

**Series: AWM95**  
**Australian Army commanders' diaries**  
**[Vietnam]**

**Infantry units**

**Item number: 7/12/8**

**Item: 3 Special Air Service Squadron**

**Narrative**

**Duty Officer's log**

**Annexes**

**[1-31 Jan 1967]**



SECRET

3 SAS Sqn  
Comds Diary  
1 - 31 Jan 67  
(Original)

Av. 95

Av. 95

SECRET

7/12/88



## PART 1

## COVERING LETTER

Reference No. ....

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

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

2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature) .....

Appointment .....

(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

## PART 2

AF C 2119 (Adapted)  
Revised Jun, 1965**SECRET**ORIGINAL  
~~DUPLICATE~~Strike out where  
not applicable**COMMANDERS DIARY**

OF

Unit or Formation

3 SAS Sqn

From

1 Jan 67

To

31 Jan 67

INDEX

Narrative (AF C 2118)

## ANNEXES

- \* A Duty officer's log
- \* B Messages connected with log
- C Operation orders and instructions issued
- D Operation orders and instructions received
- \* E Sitreps issued
- F Orders of battle and location reports issued
- G Intelligence reports and summaries issued; appreciations made
- H Administrative orders and instructions issued
- I Administrative orders and instructions received
- J Administrative reports and bulletins; ammunition returns; field strength returns
- \* K Standing orders issued
- L Commander's policy and demi-official letters
- M Action reports (if required)
- N Other papers, eg, maps and diagrams, air photos, reports from sub units
- O Periodical summaries of operations
- Z Top Secret Supplementary Diary

## Enclosure Numbers

.....	to	.....
.....	to	.....
.....	to	5
.....	to	.....
.....	to	.....
.....	to	.....
.....	to	.....
.....	to	2
.....	to	.....
.....	to	4
.....	to	.....
.....	to	.....
.....	to	10
.....	to	.....
.....	to	.....

† NIL

† RETAINED

† Despatched to

on 10 Feb 67

\* Only to be included during operations.

† Cross out whichever is not applicable.



## 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.

for operations form Annex "Z", "TOP SECRET" the document. It is to be prepared and disposed of as

### TENTS

as well as map references), establishment, equipment and orders given. The day's fighting, including company movements. Commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

potential importance. Officers, men and equipment. Equipment captured. Employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

and to save work as much information as possible is to be given. All documents issued and received, routine returns, etc. All and the time of receipt or despatch is to be given.

the annexes, but need not give a precis of any of them.

(continued on back cover)



## COMMA DIARIES DISPOSAL

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

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

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

16. **TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.**

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

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

TOP SECRET

ANNEX Z to

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

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

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

## 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.

for operations form Annex "Z", "TOP SECRET" the document. It is to be prepared and disposed of as

## INDEX

is as well as map references), establishment, equipment  
orders given.  
day's fighting, including company movements.  
command with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

ential importance.  
officers, men and equipment.  
person captured.  
employed in the line not accounted for. The type of

and to save work as much information as possible is to  
messages issued and received, routine returns, etc. All  
and the time of receipt or despatch is to be given.

to annexes, but need not give a précis of any of them.

(continued on back page)



This form is to be enclosed with the annexes in AF-C 2119 (Adapted).

# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C 2118 (Adapted)  
Revised Jun, 1965

MONTH AND YEAR Jan 67

REFERENCE MAP .....

UNIT/~~FORMATION~~ 3 SAS Sqn

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj JM MURPHY

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
NUI DAT	9 Jan	0900 hrs	Wng0 issued to Ptls 12, 14, 22, 24, 34.	
	10 Jan	0900 hrs	Briefing of Ptls 12, 14, 22, 24, 34, by OC.	
		1830 Hrs	Ptls infil by hel OK.	
	11 Jan	1335 hrs	Ptl 22 reported sighting 4 empty oxcarts moving WEST at YS502817. 6 VC were riding in the carts, 1 was seen to be carrying a rifle.	
	12 Jan	0745 hrs	Ptl 14 sighted, radioed for extraction.	
		0845 hrs	Ptl 14 returned this loc and debriefed.	See Annex 'M'.
		1840 hrs	Ptl 22 reported having a contact with 2 VC at YS502805 at 121500H. En dressed in blue, carried SMG's and wore basic web eqpt. Result of contact, 1 VC KIA (BC). Ptl carried on.	
	14 Jan	0917 hrs	Ptl 24 reported locating a camp at YS577737. Male and female voices were heard however a close recce could not be carried out due to airstrike damage vic camp.	
		1020 hrs	Ptl 12 reported having contact with unknown number of en at YS399810 at 180945H. Result of contact 1 VC WIA (Poss DOW). Ptl extracted.	
		1110 hrs	Ptl 12 returned this loc, debriefed.	See Annex 'M'.
		1300 hrs	Ptl 22 reported hearing chopping, trees falling, dogs barking and occasional shotgun blasts from vic YS487802.	

1 B P Coy—275/65—55m



This form is to be enclosed with the annexes in AF-C 2119 (Adapted).

# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF - C 2118 (Adapted)

Revised Jun, 1965

MONTH AND YEAR Jan 67

REFERENCE MAP

UNIT/FORMATION 3 SAS Sqn

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj JM MURPHY

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
NUI DAT	14 Jan	1537 hrs	Ptl 34 sighted 9 VC with wpns moving WEST at YS593787.	
	15 Jan	1000 hrs	Lt IVEY joined Sqn, he is to command J Tp until the arrival of 1 SAS Sqn when he will take over as Ops Offr.	
		1030 hrs	WngO issued to Ptl 13, 32 for recce tasks.	
		1410 hrs	Ptl 24 reported hearing approx 25 VC moving SOUTH on a trk vic YS574734. 32 more VC then moved NORTH followed by a further 20 females. They appeared to be moving to the camp located on 14 Jan 67. The abovementioned en were all heard and seen on the 14 Jan 67, on the 15 Jan 67 16 armed VC wearing blue uniforms, carrying packs and webbing also moved NORTH. 2 en then moved SOUTH followed by 14 more who moved NORTH to vic of camp.	
	16 Jan 67	0900 hrs	OC briefed Ptl 13 and 32.	
		0825 hrs	Ptl 24 at YS576733 reported seeing 8 VC move NORTH to camp at 151535H. En carried packs and wpns.	
		1416 hrs	Ptl 24 reported 9 VC moving NORTH at 0930 hrs. VC carried rifles and an RPD LMG, they wore packs.	
		1550 hrs	Ptl 24 sighted, they called for extraction.	
		1615 hrs	Ptl 24 returned this loc and debriefed.	See Annex 'M'

1 B P Coy—275/65—55m



This form is to be enclosed with the annexes in AF-C 2119 (Adapted).

# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C 2118 (Adapted)  
Revised Jun, 1965

MONTH AND YEAR Jan 67

REFERENCE MAP

UNIT/FORMATION 3 SAS Sqn

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj JM MURPHY

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
NUI DAT	16 Jan	1745 hrs	Ptls 13 and 32 infil OK.	
	17 Jan	1145 hrs	Ptl 32 of the opinion that they had been infil into wrong LZ. Located a small rice cache and heard poss hvy MOR in area.	
		1405 hrs	Ptl 22 reported hearing 10 VC mov SOUTH at YS491810 between 161200H and 161445H. At YS492808 at 171045H saw 12 VC moving NORTH. Dress, black, 10 en carried packs, 4 armed with M1 carbines.	
		1700 hrs	Ptls 22 and 34 exfil to this loc, debriefed.	See Annex 'M'.
	18 Jan	0940 hrs	Ptl 13 sighted 1 armed male VC dressed in black. Also located an en camp where 4 male and 3 female VC were seen. Locs given were at first incorrect, ptl had been infil into wrong LZ.	
		1055 hrs	Ptl 13 contacted unknown number of VC. Pte COPEMAN seriously wounded, VC cas not known, ptl extracted WIA member evac to 2 Fd Amb.	
		1115 hrs	Remainder Ptl 13 returned this loc and debriefed.	See Annex 'M'.
		1630 hrs	RAAF Beacon search conducted to fix correct posn of Ptl 32. A position was determined but this also proved incorrect.	
	19 Jan	0925 hrs	Ptl 32 reported more hvy MOR rds falling in general area.	
		1115 hrs	Ptl 32 reported an oxcart moving passed during ni.	

1 B P Coy-275/65-55m



This form is to be enclosed with the annexes in AF-C 2119 (Adapted).

# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C 2118 (Adapted)

Revised Jun, 1965

UNIT/~~FORMATION~~ 3 SAS Sqn

MONTH AND YEAR Jan 67

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj JM MURPHY

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
NUI DAT	19 Jan	1520 hrs	Ptl Comd Ptl 13 located infil LZ by means of an air recce over the area. Info was passed onto and checked by Ptl 32. Ptl 32 agreed on loc.	
	20 Jan	0900 hrs	OC briefed Ptl 21 for recce task.	
		0950 hrs	Ptl 32 reported more cart mov on trk YS371806. Many signal shots heard.	
		1745 hrs	Ptl 21 infil OK.	
	21 Jan	0915 hrs	Ptl 32 reported oxcart mov on trk YS371806, all mov at ni.	
	22 Jan	0930 hrs	Ptl 32 survielling same trk. 6 armed male VC seen moving SOUTH. Dress, greens, all carried packs. Heard more VC moving, passed later in the day.	
		1352 hrs	Ptl 21 scented by oxen moving along a trk. VC tending cattle alerted, shot and killed by own ptl. Loc contact YS580740, 1 Chicom Type '53 Carbine and ammo captured. Ptl continued with task.	
	23 Jan	1005 hrs	Ptl 21 reported many signal shots in his Zone.	
		1310 hrs	Ptl 32 extracted, returned this loc and debriefed.	See Annex 'M'.
	24 Jan	0940 hrs	Ptl 11 briefed by OC for recce task.	
		1740 hrs	Ptl 11 infil OK.	
	25 Jan	0845 hrs	Ptl 11 reported he had been infil into wrong LZ, requested fix.	
		1150 hrs	Lt INGRAM flew in FAC located and passed on info to Ptl 11.	

1 B P Coy-275/65-55m



# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF - C 2118 (Adapted)

Revised Jun, 1965

MONTH AND YEAR Jan 67

REFERENCE MAP

UNIT/FORMATION 3 SAS Sqn

COMMANDING OFFICER Maj JM MURPHY

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
NUI DAT	25 Jan	1520 hrs	WngO issued to Ptls 12, 14 and 31.	
	26 Jan	0850 hrs	Ptl 11 reported seeing 1 VC moving WEST at YS574699.	
		0900 hrs	OC briefed Ptls 12, 14 and 31.	
		1620 hrs	Ptl 21 extracted to this loc and debriefed.	See Annex 'M'.
	27 Jan	1430 hrs	Ptls 12, 14, 31 departed this loc for CAT LO Naval Base. Ptls to infil by landing craft during ni 27 Jan 67.	
		2040 hrs	TOC reported 6 fires at YS678582. Report orig by Possum aircraft. This loc was to have been landing point for Ptl 12. TOC advised to contact CAT LO Naval Base and info infil landing craft to alter landing pt to an area 1,000 metres to EAST. Arty given clearance to fire on loc of cooking fires.	
	28 Jan	0915 hrs	Ptls 12, 14, 31 returned this loc. Op cancelled due to en activity in area. 1 US WIA resulted from infil craft escort recieving AW fire from beaches.	
	29 Jan	0855 hrs	Ptl 11 reported 9 VC moving SOUTH at YS568698. En wore web eqpt and carried wpns.	
	31 Jan	1000 hrs	WngO issued to Ptls 12, 14, 24, 31.	
		1355 hrs	Ptl 11 at LZ ready for extraction.	
		1445 hrs	Ptl 11 returned this loc and debriefed.	See Annex 'M'.
			Sqn Sporting Hist. Our first victory in the sporting field. The Sqn Volley Ball Team defeated Topo Svy and 103 Sig Sqn.	

1 B P Coy-275/65-55m



SECRET

Annex 'A' to  
3 SAS Sqn  
Comds Diary  
Jan 67

SECRET



Unit: 3 SAS Sqn

Duty Offr Log

Date:

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
1	090900H	-	-	WngO issued to Ptls 12, 14, 22, 24, 34.		
2	100900H	-	-	Ptls 12, 14, 22, 24, 34. Briefed by OC.		
3	101830H	-	-	Infil by Ptls 12, 14, 22, 24, 34 completed.		
4	110615H	1 ATF	-	Red Haze reported 4 returns at YS498795.		
5	110620H	1 ATF	-	Permission requested to fire in YS3984 and YS4084.	Granted.	
6	110835H	Ptl 24	-	Loc 588718. NTR.		
7	110940H	Ptl 14	-	Loc 359793. Shots from infil LZ (101930H to 110300H). 3 hvy MOR fired today, 3 rds at 110920H.		
8	111055H	Ptl 12	-	Loc 413827. Trk at YS415823 well used.		
9	111200H	Ptl 34	-	Loc 577798. NTR.		
10	111335H	Ptl 22	-	Loc 502815. At 502817 on 110845H, 4 oxcarts moving WEST. Oxcarts empty. 6 men riding in carts. Dress, black. 1 man in white shirt. 1 man carried rifle. Shots heard 300 metres SE. At 502815 well used oxcart trk going WEST.		
11	111400H	Ptl 24	-	Loc 582722. NTR.		
12	111430H	Ptl 14	-	Loc 358792. NTR.		
13	111503H	Ptl 12	-	Loc 410827. NTR.		
14	111610H	Ptl 34	-	Loc 579794. NTR.		
15	120745H	Ptl 14	-	Sighted, desire extraction.		
16	120835H	Ptl 24	-	Loc 579727. NTR.		
17	120845H	-	-	Ptl 14 now this loc.		



Unit: 3 SAS Sqn

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

Duty Offr      Log

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
18	121150H	Ptl 34	-	Loc 584792. NTR.		
19	121335H	Ptl 22	-	Loc 503805. At this loc 2 pairs Beta prints going EAST. About 1 week old. Also pig traps.		
20	121405H	Ptl 24	-	Loc 577730. NTR.		
21	121507H	Ptl 12	-	Loc 403828. NTR.		
22	121510H	-	Ptl 12	Ptl 14 seen and extracted.	Passed 121520H.	
23	121547H	Ptl 34	-	Loc 587795. NTR.		
24	121840H	Ptl 22	-	Loc 497801. Contact at 502805 whilst crossing well used trk going EAST - WEST. 2 en seen, dress blue with basic order, En carried SMG's and were moving EAST. Shot 1 will continue. Contact at 1500 hrs.		
25	130826H	Ptl 24	-	Loc 575731. NTR.		
26	131120H	Ptl 34	-	Loc 589791. NTR.		
27	131140H	1 ATF	-	FAC recieved light SA fire vic YS571780.	Info Ptl 34.	
28	131145H	-	Ptl 34	FAC recieved light SA fire vic YS571780 AM today.	Passed 131145H.	
29	131345H	Ptl 22	-	Loc 494803. NTR.		
30	131405H	Ptl 24	-	Loc 575736. NTR.		
31	131550H	Ptl 34	-	Loc 591789. NTR.		
32	131600H	Ptl 12	-	Loc 397818. NTR.		
33	131620H	Ptl 12	-	Loc 394819. Oxcart trk this loc running SW to NORTH. 3 days ago 1 cart moved NORTH.	Msg orig 131020. Ptl unable to get comms at that time.	
34	140919H	Ptl 24	-	En camp 578742. 3 females, male str unknown. Close recce of camp not poss due to previous a/s of vic camp area. Well used trk first seen at 572741. Ptl fol up to camp. Loc 575740.		



Unit: 3 SAS Sqn

Duty Offr Log

Date:

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
35	140925H	-	Ptl 24	Surviel Trk.	Passed 140935H.	
36	140945H	Ptl 24	-	Correct camp loc 577737.		
37	141020H	Ptl 12	-	Contact at YS399810 at 140945H. No of en unknown. LZ at 396815. Winch needed.		
38	141110H	-	-	Ptl 12 now this loc.		
39	141300H	Ptl 22	-	Loc 489805. At 493803 observed large trks going NORTH, no traffic. Chopping, trees falling, dogs and 1 shotgun heard. Coming from approx 487802.		
40	141430H	Ptl 24	-	Loc 575737. 2 way traffic from camp to SOUTH heard. Several well used trks in area. Will try to find main trk complex and surviel.		
41	141537H	Ptl 34	-	Loc 593787. 9 en seen, 1 group of 2, 1 group of 5 then another of 2. En moved WEST. All armed.		
42	150845H	Ptl 34	-	Loc 597789. NTR.		
43	151000H	-	-	Lt IVEY joined Sqn.		
44	151030H	-	-	WngO issued to Ptls 13, 32 for recce tasks.		
45	151340H	Ptl 22	-	Loc 485805. Shot from contact area. 489801 wood cutting and occasional shot. Cannot go look because of open ground. 487806, 1 man with spear went EAST then WEST. Am going SE for water.		
46	151410H	Ptl 24	-	Loc 574734. Mov heard yesterday. 25 VC moved SOUTH. 32 VC moved to camp. 20 women moved from SOUTH at 141800H. Mov seen today, 2 VC moved to SOUTH, 14 armed VC moved from SOUTH packs, webbing, light blue uniforms. Ptl nearly sprung several times, now moving to river for water, then expect to locate main trk junc near YS570730. Will exfil from 573725.		



Unit: 3SAS Sqn

DUTY OFFR Log

Date:

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
47	151520H	Ptl 34	-	Loc 595789. NTR,		
48	160825H	Ptl 24	-	Loc 576733. Saw second trk. 8 VC moved NORTH to camp at 151535H. Carried rifles and packs.		
49	160900H	-	-	OC briefed Ptls 13, 32.		
50	160930H	Ptl 34	-	Loc 596794. NTR.		
51	161325H	Ptl 22	-	Loc 488809. At 489804 fresh cut timber. 489806 old OP with 2 pits.		
52	161416H	Ptl 24	-	Loc 576733. 9 VC moved NORTH at 160930H. 1 RPD IMG, rifles, packs, mixed dress.		
53	161420H	-	All Ptls	Extraction approx 191600H. No relief.	Passed 161459H.	
54	161435H	Ptl 34	-	Loc 594797. NTR.		
55	161550H	Ptl 24	-	Sighted. Extract from LZ 580726.		
56	161615H	-	-	Ptl 24 extracted this loc.		
57	161745H	-	-	Ptl 13, 32 infil to LZ YS365780 without incident.		
58	170935H	Ptl 34	-	Loc 593801. NTR.		
59	170955H	Ptl 13	-	Loc 374785. NTR.		
60	171405H	Ptl 22	-	Loc 491808. At 491810 between 161200 and 161445H, approx 10 men heard moving both SOUTH and NORTH. At 492808 on 171045H, 12 VC moving NORTH, dress black, 4 coolie hats, 4 M1 Carbines, 10 with hvy packs, 2 with chogi sticks.		
61	171145H	Ptl 32	-	Loc 366785. Poss wrong infil LZ. Maybe 1,000 metres further NORTH. Signs of much en mov. 367783 small new rice cache. 12 rds MOR from 3 seperate posns at 162215H.		



Unit: 3 SAS Sqn

DUTY OFFR

Log

Date:

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
62	171500H	Ptl 22	-	Loc 488809. At LZ.		
63	171700H	-	-	Ptls 22, 34 now this loc.		
64	180940H	Ptl 13	-	370787. 1 VC black dress, wpns, 358786. En camp 361786. 7 VC, 3 female, 4 male. 2 huts. Infil LZ 355779.		
65	181055H	Ptl 13	-	Contact. COPEMAN WIA.	Ptl extr from YS405802. WIA to II Fd Amb.	
66	181630H	-	-	Ptl 32's comms u/s. Beacon search conducted. Loc 362783. Ptl poss sighted, heard poss hvy MOR in vic.		
67	160925H	Ptl 32	-	Loc 355795, at 172000H. 9 rds hvy MOR from 358789, 1 rd at 181200H. At 181350H hvy MOR fired 8 rds from area 359805.		
68	190930H	-	Ptl 32	From Ptl 13, infil LZ 355779. Ptl 13 has been extracted.	Passed 190945H.	
69	191115H	Ptl 32	-	Loc 362783. Checked by RAAF. Ground does not conform with this loc but will work from here. At 181820H a hvy loaded cart moved passed moving SE. At 190030H empty cart moved passed NW. Trk subject to hvy foot mov. Do you wish watch this loc?	Yes.	
70	191520H	-	Ptl 32	FERG' recce by air places infil LZ at 383798. How does this work out if you disregard Beacon?	Passed 201000H. Sgt FERGUSON calculated from his air recce that Ptls 13 and 32 had been infil to wrong LZ.	
71	200900H	-	-	OC briefed Ptl 21 for recce task.		
72	200950H	Ptl 32	-	Loc same. At 191850H, a cart moved SE. this followed several single shots. Intend move WEST for water, then relocate trk. Appears all mov by ni.		
73	201100H	Ptl 32	-	Works out well, our loc YS371806. Do you wish us to continue to our Zone?		



Unit: 3 SAS Sqn

Date:

DUTY OFFR Log

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
74	201115H	-	Ptl 32	Continue to watch trk.	Passed 201118H.	
75	201745H	-	-	Ptl 21 infil to LZ 568754.		
76	210915H	Ptl 32	-	Loc same. At 210103H cart mov SE.		
77	210935H	Ptl 21	-	Loc 576751. NTR.		
78	220810H	Ptl 21	-	Loc YS576741. Sitrep later today.		
79	220930H	Ptl 32	-	Loc same. At 211000H 6 en passed moving SE. Dress, greens, bush hats, packs, all armed. Several other groups heard. Ptl forced back from trk due to all members having colds. Could hear en but not see. Intend move SOUTH for water.		
80	221030H	-	Ptl 32	Exfil tomorrow approx 1600 hrs.		
81	221035H	-	Ptl 21	Airstrike tomorrow YS572727, YS617734.		
82	221352H	Ptl 21	-	Loc 576748. Sprung by oxen on foot trk at 580740. 1 VC KIA, 1 rifle. Camp does not extend NORTH. Trk junc above it. Trks go WEST and NE, can I go NORTH to recce top portion of Zone? ACK.	Yes.	
83	230900H	Ptl 32	-	Loc same. At 2400H and 0100H a cart moved SE. Several shots on trk during ni. LZ at 374803 about midday.		
84	230930H	-	Ptl 32	Advise when at LZ.		
85	231005H	Ptl 21	-	580755. Ref trks, different NE trk crosses river must be SOUTH 579747. Shots and mov trk area 571743. River impassable this stage. Shots EAST nas NW present loc. En very alert.		
86	231020H	-	Ptl 21	Ref your ZDA, Roger, play it cool.	Passed.	



Unit: 3 SAS Sqn

DUTY OFFER Log

Date:

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
87	231125H	Ptl 32	-	At LZ YS375801.		
88	231130H	-	Ptl 32	Tpt 1300 hrs.	Passed.	
89	231310H	-	-	Ptl 32 now this loc.		
90	240935H	Ptl 21	-	Loc 583763. Trk unused extensive bomb damage this loc.		
91	240940H	-	-	Ptl 11 briefed by OC.		
92	241740H	-	-	Ptl 11 infil OK.		
93	250845H	Ptl 11	-	Infil wrong LZ. Still in strike area. Request fix.	2Lt INGRAM in FAC to fix posn Ptl 11.	
94	250905H	-	Ptl 11	FAC on way.		
95	250935H	Ptl 21	-	Loc 586766. Will check 327. Will cross river at 591767 if poss.		
96	251150H	-	Ptl 11	Your loc 576699. Is this OK.	Passed 251155H.	
97	251520H	-	-	Wng0 issued to Ptls 12, 14, 31.		
98	251525H	Ptl 21	-	Loc 588766. 327 cart and foot trks approx 1 week old. Am crossing river at this loc.		
99	260850H	Ptl 11	-	Loc 572688. 1 VC moved WEST at 574699 at 251015H. Dress greens.		
100	260900H	-	-	OE briefed Ptls 12, 14, 31.		
101	260932H	Ptl 21	-	596766. En activity old village area.		
102	261505H	Ptl 21	-	Loc 595763. Also LZ. NTR 327. Desire exfil today if poss as recce finished this area.		



Unit: 3 SAS Sqn

DUTY OFFER

Log

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

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Text	Action	Initials
103	261524H	-	Ptl 21	Do you want winch? Tpt approx 1600 hrs.	Winch not required.	
104	261620H	-	-	Ptl 21 now this loc.		
105	270835H	Ptl 11	-	Loc 571695. NTR.		
106	271430H	-	-	Ptls 12, 14, 31 departed this loc for CAT LO.		
107	271525H	Ptl 11	-	Loc 570693. Unable move further SOUTH because of open ground. Will move NORTH.		
108	272040H	-	-	TOC info 6 campfires seen at 678582.	Arty cleared for fire msn.	
109	280850H	Ptl 11	-	Loc 569695. NTR BDA so far.		
110	280915H	-	-	Ptls 12, 14, 31 ETA this loc. Infil aborted due to en activity.		
111	290855H	Ptl 11	-	Loc 570700. NTR BDA. 281505, 9 VC moved SOUTH turned SE on trk YS568698. Dress, greens and black, webbing and wpns.		
112	291600H	-	Ptl 11	Exfil approx 311600H. Have a go if sit permits.	Passed 300903H.	
113	300845H	Ptl 11	-	Loc 576701. NTR BDA. Out of crater area.		
114	310830H	Ptl 11	-	Loc 575699. Watching en trk.		
115	311000H	-	-	Wng0 for Ptls 12, 14, 24, 31.		
116	311355H	Ptl 11	-	Loc 575698. Request exfil this loc. Advise time.		
117	311445H	-	-	Ptl 11 now this loc.		



SECRET

Annex 'C' to  
3 SAS Sqn  
Comds Diary  
Jan 67

SECRET



SECRET

NOT TO BE TAKEN ON PTL

3 SAS SQN PTL PROGRAMME FROM 101600H TO 171800H JAN 67

A. Ptl Serial No	1	2	3	4	5
B. Unit to Provide	I Tp INGRAM	I Tp ROBINSON	J Tp TONNA	J Tp THORBURN	K Tp GAY
C. Type	RECCE	RECCE	RECCE	RECCE	RECCE
D. Task	Recce ZONE 01 and report all en info	Recce ZONE 02 and report all en info	Recce ZONE 03 and report all en info	Recce ZONE 05 and report all en info	Recce ZONE 04 and report all en info
E. Date/Time Out	101730H	101730H	101730H	101730H	101730H
F. Date/Time In	171730H	171730H	171730H	171730H	171730H
G. Route	Infil by hel to LZ to be advised <sup>2</sup>	Infil by hel to LZ to be advised	Infil by hel to LZ to be advised	Infil by hel to LZ to be advised	Infil by hel to LZ to be advised
H. Time Report Required	180800H,	180800H	180800H	180800H	180800H
I. Remarks	Authentication colour RED	Authentication colour BLUE	Authentication colour GREEN	Authentication colour BLACK	Authentication colour GREY

- Notes:-
1. Panel marker and smoke RED
  2. 2 X UH1B fitted with winch and LFT on standby during daylight hours.

Distribution:-

I ATF (2)  
Comd Diary (3)  
II FFV G2 (2)  
SAS Regt  
File

(J.M. Murphy)  
Maj  
OC 3 SAS Sqn

SECRET



SECRET

No Fire Zone

Zone 05

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146. 147. 148. 149. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. 157. 158. 159. 160. 161. 162. 163. 164. 165. 166. 167. 168. 169. 170. 171. 172. 173. 174. 175. 176. 177. 178. 179. 180. 181. 182. 183. 184. 185. 186. 187. 188. 189. 190. 191. 192. 193. 194. 195. 196. 197. 198. 199. 200. 201. 202. 203. 204. 205. 206. 207. 208. 209. 210. 211. 212. 213. 214. 215. 216. 217. 218. 219. 220. 221. 222. 223. 224. 225. 226. 227. 228. 229. 230. 231. 232. 233. 234. 235. 236. 237. 238. 239. 240. 241. 242. 243. 244. 245. 246. 247. 248. 249. 250. 251. 252. 253. 254. 255. 256. 257. 258. 259. 260. 261. 262. 263. 264. 265. 266. 267. 268. 269. 270. 271. 272. 273. 274. 275. 276. 277. 278. 279. 280. 281. 282. 283. 284. 285. 286. 287. 288. 289. 290. 291. 292. 293. 294. 295. 296. 297. 298. 299. 300. 301. 302. 303. 304. 305. 306. 307. 308. 309. 310. 311. 312. 313. 314. 315. 316. 317. 318. 319. 320. 321. 322. 323. 324. 325. 326. 327. 328. 329. 330. 331. 332. 333. 334. 335. 336. 337. 338. 339. 340. 341. 342. 343. 344. 345. 346. 347. 348. 349. 350. 351. 352. 353. 354. 355. 356. 357. 358. 359. 360. 361. 362. 363. 364. 365. 366. 367. 368. 369. 370. 371. 372. 373. 374. 375. 376. 377. 378. 379. 380. 381. 382. 383. 384. 385. 386. 387. 388. 389. 390. 391. 392. 393. 394. 395. 396. 397. 398. 399. 400. 401. 402. 403. 404. 405. 406. 407. 408. 409. 410. 411. 412. 413. 414. 415. 416. 417. 418. 419. 420. 421. 422. 423. 424. 425. 426. 427. 428. 429. 430. 431. 432. 433. 434. 435. 436. 437. 438. 439. 440. 441. 442. 443. 444. 445. 446. 447. 448. 449. 450. 451. 452. 453. 454. 455. 456. 457. 458. 459. 460. 461. 462. 463. 464. 465. 466. 467. 468. 469. 470. 471. 472. 473. 474. 475. 476. 477. 478. 479. 480. 481. 482. 483. 484. 485. 486. 487. 488. 489. 490. 491. 492. 493. 494. 495. 496. 497. 498. 499. 500. 501. 502. 503. 504. 505. 506. 507. 508. 509. 510. 511. 512. 513. 514. 515. 516. 517. 518. 519. 520. 521. 522. 523. 524. 525. 526. 527. 528. 529. 530. 531. 532. 533. 534. 535. 536. 537. 538. 539. 540. 541. 542. 543. 544. 545. 546. 547. 548. 549. 550. 551. 552. 553. 554. 555. 556. 557. 558. 559. 560. 561. 562. 563. 564. 565. 566. 567. 568. 569. 570. 571. 572. 573. 574. 575. 576. 577. 578. 579. 580. 581. 582. 583. 584. 585. 586. 587. 588. 589. 590. 591. 592. 593. 594. 595. 596. 597. 598. 599. 600. 601. 602. 603. 604. 605. 606. 607. 608. 609. 610. 611. 612. 613. 614. 615. 616. 617. 618. 619. 620. 621. 622. 623. 624. 625. 626. 627. 628. 629. 630. 631. 632. 633. 634. 635. 636. 637. 638. 639. 640. 641. 642. 643. 644. 645. 646. 647. 648. 649. 650. 651. 652. 653. 654. 655. 656. 657. 658. 659. 660. 661. 662. 663. 664. 665. 666. 667. 668. 669. 670. 671. 672. 673. 674. 675. 676. 677. 678. 679. 680. 681. 682. 683. 684. 685. 686. 687. 688. 689. 690. 691. 692. 693. 694. 695. 696. 697. 698. 699. 700. 701. 702. 703. 704. 705. 706. 707. 708. 709. 710. 711. 712. 713. 714. 715. 716. 717. 718. 719. 720. 721. 722. 723. 724. 725. 726. 727. 728. 729. 730. 731. 732. 733. 734. 735. 736. 737. 738. 739. 740. 741. 742. 743. 744. 745. 746. 747. 748. 749. 750. 751. 752. 753. 754. 755. 756. 757. 758. 759. 760. 761. 762. 763. 764. 765. 766. 767. 768. 769. 770. 771. 772. 773. 774. 775. 776. 777. 778. 779. 780. 781. 782. 783. 784. 785. 786. 787. 788. 789. 790. 791. 792. 793. 794. 795. 796. 797. 798. 799. 800. 801. 802. 803. 804. 805. 806. 807. 808. 809. 810. 811. 812. 813. 814. 815. 816. 817. 818. 819. 820. 821. 822. 823. 824. 825. 826. 827. 828. 829. 830. 831. 832. 833. 834. 835. 836. 837. 838. 839. 840. 84

SECRET



SECRET

NOT TO BE TAKEN ON PTL

3 SAS SQN PTL PROGRAMME FROM 161600H TO 231800H JAN 67

|                         |                                      |                                      |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| A. Ptl Serial No        | 1                                    | 2                                    |
| B. Unit to Provide      | I Tp FERGUSON                        | K Tp AITKEN                          |
| C. Type                 | RECCE                                | RECCE                                |
| D. Task                 | Recce ZONE 06 and report all en info | Recce ZONE 01 and report all en info |
| E. Date/Time Out        | 161730H                              | 161730H                              |
| F. Date/Time In         | 231730H                              | 231730H                              |
| G. Route                | Infil by hel to LZ YS 353777         | Infil by hel to LZ YS353777          |
| H. Time Report Required | 240800H                              | 240800H                              |
| I. Remarks              | Authentication Colour RED            | Authentication colour BLUE           |

- Notes:-
1. Panel marker and smoke RED.
  2. 2 X UH1B fitted with winch and LFT on standby during daylight hours.

Distribution:-

I ATF (2)  
Comd Diary (3)  
II FFV G2 (2)  
SAS Regt  
File

(J.M. Murphy)  
Maj  
OC 3 SAS Sqn

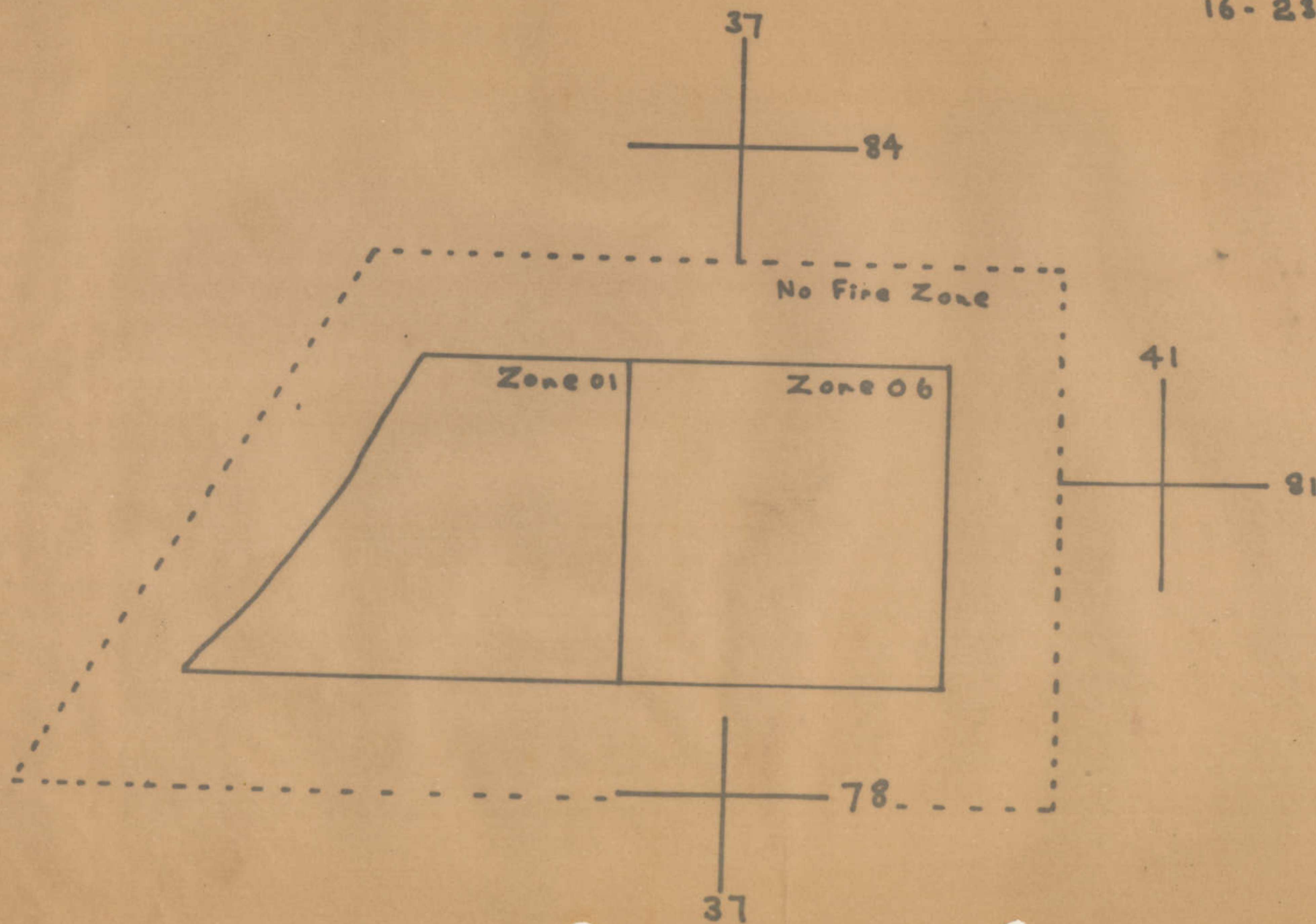
SECRET



Ref: Map. VIETNAM, 1:50,000, XA BINH BA,  
Sheet 6430 III.

SECRET

Annex 'P' to  
3 SAS Sqn P+I Programme  
16-23 Jan 67



SECRET



SECRET

NOT TO BE TAKEN ON PTL

3 SAS SQN PTL PROGRAMME FROM 201600H TO 271800H JAN 67

|                         |                                      |                                      |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| A. Patrol Serial No     | 1                                    | 2                                    |
| B. Unit to Provide      | J Tp NOLAN                           | I Tp BURLING                         |
| C. Type                 | Recce                                | Recce                                |
| D. Task                 | Recce ZONE 05 and report all en info | Recce ZONE 07 and report all en info |
| E. Date/Time Out        | 201730H                              | 201730H                              |
| F. Date/Time In         | 271730H                              | 271730H                              |
| G. Route                | Infil by hel to LZ to be advised     | Infil by hel to LZ to be advised     |
| H. Time report Required | 280900H                              | 280900H                              |
| I. Remarks              | Authentication Colour BLACK          | Authentication Colour BROWN          |

Notes:-

1. Panel Marker and smoke RED.
2. 2 X UHIB fitted with sinch and LFT on standby during daylight hours.

Distribution:-

I ATF (2)  
Comd Diary (3)  
II FFV G2 (2)  
SAS Regt  
File

*Murphy*  
(J.M. Murphy)  
Maj  
OC 3 SAS Sqn

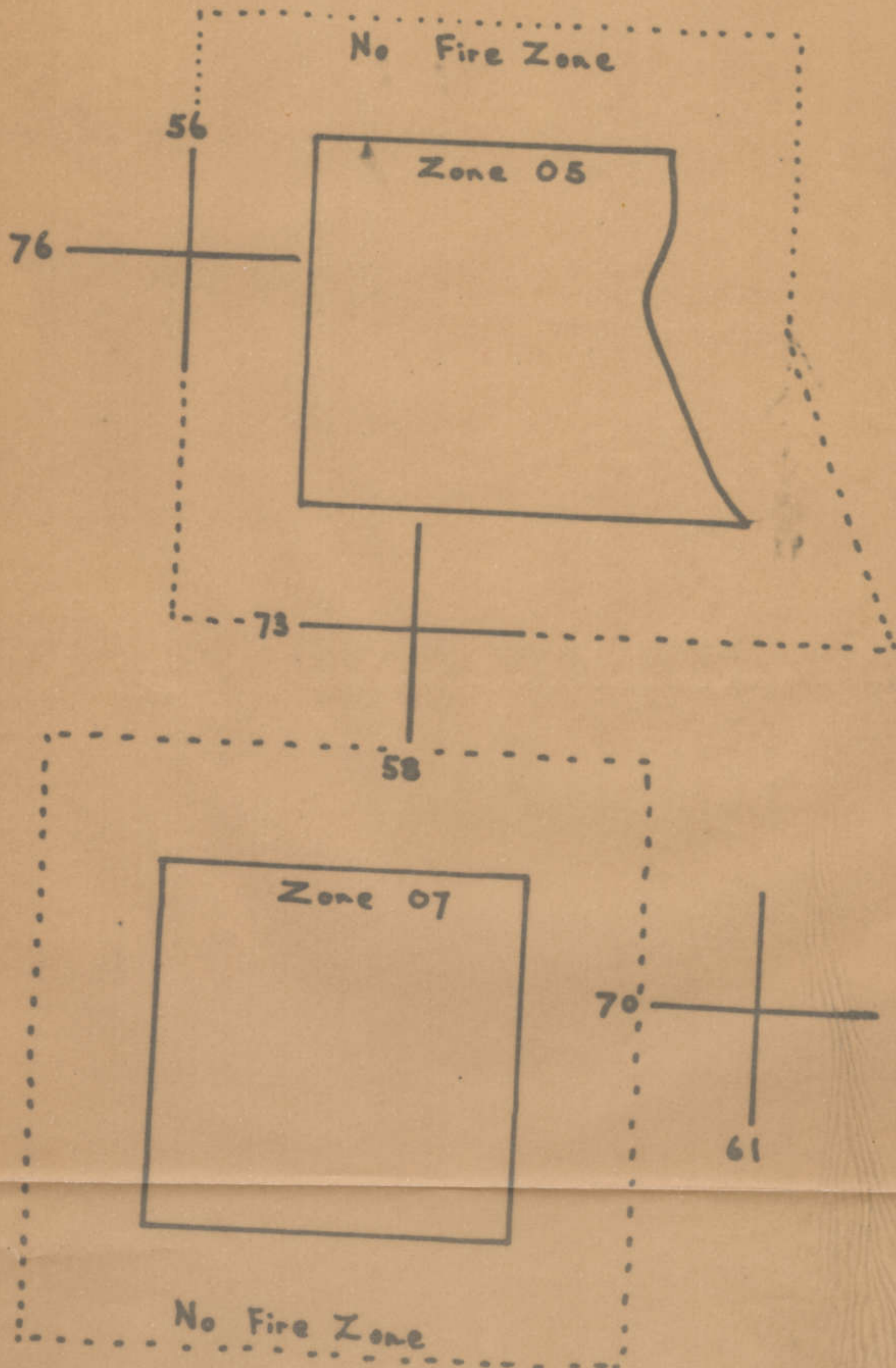
SECRET



Ref: Map, VIETNAM, 1:50,000.  
Xuyen Moc, Sheet 6430II.

SECRET

Annex 'P' to  
3 SAS Sqn  
P41 Programme  
20-27 Jan 67



SECRET



SECRET

NOT TO BE TAKEN ON PTL

3 SAS SQN PTL PROGRAMME FROM 241600H TO 311800H JAN 67

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| A. Ptl Serial No   | 1  |
| B. Unit to Provide | I Tp BURLING   |
| C. Type            | Recce  |
| D. Task            | Recce ZONE 07 and report en info & BDA B52 strike of 20 Jan 67 |
| E. Date/Time Out   | 241730H  |
| F. Date/Time In    | 311730H  |
| G. Route           | Infil by hel to LZ YS 576697                                   |
| H. Time Report Req | 010900H  |
| I. Remarks         | AUTHENTICATION COLOUR BROWN                                    |

Note:-

1. Panel marker and smoke RED
2. 2 X UH1B fitted with winch and LFT on standby during daylight hrs
3. For Annex P see Ptl Programme 20 - 27 Jan 67

Distribution:-

I ATF (2)  
Comd Diary  
II FFV G2 (2)  
SAS Regt  
File

(J.M. Murphy)  
Maj  
Oc 3 SAS Sqn

SECRET



SECRET

NOT TO BE TAKEN ON PTL

3 SAS SQN PTL PROGRAMME FROM 271400H TO 031800H FEB 67

|                         |  |  |  |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| A. Ptl Serial No        | 1                                      | 2                                      | 3                                      |
| B. Unit to Provide      | I Tp ROBINSON                          | I Tp INGRAM                            | K Tp URQUHART                          |
| C. Type                 | Recce                                  | Recce                                  | Recce                                  |
| D. Task                 | Recce ZONE 10 and report all<br>en mov | Recce ZONE 08 and report all<br>en mov | Recce ZONE 09 and report all<br>en mov |
| E. Date/Time Out        | 271400H                                | 271400H                                | 271400H                                |
| F. Date/Time In         | 031730H                                | 031730H                                | 031730H                                |
| G. Route                | by landing craft to YS681579           | By landing craft to YS 605580          | By landing craft to YS605580           |
| H. Time Report Required | 040900H                                | 040900H                                | 040900H                                |
| I. Remarks              | Authentication Colour RED              | Authentication Colour BLUE             | Authentication Colour GREEN            |

Note:-

1. Panel marker and smoke RED.
2. 2 X UH1B fitted with winch and LFT on standby during daylight hours.

Distribution:-

I ATF (2)  
Comd Diary (3)  
II FFV G2 (2)  
SAS Regt  
File

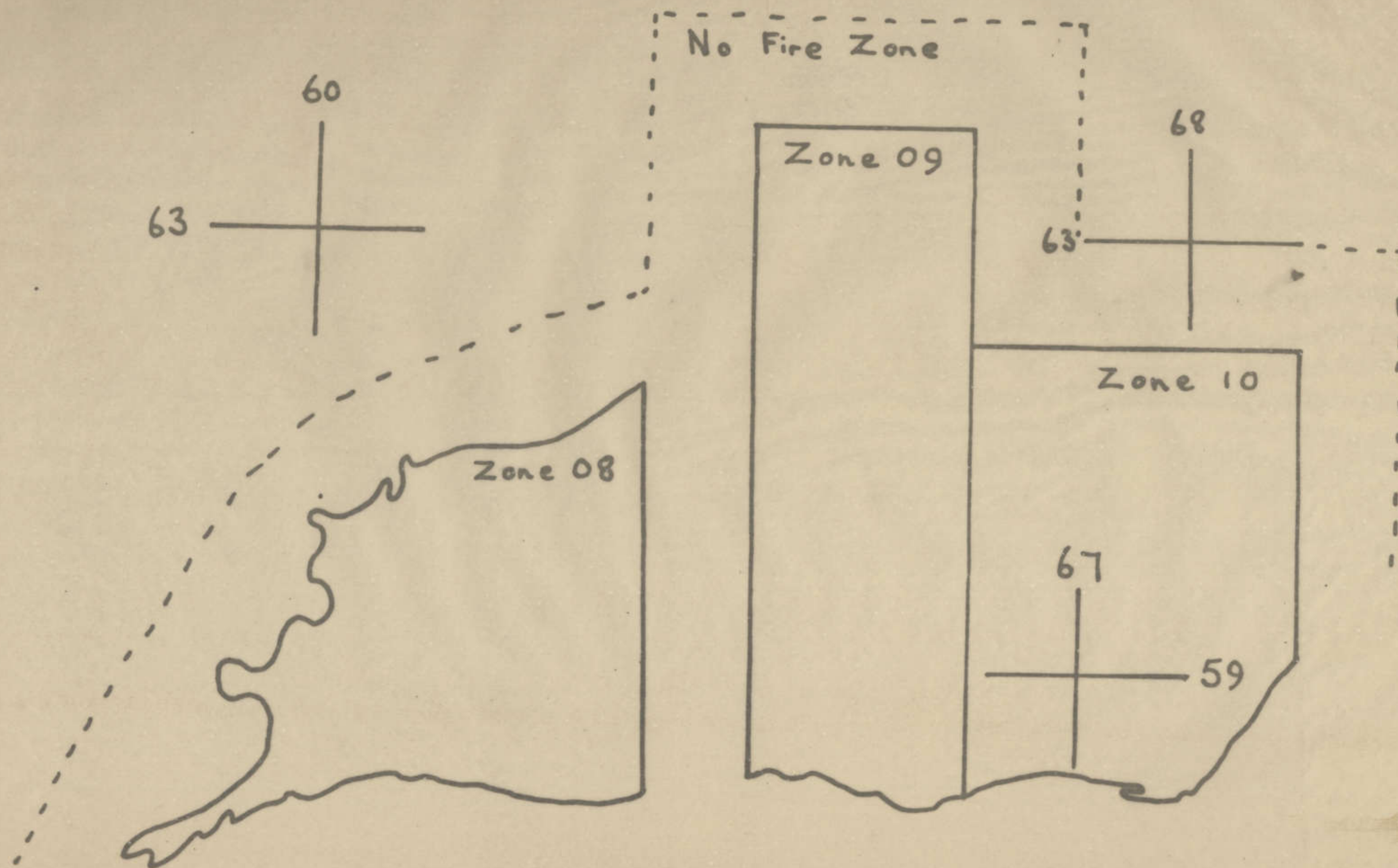
(J.M. Murphy)  
Maj  
CC 3 SAS Sqn

SECRET



Ref: Maps; VIETNAM, 1:50,000. DAT DO Sheet 6491. SECRET  
" " " " KUYEN Moc 6480 II.

Annex 'P' to  
3 SAS Sqn  
Ptl Programme  
27 Jan - 3 Feb 67



SECRET



SECRET

Annex 'H' to  
3 SAS Sqn  
Comds Diary  
Jan 67

SECRET



CONFIDENTIAL

The information given in this document is not to be communciated, either, directly or indirectly to the Press or to any person not authorised to recieve it .

Serial 2  
Orders 3

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

BY

MAJOR J.M. MURPHY

OFFICER COMMANDING

3 SAS SQN


NUI DAT - SOUTH VIETNAM

13 Jan 67

3.

DISCIPLINE

1. The preservation of the security and safety of the Australian Force in Vietnam, and of the individual members of that Force, depends to a substantial degree on the co-operation of members of the Force with the members of the other Allies Forces in this theatre, and with the civil authorities of the Republic of Vietnam.
2. The preservation of that security and safety also depends in no small degree, on the maintaining of friendly relations with the civilian population of South Vietnam.
3. It will be considered prejudicial to good order and military discipline of the Australian Force Vietnam (Army componet) and, as such, an offence against section 40 of the Army Act, for any member of that force , by his act, conduct or neglect, not to:
  - a. Co-operate fully with the civil authorities of the Republic of Vietnam and the members of the Allied Forces in Vietnam in actions by them to preserve safety and security.
  - b. Maintain friendly relations with the civilian population of South Vietnam.

  
(G.E. Chipman)  
Capt  
2IC 3 SAS Sqn

CONFIDENTIAL



RESTRICTED

The information given in this document is not to be communicated, either directly or indirectly to the Press or to any person not authorised to receive it.

Serial 21  
Orders 132. -

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

MAJOR J.M. MURPHY

OFFICER COMMANDING

3 SAS SQN

NUI DAT - SOUTH VIETNAM

6 JAN 67

1. CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS

1. MPC and Piastre. Members should be aware that it is illegal to possess currency other than that approved for use within VIETNAM ie. 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.

2. US Green. US GREEN is issuable to members only on the day they proceed on R & R and any residue on return must be immediately changed to MPC. Members RTA may have US currency exchanged for Australian currency or deposited to pay book subject to the fact that the total amount does not exceed the previous months drawings. Piastres also will be exchanged for Australian 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.

(J.M. Murphy)  
Maj  
OC 3 SAS Sqn

RESTRICTED



RESTRICTED

2.

SUPERVISION OF PALUDRINE PARADES

1. Paludrine parades are to be held twice daily at 0715 hrs and 1615hrs.
2. The issue and taking of paludrine bytroops on these parades is to be personally supervised by the duty officer.
3. A record of members issued with paludrine on these parades is to be recorded in a "Paludrine Roll Book" and the entry initialled by the duty officer.
4. In the event of individuals being absent from paludrine parades the duty officer is to make separate arrangements for these members to take paludrine under his supervision.
5. Where operational requirements preclude officer supervision, an officer is to ensure ample paludrine is carried by all ranks and that they are informed of the dosage requirements.



SECRET

Annex 'J' to  
3 SAS Sqn  
Comds Diary  
Jan 67

SECRET



In reply quote : R1 - 3 - 2a

HQ AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES VIETNAM

UNIT **3 SAS SQN**

RETURNS (SPECIAL) - WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN

PROFORMA NO.2

(as amended 5 Sep 66)

AS AT 2359 HRS TUES... **11 Jan 67** .....

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

| OFFICERS   |      |           | WO'S |      |    |       | RANK AND FILE |     |       |      |     |     |      |      |       | TOTAL<br>ALL<br>RANKS | DETAIL          |
|------------|------|-----------|------|------|----|-------|---------------|-----|-------|------|-----|-----|------|------|-------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Maj<br>Gen | Brig | Lt<br>Col | Maj  | Capt | Lt | Total | WO1           | WO2 | Total | SSGT | Sgt | Cpl | Lcpl | Ptes | Total |                       |                 |
|            |      |           | 1    | 1    | 4  | 6     |               | 2   | 2     |      | 16  | 17  | 12   | 46   | 21    | 99                    | ESTB            |
|            |      |           | 1    | 1    | 3  | 5     |               | 2   | 2     |      | 16  | 14  | 13   | 43   | 06    | 93                    | POSTED STRENGTH |
|            |      |           |      |      |    |       |               |     |       |      |     |     | 1    | 1    | 1     | 1                     | SURPLUS         |
|            |      |           |      |      | 1  | 1     |               |     |       |      |     | 3   |      | 3    | 6     | 7                     | DEFICIENCIES    |

NOTES TO AFV WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN

1. Details of Surplus and Deficient personnel to be shown on reverse of Proforma.
2. Attached personnel are to be categorised as either :-
  - a. Local - ie. personnel from parent units by HQ AFV (for up to 3months) or CO's authority (7days).
  - b. AHQ - ie. personnel attached to units within the theatre from units located outside on AHQ authority.
3. 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.
4. 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 Proforma.
5. ALL units shown on the Order of Battle are to submit a separate return. GROUPING of units on returns IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.
6. Members Medevaced are NOT to be STRUCK OFF STRENGTH until units are notified by HQ AFV to take this action.
7. For normal reposting on completion of tour of duty SVN member is to be struck off strength on date AAFMob 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.....

RANK.....

APPT..... **00 3 SAS SQN** .....



SURPLUS

| ECN | ARMY NO. | RANK | NAME     | REMARKS                                 |
|-----|----------|------|----------|---|
| 757 | 54344    | Lop1 | R. KELLY | One Lop1 over estb with permission CARD |
|     |          |      |          |   |
|     |          |      |          |   |
|     |          |      |          |   |
|     |          |      |          |   |
|     |          |      |          |   |
|     |          |      |          |   |
|     |          |      |          |   |

DEFICIENCIES

| APPT/POSTING | ECN | RANK | REMARKS                   |
|--------------|-----|------|---------------------------|
| Op Cond      |     | Lt   |                           |
| Rfn          | 757 | Cpl  |                           |
| Rfn          | 757 | Cpl  |                           |
| Rfn          | 757 | Cpl  |                           |
| Sig          | 800 | Pte  |                           |
| Sig          | 630 | Sig  |                           |
| Rfn          | 757 | Pte  | Lop1 with permission CARD |

LOCAL

| ARMY NO | RANK | NAME | PARENT UNIT |
|---------|------|------|-------------|
|         |      |      |             |
|         |      |      |             |
|         |      |      |             |
|         |      |      |             |
|         |      |      |             |
|         |      |      |             |
|         |      |      |             |

ATTACHMENTS

AHQ

| ARMY NO. | RANK | NAME      | PARENT UNIT |
|----------|------|-----------|-------------|
| 53865    | Sgt  | K.J. BOAG | 152 Sig Bn  |
|          |      |           |             |
|          |      |           |             |
|          |      |           |             |
|          |      |           |             |
|          |      |           |             |
|          |      |           |             |
|          |      |           |             |



HQ AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES VIETNAM

3 SAS Sqn

In Reply Quote: R1 : 3 : 2a

RETURNS (SPECIAL) - WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN

PRO FORMA No 2  
(as amended 5 Sep 66)

17 Jan 67

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<br>ALL<br>RANKS | DETAIL          |
|------------|------|-----------|-----|------|----|-------|-----|-----|---------------|------|-----|-----|------|------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Maj<br>Gen | Brig | Lt<br>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                    | ESTABLISHMENT   |
|            |      |           | 1   | 1    | 4  | 6     |     | 2   | 2             |      | 16  | 15  | 12   | 43   | 86                    | POSTED STRENGTH |
|            |      |           |     |      |    |       |     |     |               |      |     |     |      |      |                       | SURPLUS         |
|            |      |           |     |      |    |       |     |     |               |      |     | 2   |      | 3    | 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:-
  - Local - ie personnel from parent units by HQ AFV (for up to 3 months) or CO's authority (7 days).
  - AIHQ - 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 STPENGTH OF HIS IARENT 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 members 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 seperate Return. GROUPING of units on Return 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 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

Maj  
OC 3 SAS Sqn



SURPLUS

[illegible]

## DEFICIENCIES

| APPT/POSTING | ECN | RANK | REMARKS |
|--------------|-----|------|---------|
| Rtn          | 757 | Opl  |         |
| Rtn          | 757 | Opl  |         |
| Sig          | 630 | Sig  |         |
| Sig          | 630 | Sig  |         |
| Rtn          | 757 | Pts  |         |

## ATTACHMENTS

| ARMY NUMBER | RANK | NAME        | PARENT UNIT |
|-------------|------|-------------|-------------|
| 213273      | Cpl  | J.A. NELSON | Det AD BAAC |
|             |      |             |             |
|             |      |             |             |
|             |      |             |             |
|             |      |             |             |

[illegible]



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 25 Jan 67

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

| OFFICERS   |      |           |     |      |    | WO's  |     |     | RANK AND FILE |      |     |     |      |      | TOTAL<br>ALL<br>RANKS | DETAIL          |
|------------|------|-----------|-----|------|----|-------|-----|-----|---------------|------|-----|-----|------|------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Maj<br>Gen | Brig | Lt<br>Col | Maj | Capt | Lt | Total | WO1 | WO2 | Total         | Ssgt | Sgt | Cpl | Lcpl | Ptes | Total                 |                 |
|            |      | 1         | 1   | 1    | 4  | 6     |     | 2   | 2             |      | 16  | 17  | 12   | 45   | 91                    | ESTABLISHMENT   |
|            |      |           | 1   | 1    | 4  | 6     |     | 2   | 2             |      | 14  | 15  | 12   | 45   | 87                    | POSTED STRENGTH |
|            |      |           |     |      |    |       |     |     |               |      | 2   | 2   |      |      | 4                     | SURPLUS         |
|            |      |           |     |      |    |       |     |     |               |      |     |     |      |      |                       | 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:-
  - Local - ie personnel from parent units by HQ AFV (for up to 3 months) or CO's authority (7 days).
  - AIHQ - 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 members 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 Return 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 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

Maj  
OC 3 SAS Sqn



SURPLUS

[illegible]

## DEFICIENCIES

[illegible]

## ATTACHMENTS

[illegible]

| ARMY NUMBER | RANK | NAME       | PARENT UNIT |
|-------------|------|------------|-------------|
| 53865       | Sgt  | K. J. BOAG | 152 Sig Sqn |
|             |      |            |             |
|             |      |            |             |
|             |      |            |             |



# 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 31 Jan 67.....

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

| OFFICERS   |      |           |     |      |    | WO's  |     |     | RANK AND FILE |      |     |     |      |      | TOTAL<br>ALL<br>RANKS | DETAIL          |
|------------|------|-----------|-----|------|----|-------|-----|-----|---------------|------|-----|-----|------|------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Maj<br>Gen | Brig | Lt<br>Col | Maj | Capt | Lt | Total | WO1 | WO2 | Total         | Ssgt | Sgt | Cpl | Lcpl | Ptes | Total                 |                 |
|            |      |           | 1   | 1    | 4  | 6     |     | 2   | 2             |      | 16  | 17  | 12   | 45   | 71                    | ESTABLISHMENT   |
|            |      |           | 1   | 1    | 4  | 6     |     | 2   | 2             |      | 14  | 21  | 10   | 45   | 30                    | POSTED STRENGTH |
|            |      |           |     |      |    |       |     |     |               |      |     | 4   |      |      | 4                     | SURPLUS         |
|            |      |           |     |      |    |       |     |     |               |      | 2   |     | 2    | 3    | 7                     | 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:-
  - Local - ie personnel from parent units by HQ AFV (for up to 3 months) or CO's authority (7 days).
  - ANQ - ie personnel attached to units within the theatre from units located outside on ANQ 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 members 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 seperate Return. GROUPING of units on Return 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 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

*[Handwritten signature]*

Maj  
OC 3 SAS Sqn



## SURPLUS

| ECN    | ARMY NO | RANK | NAME        | REMARKS        |
|--------|---------|------|-------------|----------------|
| 757    | 214166  | Opl  | A.V. SMITH  | Hold emergency |
| 757    | 42522   | Opl  | L.O. BISHOP | " "            |
| 214071 |         |      |             |                |
| 757    | 214071  | Opl  | D.P. HUGHES |                |
| 757    | 10029   | Opl  | J.A. JOWELL |                |
|        |         |      |             |                |
|        |         |      |             |                |

## DEFICIENCIES

| APPT/POSTING | ECN | RANK | REMARKS |
|--------------|-----|------|---------|
| A 3 HOO      | 757 | Opl  |         |
| A 3 HOO      | 757 | Opl  |         |
| Ola          | 800 | Pto  |         |
| Ola          | 800 | Pto  |         |
| Hh           | 757 | Pto  |         |
| Hh           | 757 | lopl |         |
| Hh           | 757 | lopl |         |

## ATTACHMENTS

| ARMY NUMBER | RANK | NAME | PARENT UNIT |
|-------------|------|------|-------------|
|             |      |      |             |
|             |      |      |             |
|             |      |      |             |
|             |      |      |             |
|             |      |      |             |

| ARMY NUMBER | RANK | NAME     | PARENT UNIT |
|-------------|------|----------|-------------|
| 53043       | Opl  | E.J. BOW | 152 Ola Opl |
|             |      |          |             |
|             |      |          |             |
|             |      |          |             |
|             |      |          |             |



SECRET

Annex 'M' to  
3 SAS Sqn  
Comds Diary  
Jan 67

SECRET



SECRET

3 SAS Sqn Ops 1/67

Copy No 3  
3 SAS Sqn  
NUI DAT

12 Jan 67

PTL REPORT

Recce Ptl, Ptl 14.

Ref: Maps, VIETNAM, 1:50,000; XA BINH BA, Sheet 6430 III.

Pictomap Supplement, 1:25,000, Sheet 6430 III N.

A. Size and Composition of Ptl.

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| 2Lt PM INGRAM | Ptl Comd |
| Lcpl FK BELL  | Ptl 2i/c |
| Pte PF BYE    | Sig      |
| Pte S GARAY   | Medic    |

B. Task.

Recce Zone 01, report all en mov.

C. Time of Departure.

101815H.

D. Time of Return.

120845H.

E. Routes (Out and Back).

Infil by hel to LZ YS361789. For ptl route see Annex 'P'. Exfil by from LZ vic YS362793.

F. Terrain.

Consisted generally of secondary growth interlaced with vines and scattered clumps of thorny bamboo.

G. En.

YS359790 from 101930H to 110300H. Several single shots heard moving from EAST to WEST then NORTH. En appeared to be checking LZ areas, first to the SOUTH of ptl loc, then to the EAST and NORTH. Single shots were then fired from numerous locs, poss vic of other LZ areas, and 3 rapid shots from direction of infil LZ.

YS358792 during day of 11 Jan 67. Approx 20 single shots heard at regular intervals throughout the day. They appeared to be fired from approx 200 - 500 metres NORTH and WEST of ptl loc.

YS358793 at 111755H. 1 man heard talking, approx 150 - 200 metres NNE ptl loc, vic YS358794.

At 111805H. Ptl heard what appeared to be a child's voice accompanied by sounds of mov. Whilst investigating source of noise ptl came face to face with a small boy (about 6 years old) grazing and watering an ox. He was dressed in black trousers with no shirt. Ptl wdr from area.

YS360792 at 111930H and 111935H. 2 single shots heard from vic loc of sighting.

120720H. 1 single shot heard from NW about 500 metres.

YS361792 at 120745H. Well used trk running EAST - WEST, no recent sign detected.

H. Map Corrections.

Nil.

SECRET

...../2.



SECRET

2.

I. Misc Info.

An abundance of game in the area.

Creek vic YS358793 contains flowing water.

2 EAST - WEST trks encountered, they had been cleared about 1 month ago but neither showed signs of recent use. For loc see Annex 'P'.

YS358792 at 111300H. An old overnight or sentry posn located with one unservicable shell scrape.

Mov very noisy due to dry dead leaves underfoot.

J. Results of Encounters With En.

Ptl extracted.

K. Condition of Ptl.

Good.

I. Conclusions and Recommendations.

En in area alert and well organised. Poss camp at YS359794.

*[Signature]*  
.....  
(PM INGRAM)  
2Lt  
Ptl Comd Ptl 14

M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

It is very likely that a camp does exist at YS359794. This is supported by:

- a. The man heard talking was in that vic.
- b. The small boy, minus shirt would not travel far from home.
- c. Several of the signal shots came from that loc.

En have a well organised system for checking LZ's on hearing hels in area. Locs from where single shots heard on ni 10 - 11 Jan 67 are within relatively close proximity to the suspected VC base camp. The first shots were heard approx 1 hour after ptl infil.

Airstrike carried out onto vic YS359794.

Later observation by ptl comd fling in FAC placed camp at YS360795.

*[Signature]*  
.....  
(TW RODERICK)  
2Lt  
Ops Offr 3 SAS Sqn

N. Distr.

1 ATF (2)  
Comd Diary (3)  
11 FFV G2 (2)  
SAS Regt  
File

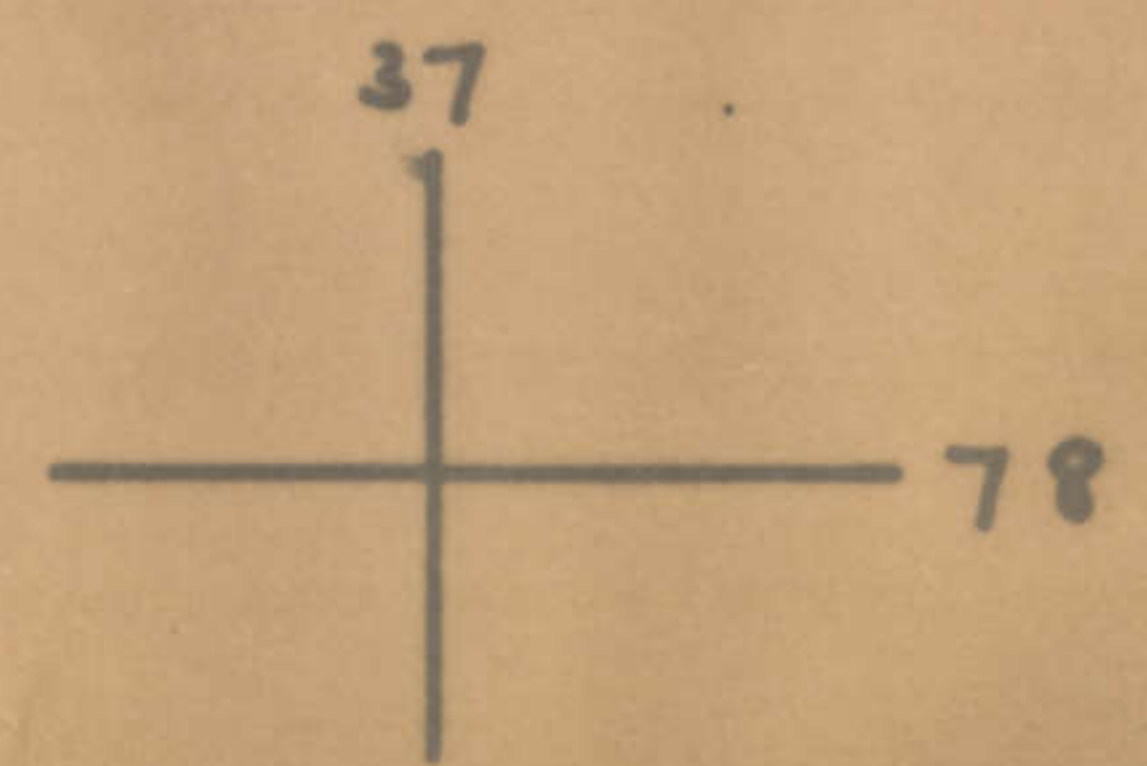
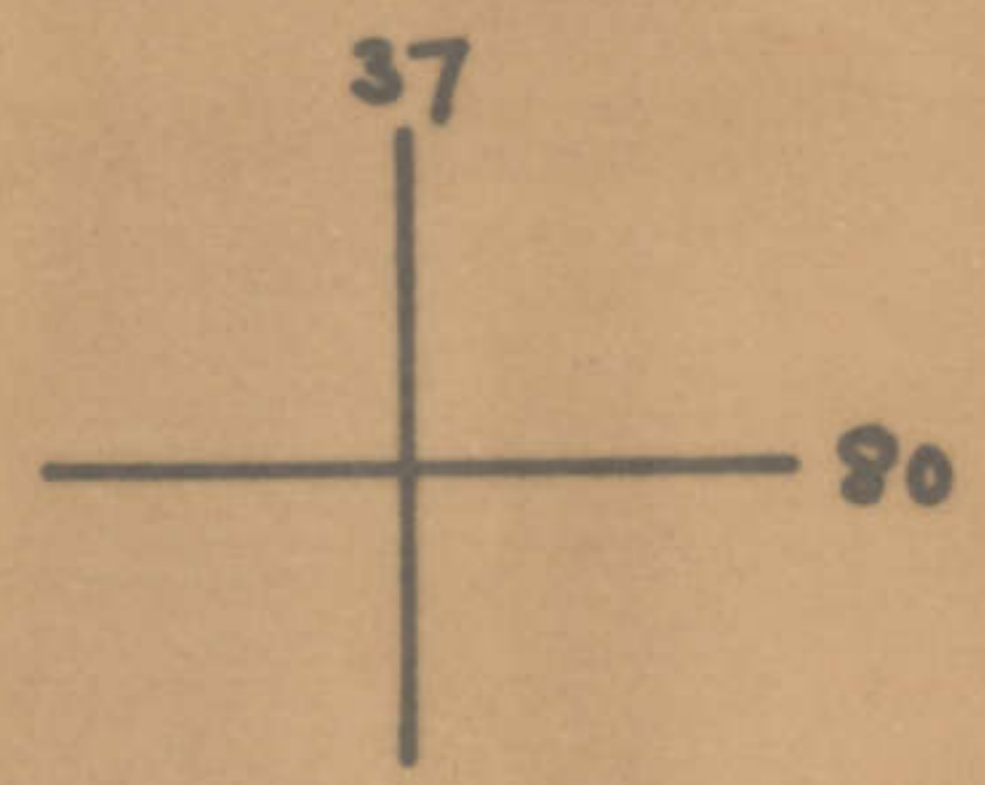
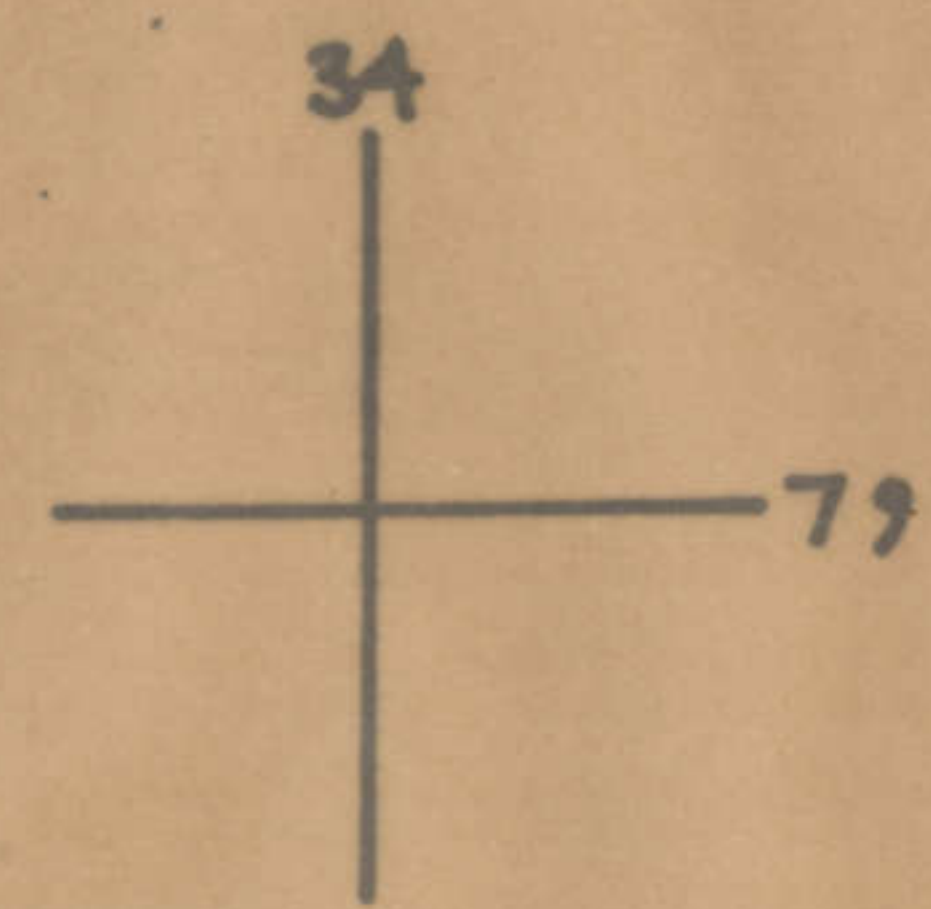
SECRET



Ref: Map. Pictomap Supplement.  
1:25,000, Sheet 6480 III N.

SECRET

Annex 'P' to  
S SAS Sq Ops 1/67



- LEGEND
- - - - -> Ptl Route
  - . - . - . Foot Tracks
  - \* Sighting Point
  - X 2 LUP's
  - Susp VC [unclear] Camp Area

SECRET



SECRET

3 SAS Sqn Ops 2/67

Copy No 3  
3 SAS Sqn  
NUI DAT

14 Jan 67

PTL REPORT

Recce Ptl, Ptl 12.

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

A. Size and Composition of Ptl.

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| Sgt JM ROBINSON | Ptl Comd |
| Lcpl CS ADAMSON | Ptl 2i/c |
| Pte JA O'RIELLY | Sig      |
| Pte AW STEWART  | Medic    |

B. Task.

Recce Zone 02, report all en mov.

C. Time of Departure.

101800H.

D. Time of Return.

141015H.

E. Routes (Out and Back).

Infil by hel to LZ YS415815. For ptl route see Annex 'P'. Exfil by hel from LZ YS396816.

F. Terrain.

Vegetation generally primary jungle with many patches of thorny bamboo, this is very thick along creek lines and in many places is only negotiable on hands and knees.

G. En.

YS415815 at 101810H. EAST - WEST trk along Northern edge of LZ showing signs of recent regular use(see Annex 'P'). Trk not visible from air due to density of canopy.

YS415815 at 101815H. Single rifle shot heard from approx 500 metres N.E of ptl loc.

YS415817 at 101835H. Another single shot from same area.

YS415823 at 110900H. Signs of 1 or more persons moving EAST on well used EAST - WEST trk. Sign approx 30 minutes old, appeared to have been made by person carrying hvy load.

An odd looking grenade type wpn with plastic casing found in the scrub 20 metres NORTH of the above loc. A large dent was observed in the bottom of the casing but apart from this the wpn appeared to be in very new condition. The pin and striker assembly were still intact. For further description see Annex 'Q'.

A further 20 metres NORTH of the loc of grenade a freshly set bird snare located. It was approx 24 hours old, poss less.

YS394824 at 130900H. An EAST - WEST foot track, not used for some considerable time.

30 metres SOUTH of the above loc 2 day old sign of a cart moving NORTH along a NORTH - SSW bullock cart trk. Trk visible from the air at this point.

...../2.

SECRET



SECRET

2.

YS394820 at 130930H. Same cart trk swung SW around a clearing where a cart, turn around point, was also located, and a foot trk which ran EAST parallel with the main trk. At this point a sandal print was located moving NORTH along main trk. The whole trk complex at this loc was visible from the air.

YS394819 at 131030H. A single rifle shot heard from 200 metres SW of ptl loc.

At 131230H. Another shot, this time from 200 metres NORTH. Two or three en appeared to be moving NORTH along the cart trk.

YS395817 at 131500H. A Chicom 12.7 cartridge case, about 1 month old, found.

YS397817 at 131515H. Sounds of wood chopping approx 600 metres EAST of ptl loc. Chopping ceased and a short burst of SMG fire heard about 800 metres EAST.

Own ptl then moved SOUTH about 50 metres where they heard more chopping, this time about 300 metres EAST, it appeared as though a large log was being cut.

YS397816 at 131600H. 3 separate signal shots heard from approx vic YS400818, YS400814, YS398811. Shots rang out in succession from the NORTH. They seemed to be signal shots for shortly after they were fired a hel flew from NORTH to SOUTH over area.

YS398812 at 140930H. A well used trk running EAST - WEST with signs of recent use.

YS389811 at 140945H. As ptl stopped to listen and check location a sound of mov heard directly to SOUTH. A VC appeared about 15 metres from them clad in black and carrying an M1 .30 cal Carbine slung across his chest in the ready posn. He wore no hat and carried neither waist webbing or pack. As he raised his wpn to the fire posn own ptl fired 5 short bursts of M16 and 4 single shots of 7.62mm rifle fire into him. The VC was flung backwards into thick scrub and disappeared from view. A sweep was made of the area and where the en had been crouched a piece of the forward, upper woodwork of an M1 .30 Cal Carbine was located, also several splinters of woodwork apparently from the same wpn. Directly behind the place where the VC had been standing was a low mound of earth about 2½ feet high, on top of this and in the bamboo behind it was a large amount of blood and what seemed to be, pieces of flesh. The ptl could not locate the body which must have been flung into the thick scrub by the concentration of fire directed at it. Own ptl then wdr to loc of exfil LZ.

Map Corrections.

Nil.

I. Misc Info.

A hot spring was located by ptl in a small re-entrant at YS397816.

J. Results of Encounters With En.

1 VC WIA (poss DOW).

K. Condition of Ptl.

Good.

L. Conclusions and Recommendations.

There were no en installations located in the area covered by ptl.

En appeared to be alert and have a well organised warning system for hel activity.

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

.....2.

SECRET



SECRET

2.

M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

It seems odd that the VC contacted carried no webbing or pack, was a considerable distance from any known water and at least 300 metres from the nearest trk. It is possible that he was:

- a. A sentry from a larger group engaged in survielling the nearby LZ.
- b. A guard on a supply cache located in the area.
- c. Or perhaps a sentry for a small VC camp in the area. This most unlikely however for the nearest known water was a considerable distance away.

Further investigation SOUTH of the contact area may prove fruitful.

.....  
(TW RODERICK)

2Lt

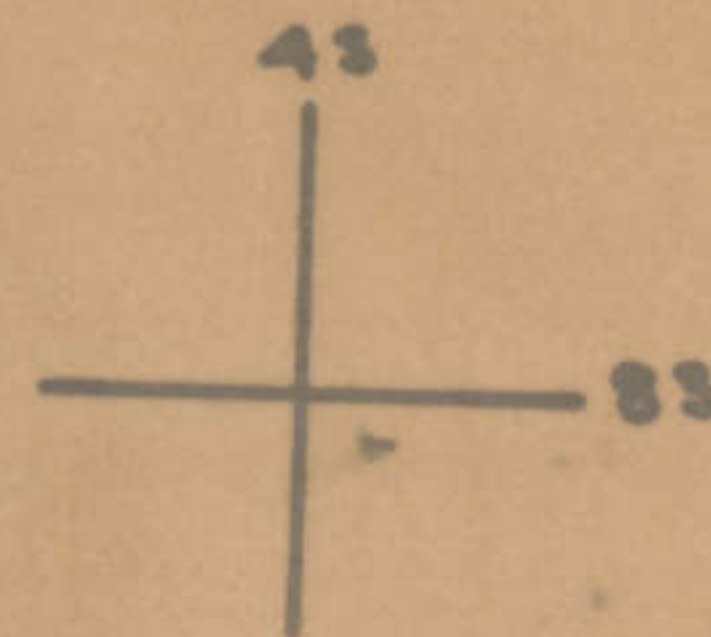
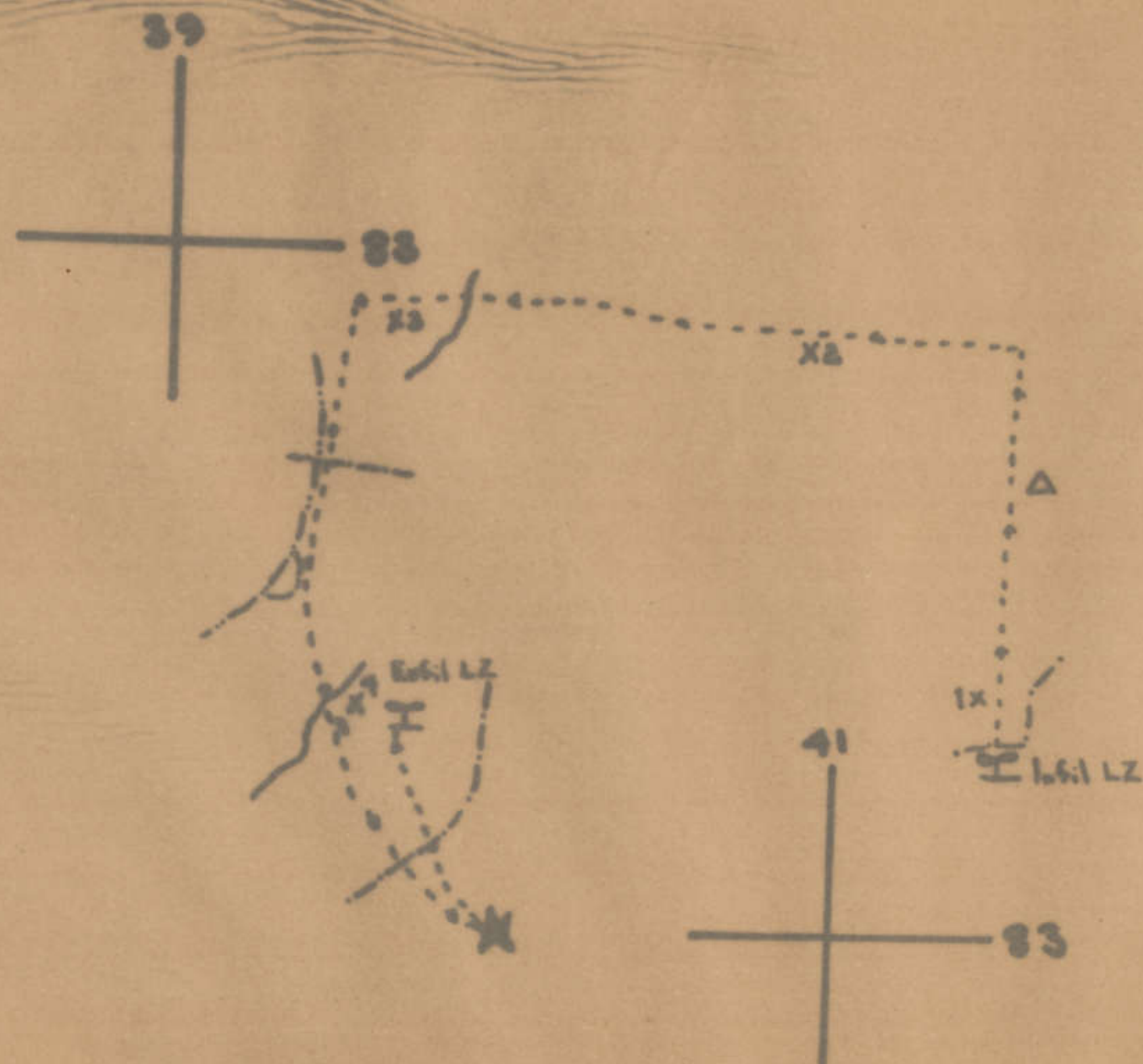
Ops Offr 3 SAS Sqn

N. Distr.

1 ATF (2)  
Comd Diary (3)  
11 FFV G2 (2)  
SAS Regt  
File

SECRET





Legend

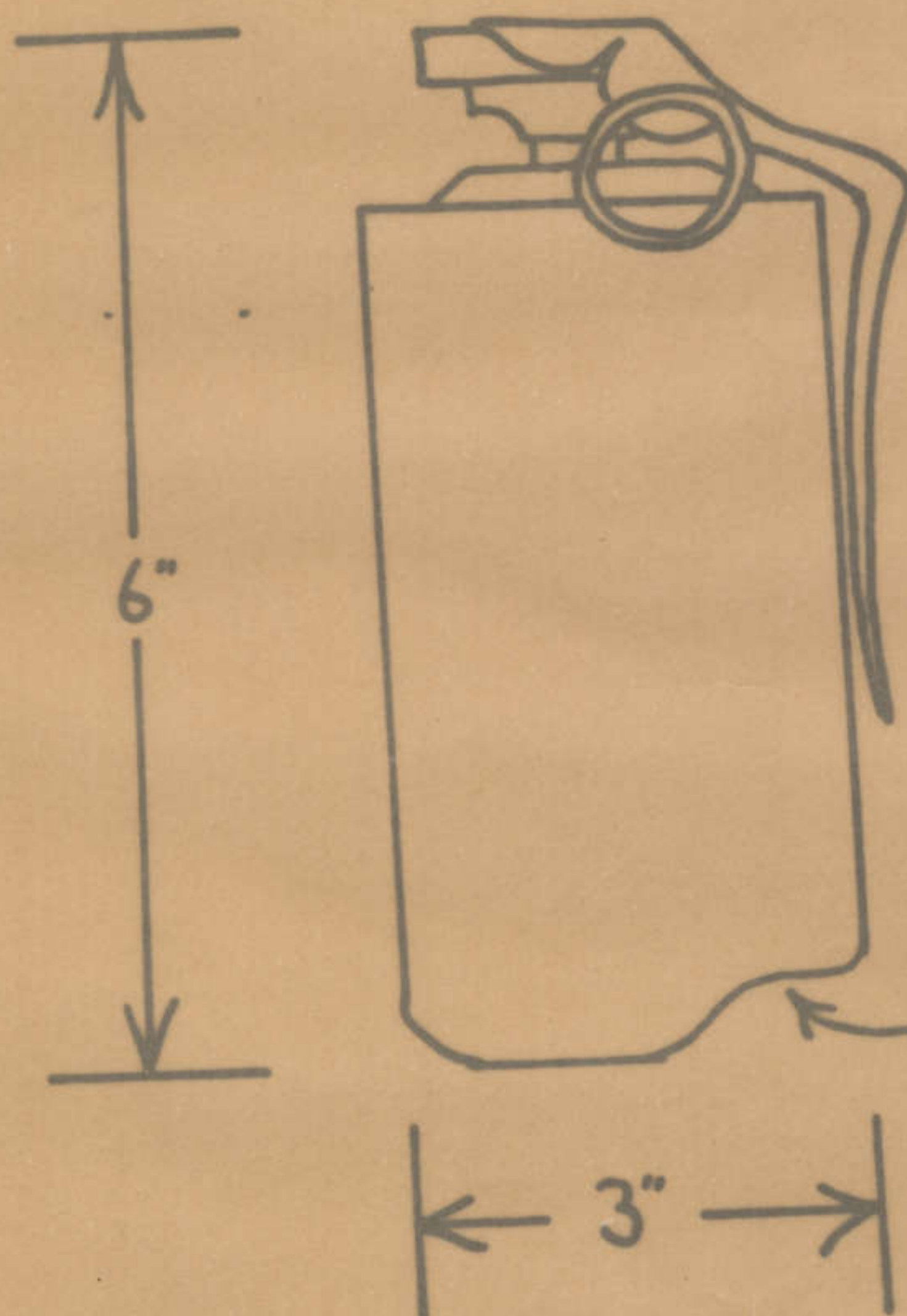
- >-->--> Ptl Route
- ~~~~~ Creeks
- Foot Tracks
- Oscar Trks
- Δ Grenade Type Wpn
- X4 LUPs
- ★ Contact Point



Ref: Map. XA BINH BA, 1:50,000.  
Sheet 6430 III.

SECRET

Annex 'Q' to  
3 SAS Sqn Ops 2/67



Description  
Colour: Blue/Green  
Material: Plastic  
Very new looking  
in appearance.

Dent in Casing.

Grenade type wpn found by Ptl 12  
at YS415824.

SECRET



SECRET

3 SAS Sqn Ops 3/67

Copy No 3  
3 SAS Sqn  
NUI DAT

17 Jan 67

PTL REPORT

Recce Ptl, Ptl 24.

Ref: Maps, VIETNAM, 1:50,000, XUYEN MOC, Sheet 6430 II.  
Pictomap Supplement, 1:25,000, Sheet 6430 II S.

A. Size and Composition of Ptl.

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| Sgt JL THORBURN | Ptl Comd |
| Lcpl RL GAMMIE  | Ptl 2i/c |
| Pte RJ LORIMER  | Sig      |
| Pte RA ARNOLD   | Medic    |

B. Task.

Recce Zone 05, report all en mov.

Time of Departure.

101705H.

D. Time of Return.

161630H.

E. Routes (Out and Back).

Infil by hel to LZ YS589713. For ptl route see Annex 'P'. Exfil by hel from LZ YS583725.

F. Terrain.

Vegetation generally primary forest with thick undergrowth, in vic of creeks etc much thorny bamboo interlaced with vines and thick, low scrub. Allied bombing has knocked down many trees in the area. The ground is very broken, with many deep re-entrants. Going is slow and noisy. The Song Rai is still deep, wide and fast flowing, the banks are fairly steep varying from 20 to 40 feet in height. The main tributary also contains much water.

G. En.

YS578733 at 121630H. A well used NORTH - SOUTH foot track.

YS577737 at 131730H. Ptl encountered a large hut 15 ft x 10 ft x 8 ft high, without any walls. It was constructed of timber with an attap roof. A bunker to accomodate approx 4 people was located inside the hut. It had OHP and 2 entrances, one outside the building and one inside. There were 3 sleeping places on the hut floor and a rattan bed, also 6 sets of black pyjamas were hanging from the roof. The building was very clean and appeared to be currently in use.

At this point a consumptive cough was heard followed by much talking and laughter of both males and females, also a clanging of dioxies. All this from approx 25 metres NW of the hut. The VC appeared to be situated in the creek bed, which was deep and wide at this point, or on the opposite bank.

The area of the camp had been hit by an airstrike recently and much fallen timber had obscured many of the perimeter pits etc.

At 140500H. Sounds of VC going about their daily chores in the camp area.

Throughout the day of the 14 Jan 67 several groups of VC numbering a total of approx 25 persons moved SOUTH along the Western trk. 5 persons were heard to move NORTH.

At 141800H. A group of 20 women and 6 men moved NORTH towards camp. First came a group of 10 women and 3 armed men moving in a gaggle and talking volubly. Approx 60 metres behind these came another group of 10 women and 3 armed men. All were

SECRET



SECRET

2.

clad in misc peasant garb and carried many empty dixies and cans.

Throughout day and ni of 14 Jan 67 much en move heard on another trk to EAST of ptl loc (see Annex 'P').

YS574734 at 150805H. 1 armed male VC moved SOUTH along trk. Dress, faded khaki uniform, wpn, an unidentified rifle. He carried a large rucksack type pack which appeared to be full. No waist webbing was seen. He was moving very quickly.

At 150810H. Another male moving quickly SOUTH, dress etc not identified.

At 150820H. 3 armed males moving quietly and tactically passed NORTH along trk. The first man carried his wpn in the ready posh the others carried theirs slung. All were armed with unidentified rifles. Dress, floppy black bush hats and black pyjamas, they wore misc webbing and very small, almost empty indigenous packs.

At 150905H. 4 armed males moving quietly and swiftly NORTH. Dress, light blue uniforms, first man wore no headress, second and third wore coloured bandanas around their heads, fourth wore a khaki felt bush hat with a boy scout type, pointed bash (NVA type). Each man carried a very large, apparently full, khaki Bergen rucksack. No webbing was observed although webbing was possibly worn. Wpns were unidentified rifles.

At 151025H. 7 armed males moving tactically, quietly and swiftly NORTH. First came 2 scouts with wpns at the ready but moving close together, then about 40 metres behind came the remaining 5 moving with wpns slung. All wore khaki bush hats and black pyjamas and carried rifles which could not be identified. Each man carried a '37 patt type pack which appeared to be full and wore misc waist web eqpt.

YS574736 at 151200H. Ptl moved away from trk to a more secure area for comms sched. During sched period 3 groups of en were heard to move SOUTH on trk and 3 NORTH.

YS575735 at 151535H. 8 VC, 4 armed males and 4 females moved NORTH on trk. They were talking loudly and moving nontactically. The men carried their wpns slung. Dress was black peasant garb throughout and 2 of the men wore khaki bush hats. The rest wore bandanas etc. The men carried small indigenous packs which appeared to be only half full. The women carried nothing. The wpns were not identified but appeared to be rifles.

Ptl then wdr vic river for water and to LUP. Throughout the rest of the evening until approx 1800 hrs many groups of VC heard to move both ways on both trks. Much noise of mov in camp area also heard.

During ni 15 Jan 67 at least 2 large groups of en moved NORTH along trk.

YS575733 at 160932H. 9 armed VC males moved NORTH. They moved in a noisy manner and talked in low tones. Dress, First man wore a red check shirt and black trousers, 3 wore khaki uniforms and the rest black pyjamas. 3 carried bed rolls slung diagonally across their shoulders, the others carried Bergen rucksacks. Waist webbing was not identified. Wpns, Assorted rifles, poss 1 or 2 SMG's and 1 RPD (Chicom Type '56) LMG.

At 161105H. Ptl once more wdr to a more secure area for comms sched. During sched period a group of approx 6 VC moved NORTH and another group of 6 moved SOUTH.

YS577728 at 161440H. Signal shots heard from many directions in close proximity to ptl loc. Mov of a VC follow up also heard so own ptl wdr to exfil LZ.

H. Map Corrections.

Relief shown on map is insufficient. Country is much more broken and undulating.

I. Misc Info.

Throughout duration of ptl many rifle shots heard from all parts of ptl area.

YS584737 each day at regular intervals shots were fired into the river at the above GR. Poss VC shooting fish.

YS575744 several times throughout duration of ptl many shots heard from the above loc, also during day of 14 Jan 67 loud voices heard calling in that vic.

SECRET



SECRET ♦

Ptl encountered many places where VC had burned and torn up PsyOps leaflets etc.

J. Results of Encounters With En.

Nil.

K. Condition of Ptl.

Good.

L. Conclusions and Recommendations.

Because the situation limited the ptl to recceing the Southern bank of the creek vic VC camp the size of the installation could not be judged. However from the traffic observed on the trk it is probably of considerable dimensions.

There is probably anothe camp within half a days travel to the SOUTH of the camp located. One of the VC seen had a loud distinctive cough and accompanied the various groups both NORTH and SOUTH several times during the surviellance period. .

Majority of VC appeared fit and healthy and morale seemed extremely high amongst en observed by own ptl.

.....  
(JL THORBURN)

Sgt

Ptl Comd Ptl 24

M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

All mov observed by ptl was mov of persone<sup>r</sup>, no large amounts of eqpt or stores appeared to be carried.

All males were armed and the majority were burdened with what appeared to be their full service marching order.

In view of this the camp located is poss a transit camp for VC en route to other VC areas. Further surviellance of this area is recommended to determine this.

The trks located by own ptl (see Annex 'P'), which lead into en camp were not evident in Oct 66 (see 3 SAS Sqn Ops 75/66).

An airstrike was conducted on area vic YS582725 immediately after ptl extraction with unknown results.

During extraction 1 VC was seen to fire on exfil gunship, fire was returned by aircraft and VC was observed to fall to the ground.

.....  
(M GELDART)

Sgt

Int Sgt 3 SAS Sqn

N. Distr.

1 ATF (2)  
Comd Diary (3)  
G2 II FFV (2)  
SAS Regt  
File

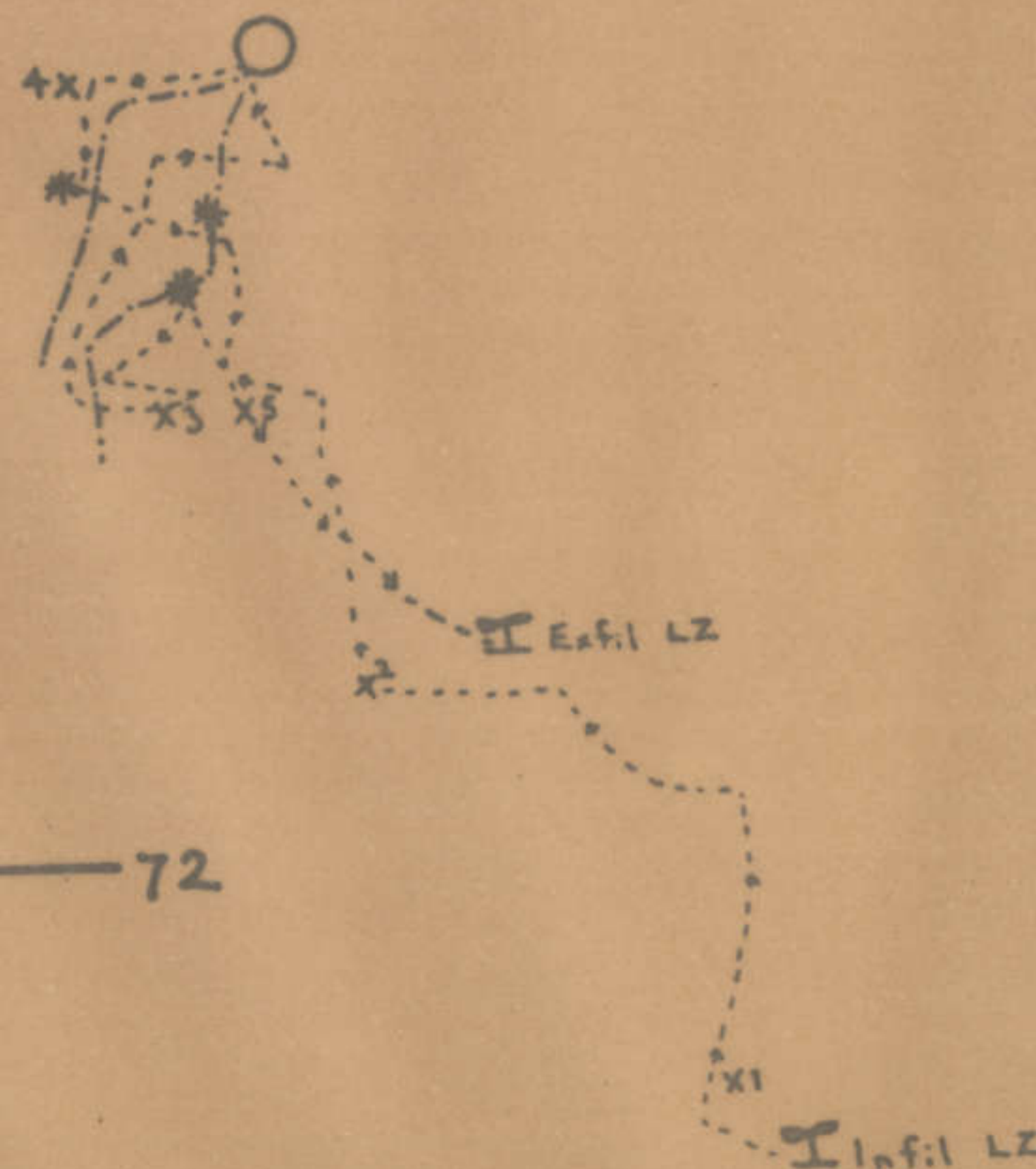
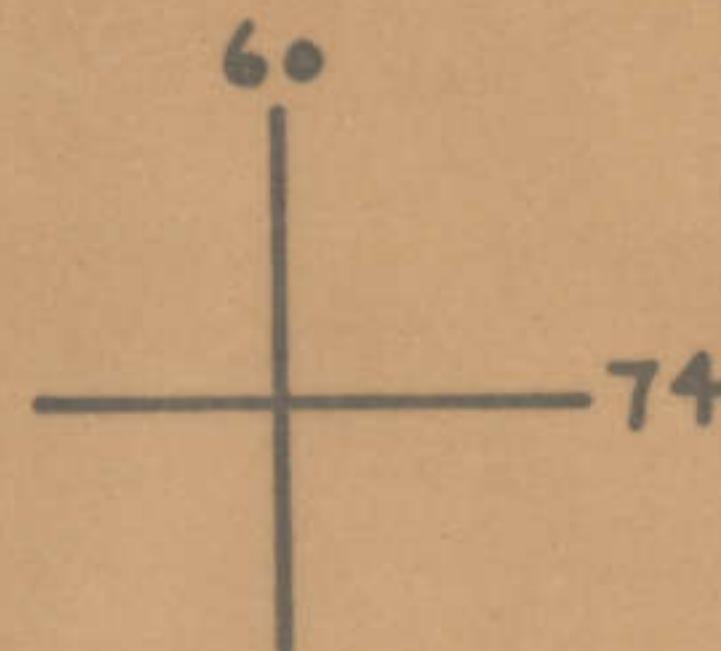
SECRET



Ref: Map. Pictomap Supplement. 1:25,000.  
Sheet 64 80 II S.

SECRET

Annex 'P' to  
3 SAS Sqn Ops 3/67



Legend

- Unmarked Trks
- >---> Ptl Route
- X4 LUP's
- \* Sighting Points
- Area VC Camp

SECRET



SECRET

3 SAS Sqn Ops 4/67

Copy No **3**  
3 SAS Sqn  
NUI DAT

18 Jan 67

PTL REPORT

Recce Ptl, Ptl 34.

Ref: Maps, VIETNAM, 1:50,000, XUYEN MOC, Sheet 6430 II.  
Pictomap Supplement, 1:25,000, Sheet 6430 II N.

A. Size and Composition of Ptl.

|     |             |          |
|-----|-------------|----------|
| Lt  | IM GAY      | Ptl Comd |
| Cpl | RJ NEIL     | Ptl 2i/c |
| Pte | D DeMARCHI  | Sig      |
| Pte | RA McCALLUM | Medic    |

B. Task.

Recce Zone 04, report all en mov.

C. Time of Departure.

101740H.

D. Time of Return.

171700H.

E. Routes (Out and Back).

Infil by hel to LZ YS578807. For ptl route see Annex 'P'. Exfil by hel from LZ YS595808.

F. Terrain.

Vegetation generally primary jungle with much thorny bamboo vic creeks. The Song Rai was flowing well, it was deep and wide and in the area the ptl covered unfordable. Going moderate but noisy.

G. En.

YS578807 at 101805H. A well used foot trk running EAST - WEST.

YS576805 at 101900H. Sound of hvy MOR being fired from approx 2,000 metres NNE of ptl loc. One shot was fired, area fall of shot unknown.

At 110300H. 3 rds of what seemed to be hvy MG fire were directed at an Allied aircraft flying over an area adjacent to own ptl LUP. The gun appeared to be located 1,000 to 2,000 metres WEST.

YS577800 at 111030H. 3 well used EAST - WEST foot trks running 10 metres apart and parallel with each other.

At 111257H. Sound of one person heading WEST along one of the abovementioned trks.

YS577798 from 111945F to 112135H. Sounds of approx 18 hvy MOR rds fired from a base plate posn about 1,500 metres NE of ptl loc. Shot fell in many locations poss firing H and I mission or trg MOR crew.

YS581791 at 131100H. A NE - SW bullock cart trk with signs of recent foot use.

YS592787 at 141000H. 2 VC males moving SW along SW - NE trk. En moved in liesurely manner and talked in low tones. First man was armed with what appeared to be a rifle. Dress: first man wore a stiff brimmed green bush hat, a dirty yellow scarf and black pyjamas. Second man wore a pith helmet camouflaged with green nylon, a red scarf and a faded khaki uniform.

.....2.

SECRET



SECRET

2.

The first man carried a lightly loaded, improvised rucksack, the second a full '37 patt type pack. No waist webbing was seen.

At 151230H. 5 en, 1 woman and 4 men, moved SW on trk. They talked loudly and moved in a group. No wpns were seen due to thick foliage but men appeared to be armed. Dress: Men wore khaki/grey uniforms and pith helmets camouflaged with green nylon, each carried a full '37 patt type pack and no web eqpt. Woman wore black pyjamas and carried a bed roll, or rice bag slung diagonally across her body.

At 141103H. 2 male en moved SW along trk in a slack nontactical manner. First man was armed with an unidentified rifle, the second was unarmed. They talked as they passed. Dress: both men wore black trousers and black sweaters, the first had on a green, stiff brimmed green bush hat, and a yellow scarf. The second, a pith helmet with green nylon camouflage. Both carried dark green '37 patt type packs which appeared full, no webbing was observed. They wore Ho Chi Minh sandals on their feet and one man smoked an indigenous cigarette.

YS596790 at 151605H. A SW - NE foot trk showing signs of recent use.

YS597793 at 151700H. Much sign of many people working in area. Palm fronds cut and placed across small creek, apparently to filter water. Many footprints of both Bata boots and Ho Chi Minh sandals in mud. Sign between 5 and 7 days old.

YS594800 at 170800H. A recently used foot trk running NORTH - SOUTH.

YS593801 at 170940H. An SMG heard to fire 4 short bursts approx 500 to 1,000 metres SW of ptl loc.

YS593802 at 171057H. An 81/82MM MOR heard firing approx 1,000 metres SW of ptl loc. 3 - 4 bombs fired in an Easterly direction. Fall of shot approx 2,000 metres.

YS594809 at 171230H. Ptl located an empty rice cache in a hut 6 ft x 6 ft x 9 ft high. An extensive trk complex was located in the same area and a number of VC were sighted there in the following sequence.

At 171250H. 2 men moved NW along a small trk, they were talking loudly, singing and whistling. One was armed with a GARAND M1 .30 cal Rifle, the other was unarmed. Dress: one man wore a light khaki uniform, the other light bluetrousers and T shirt. Both were hatless and carried no packs or webbing. They stopped approx 40 metres from own ptl and were heard to engage 2 women in conversation.

At 171300H. An elderly man carrying an empty sack moved up to same loc and was challenged by VC already there. His dress was a yellow and black check shirt and grey shorts. He was unarmed.

At 171310H. 3 more male VC moved up trk to same loc. First man was unarmed, other 2 had THOMPSON .45 cal SMG's. Dress: One man wore black pyjamas, the others misc peasant dress. One VC carried a belt with 2 US '37 patt ammo pouches attached. The others carried no web eqpt.

From the area where the VC assembled much talking, laughter and clanging of dixies heard. Also the rattling of a large can or drum. Apparently VC were indulging in their mid day meal.

At 171338H. The first 2 VC seen, left area moving SE.

At 171355H. The old man moved SE carrying an enormous bag of rice about 4 ft high and 2 ft in diameter.

At 171425H. The first 2 VC returned to camp area. One man carried a small sheet of paper in his hand. Once again sounds of a large can being rattled in the camp area.

At 171427H. Old man returned carrying an empty sack.

YS596810 at 171615H. Several VC talking loudly, moving along Eastern edge of LZ.

SECRET

.....3.



H. Map Corrections.

See Annex 'P'.

I. Misc Info.

YS594791. A large trimmed log had been placed across the Song Rai to form a bridge. No trk led up to it.

None of the VC coming down from the NE were wet yet they had obviously crossed the river. It is the ptls opinion that some form of bridge is located on the river in this vic.

Many signal shots heard throughout duration of ptl particularly in vic of susp bridge.

Many CBU bomblet UXB's scattered in area of infil LZ YS5780.

Many trees bearing deep scarfed scars were encountered, similar to ones located by Ptl 34 (see SAS Ops 95/66) Dec 66.

J. Results of Encounters With En.

Nil.

K. Condition of Ptl.

Good.

L. Conclusions and Recommendations.

The VC in the cache area are evidently moving the rice to some other loc. They are probably members of a Rear Service Organisation.

The cache area might well have been considerably larger than what it appeared. The situation restricted the ptls surveillance activities.

It is recommended that aggressive action be taken against the area ASP before the en move all their rice etc to a more secure loc.

The susp bridge area should be further investigated and any crossing point destroyed by airstrike etc.

FOR  
1000/1000.....  
(IM GAY)  
Lt  
Ptl Comd Ptl 34

M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

Most of the VC seen by ptl appear to have been from Production/Rear Service Units. However there could well be a base camp or Main Force installation somewhere in the area.

VC appear to feel very secure in the area and are fairly slack. Ambushes would prove most profitable along the well used trks located there. Also a Bn or larger force sweep would probably be rewarding.

.....  
(M GEIDART)  
Sgt  
Int Sgt 3 SAS Sqn

N. Distr.

1 ATF (2) SAS Regt  
Cond Diary (3) File  
II FFV G2 (2)

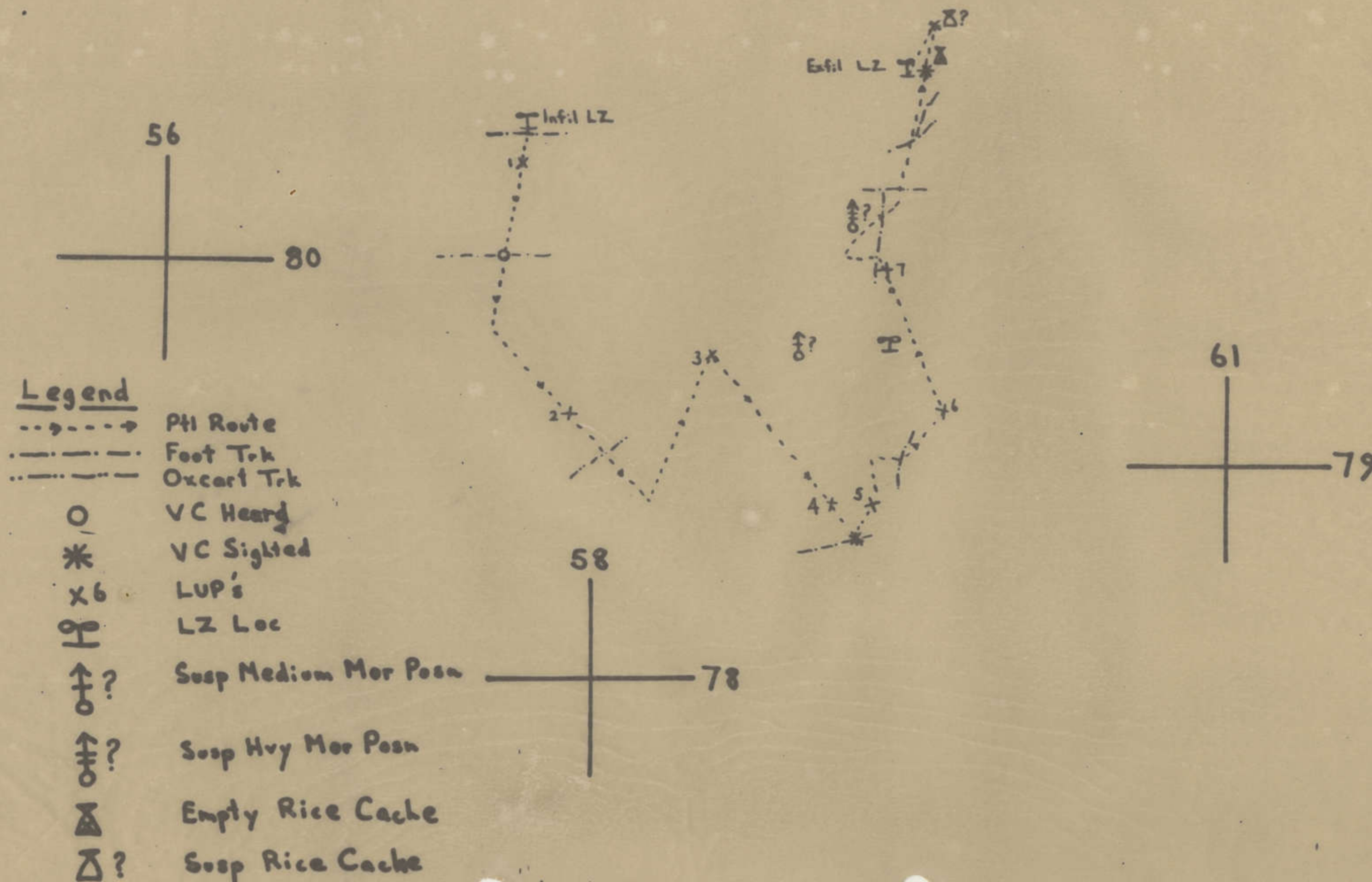
SECRET



Ref: Map. Pictomap Supplement,  
1:25,000, Sheet 6430 II N.

SECRET

Annex P to  
3 SAS Sqn Ops 4/67



SECRET



SECRET

3 SAS Sqn Ops 5/67

Copy No 3  
3 SAS Sqn  
NUI DAT

18 Jan 67

PTL REPORT

Recce Ptl, Ptl 22.

Ref: Maps, VIETNAM, 1:50,000, XUYEN MOC, Sheet 6430 II.  
Pictomap Supplement, 1:25,000, Sheet 6430 II N.

A. Size and Composition of Ptl.

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Sgt EL TONNA  | Ptl Comd     |
| Cpl LJ MURTON | Ptl 2i/c/Sig |
| Pte LS REEVES | Medic        |
| Pte AL REID   | Rfn          |

B. Task.

Recce Zone 03, report all en mov.

C. Time of Departure.

101730H.

D. Time of Return.

171645H.

E. Routes (Out and Back).

Infil by hel to LZ YS502819. For ptl route see Annex 'P'. Exfil by hel from LZ YS488809.

F. Terrain.

Vegetation generally primary forest with heavy secondary growth. Ptl encountered several open areas covered in thick lantana. Noticeable absence of thorny bamboo in area.

G. En.

YS502817 at 110845H. 4 oxcarts seen to move WEST on an EAST - WEST trk. They were hitched together in pairs and at least 2 VC were observed moving with the first two carts. Dress: 1 man clad in a black bush hat and a white shirt he carried an unidentified rifle. The other man could not be seen but he appeared to be leading the oxen and clearing the trk of branches and deadfall. 5 VC accompanied the second pair of carts, 1 man leading the oxen and 4 riding in the carts. VC wore black pyjamas and no wpns were visible. All carts seemed to be empty.

At 110845H. 3 single shots heard to the SE approx 3,000 metres.

YS502815 at 111045H. Well used EAST - WEST oxcart trk showing signs of use within the last 24 hours.

YS503805 at 121045H. Bata boot prints about 1 week old indicating that 2 people had moved EAST across a stream. 6 pig traps and signs of approx 3 day old cutting in same area. Only trks in area were thought made by pigs under the scrub.

YS502805 at 121500H. As own ptl were crossing a well worn EAST - WEST trk 2 VC approached moving EAST. Ptl Comd opened fire from a distance of about 15 metres and hit the leading VC in the chest. As his companion fell to the ground the second VC fled back WEST along the trk, ptl directed hvy SA fire after him but he escaped. At this point SMG fire from an est 3 wpns was brought to bear on own ptl from approx 30 metres in the direction taken by fleeing VC. Own ptl returned fire and wdr SOUTH. Dress of VC contacted, faded blue denim uniforms, they wore basic web eqpt and carried SMG's which were not positively identified. The trk vic contact was only a foot or so wide and appeared have last been used the day before.

SECRET

.....2.



SECRET

2.

YS493805 at 141500H. Well defined trk not used recently.

Approx vic YS487802 from 14 - 15 Jan 67. Sounds of wood chopping and timber being felled, many voices (males and children), dogs barking and shotgun being fired. Some oxcart mov. On approach of allied aircraft work would cease. Sounds heard during daylight hours from 0830 to 1100 hrs and 1400 - 1630 hrs.

YS487800 at 150930H. 1 man carrying a spear moved EAST along a dry creek bed. A few minutes later he returned the way he had come. Dress: faded khaki shirt and shorts, no shoes or hat. Many pig traps were located in the area.

YS485805 at 151100H. Single shot heard from contact area.

YS489904 at 151530H. An area where trees had been felled and an oxcart trk cut to remove timber.

YS489806 at 160920H. An old OP posn with 2 old pits nearby. OP covered XA BINH GIA and open ground to the NORTH of village.

YS491810 at 161200H. Voice of 1 VC heard mov SOUTH along NORTH - SOUTH trk. At least 2 en in party.

At 161415H. Voices again heard, 3 - 4 VC moving NORTH.

At 161445H. 2 groups of at least 3 - 4 VC heard talking as they moved SOUTH.

YS492808 at 171045H. 12 male VC moved swiftly NORTH on a NORTH - SOUTH trk in a nontactical manner. Dress: all en wore black pyjamas, 4 wore coolie hats the others were hatless, 10 carried heavy, grey '37 patt type packs the other 2 carried chggi sticks on each end of which were suspended green kitbag type sacks. 4 of the men were armed with US .30 cal Carbines.

H. Map Corrections.

Nil.

I. Misc Info.

Throughout duration of ptl sporadic shooting was heard from approx 2,000 - 3,000 metres SE of ptl area.

AP HOUNG SA YS485810 is inhabited. Village noises heard from this area during entire ptl.

During extraction ptl saw cattle and locals in vic YS485800.

Creeks shown on map contain good water.

J. Results of Encounters With En.

1 VC KIA (BC).

K. Condition of Ptl.

Good.

L. Conclusions and Recommendations.

Trk vic contact is being used daily both directions.

Trk at YS493808 also receiving hvy daily use in both directions.

Despite considerable mov in area of YS493805 there does not appear to be a camp or installation located there. It is possibly only a timber cutting area.

SECRET

(EL TONNA).....  
Sgt  
Ptl Comd Ptl 22



SECRET

3.

M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

Persons working vic YS487802 may well have been so called friendlies. They should be discouraged from this practice for it is likely that they could be unwittingly shot by friendly troops operating in the area.

En in area did not appear to be unduly disturbed by the contact or by the fact that own forces were working in their midst.

.....  
(TW RODERICK)

2Lt

Ops Offr 3 SAS Sqn

N. Distr.

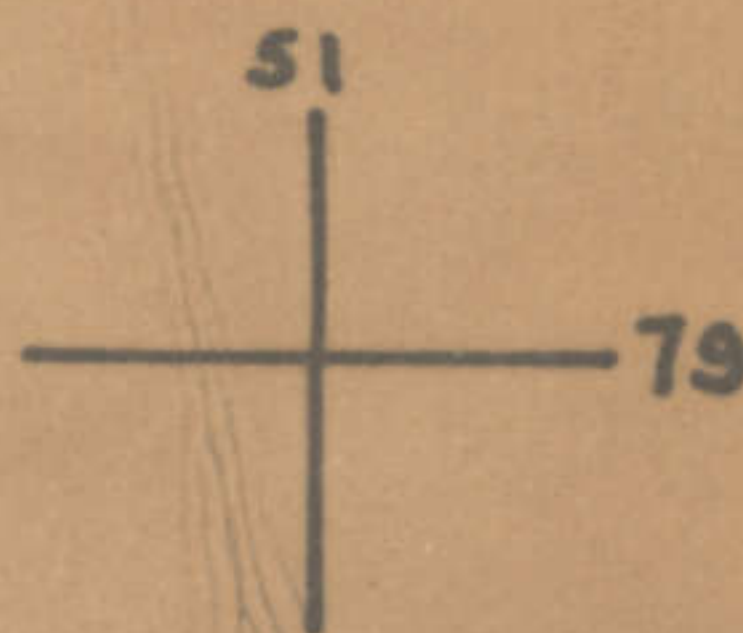
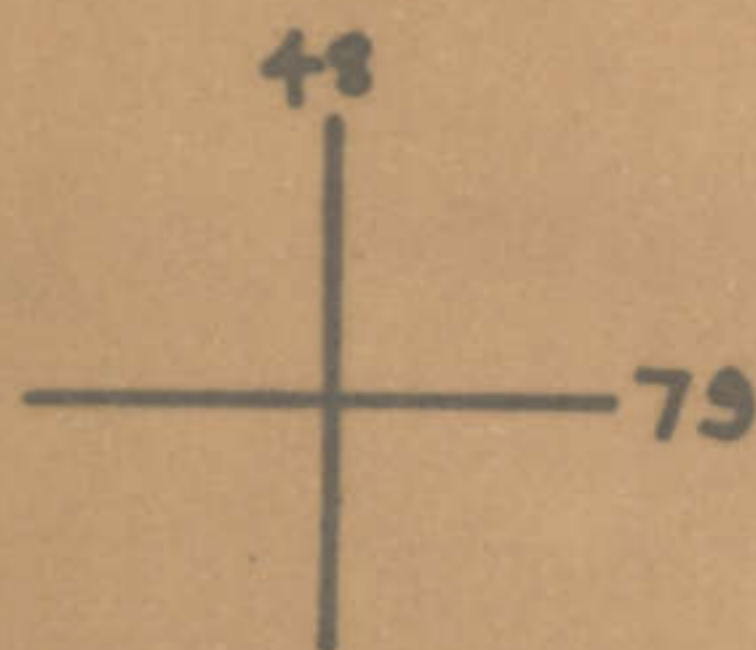
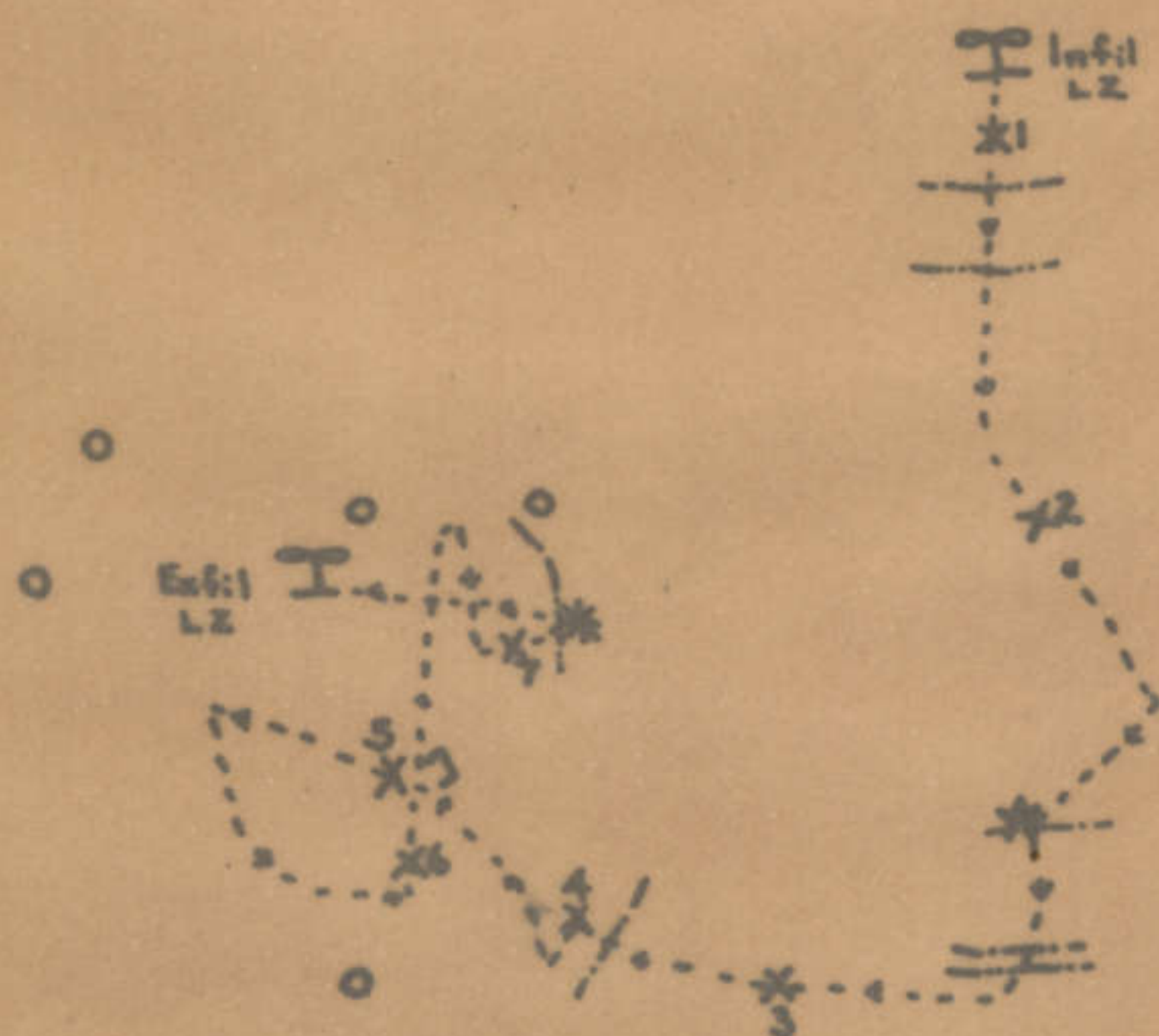
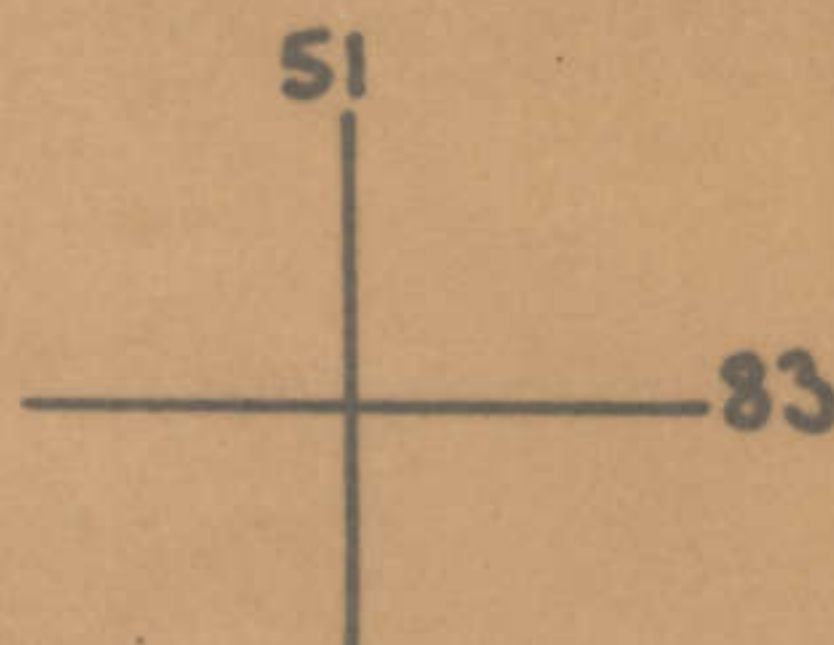
1 ATF (2)  
Comd Diary (3)  
II FFV G2 (2)  
SAS Regt  
File

SECRET



Ref: Map. Pictomap Supplement, SECRET  
 1:25,000. Sheet 6430 IN.

Annex 'P' to  
 3 SAS Sq Ops 5/67



Legend



PH Route

Foot Trks

Oxcart Trks

VC Voices / Mov Heard

O

LUP's

x6

Sighting Pt

\*

Contact Pt

★

Wpn. Pits

□

SECRET



SECRET

3 SAS Sqn Ops 6/67

Copy No **3**  
3 SAS Sqn  
NUI DAT

18 Jan 67

PTL REPORT

Recce Ptl, Ptl 13.

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

A. Size and Composition of Ptl.

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| Sgt NS FERGUSON | Ptl Comd |
| Pte J GIBSON    | Ptl 2i/c |
| Pte JW MATTEN   | Sig      |
| Pte RJ COPEMAN  | Medic    |

B. Task.

Recce Zone 06, report all en mov.

C. Time of Departure.

161740H.

D. Time of Return.

181145H.

E. Routes (Out and Back).

Infil by hel to LZ YS383798. For ptl route see Annex 'P'. Exfil by hel from LZ YS402803 (winch used).

F. Terrain.

Very variable, consisted of both secondary jungle and large open areas covered in vines. Thorny bamboo also very prevalent in area.

G. En.

YS382799 at 161830H. Well used EAST - WEST foot trk showing signs of one person wearing Bata boots moving WEST approx 24 hrs previously.

YS382800 at 161840H. Small building under construction, apparently a rice cache. It was fabricated from small saplings and lined with black plastic. Dimensions were 3 ft x 3 ft x 4 ft high. Voices of a group of persons moving in a Westerly direction heard approx 200 metres WEST of vic hut.

YS388802 at 170900H. Single shot heard to NE ptl loc about 200 metres.

YS389803 at 171000H. Whilst own ptl were in process of crossing a trk 1 armed male VC seen to move out of the scrub and proceed NORTH along trk. He carried a bird in one hand and an M1 .30 cal US Carbine in the other. Dress, black pyjamas. Trk was a well used foot trk and ran NORTH - SOUTH.

YS38958035 at 171130H. Coughing, laughter and talking heard, also sounds of a tin being rattled. Ptl investigated and discovered a small VC camp consisting of 2 huts and a latrine building, (see Annex Q). The main building was about 20 ft x 10 ft x 8 ft high, the smaller one about 5 ft x 7 ft x 8 ft high. Both huts were constructed of timber and had attap roofs. The larger building appeared to be some form of living quarter and the smaller a cooking place. 6 VC, 2 females and 4 males, were sitting around a cooking pot in the small hut talking and apparently preparing a meal. There were several unidentified wpns leaning against a tree close at hand. Dress: all males wore black pyjamas, one woman wore a white blouse and black trousers, the other a blue blouse, the rest of her body was not visible. A clothes line hung from a tree nearby bearing 3 - 4 sets of greens and 2 sets of black pyjamas. A large blue and white blanket hung from one of the trees. A well defined

SECRET

...../2.



SECRET

2.

track ran to the latrine building which was situated approx 40 metres from the main complex. The latrine its self was of solid construction built in the form of a lean to, it was fabricated of timber and had a corrugated iron roof. The hole beneath was of considerable depth and had squatting accommodation for 3 persons. Many PsyOps leaflets were located there, obviously being utilised as toilet paper.

YS392802 at 171415H. A short burst of AW fire from vic of camp.

YS397803 at 172130H. Poss RCL fired one rd from loc approx 3,000 metres NW. 3 secs from primary to secondary explosion.

YS399803 at 180815H. A veh heard approx 1,000 metres NW ptl loc, poss a truck. Veh heard to start up, change gears and move off. Direction taken could not be determined.

YS401803 at 181015H. Laughter heard 50 metres to EAST.

YS403805 at 181015H. As own ptl moved SE through an area of low scrub they were fired on from the EAST and NORTH at a range of 5 to 10 metres by what appeared to be an en sec armed with rifles and SMG's. Last man in own ptl was hit in abdomen, and upper arm, remainder of ptl returned fire with SA's and grenades, the wounded member was dragged to safety after a CS grenade had been thrown into area where en were located. Own ptl wdr under sporadic fire from en carrying wounded member. During firefight immediately after own ptl retaliated with SA fire and grenades several en were heard to scream as if hit, particularly on detonation of WP grenades.

Trk vic area of contact was well used and ran NE - SW.

YS402803 at 181105H. Sounds of a group of en moving through scrub 200 metres to NORTH.

As ptl was being winched out out of exfil LZ 2 VC burst from scrub into the clearing 20 metres NORTH. They were immediately engaged by the RAAF door gunner, M79 fire from ptl member already in hel and SA fire from member being winched up. Both en flung themselves backwards either hit by fire or in an effort to gain cover.

Whilst last member of ptl was being winched up into aircraft 2 - 3 more en ran into the clearing from the NORTH. Member immediately engaged them with SA fire the burst was seen to hit the ground around the legs of the en who either fell to the ground hit or were diving for cover.

H. Map Corrections.

Nil.

I. Misc Info.

Mov difficult due to dry nature of vegetation.

YS393803. A clearing with evidence of cattle having being grazed there. Droppings were seen and the grass was close cropped.

Eqpt lost as a result of encounter:

- 2 x rucksacks containing rats, misc bedding, 6 rds M79 HE.
- 1 x med kit and 6 syrettes of morphing.
- 1 x compass.
- 4 x grenades, (2 HE, 1 WP and 1 Red smoke).
- Approx 100 rds 5.56mm ammo.
- 1 x Red/Orange panel.

J. Results of Encounters With En.

1 Friendly WIA.  
VC cas unknown.

K. Condition of Ptl.

Wounded member in satisfactory condition, others good.

SECRET



SECRET

3.

L. Conclusions and Recommendations.

En in area very aggressive once ptls presence located. The VC followed own ptl up quickly and the presence of the hel gunships seemed not to deter them from attempting to prolong the contact.

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

M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

The huts in the VC camp located by the ptl were capable of housing many more people than the 6 seen by the ptl. It is also poss that there were more buildings in vic which due to the situation were not detected by own ptl. The great size of the latrine seems to support this for its dimensions indicate that it could serve many more th n a mere 6 people.

All trks located by ptl in area had recieved regular recent use.

Whilst ptl were setting up comms for their morning radio sched a loud burst of music was emmited from the radio, poss this or the member who strung out the ariel being sighted alerted the VC to the prescence of own ptl in area.

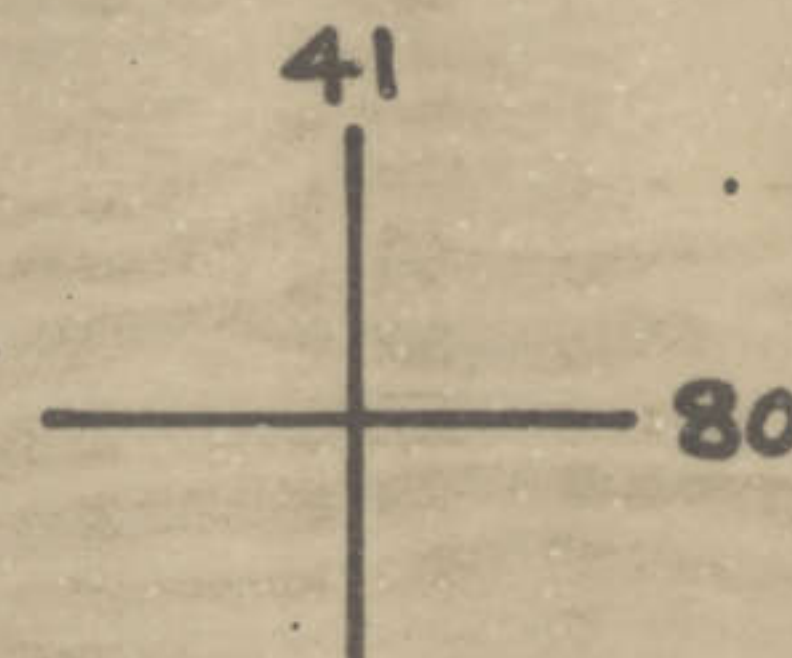
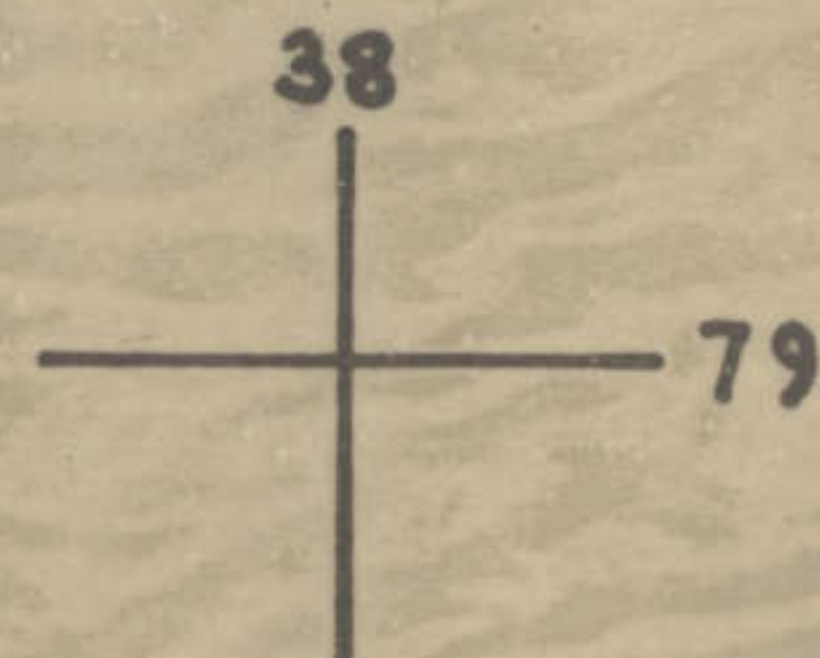
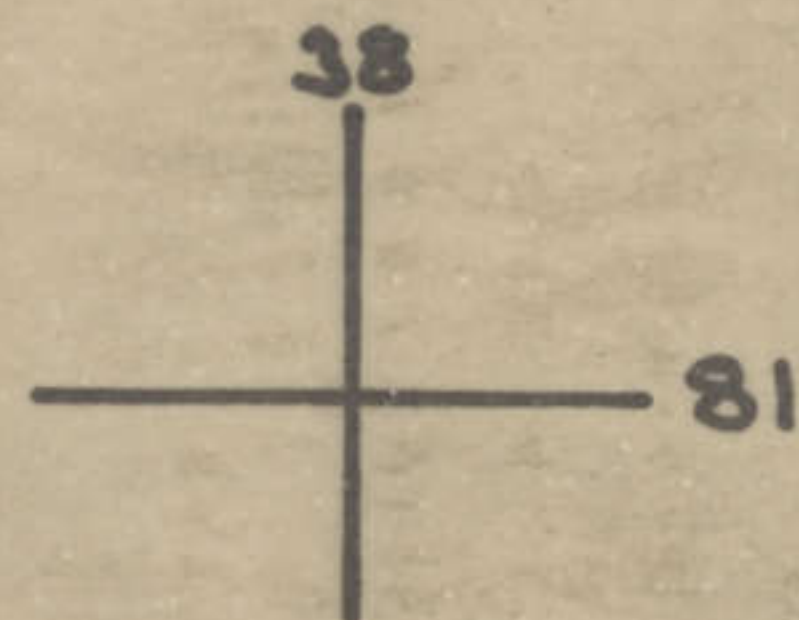
*TW Roderick*  
.....  
(TW RODERICK)  
2Lt  
Ops Offr

N. Distr.

1 ATF (2)  
Comd Diary (3)  
II FFV G2 (2)  
SAS Regt  
File

SECRET





Legend

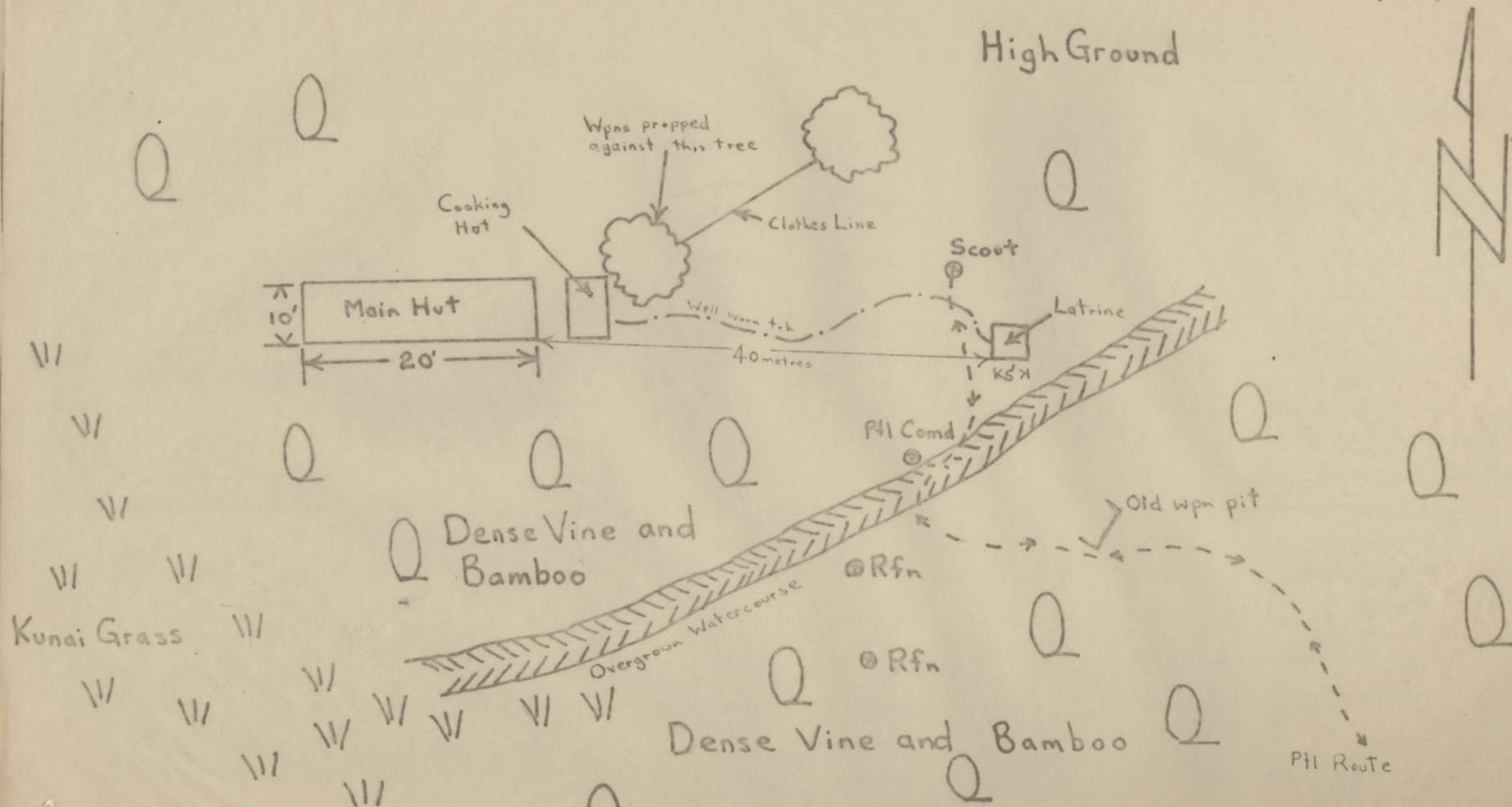
- - - - -> Ptl Route
- - - - - Foot Trk
- ~~~~~ Creek
- Δ Rice Cache
- X' LUP
- \* Sighting Pt/VCCamp
- ★ Contact Pt



Ref: Map, 1:50,000, XA BINH BA,  
Sheet 6430 III.

SECRET

Annex 'Q' to  
3 SAS Sqn Ops 6/67



YS 38958035

This sketch NOT drawn to scale  
SECRET



23 Jan 67

PTL REPORT

Recce Ptl, Ptl 32.

Ref: Maps, VIETNAM, 1:50,000, XA BINH BA, Sheet 6430 III.  
Pictomap Supplement, 1:25,000, Sheet 6430 III N.A. Size and Composition of Ptl.

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Sgt WM AITKEN   | Ptl Comd       |
| Lcpl CJ DWYER   | Ptl 2i/c/Medic |
| Pte J WOODHOUSE | Sig            |
| Pte TR BRADSHAW | Rfn            |

B. Task.

Recce Zone 01, report all en mov.

C. Time of Departure.

161730H.

D. Time of Return.

231330H.

E. Routes (Out and Back).

Infil by hel to LZ YS383797. For ptl route see Annex 'P'. Exfil by hel from LZ YS377801.

F. Terrain.

Undulating country covered in a variety of both primary and secondary jungle with many patches of open country. Going, fair.

G. En.

YS384800 at 161830H. Ptl located a recently constructed rice cache in the form of a small bin with a camouflaged plastic sheet covering it. Dimensions: 5 ft x 5 ft x 4 ft high. Approx 1 week old. A small trk led up to it from the WEST. As ptl investigated the structure the rattle of a can or metal pot was heard from about 100 metres to the WEST, this was followed by a loud burst of laughter.

YS385801 at 162215H. A hvy MOR heard to fire 7 rds from a base plate posn approx 2,000 metres to the NE. Fall of shot directly NORTH of base plate posn. 20 seconds lapsed between primary and secondary explosion.

From YS385301 to YS380803, many recently used trks in area, generally EAST - WEST, some NORTH - SOUTH. None had seen hvy use.

YS380803 from 172000H to 172100H. Hvy MOR heard to fire 9 rds from a base plate posn approx 500 - 600 metres SW. Fall of shot 4,000 metres NW of ptl LUP posn, time of flight 34 secs.

YS375802 at 181130H. A male VC moving NORTH on what appeared to be a NORTH - SOUTH trk. Dress: a light coloured uniform and a white hat. No wpn was seen, however the man was a hundred metres from ptl when sighted. He was moving through thick scrub.

At 181230H. Ptl heard Ptl 13's contact and allied airstrike and arty directed into area. As the last allied shell landed the en hvy MOR fired 1 rd into the area of contact from the same base plate posn as on the previous ni.

At 181450H. Hvy MOR fired 8 rds from approx 1,000 - 2,000 metres NNE ptl loc. Fall of shot once again in the area of ptl 13's contact.

SECRET

.....2.



SECRET

2.

XS373803 at 181820H. An oxcart heard moving at speed NE along a NE - SW trk.

At 190030H. Another cart moving swiftly SW on same trk.

At 190730H. Ptl investigated oxcart trk, it had been subject to very hvy recent foot traffic but not much evidence of oxcarts was seen.

At 191840H. 3 single signal shots fired with a 10 sec interval between each shot. 10 mins later a cart moved NE along trk.

At 210105H. 1 oxcart moved NE on trk.

At 210315H. Hvy MOR firing from same base plate posn, fall of shot a great distance to the NORTH.

At 211000H. A group of at least 6 armed male VC passed swiftly and silently NE along trk. All carried unidentified rifles. Dress; US/ARVN patt greens and Aust patt bush hats, All carried light khaki, '37 patt type packs which appeared full. The en moved in a semi-tactical manner with a 3 metre interval between each man. 2 carried their wpns at the ready the others carried theirs slung.

At 211320H. A group of approx 4 en heard moving NE on trk.

At 211350H. Another group of at least 2 en also moving NE.

At 222400H. 1 oxcart heard moving NE along trk.

At 230130H. 1 oxcart moving NE again.

In the NE corner of YS3880 continual firing was heard from a large variety of SA's and AW's. This continued throughout duration of ptl both day and ni.

All along the NE - SW trk survielled by ptl continual single shots heard.

A truck was heard moving approx 3,000 - 4,000 metres to the NORTH of the ptl area early each evening of the ptl period.

H. Map Corrections.

Nil.

Misc Info.

Plenty of water in area.

Abundance of game sighted.

Clearing of exfil LZ was surrounded by an old 6 strand barbed wire fence.

J. Results of Encounters With En.

Nil.

K. Condition of Ptl.

Good.

L. Conclusions and Recommendations.

The ptl conclude that the hvy MOR posn is located at approx YS375796.

It is also of the opinion that there is an en trg area and poss firing range vic NE corner of 3880.

An airstrike is recommended for both these locs.

*W. B. Aitken*  
(MN AITKEN)  
Sgt  
Ptl Comd Ptl 32

SECRET



SECRET

3.

M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

Sounds of an en hvy MOR have been reported from this area many times by both former SAS ptls who have worked there and US sources;

Hvy motor vehs have also been heard operating in this region before.

Mor and susp firing range suggest that there is perhaps a well established VC trg/base area in this loc. This would be a worthwhile tgt for future large scale ops and airstrikes.

All oxcart traffic was conducted at ni whilst foot traffic was mainly conducted throughout the daytime. Also the trk survielled had not been used regularly by oxcarts until recently.

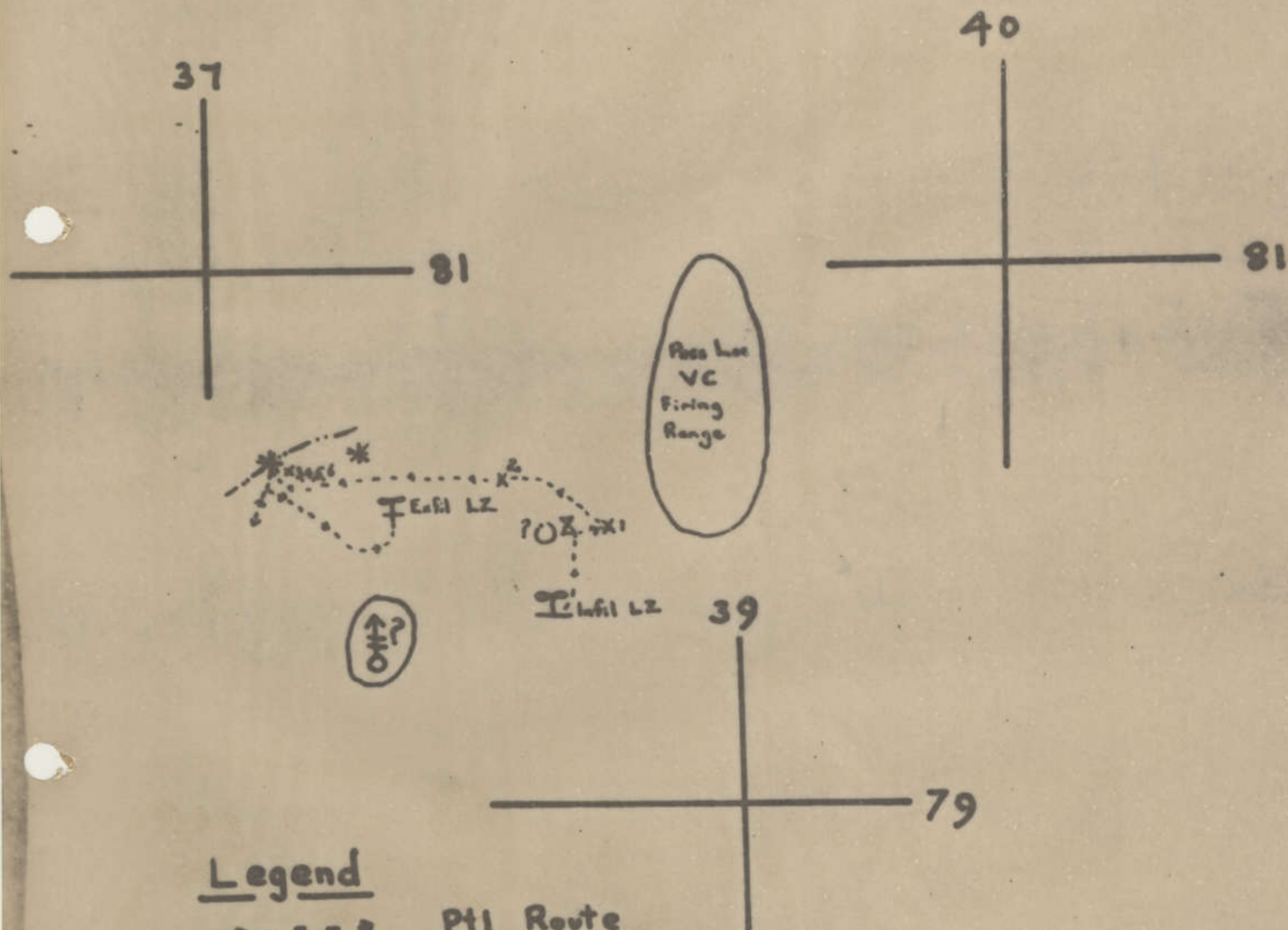
*M. Geldart*  
.....  
(M GELDART)  
Sgt  
Int Sgt 3 SAS Sqn

N. Distr.

1 ATF (2)  
Comd Diary (3)  
II FFV G2 (2)  
SAS Regt  
File

SECRET





### Legend

- 7 - - - 7

— — — — —

x2

△

○?

⊕ ?

## Pt1 Route

## Oxcart Trk

## Sightings

LUP's

## Rice Cache

603p VC Sec Posn

Susp Loc Hwy MOR

**SECRET**



SECRET

3 SAS Sqn Ops 8/67

Copy No **3**  
3 SAS Sqn  
NUI DAT

27 Jan 67

PTL REPORT

Recce Ptl, Ptl 21.

Ref: Maps, VIETNAM, 1:50,000, XUYEN MOC, Sheet 6430 II.  
Pictomap Supplement, 1:25,000, Sheet 6430 II N.

A. Size and Composition of Ptl.

Sgt GA NOLAN Ptl Comd  
Lcpl PR SCUTTS Ptl 2i/c  
Pte IL STYLES Medic  
Pte S LIPINSKI Sig  
Capt GE CHIPMAN Rfn

B. Task.

Recce Zone 05, report all en mov.

C. Time of Departure.

201730H.

D. Time of Return.

261630H.

E. Routes (Out and Back).

Infil by hel to LZ YS568754. For ptl route see Annex 'P'. Exfil by hel from LZ YS595765.

F. Terrain.

Primary jungle affording good mov and cover. The Song Rai is wide and deep, in places the bank is covered thickly in thorny bamboo. Vegetation was brittle and dry underfoot, it was very noisy to move through.

G. En.

YS576743 at 211700H. A voice and a single shot heard from vic YS671643.

At 211710H. Another shot, further SOUTH than the first one. Appeared to be a group of en moving along creek towards a formerly located camp (YS577737 SAS Ops 3/67), and firing warning shots.

YS578739 at 221000H. A foot trk junction, it consisted of an EAST - WEST trk showing signs of recent heavy use. Another trk ran into it from the SOUTH, this probably ran from the abovementioned camp and also bore signs of recent hvy use. The EAST - WEST trk had however been used that day and all trks had sign running both ways the most prominent being Bata boot trks.

YS580740 at 221030H. As ptl approached a NE - SW trk mov was heard from the NE. Ptl went to ground and took up fire posns as 2 oxen and 1 armed male VC moved into view. The en carried his wpn slung. The oxen quickly scented the ptl and turned to look in their direction this alerted the VC who also turned towards own ppls loc. Ptl then fired on VC who took 2 short bursts and 3 single rds from a distance of 10 metres in the upper body. The VC spun around and commenced to stagger back down the trk but a further 3 - 4 bursts knocked him down. His dress was green floppy bush hat, black shirt, green trousers and black Bata boots. His wpn was a Type '53 (Chicom) Carbine 7.62mm. On his person was a US 7.62mm ammo bandolier containing 35 rds of Chicom 7.62mm Type '53 ammo, an improvised pull-through and a few pieces of rag. He also carried a pair of green shorts, some tobacco, a cheap lighter, some cigarette paper and a pair of nail clippers.  
.....2.

SECRET



SECRET

2.

The mans shorts were damp as though he had recently been for a swim or washed them. He was aged between about 20 and 25 years and in good physical condition. His clothes were clean and well cared for as was his wpn which contained 4 rds in the magazine but none in the breach. The oxen were in prime condition and bolted to the NE when the ptl opened fire. As the contact was initiated mov of what appeared to be 1 - 2 people fleeing SW about 30 metres down the trk was seen. The trk vic contact was a foot trk which had seen much recent traffic both ways. Own ptl arranged en body to lie across trk and wdr.

YS587768 at 251000H. Hwy 327 shows sign of 2 way cart and foot traffic. Signs of 3 carts moving in both directions approx 1 week old. Foot traffic runs down centre of Hwy and most recent sign approx 3 days old. Generally Hwy 327 did not appear to have seen much recent hvy use.

YS582764 at 240630H. Hvy wpn situated 2,000 to 3,000 metres EAST of ptl loc heard to fire 8 rds. Time of flight 6 - 8 secs, point of impact 600 - 1,000 metres NE ptl loc.

YS595765 at 261200H..5 - 6 short bursts of AW fire heard approx 2,000 metres NNW of ptl loc. No allied aircraft were in vic at time.

At 261230H. 2 single rifle shots were directed at a FAC flying over the above-mentioned loc.

At 261400H. An allied airstrike was carried out on the same area and no further firing was heard.

II. Map Corrections.

Nil.

I. Misc Info.

Throughout duration of ptl many shots were heard approx 2,000 - 3,000 metres NE along Hwy 328. They appeared to come from vic of old village and were particularly noticable on both the 25 and 26 Jan 67.

On 2 occasions a quick firing AW was heard about 3,000 - 4,000 metres ENE of ptl zone. It appeared to be an HMG.

YS581758. An old Coy posn in which the pits were in poor condition.

YS584764. Another old Coy posn in which the pits were of similar condition,

YS580754. What appeared to be an old pl posn, although the ptl did not investigate it extensively and it could have been larger. The pits were in dilapidated condition and several old cooking utensils were scattered around the area. A water point had been dug in the side of a nearby re-entrant, it was rectangular and the dimensions were 5 ft x 5 ft x 3 ft deep. It was still serviceable.

YS588766. On EAST side of Song Rai an old Coy posn with deteriorated pits. At this point a partly destroyed viaduct bridges the river. At the present time it would make a good crossing point due to the lower level of water in the river, it would however be impassable after hvy rain. It is not currently in use.

YS592765. Another old Coy posn with caved in pits.

Airstrikes have been conducted in areas of all posns reffered to, there was also a marked absence of shelters, bush furniture and cooking places in them. They could however be quickly renovated.

YS587764. An island in the river offers a good emergency LZ. Rapids in vic provide a means of access to it. No other LZ's, apart from the exfil LZ used by own ptl, were located in the area.

YS580752. A perennial stream in a re-entrant containing good running water.

YS584764. An unmarked perennial stream flowing into the Song Rai.

SECRET

.....3.



SECRET

3.

YS592765. A re-entrant containing small flow of water,

The Song Rai is a major obstacle at the present time and would be even more so during the wet season. It's average width is about 100 feet and apart from occasional rapids it is deep and slow flowing.

There is an abundance of game in the area.

J. Results of Encounters With En.

4 VC KIA (BC).

1 (Chicom) Type '53 7.62mm Carbine captured.

40 rds 7.62mm Type '53 amp captured.

K. Condition of Ptl.

Good.

L. Conclusions and Recommendations.

En are using the trks which run NW and EAST as mentioned. These are presumed to run to and from the camp located at YS577737 (SAS Ops 3/67). It is assumed that the EAST trk eventually turns NE to cross the Song Rai somewhere between YS580740 and YS580748, it then probably runs EAST to Hwy 328. Ptl checked WEST bank of Song Rai NORTH from YS580748 and YS5976. No NORTH-SOUTH trks were located.

Trk marked on map at YS580763 is not being used.

En in area are moving quietly and cautiously, probably a result of the recent B52 raid.

.....  
(GA MOLAN)  
Sgt  
Ptl Comd Ptl 21

M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

If ptl comd flew in FAC it is very likely that he would be able to pick up a likely crossing place on the Song Rai between YS580740 and YS580748.

Mov of oxen sighted could indicate VC are removing all valuable possessions from the area on the assumption that an Allied Op will follow the B52 strike. Oxen have never been sighted in this vic before.

All trks found by ptl would not facilitate the use of carts drawn by oxen.

In the allocation of areas of ops in this region it would greatly assist the deployment of troops if the Song Rai and some of it's larger tributaries were used as boundaried rather than having these water courses run through the centre of the Zones allocated. This would be of even greater importance during the wet season.

.....  
(TW RODERICK)  
2Lt  
Ops Offr 3 SAS Sqn

N. Distr.

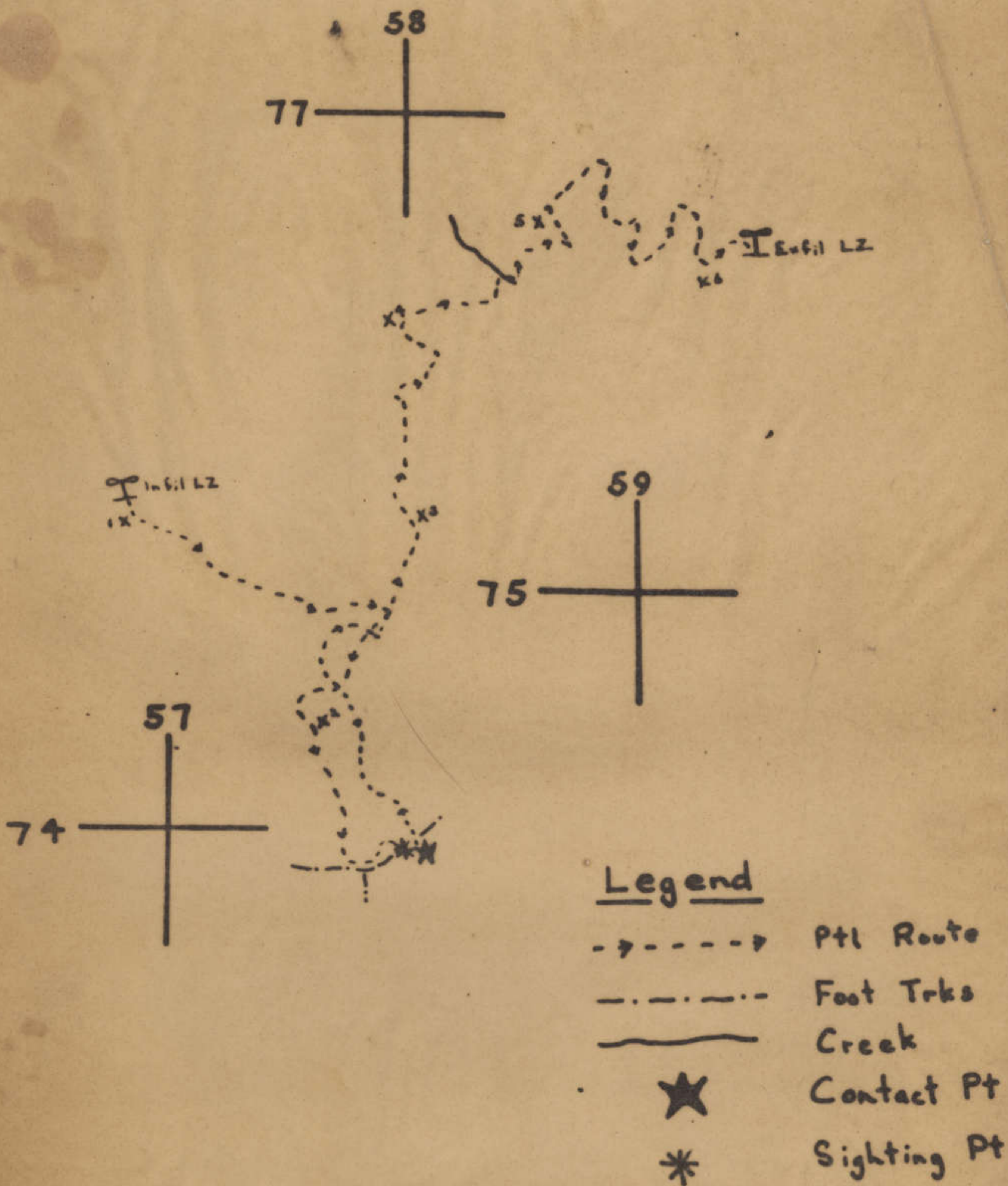
1 ATF (2) SAS Regt  
Comd Diary (3) File  
II FFV G2 (2)

SECRET



SECRET

Ref: Maps, Pictomap Supplement  
 1:25,000. Sheet 6430 II N,  
 .. .. II S.



SECRET



SECRET

3 SAS Sqn Ops 9/67

Copy No 3  
3 SAS Sqn  
NUI DAT

28 Jan 67

INCIDENT REPORT

Infil of recce ptls, Ptls 12, 14, 31.

Ref: Maps, VIETNAM, 1:50,000, DAT DO, 6429 I.  
" " " , VUNG TAU, 6429 IV.

A. Size and Composition of Infil Group.

| Ptl 12          | Ptl 14         | Ptl 31           |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Sgt JM ROBINSON | 2Lt PM INGRAM  | Sgt AG URQUHART  |
| Cpl BP ENGLISH  | Pte JW MATTEN  | Cpl RJ NEIL      |
| Cpl CS ADAMSON  | Pte JM GIBSON  | Lcpl PJ PAVLENKO |
| Pte JA O'REILLY | Pte AK STEWART | Pte JR GRAYDON   |
|                 |                | Pte TE ROSS      |

B. Task.

Ptl 12 to infil by landing craft and recce Zone 10 for all signs en nov. Ptls 14 and 31 to infil by landing craft and recce Zones 08 and 07 respectively.

C. Time of Departure.

Departed CATLO US Naval Base at 271630H.

D. Time of Return.

ETA CATLO US Naval Base 280345H.

E. Routes (Out and Back).

Infil by LCVP (US Navy) to the fol landing points: Ptl 12 at YS691579. Ptls 14 and 31 at YS605580. Infil to be via RV at YS6055 where US Navy Swift class launch would meet and escort the LCVP into landing points. Exfil by LCVP to CATLO US Naval Base.

F. Terrain.

Green and choppy with occasional patches of white sand. Swell caused mild seasickness amongst own troops.

G. En.

YS5048 at 271930H. The LCVP recieved MG fire from approx vic YS480500. MG fired tracers only. LCVP returned fire.

271932H. The LCVP recieved MG fire from approx vic YS472482. Appeared to be firing 1 in 4 tracer. Fire was not returned.

Total rds fired by en approx 300 rds, no hits were sustained by LCVP.

Approx 271940H. Own troops informed that Swift launch had recieved MG fire and was returning to CATLO with 1 cas. Loc of MG later confirmed at being YS480500. Loc of Swift when fired on was YS495495.

YS5250 at 272015H. Large signal fire seen vic YS480500. The fire burned in 2 parallel lines, each 50 metres long with a distance of about 30 metres between. They ran roughly from EAST to WEST. A small flicker was seen as they were ignited then they whole length suddenly bursts into flame as though brushwood doused in petrol or some other similar fuel had been used. The fire burned for about 45 mins.

.....2.

SECRET



SECRET

2.

Approx 272130H. Own troops informed that Swift launch had received MG fire from same loc as that previously directed at LCVP. Fire had been brought to bear on Swift as it returned from CATLO.

YS6055 from 272200H to 272230H. Lt IVEY and 2Lt INGRAM boarded Swift to discuss the coming events. During this period a series of 3 white lights were seen flashed on in sequence from WEST to EAST along the beach. Each light remained on for approx 1 min, their locations were vic YS600578, YS630580, YS660580.

At 272315H. As LCVP approached the landing point a white light was seen vic YS675588.

YS681579 at 272320H. LCVP became fast on a reef about 25 metres from shore, at this point 2 men were seen to move onto the beach by own ptl. They stopped about 10 metres from the water line where one man was seen to crouch and the other to lay down on the sand. 2 more men then appeared moving at a crouching run to take up posns about 30 metres from the water line.

Whilst this was happening a flickering red light was seen vic YS681583. It seemed to be a hand torch with a red plastic shield around the bulb.

YS681579 at 272325H. As LCVP was being extracted from the reef a series of 3 white lights were seen from vic YS681583. The first flash was approx 10 ft from ground level, the second 20 ft and the third approx 30 ft, The third light remained on for about 30 secs before it was extinguished. The lights seemed to be suspended from a pole.

From 272315H to 272330H. A large searchlight beam was directed at the beach from a point far out to sea to the SE. It was focused on the landing point throughout the duration of the LCVP being in the area.

At 272330H. A white light was again seen in the same loc as the one previously reported about 30 ft from the ground. It remained on for approx 20 - 30 secs.

The LCVP then headed for the second landing point while the Swift launch commenced inshore runs vic YS681579. The LCVP had moved about 2,000 metres toward second landing point when the Swift came under MG fire directed from vic YS677579. The launch returned the fire.

En route to second landing point white para flares were seen to be fired at 1,000 metre intervals along the beach from EAST to WEST. The first flares went up at approx YS681579, the last at YS480500. At this point the second landing was called off and with the op aborted the vessels commenced their return trip to CATLO.

YS6556 at 280015H. A 50 ft junk moving EAST passed the LCVP which immediately signalled for the vessel to heave to. When the junk did not comply warning shots were fired across her bows. The vessel then stopped and was boarded by US Navy pers from the LCVP who after checking the crafts cargo and documentation allowed it to proceed.

From 280210 to 280230H. Several lights observed in Southern region of the Long Hai Mountains. They were noted in the fol sequence:

At 280210H vic YS473494. A white light which remained on until lost from view.

At 280220H vic YS472483. Another white light which also remained on until lost from view.

At 280230H vic YS467481. A green light from what appeared to be an Aldis lamp type device was directed SSE and also remained on until lost from view.

Map Corrections.

Nil.

SECRET

.....3.



SECRET

3.

Misc Info.

At YS6055 at 272200H. During RV of LCVP and Swift launch the radar system on one of the vessels broke down and contact had to be established by means of Aldis lamps.

Surf on landing beach was about 3 ft. Swell was between 3ft and 5 ft.

Results of Encounters With En.

US Navy suffered 1 WIA. VC cas unknown.

Condition of Btls.

Apart from several upset stomachs caused by seasickness, Good.

Conclusions and Recommendations.

LCVP is considered unsuitable for this type of work, it is too large and noisy.

For future ops of this nature it is recommended that the craft commence move after dark and approach from an RV situated further out to sea.

*G. Ivey*  
.....  
(WJ IVEY)  
Lt  
Tp Comd 3 SAS Sqn

Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

At YS678582 at 272030H. Possum aircraft reported 6 fires at this loc. Arty fire was directed into the area but did not appear to disturb en. It would appear therefor that they have ample protection against this type of allied action in the area.

US Navy members involved in the op informed own troops that although Swift launches are frequently used in this region LCVP's are not. It is possible that the presence of this particular craft alerted the VC warning system.

It is also possible that the op interrupted a VC resupply being taken in the landing area. This tends to be supported by the searchlight beam which was directed at the beach and the VC's apparent reluctance to open fire immediately. US sources are currently checking to find out if any other of their craft were operating in the area at the time using searchlights.

The en could have possibly mistaken the LCVP for one of their own craft, visibility would be restricted from the beach by the surf and at the time the moon was in its left quarter and shedding little light.

Teams of swimmers stationed offshore each ni in vic could poss provide further valuable info.

*TW Roderick*  
.....  
(TW RODERICK)  
2Lt  
Ops Offr 3 SAS Sqn

Distr.

1 ATF (2)  
Comd Diary (3)  
II FFV G2 (2)  
SAS Regt  
File

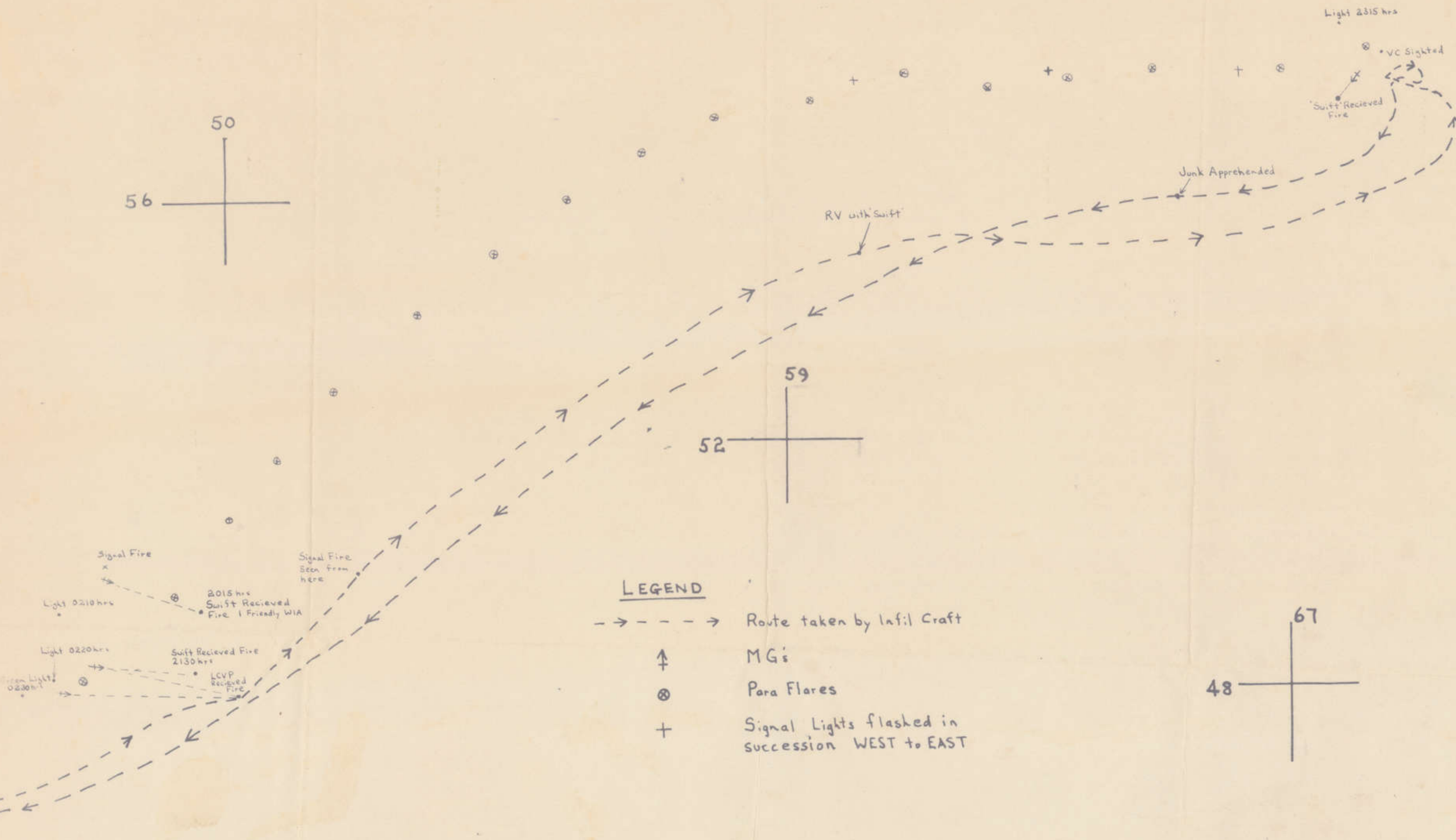
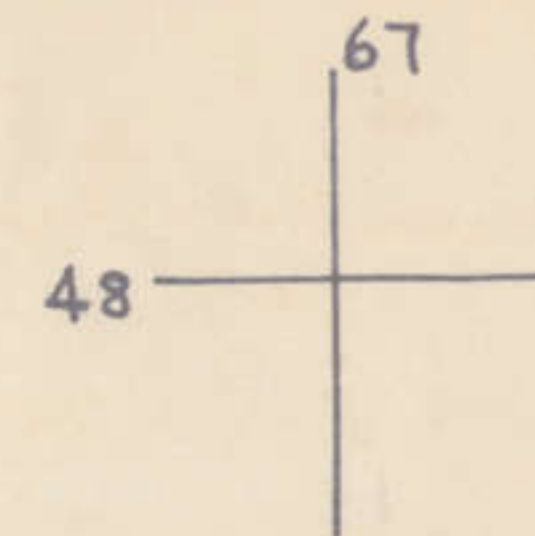
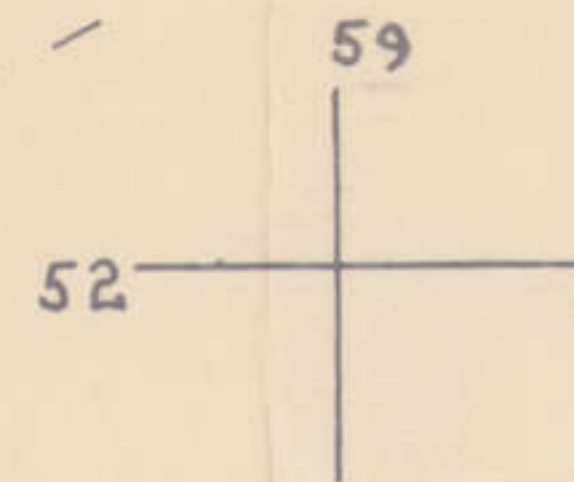
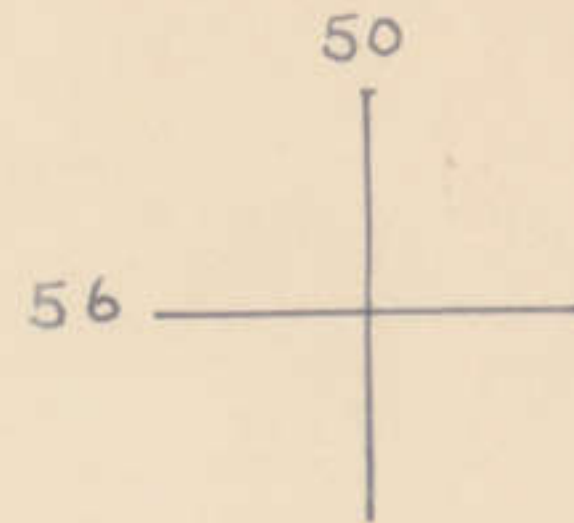
SECRET



SECRET

Ref: Maps, VIETNAM, 1:50,000, XUYEN MỘC, Sheet 6430 II.  
" " " " DAT DO, " 6429 I.

Annex 'P' to 3 SAS Sqn Op  
9/67.



LEGEND

- - - - -> Route taken by Infil Craft
- ↑ MG's
- ⊗ Para Flares
- + Signal Lights flashed in succession WEST to EAST

SECRET



SECRET

3 SAS Sqn Ops 10/67

Copy No 3  
3 SAS Sqn  
NUI DAT

1 Feb 67

PTL REPORT

Recce Ptl, Ptl 11.

Ref: Maps, VIETNAM, 1:50,000, XUYEN MOC, Sheet 6430 II.  
Pictomap Supplement, 1:25,000, Sheet 6430 II N.

A. Size and Composition of Ptl.

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| Sgt JA BURLING  | Ptl Comd |
| Cpl CA JENNISON | Ptl 2i/c |
| Pte P BYE       | Sig      |
| Pte S LEIFTING  | Medic    |

B. Task.

Recce Zone 07, report all info on en.

C. Time of Departure.

241730H.

D. Time of Return.

311445H.

E. Routes (Out and Back).

Infil by hel to LZ YS576699. For ptl route see Annex 'P'. Exfil by hel from LZ YS575698.

F. Terrain.

Generally open country with patches of low scrub. Vegetation in the open areas was a tangle of waist high vines and short secondary growth. Patches of thorny bamboo were prevalent in the area.

Area of B52 strike is as follows, around the immediate vic of bomb craters the ground has been completely cleared to a diameter of approx 50 metres of all trees and vegetation. There are however many fallen tree trunks and some of the larger boughs lying around. Around the perimeter of these areas the scrub is a tangled mess of shattered timber and **mangled vines**.

G. En.

YS575699 at 251005H. 1 male VC moved WEST on EAST - WEST foot trk. Dress, green bush hat and green uniform. En appeared to be carrying a wpn but it was not seen. The trk on which the VC was moving was well used but due to the hard nature of it's surface, no sign was visible upon it. Another trk ran SW from vic of sighting but it had been obliterated by bombing.

YS573698 at 260730H. 3 single signal shots about 3 mins apart heard from 300 - 400 metres to NORTH of ptl posn.

YS570690 at 261030H. A NE - SW oxcart trk with a well used foot pad running down centre. No evidence of recent oxcart traffic but the foot trk bore signs of being in constant use, there were no leaves or vegetation on it and the surface was hard packed. 2 cart wheels were found in the vic, they were both serviceable.

YS569698 at 281505H. 9 armed male VC moving quickly and quietly SOUTH along a NORTH - SOUTH foot trk. They were observed to turn SE at a nearby trk junc. Dress, all wore green bush hats, 2 en had on black shirts and green trousers, the remainder wore greens. All VC wore basic webbing supported by shoulder straps and 5 of the men carried packs similar to British '44 patt field pack. Wpns identified were 7 long rifles and 2 SMG's further ident not poss.

SECRET



SECRET

2.

The first VC carried his rifle on his shoulder 2 others carried theirs under the right arm all other wpns were carried in the ready posn.

YS570700 at 290930H. A well used NORTH - SOUTH foot trk bearing signs of traffic within the last 2 days.

YS574700 at 291015H. A well worn oxcart trk bearing signs of considerable recent use. (Probably at ni during the last 24 hours).

YS576699 at 301910H. A single shot heard 200 metres to EAST of ptl loc.

H. Map Corrections.

Terrain much more open than it appears on the Pictomap Supplement.

I. Misc Info.

Throughout duration of ptl many shots heard both day and ni to the NORTH and EAST. Shots heard at ni were fired mainly during the period following last light.

The only water located by the ptl in the area was in the main stream as shown on the map.

Game was plentiful in the area and the wild pigs seen were of great size. The pigs sighted by ptl appeared to be deaf and stupified, this is no doubt due to the effects of the B52 bombing.

J. Results of Encounters With En.

Nil.

K. Condition of Ptl.

Good.

L. Conclusions and Recommendations.

Ambushes on trks in the area covered by ptl would be fruitful. An excellent site for one of these would be at YS569698.

It is recommended that future BDA ptls be of a larger size than the one used on this occasion, the area of the bomb craters is frequently quite extensive and the party recceing these areas require a protection element.

.....  
(JA BURLING)  
Sgt  
Ptl Comd Ptl 11

M. Additional Remarks by Interrogator.

Ni ambushes would probably be very effective in this area.

Ptl were not able to investigate fully the areas of bomb craters due to the very open nature of the ground in the vic of the blast.

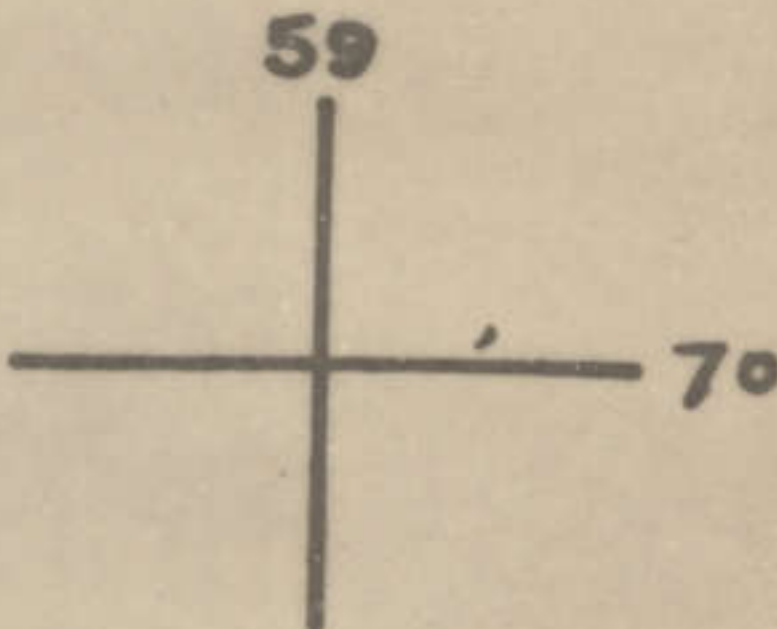
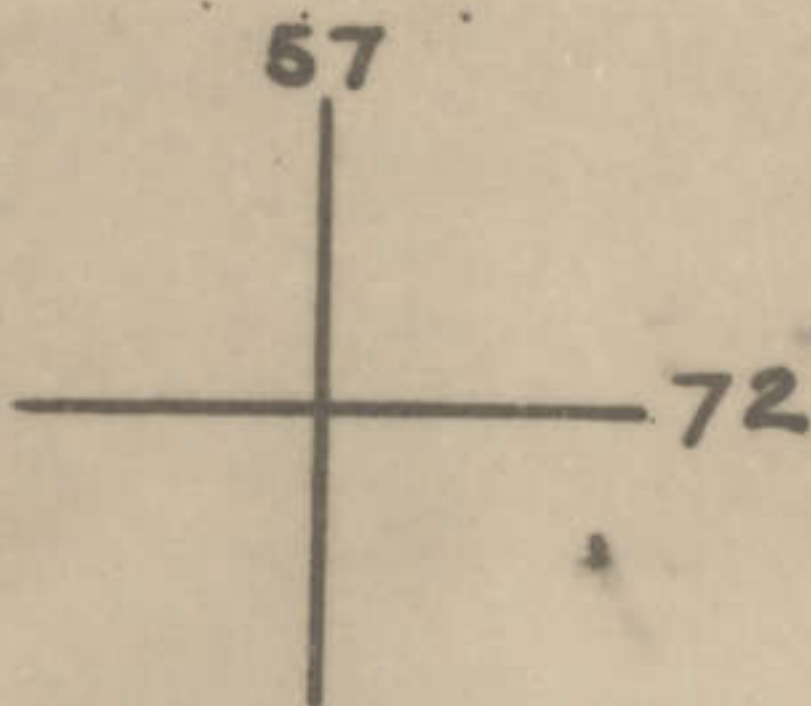
.....  
(TW RODERICK)  
2Lt  
Ops Offr 3 SAS Sqn

N. Distr.

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| 1 ATF (2)      | 5 RAR |
| Comd Diary (3) | 6 RAR |
| II FFV G2 (2)  | File  |
| SAS Regt       |       |

SECRET





Legend

- - - - - Ptl Route
- . - . - Foot Trks
- X 2 LUP's
- \* Sighting Pts

