fri 12 Jul 68	- Cpl LEISEGANG	(E)
Sat 13 Jul 68	- Cpl SULLIVAN	(R)
Sun 14 Jul 68	- Cpl VELTMEYER	(HQ)
Next for Sunday duty	- Cpl RAKE	(9)

d. East Gate Guard Corporal.

Tour of duty is from 1715 hrs on dates listed to 0630 hrs the following day .

Mon 8 Jul 68	- Cpl DAWSON	(HQ)
Tue 9 Jul 68	- Cpl BRIDGE	(HQ)
Wed 10 Jul 68	- Cpl McDONALD	(Tpt)
Thu 11 Jul 68	- Cpl CHATTIN	(W)
Fri 12 Jul 68	- Cpl BEAR	(9)
Sat 13 Jul 68	- Cpl SMITH A R	(HQ)

Next for Sunday duty 20 Jul 68 - Cpl BROSNAN (W)

e. Duty Drivers tour of duty is from 1700 hrs on dates listed to 0730 hrs on the following day .

Mon 8 Jul 68	- Spr WALSH	- Spr RETHAMEL
Tue 9 Jul 68	- Spr BLOXSOME	- Spr ENGLISH
Wed 10 Jul 68	- Spr BREUST	- Spr DICKMAN
Thu 11 Jul 68	- Spr DAY	- Spr LORD
Fri 12 Jul 68	- Spr ROBERTSON	- Spr KRUPOWICZ
Sat 13 Jul 68	- Spr WITT	- Spr LEA
Sun 14 Jul 68	- Spr BROWN R I	- Spr HEEPS
Reserves	- Spr MOLLOY	- Spr HERZEN

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f. Duty Mechanics. Tour of duty is from 0730 hrs on 8 Jul 68 till 0730 hrs on 15 Jul 68.

Duty Refrig Mech	-	Lcpl	ZAVADA	(R)
Duty Electrician	-	Spr	CHENEY	(E)
RAEME Veh Mech	-	Cfn	WILLIAMS	(W)
RAEME Elec Fitter	-	Cfn	BRETT	(W)

g. <u>Duty Clerk</u>		<u>Duty Storeman</u>		<u>Duty Switchboard</u>	
Mon	8 Jul 68 - Cpl	BRIDGE	- Ssgt	ROSCAREL	- Spr PALMER
Tue	9 Jul 68 - Cpl	VELTMEYER	- Sgt	SMITH	- Spr WREGG
Wed	10 Jul 68 - Cpl	SMITH	- Spr	HOSIE	- Spr STOKES
Thu	11 Jul 68 - Sgt	STOKES	- Cpl	DAWSON	- Spr CUNEO
Fri	12 Jul 68 - Spr	CUNEO	- Spr	McAULLIFFE	- Spr SUTTON
Sat	13 Jul 68 - Cpl	BRIDGE	- Spr	PALMER	- Spr HOSIE
Sun	14 Jul 68 - Cpl	VELTMEYER	- Ssgt	ROSCAREL	- Spr MARTIN D A

Duty Clerk and Duty Storeman to parade with Camp Picquets at 1715 hrs from Mon to Sat, at 1230 hrs on Sunday .

h. Power House Operators Tour of duty as follows.

	AFC		MAIN POWER HOUSE
0700 - 1500	- Spr	HORLOCK	- Spr LORRAINE
1500 - 2300	- Spr	VIDULICH	- Spr NAISMITH
2300 - 0700	- Spr	VARGA	- Spr McFARLANE

j. Water Point Tour of duty 1500 - 2300 hrs from 8 to 13 Jul 68

Spr ASHDOWN

k. Camp Picquets.

To be notified.

l. East Gate Guard.

To be notified .

m. Mess Duties Sun 14 Jul 68.

To be notofied.

*M.M. Van Gelder*  
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NOTICES.

1. MEAL ALLOWANCES - OFFICERS ON R AND C

a. Officers who are on R and C at the Grand Hotel annex, and are there on medical prescription, are entitled to be paid out of Saigon meal allowances in full. This amounts to \$2-50 (MPC) per day.

b. Officers on R and C without medical prescription are entitled to be paid the out of Saigon meal allowance, less the amount normally charged for meals at the R and C Centre .

c. Claims for meal allowances are to be submitted on a form T54 to No 2 Det AFV Cash Office for payment. The authority for payment is per reference B above .

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2. BATTLE CASUALTIES - WEEK ENDING 28 JUN 68

The following members of AFV have been notified as battle casualties:-

54901	Cpl	D.W. SCHEELE	2 SAS SQN	WIA :	GSW RIGHT LEG
5411474	Pte	L.C. ALVER	2 SAS SQN	WIA :	SHRAPNEL WOUND TO RIGHT LEG
215800	Lcpl	B.J. HOWES	4 RAR	WIA :	GSW TO KNEE
5715206	Pte	S.J. BARNETT	4 RAR	KIA :	27 JUN 68



ANNEX H2 To COMDS DIARY  
For JUL 68

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

MAJOR M.H. VAN GELDER

Officer Commanding 17 Const Sqn RAN

YONG ISLAND

13 Jul 68

Serial 82

RO 411 -

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- RO 411 - CAMP DUTIES
  - RO 412 - AREA CLOTHING STORE ISSUES
  - RO 413 - RESULTS OF A B1 C COURSE
  - RO 414 - MOVEMENT OF TRACKED VEHICLES WITHIN 2. ABSSG.
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NOTICES:

1. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP OF RSL
2. LIBRARY AND READING ROOM FACILITIES
3. WRISTLETT WATCH FOUND



RO No 411 CAMP DUTIES

- a. Duty Officer Tour of duty is from 0730 hrs on date listed to 0730 hrs the following day.

Mon 15 Jul 68	-	Capt	FLANDERS
Tue 16 Jul 68	-	Capt	THOMSON
Wed 17 Jul 68	-	WO2	GREY
Thu 18 Jul 68	-	WO2	FIRTH
Fri 19 Jul 68	-	WO2	BROUGHTON
Sat 20 Jul 68	-	Lt	McCANN
Sun 20 Jul 68	-	Capt	THOMSON

Next for duty	-	2Lt	ANDREW
Next for Sunday Duty	-	Capt	FLANDERS

- b. Duty Sergeant Tour of duty is from 0730 hrs on dates listed to 0730 hrs the following day.

Mon 15 Jul 68	-	Sgt	DOYLE
Tue 16 Jul 68	-	Sgt	SHAW
Wed 17 Jul 68	-	Sgt	STOKES
Thu 18 Jul 68	-	Sgt	DAWE
Fri 19 Jul 68	-	Sgt	FADDEN
Sat 20 Jul 68	-	Sgt	BAVIN
Sun 21 Jul 68	-	Sgt	FADDEN

Next for duty	-	Sgt	WEATHERALL
Next for Sunday duty	-	Sgt	WEATHERALL

- c. Duty Corporal Tour of duty is from 0730 hrs on dates listed to 0730 hrs the following day.

Mon 15 Jul 68	-	Cpl	WALCHER	(W)
Tue 16 Jul 68	-	Cpl	GREGORY	(R)
Wed 17 Jul 68	-	Cpl	FERGUSON	(Ept)
Thu 18 Jul 68	-	Cpl	PLEINER	(W)
Fri 19 Jul 68	-	Cpl	FAIRWEATHER	(9)
Sat 20 Jul 68	-	Cpl	ITZSTEIN	(R)
Sun 21 Jul 68	-	Cpl	RAKE	(9) , Cpl SHARPE (W).

Next for Sunday duty	-	Cpl	CHATTIN	(W)
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- d. Duty Drivers Tour of duty is from 1715 hrs on dates listed to 0630 hrs the following day

Mon 15 Jul 68	-	Spr	ELLIS	Spr	O'SULLIVAN
Tue 16 Jul 68	-	Spr	HORLOCK	Spr	NAISMITH
Wed 17 Jul 68	-	Spr	RILLY	Spr	HOLLOY
Thu 18 Jul 68	-	Spr	HORNE	Spr	COOPER
Fri 19 Jul 68	-	Spr	LORRAINE	Spr	McFARLANE
Sat 20 Jul 68	-	Spr	BASSIE	Spr	BROWN R A
Sun 21 Jul 68	-	Spr	WITT	Spr	ROBERTSON

Reserves	-	Spr	FARROW	Spr	MARTIN
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- e. Duty mechanics. Tour of duty is from 0730 hrs on 15 Jul till 0730 hrs on 22 Jul 68.

Duty Refrig Mech	-	Spr	THOMPSON
Duty Electrician	-	Lcpl	KELLY
RAEME Veh Mech	-	Cfn	WILLIAMS
RAEME Elec Fitter Contact Duty Officer			102 Workshops.



f.	<u>Duty Clerk</u>		<u>Duty Storemen</u>		<u>Duty Switchboard</u>	
Mon 15 Jul 68	-	Cpl SMITH	Sgt	SMITH	Spr	WREGG
Tue 16 Jul 68	-	Cpl BRIDGE	Spr	HOSIE	Spr	STOKES
Wed 17 Jul 68	-	Spr CUNEO	Cpl	DANSON	Spr	CUNEO
Thu 18 Jul 68	-	Cpl VIELMEYER	Spr	McAULIFFE	Spr	SUTTON
Fri 19 Jul 68	-	Cpl SMITH	Spr	PALMER	Spr	HOSIE
Sat 20 Jul 68	-	Cpl BRIDGE	Sgt	SMITH	Spr	PALMER
Sun 21 Jul 68	-	Sgt STOKES	Spr	HOSIE	Spr	WREGG

Duty Clerk and Duty Storeman to parade with Camp Picquets at 1715 hrs from Mon to Sat, at 1230 hrs on Sunday.

g. Power House Operators. Tour of duty as follows.

AFC Power unit Roster

Name	Date on	Date Off	Timings Week 1	Timings Week 2
Spr WHITEHEAD	15 Jul 68	29 Jul 68	0700 - 1500 Hrs	2300 - 0700 Hrs
Spr SHARLAND	15 Jul 68	29 Jul 68	1500 - 2300 Hrs	0700 - 1500 Hrs
Spr VIDULICH	15 Jul 68	29 Jul 68	2300 - 0700 Hrs	1500 - 2300 Hrs

Power House Roster

Name	Date On	Date Off	Timings Week 1	Timings Week 2
Spr PEIRCY	15 Jul 68	29 Jul 68	0700 - 1500 hrs	2300 - 0700 Hrs
Spr RETHAMEL	15 Jul 68	29 Jul 68	1500 - 2300 Hrs	0700 - 1500 Hrs
Spr VARGA	15 Jul 68	29 Jul 68	2300 - 0700 Hrs	1500 - 2300 Hrs

h. Camp Picquets

To be notified

j. Mess duties Sun 21 Jul 68

To be notified

k. East Gate Guard

To be notified

RO No 412 AREA CLOTHING STORE ISSUES

1. Personnel have been arriving at the Central Clothing store with issue proformal Signed by NCO's. These members are normally sent back to their units with the clothing changes being made.
2. All clothing change proformal are to be signed by the QM 17 Const Sqn. In his absence proformal may be signed by:
  - a. 2IC or Admin Offr 17 Const Sqn
  - b. OC 17 Const Sqn Wksp ( for Workshop personnel)
  - c. Tp Comd 9 Tp.
  - d. Tp Comd Res. Tp.
3. The specimen signatures of Officers authorised to sign clothing change proformal are held by QM 2 AOD. Members with proformal signed by other than these Officers will, in future, be refused issues of clothing.

RO No 413 RESULTS OF A B1 C COURSE

1. Herewith are the results of examinations conducted at 17 Const Sqn on 26 Jun, 2 Jul and 5 Jul 68 for subjects A, B1 and C for Corporal and Sergeant respectively.



Serial	Regt No	Rank	Name	Unit	A	B1	C
<u>For Corporal</u>							
1	15886	T/Cpl	N B BRIDGES	17 Const Sqn	-	P	-
2	4718753	T/Cpl	P D DAWSON	"	N	P	P
3	58793	T/Cpl	L J RAKE	"	-	P	-
4	215367	T/Cpl	P J VIELMEYER	"	-	P	-
5	14794	L/Cpl	E C FRITZ	"	P	N	P
6	18208	L/Cpl	W J JOHNSON	"	N	P	P
7	16305	L/Cpl	T LEE	"	-	P	-
8	1411076	Spr	K B WHITMORE	"	P	P	P
9	1200527	T/Cpl	J F CHATTIN	17 Const Sqn Wksp RAEME	-	P	P
10	17622	L/Cpl	R S HILL	"	P	-	P
11	243341	L/Cpl	J A FYE	"	P	-	P
12	2786318	Cfn	S J BRETT	"	-	P	P
13	243272	Cfn	B E FLETCHER	"	P	P	-
14	1200754	Cfn	G J RAMSDEN	"	-	P	-
15	1733230	Pte	D R KELLY	"	-	-	P
16	2412562	T/Cpl	E MACHOWSKI	HQ 1 ALSG	P	-	P
<u>For Sergeant</u>							
17	242649	T/Sgt	R A McMILLAN	17 Const Sqn	-	P	-
18	212603	T/Cpl	J H CLARK	"	P	P	N
19	55327	T/Cpl	A J SULLIVAN	"	P	P	P
20	41310	T/Sgt	N R DAVE (AACC)	"	-	-	P
21	16298	Cpl	G WALKER (AACC)	"	N	P	P

RO No 414 MOVEMENT OF TRACKED VEHICLES WITHIN 1 ALSG

- Tracked vehicles are not to be road/X country tested within the 1 ALSG area. An approved testing ground is located on the Northern extension of the Back Beach road and all that area of ground which lies between the road and the water. Access to and from the area is to be by the North Gate only.
- Units are warned that this area was once used as a field firing range and any object resembling an unexploded bomb should be left alone and be reported to the ATO phone EMU 166. As the area is again available for field firing, test vehicles are not to enter the area when a red flag is flying or a sentry is on duty at the North Gate.

*Paul John Piper*  
 (M.M. VAN CHILDER)  
 Maj  
 OC

NOTICES:

1. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP OF RSL.

- All members of 1ALSG, who qualify for the grant of the South VIETNAM medal, are also eligible for honorary membership of the RSL for the balance of the year that they RTA.
- Honorary membership is granted by the issue of "Honorary Membership Cards". These cards are available from unit headquarters.
- Units can obtain replacement stocks of cards from HQ 1ALSG.



2. LIBRARY AND READING ROOM FACILITIES.

A modern well equipped reference library and reading room stocked with papers up to four days old and a comprehensive selection of paperbacks, magazines and books is located at AFV Education Section. The section is situated in HQ Coy 1ALSG lines and is open at the following times :-

Mon, Tue, Thu	0730 - 1715	1930 - 2030
Wed, Fri, Sat	0730 - 1715	
Sun	0845 - 1100	

3. FOUND - WRISTLET WATCH

A wristlet watch has been found in the vicinity of the Peter Badcoe Club, Owner may claim same from WO1 J. FLOWERDAY Emt 78.



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ANNEX M3 To COMDS  
DIARY FOR JUL 68

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by

MAJOR M.L.L. VAN GELDER

Officer Commanding 17 Const Sqn RAE

VUNG TAU

20 Jul 68

Serial 81

RO 415 -

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RO No 415

CAMP DUTIES

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NOTICES:

1. SPORT REPORT - TENNIS WEEK ENDING 13 JUL 68
2. SGT IDISS M<sup>ca</sup>INTING GENERAL
3. LOSE - WRISTLET WATCH
4. CLASS 1 EDUCATION COURSE
5. BATTLE CASUALTIES WEEK ENDING 12 JUL 68



RO No 415

DUTIES

- A. Duty Officer Tour of duty is from 0730 hrs on dates listed to 0730 hrs the following day.

Mon 22 Jul 68	- Lt	HARROP	(HQ)
Tue 23 Jul 68	- WO2	YOUNG	(E)
Wed 24 Jul 68	- Capt	FLANDERS	(W)
Thu 25 Jul 68	- Capt	THOMSON	(HQ)
Fri 26 Jul 68	- WO2	GREY	(Tpt)
Sat 27 Jul 68	- WO2	BROUGHTON	(HQ)
Sun 28 Jul 68	- Capt	FLANDERS	(W)

- B. Duty Sergeant Tour of duty is from 0730 hrs on dates listed to 0730 hrs the following day .

Mon 22 Jul 68	- S/Sgt	WEATHERALL	(R)
Tue 23 Jul 68	- Sgt	CUDDIHY	(W)
Wed 24 Jul 68	- Sgt	SMITH	(HQ)
Thu 25 Jul 68	- Sgt	FREIMAN	(P)
Fri 26 Jul 68	- S/Sgt	DOYLE	(9)
Sat 27 Jul 68	- Sgt	SHAW	(9)
Sun 28 Jul 68	- Sgt	STOKES	(HQ)

- C. Duty Corporal Tour of duty is from 0730 hrs dates listed to 0730 hrs the following day.

Mon 22 Jul 68	- Cpl	McFARLANE	(W)
Tue 23 Jul 68	- Cpl	JONES	(W)
Wed 24 Jul 68	- Cpl	SHARPE	(W)
Thu 25 Jul 68	- Cpl	BROSNAN	(W)
Fri 26 Jul 68	- Cpl	ZURAWEL	(R)
Sat 27 Jul 68	- Cpl	DAWSON	(HQ)
Sun 28 Jul 68	- Cpl	McDONALD	(Tpt)

- D. East Gate Guard Corporal Tour of duty is from 1715 hrs on dates listed to 0630 the following day .

Mon 22 Jul 68	- Cpl	BILLINGTON	(9)
Tue 23 Jul 68	- Cpl	BRIDGE	(HQ)
Wed 24 Jul 68	- Cpl	LIESEGANG	(E)
Thu 25 Jul 68	- Cpl	BEAR	(9)
Fri 26 Jul 68	- Cpl	SMITH	(HQ)
Sat 27 Jul 68	- Cpl	VELTMEYER	(HQ)
Sun 28 Jul 68	- Cpl	MCARTHUR	(P)

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E. Duty Drivers Tour of duty is from 1715 hrs on dates as listed to 0630 hrs the following day .

Mon 22 Jul 68	- Spr	FARROW	- Spr	BREUST
Tue 23 Jul 68	- Spr	HERZEN	- Spr	WALSH
Wed 24 Jul 68	- Spr	BROWN R I	- Spr	WILSON
Thu 25 Jul 68	- Spr	DAY	- Spr	LORD
Fri 26 Jul 68	- Spr	KRUPOWICZ	- Spr	LEA
Sat 27 Jul 68	- Spr	DICKMAN	- Spr	HEEPS
Sun 28 Jul 68	- Spr	EASSIE	- Spr	ENGLISH

Reserves - Spr O'SULLIVAN - Spr ELLIS

F. Duty Mechanics tour of duty is from 0730 hrs on 22 Jul 68 till 0730 hrs on 29 Jul 68

Duty Refrig Mech	- Spr	HASTINGS	(R)
Duty Electrician	- Spr	ALLAN	(E)
RAEME Veh Mech	- Cfn	WILLIAMS	(W)
RAEME Elec Fitter	- Cfn	BRETT	(W)

G. Duty Clerk Duty Storeman Duty Switchboard

Mon 22 Jul 68	- Sgt	STOKES	- Spr	HOSIE	- Spr	STOKES
Tue 23 Jul 68	- Spr	CUNEO	- Cpl	DAWSON	- Spr	CUNEO
Wed 24 Jul 68	- Cpl	BRIDGE	- Sgt	SMITH	- Spr	HOSIE
Thu 25 Jul 68	- Cpl	SMITH	- Spr	PALMER	- Spr	PALMER
Fri 26 Jul 68	- Cpl	VELTMEYER	- Spr	HOSIE	- Spr	WREGG
Sat 27 Jul 68	- Sgt	STOKES	- Cpl	DAWSON	- Spr	STOKES
Sun 28 Jul 68	- Spr	CUNEO	- Spr	McAULLIFFE	- Spr	SUTTON

H. Camp Duties

To be notified

J. Mess Duties

To be notified

K. East Gate Guard

To be notified

*R. M. Bennett*  
for (M.M. VAN GELDER)  
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NOTICES.1. SPORT REPORT - TENNIS WEEK ENDING 13 JUL 68

The competition matches were continued with the B Grade No 1 team playing 102 Wksp resulting in 17 Const Sqn being defeated by 1 game. Two of the normal players were absent; 1 R & R and 1 due to injuries. The A Grade team is drawn to play 110 Sigs Sqn on 15 Jul 68.

2. SGT MESS MEETING GENERAL

A General meeting is to be held at 17 Const Sqn RAE Sgt Mess, at 1630 Fri 26 Jul 68 all members to attend.

3. LOST - WRISTLET WATCH

A watch wrist Gp No 5595 has been lost in the 2 AOD area. Any person finding this watch is to return it to the QM 2 AOD.

4. CLASS 1 EDUCATION COURSE.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the following course has not been promulgated in AFV Routine Orders. The course will be promulgated in due course but to allow units to plan ahead details of the course are listed below :-

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
24	AACE 1 (Mini Course)	26 Jul - 4 Aug	1. Member must hold at least three AACE 1 subjects. 2. Subjects offered are English, Airthmetic and History 3. Examinations are held in week 4 - 10 Aug 68

5. BATTLE CASUALTIES WEEK ENDING 12 JUL 68

The following members of AFV have been notified as battle casualties :-

217350	Pte P.S. O'CONNOR	4 RAR	KIA	7 Jul 68
2788518	Pte A.L. HOGG	1 RAR	WIA	Shrapnel wounds to legs from mine
2786728	Pte I.F. SLITH	1 RAR	WIA	Minor shrapnel wounds to face and chest from mine
217452	Pte J. SWANN	1 RAR	WIA	Shrapnel wounds to chest from mine
3791393	Pte B.J. BURGE	1 RAR	WIA	Frag wounds to arm and thighs from mine



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2788524	Pte P.E. MURRAY	1 RAR	DOV	9 Jul 68
3791343	Pte G.R. GUNN	1 RAR	WIA	Shrapnel wound to thigh from mine
54901	Cpl D.W. SCHEELE	2 SAS	SQI	WIA GSW Right Leg
5411474	Pte L.C. ALVAR	2 SAS	SQI	WIA Shrapnel wound to right leg
215800	Lcpl B.J. HOWES	4 RAR	WIA	GSW to knee
5715206	Pte S.J. BARNETT	4 RAR	KIA	27 Jun 68



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

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Officer Commanding 17 Const Sqn RAE

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27 Jul 68

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9. LOST - BUNCH OF KEYS



RO 416 a. Duty Officer Tour of duty is from 0730 hrs on dates listed to 0730 hrs the following day.

Mon 29 Jul 68	-	WO2	FIRTH	(P)
Tue 30 Jul 68	-	WO2	GIBSON	(W)
Wed 31 Jul 68	-	WO1	STEWART	(W)
Thu 1 Aug 68	-	2Lt	ANDREW	(R)
Fri 2 Aug 68	-	Lt	McCANN	(HQ)
Sat 3 Aug 68	-	WO2	YOUNG	(E)
Sun 4 Aug 68	-	Lt	HARROP	(HQ)

Next for Sunday Duty - WO2 YOUNG (E)

b. Duty Sergeant Tour of duty is from 0730 hrs on dates listed to 0730 hrs the following day.

Mon 29 Jul 68	-	Sgt	DAWE	(HQ)
Tue 30 Jul 68	-	Ssgt	ROSCAREL	(HQ)
Wed 31 Jul 68	-	Sgt	STOKES	(HQ)
Thu 1 Aug 68	-	sSgt	WEATHERALL	(R)
Fri 2 Aug 68	-	Sgt	CUDDIHY	(P)
Sat 3 Aug 68	-	Sgt	FREEMAN	(P)
Sun 4 Aug 68	-	Sgt	STOKES	(HQ)

Next for Sunday Duty - Ssgt WEATHERALL (R)

c. Duty Corporal Tour of duty is from 0730 hrs on dates listed to 0730 hrs the following day.

Mon 29 Jul 68	-	Cpl	GREGORY	(R)
Tue 30 Jul 68	-	Cpl	FERGUSON	(Tpt)
Wed 31 Jul 68	-	Cpl	FLEINER	(W)
Thu 1 Aug 68	-	Cpl	FAIRWEATHER	(9)
Fri 2 Aug 68	-	Cpl	McFARLANE	(W)
Sat 3 Aug 68	-	Cpl	EILLINGTON	(9)
Sun 4 Aug 68	-	Cpl	CHATTIN	(W)

Next for Sunday duty - Cpl EROSNAN (W)

d. East Gate Guard Cpl -

Sun 4 Aug 68 - Cpl SMITH A R (HQ)

e. Duty Drivers Tour of duty is from 1700 hrs to 0700 hrs the following day.

Mon 29 Jul 68	-	Spr	RILLY	-	Spr	MARTIN
Tue 30 Jul 68	-	Spr	ELLIS	-	Spr	BLOXOME
Wed 31 Jul 68	-	Spr	WILSON	-	Spr	VIDULICH
Thu 1 Aug 68	-	Spr	HORNE	-	Spr	COOPER
Fri 2 Aug 68	-	Spr	NAISMITH	-	Spr	HORLOCK
Sat 3 Aug 68	-	Lcpl	McFARLANE	-	Spr	BROWN RA
Sun 4 Aug 68	-	Spr	LORD	-	Spr	O <sup>r</sup> SULLIVAN

Reserves: - Spr WITT - Spr ROBERTSON

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paragraph 1 forfeit the following entitlements under the Defence (Re-establishment) Act 1965:

- a. suspension of contract of employment;
- b. NS Moratorium, beyond 12 months after the normal period of 2 years' full-time service;
- c. vocational training;
- d. rehabilitation if disabled;
- e. re-establishment loan.

They remain entitled, however, to the provisions of the CEC Act or Repatriation benefits as applicable.

RO No 418 CAPS SERVICE.

1. Any Officer or Warrant Officer in possession of a Cap Service in which the top surface cloth has become crinkled is to take immediate steps to have the item replaced.
2. Replacement is to be effected by use of the normal Area Clothing Store proforma.

RO No 419 POSTAL - DAMAGE TO PACKAGES

1. The number of articles damaged between RVN and Aust is increasing and in many cases causing financial loss to the sender and disappointment to the recipient.
2. Greater care is generally needed when wrapping fragile goods. Where the packaging is considered inadequate by the post office, claims for compensation will NOT be considered, even though the package may be registered.

RO No 420 MALARIAL AREA

1. 1 ATF Base NUI DAT and 1 ATF AO have been declared malarial areas.
2. All personnel moving into or operating in the above areas are to wear:
  - a. Trousers J.G
  - b. Shirts J.G with sleeves rolled down and buttoned at the wrist.
  - c. Boots GP hats etc .
3. Shorts may not be worn in the NUI DAT area and shirts may not be removed whilst performing manual or other works.
4. Tp Comds are to inform personnel verbally of this order.

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RO No 421 LOCAL LEAVE

A leave parade is conducted Mon to Sat at 1730 hrs and at 1330 hrs on Sundays. Those members who wish to go on leave are to attend the parade at the times as laid down. Leave passes will not be issued to those members who fail to attend the leave parade, unless the Orderly Sgt has been warned by the Tp Sgt prior to the parade. A maximum of 25% of the unit may proceed on leave. 25% of the unit is 40.

RO No 422 EXTRA REGIMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Wef 11 Jul 68 the following appointment has been made  
61070 WO2 G.H. YOUNG - PMC 17 Const Sqn RAE Sergeants' Mess.

RO No 423 MEDICAL - ATTENDANCE AND TREATMENT PARADES

The following times for attendance and treatment at 1 Aust Pd Hosp will be STRICTLY adhered to. EMERGENCIES ONLY will be treated outside these timings.

1.	<u>Daily Sick Parades</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>OR's</u>	<u>Civilians</u>
	Mon to Sat	1130 & 1330 hrs,	0730 & 1330 hrs,	1030 hrs
	Sun	1130 hrs,	1030 hrs,	1030 hrs
2.	<u>STC-VD Clinic</u>			
	Mon to Sat		0745 hrs	
3.	<u>RFA and R &amp; R Medicals</u>			
	Tue, Fri & Sat		1415 hrs	
4.	<u>Medical Examination of Civilian Food Handlers</u>			
	Monday		1400 hrs	
5.	<u>Needle Parades</u>			
	Mon & Fri		1600 hrs	
6.	<u>Surgeon's Clinic</u>			
	Mon to Sat		1400 hrs	
7.	<u>Physician's Clinic</u>			
	Mon to Sat (except Tue)		1100 hrs	
8.	<u>F.F.I. Detention Bks</u>			
	Friday		1630 hrs	

RO No 424 CURFEW

All members are to be in their assigned billets at 2300 daily for the purpose of the bed check carried out by the Sqn Duty Officer. Hut NCO's are responsible to

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account for the location of soldiers absent from their huts at 2300 hrs.

RO No 425

AREA CLOTHING STORE ISSUES RO No 412 of 13 Jul 68  
is amended as follows:

- a. delete para 2.
- b. insert new para 2 as follows.

The following officers may sign clothing change proforma:

- a. 2IC 17 Const Sqn
- b. QM 17 Const Sqn
- c. Tp Comd 9 Tp
- d. Tp Comd Res Tp
- e. Admin Officer 17 Const Sqn.

RO No 426

EVENING MEALS - OR MESS

1. From Mon 29 Jul 68 evening meal in the OR's MESS will be served from 1745 to 1815 hrs. All personnel other than those for whom a late or early meal has been ordered are to be at the ORs Kitchen by 1810 hrs in order to receive a meal.
2. The purposes of this amendment to the daily timings are: to extend the period between stand down and evening meal so as to allow adequate time:
  - a. to use the wet canteen before the evening meal.
  - b. to clean up, shower and change before the evening meal.
3. The alterations to the evening meal is on a trial basis for one month. The additional time before dinner should reduce the number of personnel who arrive at the last moment for meals or without cleaning up properly.
4. Proper adherence to the spirit of this order will ensure a satisfactory distribution of the alternatives available each meal and an improvement in the standard of unit messing.

RO No 427

EARLY AND LATE MEALS - OR MESS

1. Requests for early and late meals are to be made, in writing direct to the Sgt Cook.
2. Normally, Tp Comds to sign requests for early or late meals. In the absence of Tp Comds, Tp Sgts may sign requests.

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3. Requests are to be submitted as early as possible. Due to works commitments no cut off time is stipulated, and Troop Comds are expected to recognise the problems of preparing meals if insufficient notice is given.

4. No soldier is to be refused an early or late meal if he requests one, irrespective of whether a written request has been received or not, however where there has been no written request, the soldiers name is to be recorded by the Duty Officer and the members Tp Comd may be required to explain why the soldier did not attend the normal meal parade.

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RO No 428 MEDICAL ASPECTS - MOVEMENT OF MEMBERS FROM SOUTH VIETNAM

References: A. MBI 142-3.  
 B. MBI 142-10.  
 C. MBI 142-11.

Aim

1. The aim of this Routine Order is to detail the medical administration which is prior to the movement of members from SOUTH VIETNAM.

Members Posted Home to Australia

2. By fourteen days before due date of departure, the member's RAP is to:

- a. Check that inoculation state (Smallpox, Cholera and Plague) is current for entry to Australia, and that IHC is correctly completed and signed.
- b. Initiate antimalarial therapy in accordance with reference C. (If operational requirements prevent reposting at this time, antimalarial prophylaxis is to be commenced as early as possible).
- c. Ensure medical documentation and any necessary tests are processed. (including F Med 16).

3. Seven days before date of departure or as soon as possible after this date, if operational requirements prevent earlier reposting, members are to report to their RAP. HMO is to:

- a. Carry out medical and/or other essential examination to exclude infectious disease.
- b. Warn the member of diseases which may develop on return to Australia, and what action he should take.
- c. Summarize the medical history of the member including any hospitalization for the period in theatre on F Med 5.
- d. Endorse on the F Med 5:
  - (1) Date and place of examination
  - (2) Date antimalarial course commenced.
  - (3) Tests taken and tests required on RTA.
  - (4) IHC correct.
  - (5) No infectious disease.
  - (6) Fit for RTA within seven days (if appropriate).
- e. Attached to IHC a certificate that member is medically fit to proceed to Australia within seven days.

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4. A member is to collect his IHC prior to march out and carry it on him while travelling. The medical record is to be processed in accordance with reference A.

5. The antimalarial course, as described in reference C (Chloroquine and Primaquine), is required for all members including those taking other than paludrine for malaria prophylaxis. Paludrine, one tablet twice daily, is to be taken while the member is in South Vietnam.

Members Medevac to Australia

6. Hospital patients for medical evacuation to Australia are to be processed by 1 Aust Fd Hosp, which is responsible within the time limits available to carry out the medical clearance procedure.

Members on R and R to Australia

7. By fourteen days before due of departure, the member's RAP is to check that inoculation state (Smallpox, Cholera and Plague) is current for entry to Australia and that IHC is correctly completed and signed.

8. Seven days before date of departure, or as soon as possible after this date if operational requirements prevent earlier reporting, the member is to report to his RAP. RMO is to

- a. Carry out medical and/or other essential examination to exclude infectious diseases which may develop on return to Australia, and what action the member should take.
- b. Advise the member of the necessity to continue malaria prophylaxis (Paludrine).
- c. Attached to IHC a certificate that member is medically fit to proceed to Australia within seven days.

9. A member is to collect his IHC prior to march out and carry it on him while travelling. His medical record are to be retained at the RAP.

Member on Emergency Leave to Australia

10. Before departure RMO is to carry out the procedure detailed in paras 8 and 9 above.

11. Quarantine officers will NOT permit entry into Australia of members whose inoculation state and IHC are NOT current.

Members on R and R to Locations other than Australia

12. By fourteen days prior to departure, or as soon as possible after this date if operational requirements prevent earlier reporting, the member is to report to his RAP to ensure:

- a. IHC is correctly completed and signed.
- b. Any necessary medical examination is carried out.

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e. Member is warned of the necessary to continue antimalarial prophylaxis (Paludrine).

d. Member is warned of diseases which he may develop or contact while on R and R and what precautions and actions he should take.

13. A member is to collect his IHC prior to march out and carry it on him person while travelling. His medical record are to be retained at the RAP.

Cancellation

14. AFV (Army Component Routine Order 144/67 is cancelled.

RO No 429 ACQUISITION CONVERSION AND USE OF CURRENCY

All previous ROs on this subject are cancelled.

References: A. R357-1-15.

1. For the purpose of this RO:

a. "Currency" means and includes all legal tender of any country, and without in any way limiting its meaning includes all notes, coins, tokens, warrants, authorities or requests for the payment of money, scrip, money or postal orders, payment certificates, cheques, bills of exchange, bonds, and valuable securities.

b. "Possession" means and includes the act of any person who:

(1) Has any currency in his custody.

(2) Knowingly has any currency in the custody of another person, corporation or entity.

(3) Knowingly has such currency in a house, building, lodging or open space, whether belonging to him or occupied by him or not, and whether such currency is had or placed there for his own use or the use of another.

c. "Military Payment Certificate" (MPC) means and includes a note or instrument denominated in US currency used as the official medium of exchange in all establishments of the US armed forces by US and all other FWMAO forces.

2. Members are not to have in their possession any currency, except Vietnamese piastre or MPC, unless such other currency was obtained by them in accordance with this RO, or in the course of their official business.

3. a. Members are not to convert or exchange MPC into Vietnamese piastre in any place other than:

(1) A cash office conducted by AFV

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(2) An exchange office authorized by COMAFV or the Ambassador of the United States of America or MACV or the Government of the Republic of Vietnam.

b. Members are not to convert or exchange Vietnamese piastre into MPC except at a place of business conducted by the AFV cash office.

4. Unless they are acting in the course of their official business, members are to use MPC as a means of exchange in transactions within all establishments, controlled or conducted by, or for, the United States of America or the Commonwealth of Australia; and in transactions within the Republic of Vietnam with personnel of AFV and other FWMAO forces, except ARVN personnel.

5. Members are not to use MPC or any other currency except Vietnamese piastre in any transaction with residents of, or visitors to the Republic of Vietnam, unless they are lawfully entitled to have MPC in their possession.

6. Members leaving the Republic of Vietnam, may exchange MPC into other currencies. They are to do so on the actual day of their departure, and at a place of business conducted by the AFV cash office.

7. All previous ROs on this subject are cancelled.

RO No 430 POSSESSION AND USE OF PRIVATELY OWNED AND OF CAPTURED WEAPONS

All previous ROs on this subject are cancelled.

Reference: A. R352-1-7

1. For the purpose of this RO:

a. "WEAPONS" shall mean and include:

(1) All firearms such as handguns, shotguns, rifles, carbines, light automatic weapons, and similar weapons which use an explosive force to propel a projectile.

(2) Knives with folding blades longer than three inches swords, sabres, stiletos and spring release (switch blades) knives.

(3) Metal knuckles, blackjacks, saps, clubs and similar items.

(4) Instruments in which compressed air or a chemical propellant is used to fire a projectile.

b. "EXPLOSIVES" shall mean and include explosives or explosive devices such as hand grenades, smoke grenades, demolition charges, or explosive material such as TNT, C-3 primacord, or arming devices.

c. "AMMUNITION" shall mean and include any projectile having explosive force as a propellant.

d. Any part of, or any insert, or disarmed, or mutilated weapon, explosives, or ammunition of any kind, is to be deemed to be a weapon, explosive or ammunition as the case may be.

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e. "POSSESSION" shall mean and include:

- (1) Has any weapon, explosives or ammunition in his custody; or,
- (2) Knowingly has any weapon, explosives or ammunition in the custody of another person corporation or entity; or
- (3) Knowingly has such weapon, explosive or ammunition in a house, building, lodging or open space whether belonging to him or occupied by him or not and whether such weapon, explosives or ammunition is had or placed there for his own use or the use of another.

2. Members serving in or attached for duty to, AFV (whether temporarily or not) are not to be in possession of weapons, explosives or ammunition unless they have been issued to them by or for, Australian Military sources, for the purpose of military duty, or are the property of the Commonwealth of Australia, or unless within the terms of para 5 of this RO their possession is specially permitted.

3. Units and sub-units commanders are to carry out periodic checks to ensure that personnel under their command, or supervision, are not in possession of weapons, explosives and ammunition contrary to paragraph 2 of this RO.

4. All enemy weapons explosives and ammunition captured by members are to be regarded as follows:

a. In the case of capture by members of AATTV whilst serving with or attached to ARVN units as the property of GVN; and,

b. In every other case as the property of the Commonwealth of Australia, and are to be dealt with according to HQ AFV GS Instr 25 of 16 Apr 68.

5. A member is not to be use a capture weapon, explosive or ammunition unless with special permission of HQ AFV or HQ 1 ATF.

6. All members in possession of weapons explosives or ammunition, contrary to this RO, are to deliver the same of unit stores at once.

7. The AHQ and other authorities on the subject of this RO are contained in DA 79, MBI 129-5, ARO 35/68 and HQ AFV GS Instr 25 of 16 Apr 68 to which reference should be made. Units, sub-units or members are not to be in possession of any weapons, explosives or ammunition unless in accordance with this RO or the relevant authorities mentioned in this paragraph.

8. All previous ROs on this subject are cancelled.

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RO No 431 UNAUTHORISED DISCHARGE OF WEAPONS AND FIREARMS

1. The instruction contained in HQ A14240 of 23 May 68 is cancelled.
2. Any member who negligently, or accidentally, or wilfully in breach of an order or his military duty, discharges or causes the discharge of any weapon is to be charged irrespective of his rank. He is not to RTA until the charge has been heard and concluded.
3. Care is to be taken that the charge is laid properly according to the circumstances in each case. When necessary, charges are to be drafted by legal officers.
4. HQ AFV is to be advised of the result of disciplinary action in each case.
5. When an investigation is deemed necessary, the Investigating Officer's report is to be submitted to HQ AFV within ten days after the incident. An investigation is to be ordered in every case where any member is injured by an unauthorized discharge. An SIB investigation is to be made at once in any case where it is suspected that there is a possibility of any such injury having been inflicted wilfully.
6. No disciplinary action or act which may amount to condonation is to be taken, or done, in respect of any member who, it is suspected, has wilfully wounded himself or another member by an unauthorized discharge, until the Investigating Officer's report has been considered by COMAFV and he has given his direction.

RO No 432 TRANSMISSION OF SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS THROUGH THE POST

1. Commonwealth of Australia Postal Regulations prohibit the transmission of inflammable substances (including liquors) having a flash point of less than 80 degrees F. through the post.
2. Investigation has revealed that spirituous liquors having a proof rating in excess of 85 Proof US or 74 UK come within this category and are therefore not to be transmitted by members through the post to Australia.
3. There is no objection, however, to members posting spirituous liquors to Australia provided:
  - a. They have a proof rating below the stipulated figure.
  - b. They are packed safely and in such a manner that damage will not result to other posted items should the bottle/bottles break.

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c. The member is prepared to pay any duty imposed by the Department of Customs and Excise (Customs concessions on spirituous liquors only apply when members are physically arriving in Australia).

4. It should be noted that most spirituous liquors available in SVN are within the approved limits.

5. The proof rating is displayed on the label of most spirituous liquors sold in Vietnam. Where any doubt exists it is to be checked against the PX catalogue held in PX and ASCO establishments.

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#### NOTICES

1. ISSUE OF LIGHTERS CIGARETTE

Reference: A. R9920-1-1

a. In order to utilize existing holdings of these items, AHQ has agreed to their release for use in SVN.

b. It is stressed that this is not to be regarded as a bonus issue, however no official maintenance or repair is authorized, apart from free issue of wicks, which will also be effected through self-service stores.

c. Unserviceable lighters will be exchanged on a one-for-one basis at unit level, and replacement stock issued from self-service stores on turn in of unserviceable lighters to self-service store for destruction.

d. There will be no further procurement of this item, issues will cease when stocks are exhausted.

2. RUGBY UNION

17 Const Sqn and 55 EWPS defeated HQ Coy by 11-0, last night, the 24 July at the Junior Military Academy. This was the first game of the new inter-unit competition.

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3. SOCCKER

In a hard-fought but clean game of soccer 17 Const Sqn RAE 3 defeated 102 Fd Wksp 0.

The first half was scoreless, however approx 7 min in the second half, a good pass by Spr Blue PARFREY to inside left Spr LEN ARMSTRONG, resulted in Spr ARMSTRONG scoring a good goal from a very acute angle.

The second goal was nearly a duplication of the first one, the only variation being, Spr PARFREY kicked the ball deep into 102 Fd Wksp's area and was intercepted by Spr ARMSTRONG after a very fast run and the score resulted from nearly the same angle.

The third goal resulted from a pass to Capt THOMSON by Spr Tony KAMPHUIS, which was taken by Capt THOMSON to 102 Fd Wksp's goal mouth, he kicked the ball from approx 15 yds out, the ball hit the left post, but Capt THOMSON following up got another kick at the ball and scored.

17 Const Sqn defence line proved too strong to penetrate, consequently 102 Fd Wksp was unable to score.

Best players of the day were, Spr ARMSTRONG, Spr PARFREY, Cpl FLEINER and Pte ALDRIDGE defending 17 Const Sqn goals.

4. TENNIS

Both A and B1 grade teams were beaten by 2 AOD in their last matches.

5. AUSTRALIAN RULES COMPETITION

1. The forthcoming Australian Rules Competition is due to commence week beginning 19 Aug 68.

2. Training will be conducted each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1700 hrs on the beach opposite the Peter Bedcoe Club.

3. The following names have been received as those members interested in participating in the forthcoming competition

Spr	HORLOCK	(Res)
"	HARCUS	"
"	THOMPSON	"
"	HAUGHEY	"
"	ASHDOWN	"
"	MORRISON	"
"	WHITEHEAD	"
Spr	LASSEY	(Elec)
"	GIOSSERANO	"
"	HAWKE	"
"	GAY	"

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L/	Cpl KELLY	(Elec)
	Cpl SMITH	(HQ)
	Spr CUNEO	"
	" MARTIN	"
	Cpl BILLINGTON	(9Tp)
	" BAKE	"
	Spr VLADICH	"
	" EBBELAR	"
	" PARFREY	"
	" MAHONEY	"
	" SEERS	(PL)
	" DURHAM	"
	Cpl JONES	(Wksp)
	Cfn LYNCH	"
	Pte EDWARDS	"

6. VOLLEYBALL

Spr TIDEY (9 Tp) is now Unit Representative.

7. BASKETBALL

Anyone wishing to play Basketball contact Pte T.G. MURRAY Workshops Phone Emu 80.

8. BATTLE CASUALTIES - WEEK ENDING 26 JUL 68

The following members of AFV have been notified as battle casualties:

5715239	Pte U.DE-LONGIS	4	RAR	WIA	Frag wound to stomach from mine.
6410252	Pte P.R. DAVIS	4	RAR	WIA	Frag wound to chest from mine.
4718744	Pte J.C. CARRSON	3	RAR	WIA	GSW left arm & left middle finger during contact.
3411804	Lopl G.H. LOBB	2	SAS SQN	WIA:	Shrapnel wound to L ankle from AP mine
235306	Lt G.L. SIMPSON	2	SAS SQN	WIA;	Shrapnel wound to legs and abdomen from AP mine.
1200896	Pte D.J. CULLEN	2	SAS SQN	WIA:	Shrapnel wound to R arm and buttock from AP mine
215312	Sgt B.A. SMITH	1	RAR	WIA:	Shrapnel wound to back of head from mine.
3790866	Cpl K.N. TURNHAM	A	SQN 3 CAV REGT	WIA:	Small wound to buttocks when APC mined
42809	Cfn D.G. BORLAGE	A	SQN 3 CAV REGT	KIA:	15 Jul 68 APC mined.



3791120 Pte T.J. POSTER 1 RAR WIA: Blast to ears from  
mine  
215659 Pte J.A. CHISLETT 1 RAR WIA: Minor shrapnel wound  
to R hand from mine.

9. LOST - KEYS

Lost in 17 Const Sqn area a key ring containing six keys. If  
found to be handed to the SSM



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Commander

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SOUTH VIETNAM

5 JUL 68

Serial : 18  
Numbers: 99-101

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RO NO	TITLE
99.	TRADE TESTING AND SUPERVISING OFFICERS ... AMENDMENT
100.	HONORARY MEMBERSHIP OF RSL
101.	MOVEMENT OF TRACKED VEHICLES WITHIN 1 ALSG

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NOTICE

LIBRARY AND READING ROOM FACILITIES.  
VOLLEY BALL PRESENTATION FOUND.  
WRISTLET WATCH.

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99. TRADE TESTING AND SUPERVISING OFFICERS - AMENDMENT.

Reference: HQ 1 ALSG Routine Order Part No 38/68.

Serial 34 683 Projectionist (16mm)

Delete: 34414 Ssgt N. WARREN AFV Cash Office

Insert: 5736 WO2 K.F. MANN HQ Coy 1 ALSG

*H.M.H. Salmon*  
(H.M.H. SALMON)  
Major  
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100. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP OF RSL

Reference: R179 - 1 - 2.

1. All members of 1 ALSG, who qualify for the grant of the South VIETNAM medal, are also eligible for honorary membership of the RSL for the balance of the year that they RTA.
2. Honorary membership is granted by the issue of "Honorary Membership Cards". These cards are available from unit headquarters.
3. Units can obtain replacement stocks of cards from HQ 1 ALSG.
4. Paragraphs 162 of this order are to be published in unit Routine Orders Part 1 and replaced every 3 months.

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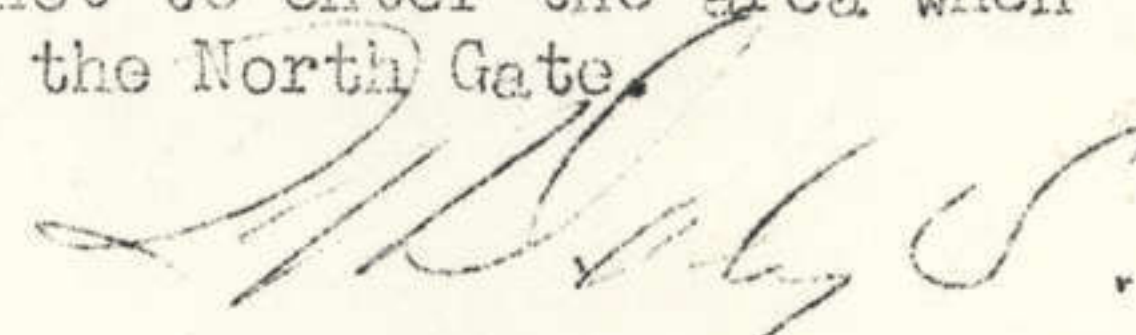
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101. MOVEMENT OF TRACKED VEHICLES WITHIN 1 ALSG

1. Tracked vehicles are not to be road/X country tested within the 1 ALSG area. An approved testing ground is located on the Northern extension of the Back Beach road and all that area of ground which lies between the road and the water. Access to and from the area is to be by the North Gate only.
2. Units are warned that this area was once used as a field firing range and any object resembling an unexploded bomb should be left alone and be reported to the ATO phone EMU 166. As the area is again available for field firing, test vehicles are not to enter the area when a red flag is flying or a sentry is on duty at the North Gate.



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LIBRARY AND READING ROOM FACILITIES

A modern well equipped reference library and reading room stocked with papers up to four days old and a comprehensive selection of paperbacks, magazines and books is located at AFV Education Section. The section is situated in HQ Coy 1 ALSG lines and is open at the following times :-

Mon, Tue, Thu	0730 - 1715	1930 - 2030
Wed, Fri, Sat	0730 - 1715	
Sun	0845 - 1100	

/Volley Ball.....



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NOTICE

VOLLEY BALL PRESENTATION.

Major H.M.H. SALMON HQ 1 ALSG, presented the Kiwi Shield on behalf of the Comd 1 ALSG, to 2 AOD team winners of the grand final. Final results 15-12, 6-15, 15-8, 15-5

FOUND - WRISTLET WATCH

A wristlet watch has been found in the vicinity of the Peter Badcoe Club. Owner may claim same from WO1 J. FLOWERDAY Emu 78

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SOUTH VIETNAM

5 JUL 68

Serial : 20  
Numbers: 103-107

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RO NO	TITTLE
103.	NATIONAL SERVICE VOLUNTARY EXTENSION OF SERVICE.
104.	CAPS SERVICE.
105.	LOSS OF ICE TONGS.
106.	APPOINTMENT FIRE OFFICER.
107.	POSTAL -- DAMAGE TO PACKAGES.

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103. NATIONAL SERVICE VOLUNTARY EXTENSION OF SERVICE

1. NSM may volunteer to extend their full-time service by a period not exceeding two years. A period of extended service is to be deducted from the normal period of service in the Regular Army Reserve or CMF.
2. An approved extension is to be legal and binding in a similar manner as re-engagement in advance applies to a Regular soldier.
3. It should be noted that NSM volunteering as in paragraph 1 forfeit the following entitlements under the Defence (Re-establishment) Act 1965:
  - a. suspension of contract of employment;
  - b. NS Moratorium, beyond 12 months after the normal period of 2 years' full-time service;
  - c. vocational training;
  - d. rehabilitation if disabled;
  - e. re-establishment loan.

They remain entitled, however, to the provisions of the CEC Act or Repatriation benefits as applicable.

104. CAPS SERVICE.

1. Any Officer or Warrant Officer in possession of a Cap Service in which the top surface cloth has become crinkled is to take immediate steps to have the item replaced.
2. Replacement is to be effected by use of the normal Area Clothing Store proforma.

105. LOSS OF ICE TONGS

1. A pair of ice tongs used by 25 Sup Pl in their delivery of ice to units in this area have been lost.
2. If found these tongs are to be returned to 25 Sup Pl.

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106. APPOINTMENT FIRE OFFICER.

1. Capt K. GOSSCHALK is appointed 1 ALSG Fire Officer vice Capt J. HEMPHILL, WEF 22 Jul 68.
2. 1 ALSG Routine Order Part I No 155/67 is cancelled.

107. POSTAL - DAMAGE TO PACKAGES

1. The number of articles damaged between RVN and Aust is increasing and in many cases causing financial loss to the sender and disappointment to the recipient.
2. Greater care is generally needed when wrapping fragile goods. Where the packaging is considered inadequate by the post office, claims for compensation will NOT be considered, even though the package may be registered.



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For JUL 68

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12 JUL 68

Serial : 19  
Numbers: 102

<u>RO NO</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
102.	SAFETY DURING MONSOON SEASONS

NOTICE

LOST WRISTLET WATCH

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102. SAFETY DURING MONSOON SEASONS

1. During the monsoon seasons, heavy rainfall and thunderstorms with associated electrical disturbances can be expected to occur from five to fifteen days per month. The following safety precautions will minimize the potential hazards to personnel caused by electrical disturbances and flash flooding. These precautions should be followed by all personnel when the operational or tactical situation permits.

a. Electrical storms:

(1) Stay away from isolated trees or poles in open areas. If in the jungle avoid the tallest trees.

(2) Avoid open fields or bare hilltops. When unavoidably caught in such terrain lie flat on the ground to reduce target height.

(3) Avoid large masses of steel in open terrain if the tactical situation permits (e.g., mounted guns, field pieces, wire fences, and vehicles). If caught suddenly in an electrical storm in a rubber tired vehicle, stay put; personnel in rubber tired vehicles usually escape injury in electrical storms as the vehicle tires insulate the vehicle from the ground.

(4) Do not seek shelter under a vehicle. The insulation effect of vehicle tires may cause a body under a vehicle to become the conductor of an electrical charge from the vehicle to the earth.

(5) If in a group, disperse. A group attracts lightning more than a person alone.

(6) If inside a building during an electrical storm, remain clear of exterior walls.

(7) Whenever possible disconnect the lead-in wire to field switchboards and telephones.

(8) If you must use the telephone during an electrical disturbance, keep your conversation as short as possible.

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(9) Upon the approach of an electrical storm, supervisors of outdoor theatres should cease operation and disperse the crowd.

(10) Avoid beaches, boats, swimming areas, wire fences or riding on top of equipment during thunderstorms.

(11) When outdoors during an electrical storm and your hair feels as if it were standing on end, fall flat immediately, in a ditch or depression if possible.

(12) If an individual is struck by lightning do not assume death has occurred. Promptly apply mouth to mouth resuscitation and treat for shock. Seek medical assistance as soon as possible.

b. Flash Floods.


(1) Exercise care in selecting bivouac areas. Small streams can rise several feet during the heavy rainfall associated with the monson season.

(2) Avoid placement of vehicles or equipment in the bottom of a valley, canyon or on the bank of a small stream. Sudden flooding of these areas can result in loss or damage to materiel.

(3) Park vehicles well back from the banks of streams.

(4) During the flood season, be particularly careful when forced to cross bridges. High water can undermine bridges and render them unsafe. Stop your vehicle if at all possible, and inspect both ends of a bridge before proceeding.

2. Unit Commanders are encouraged to take additional precautions commensurate with environmental conditions prevailing in the area concerned.

  
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LOST - WRISTLET WATCH

A watch wrist Gp No 5595 has been lost in the 2 AOD area. Any person finding this watch is to return it to the QM 2 AOD.

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25 JUL 68

Serial : 21  
Numbers: 108-115

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109.	INSPECTION OF GEN SET 2.5 KVA
110.	FX RATION CARDS
111.	ISSUE OF LIGHTERS, CIGARETTE
112.	SUPPLY OF POL PRODUCTS
113.	REQUESTS FOR SIB/PROVOST INVESTIGATIONS
114.	MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS - DRESS
115.	TAXATION RETURNS 1967/68

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108. UNAUTHORISED DISCHARGE OF WEAPONS AND FIREARMS

Reference: R1000 - 1 - 5

1. The instruction contained in HQ AFV A14240 of 23 May 68 is cancelled.
2. Any member who negligently, or accidentally, or wilfully in breach of an order or his military duty, discharges or causes the discharge of any weapon is to be charged irrespective of his rank. He is not to RTA until the charge has been heard and concluded.
3. Care is to be taken that the charge is laid properly according to the circumstances in each case. When necessary, charges are to be drafted by legal officers.
4. HQ AFV is to be advised of the result of disciplinary action in each case.
5. When an investigation is deemed necessary, the investigating officer's report is to be submitted to HQ AFV within 10 days after the incident. An investigation is to be ordered in every case where any member is injured by an unauthorized discharge. An SIB investigation is to be made at once in any case where it is suspected that there is a possibility of any such injury having been inflicted wilfully.
6. No disciplinary action or act which may amount to condonation is to be taken, or done, in respect of any member who, it is suspected, has wilfully wounded himself or another member by an unauthorized discharge, until the Investigating Officer's report has been considered by COMAFV and he has given his direction.

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109. INSPECTION OF GEN SET 2.5 KVA

1. Units having on charge stocks of 6115-66-021-1300 Generator Set Gasoline Engine 2.5 KVA 240V/120V 50C/S single phase are to request their supporting RAEME Wksp to inspect their equipments in accordance with this order.
2. RAEME Wksp units are to inspect these equipments to ensure that they do not have a transit bar welded to the frame bottom and bolted to the underneath of the engine.
3. Equipments fitted with the bar are to have the bar removed by cutting as near to the frame as possible and by unbolting from the engine.
4. Results of inspection and modification action if required will be recorded in the equipment Log Book AB 126.

110. PX RATION CARDS

1. New PX ration cards are being issued.
2. To ensure that there is no contravention of PX regulations prohibiting purchases of particularly luxury goods in excess of the amount approved on the ration card, rationed luxury items that members have purchases for Jun 68 of tobacco, liquor and beer are also to be transcribed.
3. It will be appreciated that failure to ensure that the ration of goods shown on the PX ration card is not exceeded and lead to removal of PX privileges for all members of AFV.

111. ISSUE OF LIGHTERS CIGARETTE

1. In order to utilize existing holdings of these items, AHQ has agreed to their release for use in SVN.
2. The items, when received, are to be placed in self service stores at 1 ATF and 1 ALSG - a separate issue will be made to HQ Coy AFV - for release on a one-per-man basis.

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111. 3. It is stressed that this is not to be regarded as a bonus issue, however no official maintenance or repair is authorized, apart from free issue of wicks, which will also be effected through self-service stores.
4. Unserviceable lighters will be exchanged on a one-for-one basis at unit level, and replacement stock issued from self service stores on turn-in of unserviceable lighters to self service stores for destruction. HQ Coy AFV is to report the number of unserviceable lighters destroyed to DADOS, who will arrange replacement issue from 2 AOD.
5. There will be no further procurement of this item, issues will cease when stocks are exhausted.

112. SUPPLY OF POL PRODUCTS

1. Instances have occurred recently where units have submitted demands for POL items on 2 AOD. These have been mainly for temporary protectives eg. PX112
2. The RAASC is responsible for the provision and supply of all products. The main grades used by the Army are contained in MBI 244-1. Annexes A and B. From time to time additional items are required for a particular purpose and not listed in the MBI. Prior to submitting demands for these items units should first consult Det 8 Pet PL RAASC to determine the source of supply.
3. The following additional items used by units in this theatre are RAASC supply:
- a. Maintenance Kit, electronic equipment lubricating.
  - b. CRC -2-26 )
  - c. RP 7 ) These items only issued on authority  
DADEME HQ AFV.
  - d. Molybond 1221

/ 113. Requests

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113. REQUESTS FOR SIB/PROVOST INVESTIGATIONS.

1. All requests for SIB/ PROVOST INVESTIGATIONS are to be forwarded to HQ 1 ALSG. Units are not to deal direct with AFV Pro Unit.

114. MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS - DRESS

1. Visitors from 1 ALSG to 1 ATF are to observe the following orders of dress at all times:-

- a. Within NUI DAT Base & HORSESHOE Base.

Long trousers and shirts will be worn at all times. Between 1830 hrs and 0630 hrs at night shirts are to worn with sleeves down and buttoned at the wrist. During daylight hours sleeves may be worn rolled above the elbow.

- b. When on Operations out of NUI DAT.

All ranks will wear shirts with sleeves rolled down and long trousers at all times.

2. This order is to be promulgated in all unit Routine Orders Part 1. (HQ 1 ALSG AQ 1027 of 21 Jul 67 is hereby cancelled.)

115. TAXATION RETURNS 1967/68

1. It is in the interest of the member to submit his return as soon as possible, but in any case no later than 31 Aug 68.
2. Taxation returns are to be submitted in all cases where taxable income exceeds the minimum earnings on which taxation is based, irrespective of whether any tax is payable or not.
3. Taxation refund cheques cannot be cashed at Cash Offices in Vietnam. Therefore it is recommended that one of the following methods be used to obtain any rebates for Financial Year 1967/68:
  - a. Sign an authority for the Commissioner of Taxation to pay the refund to the Department of Army for credit to paybook, or

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3. b. Authorise the commissioner of Taxation to pay the rebate to a bank account in Australia. The bank must be authorised to open mail addressed to the member care of the bank.
  4. An example of Authority for Payment to the Paybook is attached as Annex "A" to this order.
  5. This instruction is to be reproduced in Unit Routine Orders and any queries directed to servicing paymaster or Unit Liaison Officer, Saigon Cash Office.

  
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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

The Deputy Commissioner of Taxation

.....

(Capital City in which return lodged)

AUTHORITY FOR PAYMENT OF REFUND TO ARMY  
PAY-BOOK

Full Name.....  
(Surname) (Christian Names)

Army Number.....

Unit.....

I hereby authorize you to pay amount due to me in respect of an excess of tax instalment deductions over tax payable for the year of income ended 30th June 19.....to the Collector of Public Moneys, Department of the Army, Canberra, for credit to my paybook.

Please quote file  
number if known.....)

Signature.....  
Date.....



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OC DET 17 CONST SQN RAE

NUI DAT

6 JUL 68

Serial: 32

RO Nos: 134-140

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DUTIESa. DUTY OFFICER

Mon 8 Jul 68 - Capt SLATER  
 Tue 9 Jul 68 - WO2 GREENWOOD  
 Wed 10 Jul 68 - 2Lt STRAKER  
 Thu 11 Jul 68 - 2Lt MEEHAN  
 Fri 12 Jul 68 - Capt MACLEAN  
 Sat 13 Jul 68 - Capt GLYDE  
 Sun 14 Jul 68 - Capt SLATER  
 Timings - 1600 Hrs 1600 Hrs Daily

b. DUTY NCO

Mon 8 Jul 68 - Sgt BUCKLEY  
 Tue 9 Jul 68 - Sgt McMILLAN  
 Wed 10 Jul 68 - Sgt BOXSELL  
 Thu 11 Jul 68 - Sgt MILLS  
 Fri 12 Jul 68 - Sgt MITCHELL  
 Sat 13 Jul 68 - Ssgt SCHULZE  
 Sun 14 Jul 68 - Sgt LOGAN

Timings - 1600 to 1600 grs daily.

c. COMMAND POST

Mon 8 Jul 68 - Spr GUY, BIRD, Cfn WHYKES  
 Tue 9 Jul 68 - Lcpl MENSINGER, Spr WENDELGELST, SHIPP  
 Wed 10 Jul 68 - Cfn REEVES, Cpl FARLEY, Cfn BINDLEY  
 Thu 11 Jul 68 - Cfn NUMME, Spr COLUMBUS, Spr POKE  
 Fri 12 Jul 68 - Spr GUY, BIRD, Cfn WHYKES  
 Sat 13 Jul 68 - Lcpl MENSINGER, Spr WENDELGELST, Cfn YOUNG  
 Sun 14 Jul 68 - Cfn REEVES, Cpl FARLEY, Cfn BINDLEY

Timings - Report to CP by 1840 Hrs daily.  
 Dismount at 0700 Hrs following day

d. TELEPHONE PICQUETS HQ BUILDING

Mon 8 Jul 68 - Spr COLUMBUS  
 Tue 9 Jul 68 - Spr SHIPP  
 Wed 10 Jul 68 - Spr WENDELGELST  
 Thu 11 Jul 68 - Spr BIRD  
 Fri 12 Jul 68 - Cpl WHITBY  
 Sat 13 Jul 68 - Spr GUY  
 Sun 14 Jul 68 - To be notified

Timings - 0700 to 0800, 1200 to 1300, 1700 to 1840.daily

e. DUTY CPL HQ TROOP

Mon 8 Jul 68 - Cpl ALMOND  
 Tue 9 Jul 68 - Lcpl MENSINGER  
 Wed 10 Jul 68 - Cpl WHITBY  
 Thu 11 Jul 68 - Cpl FARLEY  
 Fri 12 Jul 68 - Cpl ALMOND  
 Sat 13 Jul 68 - Lcpl MENSINGER  
 Sun 14 Jul 68 - Cpl WHITBY

Assist duty NCO with Field Punishment pers. Tattoo report to CP by 2215 Hrs. Ensure HQ Tp lights are out by 2230 Hrs.

f. MESS DUTY OR MESS

Mon 8 Jul to Sun 14 Jul 68 - Duties to be supplied by 10 Tp

g. MESS DUTIES 1 FD SQN OFFRS/SGTS MESS

1 Duty each from Mech & Elec Troop

h. HYGIENE OR MESS

Spr SHIPP, POKE

i. PICQUET DELTA COY 1 RAR. To be notified seperately.



135. DRESS

There is a noticeable increase in the number of personnel of 1 ATF who are wearing US Army Uniforms or other unauthorised forms of dress. All sub units are to ensure that the correct order of dress is worn both in and outside 1 ATF Base.

136. VEHICLES "SOP" 1 ATF.

Delete para (b) of RO 117 dated 15 Jun 68 and insert.  
(b) No member under any circumstances, may smoke whilst driving or riding as a passenger, on any vehicle in 1 ATF.

137. BUZZER CONNECTIONS - Mk 111 & Mk V VEHICLES.

1. The leads on buzzer connections on Mk 111 and Mk V vehicles are not to be disconnected at any time.
2. Failure to observe this order will result in disciplinary action being taken against offender.

138. VEHICLES - CLEANLINESS.

1. ALL Det 17 Const Sqn vehicles are to be kept as clean as practicable, with special attention being paid to cabins of trucks.
2. Vehicles are to be inspected by RAEME Sgt and Troop NCO 13 Jul 68.

139. DRESS.

Dress for the evening meal is:-

Long trousers, shirt, boots or shoes. Dress at all times after 1830 hrs is long trousers, shirts with sleeves rolled down, buttoned at wrist, boots or shoes.

RO 98 is cancelled.

140. CANTINEEN HOURS

The following timings are to be strictly adhered to.

DRY: 1200 to 1245 hrs Mon to Sat.

WET: 1715 to 1745 hrs and 1900 to 2100 hrs Mon to Sat.  
1230 to 1400 hrs and 1700 to 2100 hrs Sundays.

All trading is to cease at 2100 hrs daily. The canteen area is to be cleared by 2130 hrs daily.

RO No 99 is cancelled.

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OC DET 17 COMET SON RAE  
NUI DAT  
14 JUL 68

Serial 33  
RO No 141

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141 - DUTIES



DUTIESa. DUTY OFFICER

Mon 15 Jul 68 - WO2 GREENWOOD  
 Tue 16 Jul 68 - 2Lt STRAKER  
 Wed 17 Jul 68 - 2Lt MANNAN  
 Thu 18 Jul 68 - Capt MACLEAN  
 Fri 19 Jul 68 - Capt GLYDE  
 Sat 20 Jul 68 - Capt SLATER  
 Sun 21 Jul 68 - WO2 GREENWOOD

Timings - 1600 hrs to 1600 hrs daily

b. DUTY NCO

Mon 15 Jul 68 - Sgt McMILLAN  
 Tue 16 Jul 68 - Sgt BOXSELL  
 Wed 17 Jul 68 - Sgt BUCKLEY  
 Thu 18 Jul 68 - Sgt MILLS  
 Fri 19 Jul 68 - Sgt MITCHELL  
 Sat 20 Jul 68 - Ssgt SCHULZE  
 Sun 21 Jul 68 - Sgt LOGAN

Timings - 1600 hrs to 1600 hrs daily

c. COMMAND POST

Mon 15 Jul 68 - Cpl CRACK, Cfn HUMME, Spr COLUMBUS  
 Tue 16 Jul 68 - Spr KELLY, POKE, GUY  
 Wed 17 Jul 68 - Spr BIRD, Cfn WYKES, Lcpl MENSINGER  
 Thu 18 Jul 68 - Spr WENDELGELST, Cfn YOUNG, Cfn REEVES  
 Fri 19 Jul 68 - Cpl FARLEY, Cpl BIRMINGHAM, Spr SMITH  
 Sat 20 Jul 68 - Cfn HINDLEY, Cpl WHITBY, Cfn HUMME  
 Sun 21 Jul 68 - Cpl CRACK, Spr COLUMBUS, Spr KELLY

Timings - Report to CP at 1840 hrs daily  
 Dismount at 0700 hrs following day

d. DUTY CEN HQ TROOP

Mon 15 Jul 68 - Cpl WALKER  
 Tue 16 Jul 68 - Cpl CRACK  
 Wed 17 Jul 68 - Cpl FARLEY  
 Thu 18 Jul 68 - Cpl BIRMINGHAM  
 Fri 19 Jul 68 - Cpl WHITBY  
 Sat 20 Jul 68 - Lcpl MENSINGER  
 Sun 21 Jul 68 - Cpl WALKER

Assist Duty NCO with Field Punishment Personnel. Tattoo  
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e. TELEPHONE PICQUET HQ BUILDING

Mon 15 Jul 68 - Spr POKE  
 Tue 16 Jul 68 - Spr KELLY  
 Wed 17 Jul 68 - Spr COLUMBUS  
 Thu 18 Jul 68 - Spr SHIPP  
 Fri 19 Jul 68 - Spr SMITH  
 Sat 20 Jul 68 - Spr WENDELGELST  
 Sun 21 Jul 68 - To be notified

Timings - 0700 to 0800, 1200 to 1300, 1700 to 1840 hrs daily

f. MESS DUTIES OR MESS 15 to 21 Jul 68

Duties to be supplied by 10 Tp as required

g. MESS DUTIES 1 RD SQN OFFERS/SGTS MESS 15 to 21 Jul 68

1 Duty each from Elec & Mech Tp

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NUI DAT

27 JUL 68

Serial 35

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DUTIESa. DUTY OFFICER

Mon 5 Aug 68 - Capt MACLEAN  
 Tue 6 Aug 68 - Lt COWPER  
 Wed 7 Aug 68 - Capt SLATER  
 Thu 8 Aug 68 - WO2 GREENWOOD  
 Fri 9 Aug 68 - 2Lt STRAKER  
 Sat 10 Aug 68 - 2Lt MEEHAN  
 Sun 11 Aug 68 - Capt MACLEAN

Timings - 1600 hrs to 1600 hrs following day

b. DUTY NCO

Mon 5 Aug 68 - Ssgt SCHULZE  
 Tue 6 Aug 68 - Sgt LOGAN  
 Wed 7 Aug 68 - Sgt BOXSELL  
 Thu 8 Aug 68 - Sgt McMILLAN  
 Fri 9 Aug 68 - Sgt BUCKLEY  
 Sat 10 Aug 68 - Sgt MITCHELL  
 Sun 11 Aug 68 - Sgt MILLS  
 Next for duty - Sgt KUSLAN

Timings - 1600 hrs to 1600 hrs following day

c. COMMAND POST

Mon 5 Aug 68 - Cfn BINDLEY Spr SHIPP Spr CIEZAK  
 Tue 6 Aug 68 - Cfn REEVES Spr POKE Spr GUY  
 Wed 7 Aug 68 - Spr DONOVAN Spr BIRD Spr SMITH  
 Thu 8 Aug 68 - Lcpl MENSINGER Cfn WHYKES Spr PHILLIPS  
 Fri 9 Aug 68 - Spr SHIPP Cfn BINDLEY Cfn MUMME  
 Sat 10 Aug 68 - Spr BROWN Cfn REEVES Spr POKE  
 Sun 11 Aug 68 - Spr GUY Spr LORRAINE Spr SMITH

Report to CP at 1840 hrs daily. Dismount 0700 Hrs daily

d. DUTY CPL HQ TROOP

Mon 5 Aug 68 - Cpl BURR  
 Tue 6 Aug 68 - Cpl FARLEY  
 Wed 7 Aug 68 - Cpl BIRLINGHAM  
 Thu 8 Aug 68 - Cpl WHITBY  
 Fri 9 Aug 68 - Cpl WALKER  
 Sat 10 Aug 68 - Lcpl MENSINGER  
 Sun 11 Aug 68 - Cpl BURR

Assist Duty NCO with Fld Punishment Personnel.

Tattoo report to CP by 2215 hrs. HQ Tp lights out by 2230 hrs

e. TELEPHONE PICQUET CP

Mon 5 Aug 68 - Spr SMITH  
 Tue 6 Aug 68 - Spr PHILLIPS  
 Wed 7 Aug 68 - Spr GUY  
 Thu 8 Aug 68 - Spr BIRD  
 Fri 9 Aug 68 - Spr POKE  
 Sat 10 Aug 68 - Spr SHIPP  
 Sun 11 Aug 68 - To be notified

Timings - 0700 hrs to 0800 hrs, 1200 hrs to 1245 hrs  
 1700 hrs to 1840 hrs daily.

f. MESS DUTIES OR MESS

Duties to be supplied by 10 Tp as required.

g. MESS DUTIES OFFR/SGTS MESS

1 duty each from Mech and Elec Tp



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R AND R LEAVE

1. All personnel are reminded that ARL with R and R at centres outside AUSTRALIA will only be approved in those cases where a wife is joining her husband at the R and R centre.
2. HQ AFV will not consider a second R and R unless the application is originated by a CO/OC and supported by Comd 1 ALSG.

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SHOPPING FACILITIES - BARIA

1. As from the date of this order, members of Det 17 Const Sqn in or passing through BARIA on authorised duty may use the shopping facilities in BARIA.
2. Personnel are reminded that BARIA is not a leave centre.

147.

UNAUTHORISED DISCHARGE OF WEAPONS AND FIREARMS

1. The instruction contained in HQ AFV A14240 of 23 May 68 is cancelled.
2. Any member who negligently, or accidentally, or wilfully in breach of an order or his military duty, discharges or causes the discharge of any weapon is to be charged irrespective of his rank. He is not to RTA until the charge has been heard and concluded.
3. Care is to be taken that the charge is laid properly according to the circumstances in each case. When necessary, charges are to be drafted by legal officers.
4. HQ AFV is to be advised of the result of disciplinary action in each case.
5. When an investigation is deemed necessary, the investigating Officer's report is to be submitted to HQ AFV within 10 days after the incident. An investigation is to be ordered in every case where any member is injured by an unauthorised discharge. An SIB investigation is to be made at once in any case where it is suspected that there is a possibility of any such injury having been inflicted wilfully.
6. No disciplinary action or act which may amount to condonation is to be taken, or done, in respect of any member who, it is suspected has wilfully wounded himself or another member by an unauthorised discharge, until the Investigating Officer's report has been considered by COMAFV and he has given his direction.

148.

MEDICAL ASPECTS - MOVEMENT OF MEMBERS FROM SVN

- Reference:
- A. MBI 142-3.
  - B. MBI 142-10.
  - C. MBI 142-11.

AIM

1. The aim of this Routine Order is to detail the medical administration which is prior to the movement of members from SVN.

MEMBERS POSTED HOME TO AUSTRALIA

2. By fourteen days before due date of departure, the member's RAP is to:
  - a. Check that inoculation state (Smallpox, Cholera and Plague) is current for entry to AUSTRALIA, and that IHC is correctly completed and signed.
  - b. Initiate antimalarial therapy in accordance with reference C. (If operational requirements prevent reposting at this time, antimalarial prophylaxis is to be commenced as early as possible).
  - c. Ensure medical documentation and any necessary tests are processed. (Include F Med 16).
3. Seven days before date of departure or as soon as possible after this date, if operational requirements prevent earlier reposting members are to report to their RAP. RMO is to:
  - a. Carry out medical and/or other essential examination to exclude infectious diseases.
  - b. Warn the member of diseases which may develop on return to AUSTRALIA, and what action he should take.
  - c. Summarize the medical history of the member including any hospitalization for the period in theatre on F Med 5.



- d. Endorse on the F Med 5;
- (1) Date and place of examination.
  - (2) Date antimalarial course commenced.
  - (3) Tests taken and tests required on RTA.
  - (4) IHC correct.
  - (5) No infectious diseases.
  - (6) Fit for RTA within seven days (if appropriate)

e. Attached to IHC a certificate that member is medically fit to proceed to AUSTRALIA within seven days

4. A member is to collect his IHC prior to march out and carry it on him while travelling. The medical record is to be processed in accordance with reference A.

5. The antimalarial course, as described in reference C (Chloroquine and Primaquine), is required for all members including those taking other than paludrine for malaria prophylaxis. Paludrine one tablet twice daily, is to be taken while the member is in SVN.

#### Members Medevac to AUSTRALIA

6. Hospital patients for medical evacuation to AUSTRALIA are to be processed by 1 Aust Fd Hosp, which is responsible within the time limits available to carry out the medical clearance procedure.

#### Members on R and R to AUSTRALIA

7. By fourteen days before due date of departure, the members RAP is to check that inoculation state (Smallpox, Cholera and Plague) is current for entry to AUSTRALIA and that IHC is correctly completed and signed.

8. Seven days before date of departure, or as soon as possible after this date if operational requirements prevent earlier reporting the member is to report to his RAP. RMO is to:

- a. Carry out medical and/or other essential examinations to exclude infectious diseases which may develop on return to AUSTRALIA, and what action the member should take.
- b. Advise the member of the necessity to continue malaria prophylaxis (Paludrine).
- c. Attached to IHC a certificate that member is medically fit to proceed to AUSTRALIA within seven days.

9. A member is to collect his IHC prior to march out and carry it on him while traveling. His medical records are to be retained at RAP.

#### Members On Emergency Leave to AUSTRALIA

10. Before departure RMO is to carry out the procedure detailed in paras 8 and 9 above.

11. Quarantine officers will NOT permit entry into AUSTRALIA of members whose inoculation state and IHC are NOT current.

#### Members on R and R to Locations other than AUSTRALIA.

12. By fourteen days prior to departure, or as soon as possible after this date if operational requirements prevent earlier reporting the member is to report to his RAP to ensure:

- a. IHC is correctly completed and signed.
- b. Any necessary medical examination is carried out.
- c. Member is warned of the necessity to continue taking antimalarial prophylaxis (Paludrine).
- d. Member is warned of diseases which he may develop or contact while on R and R and what precautions and action he should take.

13. A member is to collect his IHC prior to march out and carry it on his person while travelling. His medical records are to be retained at the RAP.

#### 149. AQUISITION CONVERSION AND USE OF CURRENCY

1. For the purpose of this RO:
  - a. "Currency" means and includes all legal tender of any country, and without in any way limiting its meaning includes all notes, coins, warrants, authorities or requests for the payment of money, scrip, money or postal orders, payment certificates, cheques, bills of exchange, bond and



valuable securities.

b. "Possession" means and includes the act of any person who:

- (1) Has any currency in his custody.
- (2) Knowingly has any currency in the custody of any other person, corporation or entity.
- (3) Knowingly has such currency in a house, building, lodging or open space, whether belonging to him or occupied by him or not, and whether such currency is had or placed there for his own use or the use of others.

c. "Military Payment Certificate" (MPC) means and includes a note or instrument denominated in US currency used as the official medium of exchange in all establishments of the US armed forces by US and all other FWMAO forces.

2. Members are not to have in their possession any currency, except Vietnamese Piastre or MPC, unless such other currency was obtained by them in accordance with this RO, or in the course of their official business.

3. a. Members are not to convert or exchange MPC into Vietnamese Piastre in any place other than:

- (1) A cash office conducted by AFV.
- (2) An exchange office authorised by COMAFV or the Ambassador of the United States of America or MACV or the Government of the Republic of Vietnam.

b. Members are not to convert or exchange Vietnamese Piastre into MPC except at a place of business conducted by the AFV cash office.

4. Unless they are acting in the course of their official business, members are to use MPC as a means of exchange in transactions within all establishments, controlled or conducted by, or for, the United States of America or the Commonwealth of Australia; and in transactions within the Republic of Vietnam with personnel of AFV and other FWMAO forces, except ARVN personnel.

5. Members are not to use MPC or any other currency except Vietnamese Piastre in any transaction with residence of, or visitors to the Republic of Vietnam, unless they are lawfully entitled to have MPC in their possession.

6. Members leaving the Republic of Vietnam, may exchange MPC into other currencies. They are to do so on the actual day of their departure, and at a place of business conducted by the AFV cash office.

7. All previous RO's on this subject are cancelled.

150. QUARANTINE AND CUSTOMS PROCEDURE

Reference: A. 1 ATF Routine Orders No 55/68 dated 20 Jun 68.

1. Annex A to above reference is amended by deleting all detail and inserting the following:

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

Declaration to be made by a member of the Defence Forces serving overseas when dispatching goods to AUSTRALIA.

I.....hereby  
declare that the contents of this parcel, namely

.....  
.....  
are valued at \$A..... and that Customs Declarations for all goods previously exported or taken with me to AUSTRALIA from Vietnam have been duly furnished. I further declare that during the current calender year I have exported or taken with me to AUSTRALIA from Vietnam goods to the total value of \$A..... including the value of the goods in this parcel.

Regt No .....Rank.....Name.....  
Unit.....Signature.....Date.....

2. Annex B to the Reference is also to be amended by deleting and inserting the following:



CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION

This package has been examined in my presence and I certify that it does not contain any dangerous weapons, firearms, explosives, incendiaries, ammunition or, to the best of my knowledge any drugs or essences of wine or spirituous liquor. Enclosed articles of clothing, footwear or personal equipment are clean.

Signature of Inspecting Officer.....  
Rank.....Name.....Unit.....

151. TRANSMISSION OF SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR THROUGH THE POST

1. Commonwealth of AUSTRALIA Postal Regulations prohibit the transmission of inflammable substances (including liquor) having a flash point of less than 80 degrees F. through the post.
2. Investigation has revealed that spirituous liquor having a proof rating in excess of 85 Proof US or 74 UK comes within this category and are therefore not to be transmitted by members through the post to AUSTRALIA.
3. There is no objection, however, to members posting spirituous liquors to AUSTRALIA provided:
  - a. They have a proof rating below the stipulated figure.
  - b. They are packed safely and in such a manner that damage will not result to other posted items should the bottle/bottles break.
  - c. The member is prepared to pay any duty imposed by the Department of Customs and Excise (Customs concessions on spirituous liquors only apply when members are physically arriving in Australia).
4. It should be noted that most spirituous liquors available in SVN are within the approved limits.
5. The proof rating is displayed on the label of most spirituous liquors sold in Vietnam. Where any doubt exists it is to be checked against the PX catalogue held in PX and ASCO establishments.

152. SENDING MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO AUSTRALIA

1. Members of 1 ATF are not to send items of military equipment or clothing issued to them in Vietnam, to Australia by parcel or post.
2. All such items, within the approved scale of personal issues, are to be returned through MFO towards the end of a tour of duty. The contents of trunks, and packing cases in this category are subject to an inspection by an officer and a personal declaration that items forbidden by customs are NOT included.
3. 1 ATF Routine Order Part 1, number 37/68 is cancelled.

153. DRESS IN VEHICLES

1. All members of 1 ATF are to wear headdress when traveling in vehicles. This includes the driver as well as the passenger. The SOP Chapter 1 Section 4, para 107.b. concerning headdress, no longer applies and is to be amended.
2. 1 ATF Routine Order Part 1, number 34/68 is cancelled.

154. PAYING OF COMPLIMENTS - SALUTING

1. Members of 1 ATF are to pay compliments at all times in 1 ATF Base, and at all other times outside the Base except when engaged on operations.
2. Senior officers traveling in vehicles are to be saluted. Unit commanders are to ensure that members of their units are aware of the means of recognition, such as vehicle star plates and senior officers red hat bands.
3. 1 ATF Routine Order Part 1, number 35/68 is cancelled.



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I.M.R. MACLEAN

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OC DET 17 CONST SQN RAE



ANNEX 01 To COMDS DIARY  
FOR JUL 68

R723-1-1

17 Const Sqn RAE  
VUNG TAU

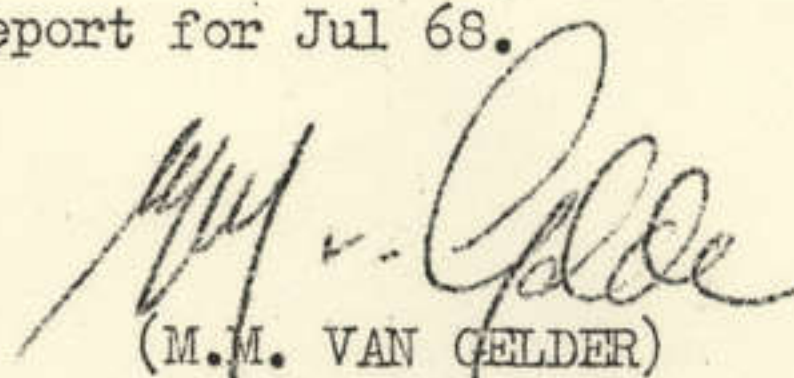
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Force Engineer (3)

MONTHLY ENGINEER REPORT -- JUL 68

Reference: HQ AFV R723-1-9 dated 21 Mar 68

1. Enclosed is 17 Const Sqn Monthly Engineer Report for Jul 68.

  
(M.M. VAN GELDER)  
Maj  
OC

Enclosure:

1. Monthly Engineer Report: 17 Const Sqn -- Jul 68 (3)



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17 CONST SQN RAE MONTHLY ENGINEER REPORT  
AS AT 31 JUL 68

PART 1 - PERSONNEL

Annex "A" - Manning of 17 Const Sqn

PART 2 - EQUIPMENT

Annex "A" - C Vehicles & Plant 1 ALSG

Annex "B" - C Vehicles & Plant 1 ATF - Det 17 Const Sqn RAE

Annex "C" - C Vehicles & Plant 1 ATF - Land Clearing Team

Annex "D" - State of Static Motors, Compressors, Refrigerators,  
Pumps, and Concrete Mixers.

PART 3 - MISCELLANEOUS WORKS

Annex "A" - Miscellaneous Works 1 ALSG

Appendix 1 - Electrical Projects

Annex "B" - Miscellaneous Works 1 ATF

Appendix 1 - 1 ATF Quarry Report

Appendix 2 - 1 ATF Quarry Account

Appendix 3 - Electrical Projects

Appendix 4 - Well Boring Report

PART 4 - OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

Annex "A" - Operations and Training - Det 17 Const Sqn RAE



PART 1 - PERSONNEL

as at 31 Jul 68

1. Strength State:

a.

	Reporting Unit	Sub Units, Dets etc under Command
	a	b
<u>Establishment</u>	17 Const Sqn III/10/2 (TW)	
Estb No and Date	Dated Sep 67 (To	amdt 3)
<u>Estb Strength</u>		
Officers	12	
Other Ranks	345	
<u>Posted Strength</u>		
Officers	12	
Other Ranks	331	
<u>Effective Strength</u>	12	
Officers		
Other Ranks	331	

b. Non Effectives

	Reporting Unit		Sub Units, Dets etc under Command
	Offr	OR	
Posted out (awaiting Mov)		29	
Posted in (not yet arrived)		36	
Medically unfit			
Compassionate/Admin liability	-	-	
Under age for overseas	-	-	
Away at course or detached	-	7	
Due for discharge within two months and not re-engaging		24	
Others			



2. Deficiencies in WO's and Sgt's

ECN 258 Asst C of W (Const) Vacant  
 ECN 268 C of W (Mech) 52050 WO2 C.J. NUNN (N M/I)  
           Asst C of W (Elec) 242868 Sgt J.R. NICHOLSON (N M/I)  
 ECN 833 Stmn Tech Sgt Vacant

3. Deficiencies in Rank and File Tradesmen

ECN 189 Bricklayer 1733400 Spr R. SUGARS (Not M/I)  
 (2) Vacancies  
 ECN 222  
 CARPENTER and JOINER 1733883 Spr K.K. TOZER  
                                   1733908 Spr T.J. FRITZ  
 ECN 243 Clerk Tech 5410816 Cpl DVR McKELL  
                                   5715512 Spr M OCONNELL  
 ECN 302 Driver 5715435 Spr P.E. DIXIE  
                                   1201518 Spr R.K. RYAN  
                                   1201566 Spr J.C. MITCHELL  
                                   217803 Spr G. FERGUSON  
                                   2788192 Spr J.A. WARES  
 ECN 306 Dvr OP. 5715433 Spr G.T. DIPAZZI  
                                   2788414 Spr T.J. PROUDFOOT  
 ECN 321 Elec Mech 3791731 Spr D.J. HOCKING  
                                   3793259 Spr R.C. BRADLEY  
 ECN 324 Elec Wireman 3793310 Spr B.H. HUSSEY  
                                   2783783 Spr F. PARKER  
                                   Not M/I 5 Dec 67  
 ECN 353 FE 4719668 Spr D.J. DARLINGTON  
                                   3793166 Spr K.J. WHITFORD  
                                   5715419 Spr COMAN  
                                   Vacancies (2)  
                                   218155 Spr C.D. CARROLL  
                                   2788732 Spr J.E. GOULDER  
                                   3791559 Spr J.R. MUIR  
                                   3792802 Spr R.J. DALLY  
                                   4718985 Spr U. BISHOP  
                                   2788163 Spr R.G. SUTTON  
                                   5715481 Spr J.C. KING  
                                   3793153 Spr J.P. MASON  
 ECN 671 Plant Operator 3 Vacancies  
                                   53382 Lcpl R.W. WOOD  
                                   1733656 Spr M.J. RATHMELL  
                                   1733752 Spr R. PERKINS  
                                   2788136 Spr R.J. SYMES  
                                   5715417 Spr J.E. CLUNING  
                                   3790620 Spr W.P. GUNSSER  
 ECN 675 Plumber & Pipefitter  
                                   243351 Lcpl T. O'MALLEY  
                                   Vacant (1)  
 ECN 833 Storeman Tech Vacancy (1)  
 ECN 253 Cook 12345 Pte R.W. HIGGANBOTHAM  
                                   Vacant (1)

Total 48

4. Excesses in Rank & File Tradesmen.

Nil

5. Deficiencies in personnel continue to prevent the Sqn working at full capacity. A submission on manning is at Annex A to this Part.



MANNING OF 17 CONST SQN

1. Weekly strength returns are no longer required by Force Engineer's Office. This would appear that the present manning level and position is satisfactory.
2. 17 Const Sqn has however, been **constantly** undermanned by 20 - 30 men in the five months in which I have had command of the squadron.
3. The main reason for the constant undermanning appears to be the inability of the reinforcement system to keep reinforcements up to the squadron. Reinforcements are continually arriving more than a month overdue.
4. The answer is not simply to keep a soldier in the squadron until his reinforcement arrives. Soldiers have to be forecast out of the unit for movement planning purposes. It is upsetting both to the administrative machinery and the soldier himself to alter the date once it is forecast. At present soldiers are being forecast at the end of their 11th month, which means that they RTA sometime in their 12th month, or 13th month.
5. Allowing for a week's handover of key personnel there should always be a surplus in theatre not a deficiency. The squadron establishment has been designed to function with a given number of men, and is therefore working inefficiently if it is understaffed. If the case happens to be that the squadron is working efficiently with the constant undermanning of 20 - 30 men perhaps the squadron establishment should be revised. There is nothing at this stage to indicate that there are surplus men in any department.
6. 17 Const Sqn is the only operational construction squadron and it is unfortunate that the squadron cannot develop its full potential by being at full strength.
7. Not knowing fully the mechanics of reinforcement, it is difficult to try and pinpoint why the deficiency is always occurring. It can only be assumed that the men are being held at Reinforcement Troop at SME for an inordinate amount of time and without sufficient justification.
8. The squadron would like to see a situation where, once a posting date was nominated the reinforcement was despatched on that date unless prevented by an emergency. The reason for the delay in the departure of a soldier generally tends to be administrative - lack of photograph, not up to date with needles, etc.
9. A survey of the number of soldiers held surplus to the Reinforcement Troop establishment would be interesting. It does **not** seem right that surpluses should be held in Australia whilst operational units are deficient.
10. Whilst it appears that 17 Const Sqn is constantly undermanned, 17 Const Sqn Wksp RAEME appears able to keep up its strength completely or within one or two of its establishment.
11. With the drop in numbers of 17 Const Sqn with the cessation of the authority to hold Electrical Troop, it is requested that consideration be given to bringing 17 Const Sqn to full strength with a slight surplus to cater for handovers of key personnel.



PART 2  
STATE OF C VEHICLE AND PLANT  
JUL 68  
1 ALSG AREA

Annex A to  
Part 2 of  
Monthly Technical Report  
17 Const Sqn RAE  
As At 31 Jul 68

Census Code	Designation & Make	Est	On Charge Army Nos	Total Hours Since New	General State of Repairs	Shifts Avail for Work Emp	Idle Due to Weather	Idle No Work	Shift in W/shops Waiting Repair	Unit Repair	Remarks
6534/ K8	TD15B with B/D & Winch	2	97091	3266	Serviceable	24	Nil	3	Nil	4	
6534/ K8/N7	TD15B with B/D & Ripper	3	98294	1198	"	25	Nil	4	Nil	2	
	" " "		98290	1108	"	4	Nil	2	Nil	2	
	" " "		98291	64	"	5	Nil	1	Nil	3	Received 22 Jul 68
6536	D8H with A/D & Winch		97143		-						Now Returned to 2AOD
6531/ L32	Case with A/Dozer & R.	Nil	98300	1066	Serviceable	18	"	4	"	9	
6531	Case with FEL & B/Hoe	Nil	98307	390	Awaiting Parts	3	"	4	"	22	
6501	Cat 12E Grader	4	97033	938	Serviceable	18	"	13	Nil	Nil	
			97141	1355	Serviceable	14	"	15	Nil	2	
6528C	Scraper Semi-Trac LW - Model "D"	5	96851	1253	Serviceable	Nil	Nil	Nil	31	Nil	
6568/ P12	Cat 966B & G.P Bucket	3	98144	3236	Serviceable	24	Nil	4	Nil	3	
6568/ P13	Cat 966B & M.P Bucket	Nil	97175	748	Serviceable	30	Nil	-	-	1	
6566/ P8	Chamberlain & FEL & B/Hoe	2	96893	893	Awaiting Parts	1	Nil	Nil	30	Nil	
6565C	Ferguson with B/D	Nil	98201	414	In Progress	Nil	Nil	Nil	30	Nil	LTL
6565C	Ferguson	Nil	98194	779	Serviceable	22	Nil	3	Nil	6	



Census Code	Designation & Make	Est	On Charge Army Nos	Total Hours Since New	General State of Repairs	Shifts Emp	Avail for Work Idle Due to Weather	Idle No Work	Shift in W/shops Waiting Repair	Unit Repair	Remarks
5567/W1	Michigan & Fork Lift	1	96982	2272	Serviceable	25	Nil	4	Nil	2	
5229	P&H with 6 Att	1	5390 97169		Serviceable	14	Nil	17	Nil	Nil	
6229	P&H with 6 Attach	1	5395 97171		Awaiting Parts	Nil	Nil	27	Nil	4	
6513	22RB with 6 Att	1	96584	2511	Serviceable	19	Nil	12	Nil	Nil	
6282	Truck 2½ ton: Pango	1	170525	2234	Serviceable	10	Nil	21	Nil	Nil	
6820/G11	Fed Trac With Winch	2	75062	12285	Serviceable	19	Nil	12	Nil	Nil	
6822	Britstand Trailer	2	101634	15610	Serviceable	19	Nil	12	Nil	Nil	
38955/ 2922	Thornycroft Sprayer	Nil	165171	3638	Serviceable	Nil	Nil	10	Nil	21	
3895/ 3467	McDONALD Roller	Nil	74756	416	Awaiting Parts	Nil	Nil	10	Nil	21	
6549A	Barber -Greene Ditcher	Nil	96821	1657 Miles 140 Hours	Awaiting Parts	Nil	Nil	10	31	Nil	
	Air - Compressor IR	2	16464	165	Serviceable	1	Nil	30	Nil	Nil	
6895/ 1632	Multi-Whelled Roller	1	74781	156	Serviceable	4	Nil	26	Nil	1	
3895/ 1749	Vibration Roller	1	80751	20	Serviceable	6	Nil	25	Nil	Nil	
	Screening & Storage Unit		70516	-	Serviceable	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil		Machines being assembled
	Crushing & Screening Unit		70003	-	Serviceable						Machines being assembled
	Crushing & Screening Unit		70008	16	Serviceable	5	5				10 Days Operative
	Screening & Storage Unit		70009	26	Serviceable	5	5	Nil	Nil	Nil	10 Days Operative
6536/L2/ G2	D8H Caterpillar		98394	783	Serviceable	19	Nil	3	Nil		3 Days Fitting blade Received on the 3/7/68



PART 2  
 STATE OF "C" VEHICLES & PLANT  
 FOR July 68  
 I ATF Area  
 Mech Tp

Annex B to Part 2  
 17 Const Sqn RAE  
 Monthly Tech Report  
 For July 1968

CENCUS CODE No	DESIGNATION & MAKE	ESTAB- LISH- MENT	ON CHARGE ARMY Nos	TOTAL HOURS SINCE NEW	GENERAL STATEMENT OF REPAIRS RECEIVED OR REQUIRED	SHIFTS AVAIL FOR WORK			SHIFTS IN WKSP		REMARKS	
						EMPL- OYED	IDLE DUE TO WEA- THER	IDLE NO WORK	AWAIT- ING RE- PAIR	UNDER RE- PAIR		
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	j	k	l	m	
6534/K8/ N7	Tractor Full Tracked Low Speed Size 4		98279	1369	9.7.68- Replace Ram Hoses -Repair Tilt Guards, Tighten Hydra- ulic Control Unit Fittings, Weld Hydrau- lic Tank Brackets	24		6			1	
6534/K8/ F29	Tractor Full Tracked Low Speed Size 4		98289	1523	10.7.68- Replace Grouser Plates Bolt. Tighten Track Frame	20		10			1	
	As Above		97071	3379	Replace L/H Final Drive				31			Broken Drive Sprocket Housing
6534/K8/ G11	Tractor Full Tracked Low Speed Size 4		97081	3000		24		7				
6501	Grader Road Motorised 12' Blade		96142	2276		26	1	4				
	As Above		96949	2087		27		4				



a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	j	k	l	m
6568	Tractor Wheeled Industrial Size 8		98143	3944	1.7.68-2.7.68-Manufacture & Replace Seal on Pump on Control Box Oil Line. Drill Out Five Broken Studs - PDJ Brakes. 11.7.68-12.7.68. Replace Air Compressor, Replace Torn Brake Seal, Replace L/H Brake Valve Bucket Hydraulic Cross Pipe	23		4		4	
	As Above		97176	190	4/6.7.68 Remove and Replace Brake Drums Major Brake Adj. Replace 'O' Ring. Hydraulic Pump Out Put Line. Replace Master Switch. Replace Parking Brake. Replace Head Light - Adj. Tappetts. Tighten Engine Mtgs. Adj Fan Belts. 18.7.68 Remove and Repair Hydraulic Pump Inlet Pipe Repair Air Leak Braking System. Tighten Steering Mtgs 31.7.68. Repair L/H/F Brake Cylinder. Repair L/H/F Brake Adjuster. Major Brake Adjustment	24		2		5	
6528	Scraper Semi- Tractor 7/9 Cu/Yd		96952	1289	29.7.68 Drive Tap and Replace Front Trunnion Bolts	23		7		1	
	As Above		96953	116	Replace Clutch Pressure Plate Assy				31		
	As Above		96955	1949		28	1	2			



a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	j	k	l	m
6528	Scraper Semi- Tractor 7/9 Cu/Yd		96855	2086	3.7.68 Adj Steering Limit Switch. Clean Steering motor contacts. 8.7.68-10.7.68- O'Haul and Weld G/Box Selectors. 25.7.68-Remove Engine Assy and Inspect (Machine Requires Clutch Assy) 23.7.68. Replace Clutch Pressure Plate Assy. Replace Rear Thrust Bearing	9		2	14	6	Received Machine 1.7.68
6531/A10/ A11/B6/ C9/D9/E10	Crane Shovel Basic Unit Crawler Mounted 3/4 yd Face Shovel		96754	1132					31		Awaiting Head Gasket
6509C	Crane Tractor 10,000lbs non Revolving		97034	636	3.7.68. Remove and Repair Brace Booster. Remove and Repair Crane Frame at Swivel and Repair Swivel Pipe Assy Weld Swivel Ball to Mtg	1		6	21	3	
6509D	Crane Wheeled Mntd 20,000 lbs lift Revolving Austin Western 410		98352	81	5.7.68 Repair Rear Wheel Limit Switch. Adjust High/Low Range Lever. Adj Brakes 13.7.68 50 hr Service Bleed and Adjust Brakes Repair Dash Warning Light-Repair Out Rigger Warninglight.	24		1		2	Received machine 4.7.68
6582	Auger Earth Truck Mounted 2½ GS		171-685	46	25.7.68 O'Haul Starter Motor. Adjust Charging System-Replace Oil Leak Oil Filter 27.7.68 Remove & Repair Gear Selector Linkages	4		1	24	2	



a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	j	k	l	m
6582 Cont					Repair G/Box Control Housing						
4310-66- 012-3306	Compressor Rotary Power Driven Engine 250 cfm		118-047	814				31			
6566	Tractor Wheeled Industrial Size 6(Chamberlain B/Hoe - FE Loader)		96968	60		1		30			
	Roller Self Propelled Steel Wheel 10-12 Tons		74762	269	8.7.68-9.7.68 Remove & Repair Radiator 10.7.68 Remove & Repair Radiator & Repair Radiator Brackets	17		8	2	4	
6230-66- 013-8716	Light Sets- General Illumin- ation Flood Lighting 32V Axis Type AL 5 800 m		164 696	000				31			
			164 697	000				31			



PART 2  
STATES OF 'C' VEHICLES & PLANT  
FOR July 68  
I ATF Area  
LCT

Annex C to Part 2  
 17Const Sqn RAE  
 Monthly Tech Report  
 For July 68

CENSUS CODE No	DESIGNATION AND MAKE	ESTAB- LISH- MENT	ON CHARGE ARMY Nos	TOTAL HOURS SINCE NEW	GENERAL STATEMENT OF REPAIRS RECEIVED OR REQUIRED	SHIFTS AVAIL FOR WORK			SHIFTS IN WKSP		REMARKS
						EMPL- OYED	IDLE DUE TO WEA- THER	IDLE NO WORK	AWAIT- ING RE- PAIR	UNDER RE- PAIR	
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	j	k	l	m
6536/L2/ 62	Tractor Full Tracked Low Speed Size 6 D8H A/W	5	98401 98400 98398 98399 98402	788 626 280 657 4		24 24 2 20 Nil		38 38 60 36	6		Received 30.7.68
6536/K3/ N10	Tractor Full Tracked Low Speed Size 6 D8H BD/R	4	98390 98394 98391 98392	730 11 425	Holed Engine 2.5.68 New Motor Fitted Transmission U/S 16.5.68	32 -	2 -	22 -	6 2 2 -	60 62	Sent V/T 5.7.68 Received Back 31.7.68
						102	2	194	14	122	(434)



STATE OF STATIC MOTORS, COMPRESSORS,  
REFRIGERATORS, PUMPS, CONCRETE MIXERS

ANNEX D TO PART 2

~~APPENDIX I TO ANNEX B~~

PERIODICAL TECHNICAL REPORT  
FROM 17 CONST SQN RAE

FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 Jul 68

CENSUS CODE NO	DESIGNATION AND MAKE	ESTB	ON CHARGE	ARMY NO	CONDITION	REMARKS
17/4	Mixer Concrete 16 c.ft	6	6	164646 164645 164644 164648 164655 164766	Fair Fair Fair Good Good Good	- At Det 17 Const - Sqn Nui Dat
17/4	Mixer Concrete 7 c.ft	1	1	72293	Fair	
17/4	Mixer Concrete 5 c.ft	1	1	72272	Fair	
17/4	Goldstein Refrig 100 c.ft	2	2	31228 31216	Good Good	New motor installed Det 17 Const Sqn
17/4	Goldstein Refrig 30 c.ft	1	1	34367	Good	
17/4	Coldstream Refrig 30 c.ft	2	2	31372 31851	Fair Good	Det 17 Const Sqn
17/4	Coldstream Refrig 300 c.ft	1	1	R7/355	Poor	
17/4	Goldstein Refrig 300 c.ft	1	1	32066	Not Working	Awaiting repair part from Aust
17/4	Diesel Gen Set 3PH 240/415V 50 cycle 62.5 KVA caterpillar	7	7	10013 10014 10016 10018 10019 10020 10025	Not Working Not Working Good Fair Not Working Fair Good	RAEME Wksp RAEME Wksp  RAEME Wksp  New <del>tube</del> turbocharger fitted 16 Jul 68



STATE OF STATIC MOTORS, COMPRESSORS,  
REFRIGERATORS, PUMPS, CONCRETE MIXERS

~~APPENDIX I TO ANNEX B~~

PERIODICAL TECHNICAL REPORT  
FROM 17 CONST SQN RRE  
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FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 Jul 68  
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GENSUS CODE NO	DESIGNATION AND MAKE	ESTB	ON CHARGE	ARMY NO	CONDITION	REMARKS
17/4	Diesel Gen Set 3PH 240/415V 50 cycle 125 KVA G.M.	2	2	10036 10053	Good Good	
17/4	Pump Centrifugal-Peters	3	3	22096 B10535 12554	Good Good U/S	
17/4	Water Purification AB3	2	2	TR375 TR376	Fair Not Working	Awaiting parts
17/4	Pump Assembly Flammable liquid	1	1	87470	Fair	
17/4	Pump-Coventry Climax Eng Coventry Godiva Pump	1	1	2663 11481	U/S	
17/4	Pump Centrifugal-Bullfrog	1	1	54015	Not Working	Awaiting Parts
17/4	Gen Set Gas Engine 240/415V 5 KVA	1	1	3219	Fair	Det 17 Const Sqn
17/4	Gen Set Gas Engine Wisconsin 2.5 KVA	3	3	122101 121698 121658	Good Good Good	Det 17 Const Sqn
17/4	Plant Welding Elect trailer mounted	1	1	108039	Not Working	406 Raised
17/4	Welding Machine Arc gen type 40/170 M <sup>c</sup> Culloch	2	2	4302 1392	Fair Fair	
17/4	Pump Assembly-Wisconsin Eng Barnes Pump	2	2	16125 162685	Not Working Not Working	Res Tp Wksp
17/4	Stellar Trailer Mounted Water Purification Equipment	3	3	164675 164685 164684	Good Good Good	



PART 3

MISCELLANEOUS WORKS

1. Annex "A" contains details of works carried out in the VUNG TAU area for JUL 68.
2. Annex "B" contains details of works carried out in the 1 ATF area during JUL 68.



MISCELLANEOUS WORKS PROGRESS FOR JUL 68  
1 ALSG VUNG TAU

Roads and Airfields

1. (a) Access road and hardstanding for Vietnamese High School completed.
- (b) Access road to Hadfield crushing units.
- (c) Access road to bldg 639 at 1 Aust Fd Hosp

Quarrying

2. (a) Use of the D8 in our own Cap St JACQUE quarry produced 14,700 cu yds of rock for the month.
- (b) An extension on the use of the quarry till 31 Dec 68 has been approved by the Lord Mayor.
- (c) Loss of the D8 will curtail quarry activity, as a TD 15B is not large enough to rip and/or push out the rock. H Stand LSM/LCM hard sub port and LSM/LCM hard BARIA listed in the Plant programme will not be able to be completed with the present facilities unless either:
  - (1) blasting techniques are adopted
  - (2) sufficient rock is available from the US quarry.
  - (3) a D8 is available to use in our own quarry.
- (d) Hadfield crushing units: ~~One~~ unit has been functioning.
  - (1) Production figures for 1½ weeks operation:
    - (a) fines - 128 cu yds
    - (b) ¾" - 78 cu yds
    - (c) 1½" - 65 cu yds
  - (2) Of the above, the following has been sent to NUI DAT:
    - (a) fines - 25 cu yds
    - (b) ¾" - 50 cu yds
  - (3) A regular delivery run will be made to NUI DAT each Thursday.
  - (4) The second crushing unit will be operating early in August, and will boost production.
- (e) Monthly Haul Tally.
  - (1) Quarry rock from 17 Const Sqn quarry Cap St JACQUES - 14,700 cu yds
  - (2) US quarry Cap St JACQUES
    - (a) Blast rock - 360 cu yds

...../(b)



- (b) 3" (-) primary crush - 4,100 cu yds
- (3) Contract support
  - (a) aggregate - 725 cu yds
  - (b) Sand - 680 cu yds
- (4) Waste Sand - 7,000 cu yds

R & M

- 3. (a) Continuous erosion prevention.
- (b) Repair of potholes, drains, culverts.
- (c) Continuous road maintenance.

Hardstandings

- 4. (a) Water point AFC and 1 ALSG.
- (b) 17 Const Sqn Wksps, Tpt yard, Q Store, Resources Tp, 9 Tp
- (c) Boatshed Site.
- (d) Fill for storm drain side of oval, PBC.
- (e) 148 Ord Coy hardstand 10%.
- (f) Hardstand 25 Sup Pl 5 Coy RAASC.
- (g) Vehicle park HQ Coy 1 ALSG.

Miscellaneous Works

- 5. (a) Water point and 2 hardstands 2 AOD - 5 Coy RAASC Vehicle Wash.
- (b) Digging of 2 service bays 5 Coy RAASC
- (c) Plant support to AFC Swimming Pool.
- (d) Dig 110 holes at VUNG TAU airbase for US Air Force.
- (e) Basketball court prepared for sealing.
- (f) Seepage trench PBC septic tank.
- (g) Continuous contract support.
- (h) Install cable trench 110 Sig Sqn
- (j) Construct bunds for EOD explosive trials
- (k) 1800 metres of trench for RAAF 12" deep.
- (l) Topsoil from RD centre for RAAF and 1 ALSG.
- (m) Topsoil from NUI DAT for sports oval next to PBC.

Maintenance of Refrigerators

- 6. (a) No of calls - 115.
- (b) Man hours - 744

Electrical Operations

- 7. (a) Total buildings wired for the month 82. ..../(b)



3.

- (b) Total buildings connected to US supply for the month 46.
- (c) R&M calls (local) 64  
Manhours 160
- (d) LV reticulation installed - Nil
- (e) Estimated KWH generated - 37,000.

Water Supply

- 8. (a) Quantity of water issued for the month 1,090,341 galls.
- (b) Jul rainfall 4.98 ins.

AFC Swimming Pool

- 9. The pool is now 87% complete and its anticipated completion date is the 15 Aug 68.



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ELECTRICAL PROJECTS  
PROGRESS CHART

Appendix 1 to Annex A  
To Part 3  
Monthly Engineer Report  
As at 31 July 68

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Ser	Location	Task	Unit of Measure	Total Required	US Supply	Previously Completed	In Progress at Date	Complete during Month	Complete to date	% Complete	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	AFC	Bldgs Wired		15	15	7	1	7	14	93%	
2	2 AOD	" "		58	51	51	1	1	52	90%	
3	110 Sig	" "		29	23	20	3	2	22	76%	
4	MCE	" "		17	16	14	1	2	16	94%	
5	5 Coy	" "		72	2	Nil	21	Nil	Nil	Nil	
6	HQ Coy	" "		66	29	26	1	5	31	47%	
7	55 W&PS	" "		24	16	13	2	6	19	79%	
8	17 Const Sqn	" "		68	12	10	1	56	66	97%	
9	1 A F Hosp	" "		46	Nil	Nil	4	1	1	2%	
10	102 Fd Wksp	" "		49	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	
11	ASCO	" "		8	1	Nil	Nil	2	2	25%	

R & M Calls (Local)	55	Total Bldgs Perm Wired for month	82
Man/Hrs	152	" " Connect US Supply "	46
R & M Calls (A/Hrs)	9		
Man/Hrs	8		

- NOTE: 1. 17 Const Sqn area completed to connection of US supply  
 2. 55 Wksp & Pk Sqn " " " " "  
 3. L.V. Reticulation installed - NIL  
 4. Est KWH generated - 37,000



PART 3  
MISCELLANEOUS WORKS  
DET 17 CONST SQN RAE  
JUL 68

1. Roads and Airfields (Map: Vietnam 1:50000 XA BINH BA)

(a) Construction of Formation. Work on the "Engineer By-Pass Road" from YS 418675 to YS 410634 has continued during the month. A distance of two miles has been boxed out, filled with blast rock, compacted, and shaped.

(b) Gravelled Construction. Some 3 inch minus has been rolled into the surface in some sections where the blast rock did not give a smooth finish surface. Because of rain and wet blast rock fill, several sections have been stripped out and refilled to improve soft spots.

2. Hardstandings

Nil.

3. Quarrying

The 1 ATF Quarry Report is attached as Appendix 1. The Quarry Account is attached as Appendix 2.

4. Electrical Construction

The Electrical Construction Progress Report is attached as Appendix 3.

5. Well Drilling

The Well Drilling Report is attached as Appendix 4.

6. Works General

The main construction projects for the month have been:

(a) 8 Fd Amb. This project is well advanced and of the main buildings, only the kitchen is yet to be erected. The intensive care ward is being delayed because air conditioners have not yet arrived.

(b) 110 Sig Sqn. The generator shed has been completed. The main transmitter building is nearing completion but there have been delays due to unavailability of stores. The aerial installation is complete.

(c) Other Work. Other works on the 1 ATF building programme have been worked on in the following areas:

- (1) Det 17 Const Sqn
- (2) 12 Fd Regt
- (3) TFMA
- (4) 161 Recce Sqn
- (5) 3 RAR generator shed
- (6) C Sqn generator Shed



1 ATF QUARRY REPORT

General

1. The combination of drilling and blasting, and D8 cutting and ripping has enabled an output of 23,000 cu yds of rock in the month.

Plant and Machinery

2. Three primary crushers have worked well during the month. One secondary has worked well and a second secondary has been rehabilitated and shall be ready to operate early in August. The "Rock Lug" tyres due in June for trials in the quarry at 1 ATF have not yet been received.

Stores

3. Sprockets on secondary crushers are a concern as they are wearing out quickly. Eight tooth sprockets are urgently required. Eighteen of these sprockets were indented for in early April. It is suggested that steel sprockets in lieu of cast iron would increase sprocket life. A lack of oxygen in the 1 ATF has caused delays in many repair tasks. There were three 966B tyres punctured and replaced during the month.

Summary

4. The monthly output is greater than twice the average usage rate as quoted in Lt STRAKER'S Quarry Account. This average was 10,850 cu yds per month. A further limitation on the quarry work is the requirement to use a TD15 full time to hold down and move the drifter drill, whereas a Size 0 tractor could do the job quite well.



1 ATF QUARRY ACCOUNT

Appendix 2 to Annex B to Part 3  
 17 Const Sqn RAE  
 Monthly Tech Report  
 Month of July 68

Serial	Item	Detail	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	Total	Remarks	
1	Strength	Permanent																																		
2		Attached																																		
3	Drilling	Total Length of Holes		510'								60'																						1240		
4		No of Drills Working		1																														1		
5		No of Bits U/S																																Nil		
6		No of Drill Stems U/S																																Nil		
7		Holes Drilled		51								63																						124		
8																											10									
9	Primary Blasting	Holes Fired		51								63																							124	
10		Explosive Used lbs		540								672																							1300	
11		Detonators Used		4								4																							12	
12																																				
13	Secondary Blasting	Explosive Used lbs																																		
14		Detonators Used																																		
15																																				
16	Plant & Machine Hours	M70/P	3	-	-	3	3	2	-	3	5	2	3	3	1	-	4	3	3	-	3	3	-	5	2	4	2	6	5	-	1	4	3	76		
17		M58/P	2	4	5	5	5	3	-	6	5	3	3	4	3	-	6	3	6	6	4	2	-	6	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	88	Waiting repairs 0/0	
18		M57/P	4	4	5	6	5	3	-	6	6	3	3	3	2	-	5	3	5	5	3	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	5	-	1	-	-	86	" " "	
19		M70/S	4	-	-	4	4	3	-	4	7	3	3	3	1	-	5	3	4	-	3	3	-	6	-	4	2	5	6	-	2	5	4	88	" " "	
20		M58/S U/S																																		
21		M57/S U/S																																		
22		FEL																																		

Ready to start First Week in August  
 Waiting Parts







ELECTRICAL PROJECTS

PROGRESS CHART

Month of July

Ser	Location	Task	Unit of Measure	Total Req	Date Req	Previously Completed	In progress at date	Completed during month	Complete to date	% Comp	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	HQ 1 ATF	L.V. Reticulation a. Pole Erection b. Aerial Conductors c. Bldg Wiring	ea Route Yds ea	226 6500 214		226 6000 21	14 280 2	NIL NIL 65	226 6000 86		
2	1 RAR	L.V. Reticulation a. Pole Erection b. Aerial Conductors c. Bldg Wiring	ea Route Yds ea	114 5100 148		114 9	NIL NIL	NIL NIL	9		
3.	4 RAR	L.V. Reticulation a. Pole Erection b. Aerial Conductors c. Bldg Wiring	ea Route Yds ea	217 7000 152		217 7000 56	NIL NIL 1	NIL NIL 8	217 7000 64		
4.	3 RAR	L.V. Reticulation a. Pole Erection b. Aerial Conductors c. Bldg Wiring d. U/G Cable	ea Route Yds ea Route Yds	213 5600 128 150		213 5000 22 NIL	NIL 200 1 NIL	NIL NIL 10 150	213 5000 32 150	100%	U/G Cable on ring main by Kapyong Helipad
5	Armd Regt	L.V. Reticulation a. Pole Erection b. Aerial Conductors c. Bldg Wiring	ea Route Yds ea	85		85 NIL 2	NIL 1700 NIL	NIL 400 1	85 400 3		
6	110 Sigs	Power House & Transmitter Bldg Wiring I&P	Main S/W boards installed in power house and TX bldg. Wiring to lights and GPO's complete, awaiting installation of air-conditioners to complete projects. All other services operative.								



APPENDIX 4 TO ANNEX B TO PART 3  
17 CONST SQN RAE  
MONTHLY TECHNICAL REPORT  
AS AT 31 JUL 68

WELL BORING REPORT

1. The well boring rig has been stripped, painted, and overhauled during the month and is now rehabilitated. The associated pumping equipment has also been overhauled.
2. The rig has been set up for drilling on a site adjacent to the old helicopter rearming bay at YS 438669. This well is to provide water for a proposed swimming pool near this location. The well is being drilled by the rotary method and drilling is to commence by 5 Aug 68.



PART 4  
OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

Defence of 1 ALSG

1. ALSG has produced a new defence plan which has clarified several issues on the method of defending 1 ALSG.
2. 17 Const Sqn has been allocated the responsibility of defending Zone 2 which includes, in addition to the Sqn itself, 55 Engr Wksps & Pk Sqn and 1 ALSG Sect AFV A&W Unit.
3. A Defence Plan has been produced for the 17 Const Sqn Gp and has been submitted to 1 ALSG for approval.

NCO Promotional Examinations

4. Examinations in Subjects A, B1 and C for NCO promotion were completed on 5 Jul 68. The results were:

- (a) Subject A for Cpl
  - (1) Attempted exam - 8
  - (2) Passed - 6
- (b) Subject C for Cpl
  - (1) Attempted exam - 10
  - (2) Passed - 10
- (c) Subject A for Sgt
  - (1) Attempted exam - 3
  - (2) Passed - 2
- (d) Subject C for Sgt
  - (1) Attempted exam - 4
  - (2) Passed - 3

5. An examination in Subject B1 was conducted. Although this unit cannot qualify personnel in Subject B1, the results will be used in assessing a member's suitability for recommendation for a grant of Subject B1 under ARO 124/67.

6. A further NCO promotion course in Subjects A, B1 and C commenced 30 Jul 68.



OPERATIONS & TRAINING  
DET 17 CONST SQN RAE

Operations

1. The Task Force perimeter defence commitments outside the Detachments sector have reduced and for five nights 1 NCO and 20 men assisted A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
2. The Detachment's standing commitment to man 3 strong points and a CP each with 3 men has been maintained.
3. There has been no further action on RVEs submitted for the Detachment to hold GPMGs. This situation has been aggravated when the requirement to regroup and prepare the Land Clearing Team for operations once again required F1A action to obtain GPMGs.

Land Clearing Team

4. For the greater part of the month the LCT remained disbanded except for a small maintenance element. The LCT was regrouped on 26 Jul for an operation and will move out of the 1 ATF base on 1 Aug 68.
5. During the month the D8s have been used in the 1 ATF quarry.

Training

6. A coaching course in Subject C for Cpl and Sgt was run in the Detachment in Jul and 21 students sat for an examination on 29 Jul 68. There were 4 students who commenced the course who did to complete the examination.
7. Weapon test firing, weapon TsOET and practice stand-to periods have been held on the one training day of the month. 10 Tp has conducted a range practice.

Note: As at the date of printing, approval had been given to hold GPMG's (Our RVE 1/68). Indents have now been submitted for these weapons.