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Reconnaissance Flight

Narrative

[1-11 Feb 1970]

PART 1

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. R707-1-1

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

1. I enclose Commanders Diary (AF C 2118) (Adapted) as indicated at Part 2.

2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature)

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Appointment

OC 1st RECCE FLT
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

PART 2

AF C 2119 (Adapted)
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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation 161 (INDEP) RECCE FLT - AFV

From 8 AUGUST 1969

To 11 FEBRUARY 1970

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Narrative (AF C 2118)

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

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MONTH AND YEAR FEBRUARY 1970

REFERENCE MAP PHUOC TUY PROVINCE

UNIT/FORMATION 161 (INDEP) RECCE FLT

COMMANDING OFFICER MAJ HILL-SMITH

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
YS 660609	1 Feb 70	0900	2Lt Smith marked for an A/S. BDA: 2 bunkers damaged and 3 weapon pits damaged.	
YS 471753	1 Feb 70	1600	2Lt Earley sighted 3 shelters next to an ox cart track.	
YS 743699	2 Feb 70	0900	2Lt Earley marked for an A/S. BDA: 2 bunkers destroyed.	
YS 562594	2 Feb 70	1015	Maj Hill-Smith sighted an old camp, consisting of several bunkers, which had a fresh track running through it.	
YS 729904	3 Feb 70	0900	2Lt Dick marked for an A/S. BDA: 2 large secondary explosions.	
YS 667601	3 Feb 70	1400	Capt Flanagan sighted 1 large new bunker.	
YS 664609	3 Feb 70	1415	Capt Flanagan sighted a drying mat with rice on it which was approximately 6m x 6m.	
YS 662610	3 Feb 70	1440	Capt Flanagan sighted a new tin hut.	
YS 667612	3 Feb 70	1455	Capt Flanagan sighted 4 bunkers in good condition.	
YS 686611	3 Feb 70	1530	Capt Flanagan sighted an old bunker system and a further 2 bunkers appeared to be under construction.	
YS 600670	4 Feb 70	1015	2Lt Longland sighted 5 bunkers with fresh tracks around them. Bushrangers were called in. BDA: 1 bunker destroyed.	
YS 667612	4 Feb 70	0900	Capt Flanagan marked for an A/S. BDA: 5 bunkers destroyed, 1 tunnel entrance destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged and exposed.	
YS 686611	4 Feb 70	0915	Capt Flanagan marked for an A/S. BDA: 2 bunkers exposed.	

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YS 729904	5 Feb 70	0900	2Lt Longland marked for an A/S. BDA: 1 tunnel entrance exposed.	
YS 477520	5 Feb 70	0915	2Lt Dick sighted 1 VC near a cave entrance. 2Lt Earley was called in as 2Lt Dick was low on fuel. As 2Lt Earley went down he was fired upon by an unknown number of VC. Bush-rangers immediately put suppressive fire down and they also received ground fire. At this point 2Lt Earley was relieved by 2Lt Dick who called in an A/S. BDA: Nil	
YS 486511	5 Feb 70	1600	2Lt Longland marked for an A/S. BDA: Nil.	
YS 455557	5 Feb 70	0930	2Lt Dick sighted 1 small bunker.	
YS 456557	5 Feb 70	0945	2Lt Dick sighted 1 small bunker.	
YS 458557	5 Feb 70	0955	2Lt Dick sighted 1 thatched roof shelter.	
YS 462544	5 Feb 70	1000	2Lt Dick sighted many small wooden constructions.	
YS 466548	5 Feb 70	1015	2Lt Dick sighted 3 bunkers which were in good condition.	
YS 474528	5 Feb 70	1040	2Lt Dick sighted several old bunkers in good condition which were possibly occupied.	
YS 474528	5 Feb 70	1245	2Lt Dick marked for an A/S. BDA: 4 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged and 2 bunkers exposed.	
YS 475524	5 Feb 70	1315	2Lt Dick marked for an A/S. BDA: 2 cave entrances damaged.	
YS 4752	6 Feb 70	0900	Maj Hill-Smith sighted very fresh tracks in and heading North of this grid.	
YS 471535	6 Feb 70	0930	Maj Hill-Smith sighted several bunkers in good condition.	
YS 467545	6 Feb 70	0945	Maj Hill-Smith sighted several bunkers in good condition.	

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YS 777686	6 Feb 70	1515	2Lt Earley sighted 1 table and 1 bunker which were in good condition.	
YS 471535	7 Feb 70	0900	Maj Hill-Smith marked for an A/S. BDA: 3 bunkers destroyed, 3 bunkers damaged, 5 bunkers exposed and 1 structure destroyed.	
YS 456566	8 Feb 70	0930	2Lt Earley sighted a cave entrance which had large bunkers covering it.	
YS 471535	8 Feb 70	0900	Maj Hill-Smith marked for an A/S. BDA: 1 bunker destroyed and 2 bunkers damaged.	
YS 462545	9 Feb 70	0900	2Lt Dick marked for an A/S. BDA: 1 tunnel entrance exposed, 1 breather hole exposed, 2 bunkers exposed, 1 bunker destroyed and 1 bunker damaged.	
YS 455544	9 Feb 70	0940	2Lt Dick sighted several bunkers in good condition.	
YS 458551	9 Feb 70	1000	2Lt Dick sighted 2 bunkers in good condition.	
YS 463537	9 Feb 70	1200	Maj Hill-Smith sighted fresh tracks of 8-12 people going around a bomb crater.	
YS 471535	10 Feb 70	1045	2Lt Monteith sighted 3 bunkers in good condition and called in an A/S. BDA: 2 bunkers exposed and 1 cache destroyed.	
YS 471535	10 Feb 70	1100	2Lt Smith marked for an A/S. BDA: 1 bunker destroyed, 4 bunkers exposed and 1 table destroyed.	
YS 471535	11 Feb 70	0900	Maj Hill-Smith marked for an A/S. BDA: 3 bunkers destroyed.	