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[1-31 Oct 1966]

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OF

Unit or Formation

3 SAS Sqn

From

1 Oct 66

To

31 Oct 66

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PART 3

COMMANDERS DIARIES INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

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

GENERAL

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

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

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

During Operational Periods (1)

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

COMPILATION

6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:
 - a. Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
 - b. Index as printed on cover.
 - c. Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
 - d. Annexes as shown in the Index.
7. All details of the unit or formation (if a detachment is concerned, the name of the parent unit), period covered and enclosure numbers of the annexes are to be shown on the cover. If there has been a change of command since the last report, the date of assumption by the new commanding officer is to be included.
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COMMA/ DISPOSAL DIARIES

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

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

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

16. **TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.**

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

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

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

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

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UNIT/FORMATION 3 SAS Sqn

MONTH AND YEAR Oct 66

REFERENCE MAP XA BINH BA, XA BINH GIA

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj J.M.MURPHY

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	1 Oct 66	1500 hrs	Sgt W.M.AITKEN, at present on Edn Crse at ALSG, admitted to 36 Evac Hosp with high fever.	
	2 Oct 66	1030 hrs	14 AN/URC 10 beacons received in unit. These beacons will replace the SARBE beacon on loan from the RAAF.	
	2 Oct 66	1130 hrs	Wng 0 issued to ptls 14, 21, 23 and 32.	
	3 Oct 66	0800 hrs	OC on aerial recce over op area to the WEST.	
	4 Oct 66	1530 hrs	Ptl 34 contacted six VC resulting in 1 VC KIA. Ptl also located en camp in area. Ptl wdr SOUTH to be extracted.	
		1800 hrs	No further contact with ptl 34. A hel was despatched to do SARBE search to establish comms with ptl.	
		1900 hrs	Contact made with ptl 34 and hel directed him to possible LZ. LZ proved unsuitable and fading light prevented any further extraction efforts.	
	5 Oct 66	0710 hrs	Hels arrived LZ KANGAROO. Fog dense this morning and gunships from the NORTH unable to fly down.	
		0900 hrs	Gunships arrived. No details received yet from ptl 34 on LZ.	
		1030 hrs	Ptl 34mat LZ. Hels on way to pick them up. During move to LZ at 0730 hrs ptl contacted six VC. One VC killed. VC were quick to return the fire and own ptl withdrew.	
		1130 hrs	Ptl returned this loc and debriefed.	

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	5 Oct 66	1645 hrs	Ptl 13 extracted and returned to this loc. ANNEX M	
		1830 hrs	Ptls 14, 21, 23 and 32 hel lifted into ptl areas.	
	6 Oct 66	1600 hrs	Sqn SSM and nine left to provide security on a Bell hel that came down near BINH GIA.	
		1800 hrs	Hel recovered and security group returned.	
	7 Oct 66	0820 hrs	Ptl 21 has set an ambush on recently used track.	
		1000 hrs	Ptl 23 reported an EAST/WEST track with fresh prints.	
		1355 hrs	Ptl 23 reported an ox cart track joining other track. He is ambushing this junction.	
	8 Oct 66	0800 hrs	Three VC moved through ptl 23 ambush posn. VC very alert and well spaced. Ambush not sprung.	
			Three more VC entered ptl 23 ambush posn. Ambush sprung and three VC KIA. Two weapons recovered from dead VC. Ptl wdr to LZ.	
		0945 hrs	Ptl 14 contacted and killed 3 VC. Ptl wdr to LZ.	
		1010 hrs	Ptl 32 reported en activity to SOUTH/EAST. Ptl moving to investigate.	
		1145 hrs	Ptl 23 extracted and returned this loc. ANNEX M.	
		1230 hrs	Ptl 14 extracted and returned this loc. ANNEX M.	
		1450 hrs	Ptl 32 located and destroyed rice cache. VC became aware of ptls presence. Ptl moved toward LZ and, en route, located a VC camp under constuction.	
		1800 hrs	Ptl 32 extracted and returned this loc. Loc of camp passed on to ATF for air strike target	

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REFERENCE MAP XA BINH BA, XA BINH GIA

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COMMANDING OFFICER.....

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	9 Oct 66	1100 hrs	Ptls 22 and 23 warned for fighting tasks in area NORTH of NUI TAI VAI.	
	10 Oct 66	0900 hrs	Ptl 22 and 33 briefed by OC.	
		1200 hrs	Ptls 22 and 33 departed this loc in TCV for hel pick up point. Hls will then lift them into same LZ that 5 RAR is being lifted out of.	
		1430 hrs	2Lt P.M. INGRAM, 1 ATF LO with 173 ABN BDE during Op ROBIN, departed for briefing at 1 ATF and onward movement to 173 ABN BDE.	
		1700 hrs	Ptls 22 and 33 returned this loc. Last minute changes in hel lift for 5 RAR precluded the ptls being infiltrated as planned. Liaison Offr with 5 RAR (2Lt P.J. SCHUMAN) returned this loc.	
		1815 hrs	Both ptls airborne from LZ KANGAROO for infil LZ.	
	11 Oct 66	0935 hrs	Ptl 22 contacted four VC. One VC KIA, one VC WIA. En acted quickly and directed automatic fire at ptl. Fire was uncomfortably accurate and ptl wdr.	
		1430 hrs	Ptl 22 extracted and returned this loc. ANNEX M.	
		1435 hrs	Ptl 33 reported an en coy posn and recently used cart tracks. Ptl 21 is still in ambush posn on an EAST/WEST track.	
	12 Oct 66	0800 hrs	Medcap team of three medics to BARIA to commence Sqn project at the orphanage .	
		1300 hrs	Ptl 21 extracted and now this loc. ANNEX M.	

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	13 Oct 66	0800 hrs	OC departed for SAIGON for conference with Comd AFV.	
		1500 hrs	OC returned from SAIGON. Comd AFV has directed that SAS soldiers on exchange with US Special Forces Project Delta personnel will not be used outside 111 CTZ.	
	14 Oct 66	0800 hrs	Ptl Comds and their 2iCs commenced aerial recce over future area of ops.	
		1000 hrs	Wng 0 issued to six ptls for recce and fighting tasks.	
		1500 hrs	OC departed for Vung Tau for onwards move to Nha Trang.	
	15 Oct 66	0800 hrs	Detailed air recce of zones and LZs being carried out by Comds ptls 21, 12 and 34.	
		1230 hrs	Ptl 33 extracted and now this loc. ANNEX M.	
	16 Oct 66	0800 hrs	Detailed air recce of zones and LZs being carried out by Comds ptls 13, 22 and 23.	
		0900 hrs	Comds ptls 21, 12 and 34 briefed by Ops Offr. Owing to sickness Sgt KIRWAN replaced Lt RODERICK as Comd ptl 34.	
		1700 hrs	Sqn 2iC (Capt G.E.CHIPMAN) evacuated to 2 Fd Amb VUNG TAU for observation.	
		1815 hrs	Ptls 12, 21 and 34 commenced infil by hel.	
		1845 hrs	All ptls landed without incident.	
	17 Oct 66	0700 hrs	Lt P.M.INGRAM returned from ¹⁷³ 743 ABN BDE after completion of Op ROBIN.	
		0715 hrs	Ptls 12 and 34 contacted an unknown number of VC and were extracted at 0915 hrs. Comd ptl 12 (Sgt J.M.ROBINSON) flown to Ba Ria to fly in FAC to identify air strike tgts	

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	20 Oct 66	1200 hrs	Comds Ptls 13, 12 and 34 briefed by OC.	
		1300 hrs	Aerial recces for ptl comds.	
		1515 hrs	Maj Gen F.G.HASSETT DSO, MVO, OBE and spent one hour inspecting Sqn area and discussing ops with the OC.	
		1555 hrs	Ptls 12, 13 and 34 infiltrated by hel into ptl areas.	
	21 Oct 66	0920 hrs	Ptl 12 reported hearing 3 VC moving NORTH.	
		1000 hrs	Sqn 2iC (Capt G.E.CHIPMAN) returned from hospital at Vung Tau.	
	22 Oct 66	0900 hrs	Ptl 23 instructed to move to an LZ for exfiltration.	
		1815 hrs	Exfiltration of all ptls commenced.	
		1850 hrs	All ptls now this loc and debriefed. Sqn ptl net closed down. ANNEX M.	
	23 Oct 66	0900 hrs	Ops Offr (Lt T.G.MARSHALL) evacuated to 2 Pd Amb at Vung Tau.	
	24 Oct 66	1100 hrs	Capt P.N.McDOUGALL arrived on periodic visit from SAIGON.	
		1110 hrs	Comd ptl 23 (Cpl D.C.BURGESS) airborne in FAC to direct airstrike on the VC posn he had prevoiusly located. All ordnance reported on target.	
	25 Oct 66	1120 hrs	Capt P.M.McDOUGALL Departed for return to SAIGON.	
	26 Oct 66	1400 hrs	Capt V.MURPHY (AATTV) arrived for four day visit . Capt Murphy returns to AUSTRALIA on 1 Nov 66 and has been posted as Adj SAS Regt.	

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	26 Oct 66	1100 hrs	OC with plts 12 and 13 left by hel to investigate reported tax collection point NORTH of BINH GIA.	
		1300 hrs	Group returned. Three people were apprehended and handed over to PW section 1 ATF. These people were subsequently released after interrogation.	
		1500 hrs	Lt T.G.MARSHALL returned from hospitalization at Vung Tau.	
	28 Oct 66	0930 hrs	Maj W.P.BRODERICK (Field Ops Research Section) visited Sqn to discuss Op requirements.	
		1330 hrs	Wng 0 issued to Sqn for Op BUNDABERG. Sqn task is to cordon part of perimeter of HOA LONG village.	
	29 Oct 66	0900 hrs	Briefing of Ptl Comds by OC.	
		1500 hrs	Sqn moved to bivouac area SOUTH of HAO LONG by APCs.	
		2030 hrs	Small arms automatic fire directed into Sqn area. Arty was called in and fire stopped.	
	30 Oct 66	0315 hrs	Sqn commenced moving into cordon area.	
		0445 hrs	All troops settled in cordon posn.	
		0630 hrs	Search troops (Vietnamese) commenced of village.	
		1700 hrs	Sqn returned from HAO LONG.	
	31 Oct 66	0800 hrs	Sqn commenced preparations for Op HAYMAN.	

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3 SAS Sqn
Comds Diary
Oct 66

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Duty Offr Log

Date:

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
1	010800H	Ptl 13		Loc 300678. NTR.		
2	011300H	Ptl 13		Loc 302684. NTR.		
3	011500H	ALSG		Sgt WM AITKEN in 36 Evac Hosp.		
4	020805H	Ptl 13		Loc 310692. NTR.		
5	020855H	Ptl 34		Loc 290699 fresh prints NE trk 299680.		
6	020910H		Ptl 34	Beware booby traps GS2871.	Passed 0910 hrs.	
7	021300H	Ptl 13		Loc 312696.		
8	021350H	Ptl 34		Loc 286693. NTR.		
9	030800H	Ptl 13		Loc 317702. Any change en sit?	Answer, NO.	
10	030835H	Ptl 34		Loc 281696. NTR.		
11	030900H	Ptl 34		Fire fight to our WEST will go NORTH.		
12	031305H	Ptl 13		Loc 317703. NTR.		
13	031335H	Ptl 34		Loc 283698. NTR.		
14	031400H	1 ATF		Air strike YS340638. A.M. 4 Sep.		
15	032255H	Engr		2 pers on wire to front of posn. Engaged with MG fire.		
16	032330H	Engr		Secondary explosion inside wire. Area engaged with SA fire.		
17	032355H	Engr		Friendly Claymore mine detonated in direction of movement on wire. Results unknown.		

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18	040815H	Ptl 13		What was chopper firing in our area for. YS319704.	Msg originated 031530H.	
19	040820H		Ptl 13	Chopper not from this loc.		
20	040825H	Ptl 13		Loc 317708. NTR.		
21	040845H	Ptl 34		Loc 284705, pl posn, good condition at 283704.		
22	041320H	Ptl 13		Loc 318712. Hvy MOR firing 318704. Rifle fire same area as yesterday.		
23	041600H	Ptl 34		Contacted 6 VC at YS285709. 1 VC KIA. Own loc YS284704. Will advise LZ. Winch needed. En camp 284711. 500 yds x 500 yds. 5 grass huts. 5 en seen seen. Huts could hold 20 people.		
24	050800H		Ptl 13	Poss air strike 284711 today. Confirm baseplate posn pf MOR. Extraction 061200H.	Passed 0840H.	
25	050820H	Ptl 13		Loc 318712. Request permission to find LZ EAST my loc. Loc en. May require winch.		
26	050845H		Ptl 13	Winch OK. Don't cross 33 Easting without permission.	Passed 0900H.	
27	051030H	Ptl 34		Contacted 6 VC YS286701 at 0730 hrs. Nil cas. At LZ 288694.		
28	051130H			Ptl 34 now this loc.		
29	051200H	Ptl 13		Estimate en MOR posn SE corner GS3170.		
30	051515H	Ptl 13		Loc LZ314715. Request extraction.		
31	051530H		Ptl 13	Expect helo 1615 hrs.		
32	051645H			Ptl 13 now this loc.		

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Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
33	060810H	Pt1 21		Loc 297745. NTR.		
34	060920H	Pt1 23		Loc 334748. Pt1 32 with us, will split now.		
35	061115H	Pt1 14		Loc 283748. NTR.		
36	061315H	Pt1 21		Loc 300740. NTR.		
37	061330H	Pt1 23		Loc 331747. NTR.		
38	061355H	Pt1 32		Loc 339750. NTR.		
39	061445H	Pt1 14		Loc 278747. NTR.		
40	061540H	1 ATF		Request 10 pers to move to BINH GIA to secure downed UH1B whilst repair effected.		
41	061600H		1 ATF	SSM and 9 departed this loc for KANGAROO LZ at 1600 hrs.		
42	061800H.			Hel security group returned this loc.		
43	070820H	Pt1 21		Loc 303739. Trk ambush posn.		
44	071000H	Pt1 23		Loc 322749. Found EAST - WEST trk YS323747. Fresh prints travelling both ways. Str unknown.		
45	071050H	Pt1 32		Loc 342754. NTR.		
46	071105H	Pt1 14		Loc 279739. NTR.		
47	071300H	Pt1 21		No change. NTR.		
48	071355H	Pt1 23		Loc 320748. Ox trk, will remain this loc.		
49	071355H	Pt1 32		Loc NO change, moving EAST.		

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50	080800H	Ptl 21		Loc 306745. NTR.		
51	080955H	Ptl 23		3 VC contacted at 326748 at 0900 hrs. 3 VC KIA. At LZ 330747. Request extraction. Lot of en mov.		
52	081010H	Ptl 32		Loc 349754. Shots and work noise SE this loc. Will recce.		
53	081115H	Ptl 14		3 VC contacted at 275745 at 0945 hrs. 3 VC KIA. At LZ 281748.		
54	081300H	Ptl 21		Loc 306753. NTR.		
55	081340H	1 ATF		Request permission to fire Arty YS287727.	Granted.	
56	081450H	Ptl 32		Loc 349753. Food store found this morning. Destroyed 500 lbs rice. Voices heard that loc soon after. En know we are here. Request exfil ASP.		
57	081500H		Ptl 32	Request est en str.	Passed 1502 hrs.	
58	081505H	1 ATF		Request clearance to fire Arty YS290723.	Granted.	
59	081540H	1 ATF		Clearance requested for GS2872.	Granted.	
60	081605H	Ptl 32		En str sec plus. En moved with haste to river. Still require exfil.		
61	081610H		Ptl 32	Move to LZ and advise.	Passed 1610 hrs.	
62	081615H	Ptl 32		1 hour to LZ at YS352755.		
63	081800H	1 ATF		20 VC sighted 344756. Request permission for airstrike.	Granted.	
64	090750H		LO 5 RAR	3 VC KIA at 080900H at YS386748. 3 KIA at 0945 hrs at YS275745. Camp, rice cache and 20 - 30 VC at YS347753. Ptl 14, 23, 32 extracted. Ptl 22 into Zone 83 tonight.	Passed 0750 hrs.	
65	090800H		Ptl 21	Agent reports VC Bn at YS295745. US eval F2. Poss well used EAST - WEST trk top your zone.		

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66	090805H	Ptl 21		296750. Did ptl 23 exfil?		
67	090825H		Ptl 21	Yes Ptl 22 replaces.	Passed 0850 hrs.	
68	090915H	1 ATF		3 Red Haze emissions YS321742.		
69	091300H	Ptl 21		Loc 293751. Trk ambush this loc until, exfil. NO VC Bn 295745.		
70	091340H		LO 5 RAR	NO ptl in tonight. Infil 2 ptls tomorrow at BN exfil LZ.	Passed 1355 hrs.	
71	091510H	1 ATF		Request clearance for airstrike from YS345752 to YS347753.	Granted.	
72	091530H	LO 5 RAR		Are all ptls home.		
73	091535H		LO 5 RAR	Still operating in Zone 82.	Passed 1538 hrs.	
74	100800H	Ptl 21		Loc no change.		
75	100945H	LO 5 RAR		Depart this loc 1230 hrs for gun area.		
76	101435H	Ptl 22		Loc 252704. No one here.		
77	101445H		Ptl 22	Lift delayed. Hls your loc soon.		
78	101525H	Ptl 22		Tpt landed 1,500 metres SOUTH. Took off again. No more tpt available, please advise.		
79	101700H			Ptls 23 and 33 returned this loc.		
80	101815H			Ptls 22 and 33 heliborne from LZ KANGAROO for infil LZ.		
81	110815H	Ptl 21		293751 exfil LZ295751. Advise time if poss.		
82	111010H	1 ATF		Request clearance for airstrike on YS290718, 352719, 321706, 368767.	Clearance not granted on YS290718.	

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Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
83	111250H	Ptl 22		Contacted 4 armed VC at YS289722 at 0935 hrs. 1 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA. At LZ 287724.		
84	111310H	Ptl 21		No change.		
85	111435H	Ptl 33		Loc 287738. En coy posn 287737 yesterday using cart trks next 18 hrs.		
86	120800H	Ptl 21		Moving to exfil LZ ETA 0900 hrs.		
87	121130H			Nothing heard from Ptl 21. SARBE search to be conducted.		
88	121200H			Contact made with Ptl 21. All OK.		
89	121300H			Ptl 21 extracted.		
90	121440H	Ptl 33		Loc 285750. NTR.		
91	131135H	Ptl 33		Loc 280747. NTR.		
92	132230H	1 ATF		5 RAR request clearance to lay ambush at YS272728 on night 14 Oct.	Clearance NOT given.	
93	140630H	1 ATF		5 RAR request clearance to lay ambush at YS268734 tonight.	Granted.	
94	141023H		Ptl 33	5 RAR ambush tonight YS268734. Advise LZ for exfil 151200H.	Passed 1145 hrs.	
95	141140H	Ptl 33		Loc 272731. NTR.		
96	141150H	Ptl 33		LZ YS277721.		
97	141615H	Ptl 33		Loc 275726. NTR.		
98	151100H	Ptl 33		At LZ now.		
99	151230H			Ptl 33 now this loc.		

Unit: 3 SAS Sqn

Date:

Duty Offr Log

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
990	161830H			Ptl 21, 12, 34 infiltrated.		
101	161915H	1 ATF		Request clearance for night spot bombing on YS577732.	Granted.	
102	170755H	Ptl 34		Contacted unknown number of VC at YS567769 at 0715 hrs. LZ 567711 now.		
103	170915H			Ptl 34 and 12 extracted. Now this loc.		
104	170930H			Comd Ptl 12 to go to BARIA to fly in FAC and identify tgts for airstrike.		
105	171030H	Ptl 21		Contacted 2 VC at YS582668 at 0950 hrs. 1 VC KIA. LZ 583665 at 1200 hrs.		
106	171120H	Ptl 21		At LZ now.		
107	171210H			Ptl 21 now this loc.		
108	171815H			Ptl 23 commenced infil by hel.		
109	171820H			Ptl 13 commenced infil by hel. Lead ships recieved ground fire from WEST of LZ. Infil aborted. Ptl 13 returned to this loc at 1840 hrs.		
110	172020H		1 ATF	Warning for airstrike on YS590657.		
111	181015H	Ptl 23		Loc YS576733. Shots fired from own LZ 10 mins after infil. NO follow up.		
112	181045H	Ptl 23		Heard 10 en moving SOUTH fast on old trk.		
113	181840H	1 ATF		Clearance requested for Arty fire on 570775, 550770, 530750.	Granted.	
114	191025H	Ptl 23		Loc 567737. Task 3 NTR. Single shots around us continually.		
115	191715H	1 ATF		Request clearance on YS590673 for airstrike.	Granted.	

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Duty Offr Log

Date:

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
116	200920H	1 ATF		Clearance GS5967.	Granted.	
117	201015H	1 ATF		Clearance for ptl plan. YS566678 at 211030H.	Granted.	
118	201030H	Ptl 23		Loc 573718. NTR.		
119	201030H	Ptl 23		Loc YS567733. Located new camp being built, at least coy posn Bn, 567737 to 564733. Too much en activity for close recce. Think I have been seen. Am moving SOUTH.		
120	201030H		Ptl 23	Sched times now 0800 and 1300.		
121	201315H	Ptl 23		Loc NO change. NTR.		
122	201515H			Gen HASSETT visited area for 1 Hour.		
123	201555H			Ptls 12, 13, 34 departed this loc. LZ for Ptls 12, 13 GR350760. LZ Ptl 34 GR412744.		
124	201930H	1 ATF		Requested Skyspot.	Refused.	
125	202010H	1 ATF		Requested permission to fire into 346728, 324763, 331754 at 2100 hrs and 2300 hrs.	Refused.	
126	210900H	Ptl 23		Loc 564719. NTR.		
127	210920H	Ptl 12		Loc 346757. 3 VC heard moving NORTH at YS349758.		
128	211016H	Ptl 13		Loc GR356762. NTR.		
129	211110H	Ptl 34		Loc 408738. NTR.		
130	211400H	Ptl 12		Loc 344755. Unable to locate camp so far. No mov or sign of trks. Do you wish camp found or rest of area reced.		
131	211405H	Ptl 13		Loc 359762. NTR.		
132	211435H	Ptl 34		Loc NO change.		

Unit: 3 SAS Sqn

Duty Offr Log

Date:

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
133	220800H		Ptl 23	Exfil now. Advise now.	Passed 0900 hrs.	
134	220845H	Ptl 23		Loc 576700. 6 en sighted YS574705 mov SOUTH on trk. Dress all black. Shots fired around us soon after.		
135	271100H			OC and group consisting of 2 ptls (Sgts FERGUSON and ROBINSON) departed by hel to check poss VC tax collecting pt.		
136	271300H			OC and group returned this loc. 1 child and 2 male adults rounded up, handed to Civil Affairs.		
137	291500H			Sqn moved out on Op BUNDABERG..		
138	301700H			Sqn returned from Op BUNDABERG.		
139	220945H	Ptl 12		343743. Moving WEST.		
140	221050H	Ptl 13		Loc 396766. LZ 369767.		
141	221510H	Ptl 34		Loc 398737. Fit winches for exfil.		
142	221530H	Ptl 23		At LZ.		
143	221815H			Exfil of ptls commenced.		
144	221850H			All ptls now this loc.		

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3 SAS SQN PTL PROGRAMME FOR PERIOD FROM 201830H to 221600H

A PATROL SERIAL No.	1	2	3
B UNIT TO PROVIDE	I Tp (ROBINSON)	K Tp (KIRWAN)	I Tp (FERGUSON)
C TYPE	RECCE	RECCE	RECCE
D TASK	RECCE ZONE 84	RECCE ZONE 85	RECCE ZONE 86
E DATE/TIME OUT	201830H	201830H	201830H
F DATE/TIME IN	221600H	221600H	221600H
G ROUTE	HELI TO LZ	HELI TO LZ	HELI TO LZ
H TIME REPORT REQUIRED	221800H	221800H	221800H
I REMARKS	AUTHENTICATION COLOUR (WHITE)	AUTHENTICATION COLOUR (RED)	AUTHENTICATION COLOUR (BLUE)

Notes:- 1. Panel Marker (RED). Smoke (RED)
2. 2 x UH1B and Lt Fire Team on standby during daylight hrs

Distr:- 1 ATF(2)
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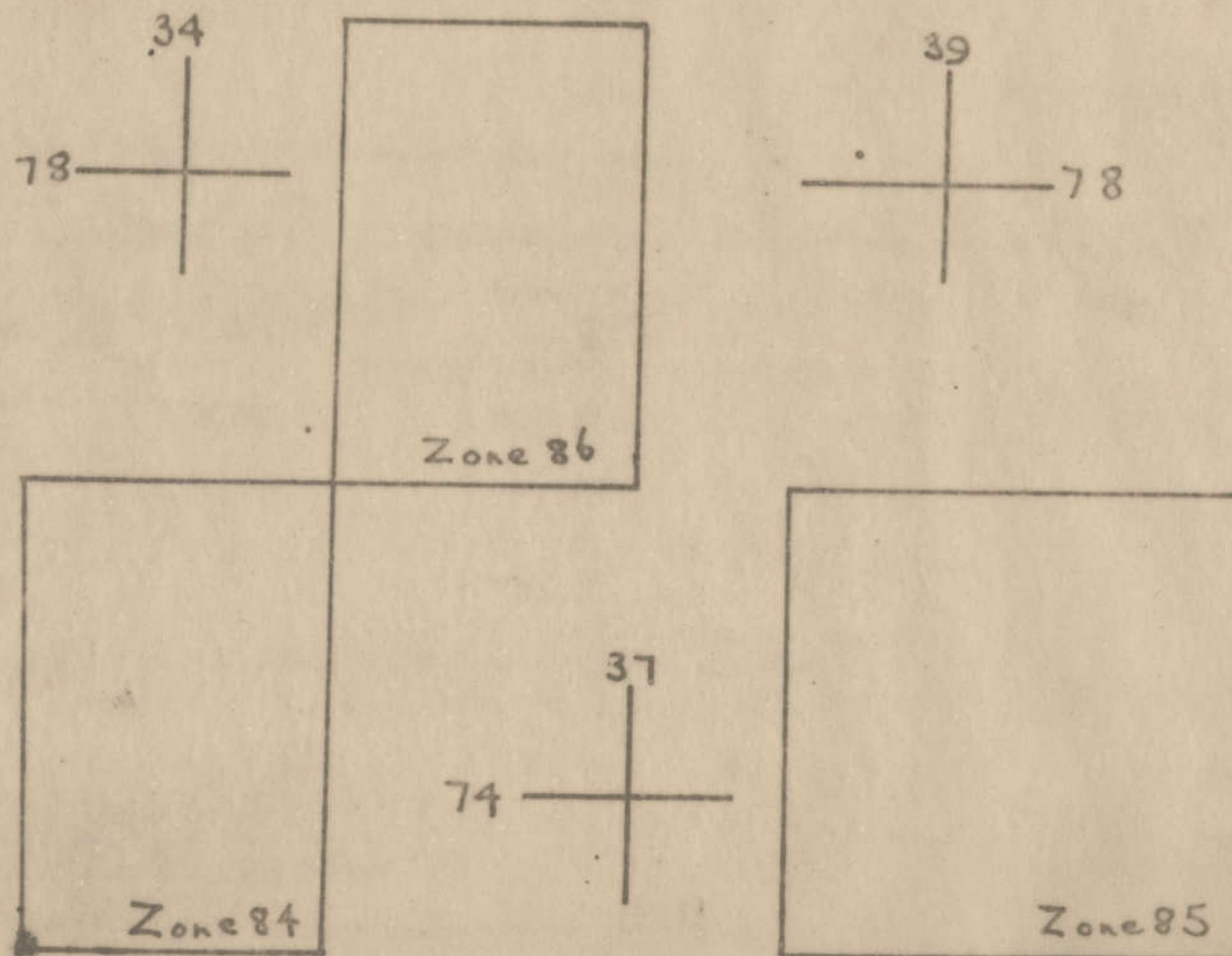
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3 SAS Sqn PTL PLYMOUTH 16 - 24 OCT 66

A	PATROL SERIAL NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
B	UNIT TO PROVIDE	I Tp (ROBINSON)	K Tp III (ROBINSON)	J Tp (THORNTON)	J Tp (BURGESS)	I Tp (FERGUSON)	J Tp (TOMPA)
C	TYPE	Recco	Fighting	Fighting	Recco	Recco	Recco
D	TASK	Report all info on en in ZONE 91	1. Search for and destroy on meeting places in ZONE 92 2. Endeavour to capture courier.	1. Search for and destroy on meeting places in ZONE 96 2. Endeavour to capture courier	Report all info on on in ZONE 94	Report all info on on in ZONE 95	Report all info on on in ZONE 93
E	DATE/TIME OUT	161800H	161800H	161800H	171800H	171800H	171800H
F	DATE/TIME IN	231200H	231200H	231200H	241200H	241200H	241200H
G	ROUTE	Hel to preselected LZ	Hel to preselected LZ	Hel to preselected LZ	Hel to preselected LZ	Hel to preselected LZ	Hel to preselected LZ
H	TIME REPORT REQUIRED	240900H	240900H	240900H	250900H	240900H	240900H
I	REMARKS	Authentication WHITE	Authentication PINK	Authentication RED	Authentication GREEN	Authentication BLUE	Authentication JAUNE

NOTES:
 1 Marker panel and smoke RED.
 2 Two x HMMB and two gunships on standby.

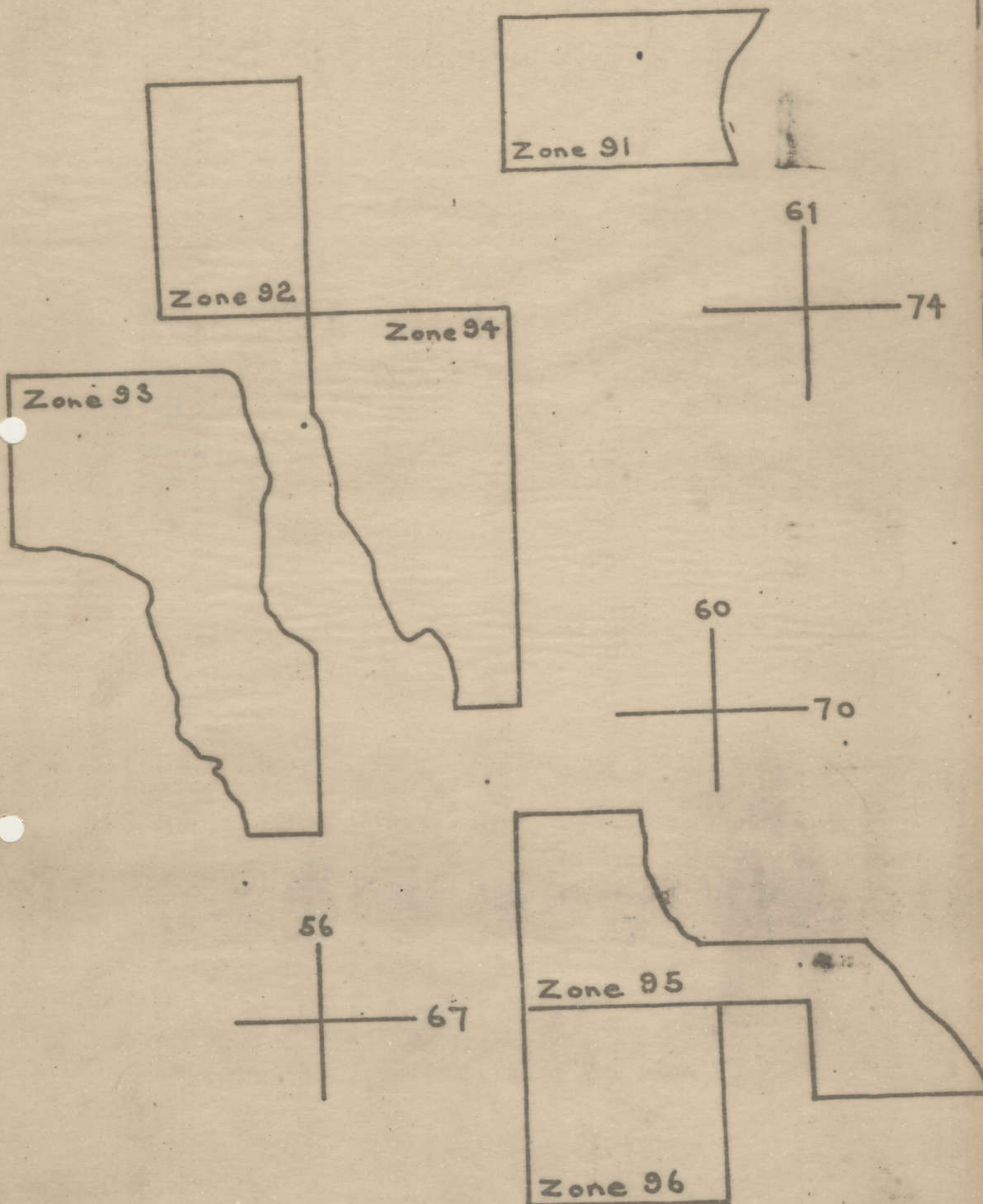
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 for Major
 OC 3 SAS Sqn

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3 SAS SQN PTL PROGRAMME 10 - 15 OCT 66

A	PTL SERIAL NUMBER	1	2
B	UNIT TO PROVIDE	J Tp (TONNA)	K Tp (KENNEDY)
C	TYPE	Fighting	Fighting
D	TASK	Destroy en loc in ZONE 86	Destroy en loc in ZONE 87
E	DATE/TIME OUT	101400H	101400H
F	DATE/TIME IN	151400H	151400H
G	ROUTE	Hel to LZ	Hel to LZ
H	TIME REPORT REQUIRED AT OP BASE	160900H	160900H
I	REMARKS	Authentication RED	Authentication PINK

NOTES: 1. Marker Panel and Smoke RED.
2. 2 x HU1B and 2 Gunships on standby.

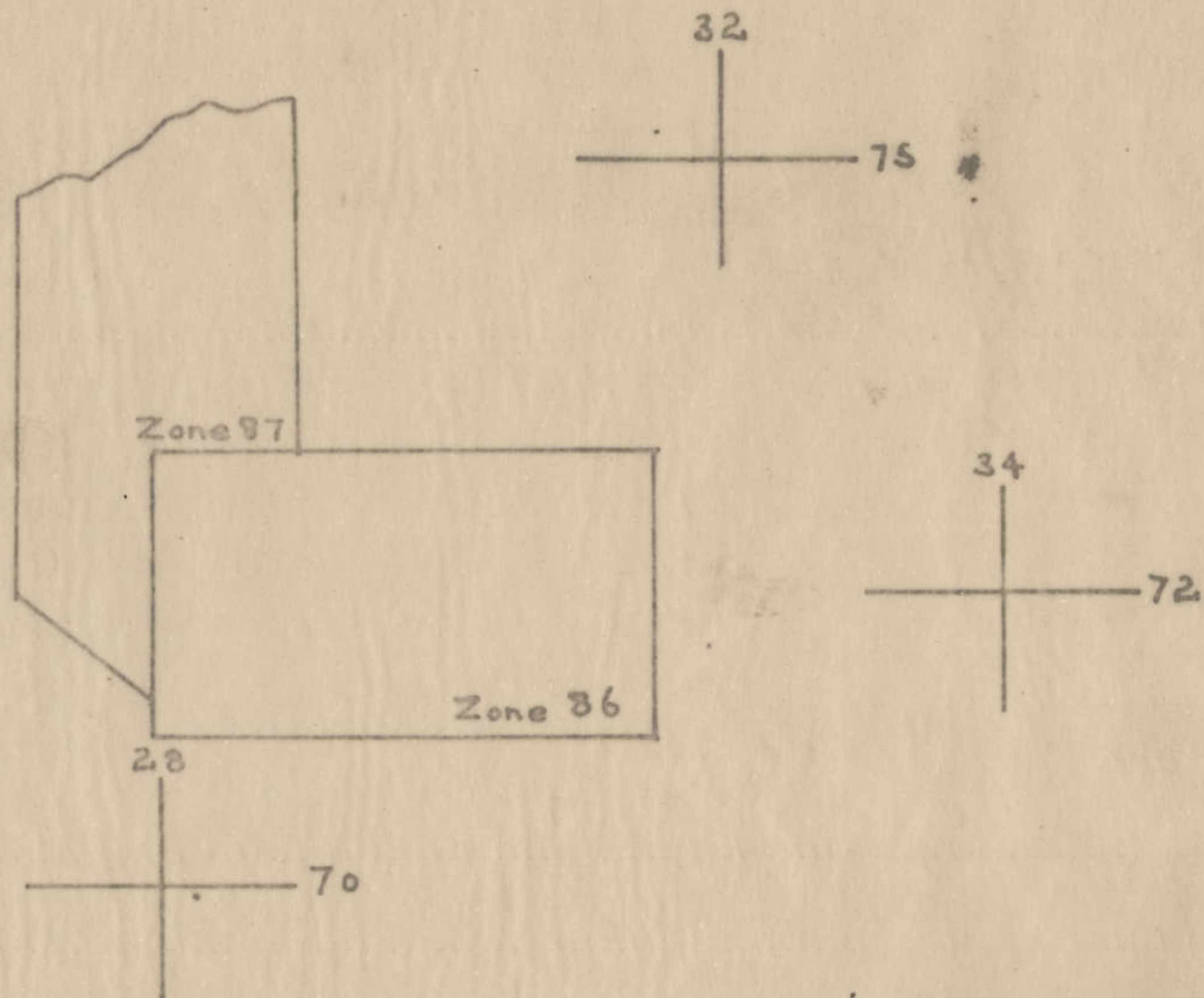
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3 SAS SQN PTL PROGRAMME 5 - 12 OCT 66

A	PTL SERIAL NUMBER	1	2	3	4
B	Unit to Provide	I Tp HQ (INGRAM)	J Tp (THORBURN)	J Tp (BURGESS)	K Tp (LENNOX)
C	Type	Fighting	Fighting	Fighting	Fighting
D	Task	Destroy all en encountered in ZONE 81	Destroy all en encountered in ZONE 82	Destroy all en encountered in ZONE 83	Destroy all en encountered in ZONE 84
E	Date/Time Out	051800H	051800H	051800H	051800H
F	Date/Time In	121100H	121100H	121100H	121100H
G	Route	Hel tp preselected LZ	Hel to preselected LZ	Hel to preselected LZ	Hel to preselected LZ
H	Time Report Required at Op Base	130900H	130900H	130900H	130900H
I	Remarks	Authentication Colour RED	Authentication Colour BLUE	Authentication Colour GREEN	Authentication Colour PINK

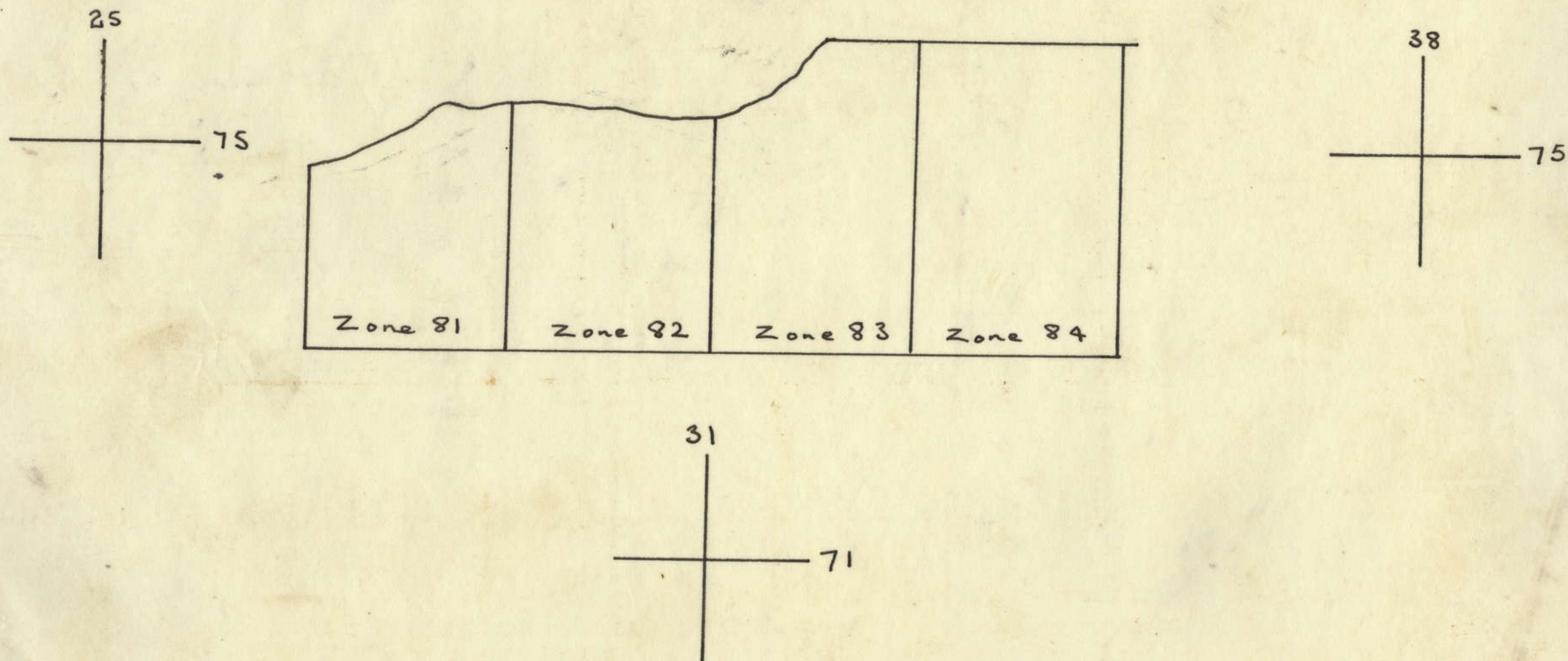
NOTES: 1. Marker panel and smoke RED.
2. 2 x HU1B and 2 gunships on stand by at LZ KANGAROO

Distribution: 1 ATF (2)
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Serial 15

Orders 107 -

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

MAJOR J.M.MURPHY

OFFICER COMMANDING

3 SAS SQN

NUI DAT - SOUTH VIETNAM

28 OCT 66

107. AMENDMENT OF UNIT RO

3 SAS Sqn Routine Order Part 1 Number 68 is amended by deleting sub-para 1b. Sub-para 1c now becomes sub-para 1b.

108. VEHICLE SPEED LIMITS

Vehicle speed limits are as follows:

- | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------|
| a. 1 ATF and 1 ALSG Base Areas | } | - 15 MPH Maximum |
| HOA LONG | | |
| BARIA | | |
| b. VUNG TAU | | - 20 MPH |
| c. Highway 15 | | - 30 MPH |

109 CHRISTMAS PARCELS

The following are the latest dates advisable for the posting of parcels to ensure that their delivery is before Christmas 1966:

- a. To AUSTRALIA - posted by 4 Nov 66.
b. From AUSTRALIA - posted by 13 Nov 66.

110 FIRE PRECAUTIONS - PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS AND USE OF POL PRODUCTS

1. As a result of the number of accidents which have occurred within 1 ATF 1 ATF when using POL products and appliances the following instructions are to be complied with:

- a. Authorized fuels only are to be used within appliances requiring POL for their operation.
b. Particular care must be exercised when handling the following POL products and must not be used other than as a fuel in the appliance which has been specifically designed for its use:

AVTUR or JP4
MOGAS
AVGAS
White Spirit

- c. The use of flaming furies as means of disposal of human waste is no longer authorized.

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111. ASCO 6 AND 12 PAY PLANS

Members who hold 6 and 12 pay plans in AUSTRALIA are advised that payments may now be made at the Australian Force PX stores in SAIGON, VUNG TAU and BARIA. Information relating to accounts is available from the manager of each store.

112. Notices

The attention of all ranks is drawn to the Notices promulgated with these orders.


1. Interflora

1. The Salvation Army Representative attached to 5 RAR conducts an Interflora Agency. He is pleased to take orders from members of this Sqn.

2. Orders should be placed 8 - 10 days in advance for the time required for delivery in Australia. Either cut flowers or flowers in season may be ordered. Total cost \$6.

3. Orders may be placed through Sqn Orderly Room Cpl.

Capt
2iC 3 SAS Sqn



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3 SAS SQN

NUI DAT - SOUTH VIETNAM

14 OCT 66

102. CANCELLATION.

3 SAS Sqn Routine Order Part 1, Order Number 7 is cancelled.

103. AMENDMENTS.

3 SAS Sqn Routine Order Part 1, Order Number 37 is amended to read:

"The following are the Canteen Appointments for the unit:

Supervising Offr OR CLUB - Capt G.E.CHIPMAN
OR's Club Manager - Cpl N.J.BAIN
Offrs/Sgts Mess Manager - To be advised."

104. CANTEEN.

- a. Alcohol is not to be consumed in the Tp lines.
- b. Unopened beer cans are not to be taken outside the Canteens.
- c. Spirits are only to be sold by the nip in the Canteens.
- d. The following only are permitted behind the bar in the ORs Club:
 - (1) Supervising Officer.
 - (2) Canteen Manager.
 - (3) Committee Members.

One Committee Member may assist with serving.

- e. The following are the Canteens' hours:

Daily: 1200 hours to 1230 hours
1630 hours to 1715 hours
1830 hours to 2130 hours

All personnel are to be out of the Canteens by 2200 hours daily.

105. AMENDMENT.

3 SAS Sqn Routine Order Part 1, Order Number 59, headed "SQUADRON REFRIGERATOR KEYS" is amended as follows:

"The kitchen refrigerator keys are to be held by Cpl D.A.RANDLE. Cooks only are normally authorised to open this refrigerator. Other than normal cases are to be referred to the 2iC. Spare keys are secured by the SQMS.

The Canteen refrigerator keys are to be held by Cpl N.J.BAIN. Spare keys are secured by the 2iC.

106. OFFRS/SGTS MESS COMMITTEE.

The following personnel are to comprise the 3 SAS Sqn Offrs/Sgts

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Mess Committee

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OFFICER COMMANDING

3 SAS SQN

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95. SEQUENCE OF ROUTINE ORDERS

3 SAS Sqn Routine Orders, Serial 13 are amended with regards to the numbering of the Orders. These Orders now read consecutively from 85 to 94, both numbers inclusive.

96. GAMBLING.

AMR&O Para 322 is duly promulgated. This Para states, "Gambling in a camp or other military premises or on any ship carrying troops is forbidden. Gambling includes bookmaking and acting as an agent for a bookmaker."

97. UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OR DISPOSAL OF FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES (MBI 129-5)

- a. In this instruction "explosives" means explosive substance of any kind and includes any ammunition containing a propellant, explosive filling or live cap.
- b. Any member in possession of firearms or explosives, unless such are on issue to him as part of his authorised Army equipment, is amenable to the Laws of the State or ordinances of the Territory in which he is serving.
- c. In accordance with DA 79, former enemy equipment other than personal effects of captured personnel, is Commonwealth property, and, unless the member has been duly authorised to retain it as a souvenir, its retention is an offence against the act.
- d. Except when acting in the course of his duty, a member will not deliver or transmit to, or attempt to deliver or transmit to, any other person, or acquire in any way from, or attempt to acquire in any way from, any other person, firearms or explosives which are the property of the Commonwealth.
- e. Where unaccompanied baggage of members serving overseas is being forwarded to Australia, it will be inspected by MFO, or the responsible officer concerned, prior to its acceptance for despatch. Any unauthorized firearms or explosives will be removed.
- f. When any member is charged with an offence in respect of any act, conduct or omission described by this instruction, the offence will not be dealt with summarily without the approval of superior authority.

98. PROMOTION QUALIFICATIONS - OPERATIONAL AREAS.

Reference AROs 66/66 and 67/66, AHQ advises that as from 2 Sep 66 BORNEO is deleted as an operational area for purposes of promotion.

/.....99. CARRYING OF

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99. CARRYING OF WEAPONS IN VUNG TAU.

The ban on the carrying of weapons in the VUNG TAU Township includes the Back Beach Area. The bars/cafes in that area and the "Beach Comber" Restaurant. The management of the "Beach Comber" will in future deny entrance to any member carrying weapons.

100. 3 SAS SQN CLUB COMMITTEE.

The following personnel are to comprise the 3 SAS Sqn Club Committee. Five constitutes a quorum, at least one of these five must be above the rank of Corporal:

Lt T.G.MARSHALL	WOII A.K.WRIGHT
Sgt J.M.ROBINSON	Cpl M.L.FOLKARD
Cpl A. LENNOX	Cpl B.W.SMITH
Lcpl L.S.REEVES	Pte G.J.FORWARD.

The following personnel are to comprise the 3 SAS Sqn OR Club Committee. Any three constitute a quorum:

Cpl M.L.FOLKARD	Cpl A. LENNOX
Cpl B.W.SMITH	Lcpl L.S.REEVES
Pte <i>GJ FORWARD</i>	

101. NOTICE.

Attention of all ranks is drawn to the Notice appearing with these Orders.

[Signature]
Capt
2iC 3 SAS Sqn

NOTICE.

1. The following are the dates, destinations and names of members of this unit for R & R Leave for the months October to December 1966:

DATE	DESTINATION	PERSONNEL
8 - 13 Oct 66	SINGAPORE	Pte G.A.MATHEWS Sig D.A.CHRISTIE
11 - 16 Oct 66	TAIPEH	Cpl B.J.HIGGINS Pte J.A.O'REILLY
12 - 17 Oct 66	HONG KONG	Ssgt J.J.MOONEY Pte R.M.OPIE
12 - 17 Oct 66	BANGKOK	Icpl W.J.L.HUNTER Lcpl E. KELLY
21 - 26 Oct 66	HONG KONG	Cpl L.J.MURTON Lcpl R.L.GAMMIE
23 - 28 Oct 66	SINGAPORE	Pte R.B.ALLEN Pte D.G.MCLEOD
1 - 6 Nov 66	BANGKOK	Sig L. McCANN
2 - 7 Nov 66	SINGAPORE	2Lt P.M.INGRAM Pte F.P.BONHAM
2 - 7 Nov 66	HONG KONG	Sgt M. GELDART Pte T.K.K.BYRNE-KING
14 - 19 Nov 66	BANGKOK	Pte T.E.BASSETT
20 - 25 Nov 66	BANGKOK	Pte W.L.NAGLE
20 - 25 Nov 66	TAIPEH	Cpl D.C.BURGESS
22 - 27 Nov 66	SINGAPORE	Pte R.A.ARNOLD Lcpl P.R.SCUTTS

/.....27 Nov - 2 Dec

DATE	DESTINATION	PERSONNEL
27 Nov - 2 Dec 66	HONG KONG	Lcpl P.J.PAVLENKO Pte K.A.BURLEY
5 - 10 Dec 66	HONG KONG	Cpl B.W.SMITH Sig A.S.WILLIAMS
7 - 12 Dec 66	SINGAPORE	Cpl D.A.RANDLE Pte P.M.DUFFY
11 - 16 Dec 66	HONG KONG	Pte P.F.BYE Cpl B.P.ENGLISH
15 - 20 Dec 66	BANGKOK	Sig D.R.HAHN
22 - 27 Dec 66	SINGAPORE	Pte T.R.BRADSHAW Pte G.J.FORWARD
31 Dec 66 - 5 Jan 67	BANGKOK	Pte P.B.To BRINKE Pte I.L.STILES
November (Dates later)	TAIPEH	Sgt A.G.URQUHART

Sgt URQUHART will receive all information at a later date. All members are reminded to observe 3 SAS Sqn Routine Order Serial 13, Order Number 85 whilst proceeding on R & R.

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HQ AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES VIETNAM

In Reply Quote : R1 : 3 : 2a

RETURNS (SPECIAL) - WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN

PRO FORMA NO. 2
(as amended 5 Sep 66)

AS AT 2359 HRS TUES.....
(This return to be lodged to reach DAAG HQ AFV by 1000 hrs THURS of each week)

OFFICERS							WO'S			RANK AND FILE						TOTAL ALL RANKS	DETAIL
Maj Gen	Brig	Lt Col	Maj	Capt	Lt	Total	WO1	WO2	Total	Ssgt	Sgt	Cpl	Lcpl	Ptes	Total		
			1	1	4	6	1	2	3	1	16	17	13	46	90	100	ESTB
			1	1	4	6	1	1	2	1	17	16	13	43	90	97	POSTED STRENGTH
										1	1					2	SURPLUS
								1				1		3		5	DEFICIENCIES

NOTES TO AFV WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN

- Details of Surplus and Deficient personnel to be shown on reverse of Pro forma.
- Attached personnel are to be categorised as either:-
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 - AHQ - ie. personnel attached to units within the theatre from units located outside on AHQ authority.
- REGARDLESS of a members location(hospital, or leave granted from within the theatre) he is to be shown on the POSTED STRENGTH OF HIS PARENT UNIT unless notified by Struck Off Strength signal.
- Personnel detached to another Unit are to be shown on the Posted strength of THEIR PARENT UNIT. The unit to which member/s are attached are to show details of nature of attachment (as in Para 2 above) in Part 2 of Pro forma.
- ALL units shown on the Order of Battle are to submit a separate return. GROUPING of units on returns IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.
- Members Medevaced are NOT to be STRUCK OFF STRENGTH until units are notified by HQ AFV to take this action.
- For normal reposting on completion of tour of duty SVN member is to be struck off strength on date AAF Mob 3 raised marching member out to new unit or unallotted list of command in which member takes leave. In all other cases (compassionate reposting, administrative reposting) member is to be struck off strength on receipt of signal advice from HQ AFV.

NAME.....
APPT.....

SURPLUS

ECN	ARMY NO.	RANK	NAME	REMARKS

DEFICIENCIES

APPT/POSTING	ECN . RANK	REMARKS

ATTACHMENTS

LOCAL

ARMY NO.	RANK	NAME	PARENT UNIT

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ARMY NO.	RANK	NAME	PARENT UNIT

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			1	1	4	6		2	2		16	17	13	15	92	100	ESTB
			1	1	4	6		1	1	1	17	16	13	13	90	97	POSTED STRENGTH
										1					1	1	SURPLUS
								1	1			1		2	3	4	DEFICIENCIES

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SURPLUS

ECN	ARMY NO.	RANK	NAME	REMARKS
721	13163	SSgt	J.J.MOONEY	Filling W02 posting
917	53865	Sgt	K.J.BOAG	

DEFICIENCIES

APPT/POSTING	ECN	RANK	REMARKS
SQMS	721	W02	SSgt Posted
Rfl Cpl	757	Cpl	Medevac
Sig Inf	800	Pte	Medevac
Op Radio	630	Sig	Medevac

ATTACHMENTS

LOCAL

ARMY NO.	RANK	NAME	PARENT UNIT
	SFC	StLAURENT	USSF
	SGT	SPENDER	USSF
	SGT	WALSH	USSF

AHQ

ARMY NO.	RANK	NAME	PARENT UNIT

HQ AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES VIETNAM

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RETURNS (SPECIAL) - WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN

PRO FORMA NO. 2
(as amended 5 Sep 66)

AS AT 2359 HRS TUES... 11 Oct 66

(This return to be lodged to reach DAAG HQ AFV by 1000 hrs THURS of each week)

OFFICERS							WO'S			RANK AND FILE						TOTAL ALL RANKS	DETAIL
Maj Gen	Brig	Lt Col	Maj	Capt	Lt	Total	WO1	WO2	Total	Ssgt	Sgt	Cpl	Lcpl	Ptes	Total		
			1	1	4	6		2	2		16	17	13	46	92	100	ESTB
			1	1	4	6		1	1	1	17	16	13	43	90	97	POSTED STRENGTH
										1	1				2	2	SURPLUS
								1	1			1		3	4	5	DEFICIENCIES

NOTES TO AFV WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN

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NAME. *[Signature]* Maj
APPT. Officer Commanding 3 SAS Bn

SURPLUS

ECN	ARMY NO.	RANK	NAME	REMARKS
721	13163	Sgt	J.J. MOONEY	WO 8011 Posting
247	53865	Sgt	E.J. BOAG	Supplementary

DEFICIENCIES

APPT/POSTING	ECN	RANK	REMARKS
SMB	721	WOII	Sgt posted
Rm	757	Col	Member RMA
Sig Inf	800	Pte	Member RMA
Op Radio	630	Sig	Member RMA
Asst Rm	150	Pte	Vacancy

ATTACHMENTS

LOCAL

ARMY NO.	RANK	NAME	PARENT UNIT
	Sgt	St. LAURENT	5th USMC Gp
	Sgt	SPENCER	5th USMC Gp
	Sgt	BALGH	5th USMC Gp

AHQ

ARMY NO.	RANK	NAME	PARENT UNIT

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			1	1	4	6		1	1	1	17	17	15	43	93	100	POSTED STRENGTH
										1	1		2		4	4	SURPLUS
								1	1					3	4	4	DEFICIENCIES

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DEFICIENCIES

ECN	ARMY NO.	RANK	NAME	REMARKS
917	53065	Sgt	R.J. BOAG	
721	13160	Sgt	J.J. JOCHIM	filling WOI posting
150	54344	Lt	W. HENRY	filling Pto posting
800	214175	Lt	W.B. HENRY	filling Pto posting

APPT/POSTING	ECN	RANK	REMARKS
W/O/2nd Lt	303	Pto	
W/O	721	W/O	filled by Sgt
Aslt W/O	150	Pto	filled by Lt
Plg Inf	800	Pto	filled by Lt

ATTACHMENTS

LOCAL

AHQ

ARMY NO.	RANK	NAME	PARENT UNIT
RA134264485	Sgt	W. SPENCER	USAF
RA19646463	Sgt	A.J. St LAURENCE	USAF
RA12665333	Sgt	W. HENRY	USAF
R-13267581	Sgt Maj	R.B. CAROFALO	USAF

ARMY NO.	RANK	NAME	PARENT UNIT

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1 AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE

QUARTERLY RETURN - AS AT 3000 HRS 1-1-66

ON ESTABLISHMENT				REGT NUMBER	RANK	INITIALS AND NAME
SER	POSTING	RANK	ECN			
1	OC	Maj	---	315048	Maj	J. M. MURPHY
2	2IC	Capt	---	61141	Capt	C. E. CHILMAN
3	Ops Offr	Lt	---	13600	Lt	P. C. MARSHALL
4	Sp Comd	2Lt	---	54729	2Lt	P. M. JERRAN
5	Sp Comd	2Lt	---	16235	2Lt	P. W. RODWELL
6	Sp Comd	2Lt	---	214124	2Lt	P. J. SCHUMER
7	SEN	WOII	792	5270	WOII	A. E. WRIGHT
8	SPS	WOII	721	13968	Sgt	J. J. KOWEN
9	INT DUTY	Sgt	475	311332	Sgt	H. GILBERT
10	RD HOO	Sgt	752	42586	Sgt	W. A. AITKEN
11	RD HOO	Sgt	752	15374	Sgt	P. L. HEALY
12	RD HOO	Sgt	752	28757	Sgt	P. D. HOGG
13	RD HOO	Sgt	752	53498	Sgt	A. J. KIRWIN
14	RD HOO	Sgt	752	13116	Sgt	H. D. KENNEDY
15	RD HOO	Sgt	752	53902	Sgt	P. W. F. MCGHEE
16	RD HOO	Sgt	752	14419	Sgt	G. A. POLAN
17	RD HOO	Sgt	752	54159	Sgt	J. M. ROBINSON
18	RD HOO	Sgt	752	28652	Sgt	J. L. B. THOMSON
19	RD HOO	Sgt	752	15457	Sgt	P. L. A. THOMAS
20	RD HOO	Sgt	752	213214	Sgt	A. D. THURTELL
21	RD HOO	Sgt	752	53270	Sgt	P. S. THURTELL
22	OP RADIO	Sgt	630	42455	Sgt	P. A. CROUCHER
23	TECH RECD	Sgt	917	53065	Sgt	P. J. DODG
24	FITTER SA	Sgt	36562	52982	Sgt	P. LYONS
25	GEN TECH	Sgt	831	5410365	Sgt	L. R. MITCHELL
26	CLERK PAY	Sgt	233	53734	Op1	P. J. HIGGINS
27	CLERK CD	Op1	233	214436	Op1	L. M. PALM
28	CLERK CD	Op1	233	42507	Op1	L. J. MINTON
29	SEN	Op1	757	2412089	Op1	G. A. T. J. MURISON
30	SEN	Op1	757	54581	Op1	P. C. BURGESS
31	SEN	Op1	757	212539	Op1	J. A. BURLING
32	SEN	Op1	757	36179	Op1	P. J. BAIN
33	SEN	Op1	757	214017	Op2	P. R. TOLSON
34	SEN	Op1	757	213823	Op1	P. L. FORDHAM
35	SEN	Op1	757	541157	Op1	J. R. HARRIS
36	SEN	Op1	757	16029	Op1	J. A. JENELL
37	SEN	Op1	757	5411077	Op1	P. LEWIS

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QUARTERLY RETURN - AS AT 22.00 HRS 1.1.44

ON ESTABLISHMENT				REGT NUMBER	RANK	INITIALS AND NAME
SER	POSTING	RANK	ECN			
38	OP RADIO	Cpl	630	54756	Cpl	R.A. BUTCHER
39	OP RADIO	Cpl	630	214892	Cpl	B.S. SMITH
40	ORG	Cpl	620	54289	Cpl	R.A. LITTLE
41	MESS AGENT	Cpl	555	42567	Cpl	R.L. CHRISTENSEN
42	COOK	Cpl	253	16417	Cpl	R.A. WINDLE
43	ASLT PNR	Despl	150	54909	Lop1	R.L. GARRIS
44	ASLT PNR	Lop1	150	54344	Lop1	R. KELLY
45	ASLT PNR	Pte	150	215875	Pte	R.A. ARNOLD
46	ASLT PNR	Pte	150	216285	Pte	B.C. COULSON
47	ASLT PNR	Pte	150	215119	Pte	J.B. CHAYNEN
48	ASLT PNR	Pte	150	4410659	Pte	S. GARRY
49	ASLT PNR	Pte	150	16245	Pte	S. PLAMER
50	ASLT PNR	Pte	150	215300	Pte	A.E.E. STEWART
51	ASLT PNR	Pte	123	36933	Pte	D.C. McLEOD
52	CLERK CO	Pte	233	54807	Pte	G.J. FORWARD
53	DVR/BATHMAN	Pte	303	5411453	Pte	T.H.E. FLYNN-KING
54	DVR/BATHMAN	Pte	303	54435	Pte	R.M. O'NEIL
55	DVR/BATHMAN	Pte	303	215806	Pte	J.W. MCCONNACHAN
56	DVR/BATHMAN	Pte	303	43838	Pte	R.A. WILSON
57	DVR/BATHMAN	Lop1	303	213120	Lop1	R.H. BELL
58	REIN	Lop1	757	214352	Lop1	C.B. ADAMS
59	REIN	Lop1	757	5411466	Lop1	R.A. GAINSTON
60	REIN	Lop1	757	36852	Lop1	G.J. Dwyer
61	REIN	Lop1	757	54811	Lop1	R.A. CLONDS
62	REIN	Lop1	757	212784	Lop1	R.J.L. DUFFY
63	REIN	Pte	757	38387	Pte	T.A. BRADSHAW
64	REIN	Pte	757	19288	Pte	G.A.P. BULL
65	REIN	Pte	757	215989	Pte	R.J. COPEMAN
66	REIN	Pte	757	43727	Pte	R. KERRICK
67	REIN	Pte	757	18302	Pte	J.W. HAYDEN
68	REIN	Pte	757	43705	Pte	G.A. HARRISON
69	REIN	Pte	757	216247	Pte	R.A. McCALUM
70	REIN	Pte	757	3411506	Pte	J.A. O'BRIEN
71	REIN	Pte	757	215470	Pte	A.L. REID
72	REIN	Pte	757	215675	Pte	R.J. ROBERTS
73	REIN	Pte	757	3411486	Pte	I.L. SMITH
74	REIN	Pte	757	55003	Pte	P.B. To

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QUARTERLY RETURN - AS AT HRS

ON ESTABLISHMENT				REGT NUMBER	RANK	INITIALS AND NAME
SER	POSTING	RANK	ECN			
75	SEN	Pte	757	55203	Pte	R.A. BURLBY
76	SIG INF	Lop1	800	16540	Lop1	R.J. LOUGH
77	SIG INF	Lop1	800	214175	Lop1	R.B. HARRIS
78	SIG INF	Lop1	800	214621	Lop1	P.R. SCOTT
79	SIG INF	Pte	800	215376	Pte	R.B. ALLEN
80	SIG INF	Pte	800	38386	Pte	R.P. BYE
81	SIG INF	Pte	800	54477	Pte	P.M. DUFFY
82	SIG INF	Pte	800	215537	Pte	J.M. REDDISH
83	SIG INF	Pte	800	1200201	Pte	R.J. LORIMER
84	SIG INF	Pte	800	1410999	Pte	J.C. STANLEY
85	SEN TECH	Lop1	831	216059	Lop1	J.R. KYLE
86	OP RADIO	Lop1	630	2411063	Lop1	P.J. PAUL BHO
87	OP RADIO	Lop1	630	54006	Lop1	L.S. BRIDGES
88	OP RADIO	Lop1	630	54765	Lop1	R.C. PAULIN
89	OP RADIO	Lop1	630	44040	Sig	A.S. GILBERT
90	OP RADIO	Sig	630	215531	Pte	P.R. BURNHAM
91	OP RADIO	Sig	630	17256	Pte	R. LINDSEY
92	OP RADIO	Sig	630	1200461	Sig	R.A. CHRISTIE
93	OP RADIO	Sig	630	43622	Sig	R.R. HAIN
94	OP RADIO	Sig	630	1200278	Sig	R.D. HALL
95	OP RADIO	Sig	630	38318	Sig	R. McKIN
96	OP RADIO	Sig	630	1200456	Sig	R.C. McHILLIN
97	OP RADIO	Sig	630	216334	Sig	R.H. PUGHBRIDGE
98	SEN BRNO	Sig	917	37983	Sig	L.D. DUNNISON
99	COOK	Pte	253	28631	Pte	R.L. BASSETT
100	COOK	Pte	253	38359	Pte	R.A. BOWLE

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PATROL REPORT

Recce Ptl, Ptl 34.

Ref: Maps, VIETNAM, XA BINH BA, 1:50,000 Sheet 6442 IV.
Pictomap Supplement, 1:25,000 Sheet 6430 III S.

A. Size and Composition of Ptl.

2Lt	TW RODERICK	Ptl Comd
Lcpl	WE HARRIS	Ptl 2i/c
Pte	RB ALLEN	Sig
Pte	RA McCALLUM	Medic

B. Task.

Recce Zone 71, report all info on en.

C. Time of Departure.

291830H.

D. Time of Return.

051130H.

E. Routes (Out and Back).

Hel lift to 305655. See Annex 'P' for ptl route. Ptl winched out from GR288694.

F. Terrain.

Generally as per map. Mainly thick secondary growth and patches of lantana throughout the area and along crks. Mov is very slow and noisy. Most crks had steep banks, some up to 30 ft high. Crks were carrying ample water. Many steep sided re-entrants exist which are not shown on map. Tops of ridges very rocky and are covered with thick bamboo and thorny bushes. Old buffalo trks are frequent throughout area. In GS2870 well formed and frequently used trks exist.

G. En.

YS305655 at 300515H. Voices and chopping heard at this loc. Appeared to be party of 4 to 6 people moving NORTH along trk. Possibly timber cutters.

YS305665 at 301000H. 3 open wpn pits covering oxcart trk. 1 pit at each side of trk and the third was dug across the trk. Field of fire to SW down the trk. Pits dug 2 - 4 weeks ago.

YS299680 at 011400H. Fresh footprint of 1 person on well formed oxcart trk moving NE.

YS283703 at 031600H. Est pl posn of 10 pits with OHP in good condition. Pits were sighted to cover down the spur. Small amount of bush furniture and hootchie vines were found. Posn approx 3 months old.

YS285705 at 040800H. Trk running NE in good condition, used frequently but no fresh sign.

YS285706 at 040900H. Trk running NE in good condition used frequently but no fresh sign. Subsidiary trks had been blocked off by fallen trees probably to assist troops not familiar with area to move through. Empty US emergency water tin found in vic, size of beer can.

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YS285707 at 041000H. Trk running NORTH up hillside, well defined and well used. 2 to 4 day old bare footprints of 1 pers heading SOUTH.

YS285708 at 041015H. Branch trk heading off main trk to NE. This trk also well used but no recent sign.

YS284711 at 041445H. En camp located in re-entrant. Camp consisted of 5 visible grass huts which could hold 20 people (size 16 ft x 20 ft). 4 people were seen moving in camp. A womans voice was heard, and what sounded like someone operating a wireless set. 1 VC was busy sawing bamboo the others were not engaged in any specific activity. About 30 empty US emergency water tins were found under a rock. Huts appeared to have been constructed about 1 month ago. NO wpn pits or wpns were visible. Dress, black shirts, black shorts, thongs.

YS28507095 at 041530H. During wdr from camp area ptl encountered sentry who was moving towards a sentry pit. Ptl went to ground but was sighted by VC who was shot by Ptl Comd at 5 yds range. Dress was black shirt and shorts. Wpn not identified. Ptl Comd moved forward to search body. Nothing recovered. Wpn had fallen down hill and not seen. A signal shot was fired from EAST of camp about 100 yds away and voices heard from camp. Ptl wdr SOUTH. Results 1 VC KIA (BC).

YS283706 at 041550H. Broken fence and trk that could indicate an en posn. Ptl did not investigate further. Fence ran EAST to WEST. Approx 1 month old.

YS285705 at 050730H. Ptl contacted 6 VC moving WEST on trk. Dress, black pyjamas, yellow kneckerchiefs, kepi type hats. First man carried M1 US rifle. First man shot and killed by Ptl Comd. at range of about 10 yds. Remainder of VC moved quickly off trk and returned the fire. Own ptl wdr SE.

H. Map Corrections.

Nil.

I. Misc Info.

Small amount of game but plenty of snakes in area.

J. Results of Encounters With En.

2 VC KIA (BC).

K. Condition of Ptl.

Good.

L. Conclusions and Recommendations.

Good OP's exist on high ground above en camp. Though not confirmed it is possible there is a wireless set in the camp and this is used to relay info on Route 15.

VC very relaxed in area and feel quite safe.

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(TW RODERICK)

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Ptl Comd Ptl 34

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M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

Dress of VC in second contact coincides with reported dress of VC in 1 ATF Intsum No 119 Para 3 h. 3 SAS Sqn Ops 24/66 also refers to VC dressed in black pyjamas and yellow scarves being sighted at GR365779.

Recommend an airstrike to be put in on camp at GR284711.


(TG MARSHALL)
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Ops Offr 3 SAS Sqn

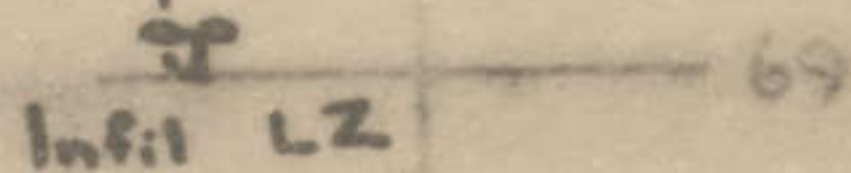
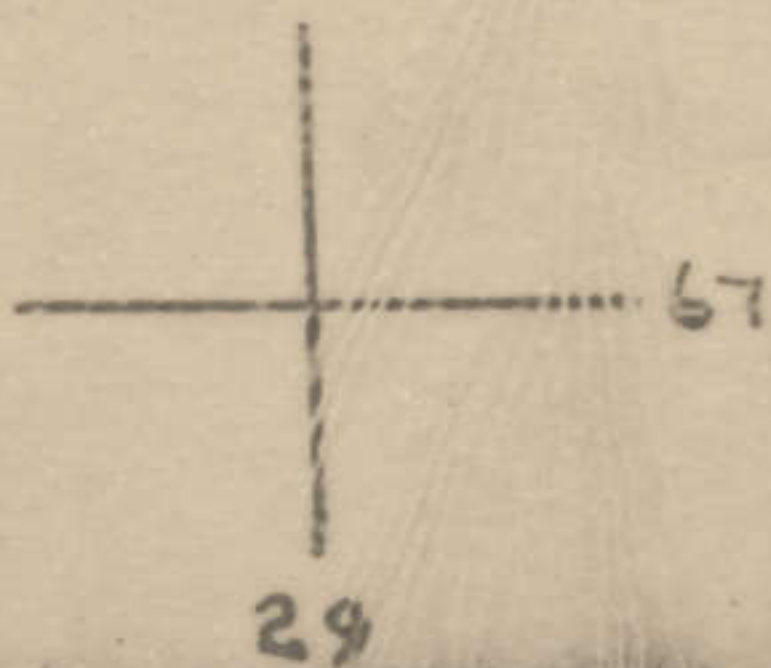
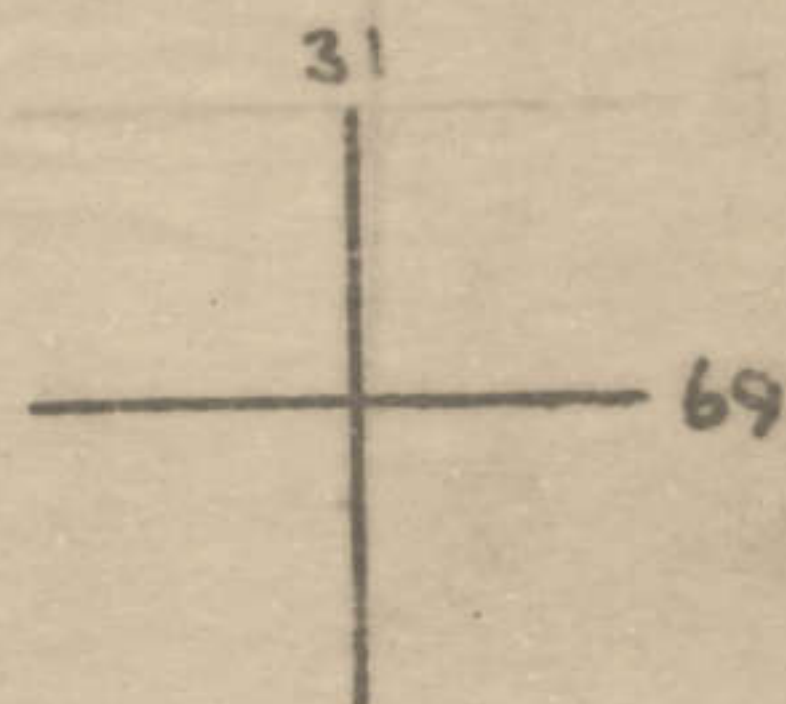
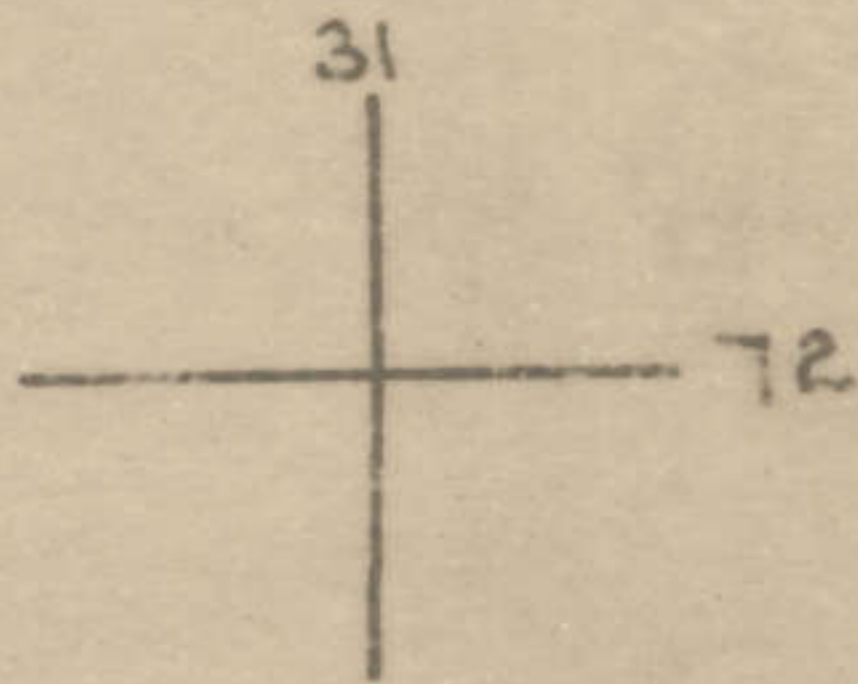
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Legend

- En Camp
- - - PI Route
- X Contact Pts
- |||| Fence
- En Pl Posn
- △ Boot Print
- Wpn Pits

Legend

- En Camp
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- Wpn Pits

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Sheet 6442 IX

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Thick
Scrub

High Ground

Thick Scrub

Contact
Area

En Wpn
Pits

High
Ground

Bundle
of
Bamboo

Rocks

Bamboo

Own Ptl
Wdr Route

Bamboo

Rocks

Pos
of
Own
Observer

Rocks

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High Ground

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PTL REPORT

Recce Ptl, Ptl 13.

Ref: Maps, KA BINH BA 1:50,000 Sheet 6442 IV.
Pictomap 1:25,000 6430 III S.

A. Size and Composition of Ptl.

Sgt	NS FERGUSON	Ptl Comd
Cpl	ML FOLKARD	Ptl 2i/c
Lcpl	WJ HUNTER	Medic
Lcpl	E KELLY	Aslt Pnr
Pte	S GARAY	Wpns Instr
Pte	FR BONHAM	Sig

B. Task.

Recce Zone 72, report all info on en.

C. Time of Departure.

291800H.

D. Time of Return.

051700H.

E. Routes (Out and Back).

Hel lift to LZ YS306654. See Annex 'P' for ptl route. Ptl extracted from YS324715.

F. Terrain.

Vegetation was secondary growth with thick undergrowth and vines. Bamboo covers most of the tops of the spurs and ridges. Mov was very slow. Rocky outcrops and boulders on tops and sides of ridges. Owing to short period of dry weather water was scarce on the upper slopes. Trks only found on low ground to SOUTH and NE of mountain.

G. En.

YS317702 at 030800H. 1 rifle shot about 500 yds to NE.

YS318704 at 031615H. 3 spaced shots about 45 secs apart heard about 200 yds to SE.

YS317712 at 041230H. Medium MOR (81 or 82mm) base plate posn on bearing of approx 2,900 mils about 1,000 yds. 6 bombs fired over period of 5 mins.

YS318714 at 041500H. Chopping and voices of 2 - 3 people heard 30 yds to WEST of ptl.

YS319716 at 041630H. Voices of 2 - 3 people, (different voices to previous group) heard about 40 yds to WEST. Ptl listened for 30 mins but voices remained.

YS320716 at 042300H. 4 bursts of MG fired and several single shots heard about 200 yds to NW. Approx 30 yds to SOUTH ptl encountered a braken fence, a cleared trk followed fence. Fence ran in Southerly direction for about 200 yds. Fence had been cut about 7 days ago. 9 snares set along fence.

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YS322715 at 051500H. 3 shots fired over period of 15 mins approx 400 yds to WEST.

H. Map Corrections.

YS304657 an unmarked crk parallels the existing crk.

YS303675 underground stream appeared and flowed off to the NW.

I. Misc Info.

Abundance of wild game, pigs, pheasants, snakes, monkeys and bush fowl.

At 021430H in vic YS317703 long burst of MG fire from hel flying over that area.

J. Results of Encounters With En.

Nil.

K. Condition of Ptl.

Good.

L. Conclusions and Recommendations.

Activity in vic of YS319726 could indicate that en are gathering material to build a camp in the area.

.....*NS Ferguson*.....
(NS FERGUSON)
Sgt
Ptl Cond Ptl 13

M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

No further remarks.

.....*TG Marshall*.....
(TG MARSHALL)
Lt
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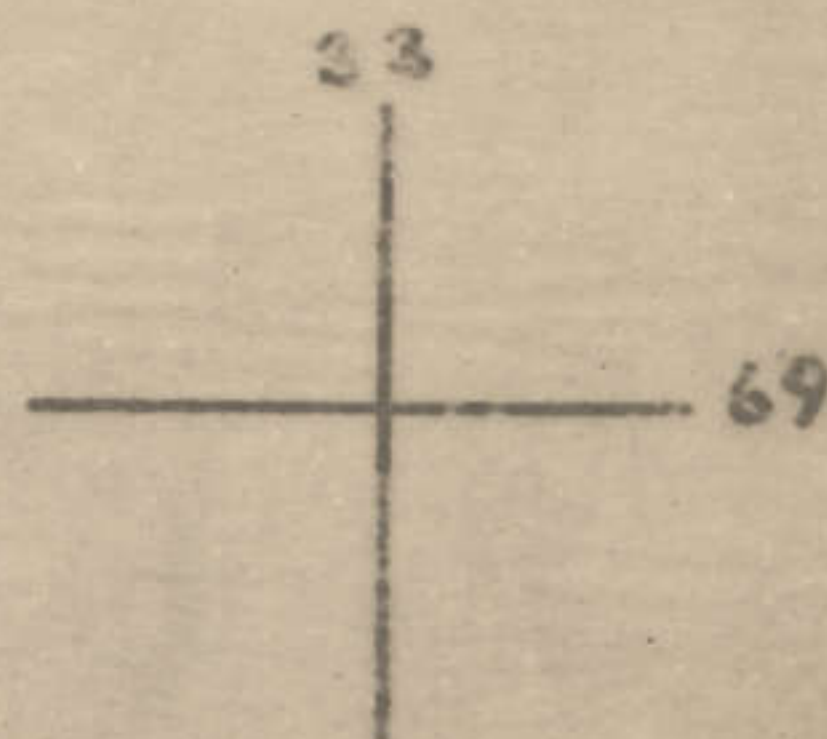
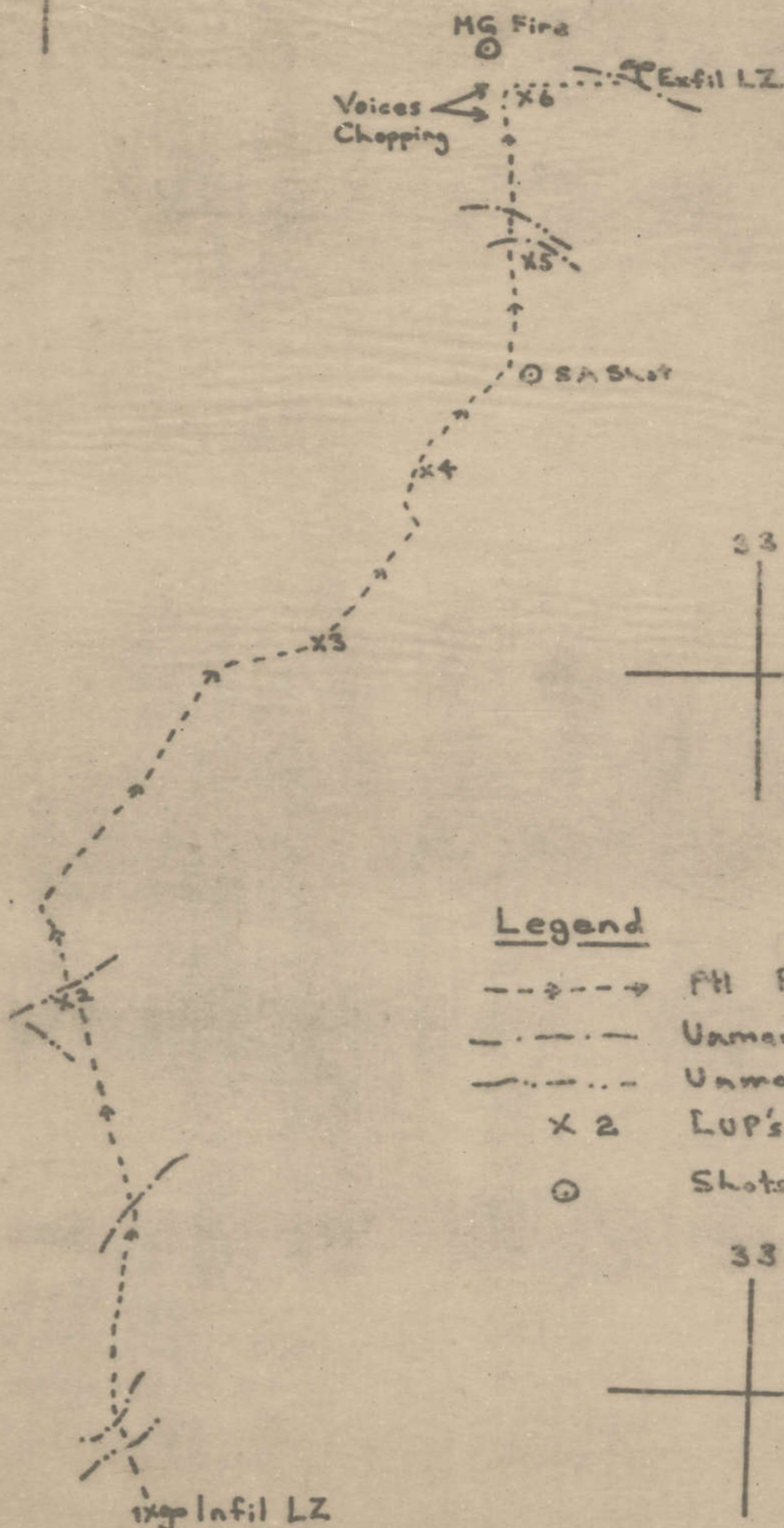
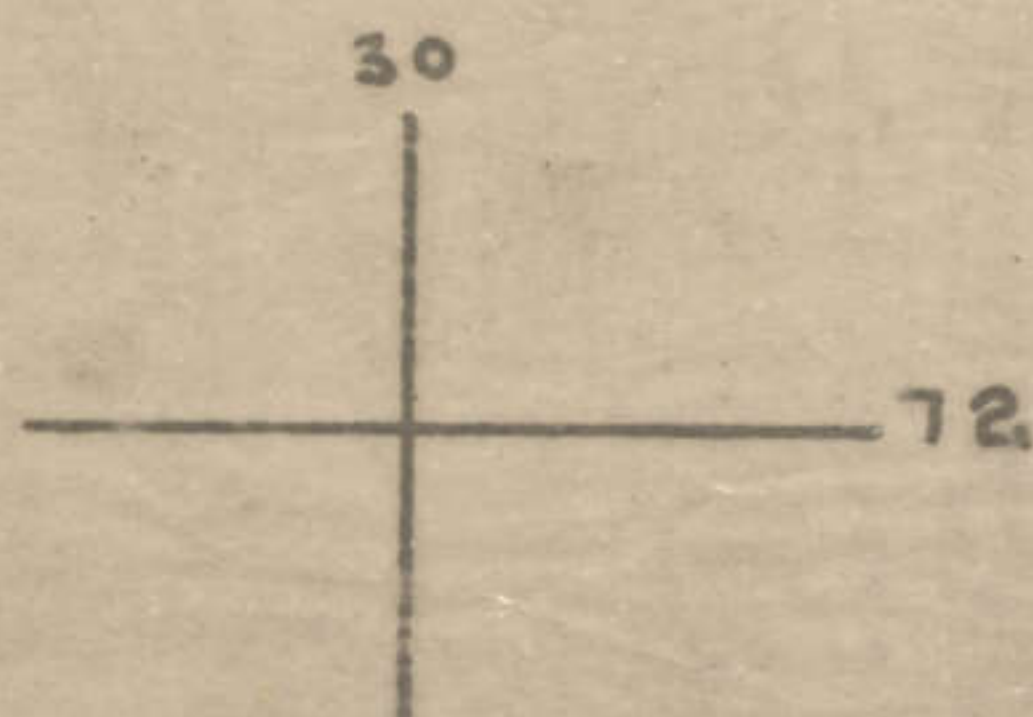
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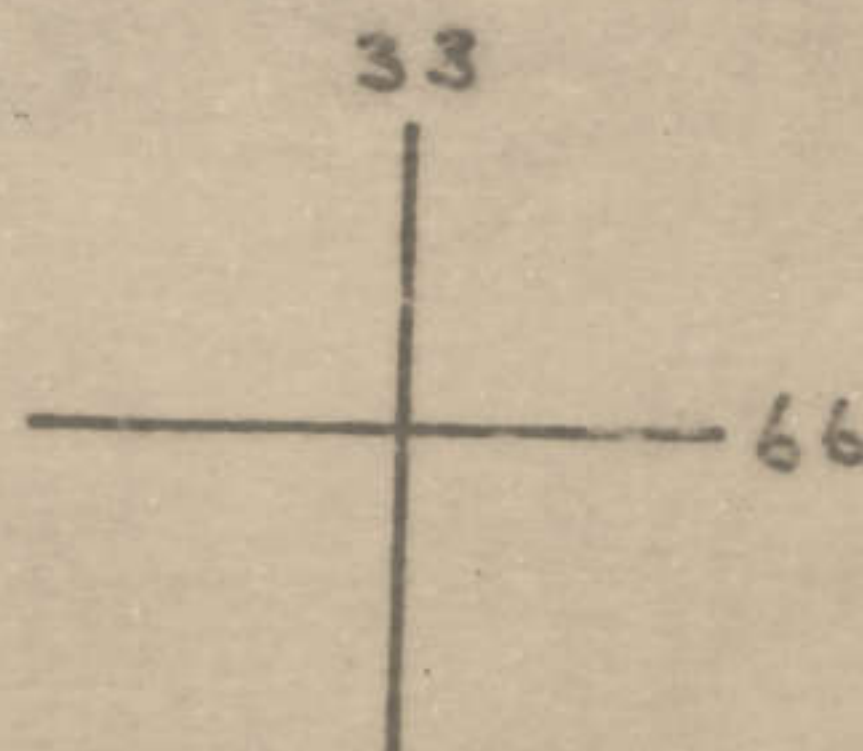
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Legend

- >---> Pth Route
- Unmarked Trks
- Unmarked Crks
- X 2 LUP's
- ⊙ Shots Heard



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Fighting Ptl, Ptl 23:

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A. Size and Composition of Ptl.

Opl	DC BURGESS	Ptl Cond
Lop1	RL GAMMIE	Ptl 2 i/c
Pte	RJ LORIMER	Sig
Lop1	LS REEVES	Wpns Instr
Pte	RA ARNOLD	Medic
Pte	M KIRKEZ	Rfn

B. Task.

Locate and destroy en in Zone 83.

C. Time of Departure.

051800H.

D. Time of Return.

081145H.

E. Routes (Out and Back).

Hel lift to YS342744. See Annex 'P' for ptl route. Ptl extracted from YS330747.

F. Terrain.

Vegetation is secondary growth with timber up to 50 ft and thick canopy. Medium undergrowth and scrub and heavy vines reduces rate of mov. Soil is sandy, hard packed and leaves little trace of trks. Water is quickly soaked up. Terrain is flat adding problems with navigation. NO creeks were found during ptl. Ptl relied wholly on rain for water supply. Only 3 main trks were encountered. The NE - SW trk marked on map is an oxcart trk 8 - 10 ft wide but has not been used for at least 3 months. Running parallel about 150 metres to the EAST is a foottrk. This trk is well worn with a hard surface. At YS327748 an oxcart trk leads off the main trk and heads WEST. There is frequent use of this trk and on the main trk to the NORTH.

G. En.

YS323747 at 070800H. Fresh prints of at least 6 people moving both ways found on oxcart trk. All prints were of a hockey type boot with a shallow tread sole. Ptl observed trk for next 24 hours with nil results.

YS327747 at 080800H. Ambush set at trk junction. 3 VC moved down main trk from the NORTH passed through ambush posn and continued on branch trk to the WEST. Dress of 2 was black shortie pyjamas, the third man wore a faded khaki shirt and shorts, all were barefoot, 2 wore headbands, 1 wore khaki floppy hat. 1 man carried a cloth bag containing something heavy. NO web eqpt carried. First man carried an AK47 rifle, second man a Chicom SMG (Not positive identification), Last man carried a new shotgun. VC moved tactically, about 15 metre intervals and checked trk junction for sign before moving on. Appeared to be scout group for larger force.

080900H. 3 VC moved down trk from NORTH. Dress of 2 was black long pyjamas, the third wore khaki shirt and long khaki trousers. First 2 wore small green bush hats. All were barefoot. All carried cloth packs which were full and appeared heavy. Wpns were 2 x Mossin Nagant 7.62mm rifles and 1 x Kar Model 98 7.92mm (GERMAN) rifle. 2 of the VC appeared to be teenagers. VC were moving about 5 metres apart. Wpns were carried in both hands. The ambush was sprung at a range of 7 - 10 metres.

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All VC were hit in the initial burst with automatic fire. The first man also recieved a round of M79 cannister shot in his body. The cannister blew through his pack leaving a hole about 6 inches in diameter and tore through his body. The second and third man were hit in the stomach and chest by M16, AR and SLR rds. Wpn of first and second man recovered. Wpn of third man was pitched into scrub off trk when its owner was first hit. Results were 3 VC KIA (BC), 2 rifles recovered.

H. Map Corrections.

Trks as mentioned in para F. See Annex 'P'.

I. Misc Info.

Nil.

J. Results of Encounters With En.

3 VC KIA (BC)
1 x Mossin Nagant 7.62mm M1944 Carbine (Chicom).
1 x Kar 7.92mm Model 98 Mauser rifle (German).

K. Condition of Ptl.

Good.

L. Conclusions and Recommendations.

Trk on which VC were ambushed is being used regularly by both foot and oxcart traffic.

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(DC BURGESS)
Cpl
Ptl Cond Ptl 23

M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

A large well used EAST - WEST Trk has been previously reported at YS296756.
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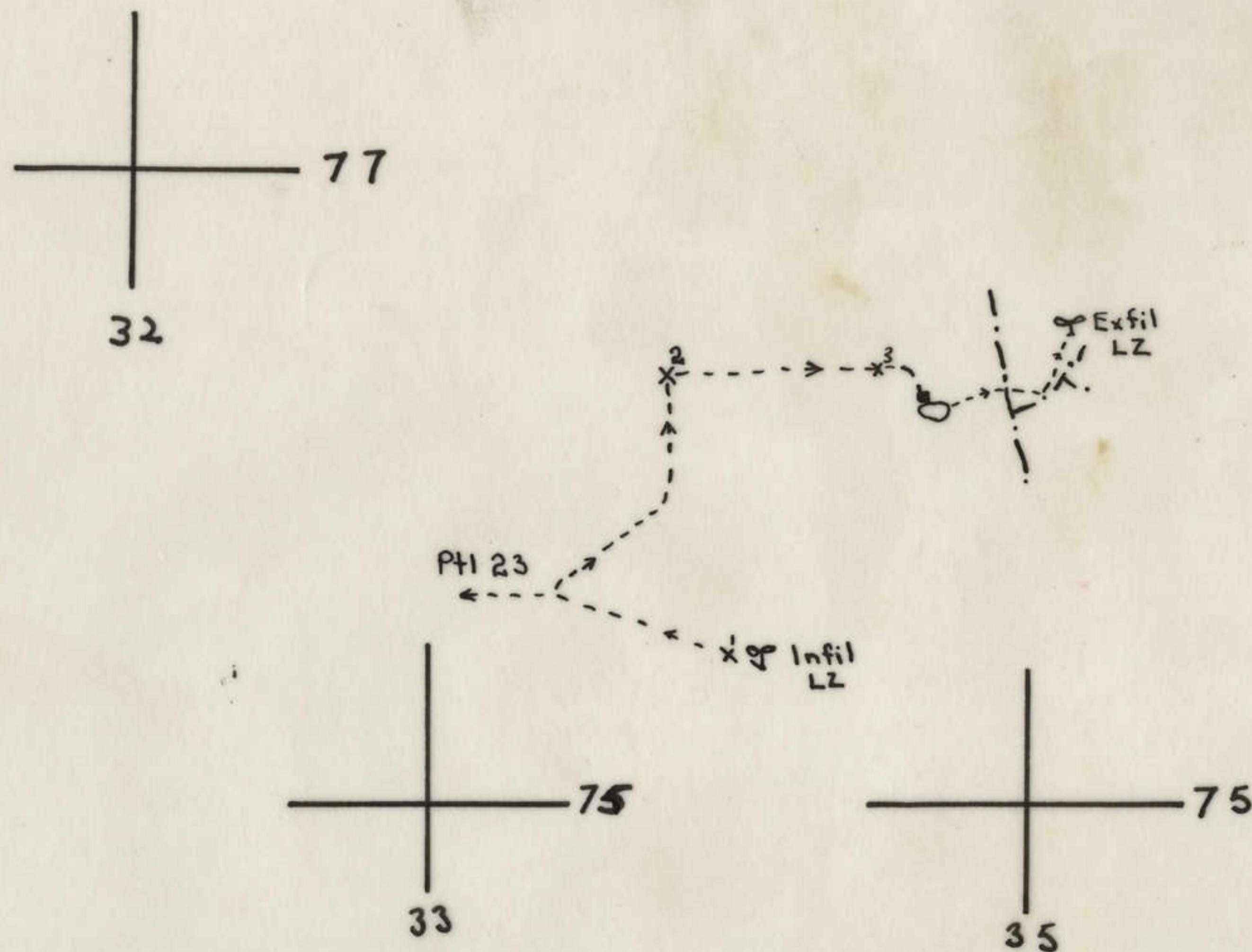
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- ->- - Ptl Route
- . - . - Tracks
- x2 LUP's
- Rice Cache
- En Area

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Fighting Ptl, Ptl 14.

A. Size and Composition of Ptl.

2Lt	PM INGRAM	Ptl Comd
Lcpl	CJ ADAMSON	Ptl 2i/c
Lcpl	FK BELL	Asslt Pnr
Pte	JW MATTEN	Sig
Pte	JB GIBSON	Medic
Pte	RJ COPEMAN	Wpns Instr

B. Task.

Locate and destroy all en in Zone 81.

C. Time of Departure.

051300H.

D. Time of Return.

081230H.

E. Routes (Out and Back).

Infil by hel to LZ at GR295751. For Ptl route see Annex 'P'. Exfil by hel from LZ at GR281748.

F. Terrain.

Vegetation primary forest with a dense carpet of very thick secondary growth. Going very hard, impossible to travel with any degree of silence.

G. En.

GR274745 at 080900H. Sounds of woodchopping heard from NORTH approx 100 metres from ptl loc. When friendly aircraft flew over chopping ceased.

Own ptl moved in to do close recce of area and after moving approx 50 metres toward sound voices of 2 people heard.

GR275745 at 080945H. 2 men sawing and chopping a log which lay across trk. Dress 1 man wore dirty grey trousers, a green US patt fatigue shirt, green BATA boots and a coallie hat. The other, black shorts, dirty white shirt, white plastic topi, no footwear observed. Ptl opened fire on en, both took several rds in head and body. A woman then appeared dressed in a coloured shirt and black trousers, no headress. She was also shot by ptl. Area investigated, no wpns or eqpt located, bodies checked all KIA.

GR277746 at 081015H. Fresh oxcart trks approx 12 hours old moving WEST along EAST - WEST trk.

GR278747 at 081045H. Bare footprints in scrub 40 metres from abovementioned trk.

H. Map Corrections.

Nil.

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I. Misc Info.

Much woodcutting in area, many stacks of timber 3 ft long x 4 inches in diameter.

All wider trks in area were unused and traffic appeared to be restricted to smaller, better hidden trks.

Little game in the area.

J. Results of Encounters With En.

3 VC KIA (BC).

K. Condition of Own Ptl.

Good.

L. Conclusions and Recommendations.

Ptl carried AN/URC 10 Beacon for first time and found it an improvement on the SARBE.

En activity appears to be restricted to the Northern area of Zone 81.

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(PM INGRAM)
Lt
Ptl Cond Ptl 14

M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

It is recommended that any further ptls working in Zone 81 pay particular attention to the Northern area where most of the en nov appears to be.

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(M GELDART)
Sgt
Int Sgt 3 SAS Sqn

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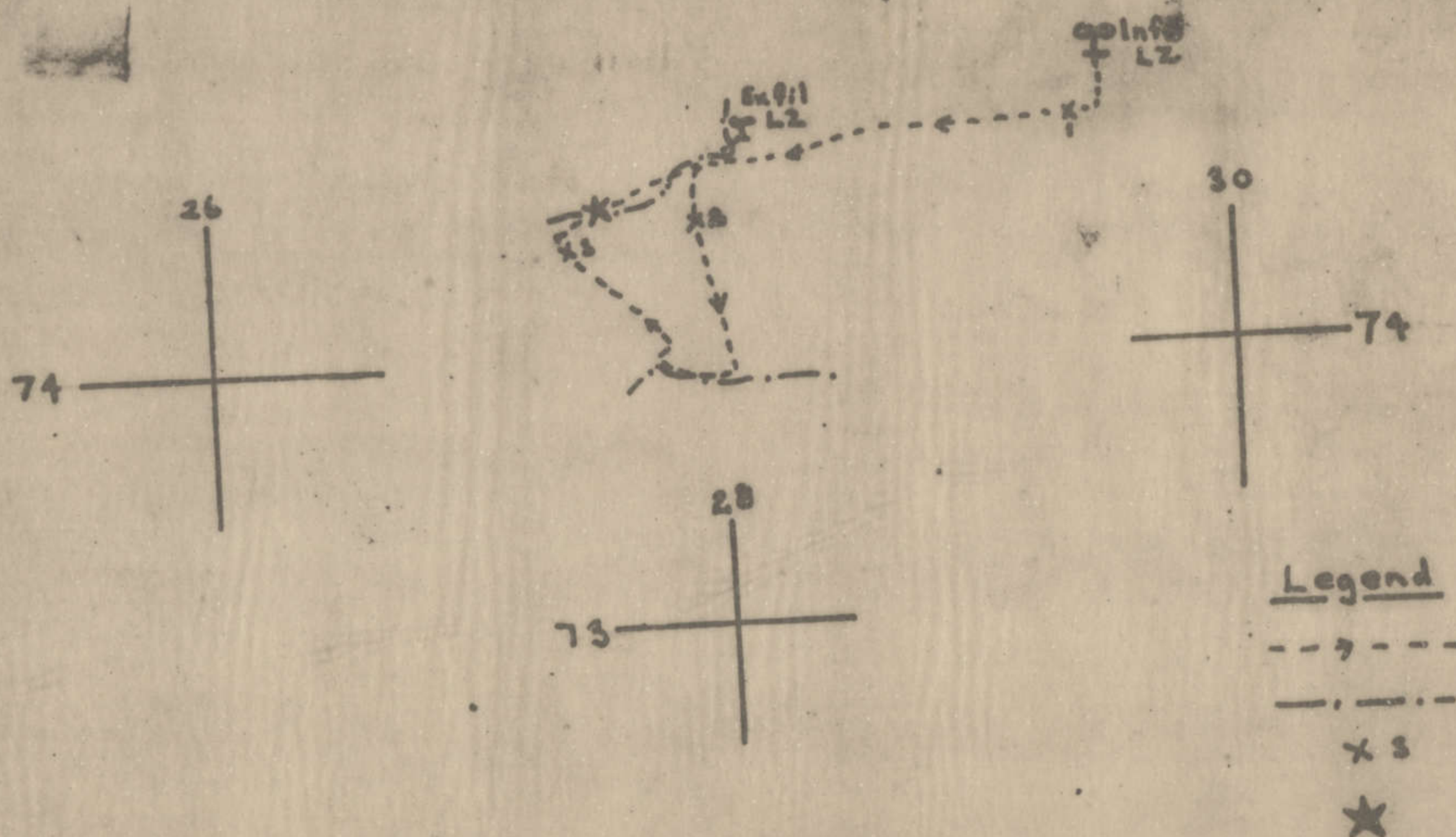
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Fighting Ptl, Ptl 32.

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A. Size and Composition of Ptl.

Cpl	A	LENNOX	Ptl Cond
Lcpl	PJ	PAVLENKO	Ptl 2i/c/Sig
Pte	SE	PLATER	Asslt Pnr
Lcpl	JD	ROSE	Medic
Pte	DG	McLEOD	Wpns Instr
SFC	AJ	StLAURENT	US Special Forces (Attached)

B. Task.

Locate and destroy en in Zone 84.

C. Time of Departure.

051800H.

D. Time of Return.

081800H.

E. Routes (Out and Back).

Hel lift to YS342743. For ptl route see Annex 'P'. Ptl extracted from YS352755.

F. Terrain.

Vegetation secondary growth with undergrowth of small saplings. Near the river vines and bamboo were encountered. Mov slow and difficult. Only water found was along main crk. This crk runs slowly, about 3 to 4 ft deep and 10 ft wide.

G. En.

YS339753 at 071530H. Possible 60mm MOR fired 6 rds, heard approx 300 metres to SE. No secondaries heard.

YS342753 at 072320H. 1 shot 500 metres SOUTH, $\frac{1}{2}$ minute later 1 shot 1,000 metres SE. At 0020 hrs 1 shot 700 metres to SE, at 0200 hrs 1 shot 300 metres EAST.

YS346754 at 080910H. Shots from 300 metres SOUTH and SE. These shots followed immediately after ambush by friendly ptl was sprung. Noise of construction heard about 100 metres to SE. At 1030 hrs voices heard about 50 metres to SOUTH, probably 2 people.

YS346753 at 081240H. A lean to with galvanised iron rice bin (size 6 ft x 4 ft x 2 ft high) containing about 500 lbs of polished rice. 2 x 1 gall tins of cooking oil also located. Rice bin and lean to had been renovated within the last 2 days. Tins of cooking oil were new and had no trace of rust on exterior. Bin was destroyed, rice was spread and oil was poured over rice. Ptl then moved 60 metres to EAST and layed up. At 1400 hrs voices of approx 6 people were heard from vic of rice cache. At 1445 hrs group of approx 12 VC moved in single file between ptl and rice cache and headed for river. Own ptl then moved SE for 50 metres and heard chopping and voices 20 - 30 metres to the SOUTH. Ptl continued and saw hut to immediate front. Hut size 30 ft x 15 ft x 10 ft high. Roof was thatched with covering of large dead leaves.

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Hut was open sided. 10 to 15 hammocks were strung up in hut, 3 VC were in hammocks. 2 VC dressed in black were near hut. Hut appeared to have been renovated or constructed in last week. From voices, visual sightings and activity it is estimated up to 30 VC in area.

YS352755 at 081730H. Trk runs SW from LZ. Bundles of roofing thatch near trk. Signs of cuttings and mov heading down toward camp. Main NORTH - SOUTH trk parallels the river about 40 metres on Eastern side.

H. Map Corrections.

Nil.

I. Misc Info.

Small amount of game seen in area.

J. Results of Encounters With En.

Nil.

K. Condition of Ptl.

Good.

L. Conclusions and Recommendations.

En are constructing a camp at YS347753. Trk EAST side of river is main route to the NORTH.

Newness of rice, oil tins and galvanised iron indicates these supplies have been moved in in the last few days.

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(A LENNOX)
Cpl
Ptl Cond Ptl 32

M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

Nil.

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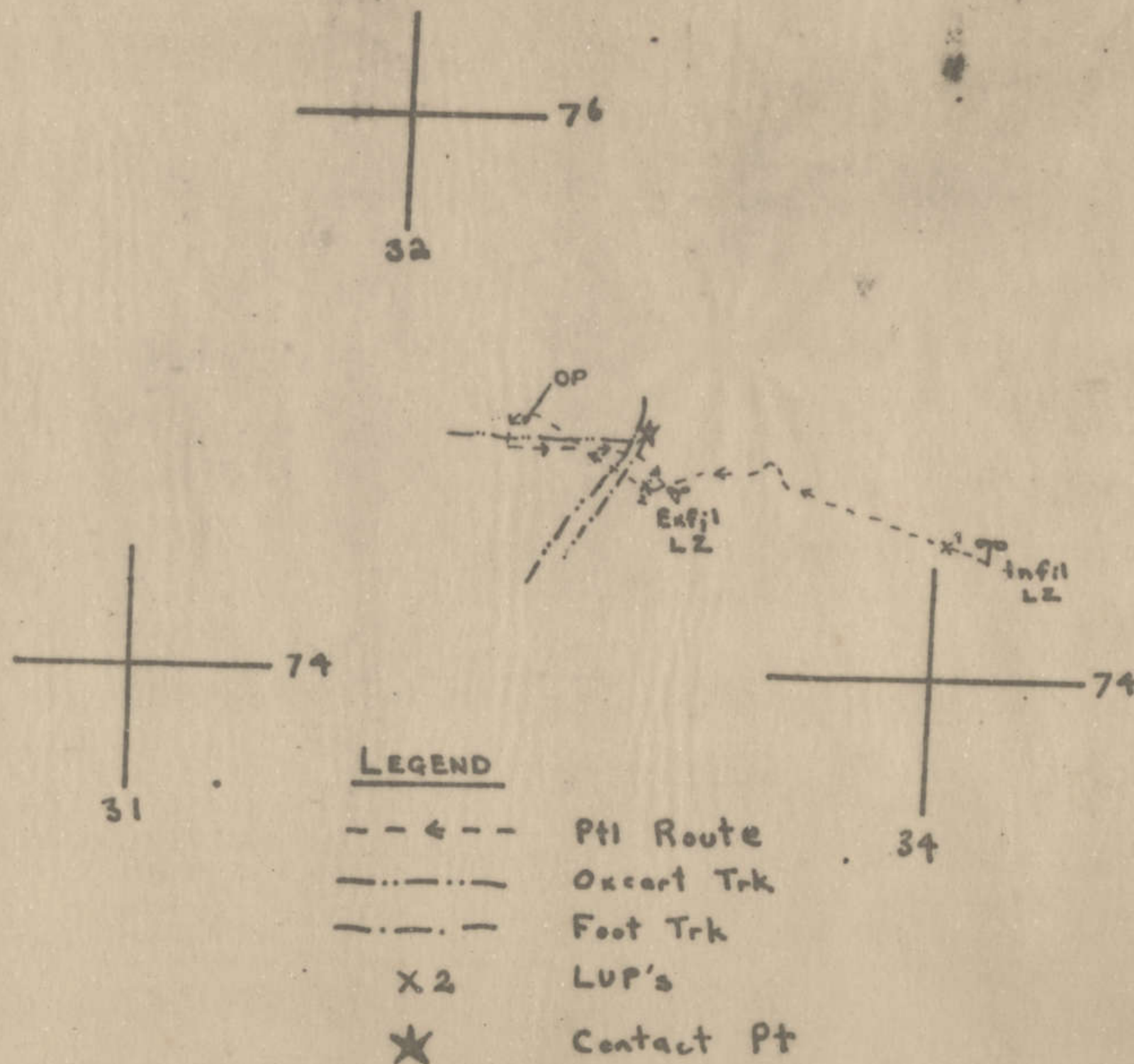
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Fighting Ptl, Ptl 22.

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A. Size and Composition of Ptl.

Sgt EL TONNA	Ptl Comd
Sgt WE SPENCER	US SF (Attached)
Lcpl PR SCUTTS	Asslt Pnr
Pte BC COULTON	Sig
Pte S LIPINSKI	Medic
Pte PB TE BRINKE	Wpns Instr

B. Task.

Locate and destroy all en in Zone 86.

C. Time of Departure.

101815H.

D. Time of Return.

111430H.

E. Routes (Out and Back).

Hel lift to YS286724 and landed on SE corner of LZ. Ptl moved SE to YS289722 then NORTH to YS289724 then EAST to infil LZ where ptl was extracted.

F. Terrain.

Mainly heavy undergrowth under canopy, elephant grass and thick secondary growth in previously cleared areas.

G. En.

YS289722 at 110935H. 4 VC moving NORTH on trk were contacted. Dress, first man wore greyish coloured jacket, shorts and NO boots, or hat. Belt with pouch on right hand side, carried what appeared to be a shotgun. Second man dressed in black, wpn not seen. Third and fourth man not sighted. Own ptl opened fire at range of 10 metres on first and second man killing No 1 and wounding No 2 as he ran off trk. Fire was directed almost immediately onto ptl by at least 2 automatic wpns (poss carbines). Ptl wdr about 30 metres and regrouped. Ptl was about to move forward to recover the VC wpn when a FAC flew over area very low and a shot was fired from contact area. Noises of something being dragged through the bush could also be heard. Ptl then commenced to move NORTH. After moving 50 metres a well used EAST - WEST trk showing fresh sign was crossed. Another EAST - WEST trk was crossed a further 50 metres on. This trk also well used and showing fresh signs.

YS289724 at 111010H. Man and woman moved SW on trk. NO wpns or eqpt seen. Both dressed in black pyjamas, Man wore green and black peaked cap. At 1015 hrs loud moaning heard from area of contact. At 1020 hrs the barking of several dogs was heard about 200 metres to the EAST. At 1025 hrs a man and woman (distinguished as different from the first group) moved NE on trk. Dress black pyjamas, NO wpns or eqpt. The man sighted a ptl member spoke to woman and both quickened their pace. Ptl then moved WEST, crossed trk and saw one sandal print in mud patch. As ptl moved into scrub across trk voices and mov heard along trk to EAST.

H. Map Corrections.

Nil.

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I. Misc Info.

A 750 lb bomb which had been defused and the explosive removed found on trk where ptl crossed in vic YS289724.

J. Results of Encounters With En.

1 VC KIA (BC)
1 VC WIA

K. Condition of Own Ptl.

Good.

LL. Conclusions and Recommendations.

When ptls became airborne from exfil LZ 2 sightings of smoke were made. Smoke seen vic YS293725 rising from area where unmarked crk was also sighted. Smoke seen again from vic YS304717.

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(EL TONNA)
Sgt
Ptl Comd Ptl 22

M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

Smoke and water sighted from the air, barking dogs and traffic on trk could indicate a camp in vic YS293725.

It has long been suspected a camp exists in the re entrant in GS3071. Smoke sighted from air would confirm this.

TG Marshall
(TG MARSHALL)
Lt
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Recce Ptl, Ptl 21.

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A. Size and Composition of Ptl.

Sgt J	THORBURN	Ptl Comd
Sgt W	WALSH	US SF (Attached)
Cpl LJ	MURTON	Ptl 2i/c
Pte DS	WILSON	Wpns Instr
Pte IJ	STILES	Medic
Pte FJ	ROBERTS	Sig

Task.

Locate and destroy all en in Zone 82.

Time of Departure.

051755H.

Time of Return.

121300H.

E. Route (Out and Back).

Infil by hel to YS295751. For ptl route see Annex 'P'. Exfil by hel from YS295751.

Terrain.

Flat undulating country covered in primary forest with a carpet of exceedingly thick secondary growth and vines. Going was difficult and slow. The area was interlaced with many timber cutters trks. The soil was soft and sandy and signs or trks were quickly obliterated by rain. The area was very dry and no water was to be found between the Soui Soa and the Soui Ben Tau, in this area the ptl relied solely on rain water. From the 29 to the 31 Easting, 250 metres SOUTH of the Soui Ben Tau the area is very swampy, with thick rotting vegetation. This applies also to the Northern side of the river.

G. En.

YS305737 at 070700H. 2 sets of fresh footprints about 30 mins old on NORTH - SOUTH trk, moving SOUTH. Both were BATA type bootprints.

H. Map Corrections.

Nil.

I. Misc Info.

Many leeches and mosquitoes in area.

Absence of game was very noticeable.

J. Results of Encounters With En.

Nil.

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K. Condition of Ptl.

Good.

L. Conclusions and Recommendations.

The CIDG pack was used by several members of the ptl and was found to be a great improvement of the Bergen Rucksack. It is recommended that it be accepted as the standard SAS ptl pack.

Suggest any ptls working the same area carry at least 3 water bottles each and if the ptl is an ambush ptl a water bag should be carried.

The AN/URC 10 Beacon was used by ptl and was found to be very adequate.

The great number of timber cutters trks in the area made secure mov virtually impossible through scrub.

.....
(J THORBURN)
Sgt
Ptl Comd Ptl 21

M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

Nil.


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(M. GELDART)
Sgt
Int Sgt 3 SAS Sqn

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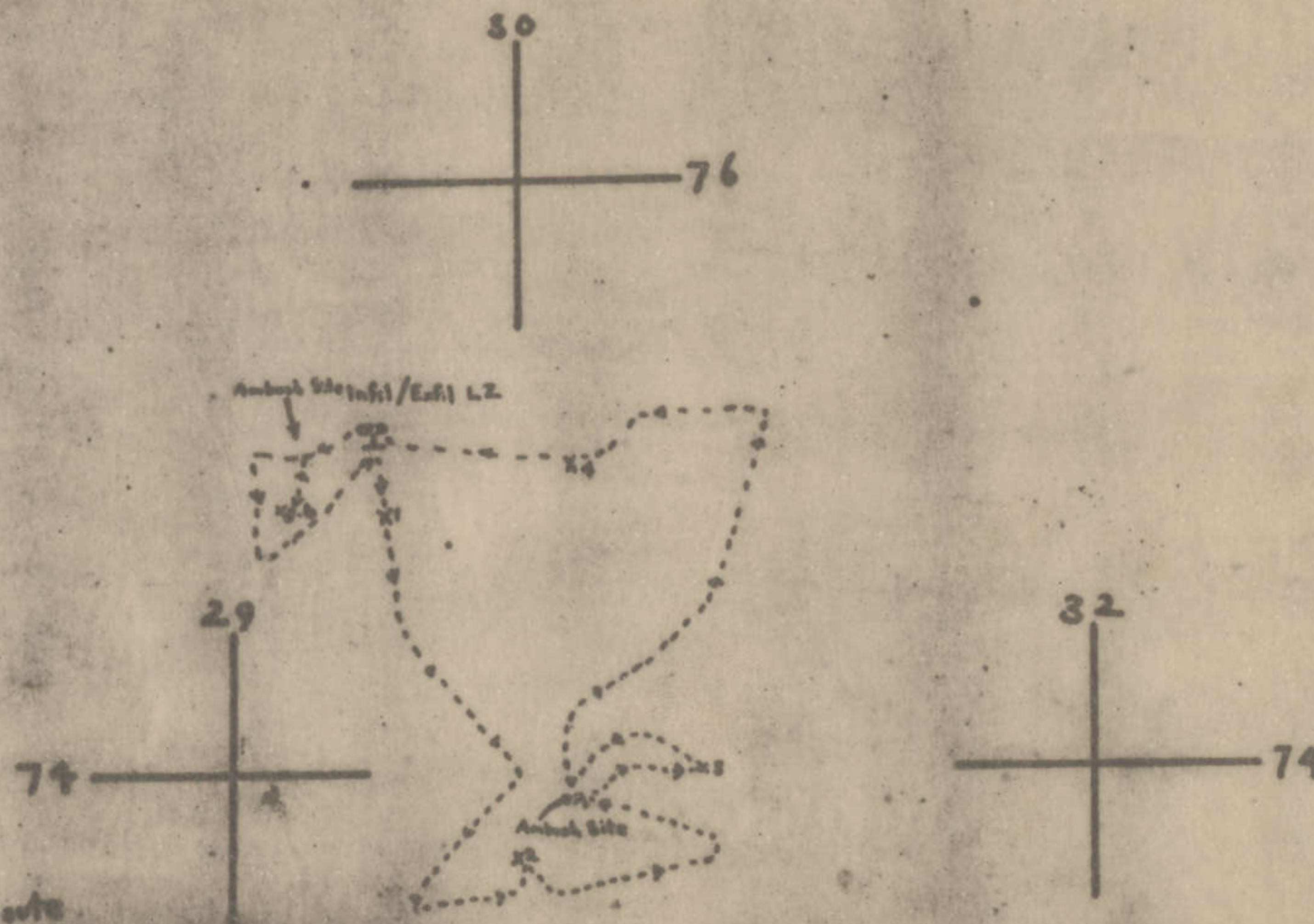
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PTL REPORT

Fighting Ptl - Ptl 33.

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A Size and Composition.

Sgt W.D.KENNEDY	Ptl Comd
Lcpl H.A.GLOEDE	Ptl 2iC
Pte T.R.BRADSHAW	Medic
Pte J.R.GRAYDON	
Pte K.A.BURLEY	
Sig A.S.WILLIAMS	Sig

B. Task.

Locate and destroy en in ZONE 87.

C. Time of Departure.

101830H.

D. Time of Return.

151230H.

E. Routes (out and back).

Hel lift to YS286725. See ANNEX 'P' for ptl route. Ptl extracted from YS277721.

F. Terrain.

EASTERN portion of area is primary jungle with undergrowth of vines and brush. WESTERN area is mainly secondary growth. Timber cutters have worked the area.

The SUOI NHUM is fast flowing, between 2 to 3 ft deep, banks about 8 ft high and quite steep before it joins the SUOI BIN TAU. It is marshy and difficult to cross in GS2873, owing to silt and mud. The SUOI SAO carries good water, sandy but firm bottom and easy banks. The SUOI BIN TAU is very marshy, with swamps 50 metres. Oxcart and foot tracks are very prevelant throughout the area. Most tracks run EAST - WEST.

G. Enemy.

YS287737 at 111100H. Coy posns, pits with OHP and bush furniture. Posn about 12 mths old but had been renovated and fresh camouflage was placed around pits. Estimated that posn had been vacated only one or two days prior. Several bowls were seen with rice and bits of meat which was still fairly fresh. Vines were tied back and it is possible booby traps may have been set in the camp. No huts were seen in the area.

YS287738 at 111200H. Cart track showing sign of recent cart movement and sandal print. Oxcart moved to EAST about 3 days prior. Sandal print about 1 day old, heading WEST. Track was ambushed till 0830 hrs next day. No movement.

YS272743 at 121600H. Recent signs of oxcart tracks and footprints. Ptl set ambush on track until 0800 hrs next day. No movement.

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H. Map Corrections.

Nil.

I. Miscellaneous Information.

Animal snares were found on an old track at YS275729. Leeches very bad in area.

J. Results of Encounters with Enemy.

Nil.

K. Condition of Patrol.

Good.

L. Conclusions and Recommendations.

Trouble was experienced in establishing comms when ptl was near base of mountain.

(W.D.KENNEDY)
Sgt
Ptl Comd Ptl 33

M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

Nil.

T.G. Marshall
(T.G.MARSHALL)
Lt
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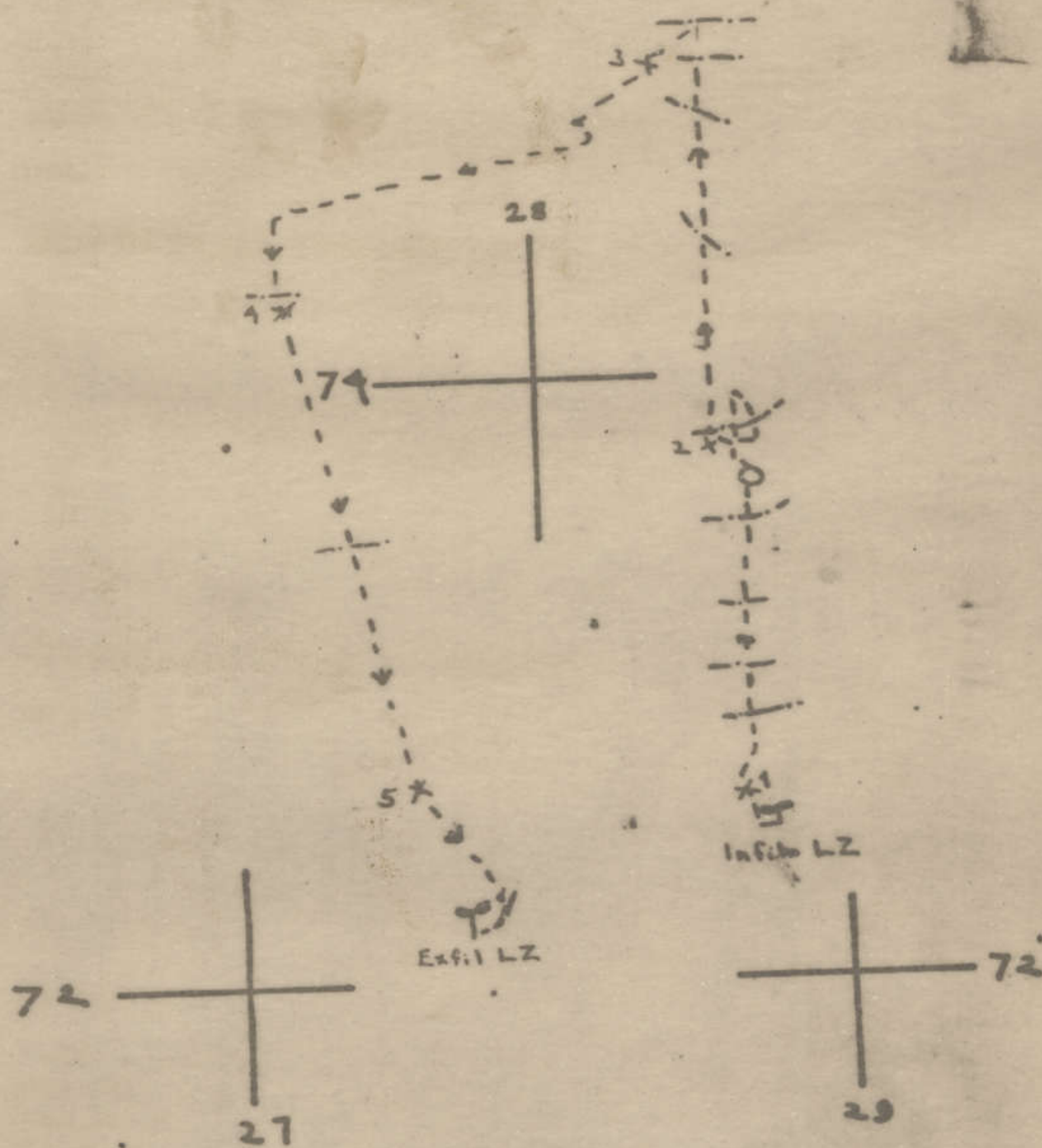
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- 1X LUPs
- Trks
- En Coy Posn

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PTL REPORT

Fighting Ptl, Ptl 34.

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A. Size and Composition of Ptl.

Sgt AJ KIRWAN Ptl Comd
Lcpl RA CAUSTON Ptl 2i/c
Lcpl WE HARRIS Medic
Pte RB ALLEN Sig
Pte SE PLATER Asslt Pnr
Cpl CA JENNISON Linguist

Sgt JM ROBINSON Ptl Comd
Lcpl CS ADAMSON Ptl 2i/c
Lcpl PJ PAVLENKO Sig
Pte AW STEWART Medic

B. Task.

1. Search for and destroy en meeting places in Zone 92.
2. Endeavour to capture courier.

C. Time of Departure.

161835H.

D. Time of Return.

170930H.

E. Routes(Out and Back).

Infil by hel to YS568770. Ptl extracted from same LZ. See Annex 'P' for trk diagram and ptl route.

F. Terrain.

Area covered as per Pictomap.

G. Enemy.

GR568770 at 161840H. Trk complex showed signs of heavy recent use. Main trk runs NORTH - SOUTH with subsidiary trk running EAST. Undergrowth allowed to enclose trk camouflaging it from the air. Signs foot, cattle, pony traffic both directions. Most recent traffic going SOUTH.

GR568770 at 161915H. Shots heard from EAST, SOUTH and WEST at intervals during night. Distances shots heard from ptl loc varied from 500 yds to over 1,000 yds.

GR568769 at 170710H. Ptl had contact with unknown number of en. 1 en seen more heard running after own ptl fired on leading man. Dress, black pyjamas, bush hat. Wpn identified as US M1 Rifle. Noise made as en ran away could indicate that they wore waist webbing.

GR568720 at 170730H. Shot heard to SE approx 500 yds.

At 170735H. 2 shots heard to EAST approx 500 yds.

At 170835H. Sound of hvy wpn. Fired single shot to SOUTH approx 500 - 800 yds. NO secondary explosion heard. Thought to be an RCL.

At 170845H. 3 shots in succession heard to SOUTH. Thought to be on feature YS568764.

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H. Map Corrections.

Nil.

I. Misc Info.

Trees have been cut in area. Remnants of trees were found, also one that had been trimmed presumably ready to be taken away.

J. Results of Encounters With En.

Nil.

K. Condition of Ptl.

Good.

T. Conclusions and Recommendations.

Pony prints on trks indicate that VC are using pack horses as well as porters to move supplies to the SOUTH. VC were moving quietly and tactically and may have been checking area as a result of hel activity during ptl infil.

.....
(AJ KIRWAN)

Sgt

Ptl Comd Ptl 34

Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

Nil.

.....
(TW RODERICK)

2Lt

Tp Comd 3 SAS Sqn

N. Distr.

1 ATF (2)

Arty Tac

Comd Diary (3)

SAS Regt

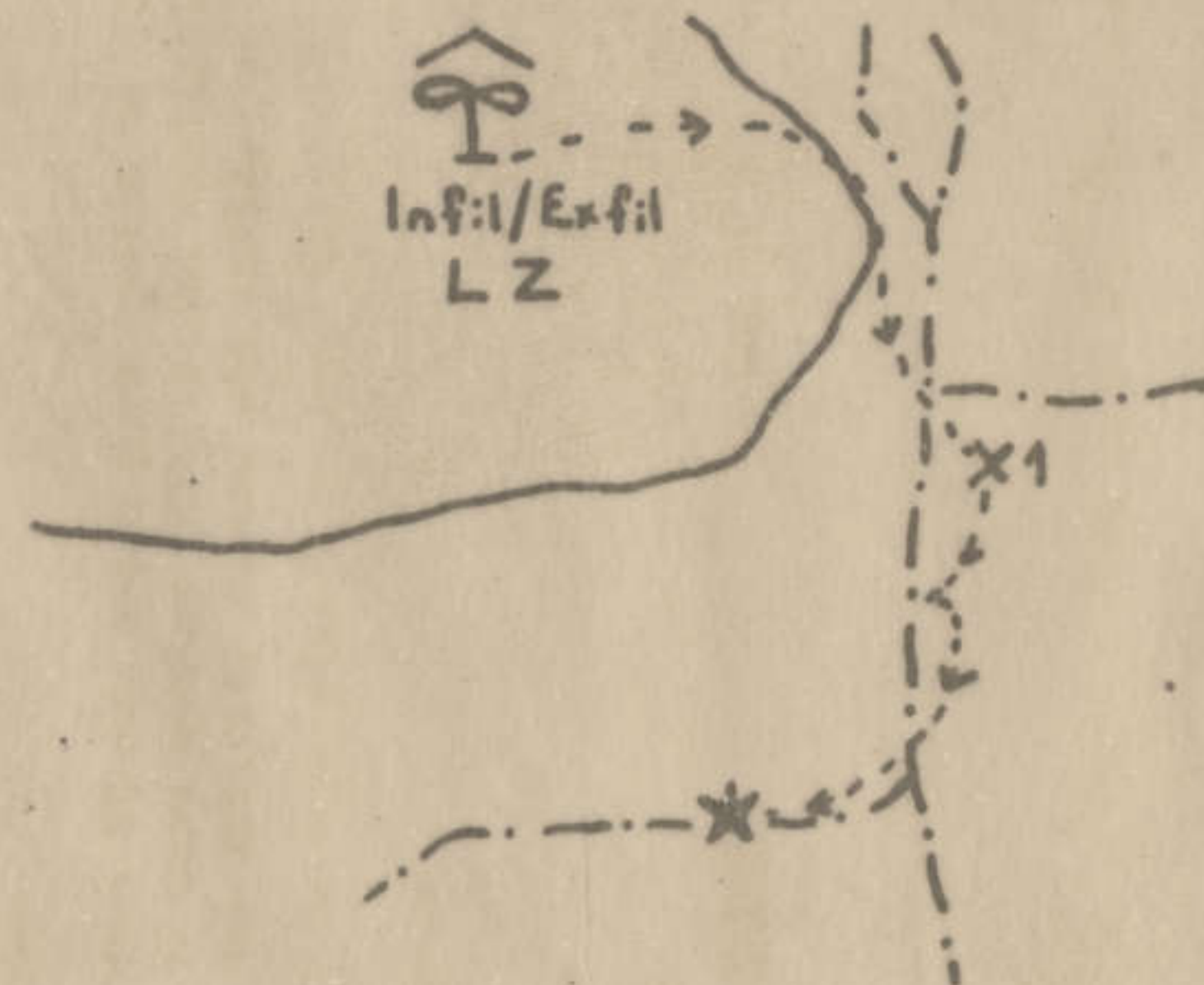
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Tracks

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Edge of LZ clearing



Contact Pt

GR of Contact YS 56827697

Scale approx 1" = 25 metres.

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Fighting Ptl, Ptl 21.

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A. Size and Composition of Ptl.

|      |             |          |
|------|-------------|----------|
| Sgt  | JL THORBURN | Ptl Comd |
| Lcpl | PR SCUTTS   | Ptl 2i/c |
| Pte  | DS WILSON   | Medic    |
| Pte  | FJ ROBERTS  | Sig      |
| Pte  | S LIPINSKI  | Rfn      |
| Pte  | IL STILES   | Rfn      |

B. Task.

1. Search for and destroy en meeting places in Zone 96.
2. Endeavour to capture courier.

C. Time of Departure.

161800H.

D. Time of Return.

171200H.

E. Routes (Out and Back).

Ptl infil by hel to LZ YS573670. See Annex 'P' for ptl route. Extracted by hel from YS583665.

F. Terrain.

Area covered consisted of undulating country with fairly low canopy (20 ft), with patches of thick undergrowth but in the main fairly open. Vision in the main 100 yds.

Area interlaced by foot and animal pads most of which run NORTH - SOUTH.

G. En.

GR572668 at 161835H. Well used bullock trk running EAST - WEST. 7 x 112 lbs of bamboo shoots found on side of trk. Shoots had been cut in vic. Several small footpads ran from vic of bamboo SOUTH.

GR578665 at 170830H. Area where palm leaves had been cut and taken away. Not more than week old. Trk led SOUTH from area of cuttings. Also in area of cuttings old cache approx 2 weeks old found. Size, 12 ft x 6 ft x 12 ft deep. Cache was empty and palm leaves had been used to cover it.

GR58056645 at 170945H. Cough heard 100 metres to WEST. 2 minutes later ptl contacted 1 VC on old footpad. En fled SOUTH when ordered to halt by ptl. Ptl then fired on him, results unknown, area was checked and NO bloodstains were found. Dress of en, black pyjamas. NO wpn or web eqpt observed.

At 170950H. 50 metres to EAST well used oxcart trk located. Trk used by bullock cart 4 - 5 days previously and by 4 - 5 men about 2 hrs prior. En wearing BATA boots and sandals. Group had moved NORTH.

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Whilst crossing trk ptl had contact with 2 armed VC moving NORTH with wpnd slung. Both en fell to the ground but 1 was seen to get up and run away. En KIA was wearing black pyjamas, Ho Chi Minh sandals and webbing. The other VC wore greens and a bush hat similar to Aust patt. Bloodstains were found where en WIA fell.

Ptl recovered 1 x Kar '98, Mauser rifle (German)(1 rd half chambered).  
Web belt, black poncho, water bottle.

At 170955H. 2 rifle shots heard. 1,300 metres to NORTH, the other 400 metres to EAST.

H. Map Corrections.

As per Pictomap.

I. Misc Info.

Dogs heard barking throughout duration of ptl from SOUTH and WEST.

Many wild pigs in area.

J. Results of Encounters With En.

1 VC KIA (BC)  
1 VC WIA

K. Condition of Ptl.

Good.

L. Conclusions and Recommendations.

Absence of packs and food and close proximity of signal shots would indicate that the en have a camp nearby. En must feel secure in area because even after ptls initial contact the second group were not moving tactically and from the condition of the captured wpn the owner had not loaded it prior to the contact.

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(JL THORBURN)  
Sgt  
Ptl Comd Ptl 21

M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

N.

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(TW RODERICK)  
2Lt  
Tp Comd 3 SAS Sqn

N. Distr.

1 ATF (2)  
Arty Tac  
Comd Diary (3)  
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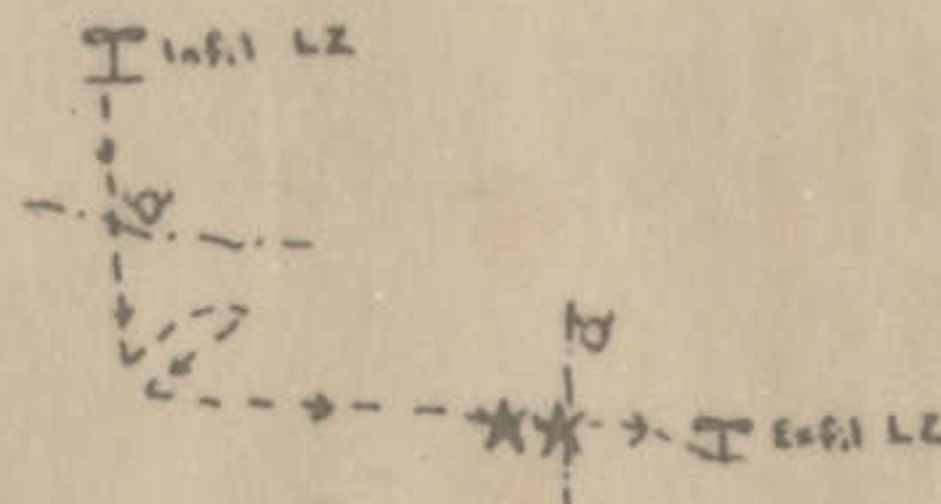
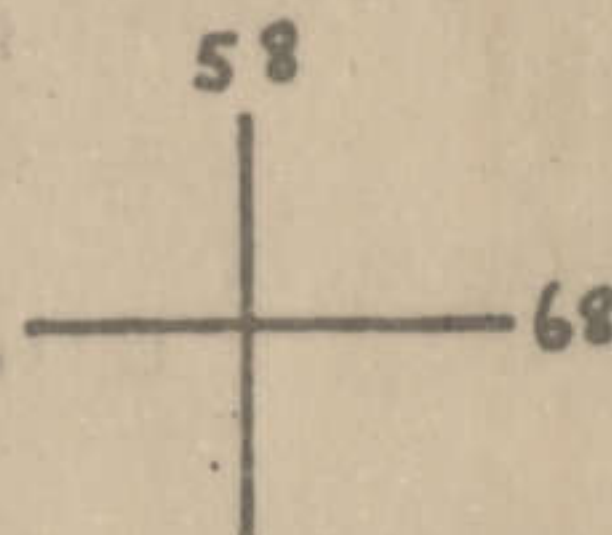
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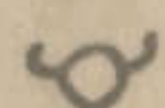
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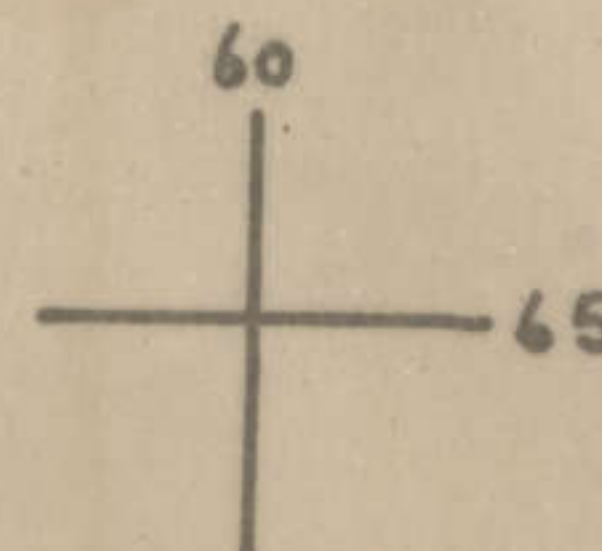
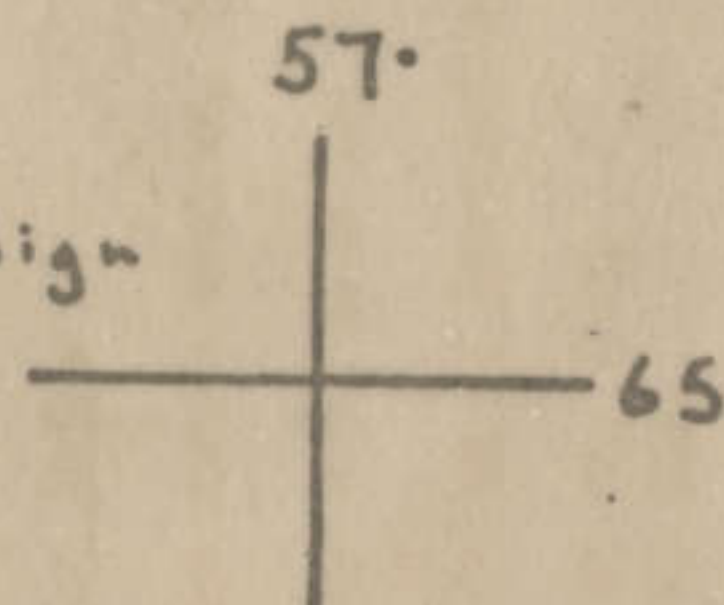
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Recce Ptl - Ptl 13

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A. Size and Composition of Patrol.

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Sgt N.S.FEGUSON | Ptl Cond  |
| Cpl M.L.FOLKARD | Ptl 2iC   |
| Pte S. GARAY    | Ptl Medic |
| Pte F.R.BONHAM  | Ptl Sig   |

B. Task.

Recce ZONE 86. Gather and report all info on en.

C. Time of Departure.

201800H.

D. Time of Return.

221815H.

E. Route.

Hel lift to GR350760. See ANNEX 'P' for ptl route. Ptl extracted from GR369767.

F. Terrain.

Vegetation follows closely to Pictomap. Generally very open. Visibility up to 100 metres at times.

G. Enemy.

GR367763 at 211600. EASTERN side of creek fresh cutting of undergrowth. Appeared approx 2 days old.

GR368771 at 221600. One rifle shot approx 300 metres NORTH of ptl.

H. Map Corrections.

Stream running NORTH-EAST approx 10 ft wide joining SONG XOAI at GR367763.

I. Miscellaneous Information.

Plenty of wild life in area.

J. Results of Encounters with Enemy.

Nil.

K. Condition of Patrol.

Good.

L. Conclusions and Recommendations.

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Area covered by ptl appears not to have had heavy use by VC recently.

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(N.S. FERGUSON)  
Sgt  
Ptl Comd Ptl 13

M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

Nil.

*P.M. Ingram*  
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(P.M. INGRAM)  
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N. Distribution.

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Arty TAC  
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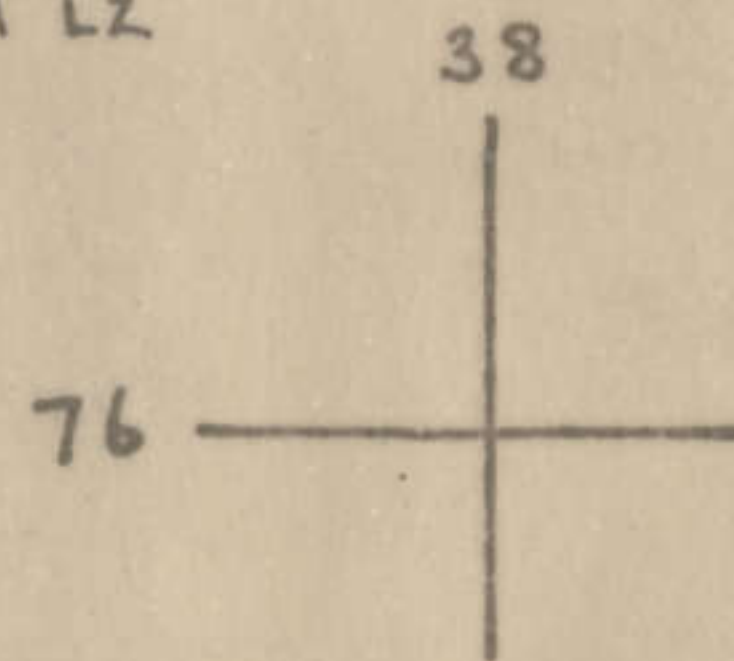
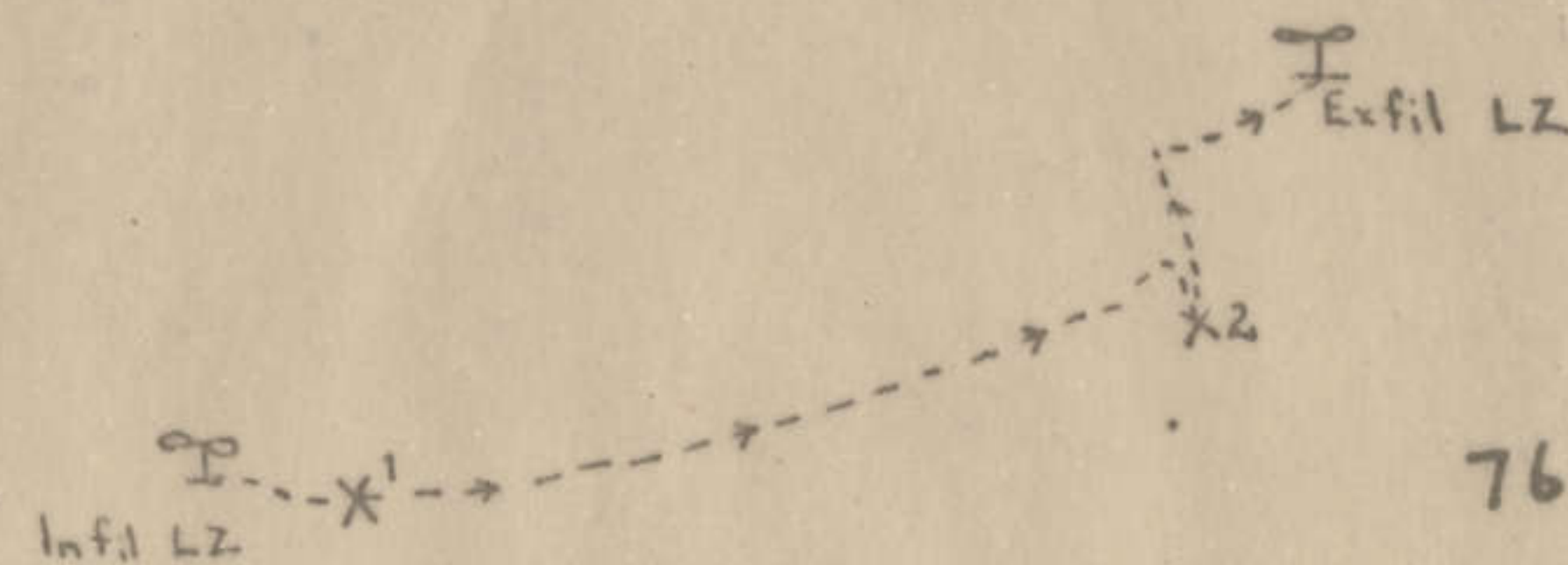
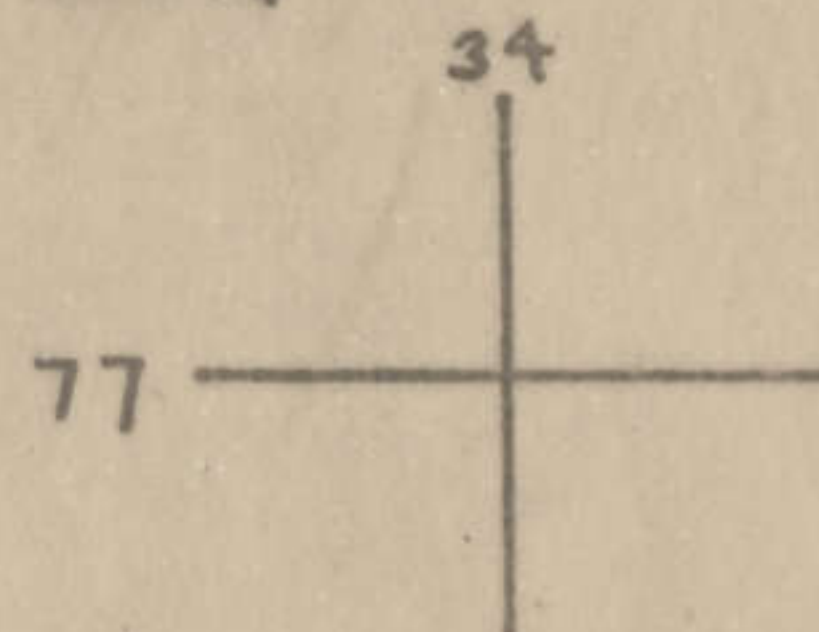
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Route taken by ptl

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Recce Ptl - Ptl 12

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A. Size and Composition of Patrol.

|                   |                              |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Sgt J.M.ROBINSON  | Ptl Cond                     |
| Sgt W.P.WALSH     | US Special Forces (Attached) |
| Lcpl C.S.ADAMSON  | Ptl 2iC                      |
| Lcpl P.J.PAVLENKO | Ptl Sig                      |
| Pte J.A.O'REILLY  | Medic                        |
| Pte A.W.K.STEWART | Rfn                          |

B. Task.

Recce ZONE 84. Report all info on en.

C. Time of Departure.

201800H.

D. Time of Return

221800H.

E. Routes (Out and Back).

Infil by hel to YS350760. For ptl route see ANNEX 'P'. Exfil by hel from YS334743.

F. Terrain.

Generally thick primary jungle with carpet of thick secondary growth. Many areas of swamp encountered. Going fair.

G. Enemy.

YS349758 at 210130H. 3 en heard moving NORTH on NORTH-SOUTH trk. 1 en carrying heavy pack of bundle stopped to rest near own ptl loc. On hearing own ptl member cough en called out twice in a tremulous voice and on hearing no answer picked up his bundle and hastily moved NORTH.

H. Map Corrections.

Nil

I. Miscellaneous Information.

Many trks not marked on map in area all of which are depicted on VC map captured by 5 RAR and reproduced by Topo Survey. The only trk showing any sign of recent use was the one where the en were heard.

J. Results of Encounters with Enemy.

Nil.

/.....K. Condition of Patrol.

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K. Condition of Patrol.

Good.

L. Conclusions and Recommendations.

Lack of any recent en signs in the area indicate that Allied Operations currently being conducted have driven the en away.

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(J.M. ROBINSON)  
Sgt  
Ptl Comd Ptl 12

M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

Nil.

*M. Geldart*  
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(M. GELDART)  
Sgt  
Int Sgt 3 SAS Sqn

N. Distribution.

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Comd Diary (3)  
Arty TAC  
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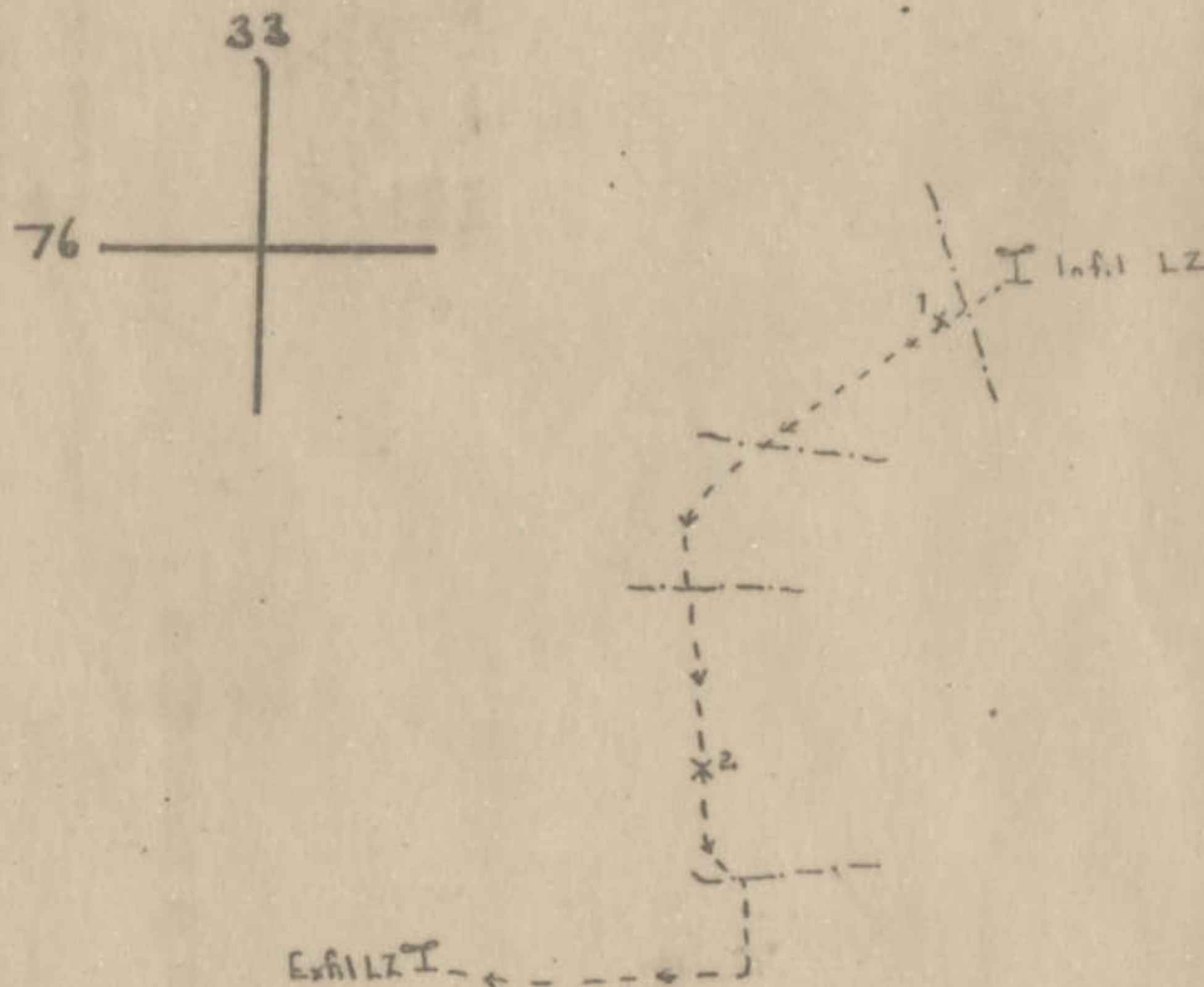
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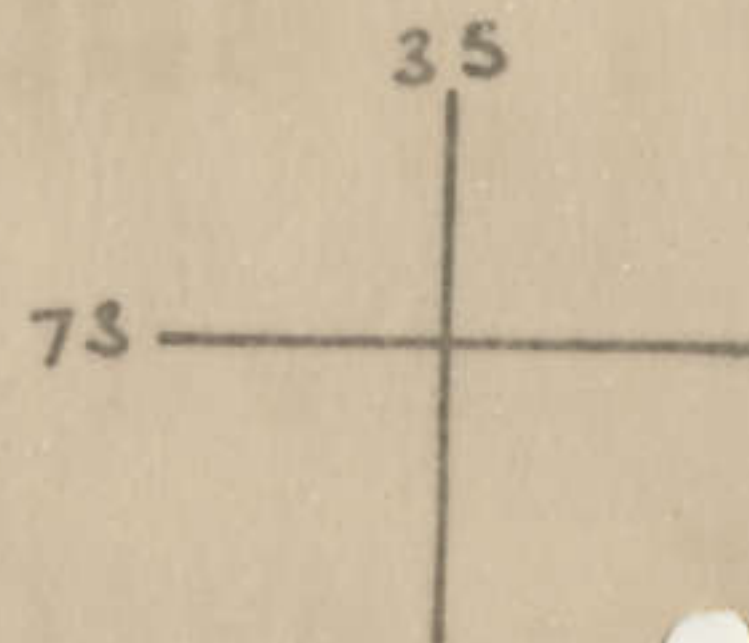
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PTL REPORT

Recce Ptl, Ptl 23.

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A. Size and Composition of Ptl.

|     |            |            |
|-----|------------|------------|
| Cpl | DC BURGESS | Ptl Comd   |
| Pte | RA ARNOLD  | Ptl 2i/c   |
| Pte | J LORIMER  | Sig        |
| Pte | M KERKEZ   | Wpns Instr |

B. Task.

1. Recce Zone 94 report all en mov.
2. Check GS5673 for en hospital.

C. Time of Departure.

171745H.

D. Time of Return.

221900H.

E. Routes (Out and Back).

Infil by hel to YS583725. For ptl route see Annex 'P'. Exfil by hel from YS586706.

F. Terrain.

Ground undulating, covered in primary jungle with a carpet of thick secondary growth. All re entrants encountered by ptl were very steep and thickly covered in brambles and vines. Going was very difficult and slow.

G. En.

YS583725 at 171830H. Signal shots heard from area of LZ 10 mins after ptl landed and deployed. Both SA and MG fire.

YS576733 at 180930H. Approx 10 en, both sexes, heard moving SW on old SW - NE bullock cart trk. All en talked volubly, laughed, giggled and gave every indication that they felt secure in the area.

YS567738 at 191330H. As ptl were climbing a small knoll a signal shot was fired approx 15 yds to their front. Ptl wdr then investigated area where shot came from. Sounds of digging and chopping were heard and many signs of pits being dug and OHP being cut were observed. Attap had been cut from the area and removed, also secondary growth cleared.

YS566732 at 181400H. Ptl circumnavigated feature which en were busy fortifying. The pits on the lower slopes were completed and had OHP. Approx 1 pl plus were working in abovementioned areas, both sexes.

YS566734 at 181415H. Rattle of dioxies and smell of food cooking indicated that the en units living area was in this loc.

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YS574706 at 211430H. 6 armed en seen moving SE on foot trk running NW - SE. Dress, black pyjamas and black hats, footwear not observed. All carried large full '37 type packs. Wpns carried slung, not identified. En moving swiftly but nontactically, talking and making plenty of noise. Their neat appearance suggested that they had not travelled far and that they had just embarked on their journey.

H. Map Corrections.

Many deep ravines and re entrants which are not marked on maps were encountered by ptl. throughout the whole area.

I. Misc Info.

Many SA and AW shots were heard by the ptl throughout the area.

Nearly every spurline encountered by the ptl had a small well used foot trk running down it.

In the Western part of the ptl area allied bombing has been so intense that going is very difficult indeed through the shattered tree trunks and fallen vegetation.

J. Results of Encounters With En.

Nil.

K. Condition of Ptl.

Good.

L. Conclusions and Recommendations.

It is recommended that further SAS ptls in the area be of at least 6 men. The area is limited in LZ spaces and should a contact occur maximum fire power is likely to be required to ensure the safe extraction of the ptl.

There are a great number of en in the area and they are using all trks freely.

It is recommended that should a ptl miss 2 consecutive scheds whilst working in this area a fly over search be conducted immediately rather than waiting until the next sched time.

*P. C. Burgess*  
(DC BURGESS)

Cpl  
Ptl Comd Ptl 23

M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

It seems apparent that there are considerable numbers of en in the ptl area making excellent tgts for airstrikes etc.

The very heavy, thick, scrub in the area would not lend its self to BH or larger sized operations against the en.

*M. Geldart*  
(M GELDART)

Sgt  
Int Sgt 3 SAS Sqn

N. Distr.

1 ATF (2)  
Arty Tac  
SAS Regt

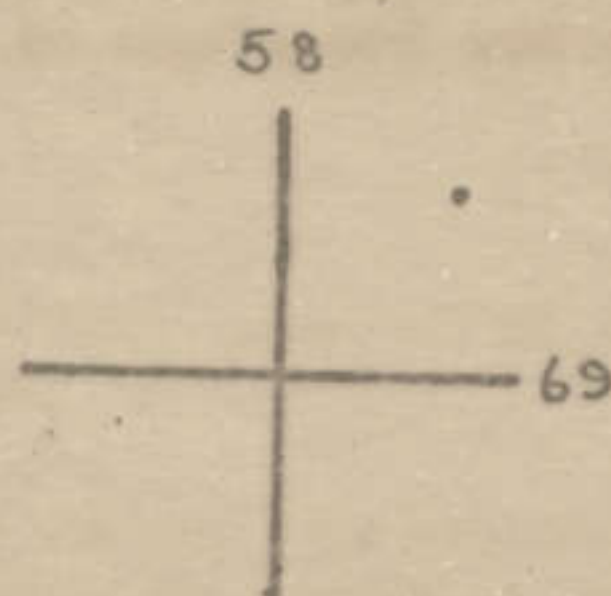
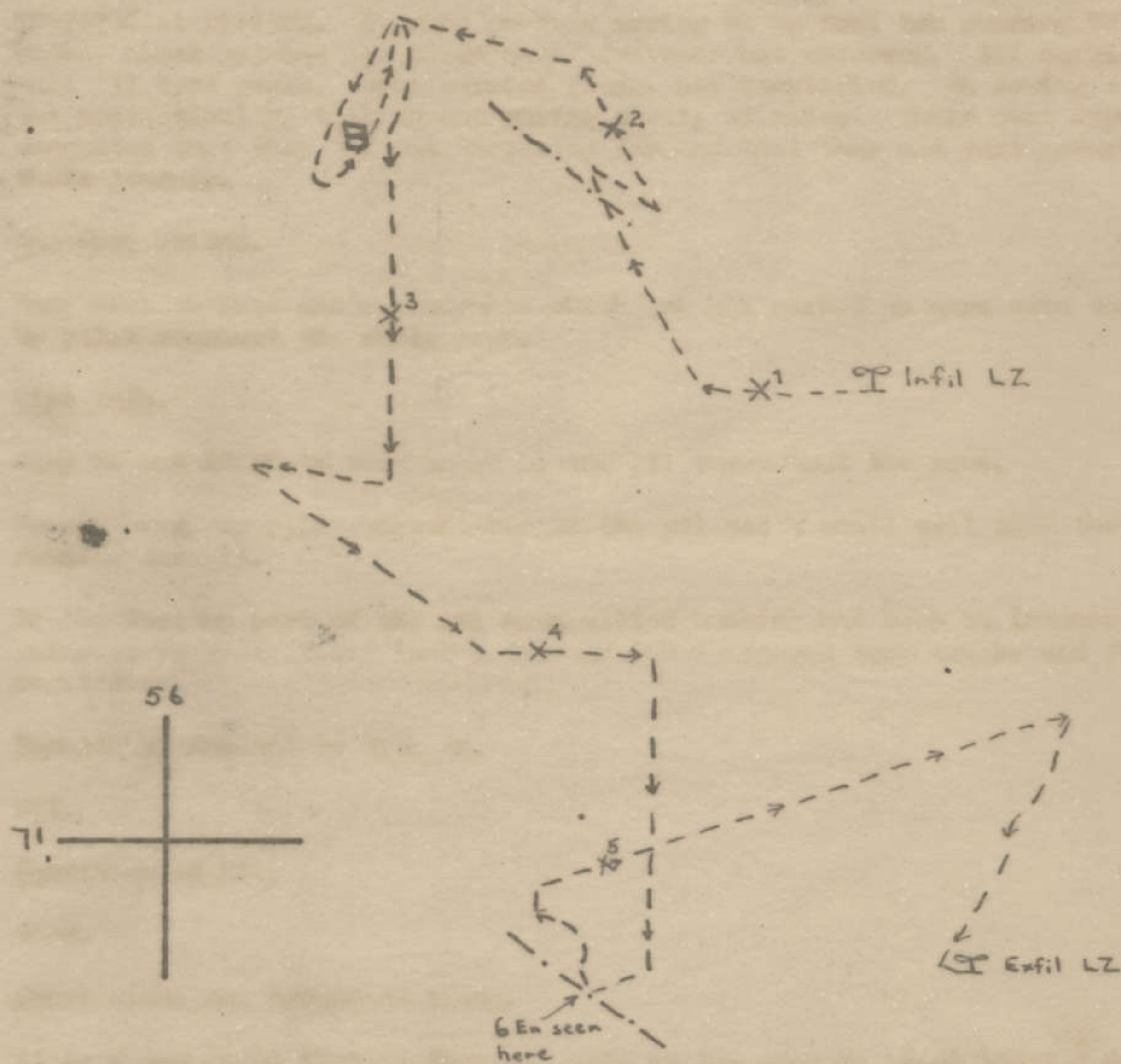
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Recce Ptl - Ptl 34

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A. Size and Composition of Patrol.

|                    |                              |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Sgt A.J.KIRWAN     | Ptl Comd                     |
| Lcpl R.A.CAUSTON   | Ptl 2ic/Sig                  |
| Cpl C.A.T.JENNISON | Ptl Linguist                 |
| Lcpl W.E.HARRIS    | Ptl Medic                    |
| Pte S.E.PLATER     | Aslt Pnr                     |
| Sgt W. SPENCER     | US Special Forces (Attached) |

B. Task.

Recce ZONE 85. Gather and report all info on en.

C. Time of Departure.

201830H.

D. Time of Return.

221800H.

E. Route.

Hel lift to GR414744. See ANNEX 'P' for ptl route. Ptl extracted from GR398737.

F. Terrain.

As per map.

G. Enemy.

No Contact. GR414744 at 201830H. Fresh tracks of one man moving SOUTH then WEST. Made within 48 hrs.

GR407730 at 221805H. Sighted pit with fresh spoil seen when being extracted.

H. Map Corrections.

Clearing XOM LA VAN GR399739 became overgrown.

I. Miscellaneous Information.

GR402740. Old overnight rest spot containing pits approx 3 ft deep and 2 ft wide. Not used for some time.

J. Results of Encounters with Enemy.

Nil

K. Condition of Patrol.

Good.

/.....L. Conclusions and

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L. Conclusions and Recommendations.

Area has not been used recently by large en forces.

*[Signature]*  
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(A.J. KIRWAN)  
Sgt  
Ptl Cond Ptl 34

M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

Nil.

*[Signature]*  
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(P.M. INGRAM)  
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N. Distribution.

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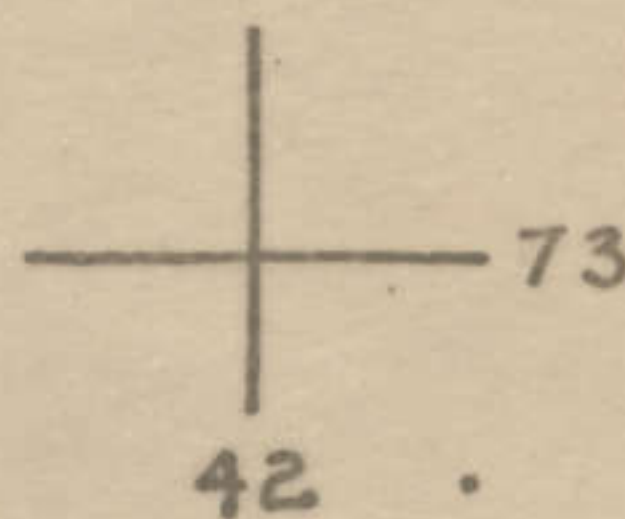
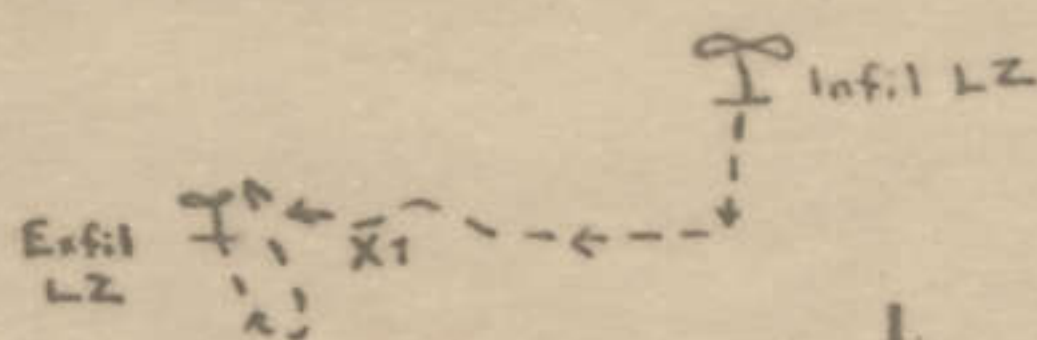
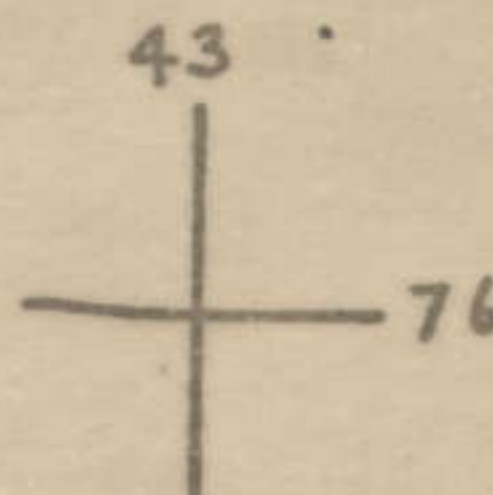
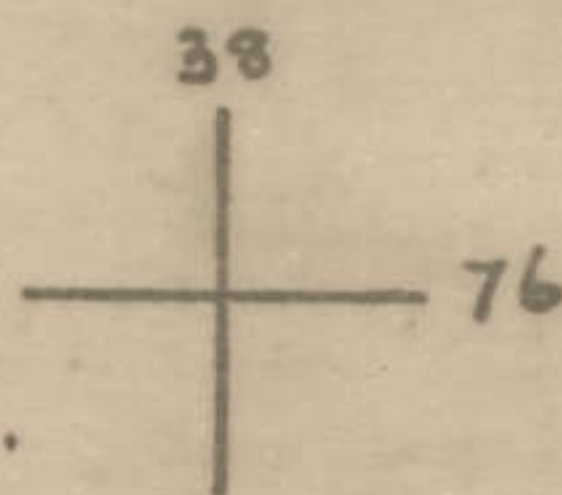
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