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**[Vietnam]**

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**Narrative**

**Annexes**

**[1-30 Nov 1966]**



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Comds Diary

1 Nov - 30 Nov 66

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To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

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

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# COMMANDERS DIARY

**OF**

**Unit or Formation.**

From 1 Nov 66

To 30 Nov 66

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Narrative (AF C 2118)

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## PART 3

# COMMANDERS DIARIES INSTRUCTIONS

### AIM

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

### GENERAL

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

### RESPONSIBILITY

#### During Non-operational Periods

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

#### During Operational Periods (1)

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

### COMPILATION

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

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## DISPOSAL

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

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

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

16. **TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.**

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

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

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

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

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

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AF-C 2118 (Adapted)

Revised Jun, 1965

UNIT/FORMATION..... 3 SAS Sqn

MONTH AND YEAR..... Nov 66

REFERENCE MAP.....

COMMANDING OFFICER.....

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
NUI DAT	1 Nov 66	0800	Preparations continue for Op HAYMAN	
NUI DAT	2 Nov 66	1200	Brig E.G. McNAMARA, OBE, ED, (DMT) and Brig A.S. McDONALD (Comd 3 Div CMF) lunched with OC, 2IC and Ops Offr.	
NUI DAT	3 Nov 66	0900	Sqn 2IC to 1 ALSG to confirm arrangements for Sqn accn at Transit Camp and aslt boats and associated stores ready for pickup.	
NUI DAT	4 Nov 66	0900	Final preparation and packing of stores and eqpt carried out.	
NUI DAT	5 Nov 66	0900	Advance party under Sqn 2IC moved to Transit Camp I ALSG VUNG TAU	
NUI DAT		1045	3 RAAF UHIB's commenced ferrying the remaining 70 members of the Sqn to I ALSG.	
VUNG TAU		1215	Ferrying of personnel completed and Sqn established at Transit Camp.	
VUNG TAU		1400	Aslt boats, motors and associated stores drawn from Engr stores and moved by road to CAT LO Naval Base (YS352519)	
VUNG TAU		1530	Boat crews commenced familiarization training.	
VUNG TAU		1800	Stores secured at CAT LO. All pers returned to Transit Camp.	



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VUNG TAU	6 Nov 66	0800	Boat crews moved to CAT LO to continue trg.	
VUNG TAU		1400	5 Sec commanded by 2 Lt P.J. SCHUMAN, departed for BARIA to join 5 RAR for Op YASS. 5 Sec had the task of patrolling the waterways adjacent to LONG PHOUC HOA (YS283627) while 5 RAR conducted a cordon and search operation in the village.	
VUNG TAU		1430	Rehersal for Op HAYMAN carried out by the sections in the swamp area to the NORTH of CAT LO	
VUNG TAU		1730	Crews returned to Transit Camp.	
VUNG TAU	7 Nov 66	0800	Boat crews, less section comds, moved to CAT LO to complete battle drills and preparation of of craft and eqpt.	
VUNG TAU		1000	Briefing for the operation conducted by OC.	
VUNG TAU		1600	Sqn TAC HQ moved to Regional Force (RF) Boat harbour (YS377571) where RF cmd was briefed.	
VUNG TAU		1630	5 Sec returned CAT LO from Op YASS	
VUNG TAU	8 Nov 66	0600	1,2,3 and 4 sec departed CAT LO for ptl areas 5 sec on standby at CAT LO to carry out resup tasks.	
		0700	LCMs and all sec\$ in position for start of Op HAYMAN.	



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RUNG SAT Special	9 Nov 66	0630	Boats continue to ptl their areas. A total of 100 people have so far been apprehended	
ZONE		1430	OC hel lifted to I ATF TAC HQ on LONG SON island for briefing on new area of ops	
		1525	OC returned to LCM 1.	
RUNG SAT Special	10 Nov	0700	New orders issued to comds 1,2,3,4, and 5 secs.	
ZONE		1100	C/S 15B (LCM 2) came under fire from VC ambush at YS222684. VC threw grenades and fired SA. Poss 50 cal was used. Only cas suffered was to PF crew. Arty called in. Results not known.	
		1830	All craft returned to CAT LO. SAS part in Op HAYMAN finished. Ops Offr produce d an after action report. See Annex M	
VUNG TAU	11 Nov 66	0800	Work parties commenced moving stores from CAT LO to I ALSG for cleaning, maintenance and return to 55 AESS.	
VUNG TAU	12 Nov 66	0800	Leave granted to all pers.	
NUI DAT	13 Nov 66	1400	All troops returned to NUI DAT. All appeared to be pleased to be back in the rubber. Lights at night are too bright.	

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NUI DAT	14 Nov 66	1530	Lt Col G.R.S. BRATHWAITE (CO SAS Regt) arrived for 48 hrs visit with Sqn.	
NUI DAT	16 Nov 66	1600	CO departed for SAIGON	
NUI DAT	17 Nov 66	0800	Wng 0 issued to ptls 11, 13, 21, 24, 31, 34	
		1200	2Lt P.M. INGRAM and Sig depart for 6 RAR to act as SAS LO during Op INGRAM	
NUI DAT	18 Nov 66	0900	Ptls 11, 13, 21, 24, 31, 34 briefed for 10 day ptl. Ptls in support of I ATF during Op INGRAM	
		1730	Above ptls infiltrated by hel.	
NUI DAT	19 Nov 66	0940	Ptls 31 and 34 reported seen and shot at during infil. Ptls carried on.	
		1135	Ptl 11 contacted 6 to 9 VC. En opened fire with 2 grenades and 3 auto carbines. Own ptl withdrew with no cas. En cas not known	
NUI DAT		1600	Ptl 11 this loc	



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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
NUI DAT	20 Nov 66	0930	Ptls 12 and 32 briefed for 48 hrs ptl 10 and 1 ptls to investigate report of PW compound in GS YS4279.	
		1025	Ptl 13 reported small en ptl moving EAST at 200830H. Dress black and green uniforms.	
		1600	Ptls 12 and 32 departed for drop off point by 1 APC Sqn.	
NUI DAT	21 Nov 66	0830	Comms with 12 and 32 difficult. Radio relay party despatched to XA BINH BA. SSM on sarbe run to control ptl 31. Comms unworkable with this ptl.	
		0945	Comms with ptl 31 by sarbe beacon. Info gained by ptl. Located en camp. Women and children seen, RCL's seen. Lot of en tracks activity in vic of camp.	
	22 Nov 66	0930	Ptl 12 reported. 6 huts occupied by 1 male, 2 females and a babe in arms. Shed also contained a tractor. Ptl advised to leave people alone as they are allowed to be there.	
		1055	Ptl 32 reported seeing 3 VC and 3 females. VC carried wpns.	
		1330	Ptls 12 and 32 this loc and debriefed.	
		1700	Ptl 31 reported. En appear alerted to ptls presence. Loud explosions heard during night on three sides of ptl LWP. Possa RCL's	



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NUI DAT	23 Nov 66	0710	Ptl 34 reported abundance of <del>mov</del> by oxcart and foot in his area. Some of people armed	
		0910	Ptl 13 reported shots in his area.	
		1400	Ptl 21 reported shots in his area during day and night.	
		1625	Ptl 31 reported heavy <del>mors</del> firing in his area. Also scattered shots and voices heard	
NUI DAT	24 Nov 66	0825	Ptl 34 reported serious lack of water in his area. Few water holes located occupied by en. Ptl requested exfil. Lack of water prevalent in all ptls areas.	
		0930	Ptl 13 reported en posn under construction. Also scattered shots in area.	
		1142	Ptl 31 reported 44 rds of mor fired in area during night and early morning. 2 armed en mov NE on <del>tkk</del> , Mov difficult due to dryness of undergrowth.	
		1145	Ptl 34 exfil and debriefed.	
		1520	Ptl 31 advised to mov to LZ for exfil.	
		1745	Ptl 31 this loc and debriefed.	
NUI DAT	25 Nov 66	1010	Ptl 24 reported serious lack of water in his area.	
		1430	Ptl 13 reported well used tks in area. Also shots in his area.	



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NUI DAT	26 Nov 66	1200	Ptl 13 given changed task. Now fighting ptl.	
NUI DAT	27 Nov 66	0810	Ptl 21 reported shots and voices in nearby village. Recommended this as pos Arty tgt.	
		1035	Ptl 13 had contact with 1 VC. VC KIA (BC). Docs, clothing, <sup>webbing</sup> MOSIM NAGANT rifle recovered.	
		1200	Ptl 13 now this loc and debriefed.	
NUI DAT	28 Nov 66	0900	Ptl 23 briefed to replace ptl 21	
		1130	Ptl 24 exfil to this loc and debriefed.	
		1800	Ptl 21 exfil and debriefed. Ptl 23 infil without incident.	
NUI DAT	29 Nov 66	0830	SSM departed for VUNG TAU to give RAAF instruction in use of respirators.	
		1430	Ptl 23 exfil due to 1 APC Sqn having contact in his area. Necessary to carry out sarbe search to locate ptl.	
NUI DAT	30 Nov 66	1600	LO 2Lt P.M. INGRAM and sig returned to this loc from 6 RAR.	
		1700	OC left for VUNG TAU. OC SSM to carry out Op DANGLESMIFF with RAAF. Op designed to check presence of CS pdr in vic of NUI THI VAI Hills. Op programmed for 3 days with	

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Annex 'A' to

3 SAS Sqn

Comds Diary.

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Unit: 3 SAS Sqn

Date: 9 Nov 66

Ops Int Log

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
1.	090700H	4 Sec		In ptl area now		
2.	090710H	3 Sec		In ptl area now		
3.	090710H			1 boat 4 females outside age bracket sent back to LONG SON		
4.	090715H	2 Sec		In ptl area now		
5.	090725H	2 Sec		1 boat 1 male 45 years old		
6.	090745H	2 Sec		Moving now to northern part of area		
7.	090750H	3 Sec		Arrange for pickup of 3 suspects at 286575	'M' boat in area to pickup	
8.	090810H	1 Sec		Loc YS245585		
9.	090810H	2 Sec		Loc YS257612		
10.	090815H	3 Sec		Suspects picked up		
11.	090840H	3 Sec		Loc 282586 camp 4 men 2 days old. Tracks leading into swamp		
12.	090915H	3 Sec		3 suspects handed over to MIKE boat at YS308582		
13.	091000H	3 Sec		Loc 301601. 6 shots at 400 metres NE		
14.	091045H	2 Sec		Loc 271596		
15.	091100H	4 Sec		Require 1 boat 1 motor 3 cans fuel at 317541	Passed to CAT LO	
16.	091105H	3 Sec		Loc 298572		
17.	091120H	3 Sec		Req 4 cans fuel at 305582	Passed to CAT LO	
18.	091210H	1 Sec		Loc 245593		
19.	091211H	2 Sec		Loc 272595		
20.	091213H	3 Sec		Loc 303585		
21.	091214H	4 Sec		Loc 316580		
22.	091430H			SUNRAY winched off boat and taken to receive new orders from Comd		
23.	091525H			SUNRAY returned to Comd boat.		
24.	091530H	4 Sec		Found 2 camouflaged sampans at YS293550. Greens, rice, live crabs, sleeping mats etc in sampans. Freshly cut branched used for camouflage. Fresh boot prints of 6 -8 around boats and leading NNW to village.		



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Ops Int

Log

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25.	091535H		4 Sec	Evacuate sampans to my loc		
26.	091700H		1,2,3,4, Secs	Op extended 24 hrs . 0 Gp at YS305585 at 100700H		
27.	100700H			Orders issued to comds 1,2,3,4 and 5 secs. 5 sec relieved of resup tasks for this phase of ops.		
28.	101100H	C/S 15B		Under fire from VC ambush at YS222684 req arty.		
29.	101830H			All craft returned to CAT LO		
30.	131400H			Troops returned from VUNG TAU. All appeared to be pleased to be back in the rubber.		
31.	141530H			CO arrived for 48 hr stay with Sqn		
32.	161600H			CO Departed for SAIGON		
33.	170900H			Wng 0 issued to Ptls 11,13,21,24,31, 34		
34.	180900H			Ptls 11,13,21,24,31,34, briefed for 10 day ptl. Ptls in support of I ATF during OP INGHAM		
35.	181730H			Above six ptls in fil by hel		
36.	190750H	LO 6 RAR		Did all ptls infil	During decoding C/S went on air.	
37.	190816H	Ptl 21		Loc 627717 NTR		
38.	190910H	Ptl 13		Loc 563792 NTR		
39.	190940H	Ptl 31		Loc 31,34 GR634782. Sighted by 2 en on infil. Sig shot fired then fled SOUTH. Watching well used track used for ni move 3 en used the trk last night. Single shots fired each hour during night. Voices to NORTH 150 yds . Poss camp will recce.		
40.	190950H	Ptl 24		Loc 622705 NTR		
41.	191135H	Ptl 11		Contact with unknown number of VC. Mov to LZ at YS578781	SSM overfly ptl to get further info. Made contact. comms poor.	
42.	191415H	Ptl 21		Loc 627716 NTR		
43	191425H		46	Ptl 21 at 627717 Ptl 13 at 563792 Ptl 31 & 34 at 634782 Ptl 24 at 622705 Ptl 11 Contact		



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Duty Offr \_\_\_\_\_ Log \_\_\_\_\_

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
44.	191450H	Ptl 24		Loc 624700 NTR		
45.	191550H	LO		Pass relevant info on exfil of Ptl 1		
46.	191600H			Ptl 11 now this loc		
47.	200730H		LO	Ptl locs Ptl 24 624700. 11 ptl this loc rest no change		
48.	200803H	Ptl 21		Loc 626723 NTR		
49.	200930H			Ptls 32 and 12 briefed for 48 hr patrol. Ptls to investigate report of PW compound in GS 4279		
50.	201010H	Ptl 24		Loc 621691 NTR		
51.	201025H	Ptl 13		Loc 577792 Small en ptl 575791 moving EAST 0830.		
52.	201245H	Ptl 34		Loc 626775 Well used ox trk. Watching for 24 hrs.		
53.	201400H	Ptl 21		Loc 620725 NTR		
54.	201445H	Ptl 13		Loc 579793 NTR		
55.	201500H	Ptl 24		Loc 620685 NTR		
56.	201600H			Ptls 12 and 32 departed by APC for drop off point		
57.	210830H			Radio relay party sent to XA BINH BA by hel to act as relay for ptls 12 and 32.		
58.	210830H			SSM on sarbe run to make contact with ptl 31. Comms have been very weak with this ptl.		
59.	210835H	Ptl 21		Loc 615732 NTR		
60.	210900H	Ptl 32		Loc GR424773		
61.	210905H	Ptl 12		Loc GR 424773		
62.	210945H	Ptl 31		Loc 627783. Located en camp at approx 624788. Women and kids in camp. RCL's. Lot of trks around camp. large amount en track activity		
63.	211020H	Ptl 24		Loc 617680. First water since infil. Resting Ptl		
64.	211125H	Ptl 12		Loc 427778		
65.	211400H	Ptl 32		Loc 421781		
66.	211400H		24	Watch route 328 tonight if poss.		
67.	211406H	Ptl 21		Loc 619733 NTR.		



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68.	211420H	Ptl 13		Loc 581799. en camp 578795 str approx 20. 100 yds long. cutting and tks indicate one week.		
69.	211500H	Ptl 12		Loc 426780 NTR		
70.	211515H	Ptl 24		No change		
71.	211545H	Ptl 13		En ptl reported yesterday moving EAST. Wearing black and green uniforms.		
72.	215150H	Ptl 34		Loc same. Two ox carts heading HWY at 201800. One cart came to Hwy 0045. Cont watching after search for water.		
73.	211615H	Ptl 31		Loc 621780. Water problem at present. Difficult recce en camp from EAST due to en mov. Will mov SOUTH infil LZ and try from west.		
74.	211616H	Ptl 32		Loc 420793. investigated voices heard. nil result.		
75.	211725H		LO	En camp at 578795 str twenty size 100 yds long. En camp at 624788 lot of en activity also RCL reported.		
76.	211800H	Ptl 32		Loc no change. Will call again 220830H.		
77.	211805H	Ptl 12		Loc 425793. Will call again 220800H		
78.	220800H	Ptl 11		Loc 415795		
79.	220805H	Ptl 32		Loc 422801 ETA LZ 1100hrs		
80.	220820H	Ptl 21		Loc 612742 trk used. Am surveilling.		
81.	220845H	Ptl 12		Loc 428800 Loc people around 3 iron roofed huts. Appear to be carrying supplies	To carry out closer recce	
82.	220910H	Ptl 13		Loc 587797. Several rfl shots for last 3 ni from 5979		
83.	220930H	Ptl 12		Loc 428800. Hut complex. 4 thatched huts, 2 tin and timber In right hand hut 1 man 1 woman. In centre hut 2 women with baby in arms. In shed one tractor and good stocks of timber.	People allowed to be there not to worry about them commence exfil.	
84.	221000H	IATF		Ground fire at Possum a/c from GR 620668		
85.	221000H		Ptl 24	Possum a/c fired on fm GR 620668 at 220940	passed 221027	
86.	22100H	Ptl 24		At 617677. No traffic on route 328 at GR612678 last ni		
87.	221035H	Ptl	Ptl 24	Move NORTH of 68 Nothing. Airstrike onto NVI LA.	passed 221050	



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Duty Offrs Log

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
88.	221055H	Ptl 32		Loc 423805. Saw 3 VC with wpns followed by 3 females on trk moving fm WEST to EAST at 221035. Am mov to LZ		
89.	221155H	Ptl 32		Loc 425812. at LZ		
90.	221330H			Ptls 32 and 12 at this loc now.		
91.	230700H	Ptl 31		Loc same. Much en mov. En now alerted. No definite mov to or fm SOUTH. Think en evac area. Certain ptl heard or seen on several occasions. Last ni explosions on 3 sides of LUP. 500 yds. Poss RCL Shots all ni. Will remain this loc 24 hrs.		
92.	230710H	Ptl 34		Loc same. 2 oxcarts loaded with gp civies mov EAST last ni		
93.	230720H	Ptl 34		Loc same Hvy use of trks by small gps. Some armed.		
94.	230800H	Ptl 21		Loc 611739 NTR		
95.	230730H		LO	Ptl 13 587797. Ptl 21 612742. Ptl 24 617677. Ptl 31 & 34 no change.		
96.	230910H	Ptl 13		Loc 588795. 3 rfl shots WEST of my loc near en posn		
97.	230915H	Ptl 13		LOC 589797 NTR.		
98.	230930H	Ptl 24		Loc 618681. Can ptl move south of 68 northing now.		
99.	231400H	Ptl 21		617745. Mov EAST. Single shots in this area day and night.		
100.	231435H		Ptl 24	Check out NUI LA. then mov WEST 1,000 yds	passed 231625	
101.	231430H	Ptl 13		Loc 590801 NTR		
102.	231430H	Ptl 24		Loc 619675 NTR		
103.	231555H		LO	Ptl 13 590801. Ptl 21 617745. Ptl 24 619675.		
104.	231625H	Ptl 31		Loc 629788 at 1215 hrs two heavy mortars or <del>grenades</del> guns fired ten rds NORTH fm approx 634785 many trks this area Many scattered shots. En voices 50 yds WEST.		
105.	240715H	Ptl 34		Small groups locals moved which way		
106.	240730H	Ptl 21		Mov EAST/WEST along river		



Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
107.	240805H	Ptl 21		Loc 624748 NTR		
108.	240825H	Ptl 34		609764. Streams dry. Numerous locals minding buffaloes along drying water holes. Can't last. Exfil LZ 615764.		
109.	240830H		Ptl 34	Do you require exfil		
110.	240845H		Ptl 34	Move to LZ and advise		
111.	240930H	Ptl 13		591805. New en posn being made at 592822. Only one pit made complete with OHC. Arty firing at area today SOUTH my loc one o'clock. Rifle firing NORTH EAST 390 yds my loc.		
112.	240940H	Ptl 24		At 615671. Moving to NUI LA now. Ref your last msg is due WEST correct.		
113.	240950H		Ptl 24	Yes, due WEST to SWOI BO just in time.		
114.	241035H	Ptl 34		At LZ. LZ secured.		
115.	241130H		Ptl 24	Your area extended to 60 easting between 65 and 67 northing. Recce NUI LA and high ground to SOUTH. <del>Trasides</del> mov up road tomorrow.		
116.	241140H	Ptl 31		Loc same. 7 to 9 PM 40 rds mor fire on 628778. At 7 AM rds mor fire 300 yds WEST this loc. 0830 2 armed en mov NE. Mov difficult due to dryness of bush and presence of en. Mor fire from 624786.		
117.	241400H	Ptl 21		Loc 621744 NTR		
118.	241430H	Ptl 13		592803. Bullock track 592803 well used. One en moving WEST.		
119.	241435H	Ptl 24		Loc 613669 NTR		
120.	241520H		Ptl 31	Mov to LZ for exfil. Give time estimate. Advise		
121.	241530H		LO	Ptl 13 at 592803. Ptl 21 at 621744. Ptl 24 at 613669. Ptl 31 no change. Ptl 34 this loc. Ptl 24 area extended WEST to 60 easting between 65 and 67 northing. will recce there tomorrow		
122.	241600	Ptl 31		LZ at YS633786. ETA 30 mins.		



Unit: 3 SAS Sqn

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Duty Offrs Log

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
123.	241640H	Ptl 31		At LZ now		
124.	241745H		I ATF	Ptl 31 now this loc		
125.	250800H	Ptl 21		619747. Shots not my zone all trks overgrown . Nil traces en. Moving WEST to surveill trk and hwy.		
126.	250900H	Ptl 13		Loc 587803 NTR		
127.	251010H	Ptl 24		Loc 612664. Going slow and difficult. No water in SWOI BO Next water GR 620650		
128.	251035H	I ATFN		Req clearance on YS62207865 for skyspot at 252000H and YS553783 for pre planned airstrike am 26 Nov	Clearance granted final check prior to actual strike	
129.	251345 H		LO	Ptl 24 612664. Ptl 21 619747. Ptl 13 587803. Ptl 31 this loc		
130.	251400 H	Ptl 21		Loc 611741 NTR		
131.	251430H	Ptl 13		585799. Well used foot trk 587802 running SE. Rfl fire 300 yds my loc 1345		
132.	251445H	Ptl 24		618654. No sign old or new of VC. All trks years old. Water supply main rivers.		
133.	252040H	I ATF		Clearance req for APC Sqn to fire into GS 6168 (Granted)		
134.	260800H	Ptl 21		610740. SUMMERHOUT req return to base for admin reasons if op is extended		
135.	260910H	Ptl 13		Loc 587797. Medsick. GIBSON infected ears periodic pain in ears jaws and head for 7 days.		
136.	260935H	Ptl 24		Loc 620652 NTR		
137.	261200H		Ptl 13	Role now fighting ptl. Will exfil after contact. is this acceptable	passed 1230	
138.	261230H		LO	Ptl 13 YS587797. Ptl 21 YS610740. Ptl 24 620652	passed 1235	
139.	261245H	Ptl 13		Will start offensive role now		
140.	261305H	LO		Are ptls being replaces		
141.	261350H	Ptl 21		Loc 611742 NTR		
142.	261355H		LO	Ptls will not be replaced		
143.	261435H	Ptl 24		Loc 612652 NTR		
144.	261600H	Ptl 13		Loc 587800 NTR		



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Duty Offr Log

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
145.	270810H	Ptl 21		Loc 610747. Voices and shots village area past two ni. Tried close recce. Cannot get into pinpoint poss arty tgt.		
146.	270950H	Ptl 24		Loc 612650. Voices of atleast 1 male and female SOUTH of this loc at 261930Hrs mov EAST to WEST		
147.	271020H	I ATF		Clearance req for preplanned airstrikes in YS6379 at 281000H	Granted	
148.	271035H	Ptl 13		Contacted 1 VC at YS587803 at 0925 hrs. 1 VC KIA at LZ YS584806		
149.	271100H		Ptl 21	Ptl 23 will replace you tomorrow at 1745hrs. Advise LZ	Passed at 1400 Hrs	
150.	271200H			Ptl 13 returned this loc		
151.	271345H	<del>XXXXXX</del>	Ptl 24	Advise LZ for exfil at 1100 hrs tomorrow	passed 1450 hrs	
152.	271400H	Ptl 21		Loc 612742 NTR		
153.	271440H	Ptl 24		At 610650. resup or exfil		
154.	280805H	Ptl 21		Loc 617739 also LZ. Ignor trk no risk.		
155.	280900H	Ptl 24		At exfil LZ 610650		
156.	281130H			Ptl 24 now this loc		
157.	291015H	1 ATF		APC's reported hvy mg fire fm GS6174		
158.	291020H	1 ATF		Beacon sig and Vietnamese voice heard by hel pilot on bearing 15° fm XUYEN MOC		
159.	291035H			Sarbe search commenced for Ptl 23 No contact made with Ptl 23		
160.	291115H			No contact made with ptl 23 search continues		
161.	291215H			Contact made with ptl23. Ptl told to mov to LZ for exfil		
162.	291300H	I ATF		Ptl 23 now this loc		
163.	300800H	LZ 589704.	Time	after 1500H		



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Not to be taken on Ptl

3 SAS Sqn Ptl Programme from 281745H Nov to 031745H Dec 66

A	Ptl Serial No	1
B	Unit to Provide	J tp (HEALY)
C	Type	Recce
D	Task	Recce ZONE 95 and report allinfo on en
E	Date/Time Out	281745H
F	Date/Time In	031745H
G	Route	Hel to LZ
H	Time Report Required	040900 H
I	Remarks	Authentication Colour RED

Notes:-

1. Panel marker and smoke RED
2. 2 UH1B and LFT on standby during daylight hrs.

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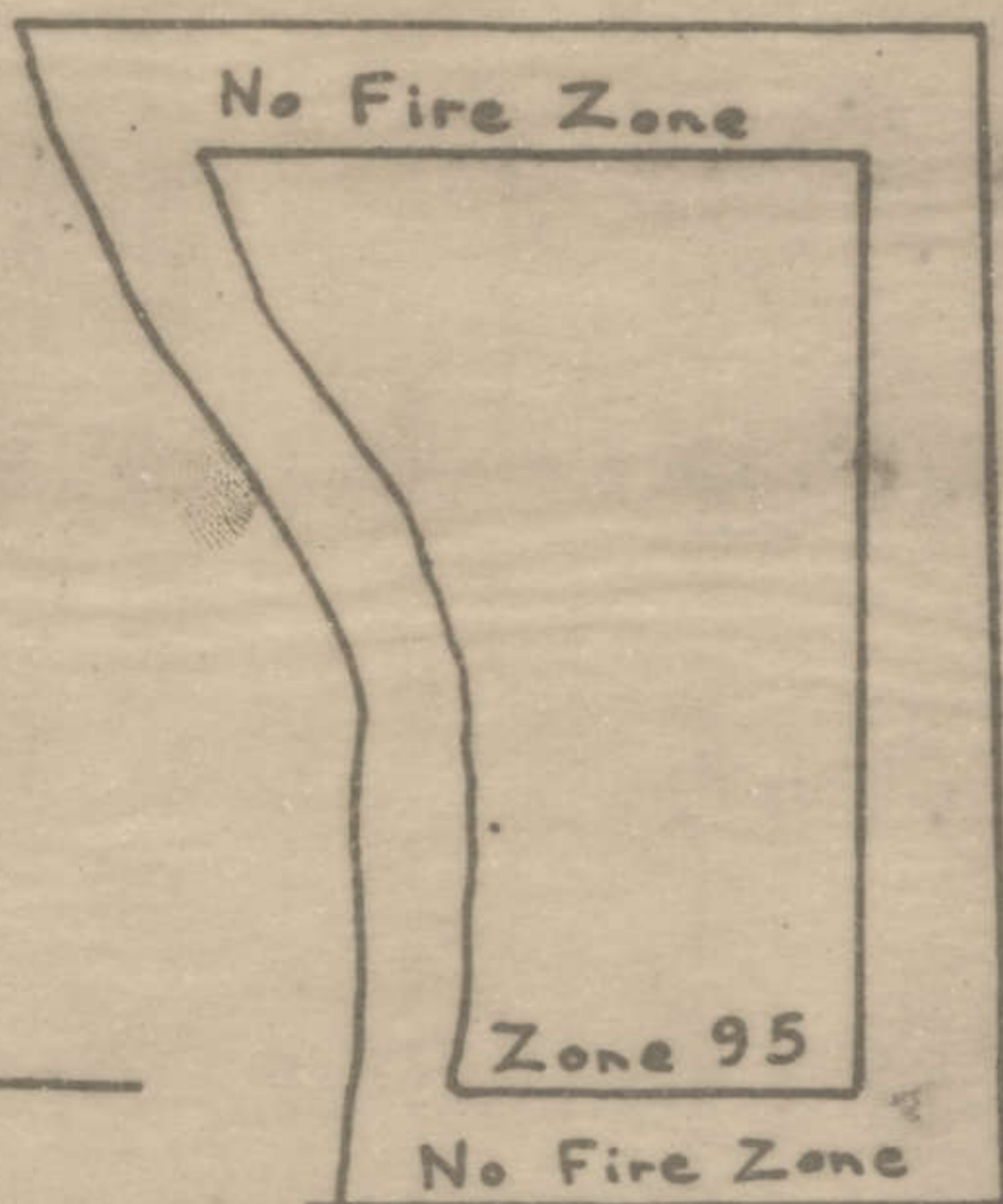
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23 Nov - 3 Dec 66

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NOT TO BE LATER ON PATROL

3 SAS Sqn Ptl Programme for period from 201600H to 221600H

A	Ptl Serial No	1	2
B	Unit to Provide	K Tp URQUHART	I Tp ROBINSON
C	Type	Recce	Recce
D	Task	Recce Zone 97 and locate en PW camp in GS4279.	Recce Zone 98 and locate en PW camp in GS4279.
E	Date/Time Out	201600H	201600H
F	Date/Time In	221600H	221600H
G	Route	APC tp GR426767	APC to GR426767
H	Time Report Required	221700H	221700H
I	Remarks	Nil	Nil

Notes: 1. Panel Marker, RED. Smoke, RED.  
2.2 UH1B's and Light Fire Team on standby during daylight hours.

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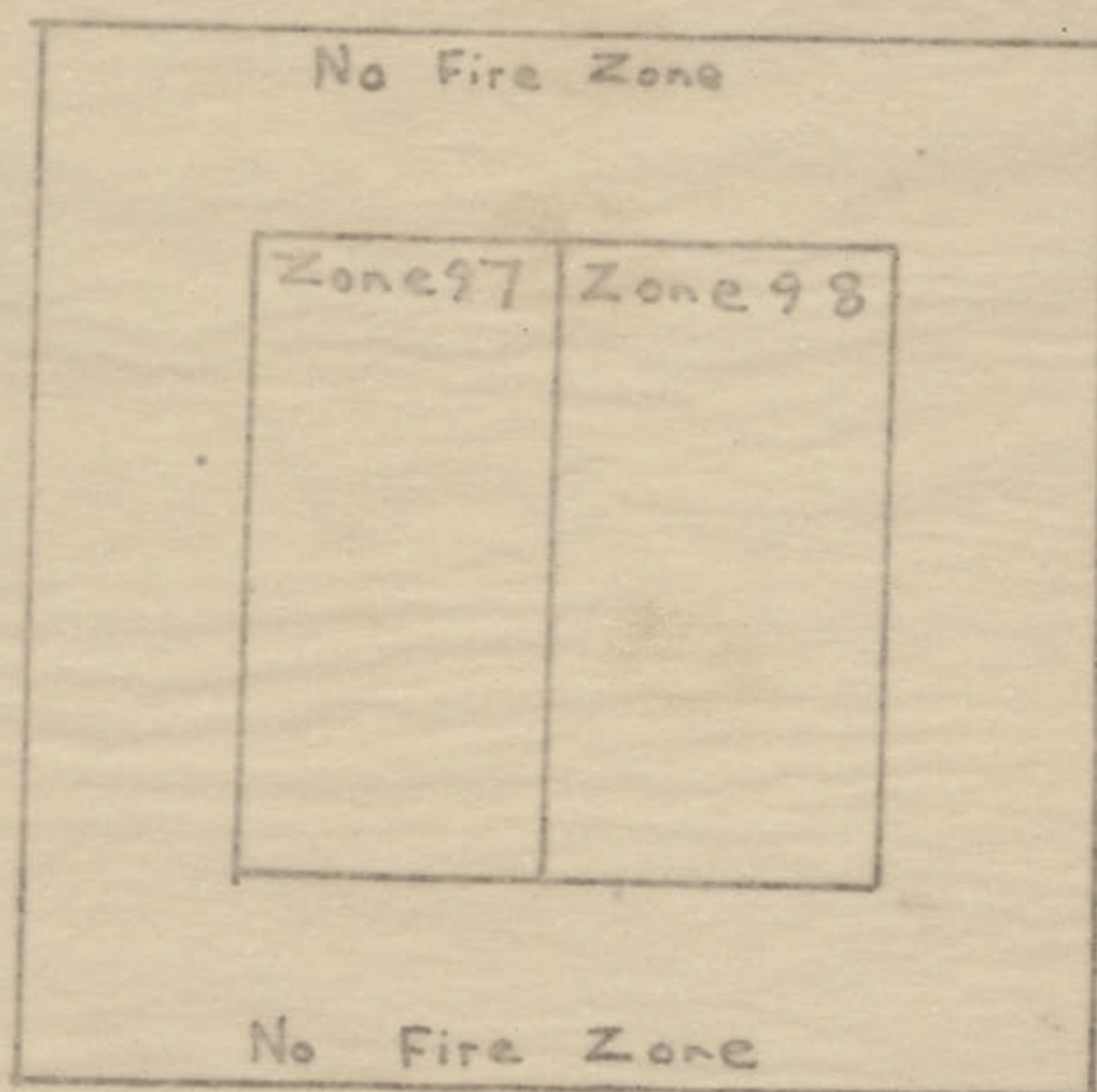
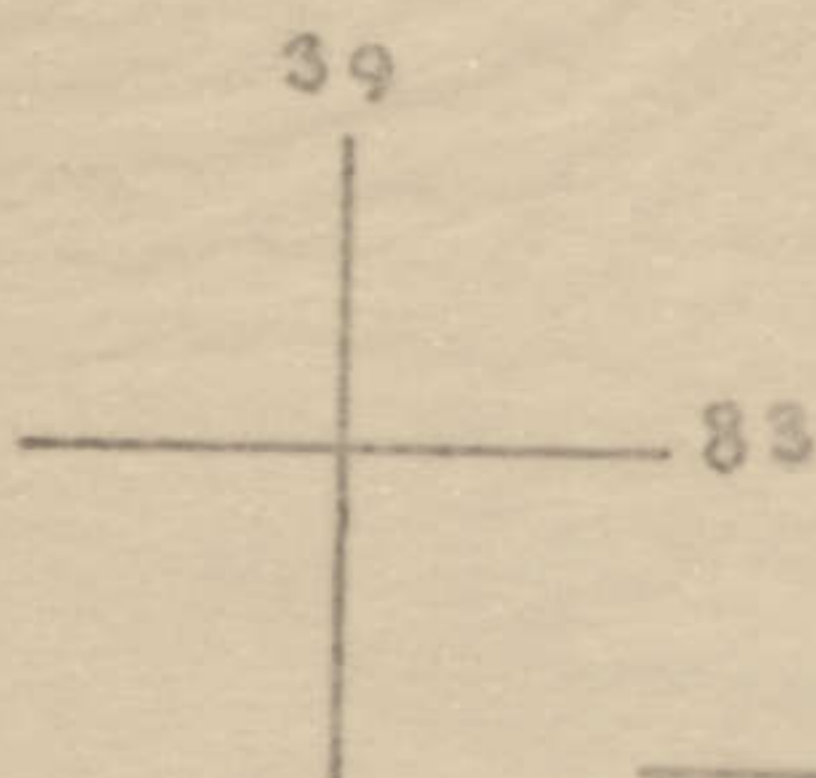
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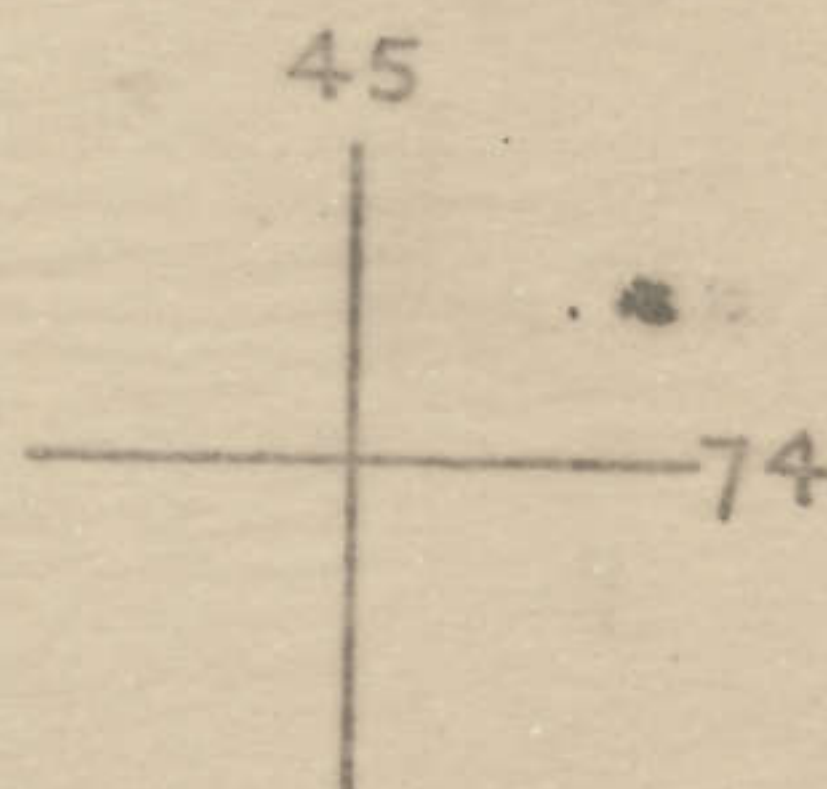
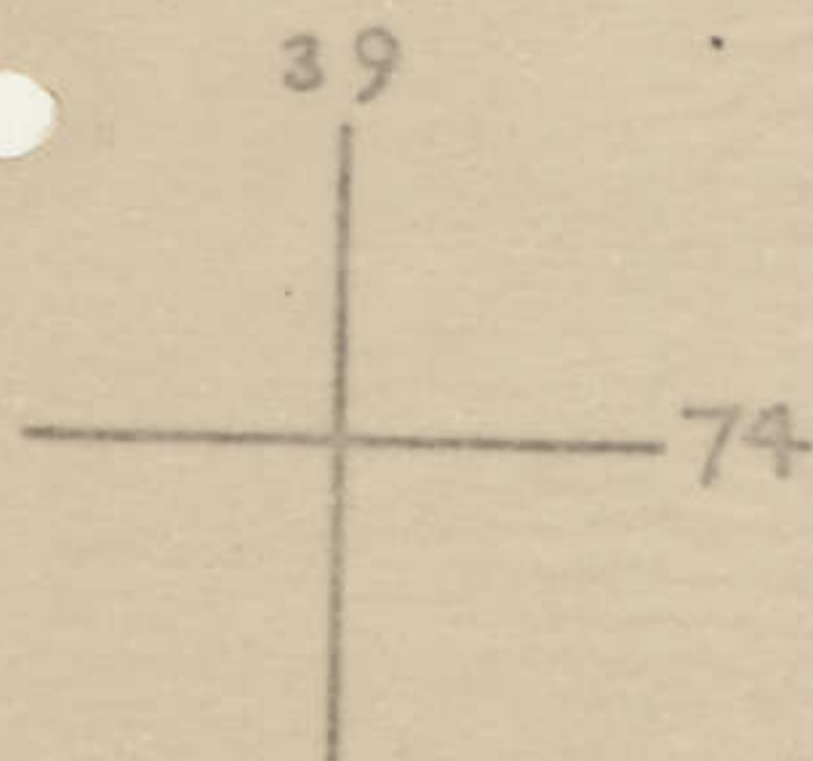
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Proposed Infil Pt  
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NOT TO BE TAKEN ON PTL

3 SAS Sqn Ptl Programme for Period From 181800H To 281800H

A Patrol Serial No	1	2	3	4	5	6
B Unit To Provide	I Tp HOGG	I Tp FERGUSON	K Tp AITKEN	K Tp KENNEDY	J Tp HOLAN	J Tp THORBURN
C Type	RECCE	RECCE	RECCE	RECCE	RECCE	RECCE
D Task	Recce Zone 91 report all en mov towards area of ops	Recce Zone 92 report all en mov towards area of ops	Recce Zone 93 report all en mov towards area of ops	Recce Zone 94 report all en mov towards area of ops	Recce Zone 95 report all en mov towards area of ops	Recce Zone 96 report all en mov towards area of ops
E Date/Time Out	181830H	181830H	181830H	181830H	181830H	181830H
F Date/Time In	281830H	281830H	281830H	281830H	281830H	281830H
G Route	Heli to LZ	Heli to LZ	Heli to LZ	Heli to LZ	Heli to LZ	Heli to LZ
H Time Report Required	290800H	290800H	290800H	290800H	290800H	290800H
I Remarks	Authentication Colour RED	Authentication Colour BLUE	Authentication Colour WHITE	Authentication Colour PINK	Authentication Colour BLACK	Authentication Colour BROWN

NOTES:-

1. Panel Marker (RED) Smoke (RED)
2. 2 X UHLB and Light Fire Team on standby during daylight hours

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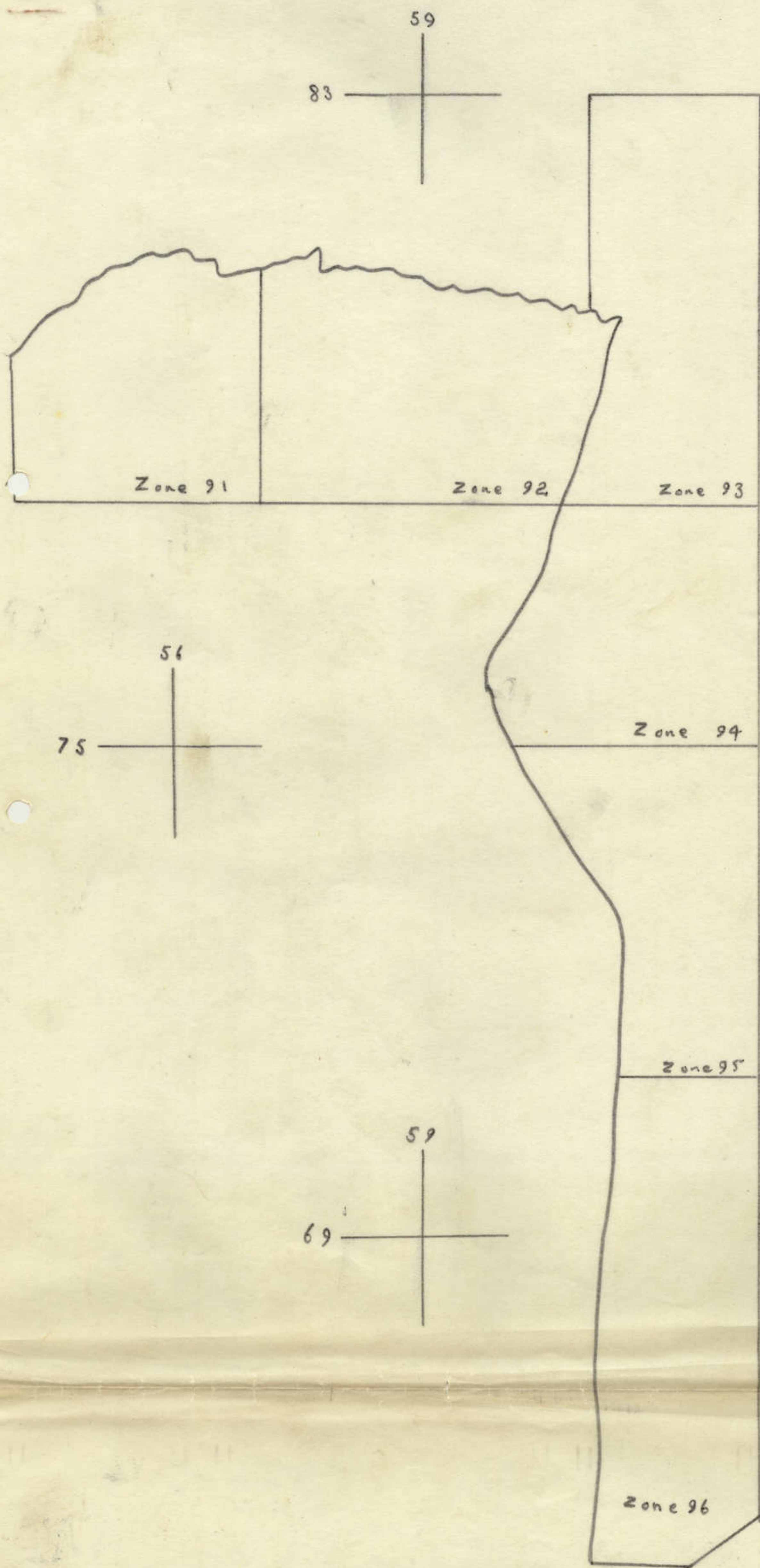
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Not to be Taken on Ptl

3 SAS Sqn Ptl Programme from 031730H to 091600 Nov

A Ptl Serial No				
B Unit to Provide	I Tp ROBINSON	I Tp FERGUSON	K Tp AITKEN	K Tp KENNEDY
C Type	Fighting	Recce	Recce	Recce
D Task	Destroy small en parties ZONE 99	Recce ZONE 89	Recce ZONE 87	Recce ZONE 88
E Date/Time Out	041600H	031730H	031730H	031730H
F Date/Time In	091600H	071600H	071600H	071600H
G Route	APAC to GR 426767	Hel to LZ 288719	Hel to LZ288719	Hel to LZ 288719
H Time Report Required	091800H	071800H	071800H	071800H
I Remarks	Authentication colour RED	Authentication Colour BLUE	Authentication Colour GREEN	BLACK Authentication Colour

- Notes:- 1. Panel marker and smoke RED.  
2. 2UHIB and LFT on standby during daylight hours

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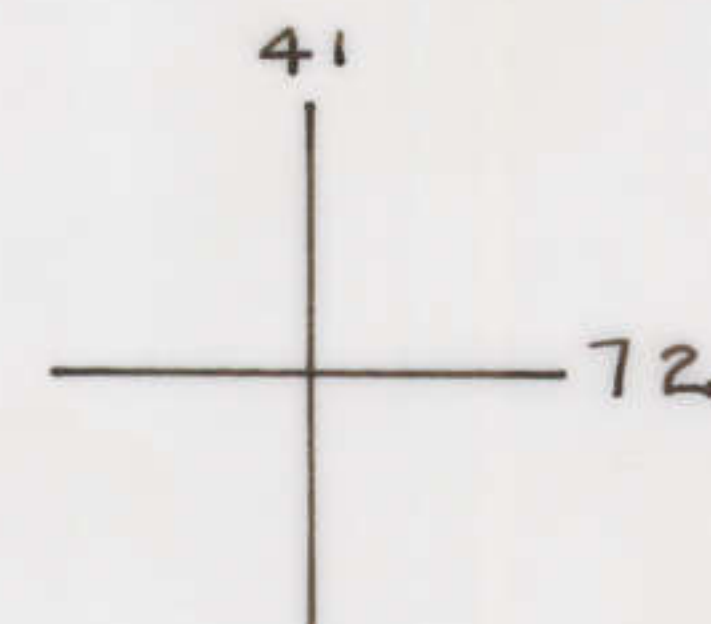
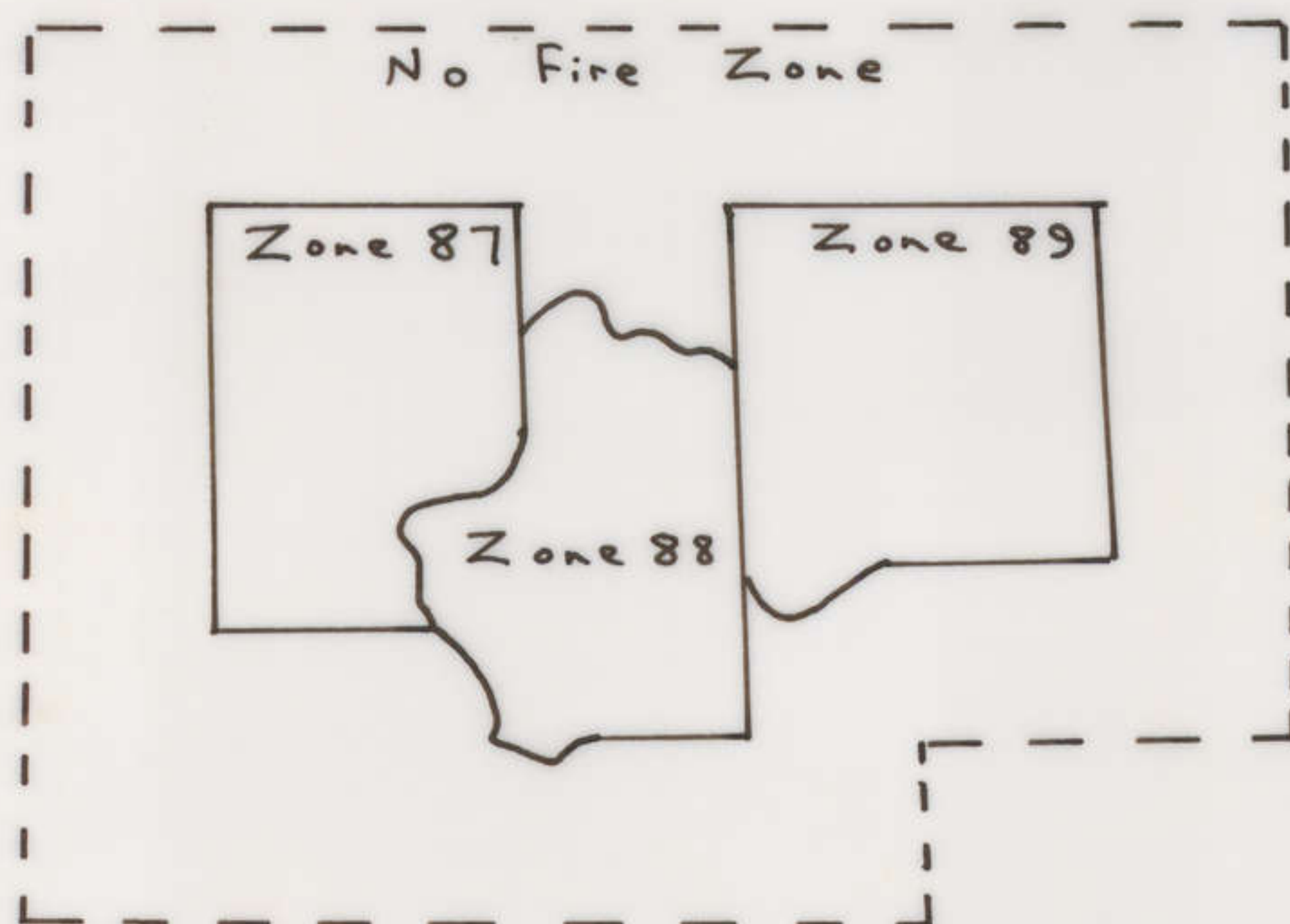
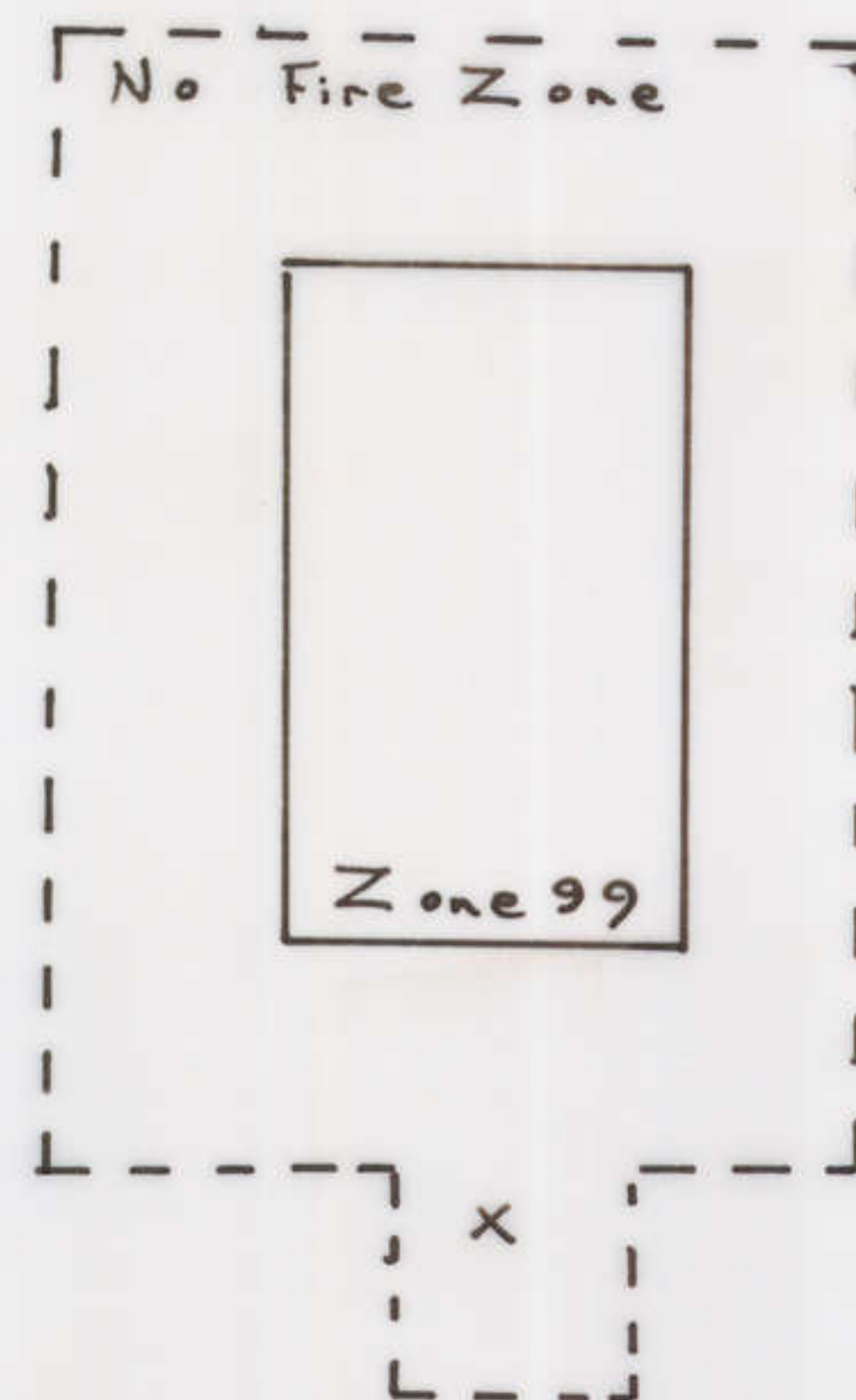
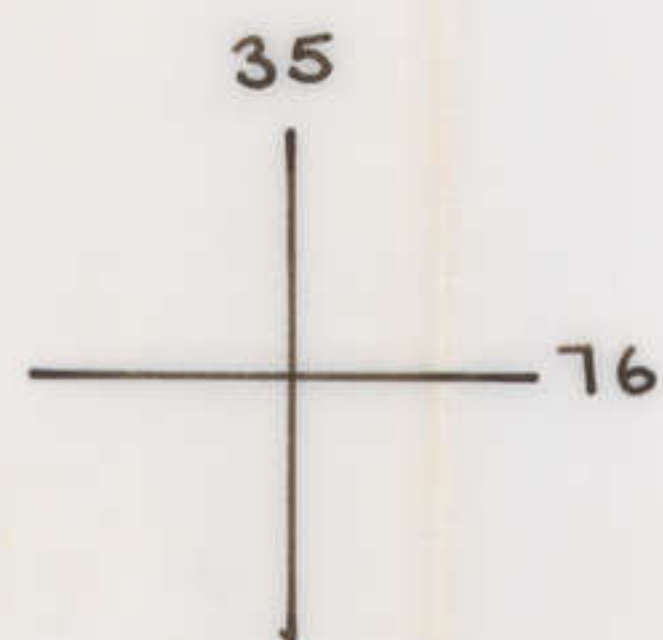
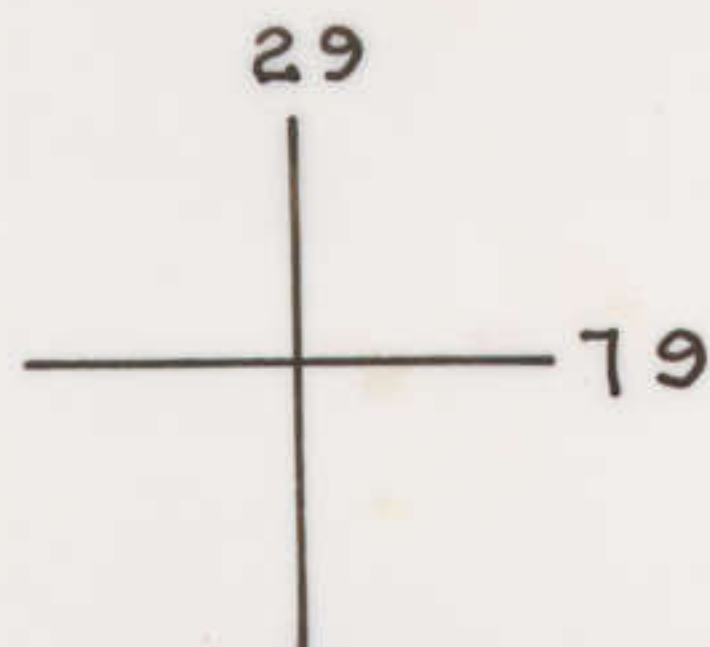
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Orders 113 - 1

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

MAJOR J.M. MURPHY

OFFICER COMMANDING

3 SAS SQN

• HUI DAT - SOUTH VIETNAM

25 NOV 66

113. AMENDMENTS TO UNIT RO

1. 3 SAS Sqn Routine Order Part I Number 4 is amended to read:-

a. Unit Security Officer	2Lt T.W. RODERICK
b. Unit Explaining Officer	2Lt T.W. RODERICK
c. Unit Civil Affairs Rep	2Lt T.W. RODERICK

2. 3 SAS Sqn Routine Order Part I Number 100 is amended by deleting 1st Lt L.S. REEVES and inserting Pte A.L. REID.

114. MAJUNCTION REPORTS - AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES

Malfunctions of ammunition or explosives are to be reported by the most expeditious means to the SSM. The SSM is then to submit a preliminary verbal report direct to ATO care of I ALSC. (Details are shown on File R1300-1-1)

115. CANTEEN

1. Further to Unit Routine Order 104. and 3 SAS Sqn Canteen Instruction of Oct 66.

- Any committee member serving at the bar is not to drink alcohol
- All stocks are to be under lock and key outside normal trading hours.
- Cash can not be accepted nor credit allowed.
- Daily deficiencies of \$1.00 or more in the canteen are to be investigated immediately by the respective committee and if the discrepancy can not be solved the matter is to be referred to the respective supervising officer for direction.

c. Responsibilities - Pay Cpl:-

- (1) Maintain Sqn canteen books of account.
- (2) Produce monthly canteen statements.
- (3) Control Chit Books.

2. Unit Audit Board. The following are appointed :-

61141	Capt G.B. CHILMAN
16235	2Lt T.W. RODERICK

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116.

MARRIAGE BETWEEN AUSTRALIAN SERVICEMEN AND VIETNAMESE NATIONALS

1. So long as both parties are free to marry there is NO legal barrier to such a marriage. Any member contemplating such a marriage will have to:-
  - a. Inform the OC of his intention to marry.
  - b. Visit the Australian Embassy at 7th Floor CARAVELLE HOTEL, SAIGON with his intended wife. The Embassy staff will advise the necessary immigration requirements to be satisfied and help you to obtain a certificate saying you are free to marry. To this preliminary interview the intended bride should take six passport type photos and be prepared to answer fully and truthfully questions relating to her past.
  - c. A medical examination of the intended bride will have to be carried out by a doctor nominated by the Embassy and the result of this examination could have a material effect upon her entry into Australia.

117.

TRANSFERS OF CASH AND CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS

1. The following is the text of Force Paymasters Instruction 17/66.
  1. General.
    - a. Bank Drafts and telegraphic transfers from Australia. Transfers of Australian currency by the above means are normally converted by local banks into the sterling equivalent and this is cashable only in piastres at the ruling rate of exchange - (Not the official rate).
    - b. Members are warned that piastres will not be converted to Aust or US currency by Cash Offices. Such an exchange is permissible only on RMA and then up to \$40:00 value only.
    - c. Australian banks are apparently not aware that such transfers payable only in piastres hence unless a member can ensure that drafts or telegraphic transfers can be despatched in US dollars form by lodging a US dollar credit with the US Federal Treasury, then such transactions are to be avoided in the best interests of the member.
    - d. It is noted that Bank Drafts, Telegraphic Transfers, Travellers cheques etc in any currency will not be cashed by Cash Offices. Post Exchanges and US Finance section may accept US Travellers Cheques.
    - e. Cheques drawn on private accounts are not cashable by Cash Offices. It is unlikely that such cheques would be accepted by US authorities.
  2. Cash Remittance by Civilians within Australia to Members in Vietnam. There is a facility provided whereby civilians residing in Australia may remit cash to members. In brief the cash is lodged with the receiver of Public Monies in a Command Pay Office, and APAC issues a Credit advice to the members unit, for entry into his paybook.
  3. Bank Drafts and Telegraphic Transfers to Australia. Present restrictions do not allow for such transactions.
  4. Remittances to Australia Through Pay Channels. This is the subject of a separate instruction to be promulgated shortly.



CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS

5. MPC and Piastre. Members should be aware that it is illegal to possess currency other than that approved for use within Vietnam i.e. MPC and piastre, and that the use of MPC is restricted to US and third nationals only. There are heavy penalties for Vietnamese caught with MPC in their possession.
6. US Green. US Green is issuable to members only on the day they proceed on R & R and any residue on return must immediately be changed to MPC. Members REA may have US currency exchanged for Australian currency or deposited to paybook subject to the fact that the total amount does not exceed the previous month's drawings. Piastres also will be exchanged for Aust currency subject to the proviso that the total amount does not exceed \$40.00 or the value of the last exchange whichever is the lesser. US authorities have been requested not to convert MPC into Green.

118.

POSTAL INTERFLORA

1. Permission has been given for use of Army communications system for implementation of the Interflora Service.
2. The following procedure is to be adopted immediately.
  - a. All messages are to originate from ASCO at I AJU.
  - b. ASCO is to despatch to appropriate ASCO HQ, using registered telegraphic signal address.
  - c. Messages are to be passed after operational traffic.
  - d. Messages are to be routine, unclassified.
  - e. Cost of fibwers is to be paid direct to ASCO, with NO payment for telegram.
3. It is essential that the text of the message be as short as possible e.g. Mrs Mary Bloggs 20 Smith St MTADALE W.A. flowers four dollars on 25 Dec regards Bill Bloggs.

119.

Notices

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

AHBS.

Army Health Benefits Society as of 16 Nov changed their address to:-

CHANCERY HOUSE  
483 Bourke St  
MELBOURNE Vic

All members are advised to post claims to new address in future.

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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 1 Nov 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	<del>92</del> 92	100	ESTABLISHMENT
			1	1	4	6		1	1	1	17	16	13	43	90	97	POSTED STRENGTH
										1	1				2	2	SURPLUS
								1	1			1		3	5	5	DEFICIENCIES

NOTES TO AFV WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN

- Details of Surplus and Defecient personnel to be shown on reverse of Pro Forma.
- Attached personnel are to be categorised as either:-
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- ALL units shown on the Order of Battle are to submit a seperate Return. GROUPING of units on Return IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.
- Members MEDWACED 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 unalloted list of Command in which member takes leave. In all other cases (compassionate reposting, administrative posting) member is to be struck off strength on receipt of signal advice from HQ AFV

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SURPLUS

ECN	ARMY NO	RANK	NAME	REMARKS
721	13168	Sgt	J.J. MOCHRY	Filling WO2 Posting
017	23065	Sgt	H.J. BOAG	Surplus to Regt

DEFICIENCIES

APPT/POSTING	ECN	RANK	REMARKS
9413	721	WO2	Filled by Sgt
Opl Rm	757	Opl	Vacancy - INTERVAC
Sig Inf	000	Pte	Vacancy - INTERVAC
Aslt Enr	150	Pte	Vacancy
Sig Op Radio	630	Sig	Vacancy - INTERVAC

ATTACHMENTS

ARMY NUMBER	RANK	NAME	PARENT UNIT

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			1	1	4	6		1	1	1	16	17	13	43	20	97	POSTED STRENGTH
										1					1	1	SURPLUS
								1	1					3	3	4	DEFICIENCIES

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TCN	ARMY NO	RANK	NAME	REMARKS
721	13168	SSgt	MOONEY J.J	Filling WO2 posting

DEFICIENCIES

APPT/POSTING	ECN	RANK	REMARKS
Op Radio	630	LCpl	Medevac
Sig Inf	800	Pte	Medevac
Aslt/Pnr	150	Pte	Medevac

ATTACHMENTS

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RETURNS (SPECIAL) - WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN

PRO FORMA No 2  
(as amended 5 Sep 66)

AS AT 2359 HRS TUES .15. Nov. 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	12	46	91	99	ESTABLISHMENT
			1	1	4	6		1	1	1	incl 1 att 17	16	13	43	90	97	POSTED STRENGTH
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LCN	ARMY NO	RANK	NAME	REMARKS
721	13968	Ssgt	J.J. MOONEY	created by change in estb
757	54344	Loplt	B. KELLY	1 over estb by pensionation CARD

# DEFICIENCIES

APPT/POSTING	ECN	RANK	REMARKS
SQMS	721	WO2	Created by change in estb
Rfn	757	Cpl	
Rfn	757	Pte	Members MEDEVAC
Sig	800	Pte	
Sig	630	Sig	

# ATTACHMENTS

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53865	Sgt	K.J. BOAG	152 Sig Sq



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THE SPECIAL AIR SERVICE REGIMENT

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21 Nov 66

SUBJECT: Combat Operations After Action Report.

To: 1 ATF (2).

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1. Referance is made to:

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1:50,000 XA VUNG TAU

2. Name and Type of Operation: Operation HAYMAN. Search and Destroy.

3. Dates of Operation. The operation was conducted from 080700H to 101800H Nov 66.

4. Location: LONG SON Island.

5. Control Headquarters: 1 ATF.

6. Reporting Officer: Maj J.M. MURPHY.

7. Task Organization:

3 SAS Sqn  
Regional Force (RF) Boat Coy.

8. Supporting Forces:

- a. (1) 103 Fd Btry, A Btry 2/35 US Arty.  
(2) One Light Fire Team.  
(3) 2 UH1B's fitted with winch.

b. Extent of Employment and Effectiveness:

- (1) Arty fire was called in on two occasions. The first shoot was controlled by FOO party, the second was controlled by FOO who was receiving corrections from FAC.
- (2) The light fire team was not engaged.
- (3) 2 UH1B's were fitted with winches to act as emergency extraction means. One hel was used to winch Sqn Comd off Comd craft and take him to HQ 1 ATF TOC for briefing by Comd.

9. Intelligence:

a. General:

- (1) Local guerilla squads are known to exist and operate amongst the fishermen and villagers on the island.
- (2) No main force VC units are known to be on the island but there have been reports of up to Bn sized units passing through LONG SON. The last such report was on the 28 Oct 66. This unit was reported at YS266585.
- (3) No identification of VC administrative units has been made but elements of VC Group 84 (Rear Services Group supporting 5 Div) certainly operate from the island.

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- (4) The most likely course of action by the local VC guerillas is to conceal their weapons and mingle with the civilian population. Some VC will attempt to flee the island on sampans and other small craft.

b. Enemy Strength and Situation found in area:

- (1) A total of 250 persons were apprehended and evacuated for interrogation. All persons were apprehended on the waterways around the island.
- (2) The enemy were contacted on two occasions. At 101100H an RF boat carrying elements of Sqn HQ was engaged at close range with grenades small arms fire and possibly a .50 cal MG at YS229692. Fire was returned as boat withdrew. Area was engaged by Arty. Two RF boats returned to area of contact with nil results. At 101400H ptl fired on two VCS who failed to halt when challenged at YS249608. Ptl withdrew and Arty engaged the area. The Sect returned to check area and found footprints of 6 - 8 people. One sampan was evacuated.

- c. Terrain and Vegetation: The island of LONG SON is surrounded by tidal mangrove swamps. The mangroves grow 10 - 15 ft high and afford protection from ~~air~~ observation. Movement by foot is nearly impossible. Many creeks and waterways meander through the area and these afford easy movement for sampans or other light craft. Movement by boat is restricted at low tide. Mean difference between high and low tides is 8 feet.

- d. Weather: The weather by day was fine and hot with very high humidity. Continual exposure to the sun plus the glare from the water began to show its effects on the crews on the third day.

0. MISSION: 3 SAS Sqn was to:-

- a. Place blocking forces on exit streams from LONG SON island.
- b. Search swamp areas around LONG SON island.

1. Concept of Operations.

- a. 3 SAS Sqn was to prevent VC from escaping from LONG SON island by placing blocking forces on main exit streams and patrolling small streams in the swamp area. See Annex P.
- b. Force to be in position by 080700H Nov. It was anticipated it would be necessary to maintain this role for 2 days.
- c. Four LCM's from RF Boat Coy would be used to cover the main waterways and act as a temporary reception centre for detainees.
- d. Search of the swamp area was to be carried out using assault boats.
- e. See Annex A for Sqn organization for duration of operation.

2. Execution.

a. General.

- (1) The Sqn moved to VUNG THU on 5 Nov 66 and was accommodated at ALSG Transit Centre. During the afternoon assault boats and outboards motors were drawn from 55 AESS and moved to CAT LO naval base, where crews began familiarization training.
- (2) On 6 Nov 66 crews continued training and 5 Sec prepared to move at 1400 hrs to join 5 RAR for operation YASS.
- (3) Briefings were conducted at 1000 hrs on 7 Nov 66. Also present for briefing were 2 advisors from BARIA Sector HQ and F00.

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- (4) At 1600 hrs Sqn TAC HQ moved to RF Boat Coy harbour YS377571 where RF Coy Comd was briefed on the operation. LCM's departed at 1800 hrs to carry out routine patrolling to NORTH of LONG SON island.
- (5) Assault boat crews completed battle drills and preparation of craft and equipment for first light move from CAT LO on 8 Nov 66

b. LCM No 1.

- (1) Moved into blocking position at YS322565 by 080700H Nov.
- (2) Sqn CP was established on this craft.
- (3) Detained all persons in suspect age group found in area.
- (4) Was prepared to move to support assault boats if need arose.
- (5) Moved to vic YS209631 upon receipt of fresh orders from Comd 1 ATF
- (6) Moved to support LCM No 2 after it was ambushed at YS229692 at 101100H
- (7) Supported 5 sec whilst they investigated area vic YS249608 following a Arty strike.
- (8) Returned Sqn TAC HQ to CAT LO at 101800H, then proceeded on to Boat Harbour.

c. LCM No 2.

- (1) Moved into blocking position at YS308582 by 080700H. Annex P
- (2) Sqn Aid Post was established on this craft.
- (3) Detained all persons in suspect age group found in area.
- (4) Was prepared to move to support assault boats if need arose.
- (5) On 10 Nov 66 moved to Zone 11 to patrol waterways. See Annex P. Was ambushed at YS308582 at 101100H. No casualties either side. Area engaged by Arty and in company with LCM No 1 returned to area which was checked with NIL results.
- (6) At 101530H Sqn HQ personnel transferred to LCM No 1 and craft returned to Boat Harbour.

d. LCM No 3.

- (1) Moved into blocking position at YS276585 at 080700H. See Annex P.
- (2) Detained all persons in suspect age group found in area.
- (3) Was prepared to move to support assault boats if need arose.
- (4) On 10 Nov 66 moved to Zone 12 to patrol waterways. See Annex P
- (5) Commenced return to Boat Harbour at 101600H.

e. LCM No 4.

- (1) Moved into blocking position at YS246586 by 080700H See Annex P.
- (2) Detained all persons in suspect age group found in area.
- (3) Was prepared to move to support assault boats if need arose.

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(4) At 091600H escorted a number of sampans and detainees to BARIA.

(5) On 10 Nov 66 moved to Zone 15 to patrol waterways

(6) Commenced return to Boat Harbour at 101600H.

f. 1 Sect.

(1) Commenced patrolling ZONE 1 at 080700H. See Annex P.

(2) Detained all persons in suspect age group found in area.

(3) Evacuated two motorised sampans from YS253570 on 10 Nov 66. Whilst being towed sampans began to fill with water and were scuttled.

(4) Was enroute to new patrol area ZONE 11 at 101000H when one motor became unserviceable. RAEME mechanic was unable to fix motor. At 1400 hrs sect told to commence movement back to CAT LO with disabled craft in tow.

g. 2 Sect.

(1) Commenced patrolling ZONE 2 at 080700. See Annex P.

(2) Detained all persons in suspect age group found in area.

(3) On 10 Nov 66 moved to and commenced patrolling ZONE 12.

(4) At 101300H, Sect directed to evacuate 3 sampans from YS263587 to LONG SON jetty. Whilst under tow sampans began to fill with water and were scuttled.

(5) Sect commenced move back to CAT LO at 101600H.

h. 3 Sect.

(1) Commenced patrolling ZONE 3 at 080700H. See Annex P.

(2) Detained all persons in suspect age group found in area.

(3) Escorted elements of D/5 RAR to YS316566 on 9 Nov 66. 3 camouflaged sampans located. Craft scuttled.

(4) On 10 Nov 66 commenced patrolling ZONE 13. See Annex P.

(5) At 101100H as result of VC ambush, sect moved NORTH to vic YS217688 to act as cut off group. Remained this loc until 1230 hrs then resumed patrolling.

(6) Commenced return to CAT LO at 101630H.

j. 4 Sect.

(1) Commenced patrolling ZONE 4 at 080700H. See Annex P.

(2) Detained all persons in suspect age group found in area.

(3) On 9 Oct located 2 camouflaged sampans at YS298554. Tracks of 6 - 8 around boats and leading NNW towards village. Sampans evacuated.

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- (4) On 10 Nov 66 commenced patrolling ZONE 14. See Annex P  
At 1130 hrs one motor became unserviceable and the sect was directed to move to YS240580 and RV with RAEME mechanic. Motor could not be fixed and sect was directed to return to CAT LO at 1400 with disabled craft in tow.

k. 5 Sect.

- (1) Came back under comd at 071600H after completion of tasks on OPERATION YASS.
- (2) At 080600H was standing by at CAT LO to provide all resupply items needed by the Sqn. See Annex P.
- (3) On 10 Nov 66 commenced patrolling ZONE 15. See Annex P.
- (4) Detained all persons in suspect age group found in area.
- (5) At 101400H sect directed to search for sampans in vic YS249608. Two VCSs were engaged by leading scout when they failed to halt. Sect wdr and Arty engaged area. A check of the area showed footprints heading NORTH. One sampan was evacuated.
- (6) At 1630 hrs sect commenced return to CAT LO.

l. I ATF Op Order 1-14-66 was issued on 4 Nov 66.

n. The operation commenced at 080700H Nov and terminated at 101800H.

n. Sqn Tac HQ was established on RF Coy commanders craft. Also on this craft were two advisors (1 US, 1 Aust) who had previously worked with the Boat Coy, and an interpreter.

o. Liaison. One liaison officer with a radio on Sqn Comd net was located with I ATF Tac HQ.

13. Results;

- a. A total of 250 persons were detained and evacuated to LONG SON jetty or direct to BARIA.
- b. There were no casualties sustained by own forces.

14. Administrative Matters.

- a. Resupply; The resupply point was located at CAT LO. Routine resupply was effected three times daily by two assault boats. The resupply boats were in wireless contact with all sub units and this made RVing simple. The RAEME mechanic travelled on the last run each day to check motors that were not running at peak efficiency. The pool of two spare motors proved inadequate as five engines had to be changed during the operation. Sqn HQ rear was located at IALSG Transit Camp and was responsible for moving items, on demand, forward to CAT LO.
- b. Maintenance. Daily maintenance as allowed by the situation, was carried out by the coxswains. The mechanic was available once a day to effect minor repairs.
- c. Medical. Sqn Aid Post was established on LCM No 2. 2 UNED fitted with winches were available for emergency evacuations.
- d. Communications. 12XPRC 25 wireless sets were required by the Sqn for the Operation. Present Sqn holdings are 7 sets (5 on establishment plus 2 on loan). Difficulty was experienced in borrowing the additional 5 sets from other units due to their own commitments.

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15. Special Equipment.

- a. Lifejackets which were issued for the operations proved unsatisfactory for the following reasons:-
  - (1) On contact with water, the jacket automatically inflates.
  - (2) The jacket is worn around the neck and covers all the front part of the chest. It proves hot and uncomfortable in this climate.
- b. The requirement exists for a jacket that is more comfortable to wear for prolonged periods and does not operate automatically on contact with water.

16. Commanders Analysis.

- a. The operation was a success and demonstrated that the time spent in training for this type of operation in Australia had not been wasted.
- b. With this operation behind them the Sqn is capable of taking on more complex amphibious operations.
- c. Good results can be achieved from RVIAF if they are placed under comd and have their US advisors with them.
- d. The RF Boat Coy displayed a high degree of professionalism and a willingness to get on with the job.
- e. The co-operation of the US Navy at CAT LO enabled resupply and repair to be carried out with the minimum of fuss.
- f. It is considered that the Sqn LO should have been left with 5 RAR. This would have ensured quicker and more efficient comms. As it was he tended to be redundant as the Sqn was on I ATF Comd Net.
- g. Administrative lessons were learnt, particularly on the need for a 100% backing of spare motors. Those at present held in stock are unreliable for operations extending over more than 24 hours. The spares backing also appears to be inadequate.
- h. Early warning for any such future operations is a prerequisite if success and endurance are to be achieved.

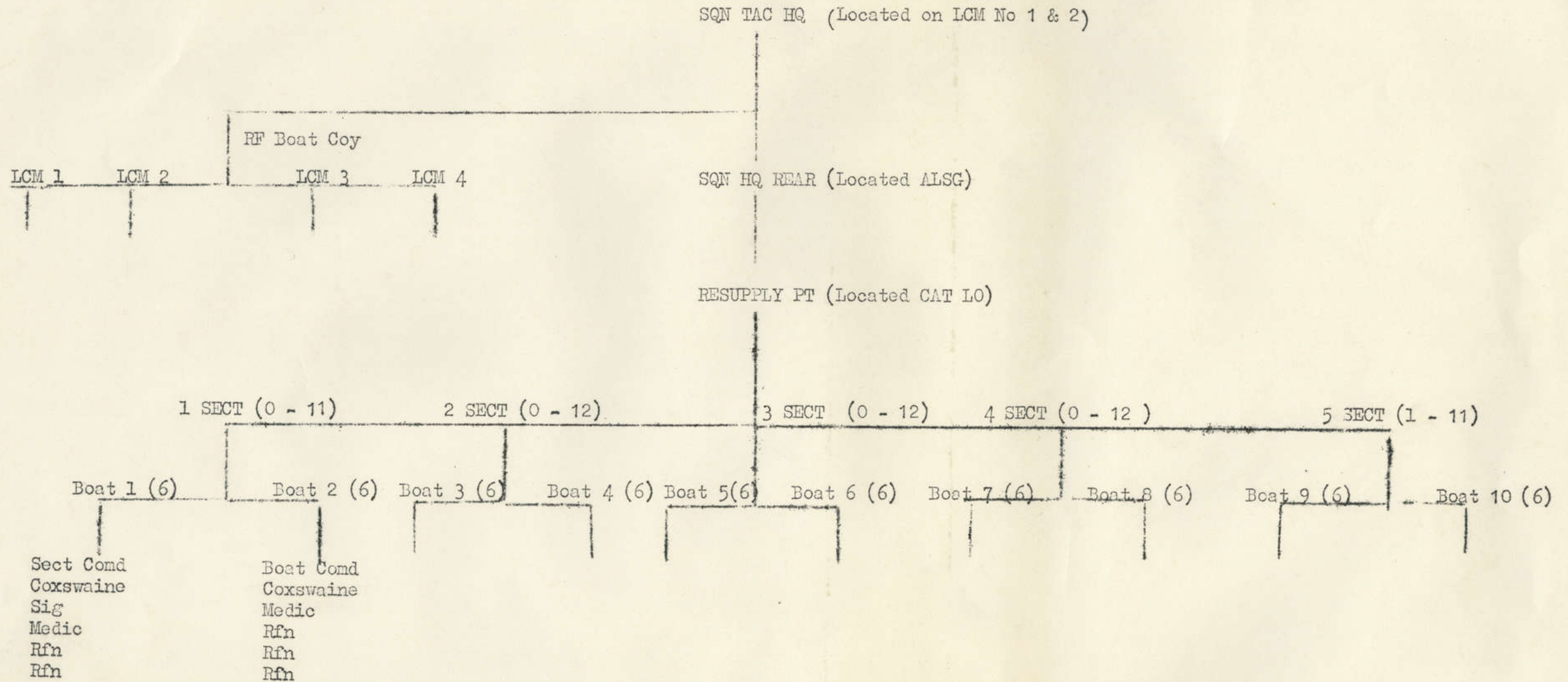


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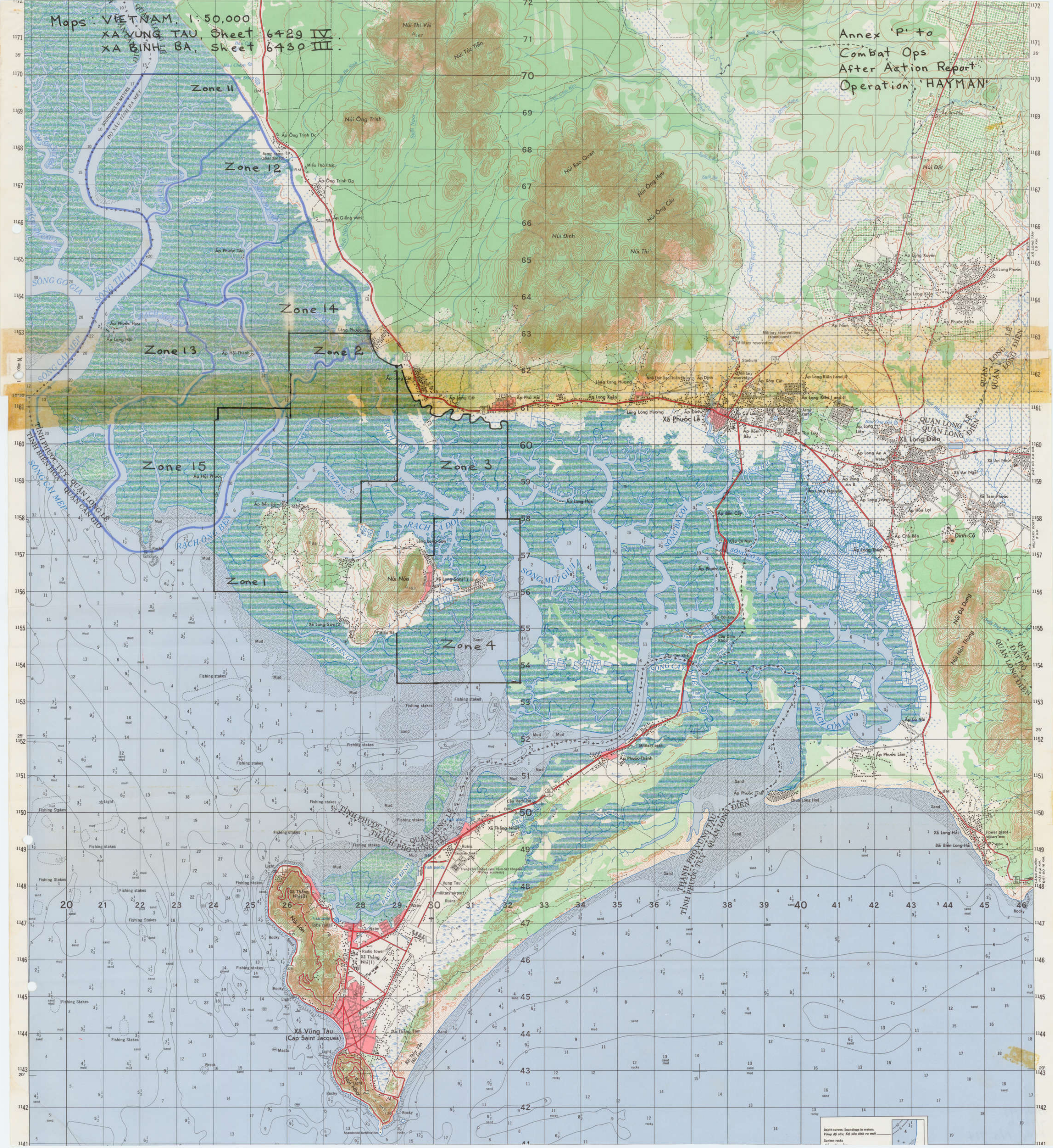


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ANNEX A TO  
COMBAT OPERATIONS AFTER ACTION REPORT  
OPERATION HAYMAN











Operation 1000  
After Action Report  
Combat Ops  
Annex 9-10

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PTL REPORT

Recce Ptl - Ptl 23

Reference: Maps VIETNAM XUYEN MOC 1:50,000 Sheet 6430 II  
PICTO MAP 1:25,000 Sheet 6430 IIs

a. Size and Composition of Ptl.

Sgt P.L. HEALY	Ptl Comd
Cpl D.L. CHRISTENSEN	Ptl 2IC and Medic
Pte R.J. LORIMER	Sig
Pte G.A. MATHEWS	Rfn

B. Task.

a. Recce ZONE 95. Gather and report all info on en.

C. Time of Departure.

281745H Nov

D. Time of Return.

291300H Nov.

E. Routes (Out and Back)

a. Ptl lifted by hel to YS627739. See Annex P for Ptl route.

b. Ptl exfiltrated from YS612746.

F. Terrain.

a. Vegetation was thick secondary growth making movement slow and difficult. Only one main track was found. See Annex P.

G. En.

a. No enemy were sighted by ptl.

b. At YS614745 at 291015H. Ptl heard heavy volume of SA and MG fire coming from vic YS607741. Several single shots were fired immediately after firing ceased about 200 yds SOUTH WEST of ptl. These shots passed over the ptl and were assumed to be VC signal shots.

c. At YS613746 at 291100H. Ptl heard heavy volume of SA and MG fire coming from vic YS613744. Firing was followed by a single shot fired about 50 yds from Ptl.

d. At YS613746 at 290830H. Ptl located a well defined track running NE - SW which showed signs of regular use.

H. Map Corrections.

Nil

I. Misc Info.

Nil

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- J. Results of Encounter with En.  
Nil
- K. Condition of Ptl.  
Good.
- L. Conclusions and Recommendations.  
Nil

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(P.L. Healy)  
Sgt  
Ptl Comd Ptl 23

M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

- a. The firing at 291015H could coincide with report from 1 APC Sqn of firing in that area.
- b. Ptl was extracted early because their presence was restricting the use of Arty and mortar fire in the area.

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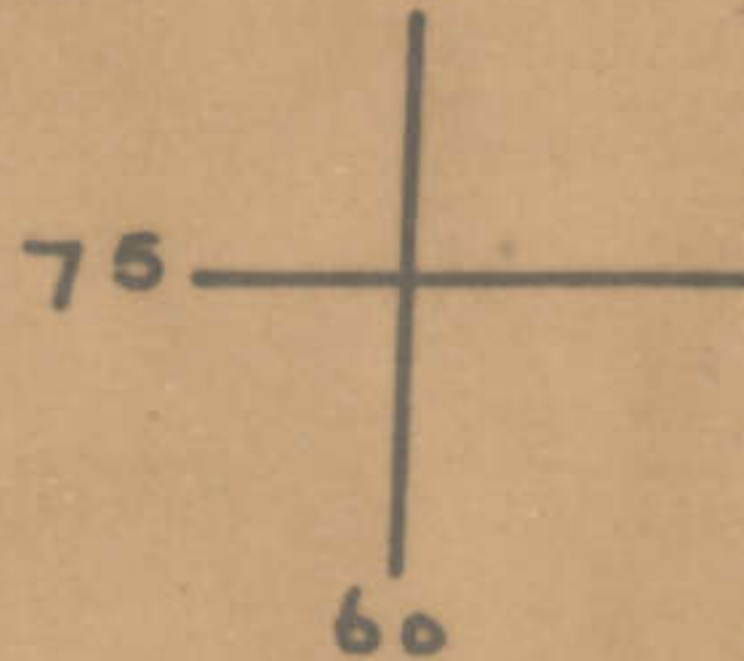
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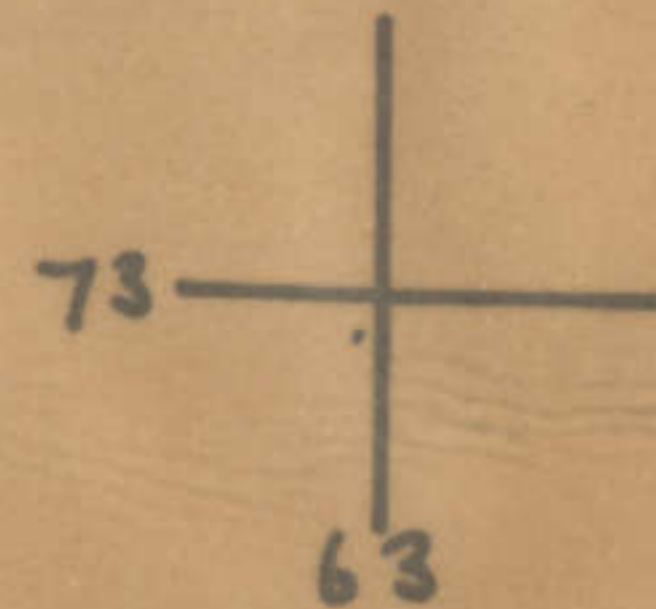
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Legend

- >-->-- Pt Route
- .-.-.- Well used trk
- X LUP



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Recce Ptl - Ptl 21

Reference: Maps VIETNAM XYEN MOC 1:50,000 Sheet 6430 II,  
PICO Supplement 1:25,000 Sheet 6430 IIs.A. Size and Composition of Ptl.

Sgt G.A. NOLAN	Ptl Comd
Cpl L.J. MURTON	Ptl 2IC
Pte S. LIPINSKI	Sig
Pte F.J. ROBERTS	Medic
Pte M. KERKEZ	Rfn
Sgt E.T. SOMMERHOUE	USSF attached

B. Task.

a. Serviell ZONE 95 report all en movt.

C. Time of Departure.

181720H

D. Time of Return.

281815H

E. Routes (Out and Back)

a. Infil by hel to LZ at YS630705. For ptl route see Annex P

b. Exfil by hel from LZ at YS617739.

F. Terrain.

a. As per pictomap. Generally secondary jungle with a dense carpet of bushes and vines. Many clearings choked with thick grass and vegetation. Only water in area was located in creeks and rivers marked on map. Going slow.

G. En.a. YS610738 to YS618750. A well used foot track running NE - SW with many fresh signs of foot traffic both ways. Latest signs 1 - 2 days old.b. YS605746 from 261600H to 262300H. Voices heard, both sexes, and intermittent shots. Due to nature of countr impossible to do close recce.H. Map Corrections.

Nil

I. Misc Info.

a. Hwy 328 has been extensively used by traffic both ways within 1-2 days. Signs of oxdarts with both rubber and metal tyres, Ho Chi Minh sandals prints and bicycle tire marks seen.

b. Intermittent shots both single and double heard throughout duration of ptl, both to EAST and NORTH.

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J. Results of Encounters with En.

Nil

K. Condition of Ptl.

Good

L. Conclusions and Recommendations.

a. It is recommended that in ops of this kind ptls are not relieved in the op zone, but the changeover take place outside the area and the infil ptl move into the zone by foot if time allows.

b. A 4 man ptl is recommended for ops of this nature unless a fighting role is part of the task. 4 men can be controlled more effeciently, and security is increased with a smaller ptl.

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(G.A. Nolan)  
Sgt  
Ptl Sgt Ptl 1

M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

Nil

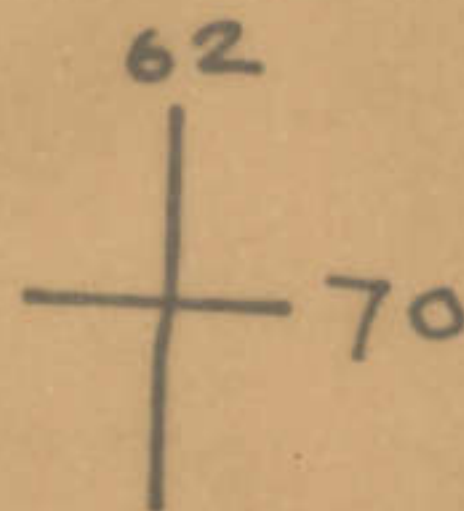
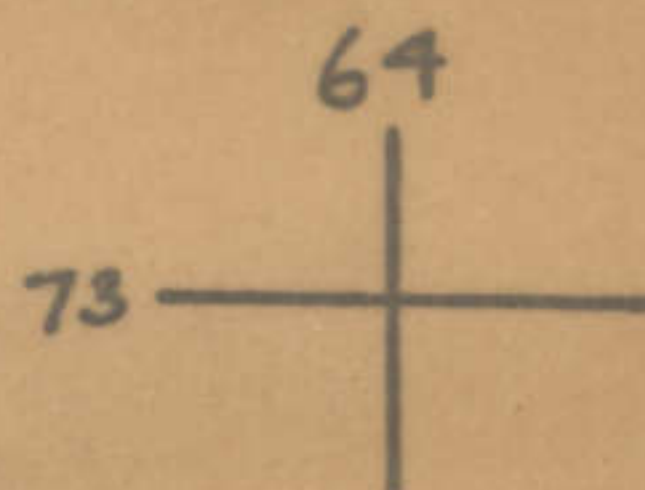
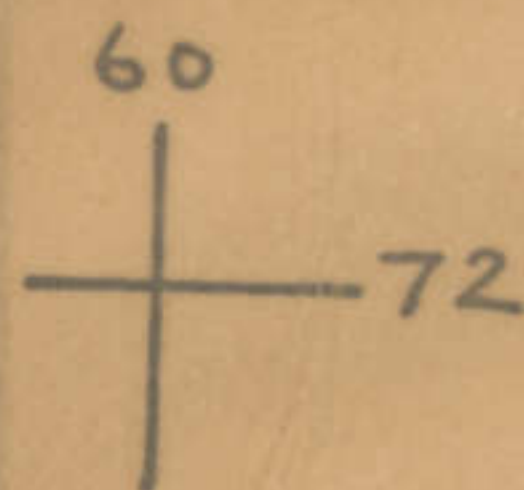
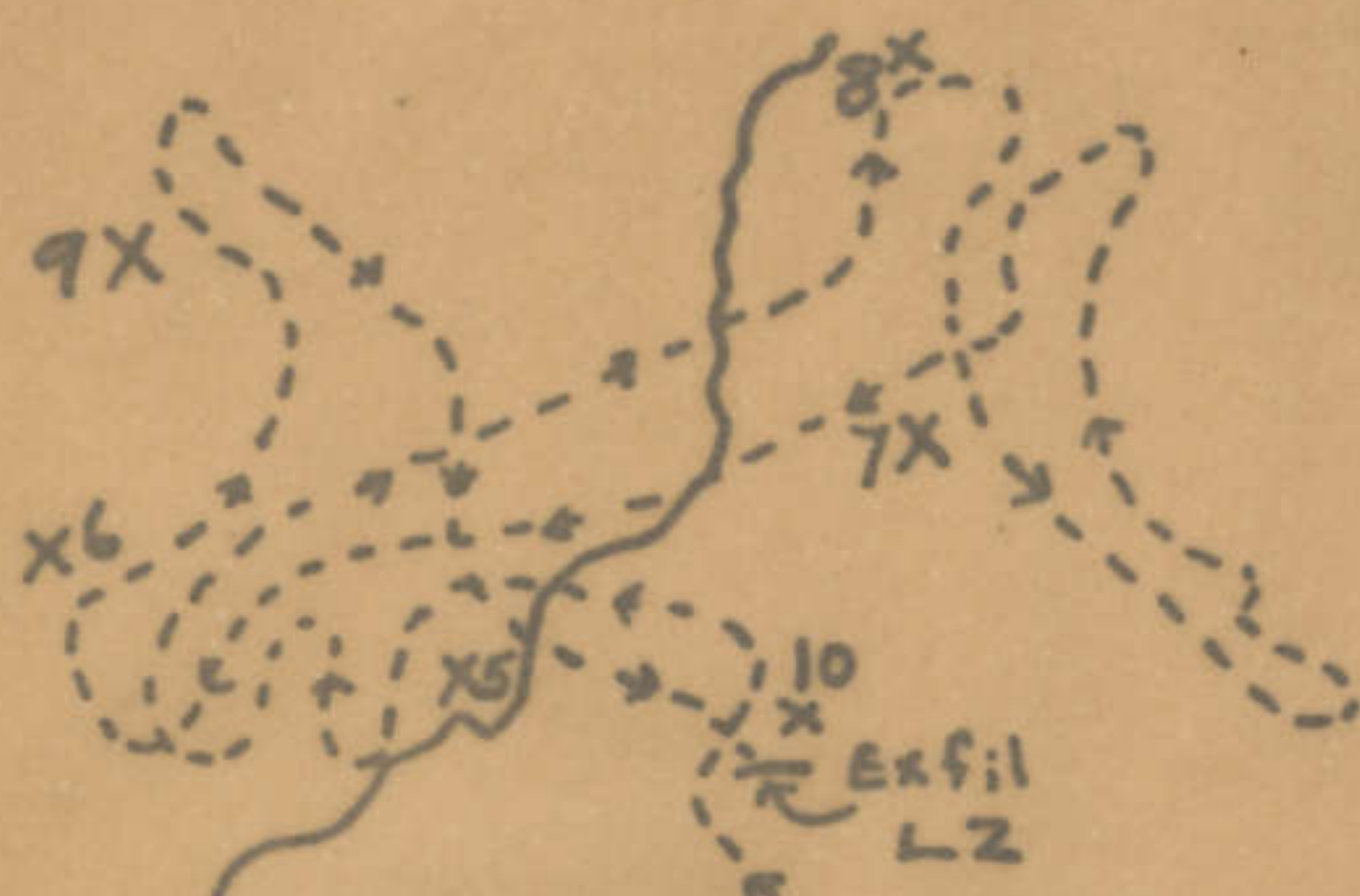
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- Foot Trk (Unmarked)
- X's LUP's



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Recce Ptl - Ptl 24

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A. Size and Composition.

Sgt J. THORBURN	Ptl Comd
Lcpl R.L. GAMBLE	Ptl 2IC
Pte B.C. COULTON	Sig
Pte A.L. REID	Medic
Pte D.S. WILSON	Rfn
Pte P.B. TeBRINKE	Rfn

B. Task.

Recce ZONE 96 Gather and report all info on en.

C. Time of Departure.

181730H Nov

D. Time of Return.

281130H Nov

E. Routes (Out and Back)

Ptl lifted by hel to YS629705. See Annex P for ptl route. Ptl exfiltrated from YS610650.

F. Terrain.

- a. Vegetation mainly scattered timber with thick undergrowth. (about 6 - 8 ft high) and thorny bush. Areas marked as open country on Pictomap are covered with 5 - 6 ft high la'lang and interspersed with patches of low scrub.
- b. Ground mainly undulating however. NUI LA feature has quite steep slopes and rocky towards the top. A trig marker, dated 1925 is on top of feature. Vegetation is very thick near the top and this restricts observation of the surrounding countryside.
- c. With the dry season coming on, water is very limited and was found in the following places :-
  - (1) Small lake at YS622700
  - (2) Creek up to YS617676
  - (3) Unmarked stream at YS604666
  - (4) Seepage at YS617650

G. En.

No enemy were actually sighted by the patrol.

At YS612648 at 261930H voices of 1 male and 1 female heard moving from EAST to WEST.

At YS615647 on 27 Nov Voices of men women and children (poss 12) heard throughout the day up until 2000 hrs. People appeared to working the padi.



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At YS615674 ptl located a large dead tree, with climbing step, that had apparently been used as an OP. Tree located about 20 yds WEST of road. No fresh tracks to indicate recent use were found around the tree.

H. Map Corrections.

Track from YS620705 to the SOUTHEAST does not exist.

Track from YS622681 to SOUTH EAST does not exist.

New tracks and unmarked creek marked in Annex P.

I. Miscellaneous Information.

Pigs are abundant in the area

Mosquitos very thick in low area SOUTH of NUI LA

J. Results of Encounter With En.

Nil

K. Condition of Ptl.

Good

L. Conclusions and Recommendation.

VC are not operating on the high ground around NUI LA and have no regular routes or camps in area covered by ptl. As the dry season progresses, water will become scarcer and future ptls will have to carry several extra water bottles.

(J.L. Thorburn)

Sgt

Ptl Cond Ptl 24

M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

Ptl did not investigate persons working in padi as it was outside their ZONE. In addition FAC was flying over area and ptl cond assured he would take some action.

(T.G. Marshall)

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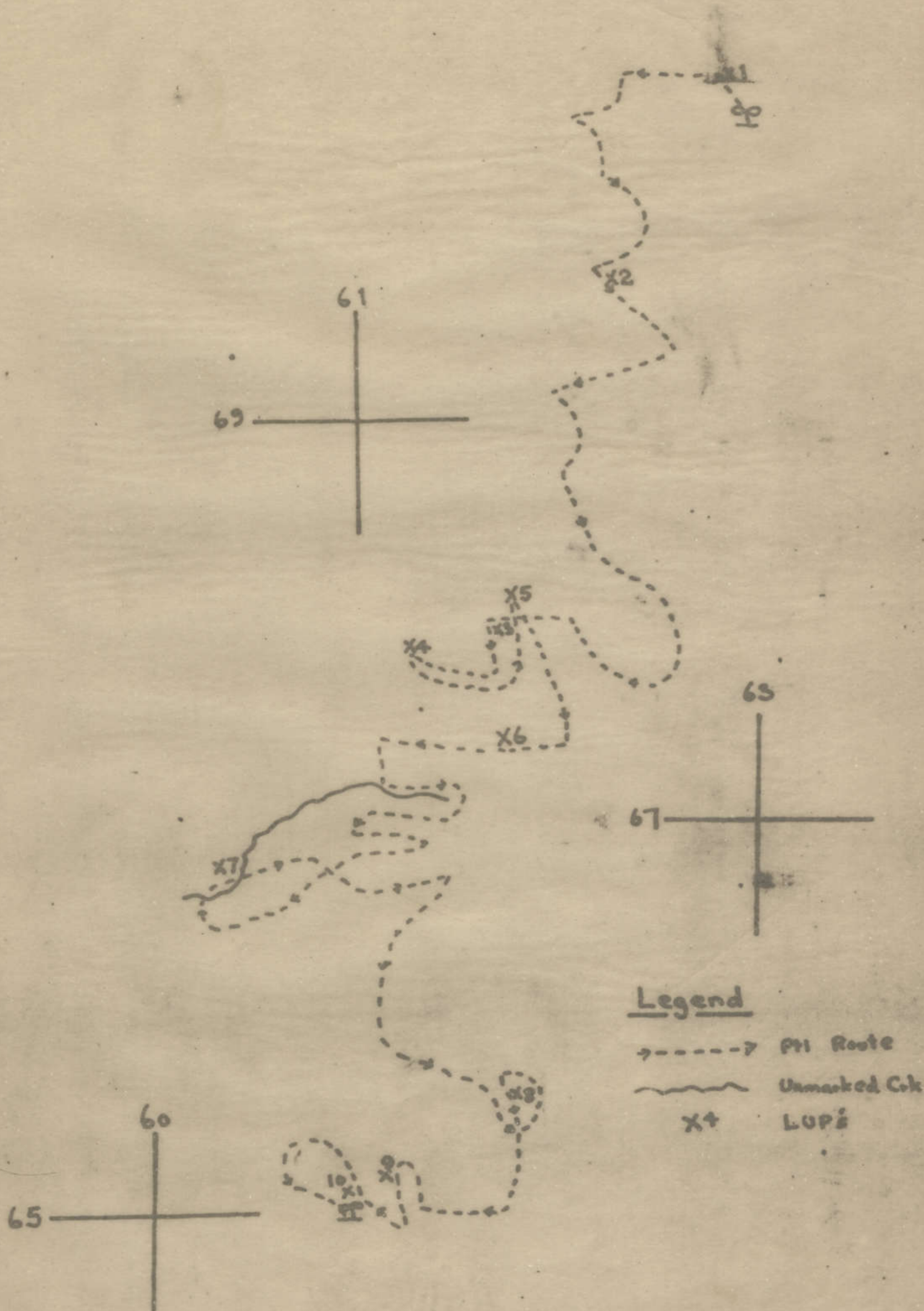
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Recce Ptl, Ptl 31.

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A. Size and Composition of Ptl.

Sgt	WM AITKEN	Ptl Comd
Lcpl	CJ DAYER	Ptl 2i/c/Medic
Lcpl	RA CAUSTON	Sig
Lcpl	WE HARRIS	Aslt Pnr
Pte	R McCALLUM	Rfn
Pte	D McLEOD	Rfn

B. Task.

Recce Zone 93, gather and report all info on en.

C. Time of Departure.

181730H.

D. Time of Return.

241745H.

E. Routes (Out and Back).

Infil by hel to LZ YS626783. For ptl route see Annex 'P'. Exfil by hel from LZ YS632786.

F. Terrain.

As per Pictomap. Mainly primary jungle with patches of secondary growth and areas of cleared scrub with grass and bushes up to 3 ft high. Ground mainly flat with the Soui Lao the only main creek in the area. This creek is running well and varies in depth from 6 to 12 inches. Area is well covered by trks; the main ones run NORTH - SOUTH with smaller connecting trks in between.

G. En.

YS626783 at 181745H. Whilst moving clear of infil LZ, 1 shot was fired and 2 VC were seen moving SOUTH.

YS628783 at 181800H. Ptl moved into LUP and heard 3 different groups of approx 4 persons moving SOUTH on a trk.

182110H. 1 shot fired 50 yds to the NORTH.

190900H. 4 - 5 persons moved SOUTH along trk.

YS629784 at 200930H. Small group heard moving EAST - WEST.

YS625785 at 201215H. 5 en sighted moving SE. Dress was khaki shirts, green bush hats all carried packs. Because of limited visibility no wpns were seen. Voices of women and children heard 200 yds to NW - the same area the en ptl came from. Own ptl heard 4 rds poss RCL fired in a Northerly direction from area of camp. Time of flight 2 - 3 seconds.

YS630782 at 221300H. A well used cart trk runs NW to SE. Trk has been subject to heavy traffic.

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YS628720 at 222200H. Approx 800 yds to EAST explosions heard, suspected RCL.

222230H. Loud explosion heard 500 yds to WEST.

YS633785 at 221215H. Approx 500 yds to NORTH vic YS633793 10 rds were fired from 2 wpns (poss 120mm MOR). Time of flight was 8 secs, secondary explosions about 5,000 metres to NORTH.

YS629787 at 221500H. Voices of 4 - 5 persons heard moving to the SOUTH.

From 221930H to 222100H. 40 rds MOR (poss 81mm) fired from camp at YS623787 into vic YS629778. Hvy MOR at YS633793 fired 2 rds to NORTH.

222330H. 6 rds fired from hvy wpn well to NORTH; shells appeared to land SE of BINH DIA.

240730H. 4 MOR rds were fired from YS623787 and landed approx 400 yds WEST of LUP.

240800H. 2 armed VC moved NE on trk. First man dressed in dark coloured clothing and coolie hat, carried large pack and a US M1 (GARAND) rifle. Second man dressed in black pyjamas, no pack and wpn was not properly visible.

241330H. A group of 4 approached from WEST then moved NORTH along trk.

H. Map Corrections.

Nil.

I. Misc Info.

Wild game is plentiful.

Water is only available in the Sui Lao.

J. Results of Encounters With En.

Nil.

K. Condition of Ptl.

Good.

L. Conclusions and Recommendations.

Shots were heard almost continually during the ptl. It would appear that crews are being trained on MOR's and other hvy wpns and there is no shortage of ammunition.

Recommended airstrikes be put in on probable MOR base plate posns.

*W. M. Aitken*  
(WM AITKEN)  
Sgt  
Ptl Comd Ptl 31

M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

Ptl comd flew in FAC and identified the 2 camps for airstrike.

*T. G. Marshall*  
(TG MARSHALL)  
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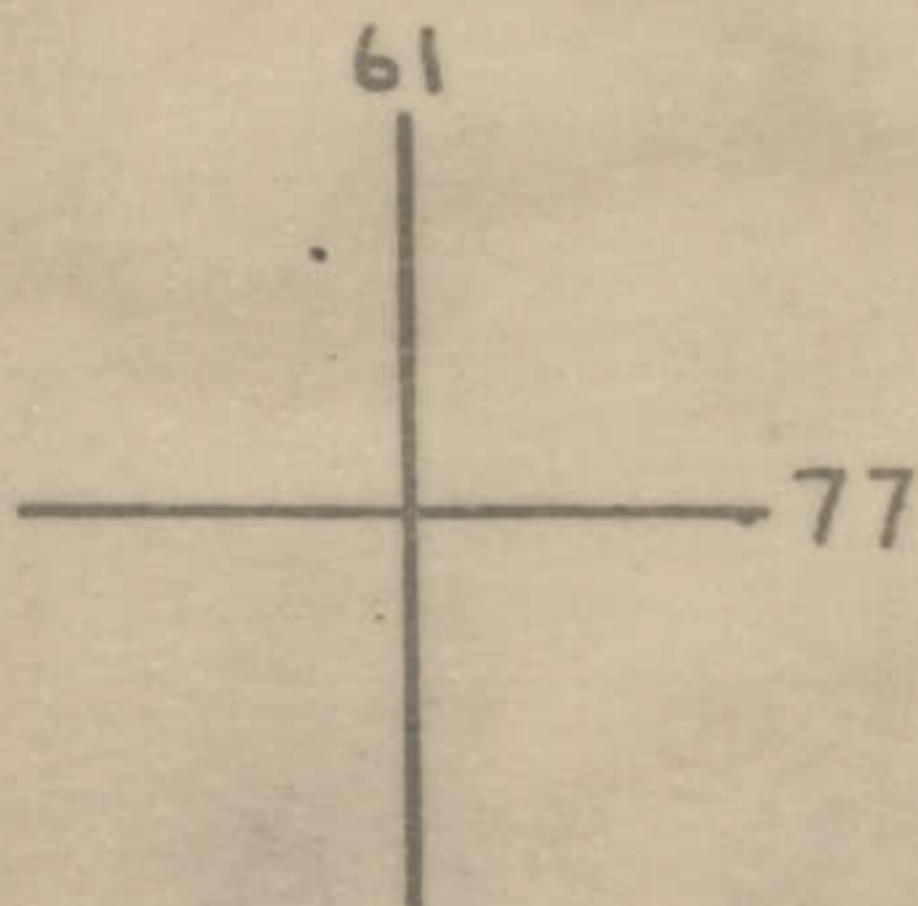
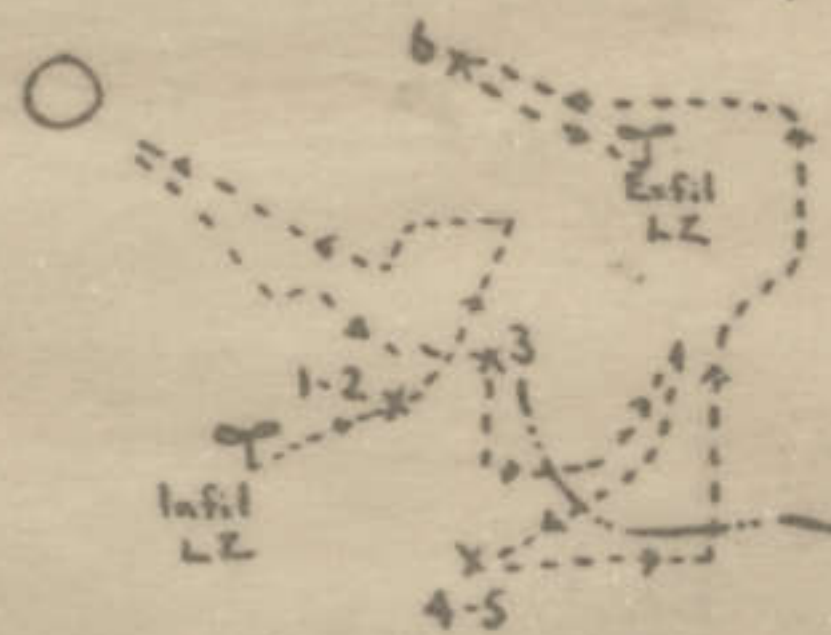
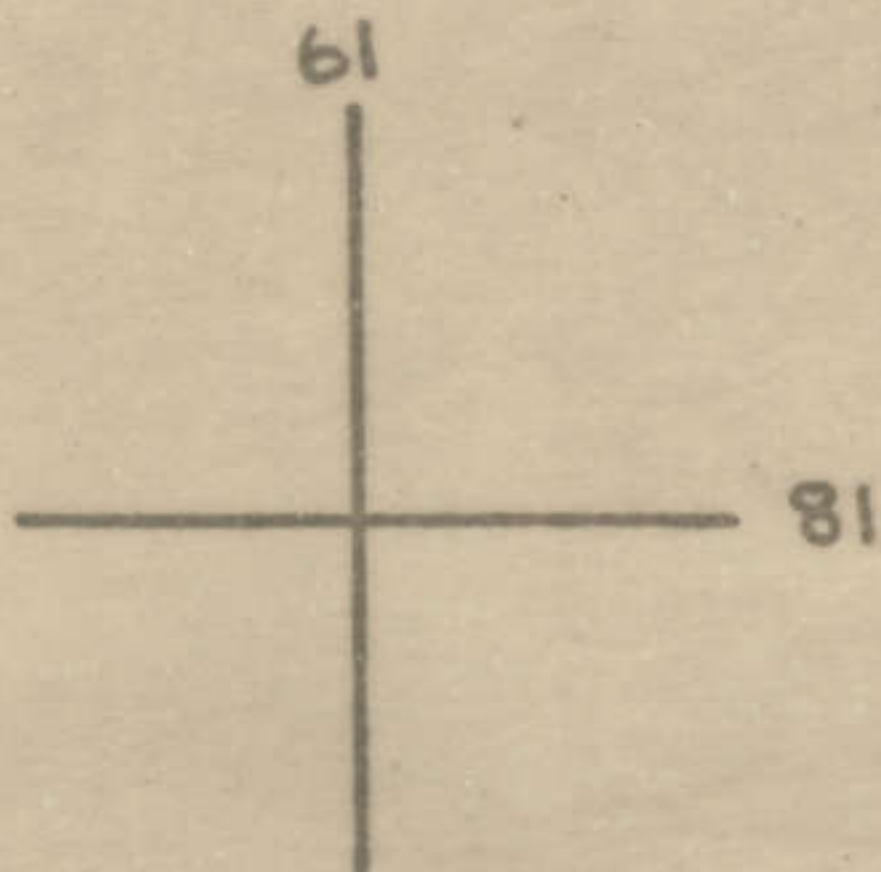
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Ptl Route  
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LUP's  
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Recce/Fighting Ptl, Ptl 13.

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Sgt	NS FERGUSON	Ptl Comd
Cpl	WJ HUNTER	Ptl 2i/c
Pte	FR BONHAM	Sig
Pte	JW MATTEN	Medic
Pte	S GARAY	Wpns Instr
Pte	J GIBSON	Aslt Pnr

B. Task.

(a) Surviell Zone 92, report all en mov.

(b) Locate and destroy any small group of en encountered in Zone 92.

C. Time of Departure.

181730H.

D. Time of Return.

271200H.

E. Routes (Out and Back).

Infil by heli to LZ YS563788. For ptl route see Annex 'P'. Exfil by hel from LZ YS584806.

F. Terrain.

As per Pictomap. Generally secondary jungle with a carpet of thick vines and bushes. Vegetation was very dry and movement was slow and noisy. Water was found only in major creeks and streams. Thorny bamboo was prevalent around all watercourses.

G. En.

YS568790 at 191030H. Ptl 11 joined Ptl 13 after their contact (3 SAS Sqn Ops 77/66), both ptls wdr together. Last 2 members of Ptl 13, who were tail end ptl, heard sounds of pursuit by en. The pursuit was evident for approx 300 metres.

YS576789 at 201000H. EAST - WEST bullock cart trk used by carts within 2 - 4 days.

YS575791 at 201030H. Small en ptl, approx 5 - 7 men passed in front of own ptl. Dress, last man wore green floppy hat, (Aust patt), green uniform. He carried an indigenous pack with a US patt water bottle and carrier strapped to the back. Around his waist was a US patt web belt but no pouches etc were visible. His wpn appeared to be a Type 53 (Chicom) 7.62mm Carbine, it was carried slung. Second last man wore a dark coloured uniform but details of rest of ptl could not be seen due to density of vegetation.

YS579795 at 201530H. A braken perimeter fence approx 3 days old with freshly set, small game snares set at intervals of 10 to 15 metres along it.

YS578795 throughout night of 20 Nov heard sounds of many people in immediate vic.

They appeared to be attending some kind of class or lecture, for a question would be asked by a single voice and a chorus of voices would answer. A wireless also heard being played loudly and much coughing, spitting and movement.

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YS581795 at 210730H. Another braken fence, this time approx 7 days old. There were small game traps, and foot trks approx 4 days old, also many small saplings had been cut in area with knife and saw.

YS589795 at 221645H. Sounds of voices and heavy timber being stacked approx 400 metres NE of ptl posn.

YS592802 at 231000H. A large fortification consisting of a 'W' shaped pit 30 ft long x 3 ft deep x 2½ ft wide. The centre portion had OHP of logs and earth approx 3 ft thick. The excavation was incomplete and work was still being done improving it, although no VC were in the area at the time. The fortification would hold approx 2 VC Secns. A tent space had been cleared nearby with a fireplace beside it. There was a saw and a plastic bag of food hanging on a tree also.

YS592802 at 241145H. 1 armed male VC seen. Dress, green floppy bush hat, black shorty pyjamas, footwear could not be seen. No waist webbing was visible but the man carried a large apparently heavy indigenous pack, light grey in colour. His wpn appeared to be an M1 Carbine and he was moving WEST along an EAST - WEST bullock cart trk at a fast trot.

YS592803 at 241500H. Shopping and voices heard from SE, in direction of previously mentioned en fortification.

YS587802 at 251000H. A well used SE - NW foot trk.

YS589802 at 261230H. Sounds of large calibre artillery piece or 120mm MOR being fired from 400 - 1,000 metres NW of ptl posn. 6 rds fired during early evening, NO secondary explosion heard. Wpn was fired under cover of sounds of own Arty.

At 270500H, 270600H, 270605H, wpn was heard to fire again.

YS597803 at 270925H. Contact with 1 VC male moving EAST along EAST - WEST bullock cart trk. 1 VC KIA (BC), dress, green floppy bush hat, green ARVN type jacket, khaki shorts and Ho Chi Minh sandals. Around his neck was a red bandana. He carried an early patt US pack on his back and an old US patt web belt with 1 small leather ammo pouch and a brown plastic poncho attached. He was armed with a Type 53 (Chicom) 7.62mm Carbine.

#### H. Map Corrections.

See Annex 'P'.

#### I. Misc Info.

Single signal shots heard everywhere throughout duration of ptl.

Abundance of wildlife encountered.

Mosquitoes and leeches very prevelent.

#### J. Results of Encounters With En.

1 VC KIA (BG)

1 x Type 53 (Chicom) 7.62mm Carbine, captured.

5 x 7.62mm rds

Web eqpt, a pack and various personal items recovered, also a quantity of docus which were forwarded to 1 Div Int for translation etc.

#### K. Condition of Ptl.

Good, but after sixth day most members showed signs of fatigue.

#### L. Conclusions and Recommendations.

The area between the two braken fences is poss a very large en posn and would make an excellent tgt for an airstrike.

En appear to be very much at ease in area and move around in a very slack manner.

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*N.S. Ferguson*  
 ( NS FERGUSON )  
 Sgt  
 Ptl Sgt Ptl 13

M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

Further investigation is recommended of the area in which the hvy wpn was heard.

A sweep of the general area of Zone 94 by a large allied force would probably prove profitable.

The red bandana worn by the VC KIA is probably significant in that some members of 274 VC Regt have been reported wearing red bandanas.

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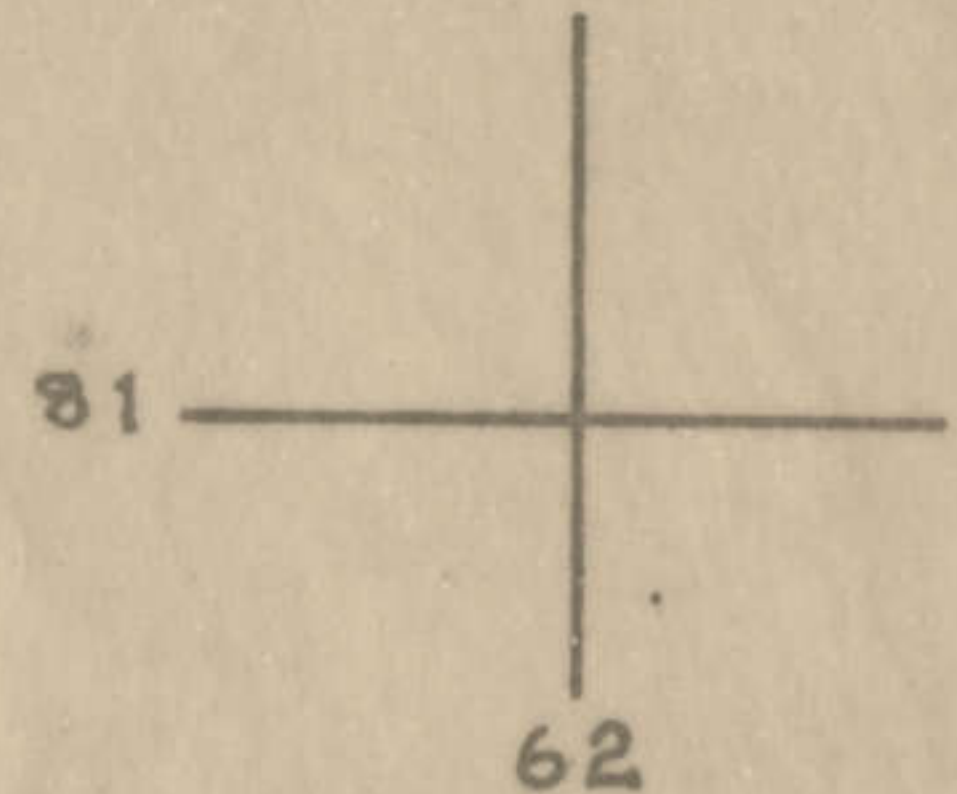
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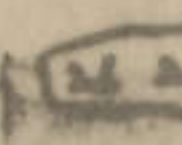


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| --> -->   | - Ptl Route           |
| — — — — —   | - Foot Tracks         |
| — — — — —   | - Bullock Cart Tracks |
| ~~~~~   | - Unmarked Creek      |
|  | - Unmarked Swamp      |
| *   | - En Seen             |
| ★   | - Contact             |
| X4  | - LUP's               |
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| ⊖   | - En Coy Posn         |

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PTL REPORT

Recce Ptl, Ptl 34.

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A. Size and Composition of Ptl.

Sgt	D KENNEDY	Ptl Comd
Cpl	JA BURLING	Ptl 2i/c
Pte	SE PLATER	Aslt Pnr
Pte	TR BRADSHAW	Medic
Pte	KA BURLEY	Rfn
Pte	RB ALLEN	Sig

B. Task.

Recce Zone 94, report all en mov towards area of ops.

C. Time of Departure.

181830H.

D. Time of Return.

241130H.

E. Routes (Out and Back).

Infil by hel to LZ YS626782. For ptl route see Annex 'P'. Exfil by hel from LZ YS615764.

F. Terrain.

As per map. Movement in jungle restricted due to thorns and vines, also very noisy because of dry undergrowth. Open areas covered with kunai type grass.

G. En.

YS626781 at 181730H. Ptl sighted by 2 en as they disembarked from hel. En fired warning shot and fled SOUTH. Dress, khaki-grey, or green uniform and bush hats. Warning shots continued throughout the night to the NORTH. A single shot was directed at the ptl as it disembarked from hel.

YS628783 at 181800H. Voices heard to the NORTH 150 - 200 metres. Appeared to be females with children. 10 mins later voices appeared to fade. People could have ceased talking or moved away as night closed in.

YS628783 at 182000H. Single shot heard approx 100 metres to the NORTH. Answered from SOUTH and EAST alternately on the hour. Shots did not seem to come from same posn, distance varied from 100 - 1,500 metres.

At 182100H 3 en males moved SE on trk, they were relaxed, talking, coughing and moving close together. Signal shots continued throughout night.

At 191000H voices and loud laughter heard 50 metres to NORTH. Approx 5 people moving EAST on trk. Dress not identified due to foliage.

At 191115H 1 man heard coughing and spitting, he continually changed his posn in vic of a trk junction SW of ptl loc. It is possible he was a sentry of some sort. Poss at a check point for people continued to move through area.

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At 191210H 5 males dressed in green uniforms and unidentified footwear moved SE on trk. They were well spaced and alert, the men appeared to be carrying wpns but none were identified.

At 191410H. Voices and coughing heard, then a mixed group of approx 5 people moved NE. They were poss the same group heard earlier in the day returning.

At 191615H. A recce revealed a trk complex, the main trk continued NE towards river and had been used frequently during the day. Single signal shots heard throughout rest of day and night.

YS622775 at 201100H. Oxcart trk showing heavy and recent use. Ptl survielled.

201830H. 2 empty oxcarts moving WEST. The first cart contained 3 people clad in peasant garb. The second was driven by 1 man also in peasant garb, the second cart was 150 metres behind the first.

210045H. A large wagon (poss 2 ox carts linked) drawn by 2 bullocks, moving WEST.

211645H. A loaded oxcart carrying 3 people moving EAST. People were talking and shouting at buffalo. The cart appeared to be heavily loaded for it was creaking and groaning and took a long time to pass.

211710H. Heard voices of a male, a female and about 3 children on handcart trk. Group were travelling SE.

212145H. Large wagon returned, this time moving EAST. From voices heard it would appear that 5 or more people accompanied wagon. The vehicle appeared to be heavily loaded because of the following reasons:

1. It took an hour to travel 400 metres.
2. People could be heard 'skitching' the buffalo along. Buffalo identified as 'DINGER'.
3. The wagon load probably consisted of boxes for the people were heard re-arranging the load several times.
4. It creaked and groaned loudly as opposed to the rattling of an empty cart.

221500H. A mixed group of approx 5 people moved chattering along trk. They were travelling SE.

221645H. Man dressed in black carrying an axe and young female carrying a heavy basket travelling SE.

221650H. 3 VC travelling NW. Dress, first man clad in dirty khaki shirt and trousers. He carried an axe and had a calico satchel slung across his shoulder. Pack appeared to be full. The second man clad in black and carried a bumpack. He was armed with a new looking, shiny black, SMG with a perforated cooling jacket around the barrel. It had the appearance of a SWEDISH 'K' or a CARL GUSTAV 9mm SMG. The third man was like the first clad in dirty khaki trousers and shirt. He was carrying a satchel and a cutting tool. The group travelled close together and were talking.

221830H. 2 men moving NW and pushing a handcart move along footpad and swung WEST along main trk. The handcart was empty.

230900H. 2 males and 3 females heard moving SE. Shrieks and laughter would indicate that male were paying more than normal attention to females.

YS617772 at 231015H. Heavily used oxcart trk used previous night. Trk ran EAST-WEST.

YS617771 at 231030H. Recently constructed bramble perimeter fence running SW for about 300 yds. In the event that the fence encloses a camp the camp would be in the vic of YS616767.

YS609764 at 231745H. Whilst the ptl were filling water bottles 2 en moved down to creek from NORTH, they halted near the crossing marked on the 1:50,000 map. Dress black, nothing else could be observed.

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Sounds of buffalo and voices of poss 2 other men heard from other side of creek.

From 231745H to 231800H. At least 12 people joined 2 en on NORTH side of creek, they arrived in groups of 2 - 3.

231815H. Buffalo cart approached from SE and halted at group. It can be assumed from the amount of banging and thumping that was heard that the cart was being loaded, unloaded, or both.

231900H. Approx 20 more people joined the group and from this time until 2300 hrs people and oxcarts came and went. There was much talking and whistling and fowls could be heard, tins were moved around and the sound of liquid being poured was also heard (the creek was dry). A man was heard to shout to a companion some 300 - 400 metres to the SW.

240545H. Voices heard from same vic.

240910H. Noise of some object being repaired. People still there when ptl departed for LZ at 0915 hrs.

H. Map Corrections

Bullock cart track not shown on map. See Annex 'P'.

2 lakes, YS627774 and YS629773 shown on Pictomap would become 1 lake in wet weather. They are shown as 1 on the 1:50,000 series.

I. Misc Info.

Only water available in area covered by ptl is in lakes GS6277. SOUL LY is dry as far SOUTH as YS609763.

J. Results of Encounters With En.

Nil.

K. Condition of Ptl.

Good.

L. Conclusions and Recommendations.

During dry period rations should consist mainly of Aust 24 hr pack.

Collapseable water bags are essential.

Large waterproof bags would be very handy, particularly in the dry season and for smaller ptls. They could be filled by one man as the ptl crossed a creek and would prevent the ptl congregating in the stream as occurs when filling water bottles.

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(D KENNEDY)

Sgt

Ptl Comd Ptl 34

M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

Due to lack of water in area ptl were extracted early. Lack of water also prevented ptl from investigating further, the poss camp in vic of bramble fence mentioned.

Large volume of bullock cart movement could indicate a resupply or move of stores and eqpt out of area. Majority of bullock cart mov from 1700 hrs until midnight or from 0500 hrs until 0700 hrs.

Majority of people seen did not carry packs to indicate that they had travelled far. They are likely to be all VC or VC dependants, this is substantiated by the fact that the nearest villages are a considerable distance away.


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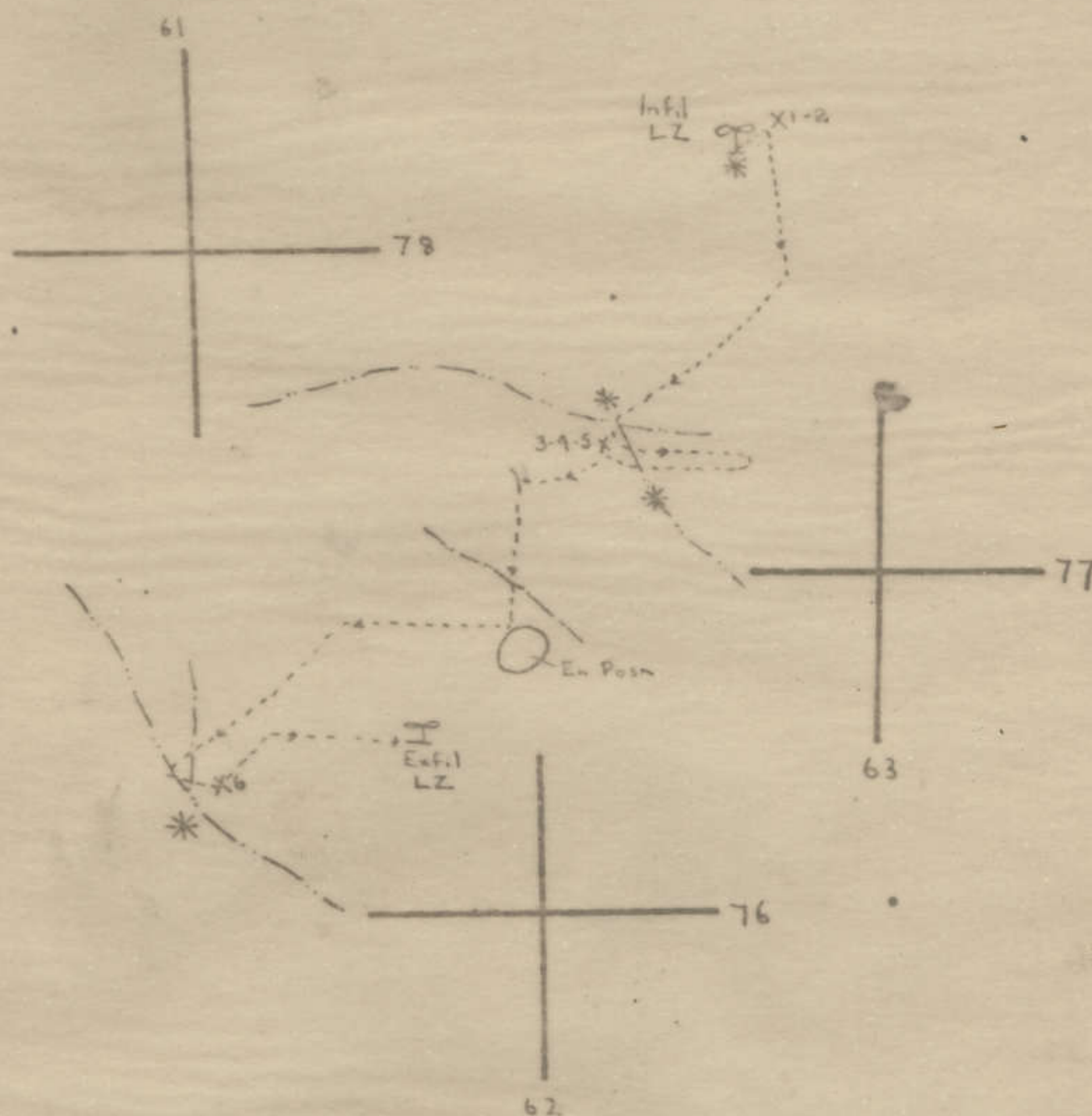
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### Legend

- Ptl Route
- Buffalo Cart Trks
- Unmarked Foot Trks
- \* En Seen
- X LUP's
- En Posn

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A. Size and Composition of Ptl.

Sgt AG URQUHART	Ptl Comd
Lt PJ PAVLENKO	Ptl 2i/c
Pte JR GILYDON	Medic
Sgt LR WHITAKER	Aslt Pnr

B. Task.

Recce Zone 97, locate en PW camp in GS4279.

C. Time of Departure.

201600H.

D. Time of Return.

221330H.

E. Routes (Out and Back).

Infil by APC to YS426767. For ptl route see Annex 'P'. Exfil by hel from LZ YS424812.

F. Terrain.

As per map. All secondary jungle is mainly spiny bamboo.

G. En.

YS420793 from 211800H to 211845H. Arty or RCL rds heard from NE, approx 1,500 to 2,000 yds. Believed to be from 173 feature YS431810. 14 rds fired in 30 mins. Fire was intermittent. Time from primary to secondary for 3 rds was less than 1 second. Remainder of secondary explosions not heard.

YS420793 at 211930H. MG fire heard from NORTH about 2,000 yds. Explosion then heard, MG ceased to fire.

YS423785 at 211215H. Chopping, voices and dog barking heard 100 yds NNE. Investigation revealed no sign.

YS422808 at 221030H. Well worn trk running EAST - WEST. En heard, ptl took cover beside trk.

221035H. 3 male VC moved EAST along trk. Dress, first man wore dark blue shirt, light blue shorts, grey, floppy bush hat and thongs. He wore no web eqpt but carried a rifle slung, wpn poss Mosin Nagant 7.62 M1891/30 Rifle. This man appeared to be very young. Second man wore black pyjamas, no hat and black BATA type boots. He wore no web eqpt but carried an M1 Carbine slung. Third man wore black pyjamas, no hat and sandals. His wpn, although not positively identified appeared to be an AK47, a large curved box magazine was attached to it. He carried the wpn slung.

The en did not appear to have travelled far nor did they seem to be hurrying. They were very slack.

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The VC passed out of sight then stopped. 3 bird like whistles were heard and three birds (female type) passed the same way. Dress of females, black pyjamas. 1 carried a Chogi stick, another an empty basket. The women were relatively young (mid twenties) and reasonably well groomed (hair was done up in neat bun). The women appeared to join the men for male and female voices were heard. The party were then seen moving further along the trk.

H. Map Corrections.

Nil.

I. Misc Info.

YS422804 at 220930H. Approx 3 month old en posn for about 12 men. Bush furniture and signs of an airstrike 50 metres North of posn. Missed again.

J. Results of Encounters With En.

Nil.

K. Condition of Ptl .

Good.

L. Conclusions and Recommendations.

Due to lack of web eqpt and fresh appearance of VC seen it is possible that there is a camp somewhere to the W ST. This is also substantiated by the fact that the trk appears to be used daily. It is possible that the party was coming in to obtain supplies. Further investigation to the WEST could prove interesting.

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(AG URQUHART)  
Sgt  
Ptl Comd Ptl 32

M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

Nothing was seen that could indicate a PW camp in the vic of the rubber plantation. The plantation consists of clean rubber.

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(TW RODERICK)  
2 Lt  
Ops Offr 3 SAS Sqn

N. Distr.

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Comd Diary (3)  
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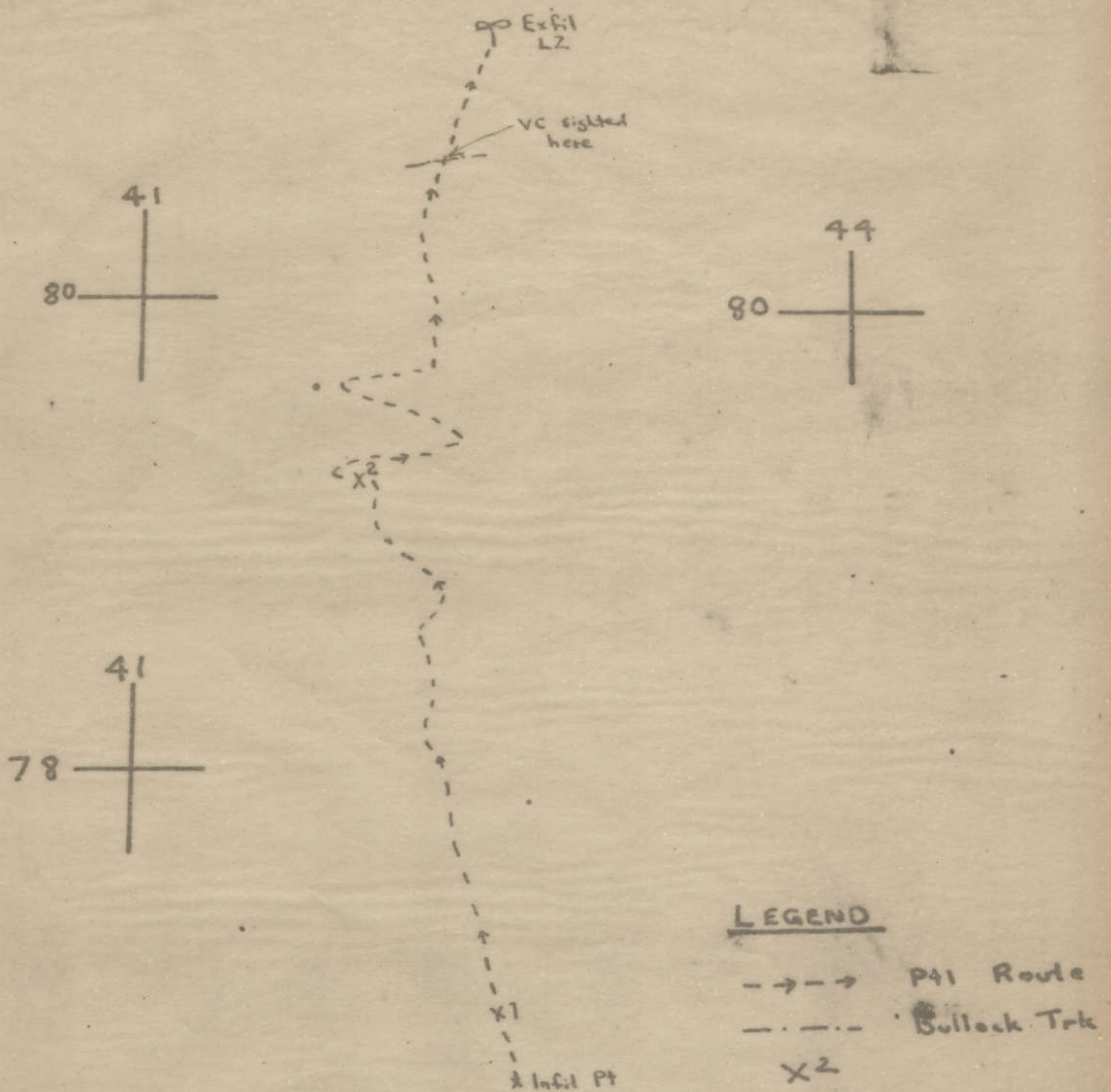
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PTL REPORT

Recce Ptl, Ptl 12.

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A. Size and Composition of Ptl.

Sgt JM ROBINSON	Ptl Comd
Pte AW STEWART	Ptl 2i/c
Pte J LORIMER	Sig
Pte I STYLES	Medic

B. Task.

Recce Zone 98, locate en PW camp in GS4279.

C. Time of Departure.

201600H.

D. Time of Return.

221320H.

E. Routes (Out and Back).

Infil by APC to YS426767. For ptl route see Annex 'P'. Exfil by hel from YS426801.

F. Terrain.

Area sloped gently to NORTH and NE, was covered generally in primary jungle with a carpet of thick thorny bamboo. Going difficult, particularly in vic of creeks.

G. En.

YS427784 at 211400H. Bullock cart trks on EAST - WEST trail going EAST. Ruts were very deep suggesting that the vehicle was heavily loaded. Approx 2 weeks old.

YS427784 at 211600H. Another bullock cart trail running EAST - WEST with trks of cart moving EAST, also loaded and 2 weeks old.

YS427793 from 211800H to 211830H. Suspected en RCL fired from 6 - 8 rds approx 1,500 to 2,000metres NE of ptl posn.

H. Map Corrections.

Nil.

I. Misc Info.

YS429799 at 220830H. 6 small huts approx 12 ft x 8 ft, 4 were of attap, 2 were of iron and timber, a storage shed stood nearby. In the shed was a FERGUSON type, medium sized tractor. 2 large stacks of dressed timber planking were also in the vicinity. 5 people were seen, in one of the attap huts was an elderly couple. Beside the storage shed was a group consisting of a very old woman and a 14 year old girl carrying a baby. The ptl reported this to the Sqn base who in turn reported it to 1 ATF, 1 ATF informed Sqn base people were friendlies.

J. Results of Encounters With En.

Nil.

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K. Condition of Ptl.

Good.

L. Conclusions and Recommendations.

No signs of en posns, huts, or en mov was seen by ptl. The ptl are of the opinion that any en PW camp in the area would probably be located further to the WEST in a more secure VC zone.

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(JM ROBINSON)  
Sgt  
Ptl Comd Ptl 12

M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

Lack of en signs in area and absence of recent en mov suggests that perhaps the alleged PW camp is located elsewhere, perhaps in the Hat Dich Secret Zone, where the en would feel more secure.

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(M GELDART)  
Sgt  
Int Sgt 3 SAS Sqn

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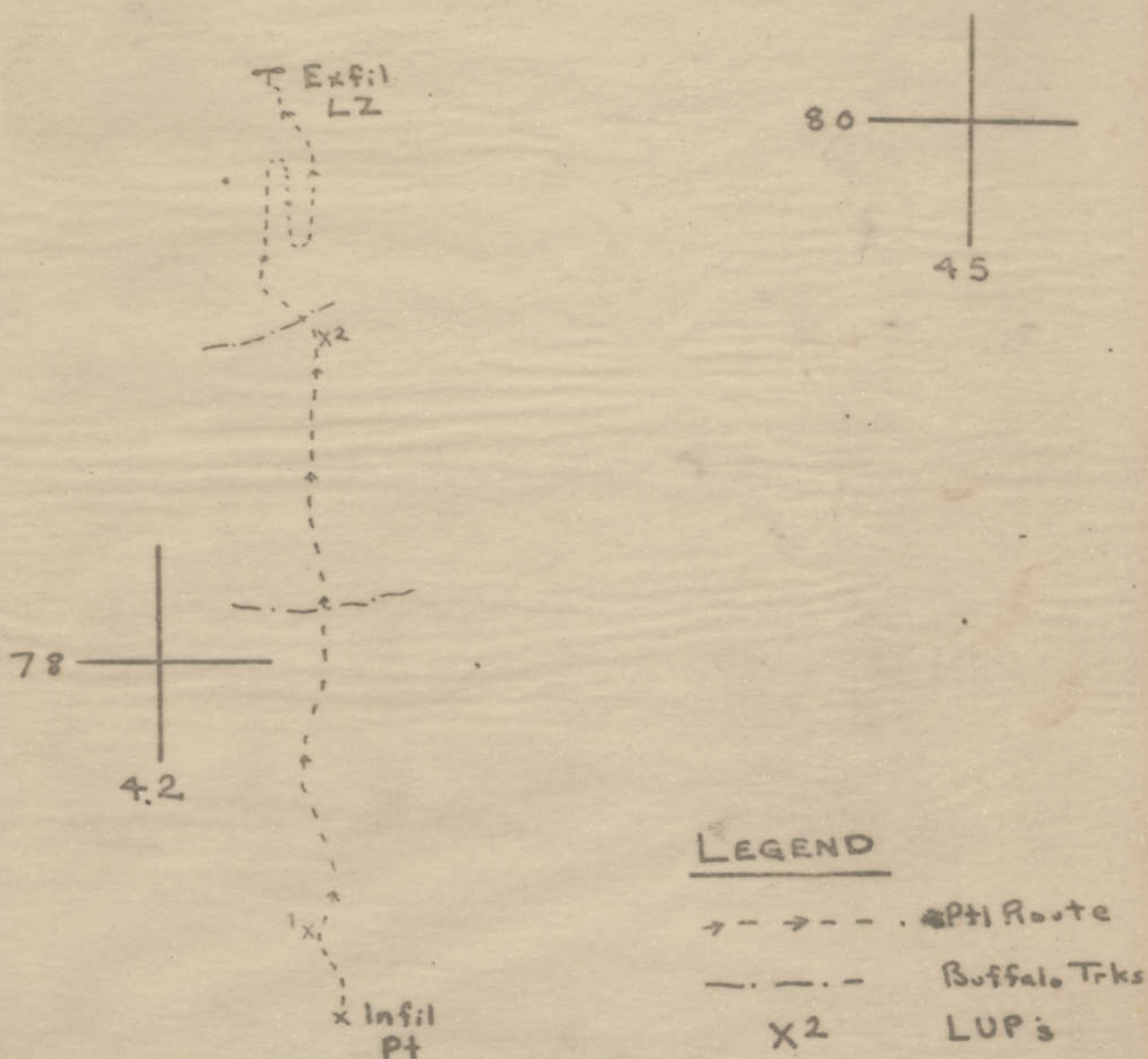
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PATROL REPORT

Type        Recce Ptl  
Ptl No      11 Ptl

Reference : Maps VIETNAM XUYEN NOC 1:50,000 Sheet 6430 II.

A.        Size and Composition of Ptl.

Sgt T.D. HOGG	Ptl Comd
Cpl C.A. JENNISON	Ptl 2IC
Lcpl E. KELLY	Aslt Pnr
Lcpl F.K. BELL	Medic
Pte P. BYE	Sig
Pte R.J. COPEMAN	Wpns Instr

B.        Task. Recce zone 91. Report all en mov toward Op INGHAM area.

C.        Time of Departure. 181745H.

D.        Time of Return. 191545H.

E.        Routes (Out and Back). Infiltrated by hel to LZ YS563788. For Ptl route see Annex P. Exfiltrated by hel from LZ GR 575781.

F.        Terrain. The area was generally covered in primary jungle with a thick carpet of heavy secondary growth. Due to lack of rain within recent weeks the vegetation was extremely dry and noisy to negotiate. No water was found by Ptl in areas traversed. Going was hard, slow and noisy.

G.        Enemy. YS 563788 at 181800H. A well used track running NORTH/SOUTH skirted the infiltration LZ. Track had the appearance of being used many times daily and was concave due to the passage of many feet. Ptl withdrew from track and moved NORTH/EAST for approx 20 yds where they came upon another track very similar to the first. This one ran EAST/WEST.  
YS564789 at 181830H. Two signal shots heard approx 500 metres SOUTH of ptl posn YS564790. Sparodic shots both SA and AW were heard throughout the night from ptl LUP. Majority appeared to come from SOUTH.  
YS564791 at 190830. Three signal shots heard at approx 15 min intervals 500 yds NORTH of ptl posn.  
YS564792 at 191030H. As forward scout of own ptl crossed a NORTH/WEST-SOUTH/EAST track a single shot was fired from approx 20 yds NORTH/WEST of his posn followed by two grenades which exploded about five metres to his left. Three AW then opened up from the general direction the first shot came from. Own ptl returned fire and withdrew 300 metres EAST where they RV'd with Ptl 13. Ptl 11 left Ptl 13 at YS 574786 and continued SOUTH. Several signal shots were heard during ptls withdrawal to exfiltration LZ.  
YS575781 at 191530. Fresh oxcart tracks running NORTH/EAST on NORTH/EAST-SOUTH/WEST track. Ruts were deep and well formed approx two hours old.

H.        Map Corrections. Nil

I.        Miscellaneous Information. The whole area was interlaced with many small foot tracks the majority of which appeared to have been used recently.

J.        Results of Encounters With Enemy. Nil

K.        Condition of Ptl. Good.


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- L. Conclusions and Recommendations. It is believed by the ptl that there is a large concentration of VC troops somewhere in the area. This is supported by great number of used tracks in the area, the numerous shots heard during the ptl and the confidence displayed by the VC soldiers engaged in the contact.

  
(T.D. Hogg)  
Sgt  
Ptl Cond, Ptl 11

- M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator. It appears that there is a great deal of VC mov in the area and possibly a large concentration of troops somewhere close at hand. It is recommended that a Task Force operation be mounted in the area in the near future.

  
(M. Geldart)  
Sgt  
Int Sgt 3 SAS Sqn

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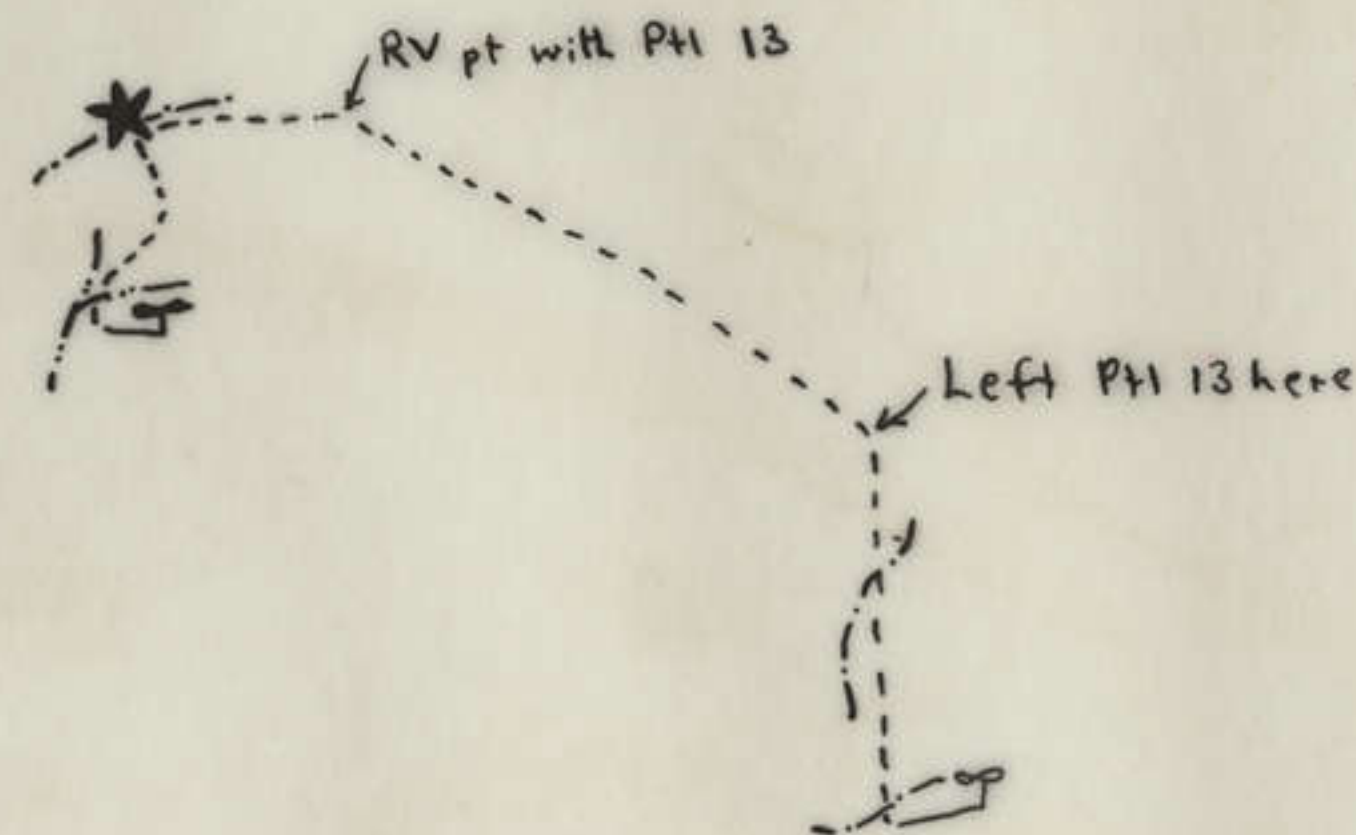
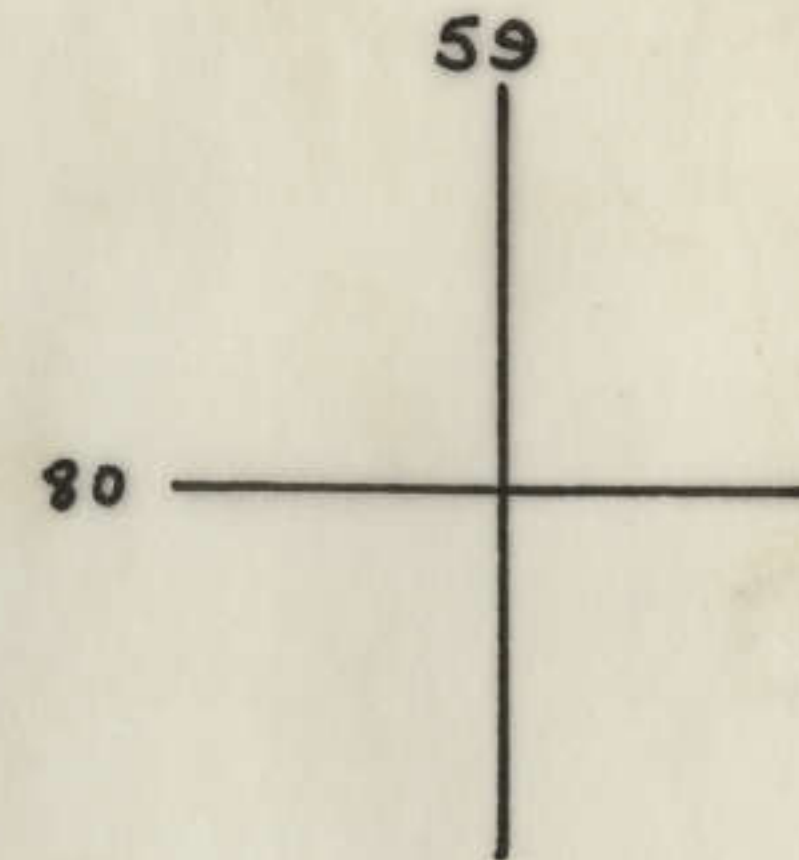
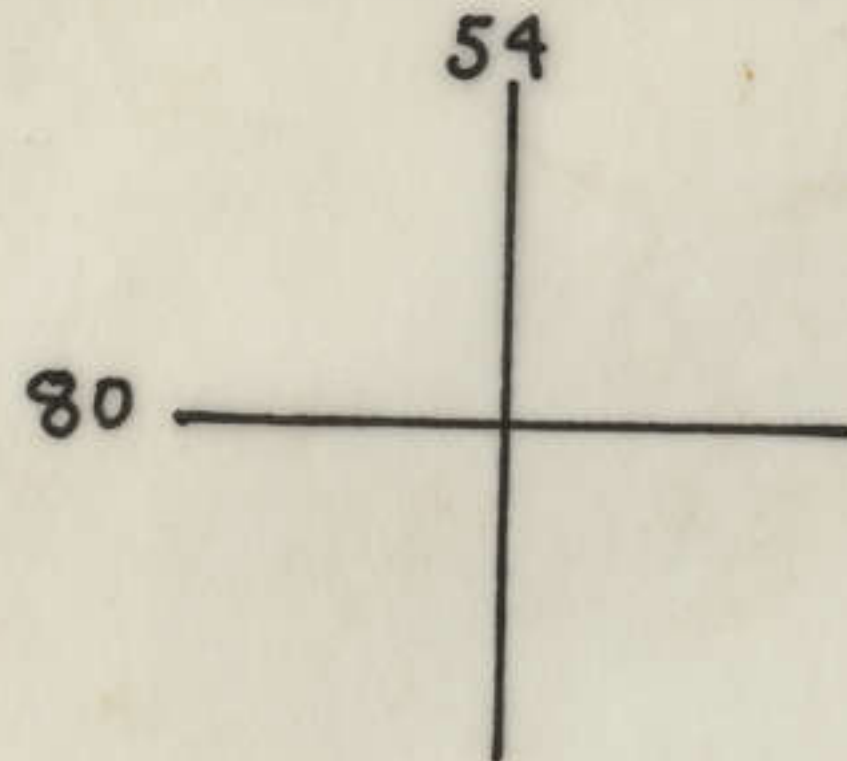
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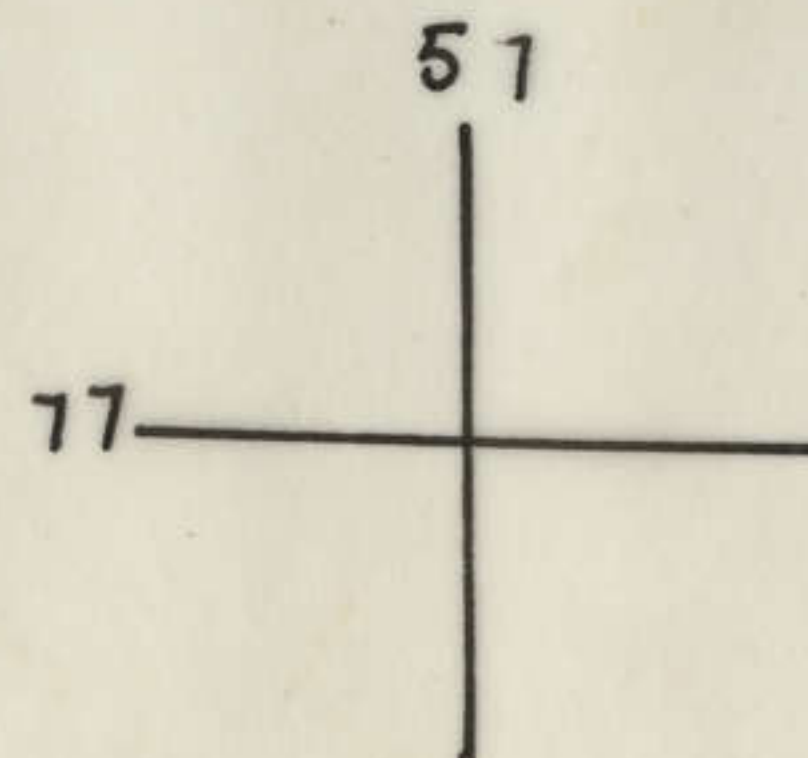
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- >--> Ptl Route
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