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B Coy
5 RAR
AP AN PHU

21 Jun 69

CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. OP ESSO

2. 1200424 Lt G J Dunlop

3. 4 Pl B Coy 5 RAR

4. 26 men

5. 210940 H Jun 69 20 mins duration

6. 533590

7. Ambush

8. 1 VC approached from the East and was engaged, firstly by a sentry with a M16, then with a M60. Result 1 En KIA.
3 VC approached from the West and was engaged, firstly by the M60 then the rest of the section opened up. Result 3 En KIA.

9. Low secondary jungle growth with sparsley situated large timber, visablity 20 to 50 metres.

10. 15 metres

11. Sentries

12. Acting as a sentinel while Pl was occupying an ambush posn.

13. Sighting

14. Four local VC

15. We saw them first at a distance of 10 metres.

16. M16's and M60 and XM203

17. N/A

18. N/A

19. Four KIA's

20. M16 M60

21. Nil

22. N/A

23. 300 M60 rounds 150 M16 rounds 4 M79

24. Ammo AK47 rounds 150, M1 rounds 250, M16 rounds 15.
Weapons Two M1's AK47 M26 grenade
Docus 1 brief type folder 2 diarys instructional papers letters personel identity (not ID card)
Misc clothing food med supplies webbing (destroyed)

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25. VC still move after close contact in near vicinity.

26. N/A

27. N/A

28. Although contact was that of surprise approach, fire discipline was good and section level control was of a high standard.

29. 30 105 MM (Arty) 300 M60 150 M16 4 M79

30. Nil comments, except to note high exspenditure of ammunition.

(G J Dunlop)
Lt
Pl Comd 4Pl.

Annex A Map Overlay

(R E Harring)
Maj
OC B Coy 5 RAR

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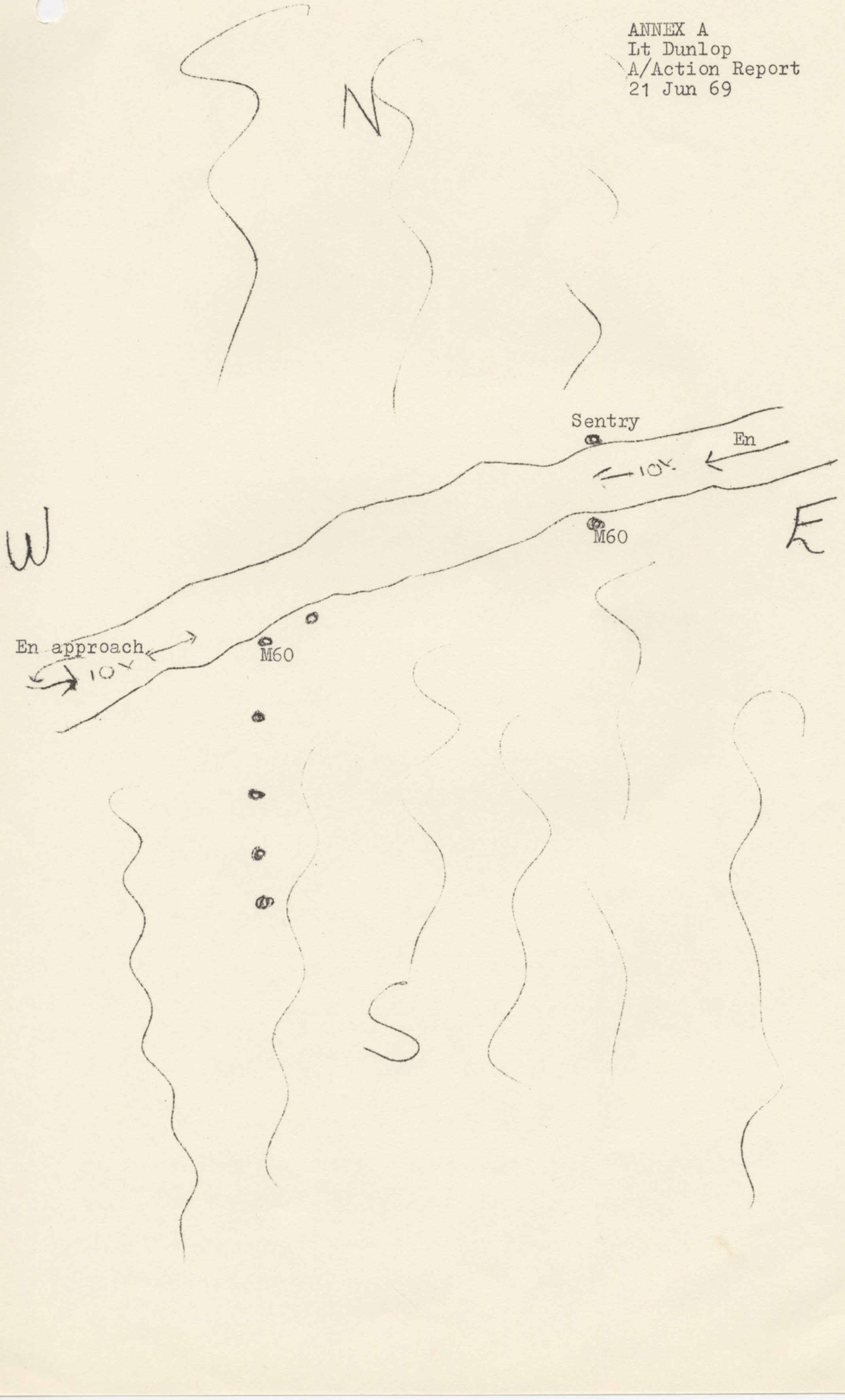
ANNEX A
Lt Dunlop
A/Action Report
21 Jun 69



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B Coy
5 RAR
AP AN PHU

Jul 69

CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Op ESSO

2. Report by 1200424 Lt. G.J. Dunlop.

3. 4 Pl B Coy 5 RAR

4. Strength 26

5. Date 21 Jun 69 Time 1650 Duration 15 mins.

6. Location 552589

7. Ambush

8. a. THe Pl was occupying an ambush position.

b. The sentry on the left flank gun saw one VC on the N side of the track at approx 10 metres

c. He opened fire with the M60

d. The first VC was hit.

e. Almost immediately an RPG-2 was fired from about 20 metres into the trees above us and a second AK-47 was fired from further to the E

f. The right flank M60 opened fire and the En ceased fire.

g. Three casualties were inflicted on the platoon.

h. These were withdrawn to the centre and treated by the Pl medic.

i. Arty was fired to the N directed by the MFC.

j. A quick check of the contact area revealed drag marks and a blood trail.

k. The claymores were retrieved and the Pl secured an area for Dustoff about 150 metres to the S

l. After Dustoff, gunships were used (mainly on their suggestion) to neutralize the area of contact.

m. The Pl was suitably impressed by their display.

9. Terrain - mainly primary jungle with patches of thick secondary growth. Visibility 15 - 20 metres.

10. Distance to which en first sighted - 10 metres.

11. En first seen by MG No. 2

12. Soldier was on sentry on the M60

13. En was noticed because of movement.

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strength

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14. Strength - 3plus, possibly a squad.

15. M60 fired first Range 10 metres.

16. Section weapons fired - M60's SLR's M16's

17. En reaction - Returned fire wuth RPG's and AK's.

18. Section reactions - Return fire into area of contact

19/ 1 en WIA (blood trail)

20. Caused by M60

21. Own casualties 3 WIA

22. Caused by AK-47

23. Ammunition expended - 500 x M60, 100x M16, 20 x SLR

24. No documents or weapons were captured.

25. Lessons learnt.

a. At the time of the action 10 members of my Pl had very bad coughs.

b. I suspect the en knew we were in the area due to two previous contacts and had come looking with evil thoughts in their minds.

c. I also believe they did not realise we were a Pl size group.

d. Although we had moved since the first two contacts the en were able to locate us again due to our coughers.

26. Other points-
a. The miniguns on the gunships gave a tremendous volume of suppressive fire for area neutralization.

b. the gunships were also a good morale booster for the ground troops.

27. N/A

28. N/A

29. Ammunition expenditure - LFT - 4 passes, 105 mm 30 HE, 500 x M60, 100 x M16, 20 x SLR

30. Nil comments.

(G.J.Dunlop)
Lt.
Pl Comd 4 Pl

(R.E.Harring)
Maj
OC B Coy 5 RAR

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CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

I. Op "ESSO" (Att to ARVN).

2. Report by 34II264 Sgt A.B. McNULTY.

3. Elements of 3Pl A Coy 5 RAR.

4. IO Aust, 55 ARVN (I Coy 2/52 ARVN).

5. I4I5 hrs, 24 Jun 69, Duration 20 mins.

6. YS552588.

7. To advise ARVN on ambush techniques.

8. Coy set up an ambush on a well used track, en moved along beside track, coming from the east, the ARVN opened up on the two leading en and dropped them, the rest of the VC opened up with AK47s and RPGs and then withdrew east, with the bodies. Arty was called in and a sweep of the area found blood trails and IxM26 grenade, and I home made grenade and I raincoat. The ARVN suffered I KIA IWIA

9. Thick secondry growth, vis was 50 metres.

I0. 60 metres.

II. ARVN.

I2. Watching.

I3. Mov.

I4. I0 men local wearing black pyjamas.

I5. ARVN 25 metres.

I6. M60 and MI6.

I7. Return fire.

I8. Pour more rounds into the area.

I9. 2 KIA Possible.

20. M60.

2I. I KIA, I WIA.

22. RPG.

23. 200 x M60, 150 x M16, 30 x 105mm.

24. 1 x M26 grenade, 1 home made grenade, 1 raincoat.

25. ARVN must put more fire into the area after contact has been made. Must pass info back to the comd.

26. Nil.

27-28. Not applicable.

29. 200 x M60, 150 x M16, 30 x 105mm.

Coy comds commenents.

30. No comments.

12 Jul 69

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(A.B. McNULTY)
Sgt
Pl Sgt 3Pl

12 Jul 69

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(R.F. SUTTON)
Maj
CO A Coy 5 RAR

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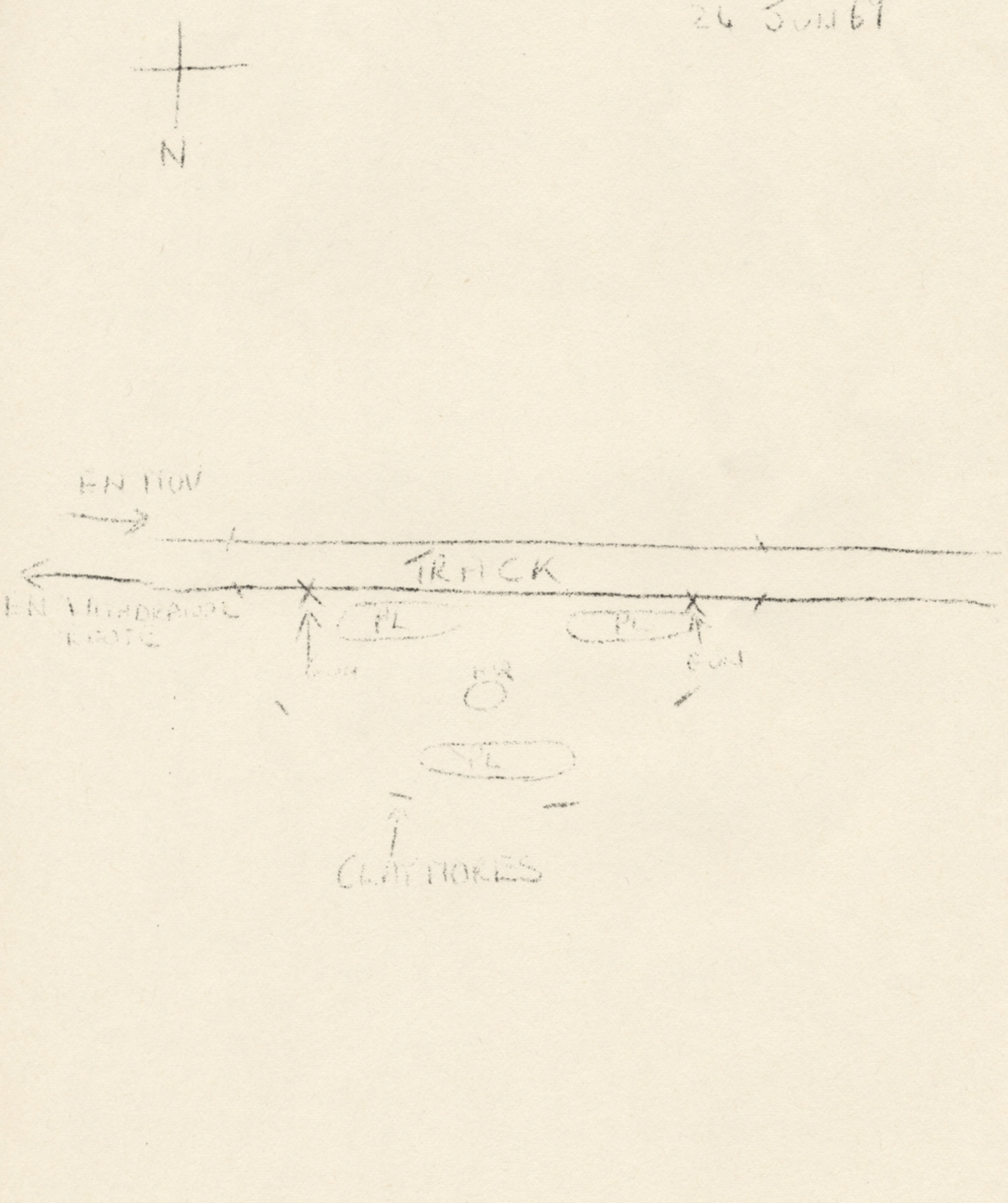
TRACE 'P' TO
HEIGHT ACTION RD. 1/25,000
YS 552586
26 JUN 69



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1. Op "ESSO" (Att to ARVN).
2. Report by 3411264 Sgt A.B. McNULTY.
3. Elements of 3Pl A Coy 5 RAR.
4. 10 Aust 55 ARVN (1 Coy 2/52 ARVN).
5. 1650 hrs 24Jun 69 duration 3 hrs.
6. YS553588.
7. To advise ARVN on ambush techniques.
8. Coy had just completed dust off, and the Coy was starting to move, looking for another ambush site, when they were fired on by a Pl of VC. The Coy returned fire and the VC were pouring hy AK47s, M79 and RPGs into the area. We tried to get the Coy to re-deploy into their old posn, as the VC had hooked right around us and still pouring hy fire into the area from all dir this was made hard, as any noise was rewarded with RPG fire. Lack of comms made it harder as we could not get any arty down on the en.
We finally got comms with ossum and we were relaying through him, after arty and two li fire teams were brought in, the en withdrew west, seeing it was getting late and we suffered 7 WIA we decided to reorganise where we were and dug inand prepared for the ni.
9. Thick secondry growth, vis 30 metres.
10. 20 metres.
11. Scout (ARVN).
12. Laying down.
13. Mov.
14. 30 - 50 men Main Force. Dress greens and black pyjamas.
15. VC 15 metres.
16. M60 and M16.
17. Deploy and returned fire.
19. 2 BC, 6KIA possible, many blood trails.
20. SA fire (M16 M60) gunships, Arty.
21. 7 WIA.
22. RPGs.
23. 400 x M60, 200xM16, 2 Li fire teams, 300x Arty.
24. AK47s Mags, Bush hat.
25. Main force, reaction is fast as they were heard to shout "Assault Assualt" en hooked around all sides and attempted to stay in close probably to avoid hy Arty being brought in, but li fire teams were brought into 25 metres with accurate fire. Lot of smoke must be carried to mark posns.
26. Nil.
27-28. Not applicable.

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29. 400 x M60, 200 x M16, 300 x 105mm, 2 Li fire teams complte ammo load.

Coy Comds Comments

30. No Comments.

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(A.B. McNULTY)
Sgt
Pl Sgt 3Pl

12 Jul 69

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(R.F. SUTTON)
Maj
CO A Coy 5 RAR

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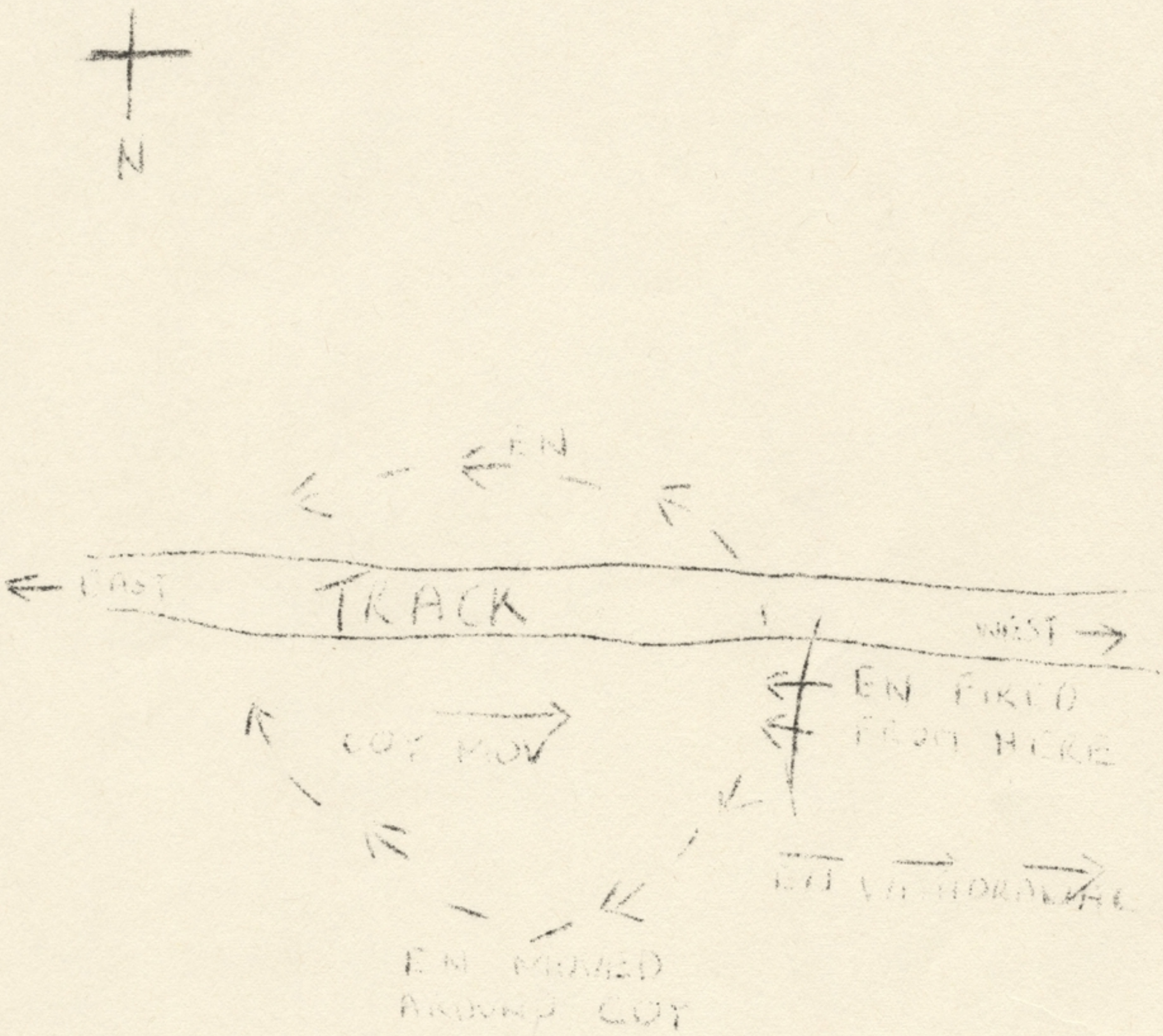
FIRE ACTION REPORT
YS 563586
24 JUN 69



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C Coy 5 RAR
AP AN PHU

26 Jul 69

CO 5 RAR

CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

PART 1

1. Op "ESSO"

2. 215832 Lt B. THRIPP

3. 8 Pl C Coy 5 RAR

4. 6.

5. 26 Jun 69 1245 hrs 15 minutes.

6. Grid 326668

7. Recce Ptl

8. A recce ptl was sent from a firm base (Pl) to locate a suitable ambush site in the area 326668. As the ptl approached the posn, a number of old en bunkers were located. A path ran through the system, and as a consequence, sentries were placed out and the ptl deployed. As the last man went to ground, the enemy sign was given by a sentry, and 15 seconds later, 1 en appeared followed by a number of others. The en was engaged by small arms fire and fell mortally wounded. The en deployed to the left flank with the intention of retrieving the body. However, they withdrew when engaged by M79 fire and later by HE (Arty).

9. Foothills, rocky, open.

10. 20 feet.

11. Sentry

12. Piquet

13. Movement.

14. 6 - 9 local

15. Sentry

16. Armalite, SLR, M79.

17. Deploy and counter attack to left flank.

18. Deploy into old en bunkers.

19. 1 KIA (BC) 2 WIA

20. KIA - armalite, 2 WIA - M79.

21. Nil

22. Not applicable (N/A)

23. 100 Armalite
20 SLR
10 M79
1 Arty (HE)

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24. 1 x 7.92 French sub machine gun with folding stock.

25. Maps should be hidden during contact as they draw the enemy's fire.

26. Enemy weapon was unloaded.

PART 2

27. Pl Comd commanded this recce ptl.

28. Remainder of Pl moved up to join ptl.

29.

100	Armalite
20	SLR
10	M79
15	Arty (HE)

(B. Thripp)
Lt
OC 8 Pl C Coy

PART 3

30. The ptl comd had difficulty calling down Arty because the enemy prevented him using his map (hit by fire). However the OC arranged for a round to be put well to the EAST which was then adjusted in the normal manner.

for (C.H. Ducker)
Maj
OC C Coy

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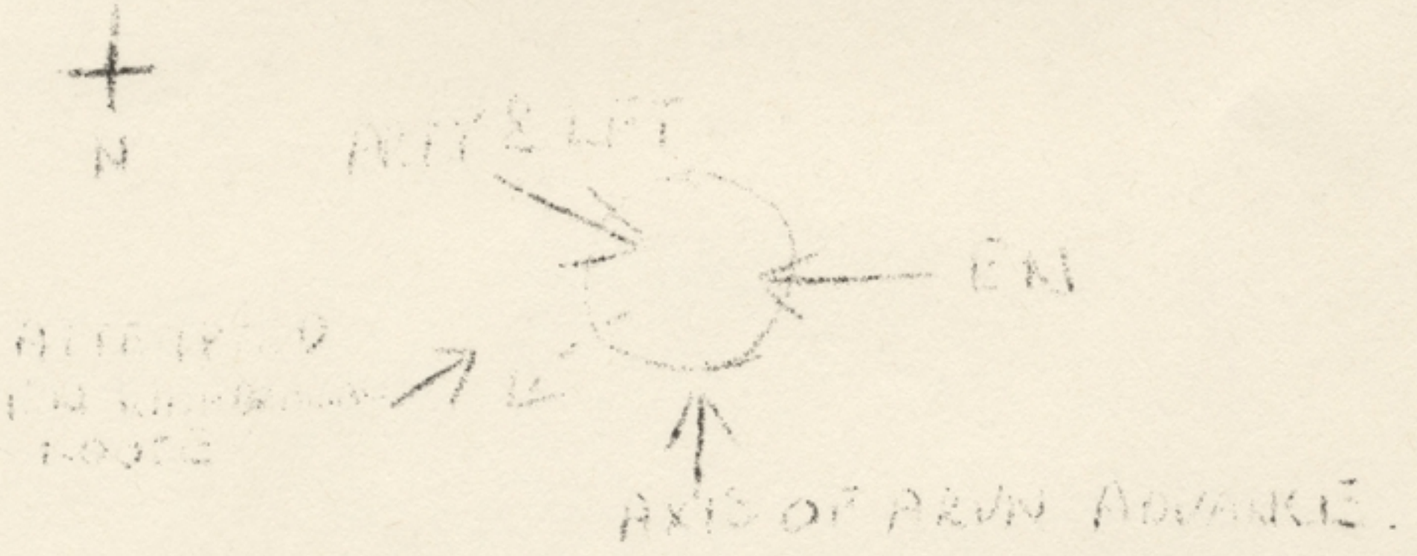
CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Op "ESSO" (Att to ARVN).
2. Report by 1202008 Cpl P.E. MEOKENSTOCK.
3. 3Pl A Coy 5 RAR.
4. Str 5 Aust, 1 US, 53 ARVN.
5. 1945 hrs on 26 Jun 69 duration 1 hr.
6. YS565606.
7. Advise 3rd Coy 2/52 ARVN.
8. Coy was moving SE, the fwd elements contacted 2 en in fighting pit. En were killed and docus taken from bodies. En counter attacked sp by hy SA fire and RPGs and recovered the bodies, Arty was called onto en posn. En tried to withdraw on left flank of ARVN posn, ARVN SA fire forced en back into Arty which was landing 75 to 100 metres from the perimiter. Arty was lifted and Li fire team called in. At this stage en tried to break contact there was great confusion amongst them ie, screaming and shouts of "What will we do". Li fire team was still engaging en continually.

From trails found after contact it appears they split into small groups and withdrew in all dir. Upon constructing events after contact and inspecting capture eqpt, it appeared contact was made as en was moving into bunker system probably carrying wounded.



9. Flat med vegetation, vis 30 metres.
10. 10 metres.
11. ARVN scout.
12. Scouting.
13. Mov.
14. Pl plus (30-40) Main-Regional wearing green with webbing and black pyjamas.
15. ARVN 10 metres.
16. M16, M60, M79, M26.
17. Return fire and counter attack.

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18. Return fire.

19. 2 KIA (BC) 6 KIA (possible).

20. M16, Arty, Li fire Team.

21. 1 KIA, 5 WIA (ARVN).

22. M16 SA, RPG.

23. 1000 x M16, 800 x M60, 40 x M79, 5xM26 grenades.

24. Assorted docus and med supplies, 1 x RPG2 Launcher, 2 x RPG2 Rkts; 1 x RPG rkt, 1 x AK47, 5 x Ak47 mags loaded, 3 sets webbing, 1 pack, 1 x chicom grenade, 2 x french grenades, 1 VC flag with battle honours.

25. More aggresive fol up by ARVN should have been carried out. In hy contact Arty and Li fire team must be called in as close as possible.

26. Nil.

27-28. Not applicable.

29. 1000 x M16, 800 x M60, 40 x M79, 5 x M26, All ammo Li fire Team, 90 x 105mm.

Coy Comds Comments.

30. No Comments.

12 Jul 69

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(P.E. MECKENSTOCK)
Cpl
9 Sect 3Pl A Coy

12 Jul 69

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(R.F. SUTTON)
Maj
CO A Coy 5 RAR.

C Coy 5 RAR
AP AN PHU

22 Jul 69

CO 5 RAR

CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Op "ESSO"

2. Report by 2784009 2Lt R.A. LAMBERT.

3. 9 Pl C Coy 5 RAR.

4. 25 (11 men from Coy HQ were also located with 9 Pl)

5. 26 Jun 69 2230 hours Duration of 2 hrs with sporadic neutralizing fire until first light to prevent enemy retreiving bodies and their movement around flanks.

6. Grid 325675

7. Ambush

8. The pl was deployed together with Coy HQ (-) on slightly rising ground overlooking a well worn foot pad. Two M60s were sighted to fire enfilade on each flank of the killing ground with the other wpn pits distributed across the frontage and to the flanks. Another M60 was sighted in as rear protection. Six claymores were sighted in the killing ground and four to either flank. At approx 2230 hours a number of en were heard to approach after being initially detected due to the use of a torch. The right fwd MG pit waited until the en, whose number they were unsure of, had moved into the killing ground and two claymores were detonated, followed shortly by a third and the MG. The fwd wpn pits opened fire into the killing ground, and ceased fire on my command. One or two en, who were probably wounded, began to call out and give instructions. This continued until the early hours of the morning when all noise from the killing ground ceased. During this total period, Arty was used in cut-off role as well as covering the flanks. At first light a sweep of the area to the flanks and rear of the ambush was conducted by the rear section. During this sweep, the left flank MG pit indicated that there was one en to his left, and that he was still alive, having crawled about 25 metres from the killing ground during the night. After checking the five bodies on the track, we closed on the wounded man with the intention of withdrawing him into the perimeter of the ambush. However, he died due to his extensive internal wounds as we moved towards the ambush site. Before he died, the en was questioned by an interpreter and he indicated that his group was 14 strong, and that he was the squad leader (promoted 8 Jun). Both he and one other were identified as belonging to C41 and that the group had been heading for the village of PHUOC HOA. The bodies were searched and all wpns, docus and packs were recovered before the ambush was lifted at 1200 hours.

9. The terrain consisted of primary jungle with visibility restr to about 20 - 30 metres. However, the ambush was sited on ground which was largely clear to the foot pad, with thick growth to the flanks, and rear of the killing ground. Visibility from the fwd pits to the foot pad was 15 - 20 metres with a clear view of the killing ground.

10. 25 metres the torch light was sighted.

11. Right fwd MG No and his No 2, Pte DWYER and Pte PHILLIPS.

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12. Acting as sentries on the right flank MG.

13. A torch being used by one of the fwd numbers of the group.

14. Estimated 9 - 14 local force VC.

15. Two claymores sprung the ambush from the right MG pit, followed by a third from the right centre pit. Range 15 feet.

16. M60, M16, SLR, M79, Claymores.

17. Those in the ambush forced to ground, those not caught dropped packs and fled through the scrub.

18. Pl stood tc, small arms fire was put into the killing ground.

19. 6 KIA, possibly 2 WIA, 2 drag marks found next day at 326677.

20. Claymore, M 60, M16, SLR, M26, M79 Buckshot.

21. Nil.

22. Not applicable (N/A).

23.

Claymore	-	3
M60	-	400 rounds
M16	-	340 "
SLR	-	160 "
M79	-	3 Buckshot, 2 HE.
M26	-	5
Arty	-	60 rounds (approx)

24. Docus identifying C41 (plus members of a medical group) were recovered as well as other relevant docus and packs. 2 SKS rifles and 2 M1 Carbines were captured.

25. a. It is essential that claymores are sited to cover the killing ground entirely, and particularly the approaches to it, in order to kill anyone not caught in the actual killing ground, who are attempting escape.

b. Illumination of the killing ground is necessary after springing in order to locate specific tgts for small arms and to facilitate a quick body count. This may be achieved by use of the M flare set in a tree or at ground level, and activated by cord to the comd's pit.

26. Five M26 were thrown into the killing ground, two of which exploded. All pins and tapes had been removed before use. Two were located the following morning, the lever had sprung and the det cap tripped, but the dets must have been faulty. Two M79 HE were fired, but also failed to explode. This was probably due to the distance involved, and the grenade not arming.

PART 2

27 to 29. N/A.

PART 3

(R.A. Lambert)
2Lt
OC 9 Pl C Coy

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PART 3

30. a. 9 Pl showed that it is possible to conduct a good ambush in addition to being allocated with Coy HQ.

b. The Pl comd decided to dig in. This made noise at the time, but proved invaluable when calling in Arty fire after the initial contact. Arty was brought to within 180 metres (using a relay station).

c. This successful ambush proved the value of sending a rifle Coy into an area it knows well from a previous operation. When 8 Pl had a contact the previous day (warning the en), I knew exactly which track the enemy would subsequently use to withdraw from the camp at 328671.

for (C.H. Dacker)
Maj
OC C Coy

Annex: A. Layout of Ambush.

CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Op "ESSO" (Att to ARVN)
2. Report by 55I59 Cpl M.A. DENCH.
3. 7 Sect 3Pl A Coy 5 RAR.
4. II Aust + IPl 2nd Coy 2/52 ARVN.
5. I4I5 hrs 27 Jun 69, duration 45 mins.
6. YS562600 (Xuyen Moc I/5000).
7. RIF and ambush, 7 sect advising.
8. Ipl was investigating fresh track and voices heard east of axis of advance when point man saw 3 VC, the ARVN soldier fired and the VC withdrew SE, this incident occured in a bunker system, I5 bunkers approx.
9. Thick jungle, vis 40 metres approx.
10. 40 metres.
11. Scout (ARVN).
12. Investigating voices.
13. Mov and talking.
14. 3 Main, greens and khaki and carrying packs.
15. ARVN, 40 metres approx.
16. I x MI6.
17. Withdrew SE.
18. Pulled back.
19. Nil.
20. Not applicable.
21. Nil.
22. Not applicable.
23. 20 x MI6.
24. Not applicable.
25. Time lost getting sweep into motion lost initiative. Coy comd knew job but NCOs/Pl leaders slow in responding to orders. Arty and lt fire team impressing but negative results. If same sit was confronted by Aust ptl same course of action would have netted better results.
26. Nil.
27. 7 Sect was att to 2nd Coy 2/52 ARVN in an advisory capocity.
28. Not applicable
29. 20 x I05mm, Li fire Team 50% of all their ammo, 20 x MI6.

Coy Comds Comments.

30. No comments.

12 Jul 69

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(M.A. DENCH)
Cpl
7 Sect Comd

12 Jul 69

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(R.F. SUTTON)
Maj
CO A Coy

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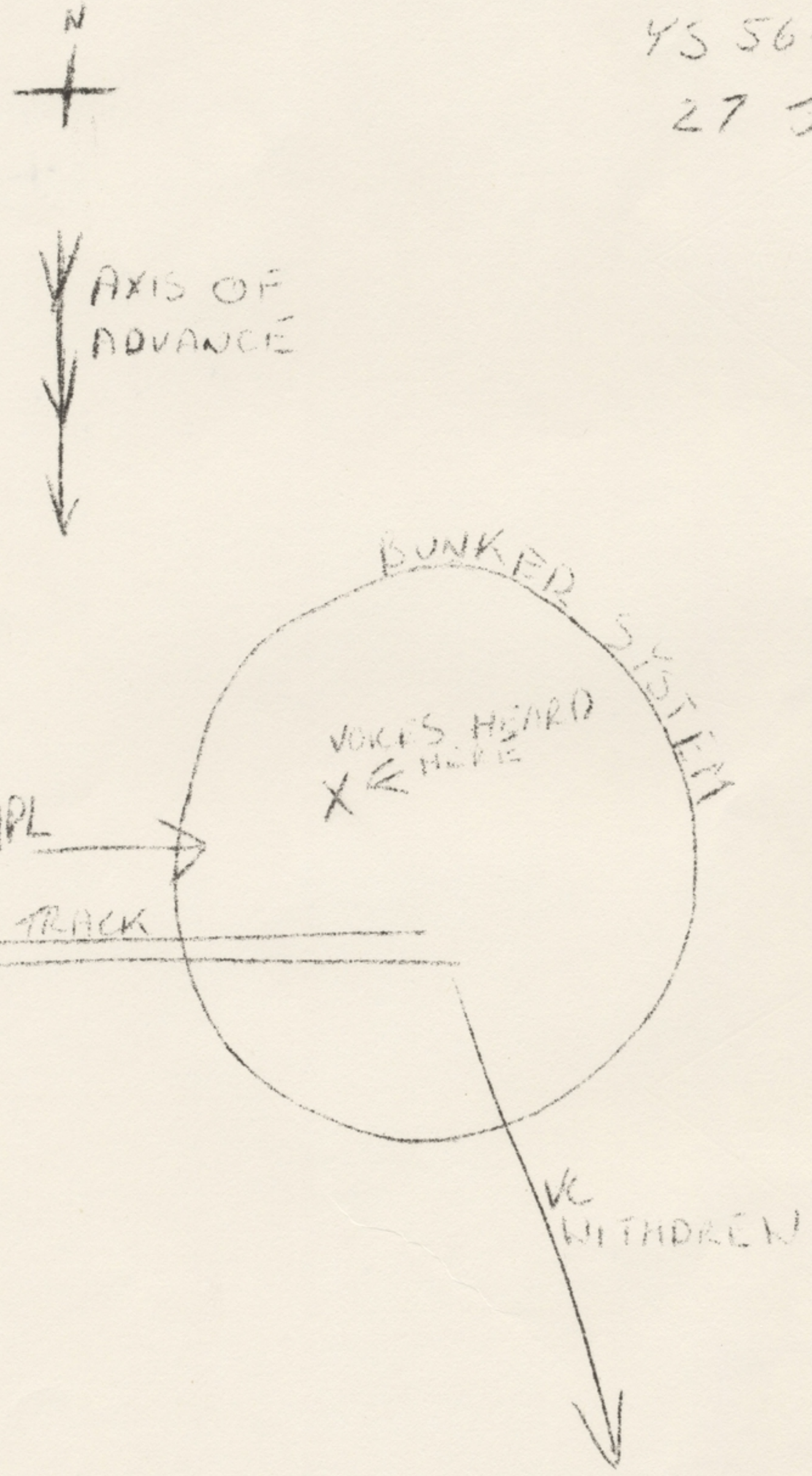
TRACE "P" TO
AFTER ACTION REPORT
YS 562600
27 JUN 69



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CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

Part I.

I. Op "ESSO".

2. Report by 29730 Sgt B.A. ROGERS.

3. 2Pl A Coy 5 RAR.

4. Str 20.

5. 28 Jun 69, Duration 30 mins, at I945 hrs.
28 Jun 69, Duration 30 mins, at 2220 hrs.

6. YS486524.

7. Task to ambush at suitable loc in area of above loc.

8. The ptl moved into an ambush posn at approx I800 hrs. At I945 hrs Lcpl L.R. WILLIAMS reported to me that he could see the silhouetes of I0 people I50 metres out moving from south to north accross our front, I could just make out their forms in the failing light, but declined to fire in the hope that they would come nearer and asked for illumination to stand by. The en however kept moving further away, and so I moved ¾ of my call sign approx 50 metres into the paddy fd, abreast behind a bund, By this stage the en were barely visible and approx I50 metres from us. I then called for illumination, but failed to receive it and so had to fire blindly into them with the aid of M79 illumination which was not really effective. I thought I saw mov to our right from en, myself and Pte W.K. KRUGER moved out to investigate (approx I00 metres) but found nothing. We then moved back into our ambush site(2020 hrs) as I was against sweeping over open ground at night, and one member had already been hit, and we had recieved M79 and MI6 fire. I then requested that illumination be kept up during the night, in the hope that this would deny the en from moving back into the area under cover of darkness and recovering any bodies or eqpt they may have been forced to leave behind. At 20I5 hrs an illumination round lit up the area and Cpl N.J. PECK sighted and fired upon two en moving at a crouch away to the north east at a distance of approx I50-200 metres. The remainder of the Pl then fired into the general area again. At this time more SA fire and I x RPG rkt was fired at us from our right front (SE). The RPG landed about 20-25 metres to our right rear. I thought I saw the flash from the RPG being fired and so took an M72 to return fire, but was hampered by bamboo clumps. I then moved approx 75 metres into the paddy fd to get a clean shot and fired into the general area.

Once again I declined to sweep the area at night, illumination was kept up at ½ hr intervals during the ni, but no further sightings were noted. At first light we swept the area and found spent M79 and MI6 shells. No sign of bllod was found, but this would be due to the water logged fds and rain during the ni. We did however find the posn in which they hid behind the bunds during the contact, and also the track they used moving from the fire trail into the paddy. In my opinion the en came from the HON VUNG hills or down the far side of the fire trail from the NUI DIEN BA hills.

I also think the the en dislike moving in the rain as much as we do, and if it had not been for the rain two hrs earlier, we would have caught the during day light, and the results would have been very different.

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9. Secondary jungle from line north-south to west.
Open paddy fd from line north-south to east.
I5 metres visibility to west. I500 metres visibility to east.

I0. I50 metres.

II. Lcpl L.R. WILLIAMS.

I2. Gun Picquet.

I3. Mov across open paddy fd.

I4. I0 (Type unknown due to failing light).

I5. Own tps.

I6. All (Less claymores).

I7. Went to ground behind paddy bunds and returned fire with M79 and MI6 and later RPG round.

I8. Kept up continuos fire in en dir.

I9. Unknown.

20. Not applicable.

2I. Pte P.D. HEENAN WIA, shrapenal bicept right arm. Remained on duty.

22. M79 HE.

23. I300 x 7.62. 80 x 7.62 link. 250 x 5.56 ball. 36 x M79 HE. I x M72.

24. Nil.

25. Starlight scope woulsd have been invaluable. Silent pre recording on illumination as well as HE would have resulted in bodies.

26. Nil.

Part 2.

27. Not applicable.

28. As in para 8 part I.

29. As in para 23 part I, plus I0 x 8Imm Mor HE. 20 x I05mm illumination. 6 x 8Imm illumination.

Coy Comds comments.

30. The en were too far away for results to be obtained.
Starlight scopes were taken out on future ambushes.

Jul 69

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(B.A. ROGERS)
Sgt
2Pl

Jul 69

.....
(R.F. SUTTON)
Maj
CO A Coy 5 RAR

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TRACE 'P' TO
CONTACT AFTER ACTION
YSL 86524
28 JUN 69

N

KNOWN MINE
FD

OPEN ROOF FDs

JUNGLE

EN FIRED
UPON

2 EN SEEN
2340 HRS

10/9 - M16 SHELLS

FIRE TRAIL

SCRUB 4'-6' HIGH

EN FLED
SEEN

JUNGLE

HIAU VUNG HILLS

LEGEND

- - - - - - PL FOUND ON FIRING
[X] AMBUSH SITE
- - - - ● RETURN PL
. . . . . PROBABLE EN PATH
(X) RPG 2 M72 LAUNCH SITE

CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

I. Op "ESSO"

2. Report by 2I72IO 2Lt R.A. BRETT.

3. 2Pl A Coy 5 RAR.

4. Str 24.

5. 02I7IOH Duration 25 mins.

6. YS49I5I9

7. Moving to ambush posn.

8. The Pl was moving south and had just come out of a paddy area into low scrub. I was just about to stop for a smoke break when automatic fire came from the rear of the Pl, I was then info that 4 sect who were last were being fired on by I - 2 en with AKs, 4 sect returned fire and I dir 5 sect to sweep back as a counter ambush. As they started to move the lead sect, six sect, came under hy M79 fire from higher up the feature which dominated us.

6 sect engaged this while 5 sectncont its sweep in front of 4 sect. I dir 5 sect to do the sweep rather than push 4 sect straight in as 4 sect would have had to cross approx 50 metres of open ground where as 5 sect were already in thicker and more protected ground. On the sweep of the posn the en had fired from was found with a number of spent AK 47 rounds. A small trail and blood trail lead from the posn but was lost after approx 20 metres.

I did not push the search any further as there was a known mine fd in the area, for the same reason I did not fol up the area in which the M79 fire came from. The pl then reorganised and moved on to our ambush posn.

9. Paddy to the East and North, Long Hais to the West and scattered scrub to the South, vis 20 - I00 metres.

IO. Not seen.

II. Not Applicable.

I2.

I3. They opened fire on us.

I4. Unknown.

I5. En fired first, 30 metres.

I6. All sect wpns returned fire.

I7. Kept up fire.

I8. Returned fire, moved on counter ambush.

I9. I en WIA (Blood trail).

20. Not known.

2I. Nil.

22. Not applicable.

23, 400 x 7.62 link, 30 x 7.62, I00 x 5.56, I2 x M79.

24. Nil.

25. Nil.

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26. This was the fourth time in four days that the pl had been sent to the same ambush spot at approx the same time each day.
In my opinion it was only because of bad initial firing by the en and good reaction and return of fire by the pl that we suffered no caualties. The en may not have seen us the last three times but I see no need to tempt them.

27. As per serial eight.

28. As per serial eight.

29. Serial 23 plus 3 rounds Arty.

Coy Comds Comments.

30. The pl comds comments make good sense.

12 Jul 69

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(R.A. BRETT)
2Lt
OC 2Pl

12 Jul 69

.....
(R.F. SUTTON)
Maj
CO A Coy

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D Coy
5 RAR
NUI DAT VIETA

20 Jul 69

5 RAR

COMBAT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Op. Op ESSO.

2. Report by. Cpl BJ Bamblett.

3. Unit. 1 Sect, 10 Pl D Coy, 5 RAR.

4. Str. 1 Sect 7 men. 10 Pl 22 men.

5. Date/time of action. 051500 H Jul 69.

6. Location. YS 349643.

7. Tasks. Securing LZ.

8. Description of action. See attached Annex A.

9. Description of Terrain. Secondary growth with thick bamboo, visability 10 feet.

10. Distance to en when first sighted. 6 ft.

11. Which soldier first saw en. Sentry Pte Partridge.

12. What was soldier doing. Normal sentry duty.

13. What caused en to be noticed. Initially noise then hand appearing over a log.

14. VC Str and type. 3 local force dressed in blue trousers and black shirt

15. Who fired first. Sentry at a range of 6 feet.

16. What sect wpns fired. All personal wpns.

17. What was en's immediate reaction. First en died instantly, other two withdrew into dead ground and fired one . RPG 2 round into trees overhead.

18. What was Pl's immediate reaction. Returned fire into area of contact after the two sentries had returned.

19. What was en cas. 1 KIA, 1 WIA.

20. Caused by. KIA by , M16. WIA unknown.

21. Friendly cas. 1 WIA (slight wound to right forearm.

22. Caused by. RPG 2.

23. Ammo expenditure. 150 7.62mm link, 200 5.56mm ball, 100 7.62mm ball.

24. Docus/wpns captured. 1 Chicom 7.62mm SMG and notebook and letters.

25. Lessons learnt. The main lesson learnt is that the en, having heard noise on track ahead, carried out a flanking movement with their RPG 2 loaded.

26. Other points. Nil.

/27.

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27. Pl Comd's Comments. When section was contacted I was about 20 metres away deploying the remainder of the pl. Also coy H_q was in my loc. The sect used fire and movement to wdr to my loc after the RPG 2 was fired. I then got the above information from the comd 1 sect.

28. Description of Pl's actions. Using one of my other sects with 1 sect in reserve I used fire and movement to move back out of the contact area as the packs from 1 sect were still there. Having got there I consolidated the two sects and then swept the contact posn. 1 en KIA and a blood trail were found. The bloodtrail was lost in thick bamboo. During all the above action my third section remained where it was as shown in Annex A.

29. Ammo expenditure. As for para 23 plus 20 x 105mm on escape route.

30 Comments by OC.

a. I believe en heard us and were trying to by pass our loc.

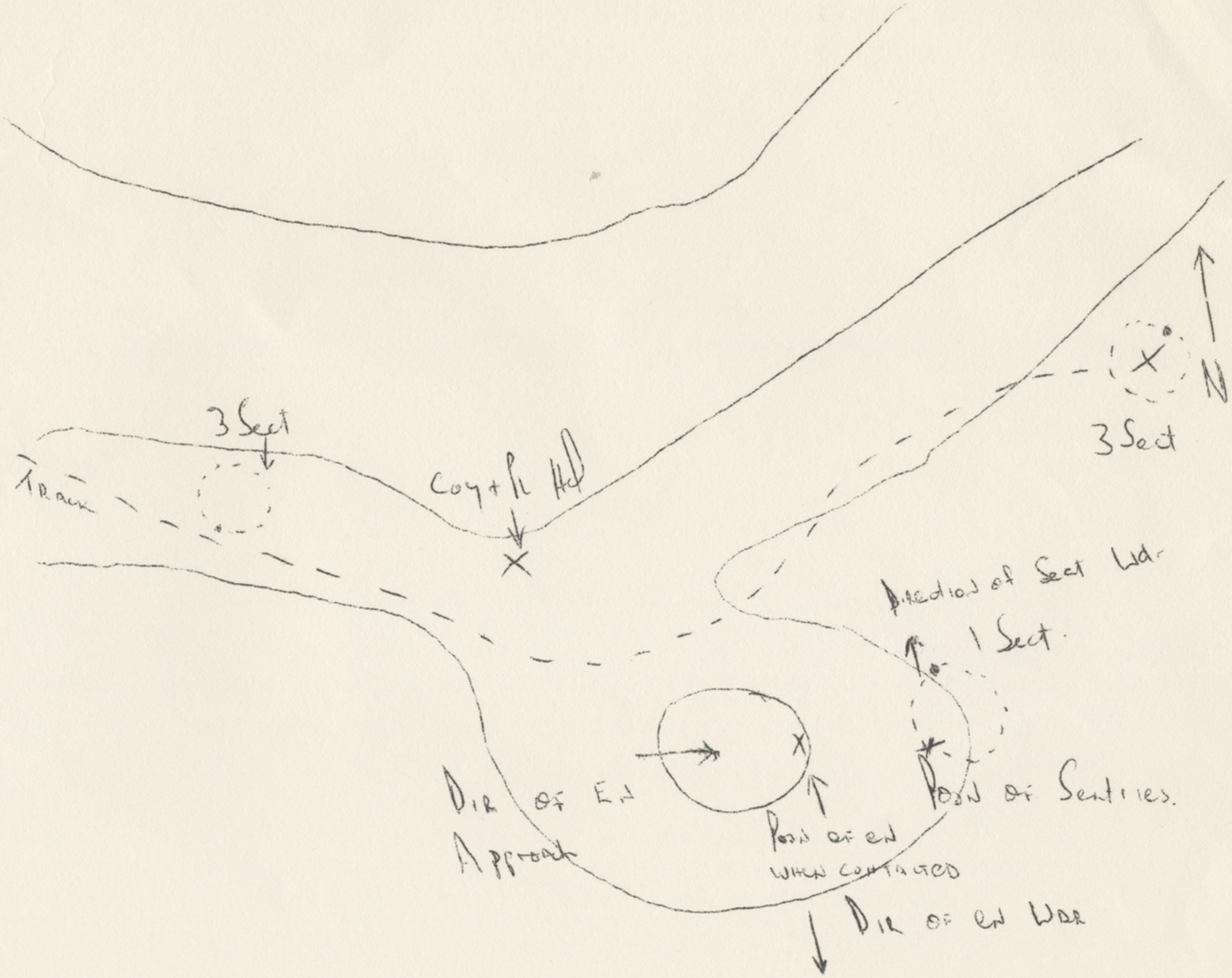
b. Once again the RPG was not the forward weapon but used once loc of our MG exposed.

c. The pl succeeded through sound security at the halt.

(P. Joyce)
OC 10 Pl

(M. P. Blake)
Maj
OC D Coy 5 RAR

Annex A to
After Action Report
CPL BJ Bamblett
Contact 051500H July



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D Coy
5 RAR
NUI DAT VISTA

20 Jul 69

5 RAR

CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Op. Op ESSO.

2. Report by. 217893 Sgt WT WARD.

3. Unit. 12 Pl D Coy 5 RAR.

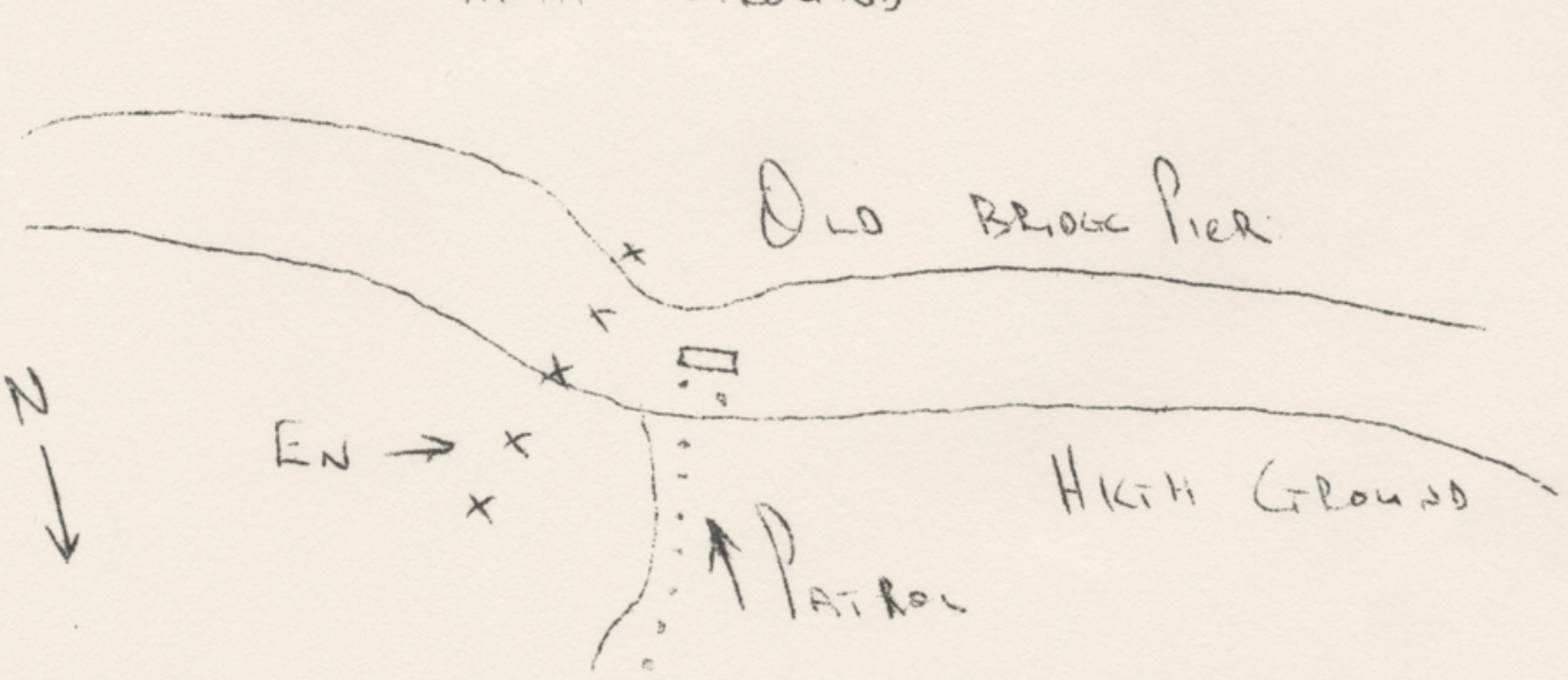
4. Str. 1 and 8.

5. Date/time/duration of action. 071100H Jul 69. 2 - 3 minutes duration.

6. Location. YS 336640.

7. Tasks. Section recce..

8. Description of action. The patrol was travelling from the north on the western side of the minor creek, as the first two members of the patrol entered the creek junction, two enemy were sighted by the second and third men of the patrol, crossing the main creek in the same direction as the patrol but about 25 metres to our east, we immediately opened fire and two of the enemy crossed the creek and moved south while two or three of the others about turned and headed off in a north to north east direction. The section then consolidated its position and awaited the arrival of the rest of the platoon.



9. Description of terrain. High ground all around, visability along route very poor, along main creek visability about 30 metres to the west, 50 - 60 metres to the east.

10. Distance to en when first sighted. 25 metres.

11. Which soldier first saw en. Patrol commander and section commander, travelling third and second respectively.

12. What were soldiers doing. About to cross a creek.

13. What caused en to be noticed. Movement.

14. VC Str and type. 4 - 5 main force.

15. Who fired first. patrol commander from a range of 25 metres.

16. What section wpns fired. SLR and M16.

/17.

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17. What was en's immediate reaction. Scattered and returned fire.

18. What was sect's immediate reaction. Gun to high ground, leading elms engaged enemy.

19. En cas. 1 WIA (Blood trail.)

20. Caused by. M16.

21. Own cas. Nil.

22. Caused by. Not applicable.

23. Ammo expenditure. 5 x 7.62mm, 50 x 5.56.

24. Docus/wpns captured. Nil.

25. Lessons learnt. Silence is golden.

26. Other points. Enemy was very quick to disperse when fired on and did not have any great attempt to continue to fight.

27-29. Omitted.

30. OCs Comments. The ptl did well in a difficult moving encounter.

(W. T. Ward)
Sgt
12 Pl D Coy

(M. P. Blake)
Maj
OC D Coy 5 RAR

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5 RAR
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5 RAR

AFTER ACTION REPORT - COMBAT

1. Op. Op ESSO.

2. Report by. Cpl BJ Bamblett.

3. Unit. 1 sect, 10 Pl, D Coy, 5 RAR.

4. Str of platoon in contact. 20 men.

5. Date/time of action. 080745 H Jul 69.

6. Loc. YS 331638.

7. Tasks. Harbour during movement to ambush position.

8. Description of action. One enemy approached pl position between the sentry and the gun. The sentry turned around and shot and killed him. Diagram attached as Annex A.

9. Description of Terrain. Thickly bambooed river bank. Visability up to 20 metres in places depending on position of bamboo clumps.

10. Distance to en when first sighted. 15 metres.

11. Which soldier first saw en. Pte DJ Partridge.

12. What was soldier doing. Normal sentry duty.

13. What caused en to be noticed. Noise and movement in bamboo.

14. VC Str/type/dress. 1 Local, dressed in green shirt blue trousers.

15. Who fired first. Sentry at a range of 15 metres.

16. What sect wpns fired. M16 initially and M60 to clear area by fire.

17. What was en's immediate reaction. Died.

18. What was Pl's immediate reaction. Stood to.

19. En Cas. 1 KIA.

20. Caused by. M16.

21 Own Cas. Nil.

22. Caused by. Not applicable.

23. Ammo expenditure. Negligable.

24. Docus/wpns captured. One Chicom 7.62mm SMG and pack containing diary.

25. Sentries must also pay attention to area behind him as well as to the front, as Pte Partridge had done.

26. Other points. Nil.

27. Pl Comd's Comments. At the time of contact I was away up above the pl posn with a small party trying to get comms with CHQ. My pl sgt was in charge of pl at time of contact. I was told of the above action on my return some 30 mins later.

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28. Description of Pl actions. Pl stood to til my return then moved off to complete ou original task of ambushing.

29. As for para 23.

30. OC's Comments. Of interest to note the en was not moving on a track. Again the value of an alert sentry is proven.

(P. Joyce)
OC 10 Pl

(M. P. Blake)
Maj
OC D Coy 5 RAR

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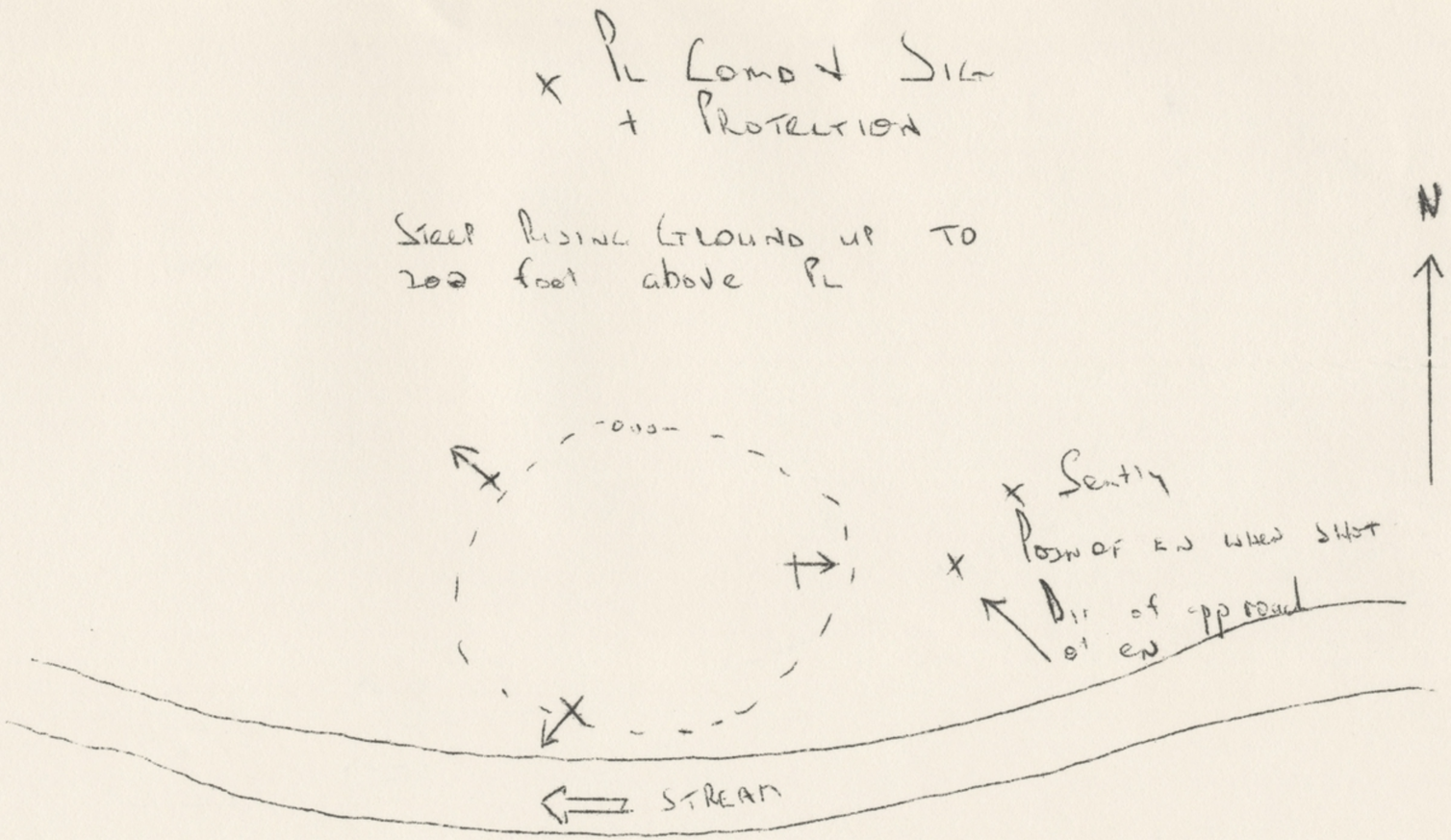
ANNEX A TO
AFTER ACTION REPORT
CPL BS BAMBLETT



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D Coy
5 RAR
NUI DAT VISTA
20 Jul 69

5 RAR

CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Op. Op ESSO.

2. Report by. 54326 Sgt AE Jackson.

3. Unit. 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR.

4. Str of Pl in contact. 28.

5. Date/time/duration of contact. 090715 H Jul 69. 10 minutes duration.

6. Location. 331655.

7. Pl tasks. Attack en camp by fire to drive en out of area into blocking force.

8. Description of action. At approx 1100 hrs on 8 Jul 69 while 11 Pl were moving to an ambush position noises were heard down a re entrant at grid 331655. A recce discovered it was an en camp of approx 20 - 30 en incl women and children - at 0715 hrs on the 9 Jul 69 11 Pl were in a position to fire into the camp with a view to drive the enemy out and into blocking forces covering the tracks below the camp. Once firing started en were confused and taken by surprise and moved out of the area very quickly leaving most of their equipment and stores.

9. Description of terrain. Very steep and rocky.

10. Distance to en when first sighted. Heard at approx 50 metres.

11. Which soldier first saw en. Heard by fwd scout.

12. What was soldier doing. Fwd scout for pl.

13. What caused en to be noticed. Noise.

14. VC Str and type local dressed in green and black pyjamas.

15. Who fired first. 11 Pl at a range of 35 - 50 metres.

16. What sect wpns fired. All including M72s.

17. What was ens immediate reaction. withdrew.

18. What was pls immediate reaction continued to fire on camp.

19. En cas. 2 - 3 WIA.

20. Caused by. Unknown.

21. Friendly cas. Nil.

22. Caused by. Not applicable.

23. Ammo expenditure, 450 M60, 300 M16, 300 7.62, M72s.

24. Docus wpns captured. Omitted

25. Lessons Learnt. En felt secure in their camp as they had no early warning of any kind and were very noisy plus had a radio playing.

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26. Other points. Nil.

27-29. Omitted.

30. Coy Comd's Comments.

a. An approach from the high ground again proved this not only most secure but the least expected direction.

b. The rock caves present an unusual problem. My experience to date has indicated that fire sp is of little value used directly onto the camp. It is more effective in a blocking role. The ideal was achieved here with soldiers getting close enough to fire M72s directly into caves. A LFT must be overhead as it is the only possible means of sp in such a close quarter action.

(A. E. Jackson)
Sgt
11 Pl D Coy 5RAR

(M. P. Blake)
Maj
OC D Coy 5 RAR

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D Coy
5 RAR
NUI DAT VISTA

10 Jul 69

5 RAR

CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Op. Op ESSO.

2. Report by. 216749 2Lt P Joyce.

3. Unit. 10 Pl, D Coy, 5 RAR.

4. Str of Pl in contact. 20 men.

5. Date/Time/Duration of action. 091445H Jul 69.

6. Location. YS 332637.

7. Pl Task. Ambush.

8. Description of Action. Whilst I had one of my sections in ambush with the other two in an admin area some 30 metres to the rear, three enemy approached my admin area from the rear. One of the sentries in the admin area saw them but as he was turning to fire at them, they also saw his movement. He was forced to fire without aiming and the enemy immediately withdrew west firing into the admin area with AK 47s. Several mags of 5.56mm and rounds of M60 were put into the dead ground into which they withdrew. Also 2 M72 were fired into the trees above the area of withdrawal. A sweep revealed nothing however, later on in a nearby camp which we discovered on moving out a fresh blood trail was found. Diagram attached as Annex A.

9. Description of Terrain. Dense jungle with thick bamboo, visability 10 metres.

10. Distance to en when first sighted. 5 metres.

11. Which soldier first saw en. Sentry Pte Gould.

12. What was soldier doing. Normal sentry duties.

13. What caused en to be noticed. Movement of bushes and noise.

14. VC Str and type/dress. 3 local, dressed in black.

15. Who fired first. Sentry at a range of 5 metres.

16. What sect wpns fired. M16, M60 and M72.

17. What was en's immediate reaction. Withdrew firing wildly.

18. What was Pls immediate reaction. Stood to.

19. Bn Cas. 1 WIA Blood trail in nearby camp.

20. Caused by. Unknown probably M16.

21. Friendly cas. Nil.

22. Caused by. Not applicable.

23, Approximate ammo expenditure. 200 5.56mm, 100 7.62mm link.

24. Docus/wpns captured. Nil.

/25.

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25. Lessons learnt. Positions of sentries should be chosen so that the sentry can change the aim of his wpn without being observed. My sentry did not have such a position. He was seen changing his aim.

26. Other points. Nil.

27. Related section reports. The above info was told to me directly by the sentry as he ran back in.

28. Description of Pl actions. I immediately emptied several mags into the fleeing en and ordered 2 M72s ro be fired. The remainded of the platoon stood to watching all flanks. A swe-p was carried out using fire and movement but nothing was revealed.

29. As for para 23.

30. Coy Comd's comments.

a. Again the en were not moving on tracks so probably had detected the pl posn.

b. The Admin area was too close to the ambush site but the pl comd made this decision based on.

(1) The str of his pl (20).

(2) The difficult nature of the terrain.

c. The sentry re acted to quickly to his siting of the enemy. A fair mistake in view of the dir of en approach.

(P. Joyce)
OC 10 Pl

(M. P. Blake)
Maj
OC D Coy 5 RAR

Annexes: A. Sketch of area.

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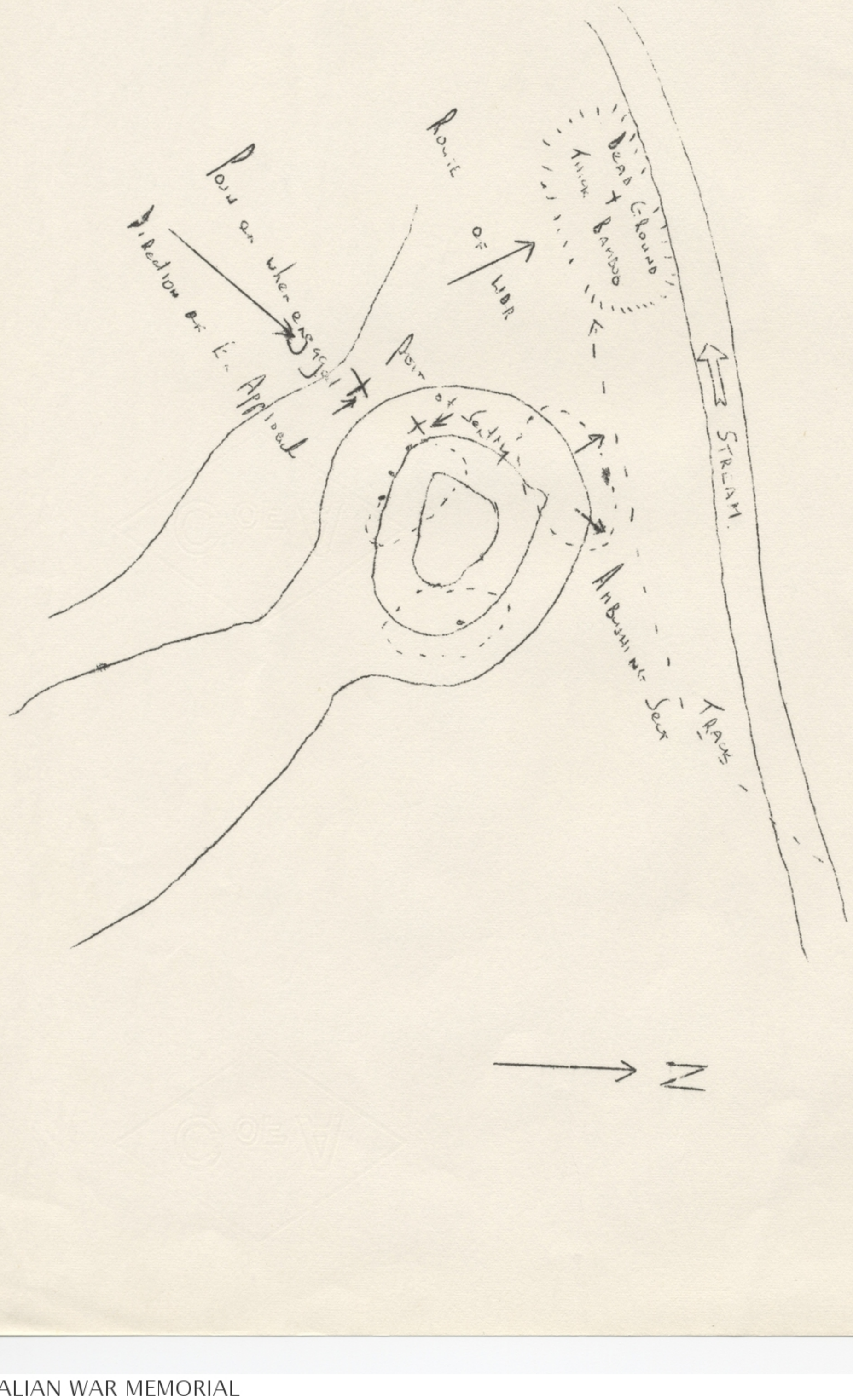
ANNEX A TO
D LOG SRAR
AFTER ACTION REPORT



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D Coy
5 RAR
NUI DAT VISTA

29 Jul 69

5 RAR

CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Op. Op ESSO.

2. Report by. 235241 Capt DS Wilkins.

3. Unit. Acting Pl comd 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR.

4. Str in contact. 28 men.

5. Date/time/duration of action. 101430H Jul 69. Duration of contact and follow up 2½ hours.

6. Location. From grid 333649 (initial contact) to grid 330647.

7. Tasks. Pl RIF for en camps and tracks.

8. Description of action. The pl had made a brief stop to check a small, recently used foot pad at grid 333649. 4 enemy approached along axis of the track from the north west, coming to within 20 - 30 metres of the centre of the pl which was extended at right angles to the enemy approach. Members of six sect and pl HQ first sighted the en and engaged. The first en shouted Hoi Chan twice after contact was initiated then fled. This is thought to be in desparation owing to closeness of contact and their surprise. A sweep was immediately conducted and blood trails found. These trails were followed by the platoon, using the tracker team (2 men 1 dog), in a south west direction for 350 metres. Contact was made again with the wounded enemy at grid 330647, the site of an enemy camp. This resulted in 1 en KIA (BC) after a platoon sweep of the en camp. A good effort by the tracker team in the follow up.

9. Description of terrain. Thick primary growth on the western slopes of the NUI DINH. There are deep re entrants with large rocks and many caves. Visability varies from 10 - 30 metres.

10. Distance to en when forst si ghted. 20 metres.

11. Which soldier first saw en. Lcpl GI Smith.

12. What was soldier doing. Observing to the flank.

13. What caused en to be noticed. Movement towards own loc.

14. VC Type/dress/str. Local dress varied from green to black uniforms webbing and packs were worn, but weapons unknown. Str 4.

15. Who fired first. Lcpl GI Smith at a range of 20 metres.

16. What sect weapons fired. M60, M16, SLR.

17. What was en's immediate reaction. One enemy called out 'Hoi Chan' (twice) when the first shot was fired. Immediate reaction was for enemy to flee downhill and from the direction they had come. Direction of withdrawal was west and south west.

18. What was pl's immediate reaction. Most of 6 sect and part of pl HQ were able to fire towards the enemy. The rear section (5 sect) then swept across the front of 6 sect from the high ground to check the contact area. Blood trails of 2 wounded enemy were found. The platoon followed up the blood trails, resulting in 1 en KIA (BC)

19. En Cas. 1 en KIA (BC)
1 en WIA (Blood trail)

20. Caused by. SLR, M16.

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21. Own cas. Nil.

22. Caused by. Not applicable.

23. Ammo expenditure. 40 x 7.72mm link, 15 x 7.62mm ball, 30 x 5.56mm ball.

24. Docus/wpns captured.
1 pack
1 chicom hand grenade
1 WP gren (Aust)
1 map 1:100000 (BARIA - BIEN HOA) with 4 trace overlays
docus various, incl comds note book, citations
qty med supplies
qty M1 rds
torch btys
webbing (incl NVA belt)
clothing (civilian)
food (fish and rice)

25. Lessons learnt. Movement of a visual tracker behind forward section commander worked well as he could give immediate advice on enemy sign. Also immediate follow up of blood trail, thus keeping the pressure on the enemy, forcing him to hide, was successful.

26. Other points. Enemy withdrew to an enemy camp, but I don't know if this would be standard practice. General enemy withdrawal was down hill, as this is the quickest means of travel.

27. Pl Comd's Comments. Mainly a platoon effort except for initial contact by 6 sect. Members were watching their flanks well, and saw the enemy before they themselves were seen.

28. Description of pl actions. After initial contact during the sweep of the contact area, two sections covered the contact area from a flank, while the third section swept the area from the high ground. When clearing the enemy camp (the location of the enemy wounded) one section remained in a firm base covering an approach track, one section covered the camp from high ground to a flank and a section with pl HQ swept through the camp from the high ground opposite.

29. Ammo expenditure. As for para 23 plus 1 x M26 grenade.

30. Coy Comd's Comments. A good pl action.

(D. S. Wilkins)
Capt
A/Pl Comd 11 Pl

(M. P. Blake)
Maj
OC D Coy 5 RAR

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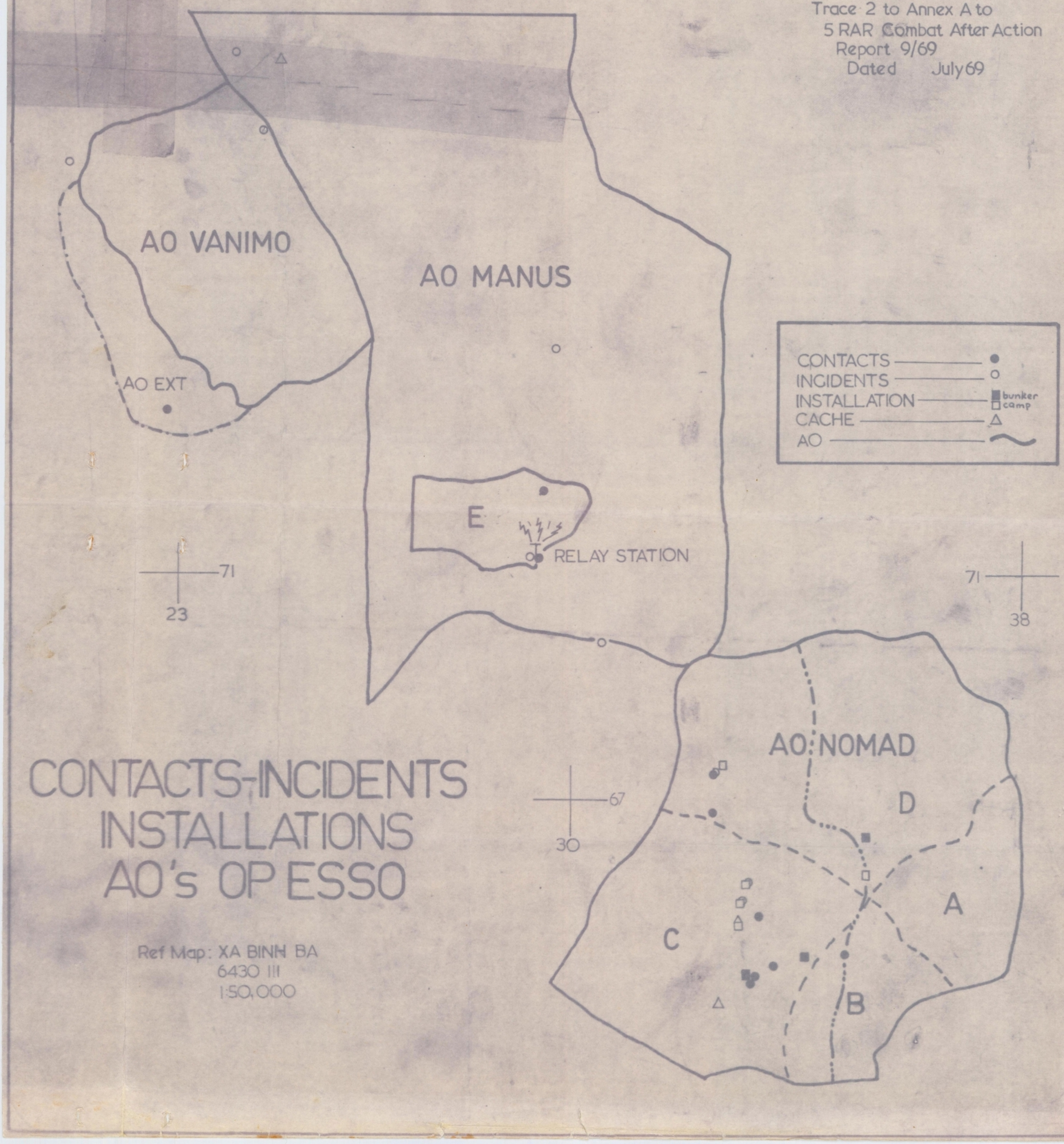

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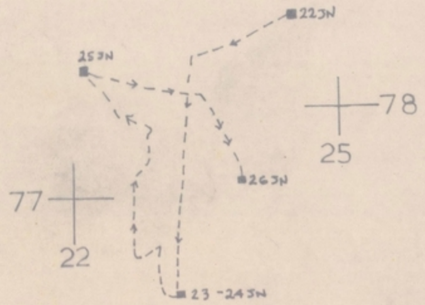

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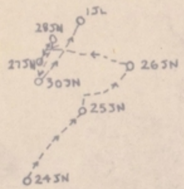

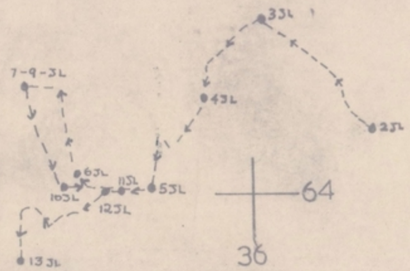

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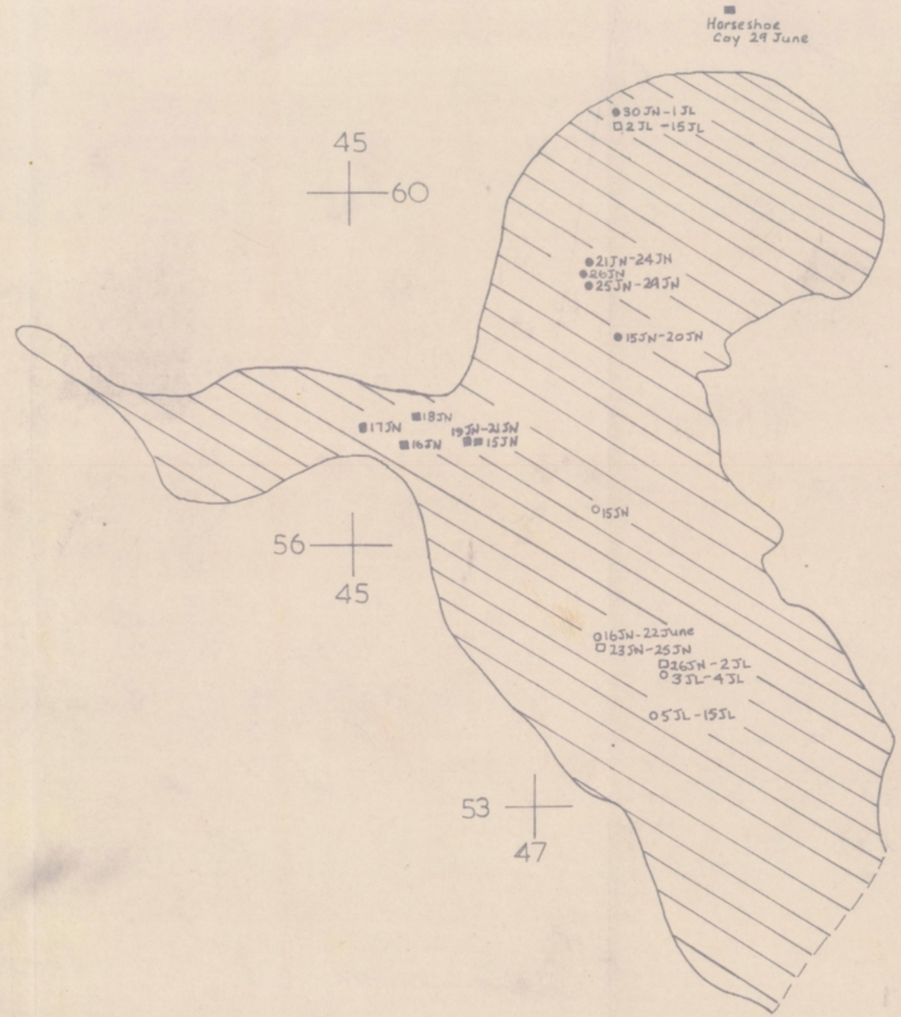

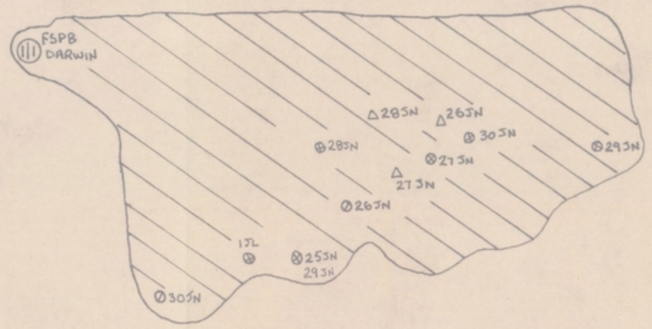

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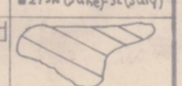
Area heavily patrolled	

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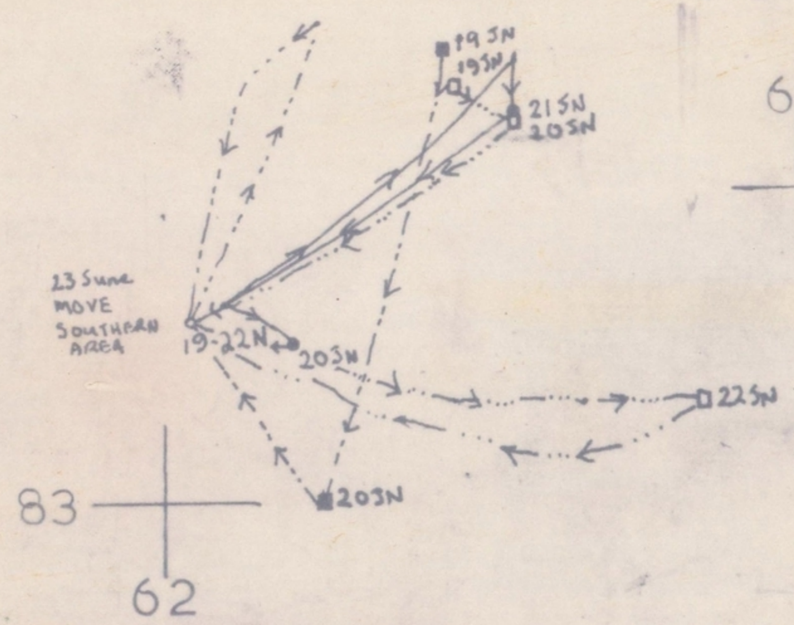

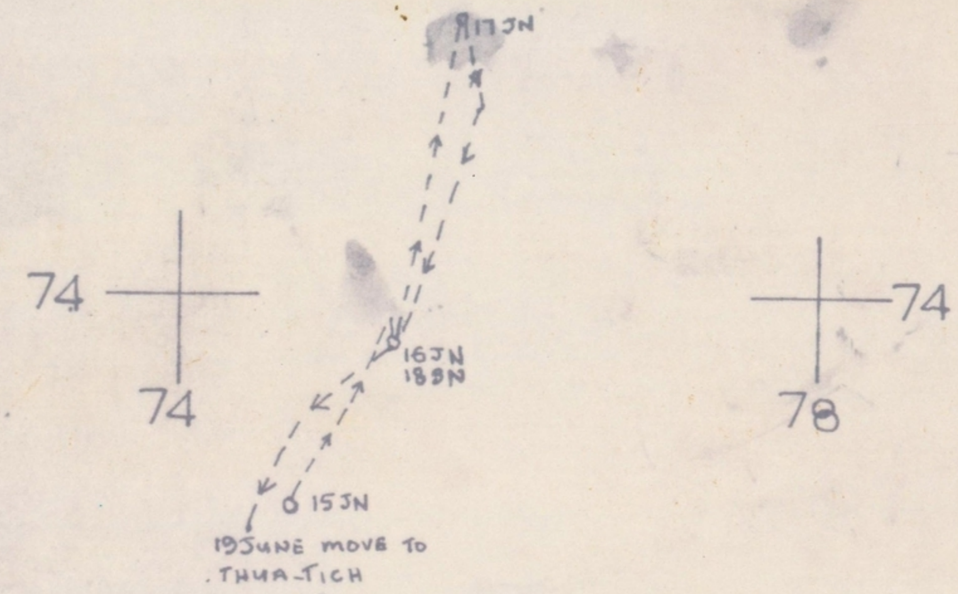

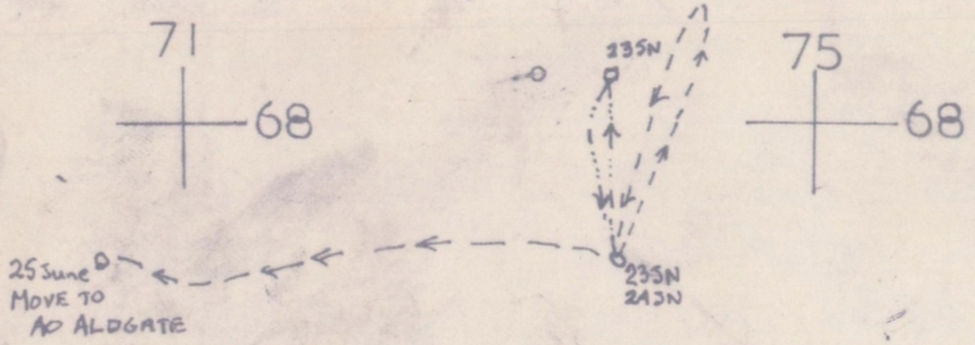

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8 Aug 69

5 RAR COMBAT AFTER ACTION REPORT 3/69
OPERATION SURFSIDE

Reference: A. 5 RAR R569-1-20 of 31 May 69.

1. The final traces to Annex A of this After Action Report are attached.

2. The report is now complete.

for Delegate

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5RAR AREA OF OPERATIONS OP SURFSIDE

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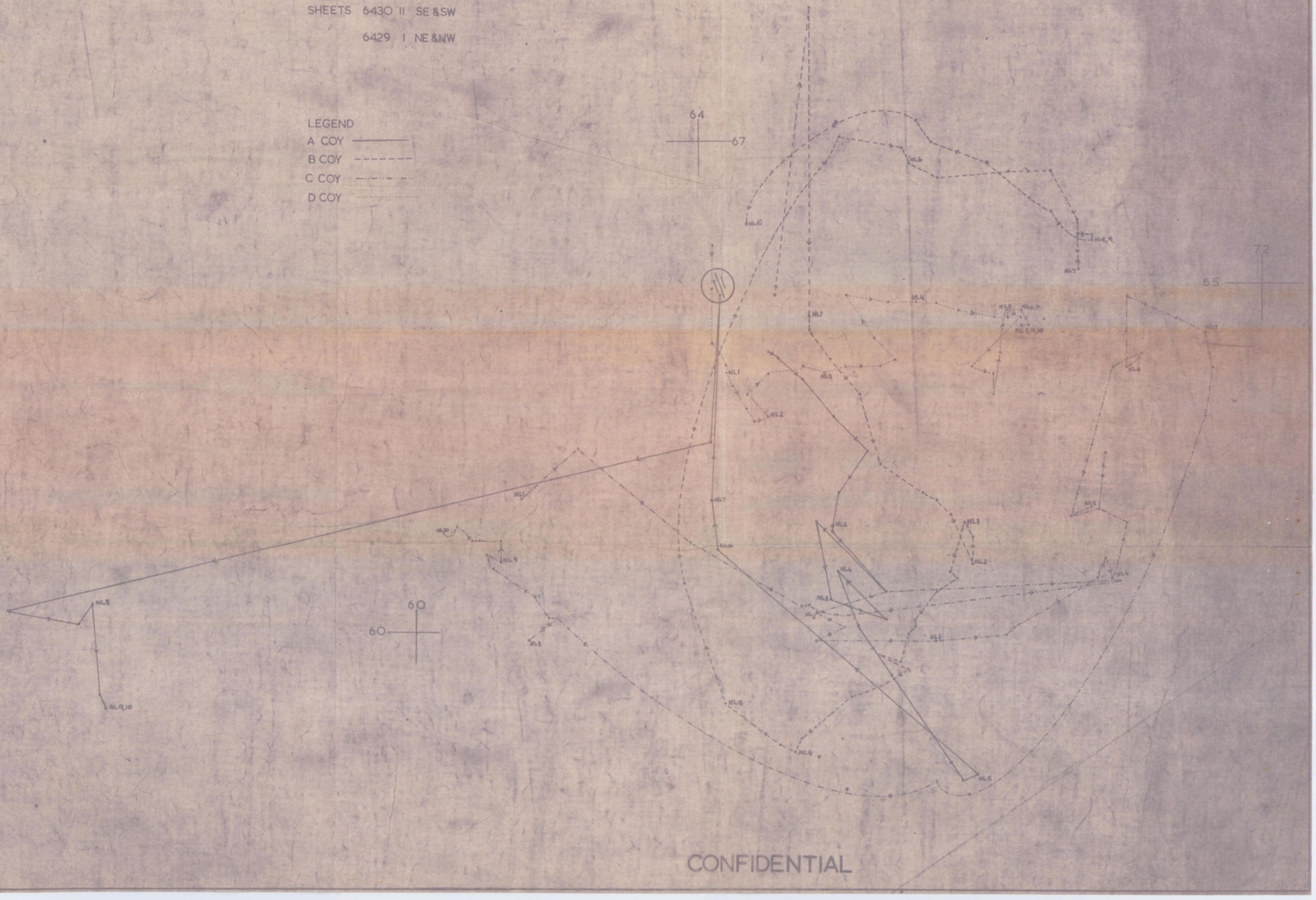

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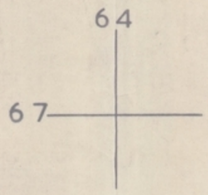

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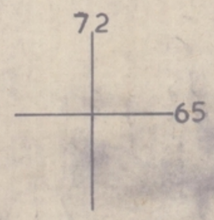

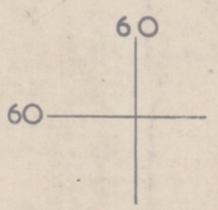

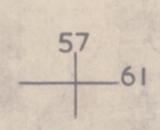

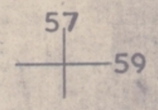

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MESSAGE FORM

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8 Aug 69

5 RAR COMBAT AFTER ACTION REPORT 4/69
OPERATION TWIKENHAM 1 AND 2

Reference: A. 5 RAR R569-1-22 of 12 Jun 69.

1. The final traces to Annex A of this After Action Report are attached.

2. The report is now complete.

p/c August

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5 RAR AO
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5 RAR COY ROUTES OP TWICKENHAM

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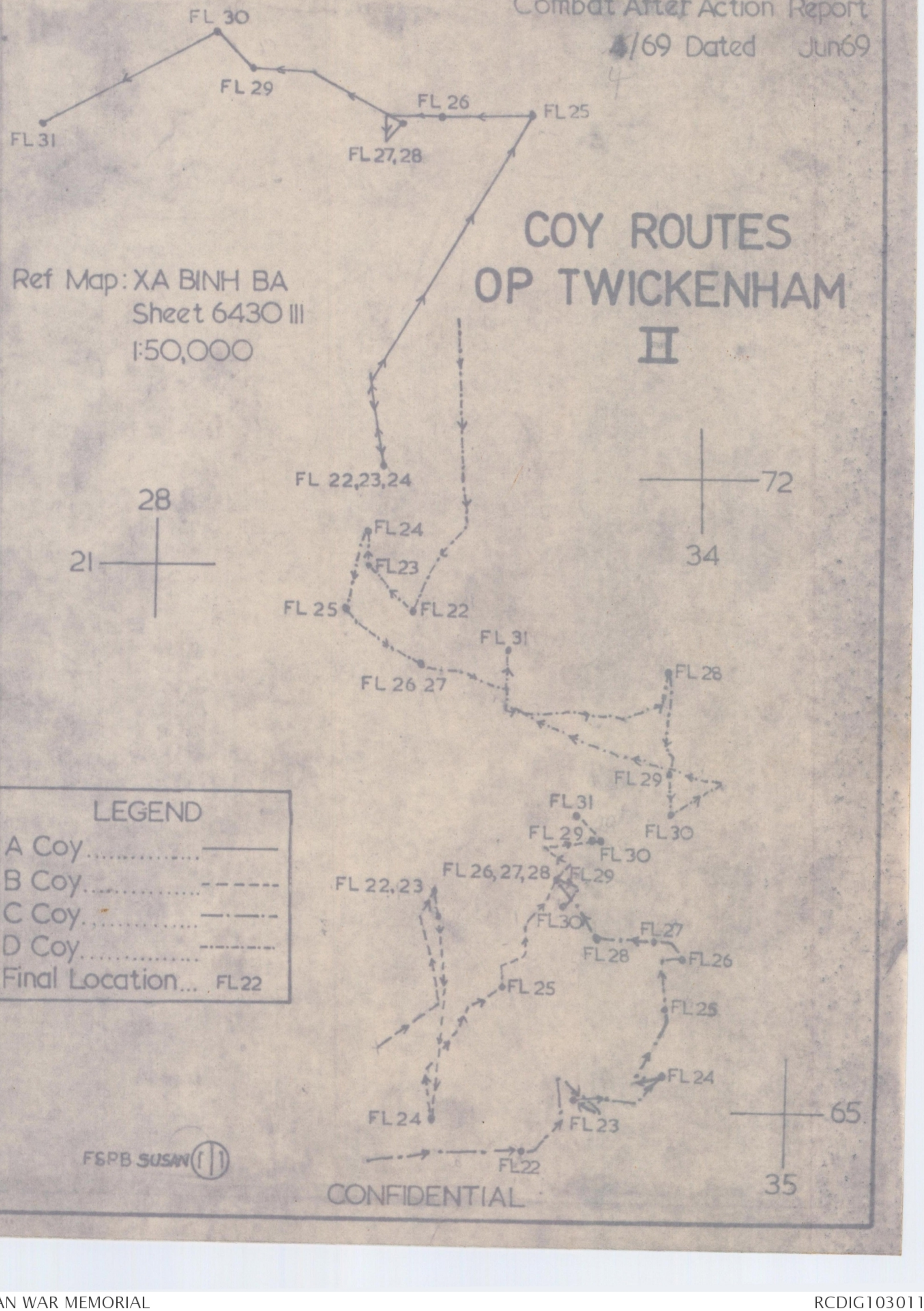

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CONTACTS INCIDENTS INSTALLATIONS OP TWICKENHAM

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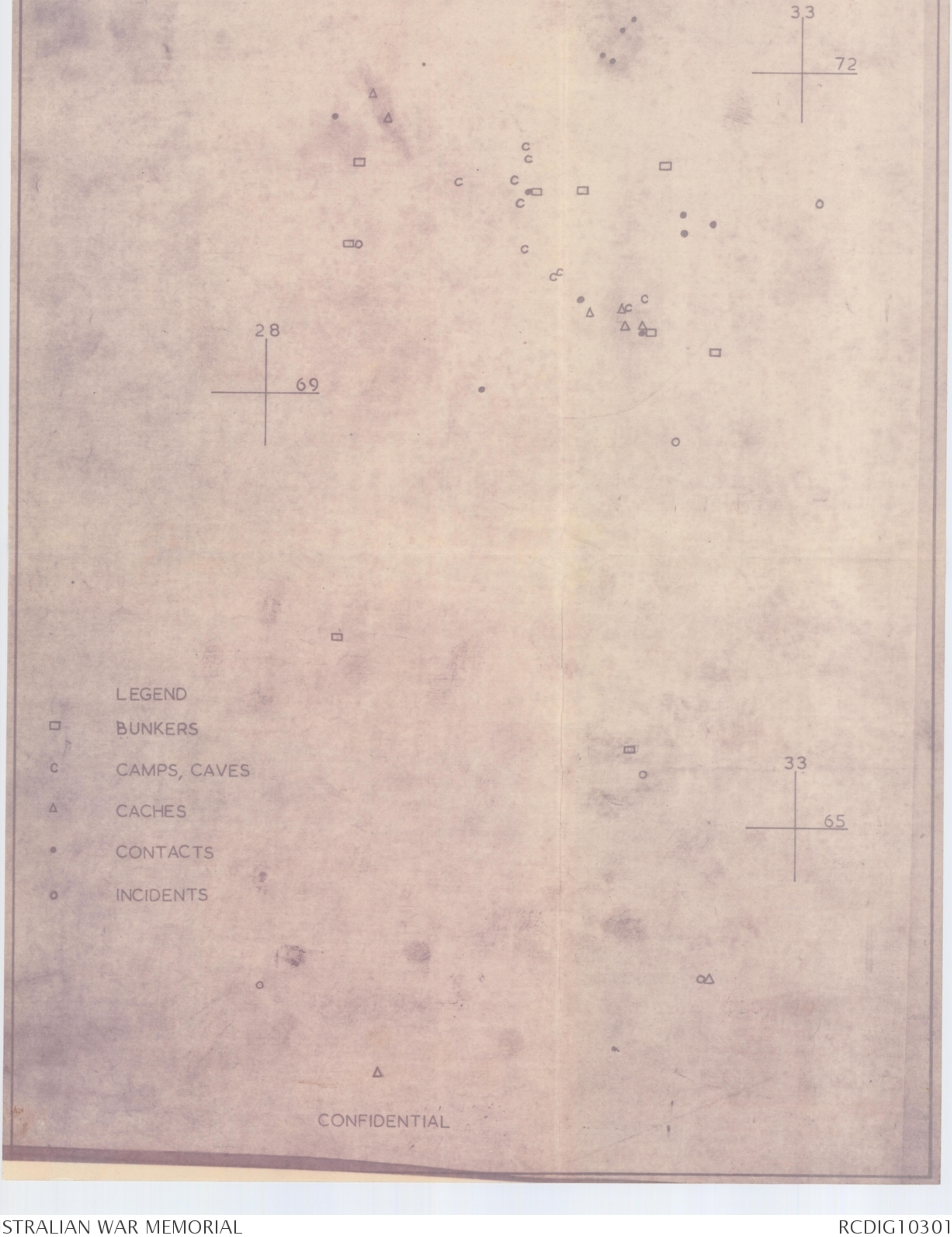

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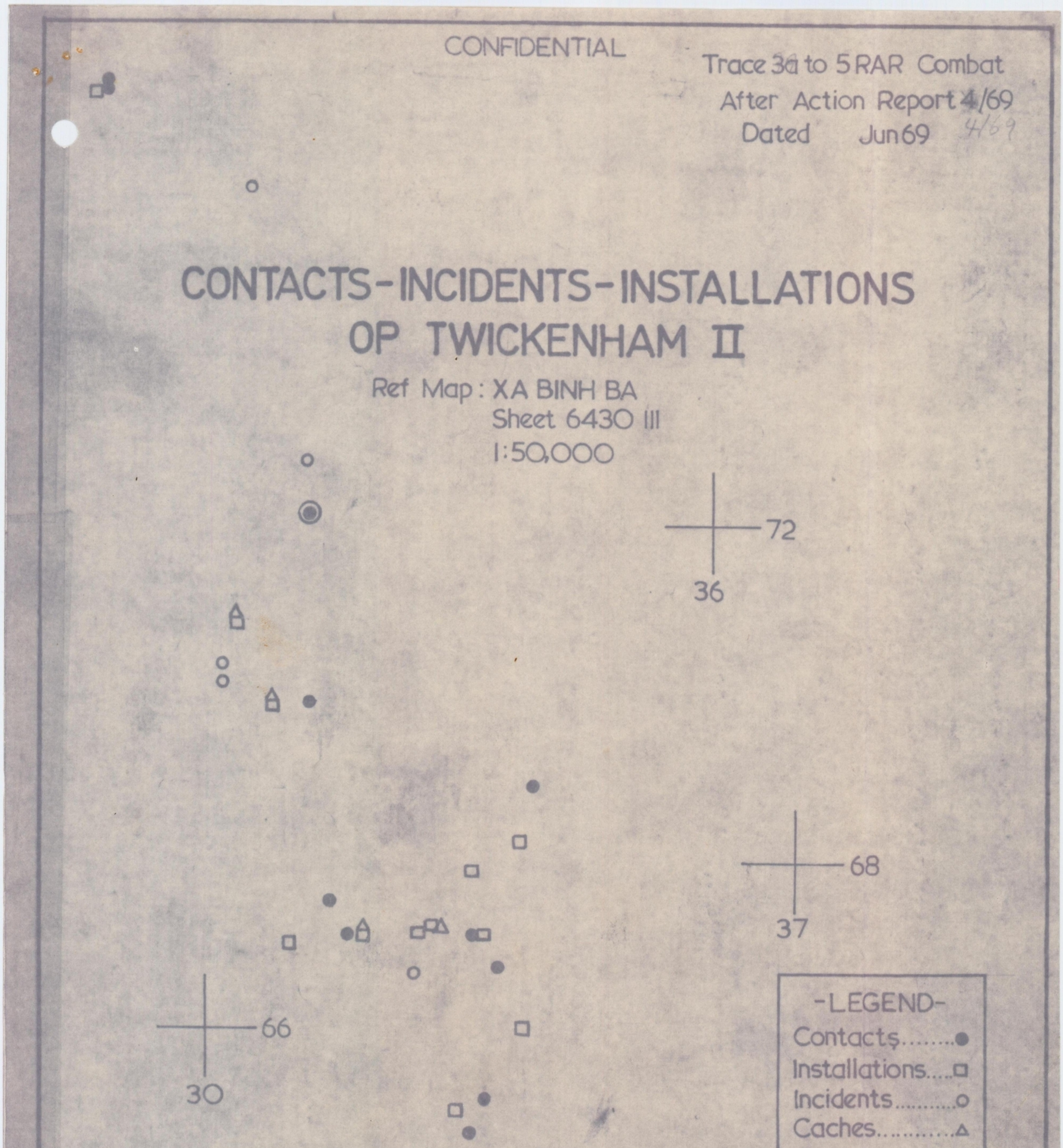

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5 RAR COMBAT AFTER ACTION REPORT 5/69
OPERATION ROADSIDE

Reference: A. 5 RAR R569-1-23 of 11 Jun 69.

1. The final traces to Annex A of this After Action Report are attached.

2. The report is now complete.

for (C.N. KHAN)
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5 RAR AO

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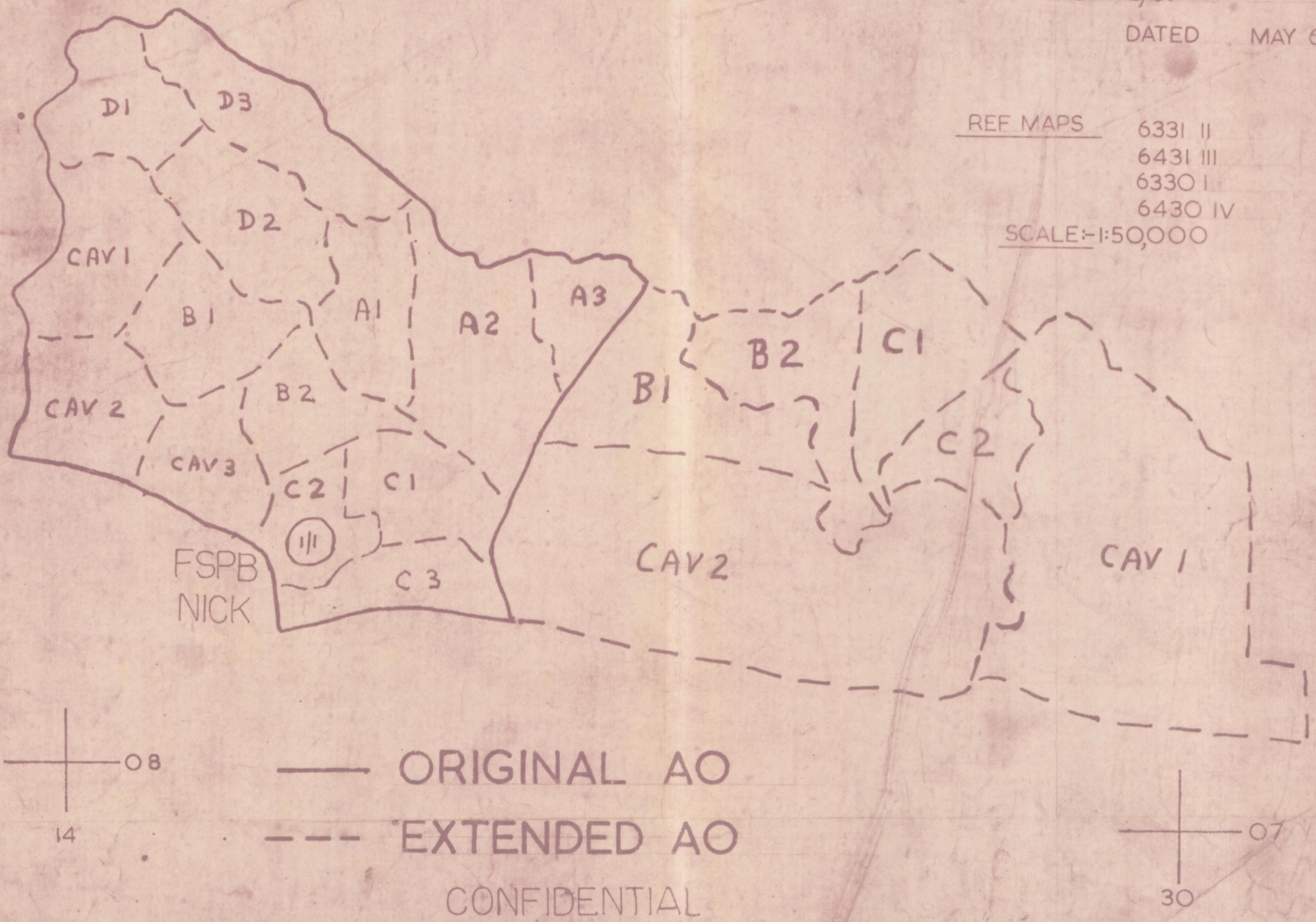

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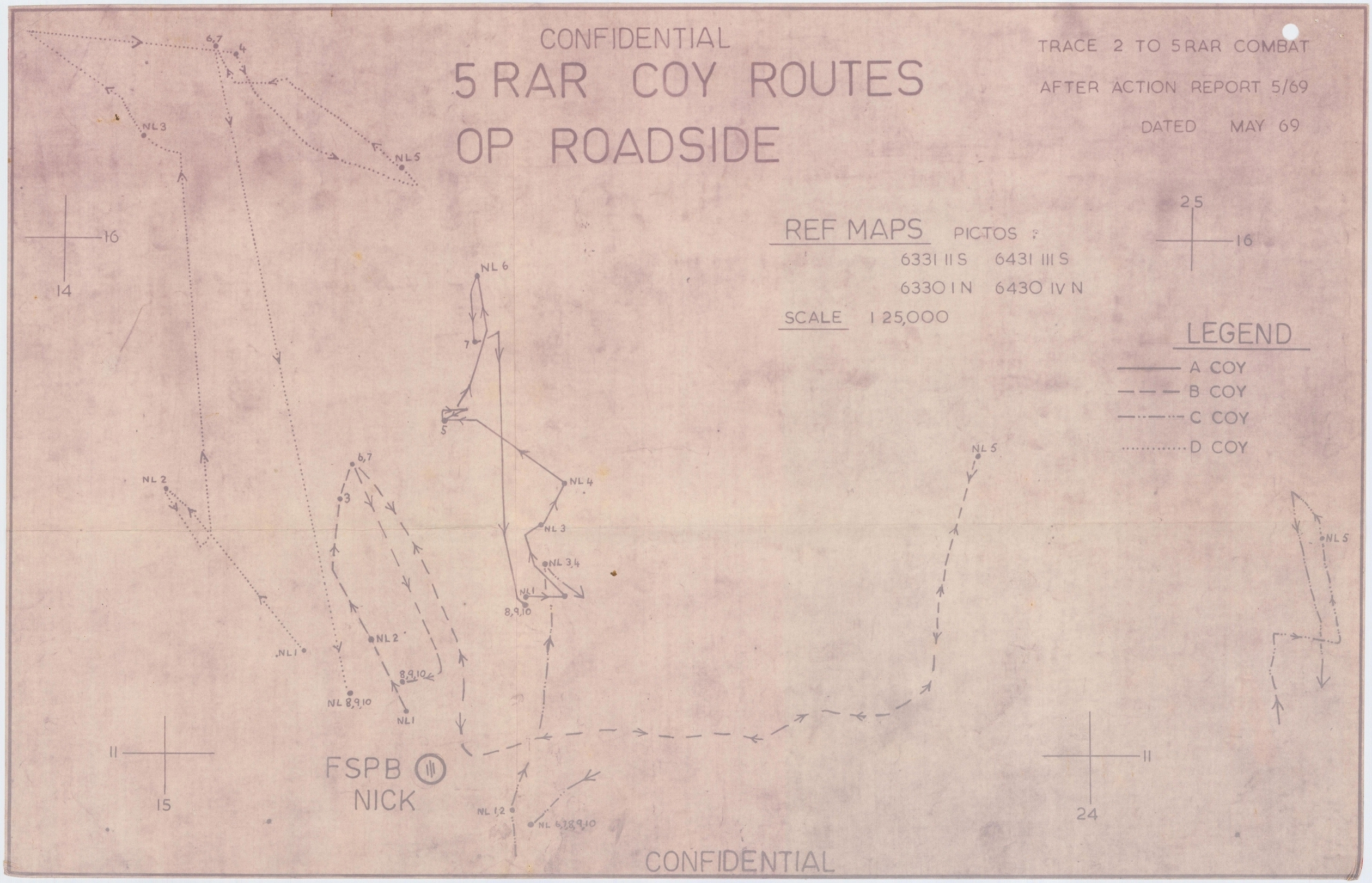

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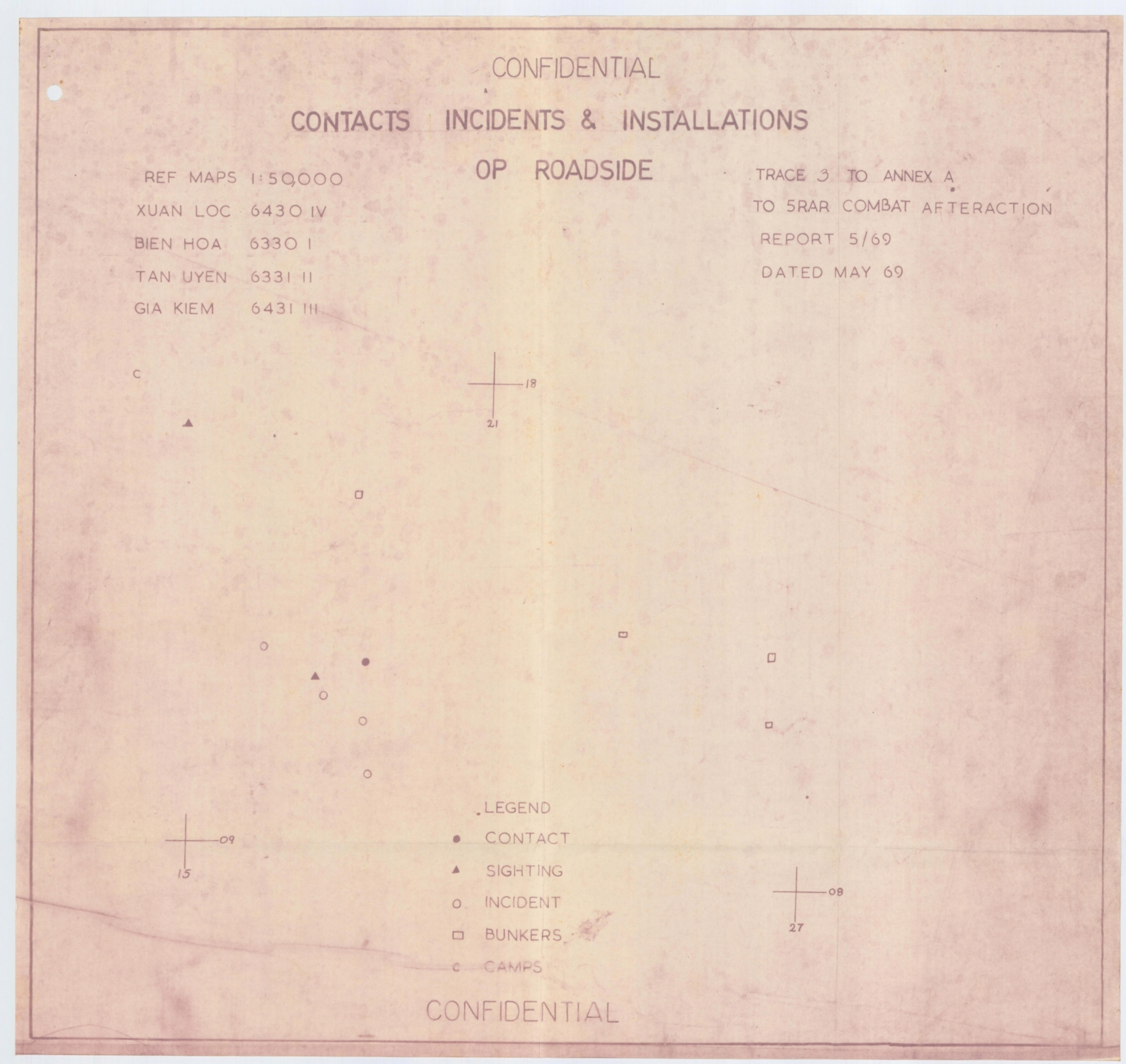

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Commanders Diary.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

SERIAL SVN 16

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

LIEUTENANT COLONEL C.N. KHAN

COMMANDING OFFICER

5TH BATTALION

THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

9 AUG 69 Numbers 125 -

125. DUTIES

CP DUTY OFFICER

BN ORDERLY SGT

DUTY CLERK

HVO DUTY ROSTER

CP DUTY SIGS

EMPEROR - SWITCH BOARD DUTY SIG

CP REAR DUTIES

ADMIN CP SIG

CP DUTY TIGER 5

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CP DUTY OFFICERS ROSTER

Date	0700	0900	1100	1300	1500	1700	1900	2200
Mon 11 Aug 69	Cpl ROGERS	Cpl ROSS	Cpl BAKER	WO1 VAGG	Sgt CALLCOTT	Sgt COTTINGHAM	Sgt McDONALD	WO2 SCOWEN
Tue 12 Aug 69	2Lt CLAGUE	Cpl ROGERS	Cpl ROSS	Cpl BAKER	WO1 VAGG	Sgt CALLCOTT	Sgt COTTINGHAM	Sgt McDONALD
Wed 13 Aug 69	WO2 SCOWEN	Sgt KENNARD	Cpl ROGERS	Cpl ROSS	Cpl BAKER	WO1 VAGG	Sgt CALLCOTT	Sgt COTTINGHAM
Thu 14 Aug 69	Sgt KENNARD	2Lt CLAGUE	Sgt COOPER	Sgt COTTINGHAM	Sgt McDONALD	Cpl ROGERS	Cpl ROSS	Cpl BAKER
Fri 15 Aug 69	WO1 VAGG	Sgt KENNARD	2Lt CLAGUE	Sgt COOPER	Cpl ROSS	Cpl BAKER	WO1 VAGG	WO2 QUINTRELL
Sat 16 Aug 69	Sgt COTTINGHAM	Cpl ROGERS	Cpl BAKER	2Lt CLAGUE	Sgt COOPER	Cpl ROSS	Sgt KENNARD	WO2 SLADE
Sun 17 Aug 69	WO2 QUINTRELL	Sgt COOPER	Cpl ROGERS	Cpl ROSS	Sgt COTTINGHAM	Sgt McDONALD	Sgt COOPER	Cpl ROGERS
Mon 18 Aug 69	Sgt COOPER	Sgt CALLCOTT	WO1 VAGG	WO2 QUINTRELL	WO2 SCOWEN	Sgt KENNARD	WO2 SLADE	Cpl ROSS

RESERVE

11 Aug 69	2Lt CLAGUE	15 Aug 69	Sgt COTTINGHAM
12 Aug 69	Sgt KENNARD	16 Aug 69	WO2 QUINTRELL
13 Aug 69	Sgt COOPER	17 Aug 69	WO2 SLADE
14 Aug 69	WO1 VAGG	18 Aug 69	Sgt McDONALD

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BN ORDERLY SGT ROSTER

5 AUG - 18 AUG 69

You will mount duty on the date and at the time shown below. If due to some unforseen circumstances you cannot perform your duty on the given date it is your responsibility to give prior warning to the RSM.

Date/Time		Name	Date/Time		Name
051600 (Tue)	-	Sgt SMITH	121600 (Tue)	-	Sgt HENDERSON
061600 (Wed)	-	Sgt SMITH	131600 (Wed)	-	Sgt FORD
071600 (Thu)	-	Sgt FORD	141600 (Thu)	-	Sgt SMITH
081600 (Fri)	-	Sgt SMITH	151600 (Fri)	-	Sgt HENDERSON
091600 (Sat)	-	Sgt HENDERSON	161600 (Sat)	-	Sgt FORD
101600 (Sun)	-	Sgt FORD	171600 (Sun)	-	Sgt SMITH
111600 (Mon)	-	Sgt SMITH	181600 (Mon)	-	Sgt HENDERSON

Reserve

Sgt SULLIVAN

NOTE: Sgt SULLIVAN will act as reserve and fill in where members are not available for duty. Some adjustments can be made where sergeants are not available to conduct the early evening CB and Field Punishment parade. This refers to Kitchen duties for cook sergeants. Sgt SULLIVAN will be absorbed into the next duty roster.

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BN HQ DUTY CLERK ROSTER

Mon 11 Aug 69	-	Pte J.A.	ENGLISH
Tue 12 Aug 69	-	Pte M.	KOSTIUK
Wed 13 Aug 69	-	Pte P.L.	PURDON
Thu 14 Aug 69	-	Pte R.J.	HOLTHAM
Fri 15 Aug 69	-	Pte D.C.	PIGGOTT
Sat 16 Aug 69	-	Pte M.J.	HERBERT
Sun 17 Aug 69	-	Pte B.	GODDARD

HVO ROSTER

Mon 11 Aug 69	-	Sgt K.L.	RICE
Tue 12 Aug 69	-	Sgt G.	BULLLOCK
Wed 13 Aug 69	-	Cpl R.	JONES
Thu 14 Aug 69	-	Cpl G.	WILLIAMS
Fri 15 Aug 69	-	Sgt G.	BULLOCK
Sat 16 Aug 69	-	Cpl R.	JONES
Sun 17 Aug 69	-	Cpl G.	WILLIAMS

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BN CP DUTY FIG ROSTER

TIME	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th
0700 – 1100	TRELOAR	COKK	REED	TRELOAR	COOK	REED	TRELOAR	COOK
1100 – 1500	COOK	REED	TRELOAR	COOK	REED	TRELOAR	COOK	REED
1500 – 1900	REED	TRELOAR	COOK	REED	TRELOAR	COOK	REED	TRELOAR
1900 – 2100	TRELOAR	COOK	REED	TRELOAR	COOK	REED	TRELOAR	COOK
2100 – 2300	COOK	REED	TRELOAR	COOK	REED	TRELOAR	COOK	REED
2300 – 0100	REED	TRELOAR	COOK	REED	TRELOAR	COOK	REED	TRELOAR
0100 – 0300	TRELOAR	COOK	REED	TRELOAR	COOK	REED	TRELOAR	COOK
0300 – 0500	COOK	REED	TRELOAR	COOK	REED	TRELOAR	COOK	REED
0500 – 0700	REED	TRELCAR	COOK	REED	TRELOAR	COOK	REED	TRELOAR

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'EMPEROR' SWITCHBOARD -- DUTY SIG ROSTER

11 - 17 AUG 69

TIME	11 AUG	12 AUG	13 AUG	14 AUG	15 AUG	16 AUG	17 AUG
0700 - 1000	Pte LEE	Pte PICKER	Pte DAY	L cpl DARBY	Pte LEE	Pte PICKER	Pte DAY
1000 - 1300	Pte PICKER	Pte DAY	L cpl DARBY	Pte LEE	Pte PICKER	Pte DAY	L cpl DARBY
1300 - 1600	Pte DAY	L cpl DARBY	Pte LEE	Pte PICKER	Pte DAY	L cpl DARBY	Pte LEE
1600 - 1900	L cpl DARBY	Pte LEE	Pte PICKER	Pte DAY	L cpl DARBY	Pte LEE	Pte PICKER
1900 - 2200	Pte LEE	Pte PICKER	Pte DAY	L cpl DARBY	Pte LEE	Pte PICKER	Pte DAY
2200 - 0100	Pte PICKER	Pte DAY	L cpl DARBY	Pte LEE	Pte PICKER	Pte DAY	L cpl DARBY
0100 - 0400	Pte DAY	L cpl DARBY	Pte LEE	Pte PICKER	Pte DAY	L cpl DARBY	Pte LEE
0400 - 0700	L cpl DARBY	Pte LEE	Pte PICKER	Pte DAY	L cpl DARBY	Pte LEE	Pte PICKER

REAR CP DUTIES

TIME	11 AUG	12 AUG	13 AUG	14 AUG	15 AUG	16 AUG	17 AUG
0700 - 1100	Pte HARDY	Pte LEWIS	Pte KING	Pte HARDY	Pte LEWIS	Pte KING	Pte HARDY
1100 - 1500	Pte LEWIS	Pte KING	HARDY	LEWIS	KING	HARDY	LEWIS
1500 - 1900	KING	HARDY	LEWIS	KING	HARDY	LEWIS	KING
1900 - 2100	HARDY	LEWIS	KING	HARDY	LEWIS	KING	HARDY
2100 - 2300	LEWIS	KING	HARDY	LEWIS	KING	HARDY	LEWIS
2300 - 0100	KING	HARDY	LEWIS	KING	HARDY	LEWIS	KING
0100 - 0300	HARDY	LEWIS	KING	HARDY	LEWIS	KING	HARDY
0300 - 0500	LEWIS	KING	HARDY	LEWIS	KING	HARDY	LEWIS
0500 - 0700	KING	HARDY	LEWIS	KING	HARDY	LEWIS	KING

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ADMIN CP DUTY SIG

Cpl WILKIE is to be permanent Admin CP duty Sig.

CP DUTY TIGER '5'

The Officer controlling re-supply for the battalion is to maintain a Duty Officer Roster in the Tiger '5' CP, from the following people:

S sgt	E.	O'REILLY
Sgt	T.	GARDINER
Cpl	P.	O'DELL

R J Colyer

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

LIEUTENANT COLONEL C.N. KHAN

COMMANDING OFFICER

5TH BATTALION

THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

14 AUG 69 Numbers 126 - 130

126. DUTIES - CP DUTY OFFICER
BN ORDERLY SERGEANT
DUTY CLERK
HVO DUTY ROSTER
CP DUTY SIG
EMPEROR SWITCH BOARD - DUTY SIG
ADMIN CP SIG
CP DUTY TIGER 5

127. GROUP 9 QUALIFICATIONS

128. BOUNDS - BATTALION PAY OFFICE

129. CLEARANCES - PAY

130. MARRIAGES - COMMENCEMENT OF ALLOTMENTS

NOTICES

1. WARRANT AND NCO PROMOTION QUALIFICATIONS - SERVICE IN OPERATIONAL AREAS.

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CP DUTY OFFICERS ROSTER

MON 18 AUG - MON 25 AUG 69

DATE	0700	0900	1100	1300	15000	1700	1900	2200		
18 AUG 69	SGT COOPER	SGT CULCOTT	SGT MACDONALD	WO2 QUINTRELL	WO2 SCOWEN	SGT COTTINGHAM	WO2 SLADE	CPL ROSS		
19 AUG 69	CPL ROGERS	2LT CLAGUE	SGT COOPER	SGT CULCOTT	SGT MACDONALD	WO2 QUINTRELL	WO2 SCOWEN	SGT COTTINGHAM		
20 AUG 69	WO2 SLADE	CPL ROSS	CPL ROGERS	2LT CLAGUE	SGT COOPER	SGT CULCOTT	SGT MACDONALD	WO2 QUINTRELL		
21 AUG 69	WO2 SCOWEN	SGT COTTINGHAM	WO2 SLADE	CPL ROSS	CPL ROGERS	2LT CLAGUE	SGT COOPER	SGT CULCOTT		
22 AUG 69	SGT MACDONALD	WO2 QUINTRELL	WO2 SCOWEN	SGT COTTINGHAM	WO2 SLADE	CPL ROSS	CPL ROGERS	2LT CLAGUE		
23 AUG 69	SGT COOPER	SGT CULCOTT	SGT MACDONALD	WO2 QUINTRELL	WO2 SCOWEN	SGT COTTINGHAM	WO2 SLADE	CPL ROSS		
24 AUG 69	CPL ROGERS	2LT CLAGUE	SGT COOPER	SGT CULCOTT	SGT MACDONALD	WO2 QUINTRELL	WO2 SCOWEN	SGT COTTINGHAM		
25 AUG 69	WO2 SLADE	CPL ROSS	CPL ROGERS	2LT CLAGUE	SGT COOPER	SGT CULLCOT	SGT MACDONALD	WO2 QUINTRELL		

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BN ORDERLY SGT ROSTER

MON 18 AUG - MON 25 AUG 69

DATE/TIME	NAME	DATE/TIME	NAME
181600H	SGT HENDERSON	221600H	SGT FORD
191600H	SGT FORD	231600H	SGT BULLOCK
201600H	SGT BULLOCK	241600H	SGT HENDERSON
211600H	SGT HENDERSON	251600H	SGT FORD

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BN HQ DUTY CLERK

Mon 18 Aug 69	-	Pte J.A.	ENGLISH
Tue 19 Aug 69	-	Pte M.	KOSTIUK
Wed 20 Aug 69	-	Pte P.L.	PURDON
Thu 21 Aug 69	-	Pte D.C.	PIGGOTT
Fri 22 Aug 69	-	Pte M.J.	HERBERT
Sat 23 Aug 69	-	Pte B.	GODDARD
Sun 24 Aug 69	-	Pte J.A.	ENGLISH

HVO ROSTER

Mon 18 Aug 69	-	L cpl . W.	PETERS
Tue 19 Aug 69	-	Cpl G.	WILLIAMS
Wed 20 Aug 69	-	Cpl R.	JONES
Thu 21 Aug 69	-	Sgt G.	BULLOCK
Fri 22 Aug 69	-	L cpl W.	PETERS
Sat 23 Aug 69	-	Cpl G.	WILLIAMS
Sun 24 Aug 69	-	Capt W.	ROSS

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CP DUTY SIG 18 - 24 AUG 69

	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th
0700 - 1100	KROIS	HARDY	LEWIS	AHEARN	KROIS	HARDY	LEWIS
1100 - 1500	HARDY	LEWIS	AHEARN	KROIS	HARDY	LEWIS	AHEARN
1500 - 1900	LEWIS	AHEARN	KROIS	HARDY	LEWIS	AHEARN	KROIS
1900 - 2100	AHEARN	KROIS	HARDY	LEWIS	AHEARN	KROIS	HARDY
2100 - 2300	KROIS	HARDY	LEWIS	AHEARN	KROIS	HARDY	LEWIS
2300 - 0100	WILKIE	LEWIS	AHEARN	KROIS	WILKIE	LEWIS	AHEARN
0100 - 0300	HARDY	WILKIE	KROIS	HARDY	HARDY	WILKIE	KROIS
0300 - 0500	LEWIS	AHEARN	WILKIE	LEWIS	LEWIS	AHEARN	WILKIE
0500 - 0700	AHEARN	KROIS	HARDY	WILKIE	AHEARN	KROIS	HARDY

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EMPEROR SWITCHBOARD - DUTY SIG

18 - 24 AUG 69

TIME	18 AUG	19 AUG	20 AUG	21 AUG	22 AUG	23 AUG	24 AUG
0700 - 1000	L CPL DARBY	PTE LEE	PTE PICKER	PTE DAY	L CPL DARBY	PTE LEE	PTE PICKER
1000 - 1300	PTE LEE	PTE PICKER	PTE DAY	L CPL DARBY	PTE LEE	PTE RICKER	PTE DAY
1300 - 1600	PTE PICKER	PTE DAY	L CPL DARB Y	PTE LEE	PTE PICKER	PTE DAY	L CPL DARBY
1600 - 1900	PTE DAY	L CPL DARBY	PTE LEE	PTE PICKER	PTE DAY	E CPL DARBY	PTE LEE
1900 - 2200	L CPL DARBY	PTE LEE	PTE PICKER	PTE DAY	L CPL DARBY	PTE LEE	PTE PICKER
2200 - 0100	PTE LEE	PTE PICKER	PTE DAY	L CPL DARBY	PTE LEE	PTE PICKER	PTE DAY
0100 - 0400	PTE PICKER	PTE DAY	L CPL DARBY	PTE LEE	PTE PICKER	PTE DAY	L CPL DARBY
0400 - 0700	PTE DAY	L CPL DARBY	PTE LEE	PTE PICKER	PTE DAY	L CPL DARBY	PTE LEE

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ADMIN CP DUTY SIG

Pte REED is to be permanent Admin CP Duty Sig.

CP DUTY TIGER '5'

The Officer controlling resupply for the battalion is to maintain a Duty Officer Roster in the Tiger '5' CP, from the following people:

S sgt E. O'REILLY

Sgt T. GARDINER

Cpl P. O'DELL

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127. GROUP 9 QUALIFICATIONS

1. The following member is fully qualified for Group 9 Mil Skill:

1200471 Cpl WR GREEN

2. The following member is qualified in Map and Air Photo Reading for Group 9 Mil Skill:

216633 Cpl JG FITZGERALD

128. BOUNDS - BATTALION PAY OFFICE

The area behind the counter in the unit pay office is out of bounds to all ranks with the exception of the following:

Pay Office Staff
Adjt
A adjt
Chief Clerk
Bn/Coy Paying Officers

5 RAR RO 21/69 is cancelled

129. CLEARANCES-PAY

Members reporting to UPR for unit clearance are to be in possession of their pay book.

5 RAR RO 22/69 is cancelled

130. MARRIAGES - COMMENCEMENT OF ALLOTMENTS

1. Any member anticipating marriage during R and R or who is to RTA to be married is to report to UPR six weeks prior to date of marriage to arrange for the adjustment of his allotments.

2. This will prevent any financial hardship on the member or his wife

2Lt
A adjt

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NOTICES

1. WARRANT AND NCO PROMOTION QUALIFICATIONS - SERVICE IN OPERATIONAL AREAS.

Reference: 5 RAR R78-1-2

1. When considering members for recommendation for the granting of subject B for promotion, commanders should ensure that members considered for:

a. Corporal - Have the required tactical knowledge and leadership qualities to command a section of a rifle company in war.

b. Sergeant - Have the required tactical knowledge and leadership qualities to carry out the duties of a platoon sergeant of a rifle company in war.

c. Warrant Officer - Have the required tactical knowledge and leadership qualities to carry out the duties of a company-sergeant-major of a rifle company in war.

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ENCLOSURE M/5

MESSAGE FORM

PRECEDENCE-ACTION ROUTINE	DATE-TIME-GROUP 14/1500 Z	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS (AUG 69)(R569-1-26)
FROM: 5 RAR		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
TO: SEE DISTR BELOW:		CONFIDENTIAL
		ORIGINATORS NUMBER
		OPS 80

OP ESSO 5 RAR Combat After Action Report 9/69 dated 6 Aug 69 . CNE . HOI CHANH reports further 5 en KIA (BC) from 4 pl contact at 210945H Jun 69 . TWO . Amend after action report in fol detail . sub para 13 a DELETE 24 KIA (BC) cmm INSERT 29 KIA(BC) . App 2 to Annex A para 1 . DELETE 24 KIA (BC) . INSERT 29 (BC) . Annex B page 3 21 Jun 69 . Ref 4 pl contact of 210945H . DELETE 4 en KIA (BC) . INSERT 9 KIA (BC) . Ref contact after action report . Para 19 . DELETE 4 KIA . INSERT 9 en KIA (BC)

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Releasing Offrs signature and rank

Capt

Distr: 1 ATF (12)

For Info: B Sqn 1 Armd Regt
B Sqn 3 Cav Regt
105 Fd Bty
1 Fd Regt
1 Fd Sqn
161 (Indep) Recce Flt
6 RAR
7 RAR
9 RAR
8 RAR
D Inf (2)
CO 9mSqn RAAF

Internal: CO
2IC
Ops Offr
IO
A Coy (2)
B Coy (2)
C Coy (2)
D Coy (2)
Sp Coy (2)
Admin Coy (2)
GP
Mils (2)
Cords Diary (5)
Spare (5)

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19 Aug 69

See Distr List

5 RAR COMBAT AFTER ACTION REPORT
10/69 OPERATION DISTANT TRUMPET

References: A. 1 ATF Op Instr 67/69 (Op DISTANT TRUMPET) dated 20 Jul 69.
B. Map VIETNAM,XUYEN MOC; Sheet 6430-11 Series L7014, 1:50,000.
C. Map VIETNAM, AP BINH CHAU; Sheet 6530-111 Series L7014, 1:50,000.
D. Map VIETNAM, DAT DO; Sheet 6429-1, Series L7014, 1:50,000.

Name and Type of Operation

1. Op DISTANT TRUMPET - Reconnaissance in Force (RIF) op.

Dates of Operation

2. 21-25 Jul 69.

Location

3. AO PANTHER, centre of mass YS 7571.

Control Headquarters

4. HQ 5 RAR, under comd HQ 1 ATF which was based at NUI DAT.

Task Organization

5.

Under comd from 210630H Jul	one tp HQ, two splinter teams 1 Fd Sqn
Under op con from 210630H Jul	one tp, one AMC sect, B Sqn 3 Cav Regt one RF coy,XUYEN MOC District
In DS from 210630H Jul	one sect 105 Fd Bty one H13, 161 (Indep) Recce Flt
In op from 210630H Jul	two x 105mm Hows XUYEN MOC Arty one D4 dozer, one backhoe, elm plant tp 1 Fd Sqn

Intelligence

6. Annex A

Mission

7. To conduct RIF and ambush ops in AO PANTHER with a view to:

a. Destrot D445 and other VC elms.

b. Destroy VC assets and instls.

Concept of Operations

8. Two coys were to conduct RIF ops in the EAST of AO PANTHER and then conduct a sweep to the NORTH WEST towards a joint Cav/RF coy blocking force established on Route 329. FSPB ELAINE to be estb at YS 725674. One pl to conduct RIF ops to the SOUTH of AO.

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Execution

9. Annex B - Sequence of Events

Results

10. Cas

a. VC - 2 en KIA (BC)
2 en WIA (BT)
1 PW

b. Aust - 1 Aust WIA

Installations and Equipment

11. Annex A

Lessons Learnt

12. The area near the PHUOC TUY/BINH TUY border appears to have been a VC rest area for some time. VC activities seemed to be confined to harbouring transient units for short periods. En use of inter-province boundary for cultivating a large corn field is typical of his tactics of using areas which receive little surveillance by air or ground ptls.

(C.N. KHAN)
Lt Col
CO

Authentication:

(A.B. PERRIMAN)
Maj
Ops Offr

Annexes: A. Intelligence Summary

Appendix 1 Summary of contacts and incidents
Appendix 2 Summary of en cas, wpns and eqpt

B. Sequence of Events

Traces: Trace 1 to Annex A AOs, Contacts, Incidents, Installations
Trace 2 to Annex A Coy Routes

Distr: HQ 1 ATF (12)

Internal
2IC
Ops Offr
IO
A Coy (2)
B Coy (2)
C Coy (2)
D Coy (2)
Sp Coy (2)
Adm Coy (2)
CP
File (2)
Comd Diary (5)
Spare (5)

For info
B Sqn 1 Armd Regt
B Sqn 3 Cav Regt
105 Fd Bty
1 Fd Regt
1 Fd Sqn
161 (Indep) Recce Flt
6 RAR
7 RAR
8 RAR
9 RAR
D Inf (2)
CO 9 Sqn RAAF

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ANNEX A TO 5 RAR
COMBAT AFTER ACTION
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AUG 69

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

General

1. 5 RAR less two coys, was deployed in response to intelligence that a pattern of activity of D445 had been determined. (See Trace 1) This was not verified. A probable communications liaison route has been located to the WEST of XUYEN MOC.

ENEMY CONTACTED

2. 1 Pl contacted seven en at 211920H at YS758737. No definite identification was made. However documents captured indicated they were a tax collecting and accounting squad. They probably belonged to 84 Rear Services Group.

3. At YS697781 3Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt at 220945H located and captured an NVA soldier armed with an SKS rifle. Interrogation revealed that he infiltrated about one year previously and his unit was the Provincial Medical Unit (Probable loc at YS680850). He belonged to the Agricultural sect and was currently tending corn fields.

ENEMY INSTALIATIONS

4. Major en defensive hamlets were loc by D Coy at YS770711 and YS783738 The first consisted of twenty bunkers and twenty huts. The second comprised forty three bunkers and seventeen huts. Both systems had been vacated within twenty four hours. Each would have held up to one hundred people.

5. The inhabitants are living illegally and support VC activity, providing them with rice, vegetables and fish.

6. Many gardens were located which are currently being worked. The most significant of these was an almost continuous corn field running almost NORTH/SOUTH along the PHUOC TUY/BINH TUY Province border into the MAY TAO Valley. Both foot and ox cart tracks run off the main trail at intervals, generally running EAST/WEST.

7. Other base camps were loc at YS 774780, YS 755842, YS 766766, YS 760747, YS 723659.

MINES

8. There were no mines or booby traps encountered on the op.

CONCLUSION

9. The VC are using this area on a large scale to resupply main force units, and the large camps probably loc in the MAY TAO area.

10. A defoliation programme should be implemented to prevent current crops from being harvested. Also a large scale ground sweep should be conducted in the area to clear the rear services elms from that portion of the TAOI.

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APPENDIX 1 TO ANNEX A
TO 5 RAR COMBAT AFTER
ACTION REPORT 10/69
DATED 19 AUG 69

SUMMARY OF CONTACTS AND INCIDENTS

SERIAL	D/TIME	LOC	C/S	EVENT
1.	21 1100	732682	4	LOC 7 OLD GRAVES & 2 WPN PITS. 3 MONTHS OLD.
2	21 1230	723659	43	LOC 50 BUNKERS UNOCCUPIED FOR 3 MONTHS OR MORE
3.	21 1845	684774	TA3	SIGHTED 4 EN WHO WDR SW WHEN FIRED ON BY TA3
4.	21 1920	758737	11	C/S 11 CONTACTED 7 EN RESULTING IN 2 EN KIA (BC) 1 AUST WIA
5.	22 0945	697781	TA31	TA31 ENGAGED 1 EN (NVA) RESULTING IN 1 EN WIA (PW) 1 x SKS RIFLE, 1 GRENADE, FOOD AN D CLOTHING.
6.	22 1310	770742	1	LOCATED A RICE PADDY.
7.	22 1310	760747	11	LOCATED BUNKER SYSTEM (5 BUNKERS, 3 HUTS DESTROYED)
8.	22 1350		42	SIGHTED 2 EN TO THEIR SOUTH. C/S 9 ENGAGED.
9.	23 0950	781704	4	LOCATED HOUSES WITH BUNKERS UNDERNEATH.
10.	23 1036	780750	13	LOCATED A FIELD OF CORN.
11.	23 1159	782760	13	LOCATED 1 BUNKER & 1 HUT.
12.	23 1200	782760	13	SCOUT SIGHTED 1 EN.
13.	23 1340	700690	61	LOCATED A REST POSITION FOR 8-10 PERSONS.
14.	23 1300	699692	61	SIGHTED 1 EN WHO WDR WEST.
15.	24 1015	770711	42	A CAMP WITH 20 HUTS WITH BUNKERS. UNDERNEATH.
16.	24 1412	783738	4	LOC A CAMP OF 17 HUTS & 43 BUNKERS. HUTS DESTROYED.
17.	24 1420	771723	62	FOUND A RIFLE IN A CAMP
18.		774780	9	SIGHTED ALARGE CAMP.
19.		755842	9	SIGHTED 4 HUTS & WELL USED TRACK.
20.		766766	9	15-20 GOOD BUNKERS. SOME DESTROYED.

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APPENDIX 2 TO
ANNEX A TO 5 RAR
COMBAT AFTER ACTION
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DATED 17 AUG 69

SUMMARY OF ENEMY CASUALTIES, WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT CAPTURED ON DISTANT TRUMPET

1. Enemy Casualties

2 KIA (BC)
2 WIA (BT)
1 PW

2. Captured Weapons

1 x SKS carbine

3. Captured Ammunition

60 x SA rounds
1 x CHICOM Grenade

4. Miscellaneous Equipment

1 x pack
1 x Transistor radio
1 x pr pliers
Quantity clothing

5. Food Stuff

Small quantity assorted food.

6. Installations

Bunkers	140
Huts	49

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ANNEX B TO 5 RAR
COMBAT AFTER ACTION
REPORT 10/69
DATED 19 AUG 69

OPERATION DISTANT TRUMPET
SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

TIME — 21 JUL 69 — DAY 1

0725 hrs — A Coy, 2 tp (Cav), sect 105 Fd Bty departed NUI DAT for FSPB ELAINE YS 725674

0700 hrs — D Coy commenced fly in to FSPB ELAINE . LZ secured by 3 tp (Cav). Fly in by CH 47 fol by sect Mors and Bn HQ Coy.

AM — C Coy remained at NUI DAT as ready reaction force

0930 hrs — D Coy and Bn HQ in loc FSPB ELAINE

1015 hrs — A Coy, 2 tp (Cav) and sect 105 Fd Bty arrived FSPB ELAINE.

1235 hrs — 12 pl loc recent cutting and approx 50 bunkers in area YS 722659 - YS 723658 - YS 720656 with OHC and 1 and 2 man wpn pits

1357 hrs — 2 tp (Cav) released from sp tasks

1845 hrs — 3 tp (Cav) contacted 4 en carrying packs at YS 694774. En wdr SOUTH WEST . No result

1920 hrs — 1 pl contacted approx 7 en at YS 758737. En came from WEST wdr NORTH EAST and SOUTH WEST. 2 en KIA (BC) 2 en WIA (BT) 1 AUST WIA

Ni locs

A Coy — HQ, 2 pl, 3 pl YS 764732, 1 pl YS 758737
B Coy — HQ, 4 pl, 6 pl HORSESHOE, 5 pl YS 502669 Elm 5 pl YS 498669 Elm 5 pl YS 502665
C Coy — NUI DAT
D Coy — HQ YS 763687, 10 pl YS 761687, 11 pl YS 749687 12 pl YS 706651. Aslt Pnr pl YS 773680
Bn HQ, Mor pl (-) Tracker pl, sect APC, 105 Fd Bty FSPB ELAINE YS 725674.

Elms 3 tp (Cav) elms RF coy YS 694775
Elms 3 tp (Cav) YS 697781
Elms RF coy YS 698784
Elms RF coy YS 686764

22 JUL 69 — DAY 2

0945 hrs — 3 tp (Cav) captured 1 VC as result of contact at YS 697781 . PW was NVA. WIA. Moving from WEST to EAST. 1 SKS rifle, 1 pack containing , food, grenade, transistor radio, clothing.

1310 hrs — A Coy loc rice paddy at YS 744735
1310 hrs — 1 pl loc bunker system at YS 744737

Ni locs

A Coy — HQ,2 pl, YS 766744, 1 pl YS 760747, 3 pl YS 778740
B Coy — HORSESHOE
C Coy — NUI DAT
D Coy — HQ YS 779707, 10 pl YS 781707, 11 pl YS 768699 12 pl YS 682641
Bn HQ, Mor pl (-), Tracker pl, sect APCs, 105 Fd Bty FSPB ELAINE YS 725674 Aslt Pnr pl YS 789707 3 tp (Cav) (-) RF coy YS 694775
Elms 3 tp (Cav) YS 697781
Elms RF coy YS 698784
Elms RF coy YS 686764

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TIME 23 JUL 69 DAY 3

0950 hrs D Coy loc large rest camp at YS 783738 containing 43 bunkers and 17 huts. Believed to be a VC rest camp.

1036 hrs 3 pl loc large fd corn at YS 761753 VR noted that this fd is 100 metres wide and extends for at least 10,000 metres to NNW into MAY TAO

1159 hrs 3 pl loc 1 local en at YS 782760. En wearing greens and ran away when he saw fwd scout. In same loc 3 pl loc 1 bunker and 1 hut on side of land clearing beside a track.

1340 hrs Tracker pl loc small camp at YS 699692. 1 en [illegible] was sighted moving out of camp.

1635 hrs Sect APCs detained 6 persons and 2 oxcarts at YS 693673

Ni locs
A Coy HQ, 2 pl YS 766771, 1 pl YS 781764, 3 pl YS 782759
B Coy HORSESHOE, 6 pl (-) YS 525691, elms 6 pl YS 524692
elms 6 pl YS 523690
C Coy NUI DAT
D Coy HQ YS 779714, 10 pl YS 769716, 11 pl YS 770712
12 pl YS 682641
Bn HQ, Mor pl, (-), Tracker pl, sect APC, 105 Fd Bty FSPB ELAINE YS 725674
3 tp (Cav) (-) RF coy (-) YS 694775
Elms 3 tp (Cav) YS 697781
Elm RF coy YS698784
Elm RF coy YS 686764

24 JUL 69 DAY 4

0700 hrs Tkr pl sighted 1 en at YS 699692. En wdr WEST. Also loc 8-10 man wpn pits in same area about 3 months old.

1015 hrs D Coy loc systems of 20 huts with bunkers underneath at YS 770711 Occupied 2-3 weeks ago.

Ni locs
A Coy HQ, 1 pl, 2 pl YS 777770, 3 pl YS 778769
B Coy HORSESHOE
C Coy NUI DAT
D Coy HQ YS 779714, 10 pl YS 780716, 11 pl YS 774710
12 pl YS 689668
Bn HQ, Mor sect, Tkr pl, 105 Fd Bty, sect APCs FSPB ELAINE YS 725674
Aslt Pnr pl YS 779706

25 JUL 69 DAY 5

AM A and D coys moved by CH 47 and UH-1 hels from PZs in sq 7777 and 7771 to NUI DAT

1110 hrs FSPB convoy departed FSPB ELAINE for NUI DAT.

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CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Op "DISTANT TRUMPET".
2. Report by 2I7969 Capt W.J. GRASSICK.
3. IP1 A Coy 5 RAR.
4. Str I - 28.
5. 2I Jul 69 at I925 hrs, duration 30 mins.
6. YS759736.
7. Task: Ambushing track junction at stream crossing.
8. Description of action. IP1 had occupied a posn covering three seperate tracks approaching a stream crossing. In order to cover the approaches effectively it was necessary to have each approach covered by a sect thereby reducing the size of the killing area. At I925 hrs the en were heard to approach and were seen on the track covered by 2 sect. The ambush was sprung when approx 7 en were in the killing ground. The M60 jammed after about 3 rounds and neither of the 2 claymores covering the track were fired.
This resulted in only 2 en KIA and 2 en WIA. One of the Rfn in 2 sect was WIA by shrapnel, possibly from a RPG. A limited sweep was carried out to a distance of only about 40/50 metres as it was dark and raining hy. No further en were found.
9. Terrain. Thick secondary growth.
I0. Distance to en when first sighted. I0 metres.
II. Which soldier first saw en6 The left flank sentry.
I2. What was soldier doing. Flank sentry.
I3. What caused en to be noticed. They were talking.
I4. VC str/type/dress. Either local or regional, str 7 to 9, wearing black trousers and grey/green shirts, Webbing and packs with several carrying wpns.
I5. Who fired first. M60 team.
I6. What wpns fired. 2 and 3 sect M60, M79s, all 2 sect and IP1 HQ SLRs and MI6s.
I7. En immediate reaction. Dived off track and into the jungle.
I8. Pls reaction. Cleared immediate area by fire and mov then cont ambush on bodies.
I9. En cas. 2 VC KIA(BC) 2 VC WIA (Blood).
20. Caused by. Gunshot.
2I. Friendly cas. I WIA.
22. Caused by. RPG or M79.
23. Ammo expenditure. 500 x 7.62,link, 40 x 7.62 ball, 75 x 5.56 ball, 6 x M79 HE.
24. Docus/wpns captured. Qty of docus captured.
25. Lessons learnt. The failure of the sect comd to detonate his claymores almost certainly allowed the en to escape the killing ground.
26. Nil.

../2 Pl Comds Report

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Sect 2

Pl Comds Report.

27. Not Applicable.

28. In this ambush the tps reacted well in adverse conditions. The posns had only been occupied about 45 mins when the contact occurred. The stoppage of the M60 after only 2-3 rounds no doubt assisted the en to escape. However, the worst aspect of the ambush was the failure of the sect comd to detonate the 2 claymores covering the killing ground. Although most of the en were carrying wpns their only retaliation was to fire a RPG into the ambush. One wpn, possibly a MI carbine, apparently fell into the stream which was very fast flowing and a search the next morning failed to locate it.

29. See para 23.

Part 3 Coy Comds Comments.

30. No further comments.

9 Jul 69

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(W.J. GRASSICK)
Capt
2IC A Coy

9 Jul 69

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(R.F. SUTTON)
Maj
CO A Coy

INCIDENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Op "DISTANT TRUMPET".
2, Report by 55092 2Lt J.R. JAMES.
3. 3Pl A Coy 5 RAR.
4. Str I-22 (incl stts).
5. On 23 Jul 69 at II30 hrs.
6. YS78I756.
7. RIF.
8. Pl was moving alongside a firestone trail upon which corn was growing, dir of mov was North, vegetation was thick. The fwd scout Pte K.W. WILLIAMS observed one en dressed in greens running away towards the WEST. He only caught a brief glimps and did not have time to fire. The fwd sect deployed and in doing so observed several huts and what appeared to be bunkers. Pl Comds recce cfm this. The Pl pulled back and the en posn was engaged with Arty. The Pl then moved fwd and swept the posn from the WEST SOUTH WEST. It was found that there was only one hut and bunker plus materials stacked up for const of more huts. It was originally thought that this material was for constr huts. The en had been disturbed by the Pl and had left his uneaten lunch behind along with items of clothing and food. The camp was new and there was a date "I9/7/69" carved in a tree.
9. Thick jungle with vis of I0-30 metres.
I0. 20 metres.
II. Pte K.W. WILLIAMS fwd scout.
I2. Scouting.
I3. Mov.
I4. I Regional force, dressed in greens.
I5. Nobody.
I6. Nil.
I7. Ran away.
I8. Deploy.
I9. Nil.
20. Not Applicable.
2I. Nil.
22. Not Applicable.
23. Nil.
24. Small qty of docus, one sea bag full of civilian clothing, food and supplies.

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25. This was the first time that 3Pl had made contact with only one bunker, comms were very bad and could only be estb (poorly) with a long antenna. For this reason it was necessary to relay through Possum during the assualt/sweep.

26. Fuse delay in effect - fired by the guns did not go off.

Part 2

27.28. As Above.

29. 20-30 x I05mm Arty.

Part 3

Coy Comds Comments.

30. No further comments.

27 Jul 69

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(J.R. JAMES)
2Lt
OC 3Pl

28 Jul 69

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(R.F. SUTTON)
CO A Coy

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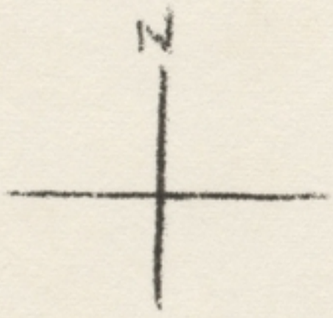

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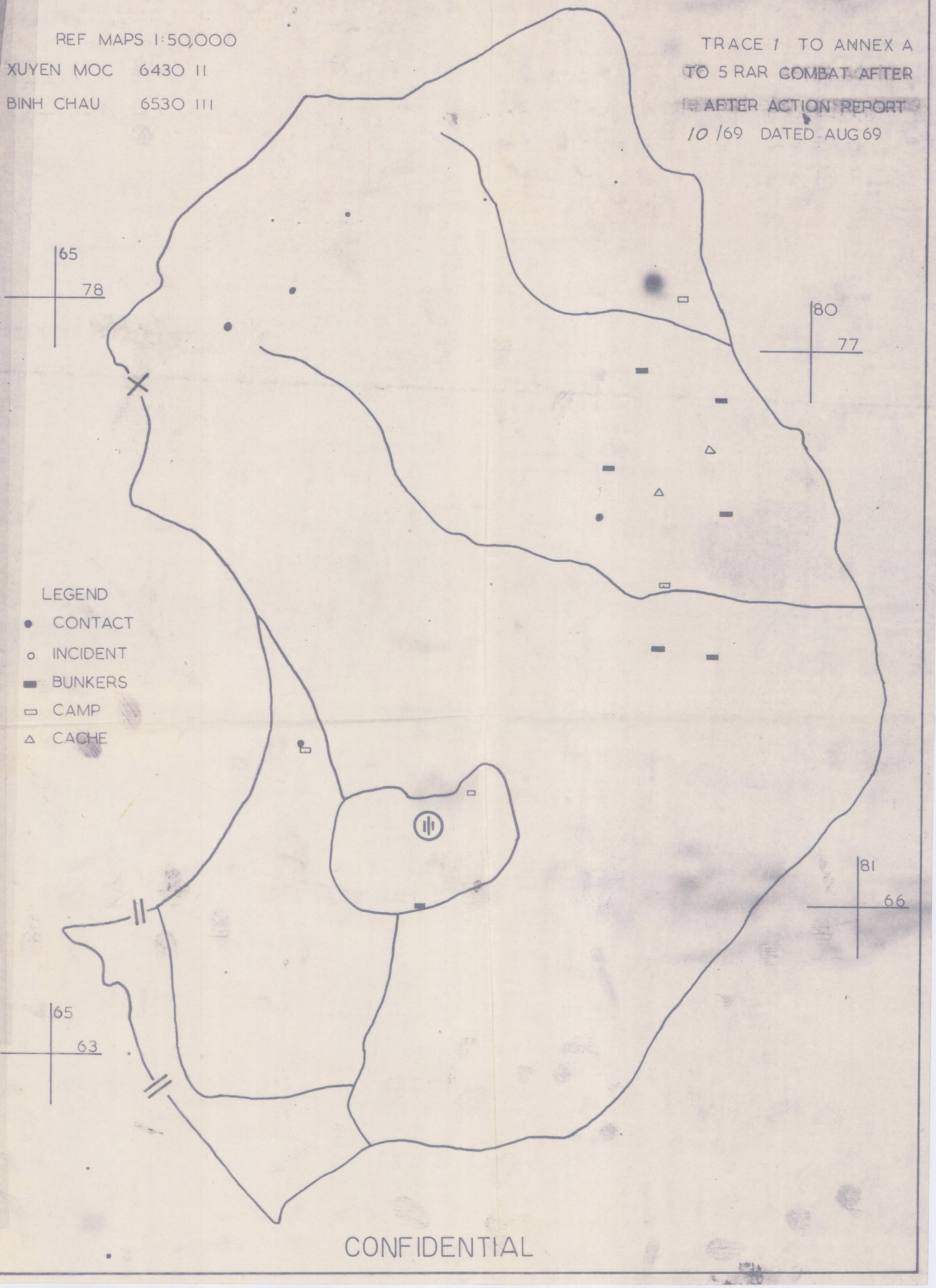

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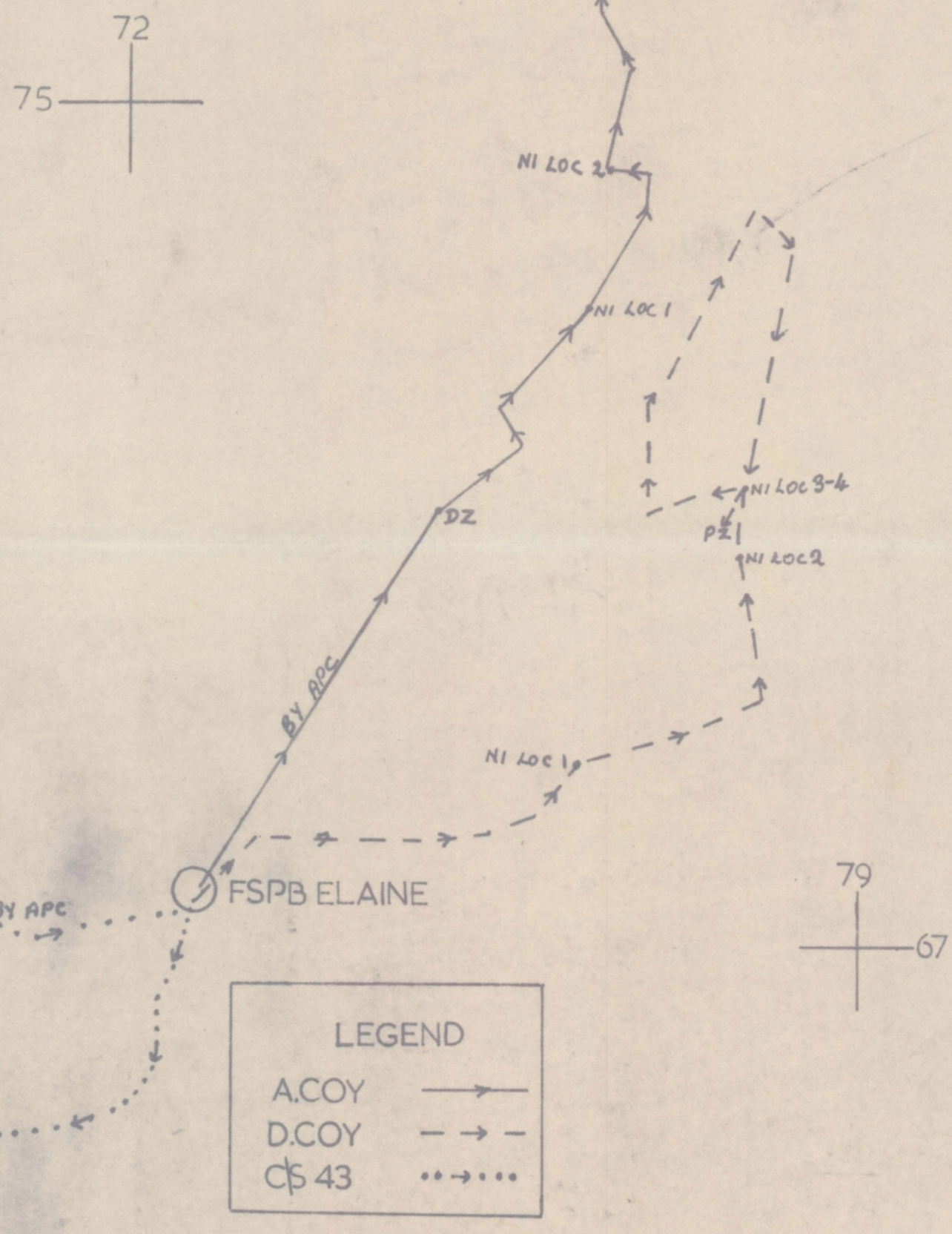

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL C.N. KHAN

COMMANDING OFFICER

5TH BATTALION

THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

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131. DUTIES -

1. CP DUTY ROSTER
2. CP TIGER 5 ROSTER
3. BN ORDERLY SERGEANT
4. BN HQ DUTY CLERK
5. HVO ROSTER
6. CP DUTY SIG
7. EMPEROR SWITCHBOARD DUTY ROSTER

NOTICES

1. SPEED LIMITS
2. UNIT PX - ORDERING OF LUXURY ITEMS

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1.

CP DUTY ROSTER
MON 25 AUG 69 - SUN 31 AUG 69

DATE	1700-1900	1900-2200	2200-0700
25 Aug	WO2 SCOWEN	WO2 SLADE	Sgt McDONALD
26 Aug	WO1 VAGG	Sgt COOPER	Cpl ROGERS
27 Aug	Sgt CALLCOTT	WO2 SLADE	Cpl ROSS
28 Aug	Sgt McDONALD	WO2 SCOWEN	2Lt CLAGUE
29 Aug	S sgt COOK	WO1 VAGG	Sgt COOPER
30 Aug	Cpl ROGERS	Cpl ROSS	Sgt CALLCOTT
31 Aug	2Lt CLAGUE	WO2 SLADE	WO2 SCOWEN

2.

CP TIGER5 ROSTER
MON 25 AUG 69 - SUN 31 AUG 69

DATE	0600-0700	0700-1230	1230-1600	1600-1700
25 Aug	Cpl O'DELL	S sgt O'REILLY	Sgt GARDINER	Cpl O'DELL
26 Aug	Cpl O'DELL	S sgt O'REILLY	Sgt GARDINER	Cpl O'DELL
27 Aug	Cpl O'DELL	S sgt O'REILLY	Sgt GARDINER	Cpl O'DELL
28 Aug	Cpl O'DELL	S sgt O'REILLY	Sgt GARDINER	Cpl O'DELL
29 Aug	Cpl O'DELL	S sgt O'REILLY	Sgt GARDINER	Cpl O'DELL
30 Aug	Cpl O'DELL	S sgt O'REILLY	Sgt GARDINER	Cpl O'DELL
31 Aug	Cpl O'DELL	S sgt O'REILLY	Sgt GARDINER	Cpl O'DELL

3.

BN ORDERLY SGT ROSTER
MON 25 AUG 69 - SUN 31 AUG 69

DATE/TIME	NAME	DATE/TIME	NAME
251600H	Sgt FORD	291600H	Sgt SMITH
261600H	Sgt HENDERSON	301600H	Sgt FORD
271600H	Sgt FORD	311600H	Sgt HENDERSON
281600H	Sgt HENDERSON		

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4. BN HQ DUTY CLERK

Mon 25 Aug 69	-	Pte	M. KOSTIUK
Tue 26 Aug 69	-	Pte	P.L. PURDON
Wed 27 Aug 69	-	Pte	D.C. PIGGOTT
Thu 28 Aug 69	-	Pte	M.J. HERBERT
Fri 29 Aug 69	-	Pte	B. GODDARD
Sat 30 Aug 69	-	Pte	J.A. ENGLISH
Sun 31 Aug 69	-	Pte	M. KOSTIUK

5. HVO ROSTER

Mon 25 Aug 69	-	L cpl	W. PETERS
Tue 26 Aug 69	-	L cpl	W. PETERS
Wed 27 Aug 69	-	L cpl	W. PETERS
Thu 28 Aug 69	-	Cpl	G. WILLIAMS
Fri 29 Aug 69	-	Cpl	G. WILLIAMS
Sat 30 Aug 69	-	Cpl	G. WILLIAMS
Sun 31 Aug 69	-	Sgt	T. GARDINER

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CP DUTY SIG 25 - 31 AUG 69

	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st
0700 - 1100	KROIS	LEWIS	HARDY	AHEARN	KROIS	LEWIS	HARDY
1100 - 1500	LEWIS	HARDY	AHEARN	KROIS	LEWIS	HARDY	AHEARN
1500 - 1900	HARDY	AHEARN	KROIS	LEWIS	HARDY	AHEARN	KROIS
1900 - 2300	AHEARN	KROIS	LEWIS	HARDY	AHEARN	KROIS	LEWIS
2300 - 0100	KROIS	LEWIS	HARDY	AHEARN	KROIS	LEWIS	HARDY
0100 - 0300	LEWIS	HARDY	'AHEARN	KROIS	LEWIS	HARDY	AHEARN
0300 - 0500	HARDY	AHEARN	KROIS	LEWIS	HARDY	AHEARN	KROIS
0500 - 0700	AHEARN	KROIS	LEWIS	HARDY	AHEARN	KROIS	LEWIS

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EMPEROR DUTY ROSTER 26 AUG 69 - 1 SEP 69

TIME	26 AUG	27 AUG	28 AUG	29 AUG	30 AUG	31 AUG	1 SEP
0700-1100	HUME	PICKER	GASKIN	HUME	PICKER	GASKIN	HUME
1100-1500	PICKER	GASKIN	HUME	PICKER	GASKIN	HUME	PICKER
1500-1900	GASKIN	HUME	PICKER	GASKIN	HUME	PICKER	GASKIN
1900-2100	DARBY	PICKER	DAY	COOK	GASKIN	HUME	DARBY
2100-2300	PICKER	DAY	COOK	GASKIN	HUME	DARBY	PICKER
2300-0100	DAY	COOK	GASKIN	HUME	DARBY	PICKER	DAY
0100-0300	COOK	GASKIN	HUME	DARBY	PICKER	DAY	COOK
0300-0500	GASKIN	HUME	DARBY	PICKER	DAY	COOK	GASKIN
0500-0700	HUME	DARBY	PICKER	DAY	COOK	GASKIN	HUME

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NOTICES

1. SPEED LIMITS

The attention of all drivers is to be drawn to 5 RAR R0116/69. Drivers are to be warned that infringements of the speed limits laid down will lead to the cancellation of their licences.

2. UNIT PX - ORDERING OF LUXURY ITEMS

1. Soldiers may order luxury goods from the unit PX.

2. When placing orders, soldiers should know the brand and serial number of the item. If this is not known, a good description of the item will suffice.

3. When ordering items in writing, soldiers are to state their number, rank, name and company.

3.

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TRAINING PROGRAMME - 31 AUG - 15 SEP

General

1. The training programme for this period is attached as:

a. Annex A - 5 RAR Activities Chart

b. Annex B - Daily Programme

c. Annex C - Conferences etc

2. Maximum time is to be given to refresher training and shooting. Range allocation is shown and it is combined with Ready Reaction periods. There will be no unit or coy operations conducted.

Bn Assembly

3. There will be a Bn assembly at TIGER 5 at 0745 hrs 31 Aug. RSM is to arrange all details.

Training Conference

4. Training conference will be held at 0830 hrs 31 Aug to discuss unit and sub-unit training programmes and courses. OCs are to bring details of their programmes to this conference.

5. The following are to attend:

a. Coy comds

b. Ops Offr

c. Adjt

d. RSM

Training

6. OCs are to plan training of their own choice in the time allotted at Annex B, with the following restrictions:

a. Must conduct 4 hrs mine warfare training for all ranks; Adjt is to co-ordinate assistance required from 1 Fd Sqn.

b. Must conduct Ex Lifesaver.

c. Must conduct 1 days training on locating and attacking bunkers.

d. Must conduct ½ day on ambush technique.

e. Must arrange 1 hrs medical lecture by RMO to cover Malaria, Scrub Typhus, Dysentery, water sterilization.

Ready Reaction

7. Responsibility commences at 0700 hrs on day shown for 24 hr period.

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Duties

8. Duty coy roster will not be complete. Rifle coys and Sp Coy are each to nominate 5 OR for duties on 31 Aug, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 14 Sep. RSM is to co-ordinate duties using RD WO.

5 RAR Range

9. Range is allotted generally on Ready Reaction days. Adjt is to co-ordinate use of range to ensure that maximum use is gained.

Concert Party

10. The Johnny O'Keefe Concert Party will perform at Luscombe Bowl 1030 hrs 1 Sep. Normal rear details are to provide all duties and base protection at this time; OCs can authorise attendance as they wish.

Unit Courses

11. The following courses wil be conducted

a. NCO Cadre - Instructions issued by RSM

b. Stretcher bearers - Conducted by RMO on 3, 4, 5 Sep (1400-1700 hrs each day). Can take 6 students per coy. Nominations to RAP by 1600 hrs 31 Aug.

c. Radio Operators - Conducted by RSO. Details later. Can accept 2 students per coy.

d. FO/MFC - Conducted by 105 Fd Bty. Details later. MFCs can attend.

e. Aslt Pnr - Conducted by Aslt Pnr Pl Comd with assistance from 1 Fd Sqn. Incl 3 days training on mine warfare, wire obstacles, field defences and CP constructions.

Miscellaneous

12. The following other matters are to be covered:

a. 100% controlled stores check

b. Armourers weapon inspection

c. FFI and kit check

d. Innoculation & vaccination check

e. Maximum dental treatment

f. 100% check of NOK records

g. Currency conversion (details from A adjt)

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ANNEX A TO
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DATED [illegible] AUG 69

5 RAR ACTIVITIES CHART

Date Sep 69

Activity	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 AM	14 PM	15
Training	Maintainence	A	D Sp	C	B, D Sp	D	B Sp	B, D	A, C Sp	A Sp	B, C	A, C D	A, B C	B,C D, Sp	A, C D,Sp	Operations	Operations
Admin		D	C				A			B							
Ready Reaction		C	A	D	C	B	D	A	B	C	A	B	D	A	B		
R & C		B	B	B,A	A	A, C	C	C	D	D	D, Sp	Sp	Sp				
Duty		Sp		Sp		Sp		Sp									
Range		C	A	D	Sp	B	D	A	B	C	C	B	D	A	Sp		

Administration and Barracks Maintainence

B Coy provides Ready Reaction Coy

Preparation for Operations

Preparation for Operations

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T - Training
R - Range
RR - Ready Reaction
A - Administration
R&C - Rest & Convalescence
D - Duty

ANNEX B TO
5 RAR R810-1-4
DATED 28 AUG 69

DAILY PROGRAMME
DATE SEP 69

COY	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 AM	14 PM	15
A	Administration and Barracks Maintenance	T	RR R	R&C	R&C	R&C	A	RR R	T	T	RR	T	T	RR R	T		
B	B Coy provides Ready Reaction Coy	R&C	R&C	R&C	T	RR R	T	T	RR R	A	T	RR R	T	T	RR		
C		RR R	A	T	RR	R&C	R&C	R&C	T	RR R	T R	T	T	T	T		
D		A	T	RR R	T	T	RR R	T	R&C	R&C	R&C	T	RR R	T	T		
SP		D	T	D	T R	D	T	D	T	T	R&C	R&C	R&C	T	T R	Preparation for Operations	Preparation for Operations

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ANNEX C TO
5 RAR R810-1-4
DATED 2 AUG 69

CONFERENCES ETC

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
DAILY	0800 HRS	CO's Conference
31 AUG	0745 HRS	Bn assembly Tiger 5
31 AUG	0830 HRS	Trg Conference
31 AUG	CO-ORD BY ASST ADJT	Currency Conversion
1 SEP	1030 HRS	Concert Party - Luscombe Bowl
To Be Advised	To Be Advised	Lecture on Manning by Records Officer Saigon for all Officers and Senior NCO's.

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COMMANDING OFFICER

5TH BATTALION

THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

28 AUG 69 Numbers 132-137

132. DUTIES - 1. BN HQ DUTY CLERK
2. HVO ROSTER
3. CP DUTY SIG
4. EMPEROR SWITCHBOARD DUTY ROSTER

133. GROUP 9 QUALIFICATIONS

134. REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION OF FIRE

135. CARRIAGE OF WEAPONS

136. SIGNING OF AAF G2 - TRANSPORT WORK TICKET

137. SMOKING IN BED

NOTICES

1. VOLUNTARY EXTENSION OF SERVICE FOR NATIONAL SERVICEMEN

2. MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM BRIG C.M.I. PEARSON, DSO, OBE, MC

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1. BN HQ DUTY CLERK

Mon 1 Sep 69	-	Pte P.L. PURDON
Tue 2 Sep 69	-	Pte D.C. PIGGOTT
Wed 3 Sep 69	-	Pte M.J. HERBERT
Thu 4 Sep 69	-	Pte B. GODDARD
Fri 5 Sep 69	-	Pte J.A. ENGLISH
Sat 6 Sep 69	-	Pte P.L. PURDON
Sun 7 Sep 69	-	Pte D.C. PIGGOTT

2. HVO ROSTER

Mon 1 Sep 69	-	Sgt T. GARDINER
Tue 2 Sep 69	-	Sgt T. GARDINER
Wed 3 Sep 69	-	Sgt T. GARDINER
Thu 4 Sep 69	-	Sgt T. GARDINER
Fri 5 Sep 69	-	Sgt T. GARDINER
Sat 6 Sep 69	-	Sgt T. GARDINER
Sun 7 Sep 69	-	Sgt T. GARDINER

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CP DUTY SIG 1 - 7 SEP 69

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
0700 - 1100	KROIS	LEWIS	HARDY	AHEARN	KROIS	LEWIS	HARDY
1100 - 1500	LEWIS	HARDY	AHEARN	KROIS	LEWIS	HARDY	AHEARN
1500 - 1900	HARDY	AHEARN	KROIS	LEWIS	HARDY	AHEARN	KROIS
1900 - 2300	AHEARN	KROIS	LEWIS	HARDY	AHEARN	KROIS	LEWIS
2300 - 0100	KROIS	KEWIS	HARDY	AHEARN	KROIS	LEWIS	HARDY
0100 - 0300	LEWIS	HARDY	AHEARN	KROIS	LEWIS	HARDY	AHEARN
0300 - 0500	HARDY	AHEARN	KROIS	LEWIS	HARDY	AHEARN	KROIS
0500 - 0700	AHEARN	KROIS	LEWIS	HARDY	AHEARN	KROIS	LEWIS

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EMPEROP DUTY ROSTER 1 SEP - 7 SEP 69

TIME	1 SEP	2 SEP	3 SEP	4 SEP	5 SEP	6 SEP	7 SEP
0700-1100	HUME	PICKER	GASKIN	HUME	PICKER	GASKIN	HUME
1100-1500	PICKER	GASKIN	HUME	PICKER	GASKIN	HUME	PICKER
1500-1900	GASKIN	HUME	PICKER	GASKIN	HUME	PICKER	GASKIN
1900-2100	DARBY	PICKER	DAY	COOK	GASKIN	HUME	DARBY
2100-2300	PICKER	DAY	COOK	GASKIN	HUME	DARBY	PICKER
2300-0100	DAY	COOK	GASKIN	HUME	DARBY	PICKER	DAY
0100-0300	COOK	GASKIN	HUME	DARBY	PICKER	DAY	COOK
0300-0500	GASKIN	HUME	DARBY	PICKER	DAY	COOK	GASKIN
0500-0700	HUME	DARBY	PICKER	DAY	COOK	GASKIN	HUME

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133. GROUP 9 QUALIFICATIONS

1. The following members are now fully qualified for Gp 9 Mil Skill:

55524 Lcpl D.A. SMITH

44501 Pte D. COUSINS

2. The following members have qualified in Gp 9 tests as shown:

	BASIC FIRST AID	MAP AND AIR PHOTO READING
1201148 Pte D.A. ROBSON	Q	Q
217845 Pte D.K. ANFIELD	Q	Q

134. REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION OF FIRE

1. Fire occurrences are to be reported to OC Admin Coy within 1 hour of the occurrence.

2. No attempt is to be made to clean up the site until a technical examination of the remains of the fire site has been completed.

3. The technical examination is to be arranged through the DCRE 1 ATF

135. CARRIAGE OF WEAPONS

1. All members of 5 RAR will carry their personal weapons at all times.

2. This includes taking weapons inside the 1 ATF Canteen, but weapons are to be cleared to the unloaded degree of readiness prior to entry.

5 RAR RO 26/69 is cancelled.

136. SIGNING OF AAF G2 - TRANSPORT WORK TICKET

The following members of 5 RAR are the only members authorised to sign AAFs G2:

Bn CP Duty Officer
Sgt J.W. KENNARD
Cpl B.J. WRIGHT
Cpl R.J. STUART
Cpl A.W. NITSCHKE

5 RAR RO 27/69 is cancelled.

137. SMOKING IN BED

Smoking in bed is prohibited.

5 RAR RO 25/69 is cancelled.

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NOTICES

1. VOLUNTARY EXTENSION OF SERVICE OF NATIONAL SERVICEMEN

NSM who extend their service voluntarily for periods over 3 months and up to 24 months will now only forfeit the following entitlements for Re-establishment:

a. Contract of Employment: (His employer prior to call-up is not required to re-employ him.)

b. NS Moratorium: (This provision applies for a period of 12 months onlyafter the normal due date of discharge.)

2. MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM BRIG C.M.I. PEARSON, DSO, OBE, MC.

Following is the text of a message received from Comd 1 ATF.

"For CO from Comd. Please convey my very deep thanks to all ranks of 5 RAR for their congratulations on the award of DSO. I have received this award as a result of the efforts of all the soldiers of the Task Force, and I will be proud to wear it on their behalf."

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27 Aug 69

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TRAINING PROGRAMME 31 AUG - 15 SEP 69
AMENDMENT

Reference: A. . 5 RAR R810-1-4 of 23 Aug 69.

1. Para 8; Insert, -, between 9, 14 Sep 69. Act.

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MORTAR PLATOON
TRAINING PROGRAMME

SERIAL	DAY/DATE	TIME	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTORS	REMARKS
1	2 SEP 69	0800-0900	BASIC DRILLS - SIGHTS & AIMING, LAYING FOR DIRECTION/ELEVATION	SEC NCO'S	NUI DAT
2	2 SEP 69	0900-1000	BARREL OBSTRUCTION AND SCALE SLIPPAGE	SEC NCO'S	NUI DAT
3	2 SEP 69	1000-1100	PLATOON DRILL	PL 2IC/SEC NCO'S	NUI DAT
4	2 SEP 69	1100-1200	BORESIGHTING	SEC NCO'S	NUI DAT
5	2 SEP 69	1300-1400	COMMAND POST PROCEDURE	SEC NCO'S	NUI DAT
6	2 SEP 69	1400-1640	CALIBRATION SHOOT	PL COMD/2IC/PL NCO'S	NUI DAT
7	4 SEP 69	0800-1000	SIGNALS PROCEDURE/COMMUNICATIONS	PL CPL FCC, SEC 2IC	NUI DAT
8	4 SEP 69	1000-1200	BP/FCC PROCEDURES	PL COMD/PL NCO'S	NUI DAT
9	4 SEP 69	1300-1400	TARGET RECORDS	PL COMD/2IC	NUI DAT
10	4 SEP 69	1400-1640	DET DRILL/SEC DRILL/PL DRILL/NO I TEST FOR ACCURACY/DUTIES OF PL NCO'S	PL COMD/2IC/PL NCO'S	NUI DAT
11	6 SEP 69	0800-1000	PL STORE PROCEDURES/FIELD ADMIN	PL 2IC/STOREMAN	NUI DAT
12	6 SEP 69	1000-1200	SEC/PL LOAD TABLES/AMMUNITION	PL 2IC/PL NCO'S	NUI DAT
13	6 SEP 69	1300-1640	SMALL ARMS RANGE	PL 2IC	NUI DAT
14	6 SEP 69	1930-2200	ILLUMINATION SHOOT	PL COMD	NUI DAT
15	8 SEP 69	0800-1200	FIRE CONTROL/PL DRILLS/CP PROCEDURE	PL COMD/2IC/PL NCO'S	HORSESHOE
		1300-1640	INITIAL FIRE/RANGING/FIRE FOR EFFECT	PL COMD/2IC/PL NCO'S	HORSESHOE
16	9 SEP 69	0800-1640	COURSE SHOOTING MORTARS/ARTILLERY	PL COMD/2IC/PL NCO'S	HORSESHOE
17	10 SEP 69	0800-0900	DEPLOYMENT/SOFT SKIN, ARMOURED/AIR	PL 2IC	NUI DAT
18	10 SEP 69	0900-1200	MINE WARFARE/LECTURE BY RMO		NUI DAT
19	13 SEP 69	0900-1100	TESTS OF MORTAR DRILLS	PL 2IC	NUI DAT
20	13 SEP 69	1100-1200	DISCUSSION - LESSONS LEARNED	PL COMD	NUI DAT
21	13 SEP 69	1300-1640	EXERCISE LIFESAVER		NUI DAT
22	14 SEP 69	0800-1200	SMALL ARMS RANGE	PL 2IC	NUI DAT

M.F.C.C's TO ATTEND ARTILLERY/MORTAR TRAINING 7-11 SEPTEMBER.

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TRAINING PROGRAMME
SIGNALS PL 5 RAR

1. All available pl members will attend training programme.

2. CP and switchboard will be manned on a skeleton basis.

3. Dress layed down in programme will be strictly adhered to.

4. Notebooks and pencils will be carried at all times during the training programme.

5. All radio and VP training periods are to be supervised and run by Cpl JOHNSON, helped by Cpl PRICE and Pte TRELOAR.

6. Current affairs periods will be in a discussion form supervised by Sgt BURNS.

7. Pl PT periods will be notified at a later date, all members of pl will attend except 1 switchboard operator and 1 CP operator.

(W.J. BURNS)
Sgt
for RSO

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TRAINING PROGRAMME
SIGNALS PL 5 RAR

2 SEP 69

DAY	PERIOD	LESSON	LOCATION	DRESS & EQPT	INSTR
1	0800 to 0840	Health and Hygeine in the field (Lessons Learnt)	Pl Training Area	Dress of day Note Books	RAP Rep
1	0850 to 0930	Daily routine in FSPB	Pl Training Area	Dress of day	CSM
1	0940 to 1020	Lessons 1 and 2 Strippinig, Cleaning and Assembling L1A1 and M16	Pl Training Area	Basic webbing Personal weapons	B.W. P.C.
1	1040 to 1120	* Current Affairs and Int Briefing	Pl Training Area	Dress of day	Pl Comd & Int Rep
1	1120 to 1200	Pl Sgt's Make and Mend	Pl Lines		Sgt COOPER
1	1330 to 1410	Debrief of Op CAMDEN	Pl Training Area	Dress of day	Sgt BURNS
1	1420 to 1500	Security Rules (How does the en hear and intercept our transmissions)	Pl Training Area	Dress of day	J.P. A.T.
1	1510 to 1550	Additional Aids to Security (Jargon)			

* All current affairs periods are to take a discussion form supervised by Sgt BURNS

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TRAINING PROGRAMME
SIGNALS PL 5 RAR

4 SEP 69

DAY	PERIOD	LESSON	LOCATION	DRESS & EQPT	INSTR
2	0800 to 0840	Lessons 1, 2, 3 Claymore Mine Cleaning and assembling, setting up, sighting and arming	Pl Training Area	Basic webbing	P.C.
2	0850 to 0930	Accuracy an ecomomy (How to speak clearly) Phonetic alphabet Pronunciation of figures	C/room	Dress of day	Sgt BURNS A.T.
2	0940 to 1020	Setting up US trip flares Use of clustered trip flares	Pl Training Area	Dress of day	P.G. Sgt COOPER
2	1040 to 1120	Current affairs Int briefing	Pl Training Area	Dress of day	Sgt BURNS Int Rep
2	1120 to 1200	Pl Sgt's HR	Pl lines		Sgt COOPER
2	1330 to 1550	Theoretical line system within FSPB (Methods of laying to be used by 5 RAR)	Pl Training Area	Dress of day	P.C. R.D.

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AY	PERIOD	LESSON	LOCATION	DRESS & EQPT	INSTR
	0800 to 0840	Lessons 1, 2, 3 on M72	Pl Training Area	Basic webbing	CSM Sgt GODFREY
	0850 to 1020	Practical First Aid (In the field) Tropical diseases and preventive measures	C/room	Dress of day	RAP Sgt and Rep
	1040 to 1120	Current affairs and Int briefing	Pl Training Area	Dress of day	Sgt BURNS Int Rep
3	1120 to 1200	Pl Sgt's make and mend	Pl lines		Sgt COOPER
3	1330 to 1410	Relay procedure (Practical)	Pl Training Area	Dress of day	A.T. J.P.
3	1420 to 1500	Authentication (Incorrect and self) (Practical)	Pl Training Area	Dress of day	Sgt BURNS A.T.
3	1510 to 1550	Changing frequency (Security changes) (Tactical changes)	Pl Training Area	Dress of day	J.P. A.T.

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DAY	PERIOD	LESSON	LOCATION	DRESS & EQPT	INSTR
4	0800 to 1020	Artillery and mortar, fire direction orders (Principals and procedures) (Theory and semi practical)	Pl Training Area	Dress of day	Arty Rep Sgt PEARCE
4	1040 to 1120	Current affairs and Int briefing	Pl Training Area	Dress of day	Sgt BURNS Int Rep
4	1120 to 1200	Pl Sgt's Period	Pl lines	PT Dress	Sgt COOPER
4	1330 to 1410	Time checks	Pl Training Area	Dress of day	J.P.
4	1420 to 1500	Spelling, figures, mixed groups, locstats	Pl Training Area	Dress of day	A.T. J.P.
4	1510 to 1550	CP setting up and operating procedures	Pl Training Area	Dress of day	J.P. A.T.

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DAY	PERIOD	LESSON	LOCATION	DRESS & EQPT	INSTR
5	0800 to 1020	Aerial theory and practical Application of lightweight adjustable diapole and ANRC 292	Pl Training Area	Dress of day	Sgt BURNS A.T. J.P.
5	1040 to 1120	Current affairs and Int briefing	Pl Training Area	Dress of day	Sgt BURNS Int Rep
5	1120 to 1200	Pl Comd's hour	Sig Store	Dress of day	Sgt BURNS
5	1330 to 1550	* Practical radio exercise (Including retransmission)	To be notified	Basic eqpt	All

* Screed to be issued separately

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TRACKER PLATOON
TRAINING PROGRAMME

DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON	
1 SEP 69			PT
2 SEP 69	90MM RCL TRAINING (IN LINES)	106MM RCL TRAINING (IN LINES)	PT
3 SEP 69			PT
4 SEP 69	SA RANGE, M72, M79	AMBUSH TECHNIQUE	PT
5 SEP 69	TRAIN SP SEC D COY 90MM RCL		PT
6 SEP 69	PSPB-'WHY & WHAT', PATROLLING, CONTACT F & M, TGT GRID PROCEDURE	PW'S- TREATMENT ADMIN, FIELD SIGNALS & INFORMATION PASSAGE	PT
7 SEP 69	ADMIN		PT
8 SEP 69	MINE WARFARE - 1 FD SQN, BOOBY TRAP LANE- 1ARU	TK RANGE LIVE FIRING 106 & 90MM SP SEC COYS	PT
9 SEP 69	BUNKER TRAINING	BUNKER TRAINING	PT
10 SEP 69	105CH LECTURE BY RMO, R & C	R & C	
11 SEP 69	R & C	R & C	
12 SEP 69	R & C	'GOOD SCOUTING' - C COY	
13 SEP 69	VISUAL TRACKING SKILLS	EXERCISE LIFESAVER	
14 SEP 69	'GOOD SCOUTING' 'COY SCOUTS' PRESENT	PREP FOR OP	

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ENCLOSURE 41/11

COMD DIARY

ASSAULT PIONEER PLATOON
TRAINING PROGRAMME

DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON
1 SEP 69	DUTIES	DUTIES
2 SEP 69	GPMG (STRIP, ASSEM, IA'S) M72, M79, CLAYMORE (USES, PREP, & FIRING)	MAINT & USE OF MINE DETECTOR AND CHAIN SAW
3 SEP 69	DUTIES	DUTIES
4 SEP 69	PREP, MAINT, USES & FIRING FLAME THROWERS	RANGE
5 SEP 69	DUTIES	DUTIES
6 SEP 69	AMBUSH & PATROLS	CONST OF ¢ BREACHING WIRE, OBST & FD DEF
7 SEP 69	ADMIN, LECTURE TO B COY AT 1000H ON CHAIN SAW & DEMO OF TREES.	ADMIN
8 SEP 69	ATTACK EN BUNKER - THEORY & PRACTICE	ATTACK EN BUNKER - THEORY & PRACTICE
9 SEP 69	MINE WARFARE	CP CONST
10 SEP 69	ADMIN, 1000-1100 LECTURE BY RMO	R & C
11 SEP 69	R & C	R & C
12 SEP 69	R & C	R & C
13 SEP 69	CP CONST PRAC	EXERCISE LIFESAVER

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A COY TRAINING PROGRAMME 1-14 SEP 69

DATE	0800 - 0900	0900 - 1000	1000 - 1100	1100 - 1200	1330 - 1430	1430 - 1500	1500 - 1600	1600 - 1630
1 Sep 69	Ambush Techniques		J O'K Show		Med lecture Mal/ST/Dys/ W Ster RMO	G P M G Training		PT/Sport
2 Sep 69	R E A D Y R E A C T I O N Range Practice - Small arms M79 and M72							PT/Sport
3 Sep 69	Anti - mite clothing	Creek/track crossings Security	Personal admin		R & C VUNG TAU			
4 Sep 69	R & C VUNG TAU							
5 Sep 69	R & C VUNG TAU				ROUTE MARCH			PT/Sport
6 Sep 69	Range		COY ADMIN Barber, Dental, Innoculations, Records Check, Stocktake etc					PT/Sport
7 Sep 69	R E A D Y R E A C T I O N Range Practice - Small arms, M72 and M79							PT/Sport
8 Sep 69	B U N K E R T R A I N I N G				Sentries Sentry roster	Security on the move	Security at halts Harbour drills	PT/Sport

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DATE	0800 - 0900	0900 - 1000	1000 - 1100	1100 - 1200	1330 - 1430	1430 - 1500	1500 - 1600	1600 - 1630
9 Sep 69	E X L I F E S A V E R				Mine Warfare 1 Fd Sqn 1 ARU			PT/Sport
10 Sep 69	R E A D Y Clearing patrols			R E A C T I O N Bunker Techniques				PT/Sport
11 Sep 69	Pl Comd's hr	GPMG Training	Linear Ambush	Ambush at Ni Halts	Navigation & Pacing	Claymore Siting & Use	Search Techniques	PT/Sport
12 Sep 69	Pl Fmns for Mov Sweep etc	Arty & Mor Procedures	Inf/Tk Coop Comms aval Tgt Grid	CSM's hr	B U N K E R T R A I N I N G			PT/Sport
13 Sep 69	R E A D Y Range Practice -			R E A C T I O N Small arms M72 and M79				PT/Sport
14 Sep 69	Int Brief	Use of Explosives	GPMG Training	Pl Comd's hr	Preparation for Bn Ops			PT/Sport

NOTE: 1. 1700 7 Sep 69 - Records Offr talk to Offrs/senior NCOs - Bn Conference Room

2. PT/Sport - To incl inter coy Rugby/volley ball etc.

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ENCLOSURE H/13 OC ADMN

C COY TRAINING AND ACTIVITIES 1 - 14 SEP

1 Sep

TIMINGS	7 PL	8 PL	9 PL	REMARKS
0700 —	READY REACTION	READY REACTION	READY REACTION	a. Ready Reaction
0800-1015	RANGE	ADMIN	ADMIN	b. Range practice to include zeroing.
1030-1200	CONCERT	CONCERT	CONCERT	
1230-1445	ADMIN	RANGE	ADMIN	
1445-1700	ADMIN	ADMIN	RANGE	

2 Sep

TIMINGS	7 PL	8 PL	9 PL	REMARKS
--0700	READY REACTION	READY REACTION	READY REACTION	
0900-1000	MEMORIAL CHUCH SERVICE			a. PTE McMILLAN
1000-1630		ADMINISTRATION CURRENCY CONVERSION FFI ARMOURERS CHECK DENTAL BARBER KIT CHECK		b. TAOR 2-4Sep (3 per Pl)

3 Sep

TIMINGS	7 Pl	8 Pl	9 Pl	REMARKS
0800-1230	PL TACTICS	PL TACTICS	PL TACTICS	
	TO INCLUDE OBSTACLE CROSSING AND PL ATTACKS			
1330-1630	MINE WARFARE	RMO's LECTURE "EX LIFESAVER"	INF TANK TGT INDICATION ARTY SP LECTURE	

4 Sep

TIMINGS	7 Pl	8 Pl	9 Pl	REMARKS
0700---	READY REACTION	READY REACTION	READY REACTION	Ready Reaction
	MOVE WITH APC TP TO BUNKER AREA FOR FOL TRG:	Attacking bunkers APC drills Harbouring		

5 Sep

TIMINGS	7 Pl	8 Pl	9 Pl	REMARKS
--0700	READY REACTION	READY REACTION	READY REACTION	
0800-1230	ADMINISTRATION	ADMINISTRATION	ADMINISTRATION	
1330—	R & C	R & C	R & C	

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C COY TRAINING AND ACTIVITIES 1 - 14 SEP

6 Sep

TIMINGS	7 Pl R & C	8 Pl R & C	9 Pl R & C	REMARKS

7 Sep

TIMINGS	7 Pl	8 Pl	9 Pl	REMARKS
--0900	R & C	R & C	R & C	
1100-1600	SPORT AND ADMIN	SPORT AND ADMIN	SPORT AND ADMIN	
1600	LECTURE TO OFFICERS AND NCOs ON POSTINGS ON RTA			

8 Sep

TIMINGS	7 Pl	8 Pl	9 Pl
0800-1230	NAVEX	CLAYMORES AND WEAPON HANDLING	VOICE PROCEDURE
1330-1630	RMOs LECTURE EX "LIFESAVER"	INF TANK TGT INDICATION ARTY SP LECTURE	MINE WARFARE

9 Sep

TIMINGS	7 Pl	8 Pl	9 Pl	REMARKS
0700---	READY REACTION	READY REACTION	READY REACTION	a. Ready Reaction
0800-1015	CLAYMORES AND WEAPON HANDLING	VOLLEY BALL	RANGE	
1015-1230	VOLLEY BALL	RANGE	CLAYMORES AND WEAPON HANDLING	
1330-1600	RANGE	TRACKING	VOLLEY BALL	
1900-2100			NIGHT SHOOT	b. To incl night illumination

10 Sep

TIMINGS	7 Pl	8 Pl	9 Pl	REMARKS
--0700	READY REACTION	READY REACTION	READY REACTION	
0800-1015 1015-1230	((TEWT	(RANGE (PROCEDURE	(VOICE PROCEDURE (RANGE	
1330-1600	RANGE NIGHT SHOOT	AMBUSH TEWT NIGHT SHOOT (ARU RANGE)	TRACKING	To incl night illumination

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TIMINGS	7 Pl	8 Pl	9 Pl	REMARKS
0800-1230	TRACKING	NAVEX	AMBUSH TEWT	
1330-1630	INF TANK TGT INDICATION ARTY SP LECTURE	MINE WARFARE	RMOs LECTURE "EX LIFESAVER"	

12 Sep

TIMINGS	7 Pl	8 Pl	9 Pl	REMARKS
0900-1230	COY TEWT FOR ALL OFFICERS AND NCOs (ADMINISTRATION FOR REMAINDER OF COY)			
1330-1630	SPORT	TRACKING TRAINING FOR SCOUTS SPORT	SPORT	

13 Sep

TIMINGS	7 Pl	8 Pl	9 Pl	REMARKS
0800-1230	COY HARBOURING AND ASSAULT FORMATIONS			
1330-1630	VOICE PROCEDURE	SPORT	NAVEX	

14 Sep

TIMINGS	7 Pl	8 Pl	9 Pl	REMARKS
0800-0900	INT BRIEFING ON ENEMY SITUATION			
0900-1230	ADMINISTRATION	ADMINISTRATION	ADMINISTRATION	
1330-1700	BRIEFING AND PREPARATION FOR OPERATIONS			

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D COY TRAINING PROGRAMME

DATE	0800 - 1000	1000 - 1200	1330 - 1430	1430 - 1530	1530 - 1630
2nd	½ coy mine warfare 1 Fd Sqn ½ coy tripflares setting up etc.		Mine warfare training at 1 ARU		
4th	Ambush Training		Tgt Grid Procedure		Sport
5th	a. Sp Sect and 2 rfn per sect to Tracker Pl for 90mm RCL b. Remainder Voice Procedure/ First Aid		Lecture by RMO	Lecture by Div Int	Sport
6th	Bunker training in TAOR				
7th	Testing for Gp 9		Light Fire Team, Spooky	Sentries	Sport
11th	Harbour Procedures		Ex 'LIFE SAVER'		
13th	Ambush Training and pl Recapitulation				Sport

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