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Australian Army commanders' diaries
[Vietnam]

Signals units

Item number: 6/2/13

Item: 104 Signal Squadron

Narrative

Annex

[1-30 Apr 1968]

PART 1

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. R707-1-1

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

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

2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature) Appointment 2IC 104 Sig Sqn
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

PART 2

AF C 2119 (Adapted)
Revised Jun, 1963**SECRET**ORIGINAL
~~DUPLICATE~~Strike out where
not applicable**COMMANDERS DIARY**

OF

Unit or Formation 104th Signal SquadronFrom 1 Apr 68To 30 Apr 68

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Narrative (AF C 2118)

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- G Intelligence reports and summaries issued; appreciations made
- H Administrative orders and instructions issued
- I Administrative orders and instructions received
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- * K Standing orders issued
- L Commander's policy and demi-official letters
- M Action reports (if required)
- N Other papers, eg, maps and diagrams, air photos, reports from sub units
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- Z Top Secret Supplementary Diary

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 * Only to be included during operations.
 † Cross out whichever is not applicable.

PART 3

COMMANDERS DIARIES INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

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

GENERAL

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

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

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

During Operational Periods (1)

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

COMPILATION

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

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

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orders given.

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officers, men and equipment.

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

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(continued on back cover)

DISPOSAL

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

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

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

16. **TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.**

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

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

TOP SECRET

ANNEX Z to

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

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

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

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

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF - C 2118 (Adapted)

Revised Jun, 1965

UNIT ~~VIETNAM~~ 104 Sig Sqn

MONTH AND YEAR Apr 68

REFERENCE MAP VIETNAM A; 50,000 Sheets 1 to 4 COMMANDING OFFICER Maj N.C. MUNRO

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
NUI DAT YS4367	1 Apr 68		NTR	
	2 Apr 68		NTR	
	3 Apr 68		NTR	
	4 Apr 68		NTR	
	5 Apr 68		NTR	
	6 Apr 68		NTR	
	7 Apr 68		NTR	
	8 Apr 68		NTR	
	9 Apr 68		NTR	
	10 Apr 68		NTR	
	11 Apr 68		NTR	
	12 Apr 68		NTR	
	13 Apr 68		Maj McIntyre CMF (8 Sig Regt) arrived for two week visit.	
	14 Apr 68		NTR	
	15 Apr 68		NTR	
	16 Apr 68		NTR	
	17 Apr 68		NTR	
	18 Apr 68		NTR	

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1 ATF
NUI DAT

231800H Apr 68

Sigs 102

SIG INSTR 3/68 (OP TOAN THANG)

Time Zone used throughout this instr: HOTEL

General

1. All comms facilities currently existing in the NUI DAT base area will continue. Additional facilities to be provided for the Op are detailed in this instr.
2. 1 ATF SOIs for Apr 68 apply. SOIs for May become effective 010001 May 68.
3. General comms facilities for the Op are shown at Annex A.

Radio

4. 1 ATF Comd Net (VHF) Current:
 - a. Ref 1 ATF SOI Item No 8, Apr 68, add step Up stn - Callsign 99.
 - b. Callsign 99 is to join the net at 240750 Apr 68.
 - c. Callsign 99 will revert to NCS of 1 ATF Comd Net Fwd (VHF) with new callsign 16 from BEARCAT on order of G2 (Ops).
5. 1 ATF Comd Net Fwd (VHF). Annex B.
6. 1 ATF Comd Net Rear (VHF):
 - a. See Annex C.
 - b. To be established 5 mins after 1 ATF Comd Net Fwd is estb. During this time all substas on this net are to remain on the operating freq and await instrs from NCS.
7. Misc Radio Nets:
 - a. 1 ATF TG link (HF Back up)
 - b. Air Task Net
 - c. Unit Nets

} Annex D

Radio Relay

8. 104 Sig Sqn has under comd for the Op 2 x AN/MRC-69 shelters which will provide direct comms between 1 ATF Main and 1 ATF Rear. Channel allocation is shown at Annex E.
9. Signal Centre
Channel space has been provided by US Sigs Units and is shown at Annex E.
10. 104 Sig Sqn will provide a Fwd Sigcen at BEARCAT operation 151200 Apr 68.

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11. 1 ATF Sigcen NUI DAT - no change.

Line

12. 104 Sig Sqn line det will lay line as required in the
1 ATF Main loc.

13. Trunk diag shown at Annex A.

Swbd

14. EBONY Fwd Swbd will be estb at BEARCAT operating from
251200 Apr 68. Locals to EBONY Fwd are to serve as 1 ATF Fwd
Telephone Directory and is shown at Annex F. Supplements to
tele directory will be issued in loc as aval.

- 15 Exchange diag shown at Annex A.

Msg Carrying Agencies

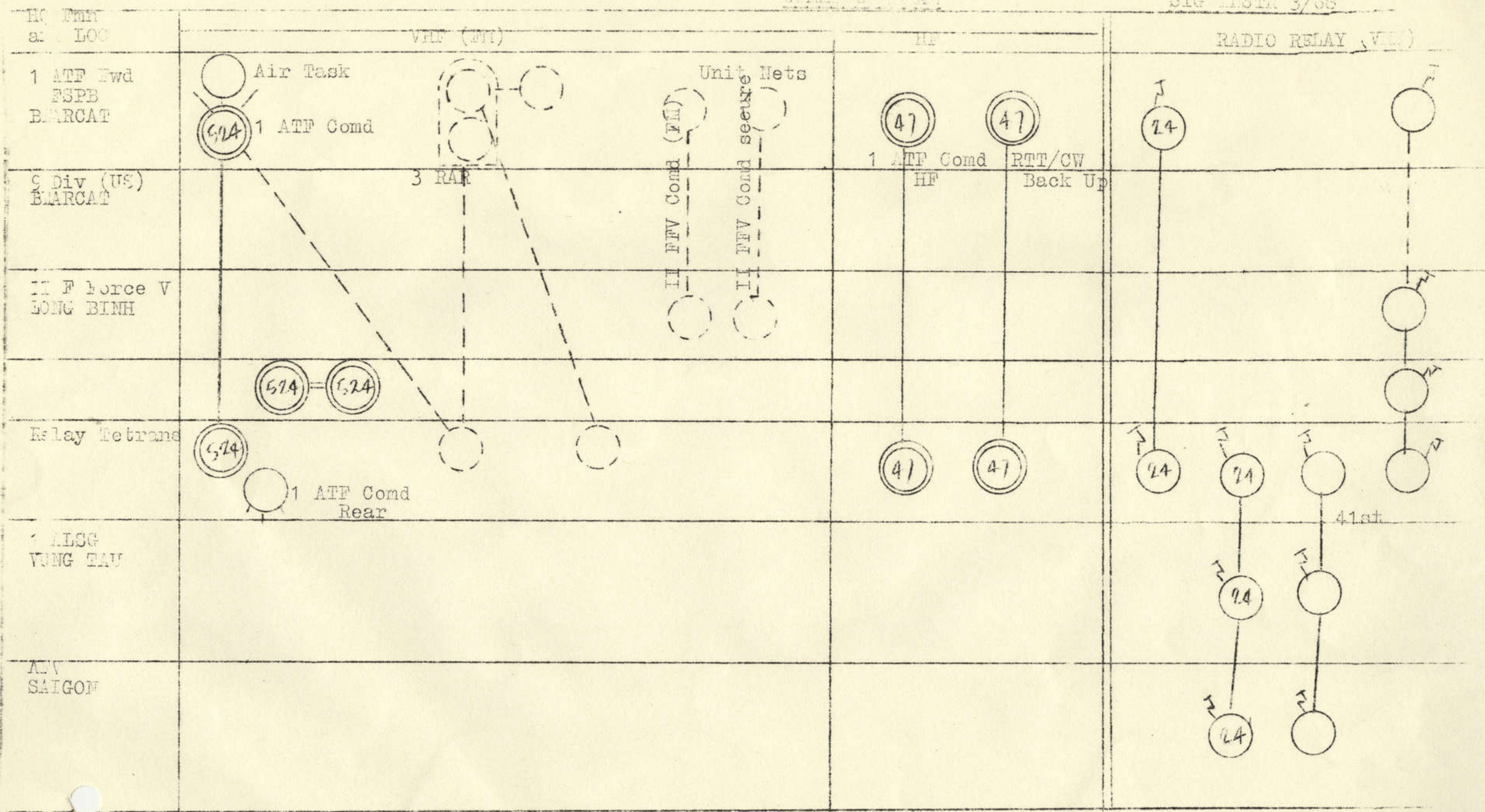
16. SDS, ADS and Air Courier time tables will be issued in
loc BEARCAT. Annex A indicates proposed service.

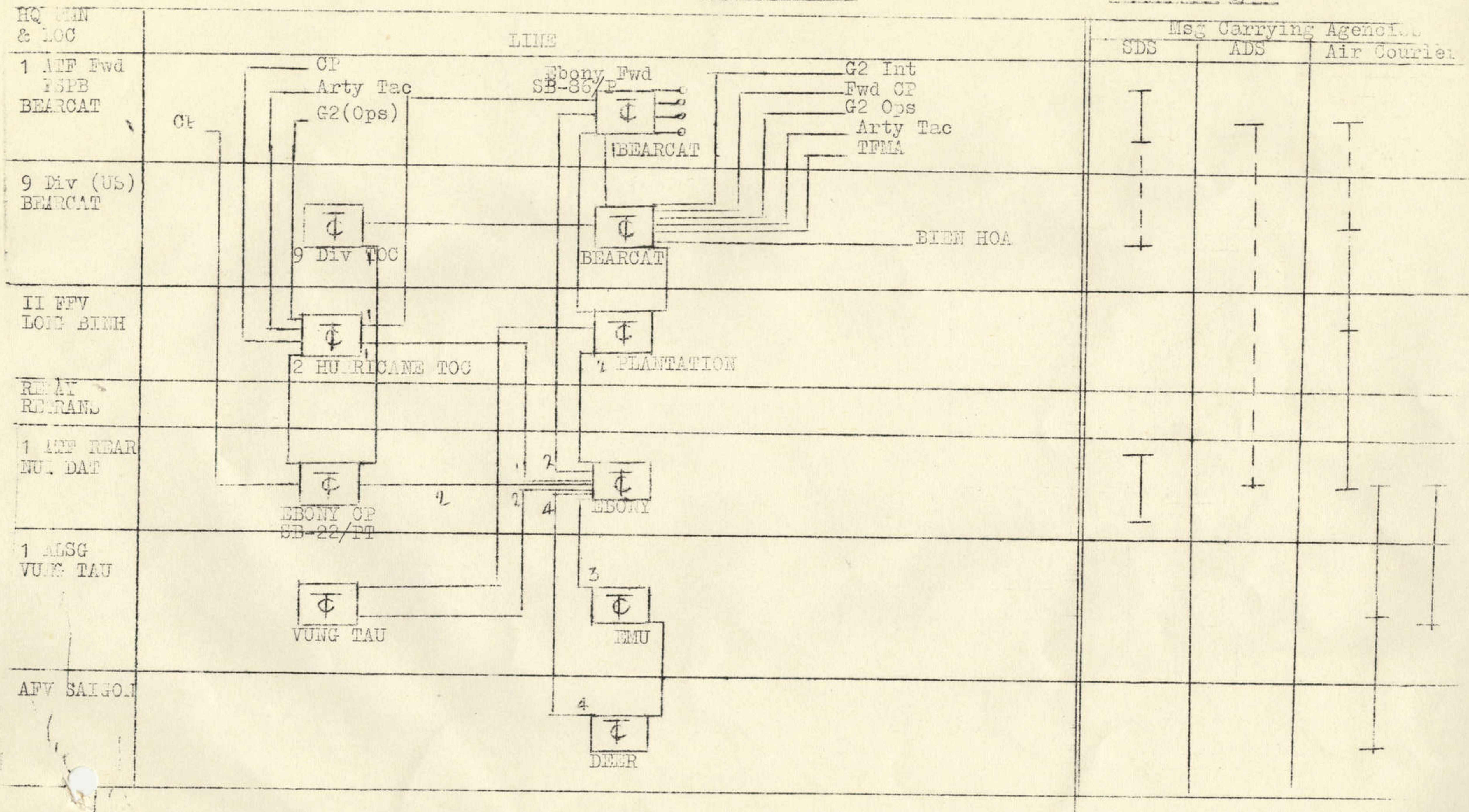
N.C. Munro
(N.C. MUNRO)
Maj
Sig Offr

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CORRECTION
COMINCENTRAL

ANNEX A 1.2.1.1
SIG SYSTEM 3/68





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ANNEX B to 1 ATF S
INSTR 3/68 DATED
231800H APR 68

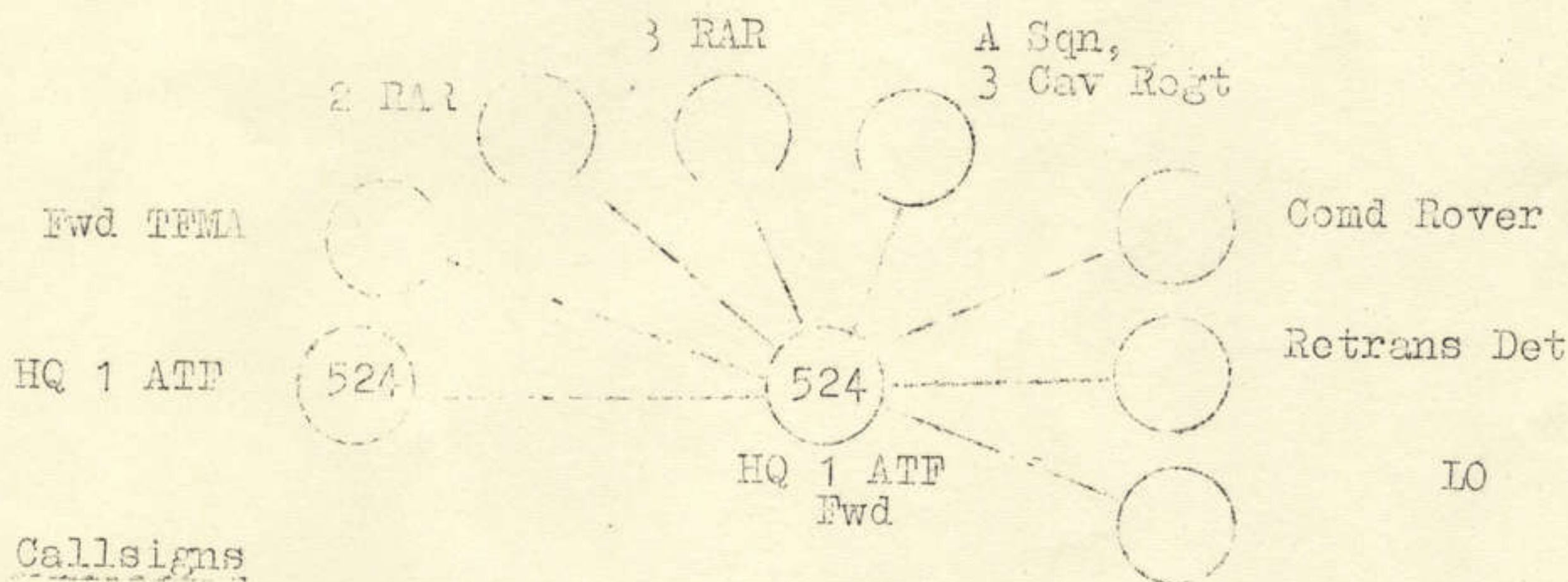
1 ATF Comd Net Fwd (VHF)

Refs: A. 1 ATF SOI Item No 8 - Apr 68.
B. 1 ATF SOI Item No 15 - May 68.

Freq Date

<u>Freq</u> (MHz)	<u>Callword</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Effective</u>
51.35	EASY DOG	Comd Pri	Apr 68
38.45	BLOCK BUSTER	Comd Alt	
68.40	-----	Retrans Pri	
58.15	-----	Retrans Alt	
56.35	TO	Comd Pri	010001 May 68
51.35	HI	Comd Alt	
74.95	-----	Retrans Pri	
66.90	-----	Retrans Alt	

Net Diag.



Callsigns

STA	Callsign	
	Effective Apr 68	Effective 010001 May 68
HQ 1 ATF Fwd (NCS)	16	19
HQ 1 ATF Rear	85	76
2 RAR	31	23
3 RAR	5	29
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt	42	51
Comd Rover	55	66
Retrans	37	81
Spare 1	61	8
LO	14	21
LO	15	22

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ANNEX C TO 1 ATF SIG
INSTR 3/68 DATED
231800H APR 68

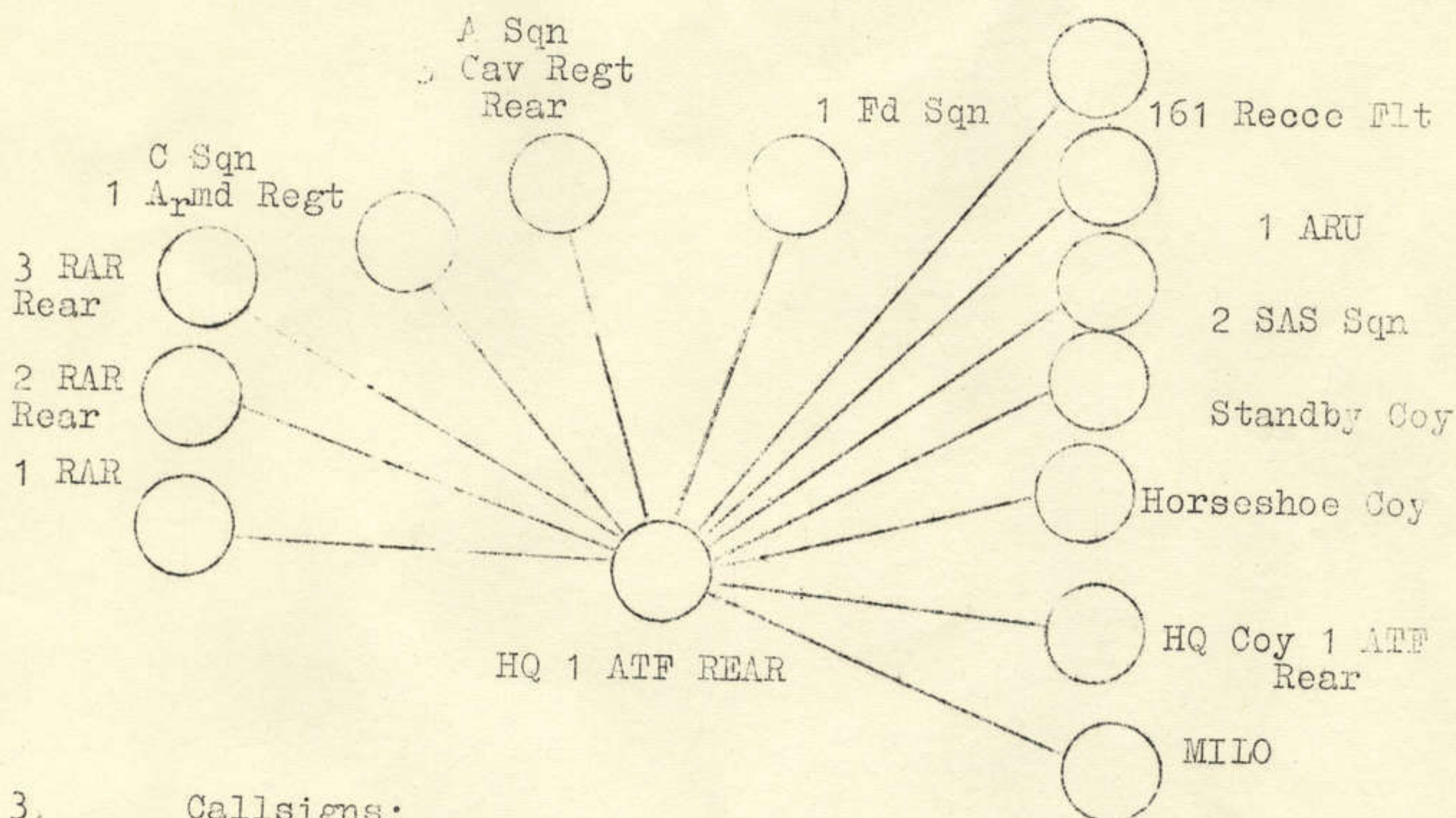
1 ATF COMB NET REAR (VHF)

Refs: A. 1 ATF SOI Item No 8 - Apr 68.
B. 1 ATF SOI Item No 15 - May 68.

1 Freq Data:

<u>Freq</u>	<u>Callword</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Effective</u>
51.30	TP	Comd Pri	Apr 68
60.90	TR	Comd Alt	
75.95	ZY	Comd Pri	010001 May 68
58.25	QF	Comd Alt	

2. Net Diag:



3. Callsigns:

STA	Callsign	
	Effective Apr 68	Effective 010001 May
HQ 1 ATF Rear (NCS)	85	76
1 RAR	25	54
2 RAR Rear	98	89
3 RAR Rear	34	3
C Sqn 1 Armd Regt Rear	93	33
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt Rear	88	61
1 Fd Sqn Rear	33	24
161 Recce Flt	91	17
1 ARU Rear	62	22
2 SAS Sqn Rear	53	84
Standby Coy Rear	71	35
Horseshoe Coy Rear	21	95
HQ Coy 1 ATF Rear	2	10
IO	10	72

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ANNEX D TO 1 ATF SIG
INSTR 3/68 DATED
231800H APR 68

MISC RADIO NETS

1. 1 ATF TG link 1 (HF Back-up)

<u>Freq</u>	<u>Callword</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Effective</u>
3645		Pri Opening Freq	From 240800 Apr
2056	JI	Alt ni freq	From 240800 Apr
9319		Alt day freq	From 240800 Apr

1 ATF Fwd

1 ATF Rear

2. Air Task Net

<u>Freq</u>	<u>Callword</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
32.30	ATOLL	RAAF Ops Rear
32.30	ATOLL 2	RAAF Ops Fwd
32.30	EAGLE HEIGHTS	1 ATF Air Rear
32.30	EAGLE HEIGHTS 2	1 ATF Air Fwd
32.30	JADE CONTROL	USAF LO (Rear)
32.30	TAC AIR	TAC AIR Common

3. Unit Nets. No change from APR/MAY 1 ATF SOIs.

4. Higher Fmn Nets. Ref II F Force V SOIs, Items Nos 51-6.

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ANNEX E TO 1 ATF SIG
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RADIO RELAY CHANNEL ALLOCATION

1. US Sig Corps Det

G2 (Ops)/G2 Air	to	HURRICANE TOC
CP Fwd	to	HURRICANE TOC
ARTY TAC	to	HURRICANE TOC
EBONY FWD SWBD	to	HURRICANE TOC
EBONY FWD SWBD	to	PLANTATION
2. 110 SIG SQN

CP Fwd	to	CP Rear
A/Q Fwd	to	DAQMG Rear
EBONY Fwd Swbd	to	EBONY Swbd
EBONY Fwd Swbd	to	EBONY Swbd
G2 Air	to	Air 1 ATF Rear
G2 Int	to	Int 1 ATF Rear
RTT Fwd Sigcen	to	Rear Sigcen (Secure)
Sigcen Supvr Fwd	to	Sigcen Supvr Rear

NOTE 1:

Separate channels to be provided to G2 (Ops) and G2 (Air) if and when further US Army Channels are made available.

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ANNEX F TO 1 ATF SIG
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TELEPHONE DIRECTORY - 1 ATF MAIN

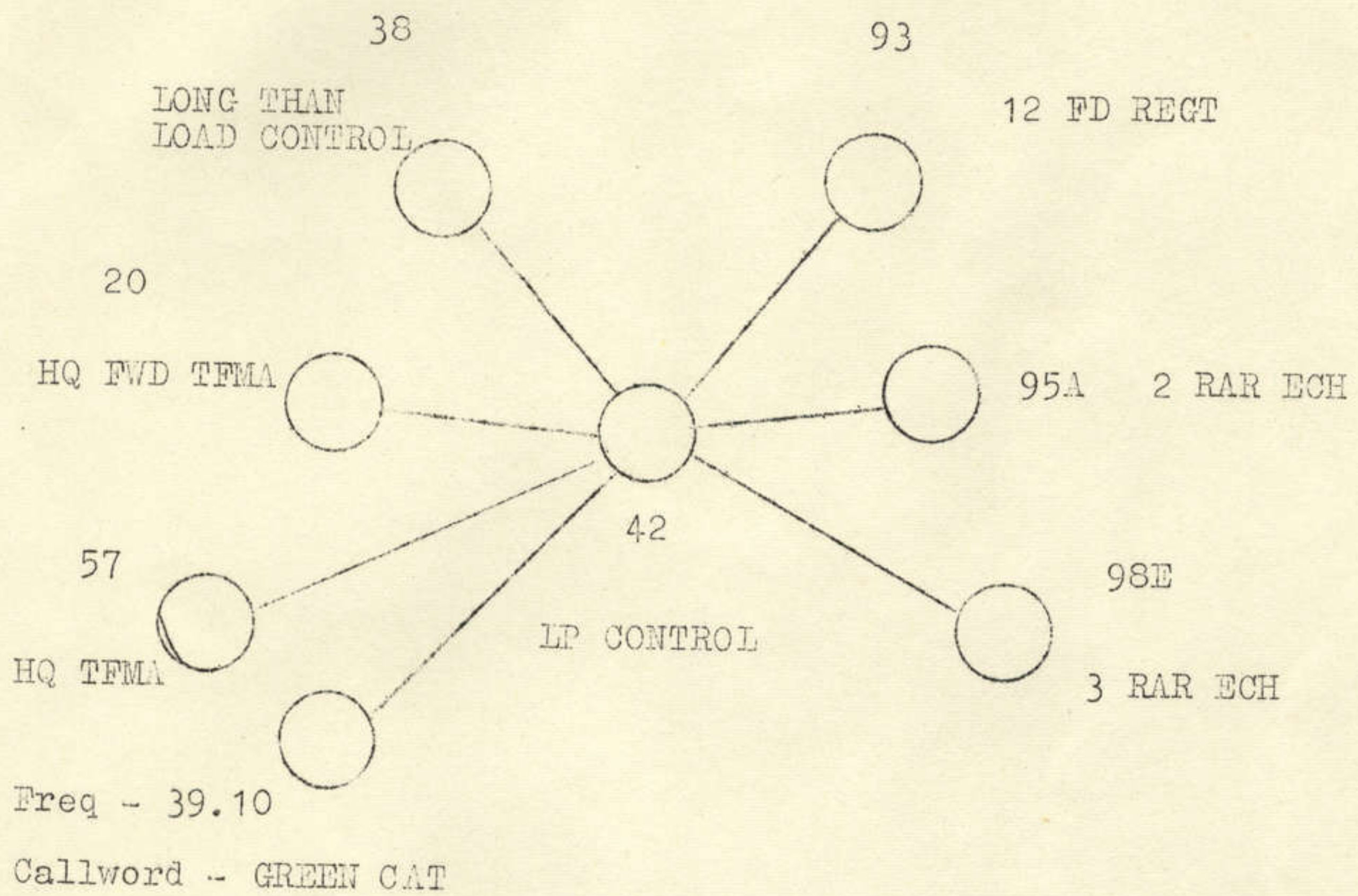
<u>EBONY FWD</u>	<u>SWBD EXTENSIONS</u>	<u>EBONY FWD TRUNKS</u>
G2 (OPS)	1	EBONY
ARTY TAC	2	HURRICANE TOC
SIGCEN	3	PLANTATION
COMMS CON	4	RAMROD
G2 AIR	6	RELIABLE (from 281200H)
CP	7	CASSANOVA
G2 (INT)	8	ENTERPRISE FWD
RAAF OPS	10	
USAF OPS	11	<u>BEARCAT AUTO SWBD</u>
DET 1 DIV INT UNIT	12	CP 2443
DAQMG	14	ARTY TAC 2754
REGISTRY	16	COMM CON 2448
3 RAR ECH	17	DAQMG/OC
		HQ COY 2226
2 RAR ECH	18	G2 OPS 2445
HQ COY	19	
RAP	20	<u>HURRICANE TOC EXE</u>
TFMA	25	G2 OPS/G2 AIR 15
TFMA	26	EBONY FWD CP 25
TECH MAINT/A, Q		ARTY TAC 51
RR/HF DET		EBONY FWD SWBD 67
<u>DIRECT TELES</u>		
COMD	CP (Intercomm)	
G2 OPS QUARTERS	CP	
COMMS CON	VHF BUNKER	
COMMS CON	RR/HF BACK UP	
G2 AIR	RAAF READY ROOM ANTHILL PAD	
G2 AIR	161 RECCE FLT	
COMMS CON	RADIO BUNKER	
COMMS CON	LINE RECORDS	

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ANNEX G TO 1 ATF SIG
INSTR 3/68 DATED
231800H APR 68

FWD TFMA AIR NET

Effective 010001H May 68.



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