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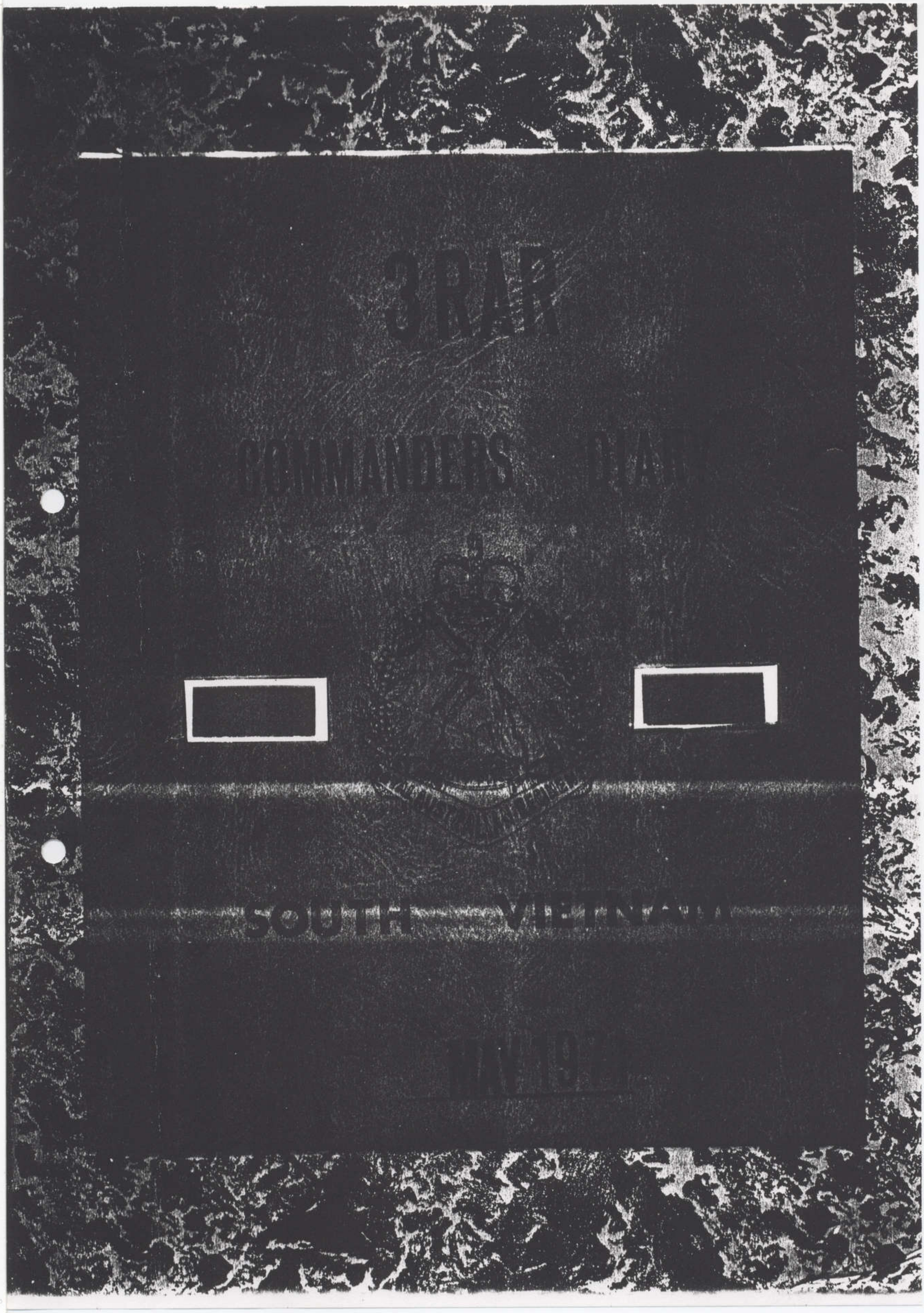

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3 RAR GS INSTRUCTION 9/71
ENEMY SAPPER MOVEMENT THROUGH WIRE BARRIERS

Reference: A. The Army Concept Team AVIB - GCD dated 15 Apr 71

The main part of Reference A is reproduced below for information and action where considered necessary.

1. PURPOSE: As part of ACTIV's study of rear area security and base defense, wire barriers around the perimeter of Army logistical centres in RVN were evaluated for adequacy and effectiveness. A former Viet Cong (VC) sapper reconnaissance squad leader cooperated with the ACTIV evaluators by exposing weaknesses in the barriers by negotiating them during daytime demonstrations. (Note: As reconnaissance squad leader he did not carry explosive charges on his missions). He also offered his personal observations on the barrier system and made suggestions for improvement. This memorandum presents the observations of sapper techniques.

2. BACKGROUND: The former sapper rallied to the GVN in October 1970 and underwent 16 weeks of indoctrination training at a rehabilitation centre near Saigon. He had been a VC for over two years and had participated in reconnaissance missions against Army, Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) and Australian bases during which he penetrated perimeter wire defenses approximately 25 times.

3. DISCUSSION: The former sapper demonstrated how to move through the wire at Long Binh Post before base defense personnel and other interested parties. He wore only shorts and carried, in his mouth, several paper clips and two heavy pieces of wire cut from a coat hanger and fashioned into hooks. He began outside the outermost strand of wire and worked his way towards the inside. Primarily moving in a crouch, he sometimes slithered along the ground feet first or hopped carefully over wires. At times he rested in a squatting position. He traversed tangle foot quite easily by hopping over the wire using both hands and feet. Trip flares were disarmed by inserting a paper clip in the safety pin hole to prevent the handle from releasing. The demonstrator moved through concertina wire by pulling the wire apart until an opening just large enough to wriggle through was made. This opening was then secured by the wire hooks made from the coat hanger. After passing through the opening, the former sapper then released the wire and returned it to its original position. He then put the hooks back in his mouth and continued to the next wire obstacle. He left no trace of his path and used natural vegetation to avoid silhouetting. It took him approximately 20 minutes to move through 3 barriers of triple concertina and two barriers of tangle foot. At another demonstration the former sapper crawled quite easily through double apron wire. The former sapper stated that a sapper has no trouble breaching any type fence currently used by Allied Forces except barbed tape which must be cut or a hole dug under it. He added that all his reconnaissance missions were conducted at night and would usually take all night. Three hours would be used for inward penetration since darkness necessitated moving very slowly in order to feel for trip wires and to keep from being observed by guards. It would then take another three hours to exit through the wire. Extreme caution and patience were constantly required. The wire was never cut. The former sapper made several suggestions to improve barrier defenses. He stated that at least two more rows of concertina were necessary, for a total of five, and that concertina would be more difficult to penetrate if the rolls could be interlaced to provide a more dense barrier.

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This would require more time for a sapper to penetrate, making it more difficult to accomplish a mission during the hours of darkness. Too few trip flares and trip grenades are used, he said, and trip wires are usually at the same height and same lateral spacing. Trip wires should be arranged at random locations and many more used. He also stated that vegetation gives sappers excellent concealment. He believes that chain link fences would considerably compound a sapper's problems. Concerning the use of dogs, the former sapper stated that they can be evaded through the use of a concoction (defined as some sort of Chinese medicine) spread on the sapper's body that disguises human smell. His comments regarding US guards were that they are generally inattentive, lazy and careless.

4. CONCLUSIONS:

a. Trained sappers have little difficulty entering Allied installations during darkness through normal perimeter wire barriers such as standard three-row, non-laced, triple concertina, double apron, or tanglefoot.

b. Wire barriers do impede the sapper's progress, in that they require considerable time to breach.

c. Wire barriers and trip flares are inadequate in quantity and placement.

d. Barbed tape must be cut or a hole dug under it. This increases the probability of detection.

e. Foliage, together with insufficient or no lighting on perimeter wire, seriously reduces the probability of sapper detection.

f. Sentry dogs are not a highly reliable means of sapper detection.

g. The inattentiveness of perimeter guards often enables the undetected penetration of base perimeter by sappers.

h. Perimeter defenses on allied installations need upgrading to prevent sapper infiltration.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. Present concertina wire barriers be modified to have at least five rows of triple concertina and the rolls of wire be interlaced to provide a more dense barrier. Trip flares and hand grenades be placed in a random pattern and in greater density. The use of barbed tape be increased.

b. All foliage be cleared from wire barriers.

c. Adequate lighting be installed to facilitate detection of sappers during the hours of darkness.

d. Sentry dogs not to be relied upon as the only means to detect sappers.

e. The training and motivation of guards to be improved.

(D.N. KERR)
Lt
Ops Offr

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List: G

HQ 3RAR
FSB ZIGGIE

17 May 71

3RAR GS INSTRUCTION 10/71
MAINTENANCE IN THE FIELD
- POLICY

General

1. Three problems concerning maintenance of deployed sub-units have arisen:

a. MAINTDEM timings for air resupply ie. ETA of MAINTDEMs aircraft at coys.

b. Time brackets given for MAINTDEMs ie. latest and earliest times.

c. Backloading or disposal of rubbish.

MAINTDEM Timings for Air Resupply

2. When coys submit their MAINTDEMs the time given by them for delivery is, naturally, the time of arrival of the aircraft (or APCs, TCVs etc) at coy locations.

3. A problem arises when resupply is to be by air from KAPYONG. The timings given by coys are used by the Admin CP as serial G2 of an Air Task Request (ATR). This timing refers to the time of arrival of the aircraft at the first PZ shown on the ATR (ie KAPYONG). This time would vary from actual time of arrival/the company by approximately 20 minutes.
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4. The Admin CP could overcome this problem by adjusting all timings on the ATR (time required, earliest and latest) by deducting flying and loading time. A detailed look at the system has shown however that to do this would result in IATF air cell and the pilots working on one set of timings and 3RAR Coys, the Admin CP and AQ Cell working on another set. In addition the Admin CP and AQ Cell would be required to convert and deal with both timings when dealing "up" or "down" to I ATF, aircraft or coys.

5. Whilst the resupply system should be oriented towards coys, not to the "system", to work in the manner described above would produce constant errors and problems. MAINTDEM timings for air resupply as given in the MAINTDEM form will therefore be the time of arrival of the aircraft at the first PZ ie. KAPYONG. 20 minutes (as a guide) should be added to timings for ETA at Coys.

Time Brackets

6. Whenever possible subunits should give the widest possible bracket for acceptable delivery time. Routine resupply missions often have to take priority behind tactical troop lifts, back up for DUSTOFFS, People Sniffer Missions, SAS insertions and special tasks such as C- in- C ship.

7. Guidelines are difficult to establish: ½hr bracket is too little under normal circumstances; 2hrs is generally satisfactory: over two hrs would be very helpful. If the tactical situation, or COs orders, require that the MAINTDEM must be in the coy loc at exactly 1515 hrs, for example, then the reasons must be given in the remarks part of the MAINTDEM to enable priority over other tasks to be given.

/ 8. It follows

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8. It follows, however, that the Admin CP has no authority to accept, or arrange, MAINTDEM timings outside of the time bracket given without the coy being first consulted. There may be times when this cannot be avoided because of aircraft availbility, and in this case the coy and the Ops Offr are to be advised at the earliest possible time before acceptance.

Backloading Rubbish

9. The original radio message concerning backloading of rubbish may have caused misunderstanding due to brevity.

IO. On a number of occasions other elements of the bn gp have found or passed through areas used by subunits to receive MAINTDEMS. Quantities of useable rations and other equipment have been found as well as a lot of rubbish. The problems that coys have in destroying the large quantities of surplus rations and rubbish involved in a MAINTDEM are appreciated.

II. When subunits take a MAINTDEM, all surplus items not wanted by soldiers and all rubbish are to be backloaded by air or APC as applicable when distr is complete. Backload aircraft are to be included in all MAINTDEMs for air resupply. If air cannot be provided, this rubbish is to be burnt, bashed and buried. Food cans are to be pierced. The instruction issued concerning backloading of rubbish referred only to rubbish left after a MAINTDEM.

I2. During operations all comds are to ensure by supervision that rubbish is bashed and buried. Usable food must not be left for the enemy. All cans and packets must be pierced or opened before bashing and burial.

I3. Many reports received indicate that the enemy is short of food and that his ability to conduct operations is related to his ability to find food. We must not present him with the material he requires to attack us or other friendlies.

(D.N.KERR)
Maj
Ops Offr

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Comd Diary

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HQ 3 RAR
FSB ZIGGIE

OPS 025

I90800H May 7I

FRAG O 8/7I (OP BRIAR PATCH II - Regrouping)

Ref: A. 3RAR FRAG O 7/7I (OP BRIAR PATCH II)
B. 3RAR OPS 0I8 of 2II700H Apr 7I (LCT op)
C. IATF OPS 0800 of I22345H May 7I (Changes in Deployment)

I. Mission. 3RAR is to regroup to continue OP BRIAR PATCH II

2. Execution.

a. Gen Outline. No change to Ref A

b. A Coy.

(I) Extracted to NUI DAT by UHIH at 2I0730 H(to be cfm) from insecure LZ 555815.

(2) Program at NUI DAT issued separately.

(3) Coy (less one pl) deploy to HORSESHOE 26 May. Grouping and task as given to HORSESHOE Coy in Ref A. One pl at HORSESHOE on bn RRF on 60 min notice to mov.

(4) One pl remains NUI DAT on TF RRF 26 May - UFN.

c. B Coy

(I) 2I May

(a) Coy HQ, one pl deploy by UHIH at 2II400H (to be cfm) from KAPYONG to insecure LZ 593814.

(b) Two pls deploy by UHIH 2I May from KAPYONG to insecure LZ 584807 fol Coy HQ lift. Both pls mov to estb ambush ptls in area 56- 58E, 79- 8IN.

(2) 22- 3I May

(a) Two pls on ambush ptls continue tasks.

(b) Coy HQ and one pl mov in two lifts by sect APCs to FSB ZIGGIE. Pick up 220730H.

(c) At 22I200H assume comd of FSB ZIGGIE for local def. Grouping:

/ (I) Under

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(I) Under op con — A Tk Pl

(2) In loc for local def — det Sig Pl (retrans)
Mor Pl (-)
Elm 3Tp A Sqn
Sect ~~A Fd~~ Bty
Elm TFMA (Chairman)

(d) Maintain security of FSB until 3I May.

(3) I- II Jun

(a) Deployment and tasks as dir separately by CO.

(b) Return to NUI DAT II Jun. Program separately

d. C Coy

(I) Coy (less one pl) continue ops from HORSESHOE, one pl on bn RRF on 60 mins notice in accordance with Ref A.

(2) One pl remains NUI DAT on TF RRF until releived 26 May.

(3) Return to NUI DAT 26 May. Program separately.

(4) Coy deploy on ops as dir by CO 30 May.

(5) Provide one pl under op con I Fd Sqn LCT from 2- II Jun for ops in accordance with Ref B.

e. D Coy

(I) Continue ops NORTH of XUYEN MOC AO

(2) Return to NUI DAT 9 Jun. Separate progam.

f. Bn HQ

(I) 2I May. Duplicate CP/FCC facilities to be estb at NUI DAT by last lt 2I May.

(2) 22- 3I May

(a) Bn HQ Pl, HQ Sp Coy, HQ 2Tp (-) I Fd Sqn and pad party deploy by air from FSB ZIGGIE to NUI DAT 22 May. Adv CP mov by UHIH at 221030 (to be cfm). Main Body mov by air 221300H (to be cfm).

(b) Program at NUI DAT issued separately by OC Sp Coy.

(c) As from 240700H, Adv CP on Ihrs notice and remainder Bn HQ on I½hrs notice during daylight hrs for deployment to FSB ZIGGIE if required by tac sit.

(d) Be prepared to return to FSB by air 3I May.

/g. Mor PL

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g. Mor Pl

(I) Two sects remain FSB ZIGGIE.

(2) One sect remains HORSESHOE.

(3) Rest and rotation of sects continues as arranged by OC Mor Pl.

h. A Tk Pl

(I) Remains under op con of LCT until 2I May.

(2) Changes with Pnr Pl 2I May and moves to FSB by air.

(3) Returns to NUI DAT from FSB by air 6 JUN.

(4) Deploy by air to LCT on 11 JUN. Comes under op con LCT.

i. Pnr Pl

(I) Mov by air from FSB to LCT on 2I May. Comes under op con LCT.

(2) Returns to NUI DAT from LCT 2 Jun.

(3) Deploys on ops to FSB 6 Jun.

j. 2 Tp C Sqn. Relieved by I Tp 24 May. Tasks separately.

k. 3 Tp (-) A Sqn. No change. Elms at FSB ZIGGIE in loc for local def B Coy 22- 3I May.

l. Artillery. No change

m. LCT. Continues land clearing in accordance with Ref B with fol elms under op con:

(I) 7- 2I May. A Tk Pl

(2) 2I May- 2 Jun. Pnr Pl

(3) 2- [illegible] Jun. Pl C Coy

(4) I[illegible] Jun- UFN. A Tk Pl

n. 2 Tp (-) I Fd Sqn. HQ (-) returns to NUI DAT 22 May with Bn HQ. Other elms no change.

o. Avn. DS ac posn as fol:

(I) I9- 22 May. FSB ZIGGIE
(2) 23- 3I May. KAPYONG
(3) I Jun- UFN. FSB ZIGGIE

/p. IATF RRF

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p. IATF RRF. Provided as fol:

(I) To 26 May - Pl C Coy

(2) 26 May- UFN - Pl A Coy

q. Co- ord Instrs.

(I) AOs.

(a) AO DEBORAH (REVISED), GRACE and MONA. Remain responsibility HQ 3 RAR.

(b) AO CHRISTINE (less area allocated to HEATHER). Remains responsibility 3 RAR (Rear).

(c) AO HEATHER. Remains responsibility C Sqn I Armd Regt UFN.

(d) 4 RAR AO. In theatre trg 28 May- I Jun -TBA.

(2) Pri of Work. All constr tasks FSB ZIGGIE to be complete by last light 20 May.

(3) Air Tasks. All timings given for air moves are subject to cfm.

3. Administration and Logistics.

a. Bn Reserves at FSB ZIGGIE. B Coy is responsible for maint of bn reserves of ammo, MOGAS, DIESO, AVGAS and bulk water at ZIGGIE as instr separately by Ops Offr.

b. Maint. Daily 3 RAR piecart to FSB (incl fresh meal) to continue for B Coy 22- 3I May.

c. Elm TFMA (Chairman). Remains ZIGGIE and op under dir of B Coy.

d. Rats. B Coy is responsible for rationing det Sig Pl, Mor Pl (-) and elm TFMA at ZIGGIE from 22- 3I May.

4. Command and Signal.

a. HQ 3RAR. Closes at FSB ZIGGIE and opens at NUI DAT at 22I200H.

b. AQ Cell. Closes at FSB ZIGGIE at 22I200H May and re-opens at FSB ZIGGIE 3I May. Admin CP (NUI DAT) assumes con of Admin/Air Net from 22I200H. All admin tfc submitted dir to Admin CP (C/S 95) during the period AQ Cell is closed.

/c. SOI.

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c. SOI. SOI current to 3I2400H May. SOI for 0I000IH Jun to 302400HJun to be issued to sub units and sp arms NLT last lt 24 May.

d. Issue of Codes/ SOIs. From 25 May, codes and SOIs for Jun are to go fwd with MAINTDEMs or are to be taken fwd by sub units deploying.

e. Point of Origin. Emergency Point of Origin to be used only in the event of code compromise and only within 3RAR gp:

(I) POINT ALPHA 6080

(2) POINT BRAVO 7080

Ack Instrs: Ack to 3 RAR CP

(F.P. SCOTT)
Lt/Col
CO

Distribution:

List C plus
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4RAR (Adv Party)
9RAR

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PRIORITY ROUTINE 201100Z MAY 71

From: 3RAR

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

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ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

OPS 027

TO: List C
LCT
4RAR (Adv Party)
9RAR

OUR OPS 025 FRAG O 8/71 OP BIARAR PATCH II REGROUPING FOL CHANGES TO OUR OPS 025 ADVISED DUE TO CHANGES IN TACTICAL SIT (.)

ONE (.) B COY DELETE ALL REF INSTRS CONTAINED IN OPS 025 (.) NOW DEPLOYS TO CENTRE OF MASS 5083 BY APC 21 MAY (.)

TWO (.) D COY MOVES BY APC TO FSB ZIGGIE ASAP 21 MAY, RECEIVES MAINTDEM AND HARBOURS VICINITY FSB (.) AT 221200H MAY ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOCAL DEF OF FSB ZIGGIE FROM 22- 30 MAY: NO CHANGE TO INSTRS IN OUR OPS 025 FOR GROUPING AND TASKS FOR LOCAL DEF OF ZIGGIE (.) TWO PLS OF D COY TO OPERATE EAST OF ZIGGIE AS DISCUSSED BY CO/OC D COY (.)

THREE(.) 3 TP (-) A SQN MOV WITH HALF ANTI TANK PL TO HORSESHOE 21 MAY (.) PICK UP MOR SECT (8OA) IN AMC SECT (.) MOV TO VICINITY 4881 AND ESTB MOR FSB (.) COMPOSITION HALF ANTI-TANK PL, 3 APCS (INCL MOR TRACKS) SECT MORS (8OA) (.)
REMAINDER 3 TP (-) (FOUR APCS)
RETURN TO ZIGGIE (.)

FOUR (.) DELETE 31 MAY WHERE APPEARING IN FOL PARAS OF OPS 025 AND INSERT 30 MAY:
PARA 2.f.(2),
PARA 2.o.(2),
PARA 3.d,
PARA 3.b,
PARA 4.b.

DRAFTER'S NAME & APPOINTMENT REF FILE NO DATE

KERR OPS R569/71/2(1) 20 MAY 71

RELEASING OFFICERS SIGNATURE AND RANK

Brewarrina Maj

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MESSAGE FORM

PRIORITY

FROM : 1 ATF

TO : LIST A (LESS SERIALS 12 AND 24)
PLUS LOs (LO EYES ONLY)
LIST C (LESS SERIAL 10)

02 [illegible] 2/MAY 71

R569/1/88
SECRET
OPS 0738

CHANGE IN DEPLOYMENT. SITUATION. RECENT INT REP SHOWS THAT 3 BN 33 REGT NVA HAS MOVED INTO PHUOC TUY PROVINCE CENTRE OF MASS YS5587. DEPLOYMENT TO MEET THIS THREAT AS FOLLOWS CLN

ONE : 3 RAR IS MOVING 3 COYS INTO AO GRACE BY AIR CMM ANNEX A.

TWO : 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) MAY BE REQUIRED TO MOVE FORCE INTO AO ELSIE CMM ANNEX A.

THREE : ONE TP A SQN 3 CAV REGT WITH UNDER OP CON D & E PL 1 ATF IS MOVING INTO BLOCKING POSNS AO NONA CMM ANNEX A.

FOUR : BASE DEF OF FSB FRIENDSHIP HAS BEEN FURTHER STRENGTHENED BY SECOND SECT APCS.

FIVE : LCT (NDP SANDRA) NOW HAS ONE CAV TP (-) PLUS ONE PL INF FOR BASE DEF.

SIX : SAS SURVEILLANCE IN AO SHIRLEY AND AO ROSE CMM ANNEX A. FURTHER SAS PTLS EAST OF SONG RAI IN AO DEBORAH.

SEVEN: 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) OP FINAL FLING DUE TO COMMENCE 6 MAY 71 NOW POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

EIGHT : FSB JANE IN AO PHILIPPA YS4584 (3 GUNS A FD BTY. IN SP AND AT PRIORITY CALL TO 3 RAR) OPENS 030800H/MAY 71. UNDER OP CON 12 FD REGT FROM 030600H/MAY 71 FOR DEF FSB JANE - ONE TP C SQN 1 ARMD REGT.

NINE : COMBINED 1 ATF - RTAVF OP IN NORTH-WEST AO LISA MAY HAVE TO BE REASSESSED. DETAILS LATER. ACK

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MESSAGE FORM

PRIORITY PRIORITY 081100Z MAY 71 R569/1/82

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OPS0783

FROM : 1 ATF

TO : CG TRAC 1 ATF LO XUAN LOC CG RTAVF SLNO RTAVF 1 ATF LO RTAVF
1 ATF LO 3 BDE 1ST (US) CAV DIV (AM) BIEN HOA

INFO : AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

ATTN : G3 OPS . PLANS SUMMARY FOR PERIOD 100001H TO 102400H MAY71 .

ONE : 1 ATF NUI DAT .

TWO : C SQN 1 ARMD REGT . SQN (-) REMAINS NUI DAT . 1 TP SP 3 RAR AO DEBORAH .
TPS TO OPERATE ON INDEP OPS . TP SP 1 ATF RRF . TP SP 2 RAR AO LISA .

THREE : A SQN 3 CAV REGT . SQN (-) REMAINS NUI DAT . TP SP 3 RAR AO DEBORAH .
ELMS OP CON TO 12 FD REGT CMM C BTY 5/42 (US) ARTY AND 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) .
TP OP CON TO 1 FD SQN ON LAND CLEARING OPS .

FOUR : 1 ATF ARTILLERY . A FD BTY CMM SECT AT FSB JANE YS4584 CMM SECT REMAINS FSB
ZIGGIE . 104 FD BTY AT NUI DAT . C BTY (-) 5/42 (US) ARTY REMAINS FSB
FRIENDSHIP .

FIVE : 1 FD SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ELMS CONTINUE TO SP C SQN 1 ARMD REGT CMM A
SQN 3 CAV REGT AND BOTH INF BNS . MCT AT XUYEN MOC . LCT REMAINS
OPERATING IN AREA CENTRE OF MASS YS5573 FIRE TRAIL CLEARING TO THE SE .

SIX : 17 CONST SQN . SQN HQ NUI DAT . ROAD CONSTRUCTION TO ROUTE 2 CONTINUES .
RF HOUSING CMM WELL BORING CMM CURB AND GUTTERING BARIA MARKET CONTINUES AND
CONSTRUCTION FOR JWTC CONTINUES . QUARRY OPS CONTINUE NUI DAT . BRIDGE
RECONSTRUCTION TEAM REMAINS AT NDP SUSAN WORKING ON BRIDGE 6 . ROAD REPAIRING
TO CONTINUE VICINITY OF DAT DO WITH ROCK FROM HORSESHOE HILL .

SEVEN : 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) . BN HQ REMAINS AT NUI DAT . A COY DEPLOYED AREA YS5386 .
B COY REMAINS NUI DAT ON READY REACTION . C COY DEPLOYED YS5787 . V6 COY
REMAINS AT NUI DAT . SP COY DEPLOYED AREA YS4590 .

EIGHT : 3 RAR . BN HQ REMAINS AT FSB ZIGGIE . A COY REMAINS IN AREA CENTRE OF MASS
YS5683 . B COY (-) REMAINS IN AREA CENTRE OF MASS YS5380 CMM ONE PL REMAINS
WITH LCT . C COY REMAINS IN AREA YS5081 . D COY CMM HQ LOC AT NDP HORSESHOE
SP COY REMAINS AT FSB ZIGGIE CMM ONE PL FROM D COY 1 ATF RRF .

NINE : 1 ARU . FOUR PLS AT NUI DAT CMM ONE AMBUSHING IN AO JEANETTE BY NIGHT .

TEN : D AND E PL AT NUI DAT .

ELEVEN : 2 SAS SQN HAS 2 LRRPS DEPLOYED

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY

HQ 1ATF
NUI DAT

Distribution below

May 71

1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME DATED 6 MAY 71

AMENDMENT NO 1

1. The above patrol programme is amended by including the attached 2 RAR programme.

B H Stark

(B. H. STARK)
Capt
GSO3 (SD & TRG)

Distribution:

C Sqn 1 Armd Regt	(3)
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt	(2)
12 Fd Regt RAA	(9)
1 Fd Sqn RAE	(3)
21 Engr Sp TP	(2)
17 Const Sqn	(2)
104 Sig Sqn	
547 Sig Sqn	
2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC	(13)
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2 SAS Sqn	
1 ARU	(10)
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2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) BN PATROL FORECAST FOR PERIOD 9 MAY 71 TO 16 MAY 71

Patrol Serial Number	25/71	26/71
Sub Unit to Provide	V Coy	106 Fd Wksp
Callsign - Frequency	73 62.70	71 62.70
Controlled by	2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn	2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn
Task	Ambush and patrol in AO QUEST/LISA 1. Ni 11/12 May ambush G392671. 2. Day 12 May standing ptl G383674. 3. Ni 12/13 May ambush G379666. 4. Day 13 May standing ptl G373670. 5. Ni 13/14 May ambush G376686.	Ambush and patrol in AO QUEST 1. Ni 12/13 May ambush G413691. 2. Day 13 May standing ptl G400700. 3. Ni 13/14 May ambush G411702.
Strength	1 NCO + 9	1 NCO + 9
Route Out	Drop off: G421662	Drop off: G428690
Route In	Pick up : G419675	Pick up : G428690
Date/Time Out	11 1600H	12 1730H
Date/Time In	14 1000H	14 0800H
Remarks	1. Coy to provide escorts 2. Tpt to arrange vehicle 3. Ptl Comd and 2IC for briefing 100930H.	1. Coy to provide escorts. 2. Tpt to arrange vehicle. 3. Ptl Comd and 2IC for briefing RSM 2 RAR/NZ 110930H.

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Patrol Serial Number	27/71	28/71
Sub Unit to Provide	A Coy	C Coy
Callsign and Frequency	72 *62.70	73 *62.70
Controlled by	2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn	2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn
Task	Ambush and patrol in AOs QUEST/LISA 1. Ni 14/15 May ambush G371641. 2. Day 15 May standing ptl G382652. 3. Ni 15/16 May ambush G381658. 4. Day 16 May standing ptl G388666. 5. Ni 16/17 May ambush G398664. 6. Day 17 May standing ptl G400667. 7. Ni 17/18 May ambush G408667.	Ambush and patrol in AO LISA 1. Ni 14/15 May ambush G392669. 2. Day 15 May standing ptl G390682. 3. Ni 15/16 May ambush G415685.
Strength	1 NCO + 9	1 NCO + 9
Route Out	Drop off: G382629	Drop off: G420672
Route In	Pick up: G421662	Pick up : G420680
Date/Time Out	14 1530H	14 1630H
Date/Time In	18 0730H	16 0730H
Remarks	1. Coy to provide escorts 2. Tpt to arrange vehicle and "Gunship" vehicle. 3. Ptl Comd for briefing to RSM 130930H.	1. Coy to provide escorts. 2. Tpt to provide vehicle. 3. Ptl Comd for briefing to RSM 130930H.
	*Frequency change to be advised	

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Distribution below:

1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME

1. Attached is the 1ATF patrol programme for the period 160800H May 71 to 230800H May 71.

B H Stark

(B. H. STARK)
Capt
GSO3 (SD & TRG)

Distribution:

C Sqn 1Armd Regt	(3)
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt	(2)
12 Fd Regt RAA	(9)
1 Fd Sqn RAE	(3)
21 Engr Sp TP	(2)
17 Const Sqn	(2)
104 Sig Sqn	
547 Sig Sqn	
2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC)	(13)
3 RAR	(11)
2 SAS Sqn	
1 ARU	(10)
161 (Indep) Recce Flt	
TFMA	(3)
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106 Fd Wksp	
1 ATF CP	
GSO2 (OPs)	
GSO3 (SD & TRG)	
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2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) BN PATROL FORECAST FOR PERIOD 16 MAY TO 23 MAY 71

Patrol Serial Number	29/71	30/71
Sub Unit to Provide	A Coy	V Coy
Callsign and Frequency	72 55.50	71 55.50
Controlled by	2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn	2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn
Task	Continued from Serial 27/71 4. Day 16 May standing ptl G388666. 5. Ni 16/17 May ambush G398664. 6. Day 17 May standing ptl G400667. 7. Ni 17/18 May ambush G408667	Ambush and Patrol in AO QUEST 1. Ni 16/17 May ambush G411702 2. Day 17 May standing patrol G396705. 3. Ni 17/18 May ambush G387701
Strength	1 NCO + 9	1 NCO + 9
Route Out	-	Drop off: G428690
Route In	Pick up: G421662	Pick Up : 428690
Date/Time Out	-	16 1700H
Date/Time In	18 0730H	18 1000H
Remarks	1. Tpt to arrange veh. 2. Coy to provide escorts.	1. Tpt to provide vehicle. 2. Coy to arrange escorts. 3. Ptl Comd for briefing to RSM 2 RAR/NZ 150930H.

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Patrol Serial Number	31/71	32/71
Sub Unit to Provide	B Coy	C Coy
Callsign and Frequency	73 * 55.50	74 55.50
Controlled By	2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn	2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn
Task	Ambush and patrol in AO LISA 1. Ni 18/19 May ambush G372688. 2. Day 19 May standing ptl G375681. 3. Ni 19/20 May ambush G380661. 4. Day 20 May standing ptl G383650. 5. Ni 20/21 May ambush G371638. 6. Day 21 May standing ptl G370644. 7. Ni 21/22 May ambush G379651.	Ambush and Patrol in AO QUEST 1. Ni 18/19 May ambush G408667. 2. Day 19 May standing patrol G400674. 3. Ni 19/20 May ambush G404679.
Strength	1 NCO + 9	1 NCO + 9
Route Out	Drop off: G419675	Drop Off: G420672
Route In	Pick Up : G382629	Pick Up : G419675
Date/Time Out	18 1200H	18 1730H
Date/Time In	22 0800H	20 0800H
Remarks	1. Tpt to provide "Gunship". 2. Coy to arrange escorts. 3. Ptl Comd for briefing to RSM 2 RAR/NZ 190930H. 4. Freq change 212400H to 43.60.	1. Tpt to provide vehicle. 2. Coy to arrange escorts. 3. Ptl Comd for briefing to RSM 2 RAR/NZ 170930H.

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Patrol Serial Number	33/71	34/71
Sub Unit to Provide	A Coy	HQ Coy 1 ATF
Callsign and Frequency	71 *55.50	72 43.60
Controlled by	2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn	2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn
Task	Ambush and patrol in AO QUEST 1. Ni 20/21 May ambush G387674. 2. Day 21 May standing ptl G389682. 3. Ni 21/22 May ambush G384683.	Ambush and Patrol in AO LISA 1. Ni 22/23 May ambush G373637. 2. Day 23 May standing ptl G370644. 3. Ni 23/24 ambush G373645.
Strength	1 NCO + 9	1 NCO + 9
Route Out	Drop off: G421662.	Drop off: G383629.
Route In	Pick up : G420673.	Pick up : G383629.
Date/Time Out	20 1400H	22 1600H
Date/Time In	22 1000H	24 0800H
Remarks	1. Coy to provide escort 2. Tpt to arrange vehicle. 3. Ptl Comd for briefing to RSM 2 RAR/NZ 190930H. 4. Freq change 212400H to 43.60.	1. HQ Coy 1 ATF to provide vehicle and escorts. 2. Ptl Comd for briefing to RSM 2 RAR/NZ 210930H.

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Patrol Serial Number	35/71
Sub Unit to provide	104 Sig Sqn
Callsign - Frequency	74 43.60
Controlled by	2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn
Task	Ambush and Patrol in AO QUEST 1. Ni 22/23 May ambush G398663. 2. Day 23 May standing ptl G389682. 3. Ni 23/24 May ambush G404679.
Strength	1 NCO + 9
Route Out	Drop Off: G418657
Route In	Pick up : G419676
Date/Time out	22 1630H
Date/Time In	24 0800H
Remarks	1. 104 Sig Sqn to provide veh and escorts 2. Ptl Comd to RSM 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn for briefing 21 0930H.

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1 ARU PATROL TASK TABLE
FOR PERIOD FROM 160800H TO 230800H MAY 71

A	Serial No	136/71	137/71	138/71
B	Sub unit to provide	1 Platoon	1 Platoon	2 Platoon
C	Call sign and frequency	51 50.55 alt 37.55	51 50.55 alt 37.55	52 50.55 alt 37.55
D	Controlled by	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU
E	Task	Standing ptl AO JEANETTE Ni Loc Vic 445647	Standing ptl AO JEANETTE Ni loc vic 432631	Standing ptl AO JEANETTE Ni loc vic 450636
F	Strength	1 : 8	1 : 8	1 : 8
G	Date/time out	161500H	171500H	181500H
H	Date/time in	170800H	180800H	190800H
J	Route	Direct	Direct	Direct
K	LZ if required	-	-	-
L	PZ if required	-	-	-
M	Remarks		Bdy clearance will be requested AM 17 May 71	

A	139/71	140/71	141/71	142/71
B	2 Platoon	1 Platoon	1 Platoon	2 Platoon
C	52 50.55 alt 37.55	51 50.55 alt 37.55	51 50.55 alt 37.55	52 55.90 alt 35.75
D	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU
E	Standing ptl AO JEANETTE Ni loc vic 443630	Standing ptl AO JEANETTE Ni loc vic 455637	Standing ptl AO JEANETTE Ni loc vic 453641	Standing ptl AO JEANETTE Ni loc vic 437642
F	1 : 8	1 : 8	1 : 8	1 : 8
G	191500H	201500H	211500H	221500H
H	200800H	210800H	220800H	230800H
J	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K	-	-	-	-
L	-	-	-	-
M	Bdy clearance will be requeste AM 19 May 71	Bdy clearance will be requested AM 20 May 71	Freq change 212400H Main 55.90 alt 35.75	Bdy clearance will be requested AM 22 May 71

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2 SAS SQN PATROL FORECAST FOR PERIOD 16 MAY TO 22 MAY 71

A.	Ptl Ser No	T/135	T/136	T/137	T/138
B.	Sub Unit	1 Fd Sqn	17 Const Sqn	TFMA	2 SAS SQN
C.	C/S and Freq	59 Freq at Sig Brief	59 Freq at Sig Brief	59 Freq at Sig Brief	59 Freq at Sig Brief
D.	Controlled by	2 SAS SQN C/S 21	2 SAS SQN C/S 21	2 SAS SQN C/S 21	2 SAS SQN C/S 21
E.	Task	Sector 9 Standing Ptl YS 432680	Sector 9 Standing Ptl YS 429675	Sector 9 Standing Ptl YS 433679	Sector 9 Standing Ptl YS 432679
F.	Strength	1:5	1 : 5	1 : 5	1 : 5
G.	Date Time Insertion	161930H May 71	171930H May 71	181930H May 71	191930H May 71
H.	Date Time Extraction	170700H May 71	180700H May 71	190700H May 71	200700H May 71
I.	Route Cut	As per Brief	As per Brief	As per Brief	As Per Brief
J.	Route In	As per Brief	As per Brief	As Per Brief	As per Brief
K.	Remarks	Ptl Comd and Sig Brief 2 SAS SQN 160900H May 71	Ptl Comd and Sig Brief 2 SAS SQN 170900H May 71	Ptl Comd and Sig Brief 2 SAS SQN 180900H May 71	Ptl Comd and Sig Brief 2 SAS SQN 190700H May 71

A.	Ptl Ser No	T/139	T/140	T/141
B.	Sub Unit	1 Fd Sqn	17 Const Sqn	TFMA
C.	C/S and Freq	59 Freq at Sig Brief	59 Freq at Sig Brief	59 Freq at Sig Brief
D.	Controlled by	2 SAS SQN C/S 21	2 SAS SQN C/S 21	2 SAS SQN C/S 21
E.	Task	Sector 9 Standing Ptl YS 432680	Sector 9 Standing Ptl YS 429675	Sector 9 Standing Ptl YS 433679
F.	Strength	1 : 5	1 : 5	1 : 5
G.	Date Time Insertion	201930H May 71	211930H May 71	221930H May 71
H.	Date Time Extraction	210700H May 71	220700H May 71	230700H May 71
I.	Route Out	As per Brief	As Per Brief	As Per Brief
J.	Route In	As Per Brief	As per Brief	As per Brief
K.	Remarks	Ptl Comd and Sig Brief 2 SAS SQN 200900H May 71	Ptl Comd and Sig Brief 2 SAS SQN 210900H May 71	Ptl Comd and Sig Brief 2 SAS SQN 220900H May 71

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20 May 71

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1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME

1. Attached is the 1ATF patrol programme for the period 230800H May 71 to 300800 May 71.

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(B. H. STARK)
Capt
GS03 (SD & TRG)

Distribution:

C Sqn 1Armd Regt	(3)
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt	(2)
12 Fd Regt RAA	(9)
1 Fd Sqn RAE	(3)
21 Engr Sp TP	(2)
17 Const Sqn	
104 Sig Sqn	
547 Sig Sqn	
4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC)	(13)
3 RAR	(11)
2 SAS Sqn	
1 ARU	(10)
161 (Indep) Recce Flt	
TFMA	(3)
HQ Coy 1 ATF	
106 Fd Wksp	
1 ATF CP	
GS02 (Ops)	
GS03 (SD & TRG)	
ATOC	
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1 ARU PATROL TASK TABLE

FOR PERIOD FROM 230800H TO 300800H MAY 71

A	Serial No	143/71	144/71	145/71
B	Sub unit to provide	3 Platoon	2 Platoon	3 Platoon
C	Call sign and frequency	53 55.90 alt 35.75	52 55.90 alt 35.75	53 55.90 alt 35.75
D	Controlled by	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU
E	Task	Standing ptl AO JEANETTE	Standing ptl AO JEANETTE	Standing ptl AO JEANETTE
F	Strength	Ni loc vic 458655	Ni loc vic 458642	Ni loc vic 443646
G	Date/time out	1 : 8	1 : 8	1 : 8
H	Date/time in	231500H	241500H	251500H
J	Route (shown on trace)	240800H	250800H	260800H
K	LZ if required	Direct	Direct	Direct
L	PZ if required	-	-	-
M	Remarks	-	-	-
		Bdy clearance will be requested AM 23 May 71	Bdy clearance will be requested AM 24 May 71	

A	146/71	147/71	148/71	149/71
B	3 Platoon	3 Platoon	3 Platoon	3 Platoon
C	53 55.90 alt 35.75	53 55.90 alt 35.75	53 55.90 alt 35.75	53 55.90 alt 35.75
D	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU
E	Standing ptl AO JEANETTE	Standing ptl AO JEANETTE	Standing ptl AO JEANETTE	Standing ptl AO JEANETTE
F	Ni loc vic 445640	Ni loc vic 455640	Ni Loc vic 437643	Ni loc vic 447649
G	1 : 8	1 : 8	1 : 8	1 : 8
H	261500H	271500H	281500H	291500H
J	270800H	280800H	290800H	300800H
K	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
L	-	-	-	-
M	-	-	-	-
		Bdy clearance will be requested AM 27 May 71	Bdy clearance will be requested AM 28 May 71	

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2 SAS SQN PATROL FORECAST FOR PERIOD 23 MAY TO 30 MAY 71

A.	Ptl Ser No	T/142	T/143	T/144	T/145
B.	Sub Unit	2 SAS SQN	1 Fd Sqn	17 Const Sqn	TFMA
C.	C/S and Freq	59 Freq at Sig Brief	59 Freq at Sig Brief	59 Freq at Sig Brief	59 Freq at Sig Brief
D.	Controlled by	2 SAS SQN C/S 21	2 SAS SQN C/S 21	2 SAS SQN C/S 21	2 SAS SQN C/S 21
E.	Task	Sector 9 Standing Ptl YS 432679	Sector 9 Standing Ptl YS 432680	Sector 9 Standing Ptl YS 429675	Sector 9 Standing Ptl YS 433679
F.	Strength	1 : 5	1 : 5	1 : 5	1 : 5
G.	Date Time Insertion	231930H May 71	241930H May 71	251930H May 71	261930H May 71
H.	Date Time Extraction	240700H May 71	250700H May 71	260700H May 71	270700H May 71
I.	Route Out	As per Brief	As per Brief	As per Brief	As per Brief
J.	Route In	As per Brief	As per Brief	As per Brief	As per Brief
K.	Remarks	Ptl Comd and Sig brief 2 SAS SQN 230900H May 71	Ptl Comd and Sig brief 2 SAS SQN 240900H May 71	Ptl Comd and Sig brief 2 SAS SQN 250900H May 71	Ptl Comd and Sig brief 2 SAS SQN 260900H May 71

A.	Ptl Ser No	T/146	T/147	T/148
B.	Sub Unit	2 SAS SQN	1 Fd Sqn	17 Const Sqn
C.	C/S and Freq	59 Freq at Sig Brief	59 Freq at Sig brief	59 Freq at Sig brief
D.	Controlled by	2 SAS SQN C/S 21	2 SAS SQN C/S 21	2 SAS SQN C/S 21
E.	Task	Sector 9 Standing Ptl YS 432679	Sector 9 Standing Ptl YS 432680	Sector 9 Standing Ptl YS 429675
F.	Strength	1 : 5	1 : 5	1 : 5
G.	Date Time Insertion	271930H May 71	281930H May 71	291930H May 71
H.	Date Time Extraction	280700H May 71	290700H May 71	300700H May 71
I.	Route Out	As per brief	As per brief	As per brief
J.	Route In	As per brief	As per brief	As per brief
K.	Remarks	Ptl Comd and Sig brief 2 SAS SQN 270900H May 71	Ptl Comd and Sig brief 2 SAS SQN 280900H May 71	Ptl Comd and Sig brief 2 SAS SQN 290900H May 71

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4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) BN PATROL FORECAST FOR PERIOD 24MAY - 01 JUNE

Patrol Serial Number	1/71	2/71
Sub Unit to provide	1ARU	Admin Coy
Callsign and Frequency	71 43.60	74 43.60
Controlled by	4RAR/NZ(ANZAC) BN	4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) BN
Task	1. Ambush GRID 413690 on night 24/25 May 2. Ambush GRID 375675 on night 25/26May 3. Ambush GRID 372688 on night 26/27 May 4. Ambush GRID 380658 on night 27/28 May 5. Ambush GRID 397665 and GRID 394657 on night 28/29 May.	To be advised when Coy in theatre training finalized.
Strength	1Platoon	1 NCO +12
Route out	Drop off: GRID 427690	Drop off:
Route in	Pick up: GRID 421662	Pick up:
Date/Time out	241630	291600
Date/Time in	290900	010800
Remarks	1. ARU to provide Tpt 2. To be WEST of 39 line by 250700 hrs	1. Tpt to provide Veh

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27 May 71

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1. Attached is the 1 ATF Patrol Programme for the period 300800H May 71 to 060800H Jun 71.

(B.H. STARK)
Capt
GSO3 (SD and Trg)

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C Sqn 1 Armd Regt	(3)
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt	(2)
12 Fd Regt RAA	(9)
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17 Const Sqn	(2)
104 Sig Sqn	
547 Sig Tp	
4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)	(13)
3 RAR	(11)
2 SAS Sqn	
1 ARU	(10)
161 (Indep) Recce Flt	
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4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) BN PATROL FORECAST FOR PERIOD 30 MAY - 06 JUN 71

Patrol Serial Number	2/71	3/71
Sub Unit to Provide	Admin Coy	1 ARU
Callsign and Frequency	74 Bn Comd	71 Bn Comd
Controlled by	4 RAR/NZ	4 RAR/NZ
Task	CANCELLED DUE TO USE OF AREA FOR IN THEATRE TRAINING	1. AP NIGHT 01/02 June GRID 372636 2. AP NIGHT 02/03 June GRID 381651. 3. AP NIGHT 03/04 June GRID 379669. 4. AP NIGHT 04/05 June GRID 359702 5. AP NIGHT 05/06 June GRID 394658
Strength		1 Platoon
Route Out		DROP OFF GRID 382629
Route In		PICK UP GRID 415655
Date/Time Out		011600 June
Date/Time In		060830 June
Remarks		1. 1 ARU to arrange vehs.

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1 ARU PATROL TASK TABLE

FOR PERIOD FROM 300800H TO 060800H MAY/JUN 71

A	Serial No	150/71	151/71	152/71
B	Sub unit to provide	3 Platoon	3 Platoon	3 Platoon
C	Call sign and frequency	53 55.90 alt 35.75	53 55.90 alt 35.75	53 56.10 alt 57.40
D	Controlled by	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU
E	Task	Standing ptl AO JEANETTE Ni loc vic 445640	Standing ptl AO JEANETTE Ni loc vic 455640	Standing ptl AO JEANETTE Ni loc vic 455644
F	Strength	1 : 8	1 : 8	1 : 8
G	Date/time out	301500H	311500H	011500H
H	Date/time in	310800H	010800H	020800H
J	Route	Direct	Direct	Direct
K	LZ if required	-	-	-
L	PZ if required	-	-	-
M	Remarks		Bdy clearance will be requested AM 31 May 71. Freq change 012400H Main 56.10 alt 57.40	

A	153/71	154/71	155/71	156/71
B	2 Platoon	2 Platoon	2 Platoon	3 Platoon
C	52 56.10 alt 57.40	52 56.10 alt 57.40	52 56.10 alt 57.40	53 56.10 alt 57.40
D	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU	1 ARU
E	Standing ptl AO JEANETTE Ni loc vic 443630	Standing ptl AO JEANETTE Ni loc vic 453632	Standing ptl AO JEANETTE Ni loc vic 457654	Standing ptl AO JEANETTE Ni loc vic 453641
F	1 : 8	1 : 8	1 : 8	1 : 8
G	021500H	031500H	041500H	051500H
H	030800H	040800H	050800H	060800H
J	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K	-	-	-	-
L	-	-	-	-
M	Bdy clearance will be request AM 2 Jun 71		Bdy clearance will be requested AM 4 Jun 71	

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2 SAS SQN PATROL FORECAST FOR PERIOD 30 MAY TO 5 JUN 71

A.	Ptl Ser No	T/149	T/150	T/151	T/152
B.	Sub Unit	TFMA	2 SAS SQN	1 Fd Sqn	17 Const Sqn
C.	C/S and Freq	59 Freq at Sig Brief	59 Freq at Sig Brief	59 Freq at Sig Brief	59 Freq at Sig Brief
D.	Controlled by	2 SAS C/S 21	2 SAS C/S 21	2 SAS C/S 21	2 SAS C/S 21
E.	Task	Sector 9 Stand Ptl YS 432680	Sector 9 Stand Ptl YS 429675	Sector 9 Stand Ptl YS 432680	Sector 9 Stand Ptl YS 433679
F.	Strength	1:5	1:5	1:5	1:5
G.	Date Time Insertion	301930H May 71	31 1930H May 71	1 1930H Jun 71	2 1930H Jun 71
H.	Date Time Extraction	310700H May 71	1 0700H Jun 71	2 0700H Jun 71	3 0700H Jun 71
I.	Route Out	As per brief	As per brief	As per brief	As per brief
J.	Route In	As per brief	As per brief	As per brief	As per brief
K.	Remarks	Ptl Comd and Sig Brief 2 SAS Sqn 300900H May 71	Ptl Comd and Sig Brief 2 SAS Sqn 310900H May 71	Ptl Comd and Sig Brief 2 SAS Sqn 01 0900H Jun 71	Ptl Comd and Sig Brief 2 SAS Sqn 02 0900H Jun 71

A.	Ptl Ser No	T/156	T/157	T/158
B.	Sub Unit	TFMA	2 SAS Sqn	1 Fd Sqn
C.	C/S and Freq	59 Freq at Sig Brief	59 Freq at Sig Brief	59 Freq at Sig Brief
D.	Controlled by	2 SAS C/S 21	2 SAS C/S 21	2 SAS C/S 21
E.	Task	Sector 9 Stand Ptl YS 429675	Sector 9 Stand Ptl YS 433679	Sector 9 Stand Ptl YS 432680
F.	Strength	1:5	1:5	1:5
G.	Date Time Insertion	031930H Jun 71	041930H Jun 71	05 1930H Jun 71
H.	Date Time Extraction	040700H Jun 71	050700H Jun 71	060700H Jun 71
I.	Route Out	As per brief	As per brief	As per brief
J.	Route In	As per brief	As per brief	As per brief
K.	Remarks	Ptl Comd and Sig Brief 2 SAS Sqn 030900H Jun 71	Ptl Comd and Sig Brief 2 SAS Sqn 040900H Jun 71	Ptl Comd and Sig Brief 2 SAS Sqn 050900H Jun 71

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

01 May 71
OPS0734

Subject : Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 010001H to 012400H May 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC)

PART I

1. Operations Summary.

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues operations PHOI HOP and BRIAR PATCH in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
(a) Sqn HQ (-) remained NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp remained at NUI DAT.
(c) 2 Tp remained op con to 3 RAR.
(d) 3 Tp op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located at FSB LINDY.
(e) 4 Tp withdrawn from operations, prepares to return to Australia.
(f) 5 Tp op con 3 RAR.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp (-) at NUI DAT. Elms op con to 1 Fd Sqn .
(c) 2 Tp NUI DAT, elms remained DUC THANH and op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
(d) 3 Tp op con 3 RAR.
(e) Other elms deployed at NDP SUSAN, FSB LINDY and NUI DAT.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery.
(a) Nil contacts, 18 H and I missions were fired.
(b) A Fd Bty. Sect deployed to FSB LINDY, sect remained at FSB ZIGGIE YS611811.
(c) 107 Fd Bty. Sect remained at NUI DAT, sect at FSB LINDY returned to NUI DAT
(d) 161 NZ Fd Bty. Complete at NUI DAT. Ceased firing. Bty prepares to return to NEW ZEALAND.

(5) 1 FD Sqn.
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provide splinter and mini teams to tanks, cav and both inf Bns.
(c) LCT operating in TAN RU cutting fire trails remained at YS557744. MCT at NUI DAT.
(d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn.
Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North of Province border continues with rock being supplied from NUI DAT. Work continued on Bridge 6 YS599637. Well boring AN NHUT continues, curb and guttering and construction of hard stand at BARIA market and general construction at JWTC continues. Repairing of roads at DAT DO with rock supplied from NDP HORSESHOE.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). (a) Bn HQ remained at NUI DAT. (b) A Coy remained at NUI DAT. (c) B Coy remained recce and ambush area centre of mass YS4180. (d) C Coy returned to NUI DAT. (e) V Coy remained at NUI DAT. (f) Sp Coy recce and ambush area YS4688.

(8) 3 RAR. (a) Bn HQ remained at FSB ZIGGIE. (b) A Coy recce and ambush area centre of mass YS6575. (c) B Coy recce and ambush area centre of mass YS6383, one Pl remained with LCT. (d) C Coy recce and ambush area centre of mass YS5984. (e) D Coy remained NDP HORSESHOE. Pls recce and ambush to the NE. (f) Sp Coy remained at FSB ZIGGIE. NDP BETH closed.

(9) 1 ARU. (a) 1 Pl ambushing area centre of mass YS3867. (b) 2 Pl remained at NUI DAT. (c) 3 Pl remained at NUI DAT. (d) 4 Pl remained at NUI DAT.

(10) D and E Pl. Remained at NUI DAT.

b. Plans Summary for Period 020001H to 022400H May 71.

(1) 1 ATF Artillery.
(a) Sect A Fd Bty at FSB LINDY returns to NUI DAT. FSB LINDY closes.

(2) 1 Fd Sqn.
(a) MCT deploys to Bridge 7 Route 23 YS608641.

(3) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
(a) B Coy and Sp Coy return to NUI DAT.

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c. Locations

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 4 Tp, 5 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS395630. 2 Tp YS599702. 3 Tp FSB LINDY.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, with elm FSB FRIENDSHIP, NDP SUSAN, NDP SANDRA and FSB LINDY. 1 Tp NUI DAT with elms at NDP SANDRA. 2 Tp NUI DAT, with elms YS455917 and DUC THANH. 3 Tp NUI DAT with elms FSB ZIGGIE, YS624807 and YS502612.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty Sect FSB ZIGGIE, sect FSB LINDY. 107 Fd Bty NUI DAT. 161 NZ Fd Bty Non operational NUI DAT, 4 guns C/5/42 (US) Bty FSB FRIENDSHIP.

(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, A Coy, C Coy, V Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS431790. Sp Coy YS450904.

(5) 3 RAR. Bn HQ Sp Coy FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy YS647756. B CoyYS637837. C Coy YS594846. D Coy NDP HORSESHOE.

(6) LCT. NDP SANDRA.

(7) MCT. NUI DAT.

(8) Dand E Pl. NUI DAT

(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS408680. 2 Pl, 3Pl, 4 Pl NUI DAT.

(10) 302 RF Bn. (Coy HQ) 1 Coy YS462545. 2 Coy YS471503. 3 Coy YS501523. 4 Coy YS473497.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 301000H at YS640830 5 Pl B Coy 3 RAR loc 5 "Z" shaped bunkers with 18 in OHP, 12 months old and last used two months ago. The system was in fair condition, eating utensils and a 4 gal drum of petrol were found.

e. Results.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Enemy Losses

(a) Omitted

(b) Material. Eating utensils and 4 gal drum of petrol.

f. Small Unit Action.

(1), (3), (4) Omitted

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations

a,b. Omitted

c. Engineering Operations. LCT 40,000 Square metres cleared. MCT. Omitted.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall A Trace

b. Prevailing Winds 220 deg at 04 knots.

c. Temperature 81.0 deg F.

d. Humidity 81%.

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NUI DAT

03 MAY 71

Subject : Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP) OPS0751
From 030001H to 032400H May 71.

To : CG TRAC: (Attn G3 Ops/TOC

1. Operations Summary. PART 1

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues oper tion BRIAR PATCH II in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
(a) Sqn HQ (-) remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp now op con to 12 Fd Regt and located at FSB JANE.
(c) 2 Tp remained op con to 3 RAR.
(d) 3 Tp op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) remained at NUI DAT.
(e) 4 Tp remains at NUI DAT continues to prepare for return to AUSTRALIA.
(f) 5 Tp remained NUI DAT.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp(-) at NUI DAT. Elms op con to 1 Fd Sqn.
(c) 2 Tp NUI DAT, elms remained DUC THANH and ceased op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
(d) 3 Tp op con 3 RAR.
(e) Other elms deployed at NDP SUSAN, NDP SANDRA, NUI DAT and on indep ops EAST DUC THANH.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery.
(a) Nil contacts and 10 H and I missions were fired.
(b) A Fd Bty: Sect deployed to JANE YS4584, Sect remained at FSB ZIGGIE.
(c) 107 Fd Bty: Remained at NUI DAT..
(d) 161 NZ Fd Bty. Complete at NUI DAT. Bty continues preparation for return to NEW ZEALAND. (e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty remained at FSB FRIENDSHIP.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1,2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to tanks, cav and both Inf Bns.
(c) LCT operating in TAN RU cutting fire trails remained at YS557744. MCT deployed to Bridge 7 Route 23 YS608641.
(d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North of Province Border continues with rock supplied from NUI DAT. Work continued on Bridge 6 YS599637. Well boring AN NHUT continues, curb and guttering and construction of hard stand at BARIA market and general construction at JWTC continues. Repairing of roads at DAT DO with rock from NDP HORSESHOE.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). (a) BnHQ remained at NUI DAT. (b) A Coy remained at NUI DAT. (c) B Coy returned to NUI DAT. (d) C Coy remained in NUI DAT. (e) V Coy remained at NUI DAT. (f) Sp Coy remained area centre of mass YS 450940 .

(8) 3 RAR. (a) BnHQ remained at FSB ZIGGIE (b) A Coy recce and ambush area centre of mass YS5581 . (c) B Coy redeployed to area centre of mass YS5272, one platoon remained with LCT. (d) C Coy remained in area centre of mass YS4881. (e) D Coy remained NDP HORSESHOE. Pls recce and ambush to the NE. (f) Sp Coy remained at FSB ZIGGIE.

(9) 1 ARU. (a) 1 Pl ambushing area centre of mass YS4068. (b) 2 Pl remained at NUI DAT. (c) 3 Pl remained at NUI DAT. (d) 4 Pl remained at NUI DAT.

(10) D and E Pl. Redeployed to area centre of mass YS4784.

b. Plans Summary for Period 040001H to 042400H May 71. No change.

c. Locations.

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 3 Tp, 4 Tp, 5 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp FSB JANE. 2 Tp YS599702.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT with elms FSB JANE, FSB FRIENDSHIP and NDP SUSAN and NDP SANDRA. 1 Tp NUI DAT and NDP SANDRA. 2 Tp NUI DAT with elms at YS487838, YS488842, YS489844 and DUC THANH.3 Tp NUI DAT with elms at FSB ZIGGIE, YS481641, YS521628, YS599702.

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(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ, 107 Fd Bty NUI DAT. A Fd Bty FSB ZIGGIE, sect FSB JANE 161 NZ Fd Bty NUI DAT. C/5/42 4 guns FSB FRIENDSHIP.
(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, A Coy, B Coy, C Coy, V Coy, NUI DAT. Sp Coy YS450940.
(5) 3 RAR. Bn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy YS545820. B Coy YS528790. C Coy YS498811. D Coy NDP HORSESHOE. Sp Coy FSB ZIGGIE.
(6) LCT. NDP SANDRA.
(7) MCT. NDP SUSAN.
(8) D and E Pl. YS488842.
(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl YS377684 under op con of 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). 2 Pl, 3 Pl, 4 Pl NUI DAT. TAOR Ptl at YS454644.
(10) 302 RF Bn. 1 Coy YS465572, 2 Coy YS505528, 3 Coy YS474485, 4 Coy YS491565.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.
(1) At 031020H at YS561729 a ptl of 6 Pl B Coy 3 RAR loc an unusable position consisting of 10 pits 1 bunker with collapsed OHP and connecting tunnel at least 12 months old. Ptl found 4x US steel jerry cans, 2 x US plastic jerry cans, 1 US water bottle, 8x small batteries, 1 aluminum meat safe and 4 empty tubes of toothpaste.
(2) At 031530H) at YS522794 4 Pl B Coy 3 RAR loc a position consisting of 2 bunkers and sentry pit with 18inches OHP, containing bush tables and benc Position was 1 - 2 years old.
(3) At 030944H at YS492682 elms of 3 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt under op con of 3 RAR found 45 x 105mm WP complete with cartridge and cardboard cylinder and 5 x M 79 rounds. All ammo found was rusty and approx 1 - 2 years old. 105 rds had not been fired, M79 were blinds. Most ammo has been destroyed balance to be destroyed.

e. Results.
(1) Omitted
(2) Enemy Losses.
(a) Omitted
(b) Material. 45 x 105 WP, 5 x M79 rds 6 jerry cans.

f. Small Unit Action
(1), (3), (4) Omitted
(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 8 LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations.
a. Omitted
b. Omitted
C. Engineering Operations. LCT. 50,000 sq metres cleared. MCT. 5000 sq metres cleared. 1 mine detonated, 4 loc yet to be destroyed.

3. Meteorological Detail
a. Rainfall .04 inches
b. Prevailing Winds 180 deg at 05 knots.
c. Temperature 80.8 deg F.
d. Humidity 77%.

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NUI DAT

04 MAY 71

OPS 0756

Subject : Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 040001H to 042400H May 71.

To : CG TRAC: (Attn G3 Ops/TOC)

PART 1

1. Operations Summary.

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues operation BRIAR PATCH II in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ (-) remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp now op con to 12 Fd Regt and located at FSB JANE.
(c) 2 Tp remained op con to 3 RAR.
(d) 3 Tp op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) remained at NUI DAT.
(e) 4 Tp remains at NUI DAT continues to prepare for return to AUSTRALIA.
(f) 5 Tp remained NUI DAT.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp(-) at NUI DAT. Elms op con to 1 Fd Sqn.
(c) 2 Tp NUI DAT, elms remained DUC THANH and recommenced op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
(d) 3 Tp op con 3 RAR.
(e) Other elms deployed at NPD SUSAN, NDP SANDRA, NUI DAT and on indep ops EAST DUC THANH.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery.

(a) Nil contacts and 10 H and I missions were fired.
(b) A Fd Bty: Sect remained at JANE YS4584, Sect remained at FSB ZIGGIE.
(c) 107 Fd Bty. Remained at NUI DAT.
(d) 161 NZ Fd Bty. Complete at NUI DAT. Bty continues preparation for return to NEW ZEALAND.
(e) C Bty 5/42 (US) Arty remained at FSB FRIENDSHIP.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1,2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to tanks, cav and both Inf Bns.
(c) LCT operating in TAN RU cutting fire trails remained at YS557744. MCT remained at Bridge 7 Route 23 YS608641.
(d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North of Province Border continues with rock supplied from NUI DAT. Work continued on Bridge 6 YS599637. Well boring AN NHUT continues, curb and guttering and construction of hard stand at BARIA market and general construction at JWTC continues. Repairing of roads at DAT DO with rock from NDP HORSESHOE.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). (a) Bn HQ remained at NUI DAT. (b) A Coy deployed to area YS5288. (c) B Coy returned to NUI DAT. (d) C Coy deployed to area YS4592. (e) V Coy remained at NUI DAT. (f) Sp Coy remained area centre of mass YS450940.

(8) 3 RAR. (a) Bn HQ remained at FSB ZIGGIE. (b) A Coy recce and ambush area centre of mass YS5581. (c) B Coy remained in area centre of mass YS5272, one Pl remained with LCT. (d) C Coy remained in area centre of mass YS4881. (e) D Coy remained NDP HORSESHOE, Pls recce and ambush to the NE. (f) Sp Coy remained at FSB ZIGGIE.

(9) 1 ARU. (a) 1 Pl ambushing area centre of mass YS4068. (b) 2 Pl remained at NUI DAT. (c) 3 Pl remained at NUI DAT. (d) 4 Pl remained at NUI DAT.

(10) D and E Pl. Remained in area centre of mass YS4784.

b. Plans Summary for Period 050001H to 052400H May 71.

(1) 1 ATF Artillery.

(a) 104 Fd Bty arrives at NUI DAT from AUSTRALIA.
(b) 107 Fd Bty departs NUI DAT for AUSTRALIA.

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c. Locations.
(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 3 Tp, 4 Tp and 5 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp FSB JANE.2 Tp YS599702.
(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT with elms at FSB FRIENDSHIP, NDP SANDRA and NDP SUSAN. 1 Tp NUI DAT and DUC THANH and NDP SANDRA . 2 Tp NUI DAT with elms at YS478838 YS488842, YS489884. 3 Tp NUI DAT and FSB ZIGGIE.
(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ, 107 Fd Bty NUI DAT. A Fd Bty Sect FSB ZIGGIE, Sect FSB JANE 161 NZ Fd Bty complete at NUI DAT non-operational. C/5/42 (-) at FSB FRIENDSHIP.
(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).Bn HQ, B Coy and V Coy NUI DAT. A Coy YS528888. C Coy YS558899. Sp Coy YS450904.
(5) 3 RAR. Bn HQ and Sp Coy FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy YS537834. B Coy YS528790. C Coy YS498811. D Coy NDP HORSESHOE.
(6) LCT. NDP SANDRA.
(7) MCT. NDP SUSAN
(8) D and E Pl. FSB JANE.
(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl YS365689. 2 Pl, 3 Pl and 4 Pl NUI DAT. TAOR ptl at YS443643.
(10) 302 RF Bn.(Coy HQ) 1 Coy YS465572. 2 Coy YS505528. 3 Coy YS474485. 4 Coy YS491565.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents. Omitted.

e. Results.
(1) Friendly Losses.
(a) Personnel. 1 Aust GSW NBC.
(b) Omitted.
(2) Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action. Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.
a. Omitted.
b. Omitted.
c. Engineering Operations. LCT 25,000 sq metres cleared.
MCT 3,000 sq metres cleared. 31 x M16 mines, 1 x M26 mine and 1 x rifle grenade recovered and destroyed. Two slots closed, 1 slot opened.

3. Meteorological Detail.
a. Rainfall: Nil
b. Prevailing Winds: 162 deg at 4 knots.
c. Temperature: 82.4 deg F.
d. Humidity: 76%.

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05 MAY 71

Subject : Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP) OPS0763
From 050001H to 052400H May 71.

To : CG TRAC : (Attn G3 Ops/TOC)

PART I

1. Operations Summary.

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues operation BRIAR PATCH II in the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
(a) Sqn HQ (-) remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp op con to 12 Fd Regt and located at FSB JANE.
(c) 2 Tp remained op con to 3 RAR.
(d) 3 Tp op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) remained at NUI DAT on ready reaction..
(e) 4 Tp remains at NUI DAT continues to prepare for return to AUSTRALIA.
(f) 5 Tp remained NUI DAT.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp (-) at NUI DAT . Elms op con to 1 Fd Sqn.
(c) 2 Tp NUI DAT move on indep ops area centre of mass YS4984.
(d) 3 Tp op con 3 RAR.
(e) Other elms deployed at FSB FRIENDSHIP, NDP SUSAN, NDP SANDRA, NUI DAT and DUC THANH.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery.
(a) 1 contacts and NIL H and I missions were fired.
(b) A Fd Bty: Sect remained at FSB JANE YS4584, Sect remained at FSB ZIGGIE.
(c) 107 Fd Bty. Returned to AUSTRALIA, replaced by 104 Fd Bty.
(d) 161 NZ Fd Bty. Complete at NUI DAT. Bty continues preparation for return to NEW ZEALAND.
(e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty remained at FSB FRIENDSHIP.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to tanks, cav and both inf Bns.
(c) LCT operating in TAN RU cutting fire trails remained at YS557744. MCT remained at Bridge 7 on Route 23 YS608641.
(d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North of Province Border continues with rock supplied from NUI DAT. Work continued on Bridge 6 YS599637. Well boring AN NHUT continues, curb and guttering and construction of hard stand at BARIA market and general construction at JWTC continues. Repairing of roads at DAT DO with rock from NDP HORSESHOE.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). (a) Bn HQ remained at NUI DAT. (b) A Coy redeployed to area YS5388. (c) B Coy to NUI DAT. (d) C Coy deployed to area YS5690. (e) V Coy remained at NUI DAT. (f) Sp Coy remained area centre of mass YS450940.

(8) 3 RAR. (a) Bn HQ remained at FSB ZIGGIE. (b) A Coy recce and ambush area centre of massYS5584. (c) B Coy moved to area centre of mass YS5280, one Pl remained with LCT. (d) C Coy recce and ambush area centre of mass YS5081. (e) D Coy remained NDP HORSESHOE, Pls recce and ambush to the NE. (f) Sp Coy remained at FSB ZIGGIE.

(9) 1 ARU. (a) 1 Pl ambushing area centre of mass YS4068. (b) 2 Pl remained at NUI DAT. (c) 3 Pl remained at NUI DAT ambushing in AO JEANETTE by night. (d) 4 Pl remained at NUI DAT.

(10) D and E Pl. Remained in area centre of mass YS4784.

b. Plans Summary for Period 060001H to 062400H May 71. No change.

c. Locations.
(1) C J Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 3 Tp, 4 Tp, 5 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp FSB JANE. 2 Tp YS599702.
(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp NUI DAT with elm at FSB JANE, NDP SUSAN.

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2 Tp NUI DAT with elms at YS478838, YS488842, YS489844, DUC THANH.
3 Tp NUI DAT with elms at FSB ZIGGIE, NDP SANDRA, YS623841, YS599702.
(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ, 107 Fd Bty, 161 NZ Fd Bty NUI DAT. A Fd Bty FSB ZIGGIE Sect FSB JANE.C/5/42 4 guns FSB FRIENDSHIP.
(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn Hq, B Coy, V Coy NUI DAT. A Coy YS539888. C Coy YS563898. Sp Coy YS450904.
(5) 3 RAR. Bn HQ, Sp Coy FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy YS552834. B CoyYS534797. C Coy YS 556744.
(6) LCT. NDP SANDRA.
(7) MCT. NDP SUSAN.
(8) D and E Pl. YS478838.
(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl YS380670. 2Pl, 3Pl, 4Pl NUI DAT.
(10) 302 RF Bn. (Coy HQ) 1 Coy YS465572. 2 Coy YS505528. 3 Coy YS474485. 4 Coy YS491565.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.
(1) At 050830H at YS564737 a patrol from 6 Pl B Coy 3 RAR located a bunker system 60m x 60m and of circular shape. There were a total of 15 pits with 12 inches OHP and connected by trenches or tunnels. There were 2 pits 2ft x 7ft x 5ft and also one well. The system was 12 - 18 months old and last used 12 - 18 months ago and although it was overgrown, it was still useable. Located within the system were 12 cooking pots, 1 set of weighing scales, used tins of pow[illegible]d milk and fish, several sheets of plastic, 1 pair of blue trousers, 1 cooking place made of bricks with a grill, and several small batteries. System destroyed.
(2) At 051427H at YS525797 5 Pl B Coy 3 RAR contacted 2 enemy dressed in greens and carrying weapons (type unknown). The enemy were sighted by the patrol and engaged. Enemy did not return the fire and withdrew East, then North. The patrol followed up to the NorthEast with negative results. Engaged area to the NorthEast with artillery.
(3) At 1600H at YS552834 A Coy 3 RAR found an old cooking area in very poor condition last used approxiamately 14 months ago. A primus stove, table and some cooking gear were found and destroyed.
(4) At 1625H at YS569898 9 Pl 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found a well used resting place with with 4 resting positions. Also a track led SSW. Area has been used frequently in last two weeks. Estimated 6-8 persons used area approxiamately 5 days ago.

e. Results.
(1) Omitted.
(2) Enemy Losses.
(a) Omitted.
(b) Material. 1 Primus stove table, quantity of cooking eqpt, 1 set of weighing scales, 1 pair of trousers.

f. Small Unit Action.
(1,3,4) Omitted
(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 9 LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations.
a,b. Omitted
c. Engineering Operations. LCT. 50,000 metres cleared. MCT. 8000 metres cleared. 1x M16 mine detonated. Recovered and destroyed 1x60mm mortar. Open 2 slots and closed 2 slots.

3. Meteorological Detail.
a. Rainfall. Nil
b. Prevailing Winds. 160 deg at 04 knots.
c. Temperature. 80.4 deg F.
d. Humidity. 78%.

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06 MAY 71
OPS 0769

Subject : Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 060001 to 062400H May 71.
To : CG TRAC : (Attn G3 ops/TOC)

PART 1

1. Operations Summary.

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues operation BRIAR PATCH IIin the 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ (-) remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp op con to 12 Fd Regt and located at FSB JANE.
(c) 2 Tp remained op con to 3 RAR.
(d) 3 Tp op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) remained at NUI DAT on ready reaction.
(e) 4 Tp remains at NUI DAT continues to prepare for return to AUSTRALIA.
(f) 5 Tp remained at NUI DAT.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp (-) at NUI DAT . Elms op con to 1 Fd Sqn.
(c) 2 Tp NUI DAT move on indep ops area centre of mass YS4984.
(d) 3 Tp op con 3 RAR.
(e) Other elms deployed at FSB FRIENDSHIP, NDP SUSAN, NDP SANDRA, NUI DAT and DUC THANH.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery.

(a) Nil contacts and 33 H and I missions were fired.
(b) A Fd Bty: Sect remained at FSB JANE YS4584, Sect remained at FSB ZIGGIE.
(c) 104 Fd Bty at NUI DAT.
(d) 161 NZ Fd Bty. Complete at NUI DAT. Bty continues preparation for return to NEW ZEALAND.
(e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty remained at FSB FRIENDSHIP.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1,2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to tanks, cav and both Inf Bns.
(c) LCT operating in TAN RU cutting fire trails remained at YS557744. MCT remained at Bridge 7 on Route 23 YS608641,
(d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North of Province border continues with rock supplied from NUI DAT. Work continued on Bridge 6 YS599637. Well boring AN NHUT continues, curb and guttering and construction of hard stand at BARIA market and general construction at JWTC continues. Repairing of roads at DAT DO with rock supplied from NDP HORSESHOE.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). (a) Bn HQ remained at NUI DAT. (b) A Coy redeployed to area YS5388. (c) B Coy at NUI DAT. (d) C Coy deployed to area YS5689. (e) V Coy remained at NUI DAT. (f) Sp Coy remained area centre of mass YS450904.

(8) 3 RAR. (a) Bn HQ remained at FSB ZIGGIE. (b) A Coy recce and ambush area centre of mass YS5683. (c) B Coy moved to area centre of mass YS5279;one Pl remained with LCT. (d) C Coy recce and ambush area centre of mass YS5081. (e) D Coy remained NDP HORSESHOE, 1 Pl at NUI DAT RRF. (f) Sp Coy remained at FSB ZIGGIE.

(9) 1 ARU. (a) 1 Pl remained at NUI DAT. (b) 2 Pl remained at NUI DAT. (c) 3 Pl remained at NUI DAT ambushing in AO JEANETTE by night. (d) 4 Pl remained at NUI DAT

(10) D and E Pl. Remained in area centre of mass YS4784.

b. Plans Summary for Period 070001H to 072400H May 71.

(1) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). (a) V 5 Coy returns to SINGAPORE. (b) V 6 Coy arrives NUI DAT from SINGAPORE.

c. Locations.

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.SHQ, 4 Tp and 5 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp FSB JANE. 2 Tp YS596762. 3 Tp YS395630.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT with elms at FSB FRIENDSHIP,NDP SUSAN, NDP SANDRA, FSB JANE.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: Sect FSB JANE, Sect FSB ZIGGIE. 104 Fd Bty and 161 NZ Fd Bty NUI DAT. C/5/42 (US) Arty FSB FRIENDSHIP.

(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).Bn HQ, B Coy and V5 Coy at NUI DAT. A Coy HQ YS540883. C Coy HQ YS558888. Sp Coy HQ YS450904.

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(5) 3 RAR. Bn HQ and Sp Coy at FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy HQ YS557834. B Coy HQ YS524798. C Coy HQ YS498811. D Coy HORSESHOE.
(6) LCT. NDP SANDRA.
(7) MCT. NDP SUSAN.
(8) D and E Pl. Remain in area YS4784.
(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl, 3 Pl and 4 Pl remained at NUI DAT. Base ptl at YS455644.
(10) 302 RF Bn (Coy HQ) 1 Coy YS465572. 2 Coy YS505528. 3 Coy YS474485.4 Coy YS491565.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.
(1) At 061030H at YS540882 3 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc a bunker system 200m x 150m and "U" shaped. There were 15 bunkers averaging 15' x 10' x 6'. There was one well in the centre and also one latrine just North of the well. On the W flank was a crawl trench. Tracks ran NW and SW. System was 3 months old and last used 2 months ago. Loc in the system was one US carbine in poor condition. System destroyed.
(2) At 061100H at YS565891 a ptl from 8 Pl C Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc a bunker system of of circular shape and 30m in diameter. There were 8 bunkers averaging 6' x 4' x 3' with 2½' OHP. Tracks entered the system from West, North, NE and SE. System was 18 months to 2 years old and last used 12 months ago. System in good condition and to be destroyed.

e. Omitted.
f. (1) Omitted.
(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 7 LRRPS deployed.
(3) Omitted.
(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.
a. Omitted.
b. Omitted.
c. Engineering Operations. LCT 60 sq metres cleared.
MCT 22 x M16 mines recovered and destroyed.
2 x M26 grenades recovered and destroyed.

3. Meteorological Detail.
a. Rainfall. Nil.
b. Prevailing Winds. 118 deg at 07 knots.
c. Temperature. 81.3 deg F.
d. Humidity. 74%.

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07 MAY 71
OPS 0776

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 070001H to 072400H May 71.

To : CG TRAC : (Attn G3 ops/TOC)

PART 1

1. Operations Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues operation BRIAR PATCH 11 in 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF at NUIDAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ (-) remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp op con to 12 Fd Regt and located at FSB JANE.
(c) 2 Tp remained op con to 3 RAR.
(d) 3 Tp op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) remained at NUI DAT on ready reaction.
(e) 4 Tp remains at NUI DAT continues to prepare for return to AUSTRALIA.
(f) 5 Tp remained at NUI DAT.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ remained NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp (-) at NUI DAT. Elms op con to 1 Fd Sqn.
(c) 2 Tp at NUI DAT.
(d) 3 Tp op con 3 RAR.
(e) Other elms deployed at FSB FRIENDSHIP, NDP SUSAN, NDP SANDRA, NUI DAT and DUC THANH.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery.

(a) Nil contacts and 29 H and I missions were fired.
(b) A Fd Bty: Sect remained at FSB JANE YS4584, Sect remained at FSB ZIGGIE.
(c) 104 Fd Bty at NUI DAT.
(d) 161 NZ Fd Bty. Complete at NUI DAT. Bty continues preparation for return to NEW ZEALAND.
(e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty remained at FSB FRIENDSHIP.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1,2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to tanks, cav and both Inf Bns.
(c) LCT operating in TAN RU cutting fire trails remained at YS557744. MCT remained at Bridge 7 on Route 23 YS608641.
(d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North of Province border continues with rock supplied from NUI DAT. Work continued on Bridge 6 YS599637. Well boring AN NHUT continues, curb and guttering and construction of hard stand at BARIA market and general construction at JWTC continues. Repairing of roads at DAT DO with rock supplied from NDP HORSESHOE.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). (a) Bn HQ remained at NUI DAT. (b) A Coy redeployed to area YS5487. (c) B Coy at NUI DAT. (d) C Coy deployed to area YS5689. (e) V6 Coy replaced V5Coy at NUI DAT. (f) Sp Coy remained area centre of mass YS450904.

(8) 3 RAR. (a) Bn HQ remained at FSB ZIGGIE. (b) A Coy recce and ambush area centre of mass YS5683. (c) B Coy moved to area centre of mass YS5280, one Pl remained with LCT. (d) C Coy recce and ambush area centre of mass YS5081. (e) D Coy remained NDP HORSESHOE, 1 Pl at NUI DAT RRF. (f) Sp Coy remained at FSB ZIGGIE.

(9) 1 ARU. (a) 1 Pl remained at NUI DAT. (b) 2 Pl remained at NUI DAT. (c) 3 Pl remained at NUI DAT ambushing in AO JEANETTE by night. (d) 4 Pl remained at NUI DAT.

(10) D and E Pl. Returned to NUI DAT.

b. Plans Summary for Period 080001H to 082400H May 71.

(1) 1 ATF Artillery. 161 NZ Bty returns to NEW ZEALAND.

c. Locations.

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 4 Tp, 5 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp FSB JANE. 2 Tp YS596762. 3 Tp YS422628.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT with elms at FSB FRIENDSHIP, NDP SANDRA. 1 Tp YS499684. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp YS609811.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ,104 Fd Bty, 161 NZ Fd Bty NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect FSB ZIGGIE Sect at FSB JANE. C/5/42 (US) Arty (-) FSB FRIENDSHIP and Sect at FSB CARMEN.

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(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, B Coy NUI DAT. A Coy HQ YS546873. C Coy HQ YS577875. V5 Coy Returned to SINGAPORE. V6 Coy arrived from SINGAPORE. Sp Coy HQ YS450904.
(5) 3 RAR. Bn HQ, Sp Coy FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy HQ YS566833. B Coy HQ YS526795. C Coy HQ YS498813. D Coy HORSESHOE.
(6) LCT. NDP SANDRA.
(7) MCT. NDP SUSAN.
(8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl YS403684. 2 Pl, 3 Pl, 4 Pl NUI DAT. Base patrol at YS437643.
(10) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ, 4 Coy YS491565. 1 Coy YS465572. 2 Coy YS505528. 3 Coy YS474485.

PART II

d. Conatacts and Incidents.
(1) At 070510H at YS475686 1 Sect 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt located a track system which had been made last night. The tracks were very new and led into a creek line where they were eventually lost.

e. Results.
Omitted

f. Small Unit Action
(1,3,4) Omitted
(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPs deployed

2. a, b. Omitted
c. Engineering Operations. LCT. 50,000 sq metres cleared. MCT. Omitted

3. Meteorological Detail
a. Rainfall. Nil
b. Prevailing Winds. 064 deg at 05 knots.
c. Temperature. 81.9 deg F.
d. Humidity. 77%

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08 MAY 71
OPS 0782

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 080001H to 082400H May 71.
To : CG TRAC : (Attn G3 OPS/TOC)

PART 1

1. Operation Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues operation at BRIAR PATCH II in 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
(a) Sqn HQ (-) remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp op con to 12 Fd Regt and located at FSB JANE.
(c) 2 Tp remained op con to 3 RAR.
(d) 3 Tp op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) remained at NUI DAT on ready reaction.
(e) 4 Tp remains at NUI DAT continues to prepare for return to AUSTRALIA.
(f) 5 Tp remained at NUI DAT.

(3) A Sqn 3 CAV Regt,
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT. Elms op con to 1 Fd Sqn.
(b) 1 Tp (-) operating AOs HEATHER and CHRISTINE.
(c) 2 Tp (-) at NUI DAT. Elms op con to 12 Fd Regt and 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
(d) 3 Tp Op con 3 RAR.
(e) Otherelms deployed at FSB FRIENDSHIP, FSB JANE, NDP SANDRA, NDP SUSAN, NUI DAT and DUC THANH.

(4) 1 ATF Artillary.
(a) Nil contacts and 4 H and I missions were fired.
(b) A Fd Bty: Sect remained at FSB JANE YS4584, Sect remained at FSB ZIGGIE.
(c) 104 Fd Bty at NUI DAT.
(d) 161 NZ Fd Bty. Returned to NEW ZEALAND.
(e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty remained at FSB FRIENDSHIP.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1,2, and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to tanks, cav and both Inf Bns.
(c) LCT operating in TAN RU cutting fire trails remained at YS557744. Elm remained at Bridge 7 on Route 23 YS608641. MCT moved to YS655685.
(d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North of Province border continues with rock supplied from NUI DAT. Work continued on Bridge 6 YS599637. Well boring AN NHUT continues, curb and guttering and construction of hard stand at BARIA.market and general construction at JWTC continues. Repairing of roads at DAT DO with rock supplied from NDP HORSESHOE.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). (a) Bn HQ remained at NUI DAT. (b) A Coy deployed at area YS5386. (c) B Coy at NUI DAT. (d) C Coy deployed at area YS5689. (e) V6 Coy remained at NUI DAT. (f) Sp Coy remained area centre of mass YS450904.

(8) 3 RAR. (a) Bn HQ remained at FSB ZIGGIE. (b) A Coy recce and ambush area centre of mass YS5683. (c) B Coy moved to area centre of mass YS5380, one Pl remained with LCT. (d) C Coy recce and ambush area centre of mass YS5081. (e) D Coy remained NDP HORSESHOE, 1 Pl at NUI DAT RRF. (f) Sp Coy remained at FSB ZIGGIE.

(9) 1 ARU. (a) 1 Pl remained at NUI DAT. (b) 2 Pl remained at NUI DAT. (c) 3 Pl remained at NUI DAT ambushing in AO JEANETTE by night. (d) 4 Pl remained at NUI DAT.

(10) D and E Pl. Remained at NUI DAT.

b. Plans Summary for period 090001H to 092400H May 71.

No change to Plans Summary for Period 080001H to 082400H May 71.

c. Locations.

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 3 Tp, 4Tp and 5 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp at FSB JANE. 2 Tp at YS496762.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT with elms at FSB FRIENDSHIP and NDP SANDRA. 1 Tp NUI DAT with elms at YS499684. 2 Tp NUI DAT with elms at FSB JANE. 3 Tp NUI DAT with elms at NDP SANDRA.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ and 104 Fd Bty NUI DAT. 161 NZ Fd Bty returned to NEW ZEALAND. C/5/42 (US) Arty Bty (-) FSB FRIENDSHIP, Sect at FSB CARMEN. A Fd Bty Sect FSB ZIGGIE, Sect FSB JANE.

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(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).Bn HQ, B Coy and V6 Coy NUI DAT. A Coy HQ YS533868. C Coy HQ YS577875. Sp Coy HQ YS440904.
(5) 3 RAR. Bn HQ and Sp Coy FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy HQ YS566833. B Coy HQ YS526795. C Coy HQ YS498813. D Coy NDP HORSESHOE.
(6) LCT.NDP SANDRA.
(7) MCT.XUYEN MOC.
(8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl. 2 Pl, 4 Pl NUI DAT. 3 Pl opcon to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). 5 Pl base ptl at YS449647.
(10) 302 RF Bn (Coy HQ).1 Coy YS465572. 2 Coy YS505528. 3 Coy YS474485. 4 Coy YS491565.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.
(1) (080945H) At YS558671 3 Section 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt contacted one VC dressed in a green shirt and black trousers and wearing HO CHI MINH sandals. Result: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 x M1 rifle, 1 x M26 grenade, 2 dets, 3 mags, and qty of docus CIA.

e. Results.
(1) Omitted.
(2) Enemy Losses.
(a) Personnel. 1 VC KIA (BC)
(b) Material. 1 x M1 rifle. 1 x M26 grenade, 2 dets, 3 mags, qty of docus.

f. Small Unit Action.
(1) Omitted.
(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 2 LRRPS deployed.
(3) Omitted.
(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.
a. Omitted.
b. Omitted.
c. Engineering Operations. LCT 42,000 sq metres cleared.
MCT Omitted.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a.	Rainfall:	06 inches
b.	Prevailing Winds:	109 deg at 07 knots
c.	Temporature:	79.9 deg F.
d.	Humidity:	83%

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09 May 71
OPS0788

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
Fro, 090001H to 092400H May 71.
To : CG TRAC. (Atten G3 OPS/TOC).

PART I

1. Operation Summary.

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues operation BRIAR PATCH II in 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ (-) remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp op con to 12 Fd Regt and located at FSB JANE.
(c) 2 Tp remained op con to 3 RAR.
(d) 3 Tp op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) remained at NUI DAT on ready reaction.
(e) 4 Tp remains at NUI DAT continues to prepare for return to AUSTRALIA.
(f) 5 Tp remained at NUI DAT.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT. Elm op con to 1 Fd Sqn.
(b) 1 Tp (-) operating AOs HEATHER and CHRISTINE.
(c) 2 Tp (-) at NUI DAT. Elms op con to 12 Fd Regt and 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
(d) 3 Tp op con 3RAR.
(e) Other elms deployed at FSB FRIENDSHIP, FSB JANE, NDP SUSAN, NDP SANDRA, NUI DAT and DUC THANH.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery.

(a) Nil contacts 23 H and I missions were fired.
(b) A Fd Bty: Sect remained at FSB JANE. Sect remained at FSB ZIGGIE.
(c) 104 Fd Bty at NUI DAT.
(d) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty remained at FSB FRIENDSHIP.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1,2, and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to tanks, cav and both Inf Bns.
(c) LCT operating in TAN RU cutting fire trails remained at YS557744. Elm remained at Bridge 7 on Route 23 YS608641. MCT moved to YS655685.
(d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North of Province border continues with rock supplied from NUI DAT. Work on Bridge 6 YS599637. Well boring JWTC continues, curb and guttering and construction of hard stand at BARIA market and general construction at JWTC continues. Repairing of Route 23 with rock supplied from NUI NHON.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). (a) Bn HQ remained at NUI DAT. (b) A Coy deployed at area YS5287. (c) B Coy at NUI DAT. (d) C Coy deployed at area YS5787. (e) V6 Coy remained at NUI DAT. (f) Sp Coy remained area centre of mass YS450904. (g) Also with elms of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt conducting daily check points on Route 2.

(8) 3 RAR. (a) Bn HQ remained at FSB ZIGGIE. (b) A Coy recce and ambush area centre of mass YS5682. (c) B Coy moved to area centre of mass YS5379, one Pl remained with LCT. (d) C Coy recce and ambush area centre of mass YS5081. (e) D Coy remained NDP HORSESHOE, 1 Pl at NUI DAT RRF. (f) Sp Coy remained at FSB ZIGGIE.

(9) 1 ARU. (a) 1 Pl remained at NUI DAT. (b) 2 Pl deployed AO SADIE op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). (c) 3 Pl remained NUI DAT. (d) 4 Pl disbanded.

(10) D and E Pl. Remained at NUI DAT.

b. Plans Summary for Period 100001H to 102400H May 71.

(1) B Coy 3 RAR deployed by APC to area YS6476.

c. Location.

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUIDAT. 1 Tp FSB JANE. 2 Tp YS612726. 3 Tp, 4 Tp, 5 Tp NUI DAT.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, elms at FSB FRIENDSHIP, NDP SUSAN. 1 Tp YS504656 and NUI DAT. 2 Tp NUI DAT FSB JANE. 3 Tp YS632861 with elms at FSB ZIGGIE and NDP SANDRA.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ Sect FSB ZIGGIE, Sect FSB JANE. 104 Fd Bty NUI DAT. C Bty 5/42 (US) Arty (-) FSB FRIENDSHIP, Sect FSB CARMEN.

/(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

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(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ V6 Coy NUI DAT. A Coy HQ YS520869. C Coy HQ YS564871. Sp Coy HQ YS450904. B Coy NUI DAT.
(5) 3 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy HQ YS566825. B Coy HQ YS526796. C Coy HQ YS491821. D Coy HORSESHOE. Sp Coy FSB ZIGGIE.
(6) LCT. NDP SANDRA.
(7) MCT. XUYEN MOC.
(8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 3 Pl NUI DAT. 2 Pl op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS375677. Base Patrol at YS458655.
(10) 302 RF Bn. 1 Coy YS465572. 2 Coy YS505528. 3 Coy YS474485. Bn HQ, 4 Coy YS491565.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.
Prior to 091425 at YS498813 C Coy 3 RAR found a cache of 59 sandbags wrapped in plastic and placed in the base of a tree. Sandbags in fairly good condition with no sign of deterioration or mildew. Sandbags destroyed by burning.

e. Omitted.

F. Small Unit Action
(1, 3, 4) Omitted.
(2) 2 SAS Sqn has nil LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations.
a. Omitted.
b. Omitted.
c. Engineering Operations. LCT. 34,500 sq metres cleared. MCT. Omitted.

3. Meteorological Detail
a. Rainfall .02 inches
b. Prevailing Winds 128 deg at 04 knots
c. Temperature 79.5 deg F.
d. Humidity. 82%

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OPS0793

Subject : Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 100001H to 102400H May 71.

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 OPS/TOC). PART 1

1. Operation Summary.

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continues operation BRIAR PATCH II in 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ (-) remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp op con to 12 Fd Regt and located at FSB JANE.
(c) 2 Tp remained op con to 3 RAR.
(d) 3 Tp op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) remained at NUI DAT on ready reaction.
(e) 4 Tp remains at NUI DAT continues to prepare for return to AUSTRALIA.
(f) 5 Tp remained at NUI DAT.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT. Elms op con to 1 Fd Sqn.
(b) 1 Tp (-) operating AOs HEATHER and CHRISTINE.
(c) 2 Tp (-) at NUI DAT. Elms op con to 12 Fd Regt and 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
(d) 3 Tp op con 3 RAR.
(e) Other elms deployed at FSB FRIENDSHIP, FSB JANE, NDP SUSAN, NDP SANDRA, NUI DAT and DUC THANH.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery.

(a) Nil contacts and 31 H and I missions were fired.
(b) A Fd Bty: Sect remained at FSB JANE, Sect remained at FSB ZIGGIE.
(c) 104 Fd Bty at NUI DAT.
(d) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty remained at FSB FRIENDSHIP.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to tanks, cav and both Inf Bns.
(c) LCT operating in TAN RU cutting fire trails remained at YS557744. Elm remained at Bridge 7 on Route 23 YS608641. MCT remained at XUYEN MOC.
(d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North of Province border continues with rock supplied from NUI DAT. Work on Bridge 6 YS599637 continues. Curb and guttering and construction of hard stand at BARIA market and well boring and general construction at JWTC continues. Repairing of Route 23 with rock from NUI NHON.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). (a) Bn HQ remained at NUI DAT. (b) A Coy deployed at area YS5186. (c) B Coy at NUI DAT. (d) C Coy deployed at area YS5687. (e) V6 Coy Remained at NUI DAT. (f) Sp Coy remained area centre of mass YS450904. (g) Also with elms of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt conducting daily check points on Route 2.

(8) 3 RAR. (a) Bn HQ remained at FSB ZIGGIE. (b) A Coy recce and ambush area centre of mass YS5682. (c) B Coy moved to area YS6274, one Pl remained with LCT. (d) C Coy recce and ambush area centre of mass YS4982. (e) D Coy remained NDP HORSESHOE, one Pl at NUI DAT RRF. (f) Sp Coy remained at FSB ZIGGIE.

(9) 1 ARU. (a) 1 Pl remained at NUI DAT. (b) 2 Pl deployed AO SADIE op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). (c) 3 Pl remained NUI DAT.

(10) D and E Pl. Remained at NUI DAT.

b. Plans Summary for Period 100001H to 102400H May 71.

(1) B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) deployed by APC to area centre of mass YS4082.

c. Locations.

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 4 Tp and 5 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp FSB JANE. 2 Tp YS599753. 3 Tp YS404647.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, Elms at FSB FRIENDSHIP, NDP SUSAN. 1 Tp YS 504653. 2 Tp NDP SANDRA, NUI DAT and FSB JANE. 3 Tp NUI DAT and FSB ZIGGIE.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty Sect FSB ZIGGIE, Sect FSB JANE. 104 Fd Bty NUI DAT. C/5/42 (US) Arty Bty (-) FSB FRIENDSHIP.

(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, B Coy and V6 Coy NUI DAT. A Coy HQ YS515868. C Coy HQ YS552884. Sp Coy HQ YS450904.

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(5) 3 RAR. Bn HQ and Sp Coy FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy HQ YS574812. B Coy HQ YS623743. C Coy HQ YS491821. D Coy HORSESHOE.
(6) LCT. NDP SANDRA.
(7) MCT. XUYEN MOC.
(8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT. 2 Pl op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS381659. 4 Pl base ptl at YS445640.
(10) 302 RF Bn. 1 Coy YS467566, YS474564. 2 Coy YS500527, YS497523, YS473497. 3 Coy YS473503, YS476491. Bn HQ and 4 Coy YS484557, YS495555.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.
(1) At 101440H at YS471862, the anti-tank Pl, Sp Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc an overnight camp 10m x 10m and containing one partially completed bunker. Tracks went North, South and East. Camp was 2-3 days old and last occupied 2-3 days ago. Loc in the camp were cooking utensils, 'C' ration remains, mine markers and a newspaper printing on the disarmament conference. System is to be destroyed.

e. Results. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action.
(1) and (3) omitted.
(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 1 LRRP deployed.
(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.
a. Omitted.
b. Omitted.
c. Engineering Operations. LCT 25,000 sq metres cleared.
MCT 2000 sq metres cleared. 1 slot opened, 2 mines detonated
24 x M16 mines recovered

3. Meteorological Detail.
a. Rainfall. Nil.
b. Prevailing Winds. 154 deg at 3 knots.
c. Temperature. 81.3 deg F.
d. Humidity. 78%

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SLNO RTAVF
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11 May 71
OPS 0797

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 110001H to 112400H May 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 OPS/TOC). PART 1

1. Operation Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues operation BRIAR PATCH II in 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt

(a) Sqn HQ(-) remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp op con to 12 Fd Regt and located at FSB JANE.
(c) 2 Tp remained op con to 3 RAR.
(d) 3 Tp op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) remained at NUI DAT on ready reaction.
(e) 4 Tp remains at NUI DAT continues to prepare for return to AUSTRALIA
(f) 5 Tp remained at NUI DAT.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT. Elms op con to 1 Fd Sqn.
(b) 1 Tp (-) operating AOs HEATHER and CHRISTINE.
(c) 2 Tp (-) at NUI DAT. Elms op con to 12 Fd Regt and 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn.
(d) 3 Tp op con 3 RAR.
(e) Other elms deployed at FSB FRIENDSHIP, FSB JANE, NDP SUSAN, NDP SANDRA, NUI DAT and DUC THANH.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery

(a) Nil contacts and 24 H and I missions were fired.
(b) A Fd Bty: Sect remained at FSB JANE, Sect remained at FSB ZIGGIE.
(c) 104 Fd Bty at NUI DAT.
(d) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty remained at FSB FRIENDSHIP.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn

(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to tanks, cav and both Inf Bns.
(c) LCT operating in TAN RU cutting fire trails remained at YS557744. Elm remained at Bridge 7 on Route 23 YS608641. MCT remained at XUYEN MOC.
(d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North of Province border continues with rock supplied from NUI DAT. Work on Bridge 6 YS599637 continues. Curb and guttering and construction at JWTC continues. Repairing of Route 23 with rock from NUI NHON. Work continues at 6 different sites throughout the Province on RF Housing.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). (a) Bn HQ remained at NUI DAT. (b) A Coy deployed at area YS5186. (c) B Coy deployed at area YS4083. (d) C Coy deployed at area YS5588. (e) V Coy remained at NUI DAT. (f) Sp Coy deployed area YS450904. (g) Also with elms of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt conducting daily check points on Route 2.

(8) 3 RAR. (a) Bn HQ remained at FSB ZIGGIE. (b) A Coy recce and ambush area YS5781. (c) B Coy deployed area YS6375. (d) C Coy moved to area YS4881. (e) D Coy remained NDP HORSESHOE, one pl at NUI DAT RRF. (f) Sp Coy remained at FSB ZIGGIE. A/Tk Pl remained with LCT.

(9) 1 ARU. (a) 1 Pl NUI DAT. (b) 2 Pl returned to NUI DAT. (c) 3 Pl NUI DAT.

(10) D and E Pl. Remained at NUI DAT.

b. Plans Summary for Period 120001H to 122400H May 71.

(1) 3 RAR. D Coy moves to NUI DAT. C Coy moves to NDP HORSESHOE, one Pl C Coy NUI DAT RRF.

c. Locations.

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 4 Tp, 5 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp FSB JANE. 2 Tp YS599753. 3 Tp YS406639.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. Elms at FSB FRIENDSHIP, NDP SUSAN . 1 Tp complete NUI DAT. 2 Tp NUI DAT. Elms at NDP SANDRA, FSB JANE.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ, 104 Fd Bty NUI DAT. A Fd Bty Sec FSB ZIGGIE, Sec FSB JANE. C/5/42 (US) Arty Bty (-) FSB FIRENDSHIP.

(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, V Coy NUI DAT. A Coy HQ YS515868. B Coy HQ YS400839. C Coy HQ YS552884. Sp Coy HQ YS450904.

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(5) 3 RAR. Bn HQ, Sp Coy FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy HQ YS574813. B Coy HQ YS623753. C Coy HQ YS482815. D Coy HQ NDP HORSESHOE.
(6) LCT. NDP SANDRA.
(7) MCT. XUYEN MOC.
(8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl. NUI DAT. 3 Pl NUI DAT, elms night loc at YS454633.
(10) 302 RF Bn. 1 Coy YS467566, YS474564. 2 Coy YS500527, YS497523, YS473497. 3 Coy YS473503, YS476491. Bn HQ and 4 Coy YS484557, YS4955555.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.
(1) At 110900H at YS515865 a patrol from 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located a bunker system and camp area approx 250 metres long, along a creek line. Tracks led West, North and South. System was 1 - 2 years old and in poor condition but there were signs that it had been used 1 - 2 weeks ago. A quantity of medical supplies were located and these are to be backloaded.

e. Omitted

f. Small Unit Action.
(1,3,4) Omitted.
(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations.
a,b. Omitted.
c. Engineering Operations. LCT. 17,000 Sq Metres cleared. MCT. 2,000 sq metres cleared. 1 slot closed. 2 x M16, 2 x M14. Detonated. 3 x M16, 1 x M14 Recovered.

3. Meteorological Detail.
a. Rainfall. .46 points.
b. Prevailing Winds 222 deg at 05 knots.
c. Temperature. 79.9 deg F.
d. Humidity. 67%

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12 May 71
OPS 741

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 120001H to 122400H May 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC.

PART I

1. Operation Summary
a. General.
(1) 1 ATF continues Operation BRIAR PATCH II in 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.
(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
(a) Sqn HQ (-) remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp op con to 12 Fd Regt and loc at FSB JANE.
(c) 2 Tp remained op con to 3 RAR.
(d) 3 Tp op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) remained at NUI DAT on ready reaction.
(e) 4 Tp remains at NUI DAT continues to prepare for return to AUSTRALIA.
(f) 5 Tp remained at NUI DAT.
(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT. Elms op con to 1 Fd Sqn.
(b) 1 Tp (-) operating AOs HEATHER and CHRISTINE.
(c) 2 Tp (-) at NUI DAT. Elms op con to 12 Fd Regt and 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn.
(d) 3 Tp op con 3 RAR.
(e) Other elms deployed at FSB FRIENDSHIP, FSB JANE, NDP SUSAN, NDP SANDRA, NUI DAT and DUC THANH.
(4) 1 ATF Artillery.
(a) No contacts and no H and I missions were fired.
(b) A Fd Bty: sect remained at FSB JANE, sect remained at FSB ZIGGIE.
(c) 104 Fd Bty at NUI DAT.
(d) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty remained at FSB FRIENDSHIP.
(5) 1 Fd Sqn.
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to tanks, cav and both Inf Bns.
(c) LCT operating in TAN RU cutting fire trails remained at YS557744. Elm remained at Bridge 7 on Route 23 YS608641. MCT remained at XUYEN MOC.
(d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
(6) 17 Const Sqn. Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North of Province border continues with rock supplied from NUI DAT. Work on Bridge 6 YS599637 continues. Curb and guttering, construction of hard stand at BARIA, well boring and construction at JWTC. Repairing of Route 23 with rock from NUI NHON. Work continues at 6 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing.
(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ remained at NUI DAT. (b) A Coy deployed at area YS5289.and YS4987. (c) B Coy deployed at area YS4185. (d) C Coy deployed at area YS5588. (e) V Coy remained at NUI DAT. (f) Sp Coy deployed area YS450904. (g) Also with elms of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt conducting daily check points on Route 2.
(8) 3 RAR.(a) Bn HQ remained at FSB ZIGGIE. (b) A Coy recce and ambush area YS5681. (c) B Coy deployed at area YS6376. (d) C Coy (-) moved to NDP HORSESHOE. One Pl to NUI DAT as RRF. (e) D Coy moved to NUI DAT. (f) Sp Coy remained at FSB ZIGGIE A/Tk Pl remained with LCT.
(9) 1 ARU.(a) 1 Pl NUI DAT. (b) 2 Pl NUI DAT ambushing in AO JEANETTE by night.(c) 3 Pl NUI DAT.
(10) D and E Pl. Remained at NUI DAT.

b. Plans Summary for Period 130001H to 132400H May 71.
(1) 1 Fd Sqn. LCT operating in TAN RU area move to new NDP TESSA continue fire trail clearing.
(2) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). A Coy, B Coy, C Coy and Sp Coy return to NUI DAT.
(3) D and E Pl deploys to area YS450904 op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

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c. Locationa.

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 3 Tp, 4 Tp and 5 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp FSB JANE. 2 Tp YS599763
(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT elms FSB FRIENDSHIP, NDP SUSAN and NDP SANDRA. 1 Tp NUI DAT, elm YS474686. 2 Tp NUI DAT, elms at FSB JANE, NDP SANDRA and YS543737. 3 Tp NUI DAT and FSB ZIGGIE.
(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ and 104 Fd Bty NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect FSB ZIGGIE, sect FSB JANE. C/5/42 (US) Arty FSB FRIENDSHIP.
(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).Bn HQ and V Coy NUI DAT. A Coy HQ YS520887. B Coy HQ YS413849. C Coy HQ YS551883. Sp Coy HQ YS450904.
(5) 3 RAR. Bn HQ and Sp Coy FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy HQ YS566812. B Coy HQ YS632758. C Coy HQ NDP HORSESHOE. D Coy NUI DAT.
(6) LCT. NDP SANDRA.
(7) MCT. XUYEN MOC.
(8) D and E Pl. NUI DAT.
(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl at NUI DAT. Base ptl at YS435647.
(10) 302 RF Bn.1 Coy YS467566, YS474564. 2 Coy YS500527, YS497523, YS473497. 3 Coy YS473503, YS476491. Bn HQ and 4 Coy YS484557, YS495555.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At YS398854 at 121145H a ptl from 6 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found a transit camp consisting of an incomplete bunker and 5 small fire places in a circular area about 50m x 30m. Tracks led S, N and NW and one led W to a water point. Estimated constructed two months ago and last used one month ago.

(2) At YS417873 at 121300H Assault Pioneer Pl Sp Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found one installation system containing three unserviceable bunkers, 4' x 3', a trench 30' long x 1' wide and a well 30' deep. The trench and well were in fair condition . Estimated constructed 12 months ago and last used 6 months ago. Tracks led E, W and S. All installations destroyed.

e, Results. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action.

(1) Omitted.
(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPS deployed.
(3) Omitted.
(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Omitted.
b. Omitted.
c. Engineering Operations. LCT 25,000 sq metres cleared.
MCT 1 slot opened, 1 slot closed, 4 x M16 recovered.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. 05 points
b. Prevailing Winds. 217 deg at 06 knots.
c. Temperature. 78.3 deg F.
d. Humidity. 75%

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1 ATF LO 3 Bde 1 (US) Air Cav (AM) BIEN HOA
1 ATF LO LONG KHAN Sector XUAN LOC

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13 May 71
OPS0884

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 130001H to 132400H May 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART I

1. Operation Summary

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continues Operation BRIAR PATCH II in 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ (-) remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp op con to 12 Fd Regt and loc at FSB JANE.
(c) 2 Tp remained op con to 3 RAR.
(d) 3 Tp op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) remained at NUI DAT on ready reaction.
(e) 4 Tp remains NUI DAT continues to prepare for return to AUSTRALIA.
(f) 5 Tp remained at NUI DAT.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT. Elm op con to 1 Fd Sqn.
(b) 1 Tp (-) operating AOs HEATHER and CHRISTINE.
(c) 2 Tp (-) at NUI DAT. Elms on con to 12 Fd Regt and 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn.
(d) 3 Tp on con 3 RAR.
(e) Other elms deployed at FSB FRIENDSHIP, FSB JANE, NDP SUSAN, NDP SANDRA, NUI DAT and DUC THANH.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery.

(a) [illegible] contacts and 34 H and I missions were fired.
(b) A Fd Bty: sect remained at FSB JANE, sect remained at FSB ZIGGIE.
(c) 104 Fd Bty at NUI DAT.
(d) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty remained at FSB FRIENDSHIP.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to tanks, cav and both Inf Bns.
(c) LCT operating in TAN RU cutting fire trails moved to new NDP TESSA at YS543737. Elm remained at Bridge 7 on Route 23 YS608641. MCT remained at XUYEN MOC.
(d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North of Province border continues with rock supplied from NUI DAT. Work on Bridge 6 YS599637 continues. Curb and guttering, construction of hard stand at BARIA, well boring and construction at JWTC. Repairing of Route 23 with rock from NUI NHON. Work continues at 6 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). (a) Bn HQ remained at NUI DAT. (b) A Coy, B Coy, C Coy and Sp Coy returned to NUI DAT. (c) V Coy (-) remained NUI DAT with 2 Ptls in AO SADIE.

(8) 3 RAR. (a) Bn HQ remained at FSB ZIGGIE. (b) A Coy recce and ambush area YS5681. (c) B Coy deployed at area YS6476. (d) C Coy (-) NDP HORSESHOE. One Pl to NUI DAT as RRF. (e) D Coy at NUI DAT. (f) Sp Coy at FSB ZIGGIE. A/Tk Pl with LCT.

(9) 1 ARU. (a) 1 Pl NUI DAT. (b) 2 Pl NUI DAT ambushing in AO JEANETTE by night. (c) 3 Pl NUI DAT.

(10) D and E Pl. Deployed to area YS450904. Op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

b. Plans Summary for Period 140001H to 142400H May 71. Nil

c. Locations.

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 3 Tp, 4 Tp, 5 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp FSB JANE. 2 Tp YS599763.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT with indep sects at FSB FRIENDSHIP, NDP SUSAN, NDP TESSA. 1 Tp NUI DAT with elms at YS484641, YS474686, YS497670. 2 Tp NUI DAT with elms at FSB JANE, NDP TESSA, YS435912. 3 Tp NUI DAT with elms at YS622845 and FSB ZIGGIE.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ and 104 Fd Bty NUI DAT. A Fd Bty Sect FSB JANE, Sect FSB ZIGGIE . C/5/42 Bty (-) Sect FSB FRIENDSHIP, Sect CARMEN.

(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, A Coy, B Coy, C Coy NUI DAT. V Coy NUI DAT with elms at YS377685, YS411700. Sp Coy NUI DAT.

(5) 3 RAR. Bn HQ, Sp Coy FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy YS560812. B Coy YS638765. C Coy NDP HORSESHOE. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy FSB ZIGGIE.

(6) LCT. NDP TESSA.

(7) MCT. XUYEN MOC.

/(8) D and E Pl.

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(8) D and E Pl. YS450904.
(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl, 3 Pl at NUI DAT. Base patrol at YS442642.
(10) 302 RF Bn. 1 Coy YS467566, YS474564. 2 Coy YS500527, YS497523, YS473497. 3 Coy YS473503, YS476491. Bn HQ and 4 Coy YS484557, YS495555.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.
(1) Prior to 131225H at YS557812 1 Pl A Coy 3 RAR loc a "L" shaped bunker system consisting of 12 bunkers 15 ft x 3 ft. OHP was approx 12 inches of rock and earth. The system had not been occupied for 3 to 6 months, though efforts had been made one month ago to reconstruct one bunker. OHP was destroyed by pulling out beams.
(2) At 131400H at YS560807 2 Pl A Coy 3 RAR loc a bunker system of 14 bunkers 9 ft x 3 ft with 2 - 3 ft of OHP. Constructed 6 to 12 months ago and last used 1 to 2 months ago. The system had previously been destroyed but appeared to have been partially renovated approx one month ago. System destroyed.

e. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action.
(1, 3, 4.) Omitted.
(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations.
a, b. Omitted
c. Engineering Operations. LCT. 25,000 square metres cleared. MCT. 2,500 square metres cleared. Two slots opened; one slot closed. 8 x M14 and 1 x M16 recovered. 11 x M16 detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail
a. Rainfall. Trace.
b. Prevailing Winds. 291 deg at 04 knots.
c. Temperature. 77.4 deg F.
d. Humidity. 79%

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14 May 71
Ops0895

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 140001H to 142400H May 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART I

1. Operation Summary.
a. General.
(1) 1 ATF continues Operation BRIAR PATCH II in 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.
(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
(a) Sqn HQ (-) remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp op con to 12 Fd Regt and loc at FSB JANE.
(c) 2 Tp remained op con to 3 RAR.
(d) 3 Tp op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) remained at NUI DAT on ready reaction.
(e) 4 Tp remains NUI DAT continues to prepare for return to AUSTRALIA.
(f) 5 Tp remained at NUI DAT.
(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT. Elm op con to 1 Fd Sqn.
(b) 1 Tp (-) operating AOs HEATHER and CHRISTINE.
(c) 2 Tp (-) at NUI DAT. Elms on op con to 12 Fd Regt and 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn.
(d) 3 Tp op con 3 RAR.
(e) Other elms deployed at FSB FRIENDSHIP, FSB JANE, NDP SUSAN, NDP SANDRA, NUI DAT and DUC THANH.
(4) 1 ATF Artillery.
(a) Nil contacts and 8 H and I missions were fired.
(b) A Fd Bty: sect remained at FSB JANE, sect remained at FSB ZIGGIE.
(c) 104 Fd Bty at NUI DAT.
(d) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty remained at FSB FRIENDSHIP.
(5) 1 Fd Sqn.
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to tanks, cav and both Inf Bns.
(c) LCT at NDP TESSA cutting fire trails to the SE. MCT remained at XUYEN MOC.
(d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
(6) 17 Const Sqn. Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North of Province border continues with rock supplied from NUI DAT. Work on Bridge 6 YS599637 continues. Curb and guttering, construction of hard stand at BARIA, well boring and construction at JWTC continues. Repairing of Route 23 with rock from NUI NHON. Work continues at 6 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing.
(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
(a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
(b) A Coy at NUI DAT.
(c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
(d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
(e) V Coy (-) ptl night ambush in AO SADIE.
(f) Sp Coy at NUI DAT.
(8) 3 RAR.
(a) Bn HQ remained at FSB ZIGGIE.
(b) A Coy recce and ambusharea YS5581.
(c) B Coy recce and ambush area YS6376.
(d) C Coy (-) at NDP HORSESHOE. One Pl at NUI DAT RRF.
(e) D Coy at NUI DAT.
(f) Sp Coy (-) at FSB ZIGGIE. A/Tk Pl with LCT.
(9) 1 ARU.
(a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
(b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
(c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
b. Plans Summary for Period 150001H to 152400H May 71
(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
(a) One Tp operate indep in AO HEATHER.
(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
(a) 1 Tp (-) ceases operation in AO HEATHER.
(3) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
(a) V Coy deploys to AO QUEEN in APCs.

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c. Locations.
(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 4 Tp, 5 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp FSB JANE. 2 Tp YS607784. 3 Tp YS395629.
(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT with indep sects at FSB FRIENDSHIP and NDP SUSAN. 1 Tp at NUI DAT. 2 Tp at NUI DAT with elms at FSB JANE, NDP TESSA and YS436914. 3 Tp at NUI DAT with elms at YS623837 and FSB ZIGGIE.
(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ and 104 Fd Bty at NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect at FSB ZIGGIE, sect at FSB JANE. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at FSB FRIENDSHIP.
(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).Bn HQ, A Coy, B Coy C Coy and Sp Coy at NUI DAT. V Coy at NUI DAT with elms at YS373639.
(5) 3 RAR.Bn HQ and Sp Coy (-) at FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy YS545807. B Coy YS632768. C Coy NDP HORSESHOE. D Coy NUI DAT.
(6) LCT. NDP TESSA.
(7) MCT. XUYEN MOC.
(8) D and E Pl. YS450904.
(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT. Ptls at YS444632 and YS455644.
(10) 302 RF Bn. 1 Coy YS467566, YS474564. 2 Coy YS500527, YS497523, YS473497. 3 Coy YS473503, YS476491. Bn HQ and 4 Coy YS484557, YS495555.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.
(1) At 141000H at YS631765 a ptl from 4 Pl B Coy 3 RAR found a field dressing station covering 50m x 30m. It contained 3 bunkers 9m x 4m and one pit 6' x 3'. OHP was approx 3' thick. Six empty graves were loc 15M to E of central bunker. Tracks led N, NW and W. Constructed and last used 18-24 months ago and partially destroyed. Two pairs of surgical scissors, 4' of surgical tubing and a qty of pots and pans were found. System was destroyed by demolition.
(2) Prior to 141400H at YS404867 elms of 1 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt found an empty, blood-stained VC pack. Blood was approx 2 days old. Drag marks in the vicinity indicated that a wounded pers had dragged himself along the ground.

e. Results.
(1) Omitted.
(2) Enemy Losses.
(a) Omitted.
(b) Material. 2 pairs surgical scissors, 4' surgical tubing, qty pots and pans.

f. Small Unit Action.
(1) Omitted.
(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.
(3) Omitted.
(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.
a. Omitted.
b. Omitted.
c. Engineering Operations. LCT. 30,000 sq metres cleared.
MCT. 3,000 sq metres cleared, 1 slot opened. 8 x M14, 1 x M16 detonated, 1 x M16 recovered.

3. Meteorological Detail.
a. Rainfall: Nil
b. Prevailing Winds: 215 deg at 5 knots.
c. Temperature: 83.4 deg F.
d. Humidity: 66%

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OPS 0901

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 150001H to 152400H May 71.

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART I

1. Operation Summary.

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continues OperationsPHOI HOP and BRIAR PATCH II in 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ (-) remained at NUI DAT.

(b) 1 Tp(-) op con to 12 Fd Regt and loc at FSB JANE.

(c) 2 Tp remained op con to 3 RAR. Deployed to XUYEN MOC supporting District Chiefs Operation.

(d) 3 Tp op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) remained at NUI DAT on ready reaction.

(e) 4 Tp remains NUI DAT continues to prepare for return to AUSTRALIA.

(f) 5 Tp deployed AO HEATHER.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.

(b) 1 Tp ceased op in AO HEATHER deployed to AO PIPI Op Con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

(c) 2 Tp HQ Op Con 12 Fd Regt at FSB JANE. Elms Op Con 1 Fd Sqn NDP TESSA. 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) AO PIPI.

(d) 3 Tp (-) Op con 3 RAR.

(e) Other elms deployed FSB Friendship, Duc Than and NDP SUSAN.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery.

(a)Nil contacts and NilH and I missions were fired.

(b) A Fd Bty: Sect remained at FSB JANE, sect remained at FSB ZIGGIE.

(c) 104 Fd Bty at NUI DAT.

(d) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty remained at FSB FRIENDSHIP.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.

(b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to tanks, cav and both Inf Bns.

(c) LCT at NDP TESSA cutting fire trails to the SE. MCT remained at XUYEN MOC.

(d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North of Province border continues with rock supplied from NUI DAT. Work on Bridge 6 YS599637 continues. Curb and guttering, construction of hard stand at BARIA, well boring and construction at JWTC continues. Repairing of Route 23 with rock from NUI NHON. Work continues at 6 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

(a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.

(b) A Coy at NUI DAT.

(c) B Coy at NUI DAT.

(d) C Coy at NUI DAT.

(e) V Coy deployed AO PIPI.

(f) Sp Coy at NUI DAT.

(8) 3 RAR.

(a) Bn HQ remained at FSB ZIGGIE.

(b) A Coy recce and ambush area YS5581.

(c) B Coy recce and ambush area YS6376.

(d) C Coy (-) at NDP HORSESHOE. One Pl at NUI DAT RRF.

(e) D Coy at NUI DAT.

(f) Sp Coy (-) at FSB ZIGGIE. A/Tk Pl with LCT.

(9) 1 ARU.

(a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.

(b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.

(c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.

(10) D & E Pl. Op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS540904.

b. Plans Summary for Period 160001H to 162400H May 71.

(1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

(a) 1 Tp cease Op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) return to NUI DAT.

(b) Elms 3 Tp Deploy to AO LISA Independent Op.

(2) 3 RAR.

(a) B Coy return to NUI DAT.

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(1) B Coy deployed to AO DEBORAH.

c. Locations.

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 4 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp FSB JANE. 2 Tp YS653690. 3 Tp YS409654 5 Tp YS475666.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT with indep sects at FSB ZIGGIE, DUC THANH, FSB FRIENDSHIP AND NDP SUSAN. 1 Tp elms YS485891, YS483907, YS479883, YS489868. 2 Tp elms FSB JANE, NDP TESSA, YS447919. 3 Tp NUI DAT with elms at FSB ZIGGIE.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty Sect FSB ZIGGIE, sect FSB JANE. 104 Fd Bty NUI DAT. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty FSB CARMEN, FSB FRIENDSHIP.

(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, A Coy, B Coy, C Coy, Sp Coy NUI DAT. V Coy YS460873.

(5) 3 RAR. Bn HQ, Sp Coy FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy YS555810. B Coy YS632770. C Coy NDP HORSESHOE. D Coy NUI DAT.

(6) LCT. NDP TESSA.

(7) MCT. XUYEN MOC.

(8) D and E Pl. YS450804.

(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl, 3 Pl NUI DAT, with base patrols at YS451641, YS439641.

(10) 302 RF Bn. 1 Coy YS491565. 2 Coy YS455552. 3 Coy YS505528. 4 Coy YS474485.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 151600H at YS455869 elms of Sqn HQ C Sqn 1 Armd Regt found an inert 15lb Chicom Atk mine. The firing device had been burnt out by a fire in the area. The mine was destroyed.

e. Results.

(1) Omitted

(2) Enemy Losses.

(a) Personnel Omitted.

(b) Material. 1 x 15lb Chicom Atk mine.

f. Small Unit Action.

(1,3,4) Omitted

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 8 LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Omitted

b. PHUOC TUY/DUC THANH/1 ATF Joint Op. 150600H to 151150H vicinity of YS4488. 655, 628 RF Coys, NP, NPFF, V Coy 2RAR/NZ(ANZAC) and elms 1 Psy Ops unit inserted by two tps A Sqn 3 Cav Regt for cordon and search op. Results: 16 suspect VCI/VCs and 30 illegal settlers. Total 46 persons detained.

c. Engineering Operations. LCT. 40,000 sq metres cleared. MCT. 5000 sq metres cleared 2 slots closed. 12 x M14 and 40 x M16 recovered and destroyed.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall. Nil

b. Prevailing Winds. 200 deg at 05 knots.

c. Temperature. 78.1 deg F.

d. Humidity. 75%.

4. Amendment.

a. Para 1. a. (1) of 1 ATF Ops 0740 02 May 71 is amended to read: " (1) 1 ATF continues Op PHOI HOP and BRIAR PATCH II in the 1 ATF TAOR."

b. Subsequent 1 ATF SITREPs are amended to read the same.

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Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 160001H to 162400H.

To : CG FMAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART 1

1. Operation Summary.

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continues Operations PHOI HOP and BRIAR PATCH II in 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ (-) remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp (-) op con to 12 Fd Regt and loc at FSB JANE.
(c) 2 Tp remained op con to 3 RAR. Deployed to XUYEN MOC supporting District Chiefs Operation.
(d) 3 Tp NUI DAT 1 ATF RRF also op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) for ambushing tasks.
(e) 4 Tp remains NUI DAT continues to prepare for return to AUSTRALIA.
(f) 5 Tp deployed AO HEATHER. Area YS 4766

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp returned to NUI DAT.
(c) 2 Tp HQ Op Con 12 Fd Regt at FSB JANE. Elms Op Con 1 Fd Sqn NDP TESSA, 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) AO PIPI.
(d) 3 Tp (-) on Independent op in AO LISA returned to NUI DAT. Eln op con 3 RAR.
(e) Other elms deployed FSB FRIENDSHIP, Duc Than and NDP SUSAN.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery.

(a) Nil contacts and 5 H and I missions were fired.
(b) A Fd Bty: Sect remained at FSB JANE, sect remained at FSB ZIGGIE.
(c) 104 Fd Bty at NUI DAT.
(d) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty remained at FSB FRIENDSHIP.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

(a) Sq HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1,2,and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to tanks, cav and both Inf Bns.
(c) LCT at NDP TESSA cutting fire trails to the SE. LCT remained at XUYEN MOC.
(d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North of Province border continues with rock supplied from NUI DAT. Work on Bridge 6 YS599637 continues. Curb and guttering, construction of hard rock standings at BARIA, well boring and construction at JWTC continues. Repairing of Route 23 with rock from NUI NHON. Work continues at 6 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

(a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
(b) A Coy at NUI DAT.
(c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
(d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
(e) V Coy deployed at AO PIPI YS4509.
(f) Sp Coy at NUI DAT.

(8) 3 RAR.

(a) Bn HQ remained at FSB ZIGGIE.
(b) A Coy recce and ambush area YS5581.
(c) B Coy returned to NUI DAT.
(d) C Coy (-) at NDP HORSESHOE. One Pl at NUI DAT RRF.
(e) D Coy deployed to area YS6474.
(f) Sp Coy (-) at FSB ZIGGIE. A/Tk with LCT.

(9) 1 ARU.

(a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT, night ptl in AO JEANETTE.
(b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
(c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.

(10) D and E Pl. Op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS540904.

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b. Plans Summary for Period 170001H to 172400H May 71.
(1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
(a) 3 Tp (-) deploys with B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) to AO LISA.
(2) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
(a) B Coy deploys to AO LISA by APCs.

c. Locations.
(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 3 Tp, 4 Tp and 5 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp FSB JANE. 2 Tp YS652690.
(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT with indep sects at FSB ZIGGIE, FSB FRIENDSHIP and NDP SUSAN. 1 Tp NUI DAT with elms at YS378864 and NDP TESSA. 2 Tp NUI DAT with elms at NDP TESSA and YS453915. 3 Tp FSB ZIGGIE with elms YS385785 and YS629740.
(3) 1 ATF Artillery.RHQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty Sect FSB ZIGGIE, Sect FSB JANE. 104 Fd Bty NUI DAT. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty FSB CARMEN and FSB FRIENDSHIP.
(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).Bn HQ, A Coy, B Coy, C Coy and Sp Coy NUI DAT. V Coy YS449892 with TAOR ptls at YS411702 and YS398664.
(5) 3 RAR.Bn HQ and Sp Coy FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy YS555810. B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy NDP HORSESHOE. D Coy YS645740.
(6) LCT. NDP TESSA.
(7) MCT. XUYEN MOC.
(8) D and E Pl.YS450904.
(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT with base ptl at YS445647.
(10) 302 RF Bn. 1 Coy YS465572. 2 Coy YS491556. 3 Coy YS474485. HQ and 4 Coy YS491556.

d. Contacts and Incidents.
(1) Prior to 161355H at YS467906 1 Pl V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc two graves, approx three weeks old; one contained human remains, the other was empty.
(2) At 161845H at YS579818 ac reported smoke coming through the jungle canopy. Engaged by arty. At 161910H ac reported sighting a waterhole at same grid. Waterhole was muddy. Fresh tracks led West.

e. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action.
(1), (3) and (4) omitted.
(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 8 LRRPS deployed.

2. Combined Operations.
a. Omitted.
b. Omitted.
c. Engineering Operations. LCT Omitted
MCT Two slots closed, 6 x M14 detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail.
a. Rainfall. Nil
b. Prevailing Winds 196 deg at 06 knots.
c. Temperature. 83.9 deg F.
d. Humidity. 66%

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From 170001H to 172400H May 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

1. Operation Summary.
a. General.
(1) 1 ATF continues Operations PHOI HOP and BRIAR PATCH II in 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.
(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
(a) Sqn HQ (-) remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp (-) op con to 12 Fd Regt and loc at FSB JANE.
(c) 2 Tp remained op con to 3 RAR. Deployed to XUYEN MOC supporting District Chiefs Operation.
(d) 3 Tp NUI DAT 1 ATF RRF also op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) for ambushing tasks.
(e) 4 Tp remains NUI DAT continues to prepare for return to AUSTRALIA.
(f) 5 Tp deployed AO HEATHER. Area YS5564.
(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp returned to NUI DAT.
(c) 2 Tp HQ op con 12 Fd Regt at FSB JANE. Elms op con 1 Fd Sqn NDP TESSA, 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) AO PIPI.
(d) 3 Tp (-) returned to NUI DAT. Elm op con to 3 RAR.
(e) Other elms deployed FSB FRIENDSHIP, DUC THANH and NDP SUSAN.
(4) 1 ATF Artillery.
(a) Nil Contacts and 3 H and I missions were fired.
(b) A Fd Bty: Sect at FSB JANE returned to NUI DAT, sect remained at FSB ZIGGIE.
(c) 104 Fd Bty: Sect at NUI DAT, sect deployed to FSB JANE.
(d) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty remained at FSB FRIENDSHIP.
(5) 1 Fd Sqn.
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1,2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini team to tanks, cav and both Inf Bns.
(c) LCT at NDP TESSA cutting fire trails to the SE. MCT remained at XUYEN MOC.
(d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
(6) 17 Const Sqn. Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North of Province border continues with rock supplied from NUI DAT. Work on Bridge 6 YS599637 continues. Curb and guttering, construction of hard rock standings at BARIA, well boring and construction at JWTC continues. Repairing of Route 23 with rock from NUI NHON. Work continues at 6 different sites throughtout the Province on RF housing.
(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
(a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
(b) A Coy at NUI DAT.
(c) B Coy deployed to area YS4480.
(d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
(e) V Coy deployed at AO PIPI YS4589.
(f) Sp Coy at NUI DAT.
(8) 3 RAR.
(a) Bn HQ remained at FSB ZIGGIE.
(b) A Coy recce and ambush area YS5581.
(c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
(d) C Coy (-) at NDP HORSHOE. One Pl at NUI DAT RRF.
(e) D Coy deployed area YS6474.
(f) Sp Coy (-) at FSB ZIGGIE. A/Tk with LCT.
(9) 1 ARU.
(a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT, night ptl in AO JEANETTE.
(b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
(c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
(10) D and E Pl. Op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS450904.
b. Plans Summary For Period 180001H to 182400 H May 71.
(1) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
(a) B Coy return to NUI DAT.
(b) C Coy deploy to AO DESMONDE.West of AO LISA.

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c. Locations.
(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 3 Tp and 4 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp FSB JANE. 2 Tp YS653690. 5 Tp YS533673.
(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT with indep sects at FSB ZIGGIE, DUC THANH, FSB FRIENDSHIP and NDP SUSAN. 1 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp NUI DAT with elms at FSB JANE, NDP TESSA and YS433914.3 Tp NUI DAT with elms at FSB ZIGGIE, NDP TESSA, YS629740.
(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect at FSB ZIGGIE, sect NUI DAT. 104 Fd Bty sect at FSB JANE, sect NUI DAT. C Bty (-) (US) Arty FSB CARMEN, FSB FRIENDSHIP.
(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, A Coy, C Coy and Sp Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS439802. V Coy YS449892 with Base patrols at YS387701 and YS408667.
(5) 3 RAR. Bn HQ, Sp Coy FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy YS555810. B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy NDP HORSESHOE. D Coy YS645740.
(6) LCT. NDP TESSA.
(7) MCT. XUYEN MOC.
(8) D and E Pl. YS450904
(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl, 3 Pl NUI DAT with a base patrol at YS458648.
(10) 302 RF Bn. 1 Coy YS465572 2 Coy YS505528. 3 Coy YS474485. HQ and 4 Coy YS491556.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents
(1) At 170600H at YS378864 elms of 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt sighted 1 VC approachi[illegible] from the West. A bank of claymores was fired but failed to detonate. VC heard noise of clacker and withdrew West. He was engaged by SA fire with nil result.
e. Omitted.
f. Small Unit Action.
(1,3,4) Omitted.
(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPs deployed.
2. Combined Operations.
a. Omitted.
b. Omitted.
c. Engineering Operations. LCT. 50,000 sq metres cleared. MCT. 2 slots opened, 6 x M16 destroyed.
3. Meteorological Detail
a. Rainfall 0.6 inches
b. Prevailing Winds 234 deg at 04 knots.
c. Temperature 79.2 deg F.
d. Humidity 78%

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Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 180001H to 182400H May 71.

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

1. Operation Summary.

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continues Operation PHOI HOP and BRIAR PATCH II in 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF at NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
(a) Sqn HQ (-) remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp (-) op con 12 Fd Regt and loc at FSB JANE.
(c) 2 Tp remained op con to 3 RAR. Deployed to XUYEN MOC supporting District Chiefs Operation.
(d) 3 Tp NUI DAT 1 ATF RRF also op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) for ambushing tasks.
(e) 4 Tp remains NUI DAT continues to preparefor return to AUSTRALIA.
(f) 5 Tp deployed AO HEATHER . Area YS5666.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp NUI DAT.
(c) 2 Tp HQ op con 12 Fd Regt at FSB JANE. Elms op con 1 Fd Sqn NDP TESSA, 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) AO PIPI.
(d) 3 Tp (-) NUI DAT. Elm op con to 3 RAR.
(e) Other elms deployed FSB FRIENDSHIP, DUC THANH, and NDP SUSAN.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery.
(a) 7 Contact and 13 H and I missions were fired.
(b) A Fd Bty: Sect at NUI DAT, Sect at FSB JANE.
(c) C Bty(-) 5/42 (US) Arty remained at FSB FRIENDSHIP.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1,2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to tanks, cav and both Inf Bns.
(c) LCT at NDP TESSA cutting fire trails to the SE. MCT remained at XUYEN MOC.
(d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North of Province border continues with rock supplied from NUI DAT. Work on Bridge 6 YS599637 continues. Curb and Guttering, construction of hard rock standing at BARIA, well boring and construction work at JWTC continues. Repairing of Route 23 with rock from NUI NHON . Work continues at 6 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing .

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn.
(a) BnHQ at NUI DAT.
(b) A Coy deployed to AO DESMONDE YS2974
(c) B Coy returned to NUI DAT.
(d) C Coy NUI DAT.
(e) V Coy deployed at AO PIPI
(f) Sp Coy at NUI DAT.

(8) 3 RAR.
(a) BnHQ remained FSB ZIGGIE.
(b) A Coy recce and ambush area YS5581.
(c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
(d) C Coy (-) at NDP HORSESHOE. One Pl at NUI DAT RRF.
(e) D Coy deployed area YS6474.
(f) Sp Coy(-) at FSB ZIGGIE. A/tk Pl with LCT.

(9) 1 ARU.
(a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
(b) 2 Pl NUI DAT .
(c) 3 Pl NUI DAT.

(10) D and E Pl. Op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS450904.

.../ Plans Summary

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b. Plans Summary for Period 190001H to 192400H May 71.
(1) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
(a) A Coy returns to NUI DAT.
(b) C Coy deploys to AO DESMONDE.

c. Locations.
(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ and 4 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp FSB JANE. 2 Tp YS653690. 3 Tp YS404647. 5 Tp YS560635.
(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT with indep sects at FSB ZIGGIE, DUC THANH, YS546777, FSB FRIENDSHIP and NDP SUSAN. 1 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp FSB JANE with elms at NDP TESSA, and YS437917. 3 Tp NUI DAT with elms at FSB ZIGGIE, NDP TESSA and YS629740.
(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect at FSB ZIGGIE, sect at NUI DAT. 104 Fd Bty sect at FSB JANE, sect at NUI DAT. C Bty (-) (US) Arty FSB CARMEN, FSB FRIENDSHIP.
(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ and Sp Coy NUI DAT. A Coy YS289756. B Coy NUI DAT with base ptl at YS372688. C Coy NUI DAT with base ptl at YS411667. V Coy YS449893.
(5) 3 RAR. Bn HQ and Sp Coy FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy YS555810. B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy NDP HORSESHOE. D Coy YS645740.
(6) LCT. NDP TESSA.
(7) MCT. XUYEN MOC.
(8) D and E Pl. YS450904.
(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT with base ptl at YS445640.
(10) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ and 4 Coy YS491550, 1 Coy YS407544. 2 Coy YS505528. 3 Coy YS474485.

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d. Contacts and Incidents.
(1) At 180020H at YS492874 3 Pl V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) heard an estimated two VC approaching their position from the East. Sentry engaged with MG fire with nil results
(2) Prior to 181640H at YS460848 a ptl from FSB JANE found an unexploded 105mm HE shell. The shell which had no fuze, had been carried to where it was found. It was destroyed by demolition.

e. Results.
(1) Omitted
(2) Enemy Losses.
(a) Omitted.
(b) Material. 1 x 105mm shell (unfuzed).

f. Small Unit Action.
(1) Omitted.
(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 7 LRRPS deployed.
(3) Omitted.
(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.
a. Omitted.
b. Omitted.
c. Engineering Operations. LCT: 15,000 sq metres cleared.
MCT: 4,000 sq metres cleared. 8 x M16 and 23 x M14 recovered. 15 x M16 and 2 x M14 detonated.

3. Meteorological Detail.
a. Rainfall. .58 in.
b. Prevailing Winds. 253 deg at 4 knots.
c. Temperature. 79.3 deg F.
d. Humidity. 84%

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OPS0919

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 190001H to 192400H May 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC). PART I

1. Operation Summary.

a. General.

(1) 1 ATF continues Operations PHOI HOP and BRIAR PATCH II in 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ (-) remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp (-) op con 12 Fd Regt and loc at FSB JANE.
(c) 2 Tp remained op con to 3 RAR. Deployed to XUYEN MOC supporting District Chiefs Operation.
(d) 3 Tp NUI DAT 1 ATF RRF also op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) for ambushing tasks.
(e) 4 Tp remains NUI DAT continues to prepare for return to AUSTRALIA.
(f) 5 Tp deployed AO HEATHER. Area YS5666.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp NUI DAT.
(c) 2 Tp op con 12 Fd Regt at FSB JANE. Elms op con 1 Fd Sqn NDP TESSA, 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) AO PIPI.
(d) 3 Tp (-) NUI DAT. Elm op con to 3 RAR.
(e) Other elms deployed FSB FRIENDSHIP, DUC THANH, and NDP SUSAN.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery.

(a) Nil Contact and 18H and I missions were fired.
(b) A Fd Bty: Sect at NUI DAT. Sect at FSB ZIGGIE.
(c) 104 Fd Bty: Sect NUI DAT. Sect FSB JANE.
(d) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty remained at FSB FRIENDSHIP.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1, 2, and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to tanks, cav and both Inf Bns.
(c) LCT at NDP TESSA cutting fire trails to the SE. MCT remained at XUYEN MOC.
(d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North of Province border continues with rock supplied from NUI DAT. Work on Bridge 6 YS599637 continues. Curb and guttering, construction of hard rock standing at BARIA, well boring and construction work at JWTC continues. Repairing of Route 23 with rock from NUI NHON. Work continues at 6 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn.

(a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
(b) A Coy returned to NUI DAT.
(c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
(d) C Coy deployed to AO DESMONDE YS2875.
(e) V Coy in AO PIPI YS4589.
(f) Sp Coy at NUI DAT.

(8) 3 RAR Bn.

(a) Bn HQ remained FSB ZIGGIE.
(b) A Coy recce and ambush area YS5581.
(c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
(d) C Coy (-) at NDP HORSESHOE. One Pl at NUI DAT RRF.
(e) D Coy deployed area YS6574.
(f) Sp Coy (-) at FSB ZIGGIE. A/Tk Pl with LCT.

(9) 1 ARU.

(a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
(b) 2 Pl NUI DAT.
(c) 3 Pl NUI DAT.

(10) D and E Pl. Op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS450904.

b. Plans Summary for Period 200001H to 202400H May 71.

(1) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

(a) C Coy returns to NUI DAT.

.../c. Locations

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c. Locations
(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 4 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp FSB JANE. 2 Tp YS655689. 3 Tp YS39863 5 Tp YS543623.
(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT with indep sects at FSB ZIGGIE, YS535744 and NDP SUSAN. 1 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp NUI DAT with elms at FSB JANE, NDP TESSA and YS454910. 3 Tp FSB ZIGGIE with elms at DUC THANH and FSB FRIENDSHIP.
(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB ZIGGIE. 104 Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB JANE.
C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty sect FSB CARMEN, sect FSB FRIENDSHIP.
(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, A Coy, Sp Coy NUI DAT. B Coy NUI DAT with a base patrol at YS380661. C Coy YS283750 with a base patrol at YS404679. V Coy YS449892.
(5) 3 RAR. Bn HQ, Sp Coy FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy YS555810. B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy NDP HORSE-SHOE. D Coy YS645739.
(6) LCT. NDP TESSA.
(7) MCT. XUYEN MOC.
(8) D and E Pl. YS450904.
(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT with a base patrol at YS436645.
(10) 302 RF Bn. 1 Coy YS407544. 2 Coy YS505528. 3 Coy YS474485. Bn HQ, 4 Coy YS491556

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d. Contacts and Incidents.
(1) Late Report. At 121300H at YS395908 a ptl of 2 SAS Sqn contacted 1 VC. Results 1 VC KIA. 1 x AK 47 and quantity docus. CAI. (1 ATF INTSUM 132/71 Annex B refers
(2) At 191145H at YS284743 C Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found a bunker system containing seven bunkers each 6 ft by 2 ft by 3 ft deep with 18 inches OHP. Tracks led West, South and NorthEast. The system, constructed 1 year ago was in good condition having been renovated 2 months ago and last used 3 weeks ago. Four M 79 explosive heads, 6 x M16 mags, 6 prs black gym boots, and a quantity of C rats and VC rats were recovered and destroyed.
(3) At 191215H at YS289750 8 Pl C Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found a CBU (US) placed adjacent to a track. The mine which contained a 1 lb charge was set up to fire electrically by comd detonation. Destroyed in situation.
(4) At 191300H at YS3899923 a ptl of 2 SAS Sqn, in ambush on a track, saw four VC approaching from the East. They engaged with claymores and SA fire. Results: 4 VC KIA and 1 x AK 47, 1 x M16 and a quantity of docus captured in action.

e. Results:
(1) Omitted.
(2) Enemy Losses.
(a) Personnel 5 KIA
(b) Material 2 x AK - 47, 1 x M16, 1 x CBU (US), 4 x M79 explosive heads, 6 x M16 mags, 6 pairs gym boots, quantity rats, quantity docus CIA.

f. Small Unit Action
(1,3,4) Omitted.
(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations.
a. Omitted.
b. Omitted.
c. Engineering Operations. LCT. 20,000 sq metres cleared. MCT. Mine clearing at XUYEN MOC completed. 14 x M14 detonated, 33 x M16 recovered.

3. Meteorological Detail
a. Rainfall. A trace.
b. Prevailing Winds. 242 deg at 04 knots.
c. Temperature. 81 deg F.
d. Humidity 76%.

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20 May 71
OPS 0923

Subject : Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 200001H to 202400H May 71.

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART 1

1. Operation Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues Operations PHOI HOP and BRIAR PATCH II in 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt

(a) Sqn HQ (-) remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp (-) op con 12 Fd Regt and loc at FSB JANE.
(c) 2 Tp remained op con to 3 RAR. Deployed to XUYEN MOC supporting District Chief's Operation.
(d) 3 Tp NUI DAT 1 ATF RRF also op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) for ambushing tasks.
(e) 4 Tp remains NUI DAT continues to prepare for return to AUSTRALIA.
(f) 5 Tp deployed AO HEATHER, area YS5666.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp NUI DAT.
(c) 2 Tp op con 12 Fd Regt at FSB JANE. Elms op con 1 Fd Sqn NDP TESSA. 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) AO PIPI.
(d) 3 Tp (-) NUI DAT. Elms op con to 3 RAR.
(e) Other elms deployed FSB FRIENDSHIP, DUC THANH and NDP SUSAN.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery.

(a) 1 contact and 5 H and I missions were fired.
(b) A Fd Bty: Sect at NUI DAT. Sect at FSB ZIGGIE.
(c) 104 Fd Bty: Sect at NUI DAT, Sect at FSB JANE.
(d) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at FSB FRIENDSHIP.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to tanks, cav and both Inf Bns.
(c) LCT at NDP TESSA cutting fire trails to the SE. MCT remained at XUYEN MOC.
(d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North of Province border continues with rock supplied from NUI DAT. Work on Bridge 6 YS599637 continues. Curb and guttering, construction of hard rock standing at BARIA, well boring and construction work at JWTC continues. Repairing of Route 23 with rock from NUI NHON continues. Work continues at 6 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

(a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
(b) A Coy at NUI DAT.
(c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
(d) C Coy returned to NUI DAT.
(e) D Coy in AO PIPI YS4489
(f) Sp Coy at NUI DAT.

(8) 3 RAR.

(a) Bn HQ remained at FSB ZIGGIE.
(b) A Coy recce and ambush area YS5581.
(c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
(d) C Coy (-) at NDP HORSESHOE. One Pl at NUI DAT RRF.
(e) D Coy deployed area YS6473.
(f) Sp Coy (-) at FSB ZIGGIE. A/Tk Pl with LCT.

(9) 1 ARU.

(a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
(b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
(c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.

(10) D and E Pl. Op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS450904.

b. Plans Summary for Period 210001H to 212400H May 71.

(1) 1 Fd Sqn.

(a) MCT returns to NUI DAT.

(2) 3 RAR.

(a) A Coy returns to NUI DAT.
(b) B Coy deploys to AO GRACE.

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a. Locations.
(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 3 Tp and 4 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS436857. 2 Tp YS655689. 5 Tp YS556673
(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT, with indep sects at FSB FRIENDSHIP and NDP SUSAN. 1 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp NUI DAT with elms at FSB JANE, NDP TESSA and YS463914. 3 Tp NUI DAT with elms at FSB ZIGGIE, DUC THANH, YS531773 and YS629740.
(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB ZIGGIE. 104 Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB JANE. C/5/42 (-) (US) Arty sect FSB FRIENDSHIP.
(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).Bn HQ, A Coy, B Coy, C Coy and Sp Coy at NUI DAT in preparation for return to AUSTRALIA. V Coy YS449893. Base ptl at YS387674.
(5) 3 RAR. Bn HQ and Sp Coy FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy YS554814. B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy NDP HORSESHOE. D Coy YS645739.
(6) LCT.NDP TESSA.
(7) MCT.XUYEN MOC.
(8) D and E Pl. YS450904.
(9) 1 ARU.1 Pl, 2 Pl,and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
(10) 302 RF Bn.Bn HQ and 4 Coy YS491556. 1 Coy YS407544. 2 Coy YS505528. 3 Coy YS474485.

d. Contacts and Incidents.
(1) At 201530H tanks from C Sqn 1 Armd Regt contacted one en at YS373743 . Em dressed in black and carrying unident wpn, wdr NE and, due to terrain could not be followed. Area eng with arty.
(2) At 201005H at YS491589 (PHUOC LOI) 2 VN were wounded as a result of a claymore accident.
(3) Report from VUNG TAU. NP reported that at 200135 an explosive device was found hooked up to a VN jeep, parked outside a restaurant. Device was US grenade with VC blasting cap. Np disarmed grenade. There were no casualties.

e. Results.
(1) Omitted.
(2) Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action.
(1) Omitted.
(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPS deployed.
(3) Omitted.
(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.
a. Omitted.
b. Omitted.
c. Engineering Operations. LCT 25,000 sq metres cleared.
MCT Omitted.

3. Meteorological Detail
a. Rainfall Nil
b. Prevailing Winds 228 deg at 3 knots
c. Temperature. 81 deg F.
d. Humidity. 83%

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21 May 71
OPS 0931

Subject : Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 210001H to 212400H May 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART 1

1. Operation Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues Operations PHOI HOP and BRIAR PATCH II in 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt

(a) Sqn HQ (-) remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp NUI DAT 1 ATF RRF also op con 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) for ambushing tasks.
(c) 2 Tp remained op con to 3 RAR. Deployed to XUYEN MOC supporting District Chief's Operation.
(d) 3 Tp (-) op con 12 Fd Regt and loc at FSB JANE.
(e) 4 Tp remains NUI DAT continues to prepare for return to AUSTRALIA.
(f) 5 Tp deployed AO [redacted] , area YS 5567.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp NUI DAT.
(c) 2 Tp op con 12 Fd Regt at FSB JANE. Elms op con 1 Fd Sqn NDP TESSA. 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) AO PIPI.
(d) 3 Tp (-) NUI DAT. ELMS op con to 3 RAR at FSB ZIGGIE.
(e) Other elms deployed FSB FRIENDSHIP, DUC THANH and NDP SUSAN.

(4) 1 ATF Artillary

(a) Nil contact and 7 H and I missions were fired.
(b) A Fd Bty: Sect at NUI DAT. Sect at FSB ZIGGIE.
(c) 104 Fd Bty: Sect at NUI DAT, Sect at FSB JANE.
(d) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at FSB FRIENDSHIP.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn

(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1,2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to tanks, cav and both Inf Bns.
(c) LCT at NDP TESSA cutting fire trails to the NW. MCT Redeploy to NUI DAT.
(d) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North of Province border continues with rock supplied from NUI DAT. Work on Bridge 6 YS599637 continues. Curb and guttering, construction of hard rock standing at BARIA, well boring and construction work at JWTC continues. Repairing of Route 23 with rock from NUI NHON continues. Work continues at 6 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)

(a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
(b) A Coy at NUI DAT.
(c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
(d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
(e) V Coy in AO PIPI YS4489.
(f) Sp Coy at NUI DAT.

(8) 3 RAR

(a) Bn HQ remained at FSB ZIGGIE.
(b) A Coy redeployed to NUI DAT.
(c) B Coy deployed into AO GRACE YS4983.
(d) C Coy (-) at NDP HORSESHOE. One Pl at NUI DAT RRF.
(e) D Coy deployed into FSB ZIGGIE (YS6181).
(f) Sp Coy (-) at FSB ZIGGIE. Pnr Pl with LCT.

(9) 1 ARU.

(a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
(b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
(c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.

(10) D and E Pl. Op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS450904.

b. Plans Summary for Period 220001H to 222400H May 71.

(1) 3 Cav Regt.

(a) 1 Tp deploy into 1 ATF Recce Area East of XUYEN MOC.

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(2) 3 RAR.
(a) Bn HQ redploy to NUI DAT.
(b) Sp Coy redploy to NUI DAT.

c. Locations.

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt., SHQTp, 4 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp YS655689. 3 Tp FSB JANE. 5 Tp YS565676.
(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp NUI DAT with elms at FSB JANE and NDP TESSA. 3 Tp NUI DAT and elms at FSB ZIGGIE, DUC THANH, FSB FRIENDSHIP, NDP SUSAN.
(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty FSB ZIGGIE and NUI DAT. 104 Fd Bty FSB JANE and NUI DAT. C Bty 5/42 (US) Arty Bty (-) FSB FRIENDSHIP
(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, A Coy, B Coy, C Coy, Sp Coy NUI DAT. V Coy HQ YS449893.
(5) 3 RAR. Bn HQ, D Coy, Sp Coy FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy NUI DAT. B Coy HQ YS487832. C Coy NDP HORSESHOE.
(6) LCT. NDP TESSA.
(7) MCT. NUI DAT.
(8) D and E Pl. YS450904.
(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl, 3 Pl NUI DAT. Base patrolat YS453641.
(10) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ and 4 Coy YS491556. 1 Coy YS407544. 2 Coy YS505528. 3 Coy YS474485.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents. Omitted.

e. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action.
(1,3,4) Omitted.
(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 1 LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations.
a, b. Omitted.
c. Engineering Operations. LCT. 20,000 Sq Metres cleared. MCT. Omitted.

3. Meteorological Detail
a. Rainfall Nil
b. Prevailing Winds. 243 deg at 05 knots.
c. Temperature. 77.5 deg F.
d. Humidity. 73%

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22 MAY 71
OPS 0234

Subject : Ground Commander's situation Report (SITREP)
From 220001H to 222400H May 71.

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC)

PART 1

1. Operation Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues Operations PHOI HOP and BRIAR PATCH II in 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1Armd Regt
(a) Sqn HQ (-) rremained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp NUI DAT 1 ATF RRF
(c) 2 Tp remained op con to 3 RAR. Deployed to XUYEN MOC supporting District Chief's Operation.
(d) 3 Tp (-) op con 12 Fd Regt and loc at FSB JANE.
(e) 4 Tp remains NUI DAT continues to prepare for return to AUSTRALIA.
(f) 5 Tp deployed AO HEATHER, area YS5561.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp recce and ambush in 1 ATF Recce Area (YS7568).
(c) 2 Tp op con 12 Fd Regt at FSB JANE. Elms op con 1 Fd Sqn NDP TESSA, 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) AO PIPI.
(d) 3 Tp (-) NUI DAT. Elms op con to 3 RAR at FSB ZIGGIE.
(e) Other elms deployed FSB FRIENDSHIP, DUC THANH and NDP SUSAN.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery.
(a) No contacts and ten H and I missions were fired.
(b) A Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB ZIGGIE.
(c) 104 Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB JANE.
(d) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at FSB FRIENDSHIP.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to tanks, cav and both Inf Bns.
(c) LCT at NDP TESSA, cutting fire trails to the NW. MCT redeploy to NUI DAT.
(d) Maint of NUI DAT continues.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North od Province border continues with rock supplied from NUI DAT. Work on Bridge 6 YS599637 continues. Curb and guttering, construction of hard standing at BARIA continues. Repairing of Route 23 with rock from NUI NHÓN continues. Work at 6 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing, well boring and construction work at VUNG TAU, and quarry ops at NUI DAT continue.

(7) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
(a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
(b) A Coy at NUI DAT.
(c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
(d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
(e) V Coy in AO PIPI (YS4489).
(f) Sp Coy at NUI DAT.

(8) 3 RAR.
(a) Bn HQ redeployed to NUI DAT.
(b) A Coy at VUNG TAU (stand down).
(c) B Coy in AO GRACE (YS4983).
(d) C Coy (-) at NDP HORSESHOE. One Pl at NUI DAT RRF.
(e) D Coy at FSB ZIGGIE (YS6181).
(f) Sp Coy (-) redeployed to NUI DAT. Pnr Pl with LCT. Mor Pl at FSB ZIGGIE. Sects of Mor Pl and A/Tk Pl at YS486812.

(9) 1 ARU.
(a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
(b) 2 Pl at VUNG TAU (stand down).
(c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.

(10) D and E Pl. Op con to 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS450904.

..../b. Plans Summary

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b. Plans Summary for Period 230001H to 232400H May 71.

(1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(a) 1 Tp redeploys to NUI DAT.

(2) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

(a) Battalion ceases operations in AO LISA at 222400H. Embarks HMAS SYDNEY for return to AUSTRALIA.

(b) V Coy changes to come under command 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at 222400H and remains in AO PIPI (YS4489).

(c) D and E Pl changes op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at 222400H and remains in vicinity YS4590.

(3) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

(a) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) main body disembarks HMAS SYDNEY and deploys to NUI DAT.

(b) Battalion assumes command V Coy at 222400H.

(c) D and E Pl op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at 222400H.

c. Locations.

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
SHQ and 1 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp YS655689. 3 Tp and 4 Tp FSB JANE. 5 Tp YS541618.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS770646 and NUI DAT. 2 Tp FSB JANE, elms at NDP TESSA and NUI DAT. 3 Tp FSB ZIGGIE, elms at NUI DAT and DUC THANH and FSB FRIENDSHIP.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery.
RHQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect NUI DAT, sect FSB ZIGGIE. 104 Fd Bty: sect NUI DAT, sect FSB JANE. C/[illegible]/45 (US) Arty Bty (-) FSB FRIENDSHIP.

(4) 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
Bn HQ, A Coy, B Coy, C Coy and Sp Coy NUI DAT. V Coy YS449893.

(5) 3 RAR.
Bn HQ, A Coy and Sp Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS488842. C Coy NDP HORSESHOE. D Coy FSB ZIGGIE.

(6) LCT. NDP TESSA.

(7) MCT. NUI DAT.

(8) D and E Pl. YS[illegible]50904

(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT. Base ptl at YS437642

(10) 302 RF Bn. 1 Coy YS465572. 2 Coy 480529. 3 Coy YS478485. 4 Coy and HQ Coy YS491556.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 220850 at YS630828 3 Pl D Coy 3 RAR found a bunker system, in an area 20m x 10m, containing 3 bunkers and 1 fighting pit. All pits were approx 5' deep with 6" OHP. The position was const and last used 1-2 months ago. No eqpt was found. The system was destroyed.

(2) At 220915H at YS353904 an LOH from 161 Indep Recce Flt loc a bunker system which was considered to be occupied. At 221030H the position was eng by an air strike of 2 x F100 ac which dropped 4 x 750 lb bombs (1 failed to explode) and napalm. Four bunkers were reported as destroyed. The position was then eng by gunships from 9 Sqn RAAF. These ac had ground fire directed at them. At 221215H a second air strike by 2 x F100 ac was made, when 8 x 750 lb bombs were dropped and 1600 rds of 20mm were fired. Gunships of 9 Sqn RAAF again eng the target and again ground fire was directed at them. Between 221400H and 221500H 155mms from RTAVF FSB TANEE fired 30 rds of 155mm HE at the position.

e. Results. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action.

(1), (3) and (4) omitted.

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPS deployed

2. Combined Operations.

a. and b omitted.

c. Engineering Operations. LCT 20,000 sq.metres cleared.
MCT Omitted.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. Trace of rain.

b. Prevailing Winds. 202 deg at 03 knots

c. Temperature. 80.1 deg F.

d. Humidity. 77%

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Subject : Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 230001H to 232400H May 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART I

1. Operation Summary
a. General
(1) 1 ATF continues Operations PHOI HOP and BRIAR PATCH II in 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
(a) Sqn HQ (-) remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp NUI DAT 1 ATF RRF.
(c) 2 Tp remained op con to 3 RAR. Deployed to XUYEN MOC supporting District Chief's Operation.
(d) 3 Tp (-) op con 12 Fd Regt and loc at FSB JANE.
(e) 4 Tp remains NUI DAT continues to prepare for return to AUSTRALIA.
(f) 5 Tp deployed AO HEATHER, area YS5462.
(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp redeploy to NUI DAT.
(c) 2 Tp op con 12 Fd Regt at FSB JANE, elms op con 1 Fd Sqn NDP TESSA, 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) AO PIPI.
(d) 3 Tp (-) NUI DAT. Elms op con to 3 RAR at FSB ZIGGIE.
(e) Other elms deploy FSB FRIENDSHIP, DUC THANH and NDP SUSAN.
(4) 1 ATF Artillery
(a) Nil contacts and 13 H and I missions were fired.
(b) A Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB ZIGGIE.
(c) 104 Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB JANE.
(d) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at FSB FRIENDSHIP.
(5) 1 Fd Sqn
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1, 2, and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to tanks, cav and both Inf Bns
(c) LCT at NDP TESSA, cutting fire trails to the NW.
(d) MCT at NUI DAT.
(e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
(6) 17 Const Sqn. Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North of Province border continues with rock supplied from NUI DAT. Work on Bridge 6 YS599637 continues. Curb and guttering, construction of hard standing at BARIA continues. Repair of Route 23 with rock from NUI NHON continues. Work at 6 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continues. Well boring and construction work at VUNG TAU continues. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continues.
(7) 2 RAR.
(a) 2 RAR embarked HMAS SYDNEY RTA.
(8) 3 RAR.
(a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
(b) A Coy at VUNG TAU (stand down).
(c) B Coy in AO GRACE (YS4984).
(d) C Coy (-) at NDP HORSESHOE. One Pl at NUI DAT RRF.
(e) D Coy at FSB ZIGGIE (YS6181), patrolling to the East.
(f) Sp Coy (-) at NUI DAT. Pnr Pl with LCT. Mor Pl (-) at FSB ZIGGIE. Sec of Mor Pl and A/Tk Pl at YS4784.
(9) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
(a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
(b) V Coy AO PIPI (YS4489).
(c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
(d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
(e) D Coy at NUI DAT.
(f) Sp Coy at NUI DAT.
(10) 1 ARU.
(a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
(b) 2 Pl at VUNG TAU (stand down).
(c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.

.../11. D and E Pl.

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(11) D and E Pl. Op con to 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) (YS4590).

b. Plans Summary for Period 240001H to 242400H May 71.

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
(a) 1 Tp op con 3 RAR.
(b) 2 Tp NUI DAT 1 ATF RRF.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
(a) 1 Tp indep op NW AO LISA.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery.
(a) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty redeploy to NUI DAT.

(4) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
(a) 4 RAR commence in theatre training.

c. Locations.

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 1 Tp , 4 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp YS655689. 3 Tp FSB JANE. 5 Tp YS475668.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT with indep sects at YS474836, FSB FRIENDSHIP, NDP SUSAN and DUC THANH. 1 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp NUI DAT with elms at NDP TESSA, FSB JANE and YS437914. 3 Tp NUI DAT with elms at FSB ZIGGIE.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect NUI DAT, sect FSB ZIGGIE. 104 Fd Bty: sect NUI DAT, sect FSB JANE. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty FSB FRIENDSHIP.

(4) 3 RAR. Bn HQ, and , Sp Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS497842. C Coy NDP HORSESHOE. D Coy FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy VUNG TAU.

(5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, B Coy, C Coy, D Coy, Sp Coy NUI DAT. V Coy YS449893.

(6) LCT. NDP TESSA.

(7) MCT. NUI DAT.

(8) D and E Pl. YS450904.

(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, and 3 Pl NUI DAT, with base patrol at YS458654. 2 Pl VUNG TAU.

(10) 302 RF Bn. 1 Coy YS465572. 2 Coy YS486524. 3 Coy YS478485. HQ Coy, 4 Coy YS491556.

PART II

c. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 231240H at YS491849 1 Pl B Coy 3 RAR engaged 2 VC with SA wpns. Enemy wdr SE without casualties. In following up Pl found a ½lb slab of PE 150 metres SE of contact. The likely enemy wdr route was engaged with 81mm Mor HE.

(2) At 232000H at YS443876 a ptl from 2 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) moving to a night AP believed they saw five persons hurredly leave a house 150 metres to their West. The area was illum by FSB JANE with nil sighting by the ptl. The ptl continued to observe the house which was occupied by several persons incl women. At 232120H a wpn believed to be an RPG was fired from the vicinity of the house. The round exploded approx 100 metres beyond the ptl. The ptl continued to observe the house.

e. Results.

(1) Omitted

(2) Enemy Losses.
(a) Omitted
(b) Material ½ lb of PE.

f. Small Unit Action

(1, 3, 4) Omitted

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations

a, b Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations. LCT. 10,000 sq metres cleared. MCT. Omitted.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall .05 in

b. Prevailing Winds 158 deg at 03 knots.

c. Temperature. 80.6 deg F.

d. Humidity. 80%

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Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 240001H to 242400H May 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART I

1. Operation Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues Operations PHOI HOP and BRIAR PATCH II in 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
(a) Sqn HQ (-) remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp op con 3 RAR . Deployed to XUYEN MOC supporting District Chief's Operation.
(c) 2 Tp redeployed to NUI DAT 1 ATF RRF.
(d) 3 Tp (-) op con 12 Fd Regt at FSB JANE.
(e) 5 Tp deployed AO HEATHER, area YS5462.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT
(b) 1 Tp independent op NW AO LISA (YS3692).
(c) 2 Tp op con 12 Fd Regt at FSB JANE, elms op con 1 Fd Sqn NDP TESSA, 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) AO PIPI.
(d) 3 Tp (-) NUI DAT. Elms op con to 3 RAR at FSB ZIGGIE.
(e) Other elms deploy FSB FRIENDSHIP, DUC THANH and NDP SUSAN.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery.
(a) NIL contacts and 14 H and I missions were fired.
(b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
(c) A Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB ZIGGIE.
(d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB JANE.
(e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty redployed to NUI DAT.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to tanks, cav and both Inf Bns.
(c) LCT at NDP TESSA, cutting fire trails to the NW.
(d) MCT at NUI DAT.
(e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North of Province border continues with rock supplied from NUI DAT. Work on Bridge 6 YS599637 continues. Curb and guttering, construction of hard standing at BARIA continues. Repairing of Route 23 with rock from NUI NHON continues. Work at 6 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continues. Well boring and construction work at VUNG Tau continues. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continue.

(7) 3 RAR.
(a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
(b) A Coy at VUNG TAU (stand down).
(c) B Coy in AO GRACE (YS4984).
(d) C Coy (-) at NDP HORSESHOE. One pl at NUI DAT RRF.
(e) D Coy at FSB ZIGGIE (YS6181), patrolling to the East.
(f) Sp Coy (-) at NUI DAT. Pnr Pl with LCT. Mor Pl (-) at FSB ZIGGIE. Sects of Mor Pl and A/Tk Pl at YS4782.

(8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
(a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
(b) V Coy in AO PIPI (YS4489).
(c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
(d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
(e) D Coy at NUI DAT.
(f) Sp Coy at NUI DAT.
(g) In Theatre familiarisation training commenced.

(9) 1 ARU.
(a) 1 Pl op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in AO QUEST.
(b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
(c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.

(10) D and E Pl. Op con to 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) (YS4590).

..../Plans Summary

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b. Plans Summary for Period 250001H to 252400H May 71.
(1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
(a) 1 Tp redeploys to NUI DAT.
(2) 1 ATF Artillery.
(a) FSB FRIENDSHIP closes.
(3) MCT. Deploys to BRIDGID (YS5154).

c. Locations.
(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 2 Tp and 4 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS655689. 3 Tp FSB JANE. 5 Tp YS522662.
(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT with indep sects at YS474836, NDP FRIENDSHIP, NDP SUSAN and DUC THANH. 1 Tp NUI DAT with elms at YS350882, YS393866 and YS358865. 2 Tp NUI DAT with elms at FSB JANE, NDP TESSA and YS446917. 3 Tp NUI DAT with elms at FSB ZIGGIE and NDP SUSAN.
(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect NUI DAT, sect FSB ZIGGIE. 104 Fd Bty: sect NUI DAT, sect FSB JANE. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty returned to NUI DAT.
(4) 3 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy VUNG TAU. (stand down). B Coy YS491849. C Coy NDP HORSESHOE. D Coy and Sp Coy FSB ZIGGIE.
(5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, B Coy, C Coy, D Coy and Sp Coy NUI DAT. V Coy YS449893.
(6) LCT. NDP TESSA.
(7) MCT. NUI DAT.
(8) D and E Pl. YS450904.
(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl YS413690 op con to 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). 2 Pl at NUI DAT. 3 Pl NUI DAT with
(10) base ptl at YS458642.
(10) 302 RF Bn. 1 Coy YS465572. 2 Coy YS486524. 3 Coy YS478485. Bn HQ and 4 Coy YS491556.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.
(1) At 241425H at YS361926 an APC of 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt det an A/Tk mine. Result: 2 Aust WIA, 4 sets of road wheels blown off veh. A second mine containing a 15 lb charge and pressure-operated, was recovered in the vicinity of the incident. The mine was approx 12 months old.
(2) At 241515H at YS488905 1 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found a CHICOM mine consisting of a 15 lb TNT charge and grenade-operated by a tilt switch. The mine appeared to have been placed in position a few hours previously. The grenade was destroyed and the TNT recovered.

e. Results.
(1) Friendly Losses.
(a) Personnel. 2 Aust WIA.
(b) Material. 1 x M113 damaged.
(2) Enemy Losses.
(a) Omitted.
(b) Material 2 x 15 lb mines, 1 x grenade.

f. Small Unit Action.
(1), (3) and (4) omitted.
(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPS deployed.

2. Combined Operations.
a. and b. omitted.
c. Engineering Operations. LCT. 15,000 sq metres. MCT Omitted.

3. Meteorological Detail.
a. Rainfall .09 in
b. Prevailing Winds. 213 deg at 04 knots.
c. Temperature. 77.7 deg F.
d. Humidity. 77%

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Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 250001H to 252400H May 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART I

1. Operation Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues Operations PHOI HOP and BRIAR PATCH II in 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ (-) remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp op con 3 RAR. Deployed to XUYEN MOC supporting District Chief's Operation.
(c) 2 Tp redeployed to NUI DAT 1 ATF RRF.
(d) 3 Tp (-) op con 12 Fd Regt at FSB JANE.
(e) 5 Tp deployed AO HEATHER, area YS5266.

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp redeployed to NUI DAT 1 ATF RRF.
(c) 2 Tp op con 12 Fd Regt at FSB JANE, elms op con 1 Fd Sqn NDP TESSA, 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) AO PIPI.
(d) 3 Tp (-) NUI DAT. Elms op con 3 RAR at FSB ZIGGIE and YS4783.
(e) Other elms deploy DUC THANH and NDP SUSAN.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery.

(a) Nil contacts and 10 H and I missions were fired.
(b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
(c) A Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB ZIGGIE.
(d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB JANE.
(e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at NUI DAT.
(f) FSB FRIENDSHIP closed, all remaining tps redeployed to NUI DAT.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.

(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to tanks, cav and both Inf Bns.
(c) LCT at NDP TESSA, cutting fire trails to the NW.
(d) MCT at NUI DAT.
(e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North of Province border continues with rock supplied from NUI DAT. Work on Bridge 6 YS599637 continues. Curb and guttering, construction of hard standing at BARIA continues. Repairing of Route 23 with rock from NUI NHON continues. Work at 6 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continues. Well boring and construction work at VUNG TAU continues. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continue.

(7) 3 RAR.

(a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
(b) A Coy at NUI DAT.
(c) B Coy in AO GRACE (YS4985).
(d) C Coy (-) at NDP HORSESHOE. One Pl at NUI DAT RRF.
(e) D Coy at FSB ZIGGIE (YS6181), patrolling to the East.
(f) Sp Coy (-) at NUI DAT. Pnr Pl with LCT. Mor Pl (-) at FSB ZIGGIE. Sects of Mor and A/Tk Pl at YS4782.

(8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

(a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
(b) V Coy in AO PIPI (YS4489).
(c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
(d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
(e) D Coy at NUI DAT.
(f) Sp Coy at NUI DAT.
(g) In Theatre familiarisation training continues.

(9) 1 ARU.

(a) 1 Pl op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in AO QUEST (YS3767).
(b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
(c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.

(10) D and E Pl. Op con to 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) (YS4590).

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b. Plans Summary for Period 260001H to 262400H May 71.

(1) 3 RAR.
(a) A Coy (-) deploy to NDP HORSESHOE, one Pl 1 ATF RMF (NUI DAT).
(b) C Coy redeploy to NUI DAT.

c. Locations.

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 2 Tp, 4 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS655689. 3 Tp FSB JANE. 5 Tp YS545648.
(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT with indep sects at YS474826, NDP SUSAN and DUC THANH. 1 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp NUI DAT with elms at FSB JANE, YS437915 and NDP TESSA. 3 Tp elms at NUI DAT and FSB ZIGGIE.
(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty Sect FSB ZIGGIE, sect at NUI DAT. 104 Fd Bty sect FSB JANE, sect NUI DAT. C (-) Bty 5/42 (US) Arty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB CARMEN
(4) 3 RAR. Bn HQ, A Coy NUI DAT. B Coy YS491849. C Coy NDP HORSESHOE. D Coy, Sp Coy FSB ZIGGIE.
(5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, B Coy, C Coy, D Coy and Sp Coy NUI DAT. V Coy YS449893.
(6) LCT. NDP TESSA.
(7) MCT. NUI DAT.
(8) D and E Pl. YS450904.
(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl YS375674. 2 Pl, 3 Pl NUI DAT.
(10) 302 RF Bn. 1 Coy YS465572. 2 Coy YS502528. 3 Coy YS474485. Bn HQ,4 Coy YS491556.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) (251700H). At YS 656807 12 Pl D Coy 3 RAR found a track running West then North used by approx 10 VC wearing HO CHI MINH sandals 4 - 5 hours old.

e. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action.

(1, 3 and 4 Omitted.
(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 6 LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations.

a, b Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations. LCT. 15,000 sq metres. MCT Omitted.

3. Meteorological Detail

a. Rainfall Nil
b. Prevailing Winds 135 deg at 05 knots.
c. Temperature 77 deg F.
d. Humidity 84%

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26 May 71
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Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP).
From 260001H to 262400H May 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TCC).

PART I

1. Operation Summary.
a. General
(1) 1 ATF continues Operations PHOI HOP and BRIAR PATCH II in 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
(a) Sqn HQ (-) remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp op con 3 RAR. Deployed to XUYEN MOC supporting District Chief's Operation.
(c) 2 Tp redeployed to NUI DAT 1 ATF RRF.
(d) 3 Tp (-) op con 12 Fd Regt at FSB JANE.
(e) 5 Tp deployed AO HEATHER, (YS5365).
(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp at NUI DAT 1 ATF RRF.
(c) 2 Tp op con 12 Fd Regt at FSB JANE, elms op con 1 Fd Sqn NDP TESSA, 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) AO PIPI.
(d) 3 Tp independant op TF Recce Area (YS6459). Elms op con 3 RAR AO DEBORAH, at FSB ZIGGIE and YS4783.
(e) Other elms deploy DUC THANH and NDP SUSAN.
(4) 1 ATF Artillery.
(a) NIL contacts and NIL H and I missions were fired.
(b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
(c) A Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB ZIGGIE.
(d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB JANE.
(e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at NUI DAT.
(5) 1 Fd Sqn.
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to tanks, cav and both Inf Bns.
(c) LCT at NDP TESSA, cutting fire trails to the NW.
(d) MCT at NUI DAT.
(e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
(6) 17 Const Sqn. Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North of Province border continues with rock supplied from NUI DAT. Work on Bridge 6 YS599637 continues. Curb and guttering, construction of hard standing at BARIA continues. Repairing of Route 23 with rock from NUI NHON continues. Work at 6 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continues. Well boring and construction work at VUNG TAU contines. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continue.
(7) 3 RAR.
(a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
(b) A Coy (-) deployed to NDP HORSESHOE, one Pl 1 ATF RRF (NUI DAT).
(c) B Coy in AO GRACE (YS4985).
(d) C Coy redeployed to NUI DAT.
(e) D Coy at FSB ZIGGIE (YS6181), patrolling to the East.
(f) Sp Coy (-) at NUI DAT. Pnr Pl with LCT. Mor Pl (-) at FSB ZIGGIE. Sects of Mor and A/Tk Pl at YS4782.
(8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
(a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
(b) V Coy in AO PIPI (YS4489).
(c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
(d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
(e) D Coy at NUI DAT.
(f) Sp Coy at NUI DAT.
(g) In Theatre familiarisation training continues.
(9) 1 ARU.
(a) 1 Pl op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in AO QUEST (YS3768).
(b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
(c) 3 Pl at VUNG TAU (Stand down).
(10) D and E Pl. Op con to 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) (YS4590)

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b. Plans Summary for Period 270001H to 272400H May 71.
(1) 3 RAR.
(a) C Coy VUNG TAU (Stand down).

c. Locations.
(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ, 2 Tp , 4 Tp NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS655689. 3. Tp FSB JANE./ 5 Tp YS515665
(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT elms DUC THANH, NDP TESSA, YS474826. 1 Tp NUI DAT, elms YS474826. 2 Tp NUI DAT elms FSB JANE, YS450904, NDP TESSA. 3 Tp NUI DAT, elms FSB ZIGGIE, NDP SUSAN, YS650599, YS665603.
(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ and C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect FSB ZIGGIE, sect NUI DAT. 104 Fd Bty sect FSB JANE, sect NUI DAT.
(4) 3 RAR. Bn HQ, C Coy and Sp Coy NUI DAT. A Coy NDP HORSESHOE. B Coy YS505855. D Coy FSB ZIGGIE.
(5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ, B Coy, C Coy, D Coy and Sp Coy NUI DAT. V Coy YS449893.
(6) LCT. NDP TESSA.
(7) MCT. NUI DAT.
(8) D and E Pl. YS450904.
(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
(10) 302 RF Bn. 1 Coy YS465572. 2 Coy YS502528. 3 Coy YS474485. Bn HQ, 4 Coy YS491556.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.
(1)(260100H). At YS509546 an unknown number of VC destroyed by demolition a 15ft x 30 in culvert across Route 44. The road remained open.
(2)(261435H). At YS633829 10 Pl D Coy 3 RAR loc 2 graves containing 2 decomposed bodies, 3 to 6 months old and wrapped in ponchos. Also found in the area was a burnt haversack and clothing, damaged cobking equipment and rusty wood cutters tools. There are many tracks in the area.
(3)(261800H). At YS430874 elms of 2 Pl V Coy 4RAR/NZ(ANZAC) located 5 graves and at YS440880 loc 1 grave approx 1 month old.
(4)(261800). At YS430874 3 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc 1 x 500lb UXB from which a portion of the explosive content had been removed.

e. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action.
(1,3 and 4) Omitted.
(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 9 LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations
a, b Omitted.
c. Engineering Operations. LCT. 15,000 sq metres . MCT. Omitted.

3. Meteorological Detail
a. Rainfall .74 inches.
b. Prevailing winds 115 deg at 04 knots.
c. Temperature 78.1 deg F.
d. Humidity 77%

4. Amendment.
(a) Commander's SITREP 230001H to 232400H May 71.
(1) Refer 1 (b) 3 delete MCT. deploys to BRIDGID (YS5154).

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27 May 71
OPS 0967

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 270001H to 272400H May 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART 1

1. Operation Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues Operation PHOI HOP and BRIAR PATCH in 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
(a) Sqn HQ (-) remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp op con 3 RAR. Deployed to XUYEN MOC supporting District Chief's Operation.
(c) 2 Tp remained at NUI DAT 1 ATF RRF.
(d) 3 Tp (-) op con 12 Fd Regt at FSB JANE.
(e) 5 Tp deployed AO HEATHER (YS5165).

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp at NUI DAT 1 ATF RRF.
(c) 2 Tp op con 12 Fd Regt at FSB JANE, elms op con 1 Fd Sqn NDP TESSA, 4 RAR /NZ(ANZAC) AO PIPI .
(d) 3 Tp redeploy to NUI DAT. Elms op con 3 RAR AO DEBORAH, at FSB ZIGGIE and YS4783.
(e) Other elms deployed DUC THANH and NDP SUSAN.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery.
(a) 1 contacts and Nil H and I missions were fired.
(b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
(c) A Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB ZIGGIE.
(d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB JANE.
(e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at NUI DAT.

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to tanks, cav and both Inf Bns.
(c) LCT at NDP TESSA, cutting fire trails to the NW.
(d) MCT at NUI DAT.
(e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North of Province border continues with rock supplied from NUI DAT. Work on Bridge 6 YS599637 continues. Curb and guttering, construction of hard standing at BARIA continues, Repairing of Route 23 with rock from NUI NHON continues. Work at 6 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continues. Well boring and construction work at VUNG TAU continues. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continue.

(7) 3 RAR.
(a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
(b) A Coy (-) at NDP HORSESHOE, one Pl 1 ATF RRF (NUI DAT).
(c) B Coy in AO GRACE (YS5085).
(d) C Coy at VUNG TAU (STAND DOWN).
(e) D Coy at FSB ZIGGIE (YS6181), patrolling to the East.
(f) Sp Coy (-) at NUI DAT. Pnr Pl with LCT. Mor Pl (-) at FSB ZIGGIE. Sects of Mor and A/Tk Pl at YS4782.

(8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
(a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
(b) V Coy in AO PIPI (YS4489).
(c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
(d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
(e) D Coy at NUI DAT.
(f) Sp Coy at NUI DAT.
(g) In theatre familiarisation training continues.

(9) 1 ARU.
(a) 1 Pl op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in AO QUEST (YS3768).
(b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
(c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.

(10) D and E Pl. Op con to 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) (YS4590)

.../b. Plans

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b. Plans Summary for Period 280001H to 282400H May 71.

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
- (a) 5 Tp redeploy to NUI DAT.
- (b) Forward Delivery Tp deploy to AO HEATHER.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- (a) 1 Tp op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
- (b) 3 Tp 1 ATF RRF.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery.
- (a) Pl of 8 inch guns from A Bty 7/8 (US) Arty deploy to NUI DAT for fire power demonstration, redeploy to FSB OLSEN (YT655068) PM.
- (b) USS EVERITT F LAWSON will be on station from 0900 to 1900 in Sp PHUOC TUY Province.

c. Locations.

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ NUI DAT and FSB JANE. 1 Tp YS655689. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp FSB JANE. 5 Tp YS535633.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT with elms DUC THANH and NDP TESSA. 1 Tp NUI DAT. 2 Tp NUI DAT with elms FSB JANE, NDP TESSA and YS435912. 3 Tp NUI DAT with elms FSB ZIGGIE and NDP SUSAN.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty; sect FSB ZIGGIE, sect NUI DAT. 104 Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB JANE. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at NUI DAT.

(4) 3 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy NDP HORSESHOE. B Coy YS509855. C Coy VUNG TAU. D Coy FSB ZIGGIE. Sp Coy NUI DAT.

(5) 5 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT. V Coy YS449893. B Coy, C Coy, D Coy, Sp Coy NUI DAT.

(6) LCT. NDP TESSA.

(7) MCT. NUI DAT.

(8) D and E Pl. YS450904.

(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl YS366688. 2 Pl, and 3 Pl NUI DAT.

(10) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS491556. 1 Coy YS465572. 2 Coy YS502528. 3 Coy YS474485. 4 Coy YS491556.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1)(270830H). At YS477872 3 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc a camp site 4 to 5 metres in diameter. It was in fair condition about two weeks old and occupied within the last 24 hrs. A quantity of food and equipment was found.

(2)(271400H). At YS640836 10 Pl D Coy 3 RAR loc a staging camp capable of holding 15 - 20 persons. It was well established and had a number of sentry pits. It was approx 6 months old and had not had recent use.

(3)(271400H). At YS391865, 3 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt loc a system 150 by 150 metres with 12 fighting pits and a perimeter trench. It was about 18 months old, used last about 12 months ago and was in very poor condition.

(4)(272050H). At YS432876 2 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) engaged an estimated 2 enemy with claymores and SA fire. Limited sweep was conducted with nil results. A further sweep is to be conducted at first light.

(5)(272214H). At YS454845 3 VC were engaged on the wire of FSB JANE. A sweep was carried out by APCs with nil results. A further sweep is to be conducted at first light.

e. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action.

(1, 3 and 4). Omitted.

(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 7 LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations.

a, b Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations. LCT. 30,000 sq metres cleared. MCT. Omitted.

3. Meteoroligical Details.

a. Rainfall Nil

b. Prevailing Winds 102 deg at 06 knots.

c. Temperature 81 deg F.

d. Humidity 78%

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Subject : Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 280001H to 282400H May 71.

To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART 1

1. Operations Summary

a. General

(1) 1 ATF continues Operation PHOI HOP and BRIAR PATCH. II in 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.

(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
(a) Sqn HQ (-) remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp op con 3 RAR. Deployed to XUYEN MOC supporting District Chief's Op.
(c) 2 Tp remained at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
(d) 3 Tp(-) op con 12 Fd Regt at FSB JANE.
(e) 5 Tp deployed to AO LISA (YS3672)
(f) Fwd Del Tp deployed to AO HEATHER (YS5363)

(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in AO LISA.
(c) 2 Tp(-) op con 12 Fd Regt at FSB JANE, elms op con 1 Fd Sqn NDP TESSA, 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) AO PIPI.
(d) 3 Tp(-) escort of guns to FSB OLSEN, redeploy to NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF, elms op con 3 RAR AO DEBORAH , at FSB ZIGGIE and YS4783.
(e) Other elms deployed DUC THANH and NDP SUSAN.

(4) 1 ATF Artillery.
(a) Nil contacts and 3 H and I missions were fired.
(b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
(c) A Fd Bty: Sect at NUI DAT cmm sect at FSB ZIGGIE.
(d) 104 Fd Bty: Sect at NUI DAT cmm sect at FSB JANE.
(e) C Bty(-) 5/42 (US) Arty at NUI DAT.
(f) Pl A Bty 7/8 (US) Arty at NUI DAT , Fire Power Demonstration, redeploy to FSB OLSEN (YT6506).

(5) 1 Fd Sqn.
(5) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to tanks, cav and both Inf Bns.
(c) LCT at NDP TESSA, cutting fire trails to the NW.
(d) MCT at NUI DAT.
(e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.

(6) 17 Const Sqn. Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North of Province border continues. Cartage of rock from NUI DAT is now complete. Work on Bridge 6 YS599637 continues on schedule. Curb and guttering, construction of hard standing at BARIA continues. Repairing of Route 23 with rock from NUI NHON continues. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing. Well boring and construction work at VUNG TAU temporarily discontinued. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continue.

(7) 3 RAR.
(a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
(b) A Coy (-) at NDP HORSESHOE, one pl 1 ATF RRF (NUI DAT).
(c) B Coy in AO GRACE (YS5185).
(d) C Coy at VUNG TAU (STAND DOWN).
(e) D Coy at FSB ZIGGIE (YS6181), patrolling to the East.
(f) Sp Coy (-) at NUI DAT. Pnr Pl with LCT. Mor Pl (-) at FSB ZIGGIE. Sects of Mor and A/Tk Pl at YS4782.

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(8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn.
(a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT
(b) V Coy in AO PIPI (YS4489).
(c) B Coy at NUI DAT.
(d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
(e) D Coy at NUI DAT.
(f) Sp Coy at NUI DAT.
(g) In theatre familiarisation training continues
(9) 1 ARU.
(a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
(b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
(c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.
(10) D and E Pl. Op con to 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) (YS4590).

b. Plans Summary for Period 290001H to 292400H May 71.
(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
(a) 5 Tp op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
(2) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
(a) D Coy deploy to AO LISA by Air for Inf/Armd/Cav familiarisation trainin

c. Locations.
(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ (-) NUI DAT with elm at FSB JANE. 1 Tp YS656687. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp FSB JANE. 4 Tp non-operational at NUI DAT. 5 Tp YS375737.
(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp NUI DAT with elms in YS YS3671, YS3772, YS3672. 2 Tp NUI DAT with elms at FSB JANE, NDP TESSA and YS428917. 3 Tp at FSB ZIGGIE with elms at NUI DAT.
(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty: sect NUI DAT, sect FSB ZIGGIE. 104 Fd Bty: sect NUI DAT, sect FSB JANE.3 guns C Bty 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.
(4) 3 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy NDP HORSESHOE. B Coy YS518846. C Coy VUNG TAU (STAND DOWN) D Coy FSB ZIGGIE. Sp Coy NUI DAT.
(5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT. V Coy YS449893. B Coy, C Coy, D Coy and Sp Coy NUI DAT.
(6) LCT. NDP TESSA.
(7) MCT. NUI DAT.
(8) D and E Pl. YS450904.
(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
(10) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS491556. 1 Coy YS465572. 2 Coy YS502528. 3 Coy YS474485. 4 Coy YS491556.

PART II

d. Contacts and Incidents.
(1) Late Report. At 271515H at YS395920 a ptl from 1 ATF eng at least 2 VC in bunkers and then withdrew. Results: 1 Aust WIA.
(2) Late Report. At 271630H at YS378933 a ptl from 1 ATF eng 4 VC moving rapidly from S to N. After contact the ptl withdrew. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 wpn (unidentified), 1 pack and a qty of docus CIA.
(3) At 282300H at YS552639, APCs from Fwd Del Tp, C Sqn 1 Armd Regt eng 1 suspected VC with SA. Illum was fired. Suspect moved S to N. Nil results.

e. Results.
(1) Friendly Losses.
(a) Personnel. 1 Aust WIA
(b) Omitted.
(2) Enemy Losses.
(a) Personnel. 1 VC KIA (BC)
(b) Material. 1 wpn (unidentified), 1 pack and qty of documents.

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f. Small Unit Action.
(1) Omitted.
(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 5 LRRPS deployed.
(3) Small Unit Action with Contact. See 1. d. (1) and 1. d. (2).
(4) Results, See 1. e.

2. Combined Operations.
a. Omitted.
b. Omitted.
c. Engineering Operations. LCT 20,000 sq metres cleared.
MCT Omitted.

3. Meteorological Detail.

a. Rainfall. 0.20 in
b. Prevailing Winds 141 deg at 05 knots
c. Temperature 80,2 deg F.
d. Humidity 83%

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PART I

1. Operations Summary
a. General
(1) 1 ATF continues Operation PHOI HOP and BRIAR PATCH II in 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
(a) Sqn HQ (-) remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp op con 3 RAR. Deployed to XUYEN MOC supporting District Chief's Operation.
(c) 2 Tp remained at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
(d) 3 Tp (-) op con 12 Fd Regt at FSB JANE.
(e) 5 Tp in AO LISA (YS3571).
(f) Fwd Del Tp in AO HEATHER (YS5367).
(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in AO LISA (YS3571).
(c) 2 Tp (-) op con 12 Fd Regt at FSB JANE, elms op con 1 Fd Sqn NDP TESSA, 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) AO PIPI.
(d) 3 Tp (-) NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF, elms op con 3 RAR AO DEBORAH, at FSB ZIGGIE and YS4783.
(e) Other elms deployed DUC THANH and NDP SUSAN.
(4) 1 ATF Artillery
(a) Nil contacts and Nil H and I missions were fired.
(b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
(c) A Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB ZIGGIE.
(d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB JANE.
(e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at NUI DAT.
(5) 1 Fd Sqn
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provide splinter and mini teams to tanks, cav and both Inf Bns.
(c) LCT at NDP TESSA, cutting fire trails to the NW.
(d) MCT at NUI DAT.
(e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
(6) 17 Const Sqn. Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North of Province border continues. Work on Bridge 6 YS599637 continues. Curb and guttering, construction of hard standing at BARIA continues. Repairing of Route 23 with rock from NUI NHON continues. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province of RF housing continues. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continue.
(7) 3 RAR
(a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
(b) A Coy (-) at NDP HORSESHOE, one pl 1 ATF RRF (NUI DAT).
(c) B Coy in AO GRACE (YS5184).
(d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
(e) D Coy at FSB ZIGGIE (YS6181), patrolling to the East.
(f) Sp Coy (-) at NUI DAT. Pnr Pl with LCT. Mor Pl (-) at FSB ZIGGIE. Sects of Mor and A/Tk Pl at YS4782.
(8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
(a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
(b) V Coy in AP PIPI (YS4489).
(c) B Coy at NUI DAT.

.../(d) C Coy

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(d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
(e) D Coy deploy to AO LISA (YS3571) for Armd/Cav familiarisation training.
(f) Sp Coy (-) at NUI DAT. Sect Mor Pl YS3571.
(g) In theatre familiarisation training continues.

(9) 1 ARU
(a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
(b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
(c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.

(10) D and E Pl. Op con to 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) (YS4590).

b. Plans Summary for Period 300001H to 302400H May 71.

(1) 3 RAR
(a) Bn HQ deploy to FSB ZIGGIE.
(b) C Coy deploy to AO DEBORAH (YS5666).
(c) D Coy deploy to YS6781.
(d) Sp Coy (-) deploy to FSB ZIGGIE.

(2) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
(a) B Coy deploy to AO LISA (YS3571) for Inf/Armd/Cav familiarisation training.
(b) D Coy redeploy to NUI DAT by AIR.

c. Locations.

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ (-) NUI DAT with elms at FSB JANE and YS539638. 1 Tp YS655689. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp (-) FSB JANE. 5 Tp (-) YS355713 with elms at YS 374704. Fwd Del Tp YS539638.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp (-) NUI DAT with elms at YS373703, 373724, YS363703. 2 Tp (-) NUI DAT with elms at FSB JANE, YS450904, NDP TESSA. 3 Tp (-) FSB ZIGGIE with elms at NUI DAT.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB ZIGGIE. 104 Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB JANE. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.

(4) 3 RAR. Bn HQ NUI DAT. A Coy (-) NDP HORSESHOE. B Coy (-) YS518846. C Coy NUI DAT. D Coy (-) FSB ZIGGIE with pls at YS656825 and YS671819. Sp Coy (-) NUI DAT.

(5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT. V Coy (-) YS449893. B Coy and C Coy NUI DAT. D Coy YS351718. Sp Coy NUI DAT.

(6) LCT. NDP TESSA.

(7) MCT. NUI DAT.

(8) D and E Pl. YS450904

(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.

(10) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS472503. 1 Coy YS455753. 2 Coy YS498530. 3 Coy YS473497. 4 Coy YS472503.

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d. Contacts and Incidents.

(1) At 292115H. A Coy 3 RAR reported sighting lights at YS506616. The area was enaged with Arty. An area 500 metres to the NW was engaged by SA, this fire was returned. A flare ship provided illum for further engagement by SA. At 2330H a Y03A was on station and the mission was aborted due to poor visability.

e. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action

(1) Omitted.
(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPs deployed.
(3) Omitted.
(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a. b. Omitted.

c. Engineering Operations.

LCT Omitted.
MCT Omitted.

.../3. Meteorological

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3. Metecrological Detail
   a. Rainfall 0.7 inches.
   b. Prevailing Winds 165 deg at 05 knots.
   c. Temperature 72.7 deg F.
   d. Humidity 93%

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CG [illegible] ARVN Div
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CG RTAVF
1 ATF LO 3 Bde 1 (US) Air Cav (AM) BIEN HOA
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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 300001H to 302400H May 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC.

PART I

1. Operations Summary.
a. General
(1) 1 ATF continues Operations PHOI HOP and BRIAR PATCH II in 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
(a) Sqn HQ (-) remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp op con 3 RAR, deployed to YS5968 for protection of mors.
(c) 2 Tp remained at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
(d) 3 Tp (-) op con 12 Fd Regt at FSB JANE.
(e) 5 Tp op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in AO LISA (YS3671).
(f) Fwd Del Tp in AO HEATHER (YS5363)
(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in AO LISA (YS3571).
(c) 2 Tp (-) op con 12 Fd Regt at FSB JANE, elms op con 1 Fd Sqn NDP TESSA, 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) AO PIPI.
(d) 3 Tp (-) NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF, elms op con 3 RAR AO DEBORAH, at FSB ZIGGIE and YS5968
(e) Other elms deployed DUC THANH and NDP SUSAN.
(4) 1 ATF Artillery.
(a) Nil contacts and Nil H and I missions were fired.
(b) 12 Fd Regt HQ at NUI DAT.
(c) A Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB ZIGGIE.
(d) 104 Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB JANE.
(e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at NUI DAT.
(5) 1 Fd Sqn.
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provided splinter and mini teams to tanks, cav and both Inf Bns.
(c) LCT at NDP TESSA, cutting fire trails to the NW.
(d) MCT at NUI DAT.
(e) Maint of NUI DAT continued.
(6) 17 Const Sqn.
Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North of Province border continues. Work on Bridge 6 YS599637 continues. Curb and guttering, construction of hard standing at BARIA continues. Repairing of Route 23 with rock from NUI NHON continues. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continues. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continue.
(7) 3 RAR.
(a) Bn HQ deployed to FSB ZIGGIE (YS6181).
(b) A Coy (-) at NDP HORSESHOE, one pl 1 ATF RRF (NUI DAT).
(c) B Coy (-) in AO GRACE (YS 5184), one pl deployed to FSB ZIGGIE.
(d) C Coy deployed to AO DEBORAH (YS5567), one pl deployed to NDP TESSA.
(e) D Coy deployed to YS6781.
(f) Sp Coy (-) deployed to FSB ZIGGIE. Pnr Pl and A/Tk Pl NUI DAT. Mor Pl (-) at FSB ZIGGIE. Sects deployed to YS5968.

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(8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
(a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
(b) V Coy in AO PIPI (YS4489).
(c) B Coy deployed to AO LISA (YS3672) for Armd/Cav familiarisation training.
(d) C Coy at NUI DAT.
(e) D Coy redeployed to NUI DAT by Air.
(f) Sp Coy (-) at NUI DAT. Sect Mor Pl at YS3672.
(g) In theatre familiarisation training continues.

(9) 1 ARU.
(a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
(b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
(c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.

(10) D and E Pl.
Op con to 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS4590.

b. Plans Summary for Period 310001H to 312400H May 71.

(1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
(a) 3 Tp deploys via Route 15 to area YS3487.

(2) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
(a) B Coy redeploys to NUI DAT by Air.
(b) C Coy deploys to AO LISA (YS3571) for Inf/Armd/Cav familiarisation trg.
(c) V Coy redeploys to YS3987.

(3) LCT
(a) Deploys to NDP ISOBEL (YS5471).

(4) MCT
(a) Deploys to FSB BRIDGID (YS5154).

c. Locations.

(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp YS595682. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp FSB JANE. 5 Tp (-) YS360721 with elm at YS367701. Fwd Del Tp YS551674.

(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp (-) YS367701 with elms at YS373722. 2 Tp (-) NUI DAT With elms at FSB JANE, YS450904 and NDP TESSA. 3 Tp (-) NUI DAT with elms at YS670815 and YS669815.

(3) 1 ATF Artillery.
RHQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB ZIGGIE. 104 Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSB JANE. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.

(4) 3 RAR.
Bn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy NDP HORSESHOE. B Coy YS518846. C Coy YS563678. D Coy YS669815. Sp Coy FSB ZIGGIE.

(5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
Bn HQ NUI DAT. V Coy YS449893. B Coy YS360721. C Coy NUI DAT. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy NUI DAT.

(6) LCT
NDP TESSA.

(7) MCT
NUI DAT.

(8) D and E Pl.
YS450904

(9) 1 ARU.
1 Pl NUI DAT.
2 Pl NUI DAT.
3 Pl NUI DAT

(10) 302 RF Bn.
Bn HQ YS491556. 1 Coy YS465572. 2 Coy YS505528. 3 Coy YS474485. 4 Coy YS491556

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d. Contacts and Incidents
Omitted.

e. Results.
(1) Friendly Losses
Omitted.
(2) Enemy Losses
Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action.
(1) Omitted.
(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 3 LRRPs deployed.
(3) Omitted.
(4) Omitted.

2. Combined Operations.

a. Psychological Operations.
a. Omitted.
b. Omitted.
c. Engineering Operations. LCT 20,000 sq metres
MCT Omitted

3. Meteorological Detail

a.	Rainfall	0.46 in
b.	Prevailing Winds	124 deg at 03 knots
c.	Temperature	79.3 deg F.
d.	Humidity	84%

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SA 18 ARVN Div
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SLNO RTAVF
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1 ATF LO 3 Bde 1 (US) Air Cav (AM) BIEN HOA
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Subject: Ground Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
From 310001H to 312400H May 71.
To : CG TRAC (Attn G3 Ops/TOC).

PART I

1. Operations Summary
a. General
(1) 1 ATF continued Operation BRIAR PATCH II and commenced Operation BHOWANI JUNCTION in 1 ATF TAOR. HQ 1 ATF NUI DAT.
(2) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.
(a) Sqn HQ (-) remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp op con 3 RAR, at YS5968 for protection of mors.
(c) 2 Tp remained at NUI DAT, 1 ATF RRF.
(d) 3 Tp (-) op con 12 Fd Regt at FSB JANE.
(e) 5 Tp op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in AO LISA (YS3671).
(f) Fwd Del Tp in AO HEATHER (YS5065).
(3) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1 Tp op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in AO LISA (YS3671).
(c) 2 Tp (-) cp con 12 Fd Regt at FSB JANE, elms op con 1 Fd Sqn NDP ISOBEL, 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) AO PIPI.
(d) 3 Tp (-) op con 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) (YS3488), elms op con 3 RAR AO DEBORAH, at FSB ZIGGIE and YS5968.
(e) Other elms deployed DUC THANH and NDP SUSAN.
(4) 1 ATF Artillery.
(a) Nil contacts and Nil H and I missions were fired.
(b) 12 Fd Regt HQ NUI DAT
(c) A Fd Bty: sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB ZIGGIE.
(d) 104 Fd Bty : sect at NUI DAT, sect at FSB JANE.
(e) C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty at NUI DAT.
(5) 1 Fd Sqn.
(a) Sqn HQ remained at NUI DAT.
(b) 1, 2 and 3 Tps provide splinter and mini teams to tanks, cav and both Inf Bns.
(c) LCT deployed to NDP ISOBEL (YS548719), cutting fire trails to the NE.
(d) MCT deployed to NDP BRIGID (YS5154).
(e) Maint of NUI DAT continued
(6) 17 Const Sqn.
Reconstruction of Route 2 from NUI DAT to North of Province border continues. Work on Bridge 6 YS599637 continues. Curb and guttering, construction of hard standing at BARIA continues. Repairing of Route 23 with rock from NUI NHON continues. Work at 7 different sites throughout the Province on RF housing continues. Quarry ops at NUI DAT continue.
(7) 3 RAR.
(a) Bn HQ at FSB ZIGGIE (YS6181).
(b) A Coy (-) at NDP HORSESHOE, one pl 1 ATF RRF (NUI DAT).
(c) B Coy (-) in AO GRACE (YS5284), one pl at FSB ZIGGIE.
(d) C Coy (-)AO DEBORAH (YS5768), one pldeployed to NDP ISOBEL.
(e) D Coy in AO DEBORAH (YS6679).
(f) Sp Coy (-) at FSB ZIGGIE. Pnr Pl and A/Tk Pl NUI DAT. Mor Pl (-) at FSB ZIGGIE. Sect deployed to YS5968.

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(8) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
(a) Bn HQ at NUI DAT.
(b) V Coy deployed to AO LISA (YS3986).
(c) B Coy redeploy to NUI DAT by air.
(d) C Coy deployed to AO LISA (YS3672) for Armd/Cav familiarisation training.
(e) D Coy at NUI DAT.
(f) Sp Coy (-) at NUI DAT. Sect Mor Pl at (YS3769).
(g) In theatre familiarisation training continues.

(9) 1 ARU.
(a) 1 Pl at NUI DAT.
(b) 2 Pl at NUI DAT.
(c) 3 Pl at NUI DAT.

(10) D and E Pl.
Op con to 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS4590.

b. Plans Summary for Period 010001H to 012400H Jun 71.
(1) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
(a) 1 Tp deploys to NUI DAT.
(2) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
(a) C Coy deploys to NUI DAT by APC.

c. Locations
(1) C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. SHQ (-) NUI DAT with elm at FSB JANE. 1 Tp YS595683. 2 Tp NUI DAT. 3 Tp FSB JANE. 5 Tp (-) YS363716 with elm at YS373697. Fwd Del Tp YS481678.
(2) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. SHQ NUI DAT. 1 Tp (-) NUI DAT with elms at YS375696. 2 Tp (-) NUI DAT with elms at FSB JANE, NDP ISOBEL and YS398868. 3 Tp (-) NUI DAT with elms at FSB ZIGGIE, NDP SUSAN, YS345882 and YS347885.
(3) 1 ATF Artillery. RHQ NUI DAT. A Fd Bty sect NUI DAT, sect FSP ZIGGIE. 104 Fd Bty, sect NUI DAT, sect FSB JANE. C Bty (-) 5/42 (US) Arty NUI DAT.
(4) 3 RAR. Bn HQ FSB ZIGGIE. A Coy (-) NDP HORSESHOE with an elm at NUI DAT. B Coy (-) YS526840. C Coy YS569684. D Coy YS668798. Sp Coy (-) FSB ZIGGIE.
(5) 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC). Bn HQ NUI DAT. V Coy YS395870. B Coy NUI DAT. C Coy YS364716. D Coy NUI DAT. Sp Coy NUI DAT.
(6) LCT. NDP ISOBEL.
(7) MCT. NDP BRIGID.
(8) D and E Pl. YS 450904.
(9) 1 ARU. 1 Pl, 2 Pl and 3 Pl NUI DAT.
(10) 302 RF Bn. Bn HQ YS491556. 1 Coy YS465572. 2 Coy YS505528. 3 Coy YS474485. 4 Coy YS491556.

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d. Contacts and Incidents.
(1) At 310530H at YS473989 1 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) engaged 1 person with a torch who left an old house in the vicinity of their AP. Illum was fired from FSB JANE. Nil results.
(2) Prior to 311420H at YS405877 1 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found an enemy camp used by 30 persons within the last 24 hours. No other details available at this time.

e. Omitted.

f. Small Unit Action
(1,3 and 4). Omitted.
(2) 2 SAS Sqn has 4 LRRPs deployed.

2. Combined Operations
a. Omitted.
b. Omitted.
c. Engineering Operations LCT. 15,000 sq metres cleared. MCT. Omitted.

3. Meteorological Detail
a. Rainfall Nil.

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b. Prevailing Winds 273 deg at 03 knots.
c. Temperature. 84.2 deg F.
d. Humidity 79%

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CG 18 ARVN Div
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CG [illegible]TAVF
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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 121/71

2. Period covered from 010001H to 012400H May 71.

3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were nil contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO DEBORAH

(a) (301000H) Late Report. At YS640830, 5 Pl B Coy 3 RAR loc a triangular shaped camp containing 5 bunkers "Z" shaped with 18inches OHP. Entry/exit East and West. Camp was 12 months old and used in last couple of months and it is in fair condition. Loc were pots, plates and bowls. Refer INTSUM 120/71 para 3 a (1)(c) for initial report of this system.

(b) (011215H). At YS600846, 8 Pl C Coy 3 RAR loc a track, possibly used in the last 24 hours. There are diggings at the side of the track 3ft - 4 ft deep and 6 inches in diameter. Comment: Digging for manioc is common in this area, possibly by BAU LAM Unit or Montagnards living in the area illegally. A VR pilot on 4 Jan 71 (Refer INTSUM 4/71 Annex E item for 1200 hrs) reported 10 possible fighting pits at YS598846. Ashes of fire seen, also fresh soil and green camauflage which had been pulled away from some holes. There were tracks in the area of the pits and a foot track could be followed to within 300m of FSB RAGLAN (YS615815). A HOI CHANH reported a VC Correction Camp at area YS594836 on 31 Mar 71.

b. Omitted

4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Omitted

11. Miscellaneous:

a, b, c, d, e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (302000H) Late Report. At YS585065, 2 PF were travelling from East to West on Route QLI, when they were ambushed by 1 squad of VC. VC were on the South side of the road and attacked with SA fire, resulting in some fire hitting a house. Results: 1 PF WIA, 2 children Killed, 1 old woman injured.

(2) (010800H). At YS632612, 36 USARV Trg Coy detained 28 persons who were at a fishing hole at above loc. Detainees were taken to XUYEN MOC. Breakdown: 5 adults male, 2 boys aged 16 years, 1 girl aged 16 years, 19 boys aged 8 - 15 years, 1 girl aged 7 years

(3) (010855H). At YS21766 and YS220670, Int Squad and District PRU contacted one VC squad. Contact broke at 0905H, when enemy withdrew in an unknown direction. Results: One sampan CIA and a quantity of docus recovered. Readout from docus not available until after op.

(4) (011600H). At YS635610, 36 USARV Trg Coy has found six bunkers. Recovered so far: 5lb TNT, quantity of black powder and composition from 81mm mortar bobmbs.

Extracts from 3 Bde 1 Cav (AM) INTSUMS

(5) (301645H) Late Report. At YS639005, 3 Bde tps contacted one enemy moving on a NorthWest - South East track. Enemy withdrew North West with unknown results.

(6) (291500H). At YT653004, 3 Bde tps loc 2 bunkers 4x5x6 ft with 1.5 ft OHP. Bunkers used in last month.

(7) (291600H). At YT653006, 3 Bde tps loc a base complex consisting of 10 bunkers 3x4x6 ft with 2 ft OHP with no recent use. Also loc was a North - South track used within the last four days by 2 persons.

(8) (292030H). At YS658950, 3 Bde tps heard heavy movement East, West and North of their loc. 1 person was sighted 200m South East. Arty engaged with unknown results.

RTAVF

(9) (291225H). At YT283057, 1 RTAVF, 3 Bn was ambushed by an unknown number of enemy. Results: 3 THAI KIA, 9 THAI WIA, 1 US WIA. Enemy losses unknown.

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Annexes: A. Omitted.
B. Omitted.
C. Agent Reports.
D. Omitted.
E. Aerial Reconnaissance.
F. VC Units In 1 ATF TAOI.
G. Climatic Summary MR3.

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Sector S2
3 Bde (Sep) 1 (US) Cav Div (AM)
LONG KHANH Sector
All 1 ATF LOs

ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 121/71
DATED 1 MAY 71

AGENT REPORTS

1. Further to INTSUM 120/71 Annex C para 4 which reported (1ATF F3) that two VC from PHOUC HAI Party Chapter infiltrated LANG PHOUC HAI. On night 28 Apr in an attempt to persuade the family of a girl killed accidently on 25 Apr to use the body as a focal point for an anti-goverment demostration, a further report now states that this demonstration is scheduled to take place on 1 May 71.

2. From a number of reports recently. Third Coastal Zone have assessed that another mining attempt may be made by the enemy in the VUNG TAUSpecial Zone between 1 and 19 May. According to a captured docu an attack is to be carried out by A32 Water Sapper Unit (VUNG TAU) although the above dates are not specified. In addition A 32 are to assign two men to attack "two allied junks" at BEN ONG HUNG Wharf. Mines are to be laid to contain the allies, suggesting that some LOCs could be interdicted. (Source Third Coastal Zone Spotrep 2 dated 30 Apr 71).

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 121/71
DATED 1 MAY 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
010800	YS626885	One Bumker sighted.
	YS626876	Track leading from the area. The track could have been used in the last 2 - 4 weeks
011000	E59-62 N76-79	No signs of recent activity.
011200	E58-61 N73-76	No signs of recent activity.
011400	YS525802	Two small fires were burning approx 30m apart on either side of a NE - SW track. Both fires consisted of burning leaves and had been burning for an estimated 10 minutes.

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Comment: One person was seen to hide from a VR pilot in this area on 10 Apr 71.

2, 3, 4, 5. Omitted

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ANNEX F TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 121/71
DATED 1 MAY 71.

VC UNITS IN 1 ATF TACTICAL AREA OF INTEREST

UNIT (a)	ESTIMATED STRENGTH (b)	LOC AND DATE OF LAST IDENT (c)		CURRENT PROBABLE LOC (d)	REMARKS (e)
HQ MR7/SVNLA	325(exc/Rear Svcs)	YS865920	5 Mar 71	SE of GIA RAY (V) Docus	
MR7 Rear Svcs (C3)					Staff Only
J 95 Tpt Bn	160	-----		------	Serves Northern VC MR7
J 85 Tpt Bn	430	-----		------	Serves Southern VC MR7
33 NVA Regt/ MR 7					
HQ elm and Sp Units	190	ZT0611	16 Feb 71	South of NUI ONG	
1 Bn	245	ZS0499	3 Dec 70	South of NUI ONG	
2 Bn	170	YT7728	23 Jan 71	SE VO DAT (V)	
3 Bn	185	YT5904	8 Oct 70	East of BLACKHORSE	
274 MF Regt/ MR 7					
HQ elm and Sp Units	360	YT3101	20 Mar 71	North of HAT DICH and BINH SON	
1 Bn	110	YT2899	19 Mar 71	SW XUAN LOC (V)	
2 Bn	80	YS2287	16 Apr 71	SW HUNG NGIA (V)	
3 Bn	75	YS2899	19 Apr 71	South BINH SON Rubber Plantation.	
74 NVA Arty Regt/MR 7					
HQ elm and Sp Units	125	YT2814	28 Feb 71	North of HAT DICH	
1 Bn	115	YT2615	17 Feb 71	Between SONG DONG NAI and SONG BAI	
2 Bn	115	YT2803	15 Apr 71	Dispersed in SR4 with 1 Coy in R552	
3 Bn	110	YT2809	16 Feb 71	SE VI (P)	
BA LONG (P) HQ/MR7 (Incl Reu Svcs)	445	YT643015	17 Apr 71	SE LONG KHAN (P)	

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(a)	(b)	(c)		(d)	(e)
D445 LF Bn / BA LONG (P)					
Bn HQ and C5 Coy	64	YS5386	30 Apr 71	SE LONG KHAN (P)	C1. 1x80mm Mor 2x40 Rkts
C1 Coy	24	YS4750	30 Apr 71	LONG HAI Mtns	C2. 1x80mm Mor 1xB40 Rkt
C2 Coy	9	YS5386	22 Apr 71	SE LONG KHAN (P)	C3. 3xB40 Rkts
C3 Coy	27	YS5386	22 Apr 71	SE LONG KHAN (P)	C4. 1x75mm Rcl 2x7.62HMG 3xB41 Rkts
C4 Coy	18	YS5386	22 Apr 71	SE LONG KHAN (P)	C5 (HQ). 3xB40 Rkts 1xM72 also allocated to Bn 2xM79s 1xM72
K8 Combat Sp Coy/BA LONG (P)	60 - 70				
C36 Sapper Recce Coy/ BA LONG (P)	50	YS476973		BAO BINH Jungle	
XUAN LOC District/BA LONG (P)	155	YT5602	Feb 71	SE of XUAN LOC (V)	
CAO SU District HQ/BA LONG (P)					
HQ elm	140	YT3903			
Village Guerillas	49				
CHAU DUC District HQ/ BA LONG (P)					
HQ elm	48	YS5185	28 Apr 71		
C41 Conc Coy	19	YS5185	28 Apr 71		
Group 13	31	YS4986	24 Apr 71	YS5086	
LONG DAT District HQ/ BA LONG (P)					
HQelm	70	YS567637	15 Mar 71	LONG HAI Mtns	

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(a)	(b)	(c)		(d)	(e)
C25 Conc Coy	24	YS468532	16 Mar 71	LONG HAI Mtns	
XUYEN MOC District/BA LONG (P) HQ elm and C70 Conc Coy	38	YS6371		YS6263	
BARIA Special Zone/BA LONG (P) HQ elm and C610	20	YS3466	27 Apr 71	NUI DINH Mtns	
VUNG TAU Special Zone HQ/ MR7	20	YS4454		Northern LONG HAI Mtns	
A31 Eastern Sapper Unit	23	YS4454		Northern LONG HAI Mtns	
A32 Western Sapper Unit	22	YS2959		R552 North of LONG SON	
SR4 HQ/ MR7	540			SE BIEN HOA (P)	
D10 Sapper Bn/SR4	245	YS0250		Northern R552	
D2 LF Bn/SR4	80	YS227877	16 Apr 71	South BINH SON rubber plantation.	

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LIGHT DATA FOR BIEN HOA

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DATE	BMNT	SR	SS	EENT	MR	MS	ILLUM%	PHASE
1.	0546	0635	1905	1954	1159	0012	37	
2.	0546	0635	1905	1954	1250	0059	47	First Half
3.	0545	0634	1906	1955	1339	0141	57	
4.	0545	0634	1906	1955	1424	0220	66	
5.	0544	0633	1906	1955	1509	0256	75	
6.	0544	0633	1906	1955	1552	0331	82	
7.	0544	0633	1906	1955	1636	0405	89	
8.	0543	0632	1906	1955	1723	0441	94	
9.	0543	0632	1906	1955	1811	0520	98	
10.	0542	0631	1906	1955	1902	0600	100	Full Moon
11.	0542	0631	1907	1956	1956	0647	100	Full Moon
12.	0542	0631	1907	1956	2052	0737	97	
13.	0540	0630	1907	1957	2148	0831	93	
14.	0540	0630	1908	1958	2243	0928	87	
15.	0540	0630	1908	1958	2335	1027	79	
16.	0540	0630	1908	1958	XXXX	1124	70	
17.	0540	0630	1908	1958	0025	1221	59	
18.	0540	0630	1908	1958	0112	1316	48	Last Half
19.	0540	0630	1908	1958	0155	1411	37	
20.	0540	0630	1908	1958	0239	1505	26	
21.	0539	0629	1909	1959	0322	1601	17	
22.	0539	0629	1909	1959	0409	1659	9	
23.	0539	0629	1909	1959	0458	1759	3	
24.	0539	0629	1910	2000	0552	1903	1	
25.	0539	0629	1910	2001	0650	2005	0	New Moon
26.	0539	0629	19 10	2001	0749	2106	3	
27.	0538	0629	1911	2002	0849	2201	8	
28.	0538	0629	1911	2002	0947	2250	14	
29.	0538	0629	1911	2002	1041	2335	22	
30.	0538	0629	1911	2002	1132	XXXX	31	
31.	0538	0629	1911	2002	1219	0016	40	

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TIDE DATA FOR CAPE SAINT JAQUES

MAY 1971

DATE	TIME	HT FT	TIME	HT FT	TIME	HT FT	TIME	HT FT
1.	0022	1.6	0823	10.5	1232	9.2	1642	10.5
2.	0112	2.6	0914	10.2	1349	9.2	1656	9.8
3.	0211	3.9	1052	10.2				
4.	0324	4.6	1134	10.2	1845	7.5	2232	8.2
5.	0447	5.3	1204	10.5	1851	6.6		
6.	0001	8.9	0556	5.9	1226	10.5	1901	5.6
7.	C1C1	9.5	0649	5.9	1248	10.5	1933	4.6
8.	0148	10.2	0732	6.2	1308	10.8	1958	3.6
9.	0227	10.5	0807	6.6	1328	11.2	2024	2.6
10.	0306	11.2	0841	6.9	1349	11.2	2052	1.6
11.	0344	11.5	0912	7.2	1411	11.5	2122	1.0
12.	0423	11.5	0944	7.5	1435	11.5	2155	0.3
13.	0509	11.5	1015	8.2	1459	11.8	2230	0.3
14.	0559	11.5	1051	8.5	1527	11.8	2309	0.3
15.	0659	11.3	1133	8.9	1557	11.5	2354	1.0
16.	0759	10.8	1228	9.2	1634	10.8		
17.	0045	1.6	0904	10.8	1344	9.2	1723	10.2
18.	0144	2.6	1002	10.8	1518	8.5	1903	9.2
19.	0252	3.6	1047	10.8	1648	7.2	2147	8.9
20.	0407	4.6	1122	10.8	1746	5.9	2332	9.5
21.	0522	5.3	1153	11.2	1833	4.3		
22.	0047	10.2	0628	5.9	1223	11.2	1916	2.6
23.	0151	10.8	0723	6.6	1253	11.5	1958	1.0
24.	0249	11.2	0811	7.2	1323	11.8	2040	0.0
25.	0341	11.5	0854	7.5	1353	11.8	2119	-0.3
26.	0431	11.5	0933	7.9	1425	11.8	2159	-0.7
27.	0523	11.5	1010	8.2	1456	11.8	2239	0.0
28.	0616	11.2	1051	8.5	1528	11.2	2319	0.3
29.	0707	10.8	1138	8.5	1559	10.5		
30.	0001	1.3	0759	10.5	1236	8.5	1632	9.8
31.	0046	2.6	0848	10.2	1351	8.2	1713	8.9

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 122/71

2. Period covered 020001H to 022400H May 71.

3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO LISA.

(a) (021530H). At YS485900, an APC from 2 Sect 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt detonated a mine resulting in 2 Aust WIA and extensive damage to APC.

(b) (021040H). At YS585854, 9 Pl C Coy 3 RAR loc 1 x 20 lb unexploded tank shell, 6 x M79 rounds which were 6 months old and 1 x M26 gren in reasonable condition. All to be destroyed.

(2) AO DEBORAH.

(a) Late Report.(011030H). At YS643828, 5 Pl B Coy 3 RAR loc a triangular shaped camp of 5 bunkers with 18" OHP. Entry/exit pits were to the S, E and W camp was 12 months old, unk when last used and was in fair condition. Loc was 1 rusty 4 gal drum full of petrol. Camp to be destroyed.

b. Omitted.

4. a. Omitted.

b. Omitted

c. Omitted.

d. Omitted

e. Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3.

(1) to (27) omitted.

(28) 82mm 1

(29) M79 rds 6

5. Omitted.

6. Omitted.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 17/71 dated 26 Apr 71

9. Omitted.

10. Omitted

11. a. Omitted.

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) Ref INTSUM 121/71. Para 11. f. (3) : amend "YS21766" to read "YS217666".

c. Omitted.

d. Omitted.

e. Omitted

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (021005H). At YS445813, 655 RF Coy loc and destroyed a camp of 1 small bunker and at least 12 sleeping spaces, empty latrine facilities and a fresh grave. Also loc were a qty of cooking utensils, shovels, blood stained trousers and an M16 bi-pod. Fresh tracks led into the rubber to the W and are being followed up by RF.

(2) (021855H). At YS441832, 655 RF Coy Ap engaged 1 VC with SA fire. En dropped a pack containing bananas and withdrew S and then N.

EXTRACTS FROM 3 BDE (SEPERATE) 1 ACD (AIRMOBILE) INTSUM 01 MAY 71.

(1) (011715H). At YT568014, 3 Bde troops loc a bunker with no OHC, possibly to be used as a cache site. Destroyed.

(2) (011230H). At YT796095, 3 Bde troops loc heavy blood trails from 2 persons moving NW on a dry stream bed in last 12 hours.

(3) (011800H). At YT796094, 3 Bde troops loc an E/W track used in the last 3-12 hours by 30-40 persons moving W.

(4) (010935H). At YT793068, 3 Bde troops engaged 2 enemy sitting on a dry stream bank 50m to their N. Enemy withdrew N with unk casualties.

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Annexes: B. Captured Documents
E. Aerial Reconnaissance.

Distribution: List A HQ TRAC MACV-J2 MACV-CICV RTAVF 18 ARVN Div RSSZ(for 10) List C Advisory Team 89 Sector S2 LONG KHANH Sector 3 Bde 1st (US) Air Cav (AM) AATTV RF/PF Advisor, BARIA All 1 ATF LOs

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CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Docus loc in bunker complexes at YT791021 and YT821004 on 21 Apr 71 by 3 Bde (Separate) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM), included numerous reports both to and from the B2 Mil Int Staff Sect of the Mil Staff Section (C-1), MR7 HQ. According to the docus, the strength of the B2 MI Sect varies between 57 and 63 personnel with the greatest number belonging to the TECHNICAL RECONNAISSANCE element. This section is tasked with the gathering of intelligence concerning all friendly units in the vicinity and radio intercept capabilities. It was apparent from the docus that MR7 employs a widespread network of agents and the capabilities of the B2 MI Staff can be considered highly sophisticated.

2. The docus indicate that the element of B2 MI Staff Sect contacted (at YT791021 on 210645H Apr 71 - 1 ATF INTSUM 113/71 para 11 f (2) refers) consists of a HQ section of 17 pers, a POSITIONAL RECCE Unit (possibly base security) of 11 pers, the TECH RECCE (radio intercept) section of 19 members and a SIGNAL Sect of 10 members. (The other element of the B2 MI Sect not mentioned is the C4 RECCE Coy which is tasked with HQ MR7 base security. C4 has a listed strength of 70 personnel.)

3. Extracted from 3 Bde (Separate) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) INTSUM No 16, for 25 Apr 71.

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AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
021400H	E27 - 30 N 73 - 76	No signs of recent activity in area.
021125H	YS521837 to YS520839	Between these GRs runs a track approx platoon size and up to a month old. Running N-S through YS510825 is about 300m of similar track to the above one. Possibly friendlies.
020800H	YS667804	A N-S track runs from here through YS668799 and YS666794. Movement on track is one week old and made by 15 pers. Recent light mov seen on 2 N-S foot tracks at YS677813 to YS677806 and YS694809 to YS694805.
	YS683825	Footprints of 5 pers seen around 2 bomb craters which were one week old.
	YS691834	2 old bunkers with no signs of recent use seen.

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3 BN 33 NVA REGT

History

1. 3rd Bn 33 NVA Regt was formed as part of 33 NVA Regt in Feb 65 in NVN.
2. The entire Regt left NVN in late Jul 65, arriving in PLEIKU (MR II) SVN in Sep 65. In early contacts with 1 (US) Cav Div (AM) (1ACD) the Regt was estimated to have lost nearly one third of its personnel. This loss forced the remaining personnel to retreat to CAMBODIA, where the Regt remained until Feb 66.
3. The Regt then returned to SVN, but managed to avoid contact until Aug 66 when 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt (3/33) was contacted by 1 ACD elements. In Oct the Regt received a heavy blow with the loss of 332 personnel in two contacts, again with 1 ACD troops.
4. In late Nov 66, 3/33 together with 1/33 and RHQ moved to DARLAC Province in central MR2. 1967 was generally a quiet year for the Regt. In Dec 67 a reorganization, the arrival of new reinforcements, and retraining occurred in preparation for "TET" '68.
5. In Jan 68 the Regt lost almost 700 KIA from its total strength of approx 2000, in operations in DARLAC Province. After these disastrous engagements the Regt began preparations in Apr 68 to move further South to TAY NINH and BINH DUONG Provinces. In further contacts in Aug 68, the Regt lost a further 300 KIA.
6. Late that month a Regimental attack on FSB SCHOFIELD in BINH DUONG (P) resulted in 103 KIA. The Regt returned to CAMBODIA in Nov 68, but shortly afterwards returned to Western PHUOC LONG (P).
7. In late Jan 1969, together with other 5 VC Div elements, 33 Regt began moving South to War Zone 'D'. Feb 69 saw the move continuing towards the BIEN HOA/LONG BINH area, which was later stopped by B52 strikes. The Regt was to have attacked these logistic bases on 26 Feb, but instead, retreated WNW of XUAN LOC.
8. Command of the Regt changed from 5 VC Div to HQ COSVN but with Operational Control (OPCON) being exercised by HQ MR7.
9. In Jun 69, Bns of the Regt split for operational tasking. 3/33 was assigned an AO around GIA RAY in LONG KHANH and BINH TUY Provinces. Lack of logistic support from the then 84RSG (now MR7 Rear Svcs) was probably the main cause for the split. Although under fairly constant pressure, RHQ remained in the general XUAN LOC/BLACKHORSE area until Dec 69.
10. In Jan 70, the Regt was identified in BINH TUY (P), when it was concerned mainly in self consolidation. 1/33 and RHQ remained colocated around NUI ONG for most of 1970. 2/33 has been concerned mainly with resupply. 3/33 remained unidentified and out of contact for much of 1970, refitting and resupplying in the Rice Bowl area in Southern LONG KHANH.
11. In Nov 1970, 3/33 moved to the "Sparrow Valley" (Vic YS5699) probably to intercept food from the rice harvest, and to attempt to disrupt the GVN Pacification Programme.
12. Little has been heard of 3/33 in the Dec 70 - Apr 71 period. They have probably been consolidating their position in Southern LONG KHANH Province, East of Route 2.

Outline Organisation

12A 3/33 consists of three Inf Coys a Hy Wpns Coy and HQ Coy. See outline organisation Appendix 1. Estimated strengths are shown alongside each element.

Command

13. Although undoubtedly still part of 33 NVA Regt, 3/33 is currently thought to be under MR7's direct Operational Control.
14. A rallier in late 1970 stated that this OPCON may have been further delegated to BA LONG Province, but there has been no confirmation It is unlikely that a Main Force NVA Bn would be placed under a Province HQ.
15. The semi - independant role and current location of the Bn, possibly in an effort to replace the disbanded D440, may account for the unusual status of command.

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RHQ 33 NVA Regt

16. As is normal in enemy HQ, 33 NVA RHQ is divided into three sections, with separate military, political and Rear Service Staffs.

16 A The Military Staff is the governing body of all military operations. It implements directives issued by COSVN, and plans operational procedures based on these directives.

16 B The Political Staff is tasked with the mission of providing indoctrination to the soldiers. It continually conducts political classes on a strict schedule. This schedule usually involves a monthly class given by company political officers and a weekly class given by platoon leaders. The morale of the men is greatly influenced bythese political indoctrination classes.

16 C The Rear Service Staff is responsible for handling all resupply of arms, clothing, and food.

Regimental Support Coys

17. 33 NVA Regt has a number of Regimental Support Coys, elements of which could be allotted to a Bn such as 3/33 if proceeding on operations. They include:

a. C16 Mor Coy. This Coy is equipped with two 82mm mortars, with an unknown number of rounds per weapon. It is tasked with providing indirect fire support to the Inf units of the Regt. Prior to a ground probe, C16 Coy will prep the target with fire, allowing the Inf element to approach its target undetected. The strength of C16 is believed to be 25 pers.

b. C17 Recoilless Rifle Coy. The Coy is equipped with two or three 75mm recoilless rifles. Its mission is similar to that of the C16 Coy. The strength of the C17 Coy is believed to be approximately 20 pers.

c. C18 Anti-Aircraft Coy. The Coy is tasked with providing fire support directed against aircraft. The company will usually accompany an infantry unit on attack and/or defence against aircraft after the attack. The company was held as having four 12.8mm heavy machine guns; however, the 29 November attack near HAM TAM, BINH TUY resulted in the loss of three of these weapons. The strength of this Coy is uncertain, but is believed to be near 10 pers.

d. C21 Recce Coy. Strength 30 - 40.Personal weapons plus one 60mm mor. C21 is often dispersed and employed within Inf Coys for operations.

e. C24 Sapper Coy. C24 is tasked with conducting sapper probes into Allied positions and destroying key installations, and also is responsible for mining roads. The unit is equipped with AK-47s, bangelore torpedoes, satchel charges and mines. The Coys strength is held at approximately 25 - 30.

Tactics

18. 33 NVA Regt including 3/33 uses a variety of tactics in both defence and attack. Prior to attacking an Allied unit or installation, 33 Regt will recce the area extensively. The actual attack will involve deployment of infantry and sapper units in several directions around the target. Preceding the attack, the target is prepared with mortar, recoilless rifle and .51 calibre fire, followed by ground probes.

19. Before any operation, particularly an attack, the Bn Political Officer (PO) collects all docus from pers and holds them until the attack is over thus reducing the potential intelligence available from KIA. This lack of documents has been characteristic of 33 Regt bodies discovered KIA.

20. Ambushes by 33 NVA Regt are usually quite distinctive. The ambush is set up along both sides of a road for a length of as much as two kms. The convoy is allowed to pass in front of the ambush and at the proper time the enemy will attack the front and rear of the convoy, using a heavy volume of SA and RPG fire. It has been noted on some ambushes that 82mm mor fire and .51 calibre fire are also used.

21. Tactics used in defence by 33 NVA Regt also show many similarities. When an element of 33 Regt is contacted by Allied forces, there will be a brief exchange of small arms fire with regimental elements withdrawing. However, 2 - 3 pers are usually left behind to conduct sniper fire as the rest of the unit evades. This is the case if the unit is caught without the benefit of bunkers. If the Bn has bunkers, the element in contact will usually stay and fight, while the majority of the unit evades.

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22. The regimental forces are also extremely cautious when travelling and bivouacing. When crossing roads and open areas, the regiment will disperse and move quickly. While moving or bivouacing, the units will use a series of warning shots. Bivouac areas are selected very carefully. They are at least 500 metres from roads and 300 metres from rivers and streams. While in base camps, the "Hoang Cam" cooking system is employed. This system involves cooking in a pit, which is covered with brush to disperse the smoke. The regimental units usually deploy in triangular formations for night defence. The elements deploy with the HQ element in the middle of the triangle and a point of the triangle is directed towards the enemy.
23. After operations subunits usually regroup at an RV before pulling back to a base camp.
24. A commonly used tactic is to expose 2 - 3 pers immediately in front of friendly troops. Friendlies will engage and sweep through following these pers into an area where the enemy have laid out a well planned ambush.

1970/71 Idents of 3/33

25. In Mar 70 3/33 was identified in a contact at YT8816. Later documents taken from five enemy KIA on 11 Apr 70 at YT7728 ident 9 Coy of 3/33. On 14 Apr at YT831485, three PWs were captured from 10 Coy 3/33. They stated the Bn was assigned a combat mission.
26. On 18 Apr a HOI CHANH from 3/33 rallied at ZT0205. He stated his camp was in the vicinity of YT9018.
27. Apr was an active month for 3/33 as well as the remainder of the Regt.
28. On 21 May SOUTH of NUI ONG in the vicinity of ZT0608 a lt hel received ground to air fire. No identification was made but it probably came from 3/33 which had moved to the area after B52 strikes on its bases
29. On 28 May FSB SUN (YT9311) received fire from an unknown sized enemy force with 82mm mors, .51 calibre MGs, RPGs and small arms. A nearby POL point also received 82mm mortar fire, RPG, MG and SA fire. Later that night, a FSB on TANH LINH hill received 82mm mortar fire and MG fire. A light fire team searching the area received ground-to-air fire until contact broke an hour and one half later. The results of this were nine US KIA, 30 enemy KIA and two PWs. Documents captured after the contact at FSB SUN identified 10 Coy 3/33 and C17 Recoilless Rifle Coy. A PW captured at FSB SUN identified 10 Coy, 3/33. The PW stated that 10 and 11 Coys attacked the FSB, with 12 Coy supporting from NUI ONG with two 82mm mortars. In addition C17 Coy was firing 75mm recoilless rifles in support. The Coys in contact were to retreat to the foot of NUI ONG after the attack. The attacks on TANH LINH were evidently conducted by local forces attempting to create a diversion.
30. On 30 Aug contacts by elements of 25 (US) Div with 3/33 10 km South of FSB MACE in the vicinity of YT583003 provided the first positive identification that 3/33 had moved out of BINH TUY (P) into LONG KHANH (P).
31. On 8 Oct, 4/52 (ARVN) Inf received a ground attack by an unknown sized enemy force identified by docus as being 3/33. SA, RPG and mortar fire were used by the enemy.
32. In Nov documents and agent reports received by 2 Bde 25 (US) Div confirmed that 3/33 had returned to the "SPARROW VALLEY" area YS5699.
33. On 24 Dec 70 at YS562996 troops from 3 Bde 1 ACD were engaged by an unknown number of enemy. Three NVA were KIA, probably from 3/33.
34. Docus captured on 9 Jan 71 by 2/25 troops showed that 3/33 and XUAN LOC had been colocated in the previous weeks, possibly in the YT6402 area.
35. An agent report dated 7 Apr 71 and rated US F3 placed a 50 - 60 man element of 3/33 at YS5701. Their intentions were to wait for supplies and then move EAST of GIA RAY.

RHQ Coordinated Attacks (33 Regt)

36. Between 28 - 30 Nov 70, as part of a coordinated series of attacks throughout MR7, a minor high point for 2/33 and Regtl elements occurred (The high point in PHUOC TUY occurred on night 29 Nov 70 when two coys(+) of D445 attacked 386 RF Coy Post in XUYEN MOC).
37. On 28 Nov an unknown sized enemy force was engaged at YT77o230 Contact lasted sporadically for six and one half hours, resulting in three NVA KIA and three US WIA. No identification was made of the enemy unit, however, the sustained contact typified 2/33.

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38. The night of 30 Nov was extremely active with enemy movement. Three separate contacts were initiated by PF forces around VO DAT. There were no enemy casualties in these contacts and no identifications, but the suspected enemy unit was elements of 2/33.
39. On 29 Nov, MACV Advisory Team 48, East of HAM TAN received an unknown number of B-40, 60mm and 82mm mortar rounds, in addition to a heavy volume of SA fire from an unknown sized enemy force. Contact was broken but reestablished a short time later. The second attack was with a 30 - 40 man enemy force. Results of these contacts were one VC KIA, two RF KIA, two PF KIA, and nine RF WIA.
40. Also on 29 Nov in the same area (ZS074840), a convoy on Highway 1 was ambushed by an unknown size of enemy force, using small arms and B40 fire. The contact lasted three hours, and resulted in twenty NVA KIA, two .51 calibre and 82mm mortar base plates CIA, and one .51 calibre machine gun destroyed. Documents captured after the contact identified 1/33. The .51 calibre machine guns indicated that the C18 Anti-Aircraft Coy was also present.
41. It was quite evident that these attacks were initiated in an effort to create a diversion. The Regiment had hoped to relieve the pressure on 2/33, which was having considerable trouble procuring rice from the Rice Bowl.

Morale
42. Morale of 3/33 is thought to be reasonably high. There have been very few CHIEU HOI CHANHs from 3/33 or indeed 33 NVA Regt - a sign of at least reasonable morale.
43. All recent PWs have been hard core. Intensive political indoctrination coupled with severe punishments for even possessing CHIEU HOI leaflets are no doubt a factor reducing defections.

Personalties
44. Key appointments are listed in Appendix 2.

Radios
45. The Signal Section of HQ Coy is equipped with both HF radio and US PRC 25 equipment. They maintain communications both within the unit and to the rear.

Resupply
46. This is undoubtedly a weak point in the unit. While 3/33 is deployed in a semi-independant role it will have to obtain resupply locally or utilise the commo liaison system. When Main Force units embark on operations, Local Forces are always tasked to support them in such missions as resup and recce. However, considering D445s shortage within PHUOC TUY recently, it is unlikely that a unit from outside the Province would fare any better. Any 3/33 operations in PHUOC TUY would be dependant as for D445 upon caches, 3/33 porterage capacity, and the same lengthy resupply chain.
47. C10 Purchasing and Requisitioning Coy of MR 7 is believed to be responsible for resupply of 33 Regt, but the internal redistribution system is not clear.
48. Documents taken from a KIA in the MAY TAOs on 19 May 71 probably came from C10. They stated that 9950 kilograms of flour was located by 1 Cav Div troops at YS841948 on 17 Mar and was intended for 3/33. 1 Cav Div estimates that this food would have fed the Bn for 220 days. Its loss would be very serious.

Cover Designators
49. 3/33 has a number of aliases. They include:-
D3, D9, 9th Bn, H3, J9, K9, K3, 331 Bn, DO AN, VINH PHU, VINH THANH, XO AN, XU LONG and XA PHU

Conclusion.
50. 3/33 remains as yet an unknown quantity to 1 ATF. It is not previously known to have ventured into PHUOC TUY. It is, however, well equipped with support weapons, has reasonably high morale, (typical of a Main Force NVA unit) and has reacted aggressively when contacted by US troops despite a number of contacts entailing heavy losses.

Note On Sources: Much of the material used in this paper has been reproduced from 1 ACD INTSUMS. Other material has come from 1 ATF files and 199 LIB ORBAT studies.

Appendices : 1. Outline Organisation 3/33.
2. Key Appointments, 3/33.

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APPENDIX 2 TO
ANNEX F TO
1 ATF INTSUM
DATED 2 MAY 71

KEY APPOINTMENTS
3 BN 33 NVA REGT

Bn HQ

CO	Capt TRIEU KIM SON
XO	Sr Lt NGUYEN NGOC KHANH
PO	Capt PHAM VAN PHAN
PO	Capt PHAN TRONG DUONG

C9 Inf Coy

CO	Sr Lt NONG DUC THANG

C10 Inf Coy

CO	Sr Lt LE XUAN UYEN

C11 Inf Coy

CO	Sr Lt MAI VAN TRINH

C12 Hvy Wpns Coy

CO	Sr Lt NGUYEN VAN SON

HQ Coy

CO	Unknown

NOTE : Additional and extensive personality lists are held by 1 ATF G(Int) ORBAT.

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1 ATF INTSUM 122/71
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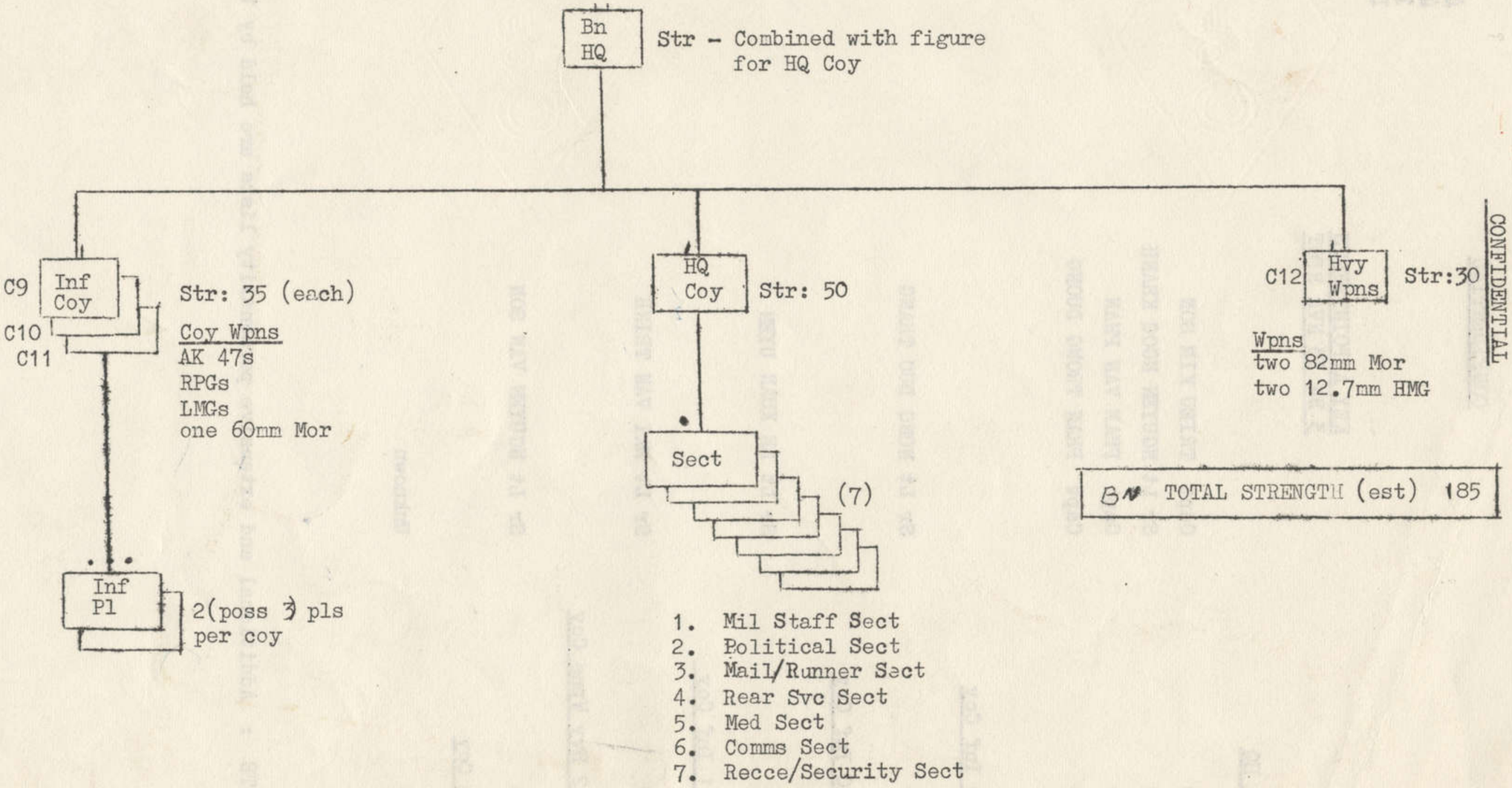
OUTLINE ORGANISATION 3 BN 33 NVA REGT



1. Mil Staff Sect
2. Political Sect
3. Mail/Runner Sect
4. Rear Svc Sect
5. Med Sect
6. Comms Sect
7. Recce/Security Sect

BN TOTAL STRENGTH (est) 185

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HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT
3 May 71

1 ATF SUPINTREP 18/71
(PERIOD 26 APR - 2 MAY 71)

LAOS

1. There was a continuation of the period of reduced activity in LAOS during the week. Enemy forces have withdrawn somewhat from the area of the capital and only light contacts were reported from the area of LUANG PRABANG, the area around LONG TIENG and in the Plain of Jars.

CAMBODIA

2. An almost static situation has been noted for the third successive week. ARVN Task Forces around SNUOL and along Route 7 towards SUONG have remained stationary in spite of continuing enemy attacks by fire and ground probes against their defensive positions, and although the elements of Task Force 225 in PREY VENG and SVAY RIENG Provinces have been conducting sweeps, there have been few contacts and only minor quantities of material discovered. As previously reported, the ARVN appear to be relying on air and artillery strikes to form the bulk of offensive operations. A strong Cambodian force has initiated an operation in southern CAMBODIA to clear Route 4 and although still in the initial phase, indications are that there will be heavy fighting in this area before the Route is opened.

SOUTH VIETNAM : MRs 1,2 and 4

3. A slight increase in enemy activity became apparent during the week in the southern provinces of MR 1, where a new phase of the enemy Spring-Summer Campaign commenced. In the A SHAU Valley, Operation "LAM SON'720" is developing in the face of only light opposition. Elsewhere throughout the country a low level of activity prevailed. The first indications of a possible enemy intention to abandon the BEN HET Campaign have been noted in central MR 2, and in MR 4 there have been no real signs of the expected enemy retaliation to the RF/PF "DONG KHOI" operations mounted two weeks ago.

MR 3

Enemy Activity

4. The most notable occurrences have been a renewal of attacks on allied land clearing operations in SR-1. On 24 Apr there were two contacts (XT540190 and XT618250) each of which continued sporadically for 6 hours and on 29 Apr a further enemy initiated contact (XT515205) lasted 8 hours. The cumulative result of these contacts was 8 friendlies killed and 48 wounded, 2 ROME Plows, two M-551 SHERIDAN tanks and two M-113 APCs destroyed and two helicopters damaged. The enemy lost 26 killed and an estimated ton of supplies captured.

5. On 29 Apr Thai forces 18 km west of XUAN LOC (YT283057) were ambushed. Enemy losses are unknown but friendly losses were 3 Thais killed, 10 wounded (9 Thai and 1 US) and 1 helicopter which sustained light damage. The enemy force was probably an element of 274 VC Regt.

6. The only terrorist incident reported in SAIGON during the week occurred on 29 Apr when an estimated 1.5lb charge was detonated, causing light damage to an office building but no casualties.

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

7. Documents captured recently by US forces near XUAN LOC included a plan recently prepared by VC BA LONG Province. The plan called for an increase in activity including a programme of stepped -up assassinations of GVN officials, expanded recruitment of guerillas and agents and increased propaganda activity.

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This isa further indication of an enemy intention to take advantage of Allied troop commitments in LAOS and CAMBODIA to increase his activities against the GVN Community Defence and Local Development. Plan.

Assessment for MR 3.

8. Third Regional Assistance Command have assessed that the enemy may attempt a limited high point during May .

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9. There were two contacts during the week involving 1 ATF troops. One enemy was killed and one was wounded. In addition two Australians were wounded in a mine incident. Sector forces had three contacts, wounding and capturing one enemy. JWTC had a contact, killing one and wounding three enemy.

Enemy Unit Identifications and Locations

10. D445

a. First Air Cavalry Division troops have found letters belonging to a soldier of A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in a bunker system north of NUI HOT on the SONG RAI(YS643945 on 28 Apr 71). The soldier was present during the contact with D445 in the TAN RU on 31 Mar (YS584722). Documents identifying elements of BA LONG Province Headquarters were also found in the bunkers near NUI HOT. This suggests that D445 elements have made contact with BA LONG in this area which is located close to another system in which documents identifying K76C Hospital of MR 7 have been found (YS617983 on 26 Apr). Both are known BA LONG areas. Some of the D445 wounded from recent operations in PHUOC TUY were probably brought to this area.

b. The main element of D445 is believed to be in the LONG KHANH/PHUOC TUY border area east of Route 2.

c. C1 Company remains in the LONG HAIS.

11. CHAU DUC

a. On 28 Apr V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn killed one member of CHAU DUC north of NUI SAO (at YS511852). No further identification has been made of CHAU DUC but it is possible that the group could remain in the NUI SAO/NUI LE area.

b. On 28 Apr near NGAI GIAO, Sector forces wounded and captured a VCI from NGAI GIAO Village Party Chapter (YS460798). He stated that the seven members of the Party Chapter are usually located near the CU BI Rubber Plantation (at YS437811) or at an alternative base east of Route 2 (YS510827 approx).

12. BARIA City Unit. On 28 Apr a patrol from JWTC contacted 10-15 VC at a base-camp in the NUI DINHS (YS345646). One VC was killed and three wounded. The dead VC was identified as a member of C610 BARIA City Unit. BARIA Special Zone including the BARIA City Unit (total strength BARAI Special Zone probably 31) are believed to use the south-eastern NUI DINHS and the RUNG SAT as sanctuaries. From a report by B53 Special Forces (see 1 ATF INTSUM 100/71 para 11 f (1) (d)) it is likely that a group from BARIA City have been in the area of the JWTC contact since at least 4 Apr.

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

13. Documents captured by 1 Cav Div troops in two bunker complexes on 21 Apr north of NUI BE (YT791021 and YT821004) indicate that the Military Intelligence Staff of HQ MR 7, with a strength of approximately 60, has a widespread network of agents and possesses a radio intercept capability.

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14. Third Regional Assistance Command has warned that there have been many indications suggesting that the enemy is planning a high point of tactical activity which may last throughout May. Specific dates mentioned have been 7 May (anniversary of the DIEN BIEN PHU battle) and 19 May (HO CHI MINH's birthday). The campaign is likely to be of a political nature, including propagandizing, as well as military. The aim will be to achieve a psychological victory by demonstrating continued enemy presence despite the pacification efforts and at a time of continued withdrawal of US troops. A few of the reports suggesting a high point have originated from PHUOC TUY. These have referred to the Route 2 area near DUC THANH. Should a territorial post in this area be a planned target the enemy units which could participate in such an operation are C36 which has been unlocated recently, CHAU DUC , D445 and finally 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt (3/33). 3/33 has not been contacted since 14 Apr near the SONG VONG (YT583028; see INTSUM 105/71 para 11 f (3) (b)), however, on that occasion an estimated 90 enemy were believed to have moved recently to the south and the battalion is probably now in a position to participate in any possible forthcoming operations in northern PHUOC TUY.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 123/71.

2. Period covered from 030001H to 032400H May 71.

3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.
a. Ground Activity.
(1) AO DEBORAH.
(a) (031240H). At YS561729 6 Pl B Coy 3 RAR loc an old base camp consisting of one bunker with OHC and a tunnel. System overgrown and unusable. Recovered was a quantity of equipment (Para 4 e (2)(a) refers) system not previously recorded.
(b) (031420H). At old FSB BETH location (YS5867) 1 Pl D Coy 3 RAR stopped seven persons, all civilians, and took their ID cards. The people were sent back to their village and the ID cards handed to VN authorities.
(c) (030944H). At YS492682, 2 Sect 3 Tp 3 Cav Regt loc 45 live WP 105mm rds complete with case and cardboard cylinder, and also 5x M79 rds. All ammo was old and rusty, approx 1 - 2 years old. The WP had not been fired, however M79 was blind. Ammo to be destroyed.
(2) AO GRACE.
(a) (031450H). At YS548826, 2 Pl A Coy 3 RAR loc an old track used since yesterday by four plus persons. Track runs NW to YS548826 and then to North.
(b) (031530H). At YS522794, 4 Pl B Coy 3 RAR loc a staging camp consisting of two bunkers 6 by 4 ft and one sentry pit 8x2x3ft. Estimated to be one - two years old and last used 8 - 12 months ago. Complex destroyed.
b. Omitted

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
a, b, c, d. Omitted
e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.
(1) Omitted
(2) Captured and Destroyed Material.
(a) Captured. YS561729 - Four US type jerry cans (steel), two US type jerry cans (plastic), one US type plastic water bottle, eight small batteries, one metal meat safe, four used tubes toothpaste and several empty medicine bottles.
(b) Destroyed. YS492682 - 45 x 105mm WP rds and 5 x M79 rds.
(3 - 5) Omitted.
f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3
(1 - 12), (14 - 27) Omitted.
(13) 82mm Mor rds 1 (29) M79 rds 11
(28) 105mm 45

5, 6, 7. Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 18/71 dated 3 May 71.

9, 10. Omitted

11. Miscellaneous:
a. Omitted
b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS.
Ref INTSUM 122/71 Annex F (3 Bn 33 Regt Data) Para 48, line 1 date should read 19 Mar 71 not 19 May 71.
c, d, e. Omitted.
f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
(1) Late Report. (271600H). At YS565563 (PHUOC HAI), BUI VAN HONG, a PSDF member, defected to the VC.
(2) (021800H). At YS510562 (HOI TRUNG (H)) DANG VAN TAI, born 1956, was reported to have been kidnapped by the VC. It is believed TAI did not leave with VC of his own accord.
(3) (021850H). At YS441834, 655 RF Coy and other elms sector forces contacted one VC who withdrew North. Result: Pack and water container CIA.
(4) (031130H). VN with MATT 15 reported seeing 20 - 25 VC. 60mm mortar rds were fired into area and VC moved from their loc YS272556 South into RUNG SAT.
(5) (030355H). From vicinity YS5382 US aircraft on RED HAZE mission reported flares.
(6) (031315H). At YS639715, 772 RF Coy and elms MATT 8 loc 12 graves. Unable to determine age but believed to be recent. Further info to follow.
(7) (031630H). At YS477510, 1 Coy 302 RF Bn received two long bursts of AK fire. No further information.

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Extracts from 3 Bde (Separate) 1 Cav Div (Airmobile) INTSUM.

(8) (021000H). At YS700924 3 Bde tps loc three signs on an old logging track reading "VUNG CAM", "KHU CAM" and KHU CAM VUNG". The signs mean " forbidden area", "do not enter" and possibly indicates presence of mines or booby traps.

(9) (021015H). At YS633940 3 Bde tps loc four bunkers 3x6x10 ft and one hut 5x5x5 ft with a poncho hanging in doorway. Engaged with 81mm mortar rds with nil results.

(10) (021600H). At YS690914, 3 Bde tps loc a North South track used by 2 persons within last 24 hours. Pers in sandals moving South.

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Annexes : A. Omitted.
B. Omitted.
C. Agent Reports.
D. Omitted.
E. Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 123/71
DATED 3 MAY 71

AGENTS REPORT

1. Agent Report Received DUC THANH VN C2. 1 ATF F2.
(031100H). At YS424730 seven VC from BINH BA Party Chapter led by DUNG (PCS BING BA) were seen. There they held a propaganda meeting telling people of victories in CAMBODIA. They asked the people for food and said they would enter the hamlet for supplies in the near future.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 123/71
DATED 3 MAY 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce.

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
030800H	E50-53 N 81-84	No significant sightings.
031000H	E56-59 N 84-87	No significant sightings.
031200H	YS598872	Several heavy tracks in general area. Appeared one month or less old.
	YS612848	A Well worn E/W track approx one month old.
	E60-62 N 85-89	Many other tracks in area but appeared quite old.
031400H	E58-60 N 80-84	No significant sightings.

2, 3, 4, 5. Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task Foece INTSUM No 124/71 dated 4 May 71.

2. Period covered from 040001H to 042400H May 71.

3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO GRACE.

(a) (Prior to 041140H) At YS542824 A Coy 3 RAR loc a track showing signs of S to N mov by 2 pers two days ago. Also loc in vicinity were the remains of a small fire and shell of an egg.

(b) (042105H) From YS498811 C Coy 3 RAR heard 3 single shots, a burst of automatic fire and another singl: shot in area YS503792.

(2) AO DEBORAH.

(a) (042045H) From YS607677 10 Pl D Coy 3 RAR sighted a lantern on a bearing 4600 mils distance unk. Area engaged with unk results.

(b) (042125H) From YS600810 Sp Coy 3 RAR sighted 2 red flares bearing 5800 mils range 1500m NFI.

b. Air Activity. Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.
b. Omitted.
c. Omitted.
d. Omitted.
e. Omitted.
f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3

(1) to (22) omitted. (24) to (27) omitted.
(23) Grenades 12

5. Omitted.
6. Omitted.
7. Omitted.
8. Omitted.
9. Omitted.
10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.
b. Omitted.
c. Omitted.
d. Agent Reports. See Annex C.
e. Omitted.
f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

1. (a) Late Report. (032050H) At YS437597 64 PF Pl engaged 6 en who approached from SW and withdrew SW at 032115H with unk cas.

(b) Late Report. (032115H) At YS502553 955 RF Coy engaged mov around their AP with unk results.

(c) Ref report of 12 graves loc by 772 RF Coy at YS639715 on 3 May 71 (INTSUM 123/71 para 11 f. (6) refers). Area was searched 4 May 71 and loc were very old postal envelopes addressed to Aust sub-units, and a decomposed B40 booster. Diggings were not graves and position is a former friendly camp area.

(d) (041635H) A US helicopter was fired on by SA from YS482513 with no hits.

2. Extracts from 3 Bde (seperate) 1 Cav Div (AM) INTSUM.

(a) (021545H) At YS329935 RTAVF tps det a booby trap resulting in 2 RTAVF KIA.

(b) (031145H) At YS625006 3 Bde tps loc an E - W logging trail which had been used in the last 7 days by an unk No of pers moving E.

(c) (031340H) At YS642992 3 Bde tps loc and destroyed 1 fighting pit estimated to be 1 year old and showing no signs of recent use.

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Annexes: C . Agent Reports.
E . Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 124/71
DATED 4 MAY 71

AGENT REPORTS

1. Agent Report received from DIOCC DUC THANH 4 Apr 71. Aust eval F3
On 3 May 71 VC came to the VIET CUONG Plantation and the CHAU LAC Plantation and gave the people money to bu food for them. The report also stated that BA LONG had been reinforced with a regular unit and is preparing to attack posts in the DUC THANH area.
COMMENT:33 NVA Regt is believed to be subordinate to MR 7. It had been previously thought that 3/33 NVA Regt may have been further resubordinated to become op con BA LONG Province. However, no firm evidence of this possible resubordination has come to light, and it is now believed that 3/33 is not normally subordinate to BA LONG Province. Nevertheless, the report may refer to presence in the area of the Province border of 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt.

2. Info received from Det 1 Div Int Unit 3 May 71. Aust eval C3.
Farmers living on the W side of R15, just N of PHU MY (YS246754), have stated that VC activity in that area had increased to the extent that the farmers stay away from their homes and holdings each night, rather than risk VC interference.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 124/71
DATED 4 MAY 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce.

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
040800H	E 55-58, N 89-91	No signs of enemy activity.
041000H	YS514828 and YS515826	Old bunkers showing no signs of recent use.
	YS520817	Three old bunkers and possibly two new bunkers nearby.
	YS517839	Appeared to be afresh shellscrape but track in area showed no signs of mov in last 1 - 2 weeks.
041200H	E 56-58, N 81-85	No signs of recent enemy activi
041400H	E 52-55, N 67-70	No signs of recent enemy activity

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 125/71.

2. Period covered from 050001H to 052400H May 71.

3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was 1 contact with Task Force elements.
   a. Ground Activity.
      (1) AO GRACE.
         (a) (050830H). At YS564737, 6 Pl B Coy 3 RAR located a base camp consisting of 15 pits with 12inches of OHC. The system 12 to 18 months old and last used 12 to 18 months ago. Located was 12 cooking pots, one set of scales, one pair of blue trousers, a quantity of plastic sheeting and several small batteries. The systen has not been previously recorded. Complex destroyed.
         (b) (051145H). At YS542834, 3 Pl A Coy 3 RAR found an old friendly harbour position with signs of use by five VC possibly in last two weeks. Area revealed several cooking fire sites. Located was a black shirt torn at the back, a used AUST pattern flare and a quantity of empty vitamin bottles.
         (c) (051355H). At YS525797, 5 Pl B Coy 3 RAR engaged two enemy who did not return fire. The enemy withdrew East and then North. The area was engaged by artillery with unknown results.
      (2) AO ELSIE.
         (a) (051625H). At YS569898, 9 Pl C Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a well used resting place for four persons and a track leading SSW which has been used frequently in last two weeks. It is estimated that the track was used by six to eight persons in the past five days.
      (3) Other Areas.
         (a) (051130H). At YS454846 , aircraft reported sighting 6 people. Elms C Sqn 1 Armd Regt were sent to investigate and check papers. Another person apart from the six had been writing something on a peice of paper. He mounted a bicycle and rode off. He was unable to be found in the thick country.
   b. Omitted

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
   a, b, c, d, e, Omitted
   f. Cumulative Totals for Month- MR3.
      (1-22), (24-27) Omitted.
      (23) Grenades 12.

5,6,7. Omitted

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 18/71 dated 3 May 71.

9,10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.
   a, b, c, d, e. Omitted
   f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
      (1) (041000H) Late Report. At YS523540 (PHUOC HAI) TRAN VEN MUOI, a PSDF member was captured by the VC.
      (2) (051150H). At YS374688, 384 RF Coy found two bunkers (age not known) located was an M72, one bag of dried fish and one bag of bananas. The system has not previously recorded by 1 ATF.

      Extracts from 3 Bde (Seprarte) 1 ACD (Airmobile) INTSUM 4 May 71.

      (1) (040630H). At YS755985 3 Bde tps during spot check at checkpoint on QL 1 detained 2 female civilians who were taken to XUAN LOC sub-sector. One had no ID card and one was carrying excessive amount of food and tried to evade checkpoint.
      (2) (040830). At YS812932 3 Bde tps heard movement to the North on 12 inch wide N-S track which had not been used in the last 4-5 days by 3 individuals moving S. An ambush was set up with negative results.
      (3) (040945H). At YS668948 3 Bde tps located 2 bunkers 4ftx8ft with 20 inches of OHC. Also located was 1oz documents. The system had been used in the last 14 days
      (4) (041545H). At YS812930 3 Bde tps contacted 2 female VC. Results 2 VC WIA CIA. PW told KIT CARSON Scout that they came from a hospital South of the NUI BE mt where VC are under treatment. PW was evacuated to FSPB MACE and later DOW.
      (5) (041815H). At YT794002, 3 Bde tps located 1 bunker 8ftx10ft with 2ft of OHC and 1 hut 4ftx6ft which had been used recently by an unknown sized enemy group. Also located was a wet towel (no recent rain in area), freshly cut wood and 1oz od documents. Documents evacuated and complex destroyed.

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Annexes: A. Omitted.
B. Omitted
C. Omitted
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E. Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 125/71
DATED 5 MAY 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce.

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
051010H	E54-57 N79-82	At YS553805, a large mound of dirt covering a log with a 2ft 6 inch square hole in the side of the mound. The hole was at least 6 ft deep and appeared to be a tunnel. No recent activity in the immediate area. No fresh sign of activity was seen in the area.
051145H	E64-67 N76-79	No recent sign of activity in the area.
051345H	E62-65 N83-85	No sign of any fresh activity in the area.
051600H	E57-60 N89-91	No signs of recent activity seen in the area.
051700H	IMPROMTU	YS826710, a set of footprints less than one day old on a sand dune. Prints were made by one person wearing HO CHI MINH sandals.

2,3,4,5. Omitted

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 126/71

2. Period covered from 060001H to 062400H May 71.

3. Summary of enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO ELSIE.

(a) (061030H) At YS540882, 3 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a "U" shaped bunker system 200m x 150m consisting of 15 bunkers 15' x 10' x 6', one well, one latrine to North of well and one trench on the Western edge. Entry/exit NW to SW. The complex was three months old and last used two months ago. Recovered was; 1 x US carbine in poor condition. Camp destroyed.

(b) (061100H) At YS565891, a ptl from 8 Pl C Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a circular shaped bunker system of 8 bunkers 6' x 4' x 3' with 2½' OHP. Entry/exit West, North, NE and SE. The complex was 1½-2 years old, in good condition and last used one year ago. To be destroyed.

(2) AO LISA.

(a) (060930H) At YS376841, a RAAF helicopter sighted a bunker system consisting of 2 bunkers running East to West, in zig zag pattern. A 6' x 4' fighting trench was observed in the centre of the complex. System not used recently and it is probably over six months old. It is likely that this is only part of a larger system.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Omitted.

b. Omitted.

c. Omitted.

d. Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual wpns 1

(2), (3) and (5) omitted.

(4) Captured Documents. See Annex B.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3

(1) to (4) omitted.

(5) Caches 1

(6) to (22) omitted.

(23) Grenades 12

(24) to (27) omitted.

5. Omitted.

6. Omitted.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 18/71 dated 3 May 71.

9. Omitted.

10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Omitted.

c. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports. See Annex C.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (031000H) (Late Entry) At YS286751, RD Team D4 reported a large VC Force who prohibited people from working in the area on 5-6-7 May 71. PF Pl 45 confirmed the report.

(2) (060900H) At PHUOC HOA (V.) (YS2961), NP detained NGUYEN VAN THOM born 1926 at CHOLON, suspected of being a VC supplier.

(3) (061156H) At YS847854, a 3 Bde VR aircraft observed a camp of 43 bunkers, some of which had pitchers on top. 5 - 10 persons were observed. The aircraft 15 - 20 rounds of GAF An airstrike was conducted in support and 10 - 15 rounds of 30 cal SA GAF was fired at aircraft. No BDA has been reported.

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Annexes : B. Captured Documents.
C. Agent Reports.
E. Aerial Reconnaissance.

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All 1 ATF LOs.

ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM No. 126/71
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CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

JWTC.

1. Documents captured by students from a JWTC course at YS351629 on 28 Apr 71, indicate they belonged to a member of BARIA City Unit.
2. The name PHAM VAN MINH was mentioned several times, and it would seem he may have been a medical officer with the BARIA City Unit.
3. The majority of documents dealt with various decisions of the Group Central Committee. There were several commendation certificates for various members of the BARIA City Unit, and also a nominal roll for that unit.
4. There were also biographical details of several VC members from the PHUOC TUY and neighbouring province areas.

ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM 126/71
DATED 6 MAY 71

AGENT REPORT

1. Agent Report received from Sector S2 6 May 71. VN eval C2, Aust eval F3. On 4 May at 1300H, 1 Sect of VC from C2 Engrs BA LONG Province, with a strength of 7 armed with AKs and mines, were loc at YS284717. The source states that they operate between THAI THIEN (YS2380) and PHU MY (YS2574) along Route 15.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM 126/71
DATED 6 MAY 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce.

DTG		LOCATION	SIGHTING
060615H		YS317810	Three ox carts containing 8 people mov NE
060800H	Area YS	57-60E,77-80N	No sign of recent movement.
061000H		YS568867	Several suspected heavy tracks in heavy jungle.
061200H	Area YS	48-51E,70-73N	Timber cutting in centres of mass YS488717 and YS478725 has now ceased. Timber has been stacked but has not been removed. No recent track usage.
061400H	Area YS	68-71E,81-84N	At YS706844, either a pers or animal under overhanging scrub. No other fresh signs in area.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 127/71.
2. Period covered from 070001H to 072400H May 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.
   a. Ground Activity.
      (1) AO HEATHER.
      (a)(070830H). At YS475686, 1 Sect 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt located new tracks used on night 6/7 May 71 by persons seen to have used lights at 0510 hours. All tracks enter system from North, South and East and all tracks lead into creek line 50m from YS474687.
      (2) AO LISA.
         (a)(071639H). At YS393747, RAAF helicopter sighted 20 persons with cattle. When they were sighted they moved rapidly from West to East leaving the cattle behind. They were dressed in black, with one in a white shirt.
   b. Omitted
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
   a, b, c, d, e, Omitted
   f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR3.
      (1 - 4), (6 - 22), (24 - 27) Omitted.
      (5) Individual Weapons. (23) Grenades 12
         Action Nil
         Caches 1
5, , 7. Omitted
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 18/71 dated 3 May 71.
9, 10. Omitted
11. Miscellaneous.
   a. Omitted
   b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS.
      (a) Ref INTSUM 126/71 para 11 (f) (3). The second sentence should read "The aircraft received 15 - 20 rds."
      (b) Ref INTSUM 126/71 Annex E Item 3. Amend "Several suspected fresh tracks in heavy jungle."
   c,d,e. Omitted
   f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
      (1)(070500H). At LONG SON (H) (YS3156), Sector Forces in a PHUONG HOANG operation detained the following VCI suspects. NGUYEN THI NHUT, PHAM THI TU, NGUYEN VAN DUONG, NGUYEN THI NAM.

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 127/71
DATED 7 MAY 71

INTERROGATION REPORT
FURTHER INTERROGATION
RALLIER PHAM THI NGOC

1. Further to INTSUM 118/71 Annex A, and INTSUM 114/71 Annex A, interrogation of NGOC a

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nurse from the Finance and Economy Section of CHAU DUC.
2. NGOC said Group 13 hoped only to maintain themselves and to avoid allied operations. Immediate unit intentions are therefore merely resupply and avoiding 1 ATF ops.
3. Group 13 in April 71 were being resupplied from BAO LIET (V) LONG KHANH (P) YT498045. When requiring resupply the group would stop outside the village, while two or three of the senior members would enter the village and buy food. This task normally was performed by the Admin Section of the group, led by TU HOANG. No caches or resupply locations were known to the subject.
5. NGOC named the following personalties:. a. TU HIEU - Comd b. TU HOANG - Admin Sect Chief. c. BAY TRI - C41 (Possibly Pol Officer) d. NAM DAN - Admin Chief Dist Committie e. BAY GIANG - Fund E Chief. f. SAU NGUYEN - Dist Comm Sect. g. SAU TINH - Protection Coll/Guard.

ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 127/71
DATED 7 MAY 71

AGENT REPORTS

1. Agent Report Received DUC THANH. Eval VN C2. (Reported 051500H). NGUYEN VAN DINH, born 1915 at 9/5 LA VAN (H) NGAI GIAO (V) PHUOC TUY (P) has often provided rice and salt to VC. The method he uses is to put the supplies in a water canteen. At YS441767, subject provided 2 canteens of rice and fish to BUI VAN BINH, Security Cadre CHAU DUC District on 4 May 71. Comment. Several reports have been received that the subject provides info and supplies to BINH, who is his son-in-law. BUI VAN BINH not recorded by this name in 1 ATF ORBAT. However two pers named BINH are in the Security Sect and one may be BUI VAN BINH.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 127/71
DATED 7 MAY 71.

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce.

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
070950H	E55-58 N67-70	No sighting of recent activity.
071000H	E51-54 N69-72	No signs of movement.
071200H	YS394864 YS375858 to YS375862	Possibly tunnel entrance 3ft diameter. 250 m of old trench.
071410H	E33-36 N63-66	The only tracks showing use was one leading fr BARIA Quarry to the ruins at YS346626, and another civilian track leading up the re-entrant at YS334630. Well worn tracks. It cannot be estimated when last used.

2, 3, 4. Omitted
5. APD (Sniffer)

DTG	MAXIMUM	STRONG	MINIMUM
070815H	Nil significant readings.		

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 128/71.

2. Period covered from 080001H to 082400H May 71.

3. Summary of Enemy Activity: There was one contact with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity:

(1) AO HEATHER.

(a) (080945H) At YS558671, 3 Sect 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged 1 VC dressed in green shirt, black trousers and HCM sandals, whoapproached from the North. Results: 1 VC KIA, 1 x M1 and 3 mags containing 40 rds, 1 x M26 gren, 2 x dets, qty docus CIA. VC was not carrying any food. COMMENT : Docus identify the VC KIA as NGUYEN VAN LAM of the LONG TAN Village Unit (refer Annex B). This unit, formerly numbering four, had been thought to be defunct from Sep 70. The docus suggest that it has been reformed.

(2) Other Areas.

(a) (Prior to 080825H) At YS450846, 1 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt, loc a sleeping place for one pers, still warm, with a qty bananas and other fruit in the vicinity.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a, (2) 1 x VC KIA Aust inflicted. b., c., d. omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual 1

(b) Omitted.

(c) Breakdown 1 x M1

(2) Omitted

(3) Omitted

(4) Captured Documents. 1 batch at YS558671.

(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3

(1) KIA 1 VC
(2) to (4) omitted.
(5) Individual Wpns.
Action 1
Caches 1
(6) to (21) omitted.
(22) SA rds 40
(23) Grenades 12
(24) to (27) omitted

5. Omitted.

6. Omitted.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 18/71 dated 3 May 71.

9. Omitted

10. Omitted

11. Miscellaneous.

a to e omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Reports extracted from 3 Bde (Seperate) 1 (US) Air Cav Div (AM) INTSUM.

(a) (060920H) At YS658028, a 3 Bde helicopter flying at 80 ft received an unk number of SA ground fire. Helicopter engaged area with organic wpns, resulting in 1 en KBA. At 0950H at YS658008, VR ac engaged 1 en dressed in a green uniform and unarmed. Results: 1 en KBA.

(b) (061000H) At YS599992, 3 Bde tps loc a cache of one .45 cal THOMPSON SMG with 4 full mags, 2 SKS rifles placed on a camouflaged 3 x 4 ft banboo platform, 2 ft off the ground. The wpns had been in place for 1 yr and were rusted and unserviceable.

(c) (071325H) At YS847854, while conducting a BDA of arty fire in a bunker complex (1 ATF INTSUM 126/71 para 11f (3) refers), a 3 Bde ac observed a N/S track used by an unk number of pers in the last 24 hrs. Also observed 1 destroyed bush table.

(d) (071612H) At YS645950, 3 Bde tps loc a NNE/SSW track used in the last 30 days The surrounding area showed use in the last 15 days.

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2. Other Areas.
(a) (081500H) At YS509549, MATT 5 recovered and destroyed 6 x M16 mines. Two of the mines had been dug up, with bamboo placed under then as if someone had attempted to lift them.

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Annexes : B. Captured Documents.
E. Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 128/71
DATED 8 MAY 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
1.(a) Documents captured by A Sqn 3 Cav Regt at YS558671 at 080945H May 71 on a body indicate that they belonged to NGUYEN VAN LAM of LONG TAN Village Unit.
(b) Among the docus was a "decision" dated 7 Dec 70, signed by PHAM HOANG VU (LONG DAT District Unit Comd) and DANG CONG QUANG (LONG DAT District Unit Political Officer), appointing LAM as Village Unit Guerilla Comd. COMMENT: This may indicate that LONG TAN Village Unit has been re-formed since 1 ATF ORBAT records this unit as disbanded as from Sep 70, when all of its four members had been either killed or had rallied. LAM himself is believed to have come from C25 Concentrated Coy to re-form LONG TAN Guerillas.
(c) Other docus included personal letters, photos and propaganda release from COSVN, and a notebook containing notes on logistics, medical and postal items.
Sp Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
2. (a) Documents obtained by Sp Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) from CAM MY civilians, who received then from seven unidentified VC while working in a rubber plantation at YS474908 on 7 May 71 are purely propaganda in the form of a letter addressed to the officers and men of the SAIGON Military Forces, purporting to come from Col NGUYEN VAN THO, Brigade Comd, Third Parachute Brigade.
(b) THO states that after his brigade had become extinct in the CHAKY area and on Hill 31, he surrendered to the "liberation forces" who treated him with clemency and at no time was his human dignity offended.
(c) The leaflet goes on to say that "At this time I know that many of the forces of the Republic of Vietnam are being pushed into this fight to further the gains of the US." The leaflet ends with a plea that his comrades should see that they are fighting for a lost cause.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 128/71
DATED 8 MAY 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce.

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
080800H	E 61-64, N 76-77	No signs of movement in the area.
081000H	YS613912	A strong smell of urine and several light tracks that have possibly been used recently.
	YS626903	Fresh boot prints of ap rox 4 pers lead into hvy scrub from the sand on the W bank of the SONG RAI
	YS628923	A 20 ft long inverted sampan under trees
081145H	YS714804	5 pers with a timber jinker laden with logs, flying a GVN flag
081200H	E 61-64, N 72-75	Numerous tracks but no signs of recent use.
081400H	E 52-55, N 65-68	No signs of recent movement.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 129/71.
2. Period covered from 090001H to 092400H May 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.
   a. Ground Activity.
      (1) AO GRACE.
         (a)(091425H). At YS498813, C Coy 3 RAR loc 59 sand bags wrapped in plastic and hidden in the butress of a tree. Sandbags destroyed in situation.
      (2) AO LISA.
         (a)(090830H). At YS405882, a VR aircraft observed a red truck with trailer being driven fast into the jungle. Another aircraft searched the area and lost vehicle tracks in vicinity of FSB DAMPIER (YS3686). 2 Sect 2 Tp 3 Cav Regt at YS405882 stayed in area until 1100H but saw no trace of truck or tracks made by it
         (b)(091430H). At YS385742 a VR aircraft sighted two oc carts with a number of people in the same area. Persons were carrying wood. Possum herded people to civil access area where NP took 23 persons to DUC THANH for questioning.
   b. Omitted.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
   a, b, c, d. Omitted.
   e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.
      (1) Omitted.
      (2) Captured and Destroyed Material.
         (a) Omitted
         (b) Destroyed. YS498813 - 59 Sandbags.
      (3-5) Omitted.
   f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3.
      (2 - 4), (6 - 21), (25 - 27). Omitted.
      (1) KIA 1 VC
      (5) Individual Weapons
         Action 1
         Caches 1
      (22) SA Rds 40
      (23) Grenades 12
      (24) AP Mines 6
5, 6, 7. Omitted
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 18/71 dated 3 May 71.
9, 10. Omitted
11. Miscellaneous.
   a, b, c, d, e. Omitted.
   f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
      (1) Late Report. (070630H). At YT567007, 3 Bde (Sep) 1st (US) Cav Div (AM) tps while recovering claymores found wires cut and two claymore mines missing.
      (2) Late Report. At YT595222 on 8 May 71 LRRP 42 contacted 10VC in can greens and freshly cut hair. Red: 8 VC KIA (BC). CIA were nine large packs and a large quantity of docus. Docus ident VC Tpt Gp 30. Full readout to follow.

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Annexes: A, C, D. Omitted
B. Captured Documents.
E. Aerial Reconnassiance.

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 129/71
DATED 9 MAY 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS
3 BDE (SEP) 1ST (US) CAV DIV (AM)

1. Docus discovered in a rucksack after a contact by 1 ACD tps at YT669024 at 060845H May 71, may have been carried by a member of the HQ of MR7.
2. Included were docus dealing with morale, propaganda reports, reports on various VC members, reports on security, personal letters, notebook of political notes, a personal journal, confessions, a CHIEN HOI leaflet, and reports on various GVN officials, listing the total pacification cadre strength for LONG DAT (D) and XUAN LOC (D) as 953 cadre comprising, PSDF, "rangers", PRU, PF, RF, PHOENIX cadre, civil health affairs cadre, religious factions, "reactionary groups", "counter spies", HOI CHANHs, and intelligence cadres.
3. A directive for BA LONG (P) stressing tighter surveillance of Enemy (Allied) Forces was found, with several other circulars and directives dealing with policy. Also found were several reports dealing with rear service activities and situation reports on the enemy (ARVN/FWMAF).
4. Several of these SITREPS dealt with Australian activity:
   a. Dated 20 Mar 71, traces enemy (Aust) mov in BANG (V) (XA BANG). Further details will be advised when obtained from CDEC.
   b. SITREP stating that on 13 Feb 71, the Australians entered CAM MY (V), the base area for the Province Rear Service and 84 Rear Service Group. Comment: Although 84 RSG has been disbanded, it may still be referred to by the VC locally.
   c. Another dated 28 Mar 71, mentions that an Aust Ranger Team (SAS) was forced to withdraw to Highway 2 at 1500H on 26 Mar 71, and later to DUC THANH.
5. Also included were 12 different 1:100,000 maps of the old French series (commonly used by the VC) covering a large area of MR3 including all of PHUOC TUY (P).

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 129/71
DATED 9 MAY 71

AERIAL RECCONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce.

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
090730H	YS458884	Observed a large hole on Route 2, with a rock beside it. Hole was previously reported but there are signs of recent activity.
090800H	E 50 - 53 N 82 - 85	No significant sightings.
091000H	E 62 - 66 N 74 - 76	No significant sightings.
091400H	E 36 - 40 N 80 - 82	No fresh signs of activity.

2,3,4. Omitted
5. APD (Sniffer).

DTG	MAXIMUM	STRONG	MINIMUM
090800H			YS395861

Comment: All other readings have been omitted due to inversion in the Northern part of area.

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HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT

10 May 71

1 ATF SUPINTREP 19/71
(PERIOD 3 MAY - 9 MAY 71)

LAOS

1. Side Looking Airborne Radar has indicated an increase in the weekly average tonnage of supplies moving along routes 1Ø1C and 1AC in North Vietnam. This increase in truck traffic has also been reflected by sensor string activations in the Laotian Panhandle. The enemy is reported to be attempting to improve his LOC's so as to allow him to continue the movement of supplies during the wet season.

2. Previous interdiction of the enemy's supply routes and the onset of the SW monsoon will cause choke points on the roads which, weather permitting, will supply lucrative targets for tactical airstrikes.

3. Ground activity in LAOS was at a minimum during the week as enemy forces concentrated on improving their supply system.

CAMBODIA

4. Enemy initiated activity in the TAON THANG AO remained at a low level, probably because the enemy are having a period of rest and resupply. On 5 May ARVN forces called in seven tactical air strikes during a contact with what was possibly elements of the 9th VC Division. Results were reported to be 130 enemy KBA. In another contact near SNOUL ARVN forces were attacked by an enemy force. Gunships and tactical air killed 72 enemy. The only other activity of note occurred in the PICH NIL Pass area where a Cambodian force fought through an unknown size enemy force to link up with two Cambodian battalions that had been isolated since 26 Mar. On 5 May 232 enemy bodies were found near PICH NIL Pass (VT038375). All had been KBA at an undetermined earlier date.

SOUTH VIETNAM MRs 1, 2 and 4

5. Enemy initiated activity decreased to a low level in MR 1. The enemy appears to be concentrating his efforts on improving trafficability and building by-passes on Routes 1032 and 608. In MR 2 enemy activity was characterised by light attacks by fire and ground probes against RF/PF posts. Reports indicate that future enemy activity in MR 2 will be confined mainly to sapper type attacks. Captured documents indicate that 95B NVA Regiment has lost 400 killed and has evacuated 260 wounded since 15 Mar. The loss of the equivalent of two battalions will severely hamper this formation's capability.

6. In MR 4 enemy targetting of territorial forces continues, but only two posts were overrun. Further "Dong Khoi" operations were conducted and one contact resulted in 32 enemy killed of a force of about 60.

MR 3

Enemy Activity

7. As in MR 2 enemy activity in MR 3 has been characterized by attacks by fire and limited ground probes mainly against RF/PF units. In TAY NINH Province on 3 May, an enemy force launched an attack by fire and a sapper attack against ARVN Rangers. The results were 11 friendly killed and 36 wounded. A considerable amount of ammunition was destroyed and a 105mm howitzer was damaged. The enemy lost six killed. 20 sticks of TNT were captured.

8. On 6 May PF elements contacted an enemy force east of TRANG BANG (XT545195). The results were 6 friendly killed and 3 wounded for seven enemy killed.

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9. There were no terrorist incidents in Saigon during the week.

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

10. A PW in PHUOC LONG Province has stated that "Action Arrow Units" are to be formed in MR 3. These units will be tasked with disrupting GVN rural pacification programmes in districts and villages.

Assessment for MR 3

11. HQ TRAC still estimate that an enemy high point may be conducted this month.

1 ATF TAOR

General

12. There were two contacts during the week involving 1 ATF troops. One enemy was killed. Sector forces were involved in two contacts, for which there was no known result.

Enemy Unit Identifications and Locations

13. D445. There were no contacts or further identifications of D445. However it is believed that D445 are still in the area of the LONG KHANH/PHUOC TUY border area east of Route 2. C1 Company remain in the LONG HAIS.

14. 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt.

a. Tracks found recently in the Province border area were possibly made by an element of 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt at the beginning of the month. However no further sightings have been made in the northern portion of the Province. It is believed that an element at least of this unit is probably also located in the northern border area.

b. On 8 May an American Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol killed eight members of 3 Bn 33 Regt near the SONG LA NGA in LONG KHANH Province (YT 583234). They are believed to have been travelling from 3 Bn's current location, possibly to VC Transportation Group 30 (the BA LONG Province transportation unit) on an ordnance resupply mission.

15. LONG DAT. The main element of LONG DAT District Forces is believed still to be in the LONG HAIS. However on 8 May A Sqn 3 Cav Regt killed a member of the LONG TAN Village Unit of LONG DAT, in the TAN RU (YS 558671).

16. CHAU DUC have not been contacted in the NUI LE/NUI SAO area since 28 Apr. This group may also have withdrawn into southern LONG KHANH.

17. There have been no recent reports of C36.

18. On 6 May in southern NUI BE (YS 847854) an American VR aircraft received 15 - 20 rds of small arms fire from a camp of 43 bunkers. An airstrike was conducted and aircraft received a further 10 - 15 rounds. 1 ATF patrols found tracks leading towards this area in January and February. A female VC captured by the Americans north of NUI BE (YS 8193) on 4 May statedthat she came from a hospital south of the mountain. The enemy group may have been a hospital or another MR 7 Rear Service organization.

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

19. In the period since 19 Mar a total of 17 males and one female are reported to have joined the VC. All of these incidents with the exception of that of the female and one 68 year old male occurred in enemy LONG DAT District (GVN LONG DIEN and DAT DO Districts). The female and one male have since returned. At least nine of those who remain missing from LONG DAT District were members of the PSDF. Some are thought to have gone willingly and some to have been kidnapped. There have been a number of recent reports that

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the enemy in LONG DAT District is at present carrying out a policy of abducting youths as recruits. Three of these reports have specified the PSDF as a target for this recruiting. It is considered likely that this programme will continue.

20. A few further reports have been received suggesting that the enemy is planning a political and military high point for May, as reported in SUPINTREP 18/71, although no indication of the commencement of the high point has been observed. Possible target areas within PHUOC TUY remain the Route 2 area near DUC THANH, and XUYEN MOC.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 130/71 dated 10 May 71.
2. Period covered from 100001H to 102400H May 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.
   a. Ground Activity.
      (1) AO ELSIE.
      (a) (101440H) At YS471862, an anti-tank Pl from 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found one half-dug bunker made in the preceding 2-3 days. Entrance/exit to N, S and E. A qty of cooking utensils, C rations debris, one paper mine marker and a qty of docus recovered. COMMENT : Docus tentatively identify a member of the disbanded D65 Engr Bn, of which an elm is believed to be operating under comd BA LONG HQ. See Annex B.
   b. Air Activity.
      (1) Omitted.
      (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
   a. to d omitted.
   e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.
      (1), (2), (3) and (5) omitted.
      (4) Captured Documents. See Annex B.
   f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3
      (1) KIA 1 VC.
      (2), (3) and (4) omitted.
      (5) Individual Wpns.
      Action 1
      Caches 1
      (6) to (21) omitted.
      (22) SA rds 40
      (23) Grenades 12
      (24) AP mines 6
      (25) to (27) omitted.
5. Omitted.
6. Omitted.
7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulherabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 19/71 dated 10 May 71.
9. Omitted.
10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
   a., b., c. and e. omitted.
   d. Agent Reports. See Annex C.
   e. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
      (1) (091910H)At YS456754, a policeman and a soldier from DUC THANH District Compound were fired on by AK47 from E side of Route 2. There were no friendly cas. Shots were fired by an unk number of en.
      (2) (101030H)At YS660670, two armed VC stopped people and demanded fresh beans. The same two were later seen moving from YS694795 to YS705724 by another source.
      (3) (101900H)From YS474510 3 Coy 302 RF Bn observed two VC entering a known MG position at YS474506. The area was engaged by arty with unk results.
      (4) (092010H)At YS474506, 2 Pl 3 Bn 302 RF Bn engaged one VC with unk results.

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ANNEX A TO
INTSUM No 130/71
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INTERROGATION REPORT
DETAINEE - DINH HUY HIENS

Reference: 1 ACD INTSUM No 30 dated 9 May 71.
1. An en soldier named HIEN surrendered to 513 RF Coy following a firefight on 21 Mar 71 at YS844930. From interrogation it was learned that HIEN was a Communist Party Member, and was a member of the Information Collection Team, Section 2 (Int) MR 7 at the time of his capture.
2. HIEN states that Section 2's function is to collect information by monitoring radio transmissions, primarily Vietnamese, although there is a two-man radio intercept team specializing in US transmissions.
3. HIEN is a specialist in Morse Code and he states that his task was only to listen to the transmissions and write them down. The translation and evaluation of the messages was the task of other teams within the section. He is uncertain of the operation of the other teams of Section 2, explaining that there were careful security regulations imposed upon them and that they operated in different locations.
4. HIEN stated that from the operations of his team it was possible to identify the source and recipient of the monitored transmissions through experience and familiarity with identification prefixes repeatedly used.

ANNEX B

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

3 Bde (Sep) 1 (US) Cav Div (AM)
1. Docus found in a bunker after a contact by 1 ACD tps at YT573028 at 040830H May 71, included a SITREP on Aust contact with D445.
2. The report was written by U-4 (BA LONG (P) Unit) to MR 7, undated. It stated that at 1630 hrs on 20 Apr 71, a Coy of Aust made contact at the base of D-2 (D445), on the W side of the SUOI TAN Stream. N of XUAN SON (YS5777). The elm of D445 withdrew, leaving the Aust in control of the region. COMMENT: This is a reference to the C Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) contact with D445 at YS559805 at 201637H Apr 71 (see INTSUM 110/71 para 3. a. (1) (d))
3. Reference 1 ATF INTSUM 129/71 para 11. f. (2)
Docus captured by 1 ACD on 8 May 71 at YT583234, on 8 KIAs after a contact, were found to belong to the Sig Section of 3 Bn, 33rd NVA Regt (reference in SUPINTREP 19/71 dated 10 May 71).
4. Docus captured included letters, cryptographic signal material, blank recommendations for promotion, wpns roster for C10, wounded slip for a member of C12, receipts, photos, Victory Award for PHUONG MAI of XUAN LOC (D) Forces, food list, Youth Labour Group membership booklet, Membership note, a Hospital Admission slip, personal record booklet, notebook of poems, self evaluation and self criticism, BARIA - LONG KHANH (P) Women's Association emblem, notebook of rosters, writings dealing with C10 during TET 68 and other activities during 1968, and list of personalities. 1 ACD COMMENT:The Signal Section is subordinate to HQ 33 NVA Regt but seems to be operating as an ordnance supply team for 3 Bn 33 Regt. The 8 KIAs were travelling from 3 Bn to an unk unit in DINH QUAN (D) (possibly Group 30) on an ordnance resupply mission.
Sp Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).
5. Docus discovered by Sp Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) in a two to three day old bunker systen at YS471862 at 101440H May 71 included a piece of cardboard with the words "Prohibited Area-Mines" followed by a Skull and Crossbones inscribed on it. The other item was an envelope from QUANG SI to HONG PHAT. COMMENT: 1 ATF ORBAT shows a NGUYEN HONG PHAT as being a member of the forner D65 Engr Bn. It is believed that an eln of the forner D65 is subordinate to BA LONG Province and is carrying out nining activities in the E portion of the COURTENAY Rubber Plantation and also probably on parts of Route 2.

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ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM 130/71
DATED 10 MAY 71

AGENT REPORT

Agent Report XUYEN MOC received 1 ATF 10 May 71. Eval ARVN C3, Aust F5.

1. On 5 Ma 71 at 1700H in vicinity YS643621, 60 VC were observed. An informant recognised LE HONG HAI. At 101915H the group were in the area YS715726 - 664704 - 660715 and HONG was seen again. The informant stated that HONG had been present with D445 in Nov 70 during an attack on 386 RF Coy. COMMENT: LE HONG HAI is unk to 1 ATF ORBAT. Efforts are being made to identify him.

ANNEX E

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
100800H	Area YS 61 - 64 E 72 - 75 N	No fresh sightings.
101000H	YS330783	Two ox carts and a number of civilians
101000H	YS691846	Two unusable bunkers and one old usable bunker
101000H	YS69948511	One usable hut with small tin hut nearby. In the same vicinity to NW was another hut in fair condition. Several destroyed bunkers also seen in area.
101200H	Area YS 64 - 67 E 87 - 90 N	No significant sightings.
091405H	YS794877	Vehicle tracks moving W.
091400H	Area YS 40 - 43 E 84 - 87 N	No sign of recent activity.

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2. Period covered from 110001H to 112400H May 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was no contact with Task Force elements.
   a. Ground Activity.
      (1) AO ELSIE.
         (a) (110900H). At YS515865, 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc a previously destroyed, 2 - 3 year old bunker area running NE along the creek line for approxiamtely 250m. The camp showed signs of use as a staging area 1 - 2 weeks ago and a quantity of med supplies was loc: entry/exit was to the North, South and West. Comment: Probably used by members of CHAU DUC District Force. Docus found in same area on 25 Apr 71 (INTSUM 115/71 para 3 a (1)(a) refers) identified CHAU DUC.

   b. Air Activity.
      (1) Omitted
      (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
   a, b, c, d, e. Omitted
   f. Cumulative Totals for Month MR3.
   (2 - 4), (6 - 21), (25 - 27) Omitted.

(1) KIA	1 VC	(22) SA Rds	40
(5) Individual Weapons		(23) Grenades	12
Action	1	(24) AP Mines	6
Caches	1		

5, 6, 7. Omitted
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 19/71 dated 10 May 71.
9, 10. Omitted
11. Miscellaneous.
   a, b, c. Omitted
   d. Agent Reports. See Annex C.
   e. Omitted
   f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
      (1) (111115H). At YS787711, a ptl from 36 USARV Trg Coy sighted 2 VC and engaged with mortar fire - results unknown. At 1145H, in the same vicinity, a further 6 VC were sighted while eating a meal. Enemy withdrew, route unknown but friendly tps swept SW and loc a small bunker system (NFI) at YS778705. A 1 ATF VR aircraft in the area reported several North/South and East/West tracks through the grass areas, but they were up to two weeks old. Comment: Enemy thought possibly to be from the BINH CHAU Guerillas, who are known to operate in this area.

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Annexes: A, B, D. Omitted.
C. Agent Reports.
E. Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 131/71
DATED 11 MAY 71

AGENT REPORTS

1. Report received at LONG HUONG (V) 11 May 71, Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3. Source reported that the BARIA CITY Unit was to be supplied by fishermen in the area of YS353580, between 111700H and 111830H May 71. The supply party were told that if they arrived at the RV before the VC, then they were to leave the supplies at a loc approx 100 metres away in the Northern bank (Area known as TRU LONG BUSH).

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1 ATF INTSUM NO 131/71
DATED 11 MAY 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce.

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
110800H	E 65-68 N 70-73	No signs of enemy movement.
111000H	YS418871	An old camp of 2 bunkers and 30 m of trench, with rear pits apparently dug in the last couple of days. A fresh track lead off to the SW and was followed until it was lost in the jungle at YS414867. Comment: This track probably the same as seen by VR on 18 Apr 71 (INTSUM 108/71, Annex E refers) Area possibly still being used by SR 4 Rear Services to obtain resup from VIET CUONG.
	YS412863	A quantity of shiny, empty food tins that appear to have been left there recently.
111245H	E 65-68 N 80-83	No sign of recent activity.

2, 3, 4, 5. Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task force INTSUM No 132/71.

2. Period covered from 120001H to 122400H May 71.

3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO LISA.

(a) (121145H) at YS398854, 6 Pl B Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc a camp consisting of 1 incompleted bunker and 5 small fireplaces. Estimated to be 2 months old and last used 1 month ago. Entry/exit points to the N, NW and S with a water point to the W

(b) (121300H) at YS417873, Aslt Pnr Pl 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) loc a bunker system consisting of 3 bunkers 4' x 3', 30' trench 3' x 1' and one well 30' deep. Est to be 12 months old and last used 6 months ago. Camp has been destroyed.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Total KIA Occuring During This Reporting Period.

(1) Omitted (3) Omitted.

(2) Aust Inflicted: 1 VC.

b. Omitted.

c. Omitted.

Omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Captured Weapons.

(a) Individual. 1 x AK47.

(2) Omitted.

(3) Captured and Destroyed Foodstuffs.

25 lb rice, 15 lb peas, 9 cans condensed milk.

(4) Omitted.

(5) Omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3.

(1) 2 VC KIA.
(2), (3) and (4) omitted.
(5) Individual Wpns. Action 2. Caches 1.
(6) Omitted.
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed. 25 lbs.
(8) to (21) omitted.
(22) SA rds 40
(23) Grenades 12.
(24) AP mines 6
(25) to (27) omitted.

5. Omitted.

6. Omitted.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 19/71 dated 10 May 71.

9. Omitted.

10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS.

(1) INTSUM 129/71 para 11. f. (2) should read YT583234 instead of YT595222.

c. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports. See Annex C.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest

(1) (120910H) at YS439629, 64 PF Pl found 2 bunkers last used 6-8 months ago. Bunkers were destroyed. The bunkers were not previously recorded by 1 ATF.

(2) (121620H) at YS484592, a 17 year old girl went from the HOA HOI Village to join the VC. Her uncle TRAN VAN HUONG (22 yrs old) is already a VC.

(3) (121845H) NGUYEN VAN PHU (32) AKA MUOISU Asst Squad Leader Postal Section CHAU DUC District Unit rallied to 626 RF compound. Rallier stated he was wounded in a recent contact. COMMENT: 1 ATF interrogation to be conducted 13 May 71.

Extracts from 3 Bde 1 ACD (AM) INTSUM.

(4) (111045H) at YS817976 3 Bde tps loc a N-S track used by 2-3 pers in last 7 days.

(5) (111500H) at YS815976 3 Bde tps loc an E-W track used by 5 pers mov in both directions in last 2 hrs.

(6) (111648H) at YS816975 3 Bde tps contacted 1 en. Results:1 US WIA. En withdrew W with unk losses.

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(7) (111115H) at YS816976 3 Bde tps loc a cache containing 525 lbs salt, 150 lbs rice The food was in sandbags marked "Donated by the People of USA". Cache was 1-2 weeks old. Area used in last 24 hrs.

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Annexes: B. Captured Documents.
C. Agent Reports.
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ANNEX B

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Docus captured in Northern PHUOC TUY Province on a KIA identify the body as probably a Pl Comd of a Rear Services elm of SR4.
2. Included in the docus were $(VN)9,300, 4 photos (one with the name CHINH-unk), a hand-written code booklet to be used with the SG 68 radio set (unk), a food list, and a decisio promoting NGUYEN DOC SOAI of Unit 10, Section 3, Sub Region 4, from Pl 2IC to Pl Comd, signed by TRAN VAN UT, Comd of staff Section SR 4 (1 ATF ORBAT holds UT as a member of the Comd Committee Rear Svcs SR4) on 4 Jul 70. COMMENT: Section 3 is a Rear Svce Group. It is believed that the body was that of NGUYEN DOC SOAI, Pl Comd Rear Svcs SR4.

ANNEX C

AGENT REPORTS

1. Agent Report received from DUC THANH 12 May 71. VN eval C1. Aust eval F3.
At 101200H May 71 approx 10 VC from NGIA GIAO Party Chapter were at YS450797. They held a propaganda meeting praising their victories. They asked the people to supply them with food and said they would be back soon to collect it.
2. Agent Report received from S2 Sector 12 May 71. VN eval C2. Aust eval F4.
At 111500H May about 2 Pls of VC carrying a B40 and individual weapons were loc at YS614615 moving towards XUYEN MOC. Intentions unk.
3. Agent Report received from DUC THANH 12 May 71. VN eval C2. Aust eval F3.
At 121400H at YS440782 5 VC were sighted moving N of HUYEN Plantation. En armed with 1 x AK47, 1 x K44, 1 x SKS and 1 carbine. They were possibly from NGAI GIAO Party Chapter.

ANNEX E

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce.

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
120858H	E 33-36, N 69-72	No sign of recent activity.
121000H	E 69-72, N 69-72	No sign of recent activity.
121005H	YS385718	RAAF ac sighted 2 pers mov W who tried to avoid detection by mov into the jungle. VR ac checked the area but no sign of 2 pers was seen.
121200H	E 30-33, N 69-72	No sign of recent activity.
121400H	YS532912	A N, S, E, W track junction; used possibly in last 2-3 weeks.
	YS515921	Well defined E-W track showed signs of mov by 10 pers in the last week.
	YS515921	An E-W track running along a dried up stream showed signs of mov by 15 pers in the last 1-2 weeks.

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2. Period Covered from130001H to 132400H May 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.
   a. Ground Activity.
      (1) AO GRACE.
         (a)(Prior to 131225H). At YS557812 1 Pl A Coy 3 RAR lo and destroyed 12 "T" shaped bunkers with 12 inches OHP, not used in the last 3 - 6 months although one track in the area was approx 1 month old and there has been an attempt to reconstruct one pit in the last month.
   b. Omitted.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
   a, b, c, d, e. Omitted.
   f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR3.
      (2 - 4), (6), (8 - 21), (24 - 27). Omitted.
      (1) KIA 2 VC
      (5) Individual Weapons
         Action 2
         Caches 1
      (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 251
      (22) SA Rds 40
      (23) Grenades 12
5, 6, 7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 19/71 dated 10 May 71.
9, 10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
   a, b, c, d, e. Omitted.
   f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
      (1) Late Report. (122205H). At YS495596 Sector Forces detained the following seven females: NGUYEN THI HOA, TRAN THI MUOI, TRAN THI CHU, TRAN THI DANG, NGUYEN THI LANG, NGUYEN THI PHUNG and TRAN THI BANH. BANH was released today and other 6 VCI suspects being held at DAT DO DIOCC for questioning.
      (2) Further to the disappearance of 6 PSDF members from HOI MY on 7 Apr 71 (INTSUM 97/71 para 11 f (3) refers). On 12 May 71 3 of these missing PSDF returned to HOI MY (YS5056) and were handed over to DIOCC and are under interrogation. The three PSDF were LY SI HUNG, PHAM VAN KIM and LE VAN DANG.
      (3) (131650H). Near Lake BAU HAM (YS6784) aircraft sighted 5 cows. When area was flown over shortly afterwards the cows could not be sighted. Comment. Cows were also sighted in this area 20 and 24 Apr 71.

Extracts From 3 Bde (Separate 1 Cav Div (Airmobile) INTSUM.

(1)(121215H). At YT987158 3 Bde tps targeted against HQ 33 NVA Regt sighted 2 enemy moving out of bunker system and engaged them with arty. The camp was entered at 121215Hand 1 enemy was engaged resulting in 1 VC KIA. 4 enemy were then sighted 30m SSW of the camp. These were engaged resulting in 4 VC KIA. Total results, 5 VC KIA, 1 x B40 rd, 10 US first-aid packs, 200lb rice, 10 lb of fresh fish and docus were CIA. Further exploitation of the docus and bunker system were conducted 13 May with unknown results.

(2)(131600H). At YS852850 3 Bde VR spotted 1 bunker 5 x 8ft with what appeared to be a tin roof and poncho tied to a tree. Bunker was engaged resulting in 1 x 40ft whip antenna being uncovered.

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 133/71
DATED 13 MAY 71

INTERROGATION REPORT
RETURNEE - NGUYEN VAN PHU

Biographical Data.

1. a. Name : NGUYEN VAN PHU
   b. D/POB 1939 at DUC HÒA, HẬU NGHĨA.
   c. Rank/Appt : Sect 2IC/ Commo liasion and Unit Postal.
   d. Unit: Group 13, CHAU DUC (D) Unit.
   e. Circumstances of return. Subject claims whilst on a resupply mission on 29 Apr his party of two were contacted by Australian troops. Subject was wounded, and was left behind by his comrades. He made his way to Route 2 where he rallied to DUC THANH Sub Sector. Comment: Subject claims that contact occurred in approx area YS5081 whilst party were moving from TAM BO to Route 2. However no 1 ATF contact took place in this area at that time. It is hoped that the details can be clarified 14 May 71.
2. The rallier gives information about the organisation of Group 13. He states that Group 13's strength is 32, which substantiates the statements of PHAM THI NGOC (INTSUMS 114 and 118/71), and also stated that another group from CHAU DUC were operating West of Route 2, under the command of HAI BAC (Held by 1 ATF as Asst Party Chapter Secrectary CHAU DUC).
3. PHU stated that he has not seen or heard of any liasion with D445.
4. He also stated that Group 13 was very short of food and medical supplies and their future intentions are merely to resupply themselves. He states that CHAU DUC present location is YS550926 (Apprx). The main areas of operation for rice resupplyare along Route 2 from BINH BA up to BAO BINH (YT4901).
5. Comment: The subjects answers were evasive. He gave several different stories to each question. He may be deliberately lying in his answers to some questions. The interrogation continues.

ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 133/71
DATED 13 MAY 71

AGENT REPORTS

1. From Sector S2, VN B2, Aust C2, A Number of VC cadre from LONG DAT District guided by OAI (possibly VU OAI of the LONG DAT District Security Section) and LAP (possibly NGUYEN LAP cadre of LONG DAT Security Section) completed recce of XA PHUOC THO (DAT DO) on 6 May 71 The recce party (a total of three) then returned to the District Base (almost certainly in the LONG HAIs) to present a plan and request forces for an attack on PHUOC THO. (possible targets could be the PHUOC HOA LONG Village Council or the 3/578 RF Coy Post).
2. From LONG LE, VN C2, Aust F3, Five VC from the LONG HUONG Village Guerillas armed with AKs were stopping locals at YS350591 at 121500H May 71 and asking them to buy dried fish and cigarettes.
3. From Sector S2, Aust F3. A report received at LONG DAT stated that on 9 May approx 20 VC from C25 Concentrated Coy armed with K 54s and rifles moved from PHUOC TRINH Jungle (YS4657) at 2400H to AN HOA (YS4359) LONG DIEN through AN DONG (YS4659). They withdrew at 0200 hours.
4. From XUYEN MOC, VN C2, Aust F5. Information received on 9 May states that two platoons (approx 60) dressed in mixed uniforms with crew served weapons moved from NE of XUYEN MOC in the area of YS670705 and YS656717. (XUYEN MOC officials think this group has gone to the PHUOC BUU area or is on the way through there to West of XUYEN MOC).
5. From NP, VN C2, Aust F 6. Four VC from PHUOC HOA Village Party Chapter were seen in the vicinity of YS2464 on 11 May 71. They posted "NO ENTRY" signs at YS248631, YS288636, YS24763 YS249646, YS243644, YS248640, YS248653.

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DATED 13 MAY 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
130800H	E 72 - 75 N 75 - 78	Nil signs of enemy activity in area.
131000H	YS391792	A well worn foot track was followed along a vehicle track to YS391787, where it left the main track and passed through a clearing at YS392780. It was followed as far as YS392768. Track appears to have regular light use with at least one person using the track in the last 24 hours.
	YS396797	A track was followed East along the Southern side of a creek. Track estimated to be 1 month old.
131200H	E 64 - 67 N 78 - 81	The area shows no sign of recent use by the enemy. A number of old installations were sighted with the only usable bunker at YS656796. No fresh tracks were sighted in the area and the old woodcutter track running through old bunkers at YS658782 has not been used recently.
	YS670787	Pool in a creek which shows sign of recent activity but no tracks leading to it could be seen.
131400H	E 64 - 67 N 61 - 64	Nil signs of recent enemy activity.

2, 3, 4, 5. Omitted

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 134/71.

2. Period covered from 140001H to 142400H May 71.

3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.
   a. Ground Activity.
      (1) AO DEBORAH.
         (a) (141000H) At YS631765, 4 Pl B Coy 3 RAR loc a base camp consisting of three bunkers 9m x 4m and one pit 6m x 3m, est to be 1½ - 2 years old and partially destroyed. Recovered were: two pairs surgical scissors, 4 ft surgical tubing and a qty of cooking utensils. Six graves with contents previously removed were found in vicinity. System destroyed. COMMENT: Complex probably used as a field dressing station. System not previously recorded.
         (b) (141640H) At YS632768, B Coy 3 RAR loc 2-3 day old signs of 8-10 pers mov E on an old APC trail.
      (2) AO LISA.
         (a) (141400H) At YS404867 a tank from C Sqn 1 Armd Regt loc an empty, bloodstained pack left in position approx two days ago. There were drag marks in vicinity, COMMENT:Possibly one en wounded by arty. Later at YS4487 as tanks were returning they sighted 8 pers acting suspiciously. Pers quickly departed when tanks approached.
   b. Air Activity.
      (1) Omitted.
      (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
   a. to e. omitted.
   f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3.
      (1) KIA 2 VC
      (2), (3) and (4) omitted.
      (5) Individual Wpns.
         Action 2
         Caches 1
      (6) Omitted.
      (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 25 lbs.
      (8) to (21) omitted.
      (22) SA rds 40
      (23) Grenades 12
      (24) to (27) omitted.

5. Omitted.

6. Omitted.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 19/71 dated 10 May 71.

9. Omitted.

10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.
   a., b. and c. omitted.
   d. Agent Reports. See Annex C.
   e. Omitted.
   f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
      (1) (141410H) At BINH BA (YS4474) MATT Team 1 received a HOI CHANH who is now held at DUC THANH. Interrogation to be carried out 15 May 71.
      (2) (Night 12/13 May) VC blew up two sections of railroad track 6m at YT292087 and 20m at YT288087. RF searched area with nil results.

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Annexes: A. Interrogation Reports.
B. Captured Documents.
C. Agent Reports.
E. Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 134/71
DATED 14 MAY 71

INTERROGATION REPORT
RETURNEES: LE VAN DANG, PHAM VAN KIEM, LY SY HUNG

Biographical Data.

(1) a. Name: LE VAN DANG.
b. D/POB: 1955 HOI MY, DAT DO
c. Employment: Cattle Herder.

(2) a. Name: PHAM VAN KHIEM.
b. D/POB: 1953 HOI MY DAT DO.
c. Employment: Field Worker.

(3) a. Name: LY SY HUNG.
b. D/POB: HOI MY DAT DO.
c. Employment: Field Worker.

Circumstances of Capture and Return.

(4) They were captured by three VC at 0700H on 7 Apr 71, after having completed guard duty at HOI MY Committee Rooms. They were handed over to members of the LONG DAT (D) Forces and taken to the MINH DAM Mountains at approx YS478505, where they were kept in a cave system and given political instruction by a person named BA ANH (1 ATF ORBAT indicate BA ANH is the 2IC of the LONG DAT District Command Committee).

(5) On 10 May at approx 1100H it appeared that there was no one guarding them and they were able to make good their escape, returning to HOI MY and turning themselves in.

(6) The only info they were able to give was that while they were being held the force concerned were members of the LONG DAT (D) Unit.

ANNEX B

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

3 Bde 1 (US) Air Cav Div (AM) (Sep)

(1) Documents captured by 1 ACD on 6 May 71 at YT669024 give the 1971 Dry Season Plan originating from Sub Region 4, MR 7 dated 30 Mar 71.

(2) The general context of the papers stated that from now until Sep 71, friendly (VC) forces of SR4 were to motivate the Party, the Army and the people to carry out HO CHI MINH's testament, attack enemy forces and destroy their war facilities, develop (VC) forces, frustrate the (RVN) pacification programme, increase guerilla warfare, eliminate tyrants (GVN), break down the enemy oppressive machinery, plant secret agents in enmmy agencies, motivate the refugees from CAMBODIA to participate in the Revolution, consolidate the armed forces in hamlets and villages, establish spike pits and mine fields to counter sweep operations, expedite farm production, improve military proselyting activities and liquidate the BK (Special Forces) and the reactionaries to support political struggle movements in villages.

(3) The papers went on to explain in what areas this was to take place. Those of interest to 1 ATF are: LONG DAT, CHAU DUC, XUYEN MOC and LONG SON Village, plus Catholic refugee resettlement areas (BINH GIA).

(4) Docus also mentioned that the enemy (ARVN/FWMAF) would be concentrating his forces in CAMBODIA, which would present a good opportunity for local areas to intensify anti-pacification activities, disintegrate pacification forces and the enemy defensive system, and develop the political struggle and military proselyting movements. In rural areas, especially in LONG DAT and CHAU DUC (D), cadre and soldiers were to hold on to their areas of operation and motivate the villagers to leave (RVN resettlement centres) to return to their farms, In (rubber) plantation areas, overt cadres were to hold on to city outskirts, increase the killimg of tyrants and the disruption of the PSDF, and control trade unions and overt organisations. A struggle movement was to be initiated in the urban and rural areas to demand peace and protest enemy terrorism, conscription, price hikes and social evils.

(5) The docu stresses that recce, sapper, special action and engineer units and secret self defence forces should be used in attacks against enemy urban and rural areas, storage and war facilities, and ground and water communication lines. Along with the intensification of activities on all battlefields, subordinate units and agencies were to make every effort to consolidate rear and base areas, and protect depots, entry and exit points and communication corridors. At the same time they were to store food.

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(6) Another docu in the batch is a letter which reads in part as follows: " On the morning of 19 Mar 71, one of four armoured vehicles driven by the Aust troops into XA BANG (rubber plantation) fell into a ditch in the strategic hamlet and two men were injured. The Australians discovered a trail used by our rear service cadre to enter this hamlet" COMMENT: C Sqn 1 Armd Regt identify the hamlet concerned as CAM MY, and agree with the reporting of this incident although no members of that unit were injured. The trail concerned runs at the back of CAM MY to the E towards an old water pump. The letter continues " As for the XUAN SON Plantation (centre of mass YS5476), the French owners have requested our (VC) permission to resume work. We have agreed and cleared the mined areas so that they can begin." COMMENT: This letter was written by SAU BUI who is the Asst Chief of the Security Sect BA LONG.

ANNEX C

AGENT REPORTS

(1) Report received at DAT DO 12 May 71. Aust eval C2.
(120100H) 8 VC from PHUOC HOA LONG (V) guerillas guided by DUONG THI NGAU aka TUYET (chief F/E section) infiltrated HOA HOI (H) to liaise with VCI and collect supplies. Then they went to house 20/5 HOA HOI (H) and took one girl, PHAM THI TU, born 1954 and daughter of PHAM VAN DOI (deceased VC) and LE THI TAO. VC left in direction of MINH DAM secret zone via YS483580. Refer also INTSUM 132/71 para 11. f. (2)

(2) Reference INTSUM 131/71 Annex C para 1.
(111830H) 6 VC were resupplied by boat at YS353580. Ident in the group was TU CANG, (F/E chief BARIA City Unit, Op Team Leader BARIA and Security Section Chief LONG HUONG Party Chapter).

(3) From 525 MI Group, US F3, Aust F3.
At 110900H May 71 ten men from PHU MY Village Unit and the F/E Sect PHU MY were reported camping at YS338775.

(4) From XUYEN MOC, VN C2, Aust C3.
The VC XUYEN MOC District have stated that in the period 17-20 May 71, people should not go to work in the SUOI CAY DA Jungle Area, vicinity YS635685, and should move out of XUYEN MOC if necessary.(At XUYEN MOC it is felt that an attack on XUYEN MOC Sector HQ or subordinate elms could be possible on 19 May 71).

(5) From DUC THANH, VN C2, Aust F6.
At 121400H May 71, five VC moved from YS440782 to N of the HUYEN DO Plantation (YS447778) They may possibly belong to the NGAI GIAO Party Chapter.

(6) From DAT DO, VN C2, Aust F6.
At 120920H May 71, 20 VC were sighted at YS459562. They were armed with personal wpns two B40s, and were thought to be planning to reinforce local village units.

ANNEX E

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce.

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
140800H	E 58-61, N 84-87	No significant sightings.
141200H	E 55-58, N 85-88	Only friendly tracks seen.
141400H	YS399855	Root digging holes sighted. Not very recent.
140213H	YS240670	Red Haze ac observed one sampan mov up the river
141030H	YS6757	RAAF ac observed three boats within 60m of coast. Another ac flew over and the boats put out to sea beyond the illegal distance from shore.

2., 3. and 4. omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer)

DTG	MAXIMUM	STRONG	MINIMUM
141600H	E 55-58, N 83-88		Neg readings due to gusty conditions

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3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.
   a. Ground Activity.
      No significant activity reported.
   b. Air Activity.
      (1) Omitted.
      (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
   a, b and c Omitted.
   d. Enemy Ammunition Expenditure.
      (1-2) Omitted.
      (3) 82mm Mortar 25 rds.
   e. Omitted.
   f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3
      (2 - 4), (6), (8 - 21) (24), (26 - 27) Omitted.
      (1) KIA 2 VC
      (5) Individual Weapons
          Action 2
          Caches 1
      (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 25lbs.
      (22) SA rds 40
      (23) Grenades 12
      (25) AT Mines STET - 1
5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.
   a. Omitted
   b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.
      (1) Located by Friendly Forces.
          (151600H; YS455869 A Sqn 3 Cav Regt located a 15lb Chicom Anti Tank mine with firing device burnt out.
      (2) Omitted.
6, 7. Omitted
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 19/71 dated 10 May 71.
9, 10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
   a, b, c. Omitted
   d. Agents Reports. (See Annex C).
   e. Omitted
   f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
      (1) (150900H). At YS308552, 637 RF Coy sighted one VC in a Sampan moving SouthEast towards sea. He was engaged with SA fire with no result.
      (2) (151410H). At DUC THANH (YS4678) a Cordon and Search operation resulted in 46 persons detained. 16 were detained as VC suspects and it is considered that some may be identified as VCI. Remaining 30 are illegal residents and they will be processed and released, probably on 16 May 71.

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(1) (12 May 71). At YS847855, a BDA found one enemy KIA and 10 bunkers destroyed.

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Annexes : A. Interrogation Reports
B. Omitted.
C. Agent Reports.
D. Omitted.
E. Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 135/71
DATED 15 MAY 71

INTERRGOATION REPORTS

DETAINEE: NGUYEN - THI - RI

1. Biographical Data.
   a. Name : NGUYEN THI RI.
   b. D/POB: 1952, HOI MY (V) DAT DO.
   c. Occupation : Seamstress.
   d. Education : 1st Class (5 Years).
   e. Circumstances of Capture: The subject was arrested on 13 May 71, being a known VC, on returning from SAIGON to HOI MY (V) to visit her mother.

2. Information.
   a. Having studied tailoring for a number of months in SAIGON the subject returned to HOI MY in Jan 70 where she was conscripted by the VC, while working in the fields. She was then taken to the LANG DAI Jungle (YS5459) where she was induced to work for the VC.
   b. In Apr 70 she was sent to SAIGON to observe the situation, report information on American bases and spread propaganda amongst the PSDF in SAIGON. Another girl joi[illegible] her, but the subject stated that neither of them carried out the work which they had been directed to do by the VC.
   Comment: The subject as yet is not believed to be telling the truth.

FURTHER INTERROGATION

DETAINEE: NGUYEN VAN SU

Reference 1 ATF INTSUM No 133/71, Annex A, dated 13 May 71.
1. The subject has now given his name as NGUYEN VAN SU, instead of NGUYEN VAN PHU as previously reported. His alias is MUOI XU. Comment. 1 ATF ORBAT holds MUOI XU as being the OC of the CHAU DUC Postal Unit.
2. Previously the subject had stated that he had no criminal convictions, but now admits to spending 3 months in a SAIGON Goal.
3. The contact the subject claimed to have been involved in on the 29 Apr 71 on further interrogation appears to have been the contact by V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) on the 28 Apr 71 at YS510857. The subject claims that there was only himself and two others involved in the contact. He was shot in the thigh. He was deserted by his comrades and crawled for 3 days, finally reaching the TAM BO stream where he was able to fashion a pair of crutches and subsequently make his way to Route 2.
4. The subject gives an extensive organisation of CHAU DUC (D) Unit and places the total strength at 70 members. He also gives the break up of units when CHAU DUC was divided into two elements.
   a. 1st Team: Under the command of TU HIEU (Asst Secretary of Party Committe, Political Officer of CHAU DUC, possibly District Unit Commander and also a radio specialist) was formed from the District Unit and C41 and is believed to be located within Northern PHUOC TUY in the Route 2 area (subject appears confused as to possible locs).
   b. 2nd Team: Under command of SAU NGUYEN (Asst Party Chapter Secretary CHAU DUC) is thought to be located at area YS550930.
5. The subject stated that before 1971, the morale of the soldiers was high, but because of the recent harassment by Australian Forces, at present the majority of the soldiers are dissatisfied, and dislike going into combat operations, and continually suffer from food shortages.
6. The subject claims to have overheard in April 71 that BA LONG Province had given instructions for units to recover blind bombs to make explosives to attack vehicles on Route 2 and 15.

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ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 135/71
DATED 15 MAY 71

AGENT REPORTS

1. From HOI MY, uneval, Aust F3.
At 131330H C25 Concentrated Coy, strength 30 were reported at YS488538. They may infiltrate HOI MY in the near future. Comment. C25 Concentrated Coy strength estimated by 1 ATF at 24.
2. From Sector HQ VN C3, Aust F3.
The combined guerilla platoons of PHU MY and PHUOC HOA, strength about 10 including 2 women were at SUOI NGOT, YS295684 at 141300H May 71. The group sent three of their number to stop oxcarts and locals from working in the area. They stated that between now and 19 May they will strike a heavy blow to celebrate HO CHI MINH's Birthday. The group also warned that if anyone entered the SUOI NGOT area (as above) they would confiscate their carts and oxen.
3. From LONG LE NP, VN C2, Aust F3.
At 131400H May 71, six guerillas of HOA LONG Village Unit stopped oxcart drivers at YS377656 and asked for details of Aust operations. They were dressed in black and asked specifically about Aust operations around DONG DON or DONG PHUNG, of HOA LONG Village.
4. From LONG DIEN, uneval, Aust F3.
At 142000H May 71 nine VC infiltrated TAM PHUOC (YS452583), LONG DIEN. They infiltrated to find the strengths and details of new RF Coys assigned to TAM PHUOC. One of the VC was identified as DANG VAN CAY, F and E Cadre of TAM PHUOC Village. Comment. 1 ATF ORBAT holds CAY in the position stated.
5. From LONG DIEN, uneval, Aust C3.
The VC have been training "cowboys" to use mines and hand grenades when they are near the PHUOC TRINH Jungle area (YS4657). The target is the TAM PHUOC Power Supply and it is alleged that the youths will try to place explosives on the generators.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 135/71
DATED 15 MAY 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce.

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
a. 151620H	YS657665	Six smouldering tree stumps where civilians have been clearing land.
(This VR was flown to check certain Red Haze readings. Read in conjuction with grids in para 3 below)	YS623746	A recent light track South of location.
	YS611782	Nothing significant seen. There were fresh animal tracks around lake BAU MO.
	YS578689	No fresh sightings. Some old dishes and half 44 gallon drums were in a pile with no sign of recent use.
	YS562680	Fresh animal tracks at waterhole.
	YS551674	Recent APC tracks in this location. A waterhole in dry stream bed showed recent use by animals.
	YS585723	No fresh sightings.
	YS518755	An oxcart trail from BINH GIA (YS4678) ran to this area where some trees have been cut. The trail appeared no less than one week old.
	YS516768	Some ploughing has been done in area. A tree stump sill smouldering 200 metres South of Grid.
	YS514757	Civilians in the area.
	YS512767	Cattle at this location.
b. 150630H	YS577572	Two fishing boats heading for North of SONG RAI river. Pilot Comment. Looked like boats from LANG PHUOC HAI (NFI).

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DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
c. 150800H	Area E33 - 38 N 75 - 78	Extensive timber cutting in Western three grid squares. Woodcutters tracks appear approx one week old. No other fresh signs seen in area.
d. 151000H	YS669832	Platform 4 x 5 ft built in trees about 3 ft above water line in swamp. Age cannot be assessed. Comment: Probably a cache site. HOI CHANHS recently described wet weather caches as this type. No other sign of recent activity.
e. 151200H	Area E 62 - 67 N 78 - 80	No sign of recent activity in the area.
f. 151220H	Area E 70 - 73 N 81 - 84	Woodcutters in Southern portion of area of Route 329 operate to YS710818 and YS723813. Five trucks observed operating in area during VR but no other sign of movement seen.
g. 151335H	YS710805	Four yellow trucks and a number of people who appeared to be collecting wood.
h. 151000H	Area YS5756 - YS6858	Approx 50 boats off coast within 500 m at 1005H aircraft flew close to boats and they moved out to sea. At YS586573, two boats were within 20m of shore and they were loaded with large boxes and cargo and were not fishing vessels. These two boats were moving South West.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity.

DTG 142150H.to 142340H	LOCATION	READOUT	LOCATION	READOUT
	YS516768	One emmission near trail	YS512767	One emission near open.
	YS514757	One emission near stream	YS518755	One emission in open.
	YS585723	One emission near shelter	YS605775	One emission near road.
	YS611782	One emission near road	YS629775	Two emission on trail.
	YS623746	One emission near stream	YS638780	One emission along stream.
	YS679749	One emission along road.		
	YS690749	Five emissions in open.	YS643656	One emission on road.
	YS650664	Five emissions along road.	YS657665	Nine emissions in open.
	YS660671	One emission in open.	YS672673	One emission along road.
	YS516616	Two emissions near road.		
	YS532612	Two emissions along road.	YS551674	One emission near stream.
	YS562680	One emission in open.		
	YS578689	Two emissions near stream.		

See VR report at para 1 a of Annex E this INTSUM.

4, 5. Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 136/71 dated 16 May 71.
2. Period covered from 160001H to 162400H May 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.
(1) AO QUIVER.
(a) (161515H) At YS467906, 1 Pl V Coy 2 RAR.NZ(ANZAC) Bn loc 2 graves. 1 contained human remains, possibly three weeks old, the other was empty. Pl is still searching area.
(2) AO GRACE.
(a) (161845H) At YS579818, ac reported smoke coming through jungle canopy. At 161910H, ac reported sighting a water hole at same grid. Water hole was muddy and may have been used recently. Fresh tracks led to the West.

b. Air Activity.
(1) Omitted.
(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.

4. a., b., c., d. and e. omitted.
f. Cumulative Totals for Month-MR 3.
(1) KIA 2 VC.
(2), (3) and (4) omitted.
(5) Individual Wpns.
Action 2
Caches 1
(6) Omitted.
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed. 25 lbs
(8) to (21) omitted.
(22) SA rds 40
(23) Grenades 12
(24) Omitted.
(25) A/Tk mines 1
(26) and (27) omitted.

5. Omitted.
6. Omitted.
7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 19/71 dated 10 May 71.
9. Omitted.
10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
a., c. and e. omitted.
b. Correction to previous INTSUMS.
INTSUM 135/71 Annex E, para 1 b. add grid reference YS584574 as loc of second fishing boat.
d. Agent Reports. See Annex C.
f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
(1) (160908H) At YS7864 Bushranger ac sighted 1 sampan 200m off the coast. At YS6757 another sampan was sighted 100m off the coast.
(2) (161015H) At YS290573, 59 and 12 RF Pls received 1 rd of B40 fire from 6 VC. At 1020H the VC withdrew North. Results: 2 PF WIA.
(3) (161020H) At YS710708 US ac reported sighting 3 pers and a truck. At YS718813 another truck was seen.
(4) (161120H) At YS717813, Possum ac reported 6 woodcutters with a truck and trailer. People were cutting wood to the N and NE of the grid.
(5) (161815H) YS4678. Ref INTSUM 135/71 para 11. f. (2), details of detainees are 30 illegal residents and 16 VCI/VCs suspects of whom 2 are probably VCI from LONG KHANH Province, 4 VC from 84 RSG, 1 VCI from BINH DUONG Province, Liaison cadre from BA LONG Province and 8 VCI from CAO SU. All are at DUC THANH undergoing interrogation

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(1) (141030H) At YS553982, 3 Bde tps loc 1 hut, 7' x 8' with 3" thick log roof. Hut estimated to be 1 yr old and last used 3-4 months ago and in poor condition. A NW-SE track leads to the W.
(2) (141130H) At YS548984 3 Bde tps loc a 200m x 500m rice padi with new rice growing.

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E. Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 136/
DATED 16 MAY 71

INTERROGATION REPORT
RETURNEE - NGUYEN VAN CU

1. Biographical Data.
   a. Name: NGUYEN VAN CU.
   b. AKA : TIEN
   c. D/POB: 1956 at BINH BA, DUC THANH.
   d. Rank/Appt: Soldier
   e. Unit: C4, D445 LF Bn.
   f. Circumstances:of Return: Whilst the Bn was in the CA MUM Jungle (approx YS5678), the subject and another soldier named BA, threw away their wpns and fled. They went to an area near the SUOI LUP stream (approx YS445765) where they remained for a number of days, food being brought to them by CU's cousin and her husband. They then went to BINH BA and asked there whether they could join the BINH BA guerillas permanently. They were told that they would have to wait until BINH BA asked BA LONG Province for a decision as to what was to be done with them. The subject stayed with the BINH BA guerillas for about 20 days when he fled once again and rallied. COMMENT: Docus captured by 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) on 20 Apr 71 at YS527879 included a letter dated 12 Mar 71 from BINH BA to BA LONG mentioning the fact that a TIEN (refer AKA) and BA were being held by them, and they asked advice as to what should be done with these two members of D445. The docu stated that TIEN and BA left D445 on 6 Mar 71.

2. Information.
   a. The subject refers to a base in PHUOC TUY used by D445 during the last move into the Province. It is situated about 500m N of BAU BAO (approx YS6983) and has been destroyed at some time by ground laid explosives.
   b. He states that when D445 moved into the CA MUM area it was under the command of HAI KHANH (Bn Political Officer) for this operation, and that SAU TU at this time was in the LONG DAT area. COMMENT: SAU THU is known to have been in the LONG HAIS.
   c. CU says that D445 did not have any food shortages, as their food was supplied by BA LONG Province. Members of the Bn each carried their own food. He also states that the Bn had sufficient ammunition.
   d. The subject stated that when moving through jungle D445 does not use existing tracks but prefers to cut new ones.
   e. When asked whether CHAU DUC came into the Province to assist D445 in attacking a hamlet along Route 2, the subject stated that D445 has not at any time operated or liaised with CHAU DUC, nor did he know of any intention to do so. COMMENT:The subject departed D445 prior to Apr 71, which is the period during which it is thought that CHAU DUC moved into the Province recently. It remains possible that liaison was effected in Apr.
   f. The subject stated that in the past few months D445 had received 20 reinforcements from BA LONG, comprising both North Vietnamese and South Vietnamese.
   g. When asked whether C4 had the task of carrying ammunition and rice for the Bn, the subject stated that C4 was still a combat coy, and it was each member's responsibility to carry his own food.
   h. From CU's statements the morale of D445 would appear to be quite high. When asked in what regard the leaders of D445 were held, the subject answered as follows:
      (1) HAI KHANH (Bn Political Offr): He was always talking and happy, a capable leadrr and strategist.
      (2) SAU THU (CO D445):He was very quiet, very good to soldiers and a good fighter and strategist.
      (3) SAU PHUONG (Asst Political Offr): He was always good to the men and a capable planner.

GENERAL COMMENT: The subject CU is quite co-operative. From his story it appears likely that the main element moved in late Feb or early Mar from NUI BE to the BAU BAO area (YS6983), and then across Route 328 to the CA MUM Jungle area (YS5678) and thence down to the SONG RAI area where the contact occurred with 1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn on 31 Mar 71 at YS584722. CU states that throughout his own move from NUI BE to CA MUM he was in company with the main elements at least of C2, C3 and C4. The 3 RAR contact with D445 on 20 Mar (YS651787) was probably not therefore with the main element of the Battalion.

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ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 136/71
DATED 16 MAY 71

AGENT REPORTS

1. From RDC LONG LE, VN eval C3, Aust F3.
Villagers may now re-enter the PHU MY Jungle to work after a 10 day restriction imposed by VC for non-payment of taxes. The people have been instructed to carry 5,000 piastre with them in either a shoe or hat. The VC nearly always appear in the PHU MY Jungle when woodcutters are working. However, they never appear when an operation is in progress.

2. From National Police, LONG LE. VN eval C2, Aust F4.
Five VC of the BARIA City Unit were sighted in a boat at YS349597 at 141400H May, where they stopped fishermen to spread propaganda and request the purchase of eight yards of nylon material. Identified were: NGUYEN HOANG HIEP, HUYHN THI KET (AKA THANH), THI MUOI PHAN. COMMENT: 1 ATF ORBAT holds HIEP asbelonging to the Security Section and PHAN as cadre of the Women's Association, BARIA City. However, KET, a cook, rallied on 18 Feb 71, which casts a doubt upon this report.

ANNEX E

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce.

	DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
a.	161000H	E 69-72, N 72-75	No sign of en activity.
b.	161150H	YS588575	Sighted 1 fishing boat, and two others between the grid and the mouth of the SONG RAI. Several more boats were headed towards the mouth. At 161245H a low level recce caused all the boats th leave the area. All boats had fish and nets on board.
c.	161200H	E 59-71, N 85-86	In area YS630850 some yam digging and light regular use of E/W track in that area. No other fresh signs seen. COMMENT: A HOI CHANH in Mar 71 stated that BAU LAM guerillas used the general area for gardening.
d.	161400H	E 47-59, N 85-86	Several old bkrs and systems were seen, all of which showed no sign of activity, except at YS592850, where approx 5 bkrs appeared to have freshly disturbed earth around them. However no tracks were seen in the area.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity.
At 160200H there was one emission at each of the following locations:
YS640753, YS644655, YS652665, YS641672, YS614783, YS627748, YS635768, YS600752, YS647800

4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer).

DTG	MAXIMUM	STRONG	MINIMUM
160800H	YS558865		

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 137/71 dated 17 May 71.
2. Period covered from 170001H to 172400H May 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.
   a. Ground Activity.
      (1) AO LISA
         (a) (170600H). At YS378864, two APC's from A Sqn 3 Cav Regt engaged one enemy who approached from the West. The enemy withdrew in an unknown direction. A sweep revealed nil results.
   b. Air Activity.
      (1) Omitted.
      (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
   a, b, c, d, e. Omitted.
   f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3
   (2 - 4), (6), (8 - 21) (24), (26 - 27). Omitted

(1) KIA 2 VC		(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed	25 lbs
(5) Individual Weapons		(22) SA Rds	40
Action 2		(23) Grenades	12
Caches 1		(25) A/TK Mines	1

5, 6, 7. Omitted
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 20/71
9, 10. Omitted
11. Miscellaneous.
   a, b, c. Omitted.
   d. Agent Reports. (See Annex C).
   e. Omitted.
   f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
   (1) (151800H). At YT318093, 624 RF, 326 PF and 973 RF Coys with support elements contacted an unknown sized enemy force. Results were 6 RF KIA, 9 RF WIA, 2 PF WIA, 8 VC KIA, 3 x AK 47s and 1 B40 launcher CIA. Contact continued intermittently until 2315 hours. An air strike was called for with unknown results.
   (2) Late Report. (170700H). On the night of 15 - 16 May 3 PF soldiers and the hamlet chief at CAM MY village were wounded by a booby trap. Villagers later saw 3 VC moving East.
   (3) Late Report. (162122H). At YS235679, 385 RF Coy engaged one fisherman. The boat withdrew South West. (NFI).
   (4)(AM 17 May 71). An RAAF convoy moving along Route 15, 7 miles South of LONG BINH reported that a "LAMBRO" in front of convoy stopped because of an initial explosion and then a secondary explosion. Some SA fire was heard.
   (5) (170900H). At YS474503, 4 Coy 302 RF Bn received AK fire from enemy. Results: One RF WIA. The contact continued until 1045H when enemy withdrew North East, and were engaged by 81mm mortar and .30 cal MG fire from 302 RF Bn.
   (6) (171810H). At YS645633 JWTC located a drum containing approx 300 rounds of assorted size SA ammunition in a decomposed container. Ammunition buried "in site".
   (7) (171810H). At YS650633 JWTC located a bunker system consisting of 20 - 30 2xman bunkers. The system was in poor condition and had not been used for past 6 months. However tracks showed signs of recent movement.

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Annexes: A, D Omitted.
B. Captured Documents.
C. Agent Reports.
E. Aerial Reconnaissance.
F. VC Units in 1 ATF Tactical Area of Interest.

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CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Documents discovered in a bunker system in Northern PHUOC TUY Province indicate a possible occupation by D445 LF Bn.
2. One document was a personal "Love" letter from a SAU YEU. Comment 1 ATF ORBAT holds a YEU as being a member of C2, D445.
3. Included were two songs, one a battle hymn, which speaks of "the American Pirates" and "bombs falling from the sky".

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1 ATF INTSUM NO 137/71
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AGENT REPORTS

1. From [redacted] - ONG TRINH, VN eval C3, Aust C3.
Villagers at ONG TRINH sighted a VC in a tree observing the hamlet on 16 May 71. At 2115 hours 2xVC attempted to infiltrate the hamlet from the NW but were engaged by the PSDF. Fire was returned by VC using an M2 carbine.
2. From National Police LONG LE, VN eval A1, Aust C3.
BUI VAN NGHI was assassinated by 2 females and 4 male VC at his home in PHU MY. NGHI was drinking with two friends and a stranger RACH DUA of VUNG TAU. The reason for his assassination is thought to be because NGAI had recently acquired a land title previously owned by HUA THI, a sister of HUA VAN CHON, aka., TAM CHON (Party Chapter Secretary of PHU MY village).
3. From National Police LONG LE, VN eval C2 Aust F3.
Six guerillas of PHUOC HOA village Unit led by DANG VAN SANG (OC and Tax collector of PHUOC HOA village unit) and F and E cadre dressed in black and armed with 1 x AK47, 3 x CKC and two carbines were sighted in a boat at HOI BAI CU, at YS223623. They stopped fishermen and asked for supplies and warned that a tax of 200 Piastres had to be paid monthly.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 137/71
DATED 17 MAY 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
171000H	E55-57 N86-89	No recent sign of recent movement seen in the area
171000H	E Route 2 - Route 329 N 84 - 86	No recent N - S movement seen.
171200H	E54-57 N 69-72	No fresh sign of movement seen in area.
171355H	E49-52 N80-83	1. Woodcutting evident in the West and South of area, more work appears to have taken place in the last week. 2. No fresh sign of movement seen in the area.
171415H	VR aircraft	At YS569826 sighting of a North South track 12 - 24 hours old and used by 10 - 15 persons.
171600H	E39-42 N80-84	1. Recent woodcutting at YS419806. 2. No other recent sign of movement seen in the area.
171125H	By RAAF Gunships	1. At YS714804, one yellow truck with four civilians on it. 2. At YS710800, one unattended oxcart. 3. At YS721811, one unattended logging trailer. 4. At YS712813, one yellow truck with two civilians on it. 5. At YS703809, one yellow truck with three civilians on it. 6. At YS703810, one trench 30 ft long on North side of creek.

Comment:
There is heavy activity in the area and pilot considers all tracks are made by woodcutters.
2, 3, 4. Omitted.
5. APD (Sniffer)

DTG	MAXIMUM	STRONG	MINIMUM
170930H	YS655838	YS642834	YS645835, YS650836

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
74 NVA Arty Regt/MR 7				
HQ Elm and Sp Units	125	YT287143 28 Feb 71	Northern HAT DICH	
1 Bn	110	YT264156 30 Nov 70	TAY UYEN (P)	
2 Bn	80	YT285035 15 Apr 71	Dispersed throughout SR4	1 Coy in RSSZ
3 Bn	75	YT280090 16 Feb 71	SE U-1 (P)	
BA LONG (P) HQ/MR 7 (incl Rear Svcs)	440	YT628038 24 Apr 71	vic NUI TRANO	
D445 LF Bn/BA LONG (P)				
Bn HQ and C5 Coy	68	YS5386 30 Apr 71	Southern LONG KHANH	
C1	24	YS4750 30 Apr 71	LONG HAI Mtns	
C2	22	YS5386 22 Apr 71	Southern LONG KHANH	
C3	27	YS5386 22 Apr 71	Southern LONG KHANH	
C4	18	YS5386 22 Apr 71	Southern LONG KHANH	
K8 Combat Sp Coy/BA LONG (P)	60	----- -----	-----	
C36 Sapper Recce Coy/BA LONG (P)	50	YS476973	BAO BINH Jungle	
XUAN LOC District/BA LONG (P)	155	YT5602 Feb 71	SE of XUAN LOC (V)	

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VC UNITS IN 1 ATF TACTICAL AREA OF INTEREST

UNIT (a)	EST STRENGTH (b)	LOC AND DATE OF LAST IDENT (c)	CURRENT PROBABLE LOC (d)	REMARKS (e)
HQ MR 7/SVNLA	325 (excl Rear Svcs)	YS812930 4 May 71	SE of GIA RAY	
MR 7 Rear Svcs (C3)				
J 95 Tpt Bn	160			Serves Northern MR 7
J 85 Tpt Bn	430			Serves Southern MR 7
33 NVA Regt/MR 7				
HQ Elm and Sp Units	190	ZT061113 16 Feb 71	S of NUI ONG	
1 Bn	245	ZS045995 3 Dec 70	S of NUI ONG	
2 Bn	170	YT777289 23 Jan 71	SE of VO DAT	
3 Bn	185	YT594043 8 Oct 70	Southern LONG KHANH border area	
274 MF Regt/MR 7				
HQ Elm and Sp Units	360	YT316019 20 Mar 70	Northern HAT DICH and BINH SON	
1 Bn	100	YS288997 19 Mar 71	SW of XUAN LOC	
2 Bn	80	YS227877 16 Apr 71	S of HUNG NGAIA	
3 Bn	70	YS191892 3 May 71	S of BINH SON Plantation	

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1 ATF SUPINTREP 20/71
(PERIOD 10 MAY - 16 MAY 71)

LAOS

1. On 10 May two North Vietnamese MIG 21s intruded into Laotian airspace in an unsuccessful attempt to shoot down a USAF FAC aircraft (BIRD - DOG) operating in the vicinity of BAN BAN (US760700). It is an unusual occurrence for North Vietnamese aircraft to conduct an out of country mission.
2. A Royal Laotian Army unit was reportedly attacked by enemy tanks in the vicinity of DONG HENE during the week. An NVA PW has stated that tanks are to be used in an attack on BAN HOUAY SAI (XD4394) which the enemy regards as a most difficult objective. Previous reports have indicated that the enemy has moved 23 tanks South from SARAVANE.
3. A group of 55 Pathet Lao troops, including two Lieutenant Colonels, rallied recently at PAKSE. This group brings the total number of Pathet Lao ralliers in Southern LAOS to over 200.

CAMBODIA

4. Enemy initiated activity continued at a low level in the TOAN THANG AO. On 11 May ARVN forces engaged an enemy force near NEAK LUONG (WT295170), resulting in 13 enemy killed. Near PREY VENG (WT434527) ARVN troops killed 27 enemy and captured 10 weapons.

SOUTH VIETNAM MRs 1, 2 and 4

5. Enemy initiated activity in MR 1 remains at a low level as enemy forces concentrated on logistic and reconnaissance activities. Although the enemy has amassed considerable forces in the DMZ area of North Vietnam, there is no firm evidence to show that the impending summer campaign will be more than a normal dry season offensive South of the DMZ.
6. Vietnamese Marines launched combat assaults in South Western THUA THIEN Province near FSB VEGHEL (YD583011) on 10 and 11 May. Two of the assaults met with determined opposition. Evidence that the enemy is determined to defend his positions in spite of morale problems was provided on 12 May when enemy troops were found chained to their positions.
7. Activity in MR 2 followed the now established pattern of light attacks by fire and isolated ground probes against RF/PF elements. A PW revealed that the enemy intends to conduct operations in the vicinity of KONTUM City in the near future. A large cache of arms was discovered South of PLEIKU City (ZV223920) by ARVN elements on 12 May. The cache contained about 2 tons of arms and ammunition including TNT, anti - tank mines and mortar and B - 40 rounds. The loss of this cache coupled with the heavy casualties recently suffered by 95 B NVA Regiment (SUPINTREP 19/71) will significantly reduce the enemy's tactical capability in Southern PLEIKU Province.
8. In MR 4 attacks by fire against RF/PF and ARVN positions continued at a daily average of six. A significant contact involving ARVN and US forces with an unknown size enemy force on 12 - 13 May in KIEN GIANG Provinc resulted in 82 enemy killed and 5 detained. Helicopter gunships destroyed 10 sampans on 11 May (808175) and a USN aircraft attacked a 40 foot sampan which exploded (at VR817327). The sampan was estimated to be capable of carrying between 4 and 10 tons of cargo.

MR 3

Enemy Activity
9. Enemy initiated activity remained at a low level. ARVN troops on road security operations near PHUOC NINH (XT057453) were attacked with small arms, automatic weapons and B - 40 fire. The contact resulted in 5 friendlies killed and 3 wounded, while the enemy lost 9. The enemy may have been elements of 8 NVA Sapper Battalion.
10. There were no terrorist activities reported in SAIGON during the week.
11. HQ TRAC continues to estimate an upsurge in enemy activity on or about 19 May.

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General
12. There were two contacts involving 1 ATF troops during the week. One enemy was killed. Sector forces were involved in four contacts. Two PF members were wounded. 36 USARV Trg Coy had one contact (YS787711), with no known result. Two HOI CHANHs rallied to Sector

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forces, and a cordon and search in the COURTENAY area resulted in 16 suspects detained.

Enemy Unit Identification and Locations

13. D445

a. The main element of D445 is believed still to be in Southern LONG KHANH near the Route 2 border area. SAU THU, the Battalion Commander, and C1 Company are believed still to be in the LONG HAIs.

b. On 14 May a soldier from C4 Coy D445 rallied to Sector forces at BINH BA (YS4474). He is able to offer no information on recent activities of D445 because he departed the unit on 6 Mar and had been held in custody by the BINH BA guerillas while a decision was awaited from BA LONG Province as to what action was to be taken regarding him.

14. 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt is also believed to be in the Southern LONG KHANH border area.

15. CHAU DUC

a. Two recent ralliers (INTSUM 114, 118, 133 and 135/71 Annex B) have stated that CHAU DUC District Headquarters and Unit totals approximately 70. The command group, known as Group 13 includes C41 Concentrated Company and numbers approximately 32. It is also located in the Northern Province border area just East of the COURTENAY Rubber Plantation. It may have been an element of Group 13 which was contacted at least five times by 2 RAR/ NZ(ANZAC) Bn troops in the NUI LE/NUI SAO area in Apr. One rallier states that a second group is inside the Province in the Nothern Route 2 area but he is uncertain as to the location.

b. Agent reports suggest that a third small group could possibly be in the PHU MY area.

16. A document captured by 2RAR/NZ(ANZAC) troops near Route 2 (YS471862) on 10 May indentifies a member of the element of the former D65 Engineer Battalion which has been attached to BA LONG and has been carrying out mining in the COURTENAY area East of Route 2.

17. A member of Sub - Region 4 Rear Services was killed by a 1 ATF patrol in the Northern area of the Province.

18. LONG DAT. Three more of the seven PSDF members who disappeared from HOI MY on 7 Apr (SUPINTREP 15/71) have returned. They state that they were detained in a cave by LONG DAT District Forces on NUI CHAU VIEN (at YS478505).

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions

19. There is still no indication of the commencement of a high point in the Province. However several more reports have been received suggesting that the enemy intends celebrating HO CHI MINH's birthday (19 May) with a political and military effort of some sort on or about that day. 3 Bn 33 Regt, the main element of D445 and CHAU DUC are all located in an area from which an effort could be made against a territorial post in the Northern Route 2 area, which has been specified in a number of reports as a likely target area. Another possible target remains XUYEN MOC.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 138/71 dated 18 May 71.
2. Period covered from 180001H to 182400H May 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity: There was one contact with Task Force elements.
   a. Ground Activity.
      (1) AO ELSIE.
         (a) (180020H) At YS492874, 3 Pl V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn engaged an est 1-2 en mov from E to W. A fire fight ensued and the en withdrew in an unk direction. A sweep was conducted at 0115H and a further sweep at first light revealed no res.
      (2) Other Areas.
         (a) (prior to 181640H) At YS460848 a ptl from FSB JANE loc an unexploded 105mm HE shell which had no fuze and looked as if it had been carried to this loc, possibly to be later fused and set up as a booby trap. Destroyed.
      (3) AO HEATHER.
         (a) (181901) At YS538667 5 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt loc ox cart tracks 3-4 days old mov E-W . Also loc at YS563659 a bunker system consisting of 3 fighting pits approx 12 months old.
   b. Air Activity.
      (1) Omitted.
      (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
   a., b., c., d. and e. omitted.
   Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3.
      (1) KIA 2 VC
      (2), (3) and (4) omitted.
      (5) Individual Wpns.
         Action 2
         Caches 1
      (6) Omitted.
      (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed. 25 lbs.
      (8) to (21) omitted.
      (22) SA rds 40
      (23) Grenades 12
      (24) AP mines 1
      (26) and (27) omitted.
5. Omitted.
6. Omitted.
7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 20/71 dated 17 May 71.
9. Omitted.
10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
   a., b. and c. omitted.
   d. Agent Reports. See Annex C.
   e. Omitted.
   f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
      (1) (181145H) At YS233738, 252 RF Coy contacted an en party of five (3 female, 2 male). The en withdrew W. Results: One en WIA and captured. One RF WIA. Captured were: 50 kilos rice, qty docus which included names of PSDF and diagrams of compounds 1 x M1 carbine. PW is ident as THAI THUAN, member of PHU MY Farmers Association (1 ATF ORBAT holds him as member of Party Chapter and of F/E Sect), age 50. He was shot in the buttocks. Presently in 1 Aust Fd Hosp in operating theatre. Team to interrogate on 19 May.
      (2) (172400H) At YS424605 an unk sized group of VC captured 4 PSDF soldiers and 2 civilians from LONG LIEN Hamlet. VC ident not yet known. Villagers saw VC and more info regarding VC ident could be available at a later date.
      (3) Ref INTSUM 135/71 para 11. f. (2) (16 detained at DUC THANH as VC suspects). Identified are the following: (a) PHUNG THI TY:- Labour Party Leader. (b) CAO THI LOI:- CAO SU Communist Liaison Offr. (c) HO THI NHAN:- CAM MY NGAI GIAO Liaison Offr. (d) LE THI VUNG:- VCI CAM MY NGAI GIAO. (e) NGUYEN THI CAM:- Sup org VIET CUONG. COMMENT: These people are on the LONG KHANH black list. There is no proof or evidence as yet to convict them. The police intend to interrogate them further. The remaining 11 are not recorded on any black list in LONG KHANH. However all are being subjected to a further check.

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Annexes:
B. Captured Documents.
C. Agent Reports.
D. Aerial Reconnaissance.

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 138/71
DATED 18 MAY 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

3 Bde (Sep) 1 (US) Cav Div (AM)

1. A letter captured by 1 ACD at YT669024 on 6 May 71 identified the writer as SAU BUI (Asst Chief of Security Sect BA LONG).
2. The letter mentioned 13 Feb 71 as a date on which Aust troops raided the base camps of CAM MY Village (Unit), Province Rear Svcs Sect (Rear Svc Gp) 84, and A-239 (possibly Rear Svcs of SR 4), forcing the author and his associates to move out of their area of operations The temporary shelter area (of the VC) was later attacked by the en (FWMAF) and the VC had to move to another area. COMMENT: This possibly refers to the finding of a bunker system by 3 Pl V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) at YS514878 at 131030H Feb 71. (INTSUM 44/71 para 3. a. (1) (a) refers).
3. On 15 Feb 71, friendly personnel (VC) of an engr base camp near CAM MY Village (possibly elms of the disbanded D65 Engr Bn) fired B-40 and B-41 rds, destroying almost one Aust B (platoon). Friendly (VC) forces sustained 3 personnel KIA including a guerilla of CAM MY Village (Unit). COMMENT: 1 ATF has been unable to identify this reported incident. Howe no platoon was destroyed
4. Aust troops frequently enter TAN VIET NAM (YS464857) and VIET CUONG Rubber Plantation (centre of mass YS428884) to protect a blocking position on CON RAN Moutain (poss YS450904) SA BANG (XA BANG) Rubber Plantation (YS4685) has two entry and exit points operated by the Province Rear Svc Sect and (Rear Svc Gp) 84. There has been much trouble between the Province Rear Svc Sect and (VC officials of CAM MY) Village concerning trading at the above entry and exit points.

ANNEX C

AGENT REPORTS

1. MSS Agent report received DAT DO. Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F4 on 18 May 71.
   At 181300H at YS525627 eleven VC were sighted. NFI.
2. MSS Agent report received DAT DO. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F4 on 18 May 71.
   At 171400H at YS529651 twenty VC were seen.
3. Eval 1 ATF F3.
   Source stated that on 5 May he heard SAU SUONG (2IC CHAU DUC District Unit Command Committee) say that as at 6 May "sapper recce of C3 D445" are operating around the hamlet of BINH BA and NGAI GIAO Village. They intend to carry out a sapper attack upon DUC THANH between that time and 19 May. The VIET CUONG supply point is reported to be very active in supplying food for SR 4, and relatives in the VIET CUONG and CHAU LAC (YS4535) Plantation are storing food for the VC. COMMENT: The reference to "sapper recce of C3 D445" would be a reference to 036 Sapper Recce Unit (str 50) which incorporates the former C3 D445. See also following agent report.
4. Agent report from DUC THANH. Eval VN C2. 1 ATF F3 on 18 May.
   At 181100H at YS480780 ten VC of the BINH BA Party Chapter appeared. It was disclosed by one of the VC that BINH BA Party Chapter plus C36 Coy are to attack or "shell" a military post in DUC THANH District on HO CHI MINH's birthday (19 May). COMMENT: There have been many recent reports of a coming possible attack in DUC THANH District, as stated previously.

ANNEX E

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce.

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
181400H	E 48-51, N 82-85	No sign of recent mov in the area.
181000H	E 63-66, N 82-85	No sign of recent mov in the area.
181210H	E 54-57, N 86-89	No sign of recent mov in the area.

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180615H YS252421 Observed a tree branch laid across Route 15 with 3 pers (dressed in similar manner to PF)in vicinity. As ac circled the area the pers were joined by 5 others who cleared the block and moved S along the hwy.
During the flight along Route 23 at 0700H the little traffic noticed was all moving W from XUYEN MOC. All traffic from DAT DO was halted at the E gate of the town. Normally traffic from DAT DO is mov along the road by 0630H.

180800H E 40-43, N 84-87 At YS403867 is the tallest tree in thearea On either side of the tree is tied a 40' green bamboo pole with smaller lengths extending to the top of the tree. Thick undergrowth shielded the surrounding area but there had been recent mov around the base of the tree. It looked poss like an aerial. However, tps of 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) examined area and concluded it may be a honey collection device of Montagnard origin. COMMENT:In area of bloodstained pack found 14 May by C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

2. Omitted
3. Red Haze Activity

172300H - 180102H May 71.

YS289898	1 near stream
YS293889	1 near road
YS302895	1 along trail
YS308868	1 near stream
YS307833	1 in open
YS318869	1 in open
YS319837	1 in open
YS329808	1 in open
YS337825	4 in open
YS332812	1 in open
YS335803	2 in open
YS340819	1 near stream
YS350833	1 in open
YS554895	1 near road
YS590894	1 in open
YS314785	2 in open
YS360784	1 in open
YS368744	1 in open
YS380773	8 in open COMMENT:There have been a number of agent reports suggesting BINH BA Guerillas are in the general area
YS433779	2 near stream
YS459750	1 near road
YS463755	2 near stream
YS469759	1 in open

)COMMENT: Rubber S of BINH)GIA. YO3A reported camp fire)and 6 people in this area 7 Apr and Police veh was fired upon from the approx area 9 May (YS456755)

YS485770, YS482750	1 in open
YS483745, YS510769	1 in open
YS580795, YS580786	1 in open

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4. Omitted.
5. APD (Sniffer).

DTG	MAXIMUM	STRONG	MINIMUM
180800H	YS646818	YS640812	YS646837
	YS646815	YS640810	YS640820
	YS652809	YS640808	YS650825
	YS652806	YS645812	YS651813
		YS650810	YS665812
		YS652804	

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 139/71.
2. Period covered from 190001H to 192400H May 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements.
   a. Ground Activity.
      (1) AO DESMONDE.
         (a)(191145H). At YS284743, C Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a triangular shaped bunker system of seven bunkers 6 x 2 x 3 ft with 1½ ft OHP. Entry/exit points to West, South and NorthEast. The system was approx one year old and in good condition having been renovated in past two months. Estimated to have been used in preceding three weeks. Recovered were: Four M - 79 explosive heads, six M - 16 mags, six black canvas boots and a quantity of C rations and VC rations. Items were disarmed and buried.
         (b)(191215H). At YS289750, 8 Pl C Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found one CBU (US origin) wieghing one lb set for comd electric detonation. The mine was set on a track which appeared to be associated with a known mine position 6 - 12 months old.
      (2) AO QUIVER.
         (a)(181800H) Late Report. At YS459915, 1 Pl V Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a 105mm artillery shell with pressure electric firing device set up as a booby trap.
      (3) AO LISA.
         (a)(191120H). At YS440856, a tank from C Sqn 1 Armd Regt found a tunnel system. A pressure release practice mine was found in tunnel. (INTSUM 56/71 para 3 (a) (1) records a tunnel at this approx location and the recovery of three old rifles in a tunnel.)
      (4) AO HEATHER.
         (a)(181600H) Late Report. At YS563659, C Sqn 1 Armd Regt located a rest area 20x30 metres, circular in shape with three "L" shaped pits. Entry/exit from NorthEast and SouthWest. The complex was 12 months old and was last used six months ago.
         (b)(192000H). At YS540625, a tank from C Sqn 1 Armd Regt observed one oxcart moving North on a track.
   b. Air Activity.
      (1) Omitted
      (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
   a. Total KIA Occuring During This Reporting Period.
      (1, 3) Omitted.
      (2) Aust Inflicted 4 VC
   b, c, d. Omitted.
   e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.
      (1) Captured Weapons
         (a) Individual 2
         (b) Crew Served Nil
         (c) Breakdown 1 x AK47, 1 x M16.
      (2) Captured and Destroyed Material.
         (a) Omitted.
         (b) Destroyed. M 79 explosive heads 4
      (3) Omitted.
      (4) Captured Documents. See Annex B.
      (5) Omitted.
   f. Cumulative Totals for Month MR 3.
      (1) KIA 6 VC
      (5) Individual Weapons.
         Action 4
         Caches 1
      (7) Rice Captured or Destroyed. 25 lbs
      (22) SA Rds 40
      (23) Grenades 12
      (24) AP Mines 3
      (2 - 4), (6), (8 - 21), (25 - 27). Omitted.
5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.
   a. Omitted.
   b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.
      (1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

	AT MINES	AP MINES	BOOBY TRAPS
181800H			One at YS459915
191215H		One at YS289750	

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(2) Omitted.

6, 7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 20/71 dated 17 May 71

9, 10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS.

Reference INTSUM No 138/71 Annex E VR of 180615H. Amend Grid Reference to YS252721. Reference INTSUM No 138/71 Annex E para 3 item 19. Comment refers to two returns at YS433779.

c. Omitted.

d. Agent Reports. See Annex C.

e. Omitted.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1)(16 May 71). Late Report. At YS721811, four VC of XUYEN MOC (V) Party Chapter F and E Sect captured a timber truck containing two civilians. The truck and accupants were released on 18 May 71 and the occupants returned to XUYEN MOC to collect $SV 50,000 tax for payment to the VC, leaving the trailer in the area. The truck and civilians left XUYEN MOC on 19 May 71 before NP could apprehend them. Comment. 1 ATF INTSUM 137/71 VR reports an abandoned logging trailer in general area of this report. VR 19 May 71 found trailer to be in same general location.

Items from 3 Bde (Sep) 1 (US) Cav Div (AM).

(2)(171240) At YS661984, 3 Bde tps found two 1 man bunkers 2x4x4 ft used in l[illegible] month, whcih were destroyed.

(3)(170905H). At YS836970, 3 Bde tps in ambush observed one logging truck loaded with personnel moving South.

(4)(171100H). At YS838940, 3 Bde tps found a 10 ft wide East/ West logging road with recent use in previous two days by two persons moving East.

(5)(171230H). At YS858945, 3 Bde tps found a ten inch wide trail with use in previous two days and one VC type latrine.

(6)(171440H). At YS854982, 3 Bde tps heard several carbine shots 400 metres to NorthEast and heard wood chopping 600 metres SouthWest. The area was checked with negative result.

(7)(171615H). At YS822957, 3 Bde tps found a six ft wide logging trail with use in previous 24 - 48 hours by 2 - 6 persons moving South.

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Annexes: A. Interrogation Reports.
B. Captured Documents.
C. Agent Reports.
D. Omitted,
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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 139/71
DATED 19 MAY 71

INTERROGATION REPORT
PW - THAI VAN THUAN

Biographical Data.

1. a. Name: THAI VAN THUAN.
   b. D/POB: 1917, BEN TRE, AN HOA, TRUC GIANG.
   c. Rank/Appt: Cell leader of Farmer's Association Cell.
   d. Unit: PHU MY Village Guerrilas.
   e. Circumstances of Capture: The subject was wounded and subsequently captured on 18 May when he and three others were on their way to an area close to TRANG BA TRANH (YS215755)

Information.

2. The prisoner states strength of the PHU MY Party Chapter and Village Unit is 20 and they are located in the vicinity of YS337779. (1 ATF ORBAT also holds the PHU MY strength at 20) An alternative unit location is in the area of the SONG XOAI River at YS367765.
3. At the present time PHU MY Village purchasers food at PHUOC THAI Village (THAI TIEN, YS235788), and stores the rice in a cache in the area of YS215755.
4. Subject stated that members of the former D65 on occasions had come to the PHU MY Village Unit base camp, and that about 30 men from D65 (probably C2 D65 Engineer Bn) were operating in the PHUOC THAI Jungle.

ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 139/71
DATED 19 MAY 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Documents captured in the Northern Province border area after a contact in which there were 4 VC KIA, possibly indicate bodies may have belonged to members of 274 VC Regt. However, np positive identification can be made.
2. The documents were three personnel letters:
   a. One from PHUOC (possibly works in a dispensary) to ANH NAM who had been previously seriously wounded. (PHUOC possibly belongs to a C3 Coy D1 Bn). Comment: 1 ATF holds two D1 Bn's : D445 and 1 Bn 274 VC Regt. However, as the area which the 4 VC were killed is within 274 Regt normal AO, but not within D445's it is possible that the D1 referred to in this case is 1 Bn 274 VC Regt.
   b. Another personal letter from NGIEM to ANH NGA mentioning BINH, DOANH, YEN and TIEN (All unknown). On the reverse side is a note from MINH to TAM. Comment: The names cannot be positively identified.

104 Fd Bty.

3. Document captured by 104 Fd Bty, on 18 May 71 at YS459851, is a propaganda booklet speaking about the fight against the American invaders and the puppet troops (ARVN) invading LAOS. Printed at PHAN VAN MING dated Feb 71.

ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 139/71
DATED 19 MAY 71

AGENT REPORTS

1. From Sector S2 eval C3. 1 ATF F3. On 17 May 71 at 0900H a group of VC sappers from CHAU DUC District together with PHU MY Village Guerillas were recorded moving from area SUOI THI VAI (YS2473) NorthWest passing through YS236748. Strength 16, armed with one pistol, one RPG - 2, five AK-47 with remainder armed with CKC or carbines. They were dressed in khaki and black iniforms with cloth hats and rubber sandals. Each man carried approx one litre of rice. Possible Intentions. This group of CHAU DUC Sappers is to co-operate with PHU MY Guerillas to assassinate GVN officials and to attack village and hamlet offices. Comment. There have been several recent reports suggesting that a small group from CHAU DUC may be in the PHU MY area.
2. Agent Report received from DUC THANH 19 May 71, VN eval C2, Aust eval F3. At 181100H May 71, approx 10 VC of BINH BA Party Chapter appeared at YS480730. 1 VC disclosed that they will have C36 Coy in support and will attack military bases in the DUC THANH District to celebrate HO CHI MINH's birthday. Comment. The current loc of C36 is unknown. However,

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there have been several reports that this org may conduct an attack against vulnerable targets in DUC THANH. 1 ATF ORBAT holds 6 only as the BINH BA Party Chapter.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 139/71
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AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce.

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
190800H	Area E66 - 68 N76 - 80	No fresh sign in area.
191000H	Area E62 - 66 N76 - 78	No fresh sign in area.
	YS715805	Damaged logging trailer. A well used track was followed to YS709835 which is the furthest exten of logging activity.
191200H	Area E56 - 59 N86 - 89	No fresh signs in area.
191230H	Area E65 - 68 N63 - 66	No sign of movement observed.
	YS650624	Old known route from East to grid had no sig...ing
191400H	YS438810	Track heading North/South through clearing had been used by 15 - 20 persons in preceding 2 - 3 days.
	YS436815	Foot tracks running East/West along one side of APC track 2 - 3 days old.

2, 3, 4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer).

DTG	MAXIMUM	STRONG	MINIMUM
190900H	YS665830		

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 140/71 dated 20 May 71.

2. Period Covered from 200001H to 202400H May 71.

3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was one contact with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO LISA.

(a) (201530H) At YS373742 an elm of SHQ C Sqn 1 Armd Regt eng 1 en armed with an unident wpn. En wdr NE and due to terrain could not be followed.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a., b., c., d., and e. omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month-MR 3.

(1) KIA 6 VC.
(2), (3) and (4) omitted.
(5) Individual Wpns.
Action 4
Caches 1
(6) Omitted.
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed. 25 lbs.
(8) to (21) omitted
(22) SA rds 40
(23) Grenades 12
(24) AP mines 3
(25), (26) and (27) omitted.

5. Omitted.

6. Omitted.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 20/71 dated 17 May 71.

9. Omitted.

10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a., b., c. and e. omitted.

d. Agent Reports. See Annex C.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) (Prior to 200135H). At VUNG TAU (YS2744) NP reported that a US gren with VC blasting cap was found hooked to a VN jeep outside a restaurant. The NP disarmed the gren with no casualties.

(2) Late Report. (192140H). At YS503568 576 RF Coy eng four VC who approached AP from the rear. Contact broken at 192330H when en wdr NE. Results: 1 RF WIA. Sweep conducted morning 20 May 71 with nil results. COMMENT: En gp believed possibly to be an elm of C25 LONG DAT.

(3) Further to detaining of 16 pers at DUC THANH on 15 May (INTSUM No 135/71 para 11. f. (2) refers) 10 are to be released due to lack of evidence with a further 4 possibly to be released. 2 to be held. Further info to follow.

Extracts from 3 Bde (Sep) 1 Cav Div (AM) INTSUM.

(1) (191300H). At YS854937 3 Bde tps loc camp consisting of 15 huts 20' x 10' x 15' (partially completed) and 10 bunkers 8' x 5' x 4' with 2' OHP which had not been used in the last month.

(2) (191745H). At YS854941 3 Bde tps loc an E-W track with good air cover but no recent use.

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Annexes : B. Captured Documents
C. Agent Reports
E. Aerial Reconnaissance

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 140/71
DATED 20 MAY 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. Documents taken from PW THAI VAN THUAN, a member of PHU MY Farmer's Association (INTSUM No 138/71 refers), on 18 May 71 by 3/252 RF Coy, originate mainly from CHAU DUC Party Chapter and deal with matters concerning PHU MY personnel.
2. Included are party membership certificates, various directives, training lessons, proposals, propaganda letters. receipts, taxation booklets, note books dealing with various matters, a fighting plan against the GVN's "Strategic Hamlet" (possibly PHU MY), various reports, personal histories, lists of names of CHAU DUC and PHU MY personnel, applications for party membership, assignment decisions, a death announcement, letters of condolence and a form for placing sentence of death upon people working for the GVN.
3. Of interest were introductions, signed in Feb 71 for the following people to work in PHU MY Village: HUE, SAU CHAU, NAM HAI(CHAU DUC FE cadre). COMMENT: It seems possible that these people could be working in the PHU MY area on liaison tasks for CHAU DUC.

ANNEX C

AGENT REPORTS

1. On 18 May at 0115H VC infiltrated AN PHUOC (H) AN NGAI (V) at YS445583 (point of entry) and AN HOA (H) YS440594. They then moved to LONG PHUONG (H) LONG DIEN (YS435597). The VC painted out GVN flags on the houses and dropped leaflets. They infiltrated and exfiltrated from the South.
2. On 16 May at 0200H barbed wire at the rear of the village at TAM PHUOC (YS452583) was cut, presumambly to allow infiltration into the village.
3. Agents from TAM PHUOC (YS452583) report that the VC who are infiltrating into the village are in the area of YS448572. 1 ATF eval F3.
4. On 17 May at 2300H 1 squad of VC led by LE VAN AN (PCS AN NHUT (V)) infiltrated AN NHUT (V) at YS463597. They infiltrated and exfiltrated from the North.
5. Received from PHUOC HAI. Eval 1 ATF F3.
   At 192300H 3 VC infiltrated HAI AN Hamlet YS517534, spread propaganda and advised PSDF members not to mount guard at night. VC ident as TRUONG VAN HON aka BE DU(PCS PHUOC HAI), TRAN VAN OM aka SON (guerilla leader PHUOC HAI) and DONG VAN THANH (Security Sect leader PHUOC HAI). The VC wdr at 200400H to the NE and are believed to be in area YS538552.
6. Received from PHUOC THANH. Eval 1 ATF F4.
   At 200230H an unk number of en from PHUOC THANH Party Chapter infiltrated PHUOC THANH (YS4860) and spread propaganda leaflets. It is believed they infiltrated from YS453615 and wdr to the NE.

CONCLUSION: The infiltration into AN NHUT apparently came from the North which is unusual for the district and possibly suggests that a VC base camp is in an area where the VC are not usually reported.

7. Received from PRU 20 May 71. Nil VN eval. Aust eval F3.
   The VC who conducted the kidnappimg of 4 PSDF soldiers and 2 civilians from LONG LIEN Hamlet (YS423605) on 17 May 71 (refer INTSUM 138/71, para 11. f. (2)) are thought to have been members of the Recce Pl D445. The group comprised 28 VC who were armed with 2 x RPD, 2 x RPG2 (B40) and personal weapons. The VC group left the MINH DAM area (YS4750) and moved into LONG LIEN (H). The PSDF members were anti-VC and had been marked for kidnapping in Jan 71. COMMENT: It is believed that only a small group from the Recce Pl (approx 5) is present with C1/D445 in the LONG HAIS. If the number of 28 VC is presumed to be accurate then it would be more likely that it was the whole of C1/D445 and elms of the recce sect who conducted the kidnapping. It has not been firmly established whether it was members from VC LONG DAT District or C1/D445. Both organisations have conducted kidnappimg forays in the past.
8. Received from Sector S2. Eval 1 ATF F4.
   A unit of DOAN 10 (Sapper Bn SR4) was loc at YS274734, The unit has a strength of 45, is led by NAM THAN and QUAT and is armed with 4 x B40, 3 x MMG, 1 x HMG, individual wpns and 1 x ANPRC 25 set. Possible intentions to attack PHU MY (YS2574) or to carry out acts of terrorism. COMMENT: In BIEN HOA Province there is at present some doubt as to the loc of DOAN 10. There is as yet no evidence to support this suggestion that the unit has moved into PHUOC TUY. Strength of DOAN 10 is believed to be 245. However it has taken high cas in recent months e.g. 27 KIA 26 Nov at YS2279 (INTSUM 330/70) and its morale is probably low. The report is considered doubtful at this stage.

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9. Received from PRU. Eval 1 ATF F4.
At 181900H C4/D445, strength 40, led by SAU LAC (OC C4/D445) were reported to be at YS606664. Agent states that they were armed with individual and crew served wpns. COMMENT: A group from D445 could have been detached from the main body in the Northern Province border area and could have mov dto the XUYEN MOC area. However, further info is required before the report can be considered at all likely.

10. Received from DUC THANH.
At 201515H 2 VC kidnapped NGUYEN THI HUYNH from BINH BA Rubber Plantation. Area of kidnapping believed to be YS468754.

ANNEX E

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce.

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTINGS
200730H	E 50-53, N 82-85	Nil signs of en activity.
200930H	YS628881	10-15 cows moving NE.
201200H	E 60-63, N 84-87	Nil signs of en activity.
201400H	E 59-62, N 66-68	Nil signs of en activity. Woodcutters have been operating in SE portion of area within the last month.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity.
200300H to 200520H May 71.

LOCATION	READOUT	LOCATION	READOUT
YS505755	1 in open	YS694745	4 in open
YS505547	1 in open	YS540670	1 in open
YS506723	1 along stream	YS656620	1 near road
YS502714	1 near stream	YS640660	7 along road
YS554770	2 on trail	YS642604	1 near trail
YS560770	2 on trail	YS650664	1 near road
YS614789	1 in open	YS656663	2 in open
YS618773	1 in open	YS650634	1 near stream
YS630743	1 near stream	YS730661	10 around point
YS695770	1 along trail		

4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer).
200900H May 71.

STRONG	MINIMUM
YS652797	YS643804
YS652795	YS643795
YS653788	YS648785
YS658799	YS652803
YS658797	YS652801
YS658796	YS652798
YS658795	YS653790
YS658791	YS650780
YS658788	YS673764
	YS673772
	YS672792
	YS687801

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 141/71 dated 21 May 71.
2. Period Covered from 210001H to 212400H May 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were nil contacts with Task Force elements.
   a. Ground Activity.
      (1) AO MONA.
         (a)(211245H) at YS483830, 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt heard 4 single shots 500 - 1000 metres SouthWest of their location. At 211300H a further 10 single shots were heard from the same general area.
   b. Air Activity.
      (1) Omitted.
      (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
   a, b, c, d, e. Omitted.
   f. Cumulative Totals for Month MR - 3.
   (2 - 4), (6), (8 - 21), (25 - 27). Omitted.

(1) KIA 6 VC	(22) SA Rds 40
(5) Individual Weapons	(23) Grenades 12
Action 4	(24) AP Mines 3
Caches 1	(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 25lbs

5, 6, 7. Omitted.
Capabilties and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 20/71 dated 17 Mar 71.
9, 10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
   a, b, c, d, e. Omitted.
   f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
   (1)(210955H). At YS644004, BIEN HOA report a contact with 4 VC. Results: 4 VC KIA (BC), 2 Soviet grease guns, 1 SKS and four packs CIA.
   (2) Late Report. (200630H). At YT1600, BEARCAT received 3 rounds of 122mm rocket fire. No friendly casualties or damage. Suspected firing grid YS2496.
   Extracts from 3 Bde (Sep) 1 Cav Div (AM) INTSUM 20 May 71.
   (4) 20 May. FW ac received light SA fire at 500ft at YS845868 (NUI BE). No hits. Area engaged with organic, arty and naval gun fire 20 May. FW ac YS870852 received SA fire at 500ft. No hits. Engaged with organic and arty and naval gun fire.
   (5)(200645H).At YS510998, SE of XUAN LOC, 3 Bde tps received sniper fire. Result 1 RF KIA.
   (6)(201830H). At YS870864, 3 Bde tps loc a NorthEast - SouthWest track with no recent use.
   (7)(201105H). At YS845868, 3 Bde tps heard a chain saw in a bunker complex in the vicinity of YS854937.
   (8)(201110H). At YS838869, an ac received ground fire.One hit. Minor damage only. Arty engaged the area with unknown results.

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Annexes: A, B, D. Omitted.
C. Agent Reports.
E. Aerial Reconnaissance.
F. Climatic Summary MR3.

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ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 141/71
DATED 21 MAY 71

AGENT REPORTS

1. Agent Report from XUYEN MOC 21 May 71. Aust eval F4.
40 members of C4/D445 commanded by SAU LAC were at YS636627 having moved from YS60664. Comment: The map shows this area as open ground but the source advised that there is cover in the area. See Agent Report in INTSUM 140/71 Annex C para 9, incl comment.

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. Agent Report received from DUC THANH 21 May 71 VN Eval C2.
At 182100 May 71 one squad of VC armed with 3 AK47's, 1 B40, 2 M2's and 2 jungle knives entered BINH BA Hamlet. They held a propaganda meeting and told the children not to join any Pro. GVN associations. Source also said that during the day 2 VC had disguised themselves as rubber tappers to watch troop movements.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 141/71
DATED 21 MAY 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce.

DTC	LOCATION	SIGHTING
210620H	YS588571	2 fishing boats sighted within 300m of the coast.
	YS603577	1 fishing boat sighted within 50m of the coast.
210730	E 48 - 51 N 83 - 86	No sign of recent activity.
211200	YS638795	An East-West track showed signs of recent use, possibly from a friendly resupply area on edge of clearing. The track was 1-2 weeks old.
	YS635779	Possibly friendly resting or ambush position on edge of a East-West, North-South track junction.
	YS655776	Evidence of woodcutting in a 300m radius of the area. A track running East showed sign of wheeled movement 2-4 weeks old. Numerous well established tracks show no sign of recent activity.
	YS660833	A small table was sighted. Tracks in area showed no sign of recent use.

2. Omitted.

3. RED HAZE REPORT 210150 - 210400 MAY 71.

573961	1 by stream	581940	1 by stream	586930	1 in open
582922	1 in open	581912	1 by stream	596910	1 in open
620938	1 in open	559899	1 by stream	559889	1 by stream
559879	1 by stream	689870	1 by stream	626840	1 in open
610828	1 by road	510789	1 by stream	523775	1 by track
519769	1 by track	583725	1 by stream	602760	1 by road
688733	1 by track	695760	1 by stream		

4. Omitted

5. APD (Sniffer).
YS6376, YS6976, YS6382, YS6982.
210930H. Negative readings in area.

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ANNEX F TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 141/71
DATED 21 MAY 71

LIGHT DATA FOR BIEN HOA

JUNE 1971

DATE	BMNT	SR	SS	EENT	MR	MS	% ILLUM	PHASE
1	0538	0629	1911	2002	1303	0053	50	First Half
2	0538	0629	1912	2003	1347	0129	59	
3	0538	0629	1912	2003	1431	0203	68	
4	0538	0629	1912	2003	1516	0239	77	
5	0538	0629	1913	2004	1604	0316	84	
6	0538	0629	1913	2004	1653	0356	91	
7	0538	0629	1913	2004	1746	0441	96	
8	0538	0629	1914	2005	1843	0530	99	
9	0538	0629	1914	2005	1940	0623	100	Full Moon
10	0538	0629	1914	2005	2037	0720	99	
11	0538	0629	1914	2005	2131	0819	95	
12	0539	0630	1915	2006	2222	0919	90	
13	0539	0630	1915	2007	2309	1016	82	
14	0539	0630	1915	2007	2354	1112	73	
15	0539	0630	1916	2008	XXXX	1206	62	
16	0539	0630	1916	2008	0037	1300	51	Last Half
17	0539	0630	1916	2008	0119	1353	39	
18	0539	0630	1916	2008	0205	1449	28	
19	0539	0631	1917	2009	0251	1549	19	
20	0539	0631	1917	2009	0342	1647	11	
21	0539	0631	1917	2009	0436	1750	5	
22	0539	0631	1917	2009	0534	1851	1	
23	0539	0631	1917	2009	0634	1948	0	New Moon
24	0540	0632	1918	2010	0733	2040	1	
25	0540	0632	1918	2010	0829	2128	5	
26	0540	0632	1918	2010	0921	2211	10	
27	0540	0632	1918	2010	1011	2249	17	
28	0541	0633	1918	2010	1057	2326	25	
29	0541	0633	1918	2010	1142	XXXX	34	
30	0541	0633	1919	2011	1225	0001	43	

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TIDE DATA FOR CAPE SAINT JAQUES

JUNE 1971

DATE	TIME	HT FT	TIME	HT FT	TIME	HT FT	TIME	HT FT
1	0134	3.9	0933	10.2	1524	7.7	1915	8.0
2	0226	4.9	1012	10.2	1658	6.9	2204	7.9
3	0327	5.9	1044	10.2	1740	5.7	2337	8.2
4	0435	6.6	1110	10.3	1813	4.8		
5	0040	8.9	0537	7.1	1137	10.5	1845	3.6
6	0130	9.4	0633	7.4	1201	10.7	1917	2.6
7	0218	10.0	0722	7.7	1229	10.8	1951	1.6
8	0301	10.5	0805	7.9	1256	11.2	2025	0.7
9	0342	11.0	0847	8.0	1327	11.3	2100	-0.2
10	0424	11.3	0925	8.4	1359	11.5	2138	-0.5
11	0511	11.3	1003	8.5	1435	11.6	2216	-0.7
12	0558	11.3	1046	8.5	1512	11.5	2258	-0.3
13	0645	11.2	1134	8.5	1556	11.0	2344	0.5
14	0730	11.0	1231	8.2	1649	10.3		
15	0033	1.5	0815	10.8	1336	7.7	1804	9.5
16	0125	2.8	0857	10.7	1447	6.7	1953	8.9
17	0221	4.1	0937	10.7	1559	5.6	2153	8.7
18	0324	5.2	1015	10.7	1703	4.1	2331	9.0
19	0433	6.4	1051	10.8	1800	2.6		
20	0052	9.7	0543	7.4	1128	11.0	1851	1.3
21	0202	10.2	0649	7.9	1203	11.3	1939	0.3
22	0302	10.7	0748	8.2	1242	11.5	2024	-0.5
23	0355	10.8	0838	8.4	1321	11.5	2107	-0.8
24	0440	11.0	0921	8.4	1400	11.3	2147	-0.7
25	0522	10.8	1003	8.2	1442	11.2	2226	-0.2
26	0603	10.7	1046	7.9	1523	10.7	2304	0.7
27	0638	10.5	1131	7.7	1606	10.0	2342	1.6
28	0712	10.3	1221	7.4	1654	9.2		
29	0020	2.8	0745	10.2	1315	6.9	1757	0.5
30	0057	3.9	0814	10.0	1414	6.4	1928	7.9

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 141/71 dated 22 May 71.
2. Period Covered from 220001H to 222400H May 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.
a. Ground Activity.
(1) AO DEBORAH.
(a) (220830H) At YS630828, 12 Pl D Coy 3 RAR loc a bunker system consisting of 3 bunkers with OHP and 1 x fighting pit. All the pits were 4½' to 5½' deep with 6" of OHP. Entry/exit points were to the North. The system was 1-2 months old and not used since then. The system was still in a useable condition. System was destroyed.
b. Air Activity.
(1) Omitted.
(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See ANNEX E.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
a., b., c., d. and e. omitted.
f. Cumulative Totals for M nth MR 3.
(1) KIA 6 VC
(2), (3) and (4) omitted.
(5) Individual Wpns.
Action 4
Caches 1
(6) Omitted.
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 25 lbs
(8) to (21) omitted.
(22) SA rds 40
(23) Grenades 12
(24) AP mines 3
(25), (26) and (27) omitted.
5. Omitted.
6. Omitted.
. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 20/71 dated 17 May 71.
9. Omitted.
10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
a., c. and e. omitted.
b. Corrections to Previous INTSUMS.
(1) INTSUM No 140/71 para 11. f. (2) add 2 BT located.
(2) INTSUM No 141/71 ANNEX E, amend YS638795 to read YS638775.
d. Agent Reports. See ANNEX C.
f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
(1) Ref INTSUM 141/71 dated 21 May 71: results of 3 Bde ambush at YT644004 were no friendly casualties, 4 en KIA, 1 x SKS rifle with 18 rds ammo, 2 x Russian PPS 43 SMGs with 90 rds, 1 lb of docus, 40 lbs of explosive, 8 lbs of clothing and miscellaneous personal items CIA. COMMENT: Initial readout of the docus ident K8 Combat Sp Coy of VC BA LONG (P) (formerly part of the now disbanded D440 LF Bn. This unit has supported D445 LF Bn in the past.
(2) (220915H) At YS353904 a VR ac from 161 Indep Recce Flt received ground fire from a bunker system and staging camp. At 221030H an airstrike was carried out, which destroyed 4 bunkers with bombs impacting on or within target area. At 221125H 2 Bushrangers who were engaging the target took ground fire with nil casualties or damage. At 221215H a second airstrike was carried out with 60% of bombs impacting on target area. There was nil friendly casualties or ac damage. (See ANNEX E for full report of VR pilot who observed track and later took ground fire). COMMENT: In this area a pl of 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) had a contact on 27 Mar with a gp of en, killing one who later was ident as a member of 274 Regt.
(3) (221000H) An Albatross sighted a civilian sitting on a creek bank, 20-30 metres West of LUSCOMBE Field. After investigation by cav elms and NP the civilian was released.

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Annexes : A. Interrogation Reports
C. Agent Reports
E. Aerial Reconnaissance

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 142/71
DATED 22 MAY 71

INTERROGATION REPORT
FURTHER INTERROGATION
DETAINEE - NGUYEN VAN SU

Reference: INTSUMS 133/71 and 135/71.

1. The subject has again given a different name, stating that his correct name is DANG VAN SU.He states that his reason for this is that at the time of his capture, due to weakness from hunger and his wounds, he was unable to remember his family name.
2. The subject states that the reson he spent 3 months in a SAIGON gaol was that when his "draft call up" came, his wife was pregnant, and there was no one but himself to look after her. He therefor did not report and was subsequently convicted.
3. He confirms that NAM KIEM (CHAU DUC Comd) was taken some time ago to BA LONG Province HQ by HAI HA (C of S BA LONG (P)) to be hospitalised for TB. COMMENT: This agrees with previous HOI CHANH statements although makes no mention of NAM KIEN becoming 2IC of BA LONG (P) Unit, as is thought to be the case.
4. Subject confirms that SAU NGUYEN is now Comd of CHAU DUC (D) and TU HIEU is the 2 IC.

ANNEX C

AGENT REPORT

1. As a result of efforts to kidnap youths and PSDF members, LONG DAT HQ has increased its strength to the extent that it has formed a new concentrated company, designated C21. The arming and training of the thirty recruits has been completed. COMMENT: A number of PSDF and other local pers have been abducted recently from the LONG DIEN and DAT DO area. Further information is required before the existence of "C21" can be accepted.

ANNEX E

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
211120H	YS7490	In area N of YS7490 ac sighted 4 tractors.
220523H	YS515773	At YS515773 ac sighted a veh moving along Route 327 heading East.
220915H	YS3590	Sighted track from YS389923 and followed it through YS372920 to YS360914 to YS359906 where there are many signs of recent activity incl digging of yams. Track was heavy and fresh. At YS353904 fresh digging was seen and approx 7 bunkers were in the process of being renovated. Ac later took ground fire at YS353904 . (para 11. f. (2) refers).
221600H	E 28-31, N 69-72	A track from MIEU PHAT on Route 15 runs NE to YS278685. There has been movement on the track within the last week. Track also runs from YS278680 to the NE around NUI ONE TRINH At YS286687 the track moves NW and appears to end around YS282692. The track appears to have been used recently, possibly within the past week.

2. Omitted.

3. Red Haze Activity.

220335H to 220550H May 71.

LOCATION	READOUT	LOCATION	READOUT
YS335891	1 in open	YS355856	3 in woods
YS303880	2 in woods	YS311846	6 in woods
YS318863	2 in woods	YS372847	1 in woods
YS321854	2 in woods	YS302839	1 in woods

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LOCATION	READOUT	LOCATION	READOUT
YS311839	3 in woods	YS377784	8 in open
YS337833	3 in woods	YS376717	1 in open
YS348815	6 in woods	YS388708	2 in open
YS311822	1 in woods	YS436790	1 in woods
YS289820	1 in woods	YS430781	1 in woods
YS478838	1 in woods	YS451783	1 near stream
YS333796	1 in woods	YS450761	2 in plantation
YS361792	1 in woods	YS476754	3 in open
YS376791	4 in open	YS508748	1 in open
YS356769	2 in open	YS503723	1 in open
YS337788	1 in woods	YS587758	1 in wood
YS583728	1 in open		

COMMENT: same area as reading on 21 May 71, VR flown over area yesterday which produced nil results. This of course, is general area of 31 Mar contact between D445 and elms of 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn

4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer).

At 221055 a maximum of YS563885.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 143/71.
2. Period covered from 230001H to 232400H May 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There was 1 contact with Task Force elements.
   a. Ground Activity.
      (1) AO DEBORAH.
         (a)(230921H). At YS664812, 12 Pl D Coy 3 RAR found an overnight sleeping area for three persons. Track of three persons from ESE to NNW used in last 2 days.
      (2) AO ELSIE.
         (a)(Prior to 231240H). At YS491849, 4 Pl B Coy 3 RAR engaged two VC who returned fire and withdrew SE. On follow-up Pl loc ½lb PE apparently dropped by the enemy and one sentry pit.
         (b)(Prior to 231815H). At YS498839 5 Pl B Coy 3 RAR loc footprints of 2 persons moving North. Prints 5-6 hours old.
      (3) Other Areas.
         (a)(Prior to 231750H). At YS7968 elms A Sqn 3 Cav Regt loc tracks of 1-2 persons moving North to South in last 24 hours.
         (b)(Prior to 231750H). At YS7664 elms A Sqn 3 Cav Regt loc tracks of 5-6 persons moving West. Tracks very fresh.
   b. Air Activity.
      (1) Omitted.
      (2) Aerial Reconnaissance See Annex E.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
   a, b, c, d, e. Omitted.
   f. Cumulative Totals for Month MR - 3.
      (2 - 4), (6), (8 - 21), (25), (27) Omitted.
      (1) KIA 6 VC
      (5) Individual Weapons.
         Action 4
         Caches 1
      (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 25lbs
      (22) SA Rds 40
      (23) Grenades 12
      (24) AP Mines 3
      (26) TNT ½lb
5,6, 7. Omitted
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 20/71 dated 17 May 71.
9. 10. Omitted
11. Miscellaneous.
   a, b, c, d, e. Omitted
   f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
      (1)(Late Report). On 20 May the ARVN Camp at BLACKHORSE (YS435964) received two 107mm rockets resulting in one ARVN trainee KIA
      Extracts from 3 Bde (Separate) 1 Cav Div (AM) INTSUM.
      (1)Further to INTSUM 142/71 para 11 f (1) contact should read as follows (210955H) at YT644004 3 Bde tps engaged 4 enemy dressed im mixed clothing, armed with individual weapons and moving West. Results: 4 VC KIA, 1x SKS, 2X Russian PPS 43 SMG, docus, 40 lbs rice, med supplies, 2x sewing machines, 1 oz C4 and miscellaneous personal items CIA.
      Comment. Initial readout of docus identifies K8 Combat Sp Coy of BA LONG (P) (formerly part of the now disbanded D440 LF Bn). This unit (K8) has supported D445 LF Bn in the past. See Annex B for docu readout.
      (2)(212045H). At YS848856 3 Bde ac received ground fire resulting in one hit. Area engaged by ac and AS was conducted. While on BDA of AS observed nine bunkers 6x8ft, four huts 10x15ft and eight fighting pits 2x3x6ft all destroyed. Ac received ground fire with negative hits and area engaged again by ac, arty and AS with unknown results
      (3)(211444H). At YS844854 3 Bde tps loc 75 bunkers and 15 huts (10 incompleted), pots and pans and clothing scattered in the area. Area showed signs of use within last 24 hours. Area engaged resulting in 6 bunkers destroyed.
      (4)(211615H). At YS848852 3 Bde tps engaged one enemy who evaded into bunker which was engaged. Enemy casualties unknown.
      (5)(211615H). At YS963948 3 Bde tps loc East - West track with good air cover used in last 48 hours by 2-3 persons.
      (6)(211725H). At YS849852 513 RF Coy heard three shots 600m West and loc four disused bunkers containing 1x16 lb Atk mine, 1xDH-10 mine, 20x chicom grenades and documents.
      (7)(221010H). At YS863948 3 Bde tps engaged 3 VC. Results 3 VC KIA, 3 x AK47, 3 sets webbing, 1xtransistor radio, 4x packs(Containing food) and docus CIA.
      (8)(220910H). At YS846855 AS conducted. Results 4x bunkers ans 1x hootchie partially destroyed and one hole uncovered.

.../(9) (221043H)

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(9)(221043H). At YS851848 AS conducted resulting 2 x bunkers destroyed, 5x bunkers partially destroyed, 6x hootchies destroyed and personal items scattered over the area.

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Annexes: B. Captured Documents
C. Agent Reports
E. Aerial Reconnaissance

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 143/71
DATED 23 MAY 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

3 Bde (Sep) 1 Cav Div (AM)

1. Documents captured by Ranger Team 73 of 1 ACD on 21 May 71 at YT644004, identify an element of K8 Combat Sp Coy of BA LONG (P).
2. Included among the documents where commendation certificates, personal histories, letters of application, Notebook containing lists of foodstuffs, Notebook containing roster of personnel in A1 of K8, list of weapons and ammunition, personal letters, a notebook of self disected political questions, promotion certificates, notebook containing HO CHI MINH's sayings and one small portion of a letter containing incomplete sentences but mentioning unit D445 (D445 LF Bn).
3. One letter placed the strength of K8 Party Group at twenty regular and five provisional members. Comment. 1 ATF ORBAT holds total strength of K8 Combat Sp Coy at 65 members. This unit formerly the Heavy Weapons Coy of the disbanded D440, now operates under the direct comd of BA LONG and is loaned out as necessary to D445 (The mortar element were probably with D445 in the TAN RU in Mar - Apr 71).
4. 1 ACD Comment. These documents identify the K8 Mobile Heavy Weapons Coy, BA LONG (P). K8 was formerly within D440 Bn. Since D440 was disbanded in 1970, K8 has been attached to BA LONG (P). It serves as a combat support Coy for BA LONG (P) units. Most recently, K8 has been in direct support of D445 LF Bn, BA LONG (P). D445 was last identified on 22 Apr 71 by documents taken from a KIA at YS539861 in an Australian contact. (1 Pl A Coy 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 143/71
DATED 23 MAY 71

AGENT REPORTS

1. Received from DUC THANH 23 May. Eval 1 ATF F3.
At 182100H May 71 1 VC squad infiltrated BINH BA hamlet (YS4473). They were dressed in mixed uniforms and armed with 1xB40, 3x AK47, 2x M2 carbine and 2 jungle knives. Source stated that during the day 2 VC enter the rubber disguised as tappers and watch troop activities. At night they enter the hamlet and conduct propaganda meetings.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 143/71
DATED 23 MAY 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce.

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
230730H	YS326770	6x oxcarts. 1 x oxcart later loc at YS324739 and at least one of the other five carts sighted at YS334786 Nil signs enemy activity
231000H	YS322734	3 men, 2 boys and 2 women carrying 2xcross cut saws. No veh seen in area and none of the oxcart tracks had been used recently.
	YS296727	A bunker entrance in good condition showing no signs of recent use.
231200H	E 55 - 58 N 87 - 90	Nil signs enemy activity.

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231500H	E 50 - 54	Nil signs enemy activity.
231518H	YS746610	Fishing boat 20 - 30 m off-shore.

2, 3, 4. Omitted

5. APD (Sniffer)

231015H	E 50 - 58 N 86 - 89	Nil significant readings.

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(PERIOD 17 MAY - 23 MAY 71)

LAOS

1. The town of DONG HENE (WD 3046) which was reported to be under heavy attack last week (SUPINTREP 20/71) has fallen to the enemy after reported heavy attacks by fire. Following a large scale ground assault the defending forces withdrew to the West, possibly intending to regroup at the town of SENO (VD 9943).

2. Sensor string activations in the Laotian Panhandle indicate that the flow of supplies to the South is continuing at an increased rate compared to the same period last year. The activations are consistent with the SLAR-indicated rate of 60 tons of supplies per day being moved South down Route 101C in NORTH VIETNAM.

3. Ambush patrols are continuing to harass enemy movements in Southern LAOS. On 14 May a convoy of 5 trucks and 2 amphibious tanks was ambushed on Route 23 near SARAVANE (XC325606). Two of the trucks exploded and both amphibious vehicles were damaged.

CAMBODIA

4. On 16 May ARVN troops engaged enemy forces at three positions in the Parrot's Beak (XT170076, XT170090 and XT168070). Cumulative results of the engagements, which were supported by tactical air strikes, were 21 enemy killed with no friendly losses. In three other contacts near NEAK LONG (WT437222) on 20 May, ARVN forces killed 22 and detained 2 enemy. Four ARVN troops were killed.

5. A large cache containing 1,000 Petard mines was uncovered West of KAMPONG TRACH (WT643588) on 21 May by ARVN forces. 30 enemy bodies killed by air were located in the vicinity. Another engagement in the same area (WT666619), which resulted in 7 enemy killed and one detained, also uncovered a cache containing 900 Petard mines, 720 grenades, 1,100 82mm mortar rounds, 18 B40 rounds and 23 75mm RR rounds. An aid station and an engineer workshop were also destroyed.

SOUTH VIETNAM MRs 1, 2 and 4

6. Activity in MR1 remained at a low level. On 21 May 2 US helicopters were shot down while suppressing a rocket firing position which was attacking a Fire Support Base just South of the Eastern DMZ. The enemy attack by fire with 11 122mm rockets resulted in 29 Americans killed and 33 wounded.

7. In MR4 on 18 May a District Headquarters in KIEN GIANG Province (WR072840) received an attack by fire and a ground attack which destroyed the Headquarters. The attacking force was estimated to be 2 companies. The results were 14 friendlies and 7 enemy killed. On 19 May a contact between ARVN troops and an estimated 2 enemy battalions in KIEN GIANG Province resulted in 12 friendlies and 36 enemy killed.

MR3

Enemy Activity

8. Enemy initiated activity remained at a low level during the period.

9. On 19 May US and RF forces protecting land clearing teams contacted an enemy force near TRANG BANG (XT508208). 2 Americans were killed and 24 friendlies (including 7 US) were wounded. An M113 was destroyed and 6 were damaged. Enemy losses included 10 killed. The land clearing teams struck mines and sniper fire throughout 19 May.

10. RF elements contacted a large enemy force in TAY NINH Province on 18 May. 32 enemy were killed and 100 satchel charges, 5 B40 rounds and 12 grenades were captured.

11. There was no terrorist activity in SAIGON reported during the week.

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12. 1 ATF troops were involved in five contacts during the week. Four enemy were killed. There were three contacts involving Sector forces, resulting in one enemy wounded and captured (YS233738), two other enemy wounded, and three RF wounded. One GVN soldier was killed and four were wounded in a mine incident.

Enemy Unit Identifications and Locations.

13. D445.

a. The main element of D445 is believed still to be in Southern LONG KHANH Province near the Route 2 border area. Documents found in a bunker system in this area on 17 May have provided a tentative identification of D445.

b. C1 Company, with SAU THU, the Commander, is still in the LONG HAIS.

14. 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt.

This battalion is also believed to be in the Southern LONG KHANH border area.

15. CHAU DUC.

Group 13 are believed likely to be in the Southern LONG KHANH border area East of Route 2, although no contact has been made. There is no further information on the location of the probable two smaller groups from CHAU DUC believed to be inside the Province.

16. K8 Combat Sp Coy of BA LONG.

On 21 May a US Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol killed four members of K8 in an ambush near the Northern SONG RAI (YT644004). K8 has been unlocated recently but usually operates in close proximity to BA LONG Province Headquarters. A mortar element from K8 was probably with D445 in PHUOC TUY in Mar and Apr.

17. 274 Regt.

Four enemy soldiers killed in the Northern Province border area on 19 May were identified from documents as probably members of 274 VC Regt. On 22 May a Possum aircraft followed a fresh heavily used track (INTSUM 142/71 Annex E third item refers), from which the Possum took ground fire. Two airstrikes were conducted as ground fire continued. Identification of the enemy in the bunker system was not possible but 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn troops had been involved in a contact with 274 Regt troops in this area on 22 Mar (INTSUM 81/71 para 3. a. (3). (b) and INTSUM 83/71 ANNEX B para 2 refer). It is probable that the enemy in the bunkers and those using the track are an element of 274 Regt.

18. On 18 May Sector forces wounded and captured (at YS233738) a cell leader of the Farmers Association, PHU MY Village Unit. He has stated that the strength of the PHU MY Party Chapter and Village Unit is 20 and that they normally operate from two locations in the HAT DICH (area YS337779 and area YS367765), and in the RUNG SAT West of PHU MY. Recent agent reports support the PW's statement regarding PHU MY activity in the RUNG SAT (YS E 82-85, N 73-75) and also suggest PHU MY activity North of NUI THI VAI (YS E 27-30, N 72-76).

19. MR7.

On 20 and 21 May 3 Bde (Sep) 1 Cav Div (AM) troops operating in Southern NUI BE found a complex of 75 bunkers (YS844854) and 15 huts, ten of which were only partly completed. The area had been used within the previous 24 hours. Aircraft received ground fire from four different locations (YS848856, YS845868, YS870852 and YS838869). A camp of 43 bunkers was found in the same general area on 6 May (YS847854. See SUPINTREP 19/71 para 18). The enemy may be Rear Service elements of Military Region 7.

Enemy Capabilities and Intentions.

20. On 20 May in VUNG TAU a grenade was found and disarmed before it could explode. This is the first reported attempted terrorist incident in VUNG TAU for many months.

21. Since 10 May a further six males and one female have disappeared from LONG DIEN and DAT DO Districts. All are believed to have gone to join the VC. It is not known how many departed willingly. Four of these were PSDF. Three PSDF who disappeared earlier have since returned. Since 19 Mar a total of 19 persons have joined the VC from LONG DIEN and DAT DO Districts and have remained with them. The recent agent reports that LONG DAT is at present undertaking a recruiting campaign seem to be true.

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22. On 15 May a government supporter was assassinated near PHU MY (YS255734). Captured documents indicate that members of the PHU MY Village Unit took part in the assassination. This is the fourth assassination incident in PHUOC TUY since late Feb. BA LONG Province has stressed the importance of assassination as a means of attacking the Pacification Programme and incidents of this type may continue.

23. On 17 May an abortive attempt was made apparently to ambush an RAAF convoy on Route 15 South of LONG BINH. This attempt was probably made by 3 Bn 274 Regt which is known to have the task of interdicting Route 15. On 15 May an enemy force believed to be 1 Bn 274 Regt assisted by local force units carried out an attack by fire and a ground probe against an RF post West of XUAN LOC (YT318093). Six RF/PF were killed and 11 wounded, while eight enemy were killed. This attack constitutes the most significant offensive activity on the part of 274 Regt for at least the past year.

24. Apart from an apparent slight increase in the rate of infiltration into the LONG DIEN and DAT DO areas there has as yet been no indication of an enemy high point in the Province. However there was a slight increase in enemy activity in MR3 on 19 May, in honour of HO CHI MINH's birthday, and on 20 May BEARCAT (YT1601), BLACKHORSE (YS4396) and MACE (YT6211) received rocket attacks. One ARVN soldier was killed at BLACKHORSE.

25. D445, 3 Bn 33 Regt and CHAU DUC remain placed in a likely area from which to make an effort against a territorial post in the Northern Route 2 area.

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RSSZ (for IO)
PHUOC TUY Sector S2
LONG KHANH Sector S2
All 1 ATF LOs

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 144/71 dated 24 May 71.

2. Period Covered from 240001H to 242400H May 71.

3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO ELSIE.

(a) (241515H) At YS488905, 1 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn loc a booby trap consisting of a tilt switch operated gren and 15 lbs TNT. Booby trap was loc between clumps of bamboo and aad been planted after rain this morning.

(2) AO LISA.

(a) Late Report. (232000H) At YS443876, 2 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn suspected sighting five enemy. At 2021H it was believed that five pers left a house in the vicinity. Illum was fired but no further sighting occurred. At 2120H an RPG or home made bomb impacted 100m from pl's loc. On morning 24 May 71 a search of the house revealed nothing of significance except 100 lbs rice considered by VN officials to be reasonable as rations were drawn in preceding 48 hrs.

(3) Other Areas.

(a) (241425H) At YS361926, an APC of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt detonated an unk size CHICOM pressure mine. Results: 2 Aust WIA, APC mod damaged. Another mine of 15 lbs block explosive and approx 12 months old was also loc in the vicinity This mine consisted of three tubes each with 5 lbs of explosive and has been recovered. Tubes were layed across track to width of an APC.

COMMENT: The mines may possibly have been laid by elms of 274 Regt.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a., b., c. and d. omitted.

e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.

(1), (2) and (3) omitted.

(4) Captured Documents. See Annex B.

(5) Omitted.

(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed. 25 lbs

(8) to (21) omitted.

(22)	SA rds	40
(23)	Grenades	12
(24)	AP mines	4
(25)	AT mines	2
(26)	TNT	½ lb

f. Cumulative Totals for Month-MR3.

(1) KIA 6 VC

(2), (3) and (4) omitted.

(5) Individual Wpns.

Action 4

Caches 1

(6) Omitted

(27) Omitted

5. New Obstacles, Barriers and Fortifications.

a. Omitted.

b. Enemy Emplaced Mines and Booby Traps.

(1) Destroyed by Friendly Forces.

AT MINES — AP MINES — BOOBY TRAPS

YS361926, 1 15lb mine

YS488905, 1 15lb booby trap

(2) Resulting in Friendly Losses.

DTG	CO-ORD	TYPE	RESULTS
241425H	YS361926	15lb CHICOM	2 Aust WIA, 1 APC damaged.

6. Omitted.

7. Omitted.

8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 21/71 Dated 24 May 71.

9. Omitted.

10. Omitted.

11. Miscellaneous.

a. Omitted.

b. Correction to Previous INTSUM.

INTSUM No 143/71 Annex E para (4) add N 86-88 to area with no signs of en activity.

c., d. and e. omitted.

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f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report. (211030H) At YS457571, 36 USARV Trg Coy observed 3 VC, one in tiger fatigues and two dressed in black. The en were eng with SA fire and 81mm mor fire with unk results. NFI.

Extracts from 3 Bde (Sep) 1 Cav Div (AM) INTSUM).

(1) (221010H) At YS863948 a Ranger ptl while in AP on an E/W track observed one pers (in green fatigues and carrying AK47) moving E along trail. Ptl eng with SA and claymores resulting in 3 en KIA. CIA were 3 x AK47 rifles and 6 lbs docus. Initial docus readout ident Rear Svce staff of MR7.
(2) (220830H) At YS843864, 3 Bde tps loc N/S track used by 3-5 pers in last 24-48 hrs.
(3) (220930H) At YS846855, 3 Bde tps while conducting BDA of A-S at 0910H loc 4 bunkers, 1 hut, 1 hole and clothing. All destroyed.
(4) (220940H) At YS877870, 3 Bde tps loc one hut 6' x 6' covered with palm leaves (rebuilt last week), 1 calendar, 1 set of old footprints from hut to water and a N/S logging road not recently used.
(5) (221135H) At YS843850, 3 Bde tps while conducting BDA of A/S at 1043H loc 7 bunkers, clothing and cooking utensils. All destroyed.
(6) (221320H) At YS843865, 3 Bde tps loc NE/SW track marked with short sticks pushed into ground and not used recently.
(7) (221645H) At YS836868, 3 Bde tps heard voices 150m N of loc. Aerial Vr conducted with nil results.
(8) (231220H) At YS846860, 3 Bde tps loc NW/SE track used by 2-3 pers in last 3 days.
(9) (231250H) At YS870945, 3 Bde tps loc N/S road, 10' wide with no recent use.
(10) (231525H) At YS846859, 3 Bde tps loc cave with 60 fld exped HG. Area not used recently.
(11) (231545H) At YS839865, 3 Bde tps loc N/S track with use in the last 12 hrs by 6-12 pers in bare feet moving S. Track has marking sticks placed two feet apart.

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Annexes : A. Interrogation Reports
E. Aerial Reconnaissance
F. 274 VC Main Force Regt

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1 ATF INTSUM No 144/71
DATED 24 MAY 71

INTERROGATION REPORT
FURTHER INTERROGATION
PW - THAI VAN THUAN

Reference: 1 ATF INTSUM No 139/71 dated 19 May 71.

1. Since the initial interrogation, the subject has admitted to several changes to his original statement, after being confronted with information found in documents he was carrying.

2. The subject stated that on the night of the 14 May 71, he was told by TAM CHON (PHU MY Party Chapter Secretary) to kill BUI VAN NGHI for personal reasons (refer 1 ATF INTSUM No 137/71 dated 17 May 71). Others involved in the assassination were CANH (unk), HAI HOANG (unk), TAM CHON, and MANH (PHU MY Village guerilla).

3. The subject stated that even though he was in charge of the F.E section, NAM HIEU (possibly LONG SON Farmers' Association) was in charge of collecting food and taxes. He also gave the names of several VC suppliers.

4. The subject states the PHU MY Guerilla base camp is at YS341764.

ANNEX E

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
201430H	YS441548	36 USARV Trg Coy obsr one bunker 6'x2½'x6' and 6-12 months old.
240730H	E 52-55, N 87-90	No significant sightings on the E/W run
	YS518887-YS520888	A track which looks recent but can't be followed very far. Other old tracks appear in vicinity.
240930H	YS572580	Two adult VN and nine children seen on track heading NE. They were displaying SVN flag.
241000H	YS408828	Light foot track heading N/S, used by 1-2 pers in last 2 weeks. No other sign of recent movement.
241200H	E 33-36, N 66-69	No significant sightings.
241400H	YS374847	Two newer bunkers, in useable condition next to an old destroyed bunker system. Track in area showed no recent use.
	YS378845	Small garden with what appeared to be a small amount of rice growing.

2. Omitted.
3. Red Haze Activity. 240335H to 240545H May 71

YS637657	1 near road	Both readings near junction of Routes 23/328
YS642659	1 near road	
YS765745	5 in open	(No friendly troops in area)

4. Omitted.
5. APD (Sniffer)

240900H YS3979 - YS3985 - YS4379 - YS4385
Nil significant readings

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274 VC MAIN FORCE REGIMENT

History.

1. 274 Regt was activated in early 1964 in War Zone D, but did not begin operations until March 1965. Although the cadre for the regiment came from 308 NVA Division, the nucleus of the regiment was drawn from D 8CO DONG NAI Battalion of MR 1. This battalion eventually became 1 Bn 274 Regt. 3 Bn, originally designated 308, was formed primarily from C202 Local Force Company from the SONG BE area. 2 Bn was the last to join the regiment. It had previously been 265 Bn of KIEN HOA Province.

2. The regiment was subordinated to 5 VC Division in Aug 1965, but continued to operate independently in VC BA BIEN Province under the direction of COSVN, except when participating in Division sized operations.

3. During 1965, the Regt operated out of the HAT DICH (YS3288) area in both LONG KHANH and BIEN HOA Provinces. For the remainder of 1966 the Regt operated primarily in Northern PHUOC TUY Province. On 9 Dec 66, 2 Bn overran the ARVN VAN KIEP Training Centre (YS363620) inflicting heavy losses on ffiendly forces for only 2 VC KIA. After this operation, the Regiment remained relatively inactiv. In Nov 67, the Regt moved into the HAT DICH area to receive replacements from 320 NVA Regt. Shortly after this, the Regt became Subordinate to SR - 4. During late Dec 67 and early Jan 68 the Regt suffered heavy losses in contacts with US Forces. In Jan 68 the Regt received replacements to replenish these losses.

4. At this time, the Regiment began preparing for an attack on BIEN HOA Air Base. On 31 Jan 68 274 and 275 Regts attacked BIEN HOA but were thoroughly defeated. While withdrawing east and north east, the Regt was again contacted by 199 (US) LIB, again suffering heavy losses. In early Mar 68 the Regt was again assigned to 5 VC Division and avoided contact until Apr 68. In Apr 2 Bn received replacements from Infiltration Group 241. During the month 3 Bn initiated offensive action against 11 ACR 15 Kilometres west of XUAN LOC.

5. In May 68, 5 VC Div left LONG KHANH Province and 274 Regt remained behind, being resubordinated to the recently activated MR - 7. During May and Jun 68 274 Regt conducted large scale ambushes along Highway 1, after which the Regt withdrew to their base areas. In Aug 68 the Regt again conducted operations along Highway 1 and launched a ground attack against FSB GREY (YS240926). Shortly after these actions, the Regt withdrew to resupply, sending elements to War Zone D to obtain food and ammunition.

6. In Dec 68 all three battalions conducted operations which resulted in a combined loss of 121 KIA. As a result the Regt withdrew to the HAT DICH area to refit. It was not identified again until 3 Feb 69 when 3 Bn attacked LONG BINH, resulting in 194 VC KIA. 1 Bn was identified the same night after an attack upon BEAR CAT, in which once again heavy losses were suffered. After these attacks the Regt withdrew to an area along the SOUI CA stream (YS2689) to staging for an attack on RTAVF installations. On 16 Mar new 1 and 2 Bns attacked 3 Bde RTAVF HQ (YS1691). The regt remained relatively inactive after this operation.

7. During 12 and 13 May 69, 274 Regt engaged elements of the RTAVF at YS238917 losing 128 KIA. Due to these heavy losses, the Regt again withdrew to the HAT DICH area. However during Aug and Sep the Regt was given the mission of attacking convoys along Highway 15. 2 Bn travelled north to War Zone D to obtain supplies during Sep. During the remainder of 1969, the Regt remained relatively inactive while receiving reinforcements.

8. During Jan and Feb 70, 1 and 3 Bns were involved in light contact in their normal AO along the LONG KHANH and PHUOC TUY Province border. Throughout the remainder of 1970 274 Regt avoided significant contact while refitting.

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Recent Activity

9. Generally in the past year 274 VC Regt has shown very little activity. The only contacts with the Regt have been light engagements. When contacted by Allied Forces they have a tendency to withdraw immediately even when their base camps are attacked.

10. A document captured on 28 Jan 71 indicates that 1 and 3 Bn may be reorganizing into coy sized units. Lack of recent activity by 2 Bn suggests that its mission is primarily resupply and logistics as well as the task of security for Regt HQ. A document captured on 20 Mar 71 identifies C9 Heavy Wpns Coy of 2 Bn as being in the ONG QUE Rubber Plantation area. There have been several reports that C9 Hy Wpns Coy of 2 Bn is in fact now attached to 1 Bn.

11. Recent examples of offensive activity on the part of units of the Regt have been a possible abortive ambush attempt by 3 Bn on an RAAF convoy (para 16 below), and also an attack by fire and a ground probe on 15 May probably by elements of 1 Bn supported by a local force unit on a RF Post south of XUAN LOC, resulting in 6 friendly killed, 11 friendly wounded and 8 enemy killed.

12. Recent reports have indicated that 274 Regt is at present detaching Pl sized groups to guerilla units with the task of training and reinforcing them. There are indications that the XUAN LOC and CAO SU Guerillas have been upgraded by teams from 274 Regt in this manner. 274 Regt elements could also be attached to the CAM MY Guerillas for this purpose. There have been other reports from other areas of Vietnam of Main Force battalions detaching personnel in this manner in order to upgrade local force units.

Outline Organisation

13. 274 Regt consists of three Inf Bns (D1, D2, D3), B1 Military Staff Sect, B2 Political Staff Sect, B3 Rear Services Sect, C16 Mortar Coy, C17 RR Coy, C18 HMG Coy, C19 Engineer Coy, C20Signal Coy, C21A Sapper Coy, C21B Recce Coy, C22 Tpt Coy, C23 Surgical Team and K24 Convalescence Coy. See Outline Organisation at Appendix 1. Estimated strengths are shown alongside each element.

Command

14. 274 Regt is subordinated to Military Region 7. Although it operates mainly within the AOs of SR-4 and BA LONG Province, like all Main Force formations it is directly subordinate to the local Military Region.

Tactics

15. 274 Regt's tactics in the past have been to attack in bn strength, with one coy being held in reserve. Attacks were preceded by shelling with organic weapons or from the Regt Sp Coys. The attacking force normally attacked the objective from different directions simultaneously, employing the hit-and-run technique. Human wave assaults were used in the past especially by 1 Bn, before the Regt's strength became depleted. However it is doubtful whether 274 Regt will employ concentional attacks again in the forseeable future. 274 Regt's strength and morale is depleted and all enemy emphasis is upon small scale sapper-type actions.

16. Ambush operations are normally conducted by Coy or reinforced Coy sized forces, with the attacking force positioned on one side of a track or road. RPG 2s and RPG 7s are utilised against motorised convoys. 3 Bn has had extensive experience against armour. In the past the Regt has regarded very long convoys as potential targets, but now will target small convoys of from three vehicles or possibly more. The abortive ambush attempt upon an RAAF convoy on Route 15 South of LONG BINH on 17 May 71 was possibly carried out by 3 Bn.

17. The typical VC/NVA method of operations calls for extensive recce, detailed planning, and thorough rehearsal for attacks. Orders for an attack are received about

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seven days before the attack is to take place. The Regt staff then plans the detailed operation and gives the orders to subordinate units from one to two days before the attack. In order to ensure that the attack plan is not compromised, the individual soldiers do not receive instructions until immediately prior to the attack. When the attack plan calls for the use of a larger force, C21B Recce Coy is employed. Two radio operators are attached to the Bn signal platoon in the event of Bn or smaller attacks, to provide additional signal support.

18. The Bns now normally operate independently, working outside of their areas of operations only when ordered to do so by Regt. HQ units seldom stay in the same areas in excess of three days. Communications are achieved mainly by runner, although radio contact is maintained every few days. The Regt keeps all supplies within base camps or base areas of the individual battalions, and these units are responsible for the issue, storage, and protection of their own supplies, ammunition and weapons. The Regt does not normally defend base camps or bunker complexes and will withdraw in small groups at the first opportunity, unless they feel that the fight will be to their advantage.

Morale.

19. 274 Regt has operated extensively in its current AO and is very familiar with the area. A large percentage of the cadre and soldiers are combat veterans. The Regt is in close proximity to its main sources of supply. However these points are counter-balanced by the heavy combat losses suffered by the Regt and its inability to inflict substantial losses upon the Allies. The increasing supply difficulties and the forced movement of base camps due to artillery, air strikes and land clearing operations are responsible for low morale. These factors combine to suggest that 274 Regt has only limited combat effectiveness.

Personalities.

20. A list of personalities is found at Appendix 2.

Resupply.

21. 274 Regt is normally supplied by J-85 Rear Services of MR-7, although the Rear Service Staff of the Regt has recently been active on its own. Food stuffs are obtained in the local area with the aid of the village guerilla units and sympathizers in the surrounding villages. In the recent past the Regt has sent elements of 2 Bn North to War Zone D to obtain munitions and equipment and more recently, C22 and C18 Coys have been involved in these resupply missions. The difficulty the Regt is experiencing in obtaining supplies should hamper their ability to conduct significant offensive operations. Sources of supply include the BINH SON (centre of mass YS2392) and VIET CUONG (YS4388) Rubber Plantations.

Cover Designators.

22. 274 Regt has a number of cover designators, as is also the case for each of its Bns:

a. Regt:- J610, Q674, E4, QT64, 4th Regt, K3, K9, H10, DONG NAI 94, DOAN 94, E310, 94 Regt, 74 Regt, Infil Gp 729, J610, C4.
b. D1 Bn:- J621, 412, 500 DONG NAI Bn, K5, K1, LAM SON, BAC HAI, QUOC DAY.
c. D2 Bn:- J631, H16, D265, 65 DONG THAP, K265, BAC TU, K7, H12, QUOC TUAN, Infil Gp 241, QUOI NGO.
d. D3 Bn:- J641, D304, C341, F15, 263, MAU THU, DONG DO, BAC SAU, 308 Bn.
e, B1 - Military Staff:- Gp H12, 20 Regt.
f. B2 - Political Staff:- D800, Gp 445B.
g. B3 - RSV Staff:- DOAN XUAN Regt, 764.
h. C16 Mor Coy:- Gp 12, V310.
i. C17 RR Coy:- 800, V308, DOAN 17.

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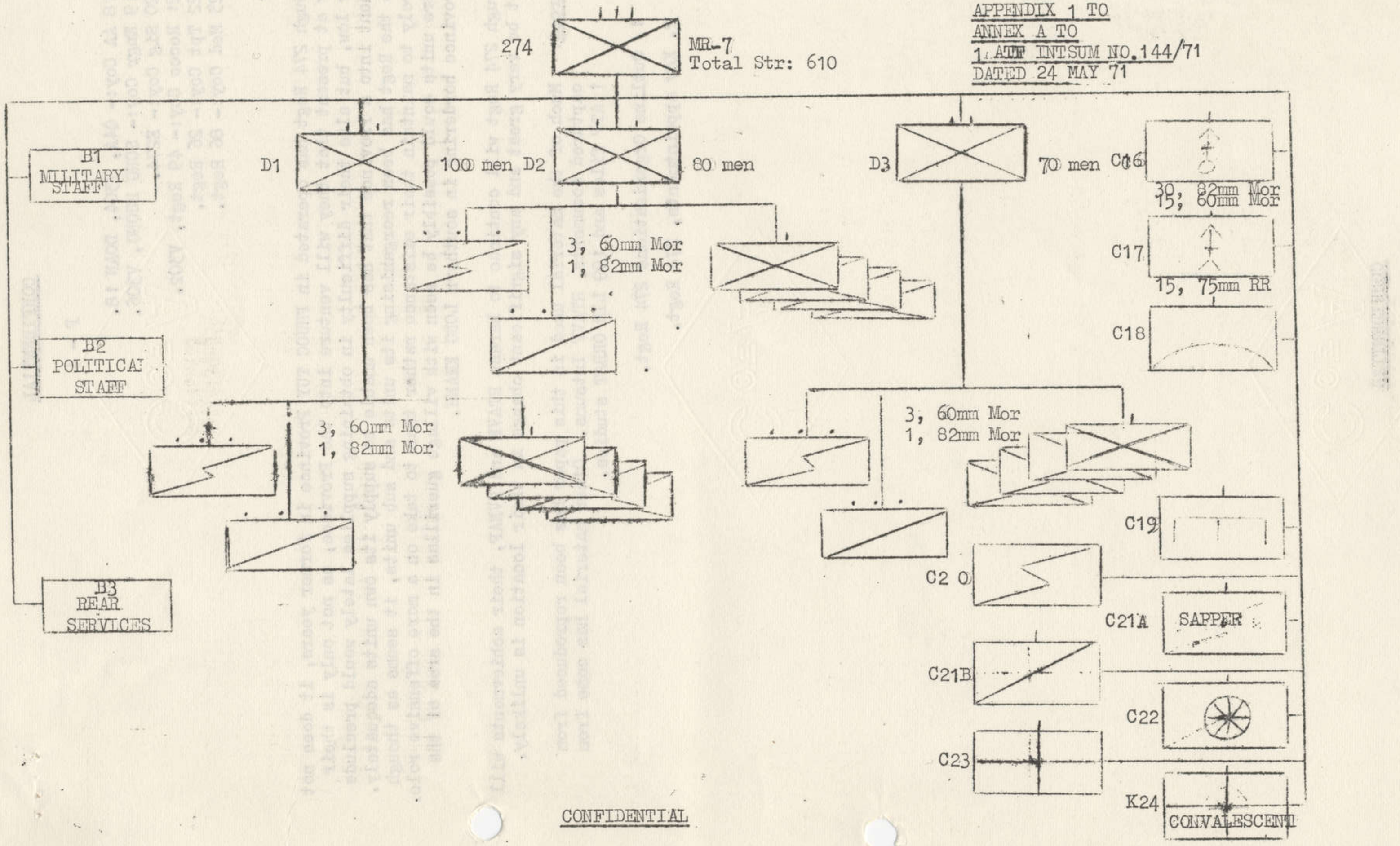

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j. C18 AA Coy:- Q4A, V304, DOAN 18.
k. C19 Engr Coy:- SONG HUONG, V306.
l. C20 Sig Coy:- E274.
m. C21 Recce Coy:- 49 Regt, V302.
n. C22 Tpt Coy:- 26 Regt.
o. C23 Med Coy:- 86 Regt.

Conclusion.

23. Although 274 Regt has operated in PHUOC TUY Province in former years, it does not seem likely at present that they will venture into the Province, as not only is their morale very low, but also their difficulty in obtaining supplies lately would preclude their movement into a Province that has been unable to supply its own units adequately. Even though the Regt has been reorganising its units and sub units, it seems as though this is merely to maintain their existance rather than to take on a more offensive role. However cadre units could possibly be seen with village guerillas in the area of the northern Province bordering in southern LONG KHANH.

24. Although 274 Regt will continue to harass RTAVF and RVNAF, their achievments will probably not be very great and any significant change in their location is unlikely.

Note On Sources: Much of the material used in this paper has been reproduced from captured documents, RTAVF Intsums. Other material has come from 1 ATF files and 199 LIB ORBAT studies.

Appendices: 1. Outline Organisations 274 Regt.
2. Key appointments, 274 Regt.

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KEY PERSONALITIES OF 274th VC REGIMENT

1. Regimental HQ

a. CO - UT THANG
b. XO - BA THANH
c. XO - HAI PHE
d. PO - TU QUANG
e. Chief of Rear Services - TAM THANH TAO
f. Chief of Political Staff - UT MAI
g. Chief of Staff - BAY THIEN

2. 1 Bn 274

a. Bn HQ
(1) CO - CHAU
(2) XO - SAU THANH
(3) XO - RE
(4) PO - VO UT

b. C1
(1) CO - HUNG
(2) PO - BAY AN

c. C2 (1) CO - TAM GIA
(2) PO - HONG

d. C3 (1) CO - NGAN
(2) PO - QUI

e. C4 (1) CO - LE THANH LAM
(2) PO - BAY LAC

3. 2 Bn 274

a. Bn HQ
(1) CO - NGUYEN CHAU
(2) XO - THANH
(3) PO - BA CUT

b. C5
(1) CO - TRIEU TAN HAN
(2) PO - DUY

c. C6 (1) CO - VIEN
(2) PO - HUOE

d. C7 (1) CO - NGUE
(2) PO - CUONG

e. C8 (1) CO - DUNG
(2) PO - THUOC

...../4. 3Bn

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4. 3 Bn 274

a. Bn HQ
(1) CO - BAY CONG (THAN)
(2) XO - BA PHUNG
(3) PO - NAM DINH

b. C11 (1) CO - CHAU
(2) PO - HA VAN LU

c. C12 (1) CO - NHEE
(2) PO - LU

d. C13 (1) CO - PHAT
(2) PO - TAM SANG

e. C14 (1) CO - CUONG
(2) PO - UT LE

5. Supporting Units

a. C16
(1) CO - HANH
(2) PO - DINH

b. C17 (1) CO - NGUYEN MINH QUANG

c. C18 (1) CO - THO

d. C19 (1) CO - LINH

e. C20 (1) CO - NAM THANH
(2) PO - DANG VIET

f. C21A (1) CO - NGUYEN VAN PHUC

g. C21B (1) CO - UT TAI
(2) PO - BA SON

H. C22 (1) CO - NAM KY
(2) PO - HA VAN LU

i. C23
(1) CO - TU KIEN
(2) PO - TU GIAP

j. K24 (1) CO - NAM MINH
(2) PO - BA CUT

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 145/71.
2. Period covered from 250001H to 252400H May 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There no contacts with Task Force elements.
   a. Ground Activity.
      (1) AO ELSIE
         (a) Late Report. (241355H). At YS503842, 5 Pl B Coy 3 RAR loc an E/W track used by an estimated 12 persons in preceding 2 days. No further information.
      (2) AO DEBORAH.
         (a)(251700H). At YS656807 12 Pl D Coy 3 RAR found a track running West then North used by approx 10 VC wearing HO CHI MINH sandals 4 - 5 hours old.
   b. Air Activity.
      (1) Omitted.
      (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.
4. Enemy Personal and Equipment Losses.
   a, b, c, d, e. Omitted.
   f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR3.
      (2 - 4), (6), (8 - 21), (27). Omitted.

(1) KIA	6 VC	(22) SA Rds	40
(5) Individual Weapons		(23) Grenades	12
Action	4	(24) AP Mines	4
Caches	1	(25) AT Mines	2
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed	25lbs	(26) TNT	½lb

5, 6, 7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 21/71 dated 24 May 71.
9, 10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
   a, b, c. Omitted.
   d. Agent Reports. See Annex C.
   e. Omitted
   f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
      (1)(250330H). At YS3056 on LONG SON Island, VC entered the village and abducted 4 PSDF members, and seized 2 x carbines and 2 x M1 rifles.
      (2)Late Report. (231900H). At YS218889 ac was shot down by SA fire resulting in 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA. Ground troops later inserted found 2 VC KIA.

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ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM 145/71
DATED 25 MAY 71

AGENT REPORTS

1. Received from DUC THANH 25 May 71. Eval 1 ATF F3.
At 1700 on 24 May 71 near YS430740 and YS438728 VU-HIEN (Party Chapter Advisor) appeared with 2 other VC and at YS430720 DUNG (PCS BINH BA) appeared with 6 other VC. Source states there are 2 bunkers in the area.
2. Received from DUC THANH RD Cadre. Eval 1 ATF F3.
On the night 18/19 May 71 at YS422744 one sect of VC infiltrated XA BINH BA. They were wearing mixed dress and were carrying 1 x B40, 3 x AK47, 2 x carbine M2 and jungle knives. 2 Cadre disguised as rubber tappers recced the situation of local military units by day and at night talked to youngsters about not joining local (PSDF/PF/RF) units.
3. Late Report. (231500H). Near YS378675. VN S2 reports the sighting of approx 90 VC in mixed dress armed with individual weapons, 1 x 82mm mortar, and an unknown number of B 40 and B41 RL. The source also revealed that each VC was carrying approx 3 litres of rice and that the VC questioned a boy about VK NTC (VAN KIEP NATIONAL TRG CENTRE)

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1 ATF INTSUM NO 145/71
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AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce.

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
250730H	YS498834	A track running N/S and with recent movement appears to be S/N. In excess of 10 people have recently used the track.
251000H	E 75 - 78 N 73 - 75	Nil significant sightings though area not fully covered due to ac becoming US.
251200H	E 55 - 58 N 87 - 90	Nil significant sightings.
251400H	E 58 - 61 N 67 - 70	Nil significant sightings.

2, 3, 4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer).

250915H YS5190 - YS5990 - YS5987 - YS5181.

Maximums YS526880
YS565890

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 146/71.
2. Period covered from 260001H to 262400H May 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.
   a. Ground Activity.
      (1) AO DEBORAH.
      (a)(261225H). At YS634830, 10 Pl D Coy 3 RAR found two circular 4ft by 3ft holes apparently sentry posts. There was evidence of yam digging but no obvious tracks. Activity estimated to be one week old.
      (b)(261435H). At YS633829 10 Pl D Coy 3 RAR found holes made by yam diggers and located two graves with two bodies 3 - 6 months old. A quantity of destroyed enemy equipment was also in the area. There were a number of small tracks in the area. Comment: The bodies could possibly be the 2 VC KIA by a 1 ATF ptl at this loc on 7 Apr.
      (2) AO LISA.
      (a)(261800H). At YS430874 2 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) found 5 graves and later at YS440880 another grave was located which was approx one month old. One grave was partially opened and found to be occupied. At YS430874 a 500lb UXB was found with the filling missing. The bomb had been carried to its present loc.
   b. Air Activity.
      (1) Omitted.
      (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex B
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
   a, b, c, d, e. Omitted.
   f. Cumulative Totals for Month-MR3.
   (2 - 4), (6), (8 - 21), (27). Omitted.

(1) KIA	6 VC	(22) SA rds	40
(5) Individual Weapons		(23) Grenades	12
Action	4	(24) AP Mines	4
Caches	1	(25) AT Mines	2
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed	25 lbs	(26) TNT	½lb

5, 6, 7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 21/71 dated 24 May 71.
9, 10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
   a. Amplification of Spot Reports.
   Reference INTSUM 145/71 para 11 f (1) Delete item and insert:-
   (1)(250200H). At LONG SON Island (YS3056) 20 VC entered the village and abducted nine PSDF members. Members were blind-folded and taken to an area believed to be at YS563287. Of these nine, four surrendered their weapons (carbines) to the VC. At 261000H all nine members returned to the village less the four rifles. The VC had warned them against rejoining the PSDF since this would result in the members being assassinated. Propaganda was ditributed warning all people to disband from the PSDF. The guerilla unit contained elements of BARIA City Unit, LONG HUONG, LONG SON and PHUOC HOA.
   b. Correction to Previous INTSUMS.
   (1) INTSUM 145/71 Annex E para 5 amend YS526880 and YS565890 to strong not maximum readings.
   c. Omitted.
   d. Agent Reports See Annex C.
   e. Omitted.
   f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
   (1)(260050H). At YS427598 54 PF Pl were engaged by an estimated two squads of enemy, who approached from two directions and fired approx 2xB40 rds. At 0240H the enemy withdrew. Result 20 PSDF MIA and 18 carbines MIA, 2xCivs killed and 1x14 year old youth MIA, 1 BAR MIA. At 261110H LONG DIEN reported the arrest of one VCI. He is being interrogated by NP. Interrogation report to follow when available.
   Comment: The enemy group have not been identified. However, it appears likely that they were C1 Coy D445or LONG DAT elements from the LONG HAIs.
   (2)(260100H). At YS509546 VC destroyed one 15 foot by 30 inch diameter culvert across Route 44. Road remains open.
   (3)(260900H). Aircraft sighted what appeared to be a mirror flashing in two places in YS3086. Smoke was seen to be rising from approx loc.
   (4)(261226H). At YS572780 an RAAF aircraft observed three persons dressed in black at the old FSB MARJ location. When aircraft approached the three persons disappeared into the jungle.

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Extracts from 3 Bde (Separate) 1 Cav Div (AM) INTSUM.

(1)(230853H). At YS854855 3 Bde tps while on search operations located 11 x DH 10 mines, 220lbs of unknown type of explosives, 20 litres of wine, a cooking set for wine production and a letter of appreciation from a rear service unit in VC MR - 7 to a rear service unit in BA LONG Province.

(2)(240830H). At YS855852 3 Bde tps located a VN pattern typewriter set up with paper in the machine. Also located was 220lbs of flour in an unmarked bag which had been in location for approximately 6 months, one civilian 8 transistor AM/FM radio, 5 empty AK 47 mags, 3 VC claymore mines made of C4 explosive and glass, and 1X AK47 ammunition vest which had been in location approximately 10 days.

(3)(241745H). At YS849858 3 Bde tps while on a ground recce sighted two persons wearing greens and carrying AK47's 60 metres SW of location. Enemy were engaged but did not return fire. Nil cas.

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ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 146/71
DATED 26 MAY 71

AGENT REPORTS

1. Received from LONG LE Sector 26 May 71 VN eval C2.
(251730H). Five guerillas including one female of the BARIA City Unit dressed in black and armed with 2 x AK47s, 2 x carbines and 1 x M16 appeared at YS367598 (TRANG DA LON). They asked fishermen for information about local government activities. When the people could not provide any information, they were told to find out about day and night activity and pass it on to the VC. After 20 mins the VC withdrew SOUTH.

2. Received from XUYEN MOC, 26 May 71.
Sighting by wood cutters of four VC wearing mixed clothing, one VC carrying a pistol and one other carrying an AK47. At 241400H VC were located approx at/YS710806. The VC were gathering tax from the truck drivers who later claimed that they had not paid tax. However, it is more than likely that they had paid the necessary tax.

3. Received from RDC TAM PHOUC on 26 May 71, Aust eval C3.
At 252150H 20 plus VC infiltrated the village, they moved from the CHAU VAN TIEP TEMPLE to YS446583 (TAM PHUOC). The VC dropped leaflets and resupplied from houses in area YS484582.
Comment: VC possibly members of the TAM PHUOC guerillas despite probable strength exaggeration.

4. Received from DUC THANH 26 May 71, VN eval C4.
On the 26 May at 1200H approx 1 Pl of C36 Sapper Recce unit appeared at YS500815. According to one VC they are going to attack local units in NGAI GIAO and BINH BA from now until the 1 Jun 71.

5. Received from DUC THANH 26 May 71, VN eval C3.
On the 26 May at 1800H NP sighted a Pl of VC dressed in greens and fully armed at YS448781.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 146/71
DATED 26 MAY 71

AERIAL RECCONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
261030H	E35 - 38 N84 - 87	At YS352849 a small column of blue wood smoke was rising out of heavy bamboo even after the canopy was disturbed with rockets the smoke source could not be seen. All the trees surrounding the area were wet from

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rain.

261400H	E64 - 67 N73 - 76	2 parallel tracks approximately 15 metres apart and running West to East were seen in a clearing at YS656754. These may be up to a week old.
261410H	E62 - 66 N89 - 92	Wood cutters were seen at YS6490. They consisted of 10 - 12 people, including 3 women, who were in a yellow truck. After seeing helicopter circling they moved North.

2, 3, 4. Omitted

5. APD (Sniffer).

DTG	MAXIMUM	STRONG	MINIMUM
261025H	YS565830 YS557811	YS574830 YS568830	

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 147/71.
2. Period covered from 270001H to 272400H May 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were two contacts with Task Force elements.
   a. Ground Activity.
      (1) AO LISA.
         (a)(271400H). At YS391865, a tank of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt found a base camp of 12 fighting pits and one perimeter trench 60 - 70 ft long. The complex is estimated to be 18 months old and last used 12 months ago and was in poor condition. Entry/exit to South. At YS393863, a deep hole, stacks of bamboo and cans (NFI) of aerosol flyspray were found.
      (2) AO ELSIE.
         (a)(270830H). At YS477872, 3 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a camp site with two sleeping platforms and a cache of food. (See para 4 e (2) (b) this INTSUM for details). Complex estimated to be two weeks old and used in preceding 24 hours.
         (b)(271030H). 1 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn heard approx six shots fired in area YS4991.
         (c)(271425H). At YS477866, 1 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a bunker system estimated to be six years old.
         (d)(272050H). At YS432876, 2 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn engaged an estimated two VC who were moving from East to West. No result available until sweep on morning of 28 May 71.
   b. Air Activity.
      (1) Omitted.
      (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
   a. Total KIA Ocurring This Reporting Period.
      (1) Omitted.
      (2) Aust Inflicted 4 VC
      (3) Omitted.
   b. c. d. Omitted.
   e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed.
      (1), (2) Captured and Destroyed Material. (a). Omitted.
      (b) Destroyed.
         (a) At YS477872. 22 lbs rice, 22lbs beans, 16 lbs salt, 3 lbs split peas, 6 lb dry peppers, two bars soap, 2 oz insect repellent, one pkt curry powder, 1 bottle kerosene, one pair US combat boots, 8 dry batteries, one US canteen/ cup, two M1 mags, quantity fruit, quantity onions, and a quantity of personal equipment items.
      (3, 4, 5) Omitted.
   f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3.
      (2 - 4), (6), (8 - 21), (27). Omitted.

(1) KIA	10 VC	(22) SA rds	40
(5) Individual Weapons		(23) Grenades	12
Action	4	(24) AP Mines	4
Caches	1	(25) AT Mines	2
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed	47 lbs.	(26) TNT	½lb

5, 6, 7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 20/71 dated 23 May 71
9. 10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous
   Other Items Of Reporting Interest.
   (1)(270800H) PRU arrested NGUYEN THI HAI of LONG SON (H) LONG DIEN (V) for allegedly supplying VC in Feb 71.
   (2)(271000H). At XUYEN MOC (YS6568) NHAN NGHIA (H) and NHAN TRI (H) were screened by NP. Seven illegal residents were arrested. One VCS was detained. She is: NGUYEN THI LANG. Born 1919, wife of TRAN HUNG KHANH who is a member of XUYEN MOC (V) Farmer's Association. Her two sons, both of XUYEN MOC Guerilla Unit are also being held at XUYEN MOC NP Station for questioning.
   (3)(261745H) Late Report. At YS464604, 54 PF Pl and Int Squad found two AK-47, one K-51 and two boots.
   (4)(262150H) Late Report. At YS463602, 56 PF Pl engaged three VC who were moving from North to South. The enemy withdrew East with unknown results.
   Extracts from 3 Bde (Sep) 1 (US) ACD (AM) INTSUM of 25 May 71.
   (5)(251045H). At YT549145, 3 Bde tps engaged an unknown number of enemy. Contact broke and one enemy who was wounded surrendered. Results: One enemy wounded and captured; two AK-47, one set webbing, one poncho and 2 oz docu captured.

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Comment: Firm identification of PW not yet available. To be advised.

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ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 147/71
DATED 27 MAY 71

AGENT REPORTS

1. NP Agent Report Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.
On 27 May 71 at 0130H, three male and one female VC entered HUONG SON (H) (YS3561) LONG HUONG (V) where they collected rice and withdrew after one hour. The group included TU CANG, Chief F and E Sect BARIA City Unit. Comment: Consistent reports of visits of VC to this area have been received.
2. NP Agent Report Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F5.
It was reported on 26 May 71 that C4/D445 was located at YS655624 and it was to join another unspecified sub-unit of D445 to ambush convoys on Route 23 in the May - June 71 period. C4 was commandered by SAU LAC. Comment: There have been several reports of a group from C4 in the XUYEN MOC area. However, no confirmation has been able to be obtained. SAU LAC Commands C4.
3. NP Agent Report Eval 1 ATF F3.
It is reported that from 27 May 71, the VC will conduct arrests of PSDF in DAT DO District, and in particular in PHUOC THO (YS4959) amd HOI MY (YS5256).
4. Agent Report Eval VN C3, 1 ATF F3.
One squad of VC feom BINH BA Party Chapter was seen at YS430720 on 25 May 71.
5. Agent Report Eval 1 ATF F6.
On 26 May 71 at 0900H, 2 xVC were observed at YS485928.
6. Agent Report Eval 1 ATF F6.
On 24 May 71 in the late afternoon, five VC were observed at YS432925.
7. PRU Agent Report received 22 May 71 Eval VN C3 1 ATF F3.
During the time from 2000H to 0300H on the nights of 18 - 21 May 71, seven VC from PHUOC LOI Guerilla Unit were at YS507576 from where they moved to YS505572. At the latter grid they collected taxes and food.
8. PRU Agent Report received 23 May 71 Eval VN C3 1 ATF F3.
A group of 10 VC from LONG MY Village Guerillas entered homes along Route 44 at YS508547 to collect taxes and food. They usually come from the SouthWest at 2100H.
9. PRU Agent Report received 22 May 71 Eval VN C3 1 ATF F2.
A group of six VC are often at YS458577. They ask workers to purchase food.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 147/71
DATED 27 MAY 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce.

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
270640H	YS645583	Tracks in grass with flattened rest area. Tracks ran North-South, possibly animal tracks.
270700H	YS647658-YS633653	Oxcarts driving on verge of road 20 metres North of road way. Road appeared in normal condition and later in the morning the road was in normal use. XUYEN MOC are not believed to suspect any suspicous circumstances.
270730H	YS38 - 41 E YS84 - 87 N	The rubber in the NE border of this area is currently being worked.

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271000H	YS51 - 54 E YS86 - 89 N	YS516878. UXB, probably 8 in shell with top removed and contents taken. No other signs in the area apart from tracks probably made by friendly forces on 10 May 71.
271200H	YS57 - 58 E YS67 - 72 N	No significant sightings.
	YS58 - 61 E YS70 - 73 N	No sigificant sightings.
271400H	YS28 - 31 E YS68 - 71 N	BUDDHISTS who formerly lived at YS278684 are no longer there. No sighting of recent activity.

2, 3, 4. Omitted.

5. APD (Sniffer).

DTG	MAXIMUM	STRONG	MINIMUM
270900- 1030H	YS578674 YS578686 YS578694 YS578700	YS578689 YS578698 YS578705 YS589722 YS602701	YS572709 YS578678 YS578683 YS578709 YS597734 YS603716

Comment: These readings may have be suspect due to a technical fault in the machine which developed during the mission. See report of VR flown at 271200H, which was flown to check area of readings.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 148/71 dated 28 May 71.

2. Period Covered from 280001H to 282400H May 71.

3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO LISA.

(a) Reference INTSUM 147/71 para 3. a. (2) (d). A morning sweep of contact area (YS432876), by 2 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn revealed a trace of one person but no results.

(2) AO DEBORAH.

(a) (281600H). At YS663832, ptl from 11 Pl D Coy 3 RAR found fresh tracks of 3-5 pers which appear to have been made yesterday. The track runs SE/NW.

(3) Other Areas.

(a) (272214H). At FSB JANE (YS4584), 3 VC were eng with claymores and M16 fire. En withdrew in unk direction with unk results.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a., b., c., d. and e. omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3.

(1) KIA VC 7

(2), (3) and (4) omitted.

(5) Individual Wpns.

Action 4

Caches 1

(6) Omitted

(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed. 47 lbs.

(8) to (21) omitted.

(22) SA rds 40

(23) Grenades 12

(24) AP mines 4

(25) AT mines 2

(26) TNT ½ lb

(27) Omitted.

(5) Omitted.

(6) Omitted.

(7) Omitted.

(8) Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 20/71 dated 23 May 71.

(9) Omitted.

(10) Omitted.

(11) Miscellaneous.

a., c. and e. omitted

b. Correction to Previous INTSUM.

(1) INTSUM 147/71 para 11. (2), NGUYEN THI LANG's sons are not being held at XUYEN MOC NP Station.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

Extracts from 3 Bde (Sep) 1 (US) ACD (AM) INTSUM of 26 May 71.

(1) (261030H). At YS734959, 3 Bde tps loc an E/W logging road with use in last 3 hours by one pers moving E.

(2) (260730H). At YS791882, 3 Bde tps heard 2 rds of SA fire from 600m NW.

(3) (261125H). At YS737864, 3 Bde tps loc a campfire site used in last 4 hours by 4 pers moving NE.

(4) (261440H). At YS798880, 3 Bde tps loc an E/W track used in last 12 hours by 3 pers.

(5) (261300H). At YS846854, 3 Bde tps loc 300 lb TNT wrapped in green plastic.

(6) (261500H). At YS848854, 3 Bde tps discovered 1 tool kit which incl 3 wrenches, 4 drill bits and 1 hand-held blow torch.

Other Areas

(7) (272230H). At YS651673, 612 RF Coy eng 3 VC who were apparently attempting to breach the perimeter wire. En withdrew in an unk direction with unk casualties

(8) (272300H). At YS429589, PRU eng 4 VC who withdrew NW with unk results. Arty was fired in support.

(9) (281325H). At YS548561, a soldier of 615 RF Coy stepped on an M16 mine which did not explode. There were no casualties and mine was destroyed. It is estimated that the mine was new and had been in position for 2 weeks.

(10) (Prior to 280435H). At YS342797, RED HAZE ac detected 2 "hot" readings which were eng by RTAVF Arty with unk results.

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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 148/71
DATED 28 MAY 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

1. The following are full translations of enemy propaganda documents distributed on LONG SON and calling for action to bring about the disbandment of the PSDF (GVN Peoples Self Defence Force) and other security agencies:-

Document No 1. Instructions for Disbanding The PSDF.

The PSDF are soldiers without salary who create difficulties and oppress the people in villages and hamlets. The PSDF is an agency of the Americans and the THIEU-KY-KHIEM regime which procures soldiers for "Vietnamization", which is a programme designed to make Vietnamese fight Vietnamese.

In order to break the enemy (GVN) control of our people and to defeat the Special Pacification Programme -- the main plank of "Vietnamization" of the Americans and their puppets (GVN) so that the sons of our Fatherland can return to thepeople's just cause:-

The LONG SON Village Committee orders as follows:-

Article No 1. All types of PSDF in LONG SON Village should immediately fire at the heads of the tyrants and then take their weapons and join the revolutionary ranks. Give your weapons (to the VC), do not go on sentry, struggle for discharge.

Article No 2. Those who have husbands and sons in the PSDF should call on them to struggle resolutely for immediate discharge. The Revolutionary Committee is not responsible for the lives of people who disobey this order.

Article No 3. Guerillas of LONG SON Village, (VC) Armed Forces who come to operate in LONG SON Village, (VC) cadres, (VC) soldiers and people of LONG SON Village should make every effort to kill the people who disobey the instructions of the Revolutionary Committee.

The Revolutionary Committee
of LONG SON Village.

Document No 2. Instructions for Disbanding Hamlet and Village Authorities, Public Security (Agencies), Spies, PHUNG HOANG, "THIEN NGA", and Intelligence (Agencies) of The Pacification Programme.

The authorities of hamlets and villages, public security (agencies) and spies, PHUNG HOANG (anti-VCI agency), "THIEN NGA" (unk), intelligence and Rural Development cadre are the cruel organisations which impede and attack the revolutionary movement in local areas, and create much suffering for our people in villages, in order to carry out the Pacification and Vietnamization of the American and the THIEU-KY-KHIEM (regime) . In order to break up this control of our people and to punish thoroughly the stubborn persons who have perpetrated many crimes, and to defeat the Special Pacification Programme and Vietnamization of the Americans and puppets (GVN) -

The Revolutionary Committee of LONG SON orders:-

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Article No 1. These people must come to the Revolutionary Committee confess their crimes, and struggle for an immediate discharge. They will be shown clemency.

Article No 2. The (VC) security section, cadre, (VC) soldiers and people of LONG Son Village should immediately compile records of the crimes of these (GVN) people, who work either openly or secretly, in LONG SON, recording where they come from. These records should be sent to the Revolutionary Committee.

Article No 3. Guerillas, (VC) armed security, cadre, (VC) soldiers and people should pursue and kill these stubborn persons.

The Revolutionary Committee
of LONG SON Village

2. Documents captured in the Northern Province border area from the body of one VC KIA identify a member of 274 Regt who was possibly a courier from HQ 274 Regt. They included:

a. A report from a member of D2 (probably 2 Bn 274 Regt) to E (possibly HQ 274 Regt) stating that no ARVN activity was observed from a tower in D2's area.

b. A report stating intentions to attack a vehicle in an uhknown location on an unknown date.

c. Several pages of sets of four figure numbers (possibly a code).

d. A notebook given by TRANG TIET QUANG (Asst Comd, Pol Sect, HQ 274 Regt) to LE DINH HIEN (unk). Included were:

(1) A list of names (unk).

(2) A list of radio regulations mentioning D1 (1 Bn 274 Regt), D2 (2 Bn 274 Regt) and E (HQ 274 Regt).

(3) One page dated 13 Apr 71 lists a total of 33 bags of rice deposited in various unknown storage areas.

(4) A page dated 14 Apr 71 noting the rice ration issued on a basis of 10 litres for each member.

(a) Party Chapter - 4 members.
(b) B1 - 4 members.
(c) B2 - 4 members.

(5) A page noting the following:

(a) 3 enemy (ARVN) platoons up to 1530H operated in the railroad area from YT305085 to YT302084.

(b) 1 platoon operating S-N of the railroad at YT287087, waiting for the train to move.

(c) At 1330H, 1 platoon fired from LO THAN (unk) to a point X.

(d) H22 (2 Bn 274 Regt) is trying to carry out the basic plan. COMMENT:This is the only positive identification throughout the document of 274 Regt. Even though this refers to 2 Bn, the majority of the documents appear to refer to the entire Regt, and for this reason it is thought that the documents were possibly taken from a courier from HQ 274 Regt.

(6) Finally the notebook has a list of names and unit designations as follows:

LE HONG TUYEN	A10 (F.E, SR4)	H10 (Coy 274 Regt)
LE XUAN LUI	AE12(unk)	A12 (Youth Proselyting SR4)
LE LAO LUYEN	C1 (various idents)	B1 (various idents)
LE CONG HENH	E13 (unk)	H13 (rear Svcs 274 Regt)

COMMENT: No conclusion can be drawn from these lists, as the names cannot be identified. The documents however, clearly refer to 274 Regt.

ANNEX C

AGENT REPORTS

1. Received DUC THANH 28 May 71. Eval VN C2. 1 ATF F3.
On 26-27 May 71 at YS440890 and at YS448880, 15 VC of 84 Rear Svcs Gp were attempting to buy food. COMMENT: 84 Rear Svcs Gp is disbanded but it is still often referred to locally.

2. PRU agent report received 28 May 71. Eval VN C3. 1 ATF F3.
9 VC appeared at YS647674 on night of 27 May 71. This is a sapper recce unit of D445. They came to observe 612 RF Coy compound at YS647674. COMMENT: This is a reference to the reported incident at para 11. f. (7) of this INTSUM. There have been a number of reports so far unconfirmed, that a group from D445, possibly an element of C4, may be in the area of XUYEN MOC.

3. From RDC received 28 May 71. Eval 1 ATF F4.
A small group of VC infiltrated TAM PHOUC (YS4558) and revealed they were intending to attack the village.

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4. Agent Report received Sector S2 on 28 May 71. Eval VN C2. 1 ATF F3.
Over the last several days a section of VC was located at YS292574. There they taxed and collected food fromlocals.

5. NP Agent Report received on 28 May 71. Eval VN C3. 1 ATF F2.
About one platoon of VC were located at YS442781.

6. PRU received on 28 May 71. Eval VN C3. 1 ATF F3.
At present VC are sending down into PHUOC TUY a number of sapper cadres who are trained in demolition. They plan to blow up GVN offices and installations. They will also collect info about other villages and districts.

7. PRU Report received on 25 May 71. Eval VN C3. 1 ATF F3.
3 VC from TAM PHUOC were located at YS449576 asking about GVN ambush positions.

8. Agent Report received Sector on 25 May 71. Eval VN C3. 1 ATF F3.
About 2 sections of VC from Party Chapters of PHOUC BUU and XUYEN MOC were located near YS624650. They intend to follow activities of Aust engrs working on Route 23 and intend carrying out mining activity.

9. NP Agent Report received on 27 May 71. Eval VN C2.
A group of 15-18 VC were located at YS249649, asking about Aust and PSDF activities and strengths.

ANNEX E

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
280730H	YS367848	3 pits by creek last used 3 months ago.
	YS376857	2 pits seen but difficult to tell when last used because of undergrowth.Could have been used approx 2 weeks ago.
281200H	YS583728	Track leads from river to YS577724 which appeared to be a lie up area for approx 4 persons. Track not used for over a month but in places it could have been used for a few yards and crossed by a small number of people within last 2 weeks.
281400H	YS E 31-33 N 65-67	YS330644, 1 person seen dressed in black. YS313628, 4 children on bicycles seen heading S. No other sightings.

2. Omitted.
3. Omitted.
4. Omitted.
5. Omitted.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM Np 149/71.
2. Period covered from 290001H to 292400H May 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.
   a. Ground Activity
      (1) AO HEATHER
         (a)(282300H) Late Report. At YS552639, a tank from C Sqn 1 Armd Regt engaged one enemy moving North. The enemy withdrew South with unknown results.
   b. Air Activity
      (1) Omitted.
      (2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.
4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.
   a, b, c, d. Omitted.
   e. Enemy Weapons and Material Captured or Destroyed
      (1 - 3, 5) Omitted.
      (4) Captured Documents. See Annex B.
      (6) Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3.
      (2 - 4), (6), (8 - 21), (27) Omitted.
      (1) KIA 7 VC
      (5) Individual Weapons
         Action 4
         Caches 1
      (7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 47lbs

(22)	SA Rds	40
(23)	Grenades	12
(24)	AP Mines	4
(25)	AT Mines	2
(26)	TNT	½lb

5, 6, 7. Omitted.
8. Capabiltities and Vulnerabilities. No Change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 20/71 dated 23 May 71.
9, 10 Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.
   a, b, c, e. Omitted.
   d. Agent Reports See Annex C.
   f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.
      (1) On 26 May 71, NGUYEN VAN LAM aged 13 years, a cattle herder from PHUOC HOA LONG (V) is suspected to have been kidnapped by VC at NUI NHAN (YS4379). His family are known to be Government supporters.
      (2)(291200H). At YS511528, NP operation located a bunker (4 ft x 4 x 3) which was destroyed. Recovered were: One M2 carbine, one M-16 mine and one claymore mine. The carbine is alledged to belong to LE VAN CHAU who is said to be Deputy President of the "Sympathisers of the BATTLE FIELD" of PHUOC HAI.
      (3)(281030H). At YT460010, 35 PF observed a squad of VC. Results: One PF beaten to death with limb from rubber tree.

Extracts from 3 Bde (Sep) 1 ACD (AM).

(4)(280845H). At YT776262, 3 Bde tps killed three enemy. One enemy was WIA and captured. From preliminary interrogation the PW was believed to belong to 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt. Just prior to his capture he was with 20 other personnel of his unit proceding on an unknown mission. He stated his HQ base camp was one hours walk to NE from point of capture. He was evacuated to CONG HOA Hospital.
Comment: Further information required. PW is reported to be a cook and probably knows little.
(5)(281430H). At YT807279, 3 Bde tps found 10 bunkers 8x5x4 fr with 2ft OHP. Recovered were: 35lbs assorted clothing and 8lb of docus. Bunkers to be destroyed.
(6)(281305H). At YS810937, 3 Bde tps found a 12 inch wide track running East - West, used by one - three persons in preceding two hours.

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Annexes: B. Captured Documents.
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ANNEX B TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 149/71
DATED 29 MAY 71

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

Reference: TRAC PERINTREP 3/71.

1. TRAC advise that documents captured on 8 May 71 at YT583234 by 1 ACD, indicate that the Reconnaissance Platoon of 33 NVA Regt has been carrying out Sapper Training in Southern XUAN LOC District.

ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 149/71
DATED 29 MAY 71

AGENT REPORTS

1. Received from Sector S2 29 May 71. Eval VN C2 1 ATF F2.
At 1300H on 28 May 71, C610 (BARIA City Special Action Unit) and the LONG HUONG Guerillas, strength approx 12, were seen disguised as civilians at YS350592. They enquired about friendly force activities and about PF Posts in XA LONG HUONG. Their intentions were to infiltrate AP HUONG GIANG (YS3561) and XA LONG HUONG (YS3561) to obtain food and to cause trouble.

2. Received from Sector S2 29 May 71. Eval VN C2, 1 ATF F3.
At 1500H on 28 May 71, the PHUOC HOA Village Guerillas of approx six persons (incl one female) were located at YS252658. At approx 2200H on most nights they infiltrate AP ONG TRINH (YS2568) to obtain food.

3. PRU Report received -- 27 May 71. Eval VN C3 1 ATF F3.
It is reported that at present in the area YS239656 - YS228657, there is a platoon of BIEN HOA Rear Service (NFI) who have been tasked to protect C5 (Possibly Team 2 BARIA Unit) resupply operations in AP ONG TRINH (YS2568) as resupply activities in the village have been achieving poor results.

4. PRU Report received 27 May 71. Eval VN C2 1 ATF F3.
At 1400H on 27 May 71, a group of more than 10 VC from F and E Sect LONG SON Village Party Chapter held a meeting around AP BEN DIEP (YS279555) in which they threatened the villagers told them to provide food for the VC in "Liberated areas" (NFI). They asked the villages if they thought the VC should attack the military operations base on LONG SON. The meeting ended at 1530H and the VC withdrew to YS253562 and established a base camp and secure area for the LONG SON Village Party Chapter.

5. PRU Report received 261700 May 71. Eval VN C3 1 ATF F3.
The source reported that BA LONG Province Committee is forming a new unit designated C21, which is to replace C25 (LONG DAT District Unit) because C25 has suffered heavy casualties. To obtain reinforcements the Recce Pl (C5) of D445 LF Bn is to

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operate in the villages to capture PSDF members, who will be sent to the MAY TAO Secret area for **idoctrination.** The source also states that some PSDF members who **have** previously been captured by the VC have provided tactical information of other posts and government offices etc where PSDF are deployed to facilitate furhter kidnappings of PSDF personnel.
Comment: Futher information required before the existence of C21 can be accepted.

ANNEX E TO
1 ATF INTSUM NO 149/71
DATED 29 MAY 71

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce.

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
290800H	Area YS 40 - 42 E 83 - 87N	Area of thick vegetation. No sign of recent enemy activity seen.
291000H	Area YS 69 - 71 E 66 - 70 N	Light track one - two weeks old from YS687695 to YS685697, where two stacks of logs 10ft - 12 ft long by 4 inch - 8 inch diameter seen. No other signs of activity observed.
291200H	Area YS 44 - 48 E 63 - 67 N	Large numbers of civilians working in fields in whole area. At YS461655, oxcart with six children and one deer carcase on cart. Later three men arrived and jointed the deer and removed the portions.
291400H	Area YS 65 - 68 E 84 - 87 N	No sign of recent activity.

2, 3, 4, 5. Omitted

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 150/71.

2. Period Covered from 300001H to 302400H May 71.

3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) (301430H). In area YS4367, a sweep around perimeter by 1 ARU resulted in nine youths detained inside non civil access area. They have been handed to NP at HOA LONG and have not been classified.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.

4. a., b., c., d. and e. omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month - MR 3.

(1) KIA 7 VC
(2), (3) and (4) omitted.
(5) Individual Wpns
Action 4
Caches 1
(6) Omitted.
(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 47 lbs
(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed 16 lbs
(9) to (21) omitted.
(22) SA rds 40
(23) Grenades 12
(24) AP mines 4
(25) AT mines 2
(26) TNT ½ lb
(27) Omitted.

5. Omitted.
6. Omitted.
7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP No 21/71 dated 24 May 71.
9. Omitted.
10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.

a., b., c. e. and f. omitted.

d. Agent Reports. See Annex C.

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ANNEX C TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 150/71
DATED 30 MAY 71

AGENT REPORT

1. 18 ARVN Regt Agent Report. Eval VN B1. 1 ATF F3.
An agent reported that at 0800H on 30 May 71, there was a group of 300VC at YS430900.
COMMENT: Despite the 1 ATF grading of F3, the numbers quoted are probably a considerable exaggeration. However, as a result of recent events it has been deduced that 1 Bn 274 VC MF Regt are probably in this general area. Their strength is believed to be approx 100 (see Annex F to INTSUM 144/71)

ANNEX E

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce.

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
300800H	Area YS 69-72 E YS 84-87 N	No sighting of recent activity.
301000H	Area YS 73-76 E YS 77-80 N YS733770	Numerous animal tracks seen in clearings. Track runs N skirting jungle, turns E-W then joins N-S track through YS743767 and two clearings and crosses stream at YS744779. Track est to be five days old and used by 20-30 pers Direction of movement S to N
301000H	YS754786	Long N-S track through YS754786 joined track at YS752794 and YS751799 showing signs of movement of 20 pers in last week. Direction of movement from W to E.
301000H	YS760779 YS765778 YS770779	Track showed signs of movement of up to 10 pers approx 5 days old. Direction of movement from W to E.
301200H	Area YS 28-32 E YS 71-73 N	Woodcutters working far Northern face of NUI THI VAI and as far as the 33 Easting. No significant sightings.
301400H	Area YS 54-57 E YS 84-87 N	No sign of recemt movement in the area.

2. Omitted.
3. Omitted.
4. Omitted.
5. APD (Sniffer).
300915 Area YS5290-YS6090-YS6086-YS5286.
All readings recorded and the high winds indicate the source of readings was FSB ZIGGIE.

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1. 1st Australian Task Force INTSUM No 151/71 dated 31 May 71.
2. Period Covered from 310001H to 312400H May 71.
3. Summary of Enemy Activity. There were no contacts with Task Force Elements.

a. Ground Activity.

(1) AO LISA

(a) (310530H). At YS473898, 1 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn eng a person carrying a torch in a shack. A sweep of the area revealed nil results.

(b) (311420H). At YS405877 HQ and 1 Pl V Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn found a base camp used in the last 24 hours by approx 30 en. Also observed was a track leading W (NFI).

(c) (311630H). At YS364715, 9 Pl C Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn loc a camp consisting of 6 wpn pits with 12" of OHP and 15 wpn pits without OHP. The camp was last used 12 months ago. COMMENT: Possibly an old CHAU DUC District base camp.

b. Air Activity.

(1) Omitted.

(2) Aerial Reconnaissance. See Annex E.

4. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a., b., c., d. and e. omitted.

f. Cumulative Totals for Month MR - 3

(1) KIA VC 7

(2), (3) and (4) omitted.

(5) Individual Wpns

Action	4
Caches	1

(6) Omitted.

(7) Rice Captured and Destroyed 47 lbs

(8) Salt Captured and Destroyed 16 lbs

(9) to (21) omitted.

(22)	SA rds	40
(23)	Grenades	12
(24)	AP mines	4
(25)	AT mines	2
(26)	TNT	½ lb

(27) Omitted.

5. Omitted.
6. Omitted.
7. Omitted.
8. Capabilities and Vulnerabilities. No change to 1 ATF SUPINTREP 22/71 dated 31 May 71.
9. Omitted.
10. Omitted.
11. Miscellaneous.

a., b., c. and e. omitted.

d. Agent Reports. See Annex C.

f. Other Items of Reporting Interest.

(1) Late Report. At 0245H on 30 May 71 at YS513980, 10 VC sappers attacked the RF outpost at TRUNG HIEU Hamlet. They fired B40s and threw hand grenades. Results: 2 PF WIA, 4 PSDF WIA, 1 VC KIA.

(2) At 0820H on 31 May 71 at YS598598 and YS599597 a RAAF ac observed fishing nets across the river. At YS604589 there is a partially flooded sampan.

Extracts from 3 Bde (Sep) 1 ACD (AM) INTSUMS.

(3) (291330H). At YS756987, 3 Bde tps detained 4 pers who stated that they had been helping to unload an ARVN truck. They were released. Heard a warning shot 300m N. A check of the area revealed neg results.

(4) (291300H). At YS813955, 3 Bde tps loc a N-S track used recently by 2-3 pers moving S.

(5) (291500H). At YS814950, 3 Bde tps loc 1 bunker, 4' x 5' x 5' with 2' of OHP. The bunker had not been used recently

(6) (291925H). At YS813956, 3 Bde tps heard 2 shots. At 291935H at YS811932 a further 2 shots were heard.

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(7) (300100H). At YS898858, 3 Bde tps saw movement 75-100m E of their loc. The area was eng with mortars with neg results.
(8) (301030H). At YS813920, 3 Bde tps loc 2 bunkers 4' x 4' x 6' with 1' OHP. One bunker had been used to store rice and milk which had been removed in the last 7 days.
(9) (301315H). At YS813925, 3 Bde tps sighted en in a defense position 100-150m SE. En evacuated the position.
(10) (301630H). At YS813928, 3 Bde tps loc a camp consisting of 4 bunkers 4' x 4' x 4' with 10" of OHP, 1 latrine trench 2' x 1' x 6', 1 hut 6' x 6' x 6' and a stack of firewood. An E-W track used in the last 12 hours was also loc.

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ANNEX A TO
1 ATF INTSUM No 151/71
DATED 31 MAY 71

INTERROGATION REPORT
DETAINEE - TONG NAN DINH

Biographical Data.

1. a. POB: CAM MY
b. Rank/Appt: soldier in Communist Liaison Cell.
c. Unit: CAO SU (D) Unit
d. Circumstances of Capture: The subject having wanted to rally for some time, waited until the Communist Liasion Cell was moving from its loc in the BINH SON Rubber to the SUOI TRO Area, and then made good his escape.

Information.

2. The subject states he was captured by the CAM MY Guerillas in 1965 and worked in the Production Cell for a while until he was transferred to the Communist Liaison Cell of CAO SU (D). The subject states that because he had made known that he wanted to live with his family in CAM MY, he was kept under guard throughout his time with the VC at BINH SON (YS3090)

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3. The subject gives an inaccurate and very limited ORBAT of CAO SU (D). The subject states that the unit has been operating in the SUOI TRE area for the last 8 months.
1 ATF COMMENT:
The subject is an illiterate Montagnard, who has been with the VC for several years, but still does not appear to know very much.

ANNEX C

AGENT REPORTS

1. Received from DAT DO 31 May 71. Eval VN C3.1 ATF F4.
At 1000H 31 May 71 at YS563572, 30 VC were observed. Their intentions were unknown.
2. Received from DAT DO 31 May 71. Eval VN C2.1 ATF F3.
At YS465539 30 VC were seen. Their intentions were to infiltrate PHUOC HAI, PHUOC HOA LONG and HOI MY to obtain food and to collect taxes.
3. Received from Sector S2 31 May 71. 1 ATF eval F3.
At 1100H 31 May 71 60 NVA moved S past YS401858 towards XA BANG. They were aged between 18 and 23 and were dressed in khaki and green, cloth hats and rubber sandals. They were armed with 2 x 82mm mortars, 2 x 57mm recoilless rifles and many B40s and B41s. They were rationed with 1 litre of rice per man. Their intentions were to combine with local guerilla forces and attack 626 RF Coy at XA BANG (YS461834) and Aust tps at YS455852.
COMMENT: Possibly elements of 1 Bn 274 Regt.

ANNEX E

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

1. Visual Recce

DTG	LOCATION	SIGHTING
310730H	YS336649	Paper and tins in the area indicate use in the last 2 weeks by 3 or 4 people. COMMENT: Possibly elements of BARIA City Unit.
	YS669832	A platform similar to one reported in INTSUM No 135/71 Annex E, 1. d. is loc 300m N of this grid. The platform reported at this grid is no longer at the loc.
311000H	E 74-77 N 79-82	No sign of recent activity.
311200H	E 69-72 N 86-89	No sign of recent activity.

2. Omitted.
3. Omitted.
4. Omitted.
5. APD (Sniffer)

310900H in area E 72-78, N 82-86.
All readings received were from ac exhausts.

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3rd Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
AP AN PHU

1 May 71

Distribution: Lists G and H
OC AFV Amenities Unit

3 RAR ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION 16/71
IN COUNTRY STAND DOWN

References: A. 1 ATF SOP Part 2, Sect 7

B. 3 RAR SO's for Nui Dat Base, Chap 5, Sect 3

General

1. 3 RAR Admin Instr 16/71 dated 3 Mar 71 is cancelled.

2. In all planning coys are to include rear details, and all integral attachments from Supporting Arms.

Centres

3. There are four centres only at which stand down can be taken:

a. The Peter Badcoe Club (PBC) - coy groups

b. The R & C Centre Vung Tau - small groups and individuals.

c. The Grand Hotel - officers only

d. 3 RAR Base Area

Peter Badcoe Club

4. Stand down at any other place may only be taken with the prior approval of the CO or 2IC.

5. The PBC is designed to accomodate a coy group comprising up to 23 Offrs/WO's/Sgts and 122 Rank and file, including one duty Sgt, one driver, one armourer and all normal coy atts from supporting arms and other coys. Any excess will be accomodated at the R & C Centre.

6. Periods for stand down at the Club are allocated by HQ 1 ATF and filled as directed by the CO. The unit receives five periods every five weeks.

7. If a coy group cannot fill the allotment as per paragraph 3 above, Bn HQ must be notified two weeks in advance so that Bn HQ, Sp Coy and Admin Coy pers can supplement the coy groups.

The R and C Centre

8. This facility will be used by Bn HQ, Sp Coy and Admin Coy pers who cannot be fitted in with a rifle coy group at the PBC and by any excess from a rifle coy group.

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9. Nominations for the R and C Centre must reach Bn HQ two weeks in advance so that bookings can be made by the Wed of the week preceding stand down. Bookings are to be made by Bn HQ only.

The Grand Hotel

10. This is for officers only and there are up to 7 vacancies (for 1 ATF).

11. Bookings as per paragraph 8 above.

Transport and Timings

12. 2IC Admin Coy is responsible for all transport arrangements and will issue a movement table for each period of stand down.

13. The coy group/individual is to arrive at the place of stand down between 1100 and 1200 hrs on day 1 and depart between 0830 and 0900 hrs on day 3. No person is permitted to leave the area of the PBC on leave until released by OC AFV Amenities Unit (normally about 1300 hrs).

Documentation

14. AAF Mob 3 is to be raised by Movements Clerk (based on sub unit nominal roll) in accordance with paragraphs 16 and 22 of reference A. Nominal rolls are to be at Bn HQ by 1000 hrs on the day preceding stand down.

15. Leave passes are to be raised and issued by the sub unit concerned.

16. AAF Mob 3 is to be collected by the sub unit duty offr prior to movement and handed to the Adjt PBC on arrival.

Dress and Equipment

17. All ranks are to wear field dress when travelling to and from Vung Tau. Two water bottles, personal weapons (excl M60s) and 50 rounds per weapon are to be carried. M60's and M79's are to be handed in to the Tech Store for armourers inspection and testing.

18. Civilian clothes only are to be worn in Vung Tau. It is also advisable to take swimming costumes.

19. Dress for dining rooms is shirt, trousers or shorts and footwear.

20. ID Cards are to be carried at all times.

21. Weapons and equipment are to be labelled with the owners regt particulars and secured in the armoury at the Annex.

Duties

22. The Tpt Sgt is the permanent Duty Sgt. He is to report to the Adjt at the PBC between 1700 and 1800 hrs on the day preceding stand down and is to return to 3 RAR by 1400 hrs on the day stand down ends. When the Tpt Sgt is not available (due to R & R or sickness only) a replacement will be nominated by 2IC 3 RAR.

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23. The Duty Sgt and driver of the duty vehicle are **not** to drink alcohol during the period the sub unit is at the PBC.

24. The Duty Sgt is responsible for:

a. Discipline at the PBC

b. Assistance to Provost as requested

c. Handover and takeover checks of accommodation and associated stores.

d. Any other duties as directed by OC AFV Amenities Unit

e. Payment of account for Offrs/WOs/Sgts annex.

25. The sub unit concerned is to appoint a Duty Officer, who must be capable at all times of dealing with matters of discipline beyond the scope of the duty Sgt. This officer is to be present at the PBC between 2000 hrs and 0800 hrs each day.

Pay

26. Pay requirements for pers proceeding on stand down are to reach the UPR no later than one week prior to stand down. The requirements are to be of two parts:

a. The amount of MPC required for full payment

b. The amount of MPC to be converted to piastre after pay.

27. Upon receipt of these requirements the UPR will arrange for the erh-imprest monies on the date required and for a cashier from 1 AFV Cash Office NUI DAT to exchange MPC for piastre in unit locations. 24 hours notice is required for this service.

Luxury PX Items

28. The unit PX will be open for sale of luxury items (within the sub units allocation) on the day/night prior to stand down and on the coys RTU. Timings are to be arranged by the sub unit with DPRI.

Base Defence

29. OC Admin Coy is responsible for the security of the coy area during the period that the sub unit is on stand down.

Checking of Weapons

30. OC Admin Coy is to ensure that an armourer accompanies each coy group and conducts a 100% check of weapons during the stand down period.

Use of Offrs/WO's/Sgts Annex

31. There is a small annex for the sole use of Offrs/WO's/Sgts.

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32. This annex is stocked by the Duty Sgt prior to the coys arrival.

33. The Coy Duty Officer is:

a. To check stock (with the Duty Sgt) before trading can commence and again after trading ends on day 3.

b. To pay the Duty Sgt the value of stock sold prior to the coys departure.

c. To determine the method of trading and payment for stock sold.

d. Responsible for the security, cleanliness and contents of the PBC from time of takeover from Duty Sgt until handover is complete on the morning of day 3.

34. Recreational facilities available at the PBC are listed in Annex A.

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ANNEX A TO
3 RAR R487/1/4
DATED 1 MAY 71

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

General

1. The area of the PBC provides the following recreational facilities for the relaxation of Aust and NZ personnel in SVN.

a. The Harold Holt swimming pool (0600 - 0700)
(1000 - 2100)

b. The Peter Badcoe Club, comprising:-

(1) Two bars operated by ASCO

(2) A gift shop and tailor operated by an Indian concessionaire.

(3) A games room (billiards, snooker and table tennis) open from 0830 to 1700 hrs.

(4) A reading room

(5) A change room for persons using the swimming pool

c. The Kevin Wheatly Stadium, where badminton, basketball and gymnastics are played and concerts are conducted.

d. Two tennis courts

e. A mini-golf course

f. An outdoor concert stage

g. A beach and boat house, where swimming, surfboarding, sailing, powerboating, water skiing and sunbaking may be indulged in.

Bar Timings - PBC

2. a. General items

Lower bar	0900 - 1700 1830 - 2230 (excl Mon)
Upper bar	1000 - 1700

b. Beer

Lower bar	1000 - 1230 (excl Tue, Thu & Sat) 1330 - 1700 1830 - 2200 (excl Mon)
Upper bar	1000 - 1230 (excl Tue, Thu & Sat) 1330 - 1700

c. No weapons are allowed within the area of the PBC. All casual visitors are to place their weapons in the armoury located in AFV Amenities Unit HQ building.

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General. - Hygiene within 3 RAR Areas.

1. The following is an outline of sub unit and individual responsibilities regarding hygiene within the unit.

Rifle and Sp Coys and BHQ

2. It is the responsibility of each company/Bn HQ to organise rosters and supervise the daily hygiene tasks in their own areas.

3. The unit health inspector Cpl J Wilson will inspect each area daily and advise the company immediately if the standards required are not met.

4. When additional maintenance or special cleaning tasks (e.g. grease traps) is required, the hygiene inspector will arrange for the hygiene section to supplement the company hygiene duties.

5. Hygiene stores are available from Cpl Wilson.

Admin Coy

6. The hygiene in the Admin Coy area(including Transport area) will be done by the hygiene section (under Cpl Chrust) 1000 hrs daily.

Officers and Sgts Mess Kitchen

7. The senior cook is responsible for organising rostering and supervising the daily hygiene tasks.

8. Cooks and stewards are not to be given "dirty" tasks before handling food or utensils.

9. The hygiene section will be available when required for special cleaning tasks.

Hygiene Section

10. The hygiene section will do all daily hygiene within the Admin Coy area.

11. They will also be responsible for special hygiene tasks around the unit as advised by Cpl Wilson.

12. On completion of all hygiene tasks and not before, the section under Cpl Chrust, will be available for work parties as directed by CSM Admin or Sgt Godden.

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Horseshoe

13. A hygiene dutyman will be rostered on weekly rotation to be responsible for hygiene matters at the Horseshoe.

14 The unit health inspector will visit the Horseshoe weekly and conduct a full inspection.

FSPB

15. It is the responsibility of the individual elements at the FSB to conduct the hygiene in their own areas.

16. The Sp Coy medic will do daily inspections of all hygiene facilities and report to CSM Sp Coy.

17. A hygiene dutyman will be available about once per week for more specialised tasks if required e.g. insecticide spraying.

Hygiene Inspection

18. These will be carried out daily by the unit health inspector and periodically by the RMO and Task Force Hygiene Officers.

19. The hygiene inspector will inform sub units immediately of any action required, and later check to ensure that this has been done.

20. In addition to verbal reports the health inspector will submit a monthly written report to the RMO, and copies of this will be sent to all companies. The report for April is issued seperately.

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Hygiene Inspector

HYGIENE REPORT - APR 71

1. Hygiene reports will be issued monthly, based on hygiene inspections carried out by the unit hygiene inspector, the RMO and Task Force hygiene inspectors. The first report is at Annex A.

2. The following recommendations are made:

a. Inside and outside of refrigerators to be cleaned daily.

b. All shelves in kitchens to be washed weekly.

c. Adequate tea towels or other clean cloth covers to be provided for covering cutlery and food.

d. Dixie bashing sinks and surrounding areas are to be thoroughly cleaned and maintained clean by daily cleaning.

e. All cooking utensils (including can openers and can punchers) are to be washed after every use, and where size permits covered with clean cloth and placed on shelves well off the floor.

f. All condiment bottles are to be cleaned after every meal.

g. Garbage bin lids are to be tight fitting and on at all times when the bins are not being used.

h. Full garbage bins (wet and dry) are to be kept in "Pig rooms", with wet and dry garbage separated. The pig room door must be kept closed.

i. The senior cook in each kitchen is responsible for the cleanliness in his area and should check all details before dismissing other cooks, stewards and duties.

j. Messes not being used need not be cleaned regularly, but condiments and containers must all be stored away.

k. Shower, toilets and laundry blocks must be cleaned out daily while in use. Those showers and laundries not in use should be closed down temporarily, but latrines and urinals require regular maintenance.

l. Walls and floors of shower blocks and laundries require constant and thorough cleaning.

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m. The wire over urinals must be cleaned of debris and brushed daily and holed wire replaced as it becomes US.

n. Latrine cabinet lids must be kept closed at all times, if necessary by weights placed on them.

3. In general terms the standard of hygiene particularly in kitchens is poor. There should be no need to stress the medical dangers that can arise from bad hygiene.

4. Immediate measures are to be taken to correct faults found on the inspection, and to prevent their re-occurrance.

5. A copy of this report is to be displayed in all kitchens for the guidance of senior cooks and mess duties.

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ANNEX A TO
3 RAR R454-1-1
DATED 4 MAY 71

HYGIENE INSPECTION 3 RAR NUI DAT

1. Hygiene inspections were carried out in 3 RAR Nui Dat on 10 Apr and 24 Apr 71 by Cpl J.D. Wilson 3 RAR Hygiene Inspector.

2. a. Officers/Sergeants Kitchen and Mess

(1) The fridge had grease and dirt covering the external surface; milk and food residue was on the internal walls, grates and floor.

(2) Grimy tea towels were placed on clean cutlery, and found covering food.

(3) All shelves were dusty and had condiment residue on them.

(4) Dried soap scum and grease was on some of the dixies.

(5) Cutlery was on the floor under the dixie bashers bench.

(6) The wall behind the dixie bashers bench was covered with grease and soap residue.

(7) The can opener was encrusted with foodstuffs around the blade.

(8) Food particles and crumbs were noticed on the floor.

(9) Dust covered some of the cooking utensils.

b. Officer's Mess

(1) Tops of condiment bottles were not cleaned.

(2) Crumbs were on the table.

(3) Drink residue was on the tables.

(4) Dirty teatowels were found covering cutlery.

c. Sergeants Mess

(1) Butter smears on the tables.

(2) Crumbs on the tables.

(3) Condiment bottles were not cleaned.

d. Garbage Bin Room

(1) No lids placed on full bins.

(2) Bin was placed at the door keeping the door open.

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3. a. A Coy Kitchen

(1) Food encrustations on doors of ovens.

(2) Grease on serving bay shelf

(3) Paint in dixie

(4) No steel wool was supplied to this kitchen.

b. A Coy Mess

(1) This mess is not in use, but condiments and containers were left on the tables and were covered with a thick coating of dust.

c. Grease Trap

(1) Thick sludge was on the bottom. This grease trap has not been cleaned out properly.

d. Laundry

(1) Soap and scum on the supports.

(2) Leaves, paper and dirt in the drain behind the hot water drum.

(3) Grime and dust covered the external surfaces of the washing machine.

e. Shower Block

(1) Fungal growth in drain and on wooden supports.

(2) Bench slats covered with body fats and soap residues.

(3) Floor requires thorough cleaning.

4. a. Support Coy Kitchen

(1) External walls of the fridge were covered with food and grime.

(2) Internal floor, grills and wall of the fridge were covered with food residue.

(3) Spaghetti on the floor under the bread cabinet.

(4) Fat on floor under cooker.

b. Dixie Basher's Room

(1) Clean dixies left on floor.

(2) Food residues on dixies.

(3) Food, cigarette butts on floor under dixie stand and under table.

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4. b. (4) Shelves were dirty with tea and dust.

(5) Cutlery in the food scraps on the floor.

(6) Grease covers dixie basher's wash tubs.

(7) Fly wire behind dixie basher's tubs saturated with grease and food residue.

(8) No lids on garbage bins.

c. Store Room

(1) Fresh vegetables mixed up with bad ones.

(2) Vegetables on the floor.

d. Mess

(1) Condiment bottles greasy to touch, tops not cleaned.

(2) Dust and grime on sugar canisters.

(3) Food residue on tables.

(4) Butter containers on tables not washed.

(5) The standard of hygiene in this kitchen and mess is unsatisfactory.

e. Latrines, Showers and Urinals

(1) By appearance it is apparent that little hygiene has been done in this coy.

5. a. Admin Coy Kitchen

(1) Sugar and flour spilt on condiment shelf.

(2) Jam containers not cleaned.

b. Mess

(1) Salt bowls not cleaned properly.

(2) Condiment bottle tops not cleaned.

(3) Food and drink residue on table cloths.

(4) The standard of hygiene in this mess is satisfactory.

6. a. C Coy Kitchen

(1) Slight smear of fat on dixie basher's tubs.

b. Latrines, Urinals and Showers

(1) In the process of being cleaned at the time of this report.

c. Standard of Hygiene

(1) The standard of hygiene in this coy is satisfactory.

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INTERNAL CHECKING

General

1. This instruction details the methods to be used to conduct internal checks within 3 RAR.

Method

2. The method to be employed in carrying out the internal checks is attached as Annex A. This annex also outlines the responsibilities and frequencies for the checks.

Returns

3. Attached as appendix to Annex A are the various returns which are to be submitted to OC Admin Coy at the respective times. Checking Officers and NCO's are to ensure that they are submitted on time.

Colours Used by Checking Staff

4. Unit check will be made in red. Other colours are as follows:

a. Commonwealth Audit - green

b. Army Audit - purple

Action in the Event of Difficulties by Checkers

5. If difficulties are experienced on A matters the A/Adjt or Chief Clerk is to be consulted. If they arise on Q matters the QM is to be consulted. If the situation can't be resolved OC Admin Coy is to be informed.

Conclusion

6. The measures outlined above will ensure that 3 RAR remains on a sound administrative basis.

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CHECKING DETAILS

ANNEX A TO 3 RAR
R54-1-3
DATED 4 MAY 71

Serial	Items to be checked	Checked by	Frequency	Report to OC Admin	Remarks
1	Coy Roll Books	Record Sgt	Fortnightly	30th Each Month	Appt 1
2	Coy Parade States	" "	last day	" " " "	" 1
3	AFW 3809	" "	" "	" " " "	" 1
4	AFW 3810	Sgt Smith	" "	" " " "	" 6
5	Pay Books WF5A				" 2
	a. entries	Pay Sgt	One Coy per f/night	" " " "	" 2
	b. PVA's	Pay Sgt	" " " "	" " " "	" 2
	c. NOK	Coy Paying Offr	Each Pay Day	" " " "	See Adm Inst 8/71
6	AAB 83 (Record of Service)				
	a. RO Part 1 x 2 entries	Movements Cpl	One Coy per f/night	" " " "	Appt 3
	b. NOK against Pay Book	" "	" " " "	" " " "	"
	c. Blood group entered	" "	" " " "	" " " "	"
	d. Leave records	Pay Rep	" " " "	" " " "	" 2
7	Unit ledgers	RQMS	Continuously	" " " "	" 4
8	Sub Unit Ledgers	Cpl Thompson	Each Sub unit per month	" " " "	" 5
9	Rat Account	Sgt Smith	Once per rat period	" " " "	" 6
10	RAEME AAFF202 Exp Stores	Sgt Stephens	Once per month	" " " "	" 7
11	AFG1045 System	Sgt Broome	" " "	" " " "	" 8
12	Clothing Store & J & K Acccunt	Sgt Johnson	" " "	" " " "	" 9
13	Tpt documentation	CP Duty Offr	" " "	" " " "	

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Appendix 1 to Annex A
to 3 RAR R54-1-3
dated 4 May 71

FORTNIGHTLY CHECK OF COY ROLL BOOK PARADE STATES AND AFW 3809

1. The check will embrace the followirg aspects.

a. Coy Roll Books

(1) Neatness and layout

(2) Alterations initialled

(3) March outs correctly ruled off

(4) Sufficient remarks for unusual occurences

(5) Cover correctly compiled

(6) Markings agree with state at bottom of page

(7) Daily parade state at rear compiled correctly

b. Parade States

(1) Posted strength correct

(2) Atts, dets and supernumaries correct

(3) Interpreters, Bushman Scouts posted correctly

(4) Members absent shown at reverse and agreeing with Hospital state

(5) Strength state on reverse correct

(6) Parade state checked and signed by member other than the person who compiled it

(7) Parade state checked against Roll Book.

2. Any errors or omissions are to be brought to the respective coy clerks attention for action.

3. Complete the return below and farward it to OC Admin Coy by the 30th of each month.

Coy Roll Book, Parade States and AFW 3809

I have checked the above and reported any errors or omission to the respective coy clerk.

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FORTNIGHTLY CHECK OF PAY MEDIA AND LEAVE RECORDS

1. The check will embrace the following aspects:

a. Pay book entries

(1) The rate of pay in the paybook is in accordance with the work grouping held and that the entry in the pay book is signed and the authority quoted.

(2) That the media is entitled to allowance shown

(3) That the paybook is not overdrawn and appears regular in every way.

(4) The amount column when added agrees with the progressive total columns.

(5) Both the amount columns have been carried forward correctly and signed.

(6) The entries of credit earning from the pay history section are correct.

b. Leave Records

(1) A continuous check in relation to entries in a members record of leave.

(2) A continuous check in relation to entries in the record of service book (AAB 83).

2. Any errors or omissions are to be brought to the respective coy clerks attention for action.

3. Complete the return below and forward it to OC Admin Coy by the 30th of each month.

Pay Media and Leave Records

I have checked the above and reported any errors or omissions to the respective coy clerk.

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FORTNIGHTLY CHECK OF AAB 83's

1. The check will cover the following aspects:

a. RO Part 1 and Part 2, entries correct and complete

b. NOK checked against Pay Book

c. Blood Group entered

2. Any errors or omissions are to be brought to the respective coy clerks attention for action.

3. Complete the return below and forward it to OC Admin Coy by the 30th of each month.

AAB 83 CHECK

I have checked the above and have reported any errors or omissions to the respective coy clerk.

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CONTINUOUS CHECK OF UNIT LEDGERS (AAF E3/E2C)

1. The check will embrace the following Ledgers:

a. Part One (Non Expendable Stores)

(1) AV22 (Horseshoe)

(2) N2537 (Init Eqpt)

(3) CES Ledger

b. Part Two

(1) Clothing and pers eqpt AAF F202

(2) Expendable non consumable

(Stores designated X in B/S incl CO's list)

c. NLE

(1) Consumables (B/S 3104)

(2) X Stationery

(3) X Medical

2. The following details will be covered by the check:

a. Vouchers

(1) Previous incomplete voucher list

(2) Vouchers registered since previous check

(3) Voucher to register of vouchers

(4) Commodity to correct routine as classified under part one and part two

b. Posting to Ledger accurate in following detail:

(1) Folio

(2) Mathematics

(3) Entry in record of registered numbers

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3. Report to QM the following details:

a. List current incomplete vouchers

b. Availability of vouchers - any missing vouchers including 'watch' copies.

c. Errors and omissions affecting the unit account

d. Last voucher registered

4. Complete the return below and forward it to OC Admin Coy by the 30th of each month.

UNIT LEDGERS

I have conducted the required check on the Unit Ledgers (AAFE2/E2C), and have reported detail in para 3 of this appendix to the QM.

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MONTHLY CHECK OF SUB UNIT LEDGERS

1. The check will embrace the following lodgers:

   a. Part One (Non expendable stores)

   b. CES

   c. Part Two

2. The following details will be covered by the check:

   a. Register of vouchers

   b. Vouchers to ledgers

   c. Ledger entries correct

   d. Record of registered numbers

   e, Voucher detail completed after posting

3. Report to Sub Account holder the following details:

   a. Errors and omissions affecting the unit account

   b. Last voucher registered

4. Complete the return below and forward it to OC Admin Coy by the 30th of each month.

Sub Account Ledgers

I have conducted the required check on the units sub account ledgers and have reported the detail in Para 3 of this appendix to the sub account ledger

Date ....Cpl

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MONTHLY CHECK OF RAEME AAF 202

1. The check will cover the following detail:

a. The sub account has maintained a block of numbers for:

(1) Indents

(2) Vouchers

b. The indent register is to be checked for completed action recording.

c. Vouchers 6982E (Receipts) checked against register of vouchers.

d. Ledger postings to be checked

(1) 6982E Receipts

(2) AAF F78 issues

(3) Mathematics

2. Report to RAEME Sgt the fol details:

a. Availability of vouchers

b. Last voucher registered

c. Any errors and omissions

3. Complete the return below and forward it to OC Admin Coy by the 30th of each month.

RAEME AAF 202 ACCOUNT

I have conducted the required check on the RAEME AAF 202 account and have reported the detail in Para 2 of this appendix to the RAEME Sgt

Date .....

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Appendix 6 to Annex A
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MONTHLY CHECK OF UNIT RATION ACCOUNT

1. The following details are to be checked:

   a. Under/Over book

   b. 3810, 3809 Entitlement

   c. AB 55 - Receipt

   d. QM holdings and record quantity time and date

2. Report the following information to the QM:

   a. Under/Over balance

   b. QM holding at that time

3. Complete the return below and forward it to OC Admin Coy by the 30th of each month.

Ration Account

I have conducted the required check on the unit ration account and have reported detail in Para 2 of this appendix to the QM

Date ....Sgt

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MONTHLY CHECK OF TECH STORE AND AF G1045 SYSTEM

1. The check will cover the following areas:

a. Day book, temporary issue book, for unexplained outstanding issues.

b. G1045 - Workshop repair. Check for maintenance of stores at workshops.

c. Stores currently in workshops

(1) AF61045 number

(2) Date AF61045 submitted

(3) Date stores moved to wksps

(4) Estimated call out if known

(5) Known degree of urgency

d. Stores unserviceable and repairable held in the Tech Store:

(1) AF61045 number

(2) Rate AF61045 submitted

(3) Date for call in

(4) Estimated time stores required at workshops

(5) Known degree of urgency

e. Controlled stores held on QM holdings.

f. Last AF61045 currently registered.

2. Report to the Tech Sgt the detail in sub para 1c, d, e and f.

3. Complete the return below and forward it to OC Admin Coy by the 30th of each month.

Tech Store and AF61045 System

I have conducted the required check on the Tech Store and AF61045 System and have reported the detail in para 1c, d, e and f to the Tech Sgt.

Date ....Sgt

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MONTHLY CHECK OF CLOTHING STORE AND JK ACCOUNT

1. The check will cover the following areas:

a. Clothing and Personal Equipment Store.

(1) Receipt and issue vouchers (AAF F2, F22, F5, AF61033, 6982E).

(2) Check accuracy of compilation of

(a) AAF F201 issue)
(b) AAF F201C issue) include WF253 to statements

(c) AAF F201C withdrawel

(d) AAF A78 issue

(3) Check above posted accurately

(a) Folio

(b) Mathematics

(4) Report to NCO in charge of clothing store

(a) Availability of accounting documents

(b) Errors and omissions affecting unit account

b. J and K Store

(1) Receipt and Issue vouchers (AAF F2, F22, F5, AF61033, 6982E).

(2) Check accuracy of compilation of AAF F78 (issues) and that non consumables are extracted.

(3) Check above posted accurately

a) Folio

(b) Mathematics

(4) Report to NCO in charge of J & K store

(a) Availability of accounting documents

(b) Errors and omissions affecting unit accounting.

(c) Last numbered IV and RV checked

2. Complete the return below and forward it to OC Admin Coy by the 30th of each month.

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Clothing Store and JK Account

I have checked the above and reported errors and omissions to the NCO in charge

Date ....Sgt

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FORTNIGHTLY CHECK OF MT DOCUMENTATION AND VEHICLE SERVICING

1. The check will embrace the following aspects:

   a. Driver servicing and maintenance

   b. RAEME vehicle maintenance

   c. Compilation of MT documentation

   d. Availability and serviceability of vehicle CES

2. Any errors or omissions are to be brought to the Transport Sergeants attention for action.

3. Complete the return below and forward it to OC Admin Coy by the 30th of each month.

MT Documentation and Vehicle Servicing

I have checked the above and reported any errors and omissions to the Transport Sergeant.

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3 RAR 2/71 UNIT PROM COURSE CPL 25 APR - 3 MAY 71

1. Ref: The above course the following results were obtained:

Number	Rank	Name	Coy	Subject A	Subject B	Subject C
217364	Cpl	J.A. Parlett	Admin			Pass
61857	Pte	G.C. Dick	Admin	Pass	Pass	Pass
3794635	Lcpl	F. Pozyhajlo	Admin	Fail	Pass	Fail
4719709	Pte	D.L. Howe	Sp	Fail	Pass	Fail
44833	Pte	P.T. Young	Admin			Pass
6709666	Pte	P.B. Manning	Sp	Pass	Pass	Fail
2795328	Pte	R. Barrett	D	Pass		Fail
3798869	Pte	M.J. Simm	D	Pass		Pass
1202337	Lcpl	C.A. Chapman	D			Pass
1736435	Pte	W.W. Darr	D	Pass	Pass	Pass
61870	Lcpl	A.M. Cunningham	Sp		Fail	Fail
218940	Lcpl	M. Reddy	Admin	Pass	Pass	Pass
1202530	Pte	A.G. Richter	Admin	Pass	Pass	Fail
56317	Pte	P. Kongress	D	Pass	Pass	Pass
1202582	Pte	M.B. Meirs	C	Pass	Pass	Pass
1736881	Pte	A. Mitchell	B	Pass	Pass	Pass
1736416	Pte	B.D. Caffrey	A	Fail	Pass	Fail
3798877	Pte	I.P. Tinetti	B	Pass		Pass
218651	Pte	J.F. McGowan	Sp			Pass
2793854	Lcpl	P.E. Berger	HQ 1 ATF			Pass
3795653	Cpl	K.A. Morgan	HQ 1 ATF			Pass
220115	Lcpl	A.J. Matley	HQ 1 ATF			Pass
219897	Pte	R.J. Ogilvie	Sp	Pass		Pass
44457	Lcpl	D.D.F. Best	Sp	Pass	Pass	Pass
2276670	Pte	B.L. Penney	B	Pass		Fail
130427	Pte	B. Geary	A	Pass	Pass	Fail
62116	Pte	M.R. How	A	Pass	Pass	Fail
3797069	Pte	S.J. Black	A	Pass		Pass
2243701	Cpl	C.A. Guy	B		Pass	
430744	Cpl	F.W. Lawrence	Admin	Pass		
44843	Cpl	G.G. Cahill	Sp	Pass	Pass	
313742	Lcpl	K.W. Olver	B	Pass		

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R487/1/5

3rd Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
AP AN PHU
4 May 71

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List H (less serial 9)

PROVISIONAL STAND DOWN PROGRAMME THIRD CYCLE

Reference: A. 3 RAR R487/1/5 dated 31 Mar 71

Serial	Sub unit	RTU ex ops	Stand down	Lezerc	Lifesaver, Int brief COs debrief, coy trg	CSM and CQMS report to 2IC	Sub unit area clean up	Redeploy	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
1	D Coy	9 Jun	10-12 Jun	pm 12Jun	13 - 14 Jun	131330 Jun	pm 14 Jun	15 Jun	
2	B Coy	11 Jun	12-14 Jun	pm 14jun	15 - 16 Jun	151330 Jun	pm 16 Jun	17 Jun	To Horseshoe am 17 Jun
3	A Coy	17 Jun	19-21 Jun	pm 21Jun	18, 22 - 23 Jun	221330 Jun	pm 23 Jun	24 Jun	
4	C Coy	25 Jun	26-28 Jun	pm 28Jun	29 - 30 Jun	291330 Jun	pm 30 Jun	1 Jul	Relieve B Coy at H/Shoe am 1 Jul UFN
5	Pnr Pl	30 Jun	1-3 Jul	pm 3 Jul	4 Jul	-	pm 4 Jul	5 Jul	Booked into PBC if possible
6	A Tk Pl	5 Jul	6-8 Jul	pm 8 Jul	9 Jul	-	pm 9 Jul	10 Jul	

NOTES:

1. WORD to book ranges
2. 2IC Admin Coy to arrange transport - allow 2 hour handover at Horseshoe.
3. Movements NCO to book accomodation.
4. OCs should allow time for replacement of tentage and floorboards, if not done during second cycle.
5. Coy lines were not left in a neat condition after first cycle - CQMS's have details.

(A.R. TREVARTHEN)
Maj
2IC

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MESSAGE FORM

PRECEDENCE-ACTION
ROUTINE

DATE-TIME GROUP
060550Z MAY 71

FROM: 3 RAR

TO: LIST G

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
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ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
G526

QUALIFICATION FOR NCO RANK (.)

ONE (.) A FURTHER PROMOTION TO CPL COURSE IS TO BE CONDUCTED FROM 31 MAY - 10 JUN INCLUSIVE CMM FOR SUBJECTS A CMM B AND C (.) TOTAL VACANCIES 20 EACH SUBJECT (.) ALLOCATION TO COYS IS ACCORDING TO OC'S REQUIREMENT BUT SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO 3 - 4 AS FAR AS POSSIBLE (.) NOMINATIONS TO WORD BY 24 MAY (.) WHERE A SOLDIER IS NOMINATED FOR ONE OR TWO SUBJECTS ONLY OTHERS MAY BE NOMINATED BY THE COMPANY TO FILL THE REMAINING VACANCIES IN OTHER SUBJECTS (.) STAFF (NOMINATED AFTER DISCUSSION WITH OC'S) REPORT TO WORD READY TO COMMENCE WORK NLT 300800H MAY (.) STUDENTS MARCH INTO COURSE 301330H MAY AVAIL FOR RETURN TO COYS ASAP 11 JUN (.)

TWO (.) NO FURTHER CPLS COURSES WILL PROBABLY BE RUN BEFORE 1 AUG (.) NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE PLANNED ON THIS BASIS (.)

THREE (.) FOR EARLY ADVICE A PROMOTION TO SGT COURSE IS TO BE CONDUCTED COMMENCING 1 JUL (.) PROBABLE DURATION TO 14 JUL (.) 20 VACANCIES (.) NOMINATIONS WILL BE ASSESSED FOR PRIORITY BY CO (.) OC'S TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO WORD AND DISCUSS THE PERSONNEL NOMINATED WITH CO AS OPPORTUNITY OCCURS (.) NOMINATIONS TO BE FINALIZED BY 21 JUN (.) FOR INFORMATION AND PLANNING A FURTHER SGTS COURSE IN UNLIKELY BEFORE SEP - OCT (.)

FOUR (.) QUALIFICATION FOR SUBJECT B FOR OPERATIONAL SERVICE IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CO'S DIRECTIVE NO 6 DATED 28 JAN 71 (.) PTE SOLDIERS OF RIFLE AND SP COYS WHO HAVE SATISFACTORILY PERFORMED THE ACTUAL DUTIES OF CPL SGT OR WO FOR A CONTINUOUS OR CUMULATIVE PERIOD OF 3 MONTHS MAY BE RECOMMENDED FOR SUBJECT B (26 MAY IS 3 MONTHS ON OPS)(.) THIS APPLIES TO PERS IN RIFLE, A TK AND PNR PL'S ONLY (.) (REMAINDER OF PROVISIONS CONCERNING QUALIFICATION OF RFN FOR CPL AND NCO'S FOR NEXT RANK REQUIRE 6 MONTHS SERVICE) (.) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DIRECTIVE SPECIAL CASES WILL BE CONSIDERED ON MERIT

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DRAFTER'S NAME & APPOINTMENT TEL NO

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RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE & RANK

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

LT COL F.P. SCOTT

COMMANDING OFFICER

3RD BATTALION

THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

Serial SVN 11 6 May 71 Numbers 170 - 181

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1. Kapyong Day 1971

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170. DRAINAGE IN SUB UNIT AREAS

1. A recent survey has shown many drains and culverts to be
b blocked with gravel, dirt or debris. Unless they are promptly cleaned out undermining and wash out of roads and entrance ways may occur and the subsequent "pooling " of water will constitute a health hazard.

2. Each sub unit is to inspect the whole drainage system within its area and is to:

(a) Clean out and/or improve all drainage ditches and culverts.

(b) Fill depressions and ruts to prevent as far as possible the "pooling" of water.

171. 3 RAR PROMOTION COURSE

1. The undermentioned members obtained the following results at 2/71 Promotion to Corporal Course held at 3 RAR from 25 Apr - 3 May 71:

Number	Rank	Name	Coy	Subject A	B	C
217364	Cpl	J.A. Parlett	Admin			P
61857	Pte	G.C. Dick	Admin	P	P	P
3794635	Lcpl	F. Pozyhajlo	Admin	F	P	F
4719709	Pte	D.L. Howe	Sp	F	P	F
44833	Pte	P.T. Young	Admin			P
6709666	Pte	P.B. Manning	Sp	P	P	F
2795328	Pte	R. Barrett	D	P		F
3798869	Pte	M.J. Simm	D	P		P
1202337	Lcpl	C.A. Chapman	D			P
1736435	Pte	W.W. Darr	D	P	P	P
61870	Lcpl	A.M. Cunningham	Sp		F	F
218940	Lcpl	M. Reddy	Admin	P	P	P
1202530	Pte	A.G. Richter	Admin	P	P	F
56317	Pte	P. Kongrass	D	P	P	P
1202582	Pte	M.B. Meirs	C	P	P	P
1736881	Pte	A. Mitchell	B	P	P	P
1736416	Pte	B.D. Caffrey	A	F	P	F
3798877	Pte	I.P. Tinetti	B	P		P
218651	Pte	J.F. McGowan	Sp			P
2793854	Lcpl	P.E. Berger	HQ 1 ATF			P
3795653	Cpl	K.A. Morgan	HQ 1 ATF			P
220115	Lcpl	A.J. Matley	HQ 1 ATF			P
219897	Pte	R.J. Ogilvie	Sp	P		P
44457	Lcpl	D.D.F. Best	Sp	P	P	P
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3797069	Pte	S.J. Black	A	P		P
2243701	Cpl	C.A. Guy	B			P
430744	Cpl	F.W. Lawrence	Admin	P		
44843	Cpl	G.G. Cahill	Sp	P	P	
313742	Lcpl	K.W. Olver	B	P		

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172. OUTSTANDING ASCO PAY PLANS

1. Below is a list of 3 RAR soldiers who have failed to honour their contracts with ASCO.

Agreement No	Name & Rank	Amount $A	Coy
100808	Pte B.G. Atkinson	25.00	Sp
083723	Pte T.G. Alexander	20.00	[illegible]
123988	Lcpl W.J. Adams	15.00	D
45878	Lcpl W.J. Adams	12.00	D
116584	Pte L.G. Anderson	7.60	B
145603	Pte L.G. Anderson	12.00	B
123755	Pte C.J. Boundey	20.00	BHQ
131171	Pte C.A. Bailey	8.00	A
136806	Pte R.A. Budden	24.00	C
131719	Pte S.J. Black	18.00	A
113154	Pte P. Christopoulos	20.00	Sp
145614	Pte J.E. Coughalin	30.00	B
089152	Pte A. Callus	84.00	A
117682	Pte M.W. Clarke	39.00	D
076571	Pte P.R. Dicks	42.00	C
069332	Pte M.A. Doran	20.00	C
141352	Pte W.R. Eaton	15.00	C
108747	Pte B.J. Eames	27.00	Sp
123963	Lcpl G.G. Forster	4.00	A
145618	Pte A.R. French	54.00	B
123675	Pte G.R. Fowles	10.00	D
12400	Pte D.R. Geary	10.00	A
062149	Pte M.J. Gottwaltz	10.00	C
69337	Sgt J.M. Griffiths	11.00	Admin
119128	Pte K. Gillies	16.00	A
123667	Pte D.J. Hill	20.00	D
136890	Pte G.R. Hutchins	30.40	C
131743	Pte M.R. Howe	17.00	A
123692	Pte B.C. Haberley	4.00	D
083226	Pte R,W. Hodge	12.00	B
135826	Pte J.P. Insull	10.00	C
116768	Pte D.G. Illman	35.00	A
069412	Pte D. Jenkins	34.00	RHQ
069447	Pte R.M. Jones	36.00	C
117761	Lcpl G.J. King	21.00	Sp
117098	Pte P.J. Kennedy	48.00	B
123777	Pte J. Lewis	8.00	D
123688	Pte P.W. O'Brien	30.00	C

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Agreement No	Name & Rank	Amount $A	Coy
131735	Pte J.A. O'Brien	18.00	Admin
061212	Cpl J.A. Parlett	72.00	Admin
123651	Pte B.L. Porter	30.00	A
060877	Pte T.S. Post	37.80	Admin
116545	Pte G.C. Read	7.50	A
145607	Pte S.R. Rose	22.80	B
123986	Pte D.A. Russell	9.00	Admin
100806	Pte D.J. Rutherford	8.65	A
76555	Pte K.V. Stone	12.00	A
113161	Pte C.V. Sinclair	12.00	Sp
131703	Pte D.R. Shirmer	12.00	C
123668	Pte T.J. Swanton	40.00	B
083210	Cpl I.R. Scanlan	2.00	A
116680	Pte T.H. Sharland	8.00	B
047522	Sgt M.V. Tola	20.00	BHQ
70701	Pte R.T. Wagstaff	56.60	Sp
134794	Pte B.J. Williams	11.50	A
117650	Pte R.L. Beer	5.90	Admin
117802	Pte M.V. Wholohan	13.50	C
119112	LcplS.P.Wilson	42.00	C

2. Payment of balances can be made at the Gift Shop adjacent to Luscombe Field.

3. The Unit PX manager has been instructed not to sell any luxury item to any soldier listed until the pay plan is finalised.

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173. ISSUE OF PASSES

1. The only unit which is authorised to issue passes to foreign nationals, to give them free passage in to 1 ATF , is Det 1 Div Int Unit.

2. Units requiring passes for foreign nationals in their regular employ are to bring the persons to the Div Int Unit for issue of a pass.

3. Persons not in possession of a correct pass will be refused admission to 1 ATF.

174. MESS AND CANTEEN FUNDS- PIASTRE TRADING

1. Vietnamese personnel are allowed to purchase goods from the messes and canteens of the unit to which they are attached. Payment is to be accepted at the rate of VN $118 to one dollar US (MPC) and the piastre may be credited to the appropriate Trust account in dollars at the same rate of exchange.

2. There is obviously scope for illict profit making by Australian and Vietnamese personnel. After consulation with Lt Col HIEP, the senior ARVN officer in 1 ATF, the following procedures are to take effect:

a. Vietnamese personnel are to trade with only one mess or club. Individual purchases are to be limited to (US) $5.00 (SVN 590.00) per week.

b. Messes and clubs are to record each purchase in a book against the name of the attached Vietnamese member.

c. The book is to be produced at 1 ATF Cash Office for inspection when piastre is banked.

3. Vietnamese personnel from 10 MID and interpreters of Det 1 Div Int Unit only are to purchase from Det 1 Div Int Unit 'Sub Rosa' club.

4. Personnel of MR3 Liason Team, 1 Psy Ops Unit and 1 Aust Civil Affairs Unit are only to purchase from 1 ATF Sgts Mess.

5. Vietnamese personnel attached to other 1ATF Units are to purchase only from messes/clubs of that unit.

175. DRESS FOR 1 ATF

Reference: A. Dress Manual 1963
B. HQ AFV SOP Part 2 Chapter 2 Section 13.
C. ARO 21/70 dated 17 Feb 70.

Dress of the Day

1. All ranks posted or attached to 1 ATF are to wear Field Dress consisting of:

Hat Utility Green
Green Shirt (Embroidered or plastic name tags are optional)
Green Trousers
Khaki Socks
Boots GP
Pistol Belt
Insignia Rank Officer FS (officers only)

2. The appropriate beret may be worn by RAAC, AA Avn, and SAS Regt personnel and by those members of RA Inf whose last Regimental posting was PIR or SAS Regt.

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3. Personal head-dress approved by unit COs/OCs for specialists, such as AFV crewmen and plant operators, may be worn only during the performance of specialised and operational tasks.

4. Flying suits are not to be worn by officers when visiting other units on social occasions, on parades, or at evening meals unless the officer ison stand by for duty and belongs to a unit in which flying suits are on general issue.

Variations to the dress of the day

5. The following variations only are permitted:

a. Liason visits to Allied Units, Vietnamese authorities or HQ AFV, mess functions and alloted liason parties:

Khaki cap, felt hat, corps, SAS or FIR beret or hat utility green. Titles metal Australia. Insignia rank officers anodized or shoulder boards (if available) (see Note 1.).

b. Comd 1 ATF orderly rooms or arranged interviews, Allied Ceremonial functions or parades or 1ATF unit parades.

Kahki cap(officers and warrant officers)
Felt hat(other ranks, but may be ordered by CO/OC for all ranks)
Beret(see paragraph 2)
Lanyard(Members of RA Inf are to wear the lanyard of the Regiment or RAR battalion with which they last served on the left shoulder).

c. Shorts: The wearing of shorts is permitted in lieu of green trousers except where varied from time to time for medical reasons. The current 1 ATF Routine Order on Preventative Measures against Insect Borne Diseases should be consulted

Identity Discs and Cards

6. Identity discs are to be worn by 1 ATF members at all times.

7. Identity cards are to be carried by Australian members of 1 ATF when in Vung Tau Special Zone, when visiting Saigon, Allied establishments and when proceeding on R & R or RTA.

8. Identity cards are to be carried at all times by New Zealand members of 1 ATF.

Dress Outside 1 ATF Base

9. All members of 1 ATF are to wear dress of the day outside 1 ATF Base except that shirts may be removed by:

a. Members operationally deployed in fire bases or defensive positions, at the discretion of the base or position commander.

b. Members engaged in road construction or repair or housing projects but not when travelling to and from work - sites.

c. Drivers of vehicles tasked to carry materials to such work-sites, and drivers of engineer plant vehicles.

10. Shorts are not to be worn outside the 1 ATF base.

11. Hats are to be worn by drivers and passengers of vehicles fitted with roof or canopy.

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176. FREE RUNNING VEHICLES OUTSIDE CONVOY TIMES

1. With the exception of operational tasks, eg. OPDEM/MAITDEMS, urgent stores collections and HVO's all vehicles are to travel between 1 ATF and 1 ALSG at the specific convoy times . For all instances of vehicles travelling outside these convoy times units are to obtain approval in writing from Q Branch 1 ATF.

2. These free running vehicles are to be kept at an absolute minimun

177. MEDICAL PRECAUTIONS RABIES.

Definition

1. Rabies is an acute 100% fatal disease affecting the brain.. It causes muscular paralysis, delerium, convulsions,coma and finally death.

Transmission

2. It is primarily a disease of animals and is transmitted to man by the bite or lick of an infected animal.

3. All of the fury animals including fruit eating bats in the 1 ATF TAOR have been known to carry the infection. The mongoose and squirrel are particularly susceptable to the disease.

General Prevention

5. Pets are prevented in 1 ATF.

6. The wild mongoose, stoat and squirrel are harmless in their natural habitat when left alone, and therefore should not be touched or angered in any way.

7. All bites or licks over broken skin by animals should be reported immediately to the RMO, and all possible measures should be taken to capture the animal dead or alive, because the capture can save the patient a series of painful injections.

Medical Prevention

8. First Aid . Any wounds or bites should immediately be cleaned vigorously and thoroughly with antiseptic or soap , and flushed with plenty of water.

9. Subsequent Measures. If the animal is not captured and tested for rabies, the patient will be admitted to hospital for a 14 day course of anti-rabies injections into the lower abdominal wall. During the course the patient often feels very ill but this treatment is necessary to prevent rabies developing in the bitten person.

178. REST AND RECUPERATION LEAVE

General

1. R and R is granted to a member once per year to one of the following locations: Australia, Bangkok,Hongkong or Taipei. You must apply for R and R upon arrival in country.

Dress

2. Dress for movement to and from R and R is summer dress.

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Money

3. If you are going to a centre other than Australia you must have at least $US250.00.

4. A total of $500.00 MPC can be changed into US dollars, but if more than $250.00 MPC is to be changed an adapted Form - F-WF 226 must be completed, and signed by the unit CO/OC.

5. Your money can be changed either at the 1 ATF Cash Office or the Camp Alfa Cash Office.

6. No more than 500 piastre is to be taken out of Vietnam.

7. On return from R & R all US dollars must be converted into MPC.

Baggage.

8. Weight limit - 66lbs.

9. You may take:

a. Cigarettes. 200 or tobacco equivalent to Australia where only 20 or tobacco equivalent may be taken for use on the aircraft

b. Liquor. One sealed bottle.

c. Drugs Paludrine Other drugs require medical certification.

d. Handbaggage. In the cabin, only camera and accessories and one bottle of spirits.

10. You are not to take:

a. Foodstuffs
b. War souvenirs or military equipement
c. Ammunition, explosives, inflammables (lighter fluid, butane gas)
d. Pornographic books, photos or other materials.

179. SAFETY ON HELICOPTER LANDING SITES - THE IROQUOIS HELICOPTER

General

1. There is a need for all members of the Army to be aware of the dangers associated with working in close proximity to Iroqouis heli - copters.

Scope

2. This RO explains the potentially dangerous parts of the helicopter and details the safety precautions to be observed by troops when on landing points.

Main and Tail Rotors

3. The main rotor of the Iroquois is approximately 17.4 metres (57 feet) in diameter, and normally rotates at 324 RPM. The blade assembly weighs approximately 850 lbs, posseses a high energy potential and will cause instant death to personnel , or considerable damage to equipment which may enter the rotor disc when it is rotating.

4. The main rotor is normally held at a height of thirteen feet above the ground ; however ,it is capable of dipping to within 1.7 metres (5ft 8ins) of the ground surface. On uneven sloping ground, or when the aircraft is being manouvered close to the ground, these distances may alter appreciably.

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5. The tail rotor of the Iroqouis helicopter rotates at approximately seven times the speed of the main rotor, ie 2,200 rpm. In certain light conditions this rotor may be invisible. It is capable of causing instant death or damage to equipement. The bottom of the tail rotor disc is approximately 1.7 metres (5ft 8ins) from the ground when the helicopter is on a flat surface. However, as with the main rotor this distance may alter considerably due to uneven ground or whilst the aircraft is manouvering close to the ground.

6. Should either rotor strike a heavy, or a dense object, the aircraft may disintergrate and thus could cause injury or loss of life to the crew and the personnel in the immediate area.

Control at Landing Sites/Points

7. All landing points are to be controlled. At a landing point or a small landing site, with few helicopter movements, it is sufficient for a nominated trained soldier from the occupying sub - unit to meet all helicopters, indicate the landing point if necessary, and control the movement of vehicles and personnel on the site. At a large sub-unit, with 3 or more landing points, a trained group leader under command of an officer or NCO is to be nominated. The size of control party will depend upon the intensity of helicopter movements as much as on the number of landing points in use.

Movement on Landing Sites/Points

8. No movement is to take place on the landing site while an aircraft is manoeuvering nor is any attempt to be made to approach an aircraft until authorised by the point controller by the "Thumbs Up" signal when it is safe to approach the helicopter.

9. When approaching or leaving a helicopter, only the forward arc between 9 O'clock and 3 o'clock is to be used and personnel are to duck under the rotor disc. Under no circumstances will a helicopter be approached from the rear.

10. Troops are not to deplane without permission from either the pilot or one of the crew, This will be indicated by the "thumbs up" signal. After deplaning, troops going to ground are to keep clear of the 11 o'clock - 1 o'clock arc as, in the event of engine failure on take off, the aircraft will come down immediately forward of its landing position.

11. Vehicles are not to approach closer than twer metres from an operating helicopter; stores are to be manhandled over the intervening distance.

Static Electricity

12. Whilst the helicopter is in flight, it will build up a static electricity potential. The strength of this charge will vary according to climatic conditions at the time of flight. Because of this static electricity, the hoist cable should always be allowed to touch the ground to dissipate the charge before it is touched by personnel site. The static electrical charge is not lethal but can cause discomfort if the cable is touched before it is earthed.

13. When slung loads are to be carried, the aircraft will always touch down short of the load, thus dissipating the charge prior to the "hook up" procedure taking place.

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180. DISCIPLINE OF 1 ATF MEMBERS IN VUNG TAU

Duty Visits to Vung Tau

1. Members of 1 ATF who are required to visit Vung Tau on duty and return the same day may shop in Vung Tau after the completion of their duty. They are not considered to be on leave and do not require a leave pass.

2. No member is to shop in Vung Tau unless he has in his possesion a written authority signed by an officer authorizing him to shop in Vung Tau on the day in question.

3. Members of 1 ATF on duty, whether or not they granted approval to shop in Vung Tau, are not to enter any bar, hotel, massage parlour, steam bath or brothel.

Local Leave in Vung Tau

4. Members of 1 ATF may be granted local leave in Vung Tau when they are;

a. On R & C at the R & C centre ,or

b. staying at the Beach Annex as part of an authorized group, or

c. required to stay overnight at an Australian service establishment in Vung Tau as a result of duty.

5. No member of 1 ATF is to proceed on Local leave in Vung Tau unless he is dressed in civilian clothes and is carrying his identification card and current leave pass.

Local Leave in Vung Tau

6. 1 ALSG units have been ordered to sell liquor to 1 ATF personnel only when they visit the Peter Badcoe Club or a unit mess or canteen.

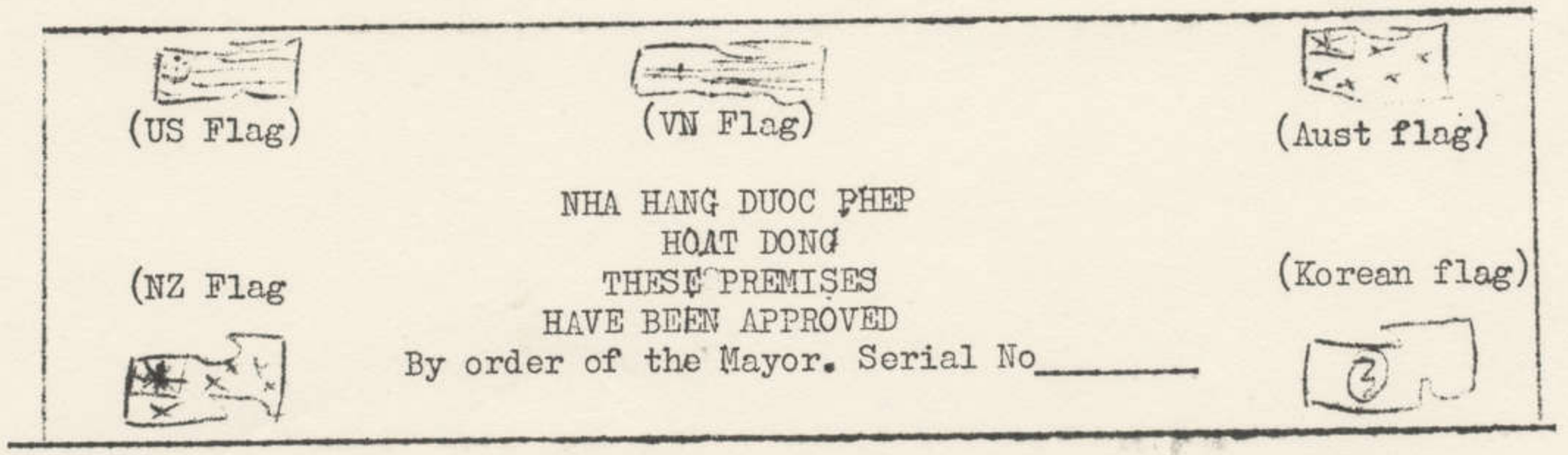
7. Subject to para 8 of this order, all intoxicating liquor is to be consumed at the time and place of sale.

Carriage of Liquor from 1 ALSG

8. No member is to carry intoxicating liquor out of the 1 ALSG area except to a Free-World function. When liquor is carried out of the 1 ALSG area to a Free World function, the member must obtain prior written authority of a 1 ALSG CO/OC.

Out of Bounds Establishments Vung Tau

9. All bars, steam baths and or massage parlours, hotels and restaurants in Vung Tau which do not display the "Approved" sign depicted below, are out of bounds to all Australian and New Zealand Servicemen.



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NOTES: a. Notice is black and red on white background.

b. National flags are appropriately coloured.

c. Each card is serially numbered.

10. It is to be noted that premises displaying "Approved" signs are subject to health and hygiene inspections and the signs can be withdrawn from, or re-issued for displar at any time.

11. All brothels are out of bounds.

12. No member is to be in any area placed "out of bounds" by paragraphs 9 and 11 of this order.

Carriage of Weapons , Explosives and Pyrotechnics in Vung Tau and 1 ALSG

13. When on duty weapons are to be carried by 1 ATF members in the 1 ALSG area of responsibility (the Vung Tau peninsula south of the check point at YS 369538). Weapons are to be in the UNL0ADED degree of Readiness.

14. When on leave no weapons (including knives, and knuckle dusters pyrotechnics, explosives or explosive devices are to be carried by 1 ATF members. Personal weapons are to be lodged in the Armoury of the Peter Badcoe Club or the R & C Centre on arrival in the Vung Tau area.

Drugs and Narcotics

15. Marihuana is easily obtainable in Vung Tau and some instances have occured where soldiers have inadvertently bought cigarettes containing marihuana because of a combination of language difficulty high prices and the effects of alcohol.

16. 1 ATF members are not to purchase , consume or sell marihuana or any narcotic drug except when the member's AAF Med 5 or in the case of a member who is, or has been hospitalized, the members AAF Med 9,10, or 11, contains a written entry signed by a c mmisioned officer of the RAAMC, authorising possession or consumption.

Dress

17. Shirts , Civilian shirts are to be worn at all times when on leave outside the 1 ALSG base area, Sleeves may be rolled, short sleeves are permitted and ties are not required.

18. Trousers, Long trousers are to be worn within 1 ALSG Base area and in Vung Tau after 1900 hours daily, horts are permitted from 0600 to 1900 hours daily provided that long socks are worn.

19. Footwear. Rubber thongs are not to be worn outside the 1 ALSG Base area at any time.

20. 'Hippie Dress'. No member is to wear 'hippie' style garments at any time. The wearing of this apparel is veiwed with strong distaste by the Vietnamese population and harms the image of the Australian soldier.

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181. OVERNIGHT DETENTION - DET AFV PRO UNIT NUI DAT

1. A structure is now located at the Nui Dat Provost Detachement headquarters for overnight detention of personnel in need of restraint.

2. All personnel performing guard duties at the structure are to comply with the following orders:

a. The guard is to station himself at the door of the structure and is to remain there during his period of duty.

b. The guard is to constantly check that the occupant has come to no harm . The guard is to do his visual checking, and is not to wake the occupant unless some specific reason to do so exists.

c. The guard is to convey any requests made by the occupant to the duty RAA Pro NCO.

d. The guard is to report to the duty RAA Pro NCO if the occupant spends a total of more than 8 consecutive hours in the structure.

(J.R O'CONNELL)
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Asst Adjt

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NOTICES

1. KAPYONG DAY 1971

Messages of congratulations were received from the following for Kapyong Day 1971:

Comd AFV
Col A V Preece Inf
Comd and members AATTV
16 Fd Regt RNZA
Coy A 1st Bn 72nd Heavy Tank Bn
2nd Princess Patricias Canadian Light Infantry
Former members of 3 RAR now serving in London
Former members of 3 RAR now serving in Washington
1 RAR
2 RAR/NZ
Scotts Guards
Lt Col G Cohen
Maj D Candow
Maj L N Hall
CO and all ranks JTC
3 RAR members (1951) presently serving in AHQ
Mr S H Buckler
Mr Ken Bromley - Surfers Paradise Rotary Patriotic Fund
C Comd Sgts Mess
Elma and Dick Lippett
Brian Heenan

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3rd Battalion
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PROVISIONAL STAND DOWN PROGRAMME MAY/JUN 71 - SECOND CYCLE

Reference: A. 3 RAR R487/1/5 dated 31 Mar 71

Serial (a)	Sub unit (b)	RTU Ex ops (c)	R & C (d)	ReZeroing and clean up (e)	Redeploy on ops (f)	Remarks (g)
1 1	D Coy	12 May	13 - 15 May	pm 15 May	16 May	C Coy assumes responsibility for H/Shoe on 12 May
2	B Coy	16 May	18 - 20 May	pm 20 May	21 May	CA tour on am 17 May. Details from 2IC
3	A Coy	21 May	22 - 24 May	pm 24 May	am 26 May	Assumes responsibility for H/Shoe on 26 May. Coy trg on 25 May.
4	C Coy	26 May	pm 27- 29 May	pm 29 May	30 May	Assumes responsibility for H/Shoe for period am 12 - pm 26 May
5	Pnr Pl	2 Jun	3 - 5 Jun	pm 5 Jun	6 Jun	
6	A Tk Pl	7 Jun	8 - 10 Jun	pm 10 Jun	11 Jun	

NOTES:
1. 3 RAR R487/1/5 dated 13 Apr 71 is cancelled.
2. C Coy to RV at 453314 at 120800 H May. 2IC Admin Coy to arrange TCV's and escort. C Coy brought to coy lines at Ap An Phu, collect eating utensils, and then move to Horseshoe to be there by 121100 H May One pl to remain Ap An Phu as TF RR force.
3. TCV's to wait at Horseshoe and return D Coy HQ and one pl to D Coy lines - ETD 121330 H May.
4. Both coy groups and drivers to have midday meal at Horseshoe.
5. 10 Pl D Coy will be flown from ZIGGIE to Devil on morning of 12 May, as arranged by HQ 3 RAR. 11 Pl remains on RR until relieved by pl C Coy at 121200 H May.
6. CQMS and Sgt Cook C Coy to arrange takeover of stores and kitchen at Horseshoe.
7. Ranges now required on afternoon of return from Vung Tau plus 25 May (for A Coy)

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AMENDMENT NO 1 TO 3 RAR ADMIN INSTR 24/71
CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT WITHDRAWALS ON RTA

1. Amend paragraph 2a to read:

a. Trunk cabin metal (in the case of other than unit RTA, serviceable trunks may be returned and AAB 83 cleared).

2. The intention is that on unit RTA, all serviceable trunks must be taken home, as this item is in short supply. However, an individual on RTA may hand in his trunk if he desires, which will entitle him to a re-issue in Australia.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

LT COL F.P. SCOTT

COMMANDING OFFICER

3RD BATTALION

THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

Serial SVN 12	12 May	Numbers 182 - 188
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182. SECURITY OF WEAPONS

1. In an endeavour to prevent theft of pistols or temporary loss of any type of weapons in the vicinity of sub unit canteens, the following is to take effect from the date of promolgation of this order:

a. All weapons taken to sub unit canteens are to have a tag attached to them by the owner. The tag is to show the regimental particulars of the owner of the weapon and the registered number of the weapon.

b. Pistols are not to be taken to sub unit canteens, unless the medical condition of the soldier concerned is such that he is only able to carry a pistol, in which case he is to hand the pistol to the barman for safe keeping.

2. It is henceforth an offence to:

a. Take a pistol to a sub unit canteen unless exempted for medical reasons.

b. Take a weapon to a sub unit canteen without an attached tag showing the regimental particulars of the owner of the weapon, and the registered number of the weapon.

183. DISCIPLINE - ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR

Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor - General

1. The consumption of alcoholic liquor will be strictly controlled and will only be available during the following times. Variations will only be authorized with the prior approval of the Commanding Officer:

a. OR's Canteen. When the battalion is out of base on operations, all other ranks located within 3 RAR lines (excl D Coy) at Nui Dat will use the Admin Coy Canteen. The canteen will be open from 1800-1900 hourse daily. D Coy will conduct its own canteen at the same time.

b. Officers' and Sergeants' Messes. These two messes may serve liquor during 1730 - 1830 hours only. PMCs may lay down other trading hours for dry goods.

2. When a coy returns to Nui Dat for its R & C period, the following will apply in that coy canteen and combined Offrs'/Sgts' Messes only:

a. Night prior to departure to Vung Tau for R&C and night of return from Vung Tau.

(1) 1730 - 1830 hours.

(2) 1945 - 2145 hours.

b. Nights when coy is engaged in retraining programme. One hour as decided by Coy Comd to fit in with training programme.

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Purchase and Sale

3. 1 ATF TAOR. Alcoholic liquor is only to be purchased by individual members of 3 RAR in the 1 ATF TAOR from authorized messes, clubs or canteens in the 3 RAR Base, or at the Horseshoe where authorized, or by members of liaison teams officially attached to other headquarters. Members are not to purchase from civilian establishments or individuals.

4. Vung Tau Special Zone. Alcoholic liquor is only to be purchased in 1 ALSG or in the Vung Tau Special Zone for personal consumption at the time and place of sale, and members are not to remove such alcoholic liquor from this area.

5. Cans are to be opened at the time of all retial sales of beer.

6. Det 2 AFCU Bulk Store, Nui Dat. Cash purchases of alcoholic liquor are not to be made by individuals at the Bulk Store. Only authorized representatives of a unit may purchase alcoholic liquor on behalf of that unit mess, club or canteen. Wines and spirits are only to be sold to Officers and Sergeants messes.

Possession

7. Members of 3 RAR are not to be in possession of alcoholic liquor except:

a. When on the premises of an authorized club or canteen or attending an authorized unit function in a unit area.

b. When proceeding on RTA.

c. When, after authorization by an officer, liquor has been purchased for despatch to an overseas address. Such liquor is to be despatched no later than 24 hours after the time of purchase.

d. When engaged in authorized carriage of bulk liquor.

8. Members are not to keep alcoholic liquor in sleeping or living quarters or in working areas.

9. Members of 3 RAR, below the rank of sergeant, are not to be in possession of wines or spirits, unless proceeding on RTA or unless purchased for the sole purpose of despatch to an overseas address.

Consumption

10. 1 ATF TAOR. Alcoholic liquor is only to be consumed by members in messes, clubs, canteens or areas authorized by 3 RAR Routine Orders. Alcoholic liquor is not to be consumed in civilian bars, brothels or business premises. Wines and spirits are not to be consumed by members of 3 RAR below the rank of sergeant.

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11. Vung Tau Special Zone.

a. 1 ALSG. Alcoholic liquor is only to be consumed by members of 1 ATF at the AFV Amenities Unit area, in accordance with the prevailing orders of HQ 1 ALSG, or in the authorized messes, clubs or canteens of 1 ALSG.

b. Vung Tau Township. Alcoholic liquor is only to be consumed in the Vung Tau township area by members of 3 RAR when on authorized leave as evidenced by the possession of a leave pass or, in the case of officers, a valid Grand Hotel pass card. Liquor is only to be consumed by members of 3 RAR within the premises carrying the FWMAF 'Approved' sign.

Carriage

12. Carriage into 1 ATF Base. Alcoholic liquor is not to be brought by road or air into the 1 ATF Base except for authorized consignments to Det 2 AFCU Bulk Store.

13. Carriage Out of 1 ATF Base. Alcoholic liquor is not to be taken out by road or air of the 1 ATF Base by members of 1 ATF except:

a. By personnel departing on RTA.

b. By individuals whose authorized duty is to carry alcoholic liquor to the Horseshoe or a defensive position which has been approved by HQ 1 ATF as a place for the consumption of liquor. An AAF-G2 or written authority is to be carried, signed by an officer not below the rank of major and the quantity of liquor specified.

c. By a member of the 1 ATF Liaison Unit. The AAF-G2 or written authority is to be signed by the OC 1 ATF Liaison Unit.

d. By the 1 ATF Liaison Unit LO at Duc Thanh who is authorized to personally take out 12 cases of beer once per month for his team at Duc Thanh.

e. For the repayment of Vietnamese hospitality. The AAF-G2 or a written authority is to be carried, signed by an officer not below the rank of lieutenant colonel or by the DAAG HQ 1 ATF and specify the quantity of liquor.

f. When authorized in writing by the D Comd or DAAG HQ 1 ATF.

Receipt of Alcoholic Liquor by Mail

14. Members of 3 RAR who receive alcoholic liquor by mail are to declare the quantity immediately to their platoon commander who is to arrange for its custody in the coy canteen and issue to the member during the wet canteen hours.

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15. Wines and spirits received in the mail are to be retained by the coy on behalf of the member until he proceeds on RTA and can return the liquor to Australia. If the member does not wish to take the wines or spirits back to Australia he may sell it to the Officers' or Sergeants' Mess at the current ASCO price.

16. If a member fails to immediately declare alcoholic liquor received in the mail then in accordance with the provisions of AMR 215(A) it may be seized and shall thereupon be forfeited to the Commonwealth.

General

17. This order is to be promulgated to each new member within 24 hours of his marching in to 3 RAR.

18. This RO amends and cancels 3 RAR RO No 9/71.

184. DISCIPLINE - OUT OF BOUNDS AREAS - VAN KIEP COMPOUND

Reference: A. 1 ATF Routine Orders Part 1 No 86 dated 23 Apr 71.

1. The conditions under which 1 ATF members may visit allied installations are clearly laid down in Reference A, but unauthorized visitors continue to arrive at the Van Kiep Compound.

2. The senior Australian Liaison Officer and his staff have been instructed to detain any such visitors in future until they can be removed by RAA Pro personnel.

185. MT OPERATION - DRIVING DURING THE WET SEASON

1. During the wet season driving conditions undergo a great change. Hard dry roads will turn to mud, sealed surfaces will become slippery and drivers will be required to drive in heavy rain with limited visibility.

2. Officers andNCO's supervising transport operations are to ensure that:

a. All drivers are instructed to drive within the capability of the vehicle in the above conditions.

b. All loads are to be properly secured and protected from the rain.

3. During first parade servicing particular attention is to be given to tyre wear and pressures, the operations of windscreen wipers and the operation of lights, including directional lights.

186. MAIL AND POSTAL - PROCEDURE FOR NOTIFYING MAIL DELAYS AND LOSSES

General

1. Complaints regarding mail delays or losses must contain full details so that checking action can be undertaken as quickly as possible. The procedures to be followed are detailed below.

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Mail Delays

2. Mail posted at Aust FPO's for delivery in Australia can be expected to be delivered as follows:

a. Airmail Articles. From two to seven days after mail closing time at an Aust FPO.

b. Surface Rate Articles. From two to seven weeks after mail closing time at an Aust FPO.

3. A complaint of mail delay is not to be made until the standards at paragraph 2 have been exceeded. The complaint is to be made in writing to the unit postal orderly and must include the following:

a. Delay between South Vietnam and Australia

(1) Complainants number, rank, name and full postal address.

(2) Date article was handed to postal orderly or posted.

(3) Name and full postal address of the addressee.

(4) Registration Receipt (PMG Form R1) if sent by Registered mail.

(5) Date and delivery to addressee.

(6) If possible, the envelope or cover of the article.

b. Delay between Australia and South Vietnam

(1) Date the article was written by sender.

(2) Date of posting in Australia.

(3) Name and full address of sender.

(4) Number, rank, name and full postal address of complainant.

(5) Date of receipt by addressee.

(6) Envelope or cover of the article.

4. Complaints of mail delays initially are to be investigated locally and the complaint and investigation passed to Q Branch HQ 1 ATF, for transmission via HQ AFV to AHQ, Canberra. AHQ will forward the complaint to the Postmaster General's Department for further enquiries.

Mail Losses

5. Complaints of lost mail can only be made when:

a. The complainant is satisfied the article was posted.

b. The standards at paragraphs 2a or 2b have been exceeded and the article has not been delivered.

The complaint must be made within one year of posting.

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6. The complaint is to be made on PMG Form 26 "Missing Article Enquiry" which is to be lodged with the unit postal orderly.

7. Unit postal orderlies are to hold a quantity of PMG Form PM 26. which are available from Aust FPO's.

8. The unit postal orderly is to:

a. Check the information given is complete.

b. Inform the complainant that the enquiry will be forwarded to the Postmaster General's Department for investigation. The complainant will be advised direct by the Department of the outcome of the enquiry.

c. Forward the PMG Form PM 26 to his local Aust FPO.

187. 3 RAR BASE DUTY OFFICER/NCO

General

1. A duty officer/NCO will be mounted within 3 RAR Base Area as from the publication of this RO.

2. The duty officer/NCO will be nominated from officers, WO's and Senior NCO's of Admin Coy and BHQ Pl, excluding permanent CP duty officers and their replacements. The roster will be published in RO's by WORD.

3. Rifle/Sp Coys are responsible for their own areas, and will nominate their own duty officer/NCO, which may include Cpls.

Duties

1. Your tour of duty will be from 1900 - 2300 hrs on day of mounting. You are responsible to the 3 RAR Base Commander for maintenance of discipline within Admin Coy/BHQ Pl area.

2. Your duties are:

a. Report to the Admin CP duty officer at 1850 hrs on day of mounting duty.

b. Close Admin Coy Canteen at 1900 hrs.

c. Check the unit cinema to see that no alcohol is being consumed and that a reasonable standard of behaviour is being maintained.

d. Tour Admin Coy/BHQ Pl lines twice during your tour of duty, reporting any irregularities particularly concerning consumption of alcohol in the lines and illegal exit from and/or entry into the Base Area.

e. Before retiring report to Admin CP duty officer.

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3. The following are to mount duty at 1050 hours on the mentioned dates:

Sgt Battersby	15 May 71
Sgt Broome	16 May 71
Sgt Van Kruyssen	17 May 71
Sgt Stephens	18 May 71
WO2 Twigg	19 May 71
WO2 Moyle	20 May 71
Sgt Newman	21 May 71

188. PARCELS FROM OVERSEAS

1. It is believed that alcohol is being sent to members of 3 RAR in parcels from overseas, and is not being handled in accordance with paragraphs 14 - 16 of RO No SVN 133/71

2. With immediate effect all parcels large enough to contain alcohol are to be opened in the presence of the Pl Comd or Pl Sgt.

(J.R. O'CONNELL)
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Asst Adjt

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STAND DOWN HQ FSPB PERSONNEL

Reference: A. 3 RAR Administrative Instruction 16/71
B. 3 RAR R487/1/4 dated 14 Mar 71

1. The third stand down cycle for HQ FSB personnel is at Annex A.

2. The attention of all those concerned with the administrative arrangements for this cycle are directed to References A and B.

3. The stand down periods detailed in Annex A are to be used by the following sub units/groups to plan their own stand down:

a. Admin Coy base personnel - may also use 11 - 13 Jun, 14 - 16 Jun.

b. Sp Coy rear

c. Mor Pl

d. Bn HQ rear

4. Requirements for the complete third cycle for those groups mentioned in paragraph 3 are to be notified to Bn HQ (rear), copy to 2IC by 28 May 71.

(A.R. TREVARTHEN)
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ANNEX A TO
3 RAR R487/1/4
DATED 15 MAY 71

HQ FSPB STAND DOWN

Lift 1: 1 - 4 Jun 71	
Int Dutyman	1
BC Party	1
TF Sig	1
Line Sect	1
Pad Party	1
RP	1
IO	1

Lift 2: 4 - 7 Jun 71	
CSM Sp Coy	1
Int Dutyman	1
BC Party	1
Fwd Con Op	1
Line Sect	1
AQ Cell	1
Sp Coy Sig	1

Lift 3: 7 - 10 Jun 71	
Ops Offr	1
Med Cpl	1
Sp Coy Clerk	1
TF Sig	1
Ops Offr Batman	1
RSM Batman	1
Radio Sgt	1

Lift 4: 10 - 13 Jun 71	
Ops Sgt	1
Line Sect	1
Pad Party	1
RP	1
AQ Cell	1
FSCC	1
RP Sgt	1

Lift 5: 13 - 16 Jun 71	
OC Mor	1
OC Sp	1
OC Sp Batman	1
BC Sgt	1
RSO Batman	1
2 Sect Comd	1
CO Batman	1

Lift 6: 16 - 19 Jun 71	
RSO	1
CO Op	1
FSCC	1
Sp Coy Sig	1
AQ Cell	1
BC Party	1
4 Sect Comd	1

Lift 7: 19 - 22 Jun 71	
BC	1
Int Dutyman	1
BC Batman	1
Fwd Con Op	1
Pad Party	1
1 Sect Comd	1
FSCC	1

Lift 8: 22 - 25 Jun 71	
Adjt	1
TF Sgt	1
Line Sect	1
AQ Cell	1
3 Sect Comd	1
Adjt's Batman	1
Sp Coy Sig	1

Lift 9: 25 - 28 Jun 71	
Int Dutyman	1
BC Party	1
TF Sig	1
Fwd Con Op	1
Line Sect	1
RP	1
Spare Seat	1

Lift 10: 28 Jun - 1 Jul	
Capt Bray	1
AQM	1
Int Dutyman	1
BC Party	1
Line Sect	1
Pad Party	1
Spare Seat	1

NOTE: 1. Personnel proceeding on R&R during Jun will not take stand down.

2. Personnel going on R&R will depart FSPB ZIGGIE on "Charlie Horse" one day prior to actual date of departure from Nui Dat.

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R1000-1-2

HQ 3 RAR
FSB ZIGGIE

18 May 71

See distribution list

GAMOUFLAGE PAINTING OF WEAPONS

1. All weapons on issue within 3 RAR are to be camouflaged with brown "khaki" paint. Only brown khaki paint will be used; other colours such as green or black; or mixtures of colours are not to be used.

2. Paint will be renewed as required or when the opportunity occurs.

3. Care will be taken that paint does not interfere with moving parts or the operation of the weapon.

4. The RSM will give guidance to CSM's on colour or other queries if required.

5. This instruction also applies to all personnel at NUI DAT.

(D.N. KERR)
Maj
Ops Offr

Distribution:

List G less serials 1, 14, 18, 27, 28, 30 - 32, 34 - 36, 38, 39.

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MESSAGE

PRECEDENCE-ACTION
ROUTINE

DATE-TIME GROUP
180525Z MAY 71

FROM: 3 RAR

TO: LIST F

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
UNCLAS

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
A612

SAIGON GUARD. OUR R397/1/1 OF 28 FEB 71 CMM ADMIN INSTR NO 12/71. B COY TO PROVIDE PERIOD 29 MAY TO 5 JUN. GREENS AND BOOTS GP CHANGED ONE FOR ONE IF NEC. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING REPLACEMENT AT MEMBERS EXPENSE OR ON L AND D

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APPOINTMENT

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14 May 71

Distribution: List F
CMF Officers (3)
FSB (6)

CMF VISITORS 26 MAY - 9 JUN

1. Three R Aust Inf CMF Officers will be visiting 3 RAR between 26 May - 9 Jun. They are:-

a. Maj J.H. Lowe — 5 RQR N Comd
b. Capt C.G. Lambert — HQ E Comd
c. Capt G.D. Michell — ARU C Comd

2. The escort officer is Lt R Wood. His duties are:-

a. Meet visitors (see serials 1 and 2 of Annex A)
b. Act as guide on Sat 29 May (see serials 9 - 14 of Annex A)
c. Accompany visitors to Luscombe on 9 Jun

3. The programme for the visit is at Annex A.

4. The officers will be attached to companies as follows:

a. Admin Coy from 26 - 29 May
b. C Coy from 29 May - 4 Jun
c. 4 - 5 Jun - Sp Coy
d. A Coy 5 - 7 Jun
e. Admin Coy 7 - 9 Jun

5. Host coys are responsible for backloading.

6. Movements clerk is to liaise with Det 11 MC Gp on

a. Definite ETA on 26 May
b. Definite ETD on 9 Jun

and advise escort officer accordingly

(A.R. TREVARTHEN)
Maj
2IC

Annexes: A. Programme
B. Transport

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ANNEX A TO
3 RAR R875/71/4
DATED 14 MAY 71

PROGRAMME OF VISIT

Serial	Date	Time	Action
1.	Wed 26 May	1700	ETA Luscombe. Escort offr to meet
2.		1730	ETA 3 RAR. Accomodated in visitors tent Admin Coy - Issue of SOPs and Unit Histcry (Asst Adjt)
3.	Thu 27 May	0800	ETD 3 RAR for HQ 1 ATF
4.		0815 - 1700	As arranged by HQ 1 ATF
5.		1715	ETA 3 RAR
6.	Fri 28 May	0730	ETD 3 RAR for HQ 1 ATF. Breakfast required at 0700 hours.
7.		0745 - 1730	As arranged by HQ 1 ATF
8.		1745	ETA 3 RAR
9.	Sat 29 May	0800 - 0900	Q issues at QM store - must be issued to full scale incl Wpn and CES. Assemble gear ready for ops.
10.		0915 - 1000	Base def brief by OC Admin Coy
11.		1030 - 1100	Admin CP brief by 2IC Admin Coy
12.		1100 - 1215	Main CP AQ Cell brief as arranged by Ops Offr
13.	-	1330 - 1430	Tour of 3 RAR base area by escort offr
14.		1430	Report to C Coy for ops - C Coy responsible for test firing of wpns.
15.	Sun 30 May to Fri 4 Jun	TBA	Ops with C Coy - Backloaded to FSB after C Coy's maintdem.
16.	Fri 4 Jun to Sat 5 Jun		With FSB as arranged by Ops Offr/OC Sp Coy
17.	Sat 5 Jun	pm	Deploy to Horseshoe as arragned by AQ Cell.
18.	Sat 5 Jun to Mon 7 Jun		Ops with A Coy. Must be backloaded to Nui Dat by 1200 hrs 7 Jun
19.	Mon 7 Jun	1400	Visit JWTC as arranged by OC Admin Coy
20.	Tue 8 Jun		Visit Vung Tau with HVO
21.	Tue 8 Jun	1500 - 1630	Q clearance from C Coy Q store and QM store - hand in SOP's & Unit History to Asst Adjt.
22.	Tue 8 Jun	1700	Attend AQ conference
23.	Tue 8 Jun	1930	Debrief by 2IC 3 RAR
24.	Wed 9 Jun	TBA	ETD Luscombe. Movements clerk to check timings with Det 11 MC Gp, arrange tpt and advise escort officer accordingly

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7.		0745 - 1730	As arranged by HQ 1 ATF
8.		1745	ETA 3 RAR
9.	Sat 29 May	0800 - 0900	Q issues at QM store - must be issued to full scale incl Wpn and CPS. Assemble gear ready for ops.
10.		0915 - 1000	Base def brief by OC Admin Coy
11.		1030 - 1100	Admin CP brief by 2IC Admin Coy
12.		1100 - 1215	Main CP AQ Cell brief as arranged by Ops Offr
13.	-	1330 - 1430	Tour of 3 RAR base area by escort offr
14.		1430	Report to C Coy for ops - C Coy responsible for test firing of wpns.
15.	Sun 30 May to Fri 4 Jun	TBA	Ops with C Coy - Backloaded to FSB after C Coy's maintdem.
16.	Fri 4 Jun to Sat 5 Jun		With FSB as arranged by Ops Offr/OC Sp Coy
17.	Sat 5 Jun	pm	Deploy to Horseshoe as arragned by AQ Cell.
18.	Sat 5 Jun to Mon 7 Jun		Ops with A Coy. Must be backloaded to Nui Dat by 1200 hrs 7 Jun
19.	Mon 7 Jun	1400	Visit JWTC as arranged by OC Admin Coy
20.	Tue 8 Jun		Visit Vung Tau with HVO
21.	Tue 8 Jun	1500 - 1630	Q clearance from C Coy Q store and QM store - hand in SOP's & Unit History to Asst Adjt.
22.	Tue 8 Jun	1700	Attend AQ conference
23.	Tue 8 Jun	1930	Debrief by 2IC 3 RAR
24.	Wed 9 Jun	TBA	ETD Luscombe. Movements clerk to check timings with Det 11 MC Gp, arrange tpt and advise escort officer accordingly

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CO Diary

R487/1/5(1)

3rd Battalion
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19 May 71

List F less serials 1, 14, 24, 27, 31 - 34, 37 - 39.

R AND R

Reference: A. 3 RAR A586 of 130930 Z May 71.

1. Attached as Annex A is the allotment of planning vacancies for the period Jul - Dec.

2. The total sub unit figures have been arrived at after considering the following factors:

a. R and R requirements for those soldiers on strength as at 10 May 71.

b. Anticipated R and R requirements for replacements of 3/69 and 4/69 NS intakes, and ARA soldiers not completing the full tour (and not submitted by other units e.g. 2 RAR or 1 ARU).

3. The Bn HQ figure includes a reserve for unexpected requirements and strong compassionate cases from other sub units.

4. It is most unlikely that allocations will be allotted to the unit as forecast (that is 60 to Aust, 60 to other centres each month). For example, the unit may receive 80 seats one month to Aust and only 40 the next. However, an indication has been given by HQ 1 ATF that we can expect to average 60 seats to Aust and 60 to other centres over the six month period.

5. OC's must now plan their sub units R & R as indicated in Annex A, but be prepared to bring forward or delay some soldiers when the actual allocation is made known.

6. All soldiers must be told that their wishes will be met as much as possible, but that a firm decision can only be given on receipt of allocations, and following any necessary adjustments by the CO and OC's.

7. If there are any queries, OC's are asked to contact 2IC as soon as possible.

(A.R. TREVARTHEN)
Maj
2IC

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ANNEX A TO
3 RAR R487/1/5(1)
DATED 14 MAY 71

R AND R PLANNING FIGURES

Month		A Coy	B Coy	C Coy	D Coy	Sp Coy	Admin	BHQ	Total
Jul	Aust	11	8	8	11	10	9	3	60
	Other	11	8	8	11	10	9	3	60
Aug	Aust	10	10	8	11	11	7	3	60
	Other	10	10	8	11	11	7	3	60
Sep	Aust	10	9	8	11	10	8	4	60
	Other	10	9	8	11	10	8	4	60
Oct	Aust	10	9	8	11	10	8	4	60
	Other	10	9	9	10	10	8	4	60
Nov	Aust	9	9	8	11	9	7	7	60
	Other	8	8	7	12	8	9	8	60
Dec	Aust	8	8	8	10	8	10	8	60
	Other	8	8	7	10	8	10	9	60
TOTAL		115	105	95	130	115	100	60	720

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

LT COL F.P. SCOTT

COMMANDING OFFICER

3RD BATTALION

THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

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189. DUTIES

1. 3 RAR Base Duty Officer

The following personnel are to mount duty on the date indicated:

Duty Officer	Date
WO2 G. Archer	22 May 71
Sgt K. Burgess	23 May 71
WO2 F. Plummer	24 May 71
Sgt A. Norman	25 May 71
Sgt J. Griffiths	26 May 71
Sgt M. Tola	27 May 71
Sgt J. Broome	28 May 71
Sgt L. Stephens	29 May 71
Sgt R. Newman	30 May 71
Sgt J. Griffiths	31 May 71
Sgt K. Burgess	1 Jun 71
WO2 F. Plummer	2 Jun 71
Sgt A. Norman	3 Jun 71
WO2 G. Archer	4 Jun 71
Sgt M. Tola	5 Jun 71
Sgt J. Broome	6 Jun 71
Sgt R. Battersby	7 Jun 71
Sgt K. Van Kruyssen	8 Jun 71

190. MEDICAL - PREVENTION OF INSECT BORNE DISEASES

References: A. MBI 142 - 10.
B. 3 RAR RO Part 1 No 4/71

Introduction

1. Insect-borne diseases have caused high manpower loss in previous wet seasons. A co-ordinated campaign has been designed for 1971 which, according to the latest medical advice, could prevent up to 70% of the cases experienced in the past.

2. The campaign will consist of the following measures:

a. Eradication of breeding sites.

(1) Residual spraying by fixed and rotary wing aircraft, initially at fortnightly and later at weekly intervals.

(2) Residual spraying of bunkers and building interiors.

(3) Ground fogging of unit areas with residual and knock down sprays.

b. Personal Measures.

Responsibilities and Organization

3. Aerial Spraying. OC 8 Fd Amb with RAAF, USAF and Det Div Hyg Unit assistance.

4. Ground Spraying.

a. 1 ATF Hygiene Officer. For area spraying with vehicle mounted equipment by Det Div Hyg Unit personnel and for units without posted hygiene dutymen.

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b. Units. For unit area spraying where hygiene personnel are posted. All units of company size are required by Reference A to train three members in insect dispersal techniques. Admin Coy are to nominate 5 personnel by 24 May 71 to HQ 3 RAR. A training programme will be organised by 8 Fd Amb.

c. Individuals. All officers and NCOs are to enforce the preventative measures described below and are to constantly look for and eradicate the mosquito breeding sites which are common to all unit areas.

Personal Preventative Measures

5. Reference B lays down the dress for members of 3 RAR and is to remain in force, except where varied by the following orders, which take effect from 26 May 71 until further notice;

a. Clothing

(1) Shirts with sleeves rolled down and long trousers are to be worn and feet and ankles covered at all hours of the day except:

(a) Shorts may be worn only when actually participating in approved daylight sport.

(b) Shirts may be removed only when participating in daylight sport.

(c) When moving directly to and from showers.

(d) When under a mosquito net.

(e) Shirt sleeves may be rolled up from 0630 - 1830 hours daily.

b. Showering: Showering is not permitted between 1830 hrs and 0630 hours, except in mosquito-proofed ablutions, which are to be sprayed daily by unit hygiene personnel.

c. Mosquito Nets: All ranks are to sleep under a mosquito net except when this is impracticable for operational reasons. Nets are to be kept in good repair and are to be tucked under the mattress. Nets are to be regularly inspected.

d. Insect Repellent: All ranks are to carry a bottle of insect repellent between 1830 and 0630 hrs and are to apply it to exposed skin every three hours when not under a mosquito net.

e. Aerosol Sprays: Aerosol sprays should be used daily as follows:

(1) In huts and tents, particularly under beds and horizontal surfaces at night.

(2) Inside mosquito nets as soon as they have been erected.

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Unit Preventative Measures

6. Apart from the spraying programme, sub unit commanders are to remove potential mosquito breeding areas. Pools which cannot be drained are to be oiled weekly.

7. The following mosquito breeding areas are commonly seen in unit areas:

   a. Drinking vessels, buckets, field mattress covers and brass shell cases left outside tents.

   b. Ground puddles.

   c. Potholes in concrete foundations.

   d. Rubber collection dishes.

   e. Sawyer stoves.

   f. Tent flaps rolled upwards and outwards.

   g. Disused grease traps and sullage systems such as 44 gallon drums set on the ground.

   h, Roof gutters.

   i. Discarded drink cans.

   j. Tops of ammunition containers used as posts.

   k. Bailing tins left beside grease traps.

8. The notice attached to this order is to be displayed on all sub unit notice boards.

191. AMENDMENTS

1. 3 RAR Routine Order 6/71 is amended as follows:

   a. Annex A - Speed limits for Green Roads, PHUOC TUY Province with the new Annex A attached.

   b. Add to paragraph 12, "No member is to drive a vehicle in excess of the speed laid down for the particular area by Annex A to this order.

2. The amendments to Annex A increased the 25 mph limit to 30 mph on Route 44 from LONG DIEN to LONG HAI and incorporate the 15 mph limit for DUC THANH Military Post.

3. 3 RAR Routine Order 182/71 is amended as follows:

   a. Para 2 delete "It is henceforth an offence to" and insert "No member of 3 RAR will".

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4. 3 RAR Routine Order. 178/71 is amended as follows:

a. Para 9(a) delete and insert:

Cigarettes. One carton of 200 cigarettes or equivalent in tobacco is permitted to all R & R centres EXCEPT Australia where the maximum allowed is one packet of 20 cigarettes or equivalent in tobacco for use on the aircraft, any unconsumed cigarettes or tobacco will be confiscated by Aust Customs on arrival in Sydney.

192. DISCIPLINE

1. In the absence of Maj I Cahill, 2786260 Capt J.D. Herlihy was granted the powers of a Company Commander with effect from 15 May to 22 May inclusive.

(J.R. O'CONNELL)
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Asst Adjt

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ANNEX A TO
3 RAR RO 6/71

SPEED LIMITS FOR GREEN ROADS
PHUOC TUY PROVINCE

Reference: A. Map Series L7014 1:50,000 Map Sheets 6429-I, 6429-IV, 6430-II, 6430-III.

Serial	Route	From (GR)	To(GR)	Max speed mph	Remarks
1.	QL 15 PHU MY to BARIA	250750	253744	15	PHU MY
2.		253744	369611	30	Road PHU MY to BARIA
3.		369611	383607 on LTL 23 383603 on QL 15 385617 on LTL 2	15	Incl all tributary rds within grid sqs 3760, 3761, 3860, 3861, 3960 and 2961.
4.	LTL 23 BARIA TO DAT DO	383607	419593	30	Road BARIA to LONG DIEN
5.		419593	435595	15	Incl all tributary rds in grid sqs 4258, 4259, 4260, 4358, 4359, 4458, 4659 and 4558.
6.		435595	457598	30	
7.		457598	467597	15	AN NHUT Township
8.		467597	475598	30	
9.		475598	500607	12	Incl all tributary rds in grid sqs 4758, 4759, 4760, 4858, 4859, 4860, 4958, 4959, 4960 and 4961.
10.	TL 52 HOA LONG to DAT DO	408633	421636	15	
11.		421636	488614	25	
12.		488614	492583 on TL 44	15	
13.	LTL 2 BARIA to NGAI GIAO	385617	408633	30	BARIA to HOA LONG
14.		408633 on TL 52	409635	15	HOA LONG corner (SIGN POSTED)
15.		409635	451735	30	
16.		451735	452741	15	XA BINH BA
17.		452741	462776	30	
18.		462776	463781	15	DUC THANH Military Post

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Serial	Route	From(GR)	To (GR)	Max speed mph	Remarks
19.		463781	464791	30	
20.		464791	464804	15	Ngai Giao and incl all rds in grid sqs 4677, 4777, 4877, 4977, 5077 and 4679.
21.	TL 44 VAN KEIP to LONG HAI and PHUOC TINH	Rd junct 403598	443499	30	
22.		443449	453489	15	Incl all rds in grid sq 4449
23.		Rd junct 434523	399507	25	
24.		399507	392505	15	All tributary roads
25.	Route 358 HOA LONG through LONG DIEN and SOUTH	419635	423627	15	HOA LONG
26.		423627	428607	25	
27.		428607	425588	15	
28.		425588	425584	25	
29.		425584	425580	15	
30.		425580	425577	25	
31.		425577	424573	15	
32.	QL 15 BARI to VUNG TAU TAU	383603	371543	30	
33.		371543	369538	15	Bridge
34.		369538	VUNG TAU	As directed by speed limit signs	
35.	TL 44 DAT DO to LANG PHUOC HAI 502	492583	497572	30	
36.		497572	499567	15	XA PHUOC LOI
37.		499567	502561	20	Narrow mined bridge
38.		502561	512525	15	And tributary roads
39.	Route 326 HOI MY to LONG DIEN	503558	495556	15	
40.		495556	458580	25	Permission from G Branch HQ 1 ATF is to be obtained

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NOTICES

1. LOST AND FOUND

1. A brown leather folding type wallet was lost in the vicinity of the Everyman's Club on the night of 15 May 71. The wallet contained $228 belonging to Pte E.J.J. Smith Support Coy. Would the finder please return the item to CQMS Sp Coy.

2. MOSQUITO BORNE DISEASES DURING THE WET SEASON

The Problem

1. A significant rise in mosquito-borne diseases, other than malaria, has occurred in previous wet seasons. Many of these diseases are not serious but nevertheless are incapacitating.

2. Occasionally these diseases are complicated by the development of encephalitis, or inflammation of the brain. The symptoms are characterised by severe headaches, neck stiffness, drowsiness and nausea.

3. On rare occasions, encephalitis will develop as a primary mosquito borne disease known as Japanese B encephalities.

4. Of the eight cases diagnosed as encephalitis from 1 ATF in the 1970 wet season, two were serious and one was the Japanese B variety. All patients made an acceptable recovery.

Prevention

5. There are no suppressive tablets available for mosquito borne diseases, except for malaria, and so measures to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes are extremely important. These are:

a. Dress. Shirts with sleeves down, long trousers with feet and ankles covered are to be worn at all hours of the day except that shorts may be worn and shirts removed only when playing approved sport in daylight. You may move directly to and from the showers without complete clothing and be uncovered when beneath a mosquito net. You may roll up sleeves between 0630 and 1830 hours daily.

b. Mosquito Nets. Ensure that you spray your net when you erect it, that you tuck it underthe matress and that holes are repaired immediately; or the net changed.

c. Insect Repellent. You are obliged to carry a bottle between 1830 and 0639 hours. Apply to exposed skin every three hours.

d. Aerosol Spray. Use aerosol knock down spray daily in your tent. Direct it under tables and chairs, your bed, into and behind wardrobes and into dark corners.

e. Breeding areas. Make sure that you have not started your own "mosquito farm" by leaving containers about to collect water, or by allowing water to collect in your tent flaps or in pools on the ground.

Conclusion

6. A concerted campaign to eradicate mosquitos in Nui Dat, by aerial and ground spray, will be carried out throughout the wet season. But your personal care is the key factor in keeping you out of hospital.

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MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
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A 66H

FROM: 3 RAR

TO: LIST F
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CMF VISITORS 26 MAY TO 9 JUN. OUR R875.71.4 OF 19 MAY 71. PARA 1A DELETE
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TREVARTHEN 2IC — EMP — R875/1/4
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21 May 71

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3 RAR ADMIN INSTR 21/71 - R AND R LEAVE

References: A. AFV SOP's Part 2 Chap 2 Sect 3 Annex B

B. 1 ATF SOP's Part 2 Sect 7

C. 3 RAR R487/1/5(1) dated 19 May 71

D. 3 RAR A586 of 130930Z May 71

Introduction

1. All members of 3 RAR are entitled to a six day period of R and R leave out of country, if they are serving a minimum of five completed months in South Vietnam. R and R is not to be taken during the first three months under any conditions nor during the last month of a members tour unless approved by the CO.

Aim

2. The aim of this instruction is to clearly define R and R policy within 3 RAR.

R and R Centres

3. R and R may be taken in one of the following centres:

a. Australia

b. Hong Kong

c. Taipei

d. Bangkok

e. Singapore - for married members taking ARL with R & R only (see para 35)

4. If a member so desires, approval may be given to spend five days at the R and C Centre in lieu of R and R. Unfortunately, HQ 1 AFV have stated that members cannot go to Saigon on leave.

Seats

5. Seats are allocated to 3 RAR by 1 ATF on the basis of Unit Quarterly bids.

Allocation of Seats

6. a. On arrival in the theatre, all members are to complete the proforma at Annex A. These individual bids form the basis of sub unit bids.

b. Approximate Company Allocations. See reference C.

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7. On receipt of the battalion allocation from 1 ATF, Bn HQ will distribute seats to coys on a pro rata basis **in** accordance with reference C.

Nominations to fill Seats

8. Sub units are to advise Bn HQ of soldiers to fill seats in accordance with the following principles:

a. Sub units are to be capable of proceeding on operations at all times. The following should be noted:

(1) No Coy Comd is to be absent at the same time as the Coy 2IC or CSM.

(2) No Pl Comd is to be absent at the same time as the Pl Sgt.

(3) The number of NCOs absent at any time is to be limited.

(4) The number of specialists absent at any time is to be limited.

b. If necessary the following priorities are to be observed in the case of R and R to Australia:

(1) Full tour married soldiers.

(2) Compassionate cases approved by Bn HQ.

(3) Married soldiers who will not complete a full tour but in the order of length of tour.

(4) Single soldiers in order of the length of their tour.

c. Offrs, WOs, senior NCOs and ORs will normally be allocated seats with equal priority.

d. Bn HQ is to be advised if a seat cannot be filled so that it can be re-allocated.

e. Sub units failing to fill a seat will not necessarily be granted additional seats at a later date.

f. Companies may bid for additional seats to all centres but there is no guarantee of extra vacancies being available.

g. No changes to nominal rolls submitted will be allowed except in extenuating circumstances in which case they are to be notified immediately to Bn HQ.

Preference Lists

9. Sub units are to prepare preference lists by months of all members eligible for R and R stating both first and second preferences (See Annex B). These are to be held on file in the companies for easy preparation of nominal rolls.

Nominal Rolls

10. After the seat allocations for each month have been distributed each sub unit is to prepare nominal rolls in accordance with annexes F and G. These rolls are then submitted to Bn HQ where they are to be compiled into a Battalion Nominal Roll in date order and sent to 1 ATF.

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Documentation

11. Before personnel depart 3 RAR they are to be fully briefed in accordance with Annex H. It is the responsibility of the Bn HQ movts clerk to ensure that all personnel are in possession of:-

a. International Health Certificate containing an FFI certificate (Annex D) for those proceeding to Australia.

b. AAF A129 (Identity Card)

c. F WF5 (Paybook).

d. Leave Pass (Australia only)

e. Passport and Visa (Taipei only) (see paras 38 and 39)

f. R and R check list (see Annex C)

g. Tie for those proceeding to Australia

h. 2 weeks supply of paludrine/dapsone

12. During processing at Tan Son Nhut each member will be issued with the following:

a. Customs Declaration

b. Emergency Data Sheet

c. Permissive Travel Orders

d. Boarding Pass

Medical Examination

13. Soldiers returning to Australia must be examined by the RMO within seven days prior to departure. Coys are to arrange with the RAP.

IHCs

14. The RMO is to check weekly that IHCs are in order for soldiers proceeding on R and R in the following five weeks. Attached to the front of each IHC is to be "Facts on Venereal Disease" (Annex E).

Sickness on R and R

15. If a soldier is injured or falls sick while on R and R in Australia he is to report to his AMO and advise the Personnel Depot of the Command where he is taking his R and R. Details of AMOs can be obtained from the Personnel Depot prior to departure to leave destination.

16. Soldiers who are injured or fall ill while on R and R at other centres are to report to the R and R centre in the city of disembarkation.

Pay

17. It is MACV policy that soldiers are not to be paid in a currency other than MPC except on the day of departure ex Saigon for R and R

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18. Soldiers proceeding to all destinations EXCEPT Australia must have a MINIMUM of $A250 credit in their paybook. Without this NO leave will be granted. Sub units are to institute a check and reminder system.

19. On return from R and R all soldiers are to have their money exchanged for MPC at Tan Son Nhut. Coins will not be accepted for exchange.

20. Soldiers proceeding to Australia on R and R are to draw pay on arrival at Mascot airport.

Dress

21. All members are to wear summer dress (polyester) with hat KFF or cap as applicable and shoes when travelling outside Vietnam. Dress during transit to leave destination and return is summer dress, sleeves rolled up, no tie. On arrival in Australia sleeves must be rolled down and tie worn. If soldiers wear uniform in Australia at any other time during leave they are required to conform with the dress regulation of the Command in which leave is taken.

22. Prior to departure, the WORD is to inspect the uniform soldiers will be wearing to their leave destination.

23. On arrival at R and R Centres, other than Australia, soldiers are required to change into civilian clothing.

24. Sub units are to ensure that all soldiers have their hair cut in accordance with military instructions prior to reporting to the WORD for the dress inspection.

Movement

25. There is no need for members to return to AP AN PHU any earlier than 24 hrs prior to departure from Nui Dat.

26. Movement to Saigon is to be arranged by Bn HQ. Final details will be given to each soldier on reporting to Bn HQ (see para 42).

27. Full details of return movement are given on the outbound journey.

Baggage Allowance

28. The allowance on R and R flights is 66 lbs.

Customs

29. In conformity with a MACV directive personnel proceeding on R and R to Australia may take only sufficient smoking needs to cover the outbound journey. Any cigarettes in excess of this are impounded at Tan Son Nhut and any remaining on arrival in Australia are confiscated.

30. No items of military equipment or field clothing is to be taken on R and R leave. All baggage is subject to inspection prior to departure from Camp Al ha and any prohibited items will be confiscated.

31. The only customs concession available to soldiers proceeding on R and R is the free admission of:

a. One 40 oz bottle of spiritous beverages.

b. Up to $100 value in gifts.

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32. Customs regulations prohibit the carriage of the following into Australia:

a. Narcotics

b. Marihuana

c. Explosives

d. Ammunition

e. Fireworks

f. All types of weapons including spring blade knives, daggers, sword sticks and knuckle dusters.

g. Essences of wines or essences of spiritous liquors

h. Blasphemous or indecent works or articles

Quarantine

33. Members proceeding to Australia are to ensure that all personal effects, particularly footwear, are free from mud, soil particles and dried vegetable matter. No sweets of any description are permitted. The following items are specifically prohibited:

a. Foodstuffs manufactured from animal products.

b. Meat (canned or otherwise)

c. Cheese

d. Poultry

e. Eggs

f. Milk

g. Untanned hides or skins (whole or in pieces)

h. Straw and similar packing materials (paper, wood, wool and synthetices excluded).

i. Rawhide drums

j. Feathers

k. Trophies of any part of animals or animal products

l. Animals and birds, dead or alive.

Postal Regulations

34. All members proceeding on R and R to ustralia are to be advised that is is a breach of postal regulations to carry letters or packages for other personnel for postage in Australia.

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ARL with R and R

35. Whilst serving a normal tour of duty in SVN a member may apply to take five days ARL with his R and R leave at HONG KONG or SINGAPORE only provided that he has:

a. Not previously taken R and R leave.

b. Brought his wife to the nominated centre.

36. Application for such leave is to be forwarded through 3 RAR to HQ 1 ATF and is to include:

a. An application for leave AAF A88.

b. A signed undertaking that no expense will be incurred to the Commonwealth.

c. A statement certifying that the soldier has lodged the cost of return ticket with Det AFV Cash Office Nui Dat.

d. An application for passport and a SVN entry/exit visa.

37. Application for ARL with R and R cannot be accepted until the allocation of R and R vacancies is made. This is necessary because the soldier must apply for the actual dates he requires in order to allow the necessary arrangements for the actual dates he requires in order to allow the necessary arrangements to be made for his return travel. As allocations for each quarter are sometimes not received until three weeks before the quarter commences, members should be advised not to consider ARL with R and R in the first three weeks of each quarter in order to avoid difficulty in confirming t eir leave dates with their wife.

Passport and Visas

38. Members proceeding on R and R to Taipei are required to be in possession of a current passport and entry visa.

39. Application forms, Certificate of Birth from Army Records, two photographs 2" by 2½" and $VN 300 must be lodged with the Bn HQ movts clerk at least 6 weeks prior to the date of departure. Photographs can be taken at the Int Section.

Recording of R and R

40. When a member proceeds on R and R leave he is to be recorded in the company or unit roll book as being on leave. The centre at which he t kes his R and R leave is to be recorded in the remarks column of the roll book.

41. When a member is transferred from one sub unit or unit to another within theatre, his Mob 3 is to be endorsed to show whether or not he has been granted R and R leave or whether or not a booking has been made for him. Details of dates and the R and R centre involved are to be shown. A member who has been allotted a vacancy but not taken R and R before transfer is to travel on the vacancy allotted to his original unit.

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Reporting Time for R and R Check

42. All soldiers will report to the Bn HQ movts clerk between 0900 hrs and 1000 hrs on the day of departure from AP AN PHU (excluding those for Bangkok who will report on the day prior to departure) so as a check can be made of all the necessary documentation in accordance with para 11 of this instruction. Soldiers bound for Taipei or Hong Kong depart AP AN PHU the day prior to their R and R flt date.

Check List (Annex C)

43. No soldier will be cleared for R and R until the check list has been completely actioned.

44. On completion of the check list the soldier will be briefed by the movts clerk in accordance with Annex H of this instruction.

45. Flight Timings: See Annex J.

(F.P. SCOTT)
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CO

Annexes: A. Application for R and R Centre

B. R and R Preference

C. R and R Check List

D. Medical Examination prior to returning to Australia.

E. Facts on Venereal Disease.

F. Nominal Roll - Australia

G. Nominal Roll - Other Centres

H. Detailed brief to be given to all Personnel Prior to departure from 3 RAR lines.

I. Facilities available at Camp Alpha.

J. Timings

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ANNEX A TO 3 RAR
ADMIN INSTR 21/71
DATED 27 MAY 71

APPLICATION FOR R AND R

1. I, ... wish to take my
(No) (Rank) (Name)
R and R Leave at:

a. Australia

b. Bangkok

c. Hong Kong

d. Taipei

e. R and C Centre

NOTE: Delete all centres except the one requested.

2. I would prefer to take my R and R leave in the month of:

a. First preference

b. Second preference

although I realise that this may not be possible. My compassionate reasons for requesting this month are as follows (if reasons are confidential, name the officer who is aware of them).

3. Leave destination in Aust - (Nearest Airport and for rail station as applicable).

.....
(Date)

Applicant.....
(Signature)

.....
(Date)

Witness .....
(Signature)

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ANNEX B TO 3 RAR
ADMIN INSTR 21/71
DATED 27 MAY 71

R AND R PREFERENCE LIST
COY FOR THE MONTH OF

Serial	Number	Rank	Name	Married/ Single	Full Tour/ Part Tour	First Preference (If Aust insert dest)	Second Preference	Preferred Time	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)

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ANNEX C TO 3 RAR
ADMIN INSTR 21/71
DATED 17 MAY 71

R AND R CHECK LIST

(Number) (RanK) (Name)

Destination..... Date of Departure.....

	CHECK	Initials of Checking Authority
1.	IHC checked for readability and entry of date, batch number, country of origin and type of vaccine.	.....(RAP)
2.	Med check completed, FFI certificate attached to IHC (for Australia only)	.....(RAP)
3.	ID Card checked	.....(COY)
4.	Paybook with member	.....(COY)
5.	Leave pass issued (Australia only)	.....(COY)
6.	Paludrine/dapsone tablets issued (2 wks supply)	.....(COY)
7.	Currency exchange completed	.....(UPR)
8.	Is member in possession of signed WF 226 (Aust) or signed WF 226 (Adapted) - other centres	.....(URP)
9.	Passport and visa (Taipei only for R & R but Hong Kong & Singapore if ARL with R and R).	.....(BHQ)

I certify all above action completed

Date .....

.....
(Unit R and R Rep)

I certify all entries completed at time of emplanement.
Date.....

.....
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ANNEX D TO 3 RAR
ADMIN INSTR 21/71
DATED 27 MAY 71

MEDICAL EXAMINATION PRIOR TO RETURNING
TO AUSTRALIA

I have medically examined

.....
(Number) (Rank) (Name and Initials)

3 RAR
.....
(Unit)

and certify him free from infectious disease to return to Australia within seven days from this date.....
(Date)

.....
Capt
Medical Officer

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ANNEX E TO 3 RAR
ADMIN INSTR 21/71
DATED 21 MAY 71

FACTS ON VENEREAL DISEASE

1. A number of soldiers in SVN get VD.

2. Half of them get it whilst on R and R outside SVN.

3. Prostitutes and enthusiastic amateurs almost always have VD.

4. Preventative measures are available from the RAP.

5. VD is not easily cured. Go to your own Australian Medical Officer for treatment, which is given In Confidence.

6. Some cases take weeks to cure and patients under treatment cannot enter Australia. Having your RTA date deferred can be embarrassing to you and your family.

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ANNEX F TO 3 RAR
ADMIN INSTR 21/71
DATED 27 MAY 71

NOMINAL ROLL - AUSTRALIA

From: .....

To: Bn HQ 3 RAR

Month ofL .....

Date	Army No	Rank	Initials and Surname	Nearest Airport	Destination in Australia
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)

Signed.....

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ANNEX G TO 3 RAR
ADMIN INSTR 21/71
DATED 21 MAY 71

NOMINAL ROLL - OTHER CENTRES

From .....

To: Bn HQ 3 RAR

Month of: ..... Destination.....

Date	Army No	Rank	Initials & Surname
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)

Signed.....

Date .....

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ANNEX H TO 3 RAR
ADMIN INSTR 21/71
DATED 27 MAY 71

DETAILED BRIEF TO BE GIVEN TO
ALL PERSONNEL PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FROM
FROM 3 RAR LINES

1. All members are to be briefed by Coys prior to departure from 3 RAR lines for the R and R processing point at AFV Movements Camp Alpha with emphasis on the following points:-

a. Dress for all Australian personnel proceeding to and from all R and R centres is polyester uniform. Members will not be emplaned if dress, haircuts etc are below the required standard.

b. AFV personnel proceeding to R and R centres, other than Australia, must convert MPC to US dollars prior to departure. Maximum conversion of MPC to US dollars permitted is $500.00 and will be effected at the cash office serving the area where members are normally located, or, if required to stay overnight at Camp Alpha, at the AFV Cash Officer cashier located at Camp Alpha.

c. All personnel are required to be in possession of a minimum of $US 250.00 when proceeding to R and R centres other than Australia.

d. Members requiring to convert MPC into US dollars, in excess of $US 250.00 are required to be in possession of a properly completed adapted form F-WF 226 to enable the currency change to be effected. This does not restrict members from drawing pay in US dollars for use outside Vietnam but only limits the conversion of MPC into US dollars. Payment of Paybook credits must be authorized by the member CO/OC on the adapted WF 226.

e. All members on return to Vietnam are to convert US dollars into MPC at the AFV Cash Office cashier at Camp Alpha. It is an offence to be in possession of US dollars while in Vietnam.

f. Not more than 500 piastres may be taken out of Vietnam.

g. Personnel must possess a legible immunization record and all immunizations must be current. For R and R to Australia a Free from Infecticus Diseases certificate is also required.

h. Cigarettes. One carton of 200 cigarettes or equivalent in tobacco is permitted to all R and R centres EXCEPT AUSTRALIA where the maximum allowed is one packet of 20 cigarettes or equivalent in tobacco. Any tobacco still held will be confiscated by Aust customs on arrival in Sydney.

i. Foodstuffs. No foodstuffs of any kind are permitted to be taken to Australia. This includes chewing gum, candy, potato chips etc.

j. Liquor. One sealed bottle (40 ozs) of alcohol is the maximum to all centres. The seal must be intact and hand carried in the aircraft, not packed with baggage.

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k. Army equipment or war souvenirs. No Australian or foreign equipment or souvenirs such as poncho liners, VC flags, US Army clothing etc are permitted to be taken from Vietnam on R and R.

l. Inflammables/Explosives. No ammunition or explosives are permitted and in addition brasso, butane or lighter fluid cannot be taken on R and R to any centre.

m. Pornographic photographs, books, etc are not permitted nor are photographs of war dead. PLAYBOY, STAG, EFC are considered obscene by Aust customs.

n. Any medical drugs or tablets other than paludrine and dapsone, must be authorised in writing by the members RAF etc staff.

o. Handbaggage. will be limited to camera and accessories for SYDNEY and HONG KONG flights, ALL other baggage will be stored in the hold of the aircraft.

p. Baggage. Baggage is limited to 66 lbs per person.

2. Personnel arriving at Camp Alpha possessing any of the prohibited articles or in Contravention of this detailed brief will have such items etc confiscated without any return or redress. These items cannot be held by the Liaison NCO.

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ANNEX I TO 3 RAR
ADMIN INSTR 21/71
DATED 27 MAY 71

FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT CAMP ALPHA

1. SAFE CUSTODY OF MONEY

There is a facility available whereby personnel who wishes to deposit any surplus money for safe keeping may do so, details are available through CAMP ALPHA orderly room or Liaison NCO.

2. STORAGE OF EXCESS BAGGAGE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

This facility provides storage for excess baggage clothing etc. The prices listed are in MPC and will be applicable to all storage:-

a. Clothing, shoes and boots.

1.	First day - 24 hrs or less	US$.10
2.	Additional prior - 24 hrs or part thereof	.05

b. Baggage items.

1.	First day - 24 hrs or less	.20
2.	Additional prior - 24 hrs or part therof	.10

c. Valuable items.

1.	First day - 24 hrs or less	.30
2.	Additional prior - 24 hrs or part thereof	.15

3. LAUNDRY & BOOT CLEANING

Personnel may leave greens and boots for laundering and cleaning on day of arrival and collect same on return from R and R. The following charges apply:

a. Laundry

1 set of greens .35

1 set of U Wear .15

b. Boot cleaning and storage

1 pr GP boots .45

4. HAIRDRESSER

The price for haircutting is .40

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5. ACCOMMODATION

Dormitory accommodation is available at no charge. All personnel arriving back from R and R and those proceeding to HONG KONG and TAIPEI are required to avail themselves of this facility. No accommodation is available in SAIGON.

6. MESSING

A normal field ration mess is in operation at Camp Alpha. The times of operation are as follows:-

Breakfast	0600 - 0730
Lunch	1130 - 1300
Dinner	1700 - 1830

A normal charge is made for messing, this being standard American procedure. The cost for a full meal is:-

Breakfast	US$.25
Lunch	.50
Dinner	.65

7. CONCESSIONAIRE

A limited range of oriental gifts similar to those sold by our own concessionaire are available.

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ANNEX J TO
3 RAR R487/1/5(1)
DATED 27 MAY 71

TIMINGS

Destination	Dep Lus	Dep Sgn	Arr Syd	Dep Syd	Arr Sgn	Time Diff
SYDNEY	1200	2020	0820	1100	1905	+ 2 hrs
BANGKOK	0700	1850	1915	0700	0925	- 1 hr
	0700	1700	1725	0700	0925	- 1 hr
HONG KONG	1200 (day before)	1025	1340	1500	1610	None
TAIPEI	1200 (day before)	1025	1335	1450	1800	None

Flight Time

SYDNEY - 9 hours and 50 mins

BANGKOK - 9 hours and 25 mins

HONG KONG - 2 hrs and 15 mins

TAIPEI - 3 hrs and 10 mins

Time at Site

SYDNEY - 6 days, 2 hrs, 50 mins

BANGKOK - 5 days, 11 hrs, 45 mins

or 5 days, 13 hrs, 35 mins

HONG KONG - 6 days, 1 hr, 20 mins

TAIPEI - 6 days, 1 hr, 15 mins

NOTE: Members will be briefed on arrival in each R and R Centre on report times for the return journey.

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PRECEDENCE - ACTION
ROUTINE

DATE - TIME GROUP
27 [illegible] MAY 71

FROM 3 RAR

TO LIST F LESS 14, 18, 24, 27, 28 TO 38

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
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ORIGINATORS NUMBER
G 668

QUALIFICATION FOR NCO RANK (CPL) .

ONE . THE ABOVE COURSE IS TO BE CONDUCTED FROM 31 MAY - 10 JUN INCLUSIVE CMM FOR SUBJECTS A CMM B AND C . STUDENTS ARE TO REPORT TO WORD AT RSM OFFICE 301330 HRS FOR BRIEFING AND ISSUE OF TRG PAMS . THOSE MEMBERS REQUIRING ONLY ONE OR TWO SUBJECTS WILL BE RELEASED BACK TO THEIR COYS UNTIL REQUIRED FOR THAT SUBJECT C .

TWO . THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO ATTEND . BHQ . 45266 PTE C J BOUNDEY . A COY . 130427 PTE D R GEARY CMM 3797713 PTE C J BEHR CMM 4719713 PTE V A JANKOVIC CMM 2795599 PTE C J HERMAN CMM 313743 PTE G I COUTTS B COY . 4720799 CPL G J MAYNARD CMM 219804 LCPL S N THORNTON CMM 219956 PTE R L QUIGG CMM 2795149 PTE M V DENLEY CMM 2239763 PTE G J EDWARDS CMM 351363 LCPL D J PETERSEN CMM 1202591 PTE B J WILSON . C COY . 1202862 LCPL W B TURNER CMM 219914 PTE D R DICKS CMM 255587 PTE C J HEAD . D COY . 218316 CPL SEARLE CMM 44219 SGT MCKENNA CMM 56309 PTE R J WALKER CMM 56291 PTE J B MURPHY . SP COY . 341182 PTE B J PIELLON CMM 1731588 PTE D J DWYER CMM 219913 PTE M S LANGLEY CMM 6410260 LCPL B J DONAVON . ADM COY . 1202191 CPL H A CHRUST CMM 42204 CPL H K BURTT CMM 1202530 PTE A G RICHTER CMM 38699 PTE W L OSBORN CMM 218899 PTE D E BEHRENDS .

THREE . ALL COYS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO INFORM WORD OF ANY ALTERATIONS IN NOMINATIONS ASP ON OCCURENCE

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DRAFTERS NAME: MOYLE
OFFICE: WORD
TEL NO: EMP

RELEASING OFFICERS SIGNATURE AND RANK

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R66/3/5

3rd Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
AP AN PHU

29 May 71

Distribution: List F
4 RAR/NZ
1 Fd Sqn
106 Fd Wksps

VISIT OF QUEENSLAND CONCERT PARTY 11 JUN 71

General:

1. A Qld Concert Party will be playing at 3 RAR on 11 Jun 71.

2. Members of the Party are:

a. Escort Officer: Capt H.A. Kedd

b. Entertainers:

Wilson Irving	Compere/Leader
Lorraine Dearley	Vocalist
Merril Morgan	Vocalist
George Hill	Compare/C&W Singer
Mary Bakker	Dancer
Jeff Smith	Accompianist/Piano Accordian
Leslie Crosby	Trumpeter/Vocalist
Sue Chapman	Drummer

c. Total: 4 Female, 4 Male.

Timings:

3.

0745	Arrive Luscombe
0800	Depart for FSPB Ziggie
0930	Show Commences
1010 - 1020	Interval
1100	Show Ends
1130	Depart FSPB Ziggie for Kapyong
1200 - 1300	Drinks
1300 - 1330	Lunch
1400	Technician reports to stage
1430	Show Commences
1600	Show Ends
1615	Report Luscombe
1700	Depart Luscombe

Responsibilities:

4. 3 RAR Escort Officers are Lt R.J. Wood and Sgt Smith. They are to:

a. Collect party from Luscombe and escort to FSPB Ziggie (if seating available.)

b. Escort party from Kapyong Pad to Sgts Mess for drinks and lunch.

c. Accompany party to Luscombe after the show.

/Admin Coy

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5. Admin Coy is responsible for:

a. Providing 2 x ¾ ton and 1 x 5 ton with tarpaulin. These vehicles are required all day.

b. Uplift of mobile stage from HQ Coy Tpt Compound early on 11 Jun and deliver to Mor Baseplate area, and return on 12 Jun. Note: Mobile stage must be towed by ¾ ton vehicle.

c. Setting up of separate male and female dressing rooms and toilets behind the stage. Room/tent are to be equipped with fans, lights, mirrors, tables, chairs, water, basins, soap, towels, coat hangers and racks.

6. WO2 Archer is responsible for:

a. Provision of cold drinks glasses and can opener for performers - Regimental Funds to pay.

b. Selling cold drinks to audience.

7. WORD is responsible for:

a. Provision of 6 chairs on stage.

b. Provision of 12 chairs for officers and WO's.

c. Cleanliness of site after the concert.

d. Provision of work party of 5 men to:

(1) Set up area.

(2) Unload and load luggage.

(3) Clean up area.

8. 2IC Admin is responsible for:

a. Tasking 3 x UHIB ac for move to and from Ziggie.

b. Liaison with 1 Fd Sqn to ensure power is available as required (110 Volts).

c. Liaison with 106 Fd Wksps who will provide a technician for both performances.

(F.P. SCOTT)
Lt Col
CO

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3rd Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
AP AN PHU

29 May 71

AMENDMENT TO 3 RAR ADMIN INSTR 23/71
FIRE ORDERS FOR 3 RAR NUI DAT BASE

Reference: A. 3 RAR R371/1/1 dated 5 Mar 71

1. Amend reference A as follows:

a. Paragraph 9, after "tents" amend to read " generator areas and kitchen refuelling points".

b. Add new paragraph 37A

"Each kitchen is to have a refuelling point NOT closer than 50 feet to the kitchen. All refuelling of immersion heaters and M59 ranges is to be carried out at this point, which is to be equipped with:

a. NO smoking sign

b. One QUELL water extinguisher

c. One QUELL foam extinguisher

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(A.R. TREVARTHEN)
Maj
2IC

Distribution: List G plus
1 per kitchen
1 per coy canteen

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MESSAGE FORM

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ROUTINE

DATE - TIME GROUP
29 0800Z MAY 71

FROM: 3 RAR

TO: LIST F

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
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ORIGINATORS NUMBER
A 689

GIFT SHOP TRADING .

ONE . THE HONG KONG GIFT SHOP WILL OPEN ITS TAPE RECORDING CENTRE ON MONDAY 31 MAY 71 .

TWO . THE PRICES SHOWN BELOW INCLUDE THE BASIC COST OF THE TAPE CLN

TYPE OF TAPE		RECORDED PRICE
CASSETTE C60	NATIONAL	$US 3.15
	ARC	3.80
	OCL	3.90
	BASF	3.40
	TDK	3.45
C90	NATIONAL	4.70
	BASF	5.00
	MAXWELL	4.95
	TDK	4.95
C120	MAXWELL	6.40
	BASF	6.10
	TDK	6.40
REEL 1800' x 7"	HANIMEX	6.30
	MAXWELL	7.85
	BASF	8.00
	OCL	6.30
	TDK	7.25

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DRAFTERS NAME AND APPOINTMENT TEL NO

2LT 29 MAY 71
RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE AND RANK DATE

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EDITION 3 -TPC (29 ETB)
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SHEET 6430 II
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OP BRIAR PATCH II
AREA OF OPERATIONS

AO ELSIE 2 MAY 71

AO MONA

AO EXTN
27 MAY 71

AO GRACE
2 MAY 71

FSB ZIGGIE

FSB FRIENDSHIP

AO DEBORAH
REVISED

FSB BETHO

AO HEATHER
5MAY 71

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Ấp Mỏ Tín
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Ấp Quảng Giáo
Nhà Thờ Cao Đài
Lâm Xuân
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Chợ Bình Ba
Xóm Thái Dân
Làng Phước Bửu
Xóm Đá Trắng
Xuyên Mộc
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Suối Hương Lâm
Suối Giáo
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