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**Folio D-L**

**[1-28 Feb 1967]**

# ANNEX D

To

COMMANDER'S DIARY

(FEBRUARY 1967)

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Op Instr 3/67 (Op TAMBORINE)

To: Lt Col C. M. Townsend, CO 6 RAR.

1. SIX

a. En Forces. Annex A.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 5 RAR is to continue Op WOLLONGONG and Op CAMDEN.

(2) 3 SAS Sqn is to continue Op WOLLONGONG

c. Atts and Dets

(1) Under comd from 040800 hrs 2 Feb 67  
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt less  
one tp  
Engr recce elm

(2) In DS from 1500 hrs 2 Feb 67  
161 Bty RNZA  
One H13 161 (Indep)  
Recce Flt

(3) In sp from 1500 hrs 2 Feb 67  
1 Fd Regt less 161  
Bty RNZA  
1/83 Arty Bn

(4) In Sp as required  
A Bty 2/35 Arty  
RAAF helo  
Lt Fire team

2. MSN. You are to ambush Route 23 between DAT DO YS 4960 and the SONG TRE YS 586636.

3. EXEC.

a. Tasks in gen.

(1) You are to maint one coy (-) in base on 30 mins notice to move as reaction force.

(2) You are to provide protection of arty resources reloc in sp.

(3) You are to patrol your allotted AO by day and ni.

(4) You are to ambush Route 23 by ni.

b. Rules of Engagement.

(1) Curfew is from 1900 to 0530 hrs.

(2) Because civs are living in the area the fol rules should be adhered to:

(a) By Day - apprehend and inspect identity of all civs.

(b) By Day - Evac suspects to BARIA.

(c) By Ni - After 1900 hrs ambush sites should not be compromised to search or apprehend civ on Route 23.

(d) It is suggested that a rd block be estb at YS510611. All people EAST of this point may be firød on from ambush.

c. Ptls are to be not less than pl str.

4. ADM AND LOG. No change to normal.

5. COMD AND SIG. D Day - 1 Feb 67.

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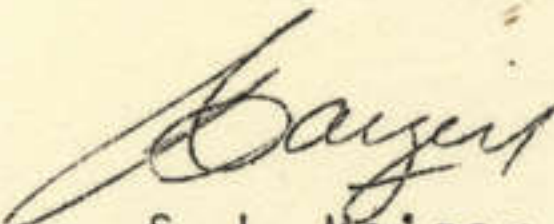
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Annexes: A. Enemy Forces

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Annex A to 1 ATF  
Op Instr 3/67 dated  
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E N E M Y F O R C E S

1. Enemy forces normally operating in the vicinity of Route 23 are:

D445 - Province Mobile Battalion  
C25 - Long Dat District Coy  
Phuoc Tho Guerilla Platoon  
Phuoc Ho8 Guerilla Platoon  
Hoi My Guerilla Platoon  
Long Tan Guerilla Platoon  
Administrative unit of Group 84 including:  
KIA Purchasing Agency - DAT DO  
K5 Food Supply Section  
C300 Transportation Coy

2. Various reliable sources including the Assistant Company Commander of the LONG DAT District Coy C25 who rallied on 8 Dec 66 have revealed the following VC activities in the area of Route 23.

a. Group 84 purchasing agencies operate in PHUOC LOI, HOI MY, DAT DO and PHUOC HAI. The first named being the most important.

b. Supplies are stored in areas close by the villages named in para 2.a. above and are moved:

(1) Via Route 52 to the vicinity of LONG TAN.

(2) Via Route 23 to vicinity YS 530614.

(3) Via various tracks to vicinity YS 535565 and YS 555575 to the SONG RAI.

c. VC oxen and ox-carts are permanently located near the SONG RAI in the vicinity YS 570600.

d. Various VC units have been employed on rice carrying tasks across Route 23 in the area of YS 588637. This is thought to be the main area through which supplies from DAT DO/PHUOC HAI are moved to the NORTH.

3. On a number of occasions a main force battalion has been employed on a rice carrying task in the area SOUTH of Route 23. This could re occur at any time but there are no indications that it is happening at present.

4. A list of VC sightings, contacts and bases is at Appx 1.

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Appx 1 to Annex A to  
1 ATF Op Instr 3/67  
dated 020001Z Feb 67

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRID REF</u> (YS)	<u>INCIDENT</u>
21 Sep	580640	VC unit designated 806 with a str of 800 located in this vicinity.
20/21 Sep	540630 to 580640	VC unit coded the 806 reported in this vicinity.
29 Sep	551620	One VC bn possibly the 308 Bn reported in this vicinity.
29 Sep	551613	A number of VC financial and economic cadre of Province and District size brought rice at this coord.
7 Oct	551615	One unidentified VC main force bn combined with D445 here.
8 Oct	612644	Report of 2 well armed VC platoons
16 Oct	580634	Report of 300 VC in area.
16 Oct	579634	5 huts reported
25 Oct	540610	Report of one VC coy
1 Nov	587617	One VC coy reported to be protecting a large amount of rice.
2 Nov	578633	50 people sighted
14 Nov	583630	Report of one VC bn in area.
17 Nov	552615	Diggings reported
17 Nov	552615	Road block at this point
17 Nov	506609	Road block at this point
19 Nov	581634	Suspected tax point
19 Nov	570626	Report of many VC
21 Nov	5662	200 people and 25 ox carts reported moving EAST
23 Nov	572651	Rice cache found
25 Nov	598639	Three VC detonated CB mine
2 Dec	618653	6 RAR apprehended 3 VC
2 Dec	550630	Report of 300 VC
21 Nov	584636	Road block
22 Nov	593648	Rice cache
24 Nov	593648	Squad sized camp
26 Nov	599637	Report that VC had ambush set on bridge on 26 Nov 66
2 Dec	623651	Atk mine discovered and destroyed
2 Dec	627657	B/6 RAR had mine detonated against them
8 Dec	595614	Location of LONG DAT production cell
10 Dec 66	561607	one unidentified VC coy reported
16 Dec	574637 - 599637	300 men sighted in area
16 Dec	623650 - 628643	50 VC guerillas sighted

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18 Dec	596650	one coy of D445 reported in area
26 Dec	561607	one VC coy reported
26 Dec	599647	Possible VC base camp
26/27 Dec	580620 ) 580600 ) 590620 ) 590600 )	A VC unit of 800 men reported
27 Dec	574630	VC unit estimated str 250
4 Jan	580635	D445 reinforced in this vicinity
11 Jan	563618	One VC bn reported in this area
13 Jan	575631	Report of 200 VC in full uniform between 584636 and 575631
14 Jan	580635	VC resupplied in this area
15 Jan	580633	Rice being stored at CAY CAM slope
19 Jan	529651	Report of a VC bn
20 Jan	5763	Approx 100-200 people congregated in this area
23 Jan	592612	FAC received ground fire
26 Jan		Approx 7 lights SW of intersection of Route 328 and Route 23 and also lights NORTH of intersection at 6264, 6165, 6164.
27 Jan	570615	One VC bn reported here as the D45

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TET POLICY @ Period of TET is from 080700H to 120700H Feb 67 @  
 Our R569/1/37 for Christmas/New Year cessation of hostilities is  
 applicable in regard to hostile acts commences of engagement  
 and retaliation @ For use 07/08 Feb the fol is to apply @  
 ALPHA @ NO movies will be shown @ BRAVO @ All meals are to be  
 completed by last light @ CHARLIE @ NO lights will be visible except  
 those required for op. com of unit/sub unit comm these lights will be  
 shielded @ DELTA @ Sentry posts are to be double manned @ ECHO @  
 No veh mov is to occur after last light @ FOXTROT @ Absolute min  
 num of pers within base areas @ GOLF @ C/Secs are to ensure all  
 soldiers are aware of these requirements also that the password  
 is known by all ranks @ HOTEL @ After the evening admin  
 stand to all ranks are to remain in the vicinity of their tents @  
 INFO @ In the event of any attack/mastering power supplies are  
 to be switched off immediately comm if nec a soldier is to be  
 stationed near the generator for this purpose

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5RAR 1Fd Regt ASqn 3 Cav Regt 17th Sqn  
103 Sig Sqn 1 Det 1 Div Lt Unit 1 ATF CA Sect  
161 Recce Bty 1st Lt 1st Q USAFAC  
USAFACO Avn Ops Centre 2Fd Amb Wing 1AV  
33 Dental Unit Wing 1AV

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WING 00 OP BEAUMARIS 0 A reason and search op for 13/14 Feb 67  
for 2 Fd Amb and 33 Dental Unit CO/OC should attend 0 map required  
1:25,000 sheets 6029/IV/NE and 6029/II/NW 0 Casual conf to be  
held 1 ATF Conf Room at 111430 H Feb 67 0 ACK

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SRAR BRAR 1FA Regt 1/83 only A Sqn 3 Co Lt 1FA Sqn  
103 Sig Sqn 3SAS Sqn HQ Coy IAFF Det 1 Div Int Unit  
161 Recce Coy 1A LSG AFV Ops 2 Lt 1 @  
USAFLO USAFLO com Ops Centre ST Provost

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OPS CONFERENCE @ A briefing conference is to be held at IAFF  
Conf Room on future ops for period 15 Feb to approx 6 Mar 67.  
During the briefing Ops PARTSEA com UKMARRA com RENMARR  
are to be discussed @ Timings 130900H Feb 67 @ For provost  
security guards are to be positioned at each end of the  
conference room @ TEK

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OP O 5/67 (OP BEAUMAUROS)Ref: A. SL 7014 VIETNAM, Sheet 6429 IV, XA BINH BA, Edition 1 AMS, 1:50,000  
B. SL 7014 VIETNAM, Sheet 6429 I, XUYEN MOC, Edition 1 AMS, 1:50,000

Time Zone used throughout the order : HOTEL.

1. Situation.a. En Forces. Annex A.b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 6 RAR. Patrolling own TAOR.

(2) LONG DIEN. YS 431596

(a) Sub Sector HQ.

(b) 772 RF Coy.

(c) 19 PF Pl.

(d) RF Int Squad.

(3) LONG TRUOC. YS 426586. 20 PF Pl.(4) DAT DO. YS 477597.

(a) Sub Sector HQ.

(b) 3 Pl A Bty 101 Arty (105 mm).

(c) 771 RF Coy.

(d) 32 PF Pl.

(e) 33 PF Pl.

(f) 34 PF Pl.

(g) RF Int Squad.

(5) AN NHUT. YS 464597. 21 PF Pl.(6) TAM PHUOC. YS 451584. 586 RF Coy.

(7) 5 RAR is to place LOs in the fol compounds.

(a) DAT DO 476597.

(b) LONG DIEN 431596.

(c) XA TAM PHUOC 451584.

c. Atts and Dets.

(1) Under comd from 130900 H Two engr combat teams.

(2) Under comd from 130700 H Two mor APC from  
until rel at approx 141800 H 3 CavRegt.

/(3) Under comd

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| (3) Under comd from 131100 H until rel at approx 131200 H | 20 APCs from A Sqn 3 Cav Regt                          |
| (4) Under comd from 131600 H                              | One pl 1 ARU<br>Det 1 Div Int Unit                     |
| (5) Under comd from 131600 H until rel at approx 140800 H | 3 TCVs   |
| (6) Under comd from 131700 H                              | One civ action team with Chieu Hoi, Sector rep.        |
| (7) Under comd from 131745 H                              | A Sqn 3 Cav Regt (30 APC).                             |
| (8) Under comd from 140800 H                              | One ARVN Coy<br>30 Interrogators<br>12 National Police |
| (9) Under comd from 141600 H until rel at approx 141800 H | 14 TCVs  |
| (10) Remaining in DS                                      | 103 Fd Bty RAA   |
| (11) In sp  | 1 Fd Regt RAA less<br>103 Fd Bty RAA                   |
| (12) In sp at pri call from 131100 H                      | 1/83 Bn US Arty<br>Bty A 2/35 US Arty                  |
| (13) In sp from 130900 H                                  | One H 13 161 Recce Flt<br>One FAC                      |
| (14) In sp from 131100 H and 140700 H                     | One lt fire team                                       |
| (15) In sp at 140530 H and 140800 H                       | One psywar ac  |

2. Mission. 5 RAR is to cordon, interrogate, search and eliminate all VC from Village XA AN NHUT 4659.

3. Execution.

a. Gen outline. The op will be conducted in the fol six phases.

(1) Phase 1. By 131200 H, B Coy and C Coy move by APC to vic 442583 and thence by foot to a hide vic 453573.

(2) Phase 2.

(a) By 131900 H, 5 RAR less B Coy and C Coy move by APC to the airstrip at 475600. The inf are to remain in the APC until after last lt.

(b) B Coy and C Coy move to track vic 454586 at 132200.H

(3) Phase 3.

(a) At 140200 H Bn tac HQ and all the coys depart from the airstrip and RV and cordon XA AN NHUT as fols.

i. A Coy plus the recce pl and one pl 1 ARU, NORTH of Route 23.

ii. B Coy to the WEST.

iii. C Coy to the SOUTH.

iv. D Coy to the EAST.

/(b) The cordon is to be

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(b) The cordon is to be in position by 140400 H.

(c) Routes and cordon positions are shown on Annex P.

(4) Phase 4.

(a) At 140530 H the psywar ac broadcasts overhead.

(b) At 140700 H.

i. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt moves Bn HQ (-) and the aslt pnr pl to vic 461599.

ii. Wheeled veh convoy departs 5 RAR base and moves to vic 461599.

iii. At 140800 H the psywar ac broadcasts overhead.

iv. Recce pl moves to assist the aslt pnr pl.

(5) Phase 5.

(a) At 140800 H.

i. The ARVN coy moves by APC to the SOUTH of XA AN NHUT and starts moving the villagers to the interrogation area.

ii. The interrogators arrive at the interrogation area.

iii. The National police are picked up by APC from LONG DIEM.

(b) At 141000 H B Coy and C Coy commence the search of the village.

(6) Phase 6. 5 RAR returns to base area by APC and TCVs.

A Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal atts less SBs.

(b) Under comd from 131600 H One pl 1 ARU

(c) Under comd from 131600 H Recce Pl  
until rel at approx 140700 H

(d) Under comd from approx 141600 H Recce pl  
until rel in the base area

(e) In sp from 131745 H 14 APCs

(f) Det to RMO at Bn HQ from 140700 H Med orderly

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1. Nil.

(b) Phase 2.

i. RV with APCs at junc CANBERRA AVE/ROUTE TL 2 at 131800 H.

ii. Depart on orders from Bn HQ.

iii. Move in front of Bn HQ.

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iv. Whilst on the move no pers is to be visable from outside the APC.

v. Move onto the airstrip and leaguer vic 475600

vi. Remain in the APC until it is dark, and do not debuss until ordered.

vii. Whilst in the leaguer remain inside the perimeter formed by the APCs, keep the noise to a minimum and do not light fires.

(c) Phase 3.

i. At 140200 H on orders from Bn HQ move into the cordon positions along the route shown on Annex P.

ii. Move in front of Bn Tac HQ.

iii. Have the cordon in position by 140400 H.

iv. Ensure the cordon is linked in the WEST with B Coy and in the EAST with D Coy.

v. Prevent all civ tfc less interrogation team from entering XA AN NHUT by providing stops at br 456598 and br 467597 from 140400 H until ordered by Bn HQ.

(d) Phase 4.

i. On orders from Bn HQ at approx 140700 H rel the Recce Pl to assist the aslt Pnr Pl at the interrogation area.

ii. Adjust the cordon to cover the gap caused by the rel of Recce Pl.

iii. On orders from BnHQ clear and search to a depth of 400 metres behind your cordon position.

(e) Phase 5.

i. Remain in the cordon position.

ii. Continue with the search behind your cordon position.

(f) Phase 6. On orders from Bn HQ move to br 456598 RV with APC and Recce Pl embus and return to base area..

c. B Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal atts less SBs

(b) Under comd from 130900 H One engr combat team

(c) Under comd from 141000 H Six National police.

(d) In sp from 131100 H 9 APC.

(e) In sp from 131100 H One sect mor in APC.  
until rel at approx 140700 H

(f) In sp from 141600 H Six TCVs  
to the end of Phase 6.

(g) Det to the RMO at Bn HQ  
from 140700 H

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/(2) Tasks.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1.

- i. RV in B Coy lines with APC at 131100 H.
- ii. Depart B Coy lines on orders from Bn HQ.
- iii. Move to vic 442583.
- iv. Make liaison with C Coy and act as comd of the two coy gp.
- v. On reaching 442583 debus and with C Coy move into the scrub and hide up in vic 453573.
- vi. Make radio contact with the 5 RAR LO in XA TAM PHUOC and ensure the area is clear of ARVN booby traps before moving to RV at 454586.
- vii. Do not move SOUTH of the 57 Northing.

(b) Phase 2.

- i. At 132200 H on orders from Bn HQ move to RV at 454586 by route shown on Annex P.
- ii. Move in front of C Coy.
- iii. Whilst in the RV keep the noise to a minimum and do not light fires.

(c) Phase 3.

- i. At 140200 H on orders from Bn HQ move into the cordon position along the route shown on Annex P.
- ii. Move behind C Coy.
- iii. Have the cordon in position by 140400 H.
- iv. Ensure the cordon is linked in the WEST with A Coy and to the EAST with C Coy.

(d) Phase 4. Remain in the cordon position.

(e) Phase 5.

- i. While the ARVN troops move the villagers to the interrogation area remain in your cordon position.
- ii. At approx 141000 H on orders from Bn HQ thoroughly search your area (Annex P) and houses for tunnels, hides and caches.
- iii. Advise Bn HQ of the loc of any pers left in the village.

(f) Phase 6. On orders from Bn HQ move along route 23 to br 456598 RV with TCVs, embus and return to the base area.

d. C Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal atts less SBs.

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(b) Under comd from 130900 H One engr combat team

(c) Under comd from 141000 H Six National police

(d) In sp from 131100 H 11 APC

(e) In sp from 131100 H until rel at approx 140700 H One sect mor in APC

(f) In sp from 141600 H to the end of Phase 6 Six TCVs

(g) Det to RMC at Bn HQ at 140700 H Med orderly.

(2) Tasks.

a. Phase 1.

i. RV in C Coy lines with APC at 131100 H.

ii. Depart C Coy lines on orders from Bn HQ.

iii. Move behind B Coy to vic 442583.

iv. Make liaison with B Coy and come under comd OC B Coy while acting as a two coy Gp.

v. On reaching 442583 debus and with B Coy move into the scrub and hide up in vic 453573.

vi. Do not move SOUTH of the 57 Northing.

(b) Phase 2.

i. At 132200 H on orders from Bn HQ move to RV at vic 454586 by the route shown on Annex P.

ii. Move behind B Coy.

iii. Whilst in the RV keep the noise to a minimum and do not light fires.

(c) Phase 3.

i. At 140200 H move into the cordon position along the route shown on Annex P.

ii. Move in front of B Coy.

iii. Have the cordon in position by 140400 H.

iv. Ensure the cordon is linked in the WEST with B Coy and in the EAST with D Coy.

(d) Phase 4.

i. Remain in the cordon position.

ii. At 140700<sup>H</sup> on orders from Bn HQ despatch a sect to pick up the LO in XA TAM PHUOC.

(e) Phase 5.

i. While the ARVN tps move the villagers to the interrogation area remain in your cordon position.

ii. At approx 141000 H on orders from Bn HQ thoroughly search your area (Annex P), and houses for tunnels, hides and caches.



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iii. Advise Bn HQ of the loc of any pers left behind in the village.

(f) Phase 6. On orders from Bn HQ move along route 23 to br 466597, RV with the TCVs, embus and return to the base area.

e. D Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal atts less SBs.

(b) In sp from 131745 H 9 APC.

(c) Det to RMO at Bn HQ from 140700H Medical orderly.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1. Nil.

(b) Phase 2.

i. RV with APCs in D Coy lines at 131745 H and move to the coy SP at the main entrance to 5 RAR by 131800 H.

ii. Depart on orders from Bn HQ.

iii. Mov behind Bn HQ.

iv. Whilst on the mov no pers is to be visable from outside the APC.

v. Move onto the airstrip at 475600.

vi. Remain in the APCs until it is dark and do not debus until ordered.

vii. Whilst in the compound, remain inside the perimeter formed by the APC, keep the noise to a minimum and do not light fires.

(c) Phase 3.

i. At 140200 H on orders from Bn HQ move into the cordon position along the route shown on Annex P.

ii. Move behind Bn Tac HQ.

iii. Have the cordon in position by 140400 H.

iv. Ensure the cordon is linked in the NORTH with A Coy and the SOUTH with C Coy.

(d) Phase 4.

i. Remain in the cordon.

ii. On orders from Bn HQ clear and search to a depth of 400 metres behind your cordon position.

(e) Phase 5.

i. Remain in the cordon position.

ii. Continue with the search behind your cordon position.

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(d) Phase 6. On orders from Bn HQ move and RV with the APC in your cordon position, embus and return to the base area.

f. Mor Pl.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Pl less two sect remains in the base area.
- (b) One sect remains at BINH BA.
- (c) One sect to mount in the mor APCs at 130700 H.

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Base area def.
- (b) Def of the BINH BA area.
- (c) Phase 1.
  - i. At 130700 H with one sect of mors in APC and with two LO parties of three, move to and leave one LO party at XA TAM PHUOC 4558 then move to XA LONG DIEN 4359.
  - ii. Provide close sp to B Coy and C Coy from 131100 H until 140700 H from the National police barracks.
  - iii. At approx 140700 H on orders from Bn HQ mov to vic 461599 and provide sp for 5 RAR.

(d) Phase 6. On orders from Bn HQ return to the base area with Bn HQ.

g. Recce Pl.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Normal atts less SBs.
- (b) Pass to under comd A Coy from 131600 H until rel to Bn HQ at approx 140700 H.
- (c) Revert to under comd A Coy at approx 141600 H for mov back to base area.

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Phase 1. Nil.
- (b) Phase 2. RV with A Coy as directed by OC A Coy.
- (c) Phase 3. As directed by OC A Coy.
- (d) Phase 4.
  - i. At approx 140700 H on orders from A Coy revert to under comd 5 RAR. Flick to the 5 RAR comd net on this order.
  - ii. Be prepared to take over responsibility of protecting the Bn HQ and interrogation area..
- (e) Phase 6. At approx 141600 H on orders from Bn HQ revert to under comd A Coy and move back to the base area with them.

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h. Aslt Pnr Pl.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Normal atts.
- (b) Remain under comd Bn HQ.

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Provide close protection for Bn HQ.
- (b) On orders from Bn HQ secure area vic 461599.
- (c) Erect rope/tape compounds, tents and screens at the interrogation site 461599.
- (d) Provide sentries on the compounds.
- (e) Assist to guide villagers into the correct compounds.

i. 5 RAR Band.

(1) Grouping. No change except for det of bandmaster and drum major to br LOs till 140930 H.

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Report in unit tpt to Bn HQ 461599 at approx 140900 H when called forward by Bn HQ.
- (b) Be prep to:
  - i. Play music incl Vietnamese songs.
  - ii. Assist with MEDCAP, if required.
- (c) Return to base at approx 141600 H in unit tpt.

j. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Under comd 5 RAR from 130700 H until rel at approx 141800 H 2 Mor APCs
- (b) Under comd 5 RAR from 131100 H until rel at approx 131200 H 20 APC
- (c) Under comd 5 RAR from 131745 H until rel at approx 141800 H. 29 APC

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1.

- i. Supply two Mor APCs to the 5 RAR Mor Pl lines at 130700 H, mount up one sect of mors and two LO parties of three each, move one LO party to XA TAM PHUOC and the mors and the other LO party to XA LONG DIEN.
- ii. Supply 9 APC and RV with B Coy in the B Coy lines at 131100 H.
- iii. Supply 11 APC and RV with C Coy in the C Coy lines at 131100 H.

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iv. At approx 131100 H on orders from Bn HQ move from the base area in the fol order of march; B Coy C Coy.

v. Debus B Coy and C Coy in vic 442583 and return to base.

(b) Phase 2.

i. Supply 9 APC and RV with D Coy in the D Coy lines at 131745 H. Embus and mov D Coy via ENOGGERA AVE to the D Coy SP at the main entrance to 5 RAR by 131800 H.

ii. Supply 14 APC and RV with A Coy (+) at the A Coy SP at the junc of CANBERRA AVE/ROUTE TL 2 at 131800 H. All vehs to be NORTH of the SP.

iii. Supply 6 APC and RV with Bn HQ at the Bn HQ SP at the junc of CANBERRA AVE/ROUTE TL2 at 131800 H. All vehs to be EAST of the SP.

iv. At approx 131800 H on orders from Bn HQ move from the base area in the fol order or march; A Coy, Bn HQ, D Coy. APCs are to travel with the doors closed and the tops open. No troops are to ride outside the APCs. Be prepared to drop off parties of three soldiers at each of the fol brs 456598, 467597, 471598. These groups will be in 2 X Trucks  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton.

v. Move the convoy to the airstrip 475600 by 131900 H and form a leaguer.

vi. No tps are to debus from the APC until after dark and on orders from Bn HQ. Noise is to be kept to a minimum and no fires are to be lit.

(c) Phase 3. Remain at the airstrip, be prepared to escort the WHAM vehicle to XA AN NHUT at 140530 H if psyops ac does not arrive.

(d) Phase 4.

i. At 140700 H move Bn HQ (-) and the Aslt Pnr Pl to vic 461599.

(e) Phase 5.

i. Move one ARVN coy by APC and debuss them to the SOUTH of the village behind B Coy and C Coy.

ii. On orders from Bn HQ at approx 140800 H move to XA LONG DIEN and pick up 12 National police and bring them to the interrogation area.

iii. Be prepared to return to the base area those APCs which are not required to move tps. On orders from Bn HQ.

(f) Phase 6.

i. At approx 141600 H be prepared to

(i) Move 14 APC to pick up A Coy (+) at SP 456598. All vehs to be positioned to the NORTH of the SP

(ii) Move 9 APC to pick up D Coy in their cordon position.

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(iii) To move 6 APC to pick up Bn HQ at SP 461598. All vehs to be NORTH of the road junction.

(iv) Return to the base area on orders from Bn HQ.

k. Arty.

(1) Grouping. 103 Fd Bty remains in DS.

(2) Tasks. No change.

l. Engrs.

(1) Grouping. One combat engr team 1 Fd Sqn under comd each B Coy and C Coy from 130900 H.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1. Report to B Coy and C Coy at 130900 H.

(b) Phase 5. Tunnel clearance and delousing booby traps as required.

(c) Phase 6. Return to the base area with B Coy and C Coy.

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m. 1 ARU.

(1) Grouping. One pl under comd A Coy from 131500H.

(2) Tasks. Phase 1. RV with A Coy by <sup>131600H</sup> and op as directed by OC A Coy.

n. 1 Div Int Unit.

(1) Grouping. One det under comd from 131600H.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1

i. Report to the IO 5 RAR at 131600H.

ii. Provide two interpreters to the IO at 130700H.

(b) Phase 4

i. Move independently to the interrogation area at 461599.

ii. Arrange for the interrogators to report to the interrogation area 461599 at 140800H.

(c) Phase 5

i. Assist with screening and interrogation of villagers.

ii. Control ops of interrogation pers and ensure villagers are screened in the following order:

(i) Prominent loyal citizens.

(ii) The very aged - females then males.

(iii) Women with young children.

(iv) Remainder.

iii. Cleared pers are not to be released until Bn HQ gives authority.

iv. Interrogation is not to start until ordered by Bn HQ

o. Aviation

(1) Grouping

(a) In sp from 130900H.

One FAC  
One H13 161 Recce B1t

(b) In sp from 131100H and 140700H

One lt fire team.

(c) In sp at 140530H and 140800H

One psywar ac

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- (2) Tasks
- (a) H13 161 Recce Flt. On call at TIGER 5 from 130900H.
  - (b) FAC On call at LUSCOMBE airstrip from 130900H.
  - (c) Psywar Ac Performs psywar ops over XA AN NHUT at 140530H and 140800H.

p. 1 ATF CA Sect

- (1) Grouping. Det under comd from 131700H.

(2) Tasks.

- i. Report to the IO at 5 RAR Bn HQ at 131700H with vehs preloaded with your required stores.
- ii. The WHAM veh is to report to the junc of CANBERRA AVE/ROUTE TL 2 at 131745H and move to XA DAT DO with Bn HQ.
- iii. In case the psyops ac does not arrive the WHAM veh is to be prepared to perform the task allotted to the ac by using a prepared tape which you are to obtain from the 1 ATF psyops officer.
- iv. Move with the 5 RAR convoy departing from the Tpt lines at 140700H.
- v. Ensure the dental officer is placed "on call" for DENTCAP.
- vi. Be prepared to:
  - (1) Distribute prepared cordial, food and clothing to the villagers. Ensure the food and clothing is checked by Vietnamese to determine its suitability for distribution. Ensure food and clothing are distributed to those people who cannot leave their homes.
  - (11) Arrange for the CHIEU HOI persons and a sector rept to address the villagers in the compounds at approx 140830H.
  - (111) Distribute letters of apology for the inconvenience caused to the villagers.

q. Coord Instrs

- (1) Timings. Annex B.
- (2) Curfew. Curfew hours in XA AN NHUT 2150 hrs - 0400 hrs.
- (3) Order of March from 5 RAR Base.
  - (a) Group 1. B Coy, C Coy
  - (b) Group 2. A Coy (-), Bn HQ and WHAM veh, D Coy. and 2 trucks  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton.

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- (4) From XA TAN PHUOC. C Coy, B Coy.
- (5) From DAT DO. A Coy, Tac HQ, D Coy.
- (6) Return to Base. As ordered. Most likely A Coy, B Coy, C Coy, Bn HQ, D Coy.
- (7) Start Points at 5 RAR Base.
  - (a) Group 1. Junc CANBERRA Ave/Route TL 2.
  - (b) Group 2.
    - i. A Coy Junc CANBERRA Ave/Route TL 2. Vehs lined out to the NORTH along Route TL 2.
    - ii. D Coy. Main entrance to 5 RAR. Vehs lined out to the EAST along CANBERRA Ave.
    - iii. Bn HQ. Junc CANBERRA Ave/Route TL 2. Vehs lined out to the EAST along CANBERRA Ave.
- (8) Route. SP - SOUTH along Route TL 2 to HOA LONG 4264, then SOUTH to XA LONG DIEN 4259, then EAST along Route TL 23 to XA AN NHUT 4659.
- (9) Cordon. Annex P.
- (10) Safety.
  - (a) All ranks are to wear white hat bands.
  - (b) With the exception of the ARVN tps taking part in the clearing of the village, all RF and P'F forces are to be retained in their compounds.
  - (c) 5 RAR will place LOs in XA LONG DIEN and XA TAM PHUOC. and DAT DO.
  - (d) Bn HQ will effect liaison with DAT DO Sub Sector HQ.
- (11) Rules of Engagement.
  - (a) Fire will only be opened under the fol conditions:
    - i. When a Vietnamese, other than an ARVN soldier, is seen to be carrying a wpn.
    - ii. When fired at.
    - iii. When a hostile act is about to be committed.
  - (b) The cordon forces are NOT to fire into the village unless they can see a clearly definable target.
  - (c) If in doubt do not shoot.
- (12) Rear Area Security.
  - (a) Maj J. MILLER is appointed Rear Area Comd.
  - (b) SOPRAS are to apply.

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(13) Cordon Formations. All pls forward.

(14) Psyops.

(a) At 140530H a psyops voice ac is to be over XA AN NHUT using a prepared tape provided by 1 ATF pysops offr. The tape is to inform the villagers that they are surrounded, a house curfew has been imposed and they will not be harmed if they obey orders. The tape will inform them that they are to be moved to a central area for interrogation and they should have breakfast and take their lunch with them when they are told to move.

(b) At 140800H the psyops ac is to return over the village and advise them that they are required to move to the interrogation area at the NORTH of the village and remind them to take food when they move.

(c) If the psyops ac is not available for the tasks detailed above, the CA WHAM vehicle is to be prepared to broadcast the messages at 140530H and 140800H. APCs are to be provided for protection of the WHAM vehicle.

4. Administration and Logistics

a. Rations.

- (1) All pls to carry one 24 hour ration pack.
- (2) 60 rations are to be carried for the Vietnamese in sp.

b. Water. Each man is to carry at least three filled water bottles when he leaves the base area. There will be a resupply on 14 Feb.

c. Medical.

- (1) The RMO is to travel with Bn HQ.
- (2) The RMO is to conc all med orderlies at Bn HQ to assist in the MEDCAP.

d. Stores.

(1) The acting OC Admin Coy is to arrange for the fol stores to be loaded into two trucks.

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| (a) | Filled water jerrycans 96. | 48 of these are to be distributed by the RSM 7 to the interrogation compounds and 48 are to be held as unit res. |
| (b) | Tables FS 4                |  |
| (c) | Small tables 16            |  |
| (d) | Forms dining tent 20       | For the interpreters.  |
| (e) | Chairs 16                  |  |
| (f) | Loud hailers 4.            | Controlled by IO.  |

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- (g) Tents Outer (16x16) 8 For compounds
  - (h) Five section Marquee 1 This must be laced complete with walls. up prior to loading
  - (i) Hessian screening Sufficient for four toilets.
  - (j) Wiring stores, picquets and tape Sufficient quantity to construct the required compounds
  - (k) Vietnamese signs Pl Sgt Aslt Pnr Pl to advise. For the entrances to the compounds.
  - (1) 60 combat rat to be loaded into the CP veh
- (2) CP tent and stores are to be loaded onto one truck  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton.
- (3) The RSM is to check all stores prior to loading.
- (4) The stores are to be loaded by 131700H.
- (5) The IO will distribute the rations to National Policemen, Interrogators etc.

e. Transport.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under comd from 131600H until rel by 3 TCVs 5 RAR at approx 140800H

(b) Under comd from 141600H until rel by 5 RAR at approx 141800H

14 TCVs

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1

1. 3 TCVs and one truck  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton report to the QM at 131600H to be loaded with stores.

11. The loaded vehs are to remain in the tpt compound on the ni 13/14 Feb

(b) Phase 2 2 trucks  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton at 131745H to join D Coy APCs on CANBERRA Ave.

(c) Phase 4

1. Stores veh, CP veh, gun ships and CA vehs move from tpt lines at 140700H to 441593.

11. The transport officer is to coordinate the move.

111. The stores vehs are to return to the base locs when they are released by 5 RAR following the unloading at XA AN NHUT.

(d) Phase 5. One veh plus a gun ship is to be allocated to the band to move it from the tpt lines at approx 140830H to Bn HQ at 461599.

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(e) Phase 6

1. On orders from the Bn HQ and at approx 141600H:

(i) Six TCVs to move to 456598 and embus B Coy. Vehs to line out to the EAST of the b.r.

(ii) Six TCVs to move to b.r 464597 and embus C Coy. Vehs to line out to the EAST of the B.r.

(iii) Two TCVs to move to Bn HQ at 461599 to load stores.

11. The transport officer is to control the mov of all wheeled vehs.

111. The mov back to the base area will be advised by Bn HQ.

(f) Embussing Offr. Maj MILLER is appointed embussing offr to control the embussing of A Coy D Coy and Bn HQ at 131800H.

5. Command and Signals

(a) Bn Tac HQ

(1) Move with Bn HQ except for Phase 3 when it will move into the cordon position at 140200H between A Coy and D Coy.

(2) Bn Tac HQ is to consist of CO, COs operator and batman, BC, BC operators, IO and batman, COs escort and two RPs.

(b) Bn HQ

(1) The AQ Cell is NOT required.  
(2) Phase 1. Remain in the Base area.

(3) Phase 2.

(a) RV with 6 APCs at the junc CANBERRA Ave/Route TL 2 at 131800H.

(b) Move behind A Coy to the airstrip 475600.

(c) Remain in the APC until it is dark, keep the noise to a minimum and do not light fires.

(4) Phase 3. Remain at 475600.

(5) Phase 4.

(a) Move in APC to 461599 at approx 140700H.

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(b) Assist the Aslt Pnr Pl with unloading and preparation of stores for construction of compounds.

(c) Provide sentries and guards for the whole of the interrogation area.

(6) Phase 5. Remain in the same loc.

(7) Phase 6. RV with APCs at 461598 and return to base.

c. Coord of Interrogation Area. The IO 5 RAR is to coord and be responsible for activities of the Det 1 ATF CA Sect and the Det 1 Div Int Unit.

d. Liaison Officers

1. XA LONG DIEN 431596

(a) 2IC Sp Coy is nominated as LO.

(b) He is to report to the 5 RAR morlines at 130700H and then move with an interpreter and operator in the Mor APCs to XA LONG DIEN.

(c) He is to tell pers in the village that he has been placed in the sub sector HQ as LO for the 5 RAR Operation SOUTH of TAN PHUOC.

(d) Details of mov back to base will be advised.

2. XA TAM PHUOC 451584

(a) 2IC C Coy is appointed as LO.

(b) He is to report to the 5 RAR Mor Lines at 130700H and then move with an interpreter and operator in the Mor APCs to XA TAM PHUOC.

(c) He is to ensure that B Coy and C Coy have an unopposed move to the RV at 454586 at approx 132200H.

(d) He is to tell pers in the village that he is there to coord the unit ops to the SOUTH of XA TAM PHUOC.

(e) He is to be escorted to C Coy on 14 Feb by a Sect from C Coy.

3. DAT DO 477597

(a) 2IC A Coy is nominated as LO.

(b) He is to move with A Coy to the airstrip at 475600 and then by foot with an interpreter and operator to the compound at 477597. He is to tell the DAT DO sub sector HQ he is to coordinate activities for the cordon of DAT DO NORTH.

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(c) He is to move to Bn HQ from XA AN NHUT when ordered by Bn HQ.

4. Brs 456598 467597 471598

(a) The RSM, WO2 TAYLOR and Sgt BENSON each with an interpreter and operator are to act as LOs at the ARVN br garrison 456598, 467597 and 471598.

(b) The party of 9 are to travel in two trucks  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton in rear of D Coy and are to take up position on the brs only if they are manned.

(c) Each of the parties posted are to ensure that the ARVN posts do not fire on the approaching cordon parties.

(d) Move back to Bn HQ at 140700H.

5. The IO is to arrange for the interpreters to accompany all LOs.

e. Radio

(1) Current SOI will apply.

(2) Bn Comd Net Frequency. Main 37.80 Alternate 55.10

(3) Additions to the Bn Comd Net:

(a) From 130700H - 2IC Sp Coy in XA LONG DIEN callsign 64

(b) From 130700H - 2IC C Coy in XA TAM PHUOC - callsign 65.

(c) From 130700H - 2IC A Coy in DAT DO - callsign 66.

(d) From 131800H - RSM at 456598 - callsign 67.

(e) From 131800H - WO2 TAYLOR at 467597 - callsign 67A.

(f) From 131800H Sgt BENSON at 471598 - callsign 67B.

(g) From 131100H - 5 RAR Base - callsign 95.

(h) From 130700H - A Sqn 3 Cav Regt - callsign T9.

(i) As required - psywar ac, H13 161 Recce Flt, FAC

(j) From 130700H - Mor sect - callsign 81.

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(4) Additions to A Coy Net.

(a) From 131600H - Recce Pl - callsign 61.

(b) From 131600H - One pl 1 ARU - callsign INDIA 1.

(5) The RSO is to ensure that SIX sigs with radio sets AN/PRC 25, report to the LOs in time to accompany them when they leave the base.

f. Codes, Points of Origin, Q Hours. Ass issued.

g. Line. No line is to be laid.

h. Nicknames. Effective from 130700H until cancelled by future issue.

<u>Nickname</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Issued By</u>
RATTLE SNAKE	Move/Moving	) All callsigns.
WINE SONG	Clearing ptls out	
RAT PACK	Clearing ptls in.	
SMALL DOG	Stand To.	
BIG GHOST	Stand down.	
HOT BLOOD	Ambush.	
BAR BELL	Lift Ambush	
COOL SPOT	Harbour	
DRY GULCH	Cordon in position	
PICNIC POINT	B Coy and C Coy RV 454586	
BRIGHT N BEACH	B Coy and C Coy harbour 453573	

Ack Instrs ACK

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CO AOD.

ANNEXES

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ANNEX A TO  
5 RAR OPO 5/67  
DATED 11 FEB 67

GENERAL ENEMY USE OF THE AREA

1. AN NHUT lies in the centre of the richest rice producing area of PHUOC TUY. Consequently it plays an important role in the provision of supplies for the 5th VC Division and for D445 Battalion. Its proximity to the LONG HAI hills has made it one of the support bases for the C 25 (LONG DAT) District Company. AN NHUT is sited in an excellent position for gathering information on both LONG DIEN and DAT DO District Headquarters and VC intelligence elements have been reported in the village from time to time.

ENEMY ACTIVITIES IN AN NHUT

2. It is thought that some thirty members of the village have been engaged in hostile activities. Several men are away with D 445 Battalion and others with C 25 Company. The VC village organisation includes a food protection cell, a proselytising cell, a women's cell and a guerilla squad. The guerilla squad is supported by a labour section, a recruit section and a provision section. The squads main task is reconnaissance for D 445 Battalion. The squad has a rendezvous at CAY DA (YS 465620). The LONG DAT VC District Party Committee runs annual re-orientation courses at MINH DAM mountain (YS 458536) usually in June and July. Attendance at these courses has been obligatory for all active VC in AP NHUT. On 19 Nov 66 the village chief of AN NHUT was murdered by the VC.

3. The instructional staff at the last course included:

BA NAM	- Phuoc Tuy Military Proselyting Cadre
CUONG	- Long Dien District Cadre
SON	- Phuoc Tuy Military Proselyting Cadre
BA DIEU	- (Female) Youth Cadre, Phuoc Bui village, Xuyen Moc District
THI NGUYET	- (Female) Born in Long My
BA TUYET	- (Female) Phuoc Tuy Production Cell
SAU NGOC	- (Female) " " " "
BA THUAN	- Chau Duc District Cadre
BAY DUC	- Born at LONG MY (Guerilla)
NGOC	- Born at AN NGAI

4. The AN NHUT Village organisation includes the following:

Village Party Chapter :	MAC VAN A, (alias HUNG), born in AN NHUT
Finance and Economy :	DA (Alias BA CHI)
Village Unit Commender:	DUNG (Alias THUAN) born at AN NHUT carries a carbine
Village Farmers' Association Leader :	CU (Alias HIEU)
Village Female Youth leader :	NGUYEN THI TU (alias HONG) Born at AN NHUT



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Guerilla Squad Leader : QUYEN  
Guerillas : CU (alias CHANH) carries  
a Russian rifle  
NGUYET VAN DOI  
NGUYEN VAN DANG (Alias XUAN)  
Main Force Member: from  
AN NHUT : PHAM VAN THAI. (Alias NHA)

POSSIBLE ENEMY ACTION ON THE APPROACHES

5. The approach from DAT DO is unlikely to be molested. However there is a possibility that the VC expect us to be cordoning the Northern side of DAT DO at this time and small elements of enemy may be encountered on the Northern side of Route 23.
6. The approach from TAM PHUOC is more dangerous, because TAM PHUOC is under a marked degree of VC control, because the village lies close to the LONG HAI hills and the C 25 Company base, and because D 445 Battalion frequently operates in TAM PHUOC. The knoll DINH CO (YS 441575) is used as a base by C 25 Company.
7. Recent contacts in the TAM PHUOC area are:
  - 7 Dec 66 - One VC Coy contacted at YS 441571
  - One VC pl contacted at YS 431569
  - 8 Dec 66 - One VC pl contacted at YS 441571
  - 9 Dec 66 - TAM PHUOC Compound attacked by D 445 Bn
  - 10 Dec 66 - 25 rds 60 mm mortar fired into TAM PHUOC from YS 456570
  - 18 Dec 66 - 150 VC from D 445 Bn at YS 441575
  - 6-8 Jan 67 - One VC pl at YS 445580
  - 14 Jan 67 - Road block at YS 425571
8. The village of AN NGAI contains some thirty VC consequently the passage through that area may produce a minor contact.
9. Recent reports of Main Force reconnaissance around DAT DO suggest that 275 Regt is planning an attack on an outpost, probably within DAT DO or PHUOC LOI, in the near future. Consequently there is a slim possibility that the cordon and search of AN NHUT may coincide with, or precipitate, a large main force attack.

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ANNEX B TO 5 RAR  
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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Serial	Date Time	Event
(a)	(b)	(c)
1	130700	Mor sect and LO parties depart in APCs.
2		Two interpreters from 1 Div Int unit report to IO.
3	130900	Orders.
4	130900	Engr combat teams report to B Coy and C Coy.
5		HL3, FAC in Sp.
6	131100	Lt fire team in sp
7		US arty in sp and at pri call.
8		2 APCs report to B Coy and C Coy.
9	131200	B Coy and C Coy move to 453573.
10	131600	One pl 1 ARU reports to A Coy Recce Pl under comd A Coy.
11		OC Det 1 Div Int unit reports to IO 5 RAR
12		3 TCVs report to QM.
13	131700	CIVIL ACTION team report with vehs loaded.
14	131745	WHAM veh reports to SP. D Coy RV with APCs in
15		D Coy lines. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt under comd.
16	131800	2 x $\frac{1}{4}$ ton vehs RV with D Coy APCs.
17		5 RAR less B Coy and C Coy embusses and moves from SP.
18	131845	B r LCs in position.
19	131900	5 RAR less B Coy and C Coy in league at airstrip 475600
20		DAT DO LO moves into the village.
21	132200	B and C Coy move to RV at PICNIC POINT.
22	140200	Bn Tac HQ and all Coys move to cordon position.
23	140400	Cordon in position.
24	140530	Psywar ac broadcasts over XA AN NHUT.

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(a)	(b)	(c)
25	140700	Bn HQ (-) moves by APC to 461599
26		Lt fire team in sp
27		Veh convoy from the base area departs for 461599.
28		Recce Pl moves to Bn HQ.
29		B.r LOs move to Bn HQ.
30		Mor sect moves to Bn HQ.
31		Coys det med orderlies to the RMO at Bn HQ.
32	140800	Psywar ac broadcasts over XA AN NHUT.
33		Interrogators and 1 Div Int unit arrive at Bn HQ.
34		APCs move to pick up National Police.
35		APCs move ARVN Coy to cordon positions.
36	140830	Chieu Hoi Sector rep arrive.
37		Band moves from base area.
38		6 National Police to each B Coy and C Coy.
39	141000	B Coy and C Coy start the search of village.
40		A Coy and D Coy search behind their area.
41	141600	14 TCVs report to XA AN NHUT.
42		Recce Pl reverts to A Coy.
43		All coys return to base - on orders.

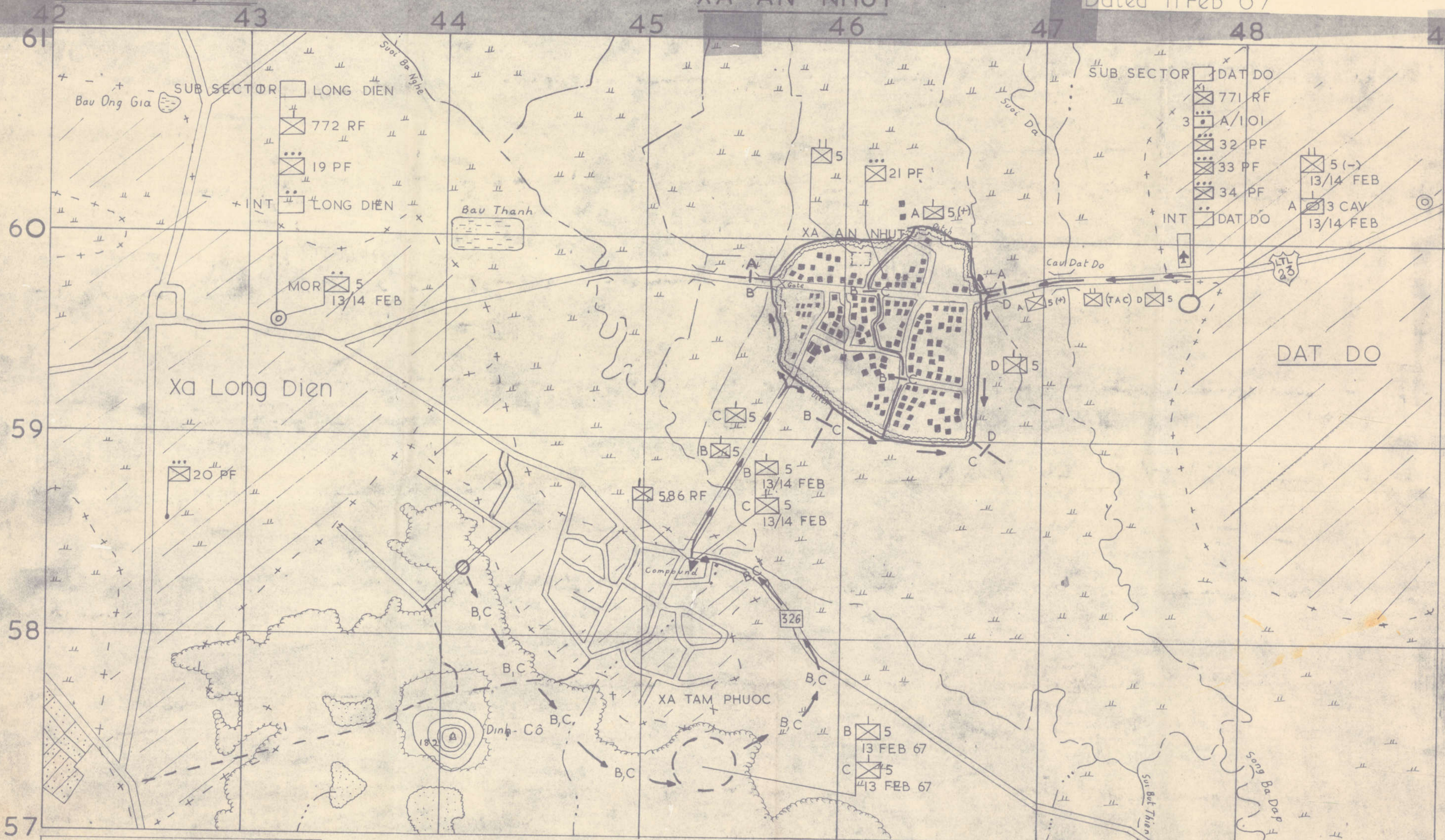
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# ROUTES, CORDON POSITIONS, LOCATIONS

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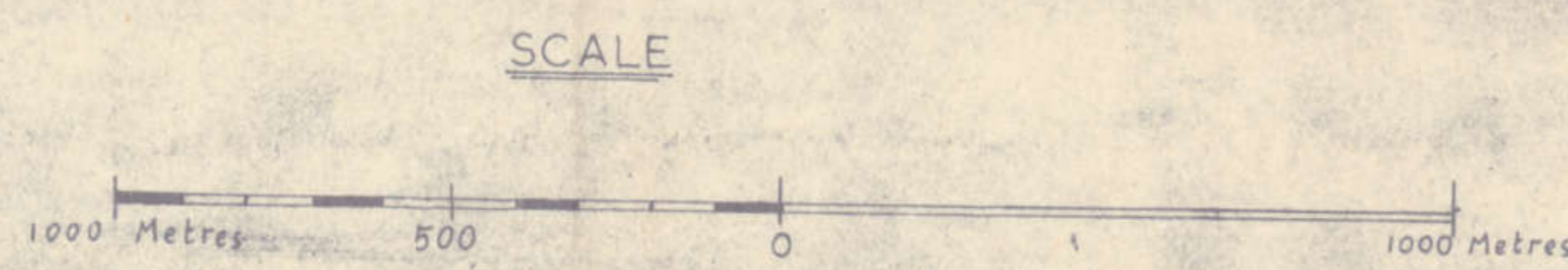
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 Brushwood [Symbol]  
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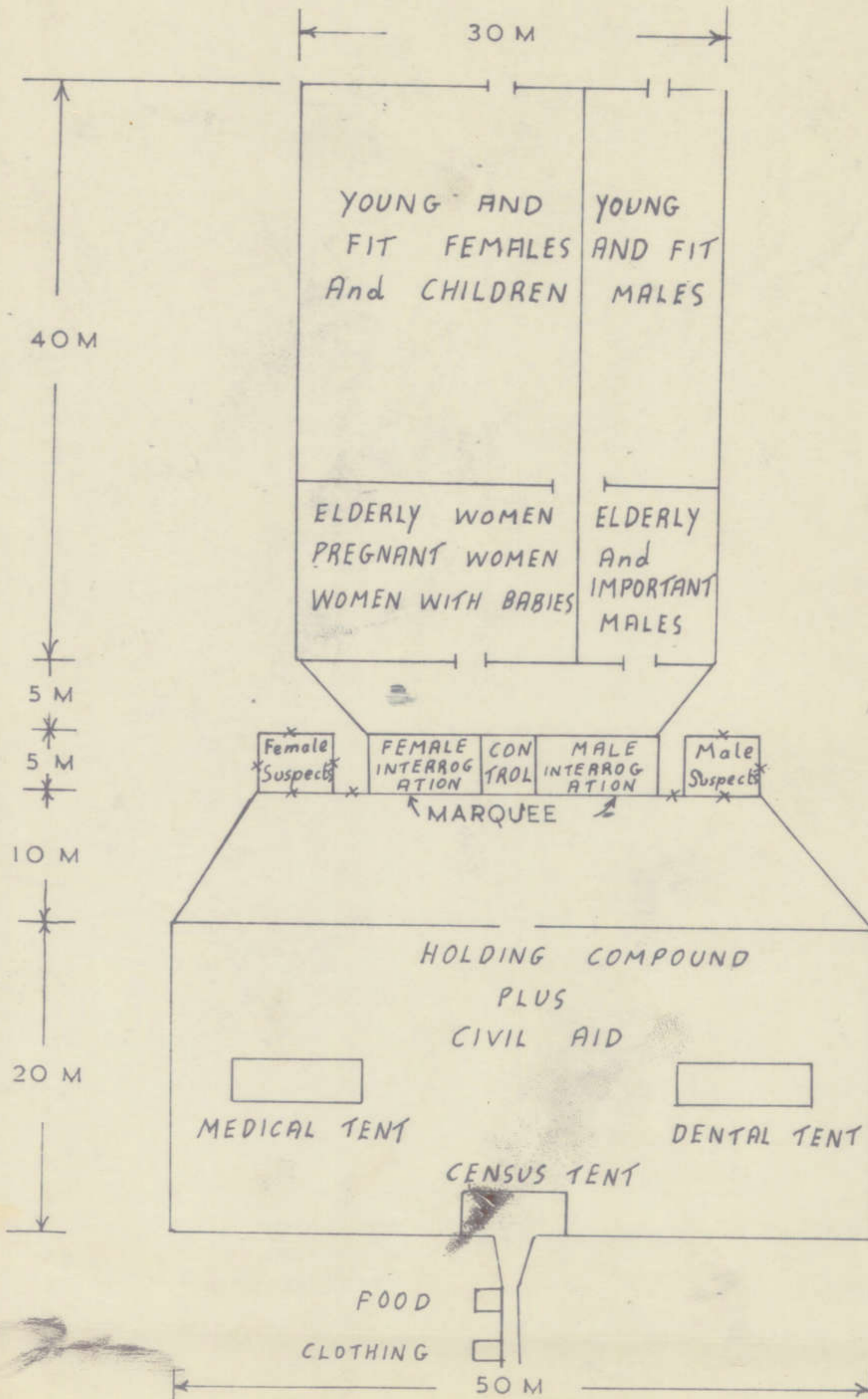
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INTERROGATION AREA



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OP INSTR 4/67 (OP BEAUMARIS)

To: Lt Col J.A. Warr, CO 5 RAR

1. SIT

a. En Forces. Annex A.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 6 RAR is to cont ptls of 1 ATF TAOR.

(2) Sector Forces are to cooperate by moving eligible males and females to the interrogation area.

c. Atts and Dets.

(1) Under comd from 130700H	Two mortar APCs
(2) Under comd from 130900H	Two combat engr teams
(3) Under comd from 131100H	A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
(4) Under comd from 131600H	One pl 1 ARU Det 1 Div Int Unit 1 ATF CA Sect Three TCVs
(5) Under comd from 141600H	14 TCVs
(6) Remaining in DS	103 Fd Bty
(7) In sp at pri call from 131100H	1/83 Arty A Bty 2/35 Arty
(8) In sp from 130900H	One H13 161 Recce Flt One FAC
(9) In sp from 131100H	Lt fire team
(10) In sp from 140530H	One psywar ac
(11) In sp from 140800H	One ARVN or RF Unit 12 Police Interrogators Chieu Hois Vietnamese Info Svc pers

2. MSN. You are to:

- Cordon and search the village of AN NHUT YS 4659.
- Interrogate all eligible males and females in the village.
- Eliminate all VC from the village.

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3. EXEC.a. Tasks in Gen.

- (1) You are to move from 1 ATF base area by APC during 13 Feb 67.
- (2) You are to carry out such civic action and civil affairs activities as can be done while the cordon, search and interrogation is being done.

b. Tasks in Particular.

- (1) You are to release A Sqn 3 Cav Regt by 140900H Feb 67 for a sweep of the area bounded by 45 to 48 Eastings and from 56 to 60 Northings. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt is to remain in radio contact and be avail for return mov from 141530H Feb 67.
- (2) You are to position an LO at LONG DIEN Sub Sector HQ and such other LOs as considered nec for the security of your mov.
- (3) You are to pick up police, interrogators, VIS pers and the ARVN/RF unit by APC at LONG DIEN sub sector HQ at 140800H Feb 67.

4. ADMIN AND LOGa. Gen. You are responsible for all admin except for:

- (1) Tpt requirements.
- (2) Evac of detainees.

b. Tpt.(1) IF Tpt. Det 1 Tpt Pl 1 Coy RAASC.

(a) Three trucks 2½ ton under comd 5 RAR from 131600H until rel PM 14 Feb 67.

(b) RV. Admin Coy 5 RAR.

(c) Task. Carriage of stores.

(2) ALSG Tpt.

(a) 14 Trucks 2½ ton under comd 5 RAR from 141600H until rel PM 14 Feb 67.

(b) RV. Seven TCVs to YS 456598 at 1600 hrs.  
Seven TCVs to YS 467597 at 1600 hrs.

(c) Task. Carriage of inf during return mov.

c. Detainees

(1) Any detainees caught by the cordon will be evac to 10 MID by RAAF hel.

(2) Any suspects picked up during the interrogation will be evac under sector arrangements.

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5. COMD AND SIG. NO change to SOIs.


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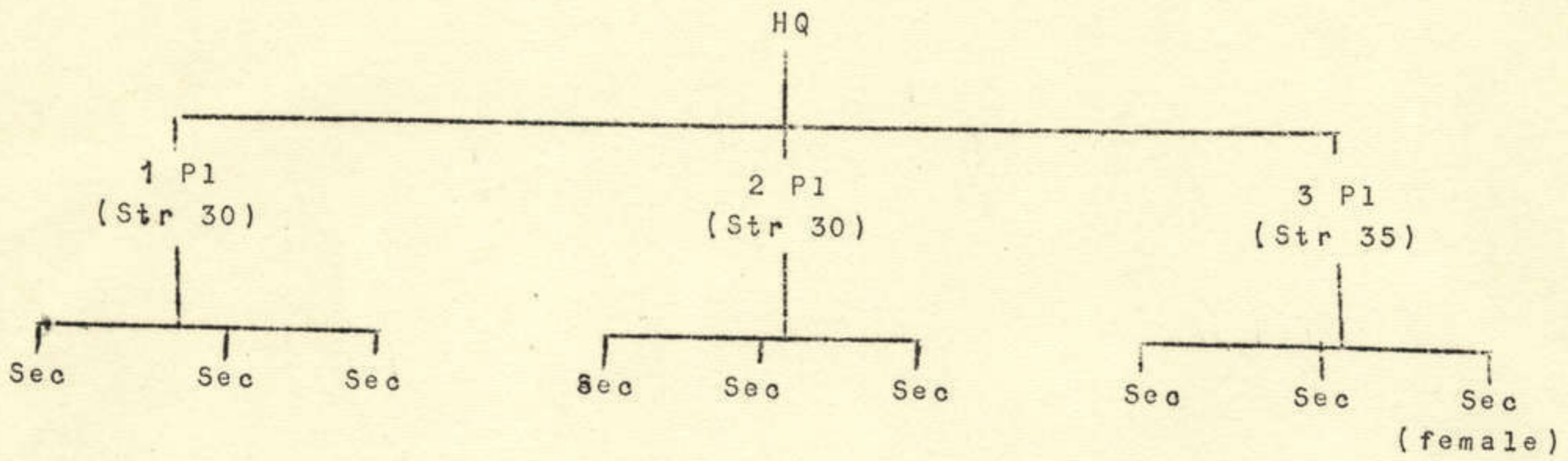
1. AN NHUT is on the fringe of the GVN controlled area of PHUOC TUY, but is largely VC dominated. Domination is maintained by a continuous VC presence in and around the village, and the local RF Coy has become ineffective. The VC forces which have made this possible are:-
  - a. D445 Bn which has operated extensively in the area around AN NHUT and was positively located in the area as recently as 17 Dec 66. There have been many reports of this unit being in the area since the beginning of Feb 67.
  - b. The LONG DAT District Coy C25. The organisation of this company is shown at Appendix 1. This company is usually located in the LONG HAI Peninsula.
  - c. The AN NHUT village VC organisation (Appendix 2). Little is known of this infrastructure, however, strength of the guerilla squad is believed to be about 10.
2. In addition to these VC forces the village contains many families and friends of VC soldiers who live outside the village. These people are largely VC sympathisers and contribute to the overall VC hold on the village.
3. VC activities in the AN NHUT area have been:
  - a. Acts of terrorism such as the murder of the hamlet chief on 19 Nov 66; an increase in these activities was ordered by the District Committee as recently as Jan 67.
  - b. Destruction of roads and bridges.
  - c. Collection of intelligence.
  - d. Collection of food and other supplies.
  - e. Collection of taxes.
4. Members of VC units who have families in AN NHUT are thought to visit their families regularly and this is likely to have increased over the current TET holiday period.
5. Friendly forces operating in the area of AN NHUT are likely to make contact with AN NHUT village guerillas, guerillas from other villages in the area, and members of Group 84. Contact with the regional coy C25 and D445 Bn is also possible but it is unlikely that these forces will seek a major battle. VC initiated incidents are likely to be limited to sniping, booby trapping and mining, particularly of withdrawal routes.

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ORG OF C25  
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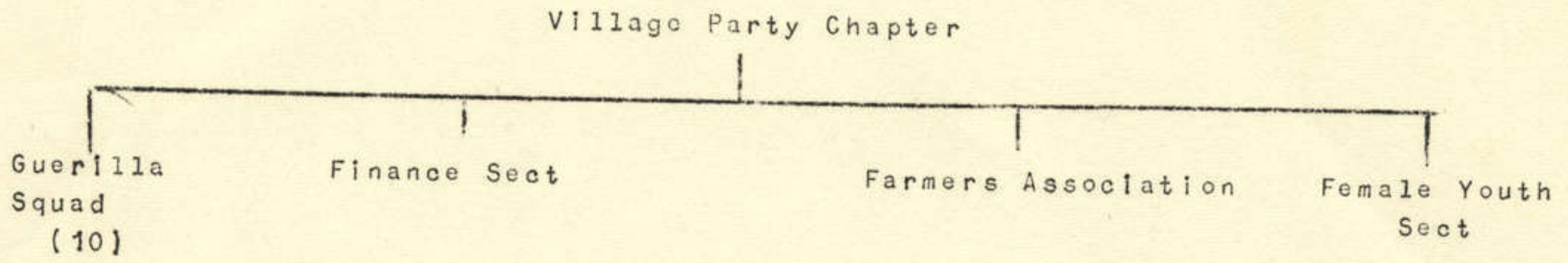
Weapons: 5 BARs, 10 Thompson SMGs, 13 x .30 M1 Carbines,  
2 Grenade Launchers (unspecified)

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AN NHUT VC ORG  
(as at 10 Feb 67)



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150800Z Feb 67

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Op Instr 6/67 (Op DALBY)

To: Lt Col C.M. Townsend, CO 6 RAR

1. Sit.

- a. En Forces. No change from Op TAMBORINE.
- b. Friendly Forces. 5 RAR Is to cont pt1 of the TAOR.
- c. Atts and Dets.
  - (1) Under comd from 160600H A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
  - (2) In DS from 160630H 101 Fd Bty
  - (3) In DS from 160700H One H13
  - (4) In sp from 160600H Combat Engr Team
  - (5) In sp from 160700H Two airmobile coys (1t)  
One Lt Fire Team  
One comd and con ac
  - (6) On call from 160700H Two UH1B RAAF

2. Men.

- a. You are to conduct a search and destroy op in the area between DAT DO YS 490600 and NUI DAT YS 4868.
- b. You are to revise and practise techniques of heliborne aslts.

3. Exec.

a. Concept of ops.

- (1) A Sqn departs arca of 1 ATF base at 160630H.
- (2) Air aslt into unsecure LZ prep by arty and Lt Fire Teams 160700H.
- (3) Commence search and destroy ops 160730H.
- (4) Report AO by heli and APC.

b. Tasks.

- (1) Gen. You are to conduct a search and destroy op in the area bounded by Eastings 47-51 and Northings 615-68.
- (2) In Particular.
  - (a) You are to conduct a heliborne aslt into an insecure LZ on 16 Feb 67.

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(b) You are to conduct a search and destroy op to the EAST of TL 52 and NORTH of the 615 Northing.

(c) You are to rel A Sqn for a search and destroy sweep to the WEST of TL 52 and in the area NORTH of LONG TAN YS 4865.

4. Admin and Log.

a. Gen. You are responsible for all admin other than:

(1) Air sp.

(2) Evac of detainees/PW.

5. Comd and Sig. NO change from SOI.

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152400H Feb 67

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

PERIOD 16 FEB TO 27 MAR 67

General

1. The concepts described in the annexes attached are, at this stage, purely embryo. If certain outside assistance is not available the operations will be either deferred, cancelled or the concept will be varied.

Op Dalby. 16 Feb 67

2. One battalion group search and destroy operation in the area, centre of mass YS 4962.
3. Detail Annex A.

Op Renmark. 18 to 24 Feb 67

4. One battalion group search and destroy operation in the area, centre of mass YS 4753.
5. Detail Annex B.

Op Ulmarra. 24 to 26 Feb 67.

6. A task force cordon and search operation at PHUOC HAI, YS 5153.
7. Detail Annex C.

Op Toorak. 3 to 10 Mar 67

8. A task force search and destroy operation in the area, centre of mass, YS 3576.
9. Detail Annex D.

Op Portsea. Approximately 15-27 Mar 67

10. A task force operation in conjunction with US and ARVN forces in the area, centre of mass YS 5774.
11. The operation will have two tasks:
  - a. Search and destroy.
  - b. Resettlement of squatters in the area, centre of mass YS 5377.
12. Detail Annex E.

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Op Parramatta.

13. Latest intelligence indicates a search and destroy operation along the lines of the concept of Op Parramatta would not yield the results of Op Portsea. For this reason it is proposed to defer Op Parramatta in favour of Op Portsea.

14. If the US Marine BLT is available after the relief of 1 ATF and if the intelligence is favourable, Op Parramatta will be reconsidered.

Orders and Instructions.

15. 1 ATF will issue orders and instructions on the above operations once the required support is guaranteed.

3 SAS Sqn

16. Concentrate efforts on areas SARAH and WENDY as a prelude to operations in that area.

17. Specific information required is:

- a. Availability of water.
- b. Location of main tracks and any installations.
- c. Type of VC in the area.

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- Annexes:
- A. Op Dalby - 16 Feb 67
  - B. Op Renmark - 18 to 24 Feb 67
  - C. Op Ulmarra - 24 to 26 Feb 67
  - D. Op Toorak - 3 to 10 Mar 67
  - E. Op Portsea - on or about 15 Mar 67

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ANNEX A TO 1 ATF  
CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS  
R659-1-22 of 1 Feb 67

OP DALBY - 16 FEB 67

Serial	Units Participating		Basic Timings	Concept of Operations
	1 ATF Units	Supporting Units		
1.	6 RAR with Under command A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.	Two airmobile coys Light fire team	160630H	A Sqn 3 Cav Regt plus two companies, mortars and combat engineer team departs base area.
2.	In direct support 101 Fd Bty.		160700H	Air assault in area of operations.
3.	In support Combat engr team		160730H	Commence search of area.
4.	One H13		161700H	Quit area by helicopter (one airmobile company) and APC.

Notes.

1. 1 Fd Sqn is to have engineer backup on LZ WOMBAT on 30 minutes notice to move.
2. 5 RAR is to assume control of Southern road block.
3. A0 bounded by 47 to 51 Easting and from Northing 615 to Southern TAOR boundary is required from 160700H to 171900H Feb 67.

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ANNEX B TO 1 ATF  
CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS  
R569-1-22 of 15 Feb 67

OP RENMARK - 18 TO 24 FEB 67

Serial	Units Participating		Basic Timings	Concept of Operations
	1 ATF Units	Supporting Units		
1.	5 RAR with under command Tp 1 Fd Sqn In direct support 103 Fd Bty  in support and under command for movement A Sqn 3 Cav Regt In support at priority call 1/83 Arty one H13	<u>ALSG</u> 15 TCV	180600H	B52 strike time on target not later than 180600H.
2.			180700H	Air land one rifle company, vicinity YS486559, using RAAF helicopters. Task secure fire support base.
3.		<u>RAAF</u> Helicopter lift for 1 rifle company	180800H	Air land 103 Fd Bty once fire support base secure, using CH47.
4.		<u>US</u> CH47 to lift one field battery	180900H	Move 5 RAR (-) to debussing area, vicinity YS443585, using APC and TCV.
5.		CH47 daily resupply gun ammunition	181000H approximately	Release TCV. HQ 5 RAR plus mortars plus protective element move to fire sp base in APC.
6.			181030H approximately	A Sqn 3 Cav Regt released to in sp. A Sqn to have under command one combat engr team and one rifle platoon. Task of this group is to patrol the Eastern edge of the mountain mass.
7.			181000H to 241200H	5 RAR is to conduct search and destroy mission in AO. Element of HQ 5 RAR should join with a rifle company by last light 23 Feb, on foot, for Op ULMARRA.
8.			241200H	Concentrate for Op ULMARRA vicinity YS490510. A Sqn to be repositioned at fire support base.

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Notes

1. Engr back up may be at LZ WOMBAT or fire support base.
2. The combat engineer team with A Sqn should come from engineer troop with 5 RAR. The team must be equipped with mine detection equipment.
3. Once concentrated for Op ULMARRA no aircraft is to be permitted into area, emergencies except.

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ANNEX C TO 1 ATF  
CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS  
R569-1-22 of 15 Feb 67

OP ULMARRA - 24 TO 26 FEB 67

Serial	Units Participating		Basic Timings	Concept of Operations
	1 ATF Units	Supporting Units		
1.	1 ATF to include 5 RAR 6 RAR A Sqn 3 Cav Regt 1 Fd Regt (-)	<u>ALSG</u> Two LSM 10 TCV	241700H	LSM loaded with 1 Fd Sqn (-), defence stores, cordon stores, HQ 1 ATF and HQ Coy 1 ATF. The tactical HQ is to use armoured command vehicles on board the LSM. HQ element to load at either BARIA hard, YS3757 or VUNG TAU.
2.	1 Fd Sqn (-)	<u>RAAF</u> Helicopter lift for resupply and suspect evacuation	241930H	5 RAR is to depart concentration area, vicinity YS490510. Axis of advance track YS490511 to YS502529 to YS510530. HQ 1 ATF offshore.
3.		<u>US</u> CH47 for resupply of gun ammunition and water	242130H	6 RAR minus two companies is to air assault land at approximately YS525538 and YS514544, using four airmobile companies.
4.		Four airmobile companies for night assault landings	242200H	Cordon is to be established. A Sqn plus HQ 5 RAR is to move to area of cordon and patrol outside cordon. Drop HQ 5 RAR with 5 RAR. Psywar effort to commence.
5.		Psywar aircraft One airmobile company for extraction	250100H	Beach LSM. 1 Fd Sqn (-) and HQ Coy 1 ATF are to commence construction of interrogation area vicinity YS5254. HQ 1 ATF land in Armoured Command Vehicles.
6.			250730H	ARVN to arrive to commence round up of inhabitants. One company of 6 RAR to air land at fire support base and to come under command A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. A Sqn to patrol area around PHUOC HAI. Tp 1 Fd Sqn with 5 RAR revert to squadron control.
7.			250830H approximately	Male suspects evacuated by LSM to BARIA hard. TCV to ferry suspects to BARIA Stadium.

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Serial	Units Participating		Basic Timings	Concept of Operations
	1 ATF Units	Supporting Units		
8.			<del>2</del> 50830H to <del>0</del> 61700H approximately	Cordon, search, interrogation of people of PHUOC HAI village.
9.			<del>0</del> 61700H	One airmobile company plus RAAF helicopters required for extraction of force. LSMs to return to Vung Tau

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ANNEX D TO 1 ATF  
CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS  
R569-1-22 of 15 Feb 67

OP TOORAK - 3 TO 10 MAR 67

Serial	Units Participating		Basic Timings	Concept of Operations
	1 ATF Units	Supporting Units		
1.	1 ATF to include 5 RAR 6 RAR A Sqn 3 Cav Regt	<u>ALS6</u> 30 TCV	030800H	1 and 3 SAS Sqns to move to area of operations. Tasks to patrol EAST of 1 ATF base area, Crossings over SU01 DA BANG completed, vicinity YS4065.
2.	1 Fd Regt 1 Fd Sqn (-) 1 and 3 SAS Sqns	<u>RAAF</u> Helicopter lift for one rifle company	030900H	6 RAR move by TCV to SW corner of BINH BA rubber plantation, vicinity YS4373. Commence move to area of operations on foot via SU01 DA DEN.
3.		<u>US</u> VH47 to lift two field batteries	040600H	B52 strike. Time over target not later than 040600H
4.		CH47 for daily ammunition resupply	040900H	One company 5 RAR air assault land fire support base vicinity YS3670.
5.			041000H	Air land 1 Fd Regt (-) once fire support base secure, using CH47. 5 RAR (-) plus A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn (-) to move to area of operations.
6.			041400H to 201700H approximately	Search allotted area of operations. 1 Fd Sqn to prepare crossings over the rivers in square YS3868. 5 RAR to have one company as task force reserve at fire support base. A Sqn is to attempt, with 5 RAR and engineer support, to gain access to HAT DICH gardens, centre of mass YS3577.

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ANNEX E TO 1 ATF  
CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS  
R569-1-22 of 15 Feb 67

OP PORTSEA - ON OR ABOUT 15 MAR 67

Serial	Units Participating		Basic Timings	Concept of Operations
	1 ATF Units	Supporting Units		
1.	1 ATF to include 5 RAR 6 RAR	<u>ALSG</u> 20 TCVs	141500H	Air assault landing one company 6 RAR to secure fire support base vicinity YS5168.
2.	A Sqn 3 Cav Regt 1 Fd Regt	<u>RAAF</u> Helicopter lift for up to three companies	141700H	Air land two field batteries by CH47 once base is secured.
3.	1 Fd Sqn 1 and 3 Sas Sqn		150600H	B52 strikes. Time over target not later than 150600H.
4.			From 150700H onwards	Air assault landing 5 RAR vicinity YS5872.
5.		<u>US</u> CH47 to lift two field batteries CH47 for daily ammunition and water supply		HQ 1 ATF, HQ 173d Bde and fire support base of 173d Bde air landed vic YS5872.
6.		Four airmobile companies for air assault of 5 RAR		Para land one battalion 173d Bde vicinity YS6080.
7.		Four Roman Ploughs are required for road clearance route 327 from YS548777 to YS594765.		Air assault land two battalions 173d Bde YS6080.
8.				ARVN battalion to construct and wire hamlet vicinity YS4678.
9.				A Sqn with 2nd ARVN battalion to sweep and pacify area centre of mass YS5377. ARVN battalion to be responsible to resettle VN families in area.
10.				1 and 3 SAS Sqs to provide surveillance area centre of mass YS5380
11.				A Sqn with 6 RAR (-) to sweep along Route 327, provide protection for 1 Fd Sqn and link with 173d Bde. 6 RAR (-) to clear area centre of mass YS570760.

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Serial	Units Participating		Basic Timings	Concept of Operations
	1 ATF Units	Supporting Units		
12.				ARVN to patrol WEST of 1 ATF Base area.

Notes.

1. Four Roman Ploughs are required to assist 1 Fd Sqn with clearance of route 327. Ploughs should be equipped with spares and manned.
2. Concept depends on availability of 173d Bde and three ARVN battalions.

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**LEGEND - CHÚ GIẢI**  
 MAP INFORMATION AS OF 1965  
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Dense forest or jungle indicates more than 25 percent of ground is concealed by canopy with undergrowth generally impassable on foot. Clear forest indicates more than 25 percent of ground is concealed by canopy with undergrowth generally passable on foot. Vegetation classified by office identification from aerial photography. Không rậm rạp hay phủ kín chỉ rậm rạp cây bụi phủ mặt đất ít hơn 25% lớp thảm thực vật cây bụi và phủ dưới rừng có thể đi qua được. Thảm thực vật loại rừng không rậm rạp chỉ rậm rạp cây bụi phủ mặt đất ít hơn 25% lớp thảm thực vật cây bụi và phủ dưới rừng có thể đi qua được. Thảm thực vật loại rừng không rậm rạp chỉ rậm rạp cây bụi phủ mặt đất ít hơn 25% lớp thảm thực vật cây bụi và phủ dưới rừng có thể đi qua được.

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**ROADS - ĐƯỜNG SÁ**  
 All weather, hard surface, two or more lanes wide  
 All weather, loose or light surface, two or more lanes wide  
 All weather, hard surface, one lane wide  
 Fair or dry weather, loose surface, one lane wide  
 Fair or dry weather, loose surface, one lane wide  
 Dirt track - đường đất  
 Footpath - đường mòn, đường bộ hành

**ROUTE MARKERS - DẤU HIỆU ĐƯỜNG SÁ**  
 National, International  
 Provincial, Communal or other  
 (Tỉnh lộ, Hương lộ hay khác)

**RAILROADS - ĐƯỜNG YẾ LẮA**  
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 Normal gauge, double track  
 Normal gauge, single track  
 Light gauge, one meter, 33 1/8" wide, Station  
 Light gauge, double track  
 Airfield - All weather, Seasonal  
 Sân bay Đường quanh năm, Trường mùa

**WATER - CẤP GIỚI**  
 Canal - Cánh cấp  
 Concrete - Cầu bê tông  
 Footbridge - Cầu nhỏ  
 Ferry - Phà  
 Road on levee - Đường đắp  
 Levee - Kè  
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 Bàu: swamp, pond, lake  
 Cầu: bridge  
 Chùa: pagoda  
 Chôn: burial  
 Đồn điền: plantation  
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 Miếu: pagoda  
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 Rạch: stream  
 Sông, Suối: stream  
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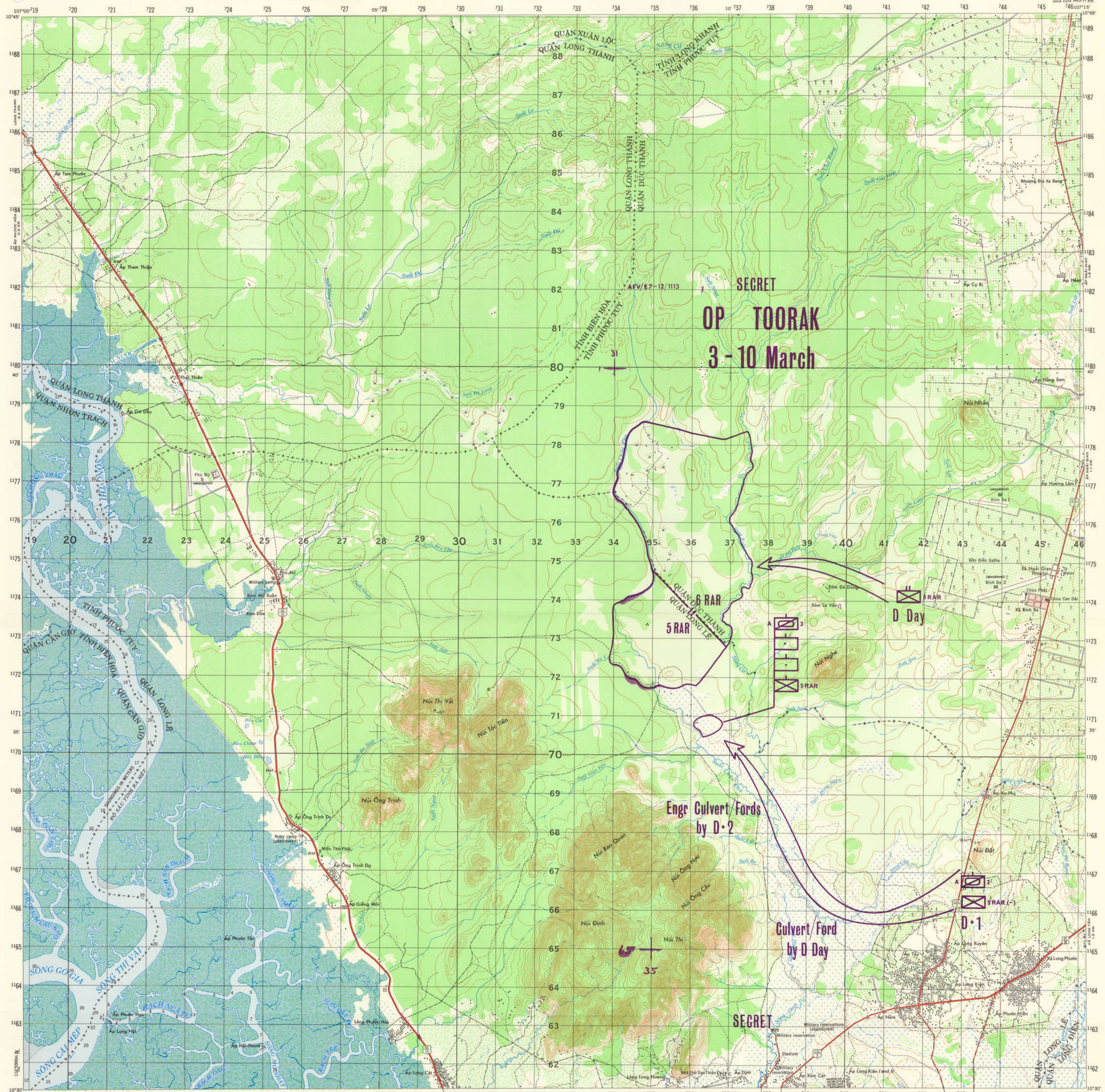
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 Tây, Khu or Tỉnh: Province  
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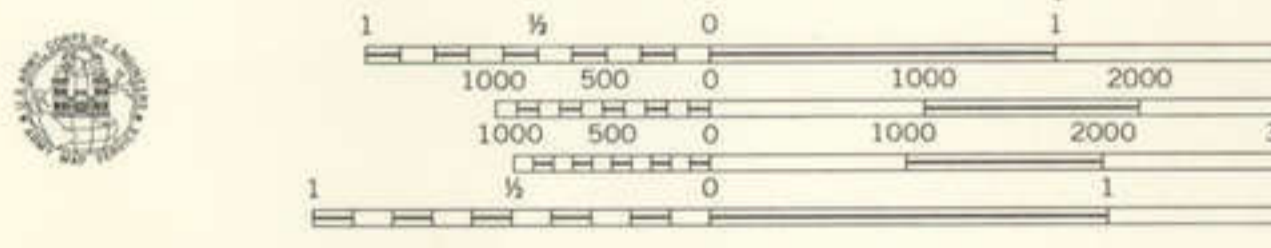
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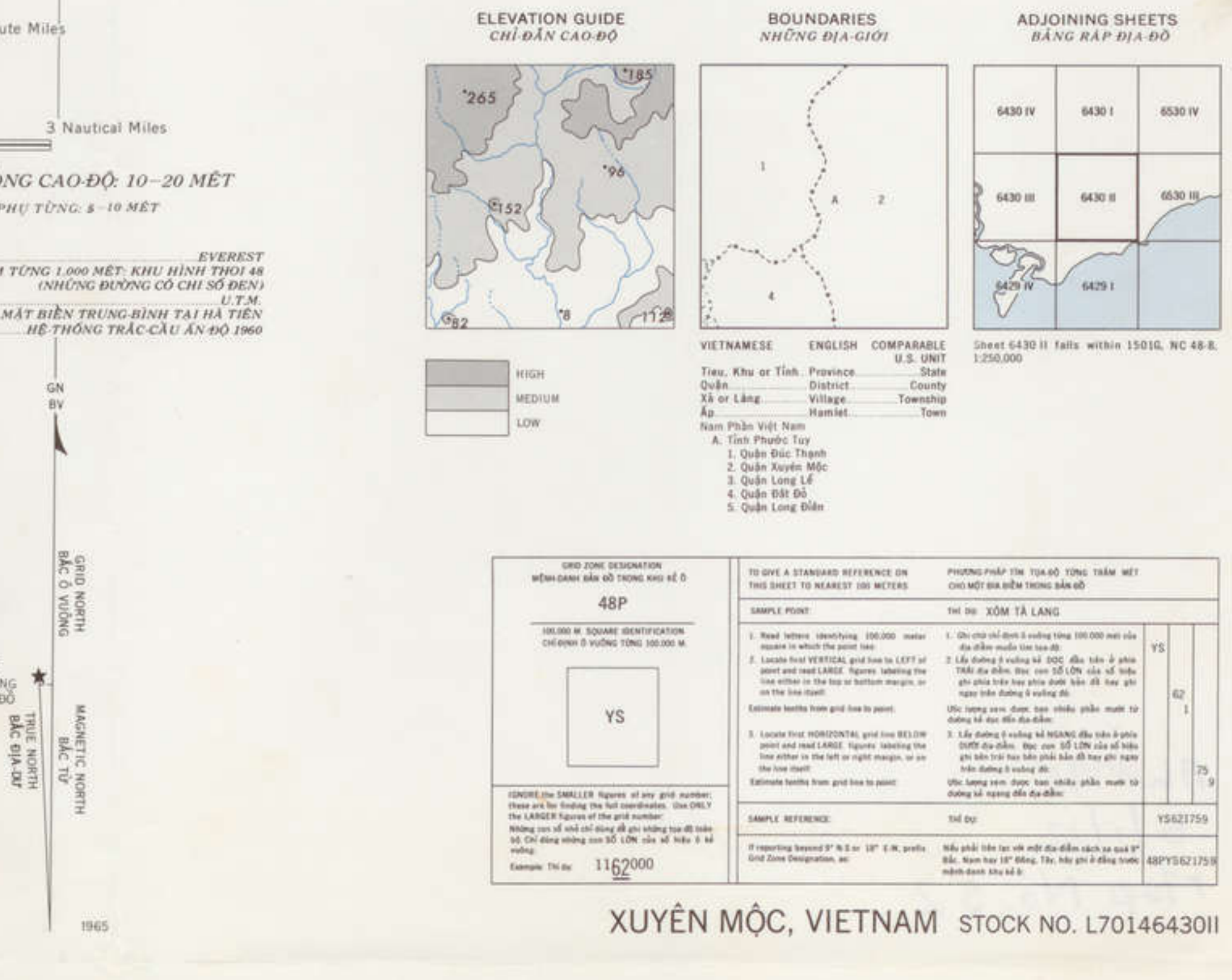
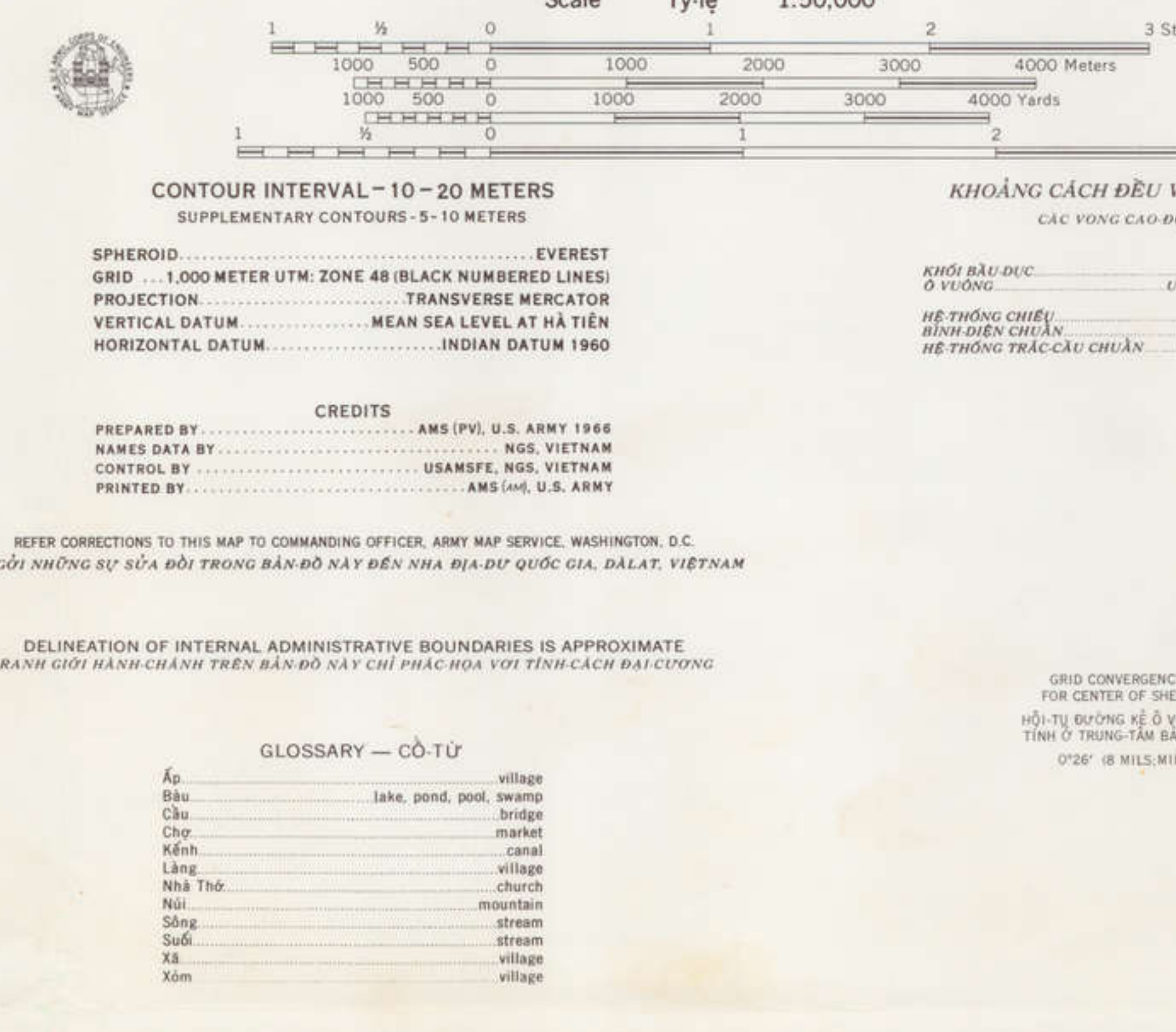
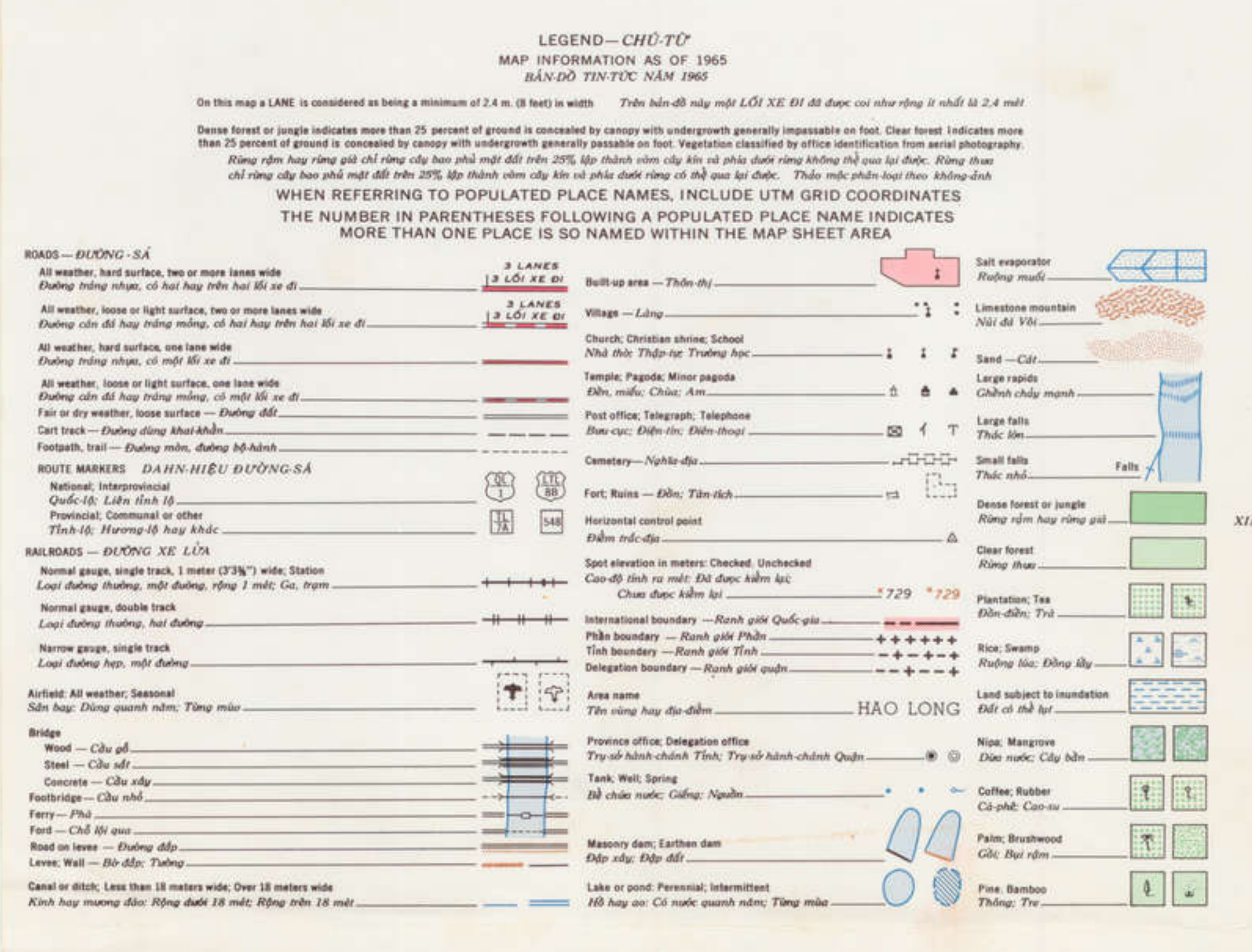
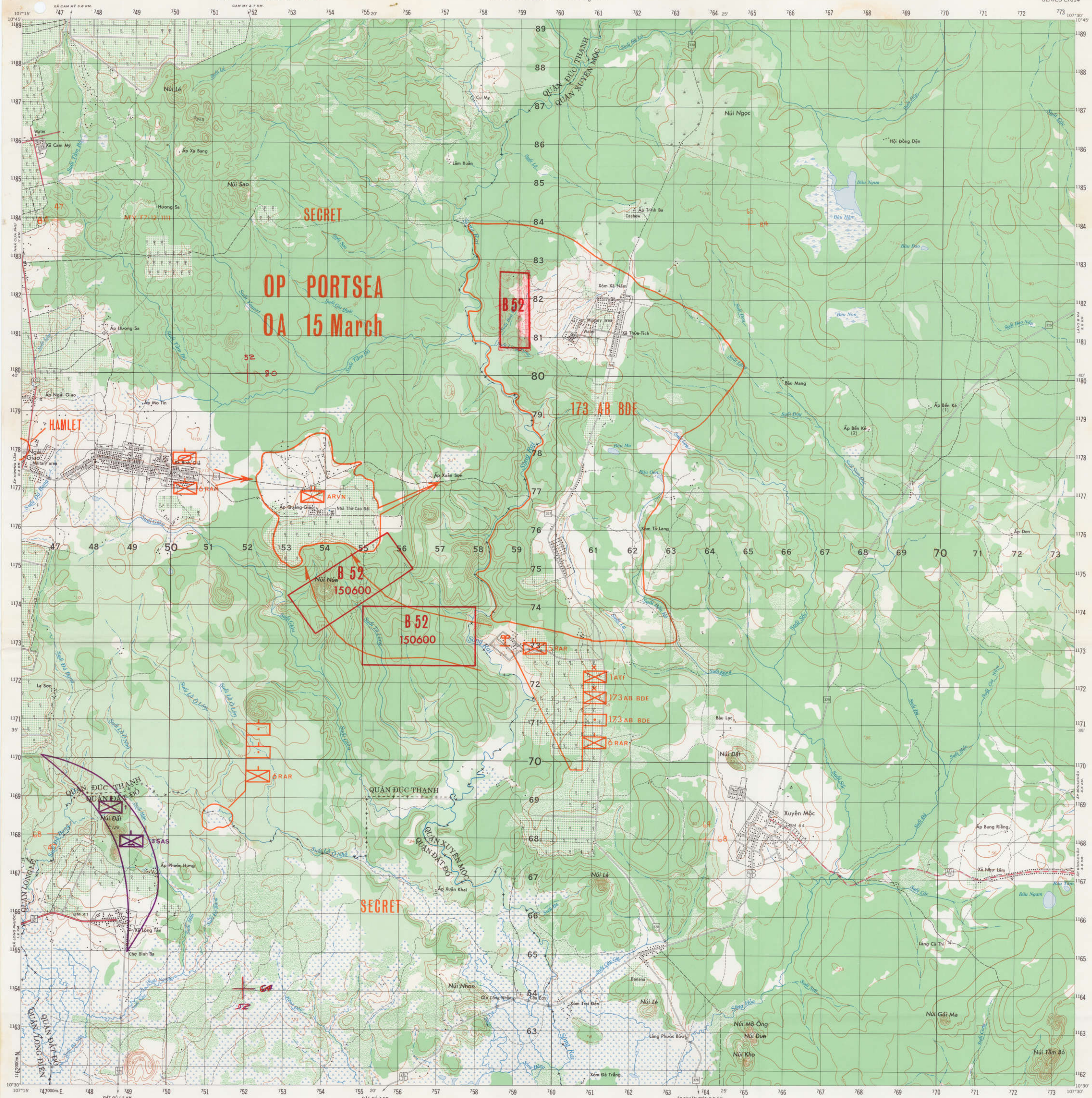
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Op Instr 5/67 (Op RENMARK)

To: Lt Col J.A. Warr, CO 5 RAR

1. Sit.

a. En Forces. Annex A.

b. Friendly Forces. 6 RAR is to ptl 1 ATF TAOR out to line ALFA from 171700H until 231700H Feb 67.

c. Atts and Dets.

- (1) Under comd from 171800H Tp 1 Fd Sqn
- (2) Under comd for mov from 171800H until rel AM 18 Feb 67 15 TCV
- (3) In sp and under comd for mov 180600H A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
- (4) In DS *and under comd for mov* 103 Fd Bty
- (5) In sp and at pri call from 180700H 1/83 Arty  
H13 161 Recce Flt
- (6) In sp from 180700H Max lift capacity  
UHIB 9 Sqn RAAF
- (7) In sp on call from 180930H Two UHIB 9 Sqn RAAF

2. Msn. You are to search for and destroy any VC in your allotted AO.

3. Exec.

a. Concept.

- (1) A B52 strike has been requested TOT NLT 180600H.
- (2) Estb a fire sp base.
- (3) Move by APC and TCV to your AO.
- (4) After you have searched the AO conc in the SE corner preparatory to Op ULMARRA.

b. Tasks.

- (1) Depart your base area by APC and TCV NLT 180630H. Rel TCV immediately on arrival at the AO.
- (2) A fire sp base is to be estab in the area YS 4855 by 180730H.
- (3) Once the fire sp base is estb ariland two companies using RAAF helis.
- (4) On arrival at the fire sp base rel A Sqn for ptl tasks EAST of your AO.
- (5) Place under comd A Sqn one rifle pl, one sect mortars and one combat engr team with mine detectors.

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- (5) A Sqn gp is to maint radio contact with your HQ at all times.
- (6) A HQ elm should join one of the rifle coys on 23 Feb in preparation for Op ULMARRA.
- (7) Conc bn (-) vicinity YS490510 by 241200H in preparation for Op ULMARRA. Once conc max security is to be maint.
- (8) Details of requirements for Op ULMARRA will be issued later.

4. ADMIN AND LOG.

1. Gen. You are responsible for all admin except for:

- (1) Arty ammo resup.
- (2) APC Sqn POL resup.
- (3) Tpt requirements.

b. Material and Svcs.

- (1) Ammo. Arty. Daily resup as required dir from ALSG by CH47.
  - (2) POL. Armour Dieso pt will be estab by bulk tanker at a pt and time to be advised.
  - (3) Rats. Resup under unit arrangements on 21 Feb 67.
  - (4) Water - 5 RAR.
    - (a) Use local sups, otherwise resup under unit arrangement daily.
    - (b) 100 plastic jerrycans per day on a write off basis aval on indent from 1 OFP.
  - ~~(5) Air Mov. CH47 will lift guns, 1st line ammo and stores from present loc into fire sp base commencing 180800H.~~
  - (6) Tpt. - from ALSG resources.
    - (a) 15 trucks 2½ ton in sp and under comd for mov 5 RAR for initial deployment from 180930H until rel am 18 Feb 67.
    - (b) RV. ~~Admin Coy 5 RAR.~~ *5 to 103 Fd Bty, 5 to Admin Coy 5 RAR*
    - (c) Task. Carriage of inf. *guns, 1st line ammo and stores*
- c. Med. Cas evac by DUSTOFF hel to 2 Fd Amb on request.

5. Comd and Sig.

a. Comd.

- (1) HQ 1 ATF remains present loc.
- (2) Estb your HQ at the fire sp base.

-/b.

EN FORCES

1.
  - a. The LONG HAI peninsular is astride the border between the two GVN districts of LONG DIEN and DAT DO. This location coupled with the ruggedness of the terrain make it an ideal VC base. In addition the area dominates and provides easy access to the surrounding rice, fish and salt producing areas.
  - b. The peninsular is the centre of the VC district of LONG DAT.
2.
  - a. VC Forces normally operating in the area are:  
  
D445 Bn  
C25 Coy  
Tam Phuoc Guerilla Platoon  
Hoi My Guerilla Platoon  
Phuoc Hai Guerilla Platoon
  - b. Latest reports indicate that D445 Bn is now operating as independent companies and if this is so one company will certainly be based in the LONG HAI peninsular area.
  - c. The C25 Coy is permanently located in the LONG HAI mountains and recent activity suggests that it is probably based in square YS4752. It could however be based along the other main water source in the area in vicinity YS4655.
3.
  - a. The heavily populated area astride Route 44 to the East of the peninsular has been subjected to more VC activity in the last three months than any other area in PHUOC TUY Province. This commenced on 21 Nov 66 with a series of attacks and mortarings of the RF/PF outposts in the area by D445 Bn supported by C25 Coy. This series of attacks terminated on 17 Dec 66 but since that date there have been continual reports of VC activities in the area, and during the TET standown period there were several contacts and sightings of up to two VC coys. All these activities are believed to have originated from VC bases on the Eastern side of the LONG HAI mountain range.
  - b. Other significant VC activity in the area was on the night of 27 Jan 67 when a US Navy small craft received MG fire from YS480500 and YS472482. On the same night a large signalling fire was observed at YS480500 and VC signalling lights were seen between this location and LANG PHUOC HAI at YS5153. These activities are thought to be part of a securing operation while a VC infiltration operation was conducted over the beach further to the East. It is possible however that the VC forces involved were providing early warning to other VC located in the LONG HAI area.
  - c. Appx 1 shows the major VC installations contacts and sightings in the area.
4. No FWMAF have operated in the mountains since June 66 and at that time local VC forces inflicted moderate casualties on friendly forces by sniping and booby trapping while suffering only light casualties themselves. During this operation the VC withdrew from their main bases near the creeks to caves in the mountains where they are believed to have hidden until the end of the operation. This action is likely to be repeated during any similar operation by ARVN or FWMAF. The numerous caves in the area are similar to those encountered in the NUI THI VAI Mountains.
5. No mainforce VC are thought to be in the area and contact with main force is unlikely.

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b. Radio. No change to SOI.

b. Pts of Origin, Passwords and Q Hr. As issued.

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Annexes: A. En Forces.

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 D. L8015 VIETNAM, Sheet 64291 NW DATDO (NW), Edition 1AMS, 1:25,000.

Time zone used throughout this order : HOTEL.

1. Situation.a. En Forces. Annex A.b. Friendly Forces.(1) 6 RAR. Continue to patrol own TAOR.(2) A B52 strike is to be brought down on the AO at 180600 H.  
See Annex P.

(3) 5 RAR is to complete the op so that it will be in position to commence OP ULMARRA on 24 Feb. This does not mean that the bn is placed on a time schedule to complete its mission.

(4) Regional Forces.

(a) 577 Coy - 431548.

(b) 586 Coy - 452583.

(c) 615 Coy - 503558.

(d) 612 Coy - 515536.

(5) Popular Forces.

(a) 20 Pl - 425589.

(b) 35 Pl - 515536.

(c) 22 Pl - 448593.

c. Atts and Dets.

(1) Under comd from 17 0900H until rel approx 24 Feb One ACV

(2) Under comd from 171700 H Two MOR APC  
Four combat engr teams  
(7 men) from 1 Fd Sqn

(3) Remaining in DS but under comd for mov from 180600H until in position at GERTRUDE 103 Fd Bty RAA

(4) In sp from 180600H. One H 13  
One FAC

(5) In sp from 180700H One lt fire team

(6) In sp and at pri call from 180600 H Bty A 1/83 US Arty

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- (7) In sp from 180700 H  
until rel 18 Feb 9 Sqn RAAF ~~400~~.
- (8) In sp and under comd  
for mov from 171700 H until  
rel 18 Feb 15 TCVs.
- (9) In sp and under comd  
for mov from 180600 H and  
reverting to in sp on 18 Feb A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

2. Mission. 5 RAR is to clear AO PAULINE between 18 Feb and 24 Feb.

3. Execution.

a. General Outline. Annex P.

(1) The op will be conducted in three phases.

(2) Phase 1. 18 Feb.

(a) At 180615 H, A Coy, Bn HQ and sect mor in APCs  
and 103 Fd Bty RAA in TCVs move to area GERTRUDE.

(b) By 180730 H A Coy secures GERTRUDE and 103 Fd  
Bty RAA are in action.

(c) At 180700 H D Coy in APCs and B Coy in TCVs move  
to areas DORIS and BETTY respectively.

(d) At approx 180715 H C Coy in RAAF helicopters  
flies to area GERTRUDE and then moves by foot to  
CHRISTINE.

(e) When GERTRUDE is secure A Sqn 3 Cav Regt escorts  
the TCVs to XA LONG DIEN 435598 and rel from in sp and  
under comd for mov to in sp.

(3) Phase 2. On completion of Phase 1

(a) A Coy moves by APC to ALMA and commence searching.

(b) C Coy moves to GERTRUDE.

(c) B Coy moves by APC and commences searching CATHY.

(d) D Coy moves by foot and commences searching  
DOLORES.

(4) Phase 3. On completion of Phase 2:

(a) C Coy remains at GERTRUDE.

(b) A Coy, B Coy, D Coy and Bn HQ moves to JUDY to  
prepare for Op ULMARRA.

b. A Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal atts incl SBs.

(b) Under comd from 171700 H One combat engr team

(c) Under comd for Phase 2 Recce Pl

(d) In sp for mov Phase 1 10 APCs  
1 x TCV

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(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1.

- i. At 180615 H move by APCs from your present loc to GERTRUDE under convoy orders of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- ii. On reaching GERTRUDE, as quickly as possible secure the area and form a defensive perimeter for Bn HQ and 103 Fd Bty RAA.
- iii. Be prepared to provide troops to patrol EAST of PAULINE under comd A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- iv. When in GERTRUDE remain on thirty minutes notice to move as the 5 RAR Reaction Force.
- v. Carry with you to GERTRUDE sufficient pickets to provide 'overhead' cover for all coy wpn pits.
- vi. Ensure one x 3 ton truck is loaded with concertina and dagnet wire and pickets and moves with you. This wire will be erected across the front of the guns at GERTRUDE.
- vii. Secure the LZ selected at GERTRUDE by 180730H for the fly in by UH1B of C Coy. The Aslt Pnr Pl is to prepare the LZ.
- viii. Establish check pts on Route 326 and prevent all mov by night and search all vehs and pers by day.

(b) Phase 2. Move by APCs from GERTRUDE and search and destroy for all enemy and installations in ALMA.

(c) Phase 3. Move by foot from ALMA to JUDY in preparation for Op ULMARRA.

c. B Coy.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Normal atts incl SBs
- (b) Under comd from 171700H One combat engr team
- (c) In sp for mov Phase 1  
from 171700 H until rel on  
28 Feb 6 TCVs

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1.

- i. At 180700H move by TCVs from your present loc to vic 461578.
- ii. Move behind D Coy and under convoy orders of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- iii. On reaching 461578 move into and search and destroy for all enemy and installations in BETTY.

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(b) Phase 2. Move by APC from BETTY and search and destroy all enemy and installations in CATHY.

(c) Phase 3.

i. Move by foot from CATHY to JUDY in preparation for Op ULMARRA.

ii. Secure JUDY on orders of Bn HQ prior to the arrival of A Coy and D Coy.

d. G Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal atts incl SBs.

(b) Under comd from 171700H One combat engr team

(c) In sp for mov Phase 1 9 Sqn RAAF

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1.

i. Be prepared to move by helicopter from LUSCOMBE Airstrip at 180715 H to GERTRUDE.

ii. When complete at GERTRUDE move into and search and destroy for all enemy and installations in CHRISTINE.

(b) Phase 2.

i. Move from CHRISTINE to GERTRUDE.

ii. On reaching GERTRUDE:

(i) Take over the defence of the gun area from A Coy.

(ii) Be prepared to patrol to the EAST of PAULINE under comd A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(iii) When in GERTRUDE remain on thirty minutes notice to move as the 5 RAR Reaction Force.

(iv) Take over the A Coy check points on Route 326 and prevent all movement by night. Search all vehicles and personnel by day.

(c) Phase 3. Remain at GERTRUDE.

e. D Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal atts incl SBs.

(b) Under comd from 171700H One combat engr team

(c) Under comd for Phase 1 Recce Pl.

(d) In sp for mov Phase 1 12 APCs

(2) Tasks.

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(a) Phase 1.

i. At 180700H move by APC from your present loc under convoy orders from A Sqn 3 Cav Regt to GERTRUDE.

ii. On reaching GERTRUDE immediately move into DORIS and search and destroy for all enemy and installations.

(b) Phase 2. Move by foot from DORIS and search and destroy for all enemy and installations in DOLORES.

(c) Phase 3. Move by APC frpm DOLORES to JUDY in preparation for Op ULMARNA.

f. Mor Pl.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Pl less two sects remains in the base area.

(b) One sect is placed under comd 1 Fd Regt from 180700H.

(c) One sect is to mount in APCs by 170600 H.

(d) One sect is withdrawn from BINH BA at 170800H.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Base Area Sect. Base area def.

(b) 1 Fd Regt Sect.

i. Report to 1 Fd Regt at 180700 H.

ii. Be prepared to provide mor fire sp for 1 Fd Regt.

(c) Mounted Sect.

i. At 180615H move from your present loc with Bn HQ to GERTRUDE.

ii. Provide sp for the gun area and the rifle coys when in range.

iii. Remain on thirty minutes notice to move as part of 5 RAR Reaction Force.

iv. Be prepared to move on patrol under comd A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

g. Recce Pl.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Phase 1. Under comd D Coy from 171700H.

(b) Phase 2. Pass to under comd A Coy.

(c) Phase 3. To be advised.

(2) Tasks. As directed by OC D Coy and OC A Coy.

h. Aslt Pnr Pl.

(1) Grouping. One sect under comd Bn HQ from 171700 H.

(2) Tasks.

(a) At 180615H move in two trucks  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton with Bn HQ to GERTRUDE.



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- (b) Be prepared to:
- i. Assist in the def of Bn HQ.
  - ii. Establish shower points.
  - iii. Assist with demolitions and the construction of LZs.
  - iv. Carry a res of 50 lbs of explosives and accessories.
  - v. Hold in the base area flame throwing eqpt and fuel already boxed, for mov fwd by helicopter.
  - vi. Establish a WP at GERTRUDE.
  - vii. Establish an LZ in vic GERTRUDE by 180730H to take 6 UHIB.

i. Band.

- (1) From 171700H det SBs to rifle coys.
- (2) From 170900H the bandmaster is det as Asst AQ Rep.
- (3) From 170900H the drum major is att to B Coy as CSM.

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/j. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

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j. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(1) Grouping.

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| (a) Under comd 5 RAR from 170900H                        | One ACV      |
| (b) Under comd 5 RAR from 171700H                        | Two Mor APCs |
| (c) Under comd 5 RAR from 180600H<br>until rel on 18 Feb | A Sqn (-)    |

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1.

- i. At 170900H supply one ACV to 5 RAR for trial pack and loading.
- ii. At 171700H supply two Mor APCs to 5 RAR Mor lines for loading.
- iii. At 180600H:
  - (1) Supply <sup>D</sup> APCs to A Coy at junc CANBERRA Ave NORTH/Route TL 2.
  - (11) Supply <sup>6</sup> APCs for 5 RAR Bn HQ to CANBERRA Ave NORTH.
- iv. At 180615H on orders from 5 RAR take comd of the rd convoy including 103 Fd Bty RAA and move to GERTRUDE.
- v. At 180645H supply APC to D Coy.
- vi. At 180700H on orders from 5 RAR take comd of the rd convoy including B Coy 5 RAR and move:
  - (1) D Coy to GERTRUDE.
  - (11) B Coy to vic 461578 and protect empty TCVs until return of the TCVs from GERTRUDE.
- vii. At approx 180745H escort ball TCVs to XA LONG DIEN 435595 and after rel TCVs pass from in sp and under comd mov 5 RAR to in sp 5 RAR.

(b) Phase 2 and 3. Orders later.

k. Arty.

(1) Grouping. 8 TCVs in sp for mov from 171700H.

(2) Tasks.

- (a) At 180615H be prepared to move from your present loc to GERTRUDE under convoy orders of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- (b) Move behind Bn HQ.
- (c) On reaching GERTRUDE come into action on the SW of Route 326 and be prepared to give sp from 180730H.

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1. Engrs.

(1) Grouping. Four combat engr teams under comd 5 RAR from 171700H.

(2) Tasks.

(a) One combat engr team report to A Coy B Coy C Coy D Coy at 171700H.

(b) As directed by OCs of coys.

(c) Be prepared to carry up to four pounds of explosives per man.

m. Aviation.

(1) Grouping.

(a) In DS from 180700H 9 Sqn RAAF

(b) In sp from 180600H One H13 161 Recce Flt  
One FAC

(c) In sp from 180700H One lt fire team.

(2) Tasks.

(a) 9 Sqn. Report LUSCOMBE airstrip 180700H to move C Coy to GERTRUDE at approx 180715H.

(b) USAF. Air cover as required.

(c) H13. Recce, liaison, air sup. Stay at GERTRUDE when secured, prior to that at TIGER 5.

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n. Coord Instrs.

- (1) Timings and Sequence of Events. Annex B.
- (2) Locs, AOs and Routes. Annex P.
- (3) Rules of Engagement. No change. All civs found in AO should be returned to Bn HQ.
- (4) Order of March.
  - (a) Group 1. A Coy, Bn HQ (incl Mor APCs), Aslt Pnr Pl, water truck, 103 Fd Bty RAA.
  - (b) Group 2. D Coy, B Coy.
- (5) Convoy Control. On orders from Bn HQ, A Sqn 3 Cav Regt is to assume control of all convoys which include APCs.
- (6) SPs.
  - (a) Group 1.
    - i. A Coy & Bn HQ. Junc CANBERRA Ave NORTH/  
ROUTE TL 2.
    - ii. 103 Fd Bty RAA. Junc CANBERRA Ave SOUTH/  
ROUTE TL 2.
  - (b) Group 2. In B Coy and D Coy locs.
- (7) Route. SP, SOUTH along Route TL 2 to HOA LONG 4264 then SOUTH to XA LONG DIEM 435595 then SE along Route 326 to GERTRUDE.
- (8) Rear Area Security.
  - (a) Rear Area Comd. Maj R. HAMLYN.
  - (b) SOPRAS are to apply.
- (9) Carriage of Explosives. 40lbs per coy is to be carried. Type to be advised.
- (10) Search of Coy Areas. In general this is to be NORTH, SOUTH then EAST.

4. Administration and Logistics.

- (a) Ech Area. Remains present loc.
- (b) Resup. By air.
- (c) Rations.
  - (1) Breakfast 18 Feb in camp.
  - (2) Four days rat of either 24 hr pack or C rat per man is to be carried.

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d. Water.

- (1) Only limited water is likely to be found in the AO. All local water is to be sterilized.
- (2) Some of the local wells have been polluted.
- (3) Three water bottles per man are to be carried.
- (4) Jerrycans being moved by air must have the filler plugs att and screwed on.
- (5) 120 filled water jerrycans will move with Bn HQ to GERTRUDE on Phase 1.

e. AQ Cell.

- (1) AQ Offr. 2IC A Coy.
- (2) Asst AQ Offr. WO2 TAYLOR.
- (3) LOC. GERTRUDE.
- (4) At 180730H control the fly in of C Coy to GERTRUDE.

f. Ammo. Normal scales. A Coy will carry claymores.

g. Med.

- (1) RMO to travel with Bn HQ.
- (2) Medevac by Dust Off.
- (3) Normal coy and pl packs to be carried.

h. Laundry Bags. Two per man incl atts.

i. Tpt.

- (1) 5 RAR
  - (a) For Aslt Pnr pl. Two trucks  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton and trls.
  - (b) For CP and AQ Cell. One truck  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton and trl.
  - (c) For water jerrycans. One truck  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ton.
- (2) ST.
  - (a) At 171700H, eight TCVs to report to 103 Fd Bty RAA for loading.
  - (b) At 171700H, six TCVs to report to B Coy.
  - (c) At 171700H one TCV to report to Admin Coy to load wire.
  - (d) At 180615H, 103 Fd Bty RAA TCVs are loaded and depart for GERTRUDE.
  - (e) At 180700H, B Coy TCVs are loaded and depart for 461578.

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(f) At approx 180745H all TCVs will be escorted from GERTRUDE by APCs to XA LONG DIEN 435595 where they will be rel by the APCs and return unescorted to 1 ATF.

5. Command and Signals.

a. Bn Tac HQ.

- (1) Bn Tac HQ is to consist of CO, COs operator and batman, BC, BC operators, IO and batman and COs escort.
- (2) To be formed on orders of Bn HQ for Phase 3.
- (3) For Phase 1 until all coys are in Search area CO will move in Sioux.

b. Bn HQ.

- (1) Personnel as per SOP.
- (2) 2IC A Coy is appointed AQ rep for the operation.
- (3) Phase 1. At 180615H, RV in APCs with A Coy and Sect mors and move behind A Coy under convoy comd of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt to area GERTRUDE.
- (4) Phase 2. Remain at GERTRUDE.
- (5) Phase 3. Bn HQ less Tac party, remain at GERTRUDE.

c. Radio.

- (1) Current SOI will apply. A new SOI may be issued in the field to come into effect at 010800H Mar 67.
- (2) Bn Comd Net.
  - (a) Frequencies. Main 37.80 Alt 55.10.
  - (b) Control Station Callsign. Ø A (Zero Alfa).
  - (c) Additions.
    - i. From 180615H - A Sqn 3 Cav Regt - callsign T9.
    - ii. From 180615H - 5 RAR Base - Callsign - 90.
    - iii. As required - H13, FAC, Lt Fire teams.
- (3) Additions to D Coy Net.
  - (a) From 180645H until change to under comd A Coy - Recce pl - Callsign 61.
- (4) Addition to A Coy Net.
  - (a) From start of Phase 2 until the end of Phase 3 - Recce Pl - callsign 61.

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(5) An H.F. ANPRC 64 link is if required to operate between AQ Cell at Bn HQ to Admin Coy. Frequency 3170 Kcs Channel 2.

(6) Should communications to any substation not be possible a RW ac is available for emergency radio relay on call by Bn HQ.

(7) Should communications fail from Bn HQ to 5 RAR base a radio relay station is to be established at the DAT DO sub sector HQ at 477597. The radio relay station will use callsign 97.

f. Line.

(1) Normal line within Bn HQ is to be laid.

(2) Line is also to be laid as follows:

(a) From Bn HQ to gun defence coy.

(b) From Bn HQ to 103 Fd Bty switchboard.

(c) Within gun defence coy A Coy is to take 1 swbd 993 GT plus 4 telephones for this purpose and is to hand this equipment over to the relieving coy.

g. Points of Origin, Q Hours. As issued.

h. Codes. Codes effective as at the commencement of Phase 1 are as follows:

(1) QAC - PI. Book 5, Set 1.

(2) QAC - QK. Book 4, Day 17, Period 1200Z - 2359Z (172000H - 180759H).


(3) A new issue of codes may be made in the field at an appropriate time. These will come into effect at 010800H Mar 67.

i. Nicknames. Effective from 180600H until cancelled by a future issue.

<u>Nickname.</u>	<u>Meaning.</u>	<u>Issued By.</u>
SQUARE DANCE	Move/Moving.	) All callsigns.
HASTY DEAL	Clearing ptls out.	
SLOW DRAW	Clearing ptls in.	
DUNKIRK SANDS	Stand To.	
ROOT BEER	Stand Down.	
STICKY WICKET	Ambush.	
FREE KICK	Lift Ambush.	
SCRUM BALL	Harbour.	
TIMBER LINE	Cordon in Position.)	

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(J.A. Warr)  
Lt Col  
CO

ANNEXES.    A.    Enemy.  
                  B.    Timings and Sequence of Events.  
                  P.    Locations, Areas of Operations and Routes.

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ANNEX A TO  
5 RAR OPO 6/67  
DATED 160900 H

ENEMY

General

1. The LONG HAI hills have been used as a base and refuge by the VC for many years. From their security the VC have extended their influence out over DAT DO and LONG LE Districts to the extent that in 1965, the VC controlled the two districts. Since mid 1966, the VC have been pushed back into the hills by Allied operations and by the strengthening of local administration over the villages in the two districts. Their bases in the hills have been located and pounded by airstrikes and artillery. It now remains to complete the destruction of all VC facilities in the LONG HAI hills.
2. The most frequent occupant of the hills has been the C 25 Company. This company was recruited from the several villages which surround the hills by the LONG DAT VC District Committee. The LONG DAT VC District comprises LONG DIEN and DAT DO districts and was formed to coordinate and control the local area. The C 25 Company has provided security for the LONG DAT District Headquarters, it has ambushed, mined and dug up Routes 44, 326 and 23, it has raided Government outposts and terrorised officials. Until late 1966, armed members of C 25 Company could often be sighted in villages by day. Now they operate in villages only at night.
3. The Provincial Mobile Battalion (D 445) has come to use the DAT DO District as its main area of operations. It has utilised the bases and sanctuary of the LONG HAI hills on many operations during the past six months. However, D 445 Battalion has not made the LONG HAI hills its main base, nor has it always had one or more companies in the hills.
4. During June 1966, 173 Airborne Brigade swept through the LONG HAI hills on Operation HOLLANDIA, finding several base camps but without locating large numbers of enemy. However, those who were encountered in isolated clashes were skilful enough to inflict by small arms what we would term heavy casualties. However Operation HOLLANDIA provided valuable information on VC bases and these have been struck on several occasions since by shells and bombs.
5. Enemy activity in the LONG HAI hills flared up in December 1966 with a number of attacks made by C 25 Company and D 445 Battalion on villages such as TAM PHUOC, PHUOC HAI, HOI MY, PHUOC LOI and DAT DO. Many of these attacks were supported by 60 mm and 81 mm mortar fire. A number of ARVN operations, air strikes and a 6 RAR sweep were mounted against the VC in the hills and caused many enemy casualties. Since then, VC acts of violence in the LONG DAT area have been few. During TET, the VC advertised their presence by flying large flags near LONG MY and another flag on the main southern peak of the hills, NUI CHAU VIEN, which was illuminated for the occasion by a spotlight.
6. During the past few days, A Sqn 3 Cav Regt have swept through the low country on the eastern side of the hills, encountering no VC, but several tracks indicating recent presence of enemy in small groups. Two companies of D445 Battalion were reported in the southern area of the hills in early February but because the area has been heavily bombarded it is not likely that these companies are still WEST of PHUOC HAI.

Approaches to the LONG HAI Hills

7. Because Routes 44, 23 and 326 are such obvious approaches to the hills they receive frequent attention from the VC. Excavations, mines and booby traps are common in the area. Road blocks appear on both the western and eastern arms of Route 44 the southern section has been keyholed to make it impassable and the TUNG Bridge (YS 498509) has been demolished. Route 326 has been mined at several points along its length. The section between YS 462577 and YS 468573 has been excavated in several places to make the road impassable. However vehicles may move around these cuts on the dry paddy fields. Booby traps are likely to be encountered anywhere in the area of operation.

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Enemy Installations

8.	<u>Date</u>	<u>GR</u>	<u>Installation</u>	<u>Source</u>
	9 Jun 66	436563	Base camp	173 AB
	10 Jun 66	455561	Base camp	173 AB
	11 Jun 66	480523	Base camp	173 AB
	11 Jun 66	462552	Base camp	173 AB
	11 Jun 66	466557	Base camp	173 AB
	11 Jun 66	479510	Food cache	173 AB
	12 Jun 66	479538	Food cache	173 AB
	12 Jun 66	481546	Base camp	173 AB
	12 Jun 66	475543	Tunnel	173 AB
	12 Jun 66	474539	Base camp	173 AB
	13 Jun 66	472559	Base camp	173 AB
	14 Jun 66	481576	Cave	173 AB
	14 Jun 66	436579	Base Camp	173 AB
	14 Jun 66	476508	Cave	173 AB
	15 Jun 66	472559	Base camp	173 AB
	16 Jun 66	470548	Rice cache	173 AB
	16 Jun 66	475559	Tunnel	173 AB
	8 Dec 66	473515	wpens cache	Rallier
	19 Dec 66	475528	Long Dat Dist HQ	Rallier
	19 Dec 66	4556	Large sec explosion	?
	11 Oct 66	4359	Culvert blown by VC	Sector
	28 Jan 67	469536	Base camp	161 Recce
	8 Jan 67	488530	Tunnel	161 Recce
	28 Jan 67	498552	Tunnel	161 Recce
	25 Jan 67	479548	Rice cache	Sector
	8 Dec 66	473515	Wpens cache	Nat Police
	19 Dec 66	472525	Wpens cache	1 Div Int
	27 Dec 66	479524	Coy base camp	6 RAR
	27 Dec 66	485519	Caves	6 RAR
	27 Dec 66	482521	Pl base camp	6 RAR
	8 Jan 67	478536	3 rice caches	18 Div
	14 Jan 67	474537	C 25 camp	1 Div Int
	27 Jan 67	480500	Long signal fire	SAS

Likely Enemy to be Encountered

9. The frequency of air strikes and artillery bombardments and the current scarcity of water make it unlikely that either C 25 Company or any company of D 445 Battalion will be found in the hills during this operation. Some members of either unit may be present to conduct liaison and intelligence missions. If these are encountered they will attempt to harass our own troops and then escape.

Likely Enemy Reactions

10. Any sizeable VC unit (platoon or company) will go into a counter sweep operation, taking evasive action except where it is possible to lead our troops into an ambush or onto booby traps. Individual VC will probably reconnoitre company base camps at night. The C 25 company has access to both claymores and 60 mm mortars.

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11. The gun area and battalion headquarters are exposed to an appreciable risk of mortar bombardment from the VC base area in YS 5157. Both the static nature of the headquarters and the exposed position must offer one of the most tempting targets which the VC have ever had in this area. At the present time it is likely that D 445 Battalion does not have its mortars within easy access of the area. However if they are within convenient distance area GERTRUDE must prepare to be harassed in the same manner in which every Government outpost in the area has been harassed in recent months.

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ANNEX B TO 5 RAR  
OPO 6/67 DATED  
160900H

TIMINGS AND SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

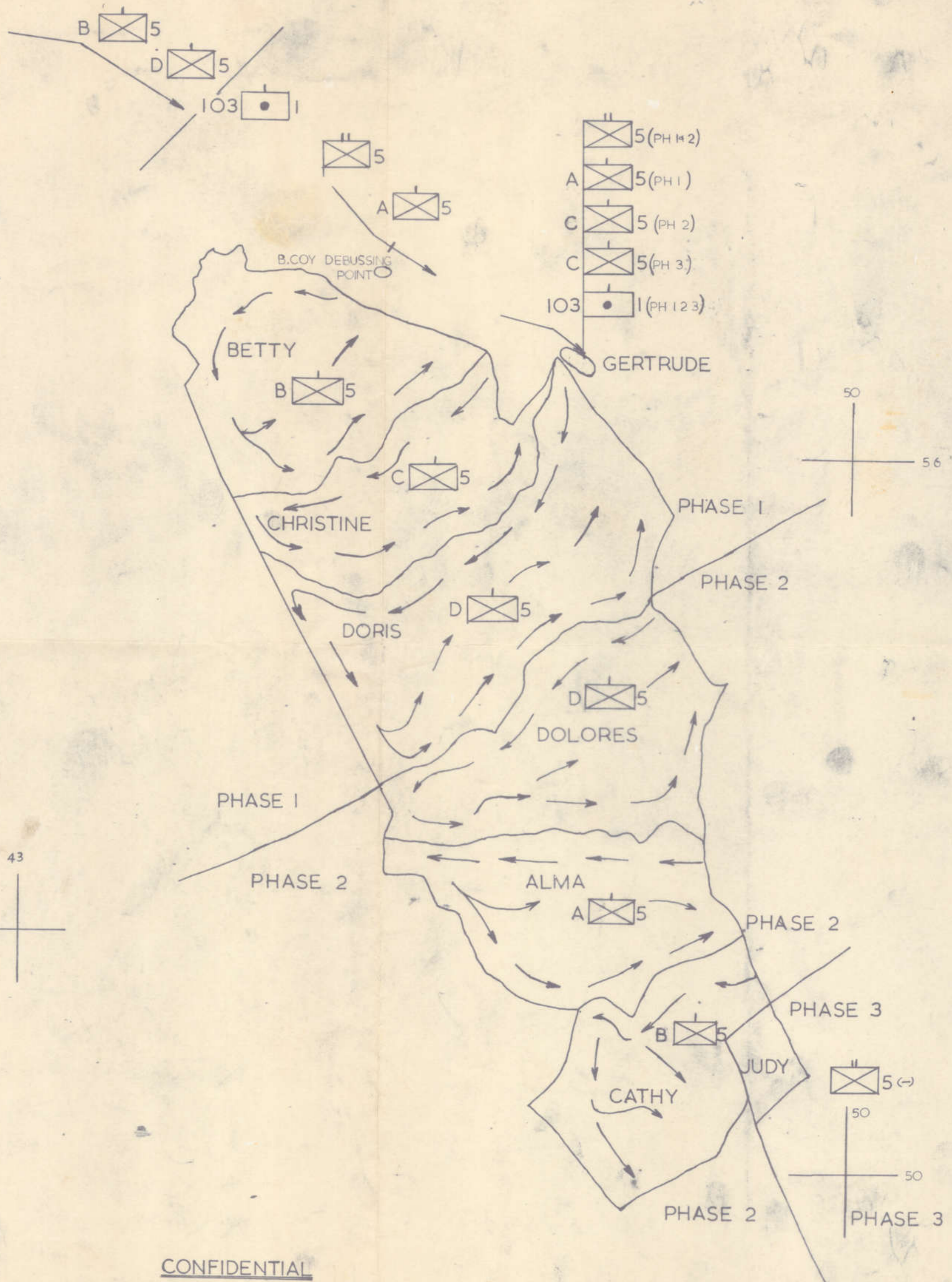
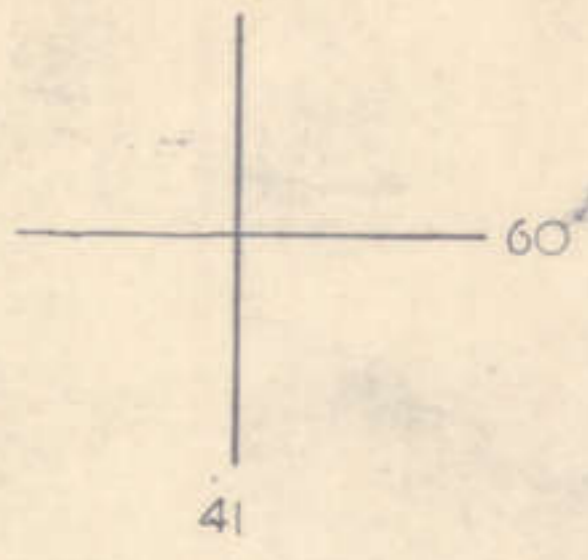
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1	161330	Orders	IO to set up
2	170800	Sect mors at BINH BA re- turns to base	
3	170900	One ACV report to Bn HQ	2IC, Adj, RSO BC required for conference on ACV.
4		Bandmaster reports to 2IC A Coy	For AQ Cell
5		Drummajor reports to B Coy	As CSM
6	171700	Two mor APCs report to mor lines	To be loaded with ammo
7		Six TCVs to B Coy	
8		One water TCV to Admin Coy	For water jerry cans
9		Eight TCVs to 103 Fd Bty RAA	For ammo loading etc
10		One TCV to Admin Coy	For wire for A Coy
11		Combat engr teams report to all coys.	
12		Sect Aslt Pnr Pl under comd Bn HQ.	
13		SBs report to all coys.	
14		OC Recce Pl reports to D Coy	
15	180600	103 Fd Bty in DS and under comd for mov	In DS on reaching GERTRUDE
16		In sp H13, FAC,	
17		Mor APCs loaded.	
18		In sp Bty A 1/83 Arty	
19		A Sqn in sp under comd for mov	
20		APCs to A Coy and Bn HQ	
21	180615	Group 1 moves to GERTRUDE	
22	180645	APCs to D Coy. B Coy embusses	
23	180700	9 Sqn RAAF report to Lus- combe Field.	
24		Group 1 arrives GERTRUDE	
25		Group 2 departs Base	
26		Mor sect under comd 1 Fd Regt	To report to loc 1 Fd Regt at 0700H
27		Lt fire team in sp	
28	180715	C Coy by helicopter from Luscombe Fd	

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Serial (a)	Date Time (b)	Event (c)	Remarks (d)
29	180730	GERTRUDE secured by A Coy.	
30		103 Fd Bty in action	
31		IZ at GERTRUDE prepared by Aslt Pnr Pl and secured by A Coy	
32	180745	Group 2 arrives. D Coy to GERTRUDE.	
33		B Coy to 461578.	
34		APCs escort all TCVs to XA LONG DIEN.	
35		H 13 reports to GERTRUDE	Not before GERTRUDE completely secured
36	180800	Rel of TCVs at LONG DIEN by APCs.	
37		A Sqn 3 Cav Regt rel to in sp	
Phase 2	Timings later		

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Locations, AO's and Routes

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1 ATF  
NUI DAT  
180400Z Feb 67

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Op Instr 7/67 (Op BRIBIE)

To: Lt Col C.M. TOWNSEND, CO 6 RAR

1. Sit.

a. En Forces

(1) At 170220H, VC fired 60mm mortar, either 81mm or 75mm RR into RF post at YS515536.

(2) At 170300H, received report that 2 VC coys were in the area, flare ships and FAC scrambled.

(3) At 170915H, 615 RF Coy contacted possible Bn size force vic YS515558. Coy was surrounded but fought their way out. FAC received .50 cal HMG fire.

(4) 3/43 Bn moved to the above area and also became involved with Bn size force at 171122H. Air strikes and Arty broke up en force.

(5) Villagers reported VC coy moved WEST into LONG HAI hills. Conclusion. En force probably D445.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 3/43 ARVN Bn with DAT DO RF Coy, is deployed in blocking positions along TL44, from PHOUC LOI YS500570 to PHOUC HAI YS516536. There are no friendly VN elements WEST of 515 Easting.

(2) A/5RAR under command 1 ATF is to secure a fire support base at DAT DO Airstrip YS475600.

(3) An ATF LO is to be loc with Sector HQ from 171200H.

c. Atts and Dets.

(1) Under comd from 171200H                      A Sqn 3 Cav Regt (-)

(2) In DS    101 Fd Bty

(3) In sp and at priority call                      1/83 Arty  
2 H13 161 Recce Flt

(4) In sp from 171300H                              1 US Airmobile Coy  
5 UH1B 9 Sqn RAAF

2. Msn. You are to destroy all elements of D445 Bn in area EAST of TL44.

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3. Exec.

a. Concept.

- (1) A fire support base is to be established under command 1 ATF at YS475600.
- (2) Move by US Airmobile Coy, 9 Sqn RAAF and APCs to area.
- (3) Sweep and destroy in allotted AO.

b. Tasks.

- (1) You are to move one coy with A Sqn 3 Cav Regt (-) to the area. Move on command from 1 ATF.
- (2) You are to move Bn (-) by US Airmobile Coy and 9 Sqn RAAF on command from 1 ATF.
- (3) You are to conduct assault landing on to LZ in vicinity YS5457 following artillery preparatory bombardment.
- (4) You are to sweep area and destroy the VC.

4. Admin and Log.

- a. General. Resupply is not anticipated other than water or ammo which is to be by unit.
- b. Med. Cas evac by DUSTOFF to 2 Fd Amb. DUSTOFF helicopter will be on air alert during LZ assault.

5. Comd and Sig.

a. Comd.

- (1) HQ 1 ATF remains present loc.
- (2) Your HQ to move with main body.

b. Radio. No change to current SOI.

c. Points of Origin, Passwords and Q Hr. As issued plus following Pts of Origin, effective until termination of operation.

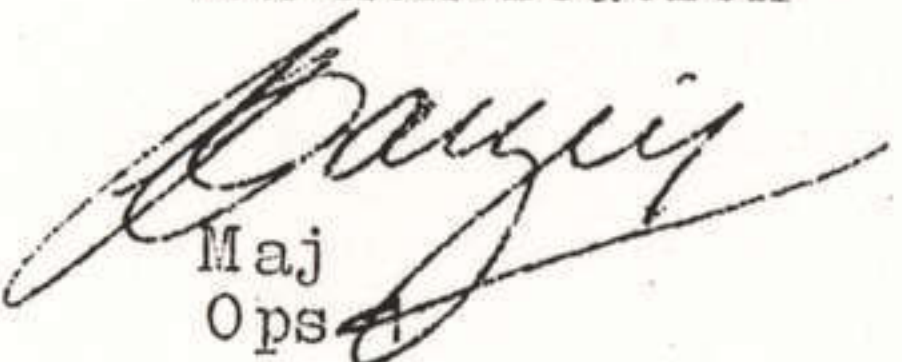
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- (3) An ATF LO is to be loc with Sector HQ from 171200H.

c. Atts and Dets.

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|--------------------------------|---|
| (1) Under comd from 171200H    | A Sqn 3 Cav Regt (-)                    |
| (2) In DS                      | 101 Fd Bty                              |
| (3) In sp and at priority call | 1/83 Arty<br>2 H13 161 Recce Flt        |
| (4) In sp from 171300H         | 1 US Airmobile Coy<br>5 UH1B 9 Sqn RAAF |

2. Msn. You are to destroy all elements of D445 Bn in area EAST of TL44.

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c.

Concept.

- (1) A fire sp base is to be established under command 1 ATF at YS475600.
- (2) Move by US Airmobile Coy, 9 Sqn RAAF and APCs to area.
- (3) Sweep and destroy in allotted AO.

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b. Radio. No change to current SOI.

c. Points of Origin, Passwords and Q Hr. As issued plus following Pts of Origin, effective until termination of operation.

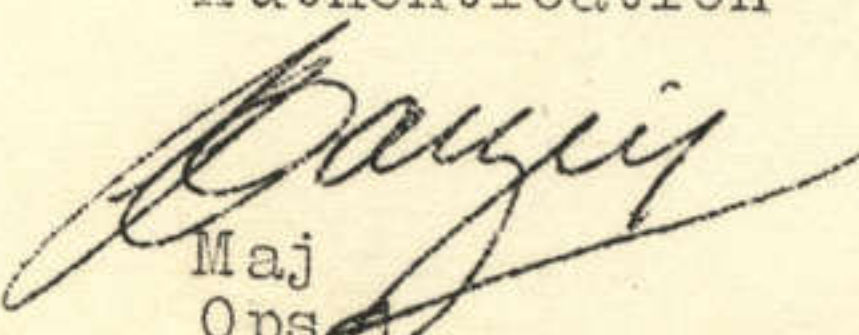
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Op Instr 8/67 (Op KIRRIBILLI)

1. Sit.

- a. En Forces. Annex A.
- b. Friendly Forces. No change.
- c. Atts and Dets. A Bty 2/35 Arty reverted to op con II FFORCE V Arty.

2. Msn. 1 ATF is to deny the en access to the base area.

3. Exec.

a. Concept of Ops.

- (1) Three coy sized ptls out to fd arty range.
- (2) Armd ptls by day.
- (3) Max ni aerial surv.

b. 5\_RAR.

(1) Grouping. One rifle pl and one sect of mortars is to be under comd A Sqn 3 Cav Regt, by day only from 230800H Feb 67.

(2) Task.

- (a) Provide one coy ptl in area 3.
- (b) Provide 1 ATF res.

c. 6\_RAR. Task. Provide one coy ptl in each areas 1 and 2.

d. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(1) Grouping.

Under comd from 230800H by day only	One rifle pl
	One sect mortars
In DS from 230800H by day only	161 Fd Bty
In sp from 230800H by day only	Three engr detector teams

(2) Task. Ptl areas 4, 5 and 6.

e. 1 Fd Regt.

(1) Grouping. No change except for 161 Fd Bty in DS A Sqn 3 Cav Regt from 230800H by day only.

(2) Tasks. Fire sp as required.

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f. 1 Fd Sqn.

- (1) Provide three engr detector teams to A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- (2) Maint one combat engr team on 30 mins notice to move, otherwise tasks as normal.

g. 3 SAS Sqn. Tasks as directed separately.

h. 161 Recce Flt.

- (1) Fixed Wing. Maint max ni surv consistent with other tasks.
- (2) Rotary Wing. One Sioux on Kangaroo LZ from 0730 hrs daily.

i. Coord Instrs.

(1) Timings.

- (a) Ptl's in areas 1 and 2 by 231200H.
- (b) Ptl in area 3 by 231900H.

(2) Ptl details. To be planned and con by 5 and 6 RAR.

(3) Ptl areas. Annex P

(4) Duration in area. Ptl's in areas 1, 2 and 3 are to remain in each area for five days.

(5) Air.

(a) RAAF.

(i) Provide two UH1B on Kangaroo LZ from 230730H until further notice.

(ii) Two UH1B on stand by at VUNG TAU.

(b) USAF. Max surv at ni consistent with other tasks. To be coord by Ops 2 with 161 Recce Flt.

(c) USAA. Lt fire team on Kangaroo LZ from 230730H.

4. Admin and Log. No change except that inf ptl's will NOT be resup in areas 1, 2 and 3.

5. Comd and Sig.

a. Comd. HQ 1 ATF remains present loc.

b. Radio. No change to current SOI.

ACK.

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Annexes: A. En Forces.  
P. Ptl Areas.

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Annex A to 1 ATF  
Op Instr 8/67 (Op KIRRIBILLI)  
dated 220600Z Feb 67

EN FORCES

1. A usually reliable agent reported that on 20 Feb 67 the 274 Regt would move to the EAST probably to the area YS 5685. The purpose of this move was allegedly to join up with the VC 5th Div, but could be a purely defensive move to escape probable future US/FWMAF operations in the HAT DICH area.
2. There was some confirmation of this move on the night 20/21 Feb 67 when a light aircraft twice observed a small number of lights SOUTH of BINH GIA (YS 4977). Closer observation of these lights with a Starlight Scope revealed approximately 250 lights on each occasion. The lights appeared to be moving to the east and were quickly extinguished when lightly engaged by heavy artillery.
3. A recent rallier, the political officer from THUA TICH (YS6081) area, revealed that on 14 Feb 67 the Comd of the VC 5th Div stayed overnight in the vicinity of his village. This is an unusual occurrence, but another reliable agent stated that an element of the 5th Div HQ has been in the vicinity YS 6286 since .
4. 275 Regt is known to have been in the same general area EAST of THUA TICH since some time after its unsuccessful ambush on Highway 1 on 2 Dec 66 when it suffered more than 100 KIA. The regiment should have recovered from this incident by now and indications are that it could now be ready to resume operations.
5. In his note book captured on 19 Oct 66 the Chief of Staff 274 Regt recorded the contents of a recently received message from 5th VC Div that future plans included combined operations between 274 Regt and 275 Regt. The fact that 274 Regt now appears to have moved to a location close to 275 Regt and elements of Headquarters 5th VC Div is the first indication that these forces may be preparing for a combined operation. A combined operation at this stage would probably be restricted to two separate but coordinated actions, such as an attack in one location followed by the ambush of a relief force. An operation of this sort specifically mentioned in the note book captured on 19 Oct 66. The targets were not named but the area given was Route 2 NORTH of the 1 ATF base camp and this must be considered a likely area. A VC operation against the 1 ATF base camp is possible whenever two battalions and supporting units are away on operations but is unlikely whenever the major part of the base camp is occupied.

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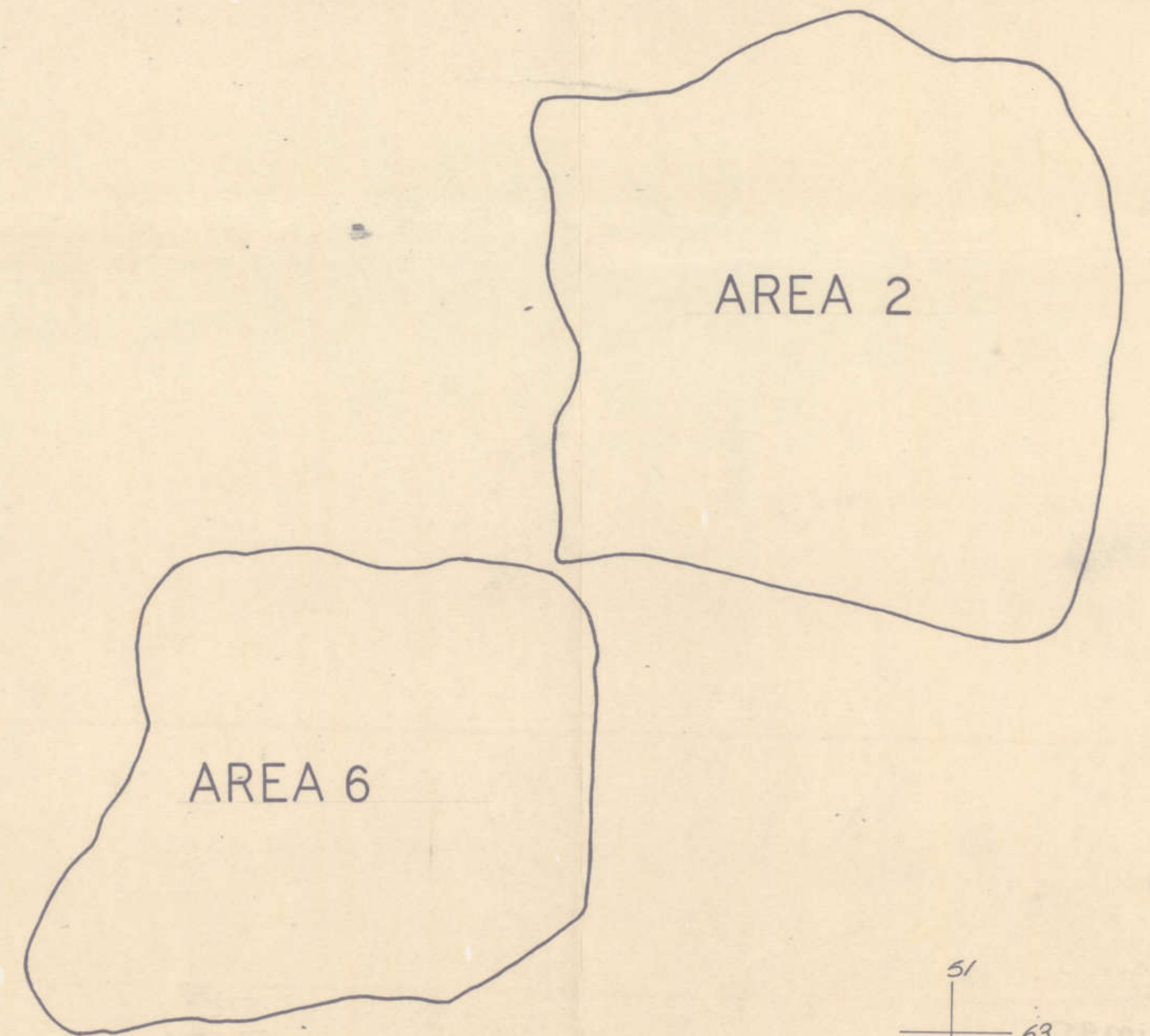
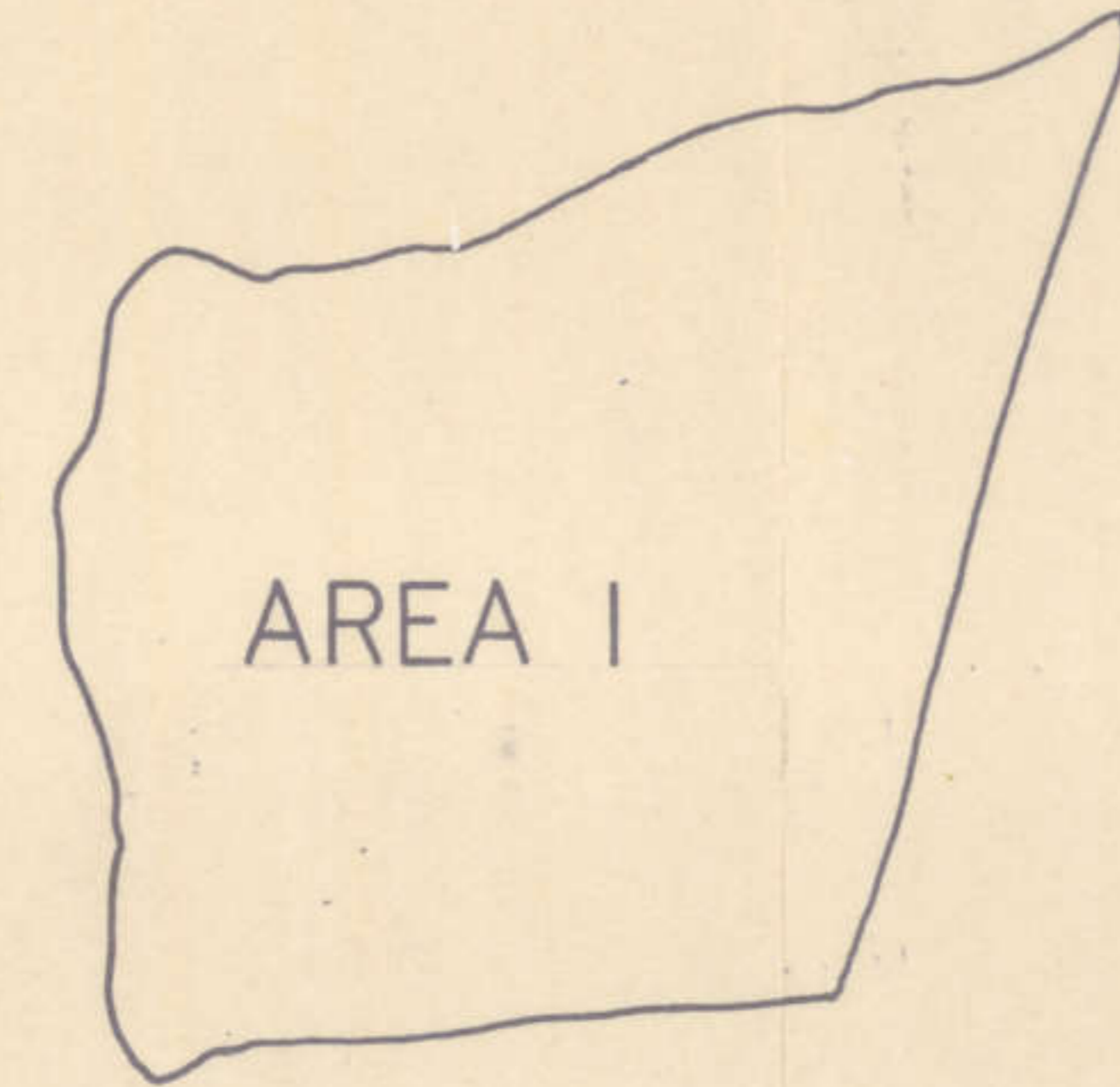
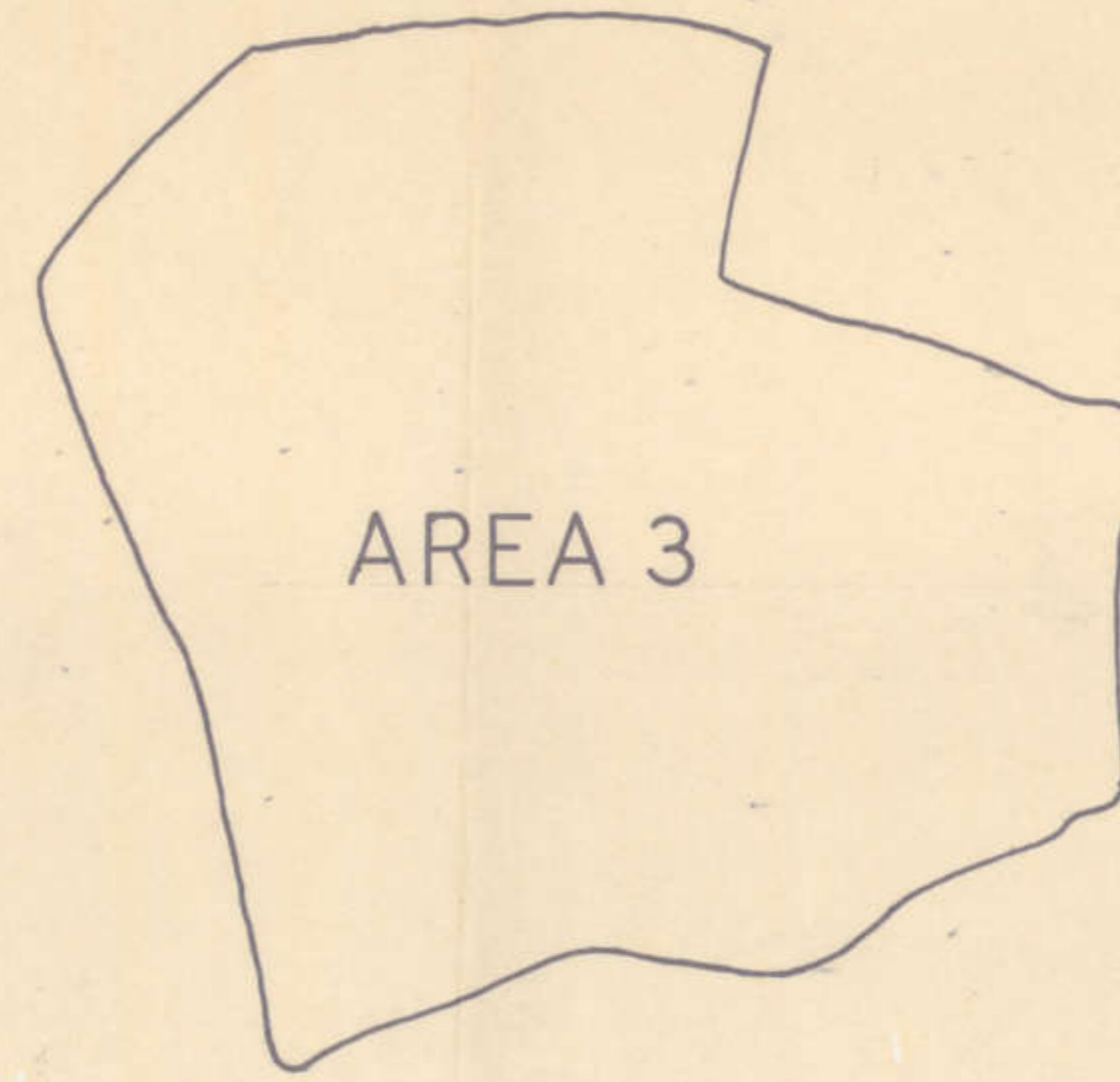


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ANNEX L

To

COMMANDER'S DIARY

FEBRUARY 1967

Schedule

1. Democ Official Letter to Director of Signals for February 1967.

From: Major P.D. MIDD

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*Comds Diary*

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28 Feb 67

I believe this has been largely a month of "no change" so I am not able to find much to write about. The operations which have been conducted have been in areas where communications have been straight forward.

#### Radio

We have now received our AN/PRC-64 sets and batteries. The sets were taken out by 5 RAR on it's last operation to try them out and to familiarise operators. However, conditions were too simple to provide any real test so I shall have to try again next time.

#### Signal Centre

The cipher office is now complete and has been occupied. Except for minor improvements and "finishing off" the building is now complete. I had a set of photographs taken showing the building generally and various aspects of the installation and have sent these to D Sigs separately.

I will attach to this letter an example of our daily traffic statistics as at Feb 67. The methods used for recording in the message and despatch sections of the form are somewhat different. In the message section, movement between HQ 1 ATF and the sigcen is not recorded so that the "in" and "out" sides represent separate messages between the sigcen and some locations separate from HQ 1 ATF. The average total daily number of messages handled is therefore about 300. In the despatch section, the SDS office is treated as a separate entity and all despatches are counted in and out regardless of where they go to. This means that the "in" and "out" sides should balance except for despatches held in the SDS office overnight. The average daily number of despatches handled is therefore about 325.

#### Camp construction

Progress has been slow this month as there is a shortage of concrete mixers in Engineers due to breakdowns. The floor for the Squadron headquarters building is about three-quarters laid and we are now again waiting for the concrete mixer.

*P.D. MIDD*

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SIGNAL CENTRE 1 ATF

TRAFFIC ANALYSIS

Date. Feb 67 .....

MESSAGES OUT					MESSAGES IN						
	R	P	O	Z	TOTAL		R	P	O	Z	TOTAL
CW/VOICE	1				1	CW/VOICE	7	2			9
TPTR	40	21	22		83	TPTR	66	46	33	1	146
ORDERLY	7	3			10	ORDERLY					
TELEGRAMS	23				23	TELEGRAMS	36				36
TOTAL					117	TOTAL					191

SIGNALS DESPATCH SERVICE OUT					SIGNALS DESPATCH SERVICE IN						
	R	P	O	Z	TOTAL		R	P	O	Z	TOTAL
SDS (HELI)	68				68	SDS (HELI)	75				75
SDS (VEH)	136	22			158	SDS (VEH)	126				126
SDS (SPEC)		1			1	SDS (SPEC)					
ORDERLY	93				93	ORDERLY	112	23			135
10	3				3						
TOTAL	300				323	TOTAL	313	23			336