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LIGHT DATA - MARCH 1967

1. Attached are timings of moonrise, moonset, sunrise and sunset for the month of March 67.

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(~~Capt~~ J. O'Neill)  
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Moonrise</u>	<u>Moonset</u>	<u>Sunrise</u>	<u>Sunset</u>
1 Mar		2337	1041	0707	1904
2		--	1130	0707	1904
3	Last	0033	1223	0706	1904
4	Qtr	0132	1317	0706	1904
5		0229	1413	0706	1904
6		0326	1509	0705	1904
7		0418	1603	0705	1904
8		0506	1655	0705	1904
9		0549	1745	0704	1904
10		0630	1832	0704	1904
11	New	0707	1916	0703	1904
12		0743	1959	0703	1904
13		0818	2042	0702	1904
14		0853	2127	0702	1904
15		0930	2213	0701	1904
16		1009	2301	0700	1904
17		1052	2351	0700	1904
18		1139	--	0659	1904
19	First	1231	0045	0658	1904
20	Qtr	1327	0141	0658	1904
21		1426	0238	0657	1904
22		1526	0324	0657	1904
23		1627	0438	0656	1904
24		1727	0519	0656	1904
25		1825	0608	0655	1904
26	Full	1922	0655	0654	1904
27		2020	0742	0653	1904
28		2119	0830	0653	1904
29		2219	0920	0652	1904
30		2321	1031	0651	1904
31		--	1108	0651	1904



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CHIEU HOI-A WINNING PROGRAM

"It took me 12 days to walk from the station down to the plain. I stayed at Tam Quan for 10 days and at Hoi Phu for five or six days. In total, it took me one month to travel from the station to Bong Son.

"I firmly entered the Government as I had always wanted to long before that day ... Once in the town, I immediately spotted the 22d Division Headquarters and went to report there."

Nguyen Ngac Son, former North Vietnamese  
Army now Chieu Hoi returnee.

Nguyen Ngoc Son and 40,000 others like him have rallied or returned to the Government of the Republic of Vietnam since 1963. More than 12,000 former Viet Cong or North Vietnamese Army soldiers accepted the Government's "Open Arms" or Chieu Hoi" offer in the first eight months of 1966 alone.

Those who work with the Chieu Hoi (pronounced chew hoy) Program rightly like to say that the Chieu Hoi count is the count that counts most. Each returnee represents two men gained by the Government because the enemy has lost one and the Government has gained one.

But a returnee's real value to the Government is far higher. Returnees provide tactical intelligence, identify other VC, reveal arms caches, volunteer to help with propaganda, and return to contested areas to carry on the struggle against communism for the government.

The growing success of the Chieu Hoi Program is paying real dividends towards winning the war here in Vietnam. Many are convinced that we have only begun to tap the potential of this bloodless way of defeating the VC.

For real success every soldier must understand what the Chieu Hoi Program is, how it works and what he can do to make it work. This program depends on the soldier in the field; he is often the first to extend "open arms" to a rallier.

WHAT IS CHIEU HOI?

Chieu Hoi is a program that appeals to military and civilian Viet Cong and to North Vietnamese Army (NVA) soldiers to rally to the side of the Government of the Republic of Vietnam.

Translated, "Chieu Hoi" means "Open Arms". Through Chieu Hoi the government offers the hands of friendship and a new beginning in life to any VC or NVA members. The program is directed specifically at communist-infested areas.

"Hoi Chanh" (pronounced Hoy Chun) is the name given individual returnees, those who voluntarily return to government control after actively supporting the VC. "Returnee" is the English term used. A group should be addressed "Anh Chi Em Hoi Chanh," or "Our brothers and sisters who rally to the just cause." Similarly a man is addressed "Anh Hoi Chanh Nguyen Van X" (Brother Nguyen Van X, Hoi Chanh) and a woman "Chi Hoi Chanh Nguyen Thi Y" (Sister Nguyen Thi Y, Hoi Chanh).



#### CHIEU HOI AIMS.

The Chieu Hoi program serves to support and further the aims of the government in five ways, through:

1. Inducing military and civilian VC and members of the NVA to come to the side of the GVN.
2. Converting as many VC and NVA as possible into useful citizens through fair treatment, reindoctrination and training.
3. Furnishing valuable information for intelligence and psychological operations (psyop) through the medium of these returnees.
4. Weakening the communist cause through the loss of military personnel and civilian support and at the same time strengthening the GVN cause through the addition of these individuals.
5. Causing dissension and distrust among the communist military and political agencies.

#### CHIEU HOI IS EFFECTIVE.

The Chieu Hoi appeal, for VC voluntarily to return to the government, works. The 12,000 who came in during the first eight months of 1966 make this year the most successful so far, exceeding the 11,124 who rallied in 1965.

Who were those 40,090 returnees since 1963? Of these 23,416 were military personnel from VC guerilla and main force units and from the North Vietnamese Army. A total of 11,623 political agents rallied and 5,051 persons classified as other elements came in.

The results of the program include far more than just numbers of people. With these people came some of the best information that the Free World Forces can get on the VC and their activities.

Hoi Chanh are used for many types of intelligence and psywar activities.

They may do a map reconnaissance with interrogators, pointing out the location of trails, camps, arms and food caches. They may do the same thing while actually accompanying patrols.

They can provide order of battle information, names of units and commanders, types of weapons, tactics and strengths. They can describe morale, health, medical care, indoctrination methods, and a hundred other things that we need to know.

They have turned in or led us to important documents, diaries and maps.



## VC REACTION TO CHIEU HOI.

Another means of judging the effectiveness of the Chieu Hoi program is by the Viet Cong reaction to it. The VC work to prevent their people from learning of the program. They tell them of the horrible fate that awaits those in government hands, and they have made individual ralliers, Chieu Hoi centres and resettlement villages targets for terrorist attacks.

A captured VC document made this assessment of our psy-war effort: "At present, the enemy is using psywar to attack us on the ideological plane. He has scattered many leaflets from aircraft and has appealed to us through (loudspeaker) broadcasts. The objective of this is to destroy our morale" . .

"These efforts surely influence our troops. If we do not closely control cadre and soldier thoughts, we shall face many difficulties. For this is a dangerous wicked scheme by the enemy. It is related to the general war situation, all aimed at reducing the fighting spirit of our fighting spirit of our forces and having great influence on our struggle toward victory in general."

Recently a battalion of 274 Regiment intercepted a man who wanted to Chieu Hoi, north of BINH GIA. They buried him alive with hands and feet showing above ground. They then cut his hands and feet off.

## THE CHIEU HOI PROMISE.

What does the Government offer? What is the Chieu Hoi promise?

First, perhaps most important, the Government promises humane treatment to any VC - military or civilian-or to any NVA soldier who will voluntarily return. A Hoi Chanh is not a prisoner of war, not a prisoner of any kind.

Second, the Hoi Chanh is promised a reward for any weapons he turns in. The rewards range from 800 piastres for a pistol and 1,000 for a foreign rifle, to 20,000 for a 75 mm recoilless rifle.

Third, the Hoi Chanh is promised a new life. The government forgives him for his activities against it. While at a Chieu Hoi centre he receives food, clothing, medical care and a daily allowance of money.

He may receive vocational training, and he may make a choice of what he will do after his stay of between one and two months at the centre.

These are the promises made by the government. They must be kept if Chieu Hoi is to succeed. If a VC attempts to come in and is shot by mistake, or mistreated, or if any part of the promise is not kept-other VC will find out. The word will get back. Other VC who might be inclined to return will be discouraged. In many cases a group has sent one person in to test the Government promises, for the others

## YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

Every soldier in the field must know about the Chieu Hoi Program and how to receive and handle returnees, so that he can do his part in this valuable program. Once a returnee has been turned over to Chieu Hoi personnel, he will be treated properly as a matter of routine. But during the initial contact errors can be made.



These instructions for handling returnees apply to Government and Free World soldiers:

1. Anyone who voluntarily turns himself in under any circumstances will be given Chieu Hoi treatment. Exact classification of status will be made later by the proper authorities.
2. A returnee will be segregated from prisoners of war.
3. A returnee will be treated with dignity and made to feel that he has made the right decision.
4. A returnee may be searched and placed under such guard or restriction as is considered necessary for the security of the unit.
5. A preliminary interrogation may be conducted to gain tactical intelligence.
6. If the returnee reports that he has hidden weapons he should be accompanied if possible to where they are hidden, and the weapons brought in.
7. Food, clothing and medical care will be provided as needed.
8. The following information will be obtained and recorded: name, rank, location and time he came in.
9. As soon as possible the returnee will be evacuated to a regional or provincial Chieu Hoi centre or turned over to GVN civilian authorities.
10. If the returnee has brought in weapons and these are not evacuated with him, he will be given a receipt. This is the only way he can prove that he brought them in and so claim the reward.

A rallier does not have to have a Safe Conduct Pass. In some cases, ralliers reported never having seen the passes. They can bring in any leaflet, or come without a leaflet.

Also, a VC takes great personal risk by keeping the pass on his person because the VC threaten death and other punishment to their members caught with the government passes. In spite of this, many VC do take the chance of keeping passes. After one battle during Operation Paul Revere 90 per cent of the VC who could be searched (dead, wounded and captured) had the leaflets.

With or without a pass, a VC who wants to rally to the government often has a difficult time doing so. He must escape the VC and evade them, then make contact with friendly forces without getting shot by them.

Rallying is even more difficult for the North Vietnamese soldier. His life has been lived in a closely controlled society; he usually has no information his Hanoi leaders do not want him to have. Not even radio broadcasts from the south can reach him because only higher headquarters have radios.

Once in the south, the NVA soldier is usually stationed in deep jungle far from his populated areas, in territory unfamiliar to him. His actions are watched by the other members of his three-man cell.



For both the VC and the NVA the confusion of battle offers the best chance to escape. Unfortunately, the opportunity does not come soon enough. They fight simply for survival and often die before the chance to rally comes.

This unhappy fact was well illustrated during a battle in An Xuyen Province on 25 September 1966. The ARVN 21st Division, acting on intelligence received partly from Hoi Chanh, made a surprise attack on a VC unit. Fifty five members of the unit surrendered but 90 were killed. The returnees, among them a 14 year old and other teenagers, reported that nearly the whole unit would have liked to come in. Many had been drafted by the VC only the week before.

The returnee is a brave man who has not only decided to break from a close communist organization, but has risked his life in escaping.

LOYAL AND RELIABLE.

There is no doubt that most Hoi Chanh become loyal and reliable citizens. Perhaps it is because they know better than many other Vietnamese that the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese communists have lied to them, broken promises and led them into endless hardships.

Here are some of the things Hoi Chanh say:

...."Life with the front was full of hardships, we did not have enough to eat and were eaten by mosquitoes. I thought of my brother who was an ARVN soldier, and I wanted to come out to join the ARVN, because if we were in the two opposing camps we would have to shoot at each other.

"That (the leaflet) made me think of my mother and helped me to realise that the Front was very rough towards its soldiers, because the cadres refused to permit us to pay a visit to our families, even when we were moving close to our native village.

"Therefore, I began to think secretly that when I was still at home, my family had a pretty good living; that my departure had left my family in worsening poverty; that they received no help from the party at all; that the war had lasted for long years and showed no sign of ending though the communists said that it would soon end; and that in the meantime my family was getting poorer and poorer".

"In the north, they said that three-fourths of the south was already liberated and the rest was to come. But when I came here, I saw that they only lied and cheated us and were sending us to death.

"It was necessary for me to find some way to freedom and to live as I might wish. With such a miserable life, I have no feeling for fighting. All my life and spirit seemed to be completely lost. Besides, the spirit in a young man seemed to cease to exist because every thing was restricted. There were no books no cultural activities and no life at all. We were unhappy and miserable in body and spirit."

This sampling in their own words helps us to understand why Hoi Chanh rally and why they willingly help the government. They made their own decision.



SUMMARY.

The Chieu Hoi Program offers great promise for bringing many more Viet Cong to the government side as active useful citizens, They have more than proved that a live Hoi Chanh is worth infinitely more than a dead VC.

The soldier on the front line is a part of this program. He helps most by:-

Trying to bring them back alive within the bounds of insuring his own security and that of his unit.

Treating returnees with dignity and humanity.

Making sure that a returnee gets his reward for weapons turned in by giving a receipt or forwarding the weapon.

Remembering that a live returnee will help shorten this war.

  
(J. A. Warr)  
Lt Col  
CO



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5 RAR PATROL FORECAST

General

1. Attached as Annex 'A' is the patrol task table for the period 12-13 Feb.
2. All patrols are to operate their radios on the Bn Comd Net. Normal platoon callsigns are to be retained.

Debriefing

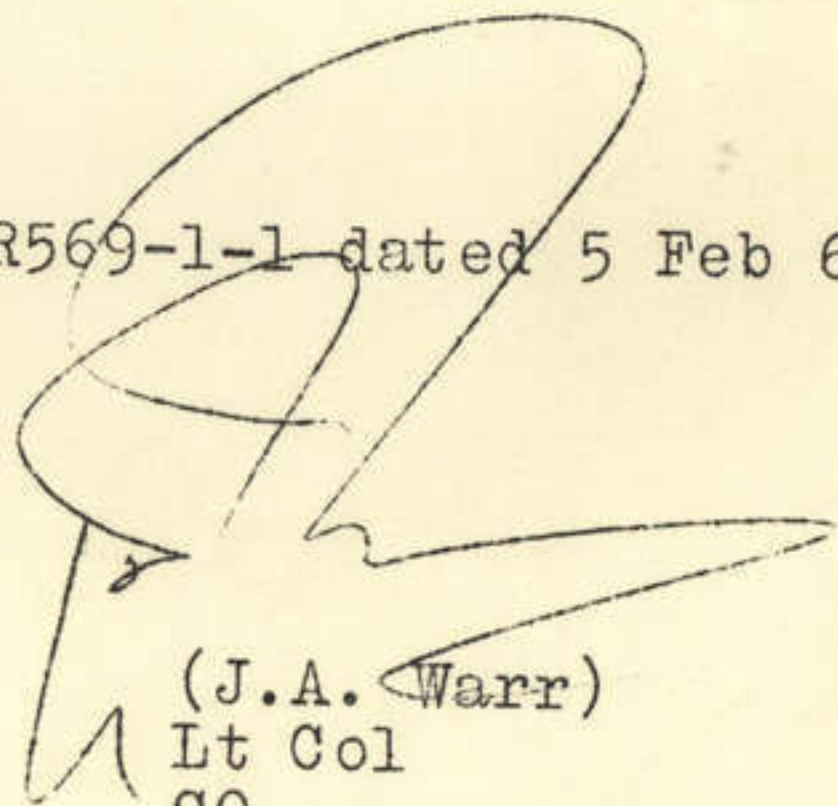
3. If no contact has been made during the patrol, the commander is to be debriefed by his company commander.
4. If a patrol has a contact, on his return to base, the patrol commander is to report to the CO and Adjt for debriefing. At a time arranged by the Adjt, the patrol and company commander will accompany the CO to HQ 1 ATF for further debriefing.

Patrol Reports

5. The report of a patrol commander when he is debriefed by his company commander is to be submitted in a legible draft and correct staff duties to the Adjt by 1000 hrs on the day following the patrol's return to base.

Cancellation

6. Serial 9 of Annex 'A' to 5 RAR R569-1-1 dated 5 Feb 67 is cancelled.

  
(J.A. Warr)  
Lt Col  
CO

Annex : A. Patrol Forecast.

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ANNEX 'A' TO  
5 RAR R569-1-1  
DATED FEB 67

PATROL TASK TABLE

Serial (a)	Sub Unit (b)	Type (c)	Time Out (d)	Time In (e)	Tasks (f)	Remarks (g)
1.	A Coy (one pl)	Fighting	120830	<del>131600</del> 1200	Search and destroy along route shown on trace.	a. Trace attached as Appendix 1. b. Patrol callsigns to be advised prior to departure of patrol. c. To be accompanied by an MFC, FO or FOA. d. Decision to harbour or ambush at ni is left to the ptl comd as he is guided by the tac situation.
2.	A Coy (one pl)	Fighting	120830	<del>131600</del> 1200	Search and destroy along route shown on trace.	a. Trace attached as Appendix 2. b. Patrol callsigns to be advised prior to departure of patrol. c. To be accompanied by an MFC, FO or FOA. d. Decision to harbour or ambush at ni is left to the ptl comd as he is guided by the tac situation.

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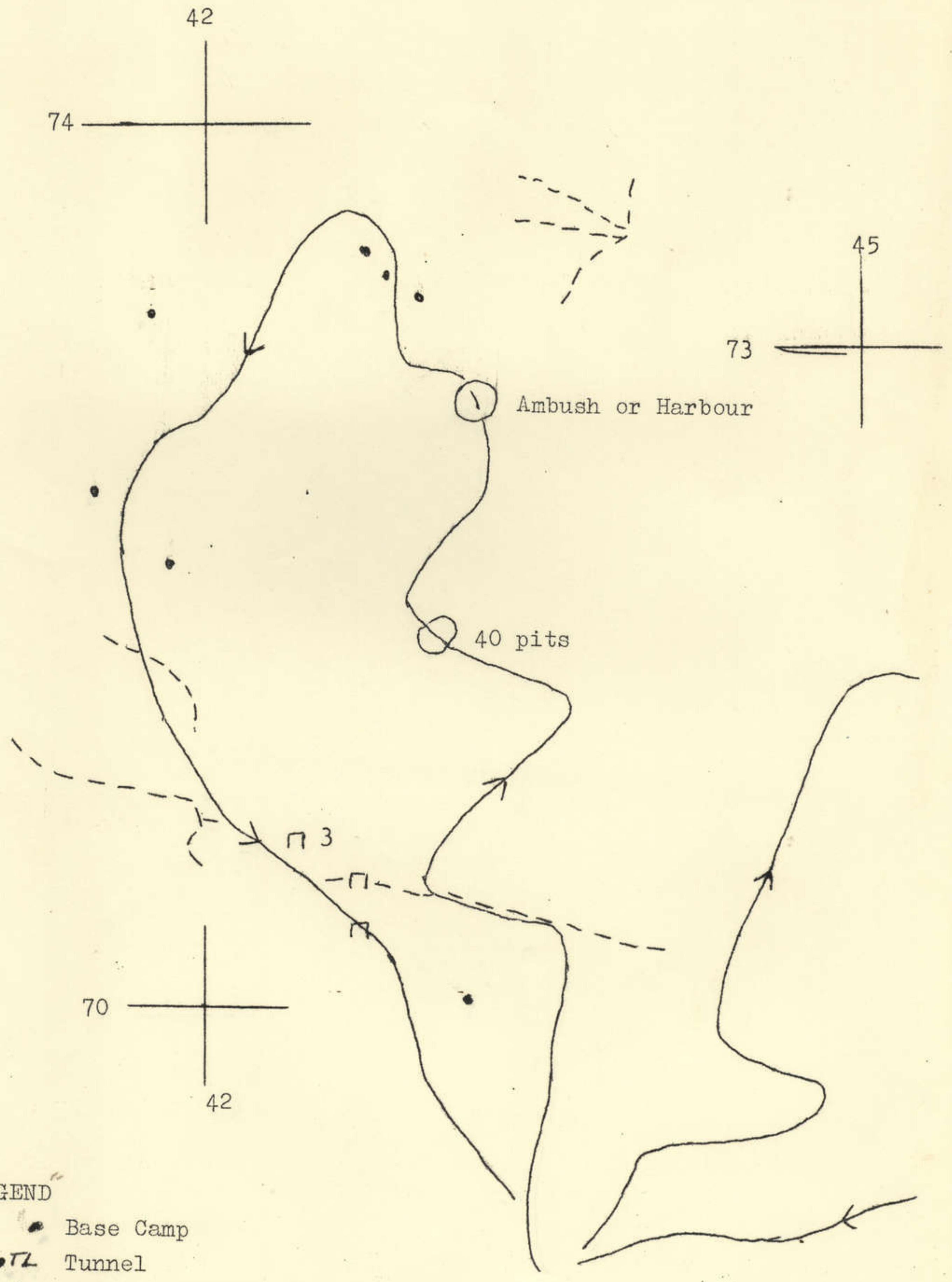
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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
3.	D Coy (one sect with radio)	Fighting	AM 12 Feb PM 12 Feb	AM 12 Feb PM 12 Feb	Close TAOR patrol	Direction of movement to be decided by Coy comd
4.	D Coy (One sect with radio)	Fighting	AM 13 Feb PM 13 Feb	AM 13 Feb PM 13 Feb	As for serial 3	As for serial 3.

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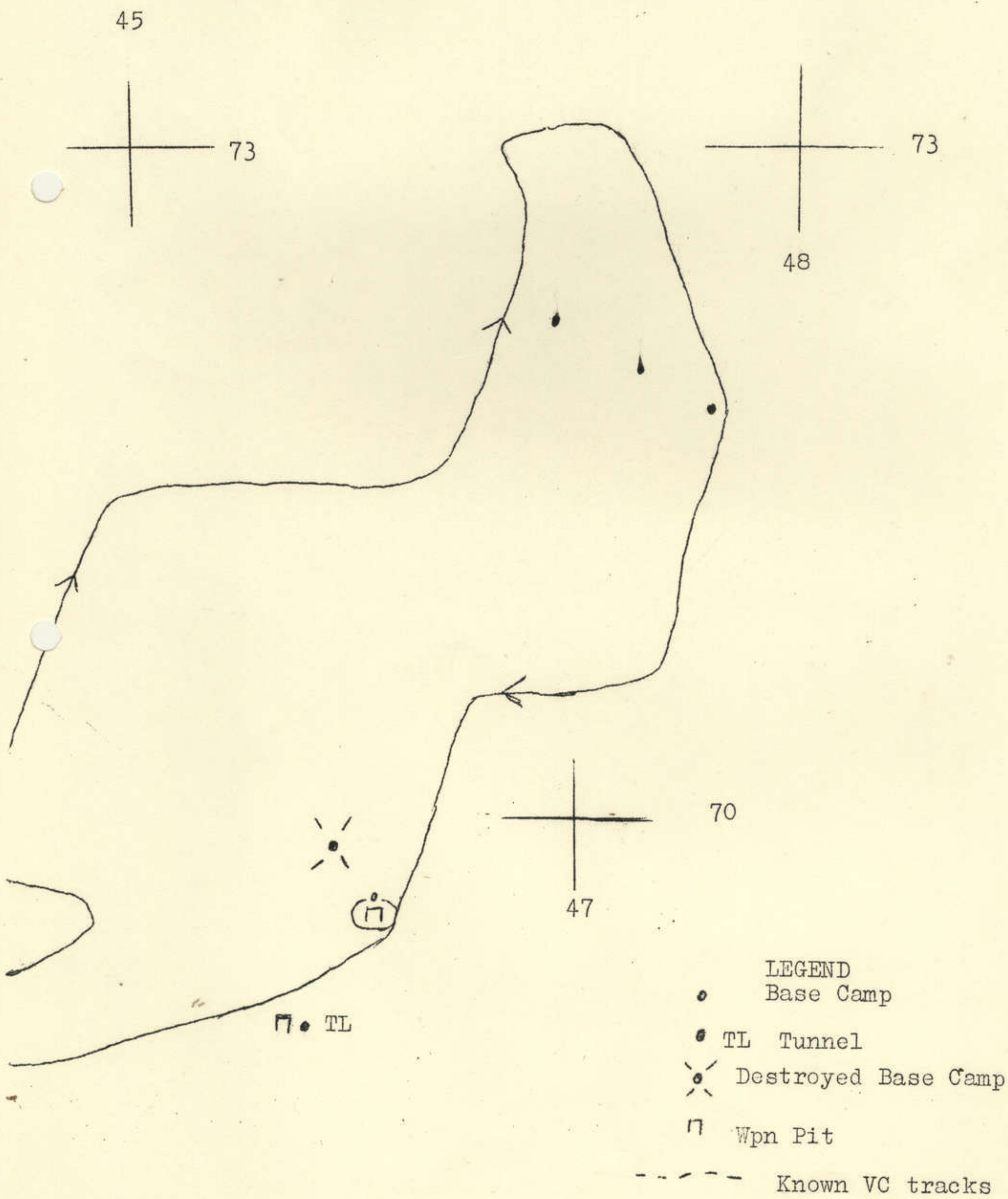
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- LEGEND
- Base Camp
  - TL Tunnel
  - ★ Destroyed Base Camp
  - Wpn pit
  - - - Known VC tracks



Appendix 1 To  
Annex A To  
5 RAR R569-1-1





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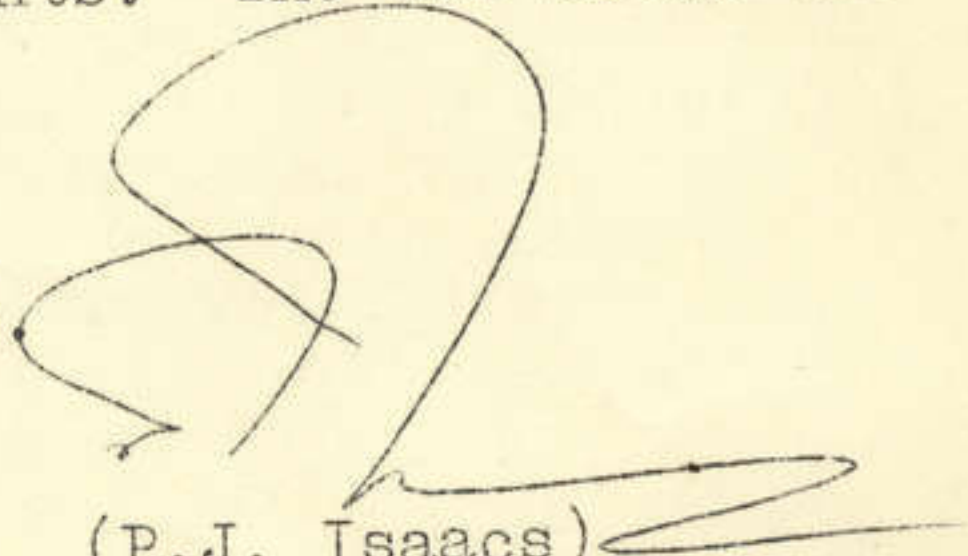
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COMPANY ALLOCATION OF TASKS

13 - 20 FEB

1. Allocation of Tasks. Annex A. These tasks are:
  - a. TASK 1. TAOR ptls in coy or pl str as dir.
  - b. TASK 2. Standby coy on 30 mins notice to move.
  - c. TASK 3. Nil working allocation or gun posn protection force if reqd.
  - d. TASK 4. Duty Coy. Duties are:
    - (1) Provide ONE NCO and TWO OR to man the NORTH rd block from 0800 hrs to 1830 hrs. The NCO is to report to the RP Sgt for briefing on the afternoon prior to his duty. The Coy is to arrange meals for these men.
    - (2) Send out ONE close TAOR ptl of sect strength before 1200 hrs and ONE other ptl after 1200 hrs.
    - (3) Send TWO men to clear the MAYFAIR theatre between 0900 hrs and 1100 hrs daily.
    - (4) Have ONE NCO and FOURTEEN men report to HQ Admin Coy for the construction of unit buildings.
    - (5) Provide a duty offr for the CP and a runner for Bn HQ.
    - (6) Provide any additional work parties/duties the unit may be called upon to provide.
    - (7) As considered necessary send up to ONE pl to the beach for recreation. These men are to be accompanied by an offr and coys are to provide lunch and liquid refreshments. The fol areas are out of bounds:

VUNG TAU TOWN.  
Bàra on BACK BEACH.  
The BEACHCOMBER Bar

  
(P.J. Isaacs)  
Capt  
Adjt

Annex : A. Allocation of Tasks.  
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ANNEX A TO  
5 RAR R569-1-9  
DATED 11 JAN 67

ALLOCATION OF TASKS : PERIOD 13/20 FEB

Date	A Coy	B Coy	C Coy	D Coy	Sp Coy	Admin Coy	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
13 Feb	1	Nil	2	4	Nil	Nil	a. Close TAOR ptls to be arranged by OC Admin Coy on 14 Feb and for 16 Feb.
14 Feb			OPERATION BEAUMARIS				
15 Feb		Nil	2	4			b. Task 4 on 13 Feb includes 1 NCO and ONE OR for LATF petrol pt work party. Tpt provided at 0830 hrs.
16 Feb			OPERATION				
17 Feb							c. Operation BEAUMARIS to be conducted on ni 13 and 14 Feb.
18 Feb			PCRTSEA				d. Operation PORTSEA to commence on 16 Feb.
19 Feb							e. N rd block manned by 6 RAR during ops BEAUMARIS and PORTSEA.
20 Feb							
21 Feb							f. On first day following completion of op PORTSEA work allocations will be as shown on 22 Feb.
22 Feb	1	3	2	4			g. 0 gp Op BEAUMARIS 120900H. h. 0 gp Op PORTSEA 141900H. i. Patrol orders where applicable issued separately.

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Fighting.

(Designation of Ptl)

To. NORTH WEST TAOR

- a. Size and Composition of Ptl 1 +23 incl OPAC and his Sig.
- b. Task. See that there was no build up or movement of enemy troops in that part of the TAOR.
- c. Time of Departure. 080800H Feb.
- d. Time of Return. 121200H Feb.
- e. Routes (Out and Back) A Coy-413699-378700-377722-382720-388720-395714-397706-407709-438707-A Coy.
- f. Terrain. The whole area covered is very dry.  
 The SONG CA is flowing strong.  
 The SUOI SOOI is flowing strong but the lower arm of it is dry.
- g. Map Corrections. Nil
- h. En. Gen. Nil.
- i. Results of Encounters with En. Nil.
- j. Condition of Ptl. Good.
- k. Misc. Info. Nil.
- l. Conclusions and Recommendations. Mission was accomplished. I suggest that the TAOR be burnt out completely.

*J Carruthers*  
 J Carruthers 4 Pl B Coy.

m. Additional Remarks by Interrogator/Debriefing Officer.

The suggestion has a lot of merit - control would be a problem.

*M.B. McQualter*  
 M.B. McQualter.

Maj.  
 OC B Coy .

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B Coy (6)	Adjt	File.
C Coy	IO	
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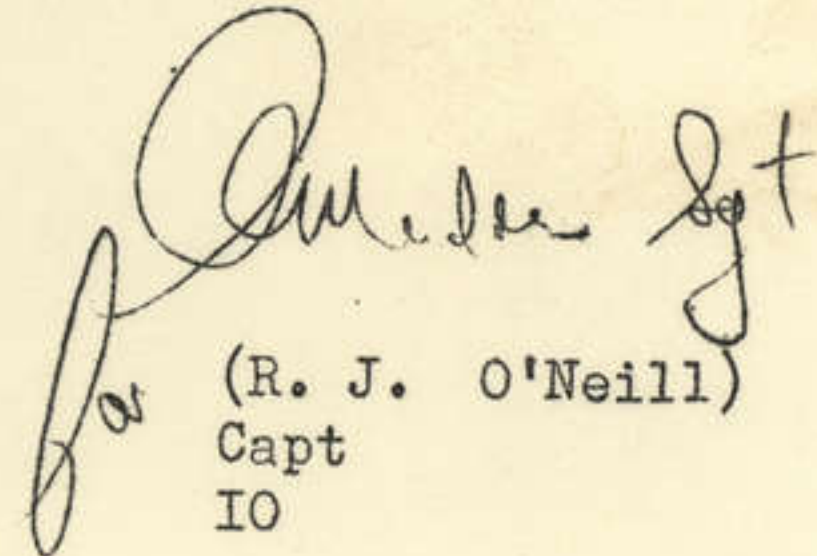
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IDENTITY CARDS

1. At present there are still several members of 5 RAR without identity cards.
2. Coys are requested to submit the proforma and a photograph of the member to the IO for the issue of a further ID Card, as soon as possible.
3. For example one member of 5 RAR was issued with a card a few days ago to replace one which had been lost in November 66. No application for a new card had been submitted during the three months from the time of the loss.
4. One company has been notifying for two months that some of its members have lost their cards, yet no applications for reissue for these members have been submitted.
5. Another member of 5 RAR went for five months without an identity card.
6. Coys are to check their identity card accounting so that the many discrepancies of this kind which exist within 5 RAR may be adjusted before the RTA panic.

  
(R. J. O'Neill)  
Capt  
IO



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ENEMY SITUATION III CORPS

1. The number of enemy initiated incidents showed a significant increase during the week. Most of the incidents occurred in HAU NGIA, BINH DUONG and the Capital Military District. The most significant contact during the week occurred on 3 Feb, when two CIDG Coys were attacked by an estimated VC Bn vic YU 038330.
2. Aerial reconnaissance. During the period 29 Jan - 4 Feb a total of 34 SLAR, 132 RED HAZE and 1543 visual recce sorties were flown in III CTZ. The VR effort covered an average of 54 of the 57 VR areas daily resulting in 135 significant sightings reported.
3. Enemy Losses. During the week there were 155 VC KIA (BC), 194 IC KIA (Poss), 14 VC PW, 54 ralliers, 185 structures destroyed, 72 weapons captured and 162.67 tons of grain captured.

	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
Structures	173	110
Bunkers	171	128
Sampans	15	9

4. Desposition of en forces in PHUOC TUY as at 4 Feb 67.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Location</u>
5th Div HQ	100	YS 7880
274 Regt	1050	YS 3592
275 Regt	1050	YS 7288
84th Rear Service	UNK	YS 5868
89th Arty GR HQ	50	YS 7587
239 AA Bn	300	YS 7584
4th AA Bn )		
36 NVA Regt )	300	YS 5874
D 445 Bn (AKA 860)	375	YS 6367

*R. J. O'Neill*  
for (R. J. O'Neill)  
Capt  
IO




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5 RAR PATROL TASK TABLE - INNER TAOR 18 FEB - 23 FEB

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Serial	Date	Sub Unit	Type	Composition	Time Out	Direction	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1.	18 Feb	A Coy	Fighting	NCO plus 6 plus radio	0815 hrs	Clockwise	(1) All ptls to adopt parent sub unit callsign on station net. Frequency to be advised.
2.	18 Feb	A Coy	Fighting	NCO plus 6 plus radio	1445 hrs	Anticlockwise	
3.	19 Feb	B Coy	Fighting	NCO plus 6 plus radio	1000 hrs	Anticlockwise	
4.	19 Feb	B Coy	Fighting	NCO plus 6 plus radio	1600 hrs	Clockwise	(2) All ptls to report departure and return to Admin Coy CP ( c/s 95 )
5.	20 Feb	C Coy	Fighting	NCO plus 6 plus radio	0915 hrs	Clockwise	
6.	20 Feb	C Coy	Fighting	NCO plus 6 plus radio	1310 hrs	Anticlockwise	
7.	21 Feb	D Coy	Fighting	NCO plus 6 plus radio	1050 hrs	Clockwise	
8.	21 Feb	D Coy	Fighting	NCO plus 6 plus radio	1400 hrs	Anticlockwise	
9.	22 Feb	A Coy	Fighting	NCO plus 6 plus radio	1100 hrs	Anticlockwise	
10.	22 Feb	A Coy	Fighting	NCO plus 6 plus radio	1545 hrs	Clockwise	
11.	23 Feb	B Coy	Fighting	NCO plus 6 plus radio	0830 hrs	Clockwise	
12.	23 Feb	B Coy	Fighting	NCO plus 6 plus radio	1500 hrs	Anticlockwise	

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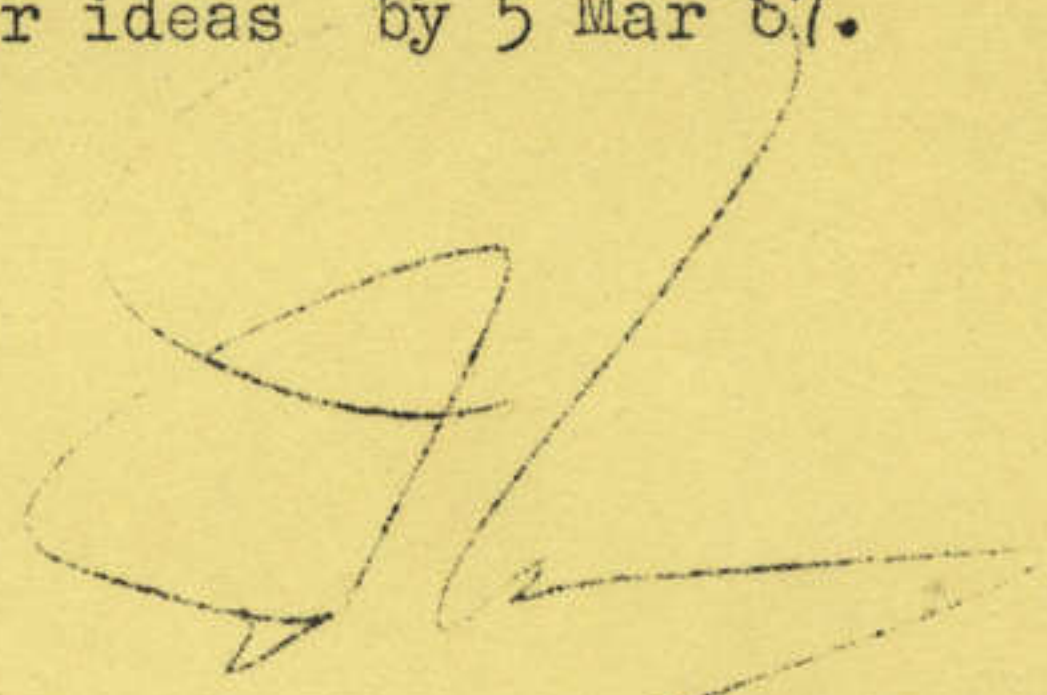
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List B

LESSONS LEARNT - OPERATIONS IN VIETNAM  
MAY 1966-FEB 1967

1. It is intended to compile a "Lessons Learnt" paper based on operational experience in Vietnam.
2. The subjects to be covered are:
  - Inf minor tactics
  - Use of APCs
  - Navigation
  - Ambushes
  - Fire support
  - Offensive air SP and transport air SP
  - Establishment of cordons
  - Search of villages
  - Wpns and eqpt
  - Administration in the field
  - VC tactics
3. Coys are to consider the topics listed in paragraph 2 together with any other they consider worthwhile and submit their ideas by 5 Mar 67.

  
(P. J. Isaacs)  
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PATROL REPORTOP WOLLONGONG

Ref: Pictomap 1:25,000 Sheets 6430 II S and III S.

1. Type of Patrol. Fighting.
2. Size and Composition. C Coy with attached FO party and MFC party.  
Total str 81.
3. Task. Move to ptl base at vic YS 475682 and lay ambushes at vic:
  - (1) YS 472655
  - (2) YS 472660
  - (3) YS 478672.
 on nis 6/7 and 7/8 Feb 67.
4. Duration.
  - a. Time Out. 061230H Feb 67.
  - b. Time In. 080830H Feb 67 by heli.
5. Route. See trace att as Annex 'A'.
6. Terrain. Rubber with thick undergrowth where indicated on map. Cultivation shown on map is mainly banana but has thick lantana type growth. Thick bamboo along SOUI DA BANG.
7. Map Corrections. Nil.
8. Enemy.
  - a. At approx 071300 hrs whilst in ptl base at YS 475682 a member of 7 pl moved between an LP to a latrine. He saw what appeared to be one man appear out of the scrub about 30-40 metres away. The man saw him and ran to the WEST. I sent 7 pl to sweep through the area to the SOUI DA BANG. No trace was found. Derringer carried out armed recce without result.
  - b. NO other en were encountered.
9. Results of Encounters with Enemy. Nil.
10. Condition of Patrol.
  - a. Fit.
  - b. Cpl HOARE F.W. was medevaced by DUST OFF from YS 473680 at 1600 hrs 7 Feb. He had a temp of 102.

..../11 Miscellaneous....



11. Miscellaneous Information.

a. Water is flowing at this time in SOUI DA BANG to a depth of 18".

b. Extraction.

i. The Coy RV for extraction was at vic YS 465657 at 080815H Feb 67. The Coy was assembled in accordance with latest RAAF requirements. There was NO wind. The LZ was selected to allow:

(a) good approach and departure routes

(b) sunrise to rear of pilot

(c) security of LZ

(d) level LP.

Aircraft were requested to approach from E AST however on approach they indicated their intention to approach from SE. Approach was made from SSE necessitating movement of rear chocks up to 150 metres to ac. Departure route required lead ac to lift sharply over bamboo to their front.

Comment.

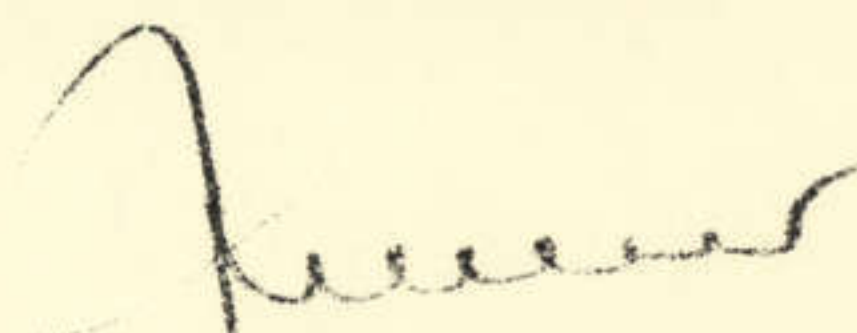
This extraction was conducted without any further incident however if the extraction had been opposed ac and ground troops would have been on the ground and vulnerable for a longer time than was necessary. When chocks are assembled last minute variations to instructions are impracticable due to noise. I do not know the reason for the non acceptance of my arrangements.

ii. AC advised 20 pax req for 2nd lift. I arranged 4 chocks of 5 however due to my misunderstanding 6 ac landed and ground troops were confused.

c. LZs. There is a suitable LZ for one heli at YS 473680. Dust Off Otter Skin was made from there.

d. Arty. DF fire plan was produced prior to departure. See Annex 'G'.

12. Conclusions and Recommendations. There is no evidence of any movement on tracks in this area. The tracks LANC PHUOC - LONG TAN and YS 472659 to NE are well formed and well used. The track junction at YS 489655 is also well used. Friendly forces have used these tracks frequently however. I believe ambushes on these tracks and track junctions would produce results if continued.

  
(J.F. Miller)  
Maj  
OC Coy

.../13 Additional....



13. Additonal Remarks by Debriefing Officer. Nil.

Distribution.

A Coy  
B Coy  
C Coy (5)  
D Coy  
Sp Coy  
Admin Coy  
Adjt  
IO  
CP  
FCC  
Comd's Diary (6)  
File.



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

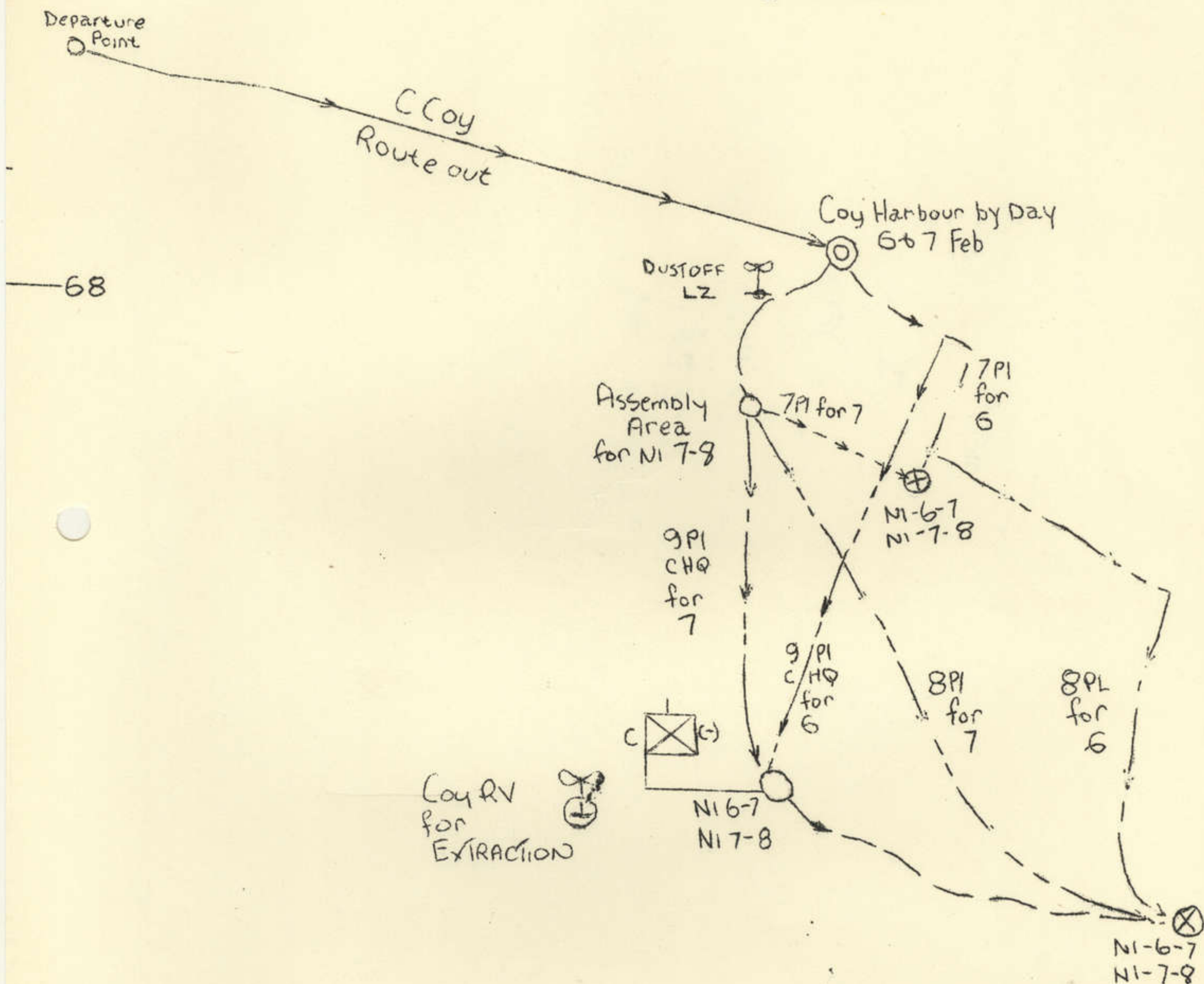
Serial	Date Time	Event	Remarks
1.	040800	Pl recce ptl to proposed ambush locs.	Ambush comds were able to carry out recce in detail.
2.	061230	Dep rt coy base for ptl base YS 475682.	No incidents.
3.	061700	8 pl depart ptl base for ambushes YS 489655.	
4.	061730	7 pl and 9 pl & CHQ depart for ambushes. YS 478672 and YS 472659 respectively.	Routes as per trace.
5.	061930	Ambushes laid.	
6.	062030	8 pl sprang ambush on considerable mov to their front.	Mov was subsequently found to be pigs.
7.	070645	Ambushes lifted. 8 pl RV with 9 pl and return to ptl base via RV with 7 pl.	No incidents.
8.	070900 to 071600 071300	Remain in ptl base	
		7 pl member saw one person.	Nil result.
	071600	Dust Off	Successful.
9.	071615	Depart for assy area -	No incidents
10.	071700	8 pl depart for ambush loc.	
11.	071730	9 pl and CHQ depart for ambush site.	No incidents
12.	071800	7 pl depart for ambush sites.	
13.	071920	Ambushes laid.	No incidents.
14.	080645	Ambushes lifted.	
15.	080745	Coy RV at LZ. YS 465657.	
16.	080815	Extraction by heli.	See patrol report.



# C COY 5RAR

ANNEX 'A' to Patrol Report  
6/8 Feb 1967

Ref: Map Pict 1:25,000  
6430 III S  
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List C & D.

NEW VC CHEMICAL GRENADE

1. A new type of VC grenade has been encountered within the 1 ATF TAOR. This grenade is filled with plasticised white phosphorous, and it may ignite spontaneously and explode if the canister is pierced or if the filler plug is removed. The residue from the burned filler is also highly explosive. These grenades must not be tampered with.

2. The grenade may be recognised by the following characteristics:

The canister is constructed of galvanised sheet metal with soldered seams, its dimensions approximate to those of a beer can - 4.5 inches long and 2.5 inches diameter, the body and fuze handle are usually dip painted with a dark green gloss enamel which gives the grenade body the appearance of plastic, the booster explosive is loose inside the fuze well and appears to be a mixture with a pitch base, the fuze well is also of galvanised sheet metal, the initiator is usually a VC home made percussion type with a black powder time fuze delay element and a home made blasting cap attached to the fuze body by adhesive tape, the grenade is readily identified by the round filler plug located in the bottom of the canister

3. This information is based on MACV analysis of a number of grenades recently captured by 21 ARVN Div (BAC LIEU), and on reports from 1 Div Int Unit, 1 ATF.

(R.J. O'NEILL)  
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COMBAT OPERATIONS AFTER ACTION REPORT :

OPERATION CAMDEN

- Reference:
- A. 1 ATF SOP, Appendix 4 Annex A.
  - B. L8020 VIETNAM, Sheet 6430 IIIS, Pictomap Supplement, Edition 1-AMS, 1:25,000.
  - C. VIETNAM, HOA LONG (SPECIAL), 1:5,000

1. Name and Type of Operation. Operation CAMDEN. Cordon and search of HOA LONG village and the interrogation of its inhabitants.
2. Date of Operation. 31 Jan - 2 Feb 67.
3. Location. Adjacent to route TL 2 in grid squares 4264, 4163 and 4263.
4. Command Headquarters. 5 RAR.
5. Principal Officer.
  - a. Reporting Officer. Lt Col J.A. WARR.
  - b. Liaison Officers and Advisors. Not applicable.
6. Task Organization.
  - a. Infantry.

5 RAR  
One pl 1 ARU.
  - b. Armour. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
  - c. Artillery. 103 Fd Bty.
  - d. Engineers. One combat engineer team 1 Fd Sqn.
  - e. Intelligence. 1 Div Int Unit.
  - f. Aviation.

161 (Indep) Recce Flt.  
One psywar aircraft.  
One FAC.
  - g. Provost. 1 ATF Pro Sect.
  - h. Civil Affairs. 1 ATF CA Sect.



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i. ARVN/GVN Personnel.

Interpreters.  
National Policemen.  
Interrogators.  
Census Personnel.

7. Supporting Forces.

a. Armour.

(1) Planned Support.

(a) Under command from 311800H  
until the end of Phase 4 A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

(2) Extent of Employment.

(a) Left base location and moved SOUTH along Route TL 2 to junc track/TL 2 428658. At this point RV with C Coy (-) at 312100H. Movement was slow and without noise.

(b) Took under command C Coy (-).

(c) At 010230H, on orders from Bn HQ after outer cordon was in position, moved SOUTH along TL 2 at best possible speed and placed the inner cordon in position, along the western boundary of area SALLY.

(d) In addition, assumed the cordon responsibilities of Recce Pl along the southern boundary of area SALLY from 010700H.

(e) Prevented civilians moving into or out of area SALLY at those boundaries.

(f) When civilian traffic was permitted to use Route TL 2, prevented vehicles from stopping in the cordon proximity.

(g) Returned battalion to its base locations on completion of Phase 4.

(3) Effectiveness. Effective support was provided.

b. Artillery.

(1) Planned Support.

(a) Remaining in DS. 103 Fd Bty.

(2) Extent of Employment.

(a) Fire support throughout the operation.

(b) 103 Fd Bty fired and registered DF tasks around the 5 RAR base location.

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- (3) Effectiveness. Effective support was provided.
- c. Engineers.
- (1) Planned Support.
- (a) Under command from 311800H until released by 5 RAR on 1 Feb One combat engineer team  
1 Fd Sqn
- (b) Under command from 011700H until released by 5 RAR at end of Phase 6. One combat engineer team  
1 Fd Sqn
- (2) Extent of Employment.
- (a) Phase 1. Assisted Aslt Pnr Pl to erect compounds and interrogation area.
- (b) Phase 5. Moved with A Coy on 2 Feb 67 for tunnel clearance and delousing booby traps as required.
- (3) Effectiveness. Effective support was provided.
- d. Infantry.
- (1) Planned Support.
- (a) Under command from 311800H until end of Phase 4 One pl 1 ARU.
- (2) Extent of Employment. During operation was placed under command B Coy and formed the northern cordon of area SALIY.
- (3) Effectiveness. Effective support was provided.
- e. Intelligence.
- (1) Planned Support.
- (a) Under command from 311800H until end of Phase 4 Det 1 Div Int Unit
- (2) Extent of Employment.
- (a) Organised the set-up of the interrogation area.
- (b) Assisted with interrogation and screening of villagers.
- (c) Controlled operations of interrogators and interpreters.
- (3) Effectiveness. Effect support was provided.



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f. Aviation.

(1) Planned Support.

(a) In sp from 010530H until end of Phase 2. One psywar ac.

(b) In sp from 010630H until end of Phase 4. One H13 161 Recce Flt.

(c) In sp from 010630H until end of Phase 4. One FAC.

(2) Extent of Employment.

(a) Psywar Ac.

i. This aircraft broadcasted a prepared tape recording provided by 1 ATF Psyops Officer.

ii. During Phase 1 it was employed over HOA LONG from 010530H.

iii. During Phase 2 at 010800H it was to return over HOA LONG and order villagers to move to the interrogation area. They were to be told to take some food and water with them. On this occasion the aircraft did not arrive. Prior warning of its non arrival was received.

(b) H13 RW Ac. On call at TIGER 5 LZ until end of Phase 4.

(c) FAC. On call at LUSCOMBE airstrip from 010630H.

(3) Effectiveness.

(a) Psywar Ac. This aircraft was unable, due to other operational requirements, to return at 010800H. During Phase 1 effective support was provided.

(b) H13 RW Ac. Effective support was provided.

(c) FAC. Effective support was provided.

g. Provost.

(1) Planned Support.

(a) Under command from 310800H until end of Phase 4. Det 1 ATF Pro Sect,

(2) Extent of Employment.

(a) Manned road blocks at rd junc 419636 and at 435688.



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(b) Stopped and searched all civilian vehicles moving past these road blocks towards HOA LONG.

(c) Checked all ID Cards and sent all suspects under escort to Sub sector HQ HOA LONG.

(d) Escorted packets of 10 civilian vehicles through the cordon area of Route TL 2 as authorised by Bn HQ.

(3) Effectiveness. Effective support was provided.

h. Civil Affairs.

(1) Planned Support.

(a) Under command from 311800H until end of Phase 4. Det 1 ATF CA Sect

(2) Extent of Employment.

(a) In the event that the psywar ac does not arrive at the scheduled times, be prepared to perform the tasks allotted to it by using the "WHAM" vehicle (equipped with loudspeakers).

(b) Ensure that one MO and one dental officer report to the interrogation area by 010800H for MEDCAP and DENTCAP duties respectively.

(c) Be prepared to:

i. Direct the employment of the 5 RAR band as part of CA activities.

ii. Distribute prepared cordial to children in the compounds.

iii. As villagers are cleared, issue food and clothing at appropriate scales.

(d) Ensured that food/clothing was not distributed other than by CA and that food/confectionery items were not thrown to the villagers.

(e) Before interrogation began, arranged for a representative of the Vietnamese Information Service to address the villagers in the compound and explain the reasons for the cordon and interrogation.

(f) Have a CHIEU HOI person address the villagers in the compounds.

(3) Effectiveness.

(a) Effective support was provided.



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(b) A representative of the Vietnamese Information Service was not available so both CHIEU HOI persons and ARVN interpreters were used for that task.

(c) The DENTCAP was not provided.

i. ARVN/GVN Personnel.

(1) Planned Support.

(a) Under command from 311800H until end of Phase 6. 6 Interpreters.

(b) Under command from 311800H until end of Phase 6. 12 NFFP.

(c) Under command from 311800H until end of Phase 3. Interrogation Team (IO).

(2) Extent of Employment.

(a) Four interpreters were allotted to D Coy, the searching company, and two interpreters were retained by Bn HQ in the interrogation and compound area. All 6 interpreters were then to be under command of A Coy during Phases 5 and 6.

(b) Eight NFFP were to be allotted to D Coy, the searching company, and four held by Bn HQ in the interrogation and compound area until the end of Phase 4. All twelve NFFP were then to be under the command of A Coy until the end of Phase 6.

(c) The interrogation team was kept under central control during Phase 3 and its activities coordinated by Det 1 Div Int Unit.

(d) A Census team was allocated for Phase 5 of the operation, however this was not planned support.

(3) Effectiveness.

(a) Effective support was provided by Interpreters and Interrogators.

(b) The NFFP did not appear and after liaison with Sub-Sector HQ HOA LONG eight policemen were loaned for the operation until the end of Phase 3. The NFFP also did not appear for Phases 5 and 6.

(c) The Census personnel on D Day instead of D + 1 and had no equipment with which to work and did not report to the required location. Before they could be organised they returned, without orders to Sector HQ BARIA. Trying to find them and organise them became an administrative burden to the company concerned.



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8. Intelligence. The enemy situation at the beginning of the operation is shown at Annex A.
9. Mission. 5 RAR was to cordon, interrogate all persons and search area SALLY of the village HOA LONG.
10. Concept of Operations. The operation was conducted in the following six phases:
- a. Phase 1 - 31 Jan/1 Feb.
    - (1) A Coy and B Coy cordoned EAST side of SALLY.
    - (2) Recce Pl cordoned SOUTH side of SALLY.
    - (3) One platoon 1 ARU cordoned NORTH side of SALLY.
    - (4) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt, with under command C Coy less one platoon, cordoned WEST side of SALLY.
  - b. Phase 2 - 1 Feb.
    - (1) At approximately 0700 hrs, on the orders of Bn HQ, A Sqn 3 Cav Regt relieved Recce Pl of its cordon duties.
    - (2) Recce Pl passed to under command D Coy.
    - (3) D Coy (+) cleared area SALLY of all Vietnamese and moved them to compounds at vicinity 422643.
  - c. Phase 3 - 1 Feb.
    - (1) All personnel were interrogated.
    - (2) Civic action was applied.
  - d. Phase 4 - 1 Feb. The unit returned to its base area by APC and TCV.
  - e. Phase 5 - 2 Feb. A Coy plus one combat engineer team returned to area SALLY at 0800 hrs and searched the area from NORTH to SOUTH.
  - f. Phase 6 - 2 Feb. A Coy returned to base area by TCVs.

This outline plan is shown at Annex P.

11. Execution.
- a. A statement of events is attached as Annex B.
  - b. No VIET CONG attempted to escape.
  - c. Throughout the operation the battalion had no cause to fire a weapon in offence or defence.



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12. Casualties. Casualties were:
- a. Friendly. Nil.
  - b. Enemy.
    - (1) KIA. Nil.
    - (2) WIA. Nil.
    - (3) PW. Nil.
    - (4) Det. Three.
13. Administrative Matters.
- a. The unit carried only sufficient rations for the known duration of the operation.
  - b. 48 filled jerrycans of water were delivered to the area by road and were distributed into each compound, for the detained villagers. This proved to be sufficient.
  - c. Detainees were evacuated to Sector HQ BARIA, by road, under GVN arrangements.
  - d. On this occasion the villagers arrived in the compound area carrying their own food and no problems occurred. In addition the interrogation system worked much more smoothly and the length of time a civilian was detained was reduced to a minimum.
  - e. Civilians were interrogated in the following order:
    - (1) Prominent loyal citizens.
    - (2) The very aged - females then males.
    - (3) Women with many young children.
    - (4) The remainder.
14. Special Equipment and Techniques. Nil.
15. Commander's Analysis.
- a. The cordon must be considered as successful as three VC were apprehended in the cordon.
  - b. The arrangements to control and interrogate the people were more detailed and thorough than usual and the techniques used were an improvement on previous similar operations. Details at Annex Q.
  - c. Adequate numbers of interpreters were not available.
  - d. All civil attachments including National Policemen, interpreters and interrogators must report to the battalion the day prior to the operation.
  - e. The security of the operation was jeopardised when the Australian advisers in HOA LONG village were advised of the operation several days before it commenced.



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f. In spite of prior arrangements, a representative from Sector HQ did not arrive in time to address the villagers and advise them of the reasons for the cordon.

g. A number of CHIEU HOI persons were provided and appeared to be effective in talking to the people.

h. I believe that the aims of the civil aid programme needs to be clarified so that more effective use can be made of the available civil aid resources. At the present time the aims appear to be to issue available food and clothing, irrespective of whether such items are appropriate, and to give some medical and dental treatment. Australian breakfast foods are no substitute for rice. Small children were seen to be eating several packets of "All Bran". A small Vietnamese man was seen wearing a dress made for a large Australian woman !! The effectiveness of two doctors trying to treat 1050 people in eight hours is negligible. A large number of RAAMC medical assistants (sergeants, corporals) and stretcher bearers would be more effective. I believe that the aims of the civil aid should be to assist the Vietnamese people to raise their standard of living. In established villagers I believe therefore that the effort should be devoted to:

- (1) Teaching the people to improve their hygiene. This can be done with the aid of films, lectures, pamphlets, demonstration and supervision.
- (2) Training selected members as medical assistants with a good interpreter this unit could conduct such a course for 12 selected Vietnamese over four to five weeks. These trained med assistants could then establish their own hamlet "RAP" and Australian doctors could visit the hamlet at selected periods to see patients referred to them by the hamlet medical assistants.
- (3) Training selected members as hamlet administrators.
- (4) Assisting and guiding the villagers to improve their water supply.
- (5) Teaching the villagers to improve their farming methods.
- (6) Training school teachers.

I believe the present system of hand-outs destroys the self respect of the Vietnamese, reduces them to beggars and is therefore not helping to win the hearts and minds of the Vietnamese people.

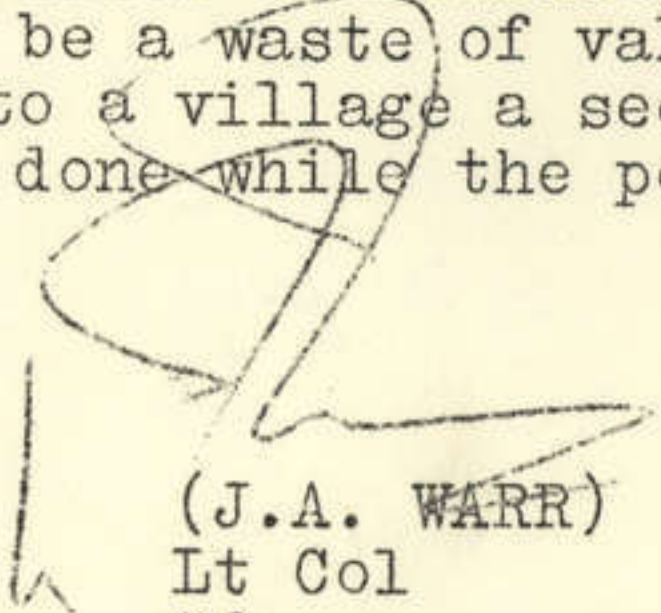
i. The 5 RAR regimental band played some Vietnamese tunes while people were waiting to be interrogated.



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16. Recommendations.

- a. All attachments, including interpreters, policemen and interrogators, report to the unit the day prior to the operation.
- b. Twelve interpreters be provided for a battalion which is required to cordon and search a village.
- c. Ropes or baling wire be used instead of barb wire to form the cage. If possible the people should be held in a building.
- d. The suitability of the food and clothing to be issued be assessed by a Vietnamese and a female representative of the Red Cross before it is distributed.
- e. Food and clothing be issued to families in their houses. A number of old and sick people were not able to leave their houses and did not receive food or clothing.
- f. All available RAAMC medical assistants be used to attend to the medical requirements of the people.
- g. Details of the operation be issued on a "need to know" basis only.
- h. An additional six loud hailers be provided for an infantry battalion in VIETNAM.
- i. The troops be given better instructions on dealing with Vietnamese. For information, the Ten Commandments for VIETNAM as issued by 5 RAR are attached as Annex C.
- j. All aspects of interrogation of the people and searching for tunnels, caches and hides be conducted simultaneously. There appears to be a waste of valuable effort and manpower in returning to a village a second time to search it, when it can be done while the people are being interrogated.

  
(J.A. WARR)  
Lt Col  
CO

- Annexes:
- A. Enemy situation.
  - B. Statement of Events.
  - C. The Ten Commandments of War in VIETNAM.
  - P. Outline Plan Operation CAMDEN.
  - Q. Diagramatic Layout of Interrogation Area..

Copies To:

A Coy	Sp Coy	Adjt	BC 103 Fd Bty
B Coy	Admin Coy	IO	Comd's Diary (6)
C Coy	CO	OC Sp Coy	File
D Coy	2IC	RSO	



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ANNEX A TO  
5 RAR R569-1-47  
DATED 14 FEB 67

ENEMY SITUATION

1. Within HOA LONG the VIET CONG have organised a village guerilla platoon, an agricultural section and several political organizations so that they can tap the full resources of the village; finance, manpower, agricultural products and intelligence.
2. The north-eastern sector contains many former inhabitants of LONG PHUOC and thus VIET CONG activity in this sector is appreciable. It is likely that weapons and equipment are very carefully hidden, probably outside the village.
3. The overall situation in the north-eastern sector is similar to that in the north-western from which nine persons were detained as a result of the third phase of this operation. Hence there will probably be several VIET CONG amongst the people to be investigated.

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ANNEX B TO  
5 RAR R569-1-47  
DATED 14 FEB 67

STATEMENT OF EVENTS

Serial	Date	Time (hrs)	Event
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1.	31 Jan 67	2000	One platoon C Coy passed to under command D Coy
2.		2100	C Coy (-) RV with A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and passed to under command A Sqn.
3.		2155	A Coy, B Coy, Bn Tac HQ, Recce Pl RV at junc CANBERRA Ave NORTH/Route TL 2. Depart RV at 2200 hrs.
4.		2220	One platoon 1 ARU RV with B Coy at junc CANBERRA Ave SOUTH/Route TL 2.
5.	1 Feb 67	0230	a. Outer cordon in position around area SALLY. b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt gp commences moving to HOA LONG.
6.		0250	Inner cordon in position on WEST side of area SALLY.
7.		0530	Psywar ac over HOA LONG and passed first message.
8.		0630	Road blocks in position.
9.		0655	a. One H13 ac arrives TIGER 5. b. D Coy in TCVs RV with Bn HQ (-) gp at junc CANBERRA Ave NORTH/TL 2.
10.		0700	A Sqn relieved Recce Pl of cordon duties. Recce Pl passed to under command D Coy.
11.		0710	On orders from Bn Tac HQ D Coy/Bn HQ (-) and attachments departed RV.
12.		0715	D Coy, Bn HQ (-) RV with det 1 Div Int Unit and 1 ATF CA Sect at junc CANBERRA Ave SOUTH/Route TL 2.
13.		0745	Construction of compounds commenced.
14.		0750	D Coy (+) in position ready to move villagers to compounds.



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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
15.		0800	Psywar ac did not arrive as planned.
16.		0830	a. "WHAM" vehicle passed second message to villagers. b. Villagers started to move towards compounds.
17.		0932	All areas cleared and villagers in compounds. RMO, interpreter and interrogator visited those people unable to leave their houses due to illness.
18.		1010	Search of area SALLY completed.
19.		1127	A Coy and B Coy finish searching area outside village.
20.		1540	Interrogation completed. Interrogated 146 men, 317 women and 587 children - total 1050.
21.		1630	Unit complete in base location.
22.	2 Feb	0802	A Coy moving towards HOA LONG.
23.		0818	National Policemen did not arrive. Search started without them. No census team
24.		0829	National Policemen arrived
25.		1025	Census personnel reported to be at NORTH end of village, but could not be found.
26.		1108	Census personnel reported to have returned to BARIA.
27.		1340	Search of area SALLY completed. National Policemen returned to Sub Sector HQ HOA LONG.
28.		1409	A Coy back in base location.



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ANNEX C TO  
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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF WAR IN VIETNAM

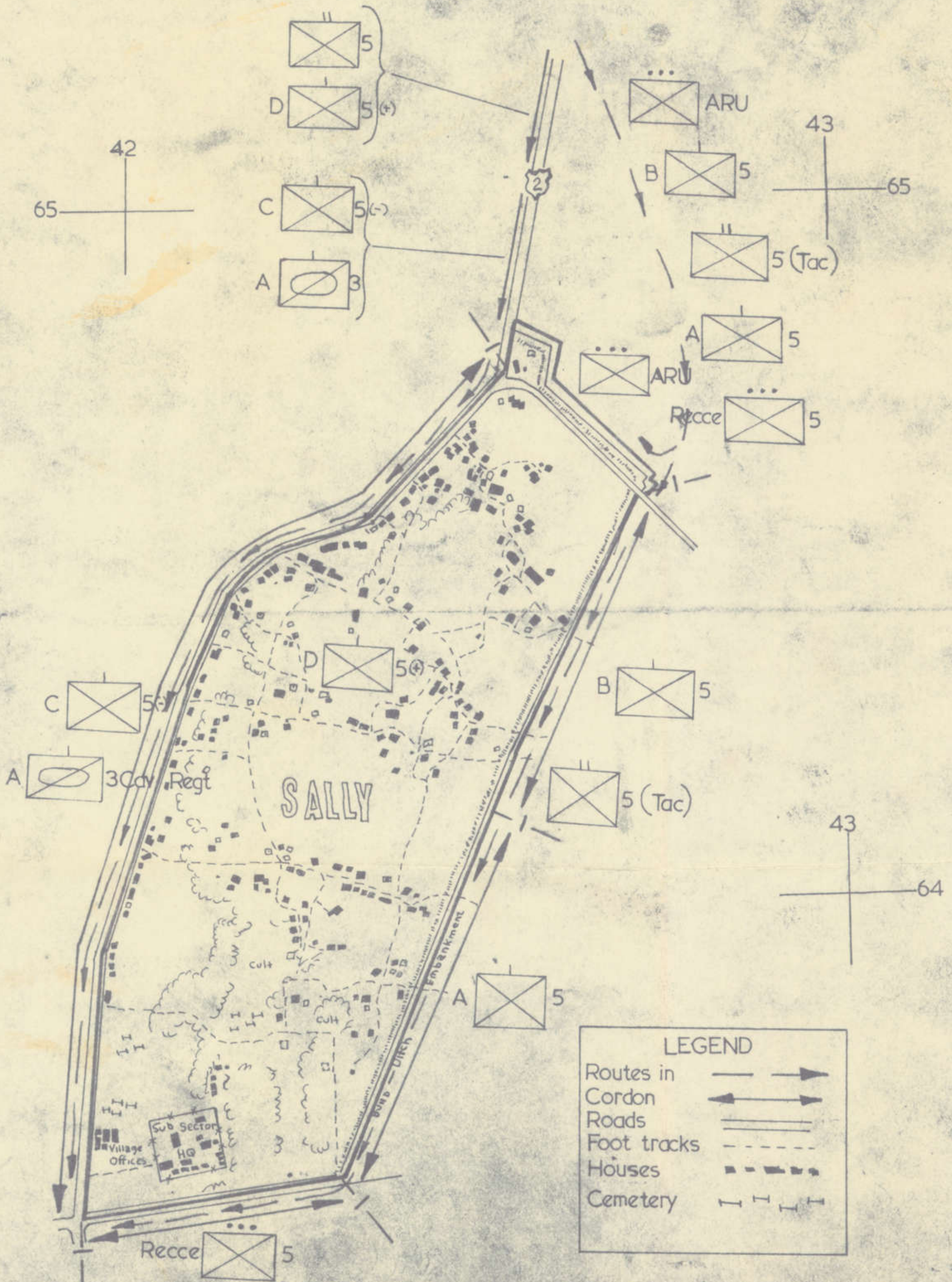
1. S. Smile and wave at all Vietnamese.
2. T. Treat women with politeness and respect.
3. R. Respect graves, temples and shrines.
4. I. Intelligently study the Vietnamese people, their customs, history, culture and problems in order to understand and help them.
5. V. Vietnamese should be given right of way whenever possible on roads and paths.
6. E. Ensure that you keep your word.
7. H. Help the Vietnamese to retain their self-respect.
8. A. Afford normal courtesies, especially respect of elders and local authorities.
9. R. Return what you borrow.
10. D. Don't throw food or gifts to adults or children.



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ANNEX P To 5RAR Combat After Action Report  
OP CAMDEN

1st Feb 67 to 2nd Feb 67  
RF: 1:5000



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Annex 14

MESSAGE FORM

(FEB 67) (R569-1-53)

PRECEDENCE ACTION

DATE TIME GROUP

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

PRIORITY

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ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

G 350

FROM

5 RAR

TO

A COY B COY C COY D COY SP COY  
ADMIN COY A SQN 3 CAV REGT 1 FD SQN  
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WARNING ORDER . OPERATION RENMARK . ONE . SEARCH AND DESTROY . TWO .  
O GP BN HQ 161330 H . THREE . MAPS CLN 1:25000 SERIES L 8020 SHEETS 6429  
IV N CMM 6429 I N CMM 1:50000 SERIES L 7014 SHEETS 4429 IV AND 6429 I . FOUR  
NO MOVE BEFORE 18 FEB . FIVE TWO ECHELON BAGS TO BE PREPARED . 4 DAYS  
RATIONS OF 24 HR OR C TYPE TO BE CARRIED . SIX . REPRESENTATIVES FROM A SQN  
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LUNCHEON PRIOR TO O GP

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MESSAGE FORM

(R722-1-3) (Feb 67)

PRECEDENCE ACTION

DATE TIME GROUP

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

ROUTINE

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ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

FROM 5 RAR

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TO B COY C COY D COY ADMIN COY

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RTA OF PRE ADVANCE PARTY . NOTIFICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED OF THE FOLLOWING  
TIMES/DATES FOR RTA OF THE PRE ADVANCE PARTY CLN ETD 5 RAR BASE AREA FOR LUSCOMBE  
FIELD 231515 FEB CMM ETD LUSCOMBE FIELD FOR SAIGON 231545 FEB . OVERNIGHT ACCN  
RANGED . ETD SAIGON 241105 FEB CMM ETA MANILA . 241325 FEB CMM ETD MANILA  
242355 CMM ETA SYDNEY 250930 FEB . ALL TIMINGS LOCAL

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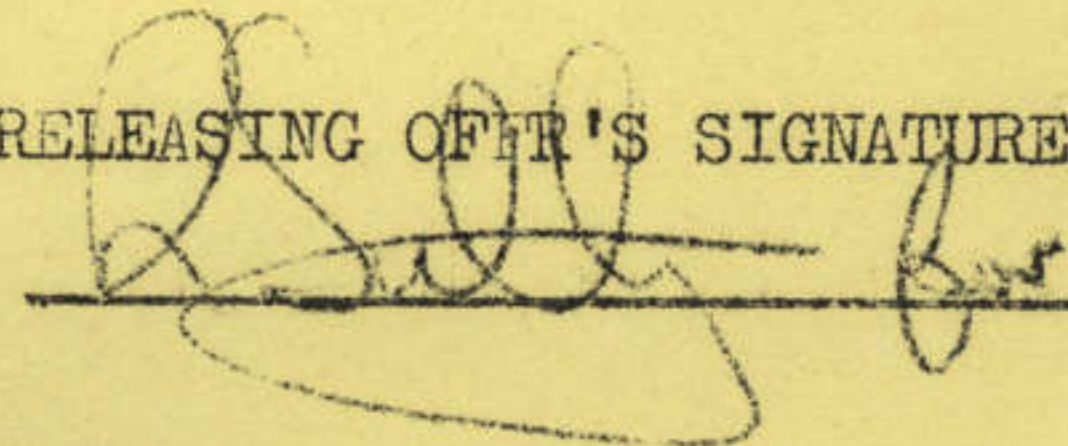
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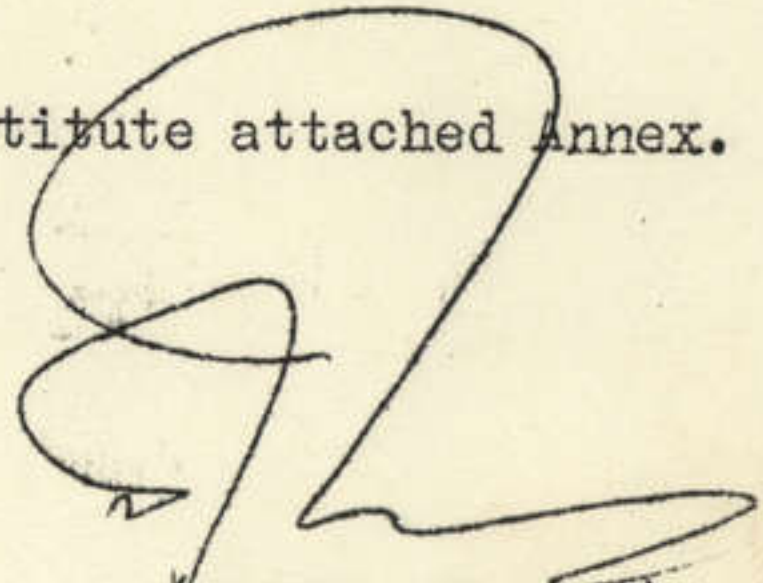
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See Distribution List Below

COMPANY ALLOCATION OF TASKS

Reference: A. 5 RAR R569-1-9 dated 12 Feb 67.

1. Annex A to the reference is cancelled. Substitute attached Annex.



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ANNEX A TO  
5 RAR R569-1-9  
DATED 14 FEB 67

ALLOCATION OF TASKS : PERIOD 15 - 23 FEB 67

Date	A Coy	B Coy	C Coy	D Coy	Sp Coy	Admin Coy	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
15 Feb	2	3	1	4	NIL	NIL	a. Close TAOR patrols arranged by OC Admin Coy for period 18 - 23 Feb.
16 Feb	2	3	1	4	NIL	NIL	
17 Feb	2	3	1	4	NIL	NIL	b. N Rd block manned by 6 RAR during Op RENMARK.
18 Feb							c. O gp Op RENMARK 161300 H.
19 Feb							d. Coy comds air recce 160830 H. Details to be advised.
20 Feb							
21 Feb							e. Patrol orders issued seperately.
22 Feb							f. Work allocation on 1st day follow return from Op RENMARK will be as shown for 25 Feb.
23 Feb							
23 Feb							
24 Feb							
25 Feb	1	4	3	2	NIL	NIL	

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D Coy  
5 RAR  
NUI DAT HEIGHTS  
AP AN PHU  
South Vietnam

15 Feb 67

SUB UNIT OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS REPORT

1. Sub Unit. D Coy 5 RAR.
2. Comd. Maj P. N. Greenhalgh.
3. Operation. BEAURMAURIS.
4. Duration. 13 - 14 Feb 67.
5. Outline of Tasks. Cordon Eastern perimeter of AN NHUT village.
6. Sequence of Events.

a. 131755 Coy mounted APC's and joined Bn Gp convoy on Route 2. Proceeded to DAT DO airstrip and remained in hull down position. At 2000 H dismounted and formed temporary harbour around APC's.

b. 140200. Coy moved behind A Coy Gp and BHQ Tac party West along TL 23 and then South across paddy field to take up cordon position on Eastern perimeter of village. Cordon in position at 0300 H. Remained in cordon until 1630 H when we mounted APC's and returned to base with Bn convoy. 10 Pl patrolled 400 metres to rear of cordon position. NTR.

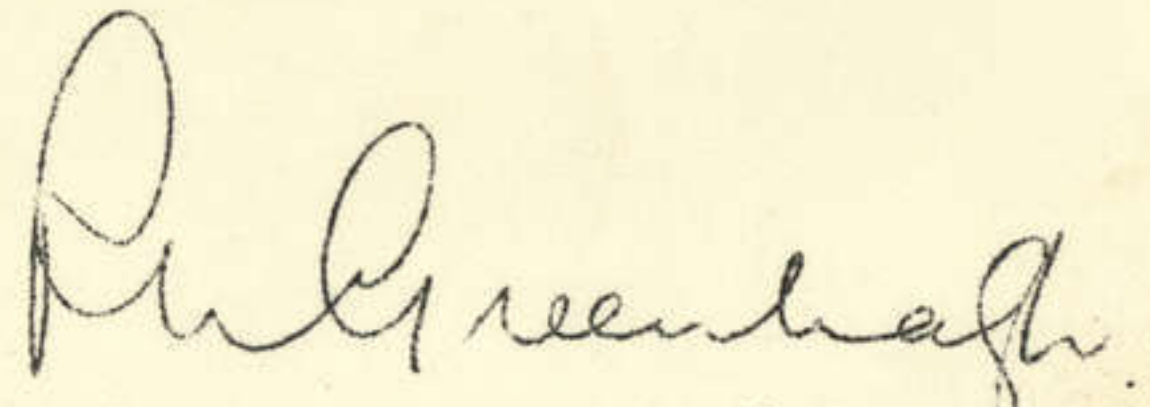
7. Assessment of Operation.

a. From Coy point of view the operation worked smoothly. The following observations are given.

1. After crossing the corner of the airstrip at DAT DO (which I believe was unnecessary) the column moved too fast and became disjointed.

2. APC's were late in arriving. We did not have time to adjust communications.

3. APC's on return drove too fast through villages. One of these days there will be an accident.



(P. N. Greenhalgh)  
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Australian Military Forces

ROUTINE

5 RAR  
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19 Feb 67

LIST B

ARL AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS - TAX EXEMPT

Reference: A. AFV Admin Instr 8/67 dated 8 Feb 67.

1. To facilitate ease in certifying a members ARL and PH leave record as instructed in para 8 of reference A a rubber stamp has been prepared and is available on loan to coys.
2. Both the ARL page and PH page are to be stamped and sufficient space below the stamp to allow for the signature of the certifying officer - Coy 2ICs may certify the leave entry.
3. The number of days ARL accrued in Vietnam is not to be mistaken for the number of days ARL already entered in members AAB 83s. (eg: A member may have 21 days ARL entered in AAB 83 and yet the number of days ARL accrued in Vietnam could be 28.)
4. Coys are advised to complete all AAB 83s by 28 Mar 67. Particular attention to be given to those who are expected to RTA in the near future. (eg: 5 RAR Pre and Advance parties).
5. When coys receive advice on when a member is to RTA, the number of days ARL and PH which are to accounted as tax exempt are to be entered on the respective pages and signed by the certifying officer prior to AAB 83s being forwarded to Bn Ord Room.
6. Coys are to contact Cpl Sully, Bn Ord Room, when they require the rubber stamp. The stamp is to be signed for and it is requested that coys return it within 3 days to allow other coys to use it.

*D. G. Lovell*  
(D. G. Lovell)  
2Lt  
Asst Adjt



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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Lieutenant Colonel John A Warr

Commanding Officer

Fifth Battalion

The Royal Australian Regiment

Phuoc Tuy Province South Vietnam

15 Feb 67

Serial 4

RO No	Title
88.	Dress.
89.	Parking - Vung Tau.
90.	Leave - Vung Tau.
91.	Curfew - Vung Tau Peninsular Area.
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93.	Bounds - Vung Tau.
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THESE ORDERS ARE TO BE READ TO ALL RANKS

88. Dress.

1. Within the 1 ATF Base area all ranks of 5 RAR A are to wear:
  - a. Field Dress comprising:
    - (1) Boots GP, TS, AB or Jungle.
    - (2) Trousers Mil green or user trial or green shorts.
    - (3) Shirt Mil green or user trial.
    - (4) Bush hat or green beret or hat KFF.
    - (5) Badges of rank:
      - (a) Officers - cloth or metal.
      - (b) WO's and NCO - sewn on, brazzard or wrist band.
  - b. Summer Dress or civilian clothes may be worn when off duty.
2. In areas outside 1 ATF base area whilst not on operations all ranks of 5 RAR are to wear either:
  - a. Field Dress comprising:
    - (1) Boots GP.
    - (2) Trousers Mil green or user trial.
    - (3) Shirt mil green or user trial.
    - (4) Hats KFF (officers and WO's - Caps).
    - (5) Lanyards.
    - (6) Australia titles.
    - (7) Black belt.
    - (8) Badges of rank:
      - (a) Officers - metal.
      - (b) WO's and NCO's - sewn on.
  - b. Summer Dress comprising:
    - (1) Black shoes.
    - (2) Socks.
    - (3) Trousers khaki.
    - (4) Shirt khaki.
    - (5) Hat KFF (Officers and WO's - Caps).
    - (6) Lanyards.
    - (7) Australia titles.
    - (8) Ribbons of orders, decorations and medals.
    - (9) Trouser belt.



3. Notes:

- a. Trousers mil green and user trial are to be secured by a suitable means above the boot or gaiter.
  - b. Shorts may be worn in the 1 ATF base area between reveille and 1830 hours.
  - c. Shirts mil green and khaki are to be worn buttoned up and tucked in. Shirts of the user trial pattern are to be worn buttoned up but may be outside the trousers. Between reveille and 1845 hours sleeves are to be rolled up. Between 1845 hours and reveille sleeves are to be buttoned down at the wrist. Shirts may be removed in the 1 ATF base area between reveille and 1830 hours daily.
  - d. Bush hats are to include a distinguishing band. The band is to be displayed only in the TAOR. At other times the hat is to be worn with the band inside.
  - e. Within 5 RAR base area canvas shoes or thongs may be worn between 1300 hours and 1845 hours.
  - f. When boots TS or AB are worn with long trousers gaiters are also to be worn.
  - g. Identity discs are to be worn at all times.
  - h. Except when on operations non issue clothing is not to be worn.
  - i. The 5 RAR cravat may be worn by all ranks in the base area.
  - j. Shoes leather black may be worn after 1630 hours.
  - k. Members of organized beach parties, organized work parties and drivers are permitted to wear the base order of dress outside the 1 ATF base area.
  - l. Ribbons of orders, decorations and medals are not to be covered with cellophane. The Vietnam ribbon is not to include a clasp.
4. Officers, WO's and NCO's are to ensure that this order is enforced.
5. All ranks of 5 RAR are responsible to ensure that they are correctly dressed at all times.
6. 5 RAR Routine Order No 48/67 is cancelled.

89. Parking - Vung Tau.

1. Effective immediately, the Vung Tau market area is designated a no parking zone for Australian military vehicles. Leave trucks will not stop on this area to deliver or to pick up leave personnel.
2. Leave trucks picking up troops may do so from BOQ or BEQ, or Trung Trac and Trung Nhi streets between Le Loi and Tran Hung Dao streets.

90. Leave - Vung Tau.

1. Effective immediately Vung Tau is placed out of bounds to all ranks of 5 RAR except those on authorised R and C or essential duty.
2. Sub units are not to issue leave passes to Vung Tau except for authorised R and C.



3. Beach parties are to be confined to the precincts of the beach and movement through Vung Tau is to be direct without stopping.

4. Members proceeding beyond the southern MP check point on essential duty are to obtain a pass from Bn HQ signed by either the Bn 2IC, Adjt or Asst Adjt.

5. RP's will be stationed at the southern check point and are authorised to deny exit to any member not in possession of a duly signed pass. R and C drafts will be checked against MOB 3s for the draft. Beach parties will be vouched for by the officer in charge.

6. There will be no R and C granted after 1 Apr 67.

7. 5 RAR Routine Order No 184/66 is cancelled.

91. Curfew - Vung Tau Peninsular Area.

1. Subject to the qualifications set out below, curfew restrictions apply to all troops in the Vung Tau area from 2200 hours each day until 0600 hours the following day.

2. From 2200 hours until 2400 hours Mon to Fri each week and from 2200 hours Sat to 0100 hours Sun each week, members to 1 ATF attached to or allotted to units in 1 ALSG for local leave, if absent from such unit areas will be in breach of curfew unless located within the confines of one of the following areas or premises, establishments or vessels:

a. 1 ALSG area.

b. Any premises or protected area leased and controlled by Australian, American or Korean Services authorities in Vung Tau.

c. Any Australian, American or Korean ship or vessel.

d. The Alaska Barge and Transport Co Club premises in Vung Tau.

3. During the hours set out in paragraph 2 above, members on local leave are not to travel from one of the above mentioned areas to another of them in other than service transport.

4. It is an offence for any member to whom this order applies to travel on the Vung Tau Peninsular in other than service transport after 2200 hours on any night.

5. 5 RAR Routine Order Part 1 No 6/67 is cancelled.

92. Bounds.

1. The towns of Baria and Hoa Long are out of bounds to all ranks with the following exceptions:

a. Personnel on authorised collection or delivery duties at official laundries and/or the sand bag filling point.

b. By members of 1 ATF CA Sect whilst performing their duties.

2. Authorised personnel are to remain in Baria or Hoa Long for the minimum time required to complete their duties.

3. Official laundries are promulgated in 5 RAR Routine Order Part 1 No 47/67. They are identified by an external sign.



4. 5 RAR Routine Order Part 1 No 46/67 is cancelled.

93. Bounds - Vung Tau.

1. The following restaurants only, are 'on limits' in Vung Tau:

Grand Hotel, Quant Trung St.  
Cyrnos, Quang Trung St.  
Ap Relais, Nguyen Thai Hoc St.  
Neptune, Nguyen Trai St.  
Au Favori, Trung Nhi St.  
Au Ch let, Nguyen Du St.  
Pizzeria, Quang Trung St.

2. Approved restaurants will display a sign to the effect that they meet hygiene requirements.

3. The following areas and establishments have been placed back 'on limits':

Turkey Farm, Nguyen Thai Hoc St.  
100 'P' Alley, Le Lai St.  
Halfway House, Trung Vinh Ky St.  
Saigon Hotel.

94. Use of Heating Devices in Tents.

1. It is an offence to use any heating device producing a flame inside a tent.

2. 5 RAR Routine Order Part 1 No 36/67 is cancelled.

95. Purchase/Resale of PX Items.

1. Any item purchased in a PX store or other re-sale activity operated with appropriated funds must be for the personal use of the authorised patrol. Items so purchased are not to be re-sold or exchanged in barter.

2. The sale, barter, exchange or transfer of possession of any item purchased from a PX is prohibited, except in the case of bona fide gifts. The purchase of any item from a PX on behalf of any person who is not an authorised patrol of such an exchange is prohibited.

3. The purchase, either directly or through the agency of a third party, of any item from any area, unit or sub-unit PX or other resale activity with an intent to transfer same is prohibited.

96. Education Qualifications.

1. All group one soldiers who do not hold an Army Certificate of education but are in possession of a civilian education certificate should report to their coy orderly room with the civilian certificate in order that it may be assessed as qualifications towards grouping.

97. Extra Regimental Appointments.

1. The following extra Regimental Appointments are effective immediately:

a. Regimental and Canteen Funds;

President	Maj	I.R.J. Hodgkinson
Secretary	Treasurer	Capt R. Bade
A Coy	Cpl	G. S. Davis
B Coy	Lcpl	N. Crane
C Coy	Cpl	M. King
D Coy	Cpl	R. A. Whillas
Sp Coy	Lcpl	R. Lengnick



	Admin Coy	Cfn	A. E. Trappel
	Bn HQ	Cpl	R. Schofield
	Canteen Manager	Sgt	
	DPRI Amenities Sgt	Sgt	D. R. Shaw
b.	<u>Regimental Audit Board:</u>		
	President	Maj	M. B. McQualter
	Members	Capt	W. J. Molloy
		Lt	R. Hartley
		Lt	D. C. Rainer
c.	Unit security officer	Capt	R. J. O'Neill
d.	Unit safety officer	Maj	P. N. Greenhalgh
e.	Unit sports officer	Maj	O. M. Carroll
f.	Unit messing officer	Maj	R. G. Hamlyn
g.	Unit fire officer	Capt	W. J. Molloy
h.	Unit education officer	Capt	P. J. Isaacs
i.	Unit library officer	Capt	R. J. O'Neill
j.	Army newspaper representative	Capt	R. J. O'Neill
k.	Unit history officer	Capt	R. J. O'Neill
l.	Unit PR officer	Capt	P. J. Isaacs
m.	Unit band officer	Maj	R. G. Hamlyn
n.	Unit base development officer	Maj	R. G. Hamlyn
o.	<u>Officers Mess:</u>		
	President	Maj	I.R.J. Hodgkinson
	Secretary	Capt	W. J. Molloy
	Treasurer	Capt	K. Mallinson
	Messing Member	Capt	B. G. LeDan
	Bar member	2Lt	E. R. Gunning
	Housing/Property member	Lt	J. D. McAloney
p.	<u>Sergeants Mess:</u>		
	President	WO1	L. T. Foale
	Deputy President	WO1	P. J. Balzary
	Secretary	Ssgt	R. A. Trenear
	Treasurer	Sgt	T. Witheridge
	Supervising officer	Maj	I.R.J. Hodgkinson
q.	Stamp, petty cash and public monies accounting officer	2Lt	D. G. Lovell
r.	Accountable forms holding officer	2Lt	D. G. Lovell
s.	Unit resettlement officer	2Lt	D. G. Lovell
t.	Unit AMF relief trust fund officer	2Lt	D. G. Lovell
u.	Unit hire purchase officer	2Lt	D. G. Lovell



v. Unit family liaison  
officer 2Lt D. G. Lovell

2. 5 RAR Routine Order Part 1 No 182/66 is cancelled

98. Weapons Safety.

1. Weapons are to be maintained in the following stages of readiness:

	<u>STAGE</u>	<u>WHEN APPLICABLE</u>
a.	<u>Alert</u> (loaded)	At all times unless orders are given to the contrary.
b.	<u>Danger</u> (ready with safety device applied)	On entering a VC controlled area on foot. Vehicle sentries when travelling outside 1 ATF or 1ALSG base areas. When ordered by an officer.
c.	<u>Danger Plus</u> (ready)	When action is imminent. Leading scout on patrol. When ordered by an officer.

2. The conditions of the various weapons in these stages are as follows:

a.	<u>SLR:</u>	
	(1) <u>Loaded.</u>	Chamber empty. Working parts and hammer forward. Safety catch at "S". Sights down. The magazine on weapon.
	(2) <u>Ready with Safety Device Applied.</u>	Round in the chamber. Working parts forward Hammer cocked Safety catch at "S". Sights raised. Full magazine on weapon.
	(3) <u>Ready.</u>	As for (2) above but with safety catch at "R".
b.	<u>M16:</u>	
	(1) <u>Loaded.</u>	Chamber empty. Working parts and hammer forward. Safety catch at "SEMI". Full magazine on weapon.
	(2) <u>Ready with Safety Device Applied.</u>	Round in chamber. Working parts forward. Hammer cocked. Safety catch at "SAFE". Full magazine on weapon.
	(3) <u>Ready.</u>	As for (2) above but with safety catch at "SEMI" or "AUTO".



c. M60:

- (1) Loaded. Chamber empty.  
Working parts forward.  
Safety catch at "SAFE".  
Sights down.  
Ammunition belt on weapon.
- (2) Ready with  
Safety Device Applied. Chamber empty.  
Working parts to the rear.  
Safety catch at "SAFE"  
Sights raised.  
Ammunition belt on weapon.
- (3) Ready. As for (2) above but with safety  
catch at "FIRE".

d. Pistol:

- (1) Loaded. Chamber empty.  
Working parts forward.  
Hammer forward.  
Full magazine on weapon.
- (2) Ready with  
Safety Device Applied. Round in chamber  
Working parts forward  
Hammer cocked  
Safety catch engaged.  
Full magazine on weapon.
- (3) Ready. As for (2) above but with  
safety catch disengaged.

Note: Pistols are not to be carried on the conditions  
of (2) or (3) unless a contact is made.

e. M79:

- (1) Loaded. No equivalent condition.
- (2) Ready with  
Safety Device Applied. Round in chamber.  
Sights raised  
Safety catch at "S".
- (3) Ready. As for (2) above but with  
safety catch at "F".

Note: The M79 is to be carried in the unloaded con-  
dition unless a contact is made.

3. Weapons are never to be handled carelessly, or pointed at any-  
one except as a deliberate act against a known or suspected enemy.

4. Except in an operational emergency when in contact with the  
enemy, weapons are never to be handed to another person unless the  
weapon is first cleared and proved.

5. At no time in an authorised drill will the action be cocked  
with the magazine still on the weapon, or a magazine placed on a  
cocked weapon. This applies particularly to cleaning.

6. When carrying HE grenades, they are to be carried inside an  
authorised pouch with the pin correctly and safely splayed to pre-  
vent accidental withdrawal. Grenades will always be passed, never  
thrown, to another person.



7. Officers, warrant officers and NCOs are to ensure that personnel joining their tactical group are made aware of these orders and that they are complied with.

8. 5 RAR Routine Order Part 1 No 4/67 is cancelled.

99. Curfew Timings.

1. Members are warned that curfew timings exist as follows:
  - a. Vung Tau from 2200 hours until 0600 hours.
  - b. Saigon from 2300 hours until 0600 hours.
2. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

100. Routine.

1. Evening and morning routine within 5 RAR base area is as follows:
  - a. 1845 hours.
    - (1) Clearing patrols out.
    - (2) Canteens and messes close.
    - (3) Sentry posts manned.
    - (4) Personnel other than those on duty return to their living accommodation.
  - b. 1900 hours. (approx) Clearing patrols in.
  - c. 1945 hours. Messes reopen if applicable.
  - d. 2000 hours. Picture show begins if applicable.
  - e. 2300 hours. Lights out.
  - f. 0645 hours. Reveille.
  - g. 0645 hours. (approx) Clearing patrols out.

101. Cancellations.

1. 5 RAR Routine Order Part 1 Serial 16 of 1966 is cancelled.

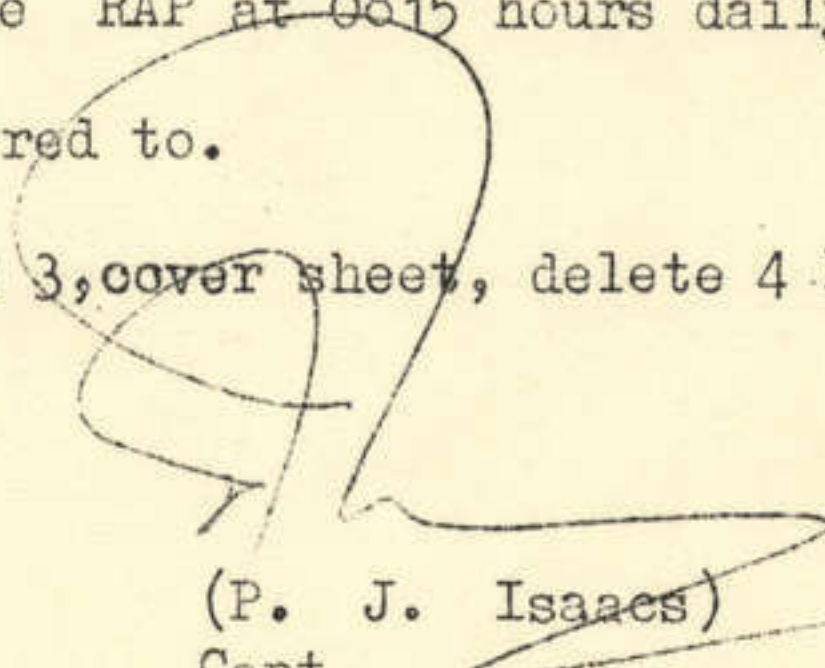
102. Medical.

1. All members proceeding on R and R are to report to the RAP with their International Health Certificate at 1400 hours on any day of the week at least seven days prior to the date of departure.

103. RAP Timings.

1. Sick parade is to be held at the RAP at 0815 hours daily.
2. This time must be strictly adhered to.

104. Amendments. 5 RAR Routine Order Serial 3, cover sheet, delete 4 Feb 66 insert 4 Feb 67.

  
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Lists C plus D.

ENEMY SITUATION III CTZ

AS AT FEB 67

1. Enemy Strength. The total enemy strength in III Corps tactical zone is 67,973 personnel. This figure is subdivided into 31,932 combat troops, 17,650 militia and 8,540 political cadre personnel.
2. Infiltration. The presence of new infiltration groups arriving in III CTZ since Nov 1966 is unknown, however, the MACV (US) weekly strength report for 19-25 Jan 67 shows that possible infiltration for Nov and Dec 66 is estimated at 1,160 personnel. The accepted MACV infiltration capability is estimated at 1700 personnel per month into III CTZ. It is significant to note that the above figure of 1,160 is far below the average and could be an indication of an overall lack of manpower from NVN or that US/FMMAF operations are effectively disrupting infiltration routes into SVN.
3. Recent VC Activities. During the past 2 months the VC have continued to employ counter sweep operations and have made a determined effort to deny access to base areas. They have avoided major contact but have increased harassment of small outposts and bridges. Mining incidents have become more frequent with stronger charges than those employed in the past.
4. Electronics Intelligence. Several incidents have been reported during the past two months which give evidence that VC are actively monitoring ARVN and allied radio nets. On 11 Dec 66, an ARVN patrol, vic YS 424634 (SE HOA LONG) received a radio message, purportedly from their subsector headquarters, directing the patrol to move to a specific location. Although the message used the correct callsigns and procedures, the patrol leader became suspicious and dispatched a runner to verify the message. The message was not sent by the subsector Hq and undoubtedly was an attempt at deception, probably to lure the patrol into a prepared ambush. An indication that the VC are monitoring US radio nets was received on 30 Dec 1966. Elements of the 1st Bn, 2nd Inf, 1st Inf Div were directing a "dust off" helicopter into their area. The recognition signal was transmitted by radio to the helicopter. The pilot reported seeing the recognition signal flashed in an area well away from the friendly unit location. Had the pilot not been familiar with the area and the friendly dispositions he would have landed in the wrong area. This particular incident shows that the VC do monitor US nets and have a fairly quick reaction to information gained. Interrogation of a recent rallier found the VC are using an/PRC -25 and AN/PRC 10 radios to monitor US and ARVN radio nets during battles. When monitoring US Nets the VC usually use a man who speaks English. The AN/PRC 10 radio is used to confuse and misdirect Allied artillery support. A rallier has stated that VC Division size units monitor US radio nets on a continuous basis using large radios which he could not identify. These examples plus numerous indications of enemy units receiving prior warning of B 52 strikes lend credence to the fact that the enemy has an effective radio intercept capability down to at least battalion level. Maximum use of authorised codes, crypto systems, and strict adherence to correct procedures will thwart the enemy's effort in this extremely sensitive area.

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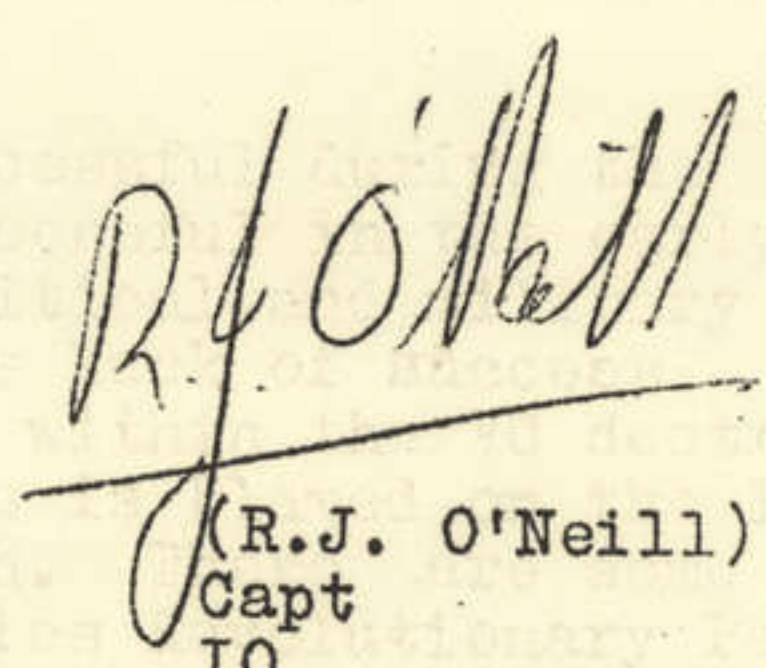
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5. Chemical Capability. The VC offensive chemical capability is restricted to the use of smoke, possibly flame throwers, phosphorus grenades and poisons. Both the 5th and 9th VC Divisions have used CS/CN gas in offensive and defensive roles. These units, as well as other main force units, probably retain a limited supply of CS/CN gas grenades and powder.

6. VC Weakness. The VC have not been successful during the summer monsoon campaign nor have they been successful in the early portion of the dry monsoon season and lack political and military victories for psychological exploitation. This lack of success has caused tensions and differences of opinion within the VC doctrinal military and economic systems. Lack of success is blamed on the lack of political discipline or political motivation. There are some indications that recently infiltrated NVA Peoples Revolutionary Party members are experiencing difficulty from within the more practical South Vietnamese NLF in arriving at Party solutions in the conduct of the war.

7. VC Supplies captured/destroyed by US and ARVN Ops Period Nov 66 Jan 67.

	Rice (Tons)	Small Arms	Hvy Wpns	Explosives Mines	Bldgs
Nov	88.55	28	2	101	135
Dec	369.31	115	7	574	745
Jan	<u>3235.65</u>	<u>548</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>3240</u>	<u>791</u>
Total	3693.51 tons.	691	29	3915	1671

  
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R534-1-1

16 Feb 67

See Distribution List Below

MEMORIAL SERVICE FRI 17 FEB 1967

General

1. A memorial service is to be held at TIGER V LZ at 1000 hrs Fri 17 Feb 1967 in memory of the officers of 5 RAR and 161 Bty RNZA who died on 14th Feb 1967.

Form of Parade

2. The form of parade is attached as Annex A.

Timings

3. Troops are to form up by 0950 hrs.

4. Officers are to report to the Adjt at 0950 hrs adjacent to the Admin Coy orderly room for briefing.

Dress

5. Dress is to be:

Bush hats  
Shirts mil green or user trial  
Trousers mil green or user trial  
Boots GP  
Wpns are not to be carried  
Belts not to be worn.

Preparation

6. The RP Sgt is to set up a flag pole, prepare a table in accordance with normal procedure by 0830 hrs.

Transport

7. Tpt offr to arrange sufficient vehs to transport D Coy from NUI DAT Heights to TIGER V and return at the completion of the parade.

Visitors

8. Officers from units of 1 ATF are invited to attend.

Church Services

9. At the conclusion of the parade, communion will be held in the Salvation Army Building for C of E/PD and Mass for RCs in the chapel.

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ANNEX A TO  
 5 RAR R534-1-1  
 DATED 16 FEB 67

FORM OF PARADE

Serial (a)	Time (b)	Event (c)	Remarks (d)
1	0950	Troops form up by coys	
2	1000	Coys march on under comd of RSM.	
3	1005	RSM hands over to 2IC. Officers march on to front of parade on orders from the Adjt.	
4		Officers posted by 2IC.	
5		CO, OC 161 Bty RNZA and Chaplain march on parade	
6		2IC hands over to CO.	
7		CO addresses parade OC 161 Bty RNZA address- es parade. Chaplain Cameron reads 1st lesson. Lord's Prayer Chaplain Williams reads 2nd Lesson Chaplain Bennett reads Collect and Prayer Last Post  Rouse National Anthem Blessing by Chaplain Williams	Offrs salute during Last Post  <i>off- ...</i>
8		CO hands over to 2IC	
9		Officers march off par- ade on order of 2IC	
10		2IC hands over to RSM	



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ROUTINE

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SOUTH VIETNAM

R98-2-1

16 Feb 67

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BN DUTY VEHICLE

1. The unit duty vehicle will be under the direct control of the Bn Duty officer from 1845 hrs to 0645 hrs daily.
2. The unit duty vehicle and driver will be located in the Bn Transport compound, unless employed on a job, during its tour of duty.
3. The unit duty vehicle will NOT proceed outside 1 ATF Base Area.
4. If the unit duty vehicle proceeds beyond 5 RAR Base Area, the driver will be accompanied by a shotgun on both the forward and return journey.
5. Members wishing to use the unit duty vehicle will contact the duty officer for permission and will be required to state:
  - a. The nature of the task.
  - b. The pick up point and destination.
  - c. The number of people travelling on the vehicle.
6. Movement of the vehicle is to be kept to a minimum.

  
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160900 H Feb 67

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Ref: A. L7014 VIETNAM, Sheet 6429 I, DATDO, Edition 1AMS, 1:50,000.  
B. L7014 VIETNAM, Sheet 6429 IV, VUNG TAU, Edition 1AMS, 1:50,000.  
C. L8015 VIETNAM, Sheet 6429IV NE, VUNG TAU (NE), Edition 1AMS, 1:25,000.  
D. L8015 VIETNAM, Sheet 64291 NW DATDO (NW), Edition 1AMS, 1:25,000.

Time zone used throughout this order : HOTEL.

1. Situation.

a. En Forces. Annex A.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 6 RAR. Continue to patrol own TAOR.

(2) A B52 strike is to be brought down on the AO at 180600 H.  
See Annex P.

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

(4) Regional Forces.

(a) 577 Coy - 431548.

(b) 586 Coy - 452583.

(c) 615 Coy - 503558.

(d) 612 Coy - 515536.

(5) Popular Forces.

(a) 20 Pl - 425589.

(b) 35 Pl - 515536.

(c) 22 Pl - 448593.

c. Atts and Dets.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. Execution.

a. General Outline. Annex P.

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

(2) Phase 1. 18 Feb.

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

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

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

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

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

(3) Phase 2. On completion of Phase 1

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

(b) C Coy moves to GERTRUDE.

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

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

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

(a) C Coy remains at GERTRUDE.

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

b. A Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal atts incl SBs.

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

(c) Under comd for Phase 2 Recce Pl

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

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/(2) Tasks.

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(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1.

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

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

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

c. B Coy.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Normal atts incl SBs
- (b) Under comd from 171700H One combat engr team
- (c) In sp for mov Phase 1  
from 171700 H until rel on  
28 Feb 66 6 TCVs

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1.

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



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

(c) Phase 3.

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

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

d. C Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal atts incl SBs.

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

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

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1.

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

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

(b) Phase 2.

i. Move from CHRISTINE to GERTRUDE.

ii. On reaching GERTRUDE:

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

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

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

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

(c) Phase 3. Remain at GERTRUDE.

e. D Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal atts incl SBs.

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

(c) Under comd for Phase 1 Recce Pl.

(d) In sp for mov Phase 1 12 APCs

(2) Tasks.

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/(a) Phase 1.

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(a) Phase 1.

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

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

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

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

f. Mor Pl.

(1) Grouping.

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

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

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

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

(2) Tasks.

(a) Base Area Sect. Base area def.

(b) 1 Fd Regt Sect.

i. Report to 1 Fd Regt at 180700 H.

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

(c) Mounted Sect.

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

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

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

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

g. Recce Pl.

(1) Grouping.

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

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

(c) Phase 3. To be advised.

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

h. Aslt Pnr Pl.

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

(2) Tasks.

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



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

i. Band.

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

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/j. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt

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j. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(1) Grouping.

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

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1.

- i. At 170900H supply one ACV to 5 RAR for trial pack and loading.
- ii. At 171700H supply two Mor APCs to 5 RAR Mor lines for loading.
- iii. At 180600H:
  - (1) Supply <sup>p</sup> APCs to A Coy at junc CANBERRA Ave NORTH/Route TL 2.
  - (11) Supply <sup>6</sup> APCs for 5 RAR Bn HQ to CANBERRA Ave NORTH.
- iv. At 180615H on orders from 5 RAR take comd of the rd convoy including 103 Fd Bty RAA and move to GERTRUDE.
- v. At 180645H supply APC to D Coy.
- vi. At 180700H on orders from 5 RAR take comd of the rd convoy including B Coy 5 RAR and move:
  - (1) D Coy to GERTRUDE.
  - (11) B Coy to vic 461578 and protect empty TCVs until return of the TCVs from GERTRUDE.
- vii. At approx 180745H escort <sup>12</sup> all TCVs to XA LONG DIEN 435595 and after rel TCVs pass from in sp and under comd mov 5 RAR to in sp 5 RAR.

(b) Phase 2 and 3. Orders later.

k. Arty.

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

(2) Tasks.

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

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1. Engrs.

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

(2) Tasks.

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

(b) As directed by OCs of coys.

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

m. Aviation.

(1) Grouping.

(a) In DS from 180700H 9 Sqn RAAF

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

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

(2) Tasks.

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

(b) USAF. Air cover as required.

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



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n. Coord Instrs.

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

4. Administration and Logistics.

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

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....d. Water...



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d. Water.

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

e. AQ Cell.

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

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

g. Med.

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

h. Laundry Bags. Two per man incl atts.

i. Tpt.

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



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

5. Command and Signals.

a. Bn Tac HQ.

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

b. Bn HQ.

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

c. Radio.

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



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

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

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

f. Line.

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

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

(a) From Bn HQ to gun defence coy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

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



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Lt Col  
CO

ANNEXES.

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

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

ENEMY

General

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

Approaches to the LONG HAI Hills

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



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Enemy Installations

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

Likely Enemy to be Encountered

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

Likely Enemy Reactions

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



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

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

TIMINGS AND SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

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



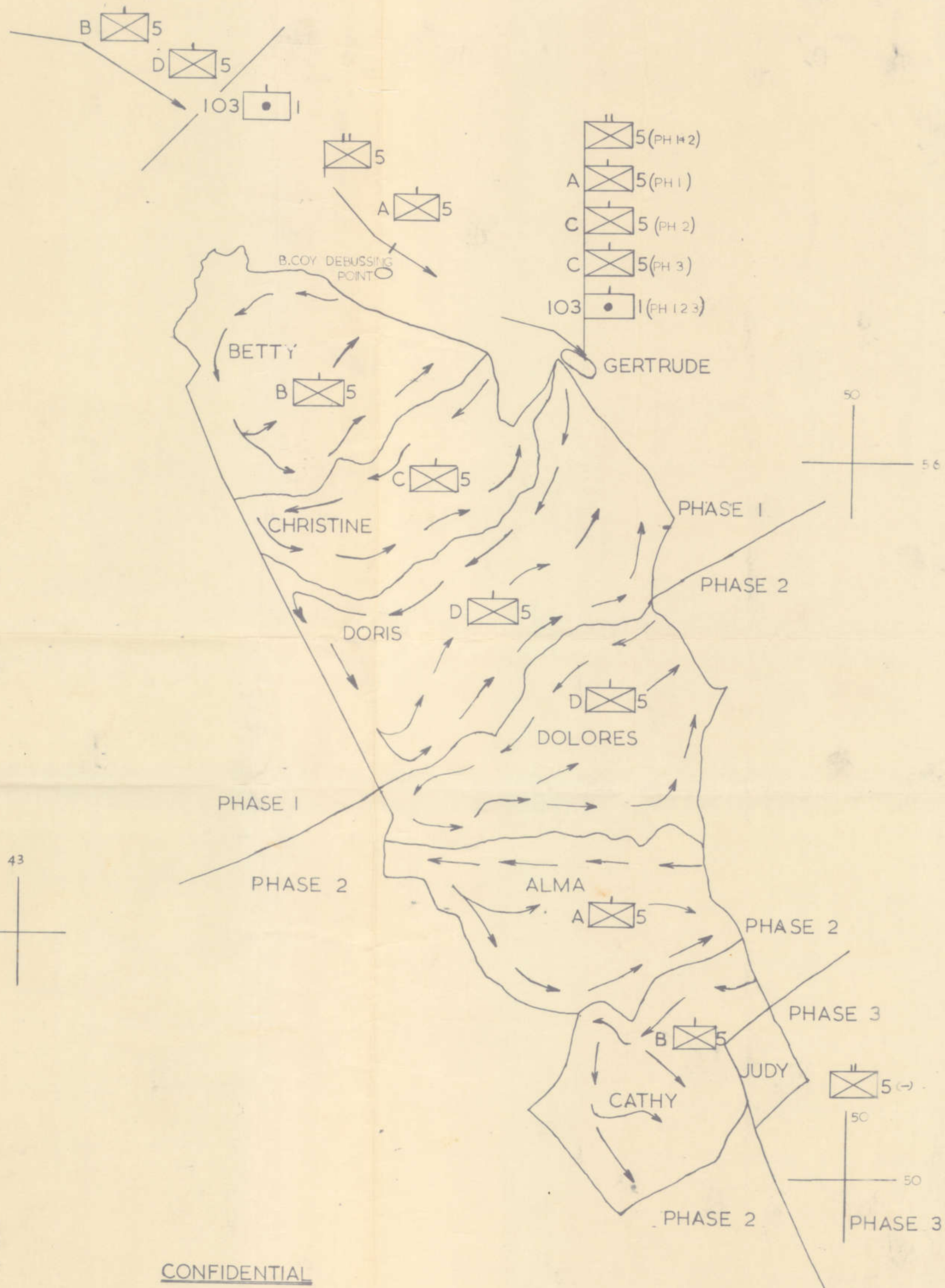
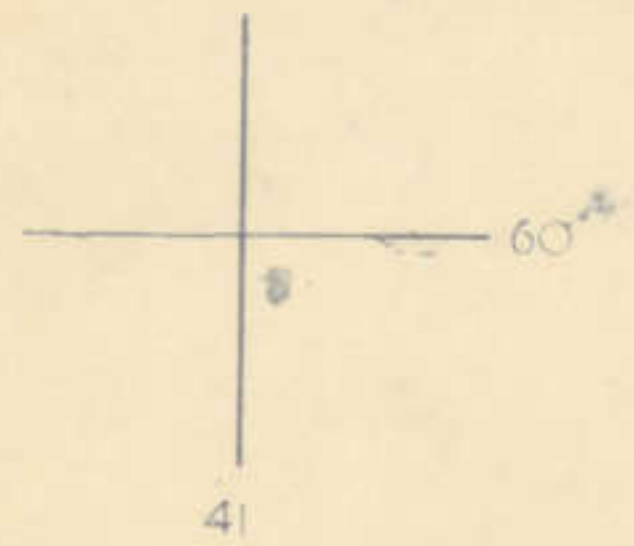
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Serial (a)	Date Time (b)	Event (c)	Remarks (d)
29	180730	GERTRUDE secured by A Coy.	
30		103 Fd Bty in action	
31		LZ at GERTRUDE prepared by Aslt Pnr Pl and sec- ured by A Coy	
32	180745	Group 2 arrives. D Coy to GERTRUDE	
33		B Coy to 461578.	
34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



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MESSAGE FORM

(FEB 67)

(R722-1-2)

PRECEDENCE ACTION	DATE TIME GROUP	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
ROUTINE	17 0400 Z	RESTRICTED
		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
		A 370

FROM 5 RAR

TO LIST B

RELIEF OF FORCE . NOMINAL ROLLS OF MEMBERS REMAINING IN COUNTRY ARE TO BE PREPARED SHOWING REGT NO CMM RANK CMM NAME CMM DATE ARRIVED IN COUNTRY AND FORWARDED TO REACH BN ORD ROOM BY 1200 HOURS 21 FEB 67 . ROLLS ARE TO BE CUT OFF INCLUSIVE 20 FEB 67 . THEY ARE TO BE PREPARED IN TWO PARTS CLN THOSE WHO ARRIVED SVN ON OR AFTER 2 DEC 66 CMM THOSE WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR AN EXTENSION OF TOUR OF DUTY IN THEATRE

DRAFTER'S NAME	OFFICE	TEL NO	RELEASING OFFR'S SIGNATURE & RK
SULLY	A	EMP 24	<i>W. J. Sully</i> 24



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MESSAGE FORM  
(FEB 67)

(R569-1-53)

PRECEDENCE ACTION	DATE TIME GROUP	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
PRIORITY	17 0330 Z	CONFIDENTIAL
		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
FROM 5 RAR		OPS 371

TO AS PER OPS 366

OUR OPS 366 OF 160900 H FEB . AMENDMENTS . PARA 5 c (2) a . MAIN FREQUENCY CHANGED TO 45.20 . PARA 5 c (5) . AQ FREQUENCY CHANGED TO 37.80 . ANNEX P . GRID REFERENCE OF GERTRUDE NOW 479564

DRAFTER'S NAME	OFFICE	TEL NO	RELEASING OFFR'S SIGNATURE & RANK
HODGKINSON	2IC	EMP 2	<i>Hodgkinson</i> Maj



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18 Feb 67

List C + D + Ser 37

RTA BULLETIN NUMBER 2Pre Advance Party

1. Personnel. Annex A. para 1.
2. Movement Detail.

ETD Luscombe. Field	231545
ETA Saigon	231605
ETD Saigon	241105
ETA Sydney	250930
3. Medical. Anti Malarial Course to commence 17 Feb. All members to be medically examined before departure.
4. Dress. Polyesters are to be worn.
5. Draft Conducting Officer. Maj J. F. Miller.
6. Pay. A maximum of \$50 Aust will be paid or changed at the Saigon Cash Office. Applications to draw pay will be issued by Bn Pay Sgt. Coys to notify Bn Pay Office of pay requirements.
7. Personal Docus. The following will be carried by members:
  - a. IHC.
  - b. ID Card.
  - c. Pay Book.
8. Trunks Steel. These will be wired and locked and left with CQMS for onward movement on the HMAS SYDNEY. Trunks are to be marked with full Regt particulars.
9. A duplicate key suitably tagged will be placed in a sealed envelope left with the CQMS. On the outside of the envelope will be full regimental particulars of the soldiers.
10. Personal Baggage - Accompanied.
  - a. 100 lb luggage is allowed with each member.
  - b. Remaining luggage will be consigned by unit.

Advance Party

11. Personnel. Annex A para 2.
12. Movement Data. To date only confirmation that 30 members will RTA on 2 Mar has been received. Detailed movement instructions will be issued as soon as they come to hand.
13. Medical. Anti malarial course to commence 25 Feb 67. All members to be medically examined prior to departure.

Dress

14. As for pre advance party - para 4 above.


/15. Draft Conducting Officer



15. Draft Conducting Officer. Capt R. W. Supple.
16. Pay. Coy pay rep to notify Bn Pay Sgt of pay requirements by 28 Feb to enable applications to draw pay to be made up.
17. Personal Docus. As for Pre Advance party para 7.
18. Trunks. As for pre advance party. para 8.
19. Personal Luggage - Accompanied. As for pre advance party. Para 10 a.
20. Personal Luggage - Unaccompanied. As for pre advance party. Para 10 b.

Weapons

21. Weapons are to be withdrawn prior to leaving 5 RAR.

  
(D. G. Lovell)  
2Lt  
Asst Adjt



COMPOSITION OF PRE AND ADVANCE PARTIES

1. Pre Advance Party.

27234	Maj	J. F.	Miller
14967	Capt	R. E.	Boxall
38506	Capt	R. G.	Thompson
14820	T/WO2	J. H.	Bates

2. Advance Party.

214040	Capt	R. W.	Supple
216090	Lcpl	J. A.	Kelly
61571	Pte	W. G.	Hollands
213943	Pte	R. L.	Mashford
215553	Pte	N.	Vidler
215023	Lcpl	K. J.	Smee
214861	Lcpl	G. R.	Wills
1200256	Pte	J. S.	Botterill
215060	Pte	G. M.	Weekes
311401	Lcpl	R. H.	Thomas
3411167	Lcpl	B.	Hubbard
36688	Pte	C. F.	Delbridge
38080	Pte	G. G.	Ball
16544	Lcpl	D. F.	Church
215646	Lcpl	J. R.	Chambers
216095	Pte	M. C.	Lyons
214418	Lcpl	R.	Christen
2411530	Sgt	A. J.	Welch
212671	Sgt	R. R.	Brown
54318	Sgt	B. E.	Willcott
42252	Cpl	B. L.	Smith
38087	Lcpl	N. J.	Reid
28648	WO2	D.	McGregor
212897	Sgt	N. M.	Small
214383	Sgt	P. L.	Faddy
16331	Cpl	V. E.	Silk
43301	Lcpl	G.	Gontar
213007	Cpl	R. J.	Sully
215337	Lcpl	J. R.	Doherty
5571	WO1	L. T.	Foale



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PASSWORDS Q HOUR AND POINTS OF ORIGIN

18 Feb 67 - 7 Mar 67

List D.

180800H	CAR ..	YS 4555	1300H	WORM BOOK
to	DRUG	YS 4752		
	TREE	YS 4650		
	BIRD	YS 3574		
190800H	FURNITURE	YS 3777		
	FRUIT	YS 3673		
	ANIMAL	YS 4868		
	BEER	YS 3965		
190800H	CIGARETTE	YS 4454	1000H	ROAD END
to	SPORT	YS 4652		
	GEM	YS 4749		
	FLOWER	YS 3576		
200800H	MOUNTAIN	YS 3377		
	MEAT	YS 3975		
	MONTH	YS 4768		
	LIMB	YS 4067		
200800H	RACEHORSE	YS 4554	1100H	SHIRT TAIL
to	WINE	YS 4752		
	COLOUR	YS 5850		
	PLANET	YS 3477		
210800H	SNAKE	YS 3575		
	CITY	YS 3878		
	OCEAN	YS 4668		
	SHIP	YS 3865		
210800H	ISLAND	YS 4455	0900H	SUMMER SUN
to	TOOTHPASTEYS	4561		
	WEAPON	YS 4849		
	HEADDRESS	YS 3879		
220800H	LAKE	YS 3976		
	GIRLS NAMEYS	3575		
	FISH	YS 4569		
	CLOTHING	YS 4066		
220800H	ASIAN CITY	YS 4555	1700H	TAN ARM
to	DAY	YS 4562		
	METAL	YS 4951		
	PLANE	YS 3878		
230800H	FLAVOUR	YS 4076		
	CRICKETER	YS 3574		
	COUNTRY	YS 4769		
	RANK	YS 4168		
230800H	CAR	YS 5135	1200H	SLING GIN
to	DRUG	YS 5055		
	TREE	YS 5051		
	BIRD	YS 5859		
240800H	FURNITURE	YS 4865		
	FRUIT	YS 4071		
	ANIMAL	YS 3766		
	BEER	YS 4273		
240800H	CIGARETTE	YS 5355	1900H	FAN TURN
to	SPORT	YS 5253		
	GEM	YS 4954		
	FLOWER	YS 5052		
250800H	MOUNTAIN	YS 4968		
	MEAT	YS 4770		
	MONTH	YS 3864		
	LIMB	YS 4272		




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250800H	RACEHORSE	YS	5254	2100H	SPRING CAP
	WINE	YS	4954		
to	COLOUR	YS	5256		
	PLANET	YS	4958		
260800H	SNAKE	YS	4667		
	CITY	YS	5268		
	OCEAN	YS	3865		
	SHIP	YS	4574		
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260800H	ISLAND	YS	5057	1000H	RATE LAND
	TOOTHPASTE	YS	5455		
to	WEAPON	YS	4854		
	HEADDRESS	YS	4951		
270800H	LAKE	YS	4868		
	GIRLS NAME	YS	3767		
	FISH	YS	4471		
	CLOTHING	YS	5176		
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270800H	ASIAN CITY	YS	4856	1600H	TIME ZONE
	DAY	YS	5153		
to	METAL	YS	5257		
	PLANE	YS	5057		
280800H	FLAVOUR	YS	4863		
	CRICKETER	YS	5167		
	COUNTRY	YS	4473		
	RANK	YS	5474		
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280800H	CAR	YS	5258	1300H	TORCH LAMP
	DRUG	YS	4856		
to	TREE	YS	4953		
	BIRD	YS	5556		
010800H	FURNITURE	YS	4467		
	FRUIT	YS	4169		
	ANIMAL	YS	3471		
	BEER	YS	3368		
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010800H	CIGARETTE	YS	3367	1400H	CHAIR STOOL
	SPORT	YS	3664		
to	GEM	YS	3371		
	FLOWER	YS	3870		
020800H	MOUNTAIN	YS	4971		
	MEAT	YS	4477		
	MONTH	YS	4664		
	LIMB	YS	4966		
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020800H	RACEHORSE	YS	3468	1800H	HAY ROLL
	WINE	YS	3572		
to	COLOUR	YS	3173		
	PLANET	YS	3972		
030800h	SNAKE	YS	4667		
	CITY	YS	4571		
	OCEAN	YS	5064		
	SHIP	YS	4463		
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030800H	ISLAND	YS	3570	0900H	SENSE HORSE
	TOOTHPASTE	YS	3468		
to	WEAPON	YS	3366		
	HEADDRESS	YS	3672		
040800H	LAKE	YS	4064		
	GIRLS NAME	YS	4569		
	FISH	YS	4172		
	CLOTHING	YS	4362		



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040800H	ASIAN CITY	YS	3572	1000H	NEWS HOUND
	DAY	YS	3272		
to	METAL	YS	3669		
	PLANE	YS	3171		
050800H	FLAVOUR	YS	4867		
	CRICKETER	YS	4269		
	COUNTRY	YS	4173		
	RANK	YS	4363		
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050800H	CAR	YS	3471	1900H	TEAM SIDE
	DRUG	YS	3769		
to	TREE	YS	3366		
	BIRD	YS	3272		
060800H	FURNITURE	YS	4668		
	FRUIT	YS	4166		
	ANIMAL	YS	4573		
	BEER	YS	5371		
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060800H	CIGARETTE	YS	4072	1200H	MOON NIGHT
	SPORT	YS	5375		
to	GEM	YS	5472		
	FLOWER	YS	3566		
070800H	MOUNTAIN	YS	4067		
	MEAT	YS	4570		
	MONTH	YS	5463		
	LIMB	YS	5263		
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070800H	RACEHORSE	YS	3468	1600H	HOUR LATE
	WINE	YS	4076		
to	COLOUR	YS	4474		
	PLANET	YS	5574		
080800H	SNAKE	YS	5066		
	CITY	YS	4568		
	OCEAN	YS	4664		
	SHIP	YS	5566		



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5 RAR  
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SOUTH VIETNAM

R569-1-47

19 Feb 67

1 ATF (2)

COMBAT OPERATIONS AFTERA ACTION REPORT :  
OPERATION BEAUMARIS

Reference: A. 1 ATF SOP, Appen ix 4 Annex A.  
B. SL 7014 VIETNAM, Sheet 6429 IV, XA BING BA, Edition 1 AMS, 1:50  
1:50,000.  
C. SL 7014 VIETNAM, Sheet 6429 I, XUYEN MOC, Edition 1 AMS,  
1:50,000.

1. Name and Type of Operation. Operation BEAUMARIS. Cordon and search of Village XA AN NHUT and the interrogation of its inhabitants.
2. Date of Operation. 13 - 14 Feb 67.
3. Location. Village XA AN NHUT in grid squares YS 4559 and YS 4659.
4. Command Headquarters. 5 RAR
5. Reporting Officer. Lt Col J. A. Warr.
6. Task Organisation.
  - a. Infantry.
    - (1) 5 RAR.
    - (2) One pl 1 ARU.
  - b. Armour. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
  - c. Artillery.
    - (1) 103 Fd Bty.
    - (2) 1 Fd Regt.
    - (3) Bty A 1/83 US Arty.
    - (4) Bty A 2/35 US Arty.
  - d. Engineers. Two combat engineer teams 1 Fd Sqn.
  - e. Intelligence. 1 Div Int Unit.
  - f. Transport. 1 Coy RAASC.
  - g. Aviation.
    - (1) 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.
    - (2) One psywar ac.
    - (3) One FAC.
    - (4) One lt fire team.
  - h. Civil Affairs. 1 ATF CA Sect.

/i. ARVN/GVN Personnel

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- i. ARVN/GVN Personnel.
- (1) 772 RF Coy.
  - (2) Interpreters.
  - (3) National Policemen.
  - (4) Interrogators.
  - (5) 'Chieu Hoi' personnel.

7. Supporting Forces.

a. Armour.

(1) Planned Support.

- (a) Under command from 130700H until rel at approx 141800H Two mor APC from A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- (b) Under command from 131100H until rel at approx 131200H A Sqn 3 Cav Regt (20 APC)
- (c) Under command from 131745H until rel at approx 141800H A Sqn 3 CavRegt (29 APC)

(2) Extent of Employment.

- (a) Mounted one sect of 5 RAR Mors and two LO parties and moved one LO party to XA TAM PHUOC (YS 4458) and the mor sect and the other LO party to XA LONG DIEN (YS 4359).
- (b) Moved B Coy and C Coy 5 RAR to vic 442583 and then returned to base.
- (c) Moved battalion (-) and escorted convoy to airstrip at DAT DO vic YS 475600. During movement all troops were loaded inside APCs. Formed a leaguer on the airstrip.
- (d) At 140700H moved Bn HQ (-) and the Aslt Pnr Pl to vic YS 465597.
- (e) Escorted 772 RF Coy and 12 National Policemen from XA LONG DIEN to the vic of the interrogation area at YS 465597.
- (f) Released for another operation at 140930H.
- (g) Returned to XA AN NHUT and moved battalion (-) to base camp.

- (3) Effectiveness. Effective support was provided.

b. Artillery.

(1) Planned Support.

- (a) Remaining in DS 103 Fd Bty RAA
- (b) In sp 1 Fd Regt RAA less 103 Fd Bty RAA
- (c) In sp at pri call from 131100H 1/83 US Arty Bty A 2/35 US Arty

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/(2) Extent of Employment.

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(2) Extent of Employment.

(a) 103 Fd Bty RAA. Fire support throughout the operation.

(b) 1 Fd Regt RAA less 103 Fd Bty RAA. Not used during the operation

(c) 1/83 US Arty and Bty A 2/35 US Arty. Employed in deception fire plan for the operation.

(3) Effectiveness. Effective support was provided.

c. Engineers.

(1) Planned Support.

(a) Under command from 130900H Two combat engineer teams  
1 Fd Sqn  
One LO

(2) Extent of Employment.

(a) One combat engr team placed under comd each B Coy and C Coy from 130900H

(b) Due to the cancellation of the search of the village by B Coy and C Coy the employment of the engr combat teams in tunnel clearance and booby trap delousing was also cancelled.

(c) The engr LO inspected the site of the booby trap which caused casualties to C Coy but was unable to determine the exact nature of the booby trap.

(3) Effectiveness. Effective support was provided.

d. Infantry.

(1) Planned Support

(a) Under command from 131600H One pl 1 ARU.

(2) Extent of Employment. During operation was placed under comd A Coy and formed part of the cordon forces.

(3) Effectiveness. Effective support was provided.

e. Intelligence.

(1) Planned Support.

(a) Under command from 131600H Det 1 Div Int Unit.

(2) Extent of Employment.

(a) Collected and delivered the interrogators to vic of 465597 at 140800H.

(b) Assisted with the interrogation and screening of the villagers,

(c) Controlled the ops of interrogators and interpreters to ensure the villagers were screened in the following order:

i. Prominent loyal citizens.

$\frac{1}{2}$  /ii. The very aged







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- (a) "WHAM" vehicle plus stores vehicles moved with Bn HQ to airstrip at KA DAT DO.
  - (b) In the event that the psywar aircraft did not arrive as scheduled, was prepared to broadcast instructions to the villagers using the "WHAM" vehicle public address system.
  - (c) Arranged for a dental officer to be "on call" for DENTCAP.
  - (d) Distributed prepared cordials, food and clothing to the villagers and ensured that food and clothing was checked for suitability. Distributed food and clothing to villagers unable to leave their houses.
  - (e) Arranged for CHIEU HOI personnel and a Sector Rep to address the villagers in the compound.
  - (f) Distributed letters of apology for the inconvenience caused to the villagers.
- (3) Effectiveness. Effective support was provided. Approx 15 women were not issued with food and clothing as these supplies ran out.
- i. Transport.
- (1) Planned Support.
    - (a) Under comd from 131600H until rel by 5 RAR at 140800H 3 TCVs 1 Coy RAASC
    - (b) Under comd from 141600H until rel by 5 RAR at approx 141800H 14 TCVs 1 Coy RAASC
  - (2) Extent of Employment.
    - (a) Loaded stores and delivered them to interrogation area when called forward by Bn HQ.
    - (b) Moved 5 RAR Band to interrogation area.
    - (c) Loaded B Coy and C Coy and returned to base at 141715H.
- j. ARVN/GVN Personnel.
- (1) Planned Support.
    - (a) Under comd from 140800H 772 RF Coy  
30 Interrogators  
12 National Police.
  - (2) Extent of Employment.
    - (a) 772 RF Coy. At 140830H commenced to move all the villagers to the interrogation area. The RF Coy later moved through the village a second time as a final clearance was found to be necessary.
    - (b) Interrogators. The interrogation team of 30 was placed under the control of Det 1 Div Int Unit. They interrogated and screened 1100 persons.
    - (c) National Police. The National Police were allotted six to each of B Coy and C Coy. They were to be employed during the search of the village by those companies, however as this task was cancelled, the police were recalled at 141230H and returned to KA LONG DIEN.



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- (3) Effectiveness. Effective support was provided.
8. Intelligence. The enemy situation at the beginning of the operation is shown at Annex A.
9. Mission. 5 RAR was to cordon, interrogate, search and eliminate all VC from Village XA AN NHUT 4659.
10. Concept of Operations.
- a. Gen Outline. The op was conducted in six phases as follows:
- (1) Phase 1.
- (a) At 130700H one sect mors departed base for XA LONG DIEN.
- (b) At 130700H two LO parties departed base, one LO party for XA TAM PHUOC 4558 and the other for XA LONG DIEN.
- (c) At 130900H one LO party departed base for XA DAT DO.
- (d) At 131200H, B Coy and C Coy moved by APC to vic 442583 and thence by foot to a hide vic 453753.
- (2) Phase 2.
- (a) By 131900H, 5 RAR (-) moved by APC to the airstrip at 475600. The inf remained in the APCs until after last light.
- (b) B Coy and C Coy moved to track and creek junction vic 454586 at 132200H.
- (3) Phase 3.
- (a) At 140200H, Bn Tac HQ and all companies departed their locs and moved into cordon positions as fols:
- i. A Coy plus Recce Pl and one pl 1 ARU NORTH of Route TL 23.
- ii. B Coy WEST of XA AN NHUT.
- iii. C Coy SOUTH of XA AN NHUT.
- iv. D Coy EAST of XA AN NHUT.
- (b) The cordon was in position by 140400H.
- (c) Routes and cordon positions are shown on Annex P.
- (4) Phase 4.
- (a) At 140530H the psywar ac broadcasted.
- (b) At 140700H.
- i. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt moved Bn HQ (-) and the Aslt Pnr Pl to vic 465597.
- ii. Wheeled veh convoy departed 5 RAR base and moved to vic 465597.
- (c) At 140800H.
- i. The psywar ac returned and broadcasted to the villagers again.



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ii. Recce Pl moved from cordon to assist Aslt Pnr Pl at interrogation area.

(5) Phase 5.

(a) At 140800H.

i. The 772 RF Coy moved by vehicle, escorted by APC, to XA AN NHUT and commenced to clear the village.

ii. Interrogators arrived and commenced interrogation and screening as soon as possible.

iii. The National Police were picked up from XA LONG DIEN and allocated to B Coy and C Coy.

(b) At 141000H it was proposed that B Coy and C Coy should commence the search of the village. This task was cancelled because of the danger of unrecorded booby traps.

(6) Phase 6. 5 RAR returned to base by APCs and TCVs.

11. Execution.

- a. A Statement of Events is attached as Annex B.
- b. No VIET CONG attempted to escape during the operation.
- c. During the operation the battalion had no cause to fire a weapon in offense or defence.
- d. An unrecorded booby trap caused the casualties shown below.

12. Casualties. Casualties were:

a. Friendly.

(1) KIA. 3.

(2) WIA 5.

b. Enemy.

(1) KIA. Nil.

(2) WIA. Nil.

(3) PW. 6. (4 female, 2 male cadre members)

(4) DET. 14 VC suspects  
5 active VC sympathisers

13. Administrative Matters.

a. The unit carried only sufficient rations for the known duration of the operation. 60 rations were carried for the Vietnamese in sp.

b. 96 filled jerrycans of water were delivered to the area of which 48 were placed in the compounds for the detainees and 48 were held as unit reserve. These were distributed to the companies in their cordon positions. These quantities proved to be sufficient.

c. Detainees were evacuated by road under GVN arrangements to BARIA 3760.



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d. MEDCAP was not conducted on advice of SMO. However minor treatment was given by the RMO.

e. DENTCAP although "on call" was not required.

14. Special Equipment and Techniques.

a. The use of tape and rope in lieu of concertina wire for all compounds except the suspect cages proved successful both from a time of construction view and from a psychological view as the reaction of the detained villagers did not seem to be quite as hostile.

b. A cover plan was spread by the LOs who visited XA AN PHUOC, XA LONG DIEN and DATDO. It is considered that it was successful.

15. Commander's Analysis. The operation was successful as 6 VC, 14 suspects and 5 sympathisers were apprehended.

16. Recommendations.

a. Improved liaison with local Vietnamese forces is required.

b. More interpreters must be provided.

c. Dust off ac be on permanent stand by when units committed to the field.

d. Present system of interrogation wasteful once the cordon is in position and villagers assembled. They should go to a central interrogation site. We are doing police jobs.

e. Day films not suitable.

f. More tents required in hot weather

g. Consider hand outs should be stopped. Food to Village chief if necessary.

h. Psywar ac broadcast tape to be made by Vietnamese not Vietnamese speaking European.

i. Psywar ac needed in TF. Still not sure it will arrive

j. Avoidance of fences and bunds - may be mined.

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Lt Col  
CO

Annexes: A. Enemy Situation.  
B. Statement of Events.  
P. Routes into and Cordon Positions.  
Q. Diagramatic Layout of Interrogation Area for a Village of about 1200 inhabitants

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A Coy	Sp Coy	Adjt	OC 103 Fd Bty
B Coy	Admin Coy	IO	Comd's Diary (6)
C Coy	CO	OC Sp Coy	File
D Coy	2IC	RSO	



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ANNEX A TO  
5 RAR R569-1-47  
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GENERAL ENEMY USE OF THE AREA

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

ENEMY ACTIVITIES IN AN NHUT

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

3. The instructional staff at the last course included:

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

4. The AN NHUT Village organisation includes the following:

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



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

POSSIBLE ENEMY ACTION ON THE APPROACHES

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



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ANNEX B TO  
5 RAR R569-1-47  
DATED FEB 67

STATEMENT OF EVENTS

Serial (a)	Date (b)	Time (c)	Event (d)
1.	13 Feb	0700	Mor APCs load one sect mors, depart for LONG DIEN.
2.			Two LO parties depart with mor APCs.
3.		0800	Mors and LO parties in position
4.		0920	LO in position at XA DATDO.
5.		1108	B Coy and C Coy RV with APC and commence to move to vic 442583
6.		1200	B Coy and C Coy arrive 442583. APCs released and return to base.
7.		1805	5 RAR, less B Coy and C Coy in APCs, "WHAM" vehicle and bridge LO parties depart for airstrip XA DATDO.
8.		1900	5 RAR, less B Coy and C Coy and "WHAM" vehicle in leaguer at airstrip. Inf remain inside APCs.
9.		2150	B Coy and C Coy arrive at track creek junction 454586
10.	14 Feb	0200	A Coy plus one pl ARU and Recce Pl, B Coy, C Coy, D Coy and Bn Tac HQ commence to move along routes and into cordon positions as shown on Annex P.
11.		0430	Cordon in position.
12.		0530	Psywar ac broadcasted over XA AN NHUT.
13.		0700	Bn HQ (-) and Aslt Pnr Pl moves by APCs to interrogation area vic 465597.
14.		0800	Psywar ac broadcasted again to XA AN NHUT.
15.		0805	Stores convoy arrived from base. Construction of interrogation area commenced.
16.		0815	National Police arrived and were allocated out equally to B Coy and C Coy.
17.			772 RF Coy arrive, escorted by APC.
18.		0830	Interrogators and Det 1 Div Int Unit arrive. Prepare for interrogation and screening work.
19.			772 RF Coy deployed, commences clearance of villagers.
20.		0900	Compound completed.
21.		0915	Explosion of booby trap in C Coy. Caused casualties of 3 litter and 4 walking wounded. RMO immediately despatched to area. Later information amends casualties to three killed, five wounded.
22.		0924	Dustoff requested.
23.		0949	Dustoff complete.
24.		0950	"WHAM" veh assist ARVN to clear village by driving up and down Route TL 23 and broadcasting.
25.	14 Feb	1000	A Coy and D Coy commenced to search outside cordon positions.



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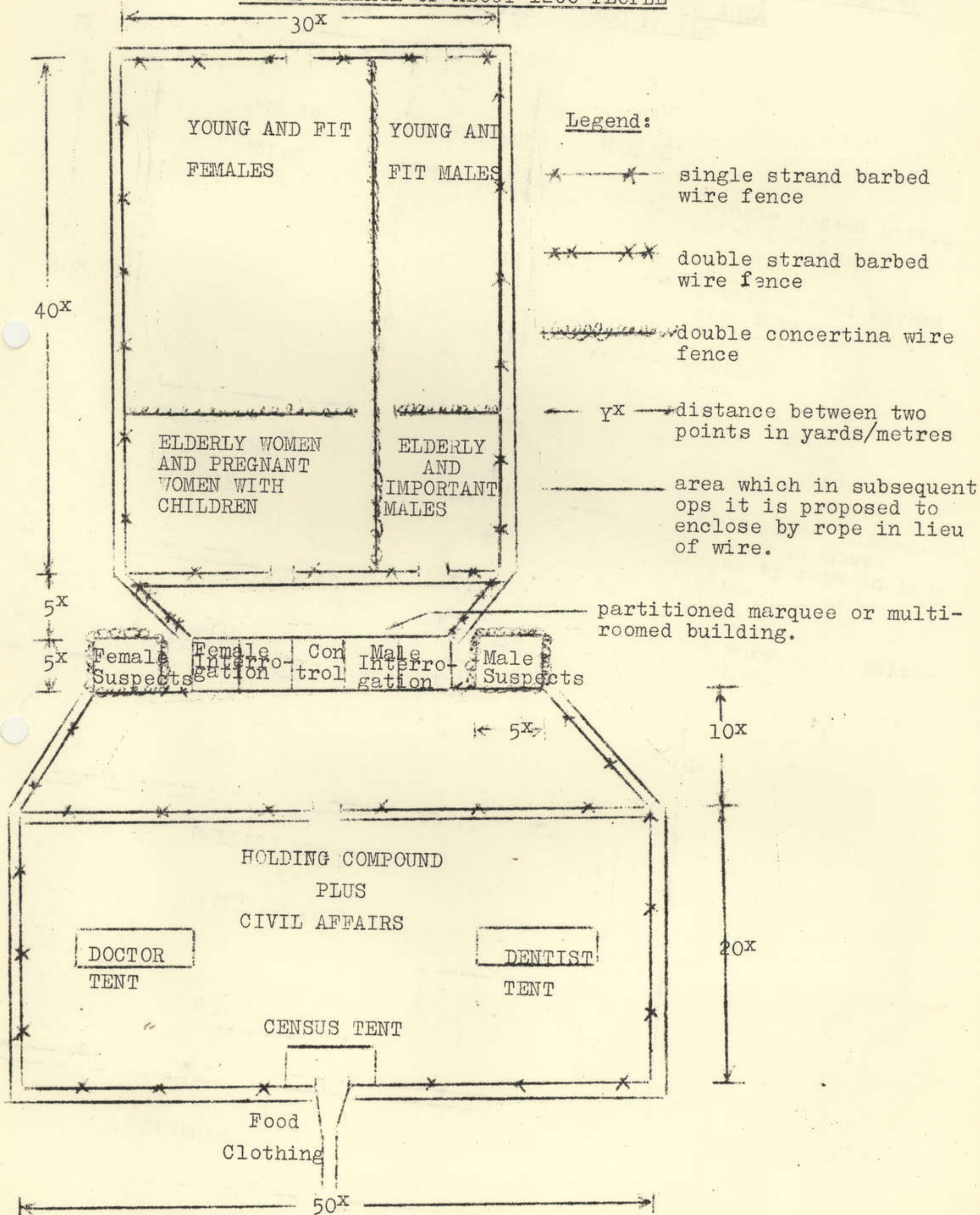
<u>(a)</u>	<u>(b)</u>	<u>(c)</u>	<u>(d)</u>
26.		1040	Initial clearance of village by 772 RF Coy completed Due to presence of civilians still in the village the RF Coy ordered to resweep village
27.		1229	Second search and clearance by 772 RF Coy completed Those aged and invalid persons left in their houses being visited by an interrogation team.
28.		1245	Release of cleared villagers commenced.
29.		1415	Cordons being withdrawn. Companies concentrating in preparation for return to base.
30.		1710	Interrogation 90% complete.
31.		1715	5 RAR less Bn HQ and Aslt Pnr Pl commence return to base.
32.		1730	Interrogation completed. Compounds dismantled.
33.		1750	Bn HQ and Aslt Pnr Pl commence return to base.
34.		1840	5 RAR complete in base location.



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ANNEX Q TO  
5 RAR R569-1-47  
DATED FEB 67

DIAGRAMATIC LAYOUT OF INTERROGATION AREA  
FOR A VILLAGE OF ABOUT 1200 PEOPLE



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VOLUNTARY EXTENSION OF SERVICE - NATIONAL SERVICEMEN

Reference: A. ARO 35/65 para 50.

1. NSM may volunteer to extend their full-time service by a period not exceeding two years. A period of extended service is to be deducted from the normal period of service in the Regular Army Reserve or CMF.
2. An approved extension is to be legal and binding in a similar manner as re-engagement in advance applies to a Regular soldier.
3. It should be noted that NSM volunteering as in para 1 forfeit the following entitlements under the Defence (Re-establishment) Act 1965:
  - a. Suspension of contract of employment;
  - b. NS Moratorium, beyond 12 months after the normal period of 2 years full-time service;
  - c. Vocational training;
  - d. Rehabilitation if disabled;
  - e. Re-establishment loan.They remain entitled, however, to the provisions of the CEC Act or Repatriation benefits as applicable.
4. Any National Service member of 5 RAR who wishes to extend his period of National Service is to contact his company orderly room by 15 Mar 67.
5. Companies are to submit all applications to Bn HQ with recommendations by 20 Mar 67.

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Asst Adjt



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ROUTINE

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DISCHARGE OF NS OFFERS AND OTHER RANKS

Reference: A. ARO 35/65  
B. MBI 219-1 para 14.

1. An Annex A to reference A is to be promulgated shortly but is not expected in this theatre for some weeks.
2. The following advance notice of requirements have been received and companies are to complete the following requirements not later than 30 Mar 67:
  - a. Complete action in accordance with reference B. Applications to enlist in the RAER will be forwarded to companies on receipt.
  - b. Submit in duplicate (typed) the form attached as Annex A to this memo.

*P. J. Isaacs*  
(P. J. Isaacs)  
Capt  
Adjt



ANNEX A TO  
5 RAR R270-1-3  
DATED 22 FEB 67

HQ AFV

STATEMENT BY NS MEMBER PRIOR TO  
DISCHARGE ON RTA

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number) (Rank) (Full Name)

elect to be discharged in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 67.  
(State) (Date)

My final destination will be \_\_\_\_\_, my trans-  
(Hometown)

port requirements from place of discharge to my home will be

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Rail / Air / Own Means)

I have personal kit stored under Army arrangements at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Depot)

My address on completion of RAS (NS) service will be:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature



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221800 H Feb 67

OPS 432

OPO 7/67 (OP KIRRIBILLI)

Ref: Maps. No change.

Time Zone used throughout this order : HOTEL.

1. Situation.

a. En Forces. Annex A.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) With a view to denying en access to the 1 ATF base area the fol is to be deployed.

(a) Three coy sized patrols to within fd arty range.

(b) Armd patrols supported by mors.

(c) Max ni aerial svy.

(2) 5 RAR is to deploy.

(a) One rifle coy.

(b) One rifle pl and a sect mors under comd A Sqn 3 Cav Regt by day only from 230800H (orders later).

(3) On call for OP KIRRIBILLI.

(a) One combat engr team on 30 mins notice to move.

(b) One H13 on KANGAROO LZ from 230730H daily.

(c) Two UHIB on KANGAROO LZ from 230730H daily.

(d) One lt fire team on KANGAROO LZ from 230730H.

2. Mission. A Coy is to provide a fighting patrol to deny en access through Area 3 to 1 ATF base.

3. Execution.

a. General Outline.

(1) A Coy is to move by foot into and search Area 3.

(2) Area 3 is that area to the SW of BINH BA rubber plantation enclosed by line 405747,-421747- 419739 - 434736 - 434723 - along creek to 406715 - 397739. - 405747.

b. Strength and Composition. A Coy FO party and three SBs.

c. Time Out. 230830H.

d. Time In. 281100H.



e. MOV.

(1) To Area 3. By foot on the WEST of Route 2.

(2) From Area 3. Probably by HUIB ac - to be confirmed.

f. Routes. OC A Coy to decide but to move in a clockwise direction starting at 406715.

g. Boundaries A Coy is to remain in Area 3 unless given approval by 5 RAR.

h. Action if Contacted. Be prepared to fight for information.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. Rations. Five days to be carried. No resup to take place.

b. Ammunition.

(1) Claymores to be carried.

(2) Two coy first line to be boxed in mags etc and held in A Coy lines.

c. Casevac.

(1) Normal Dust off.

(2) Three additional SBs to be placed under comd A Coy from 231815H to 281200H.

5. Command and Signal.

a. A relay station will be established at BINH BA from 231100H. Callsign 97.

b. SOI to apply. If A Coy stays out later than 28 Mar the new SOI will be delivered with the rat.

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Annexes: A. Enemy Forces.

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ANNEX A TO 5 RAR  
OPO 7/67 DATED 221800H

EN FORCES

1. A usually reliable agent reported that on 20 Feb 67 the 274 Regt would move to the EAST probably to the area YS 5685. The purpose of this move was allegedly to join up with the VC 5th Div, but could be a purely defensive move to escape probable future US/FWMAF operations in the HAT DICH area.
2. There was some confirmation of this move on the night 20/21 Feb 67 when a light aircraft twice observed a small number of lights SOUTH of BINH GIA (YS 4977). Closer observations of these lights with a Starlight scope revealed approximately 250 lights on each occasion. The lights appeared to be moving to the EAST and were quickly extinguished when lightly engaged by heavy artillery.
3. A recent rallier, the political officer from THUA TICH (YS 6081) area revealed that on 14 Feb 67 the Comd of the 5th Div stayed overnight in the vicinity of his village. This is an unusual occurrence, but another reliable agent stated that an element of the 5th Div HQ has been in the vicinity YS 6286 since.
4. 275 Regt is known to have been in the same general area EAST of THUA TICH since some time after its unsuccessful ambush on Highway 1 on 2 Dec 66 when it suffered more than 100 KIA. The Regiment should have recovered from this incident by now and indications are that it could now be ready to resume operations.
5. In his note book captured on 19 Oct 66 the Chief of Staff 274 Regt recorded the contents of a recently received message from 5th VC Div that future plans included combined operations between 274 Regt and 275 Regt. The fact that 274 Regt now appears to have moved to a location close to 275 Regt and elements of Headquarters 5th VC Div is the first indication that these forces may be preparing for a combined operation. A combined operation at this stage would probably be restricted to two separate but coordinated actions, such as an attack in one location followed by the ambush of a relief force. An operation of this sort specifically mentioned in the note book captured on 19 Oct 66. The targets were not named but the area given was Route 2 NORTH of the 1 ATF base camp and this must be considered a likely area. A VC operation against the 1 ATF base camp is possible whenever two battalions and supporting units are away on operations but is unlikely whenever the major part of the base camp is occupied.



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HOSPITAL STATE

1. Subtended is the current hospital state as at 0800 hrs 22 Feb 67.

2 Fd Amb - Vung Tau.

36911	Lt	J.	Carruthers	B Coy	21 Feb 67
3786823	Pte	J. G.	Nyhuis	B Coy	21 Feb 67
2781367	Pte	D. E.	Hillier	B Coy	21 Feb 67
38668	Pte	T. J.	Duffy	B Coy	21 Feb 67
2781357	Pte	B. A.	Gee	B Coy	21 Feb 67
215784	Pte	N. R.	Bryant	B Coy	21 Feb 67
2782115	Pte	R. W.	Turner	B Coy	21 Feb 67
61570	Pte	D. L.	George	B Coy	21 Feb 67
3411582	Cpl	J. A.	Bouse	Admin	21 Feb 67

242743	Ssgt	K. R.	Benson	Admin	21 Feb 67
5411582	Pte	H. D.	Jones	B Coy	20 Feb 67
3787048	Pte	A.	Nieuwenhout	B Coy	19 Feb 67
212682	Pte	D. J.	Rose	B Coy	19 Feb 67
2781515	Pte	C. J.	Sutton	Sp Coy	16 Feb 67
3411395	Cpl	F.	Donovan	Admin	15 Feb 67
3787471	Pte	R. F.	Docherty	D Coy	14 Feb 67
1730803	Pte	I. W.	Foran	C Coy	14 Feb 67
15705	Cpl	F. W.	Hoare	C Coy	8 Feb 67
3786679	Pte	R. C.	Briggs	C Coy	6 Feb 67
3786727	Pte	B.MeP.	Shannon	A Coy	2 Feb 67

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43605	Pte	D. B.	Tape	B Coy	21 Feb 67
2781290	Pte	R. L.	Anthoney	B Coy	21 Feb 67
215625	Cpl	R. F.	Nichols	B Coy	21 Feb 67
37510	LBdr	L.	Jones	B Coy	21 Feb 67
61163	Sgt	K. J.	Wass	B Coy	21 Feb 67
5713611	Pte	L.	Bockish	B Coy	21 Feb 67
2782064	Pte	R. S.	Ferguson	B Coy	21 Feb 67
213559	Cpl	R. N.	McKenzie	B Coy	21 Feb 67
215508	Lcpl	J. P.	McAlister	B Coy	21 Feb 67
2782847	Pte	F. R.	Clark	B Coy	21 Feb 67

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235136	Maj	M. B. McQualter	B Coy	21 Feb 67
2781344	Pte	M. N. Dwyer	B Coy	21 Feb 67
2784015	Pte	R. E. Lloyd	B Coy	21 Feb 67

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ROUTINE points

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23 Feb 67

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ORDERS FOR THE NORTH, SOUTH AND TOWER CHECK POINTSProvision

1. The sub unit designated as duty coy is to man the check point as detailed in the "Company Allocation of Tasks" published from time to time

Composition

2. Composition of road check points are as follows:
- |    |                            |                                                                    |
|----|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| a. | Northern road check point: | 1 NCO<br>6 ORs<br>2 interpreters                                   |
| b. | Southern road check point  | 1 NCO<br>2 ORs<br>Driver and vehicle $\frac{1}{4}$ ton<br>with tlr |
3. Composition of the tower check point is :
- |  |  |                |
|--|--|----------------|
|  |  | 1 NCO<br>2 ORs |
|--|--|----------------|

Dress

4. Southern check point - Field dress comprising:
- |    |                    |
|----|--------------------|
| a. | Hats KF            |
| b. | Trousers mil green |
| c. | Shorts mil green   |
| d. | Titles Australia   |
| e. | Lanyard            |
| f. | Boots GP           |
| g. | Black belt         |
| h. | Personal weapon    |
5. Northern road and tower check points- Field dress comprising:
- |    |                   |
|----|-------------------|
| a. | Bush hat          |
| b. | Trousers green    |
| c. | Shirts green      |
| d. | Boots GP          |
| e. | Personal weapons. |
6. In all cases basic webbing with all ammunition on issue is to be taken and held close by.

Timings

7. Road check points are to be manned from 0645 hrs until 1700 hrs daily.
8. Tower check point is to be manned from 0745 hrs until 1615 hrs daily



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ROUTINE

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R856-1-1

23 Feb 67


List B

APPLICATIONS FOR TRANSFER

1. The following is an extract of a signal received from HQ AFV:

"It is intended that transfers for individual reasons will be dealt with on RTA. This does not preclude applications being submitted in exceptional circumstances, however the administrative problems arising from any large number of applications being submitted **must be realised.** Request units of 1 ATF freeze any applications on RTA, this will help matters referred to CARO during change over, CARO have commenced to refuse all but compassionate applications.

2. No further applications for troops for other than compassionate reasons will be accepted until RTA.

  
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9. Check points are not to be left unmanned unless so directed by 1 ATF CP.

Communications

10. The manning sub unit is to provide 1 x AN PRC Set for communication between each check point and the duty NCO Sect 1 Div Pro Coy. Frequencies are those allocated to 1 ATF Pro Sect Control Net 2. Call signs are as follows:

a.	Duty NCO Sect 1 Div Pro Coy	Callsign 1
b.	Military Police vehicles	Callsign 2 - 6
c.	Tower check point	Callsign 9
d.	Southern road check point	Callsign 7
e.	Northern road check point	Callsign 8

11. A check on communication is to be made every hour on the hour.

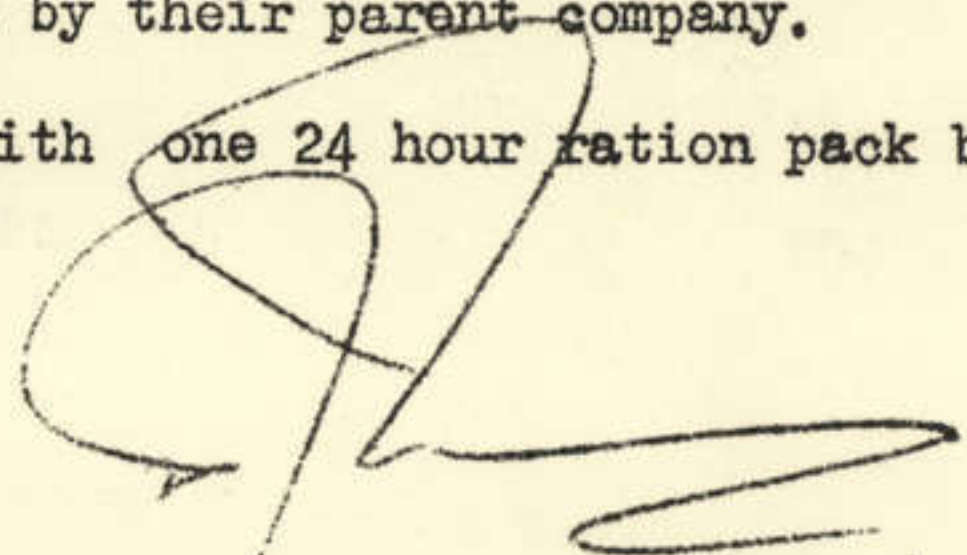
12. In addition the sub unit providing the southern road check point is to provide a telephone for communication to Ebony switchboard.

Rations

13. Soldiers on duty at the Southern road check point are to eat midday meal at 161 Fd Bty RNZA OR's Mess. Reliefs are to be coordinated by the NCO i/c check point.

14. Soldiers and interpreters on duty at the Northern road check point or tower check point are to be provided with meals by their parent company.

15. National Policemen are to be provided with one 24 hour ration pack between two men by the NCO i/c of the picquet.



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ANNEX A TO  
5 RAR R569-1-9  
DATED 25 FEB 67

ORDERS FOR THE NCO I/C NORTHERN ROAD CHECK POINT

1. Obtain from your company the following:
  - a. 1 x AN PRC 25 wireless set
  - b. The frequencies of 1 ATF Pro Sect Control Net 2 and 5 RAR Command net.
  - c. Qty of vehicle log sheets.
  - d. 1 x 24 hour ration pack for National Policemen.
  - e. 2 x interpreters.
  - f. 1 x GPMG and 1st line ammunition.
2. Mount duty at 0645 hours.
3. Establish radio communications with callsign 1. Your callsign is 8.
4. At about 0800 hours receive from District HQ HOA LONG 2 National Policemen and return the vehicle to the southern check point.
5. Don't allow any civilians to pass through the check point prior to 0800 hours without first gaining approval from 1 ATF CP via Callsign 1 on your wireless net.
6. From 0800 hours until 1600 hours ensure that all civilians and civilian vehicles southbound through the check point are searched by the National Police. The search is to include all effects carried by persons and an examination of vehicles from top to bottom.
7. Ensure that all civilians move through the 1 ATF area by vehicle along TL 2. Movement by foot or push bike is not permitted. Contact the southern check point (callsign 7) and arrange for the  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton vehicle at his location to be sent to you to transport such persons between the check points.
8. Should you see a civilian vehicle stop in the 1 ATF base area contact the southern check point (callsign 7) and have him despatch the  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton vehicle to the halted civilian vehicles location. If the  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton vehicle is at your location when the halted vehicle is seen send the vehicle to take immediate remedial action to move the civilian vehicle through either the north or south check point depending upon the direction of travel.
9. 1 ATF CP will advise you of any A RVN, RF or PF soldiers who have been permitted to move through the 1 ATF area, their expected numbers and times of passing and clearing check points. If for any reason you have not been so advised you are to contact 1 ATF CP via callsign 1 on your wireless net immediately on sighting and Vietnamese soldiers and obtain a direction from the Ops Officer as to the action you are to carry out.
10. If you are not satisfied that any circumstance is correct you are to assume that a suspicious act is taking place, detain the persons or vehicle or both, have the suspicious persons taken to the provost PW compound using the vehicle from the southern road check point (callsign 7) and then inform 1 ATF CP through callsign 1 of the action you have taken.
11. Log all Military vehicles passing through the check point unless in convoy.
12. Do not allow any civilians to pass through the check point in a southerly direction after 1600 hours without first gaining approval from 1 ATF CP through callsign 1.

/13. At 1600



13. At 1600 hours release the two National Policemen for return to District HQ HOA LONG. They will be collected by the vehicle from the southern road check point.
14. At 1700 hours return to your company base area.
15. In the event of any contact being made whilst at the road block flick to the 5 RAR Command Net and using callsign 98 notify 5 RAR Duty Officer of the details.
16. Hand the vehicle log sheets to your CSM.



ORDERS FOR THE NCO I/C SOUTHERN ROAD CHECK POINT

1. Obtain from your company the following:
  - a. 1 x AN PRC 25 wireless set.
  - b. The frequency of 1 ATF Pro Sect control net 2.
  - c. 1 x telephone
  - d. Qty of vehicle log sheets.
  - e. 1 x 24 hour ration pack for National policemen.
  - f. 1 x  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton veh and tlr with driver.
2. Mount duty at 0645 hours.
3. Connect the telephone and establish communications with Ebony switchboard.
4. Establish radio communications with callsign 1. Your callsign is 7.
5. At 0715 hours send the vehicle with an escort to report to District Headquarters HOA LONG and collect 4 National Policemen for return to your location.
6. At approx 0745 hours receive from:
  - a. Det 1 Div Int Unit 2 interpreters
  - b. District HQ - HOA LONG 2 National Policemen
7. At approx 0745 hours send the vehicle to report to the northern check point with the remaining 2 National policemen and then return to you.
8. Don't allow any civilians to pass through the check point prior to 0800 hours without first gaining approval from 1 ATF CP.
9. From 0800 hours until 1600 hours ensure that all civilians and civilian vehicles northbound through the check point are searched by the National policemen. The search is to include all effects carried by persons and an examination of the vehicle from top to bottom.
10. Ensure that all civilians move through the 1 ATF area by vehicle along TL 2. Movement on foot or push bike is not permitted. The  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton vehicle and trailer is to be used for transportation of such persons between the check points.
11. Should a civilian vehicle stop in the 1 ATF area despatch the  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton veh to investigate the reason for the halt and to take immediate remedial action to move the vehicle through either the north or south check point depending on the direction of movement. Reports of halts on the road may come from the north road check point (callsign 8) or the Tower Check point (callsign 9).
12. 1 ATF CP will advise you of any ARVN, RF or PF soldiers who have been permitted to move through the 1 ATF area, their expected numbers and times of passing and clearing check points. If for any reason you have not been advised you are to contact 1 ATF CP immediately on sighting any Vietnamese soldiers and obtain a direction from the Ops Officer as to the action you are to carry out.
13. If you are not satisfied that any circumstance is correct you are to assume that a suspicious act is taking place, detain the persons or vehicle or both, have the suspicious persons taken to the Provost PW Compound and then inform 1 ATF CP of the action you have taken.



14. Log all military vehicles passing through the check point unless in convoy.
15. At midday meal time ensure that two members of your piquet remain on duty whilst the others move to 161 Fd Bty RNZA for lunch and then are relieved so they can also go to lunch.
16. Do not allow any civilians to pass through the check point in a northerly direction after 1600 hours without first gaining approval from 1 ATF CP.
17. At 1600 hours send the vehicle to the northern check point to collect the 2 National policemen and have them and your own 2 policemen taken to District Headquarters, HOA LONG.
18. At 1700 hours hand over the duties of the southern check point to 1 Fd Regt RAA, dismiss the interpreters and return to your coy base area.
19. Hand the vehicle log sheets to your CSM.



ANNEX C TO  
5 RAR R569-1-9  
DATED 2 FEB 67

ORDERS FOR THE NCO I/C TOWER CHECK POINT

1. Obtain from your company the following:
  - a. 1 x AN PRC 25 wireless set.
  - b. 1 telescope or pair of binoculars.
  - c. The frequency of 1 ATF Pro Sect Control Net 2.
2. Mount duty at 0745 hours.
3. Establish radio communications with callsign 1. Your callsign is 9.
4. Maintain observation to the WEST for enemy movement and report any such movement to 1 ATF CP through callsign 1.
5. Maintain observation along Route 2 in both directions and if any civilian vehicle stops between the road check points keep the vehicle under constant observation and notify the NCO I/C southern road check point (callsign 7) of its location.
6. Report any suspicious or seemingly suspicious events or circumstances to Sect 1 Div Pro Coy (callsign 1).
7. At 1615 hours return to your company base area.



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5 RAR  
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SOUTH VIETNAM

R569-1-46

23 Feb 67

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COMPANY ALLOCATION OF TASKS

24 FEB - 1 MAR

General

1. Operation KIRRI BILLI is to continue. B Coy 's to provide one platoon each day under command A Sqn 3 Cav Regt for daytime armoured patrols as from 240715H. Mortar platoon is to continue to provide one section under command A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

Allocation of Tasks: Annex A.

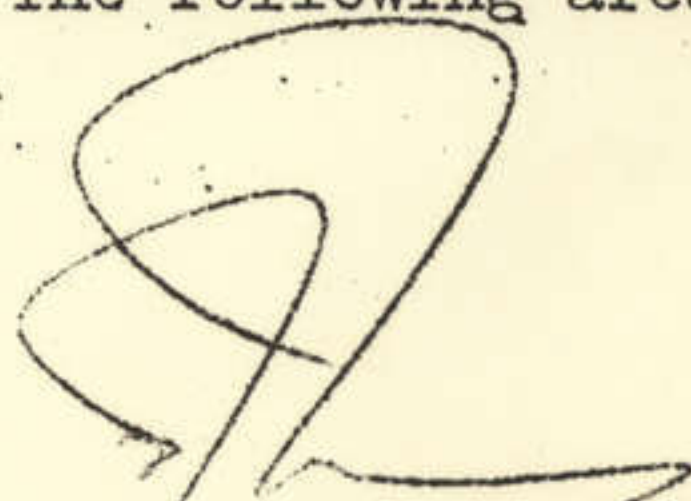
2. Tasks are:

- a. TASK 1. TAOR patrols in company or platoon strength as directed.
- b. TASK 2. Standby company on 30 mins notice to move.
- c. TASK 3. Nil working allocation. Battalion commitments as may be directed.
- d. TASK 4. Duty company. Duties are:
  - (1) Provide one rifle section to man the NORTH road block from 0645 hrs to 1700 hrs. The section commander is to report to the RP Sgt for briefing on the afternoon prior to his duty.
  - (2) Send out one close TAOR patrol of section strength before 1200 hrs and one other after 1200 hrs.
  - (3) Send two men to clean up the MAYFAIR theatre between 0900 hrs and 1100 hrs daily.
  - (4) Have EIGHT men report to HQ Admin Coy at 0800 hrs daily. These men are to be used on construction of unit buildings until 1700 hrs.
  - (5) Provide a duty officer for the CP and a runner for Bn HQ.
  - (6) As considered necessary, send up to ONE platoon to the beach for recreation. These men are to be accompanied by an officer and companies are to provide lunch and liquid refreshments. The following areas are out of bounds:

VUNG TAU town.  
Bars on Back Beach.  
The BEACHCOMBER Bar.

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Capt  
Adjt



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ANNEX A TO  
5 RAR R569-1-46  
DATED 23 FEB 67

ALLOCATION OF TASKS: PERIOD 24 FEB -- 1 MAR

Date	A Coy	B Coy	C Coy	D Coy	Sp Coy	Admin Coy	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
24 Feb	1	3	4	2	See Remarks	Nil	a. A Coy participating in OP KIRRI BILLI to return to base on 28 Feb.
25 Feb	1	3	4	2	" "	Nil	
26 Feb	1	3	4	2	" "	Nil	b. B Coy to provide one pl daily under comd A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Timings for briefing to be advised.
27 Feb	1	3	4	2	" "	Nil	
28 Feb	1	3	4	2	" "	Nil	c. Mor Pl to continue to provide one sect under comd A Sqn 3 Cav Regt dailt.
1 Mar	1	3	4	2	" "	Nil	



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R446-2-1

24 Feb 67

List B plus serial 13, 14, 15, 16, 23 24.

MEMBERS FOR RTA AS MEDEVAC

1. The following members are to be RTA by 2 Fd Amb as medevacs on 27 or 28 Feb 67:

38668	Pte	T. J. Duffy
2781357	Pte	B. A. Gee
215784	Pte	N. R. Bryant
2782115	Pte	R. W. Turner
61570	Pte	D. L. George
43755	Pte	C. J. Cogswell
242743	Ssgt	K. R. Benson
5411582	Pte	H. D. Jones
2781515	Pte	C. J. Sutton
3787471	Pte	R. F. Docherty
1730803	Pte	I. W. Foran
15705	Cpl	F. W. Hoare
3786679	Pte	R. C. Briggs
3786727	Pte	B. McP. Shannon
43605	Pte	D. B. Tape
2781290	Pte	R. L. Anthony
215625	Cpl	R. F. Nichols
5713611	Pte	L. Bockish
2782064	Pte	R. S. Ferguson
213559	Cpl	R. N. McKenzie
2782847	Pte	F. R. Clark

2. Coys are to submit all documents to this HQ by 0830 hrs 25 Feb 67. Equipment will be collected from coys by the HVO by 0900 hrs 25 Feb 67.

3. Tpt Officer to provide 1 x 3 ton vehicle to HVO at 0800 hrs 25 Feb 67 for tpt of effects to 2 Fd Amb.

*D. G. Lovell*  
(D. G. Lovell)  
2Lt  
Asst Adjt



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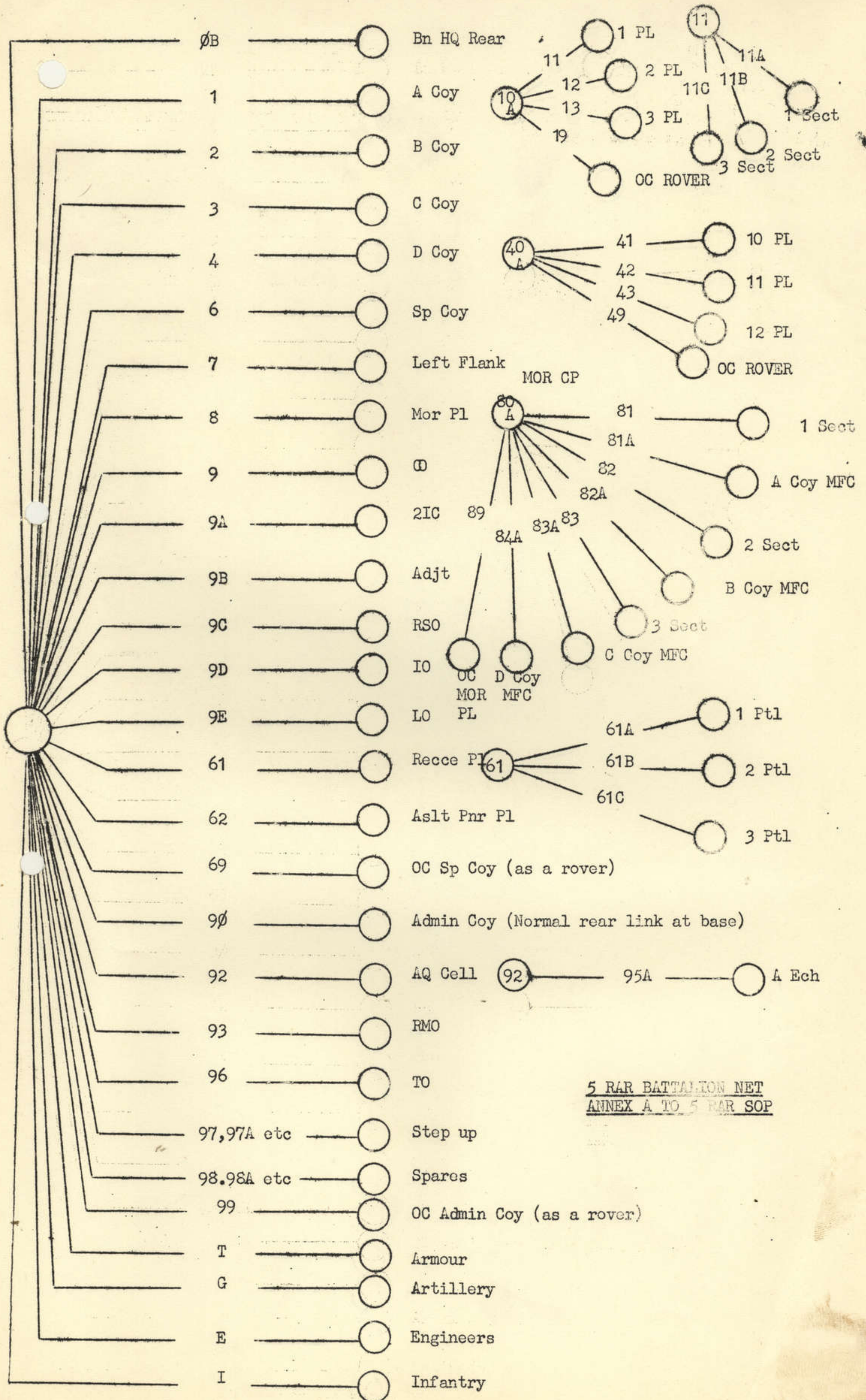
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5 RAR BATTALION NET  
ANNEX A TO 5 RAR SOP



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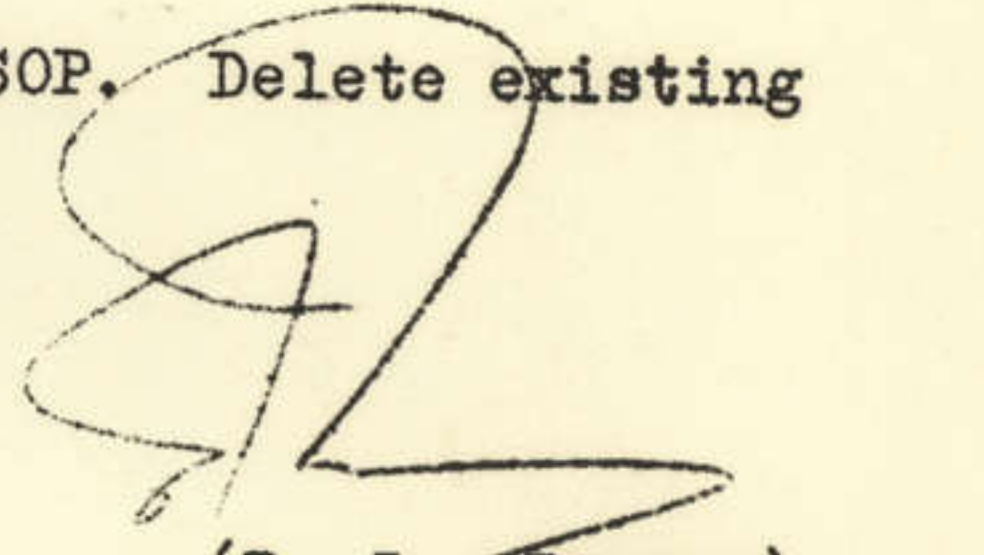
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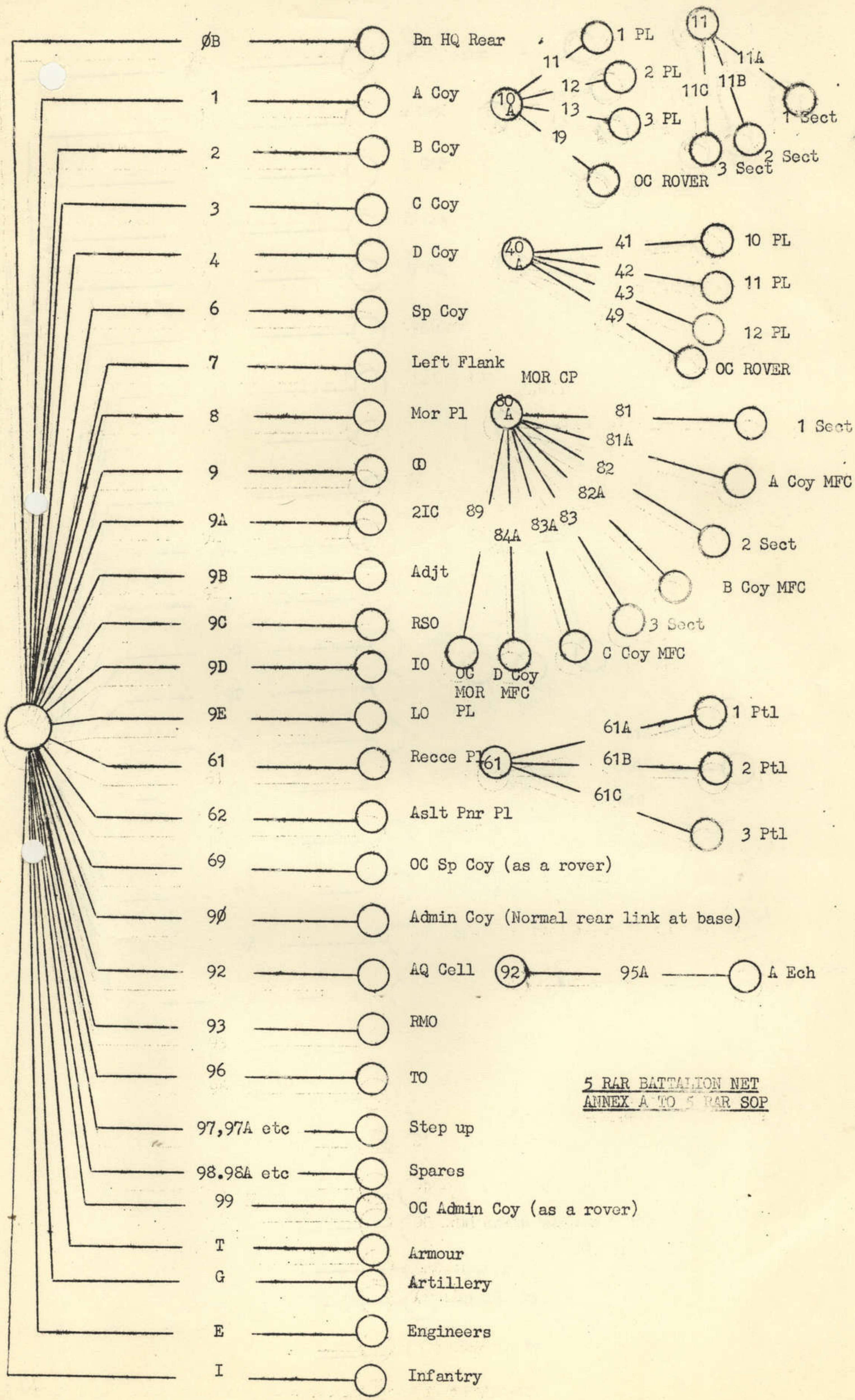
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5 RAR BATTALION NET  
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INTRODUCTION TO EMPLOYMENT OF ARTY

General

- 1. 103 Fd Bty is conducting a short course on the above mentioned subject.
- 2. Syllabus. Annex A.

Attendance

- 3. 2LtsMcAloney, Gunnings and all MFCs not committed to ops are to attend.
- 4. Coys are requested to have as many of their officers and senior NCOs as possible attend

Conclusion

- 5. It is important to us as infantry soldiers to know and understand as much as we can about the employment and functions of artillery.

*Hodgkinson Major*  
 (I. R. J. Hodgkinson)  
 Maj  
 2IC

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ANNEX A TO  
5 RAR R850-1-5  
DATED 25 FEB 67

INTRODUCTION TO EMPLOYMENT OF ARTY

Serial	Date Time	Subject	Reference	Instructor	Location
1.	261400 - 261630	a. Definitions b. Basic Ballistics c. Fire Discipline	AT Vol III Pam 1B AT Vol III Pam 2 Pr 1	Lt Langley	Briefing Tent
2.	271400 - 271630	a. Ammunition b. Comd Post c. Gun position d. Tgts - CP - Gun Posn	Visit 103 Fd Bty	Lt Griggs	103 Fd Bty Gun Posn Lt Langley OP on NUI DAT. NB. Veh to FCC at 1330.
3.	281400 - 281630	a. Revision b. Abbreviations c. Communications d. Functions Arty Tac, Regt CP, FCC (incl clearances). e. TF Arty & Org.	AT Vol III Pam IP&2 Pr AT Vol III Pam 2 Pr 3 Lecture 1 Fd Regt instruction lecture and 1 Fd Regt instruction	Lt Griggs	Briefing Tent
4	011400 - 011630	a. Adjustment & obsn of fire. b. Planing FM c. Basic procedures. d. Sequence initials orders.	AT Vol III Pam 2 Pr 3 Sect 5, 6. AT Vol III Pam 2 Pr 3 AT Vol III Pam 2 Pr 1	Lt Langley Bdr Rose	Briefing Tent
5	021030 - 021200	a. Immediate next msn b. Adjustment & record- ing	AT Vol III Pam 2 Pr 3 Sect 8, 9.	Lt Langley	Briefing Tent
.6	031330 - 031630	Course shooting		Lt Griggs	NUI DAT. NB. Veh t be at FCC at 1320
7	041330 - 041630	Course shooting Revisions		All	NUI DAT. NB. Veh t be at FCC at 1320.



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R274-3-1

List A

UNIT BIRTHDAY - 1 MAR 67

General

1. 5 RARs second birthday is to be celebrated on 1 Mar 67.
2. There will be no organised bn activities and the celebrations are to be organised by coys.
3. The day will be a stand down rest day and the Sunday timings are to apply.
4. There will be some operational commitments like TAOR patrols and stand-by company. Troops involved in duty should stand down on the next appropriate day.

Grant From Regimental Funds

5. It has been decided to allocate \$1 per man with the break up estimated as 60c for beer, soft drinks and 40c for food.
6. Capt Bade is to check the coy strengths and distribute the cash on 28 Feb 67.

Birthday Cake

7. All coys and the officers/sgts messes are to arrange for a birthday cake suitably inscribed.

Boozers

8. The following limitations are to apply.
  - a. Open. Not before 1100 hrs.
  - b. Close. 2230 hrs.
  - c. Other Timings. Determined by Coy Commanders.
9. The officers/sgts messes are to close at 2230 hrs.
10. Members required for patrols, sentries etc are not to partake of alcoholic liquor within four hours preceding times of duty.

*I. R. J. Hodgkinson*  
(I. R. J. Hodgkinson)  
Maj  
2IC



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25 Feb 67

R850-1-4

List A

BASIC STRETCHER BEARER COURSE

GENERAL

- 1. 5 RAR will conduct a basic stretcher bearer course for eighteen students from 27 Feb to 6 Mar 67 inclusive.
- 2. The course will be conducted in the Band lines, Admin Coy 5 RAR

AIM

- 3. To train soldiers to perform the duties of stretcher bearers in operations.

STAFF

- 4. Admin Coy is to allocate the following staff for the duration of the course:-

a.	Sgt N.R. SIMS	Senior Instructor
b.	LCpl N.J. HARRIS	Assistant Instructor
c.	LCpl F.R. BAKER	" "
d.	LCpl P. FRASER	" "

VACANCIES

- 5. Vacancies on the course are:-

A Coy	3
B Coy	5
C Coy	4
D Coy	3
Sp Coy	3

NOMINATIONS

- 6. Nominations to be at Battalion Orderly Room by 1800 hrs 26 Feb 67.

ACCOMODATION

- 7. For the duration of the course students will be accomodated in the Band lines, Admin Coy.
- 8. Personnel on the course are to be detached to Admin Coy for the period 27 Feb - 6 Mar 67.

EQUIPMENT

- 9. Students are to bring all normal field equipment and bedding. Stretchers will be provided by Admin Coy.



TIMINGS

10. Students are to report to 5 RAR Band lines at 0800 hrs 27 Feb 67.
11. The course will finish at 1230 hrs Mon 6 Mar 67

BLOCK AND DETAIL SYLLABI

12. To be issued separately.

*P. W. Badel*  
for Lt Col  
CO 5 F&P



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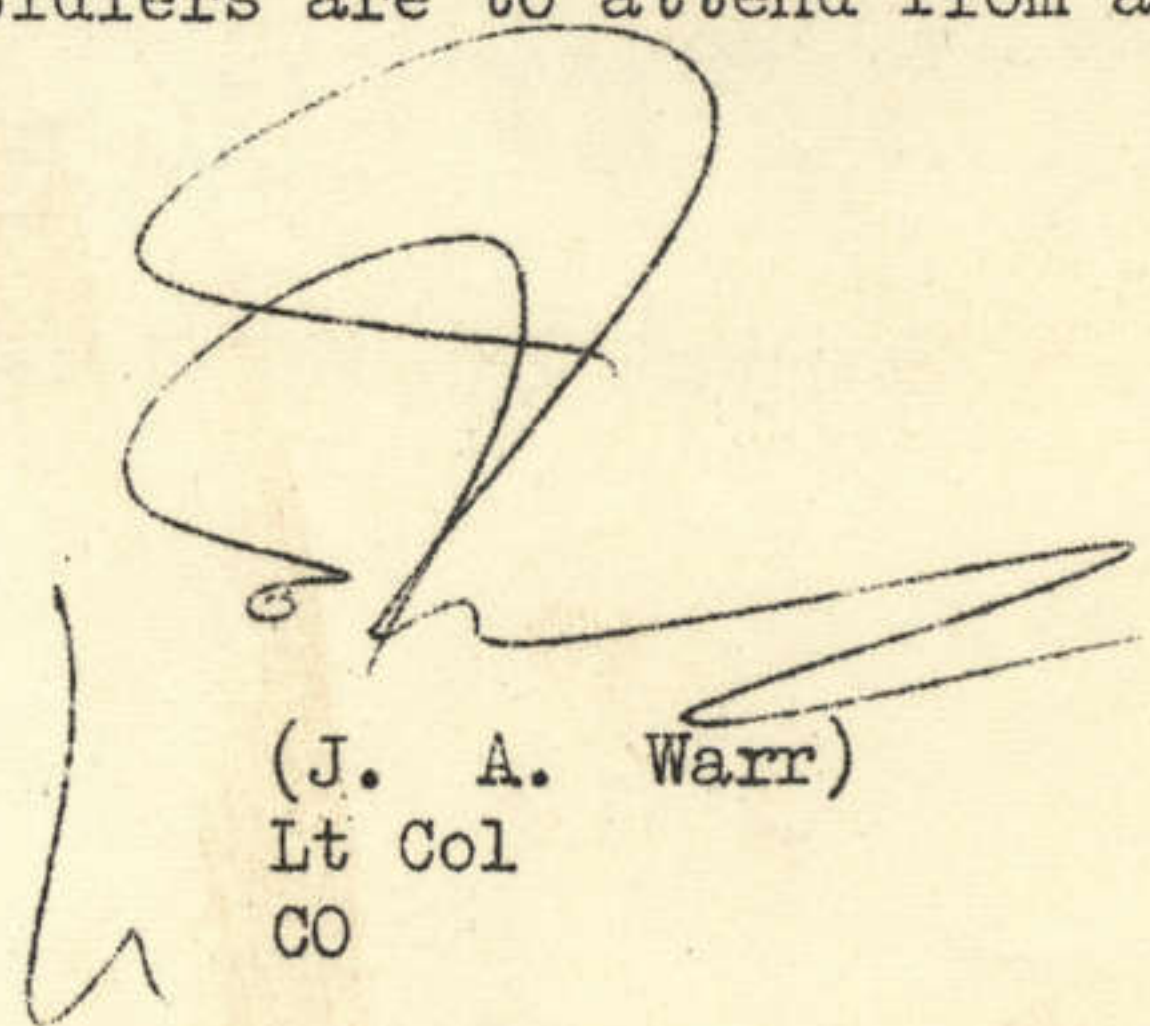
R719-1-2

2 Feb 67

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SERVICE OF DEDICATION  
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT CHAPEL VIETNAM

1. Approval has been granted to name the unit chapel "The Royal Australian Regiment Chapel Vietnam".
2. A short service of dedication is to be held at 1345 hrs Tuesday 28 Feb 67 by the C of E and RC Chaplains General of the Forces. The service will be inter-denominational and representative groups of 10 soldiers are to attend from all companies.



(J. A. Warr)  
Lt Col  
CO

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27 Feb 67

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PROCEDURE FOR INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES

Reference: A. AIM Part 2 Division 7 Para 399.

General

1. The purpose of this instruction is to standardize the procedure of investigation of charges within 5 RAR.
2. The instruction is produced in two parts, the first dealing with the procedure to be adopted by an officer appointed by the Commanding Officer under the terms of AMR 238 (8) to investigate and dispose of charges and the second the procedure to be adopted by the Commanding Officer.

Investigation By Officer Appointed by Commanding Officer

3. The following is the procedure to be adopted by an officer appointed by the Commanding Officer during the investigation of a charge:
  - a. Consider the charge report and information furnished and:
    - (1) Dismiss the charge, or,
    - (2) If a case exists take steps to investigate the charge.
  - b. If the charge is to be proceeded with cause the witness and accused to be paraded and:
    - (1) Cause the particulars of the accused, his unit and corps to be read and verified.
    - (2) Cause the statement of the offence to be read.
    - (3) If the evidence is in writing inform the accused of the name of the person who made the statement and ask him is he prepared to have the statement read. If he is not so prepared the investigation is to be adjourned and the witness made available.
    - (4) Consider each statement of evidence individually and out of hearing of other witnesses.
    - (5) When all evidence has been considered:
      - (a) Dismiss the charge, or,
      - (b) Proceed as follows:
        - i. Inform the person being charged:
          - (i) He is not compelled to say anything unless he wishes to do so, and,
          - (ii) He may give evidence on oath but if he does he may be cross examined, and,



(iii) He may make a statement relating to the charge without being subject to cross examination, and,

(iv) He may call witnesses to give evidence and those witnesses will be required to give evidence on oath if other evidence was given on oath.

ii. If applicable have the accused .  
duly sworn and hear the statement given by him.

iii. If applicable have any witnesses called by the accused duly sworn and hear their evidence individually and out of hearing of other witnesses.

iv. Cross examination only if the accused has given evidence on oath.

(6) Consider all evidence relating to the charge and either:

(a) Dismiss the charge, or

(b) Refer the charge to the Commanding Officer for re-hearing, or

(c) Deal with the charge.

(7) If the case is to be dealt with consider the accused previous record by:

(a) Consulting the members company and field conduct sheets, and

(b) Having the members Pl etc comd give a statement regarding the members service behaviour.

(8) Decide on the punishment warranted and dispose of the case as follows:

(a) In the case of an NCO by awarding:

i. A reprimand, or,

ii. An admonition.

(b) In the case of a private soldier by awarding one or more of the following punishments:

i. A fine not exceeding \$10.00.

ii. Confinement to barracks not exceeding 7 days.

iii. Extra guards or pickets (only where the offence was in relating to that duty).

iv. Admonition.

/4. An officer appointed



4. An officer appointed by the commanding officer to investigate charges does not have the power to investigate charges laid against an officer or warrant officer.

Investigation By The Commanding Officer

5. The following procedure is to be adopted by the Commanding Officer during the investigation of a charge:

- a. Cause the accused and witnesses to be paraded,
- b. Cause the particulars of the accused, his unit and corps to be read and verified.
- c. Cause the statement of the offence to be read.
- d. If the evidence is in writing inform the accused of the name of the person who made the statement and ask him if he is prepared to have the statement read. If he is not so prepared the investigation is to be adjourned and the witness made available.
- e. Consider each statement of evidence individually and out of hearing of other witnesses.
- f. When all evidence has been considered:
  - (1) Dismiss the charge, or,
  - (2) Proceed as follows:
    - (a) Inform the person being charged:
      - i. He is not compelled to say anything unless he wishes to do so, and,
      - ii. He may give evidence on oath but if he does he may be cross examined, and,
      - iii. He may make a statement relating to the charge without being subject to cross examination, and,
      - iv. He may call witnesses to give evidence and those witnesses will be required to give evidence on oath if other evidence was given on oath.
    - (b) If applicable have the accused duly sworn and hear the statement given by him.
    - (c) If applicable have any witnesses called by the accused duly sworn and hear their evidence individually and out of hearing of other witnesses.
    - (d) Cross examine <sup>only if</sup> the accused has given evidence on oath.
- g. Consider all evidence relating to the charge and either:
  - (1) Dismiss the charge, or,
  - (2) Take steps to bring the accused to trial by either civil court or court martial, or
  - (3) Remand the accused for trial by a superior authority, or,
  - (4) Adjourn the case pending the taking of an abstract or summary of evidence.
  - (5) Deal with the



(5) Deal with the charge.

h. If the case is to be dealt with consider the accuseds previous record by:

(1) Consulting the members company and field conduct sheets, and,

(2) Having the members company commander give a statement regarding the members service behaviour.

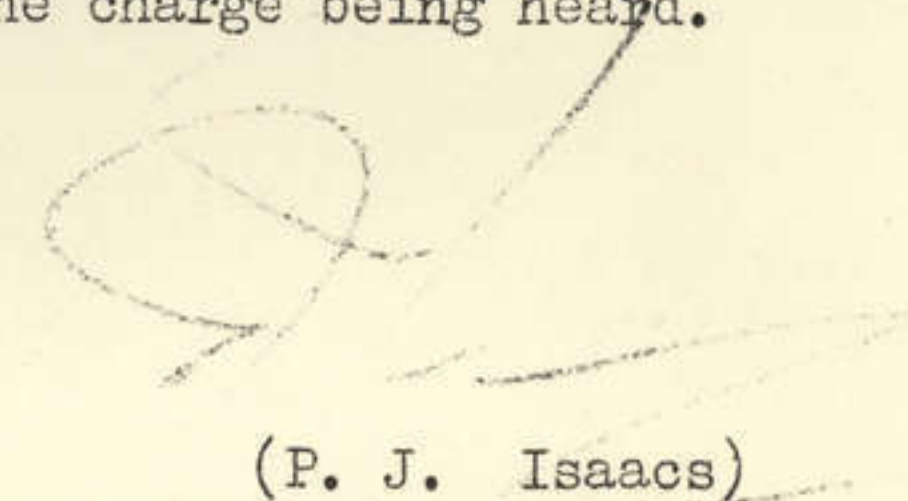
i. Decide on the punishment warranted.

(1) Without giving the accused the right to elect trial by court martial award punishments up to the scale laid down at Appendix A, or,

(2) Subject to the accused being given the right to elect trial by court martial and electing the commanding Officers punishment q award punishments. up to the scale laid down at Appendix B.

6. A Commanding Officer does not have the power to investigate charges laid against an officer or warrant officer.

7. The new procedure for investigating charges appear to be cumbersome but they are devised to give the soldier the maximum protection within the law. The courses open to the accused during the course of investigation of a charge are to be fully explained to him by his CSM prior to the charge being heard.

  
(P. J. Isaacs)  
Capt  
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List C



PUNISHMENTS THAT MAY BE AWARDED BY  
A COMMANDING OFFICER WITHOUT THE  
ACCUSED BEING GIVEN RIGHT TO  
ELECT TRIAL BY COURT MARTIAL

<u>Rank of Accused</u>	<u>On War Service</u>	<u>On Peace Service</u>
ALL NCO's	Fine not exceeding \$20.00, or, Deduction from pay not exceeding \$20.00, less or damage Severe Reprimand, or, Reprimand, or, Admonition	As for War Service
PRIVATE SOLDIER	Fine not exceeding \$20.00, or, Deduction from pay not exceeding \$20.00 less or damage. Confinement to barracks not exceeding 14 days, or, Extra guards and pickets (only where the offence is in relation to guards or pickets), or, Admonition	As for War Service

NOTE: Anyone of the above punishments may be awarded conjointly with an automatic forfeiture of pay and allowances not exceeding \$20.00.



COMMANDING OFFICERS POWERS OF PUNISHMENT  
SUBJECT TO ACCUSED DECLINING RIGHT  
TO TRIAL BY COURT MARTIAL

RANK OF ACCUSED	ON WAR SERVICE	ON PEACE SERVICE
SSGT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Fine not exceeding \$40.00, or,</li> <li>b. Deduction from pay to \$40.00 for loss or damage.</li> <li>c. Severe Reprimand, or,</li> <li>d. Reprimand, or,</li> <li>e. Admonition, or,</li> <li>f. Fine not exceeding \$40.00 and a deduction from pay not exceeding \$10.00 and a severe reprimand, or,</li> <li>g. Fine not exceeding \$40.00 and a deduction from pay not exceeding \$10.00 and a reprimand, or,</li> <li>h. Fine not exceeding \$40.00 and a deduction from pay not exceeding \$10.00 and an admonition, or,</li> <li>i. Fine not exceeding \$40.00 and a severe reprimand, or,</li> <li>j. Fine not exceeding \$40.00 and a reprimand, or,</li> <li>k. Fine not exceeding \$40.00 and an admonition, or</li> <li>l. Deduction from pay not exceeding \$10.00 and a severe reprimand, or,</li> <li>m. Deduction from pay not exceeding \$10.00 and a reprimand, or,</li> <li>n. Deduction from pay not exceeding \$10.00 and an admonition, or,</li> <li>o. Fine not exceeding \$40.00 and a deduction from pay not exceeding \$10.00</li> </ul>	As for War Service
T/SSGT	Revision to substantive rank, or Those punishments applicable to a Ssgt	As for Ssgt
SGT	As for Ssgt	As for Ssgt
CPL	Reduction to the ranks, or Those punishments applicable to a Ssgt	As for Ssgt
LCPL	As for Ssgt	As for Ssgt

/ PRIVATE  
SOLDIER



RANK OF ACCUSED	ON WAR SERVICE	ON PEACE SERVICE
PRIVATE SOLDIER	<p>Detention not exceeding 28 days, or, Field punishment not exceeding 28 days (active service only), or, Forfeiture of pay not exceeding 28 days (active service only), or, Fine not exceeding \$40.00, or, Deduction from pay not exceeding \$40.00, or, Any two or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Detention not exceeding 7 days, and</li> <li>b. Forfeiture of pay not exceeding 28 days (active service only), and,</li> <li>c. Fine not exceeding \$40.00, and</li> <li>d. Deduction from pay not exceeding \$10.00, and,</li> <li>e. Confinement to barracks not exceeding 14 days, and</li> <li>f. Extra guards and pickets (only when the offence is in relation to guards and pickets) and,</li> <li>g. Admonition, or,</li> </ul> <p>Any two or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Detention not exceeding 28 days, and,</li> <li>b. A fine not exceeding \$40.00, and,</li> <li>c. Deduction from pay not exceeding \$10.00, or,</li> </ul> <p>Any two or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Field punishment not exceeding 28 days (active service only) and,</li> <li>b. A fine not exceeding \$40.00, and,</li> <li>c. Deduction from pay not exceeding \$10.00, and,</li> <li>d. If the field punishment is not to be served in custody, forfeiture of pay for a period not exceeding 28 days (active service only)</li> </ul>	<p>Detention not exceeding 168 hours, or Fine not exceeding \$40.00, or, Deduction from pay not exceeding \$40.00, or, Any two or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Detention not exceeding 168 hours, and,</li> <li>b. Fine not exceeding \$40.00, and,</li> <li>c. Deduction from pay not exceeding \$10.00, and,</li> <li>d. Confinement to barracks not exceeding 14 days, and,</li> <li>e. Extra guards and pickets (only when the offence is in relation to guards and pickets,) and,</li> <li>f. Admonition.</li> </ul>



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ROUTINE

5 RAR  
AP AN PHU  
SOUTH VIETNAM

*28* Feb 67

R569-1-46

See Distribution List.

ALLOCATION OF TASKS: PERIOD 1 - 12 MAR

Serial	Date	A Coy	B Coy	C Coy	D Coy	Sp Coy	Admin Coy	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
1	1 Mar	2	4	Beach work	3			1. <u>TASKS.</u>
2	2 Mar	3	4	"	2			a. TASK 1: TAOR ptls in coy or pl str as dir.
3	3 Mar	3	4	Beach R & R	2			b. TASK 2: Standby coy on 30 mins notice to move
4	4 Mar	2	4	3	Beach R & R			c. TASK 3: Nil work allocation. Bn commitments incl provision of a pl under comd A Sqn 3 Cav Regt for day ptls.
5	5 Mar	4	3	2	Nil			d. TASK 4: Duty Coy. Tasks are:
6	6 Mar	4	Nil	2	3			(1) Provide one rifle section to man the NORTH road block from 0645 hrs to 1700 hrs. The section commander is to report to the RP Sgt for briefing on the afternoon prior to his duty.
7	7 Mar	4	3	2				(2) Send out one close TAOR patrol of section strength before 1200 hrs and one other after 1200 hrs.
8	8 Mar	2	3	4				
9	9 Mar	2	3	4				

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
10	10 Mar	2	Beach R & R	4				
11	11 Mar	Beach R & R	3	2 and 4				
12	12 Mar	3	4	2				

(3) Send two men to clean up the MAYFAIR theatre between 0900 hrs and 1100 hrs daily.

(4) Have EIGHT men report to HQ Admin Coy at 0800 hrs daily. These men are to be used on construction of unit buildings until 1700 hrs.

(5) Provide a duty officer for the CP and a runner for Bn HQ.

(6) As considered necessary, send up to ONE platoon to the beach for recreation. These men are to be accompanied by an officer and companies are to provide lunch and liquid refreshments. The following areas are out of bounds.

VUNG TAU town.

Bars on BACK BEACH.

The BEACHCOMBER Bar.

2. COURSES. The fol courses are to continue
- Artillery course until 4 Mar 67.
  - Stretcher Bearer course until 6 Mar
  - Radio operator's course from 2 - 6 Mar.

3. Bn BIRTHDAY 1 MAR.

a. Details of how this day is to be celebrated are contained in 5 RAR R274-3-1 of 25 Feb 67.



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b. The coy allotted Task 2 on 1 Mar are to take their stand down on 3 Mar if commitments allow.

c. The coy allotted Task 4 on 1 Mar need NOT provide the EIGHT men work party.

4. Beach Recreation.

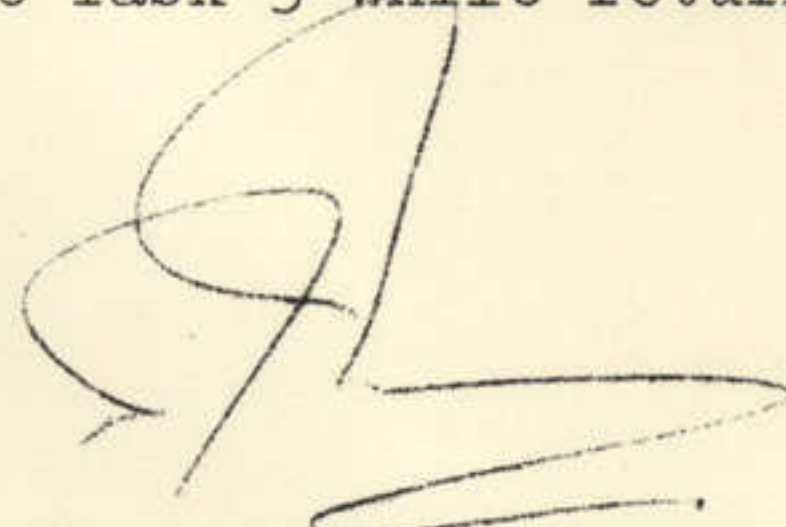
a. Rifle coys are to be allocated 24 hrs to relax at the beach. Vacancies will be allotted to Sp and Admin Coy.

b. Details of this recreation are to be issued separately.

5. Miscellaneous.

a. On 4 Mar, B Coy may be reqd to undertake Task 3 while return of C Coy from the Beach at approx 1100 hrs.

b. On 6 Mar, A Coy may be reqd to undertake Task 3 while return of D Coy from the beach.



(P.J. Isaacs)  
Capt  
Adjt

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List C.



MINUTES OF THE 5 RAR CANTEEN COMMITTEE  
MEETING 24 FEB 67

- 1. The meeting was declared open at 1420 hours.
- 2. Present were:

Maj Hodgkinson  
 Capt Bade  
 Cpl Davis  
 Lcpl Crane  
 Cpl King  
 Cpl Whillas  
 Cpl Dunbar  
 Cfn Trappell  
 Pte Gilders

- 3. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Moved Lcpl Crane seconded Cpl Davis that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. Motion carried.

Business Arising From Minutes

- 4. Amenities Items. Dartboards, darts, table tennis sets and balls have been bought and are to be issued to coys.
- 5. Rebate to Officers and Sergeants Messes. This has been paid
- 6. Purchase of Pewters. One type of pewter has been examined. It is a 13 oz light metal type. Cost approx \$1.90. This is not considered a suitable pewter for presentation. The cost of the one pint Selangor pewter will be available shortly.
- 7. Moved Cpl Whillas that attached FO parties be included on the list for presentation of pewters. No seconder was forthcoming. Motion not moved.
- 8. If any companies wish to present pewters to FO parties, the Regimental Funds Organization will be available to assist in this matter.
- 9. Unit Birthday. Suggested activities for the unit birthday were:
  - a. Battalion sports day and barbeque
  - b. A day of good rest with a good meal and 6 cans of beer per man.
- 10. These suggestions will be forwarded to the CO who will decide what activities are to take place.
- 11. Moved Cpl Whillas seconded Cfn Trappell that the Central Fund provide 6 cans of beer or soda per man for unit birthday celebrations. Motion carried.

General Business

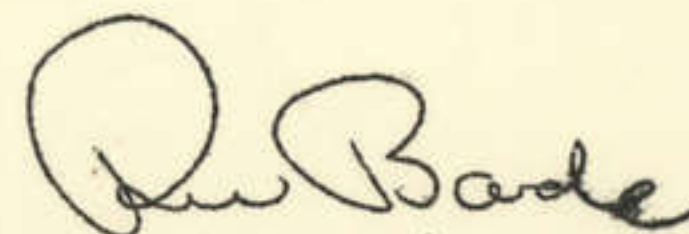
- 12. Company Flags. Moved Cpl Whillas seconded Cfn Trappell that company flags be purchased. These to be available for when the unit returns to Australia. Motion carried.
- 13. The number of new flags already in the unit is to be determined by the secretary. Maj Miller is to be contacted to arrange purchase of the new flags required.

- 14. Balance Sheets.



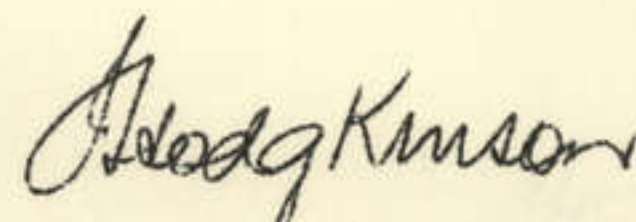
14. Balance Sheets. The balance sheets for the audit of the canteen and regimental funds are to be published in ROs.

15. There being no further business the meeting closed at 1458 hours.



(R. W. Bade)  
Capt  
Secretary/Treasurer

1 Mar 67

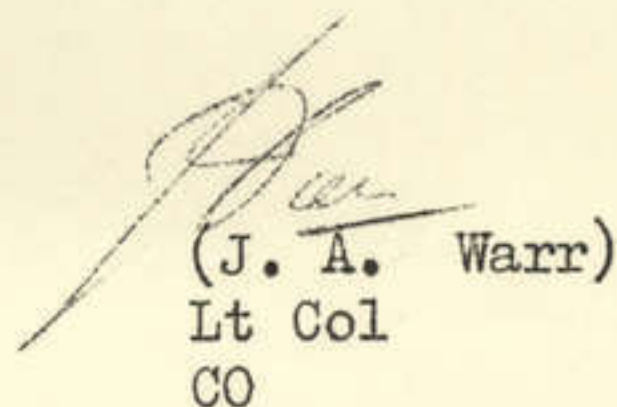


(I. R. J. Hodgkinson)  
Maj  
President

2 Mar 67

CO's Comments

While the motive behind the purchase of pewters for presentation to all members of 5 RAR is admirable, I do not agree that approximately \$1600 should be spent in this manner. I suggest that consideration be given to setting aside a similar or larger amount to be invested with a view to the interest being used to assist children of members killed while serving with the battalion.



(J. A. Warr)  
Lt Col  
CO

2 Mar 67



Annex M-18 CSD

A Coy  
5 RAR  
AP AN PHU  
SOUTH VIETNAM  
24 Feb 67

5 RAR

PATROL REPORT

Ref : A. NICTO 1 : 25000  
B. XUYEN MOC 1:50000

1. Type of Patrol. AMBUSH.
2. Size and Composition. 3 Pl A Coy, 1 - 11.
3. Task. Set an ambush SOUTH of the village of XA BINH GIA.
4. Duration.  
Time Out. a. 091800. b. 101830. c. 111845.  
Time In. a. 100700. b. 110700. c. 120700.
5. Route.  
A. Out. Out through gate at Gr 488775, SOUTH 600 metres to Gr 489769 then to Gr 503765. Return direct to gate Gr 499771.  
B. Out. Out through gate 494774 to Gr 493769 then to Gr 503767 (ambush position). Back to Gr 497768 then to gate Gr 499771.  
C. Out. Out through gate Gr 499771, to Gr 503767 (ambush position), Out to Gr ref 500767 then to gate Gr 499771.
6. Terrain. The area is very dry. It is impossible to be quiet in the coffee plantation. There is considerable secondary growth inside the plantation.
7. Map Corrections. Nil.
8. Enemy. The enemy was heard each night of the patrol.
  - i. Night 9/10 live shots were heard in the vicinity of Gr 520760 at 0100 hrs.
  - ii. Night 9/10 one light was seen at Gr 498768 on the track.
  - iii. Night 10/11 two lights were seen moving down the track running SOUTH out of the gate at Gr 499771.
  - iv. Night 10/11 two shots were heard in the vicinity of Gr 510765 at 2130 hrs.
  - v. Night 11/12 two shots were heard at 1945 hrs and 2915 hrs at approx Gr 508768.
9. Results of encounters with Enemy. Nil
10. Condition of Patrol. Good.
11. Misc Info. Nil
12. Conclusions and Recommendations.
  - i. There are enemy in this area, harassing the perimeter in one or two's.
  - ii. There are numerous tracks leading out of the village and a larger force would be needed to successfully ambush the enemy moving in or out.

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( E.B. MORRIS )

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3 Pl A Coy