

Series: AWM95
Australian Army commanders' diaries
[Vietnam]

Infantry units

Item number: 7/5/12 PART 1

**Item: 5 Battalion Royal Australian
Regiment**

Narrative

Operations log, Annexes

part 1

[1-31 Jan 1967]

PART 1

COVERING LETTER

Reference No.

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

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

2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature) *[Handwritten Signature]*

Appointment *[Handwritten Signature]*

(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

PART 2

AF C 2119 (Adapted)
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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation 5 RAR

From 1st JANUARY 1967 To 31 JANUARY 1967

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PART 3

COMMANDERS DIARIES
INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

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

GENERAL

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

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

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

During Operational Periods (1)

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

COMPILATION

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

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

ANNEXES

as well as map references), establishment, equipment and personnel. Orders given. Details of the day's fighting, including company movements. Details of the commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization and personnel.

of tactical importance. Details of officers, men and equipment. Details of personnel captured. Details of personnel employed in the time not accounted for. The type of personnel employed.

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

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

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SECRET

EXCEL 3

COVERING LETTER

EXCEL 1

DISPOSAL

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

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

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

16. **TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.**

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

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

TOP SECRET
ANNEX Z to

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

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

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

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

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C 2118 (Adapted)

Revised Jun, 1965

MONTH AND YEAR Jan 1967

REFERENCE MAP 1:50,000 Sheets 6430 111 - 6430 11

UNIT/FORMATION 5 RAR

COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col J A WARR

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
Area Bui Dat	1 Jan 67		See Ops Log - Contact report received from D Coy.	M - 1
GR YS 441686	1 Jan		See Ops Log - 6 RAR Operation Analysis Operation Canary received.	M - 2
	1 Jan		See Ops Log - A Coy Patrol Report received.	M - 3
	1 Jan		See Ops Log - D Coy Patrol Report received.	M - 4
	1 Jan		See Ops Log - A Coy Patrol Report received.	M - 5
	1 Jan		See Ops Log - Routine Orders Part 1 by Lt Col J A WARR issued.	H - 1
	1 Jan		See Ops Log - 5 RAR Standing Operating Procedures for rear area security issued.	K - 1
	1 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on R & R for Feb 67 issued.	H - 2
	1 Jan		See Ops Log - Patrol Report received from A Coy.	M - 6
	1 Jan		See Ops Log - Patrol Report received from A Coy.	M - 7
	2 Jan		See Ops Log - Patrol Report received from D Coy.	M - 8
	2 Jan		See Ops Log - Patrol Report received from D Coy.	M - 9
	2 Jan		See Ops Log - 5 RAR CP Duty Officer Roster issued.	C - 1
	2 Jan		See Ops Log - Minutes of CO's Conference held 2 Jan 67 issued.	H - 3
	2 Jan		See Ops Log - Forecast of activities issued.	C - 2
	3 Jan		See Ops Log - After Action Report received from Sp Coy.	M - 10
	3 Jan		See Ops Log - Patrol Report received from C Coy.	M - 11
	4 Jan		See Ops Log - Patrol Report received from D Coy.	M - 12

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	4 Jan 67		See Ops Log - Patrol Report received from D Coy.	M - 13
	4 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction of submission of Coy nominal rolls issued.	H - 4
	4 Jan		See Ops Log - After Action Report received from C Coy.	M - 14
	5 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction to Q matters of CO's Conference 2 Jan 67 issued.	H - 5
	5 Jan		See Ops Log - Warning Order Op Picton issued.	C - 3
	5 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on comms to UH 1B and H 13 aircraft issued.	C - 4
	5 Jan		See Ops Log - Patrol Report received from C Coy.	M - 15
	5 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on presentation of Honours and awards by Comd 1 ATF issued.	H - 6
	5 Jan		See Ops Log - Instructions for soldiers undergoing Field Punishment issued.	H - 7
	5 Jan		See Ops Log - Patrol Report received from Sp Coy.	M - 16
	6 Jan		See Ops Log - Administrative Instruction 1/67 Control and Adm of Interpreters issued.	H - 8
	6 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on WO and NCO promotion qualifications in operational areas issued.	H - 9
	6 Jan		See Ops Log - Op Order 26/66 OP Caloundra issued.	C - 5
	6 Jan		See Ops Log - Patrol Report received from C Coy.	M - 17
	7 Jan		See Ops Log - 5 RAR Patrol Forecast issued.	C - 6
	7 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on Patrol Reports issued.	C - 7

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Lt Col J A WARR

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COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	7 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on Bandsmen issued.	H - 10
	8 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on an Operation emergency Field Telephones issued.	C - 8
	8 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on ammunition allocation issued.	H - 11
	8 Jan		See Ops Log - Op Order 1/67 Op Wollongong issued.	C - 9
	9 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on Memorial Church Parade issued.	H - 12
	9 Jan		See Ops Log - A Coy Sub Unit Operational analysis report Op Caloundra received.	M - 18
	10 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on 5 RAR Base Development issued.	H - 13
	10 Jan		See Ops Log - 5 RAR Hospital state issued.	H - 14
	10 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction for R & R for March 67 issued.	H - 15
	11 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction for Passport applications issued.	H - 16
	11 Jan		See Ops Log - Passwords - Radio codes Points of Origin 13-31 Jan 66 issued.	B - 1
	12 Jan		See Ops Log - Company allocation of Tasks for Op Wollongong issued.	C - 10
	12 Jan		See Ops Log - Roster for CP Duty Officer issued.	C - 11
	12 Jan		See Ops Log - Amendments to Points of Origin issued.	B - 2
	12 Jan		See Ops Log - Nominations for Class II & III Edn Courses issued.	H - 17
	12 Jan		See Ops Log - Nominations for Class II & III Edn Courses issued.	H - 18
	12 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on in Base area security issued.	C - 12
	12 Jan		See Ops Log - Sports Bulletin No 1 issued.	H - 19

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COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col J A WARR

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	13 Jan		See Ops Log - D Coy Sub Unit analysis report Op Caloundra received.	M - 19
	13 Jan		See Ops Log - C Coy Sub Unit analysis report Op Caloundra received.	M - 20
	13 Jan		See Ops Log - Instructions on Op Caloundra to Coy Commanders issued.	C - 13
	13 Jan		See Ops Log - Routine Orders Part 1 by Lt Col J A WARR issued.	H - 20
	14 Jan		See Ops Log -	A - 1
	15 Jan		See Ops Log - Combat after Action report op Caloundra issued.	M - 21
	16 Jan		See Ops Log - 5 RAR Distribution lists issued.	H - 21
	16 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction for ARL with R & R issued.	H - 22
	16 Jan		See Ops Log - Warning order for Op Camden issued.	C - 14
	16 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on recording of public holidays issued.	H - 23
	17 Jan		See Ops Log - Changes in frequency for Radio Australia issued.	H - 24
	17 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on R & R Procedure issued.	H - 25
	17 Jan		See Ops Log - Op order 3/67 Op Camden issued.	C - 15
	17 Jan		See Ops Log - 5 RAR Standing Operating procedure Amendment No 2 issued.	K - 2
	17 Jan		See Ops Log - D Coy Patrol Report received.	M - 22
	18 Jan		See Ops Log - -	A - 1
	19 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on lateness of mail issued.	H - 26

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UNIT/FORMATION Lt Col J A WARR
COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	19 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on Liaison visits to Saigon issued.	H - 27
	20 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on Controlled Sig stores issued.	H - 28
	20 Jan		See Ops Log - Administrative Instruction 2/67 issued.	H - 29
	20 Jan		See Ops Log - B Coy Sub Unit Op Analysis report C Coy patrol issued.	M - 23
	20 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on R & R for Feb-Mar issued.	H - 30
	20 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on Outstanding Charges for Loss of Identity Cards issued.	H - 31
	21 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on Tactical Employment of M18A1 Claymore Mine received.	C - 16
	21 Jan		See Ops Log - Internal Distribution of Lines Communication issued.	H - 32
	21 Jan		See Ops Log - Sub Unit Op Analysis report Op Wollongong Phase 1 received.	M - 24
	22 Jan		See Ops Log - Light Data for Feb 67 issued.	C - 17
	22 Jan		See Ops Log - List of Prevalent Offences issued.	H - 33
	23 Jan		See Ops Log - Sports Bulletin No 2 issued.	H - 34
	23 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on Monthly ID Card Nominal Rolls issued.	H - 35
	23 Jan		See Ops Log - A Coy Sub Unit Op Analysis report Op Camden issued.	M - 25
	23 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on Visits by CMF Officers issued.	H - 36
	23 Jan		See Ops Log - C Coy Patrol Report received.	M - 26
	24 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on Civil Aid to South Vietnam received.	H - 37

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UNIT/FORMATION 5 RAR

MONTH AND YEAR Jan 1967

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COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col J A WARR

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	24 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on expiration of current engagement for 5 RAR members issued.	H - 38
	24 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on TV sets issued.	H - 39
	24 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on 5 RAR Return To Australia issued.	H - 40
	24 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on Visiting Concert Party issued.	H - 41
	24 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on use of MFC's issued.	H - 42
	24 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on Company allocation of Tasks for Op Wollongong issued.	C - 18
	25 Jan		See Ops Log - Minutes of RTA Conference held 5 RAR 23 Jan 67 issued.	H - 43
	25 Jan		See Ops Log - 5 RAR Patrol forecast issued.	C - 19
	25 Jan		See Ops Log - Amendment to 5 RAR Return To Australia issued.	H - 44
	25 Jan		See Ops Log - Precautions against ambush issued.	C - 20
	25 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on extensions of service in SVN issued.	H - 45
	25 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on Bn Scrapbook issued.	H - 46
	26 Jan		See Ops Log - Warning Order Op Camden issued.	C - 21
	26 Jan		See Ops Log - B Coy Patrol report received.	M - 27
	26 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on extensions of service in SVN issued.	H - 47
	26 Jan		See Ops Log - Q Admin Instruction 1/67 rations issued.	H - 48

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COMMANDING OFFICER

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	27 Jan		See Ops Log - Combat operations After Action Report Op Camden issued.	M - 28
	27 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction Leave on Return to Australia issued.	H - 49
	27 Jan		See Ops Log - 5 RAR Hospital State issued.	H - 50
	27 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on ARA Offr Qualifying Course 35/67 issued.	H - 51
	27 Jan		See Ops Log - Officer postings/appointments 5 RAR issued.	H - 52
	28 Jan		See Ops Log - Op Order 4/67 Op Camden issued.	C - 22
	28 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on Provisional additional .50 calibre MGs issued.	C - 23
	29 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on Areas of Responsibility issued.	H - 53
	30 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction for Saigon Guard issued.	H - 54
	30 Jan		See Ops Log - Roster for Cafe De Wheels issued.	H - 55
	31 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on ASCO Debts issued.	H - 56
	31 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on DF Tasks issued.	C - 24
	31 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on Debriefing of Patrols issued.	C - 25
	31 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on Dental Inspections issued.	H - 57
	31 Jan		See Ops Log - Instruction on Fire Prevention issued.	H - 58

DATE 1 Jan 67.

5 RAR MESSAGE LOG

SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	3 Pl	Con	0712	Lifting ambush.	
	3 Pl	Con	0715	Moving.	
	3 Pl	Con	0731	Back in home loc now// Close down.	
	Con	1 ATF	0800	Sitrep No 1 fm 2400 to 0800H. NTR.	
	7 Pl	Con	0819	Moving.	
	10 Pl	Con	0820	Moving.	
	12 Pl	Con	0828	L/S GR 452712.	
	7 Pl	Con	0850	L/S GR 460680.	
	12 Pl	Con	0905	L/S GR 451712.	
	10 Pl	Con	0906	L/S GR 411691.	
	B Coy	Con	0927	Can you advise on extraction of our members back to your loc.	
	7 Pl	Con	0930	L/S GR 461673, harbouring.	
	Con	B Coy	0944	Ref last message. Are these members to be extracted special or is it your complete c/s, if it is your c/s you are due to be extracted tomorrow.// This was passed yesterday	
				Members are for R&R and R&C also resup of milk etc. There are 7 members plus 1 medevac.	
	12 Pl	Con	1004	L/S GR 469711.	
	10 Pl	Con	1032	L/S GR 401691.	
	7 Pl	Con	1033	Moving.	
	12 Pl	Con	1034	L/S GR 471708, harbouring.	
	10 Pl	Con	1103	L/S GR 399693, harbouring.	
	11 Pl	Con	1113	Engr elements plus 4 from this c/s will be moving SOUTH parallel to the Main Axis	

DATE 1 Jan 67.5 RAR MESSAGE LOG

SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	Continuation			They are moving towards 175mm arty from the NORTH. Warn all units WEST of the Main Axis.	
	7 P1	Con	1121	L/S GR 462663, harbouring.	
	11 P1	Con	1142	Engr and personell from this c/s have left.	
	Con	1 ATF	1200	Sitrep No 2 fm 0800 to 1200H. EN. NTR. OWN SIT. 7 P1 GR 462663. 10 P1 GR 399693.	
				12 P1 GR 471708.	
	10 P1	Con	1300	L/S GR 392695.	
	7 P1	Con	1341	L/S GR 460666, harbouring.	
	10 P1	Con	1505	L/S GR 389701.	
	10 P1	Con	1602	L/S GR 391702.	
	Con	1 ATF	1603	Sitrep No 3 fm 1200 to 1600H. NTR.	
	7 P1	Con	1625	L/S GR 460658.	
	10 P1	Con	1631	My L/S GR 391708. I have been working my way around the area and I cannot find the objective and I think it is about 300 metres NORTH of LZ and I am moving to there now.	
	11 P1	Con	1640	Back in this my loc.	
	10 P1	Con	1748	L/S GR 391702. Found large camp not occupied for 1 to 2 months. 20 to 30 huts with bunkers covering a large area (400m x 400m) could you tell ius if there is a LZ near our area.	Passed to 1 ATF.
	Con	10 P1	1805	Fm S3 he feels that you should be able to find a suitable posn for ambush near where you are. CO would like you to put your ambush in the instl itself, could you give strength required from Engrs// I will occupy the centre of the posn and it would take quite a lot of explosives, I cant say how much.	
	Con	10 P1	1856	A Engr rep will come to your loc tomorrow morning to see how much assistance will be needed and a Possum will be out to check your posn prior to Engrs coming.	
	Con	1 ATF	2000	Sitrep No 4 fm 1600 to 2000H. EN. NTR. OWN SIT. 10 P1 GR 391702. 12 P1 GR 472710.	

5 RAR MESSAGE LOG

DATE 1 Jan 67.

SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	Continuation			7 PL GR 462657. ADMIN. NTR.	
	Con	1 ATF	2400	Sitrep No 5 fm 2000 to 2400H. NTR.	
				

DATE 2 Jan 67
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5 BAR MESSAGE LOG

SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
7	P1	Con	0614	Moving.	
7	P1	Con	0633	L/S GR 460658.	
12	P1	Con	0656	Lifting ambush.	
12	P1	Con	0712	L/S GR 472708.	
1	ATF	Con	0742	Airstrike warning ^{warning} within the next 10 minutes on GR 350824.	
B	Coy	Con	0745	Back in your loc.	
	Con	1 ATF	0806	Sitrep No 2 fm 2400 to 0800H. NTR.	
12	P1	Con	0815	Moving.	
10	B1	Con	0823	Moving, I am going to find a suitable LZ and secure it for the arrival of Engrs rep.	
	Reece P1	Con	0827	Moving.	
7	P1	Con	0835	Moving.	
12	P1	Con	0837	L/S GR 473706.	
10	P1	Con	0900	L/S GR 395700 the LZ is secure and I ^{can} am receiving the Engrs you when you send them.	
1	ATF	Con	0950	Airstrike warning in next 5 mins GR 533746.	
7	P1	Con	1007	L/S GR 463670.	
10	P1	Con	1015	L/S GR 395704. Engrs elements this loc have no contact with the home loc. Relay to Engrs your loc requirements. 6 men - they are waiting ready to go. 250 lbs of TNT. 1000 ft of det cord. 50 ft safety safety fuse. These are urgent. Also I require Engrs to come onto this freq as 10B P1 to retain contact.	
12	P1	Con	1020	L/S GR 472700.	
	Con	12 P1	1056	L/S you just gave does not agree with the one last night. Which is correct. // Confirmed with Albatross L/S last night wrong. L/S at 1015 hrs correct.	
	10 P1	Con	1110	10B P1 has secured LZ and ready to take Engrs and equipment equipment.	

DATE 2 Jan 67.

5 RAR MESSAGE LOG

SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	12 Pl	Con	1115	L/S GR 472694. Harboursing.	
	7 Pl	Con	1132	Moving.	
	Con	4 ATF	1200	Sitrep No 3 fm 0800 to 1200H. EN. NTR. OWN SIT. L/S 12 Pl GR 472694. 10 Pl GR 395704. Engr elements are there to destroy en complex - task est completion at 1400 hrs. 10 Pl will then presume ptl act. 7 Pl GR 468676. A Coy GR 274657. ADMIN. NTR.	
	Con	10 Pl	1200	Send progress report, time est of job, and what time expected move. // Est finishing job at 1400 hrs. Will be moving when Engrs leave this loc. Will wait on advice from your c/s as to what tasks you require of this c/s.	
	7 Pl	Con	1218	L/S GR 468676.	
	11 Pl	Con	1220	L/S moving.	
	7 Pl	Con	1240	L/S GR 468677, harboursing.	
	12 Pl	Con	1255	Moving.	
	11 Pl	Con	1300	L/S GR 428694.	
	10 Pl	Con	1305	Engr has completed his job, have you another task for him. // Has he vacated your area. // No about 1400H. // I will let you know.	
	Con	10 Pl	1322	I have arranged for tpt, how is Engrs going? // Wont be ready till 1600H. I will confirm.	
	11 Pl	Con	1325	L/S GR 423694.	
	12 Pl	Con	1327	L/S GR 475698.	
	11 Pl	Con	1344	L/S GR 417693.	
	Con	10 Pl	1352	Before you leave area will you destroy and fill in all installations. // I will push on SW and see if there are anymore. // You must not go further SOUTH then the 70 Northing and keep us informed of progress and keep in contact 11 Pl.	

DATE 2 Jan 67.5 RAR MESSAGE LOG

SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
12	P1	Con	1400	L/S GR 472693.	
11	P1	Con	1400	L/S GR 414693.	
	Reece P1	Con	1402	Moving.	
10	P1	Con	1403	Engrs will be ready to be picked up at 1450H.	
10	P1	Con	1425	Moving to LZ.	
12	P1	Con	1435	L/S GR 472691, xxxxxx temporary harbour.	
10	P1	Con	1439	Have secured LZ and awaiting Albatross.	
7	P1	Con	1445	Moving.	
11	P1	Con	1458	L/S GR 404691.	
10	P1	Con	1500	Engr elements have left this c/s, moving.	
12	P1	Con	1501	Moving.	
7	P1	Con	1510	L/S GR 471678.	
10	P1	Con	1545	L/S GR 390700.	
11	P1	Con	1550	L/S GR 395691.	
Con	1 ATF	1600	Sitrep No 4 fm 1200 to 1600H. EN. NTR. OWN SIT. 10 P1 instl destroyed in GR 395704. L/S 7 P1 GR 468680 harbour. 10 P1 GR 390707. 11 P1 GR 395691. 12 P1 GR 473691 harbour.		
10	P1	Con	1605	L/S GR 390707.	
11	P1	Con	1630	Now that 10 P1 is out of the area is their any restrictions NORTH.// Proceed no further NORTH than the 70 Northing.	
11	P1	Con	1635	L/S GR 390693.	
10	P1	Con	1700	With additional tasks estimate time destroy maximum bunkers at installations.	
11	P1	Con	1705	L/S GR 409694.	

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	Con	7 & 12 Pl	1746	A crypto will be sent on on your Mortars net it is to be actioned by your c/s Mortar rep Comds to assist in decoding.	
	Con	10 & 11 Pl	1750	At 0730 RV with 10 Pl at LZ GR 395701. Assist with instl task. 10 Pl Info. 11 Pl Action.	
	Con	10 Pl	1810	With additional 1 platoon with more tools.	
	B Coy	Con	1812	4 & 5 Pl moving.	
	11 Pl	Con	1820	GR 389694.	
	Con	10 Pl	1830	With callsign 11 Pl assistance ONE day.	
	Con	10 & 11 Pl	1920	Secure LZ before 0730 meet helicopter with equipment. Move with 11 Pl to complete task. 10 Pl action. 11 Pl info.	
	10 Pl	Con	1950	Reference further activities this c/s will require water.// Fm S3 reference water there is water 150 metres away// I realise that but be awkward// Will try and get as much as possible on chopper.//	
	11 Pl	Con	2000	This c/s will also require water// Will try and do our best this will arrive with water for 10 Pl.	
	Con	1 ATF	2015	Sitrep No 5 fm 1600 to 2000H. EN. NTR. OWN SIT. L/S 10 Pl GR 390712. 11 Pl GR 389694. 12 Pl GR 473691. 7 Pl GR 468680.	
	Con	1 ATF	2400	Sitrep No 6 fm 2000 to 2400H. NTR.	
				

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	7 Pl	Con	0710	I/S GR 460679.	
	B Coy	Con	0736	4 Pl this loc, 5 Pl moving.	
	7 Pl	Con	0738	I/S GR 454678.	
	10 ⁴ Pl	Con	0751	I/S GR 395704.	
	10 Pl	Con	0810	I have money box for you send someone to Tiger 5.	
	12 Pl	Con	0831	I/S GR 696690.	
	10 Pl	Con	0845	10 & 11 Pls in loc now.	
	Con	1 ATF	0900	Sitrep No 2 fm 2400 to 0900H. EN. NTR. OWN SIT. EX. 10 & 11 Pls have received tools to destroy an en bunker at 391702. 12 Pl GR 462689. ADMIN. NTR.	
	Con	1 ATF	0913	Request GR and time of find of your money box. // 021000H GR 394704.	
	12 Pl	Con	0921	I/S GR 459692.	
	Con	1 ATF	0925	Could you order for us this afternoon 3 APCs to take the Recce Pl to the French Fort at 1600. PU point Tiger 5.	
	Con	A Coy	0940	For OC. You have a CAP orderly and his eqpt within 50 metres of you. A Coy has a medic, clarify your message to CQMS.	
	12 Pl	Con	1005	I/S GR 454691.	
	12 Pl	Con	1030	I/S GR 449690.	
	11 Pl	Con	1104	Progress slow should be finished by 1400H.	
	Con	1 ATF	1250	Sitrep No 3 fm 0800 to 1200H. EN. 391702 booklet found evac. OWN SIT. 7 Pl & 12 Pl back in loc. 10 & 11 Pl still at en bunker. 5 Pl protecting the Engrs. ADMIN. NTR.	
	10 Pl	Con	1350	Message taken by D Coy. Task completed. Could Albatross timings be brought forward. What time will you be ready to go// In loc, ready at 1500H.	

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	11 Pl	Con	1551	This c/s en route to D Coy loc. c/s complete except for Pl Comd who is with 10 Pl.	
	Con	1 ATF	1605	Sitrep No 4 fm 1200 to 1600H. EN. NTR. OWN SIT. 10 & 11 Pls back in this loc. 5 Pl GR 426675. ADMIN. NTR.	
	Recce Pl	Con	1740	Intended L/S GR 405637. Request DPs 1. 395638. 2. 402645.	
	All Coys	Con	1845	Clearing ptls out - standing to.	
	Recce Pl	Con	1907	Contact. 1 VC WIA could we have Dustoff for him LZ at 395636 it is a paddy field L/S of this c/s 250 metres SOUTH of intended final L/S. Can you give us an estimate and No of VC in contact.// There is only one and he fled when challenged.// Is the LZ where the contact was// Yes.// Can you tell us how bad the VC is wounded and have you aroused any suspicion from the French Fort.// He is in bad shock and agony and he was shot in the leg. No activity fm the Fort.// Can you take him to the road if so a track will be sent to pick him up as a Dustoff cannot be sent and we will advise you when to move, when the fort has been told of your presence.// We can get him to the road and we wont move until you tell us.	Passed to 1 ATF.
	Con	Recce Pl	1948	Hoa Long has been informed and they have no comms with the fort so Hoa Long is sending a man in a jeep to the fort to tell them use the lights from the vehicle that is telling the fort as the word to move, and move to the road at GR 406633.// We are no posn to read the map, so if the track moves to the GR we will move to the road and we can hear the tracks now.// Move to the road now at the given GR and walk towards the fort as the GR is 406633.	

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	Continuation			Can we get the track onto this freq and we can talk to them.// If you have anything for the tracks relay through me.// Tell them to turn around and we will tell them to halt.// The track is approx 700 metres South of us.// Can you tell me HM shots were fired// 3.// Can you give me an estimated time before you can get back to your allotted task// Approx 10 mins.	
	Recce Pl Con	2022		I am with the tracks now and ref my move I suggest I go to the natural feature about 300 metres WEST of your proposed loc// Yes.	
	Con	ReccePl	2055	OC Arty is getting your DF moved and he is trying to get them moved to the same relative posn as your last DFs and your DF SOS is the Northern one.	
	Recce Pl Con	2113		I am about to move into my ambush and I would like to use preset switch code.	
	Con	Recce Pl	2122	Your DF confirmed// Ambushing.	
	Con	1 ATF	2400	XX Sitrep Fm 2000 to 2400H. L/S GR 409637 Recce Pl. Remainder NTR.	

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	Con	1 ATF	0400	Sitrep No 1 fm 2400 to 0400H. NTR.	
	Con	1 ATF	0800	Sitrep No 2 fm 0400 to 0800H. NTR.	
	12 Pl	Con	0805	We have married up with Engrs and moving now.	
	Recce Pl	Con	0815	Back in loc now, closing down.	
	12 Pl	Con	0835	L/S GR 420677. 12B Pl GR 418676.	
	Con	B Coy	0854	Send L/S because 40 personnel have been sighted 400 metres fm A Coy 6 RAR// L/S GR 449691.// 40 personnel have been sighted 400 metres fm your base neighbour you are to go down and apprehend them// Could you send their L/S and which way they are moving// GR 450683 and N to S.	
	Con	B Coy	0913	Those people are now at GR 445686 and they are out of sight// We passed that GR approx 15 mins ago and I think the delay of getting caused them to mistake us and did did they identify VC // They did not identify VC and you are probably correct.	
	Con	B Coy	0920	You can go back to your original route it was you they sighted// Jade is circling above us.	
	11B Pl	Con	0951	L/S GR 438692.	
	B Coy	Con	0953	L/S GR 453694.	
	11 B Pl	Con	1020	L/S GR 445688.	
	B Coy	Con	1021	L/S GR 454697.	
	B Coy	Con	1050	L/S GR 455699.	
	1 ATF	Con	1100	Airstrike warning within 15 mins GR 282727.	
	11 B Pl	Con	1110	Back this loc.	
	Mortars	Con	1155	In loc now will advise when set up.	
	B Coy	Con	1156	L/S GR 460706.	

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	B Coy	Con	1333	L/S GR 468719.	
	12 Pl	Con	1400	L/S GR 420677. 12B Pl GR 419673.	
	11 Pl	Con	1445	L/S GR 443690.	
	B Coy	Con	1450	4 Pl GR 463721. 4B Pl GR 465724. 4C Pl GR 461717. 6 Pl GR 472720. 6B Pl GR 475717.	
				6C Pl GR 470716.	
	11 Pl	Con	1526	In D Coys loc permission to close down// Close down.	
	A Coy	Con	1603	4410757H has been hospitalized no details.	
	Con	1 ATF	1603	Sitrep fm 0800 to 1600H. EN. NTR. OWN SIT. L/S as passed above. ADMIN. NTR.	
	B Coy	Con	1851	L/S all c/s GR 469730.	
	C Coy	Con	1921	Recce Pl ambushing in proposed loc.	
	C Coy	Con	1950	We have just sighted 4 lights.	
	B Coy	Con	1950	My MFC is having trouble with his freq can you get Mortars to give me a call, his freq and Mortars is too close so could they change to alt freq.	
	Con	1 ATF	2000	Sitrep No 4 fm 1600 to 2000H. EN. NTR. OWN SIT. L/S B Coy GR 469730 complete in loc.	
				C Coy & CHQ GR 447630. 7 Pl GR 464647. 7B Pl GR 459655. 8 Pl GR 423623. 8B Pl GR 435626.	
				9 Pl GR 444628. 9B Pl GR 454633. Recce Pl GR 443642. Recce B Pl GR 437643. ADMIN. NTR.	
	B Coy	Con	2055	2 guns fire for effect JM 2743 direction 1600, suspect VC loc converge at my command are fire one for effect, report time flight request c/s 5A.	
	B Coy	Con	2105	Ready time of flight 28 seconds./ Shot// Drop 200//Cancel at my command//Shot// Drop 100// shot// Drop 100// Shot// Drop 100// Shot//Drop 100// Shot// Drop 100// Shot// End of mission	
				good shooting.	
	C Coy	Con	2116	Contact 8 Pl.	
	C Coy	Con	2120	8 Pl killed 1 VC by body count he was walking to 8 Pl loc, not touching body because of	

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	Continuation			other lights in area.	Passed to 1 ATF.
	B Coy	Con	2125	Report small arms fire 2500m on bearing estimated 400.	
	Con	B Coy	2126	We have been held up by many lights moving and still not sure what they are, there is some doubt about 9B Pl loc. I think he and 7 Pl are to close an now trying to confirm.	
	B Coy	Con	2140	The explosion from here to the NORTH are mortars there is some movement at the NORTH of his loc.	
	C Coy	Con	2210	8 Pl GR 425626.	
	Con	1 ATF	2240	Contact Report. A. Contact. B. 042116. C. 423623. D. Unknown. E. 1 KIA BC. F. Nil. G. Unknown. H. Body to be investigated in morning.	
	Con	1 ATF	2400	Sitrep No 5 fm 2000 to 2400H. NTR.	
				

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	C Coy	Con	0718	7 P1 GR 459643. 9 P1 GR 452631. 8 P1 moving to join 8B P1. 8 P1 GR 433622.	
	Con	C Coy	0810	What is the situation on that body fm last night// 8 P1 withdrew after the contact and when they came back this morning the body was gone, but it was definitely a kill by body count.	
	B Coy	Con	0813	A single shot 2000 metres at 5000 mills.	
	B Coy	Con	0829	4 P1 and 6 P1 moving fm this loc.	
	B Coy	Con	0852	Another single shot 4800 mills approx 2000 metres.	
	C Coy	Con	0852	C Coy, 7 P1, 9 P1 GR 441631., proceeding SOUTH. About to move now. 8 P1, Rocce P1 WEST and EAST respectively.	
	C Coy	Con	1018	Completed search of area NFR, have tpt at RV in 45 mins.	
	Con	B Coy	1027	Do you intend moving any further SOUTH than you are. I have elms facing from the SOUTH they should be in within the next 30 mins, I next intend moving NORTH in 60 mins. //	
				Have you checked the area GR 466718, Yes this was achieved yesterday.	
	12B P1	Con	1105	L/S GR 438689.	
	12B pl	Con	1130	Back in your loc, closing down.	
	Con	1 ATF	1200	Sitrep No 2 fm 0800 to 1200H. NFR.	
	B Coy	Con	1358	L/S B Coy GR 467735. 4 P1 GR 465735. 6 P1 GR 469737.	
	Con	B Coy	1400	Do not move NORTH of 75N on 5 Jan 66.	
	B Coy	Con	1515	L/S GR B Coy 467743. 4 P1 465741. 6 P1 468744.	
	12B P1	Con	1556	L/S GR 446687.	
	Con	1 ATF	1600	Sitrep No 4 fm 1200 to 1600H. NFR.	
	All Coys	Con	1845	Clearing ptls out - standing to.	
	Con	All Coys	1945	Satnd down.	

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	Con	↑ ATF	2000	Sitrep No 5 fm 1600 to 2000H. IN. NTR. OWN SIT. L/S 4 Pl GR 468748. ADMIN. NTR.	
	Con	↑ ATF	2400	Sitrep No 6 fm 2000 to 2400H. IN. NTR. OWN SIT. NTR. ADMIN. NTR.	

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	5 Pl	Con	0540	Ag at present in B Coys loc, one of my sentries saw a light on perimeter has not been seen since - have stood to and will search area.	
	Con	1 ATF	0800	Sitrep No 2 in 2400 to 0800H. EN. 5 Pl reported lights on the perimeter at 0540H. They stood to and were going to sweep the area at first light GR 468748. All B Coy at GR 468748.	
	ESR B Coy	Con	0857	Elements 4 & 6 Pls moving.	
	B Coy	Con	0941	GR 476748 6B Pl has apprehended 2 ox carts, a 2 ton truck these were empty, 7 civilians all are male of military age.	Passed to 1 ATF.
	B Coy	Con	1000	6B Pl has apprehended 2 more ox carts laden with bamboo. 3 males of military age. Both parties claim that they come from DIC THAI. The first group claims that second group does not.// Will have T elements go to RV at GR 467750 is this suitable// Yes.	Passed to 1 ATF.
	Con	B Coy	1009	Is it possible for you to load these personnel on to the 2 ton truck and drive them to this loc. // Yes// Roger, do so.	
	B Coy	Con	1027	6B Pl has apprehended 2 more males of military age. Have included these with rest. Total now 12.	Passed to 1 ATF.
	10C Pl	Con	1038	Moving.	
	10E Pl	Con	1055	L/S GR 440687.	
	B Coy	Con	1108	4 & 6 Pls both moving to this loc. 6B Pl L/S GR 474754.	
	B Coy	Con	1127	6B Pl is now passing through BINH BA could you arrange for reception at A Coys loc.	
	A Coy	Con	1203	Members of B Coy are at this loc with suspects.	
	Con	1 ATF	1215	Sitrep No 3 in 0800 to 1200H. EN. 5 Pl ref lights on perimeter was at B Coy loc in base swept area this morning and discovered VC footprints. OWN SIT. B Coy, 4 Pl, 6 Pl no change. ADMIN. NDR.	

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	B Coy	Con	1230	Sitrep. Have completed search and will be departing this loc in 30 mins to continue 2nd part of task. Due to time I will be heading for RV with APC. Have used approx 800 metres EAST in case of suspects in liason with VC before being apprehended.	
	B Coy	Con	1312	Moving.	
	B Coy	Con	1425	L/S GR 469759.	
	10C Pl	Con	1500	In A Coys loc.	
	Con	1 ATF	1610	Sitrep No 4 fm 1200 to 1600H. EN. NTR. OWN SIT. B Coy GR 460770 at RV for APC pickup.	
	B Coy	Con	1620	In bound for your loc now - back in loc now.	
	All Coys	Con	1845	Clearing ptls out - standing to.	
	Con	All Coys	1945	Stand down.	
	Con	1 ATF	2000	Sitrep No 4 fm 1600 to 2000H. NTR.	
	Con	1 ATF	2400	Sitrep No 3 fm 2000 to 2400H. NTR.	

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	All Coys	Con	0652	Clearing ptls out.	
	1 Pl	Con	0830	Moving.	
	Con	1 ATF	0830	Sitrep No 2 fm 2400 to 0800H. NTR.	
	1 Pl	Con	0930	L/S GR 434701.	
	11 Pl	Con	0931	Moving.	
	1 Pl	Con	0955	L/S GR, we have picked up 4 women one has not got the correct ID Card also a boy// Send them back to the road.	
	11 Pl	Con	0959	L/S GR 429689.	
	1 Pl	Con	1055	We have found a small installation at GR 425706, has it been recorded before, if so it has not been destroyed// If you can destroy it do so// Will do.// Details of installation. 5 pits, 4 with O/H Cover, 50 metres by 20 metres, unused 6 to 8 months, small number of torch batteries plastic water covering, squad size 50metres from track.	
	1 Pl	Con	1147	L/S GR 417707.	
	11 Pl	Con	1200	L/S GR 407690.	
	1 Pl	Con	1225 1225	L/S GR 410705 L/S GR 410705.	
	11 Pl	Con	1230	L/S GR 403695.	
	Con	1 ATF	1230	Sitrep No 4 fm 0800 to 1200H. NTR.	
	1 Pl	Con	1230	Harbouring.	
	1 Pl	Con	1427	L/S GR 401707.	
	7 Pl	Con	1433	Moving.	
	11 Pl	Con	1515	L/S GR 402694.	
	1 Pl	Con	1532	L/S GR 401708. Reference intended ambush, would be waste of time, not used for months permission to harbour.// Roger.	

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	11 Pl	Con	1552	L/S GR 398692.	
	Con	1 ATF	1602	Sitrep No 4 fm 1200 to 1600H. NTR.	
	11 Pl	Con	1624	L/S GR 396692. harbouring.	
	All Coys	Con	1845	Clearing ppls out - standing to.	
	Con	All Coys	1945	Stand down.	
	Con	1 ATF	2008	Sitrep No 5 fm 1600 to 2000H. EN. NTR. OWN SIT. 1 Pl GR 411708. 11 Pl GR 396692. 3 Section GR 445746. (Arty net). ADMIN. NTR.	
	Con	1 ATF	2400	Sitrep No 6 fm 2000 to 2400H. NTR.	

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	All Coys	Con	0715	Clearing ptls in.	
	Con	1 ATF	0806	Sitrep No 2 fm 072400 to 080800H. NTR. Change of c/s ATF(76) 5 RAR(41).	
	1 Pl	Con	0820	L/S GR 398705.	
	11 Pl	Con	0915	Have found 2 x 4 gall cans of polished rice and have destroyed them.	
	11 Pl	Con	0931	L/S GR 395686.	
	1 Pl	Con	0931	L/S GR 415699.	
	1 Pl	Con	1103	L/S GR 420701.	
	Con	1 ATF	1200	Sitrep No 3 fm 0800 to 1200H. NTR. OWN SIT. L/S 1 Pl GR 420701. 11 Pl GR 416686.	
				Test firing at 1400 hrs this loc. ADMIN. NTR.	
	11 Pl	Con	1228	L/S GR 422686.	
	1 Pl	Con	1251	L/S GR 427693.	
	1 Pl	Con	1349	Back in your loc, closing down.	
	11 Pl	Con	1409	L/S GR 428686.	
	11 Pl	Con	1451	Back this loc, closing down.	
	Con	1 ATF	1600	Sitrep No 4 fm 1200 to 1600H. NTR.	
	All Coys	Con	1845	Clearing ptls out - standing to.	
	Con	All Coys	1945	Stand down.	
	Con	1 ATF	2000	Sitrep No 5 fm 1600 to 2000H. NTR.	
	Con	1 ATF	2400	Sitrep No 6 fm 2000 to 2400H. NTR.	

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	Con	1 ATF	0400	Sitrep No 1 fm 2400 to 0400H. NTR.	
	Con	1 ATF	0800	Sitrep No 2 fm 0400 to 0800H. IN. NTR. OWN SIT. ACoy GR 447693. C Coy moving.	
	A Coy	Con	0817	L/S GR 449696. RecceB Fl 400m EAST.	
	Con	1 ATF	1000	Sitrep to 1000H. IN. NTR. OWN SIT. A Coy GR MUSTARD + 500. B Coy Pepper. C Coy -200. D Coy Pepper - 700. This c/s Pepper -400. ADMIN. NTR.	
	Con	1 ATF	1100	Sitrep to 1100H. NTR.	
	Con	1 ATF	1200	Sitrep to 1200H. L/S GR A Coy Chilli + 400. B Coy Mustard -500. C Coy Chilli -500. D Coy Pepper - 200. This c/s Pepper +500. ADMIN. NTR.	
	1 ATF	Con	1730	Am setting up aerial Redro, you have no contact with c/s 76. RSO wants to know why you dont have an elevated aerial up// We are moving.	
	ENTRY			Definately no call for aerial Redro. The tac sit overrides the com sit. Sgt Gibson refers.	
	ENTRY			It is the second jump of our night movement to BINH BA. Silence is paramount but still have that dickhead ac up top determined to supply unnecessary c oms.	
	1 ATF	Con	2100	22 Gp message. Sector police from DUC THAN arrive BINH BA. Armour informed. Recce No change. // Recce.	
	ENTRY			MESSAGE Message vague and could have passed first thing in morning but 1 ATF insisted message to urgent to wait. Message had to be decrypted by using light, which has its own danger.	
	ENTRY			Throughout the night the Redro mainted is come even when I had direct come with TF. Ac was nothing but is a hinderance to me on the ground and a waste of AVGAS and unnecessary loss of sleep to the pilot concerned. He Continuously upset the silence of the move in by unnecessary transmissions.	
	ENTRY			In case of Redro requirement I want make the decision, In the	

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	Continuation			on the ground. I know, they dont. Intold to concue with ATF Radio Offr.	

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	ENTRY		0445	Cordon in posn.	
	Reece Pl	Con	0755	What do you require us to do with the vehicles.// Just check that the people have ID cards dont check the vehicles.	
	Con	1 ATF	0812	The people are now being rounded up, can you please start ferrying interrogators from Kangaroo.	
	Con	1 ATF	0930	Village population now all in cage. Detailed search of houses in progress.	
	1 ATF	Con	1032	My CO and visitors will arrive 122 1050 hrs is LZ big enough for 2 aircraft.// Yes.	
	1 ATF	Con	1049	CO and party leaving for your loc now.	
	Con	1 ATF	1055	Sitrep detailed search in progress, quantities of rice found, Sector advises investigating and will confiscate any excess.	
	Con	1 ATF	1115	We have 2 women and 2 children who need to go to hospital also one woman needs to go to Saigon Hospital, we need one Albatross.// Yes.	
	Con	D Coy	1127	C Coy has split village up into 3 lines, running WEST to EAST. Southern sector finished and is returning. Other sections continuing search.	
	CON	1 ATF	1200H	Sitrep to 1200H. EN. NTR. OWN SIT. Detailed search of village almost complete. Arrangements are being made to confiscate excess quantities of rice that have been found in some houses. Sub Sector Chief is to accompany parties collecting rice. ADMIN. NTR.	
	Con	1 ATF	1240	To date we have apprehended 10 confirmed VC.// Good hunting.	
	Con	All Coys	1242	So far we have apprehended 10 confirmed VC.	
	Con	1 ATF	1337	Search of village complete. Approx 12 x 200 lb bags of rice confiscated by Sub Sector chief. Hand out of food by CA people now in progress this should make up for the rice we got.	
	1 ATF	Con	1408	Albatross now in this loc// Suspect on the way there are a total of 25 suspects & police.	
	Con	C Coy	1504	Are you boarding vehicles yet.// We are just on our way.	

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	Con	1 ATF	1830	Contact report A Coy A. Incident. B. 101757H. C. 434766. D. 7. E. Unknown. F. Unknown. G. Heading generally NORTH then flushed SOUTH. 7 figures dressed in black doubled across the road into the rubber. It is too late to investigate a sweep in the thick. 3 Pl is moving down to the area where Arty hit to check the area.	
	Con	1 ATF	2016	Sitrep as at 2000H. EN. 9 VC detained during Op CALOUNDRA. 5 draft dolgers. A Coy sighted 7 EN moving NORTH at GR 434766 engaged by Arty and Mortars. OWN SIT. A Coy L/S GR 439764 harboured. Mortars at BINH BA GR 445766. ADMIN. NFR.	
	Con	1 ATF	2400	Sitrep to 2400H. NFR.	

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	Con	1 ATF	0800	Sitrep No 2 fm 2400 to 0800H. NFR.	
	A Coy	Con	0850	L/S GR 432766. 3 P1 GR 460752. This c/s check area of activity of last night.	
	A Coy	Con	0913	Checked area of activity, arty effective no further sings,	
	A Coy	Con	1030	GR 424766 Recce P1 found hid for 5 men 40 mins ago 1 week old. A Coy GR 427769. 3 P1 GR 434771.	
	Recce P1	Con	1042	L/S GR 417764.	
	Con	1 ATF	1200	Sitrep No 3 fm 0800 to 1200H. EN. NFR. ONI SEP. A Coy GR 419769. Loc and destroyed bridge 426771 and 2 small dams at 426773. Recce P1 GR 413761. Loc had a hide for 5 men at GR 424766 approx 1 week old. ADMIN. NFR.	
	A Coy	Con	1410	XXX L/S GR 421767.	
	4 P1	Con	1505	XX L/S GR 442692.	
	A Coy	Con	1538	L/S GR 414 414763.	
	4 P1	Con	1600	In your loc permission to close down.// Roger.	
	Con	A Coy	1650	XXX HAS Have you made contact with Recce P1// Yes the possum was of no help. L/S Recce P1 GR 403752. His elements have searched Southern branch that goes off fm his L/S my present L/S GR 414753. Will not be able to RV with Recce P1 tonight .	
	Con	A Coy	1841	Airstrike warning GR 372773 121030H. GR 375772 121345H.	
	All Coys	Con	1845	Clearing ptls out - standing to.	
	Con	All Coys	1945	Stand down.	
	Con	1 ATF	2000	XXXXXXXXXX Sitrep No 5 fm 1600 to 2000H. EN. Camp found at GR 410752 stretching as far SOUTH as the next blind feature(natural) suspected battalion size. Not used for 6 months used various pits, bunkers also cookhouse not above ground. Ox cart track running parallel with creek 1/2 way through installation overgrown. ON NSIP. A Coy GR 412756 harbouring.	

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	Continuation			Rece P1 GR 405746 harbourig. Section of mortars BINI BA village GR 445746. Post in	
				base loc. ADMIN. NPR.	

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	Con	A Coy	0655	Airstrike GR 372773 time 1030 GR 375772 time 1345 today.	
	Con	1 ATF	0800	Sitrep No 2 fm 2400 to 0800H. En. NTR. A Coy moving GR 412756. Recce Pl GR 405746. ADMIN. NTR.	
	A Coy	Con	1010	L/S GR 402748.	
	A Coy	Con	1140	L/S GR 388751.	
	D Coy	Con	1225	Moving	
	D Coy	Con	1255	D Coy, 11 & 10 Pls GR 427696. 12 Pl GR 429700.	
	D Coy	Con	1435	D Coy, 10 & 11 Pls L/S GR 412702.	
	Con	1 ATF	1600	SEEK Sitrep to 1600H. En. NTR. OWN SIT. A Coy GR 382750. Recce Pl GR 388751. D Coy, 10 & 11 Pls GR 408702. 12 Pl GR 420718. ADMIN. NTR.	
	A Coy	Con	1610	L/S GR 379747 discovered ox tracks travelling SOUTH to NORTH going across running feature. Propose to follow KKEK NORTH 300 metres with one pl.	
	A Coy	Con	1628	Reference ox tracks have followed up for 300 metres to NW, tracks become faint and overgrown. Am searching each side of track for further signs and if nothing will continue on to proposed harbour path.	
	D Coy	Con	1643	Sitrep. 10 Pl proceeding towards C1. 11 Pl will search NE corner of A1. 12 Pl GR 415715.	
	D Coy	Con	1654	L/S GR 406708.	
	Con	A Coy	1702	We have received agent report th that D45 battalion is in area GR 378743. If they are moving they may head NW to cause strife to friendlies in area to NW.	
	D Coy	Con	1710	L/S 10 Pl GR 401703. 11 Pl GR 406710.	

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	A Coy	Con	1730	L/B GR 376746. Close hand.	
	Con	A Coy	1813	Reference D445 reported 4 Jan Graded F4.	
	All Coys	Con	1845	Clearing ptls out - standing to.	
	Con	All Coys	1905	Standdown.	
	Con	1 AFP	2400	Sitrep No 5 fm 1600 to 2400H. NPR.	

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	Con	1 ATF	0800	Sitrep No 2 fm 0400 to 0800H. NTR.	
	D Coy	Con	0911	L/S D Coy GR 400701 harbouring. 10 P1 GR 397703. 11 P1 GR 400707 moving to B1. 12 P1 GR 411710.	
	Con	1 ATF	1200	Sitrep No 3 fm 0800 to 1200H. EN. GR 398700 10 P1 found 2 wells destroyed by blowing. OWN SIT. L/S A Coy GR 382727. Recce P1 GR 374723. D Coy GR 401707. 10 P1 GR 397703. 11 P1 GR 400713. 12 P1 GR 413707. ADMIN. NTR.	
	Con	1 ATF	1400	L/S A Coy GR 370729. D Coy GR 393712. 10 P1 GR 391706. 11 P1 GR 395707. 12 P1 GR 416696.	
	Con	1 ATF	1613	Sitrep No 4 fm 1200 to 1600H. EN. NTR. OWN SIT. L/S A Coy GR 398730. Recce P1 GR 385726. D Coy GR 400693. 11 P1 GR 402707. 12 P1 GR 410690. 10 P1 GR 390710. ADMIN. NTR.	
	Con	1 ATF	1801	Night Locstats A Coy & Recce P1 GR 402732. D Coy & 11 P1 GR 398693. 10 P1 GR 383709. 12 PL GR 402683.	
	Con	All Coys	1845	Clearing ptls out - standing to.	
	Con	All Coys	1945	Stand down.	
	Con	1 ATF	2000	Sitrep No 5 fm 1600 to 2000H. NTR.	
	Con	1 ATF	2400	Sitrep No 6 fm 2000 to 2400H. NTR.	
				

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	Con	1 ATF	0800	Sitrep No 2 fm 2400 to 0800. WTR.	
	A Coy	Cin	0845	L/S A Coy, 1 Pl and Recce Pl GR 405732. 2 Pl moving to GR 423732 from there, investigate back to latex then down to GR 417715. 3 Pl moving to GR 410730 from there to the same loc as 2 Pl. This c/s 1 Pl and Recce Pl investigating tracks and old oxcart tracks in area then to same L/S as 2 & 3 Pls.	
	D Coy	Con	0920	L/S 10 & 11 Pls GR 398697.	
	4 Pl	Con	0921	L/S GR 442691.	
	A Coy	Con	0937	About 6 - 7 months ago a FAC disappeared I think we have found him could you find out if the aircraft had the numerals 54 in it the crashed FAC has bones in it the wreckage is in rough spot GR 396728.. We have found further identification of the aircraft the serial No is L54736. We have found bones of thigh, arm and skull age about 37 the crash was a good one the engine was pushed into the seat. // 1 ATF is would like you to stay where you are and await further instructions..	Passed to 1 ATF
	D Coy	Con	0947	D Coy & 11B Pl GR 398699. 11 Pl GR 398689. 12 Pl GR 398680. 10C Pl GR 384709.	
	A Coy	Con	1015	Engine No T117362 engine nr make O-470-15. There is another plate fixed to the engine ARID MAC date 3/66. There is remains of 2 bodies also a butt of an armalite with the name JACOBSON a piece of tape. I am led to believe the VC have not found the crash as there is still FAC rockets with the FAC. One of bodies in plane the other outside. The plane has bullet holes in fuselage and wings, one body has bullet hole in the knee it appears that 1 one of the members was alive as he has fired a few shots from the the armalite, we have found the spent cartridges.	

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	Con	A Coy	1018	There is a member coming into your loc with containers to pick up remains. He is prepared to be winched in, the bit about the VC not finding the wreckage sounds a bit off as the helmet of the pilot has been found on a VC body shot 2 weeks ago.	
	A Coy	Con	1026	First LZ too much work required. one I propose in rough spot GR 405701.	
	A Coy	Con	1037	L/S 2 P1 GR 423732. 3 P1 GR 407719.	
	A Coy	Con	1102	Ref visitor does he physically want to check the wreck or only to collect the remains of the bodies. LZ is 300 - 400 metres away and so tying up 2 of my c/s as delay of 1 hr.// Visitor wants to physically check the wreck.	
	D Coy	Con	1120	L/S D Coy & 11 P1 GR 391698. 10 P1 GR 383710. 12 P1 GR 395677.	
	A Coy	Con	1131	L/S 2 P1 GR 421729. 3 P1 GR 406715.	
	Con	1 ATF	1200	Sitrep No 3 fm 0800 to 1200H. NTR.	
	A Coy	Con	1211	L/S 2 P1 GR 414724. Particulars of Otterskin No 216446 C.	
	A Coy	Con	1245	Extraction complete. Moving in 5 mins.	
	A Coy	Con	1312	Am blowing 2 rockets that were from the wreckage they may be heard in your loc, fire on in 10mins. If you hear small arms fire it is just the rounds going up in the wreckage.	
	D Coy	Con	1440	10 P1 have found fresh foot pad heading EAST following up GR 382705. 11B PL GR 382706 found fresh foot pad poss 6 heading NORTH. 12 P1 GR 402674. Have found out that foot pad was made previously by friendlies.	
	10 P1	Con	1507	L/S GR 382703 harbouring.	
	D Coy	Con	1523	11B P1 found 1 hoochie used for measuring rice they are destroying it. GR 384691.	
	E 1 ATF	Con	1527	Airstrike warning within next 5 mins on GR 358754.	
	Con	1 ATF	1600	Sitrep No 4 fm 1200 to 1600. EN. NTR. OWN SIT. A Coy GR 402713. D Coy & 11 P1 GR 383697. 10 P1 GR 382703. 12 P1 & P1 402673. ADMIN. NTR.	

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	A Coy	Con	1749	L/S GR 388712.	
	D Coy	Con	1855	Sitrep. L/S 442430 as previously given. 10 Pl GR 380702. 10 Pl reports NTR, in Area C1.	
	XXXX			11 Pl found recent tracks of 6 people at GR 383694 they appeared to come from the SE.	
				From paddy and turn at that point. Found 1 bunker 12 months old at GR 381614 otherwise	
				NTR. In N half of C2. 12 Pl searched Area A3 found home made charge have made otherwise	
				NTR. ADMIN. Request 8 cans of water for 12 Pl in present loc at 150830H will back load chergeon	
				resup chopper. Strength 136.	
	All Coys	Con	1855	Clearing ptls out - standing to.	
	Con	All Coys	1945	Stand down.	
	Con	1 ATF	2400	Sitrep No 6 fm 1600 to 2400H. NTR.	
				

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	Con	A Coy	0752	LZ close to your loc GR 405715 a suggested LZ is GR 394713. /// This c/s has Dustoff Otterskin to go out before OC. 214138K. // What LZ are you going to use and what is wrong with him.// We are cutting our own LZ and will send L/S later, the member has the trots and has been running a temp since yesterday.	
	Con	1 ATF	0825	Sitrep No 2 fm 2400 to 0800H. NTR.	
	D Coy	Con	0837	Forward elements of 10 Pl have sighted trps crossing the road to their front it is doubtful if they are friendlies they were at.	
	A Coy	Con	0841	Request Possum in 10 mins// Send L/S of LZ and is this for Dustoff// L/S LZ is GR 389713 ready in 15 mins.	
	D Coy	Con	0841	Ref my last transmission those troops are elements of Recce Pl.	
	A Coy	Con	0910	No change. Recce Pl GR 412703 412713. AV1 GR 410709. AV2 GR 394704. AV3 GR 389705.	
	D Coy	Con	1010	L/S D Coy & 11 Pl GR 397692. 12 Pl GR 417682. 10 Pl GR 396694.	
	A Coy	Con	1023	Installation report. GR 394709. A well constructed thatched hut over well constructed bomb shelter. Used possibly by 10 - 12 men, but not recently. Date in the shelter possibly when it was finished was 17/5/66. Am destroying by blowing.	Passed to 1 ATF
	A Coy	Con	1118	Have apprehended 7 women getting bananas. Recce Pl is escorting them back to the road advise. // Ref women escort these to the Northern checkpoint. Give estimated timings.	
	D Coy	Con	1138	L/S D Coy & 11 Pl GR 414689. 10 Pl GR 418692.	
	A Coy	Con	1145	L/S GR 414705. Reference women these were escorted to the road by Recce Pl and released. Since then they boarded lambrettas and headed SOUTH. Verify if civilians are allowed to move 1000 mls off Blue Road// They are not allowed off the road anyone found thus should be detained.	

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	Con	1 ATF	1205	Sitrep No 3 fm 0800 to 1200H. NTR.	
	D Coy	Con	1243	D Coy & 10 Pl & 11 Pl in A Coys base loc.	
	A Coy	Con	1253	L/S GR 441714. Recce Pl GR 435692.	
	A Coy	Con	1311	Back in base loc.	
	B Coy	Con	1330	L/S 4 Pl GR 445715. 4B Pl GR 460715.	
	Recce Pl	Con	1355	In base base loc closing down.	
	4 Pl	Con	1600	In base loc closing down.	
	Con	1 ATF	1600	Sitrep No 4 fm 1200 to 1600H. NTR.	
	All Coys	Con	1845	Clearing ptls out - standing to.	
	Con	All Coys	1945	Stand down.	
	Con	1 ATF	2400	Sitrep No 6 fm 1600 to 2400H, NTR.	
				

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	D Coy	Con	0605	Moving.	
	D Coy	Con	0615	In posn at RV.	
	A Coy	Con	0620	Moving.	
	Con	CO	0623	Moving.	
	D Coy	Con	0650	Cordon in posn.	
	Aslt Pnrs	Con	0705	Area clear now (school).	
	Con	1 ATF	0705	The physc ac is late, it it coming.// Wait out.	
	1 ATF	Con	0708	Have confirmed with CA he also acknowledged the ac is late. If ac is not overhead in the next 10 mins WHAM vehicle will be the alternative.// Obvious ac will not show up suggest you despatch veh now// We will supply the interpreter // Roger WHAM veh on way.	
	Con	A D Coys	0715	Send 1 interpreter to this loc// Roger my other interpreter is in WHAM veh. Could I defer my search until they return.// Yes.	
	B Coy	Con	0720	Am in posn and covering ground. Have linked up with G Coy and getting sorted out now.	
	Con	A D Coys	0725	Send a guide to this loc at 0845 hrs to escort census people back to your loc.	
	Con	" "	0736	Commence search .	
	Con	B C Coys	0736 x	Commence search behind posn. You have a restriction of 100 yds depth WEST of the ditch. Keep each other informed of progress.	
	Control		0750	Phys war aircraft arrived 50 mins late.	
	Con	1 ATF	0750	Sitrep EN. NTR. OWN SIT. Inner cordon in posn at 0650. Delay caused by B and C Coys being held up by shooting at RFPF compound earlier in the night.. Searched commenced 0736 hrs. Physc war ac xxxx arrived 0750 hrs 50 mins late. Ref 100x bags of rice it turned out out to be a large heap of rice covered with bags. Dimensions of vat that rice was in 11'x8'x4'.	

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	Con	1 ATF	0815	Person with med supplies and mortars to this loc with supplies- person with sandbags to Sub Sect// Roger.	
	B Coy	Con	0823	L/S GR 41406455.	
	D Coy	Con	0840	Tunnel found see Sitrep.	
	Con	1 ATF	0916	Sitrep fm 0800 to 0900H. NTR.	
	8 Pl	Con	0919	Has found concrete slabs with steel spikes resembling panjis. These are on the track that we came in on.	
	D Coy	Con	0947	12 Pl has apprehended an RVN with a suspicious story, he is being escorted to your loc. Also 12 Pl is slowing down for A Coy.	
	Con	1 ATF	0955	Tunnels located by 12 Pl at GR 42316461 and GR 42266458.	
	Con	1 ATF	1000	Sitrep No 4 fm 0900 to 1000H. EN. Small tunnels found in hut by A Coy at GR 416642. One goes for 10 feet and finishes with at dead end. The other goes for 20' turns right and goes for 10 ft and stops with a dead end. OWN SIT. Census taking still not commenced. Search of area Carmel half complete. ADMIN. NTR.	
	A Coy	Con	1057	Dod or is proceeding back to your loc now with an escort and they are being bringing back a female suspect with 2 children. She hasnt got an ID Card and she said said she burnt it when she was not well if that is if is that is the case suggesta sub sector job.	
	Con	1 ATF	1100	Sitrep No 5 fm 1000 to 1100H. EN. NTR. OWN SIT. Census in progress 1030. ADMIN. NTR.	
	Con	1 ATF	1200	Sitrep No 6 fm 1100 to 1200H. EN. NTR. OWN SIT. Search of village completed at 1130 hrs. A Coy on South Carmel is searching again. Census search continues. ADMIN. NTR.	
	B Coy	Con	1245	Route and RV with transport. Permission to use night route for recce future intentions. RV tpt at 426650.	

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	Con	1 ATF	1300	Sitrep fm 1200 to 1300H. NTR.	
	Con	B Coy	1307	Rece group only . RV with tpt as planned. Inform C Coy of movement.	
	Con	1 ATF	1325	Tpt required at 1600H.	
	Con	C Coy	1345	2 empty tunnels found by D Coy this morning this area area. A Coy found two small tunnels beneath house also empty. Small qty of med supplies together with their supposed owner evacuated to Sub Sector. Census in progress estimate it will be complete by 1600H.	
	Con	1 ATF	1530	SITREP Sitrep No 8 fm 1300 to 1500H. NTR	
	1 ATF	Con	1503	Ats Airstrike warning within next 10 mins onto GR 3733785.	
	Con	D Coy	1532	Have you photographd all people taken in census.	
	Con	1 ATF	1605	Sitrep No 10 fm 1500 to 1600H. EN. NTR OWN SIT. Census not yet complete D Coy estimate finish in 30 mins. A Coy 1 hr. ADMIN. NTR.	
	Con	1 ATF	1705	Sitrep No 11 fm 1600 to 1700H. EN. NTR OWN SIT. Estimate completion of census within 30 mins ADMIN. NTR.	
	Con	All Coys	1820	All Coys to read Annex B of OP WOLLONGONG and D Coy is duty Coy and one responsible for for all duties.	
	All Coys	Con	1845	Clearing ptls out -- standing to.	
	Con	All Coys	1945	RE Stand down.	
	Con	1 ATF	2400	RE Sitrep to 2400H. NTR.	
				

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	Con	1 ATF	0400	Sitrep No 1 from 2400 to 0400 N.T.R.	
	Con	1 ATF	0800	Sitrep No 2 from 0400 to 0800 EN N.T.R. Own Sit. There will be a taor patrol going out at 10 this morning, out through A back through B. ADMIN N.T.R.	
	Con	All Coys	0800	Radio Check. Roger.	
	D Coy	Con	1018	Moving.	
	D Coy	Con	1042	Locstat Sydney R5.4D11 (444689).	
	D Coy	Con	1100	We are entering B Coy loc. Could you arrange transport and permission to close down.	
				Close down D Coy Ack. 10 pl wants transport for B Coy loc.	
	Con	1 ATF	1205	Sitrep No 3. from 0800 to 1200 EN N.T.R. Own Sit. Close taor out 1018 hrs in 1100 hrs. N.T.R. ADMIN. N.T.R.	
	Con	1 ATF	1233	Will you inform all units bordering TL 2 thatx we will be moving down same at 0130.	
	Con	All Coys	1359	Radio Check.	
	D Coy	Con	1550	Moving.	
	D Coy	Con	1600	Locstat Melbourne R 4.9 D1.1	
	Con	1 ATF	1600	Sitrep No 4 from 1200 to 1600 hrs. N.T.R.	
	D Coy	Con	1615	Moving through B Coy loc. Request vehicle at your immediate loc.	
	D Coy	Con	1630	Where does 10 pl request to be picked up. This loc. Roger.	
	AQ Cell	Con	1647	Radio Check. Roger.	
	Con	All Coys	1825	Radio Check. Roger.	
	C Coy	Con	1850	Stand to. Clearing ptls out.	
	A Coy	Con	1853	Stand to. Clearing ptls out.	
	B Coy	Con	1854	Stand To.	
	B Coy	Con	1855	Clearing Ptl in.	

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	D Coy	Con	1856	Stand To.	
	C Coy	Con	1900	Clearing Ptl In.	
	Con	2IC Sp Coy	1946	Have received a report of Small Arms firing which would be to your NORTH EAST. Can you advise if it came from inside or outside village. From 2IC Sp. Friendlies have no knowledge & 2 shots were heard direction NORTH EAST. Not anywhere near village.	
	B Coy	Con	1949	Stand down.	
	C Coy	Con	1949	Stand down.	
	A Coy	Con	1950	Stand down.	

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	Con	1 ATF	0530	Moving.	
	Con	1 ATF	0555	Outer cordon now in position.	
	Con	1 ATF	0635	When you have contact with voice aircraft inform the people to go to the school.	
	Con	1 ATF	0700	We have secured school area. All stores, vehicles have arrived and we are expecting compounds.	
	Con	A, D Coy	0712	Move to the western end of your area now.	
	D Coy	Con	0716	My elements are moving out now and thickening up A Coy. men. Roger. A Coy ACK..	
	Con	A, D Coy	0724	The construction of the compound is taking a little longer than anticipated. Don't anticipate starting your sweep until 0745 hrs.	
	2IC Sp.	Con	0726	These N.P. have got 12 N.P. to go to Sub Sector H.Q. and they want us to arrange a vehicle to take them as they are to work with us. Tell them to walk down here.	
	Con	2IC Sp.	0730.	Confirm the people you have there are 12 policemen. - Yes. - Send them down here now and A and D Coys are waiting for them. - Roger - D Coy advised the people on the road block to watch for them.	
	Con	RSO	0741.	There is no hessian screening on the vehicles. Can you send some out.	
	A Coy	Con	0742	In position waiting instructions. We have put the trip around the WHAM vehicle until 0800. D Coy ACK.	
	Con	A, D Coy	0811	Start moving the people towards the school now.	
	Con	1 ATF	0818	Sitrep No 2. 0400 to 0800H Enemy N.T.R. Own sit, outer cordon in position on time, inner cordon in position on time. Voice aircraft did not make an appearance at either 0630 or 0730. National police who should have arrived last night arrived at 0745. Cage erected population being move to cage now. ADMIN. N.T.R.	
	A Coy	Con	0820	Roundup of civilians commenced.	

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	B Coy	Con	0839	Locstat MOSHTUKER. From Con.	
	A Coy	Con	0850	In some cases it is impossible to send some people in. These ; I have left a platoon. From Con. Roger They will be talked to w gone through.	
	Con	1 ATF	0900	Sitrep No 3 from 0800 to 0900H. Enemy N.T.R. Own sit. Interrogation The bagpipes are playing.	
	B Coy	Con	0900	Locstat MOSHBOHIN (41406455).	
	D Coy	Con	0930	D Coy has located a bunker with several tunnels running off. Could Holdfast come to this loc.	
	A Coy	Con	0950	Ref. Lambretta crews that were detained this morning. I still have these people, they say they live in WY LONG but on the other side of the track. Suggest that they be interrogated. From Con. Roger, send them in.	
	A Coy	Con	0958	Have finished Red area and in Black now. In Red there are 5 people. In Black there are 7 people. They are invalid, sick etc. From Con. Roger when hulk has been interrogated, these people will be seen to.	
	D Coy	Con	0959	Sitrep. Area cleared by initial sweep. Only people left are sick, invalid etc. 10pl D Coy has 7 people in 5 houses, 11 pl has 3 people in 3 houses, 12 pl has 12 people in 6 houses. From Con. Roger same as A Coy.	
	Con	1 ATF	1005	Sitrep No 4 from 0900- 1000H. En. N.T.R. Own Sit. Interrogation proceeding.	
	D Coy	Con	1029	Ref. Bunker found by 10 pl N.T.R. It was only an elaborate house bunker.	
	Con	1 ATF	1032	All areas have been cleared. All personnel confined in compound. Interrogation proceeding.	
	Con	1 ATF	1040	At this stage we have 2 suspects. Both male.	

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	A Coy	Con	1044	Locstat. Extreme North-west corner of Black 2.	
	Con	1 ATF	1107	Sitrep No 5 from 1000 - 1100 H.N.T.R.	
	Con	1 ATF	1204	Sitrep No 6 from 1100 to 1200H. En. N.T.R. Own Sit. Total of 4 suspects. 1 female, 3 male. Bedridden and otherwise invalid people are being examined in their homes by medcap and interrogating team.	
	Con	A, D Coys	1217	People becoming proble. We will process through C.A. and after they have been cleared will release. Can you ensure all houses with invalids in area picqueted. From Con. A and D Coys. Roger.Out.	
	CO	Con	1227	Have you anything on the firing. - Wait Out.	
	Con	1 ATF	1228	Could you tell us what the firing is about 800 metres to our SOUTH - Wait out.	
	Con	1ATF	1234	We are now releasing women and children who have been interrogated and cleared. These are being passed through.	
	Con	1 ATF	1236	Unable to find out anything on shooting, if there is any more heard let us know.	
	A Coy	Con	1250	Have completed the interrogation of all bed ridden people.	
	D Coy	Con	1341	Medcap is complete. Interrogation will be complete in approx. 3 mins and the team will be sent back to your loc.	
	D Coy	Con	1347	Interrogation complete. Returning team with escort to your loc.	
	Con	1 ATF	1403	Sitrep No 7. 1200 to 1400H. N.T.R.	
	Con	1 ATF	1504	Sitrep No 8 from 1400 to 1500H. N.T.R.	
	Con	B,C Coy	1552	Move to embussing point now.	
	Con	1 ATF	1600	Sitrep No 9 from 1500 to 1600H. The 10 male and 12 females being held for further questioning. Interrogation of CARMEL 90 per cent complete.	
	6 Coy	Con	1630	Moving Now.	

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	Con	1 ATF	0400	Sitrep No 1 from 2400 to 0400 H. N.T.R.	
	Con	1 ATF	0800	Sitrep No 2. N.T.R.	
	Con	1 ATF	1200	Locstat. B Coy 470752. C Coy 466601. D Coy 458716.	
	Too	Con	1325	US Offrs visiting this unit, would like to see the CO. Landing on Tiger 5. Officer in charge is a Capt DISNEY, belong to a Hush Hush Sig Unit. There will be 3 to 400 in this area till Feb. TF have allocated them an area north of A Coy and west of C Coy in the rubber.	
	Con	1 ATF	1612	Sitrep No 4 from 1200 to 1600 H. En. N.T.R. Own Sit. C Coy 476696. B Coy 498748. 7 pl C Coy 472702. Recce Pl 509757, 516752, 519750. D Coy 568716. 11pl D Coy 486715. Admin. N.T.R.	
	A Coy	Con	1850	Clearing patrols out. Stand to.	
	C Coy	Con	1853	Stand to. Clearing patrols out.	
	C Coy	Con	1906	Clearing Patrol In.	
	Con	D Coy	1943	Locstat B Coy. GYWEHPK (515752).	
	C Coy	Con	1945	Stand down.	
	Con	A Coy	2001	Stand down.	
	Con	1 ATF	2100	Sitrep No 5 from 2000 H. EN. N.T.R. Own Sit. Locstats. D Coy 458716, C Coy 488704.	
	B Coy	Con	2115	Small arms fire 500-700 metres bearing of 6000 mils.	

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	Con	1 ATF	0400	Sitrep No 1 from 2400 to 0400 hrs - N.T.R.	
	Con	1 ATF	0510	Where is the airstrike at. We got only 1 minutes notice. From 1 ATF - It is onto GR 564685.	
	C Coy	Con	0650	Ref. injured man discussed with Seagull Minor last night. This man was being taken out by trucks. This morning he cannot walk so we require a chopper. Will advise on LZ.	
	C Coy	Con	0705	Stand Down.	
	B Coy	Con	0727	Send locstat C Coy. From Con - Locstat C Coy MYIUOYK (487704)	
	Con	1 ATF	0800	Sitrep No 2 from 0400 to 0800 hrs. N.T.R.	
	C Coy	Con	0855	Fetch Officer. Ref. Automatic firing reported last night on bearing 6000 mils. 1000 mils approx is continuing this morning. I intend to send a call sign to investigate. Could you inquire if friendlies are in or around that loc. From Con - Roger will advise	
	Con	B Coy	0900	Have no knowledge of friendlies in that loc. Go ahead and have fun.	
	Pad Party	C Coy	0908	Dust Off complete Con ACK.	
	D Coy	Con	0933	Locstat 12 pl Shark LO.5D4.0 (465720).	
	Con	1 ATF	0945	B Coy at GR 515752 can hear quite a lot of small arms fire on a bearing 6000 mils at a distance of 1000 to 2000 metres away. Could you contact the bloke who sits in the compound and ask him if it is his people, if not it must be VC test firing.	
	1 ATF	Con	0945	Noone we know about that is friendly is firing in that area so you could have a fight on your hands.	
	D Coy	Con	0950	Send locstat C Coy. From Con - C Coy Moving.	
	B Coy	Con	0951	4 pl, 5 pl moving.	
	B Coy	Con	1007	5 pl Moving.	
	D Coy	Con	1025	Could you send Locstat of B Coy. He is sending elements to the EAST SOUTH and WEST	

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	B Coy	Con	1025	cont. and he is remaining where he is but we haven't got any locstat yet.	
	B Coy	Con	1022.	Locstat 4 pl Samson R4.9 D0.8, 5 pl Samson R4.3 D0.7, 6 pl Samson R4.3 D0.5. Recce Pl and this call sign no change. 4 pl 519752, 5 pl 513753, 6 pl 513755. Recce Pl 518750.	
	En	1 ATF	1110	Locstats as at 1030 hrs. B Coy 515751, 5 pl 513753, 6 pl 513755, 4 pl 519752. C Coy 484711, 8 pl 481710, 9 pl 496712. Remainder no change.	
	B Coy	Con	1141	There are still odd shots coming from GR 505765. This is out of our area. Friendlies in this loc would like to know what this is. From Con - Will check.	
	Con	B Coy	1158	There is firing going on at DUC THAN the range is adjacent to DUC THAN HQ. There are no friendlies around where you hear the firing - I would like to bring Arty fire on that grid 505765 :- Do not fire into the no fire area - I will be firing in approx. 15 minutes.	
	Con	B Coy	1205	Do not initiate Arty fire in grid 505765 until we have checked and estimated. This will take 10 - 15 minutes.	
	B Coy	Con	1214	5 pl reports there has just been a new burst of fire in that area and I think it would be better if he went there instead of using Arty. Romar.	
	Con	B Coy	1216	As far as we can ascertain there are no friendlies in the area we have spoken of.	
	D Coy	Con	1227	12 pl at GR 468723 found 5 weapon pits not tin roof but approx 6 mths old but show signs of being used in the last 2 months. Main area east to west at GR 474720. No sign of recent movement. Track is almost overgrown and no ox carts have been there for 3 to 4 months.	
	Con	1 ATF	1345	Sitrep to 1345 hrs. En N.T.R. Own Sit Locstats as at 1330. B Coy Recce Pl no change. 5 pl B Coy 496759. 6 pl 505765, 4 pl 513750. Recce Pl 2 sec. 512749. C Coy 498715, 8 pl 504716, 9 pl 508712. Admin. N.T.R.	

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	Con	D Coy	1401	B Coy range in this loc is going to be used. Suggest you don't send anyone SW.	
	D Coy	Con	1405	This call sign will be firing for approx 1½ to 2 hrs. - Which direction - EAST.	
	1 ATF	Con	1436	#Sunray leaving this loc. now for yours.	
	Con	1 ATF	1455	Could you advise grid of present air strike. From 1ATF - 582733.	
	Con	1 ATF	1502	Could we have Possum to help find 2 sec Recce Pl who is at present temporarily misplaced 520772. Roger.	
	Con	1 ATF	1532	Cannot contact you on other means. Request radio relay aircraft be placed on 30 mins notice from 1900 hrs in order to communicate with B and C Coys. We will stand this aircraft down if comms are satisfactory this evening. Seagull minor will talk to Pronto tonight with reference to freqs.	
	Con	1 ATF	1601	Sitrep No 4 from 1345 to 1600 hrs. N.T.R.	
	Con	1 ATF	1607	Our forward elements report small arms fire in grid 4370, 4470 or 4369. Have you any activity in that area. APCs are test firing 50 cal in that general area.	
	Con	1 ATF	1650	Possum required approx 1500H no longer required.	
	B Coy	Con	1715	All call signs this loc. in harbour.	
	Con	C Coy	1738	Are you in harbour. From C Coy - All except 8 pl, will send locstat.	
	C Coy	Con	1739	Locstat 8 pl Brim R 4.3 D 6.0 (513700).	
	C Coy	Con	1758	Locstat. GKSKUXX (514702).	
	B Coy	Con	1806	Sitrep area searched. Has old ox cart tracks. 3 foot pads vary between 3-12 months old. Country very thick in parts. periodic small arms fire still heard to the north which is not located in our area. N.F.T.R.	
	C Coy	Con	1815	Locstat incorrect will send correct locstat later.	
	C Coy	Con	1816	Locstat. HMFCAAQ (513704).	

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	Con	1 ATF	1840	Locstats. B Coy and Recce Bl 515752, C Coy 513704, D Coy 458716.	
	C Coy	Con	1845	Stand To. Clearing Ptls out.	
	A Coy	Con	1850	Clearing Ptls Out. Stand To.	
	C Coy	Con	1900	Clearing Ptls In.	
	A Coy	Con	1913 1913	Clearing Ptls In.	
	C Coy	Con	1926	Could you ask Seagull Minor Acorn if they have obtained any information today that could be of assistance to me. From Con - Seagull Minor. Tunnels and trench system uncovered today - nothing new. Cannot advise on any area to go to. We have something NE of your loc near C Coy but nothing to worry about.	
	C Coy	Con	1946	Stand Down.	
	A Coy	Con	1948	Stand down.	
	1 ATF	Con	2010	Sitrep No 5 from 1600 to 2000 hrs. EN. N.T.R. Own Sit. Locstats no change as sent previously. ADMIN. N.T.R.	

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	Con	1 ATF	0400	Sitrep No 1 from 2400 to 0400 hrs N. T.R.	
	C Coy	Con	0635	Stand To.	
	A Coy	Con	0653	Clearing Patrols Out.	
	Con	D Coy	0705	There will be Arty fire in area 459704.	
	A Coy	Con	0706	Clearing Patrols In.	
	Con	1 ATF	0800	Sitrep No 2 from 0400 to 0800 H. NTR .	
	Con	1 ATF	0820	OC Sp / Toc - Reference permission for Mor firing, aerial fire control- areas between BINH BA East and West of the East outside the no fire zone	
	B Coy	Con	0935	At GR 521739 an East West track used in the past week used for movement to the East. Track being investigated now. Also are there any envoy elements to our East.	
	Con	B Coy	0957	Ref. Envoy elements. Affirmative Affirmative but no closer than 4000 metres.	
	C Coy	Con	0958	Locstat Wednesday L1.6 D 6.4 (514696) This callsign complete at that loc.	
	C Coy	Con	1107	Locstat Tuesday L 0.3 D 6.3 (517698) when B Coy sends in his could you pass them on to me.	
	Con	1 ATF	1215	Sitrep No 3 from 0800 to 1200 En. N.T.R. Own Sit B Coy and 6 pl 518738. 4 pl 524734 5 pl 514740. Recce Pl 526733. B Coy 529735, A Coy 514733, C Coy 514696. Admin. N.T.R.	
	from C Coy	Con	1244	7 pl C Coy has heard noise to his front and is investigating. (516710). I have had shelldrake lay on J7 2306 with a western correction.	
	B Coy	Con	1337	Suspect VC loc. Stand by to relay fire orders.	
	C Coy	D Coy	1458	Locstat C Coy and 8 pl. Day LO.8 D 4.5. (522718). other B Coy approx 400 metres north. (522715)	
	Con	1 ATF	1600	Sitrep No 4 1200 to 1600 hrs. En. N.T.R. Own Sit. Locstats. 4 pl B Coy 532730, 5 pl 524728. Recce Pl 532727.	

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	Con	1 ATF	1650	Dust Off for D Coy at GR 467706 Member from 10pl D Coy with stake through foot.	
	D Coy	Con	1725	Dust Off complete.	
	Con	1 ATF	2220	A Coy 6 RAR have sighted 5 persons on the wire and fired a claymore on 449678. Also 1 Fd Sqn have sighted 7 persons on their wire and engaged.	
	Con	B, C Coy	2331	Do not move from your location tomorrow until you receive orders from this callsign. Also what time is suitable to receive these orders.	
	C Coy	Con	2332	From sunray accept orders any time after Stand down.	
	Con	Con	2334	Reason is suspected activity by enemy between your callsign and B Coy to your north.	
	Con	1 ATF	2400	Sitrep No 6 from 2000 to 2400 H.N.T.R.	

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SERIAL	FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
	Con	1 ATF	0400	Sitrep No 1 from 2400 to 0400 H. N.T.R.	
	Con	B Coy	0705	Message for you and B Coy (535720) at Thursday RO.5 D 4.0 Here is a spur which runs generally west to east. Higher HQ has a number of reports which indicates that this spur has an installation on it and also considers track activity. Instead of its planned route B Coy is to check out this spur from directly south of its present position to the east. C Coy is to stand fast in its present position because (a) it is in a good position to block it if B Coy finds anything. (b) the country into which it is proposed to operate is much more open than it appears on the picto and C Coy could come under enemy fire from a tank. (c) C Coy is also in a suitable position to help B Coy in an emergency if an emergency occurs and both callsigns join ACTIVITIES Sunray C Coy is to command both callsigns but only in that case. Request you read back and relay to B Coy.	
	C Coy	Con	0705	Above message read back and passed to B Coy.	
	Con	1 ATF	0733	Request immediately a radio relay aircraft to operate 535720 as we may need him ASP.	
	C Coy	Con	0743	From B Coy his No 1 has checked out the area yesterday. N.T.R. If he is to be given the area he should not be requested to send locstats every 100 metres as he desires to operate in his own way. No 1 found a foot pad for a squad sized group at 537720 and also an overnight camp. This area had been subjected to considerable rooting by pigs.	
	Con	C Coy	0753	Relay to B Coy because of his activities yesterday we are consulting higher authorities and he should not move until he is advised from this callsign.	
	Con	1 ATF	0800	Sitrep No 2 from 0400 to 0800 hrs . N.T.R.	
	Con	Possum 3	0809	It has been requested by higher authorities that B Coy enter a suspected VC area and	

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	Con	Possum 3	0809	may expect contact. In case of this you have been directed to stand by.	
	B Coy	Con	0830	Moving now. Will only contact Possum 3 where needed.	
	C Coy	Con	1000	Airstrike warning within next 10 mins on 579795.	
	C Coy	Con	1135	Can you give me any indication of my future movements. Do I continue on my original route or what - From Con - As soon as B Coy has finished searching a certain area you both continue on as planned.	
	Con	D Coy	1147	C Coy reports firing last night trail at 456689. You are to send 1 of your call-signs to that loc. preferably 12 pl. He is to come up on this net and go to that GR where he will meet some friendlies and go on searching. I suggest he goes west for 500 to 1000 metres and he may find something on the way down - Locstat 12 pl (465710) Weir R 3.5 D5.0 he is moving directly south to that track then west to that GR. He is coming up on this net and you can tell him who the people are he is to meet.	
	D Coy	Con	1155	Our 10pl at Weir R4.3 D 3.9 reports small arms fire at 1000 mills and distance 3 to 5000 metres (473721).	
	Con	12 pl	1158	The patrol who is at the blood trail is returning to the fire Sp. base you will go there GR 455669 and they will guide you to the spot.	
	Con	C Coy	1203	D Coy at 473721 reports small arms fire at 1000 mills and 3 to 5000 metres. Ask B Coy if Reece Pl knows anything about it.	
	A Coy	C Coy	1225	Sitrep No 3 from 0800 to 1200 hrs. En. N.T.R. Own Sit. B Coy GR 532721, 4 pl 543714, 5 pl 537720, C Coy 532715, Reece Pl 505730, Reece Pl 3 sec. 514733, Reece Pl 4 sec. 509239, 10 pl D Coy 473721, 12 pl D Coy 457701 Moving to A Coy 6 RAR to follow blood trail discovered by them this morning. Admin N.T.R.	
	12 Pl D Coy	Con	1407	Wine R3.1 D7.2 have picked up old blood trail about 2 months old and an old foot pad	

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	12 pl D	Con	1407	unused for a considerable time.	
	B Coy	Con	1533	Ref installation found by 4 pl. Extends 1000 metres 400 metres to northwest, short tunnel which has been searched, miscellaneous items recovered. I will get 4 pl to move to this loc. It is too difficult to get explosives into this loc. Suggest destroy by air or heavy Arty. Do you want me to remain in this loc or continue as planned. The installation is of regimental size.	
	B Coy	Con	1534	The installation has not been used for six months.	
	Con	B Coy	1537	Do not remain in that loc continue as planned. Installation will be destroyed at a later date.	
	A Coy	C Coy	1600	Sitrep No 4 from 1200 to 1600 H. En N.T.R. Own Sit. Locstats. B Coy - 5 and 6 pl 532722, 4 pl 539719. D Coy complete no change. Recce Pl 505730. Admin N.T.R.	
	B Coy	Con	1712	Locstats B Coy complete. Harbour. FL TUM (518722).	
	D Coy	Con	1830	Strength state GSO (83).	
	C Coy	Con	1919	Request permission to cross line B 300 metres east river tomorrow.	
	Con	C Coy	1923	Ref. request - yes. But remain within 200 yards.	
	A Coy	C Coy	2000	Sitrep No 5 from 1600 to 2000. N.T.R.	
	A Coy	C Coy	2400	Sitrep No 6 from 2000 to 2400 hrs. N.T.R.	

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	Con	1 ATF	0400	Sitrep No 1 from 2400 to 0400 hrs. N.T.R.	
	Con	1 ATF	0800	Sitrep No 2 from 0400 to 0800 hrs. N.T.R.	
	A Coy	Con	0937	What and where is the air strike.	
	Con	A Coy	0939	Air Strike 370770, no description given, of target.	
	A Coy	Con	1150	TOKYO L9.6 D0.9 (364721) temporary harbour. I am still awaiting description of air strike which was on grid square 3472.	
	Con	1 ATF	1245	Sitrep No 3 from 0800 to 1200 hrs. En. N.T.R. A Coy 364721, 10 pl 411685 B Coy 431691.	
	1 ATF	Con	1355	Air strike warning within next 15 mins onto GR 572817.	
	A Coy	Con	1547	Locstat Daphney L2.7 D 3.8 (353718). I cannot find any trace of enemy installation that Sunray (C.O.) told me that was there.	
	Con	1 ATF	1600	Sitrep No 4 from 1200 to 1600 hrs. En. N.T.R. Own Sit. Locstats. A Coy 353718, 10 pl 394687, B Coy no change.	
	A Coy	Con	1809	Inform C.O. that track is around. We have just picked up evidence of this mornings ablution and teeth cleaning. In intend to move to proposed locstat at 1930 hrs.	
	A Coy	Con	1825	I have a member with what looks to be an infected arm. He has swollen glands under the armpits with a temp. of 104.6. We have got it down to 103.6. I have given him 2 sulphur diaphone tablets and we have 2 more we can give him. I propose to keep him with me and he will be travelling with my Starlight and later on he will be able to lie down. I don't want to have Dust Off brought in, is there anything extra I can do. From Con - Give him 2 soluble aspirin every 4 hours and have you any penicillin.	

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	A Coy	Con	1825	From A Coy - Negative and I say again I don't want to have Dust Off unless I Have to as I have reason to believe there are visitors within 150 metres of me. From Con - Roger call me if his temp goes to 105 or above.	
	A Coy	Con	1917	We have been bounced in my harbour. Approx. 15 VC.	
	Con	1 ATF	1917	Contact with our A Coy. Approx 15 VC Locstat GR 352714 (harbour area). 1 VC apparently wounded, he is in a ditch, moaning, another was shot and has not moved.	
	Con	A Coy	1920	How far away is the moaning you can hear and can you bring more fire into the area.	
	A Coy	Con	1921	The VC came in from the north about 15 of them. I am on the edge of where the bombs fell this morning. There is a ditch on one of my flanks the moaning is coming from there. It is too dark to do anything now. I intend bringin in one of my D.F. to 400 metres from my loc. None of my callsigns were hit.	
	Con	A Coy	1925	Can you throw a grenade into the ditch to keep VC company.	
	A Coy	Con	1930	No there is too much vegetation. there are one or two bodies in the ditch. I am sure one of them is dead as he was hit from 15 metres. The VC seem to have withdrawn. There is further movement to my WEST about 150 metres. I do not intend bringing fire onto that area as I am in gun line.	
	A Coy	Con	1940	I think we have hit more than 2 as there is a lot more moaning coming from in front of 1 pl. The VC/were wearing greens.	

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	A Coy	Con	1940	About 100 metres from my loc. one of my callsigns found a washing point and a tube of tooth paste with fresh saliva. This could account for the ground fire this morning.	
	Con	A Coy	1941	Do you require Derringer when you move. I will alert the necessary movement people.	
	A Coy	Con	1942	I would appreciate derringer.	
	Con	A Coy	1943	Ensure you are on your toes and awake.	
	A Coy	Con	1944	Yes. Anything that moves will be shot at.	
	A Coy	Con	1949	We are brewing up the area where the moans are coming from.	
	A Coy	Con	1958	There is xx still a fair bit of movement around my perimeter. Also there is a light the other side of me. The VC sighted us the same time as we sighted them. Two M60 opened up and by the tracer we could see the VC were wearing greens and had their weapons slung.	
	Con	A Coy	1959	Would you like illumination. From A Coy - No there is a full moon up.	
	A Coy	Con	2005	I intend to search the whole area in the morning, it will take me at least half a day.	
	Con	1 ATF	2014	Sitrep No 5 from 1600 to 2000 hrs. En. Approx 15 VC contacted. A Coy at GR 352719 at 1916 hrs. En. dressed in greens, bush hats weapons slung. 2 VC probablu KIA, none probably WIA. Moaning can be heard from outside A Coy perimeter and movement in front has been heard over the last 35 minutes. Own Sit locatst A Coy 351719. B Coy at firm base. Admin N.T.R.	
	A Coy	Con	2320	There appears to be indication of movement about 150 metres from this loc. moving NORTH to SOUTH xxx west of this loc. It is startling birds	

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	A Coy	Con	2320	and there is too much noise for it to be natural so I intend to fire one of my DF's and direct it in.	
	A Coy	Con	2330	I have ceased shooting for now. Pass it on to Shelldrake that it was very good shooting.	
	A Coy	Con	2400	I am going to fire further DF to discourage any movement out there. There has not been any movement out to our front for approx 1½ hrs and it will discourage them from trying to remove the bodies from our front.	
	Con	1 ATF	2400	Sitrep. En. Movement heard approx 150 metres west of A Coy. Arty called down on route of departure which appeared to be North to South movement has since ceased. On Sit N.T.R. Adm. N.T.R.	
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	2* Cen	1 ATF	0400	Sitrep No 1 from 2400 to 0400 hrs. N.T.R.	
	A Coy	Cen	0600	Stand To.	
	B Coy	Cen	0625	Stand To.	
	A Coy	Cen	0650	Clearing Patrols Out.	
	B Coy	Cen	0700	Clearing Patrols Out.	
	CO	A Coy	0710	1 pl have found 1 dead plus 1 M I in good condition. No 4204942 plus a web belt with basic pouches. 1 pl also found signs of people crawling away. Further from 1 pl. 1 KIA and 3 blood trails. I intend to follow these up. Also I intend to move approx 1000 metres north to see what I can find. Dress of KIA - Green Shirt Black trousers. From CO - Do you require Derringer and also remember when you lose the helping hand. From A Coy - I don't require Derringer but keep them on standby. I'll be careful about Shelldrake (Arty).	
	A Coy	Cen	0745	I have been looking through the VC pack and have found a small dinary dose not contained much, 8 letters 1 envelope which has on it HT -61-220 followed by 6 Jan 67 and is addressed to ANH-NAM-MINH.	
	Cen	1 ATF	0803	Sitrep No 2 from 2400 to 0800 hrs. En. Blood trail followed by A Coy to mountain. Own Sit A Coy No change. Admin N.T.R.	
	A Coy	Cen	0830	Have searched indicated area, 3 blood trails headed north moving up to main track 100 to 150 metres North of my loc. I intend to move to the vic Red L4.8 Dp 3.5 (352725) the track heads down from North then swings West across the clearing.	
	A Coy	Cen	0938	Lost blood trail but track is well ahead.	

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	A Coy	Con	1000	GR 351725 the track is still well defined. I would like to follow it for a further 1000 metres. From Con - As long as you are still within gun range.	
	A Coy	Con	1045	Track still continuing towards the northeast. (Locstat 358729). Am still picking up the odd spot of blood. I propose to continue. If no further developments I will come up every 30 mins.	
	A Coy	Con	1147	I am harboured for dinner. I think there is no further use following the track the blood trail has petered out about 300 metres back. We have found a clip of 5 xxxxxx M I rounds or any empty case. I propose to continue on with my proposed activities.	
	Con	1 ATF	1355	A Coy requests FAC to have a look for VC to the North of their present loc (360733) They followed a blood trail which ran out about 300 metres from their present loc.	
	A Coy	Con	1345	I am now back at last night's activities conducting a final search before continuing with planned activities.	
	Con	1 ATF	1609	Sitrep No 3 from 1200 to 1600 hrs. En N.T.R. Own Sit A Coy 353713. Patrols back in base loc. Admin N.T.R.	
	Con	A Coy	1627	Enemy of unknown strength are approaching the gen loc of friendly forces to your South. We don't know the direction they are approaching from.	
	Con	A Coy	1639	Suspected enemy movement near I 43 loc Blue L5.0 DO.7.	
	A Coy	Con	1649	CONTACT 354712. 25 VC crossing creek Dust off stand by.	
	Con	1 ATF	1650	CONTACT at GR 354712. Request Dust off only details at present 25 VC seen crossing creek.	

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	Con	1 ATF	1658	A Coy request derringer (gun ship) standby and watch out for guns as they are firing in that direction now. Send him up now.	
	A Coy	Con	1705	We have got 1 dead by body count. 3 pl was just moving off to his ambush when the VC walked in from last night's area. They know we won't bring the DFs in under 100 metres so I would like the gun ships to come into about 50 metres and I am holding 1 pl in his follow up at 100 m. Cancel dustoff.	
	Con	A Coy	1714	Seagull requires info on attitude of people in contact. Were they prepared for a fight or not.	
	A Coy	Con	1716	Have killed one VC by body count dressed in black, webbing clips of ammo water bottles, no weapon. Also a blood trail. They were moving South to north, they withdrew south.	
	Con	1 ATF	1724	The 3 in front had weapons at the ready, the rest had them slung. Approach was south to north and they withdrew south. They have one KIA by body count and one blood trail.	
	Con	A Coy	1815	How is the air strike. From A Coy - Looks like exactly where we want it. From Con - Do you intend sweeping through area of air strike tonight. From A Coy - No.	
	A Coy	Con	1825	Following harbour before ambush I reced around area for several hours. I hit a track fairly well defined a short distance from this loc. The showed signs of 3 to 4 men heading south, these were made last night. I returned from recce 10-15 mins before contact. Charlies approached head on the sentry fired and M 60 followed up. Fire dropped lead man	

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	A Coy	Con	1825	and the second, the leading people were at the ready. The remainder scattered. They then withdrew to the south. 1 pl followed up for 100 metres. I then brought in the air strike. 5 pl is sweeping on the east side of the creek as the blood trail lead to the bank, suspect he went downstream. Am remaining in present loc and digging in. The ambush sites are unsuitable, they are grown over and have had no use for some time. On observation in this area Charlie seems to use tracks 100-200 metres that run parallel with main track. Tomorrow I will follow up south. From Con - Suggest you ambush at approx same time as today. From A - Roger were were approx 1/2 hr out in timing. KIA had no weapons but ammo. From Con - Send contact report with all details	
	A Coy	Con	2004	Contact Report. A Sax Contact. B Sax 271655. C Sax 354712 D Sax 24 to 25. E. Local dressed in black some wearing yellow scarves. F. KIA body count 1. WIA Blood trail 1. 32 rounds recovered M 1 good ammunition VC retrieved weapon as they withdrew. G. South to North. H. This call sign was stationary whilst I was conducting recce for ambush site. VC approached from the south along a track that we had discovered earlier in the afternoon. The track for 3 men 24 hrs old leading south had been discovered by myself and Sunray Sunray 1 pl on our recce. I had just completed briefing Sunray 3 pl to ambush track when contact occurred. The VC were approaching with caution down track when seen and engaged by 1 pl sentry. I have credited him with KIA. VC immediately fanned out and attempted to outflank 1 pl fire developed immediately	

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	A Coy	Con	2004	from 1 pl and VC retreated from follow up action by 1 pl. Blood trails were revealed heading East to creek where it was lost. The VC force after breaking contact proceeded south at speed. I am staying in the site tonight as I am in the centre of a swamp and feel quite secure. Tomorrow I would like permission to proceed south of this loc and follow up trail. Yesterday's VC had no water bottles or rations and today's did not have rations although he had a water bottle indicating that he had not travelled very far as there may be a base nearby.	
	Con	1 ATF	2000	Sitrep No 4 from 1600 to 2000 Hrs. A Coy contacted 25 VC at 354712. 1 VC KIA (Blood trail). VC KIA was wearing black and had webbing. He had ammo but no arms. VC withdrew south. Airstrike called in. Own Sit A Coy 354712 digging in. Will search outside area in morning. Admin N.T.R.	
	Con	1 ATF	2030	Exact copy of Contact report sent.	
	Con	1 ATF	2135	Report from Mortars at BINH BA that small arms fire coming from village. Further info reveals that a friendly ambush at DUC THY was sprung by a coy of VC who have now moved to the village and are using loud hailer.	
	Con	1 ATF	2158	Compound receiving small arms fire from airstrip (Binh Ba) Our mortars firing onto 457740.	
	Con	1 ATF	2400	Sitrep No 5 from 2000 to 2400 hrs. N.T.R.	

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	Con	1 ATF	0400	Sitrep No 1 from 2400 to 0400 hrs. N.T.R.	
	A Coy	Con	0655	Amendment to contact report. There were 32 rounds M 1 ammo recovered.	
	A Coy	Con	0815	Sitrep No 2 from 0400 to 0800 hrs En . N.T.R. Own Sit. A Coy moving.	
	C Coy	Con	0832	Am in proposed loc from Sunray he requires member of Sig Pl who speaks French also a Vietnamese interpreter ASP. Suggest chopper if aval.	
	C Coy	Con	0853	Interpreters plus PR rep leaving this loc by Albatros at Q plus 7 hrs 20	
	C Coy	Con	0921	Two patrols from people up here struck 2 separate coys. 1 coy withdrew East fired into village. Entered village from the East handed out propoganda and went west. Other coy (not same group) approached from the East, North of the factory, fired shots at villa. Were engaged by mortar and artillery. Direction of withdrawal unknown. My tasks. 1. clear the TAOR in APCs. 2. Look at area of operations Sydney.	
	A Coy	Con	1020	Locstat Rough Spot (357708) Still on VC track that is running slightly west at South on bearing 3500 mils. At present I have stopped and am casting for Castlereigh* St. I have 1 element West no joy as of yet. I intend to send an element to the East for the Street. I should find out where this crosses into neighbour's territory and let them know. I require a Possum to stand by to give me a fix on my loc. I will display panels.	
	Con	C Coy	1050	Is it possible to pick up any of the propoganda forms.	
	C Coy	Con	1100	Ref propoganda forms. RVN have them and are being assessed.	
	Con	1 ATF	1055	A Coy has just reported that they are at 357708 Rough Spot. They	

request Possum to give them a fix. Will lay panels.

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	Con	CQ	1115	Air strike warning within next 10 mins onto 381802.	
	Con	C Coy	1117	From A Com it is most important that some propoganda forms. From C Coy - Roger. Just about all the forms have been taken by friendlies. I will try to get some from the village itself.	
	Con	1 ATF	1205	Sitrep No 3 from 0800 to 1200 hrs. En. Clip of ammo found at 350713 at BINH BA last night. 2 patrols of RF struck 2 separate patrols of VC. 1st after striking moved to eastern side of village fired onto the east and then entered village from east. Handed out propoganda and then went west. 2nd lot approached from east and fired several shots at the villa and withdrew in an unknown direction. Were engaged by mortars. C Coy are trying to obtain propoganda material from RF. Own Sit locstats. A Coy 347708 withdrawing north. C Coy 445742. 6 pl B Coy moving on gun protection patrol. Admin N.T.R.	
	A Coy	Con	1456	CONTACT. at 281450H. 352711. 1 6. LOCAL Light green shirts bush hats trousers not seen. Believed 1 WIA. Threw up hand spun around them moved off. Fled south. 3 pl were receeing ambush site when en party walked in. They sighted us the same time we sighted them. We fired first believe first scout hit (VC) . Follow up in progress. We have a blood trail.	
	A Coy Con	Con 1 ATF	1520 1508	Have Gun ship standing by. We have a dust off. CONTACT report sent to 1 ATF.	
	Con	1 ATF	1516	A Coy request Dust Off ASP as they have 2 urgent litter cases.	

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	A Coy	Con	1528	Details of casualties. 213471 S. Hit in groin and has a severed artery.	
				3787118 G in the head and leg and still conscious, 3787128 H is deaf.	
	A Coy	Con	1530	The rounds landed 400 metres in front of 1 pl, 1 round behind them, one	
				in the middle of clearing of the group hit.	
	Con	1 ATF	1524	One casualty has difficulty hearing, one severed artery in groin. Both	
				unconscious. Send gun ship aloft now to A Coy loc to protect Dust Off.	
	Con	A Coy	1600	Is dust off complete. From A Coy - Yes.	
	A Coy	Con	1620	Gun ship has sighted 9 figures in 360702. I cannot get comms with D Coy 6 RAR	
				to see if he has people in that area. The figures are wearing steel	
				helmets. From Con - B Coy 6 RAR has no people in area/ Get Gun ship onto	
				it.	
	Con	1 ATF	1631	New locstat for VC given by gun ship 369679 too far away from A Coy to	
				control air strike. Jade is informed.	
	Con	1 ATF	1634	Ref En. They are wearing steel matix helmets.	
	A Coy	Con	1710	I have to flick from my internal freq to D Coy. and I cannot observe	
				the fall of strike so he is running it now.	
	A Coy	Con	2125	Could you relay to B Coy that I am in no position to receive any	
				messages that requires writing as it is bloody dark and I am in the	
				bottom of a hole. Could you hold anything for me until first light.	
	Con	A 6 RAR	2127	My A Coy has no specific task. He is working in his general area doing	
				Ambush.	
	Con	1 ATF	2030	Sitrep No 5 from 1600 to 2000 hrs. En . N.T.R. Own Sit. A Coy now under	
				comd 6 RAR, Pl D Coy 485718. Sect Mer at BINH BA ARVN compound.	

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	Con	1 ATF	0400	Sitrep No 1 from 2400 to 0400 hrs. N.T.R.	
	A Coy Con	Con	0738	Clearing Patrols In.	
	Con	1 ATF	0800	Sitrep No 2 from 0400 to 0800 hrs. En. N.T.R. Own Sit. A Coy no change. Admin. N.T.R.	
	A Coy	Con	0820	Inform Sunray of VC crossing point at 352718. Charlies cross there and there is a log over a stream at 350717 (passed to 6 RAR).	
	CO	Con	0948	Ref. the condition of 3 members who left you yesterday, H and G are well but S is seriously ill.	
	Con	1 ATF	1200	Sitrep No 3 from 0800 to 1200 hrs. En. N.T.R. Own Sit. A Coy still in ambush loc. Sect. of mortars at BINH BA (445746) close TAOR in 1048 hrs. Admin. N.T.R.	
	A Coy	Con	1400	CONTACT. IN A Coy, 1 pl locs.	
	Con	1 ATF	1410	CONTACT. 1 and 2 pls have engaged 15 plus VC. They have a M 60 and M 79.	
	A Coy	Con	1410	1 pl has had contact with 15 VC. They are firing something equivalent to an M 60 and M 79. They walked into a couple of claymores. There appears to be more behind them. 2 pl has now been engaged.	
	Con	1 ATF	1415	CO 6 RAR has just come up on the air and said that A Coy would cease being under their cond at Q plus 8 hrs today (1400 hrs). This is not true, it is tomorrow.	
	A Coy	Con	1425	Still in contact.	
	A Coy	Con	1445	Situation of 1 pl. VC approached from right rear of the ambush. Apparently they were suspicious of the area. They were engaged with a claymore, also a couple of riflemen near its locations. They then bounced off 1 pl onto 2 pl. Situation at present. 2 KIA by body count. 1 Thompson machine gun was recovered plus a heavy blood trail. Sweep is still in progress will send info when it comes.	
	A Coy	Con	1500	The VC dead in front of 2 pl has a bandolier of Browning Automatic rifle.	

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				There is a magazine with some ammo in it. As ye have not located the weapons. Suspect other VC grabbed it when they left. Suggest this was the weapon that engaged this position.	
	A Coy	Con	1513	Claim 2 KIA by body count. 2 WIA with heavy blood trail. Direction of withdrawal West and northwest. Recovered 1 Thompson machine gun, assorted ammo plus packs and docs. At the moment 1 pl is doing sweep around the immediate loc. Will inform you.	
	A Coy	Con	1523	Relay to 6 RAR that gunships have sighted a figure moving quickly into the jungle, at 340700. D Coy 6 RAR was somewhere near there this morning. Check if it could be friendlies.	
	A Coy	Con	1555	Confirm 2 KIA by body count, 2 WIA by heavy blood trail.	
	Con	1 ATF	1600	Sitrep No 4 from 1200 to 1600 hrs. En. 1400 hrs. 15 plus VC walked into the right rear of ambush of 1 and 2 pls A Coy. They were fired on and a claymore detonated. VC withdrew 1410 hrs. They bounced onto 2 pl ambush in extended line. 2 pl fired on VC. VC withdrew West to Northwest, 2 VC KIA by body count. 2 WIA (heavy blood trail). Own Sit. No casualties in above contact. Proposed locstats. 1 pl 350728, 2 pl 352719. Admin. N.T.R.	
	Con A Coy	Con Relay	1630	Sitrep of A Coy. The 2 VC belonged to the C20 MAU DUC Coy. One had a wallet containing a card (ID) ? dated 9 May 66. One had commendations signed TRAN VAN QUOC dated 1, 31 Dec 66, the other 26 Jan 66. I think he was a VC commander. Weapons recovered. 1 Thompson SMG, with 4 mags, 1 BAR mag full. I reckon they are definitely regional force personnel. One VC had 10 MPC on him. One had 400 p and another 1900 p in a note book. Also contained telephone numbers. Gun ship is above me. I am regrouping and moving. I think the trail we are on is the main	

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				exit trail for the VC.	
	A Coy	Con	1830	This is 1 and 2 pls occupying the new ambush positions.	
	Con	1 ATF	2000	Sitrep No 6 from 1600 to 2000 hrs . N.T.R.	
	A Coy	Con	2130	Can you give me a rundown of the C20 Coy. From Con : Ref. C20 Coy. Strength approx. 60. From A Coy : Some points of inquiry. (1). What district and territory do they operate in. (2). Do they work with Main Force units. From Con: They are a mobile force operating in the CHAL DUC district in the north and west area of this province. They are sometimes used in recon and liaison jobs for Main Forces. From A Coy :	
				Roger. Wondering as I have had 5 contacts in 4 days. These all have been within 400 metres of each other. 2 contacts have been in the identical spot, trying to cross a creek at same spot. 1st contact: Approx 15 men southbound. Remainder northbound. Could be possible that RV has been arranged in this loc between North and South bound parties. In today's contact the people were deployed to clear the area. I cannot see how they passed by 2 and 3 pls. and hit us at the angle they did. There must be other tracks in this area. I propose to scan the area for a track plan. Sunray of our new parents has activities for us tomorrow i.e. pushing towards his locs. These people today were well trained. With contact they fanned out and tried to encircle us. This was counteracted and the covered withdrawal with the M79 denotes good training. The Thompson MG recovered (.45) is in good condition. From A Coy:	
				Person who was carrying Thompson also had the letters of commendation, he was also carrying 1900p. I also have some telephone numbers. Some in Vung Tau and some that could be in BARIA. I come from under comd of new parents at Q plus 8 hrs tomorrow. I will get these items to you as soon as I return.	

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				<p>From Com: Roger. These people could be engaged in letter-carrying activities. These could quite easily be a Main Force battalion near your loc. Definitely 60 of C20 Coy. Ref RV. these C20 coy have been pushed from their base by friendlies and could be going to their alternate positions. These people have good equipment and are fairly well trained. If you bump into anymore would you take notice of their equipment and tactics. From A Coy: Roger.</p>	

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	B Coy	Con	0635	Clearing Patrols Out.	
	A Coy	Con	0658	Clearing Patrols In.	
	B Coy	Con	0708	Stand Down.	
	Con	1 ATF	0800	Sitrep No 1 from 2400 to 0800 hrs. N.T.R.	
	A Coy	Con	1158	Have linked up with 3 pl. Coy now complete and heading towards LZ. Am still in 3 pl loc. Will be moving to position to brew up - time approx 30 mins.	
	Con	1 ATF	1240	Sitrep No 2 from 0800 to 1200 hrs. En. N.T.R. Locstats 11 pl D Coy 462697. A Coy returns to this loc by 1400 hrs.	
	A Coy	Con	1320	I require my coy vehicle at LZ as I have some gear to carry.	
	A Coy	Con	1333	How many albatros can we expect for our extraction.	
	Con	1 ATF	¹⁶⁰⁰ Sitrep	No 3 from 1200 to 1600 hrs. En. N.T.R.	
	B Coy	Con	1846	Stand To. Clearing Patrols Out.	
	C Coy	Con	1847	Stand To. Clearing Patrols Out.	
	A Coy	Con	1858	Stand To.	
	B Coy	Con	1945	Stand Down.	
	C Coy	Con	1946	Stand Down.	
	A Coy	Con	1950	Stand Down.	

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	Con	1 ATF	0400	Sitrep No 1 from 2400 to 0400 hrs. N.T.R.	
	Con	1 ATF	0800	Sitrep No 2 from 0400 to 0800 hrs. N.T.R.	
	11 pl D	Con	0821	Locstat Tree L6.8 D 5.7 (462693).	
	11 pl D	Con	0906	Locstat Tree L7.1 D5.8 (459692).	
	Con	B Coy	0910	11 pl is approaching your loc and you won't be able to fire until he enters your loc.	
	11 pl D	Con	0952	In B Coy loc now.	
	Con	1 ATF	1200	Sitrep No 3 from 0800 to 1200 hrs. N.T.R.	
	Con	1 ATF	1600	Sitrep No 4 from 1200 to 1600 hrs. En. N.T.R. Own Sit. Locstats N.T.R. Admin. N.T.R.	
	C Coy	Con	1850	Stand To. Clearing Patrols Out.	
	B Coy	Con	1900	Clearing Patrols In. Stand To.	
	A Coy	Con	1902	Stand To. Clearing Patrols In.	
	C Coy	Con	1903	Clearing Patrols In.	
	A Coy	Con	1946	Stand To.	
	B Coy	con	1946	Stand To.	
	Con	1 ATF	2000	Sitrep No 5 from 1600 to 2000 hrs. N.T.R.	
	Con	1 ATF	2400	Sitrep No 6 from 2000 to 2400 hrs. En. N.T.R. Own Sit. Advance elements still mobile.	
