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PART 1

COVERING LETTER

Reference No.....

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

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

2. Please return receipt below.

Rcpt fwd. 2-12-66 RT.

(Signature) R. J. O'Neill Capt

Appointment Intelligence Officer
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

RECEIPT FORM

(To be detached and returned by recipient)

Please return to this address:
Intelligence Officer
5 RAR
AFPO 4 VIETNAM
c/- GPO SYDNEY

I hereby acknowledge receipt of:

Army Form C 2118 (Adapted) Oct 66 (Month and year)

Signature.....

Date.....

PART 2

AF C 2119 (Adapted)
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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation 5 RAR

From 1 Aug 66 **To** 31 Aug 66

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† ~~Despatched to~~

on.....

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PART 3

COMMANDERS DIARIES
INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

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

GENERAL

2. *Entries are to be made daily* on AF C 2118 (Adapted) each entry being initialled by the officer detailed to keep it.

3. Commanders Diaries will conform with the rules for drafting orders given in "Staff Duties (Australia)" Chapter 2, Section 12.

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

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

During Operational Periods (1)

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

COMPILATION

6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:
   - **a.** Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
   - **b.** Index as printed on cover.
   - **c.** Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
   - **d.** Annexes as shown in the Index.

7. All details of the unit or formation (if a detachment is concerned, the name of the parent unit), period covered and enclosure numbers of the annexes are to be shown on the cover. If there has been a change of command since the last report, the date of assumption by the new commanding officer is to be included.

8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no enclosures for an annex NIL will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, the relevant papers should be grouped as annexes starting at B.

9. Documents concerned with future planning for operations form Annex "Z", "TOP SECRET Supplementary Diary" of the formation originating the document. It is to be prepared and disposed of as shown in Paragraph 16.

CONTENTS

10. The diary is to contain:
   - **a.** Changes in command, (giving place names as well as map references), establishment, equipment and organization.
   - **b.** Information received, decisions made and orders given.
   - **c.** Where applicable, a short summary of the day's fighting, including company movements.
   - **d.** Opinions and recommendations of the commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization and morale.
   - **e.** Progress of defensive works.
   - **f.** Weapon state.
   - **g.** Weather and ground conditions, if of potential importance.
   - **h.** Major causes and number of casualties to officers, men and equipment.
   - **i.** A note of all prisoners and enemy equipment captured.
   - **j.** A statement showing how the unit was employed in the time not accounted for. The type of training, etc, should be specified.

11. In order to ensure accuracy and completeness and to save work as much information as possible is to be included in annexes consisting of copies of documents issued and received, routine returns, etc. All annexes are to be referred to in the column provided and the time of receipt or despatch is to be given.

12. The narrative is to supplement and connect the annexes, but need not give a precis of any of them.

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DISPOSAL

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

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

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

16. **TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.**

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

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

TOP SECRET

ANNEX Z to

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

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

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

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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

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Revised Jun, 1965

UNIT/FORMATION 5 RAR

MONTH AND YEAR Aug 66 REFERENCE MAP 1:50,000 6430 II - 6430 III COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col J.A. Warr

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
NUI DAT	1 Aug 66		See Ops log. 5 RAR Patrol task table from 011800 to 021800H issued.	C - 1
GR YS 442684	" " "		See Ops log. Sitrep No 8 fm 312000 to 012000H issued.	E - 1
	" " "		See Ops log. Installation Report D Coy issued.	M - 1
	2 Aug 66		See Ops log. Sitrep No 9 from 012000 to 022000H issued.	E - 2
	" " "		See Ops log. Patrol forecast 3 - 7 Aug 66 issued.	C - 2
	3 Aug 66		See Ops log. Amendment to Intrep No 4 issued.	G - 1
	" " "		See Ops log. August climatic summary III Corps issued.	G - 2
	" " "		See Ops log. Sitrep No 10 from 022000 to 032000 Aug 66 issued.	E - 3
	" " "		See Ops log. Minutes of a meeting - Debrief Operation Sydney II issued.	L - 1
	3 Aug 66		See Ops log. Instructions on use of 8 ft picquets issued.	H - 1
	" " "		See Ops log. Instructions on Rubbish disposal issued.	H - 2
	" " "		See Ops log. Instructions on nominations for batman issued.	H - 3
	" " "		See Ops log. Instructions on Stewards for Offrs and Sgts messes issued.	H - 4
	3 Aug 66		See Ops log. Instructions nominations for drivers issued.	H - 5
	" " "		See Ops log. Coy patrol from D Coy received.	M - 2
	" " "		See Ops log. Contact report from D Coy received.	M - 3
	4 Aug 66		See Ops log. Combat Operations after action report.	
	" " "		See Ops log. Operation Sydney II issued.	M - 4

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MONTH AND YEAR Aug 66 REFERENCE MAP ..... COMMANDING OFFICER .....

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	4 Aug 66		See Ops log. 5 RAR Security instructions issued.	K – 1
	" " "		See Ops log. Conservation of batteries issued.	H – 6
	" " "		See Ops log. Sitrep No 11 from 032000 to 042000H Aug 66 issued.	E – 4
	5 Aug 66		See Ops log. Instruction for vehicle movement – Nui Dat to Vung Tau issued.	H – 7
	" " "		See Ops log. Instructions for use of claymore mines issued.	C – 3
	" " "		See Ops log. Passwords and radio codes Period 15 – 31 Aug 66 issued.	B – 1
	" " "		See Ops log. Intelligence Evaluation Rating issued.	G – 3
	6 Aug 66		See Ops log. Op Ord Operation Holsworthy issued.	C – 4
	" " "		See Ops log. Instructions for In country Rest and convalesence issued.	H – 8
	" " "		See Ops log. Sitrep No 13 from 052000 to 062000 Aug 66 issued.	E – 5
	7 Aug 66		See Ops log. Frag Order Op Holsworthy 11/3/66 issued.	C – 5
	8 Aug 66		See Ops log.	A – 1
	9 Aug 66		See Ops log.	A – 1
	10 Aug 66		See Ops log. Frag Order Operation Holsworthy 11/1/66 issued.	C – 6
	" " "		See Ops log. After Action Report GR 442742 212602 Cpl E. O'Reilly received.	M – 5
	11 Aug 66		See Ops log. Frag Order Operation Holsworthy 11/2/66 issued.	C – 7
	12 Aug 66		See Ops log.	A – 1
	13 Aug 66		See Ops log.	A – 1

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MONTH AND YEAR Aug 66 REFERENCE MAP..... COMMANDING OFFICER.....

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	14 Aug 66		See Ops log. Allocation of tentage Order issued.	H – 9
	" " "		See Ops log. Experation of Current engagement of 5 RAR members issued.	H – 10
	15 Aug 66		See Ops log. Appt of Offrs Prescribed Corps 34/67 Offr Qualifying Course issued.	H – 11
	16 Aug 66		See Ops log. Installation Report on GR YS 474719 received.	G – 3
	17 Aug 66		See Ops log. Op Ord 12/66 Operation Wooloomooloo issued.	C – 8
	18 Aug 66		See Ops log.	A – 1
	19 Aug 66		See Ops log. Installation Report On GR YS 454682 received.	G – 4
	" " "		See Ops log. Sitrep No 2 from 181500 to 192000H Aug 66 issued.	E – 6
	" " "		See Ops log. Sitrep No 3 fm 182000 to 192000H Aug 66 issued.	E – 7
	20 Aug 66		See Ops log. Instructions on B-50 Anti tank grenade issued.	G – 5
	21 Aug 66		See Ops log. B Coy Sub unit Op analysis report - Operation Holsworthy received.	M – 6
	22 Aug 66		See Ops log. D Coy " " " " "	M – 7
	" " "		See Ops log. After Action report GR YS 486714 received.	M – 8
	" " "		See Ops log. " " " GR YS 462716 received.	M – 9
	22 Aug 66		See Ops log. Instructions Disposal of personal effects, eqpt and documents of personnel hospitalized, deceased issued.	H – 12
	22 Aug 66		See Ops log. Sitrep from 202000 to 212000H Aug 66 issued.	E – 8
	23 Aug 66		See Ops log. Op - Ord 13/66 Operation Toledo issued.	C – 9

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MONTH AND YEAR ..... Aug 66 ..... REFERENCE MAP ..... COMMANDING OFFICER .....

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	23 Aug 66		See Ops log. 5 RAR proposed activities 23 - 27 Aug 66 issued.	C - 10
	" " "		See Ops log. Op - Ord 14/66 Operation Darlinghurst issued.	C - 11
	24 Aug 66		See Ops log. Sitrep from 232000 to 242000H Aug 66 issued.	E - 9
	25 Aug 66		See Ops log. A Coy Sub unit Op Analysis report Operation Holsworthy received.	M - 10
	26 Aug 66		See Ops log.	A - 1
	27 Aug 66		See Ops log.	A - 1
	28 Aug 66		See Ops log.	A - 1
	29 Aug 66		See Ops log. Combat Operations after action report issued.	M - 11
	" " "		See Ops log. Routine Orders Part 1 by Lt Col J.A. Warr issued.	H - 12
	30 Aug 66		See Ops log.	A - 1
	31 Aug 66		See Ops log. Passwords, Radio codes and Q hours period 1 Sep to 14 Sep 66 issued.	B - 2

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Annex A
Enclosed

5 RAR ..1 August 1966..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	0409	SITREP No 1 from 010001 to 010400 H NTR	
	ENTRY	0530	Coys stood to	
		0615	Clearing ptls out	
		0630	Clearing ptls reported in NTR coys stood down	
C Coy	Control	0644	7 pl Moving now	
C Coy	Control	0705	7 pl harbour this loc	
C Coy	Control	0710	8 pl Moving now	
B Coy	Control	0712	LOCSTAT 409692	
B Coy	Control	0750	LOCSTAT 417690	
Control	1 ATF	0820	SITREP No 2 from 010400 H to 010800 H EN/NTR. OWN SIT/ B Coy Anti Tk Pl 417690 homeward bound	
B Coy	Control	0822	LOCSTAT 421681	
D Coy	Control	0830	Moving now	
B Coy	Control	0846	LOCSTAT GR 425689	
CO	Control	0846	Anything for CO through A Coy	
Control	A Coy	0900	Provide a pl to secure C Coy area on 3rd and 4th August at night only	
B Coy	Control	0902	Moving into A Coy area in 10 mins	
Control	1 ATF	0930	Request to test fire weapons at 1030 - 1100 hrs	

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5 RAR .1 August 66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
D Coy	Control	0945	Moving now	
CO	Control	0941	Has B Coy arrived in your loc yet	
Control	CO	0941	Affiramtive	
C Coy	Control	1001	9 pl moving now	
CO	Control	1004	Anything for CO through C Coy	
D Coy	Control	1014	LOCSTAT GR 430689 found M26 grenade t king it with us	
A Coy	Control	1030	2 elderly women and 1 young girl and 2 babies want to go South	
Control	1 ATF	1030	There is a group of civilians down on our road block wanting mov South have no	
			interpreter down there due to other commitments can you fix	
C Coy	Control	1035	9 M pl informs me there is firing from B Coy location	
Control	C & B Coy	1035	Affirmative B Coy stop firing until 9 Pl is clear	
D Coy	Control	1040	Seen mov at GR 431698 engaging c/s 8 LOCSTAT BEAR right 1.7 down 0.8	
Control	D Coy	1050	Request you clear after c/s 8 message it might be interesting (C/s 8 - Mortars)	
Control	1 ATF	1050	D Coy have reported mov at GR 432688 are engaging mortar fire at the momemt	
			request you put ac FAC up to have a further look	
1 ATF	Control	1050	FAC in unavailable at moment but will attampt to get another will let you know	
		1054	We have got FAC for you if you let me know time	
Control	B Coy	1054	9 pl approaching your loc now	
Control	B Coy	1055	You can continue test firing, you have only five mins left	

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5 RAR ...1 Aug 66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	D Coy	1057	FAC avail for spotting if requ red	
Control	1 ATF	1100	Fire complete on GR given FAC elect to go in now	
C Coy	Control	1103	9 pl harboured in this loc	
Control	1 ATF	1104	Require FAC contact D Coy on his internal net	
Control	B Coy	1108	Stop test firing as it is past 1100 hrs.	
Control	1 ATF	1115	Clearance to test fire between 1400 - 1500 hrs	Granted
D Coy	Control	1115	LOCSTAT GR 426693	
Control	1 ATF	1125	FAC neg sighting but indicated that there may be tunnels. Have had previous knowledge of this area and suspect still some residence. Have loc numbers of tunnels and D Coy has reported 1 possibly 2 people in that area, further investigation follows.	XXX
Control	1 ATF	1130	Comd was interested in having bomb damage report sent over to him. Will send up a copy of the assessment with Sunray Minor this afternoon. 1 Hut destroyed at GR 402686. Apart from that no damage to VC installations or troops in that area	
D Coy	Control	1245	LOCSTAT GR 426697	
D Coy	Control	1307	Elements of 12 pl moving to area under discussion now.	
D Coy	Control	1317	Elements of 9 pl moving to ROBERT Right 1.6 up 0.1	
Control	1 ATF	1320	SITREP No 3 EN/ Mov from vic 432698 as reportedby FAC D Coy going to investigate OWN SIT/ NTR ADMIN/ NTR	

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5 RAR ....1 Aug. 66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
D Coy	Control	1333	~~3~~7pl approaching this loc	
C Coy	Control	1347	9 pl moving now	
D Coy	Control		12 pl checked area as directed NTR. Returning to this loc	
D Coy	Control	1435	Moving now	
C Coy	Control	1440	~~Anti Tk~~ FSLT PNR preparing to blow ordinance previously found by 9 pl GR 4369	
D Coy	Control	1505	LOCSTAT MONK right 0.2 up 0.0 (GR)	
C Coy	Control	1512	Elms 8 pl harboured this loc	
Control	1 ATF	1518	Request Tpt to pick up civilians at A Coy road block	
A Coy	Control	1530	Back in mor loc now	
D Coy	Control	1530	LOCSTAT GR 418701	
D Coy	Control	1600	LOCSTAT GR 412701	
Control	1 ATF	1605	SITREP No 4 from 011200 - 011600 H. EN/NTR. OWN SIT. D Coy LOCSTAT 412701	
			COUGAR FORCE returned 1545 hrs. ADMIN. NTR	
D Coy	Control	1630	LOCSTAT GR 410701	
D Coy	Control	1646	11 pl roundup t is loc	
D Coy	Control	1740	Hahboured GR 407703	
ENTRY		1900	Standing to clearing ptls out 1915 clearing ptls reported in NTR	
A Coy	Control	1950	1 Pl reports SA fire from his loc bearing 4300 mil. 1000 - 1500 metres	

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5 RAR ...1 August 1966..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
~~Control~~	~~1 ATF~~	1955	A Coy reported SA fire 4300 mils about 1000 - 1500 metres, near APC loc	
~~ENTRY~~		2000	Coys stood down	
Control	1 ATF	2000	SITREP No 5 from 011600 - 012000 H. EN. NTR.	
			OWN SIT. D Coy Locstat 403703 remaining c/s this loc	
			ADMIN/ NTR	

5 RAR ..2 Aug.66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
ENTRY		0530	Coys stood to	
		0615	Clearing ptls out	
		0645	Clearing ptls reported in NTR Coys stood down	
D Coy	Control	0705	Quite an amount of SA fire bearing 5800 mils 1500 metres from our loc	
D Coy	Control	0707	Quite a fire fight	
Control	D Coy	1709	Can you sight the heros	Negative
D Coy	Control	0735	10 pl moving now	
Control	1 ATF	0800	SITREP No 1 from XX 0001 - 0800 H. EN. NTR OWN SIT. D Coy continuing search	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
D Coy	Control	0835	LOCSTAT GR 399703	
Control	D Coy	0848	Armed Shinook will be further functioning in area NORTH to NORTHWEST. If you	
			wish to contact him 39.60 mks	
Control	1 ATF	0850	D Coy have picked up 7.62 mm rifle of Russian or French origin (GR 398783	
			3 - 4 weeks old reasonable clean. Any ptl activities suggest you keep Chinook	
			in area. Also found flags and banners	
D Coy	Control	0940	Amongst docs found item headed CAC XA can you give meaning	

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5 RAR .2 August 66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
D Coy	Control	0955	Have found MG training pam dated 1/3/66.	
Control	1 ATF	1000	Test firing this loc 1400 - 1500 hrs today	
Control	D Coy	1005	CAC ZA means 'All villagers'	
D Coy	Control	1009	LOCSTAT 394704	
Control	1 ATF	1010	Send someone to our A Coy road block to take quite a number of people to BA RIA -	
			6 women 6 children, 2 men (One man of military age - 29)	
D Coy	Control	1028	LOCSTAT 11 pl 393704 10 pl 396406	
D Coy	Control	1046	LOCSTAT 11 pl 394706	
		1103	LOCSTAT 11 pl 394706	
D Coy	Control	1122	10 pl now in this loc	
		1137	11 pl back in this loc	
D Coy	Control	1142	SITREP. GR 397705 en camp 5 huts and hospital, classrooms training pams dated 1 Mar	
			1966 many hand written some typed. Huts destroyed	
D Coy	Control	1145	Moving now	
Control	1 ATF	1200	SITREP No 3. D Coy found one 7.62mm Russian or French bolt action wpn at GR	
			398703. Wpn was reasonably clean estimated 3 - 4 weeks in that posn. Also found	
			en camp containing 12 huts incl 1 hosp and classrooms. En training pams dated	
			1 Mar 66. Also found 1 pair of size 18 BRASSIERE which stimulated whole company.	

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5 RAR ... 2. August. 1966 ..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF		SITREP. CON'T. OWN SIT. D Coy present loc 397703, procedding West to continue	
			combined search.	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
D Coy	Control	1215	An additional 7 huts have been found and a 60' well , destroyed.	
D Coy	Control	1335	CONTACT - Details to follow	
D Coy	Control	1345	A. CONTACT. B. 021335. C. GR 390703. ~~EXXEAST~~. D. 2. E. Local	
			F. KIA 1 WIA 1. G EAST. H. Dress black, trousers green shirt, 1 M1 rifle	Passed to 1ATF
D Coy	Control	1355	VC wearing gold hatband, sentry saw this and hesitated to shoot	
D Coy	Control	1410	No blood trail evident but we feel sure we hit him, moving now	
D Coy	Control	1440	Temp harbour GR 386700	
D Coy	Control	1453	11 & 12 pl moving now	
D Coy	Control	1525	11 pl GR 381703 12 pl GR 385698	
A Coy	Control	1534	LOCSTAT GR 453675	
D Coy	Control	1544	11 pl LOCSTAT 377700, 12 pl GR 382696	
A Coy	Control	1556	3 pl this loc now	
Control	1 ATF	1625	SITREP No 4 EN. Contacted VC as reported at 1315. otherwise NTR	

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5 RAR .... 2 Aug 66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
D Coy	Control	1634	LOCSTAT 11 Pl GR 381694	
D Coy	Control	1635	LOCSTAT 12 Pl GR 386693	
Control	D Coy	1720	12 Pl approaching my loc in in 5 mins	
D Coy	Control	1735	SITREP. Tunnel running 100 metres North & South GR 384699 3 to 4 feet ~~deep~~. wide	
			5 ft deep well used foot pad more detials on our return. Moving now	
Control	D Coy	1815	Are you harboured yet?	
D Coy	Control	1815	Affirmative at GR 391697	
Control	D Coy	1835	There will be H & I tonight are you in the clear.	
1 ATF	Control	1845	Armed Chinook avail have you any objections to North 68, East 37. South 68, West 40	
Control	1 ATF	1845	Clear 68 North, 66 South, 40 East, 37 West	
ENTRY		1915	Clearing ptls out Coys stood to.	
		1930	Clearing Ptls in	
		2015 XXXX	Coys stood down.	
Control	1 ATF	2400	SITREP No 5 from 1600 - 2400 H / NTR	

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5 RAR .3.Aug.66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	0400	SITREP No 1 from 0001 to 0400 H/ NTR	
ENTRY		0530	Coys stood to	
		0615	Clearing ptls out	
		0630	Clearing ptls in Coys stood down	
D Coy	Control	0633	Moving now	
D Coy	Control	0703	LOCSTAT GR 397694	
D Coy	Control	0730	LOCSTAT GR 397693	
A Coy	Control	0803	1 pl Moving now	
Control	A,B,C,D	0807	Time chech	
D Coy	Control	0820	LOCSTAT GR 403693	
D Coy ~~Control~~	Control	0836	LOCSTAT GR ~~XX~~ 410691	
D Coy	Control	0907	LOCSTAT GR 418689	
Control	1 ATF	0915	SITREP No 2 from 0400 - 0800 H	
			EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ NTR other than D Coy returning this loc	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
Control	1 ATF	0920	Test firing this area between 1400 - 1500 this afternoon	
D Coy	Control	0932	E Should be in A Coy area within the ~~hour~~ can you supply vehicle forthe loot?	

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5 RAR .3 Aug .66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
D Coy	Control	1005	LOCSTAT GR 406656	
D Coy	Control	1013	Entering A Coy loc now	
A Coy	Control	1015	LOCSTAT 1 pl GR 445705	
CO	Control	1018	Leaving your loc now	
Control	1 ATF	1028	There some refugees at our loc. 1 Male 2 females 3 children Can you send vehicle	
			to escort them through	
D Coy	Control	1035	In A Coy loc now can we have vehicle requested 1932 hrs	
C Coy	Control	1045	7 pl harboured in this loc	
A Coy	Control	1051	LOCSTAT GR 448711	
D Coy	Control	1103	This c/s complete in base loc	
A Coy	Control	1118	1 pl LOCSTAT GR 451709	
A Coy	Control	1200	LOCSTAT GR 451707 clearing through banana plantation	
A Coy	Control	1245	LOCSTAT 1 pl GR 469706	
Control	1 ATF	1245	SITREP No 3 from 030800 to 031200 H	
			EN/NTR	
			OWN SIT/ D Coy erturned to base loc. 1 pl now on patrol	
			ADMIN/NTR	
Control	A Coy	1305	A Coy warned that 6 RAR throwing grenades PM today	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
A Coy	Control	1315	LOCSTAT 1 pl 464708	
A Coy	Control	1400	LOCSTAT 1 pl GR 451696	
CO	Control	1430	In your loc closing down	
Control	D Coy	1432	Did you observe black cloud of smoke 5 mins ago from North	
D Coy	Control	1436	Affirmative will send details later	
A Coy	Control	1442	LOCSTAT 1 pl GR 468698	
D Coy	Control	1445	Ref smoke. Before smoke was seen there was a flash from NUI NGHE 10 mins ago	
FCC	Control	1452	Request clearance to fire on GR 400658	
A Coy	Control	1503	LOCSTAT GR 447693	
A Coy	Control	1535	1 Pl entering this loc now	
A Coy	Control	1537	2 pl Moving now approaching this loc	
A Coy	Control	1619	2 pl back in this loc now	
Control	1 ATF	1700	SITREP No 4 from 031200 - 031600 H. NTR.	
Control	All stns	1715	Stand to as from 4 Aug 66. The currency form of morning stand to will be	
			replaced by revielle at 0615 hrs. Units holding perimeter posns will remain	
			alert from this time until their clearing ptls have returned.	
ENTRY		1900	Clearing ptls out coys stood to. Ptls reported in NTR.	
		2000	Coys stood down.	

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5 RAR .. 4 Aug 66 ..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	0416	SITREP No 1 from 032400 - 040400 H. NTR	
ENTR Y		0615	Revielle coys stood to until clearing ptls reported all clear at 0634	
		0634	Coys stood down	
B Coy	Control	0731	5 Pl Moving now	
Control	1 ATF	0805	SITREP No 2 from 0400 - 0800 H. NTR	
B Coy	Control	0815	5 Pl Moving now	
B Coy	Control	0815	6 Pl Moving now	
B Coy	Control O	0852	6 Pl LOCSTAT 434687	
B Coy	Control	0920	6 Pl LOCSTAT 425693	
B Coy	Control	0927	Sect 5 Pl back in this loc	
B Coy	Control	0940	LOCSTAT 6 Pl 424691	
B Coy	Control	0950	LOCSTAT 426693	
A Coy	Control	1015	1 Pl test firing now	
B Coy	Control	1020	LOCSTAT 6 Pl GR 424698	
B Coy	Control	1100	LOCSTAT 6 Pl GR 427701	
Control	1 ATF	1210	SITREP No 3 from 040800 - 041200 H. NTR	
CO	Control	1320	Moving now	
B Coy	Control	1400	LOCSTA T 6 Pl GR 431706	

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5 RAR ..4 Aug .66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	1400	Req permission to test fire between 1400 - 1500 hrs today.	
CO	Control	1410	Back in loc closing down	
B Coy	Control	1545	6 Pl in this loc now.	
B Coy	Control	1505	5 Pl Moving now	
B Coy	Control	1542	LOCSTAT 5 Pl 400 metres North West Bn HQ.	
B Coy	Control	1604	5 Pl now in this loc.	
ENTRY		1915	Clearing ptls out coys stood to	
		1930	clearing ptls in NTR	
		2015	Coys stood down	
Control	1 ATF	2020	SITREP No 4 from 041600 - 042000 H. NTR	
Control	1 ATF	2400	SITREP No 5 from 042000 H to 042400 H. NTR	

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5 RAR ..3.Aug 66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	2400	SITREP No 6 from 032000 H to 032400 H NTR	

5 RAR .. 5. Aug .66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	0400	SITREP No 1 from 042400 - 050400H. NTR	
ENTRY		0615	Revielle, clearing ptls out	
		0647	Clearing ptls in. NTR Coys stood down	
Anti Tk Pl	Control	0755	Elms of Anti Tk Moving now	
Anti Tk	Control	0810	LOCSTAT GR 484681.	
Anti Tk	Control	0910	LOCSTAT 438689	
Control	1 ATF	0910	SITREP No 2 from 050400 - 050800	
Anti Tk	Control	0931	LOCSTAT 438689	
Anti Tk	Control	0941	Entering your loc ~~ex~~ now	
D Coy	Control	1000	Test firing commencing now	
C Coy	Control	1201	Moving now	
B Coy	Control	1228	4 Pl back in this loc , 5 Pl moving out should be back at 1330	
C Coy	Control	1307	LOCSTAR GR 436705	
Control	1 ATF	1315	SITREP No 3 from 0800 - 1200 H. EN/NTR. OWN SIT C Coy left this loc 1200 hrs	
			locstat now GR 436705	
C Coy	Control	1414	LOCSTAT GR 437713	
C Coy	Control	1430	Harboured.	
D Coy	Control	1437	Sending vehicle to pich up patrol orders.	

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5 RAR ..5 Aug.66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	C Coy	1452	LOCSTAT GR 439720	
Anti Tk	Control	1590	Moving now	
1 ATF	Control	1528	Comd 1 ATF will be in your loc at approx 1530 hrs.	
Anti Tk	Control	1608	Will be in your loc in 15 mins.	
Control	1 ATF	1608	SITREP No 4 from 1200 - 1600	
			EN/NTR	
			OWN SIT/ B Coy GR 439720. Ptl base estbl	
			ADMIN/No change	

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5 RAR .....5. Aug .66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Anti Tk Pl	Control	1617	In your loc now	
C Coy	Control	1620	We have 3 ~~XXXXXXXX~~ females who road through our harbour on bicycles. They	
			were questioned and saidf they were from the estate and were chopping bananas.	
Control	C Coy	1622	You will have to let them go and change your harbour	
C Coy	Control	1638	Moving now	
C Coy	Control	1758	LOCSTAT GR 436725 harboured	
ENTRY		1915	Coys stood to clearing ptls out	
		1935	Clearing ptls in	
C Coy	Control	1930	Sitrep 051100 - 051900 EN/ No contact. 6 female rubber tappers rode into loc	Passed to 1 ATF
			439720 stated they were out cutting bananas however they were 2000 metres from	
			their village - BINH BA. AMDIN / NTR	
Control	1 ATF	2006	SITREP No 5 from 1600 - 2000. EN/ NTR OWN SIT/ LOCSTAT C Coy as reported above	
Control	1 ATF	2400	SITREP No 6 from 2000 H - 2400 H NTR	

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5 RAR ....6 August 66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	0400	SITREP No 1 from 052400 - 060400 H. NTR.	
ENTRY		0615	Revielle coys stood while clearing ptls cleared immediate front. NTR	
		0645	Coys stood down	
XXXC Coy	Control	0802	All c/s this loc 8 Pl Moving now	
D Coy	Control	0852	10 Pl moving now	
C Coy	Control	0858	Temp harbour GR 434716	
D Coy	Control	0928	LOCSTAT 10 Pl GR 447701	
C Coy	Control	0934	This c/s moving now	
C Coy	Control	1015	LOCSTAT GR 433707	
1 ATF	Control	1015	In approx 3 mins aircraft will be straffing Grid square 3877	
D Coy	Control	1030	LOCSTAT GR 450706	
D Coy	Control	1055	LOCSTAT GR 451707 found halh full gall drum of rice covered with groundsheet	
C Coy	Control	1100	Fwd elements of this Coy entering your loc now	
Control	C Coy	1126	Your OC is to conduct debrief and inform us of details	
D Coy	Control	1130	LOCSTAT GR 455709	
D Coy	Control	1208	LOCSTAT GR 458707	
Control	1 ATF	1208	SITREP No 2 from 060400 - 061200. EN/ 10 Pl found 44 gall drum ½ filled with	
			rice covered with a groundsheet GR 451706 at 1045 hours.	

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5 RAR .....6 August 1966 .. Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	1208	SITREP CON'T:	
			OWN SIT. C Coy completed recces of BINH BA village complex and returned this loc	
			at 1110 hrs. 10 Pl LOCSTAT 455709.	
			ADMIN/NTR	
D Coy	Control	1306	LOCSTAT 10 pl 455709	
D Coy	Control	1309	12 Pl moving now	
D Coy	Control	1311	10 Pl moving now	
D Coy	Control	LOCSTAT 10 Pl GR 461699		
			12 Pl GR 447688	
D Coy	Control	1352	LOCSTAT 438688 12 Pl	
		1356	10 Pl LOCSTAT 463697	
D Coy	Control	1415	LOCSTAT GR 435689	
D Coy	Control	1500	10 Pl reported shots over their heads has any one been test firing within	
			the last few mins	
Control	D Coy	1500	Negative last test firing was 10 mins ago could have been A Coy.	
Control	D Coy	1514	Require 10 Pl locstat	
D Coy	Control	1515	LOCSTAT 10 pl GR 457691	
D Coy	Control	1550	Ref that firing reported earlier still going on Pl is flat on the deck	

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5 RAR .... 6. August .1966.... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	D Coy	1554	Is firing still going on near 10 Pl	
~~XXXX~~	~~XXXXXX~~			
Control	1 ATF	1555	Are you firing from your c/s 1 loc at the moment, as my 10 Pl reports being fired on .	
1 ATF	Control	1555	Our test firing stopped 10 - 15 mins ago	
D Coy	Control	1615	10 Pl back in this loc	
ENTRY		1915	Coys stood to. Clearing ptls cleared area to immediate front. NTR	
		1935	Clearing ptls in	
		2015	Coys stoo down	
Control	1 ATF		There will be test firing in this loc tomorrow between 1000 - 1100 hrs SA only.	
Control	1 ATF	2015	SITREP No 3 from 1200 - 2000 H. NTR	

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5 RAR ..8.August.1966..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
ENTRY		0410	C & D Coys 6 RAR warned for O Gp 0830 hrs this loc today. 1 ATF also reminded	
			of O Gp. Requested to warn RAASC, Tpt Rep, S1 OPS, Civil Affairs officer, RAAF Rep.	
Control	1 ATF	0411	SITREP No 1 from 062400 - 070400 H. NTR	
ENTRY		0615	Reveille coys stood to, clearing ptls out.	
		0634	Clearing ptls in NTR Coys stood down	
9D	Control	0743	Moving now	
D/6 RAR	Control	0840	Moving now	
C/6 RAR	Control	0847	Moving now	
D/5 RAR	Control	0851	Moving now	
Anti Tk	Control	0851	Moving now for RV D/5 RAR	
9D	Control	0900	LOCSTAT GR 433708	

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5 RAR ....8 Aug .66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	1345	GR 461716 B Coy contact 1 woman and 1 small child killed. 1 man seen to flee later	
B Coy	Control	1620	B Coy PEPPER POT	
Control	1 ATF	1630	A and B Coys in forward assembly areas. A Coy RANDWICK - 100 metres. B Coy	
			PEPPER POT + 400 yards	
1 ATF	Control	1631	SAS is now completly out of area	
Control	1 ATF	2000	SITREP. NTR	
Control	1 ATF	2300	SITREP. NTR	

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5 RAR ..... 9 Aug 66 ..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	0605	SITREP . EN/ NTR OWN SIT. All cordon in posn. Voice ac overhead. Allis OK.	
			ADMIN/NTR	
		0730	SITREP No 2 EN/NTR. OWN SIT/ Tracks now in this loc. Things are going as XXXXXX	
			planned	
Control	1 ATF	0800	SITREP No 3. EN/NTR. OWN SIT/ All c/s positioned cordon at specified times	
			APCs relieved B Coy in cordon at BINH BA and elements of A Coy in position	
			further South.	
Control	1 ATF	0800	Search groups now in posn. Search is to commence shortly	
	CONTINUED		ADMIN/NTR	
BCoy	Control	0822	At 0830 one of my c/s will be located at 441745	
D Coy	Control	0829	We heard shot in the village a few moments ago	
Control		0852	Comd 1 ATF will be visiting xx	
Control	1 ATF	0900	SITREP No 4 EN/NTR. OWN SIT/Search proceeding as planned. ADMIN/NTR	
C Coy	Control	0903	DOCTOR's party now in my loc request use of interpreter	
Control	C Coy	0904	There are none available. Use the one with psywar if they are in your area	
Aiborne	Control	0906	Returning your loc suggest you land as close as possible to wine calter	
A Coy	Control	0908	We have sick people can we have MEDCAP. Their condition is not to bad	
AB Coy	Control	0925	We have 19 passengers for APCs request they come to this loc	

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5 RAR ...2 Aug 66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Engrs	Control	0929	We are at the Frenchmans house now	
6 RAR	Control	0934	We have a large number of civilians they wish to know if they can go home	
Control	All c/s	0934	Prepare to deliver packs, c/s to advise where you want them	
A Coy	Control	0938	Packs required this loc also require water	
A Coy	Control	0940	No of docs and one which is headed Enemy sit at the end of June	
B Coy	Control	0946	Packs now this loc	
Control	1 ATF	1000	SITREP No 1 5 EN/ Docs and small qty of drugs recovered. Initial interpretion	
			shows docs to be of propaganda nature.	
			OWN SIT/ Roundup of males continues	
			ADMIN/NTR	
C Coy 6 RAR	Control	1000	Packs now in this loc	
Engrs	Control	1007	Permission to enter hospital. Building E1 which contains officers of the plant-	
			ation, he has the personal particulars of everyone working in the plantation	
A Coy	Control	1020	Be sure you can identify the location of the docs we have in this loc	
B Coy	Control	1025	Is MEDCAP party in your loc	
CO	Control	1035	If you can send Engrs rep to this loc he can pick up personnel and a box of docs	
B Coy	Control	1038	Questioned a woman who said there was a Pl in this area that moved to DUI MUI	
			on 21 - 22 Jul and has not returned except in odd elements	

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5 RAR ...9 Aug. 66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
D Coy	Control	1040	Due to disorder of the bowels a member of this c/s urgently requires a toilet request use village facilities	
A Coy	Control	1047	1 Pl have completed search of the village do you want us to hand over our attached personnel to D Coy 6 RAR	
Control	A Coy	1047	What has happened to males working in the factory	
A Coy	Control	1048	They have been evacuated to our rear	
Control	A Coy	1050	How many people do you have in your cage - None	
Control	A Coy	1052	There does not appear to be many males extracted from the village are you sure you have left none in the cage and cleared the village completely	
A Coy	Control	1056	We have 1 more to go out with medical [illegible] member D/6 RAR has 100 males to be evacuated	
Control	A Coy	1058	1 Pl to remain in the village until they are evacuated	
A Coy	Control	1059	Ref 100 people amend to 20. That is all that are ofm military age	
Control	A Coy	1059	1 Pl remain in the village until they are all evacuated	
1 ATF	Control	1100	Comd 1 ATF is to leave for your loc in a few minutes	
Control	1 ATF	1100	SITREP No 6 EN/ Captured docs being returned to your loc. OWN SIT. Search continues. ADMIN. NTR	
D/6 RAR	Control	1108	Have 100 civilians in my loc of which 20 are of mil age. Req advice on what to do as there are women and children amongst them	

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5 RAR ...9 Aug 66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
C Coy	Control	1110	We have just heard a shot come from within the village	
Control	D/6 RAR	1110	Ref civilians hold them in your loc we are not satisfied with the bag and we are going to do it again	
Rear	Control	1111	Advise where you want rice delivered	
D/6 RAR	Control	1108	Request MEDCAP liaise with 1 Pl A Coy	
D Coy	Control	1119	Engrs, 2 police and 1 interpreter now in this loc	
D/6 RAR	Control	1128	No of persons military age 31 woman 40 children 80 total 151	
Control	D/6 RAR	1129	We will get vehs to pick them up	
D/6 RAR	Control	1135	Request permission to send women & children to MEDCAP team hospital they are ready to receive them	
Control	All stns	1140	There will be water in limited supply [redacted] will drop them near posn where packs were dropped	
Control	APC	1200	Get ½ of civil aid up into 1 Pl loc. Your OC at present expecting MEDCAP	
B Coy	Control	1203	Request APC to pick up more males of mil age	
Control	1 ATF	1203	SITREP No 7. EN/NTR. OWN SIT/ Search continues. ADMIN/NTR	
A Coy	Control	1206	What time does B Coy commence activities	
Control	A Coy	1207	B Coy commenced 4 hours ago	
Control	D Coy	1250	Be prepared to commence activities in 45 mins.	

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5 RAR ...9..Aug..66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Anti Tk	Control	1254	Sighted 1 person on other side of airfield moving in rubber 300 metres from this loc.	
Control	A Coy	1256	Is your element to your West moving or stationary	
A Coy	Control	1256	He has seen no movement	
Control	1 ATF	1300	Sitrep No 7 EN/NTR. Own Sit/ No change. Admin/NTR	
A Coy	Control	1310Sent	party to check on movement	
Control	1 ATF	1315	Request Hero this loc to convoy 4 passengers to KANGAROO	
1 ATF	Control	1335	Have any vehicles left for soccer ground. Are you sending any more and if so what time	
Control	1 ATF	1335	Don't know at this stage	
1 ATF	Control	1335	Are you aware of visit by Comd 1 ATF and Province chief at 1500 hrs. Will send Public address system to your loc by 1500 hrs	
D Coy	Control	1345	Moving now	
D/6 RAR	Control	1345	With ABC s now	
1 ATF	Control	1340	Hero on way that you requested earlier	
1 ATF	Control	1520	Comd 1 ATF leaving now	
Control	1 ATF	1527	SITREP No8. EN/NTR. OWN SIT/search of other village commenced 1430 hrs. ADMIN/NTR	

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5 RAR ....9 Aug 66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
D Coy	Control	1542	Doctor now in this loc	
D Coy	Control	1555	Search now completed all that remains is the MEDCAP team. His task will take a further 30 mins	
Control	1 ATF	1600	SITREP No 9 from 091500 - 091600. NTR	
1 Pl A Coy	Control	1630	The entire village is rounded up in the park	
1 ATF	Control	1630	Our Acorn would like to know next time of departure of evacuees & number.	
Control	1 ATF	1630	2 Truck loads will be leaving in a few minutes approx 40 people	
Control	D Coy	1645	Has food arrived at your loc yet	
D Coy	Control	1645	Affirmative we are distributing at the moment	
B Coy	Control	1653	APCs left this loc with a load. We have a further five	
B Coy	Control	1655	Intend to search for a further 55 mins. Can you accept poeple to this time.	
Control	B Coy	1655	Negative anything you have ~~in~~ after this time we will hold in this loc. Make sure they bring bedding	
D Coy	Control	1658	When can we expect the address group team in this loc	
Control	~~XXX~~ CO	1700	What time will address group be at lower area.	
CO	Control	1700	Approx 5 mins. 4 people in team. ack.	
Control	1 ATF	1700	SITREP No 10. EN/NTR. OWN SIT/ Search progressing. ADMIN/ Civic action food distr complete.	

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5 RAR . 9 Aug 66. ..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
ACoy	Control	1705	We have one ~~Otterskin~~ MEDEVAC cut on head with machete will have to be Dustoff will take him to LZ	
Control	D Coy	1705	Have the doctor return to this loc ASP after completion of MEDCAP activities	
C Coy/6 RAR	Control	1705	We have ~~otterskin~~ MEDEVAC at Eastern edge of this o/s	
Control	D Coy	1705	Have doctor pick up ~~otterskin~~ MEDEVAC from C Coy/6 RAR on his way back	
Control	D Coy	1714	It would appear that address group not coming as CO has not returned to this loc	
Control	1 Pl A Coy	1714	Drop interpreter at my loc	
Control	D Coy	1720	Regret address group not coming - disperse crowd. There will be elements of APCs moving up with yourself & D Coy/6 RAR	
B Coy	Control 9	1725	Last lot of suspects ready in 15 mins	
Control	D Coy	1725	Have APCs made contact with yourself and D Coy/6 RAR yet	
D Coy	Control	1725	They are on the way. In this loc in 2 - 3 mins.	
Control	B Coy		APCs on way tp pick up last lot	
D/6 RAR	Control		First part of this c/s has met with APCs	
D Coy	Control		Harboured - SHARP SWORD	
Control	1 ATF	1755	Req approval for 2nd Dr to stay in this loc for MEDCAP. While he works in your area he technically belongs to further South	
4 ATF	Control	1755	Approval granted	

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5 RAR 9 Aug 66 ..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	1800	SITREP No 11 . EN/NTR.	
			OWN SIT/ Search for the day terminated 1800 hrs to be resumed	
			tomorrow. Northern and Southern villages complete.	
			ADMIN/NTR.	
1 ATF	Control	1812	At YS 468767 covered tunnel entrance 4' x 4' this is for your info	
D Coy	Control	1815	LOCSTAT GR 455754	
D/6 RAR	Control	1830	LOCSTAT GR 440739	
~~ENTRY~~		1915	All coys stood to clearing ptls out	
Control	1 ATF	1920	SITREP No 12 from 091800 - 091900 HRS.	
			EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ Locstats A Coy as planned. B Coy GR 442739. C Coy as planned	
			D Coy GR 454754. C/6 RAR No change. D/6 RAR GR 440739. This c/s no change	
			ADMIN/NTR	
Control	All Stns	1925	A Coy remain in present loc until end of present activities. B Coy resume activities	
			Q + 30 mins Medcap to follow at Q + 1½ Hrs. C Coy remain present loc until comp-	
			letion present activities. D Coy AM. 1 Pl activities East & North to 1000 metres	
			PM 1 Pl West & North to 1000 Metres. C/6 RAR remain present loc until conclusion	
			of present activities. D/6 RARAM 1 Pl active 1000 metres West. depart area Q + 5 hrs	
			home for meal travel by APCs	

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5 RAR ...9 Aug 66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
ENTRY		1935	Clearing ptls in	
Ech	Control	1929	Info on dics are ARVN	
Control	Anti Tk	1930	Retrun this loc now	
Anti Tk	Control	1930	In loc now	
1 ATF	Control	1932	Request 3 APCs this loc at Q - 30 and Q + 5 hours have large ~~firefly~~ RESUPPLY elements of our	
			kk kindred spirits will escort problems shelldrake you know about kk this	
Control	1 ATF	2005	SITREP No 13 from 091900 - 092000 NTR.	
1 ATF	Control	2010	Number of suspects, approx figure of Medcaps treated if this is possible	
Control	1 ATF	2010	Number of suspects 138. Medcaps treated 200 approx	
Control	Anti Tk	2013	Close down	
ENTRY		2015	Coys stood down	
Control	Ech	2025	Advise time banana flight due at fire base area relay to c/s 92	
1 ATF	Control	2028	Ref first query were these the ones evacuated to the South - MMAX	
Control	1 ATF	2028	Evacuated to South 144	
Control	1 ATF	2100	SITREP No 14. N T R.	
Control	1 ATF	2200	SITREP No 15. N T R.	
A Coy	Control	2258	Do you know condition of our ~~otterskin~~ MEDEVAC	
Control	1 ATF	2400	SITREP No 16 from 092200 - 2400 H. N T R.	

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5 RAR ....10 Aug 66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	0500	SITREP No 5 from 100400 - 100500 H NTR.	Sitreps passed hourly
ENTRY		0530	All coys stood to	Nos 1 - 4
Control	1 ATF	0600	SITREP No 6 from 100500 - 100600 H NTR	
Anti Tk	Control	0620	Moving from your loc now	
ENTRY		0630	Clearing patrols cleared immediate front of coy posns	
ENTRY		0640	Clearing ptls reported in XXXX Coys stood down	
3 Pl A Coy	Control	0648	Clearing patrols apprehended 1 man 53 years old with ID card	
Control	3 Pl A Coy	0648	Bring him in	
D Coy	Control	0700	Do you know anything of a French minefoeld in our vicinity	
Control	D Coy	0700	Negative	
Control	1 ATF	0700	SITREP No 7 from 0600 - 0700 H NTR	
B Coy	Control	0710	APCs with rice for distribution was due 10 mins ago can you check	
Control	B Coy	0710	Rice will not be in your loc until midday	
3 Pl A Coy	Control	0710	There are more civilians to our South East I have sent a patrol out to apprehend them	
C Coy	Control	0715	Minefield East of road, North of junction approx 486753	
C/6 RAR	COntrol	0720	Civilians are going to the market. There are no males of mil age amongst them	
Control	C/6 RAR	0724	Let them pass	
D Coy	Control	0750	We still have one interpreter and 2 cops in our loc	

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5 RAR ....10. Aug. .66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	D Coy	0750	Hold until APCs with resupply arrive then send them back on those	
3 Pl A Coy	Control	0751	Sending interpreter to your loc.	
Control	3 Pl	0751	Tell ~~xxx~~ civilians no one else is to enter the village	
D Coy	Control	0755	What is the policy on locals moving through this loc towards the village	
Control	D Coy	0800	Stop them	
Control	1 ATF	0800	SITREP No 8 from 100700 - 100800 H. NTR	
Control	A Coy	0800	Send police and interpreters from higher formation to this loc under escort this morning	
D Coy	Control	0810	We have a Frenchman in a vehicle wishing to go to BINH BA to change a tyre he lives 2 kilometres to the North	
Control	D Coy	0810	We will have avehicle to pick him ~~xx~~ up	
D Coy	Control	0819	Moving now	
1 ATF	Control	0830	We require doctor back in this loc will try and contact him and get him out on this mornings convoy	
11 Pl D Coy	Control	0831	LOCSTAT GR 465751	
D Coy	Control	0832	IO arrived this loc.	
D Coy	Control	0833	We now have 4 Frenchmen a champagne party is about to start	
12 Pl D Coy	Control	0846	LOCSTAT GR 467755	
Medcap	Control	0847	In C Coy loc now	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
2IC	Control	0850	Could Medcap doctor be available for work with Arty element moving to their loc now	
Control	2IC	0854	From 1 ATF.Doctor is to remain in this loc til further notice	
2IC	Control	0856	Will get Arty to make further arrangements	
C/6 RAR	Control	0856	Reqeust permission to send Arty and Inf recce party to new Arty area	
C/6 RAR	Control	0900	2 of my c/s at the end of BINH BA have a large number of people who wish to return home	
Control	1 ATF	0905	SITREP No 9 from 100800 - 100900 H. NTR	
D Coy	Control	0915	We have people at our road block and some males of military age	
Control	D Coy	0915	Turn them all back including males of mil age	
D Coy	Control	0915	Ref people at our Northern road block it seems the posple belong to this village	
			and one of them is a woman with a baby and she wants ~~it~~ to take it home to feed it	
1 ATF	Control	0925	Request hero at this loc ASP to convoy discussion group to location of Milton Advisor	
			Discussion group this loc wishes to go South	
Control	1 ATF	0925	Will be in your loc in 15 - 20 mins	
1 ATF	Control	0925	Could you get onto our friends and warn them of our arrival	
C/6 RAR	Control	0930	Is the IO in your area	
Control	C/6 RAR	0930	Negative	
Control	D Coy	0934	Sending an interpreter to help you with your problem and also a piece of paper that	
			will help your OC	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
2IC	Control	0930	Hero will be required for 2 hours	
A Coy	Control	0936	GR 437743 8 VC appear to be trying to see what is going on a further four people	
			400 metres further on down the airstrip. Don't know if they are armed. They were	
			sighted by my rear security detail located at the same loc as yesterday	
D Coy	Control	0941	The interpreter has arrived and we are returning a loud hailer that is no longer required	
D/6 RAR	Control	0943	LOCSTAT GR 431735	
Control	A Coy	0943	Ref people at the road block they have passes signed previously. Anti Tk mounted	
			on APCs will move down the North of the airstrip to the South and will move toward	
			you	
A Coy	Control	0950	The VC are approx 300 metres from my rear elements	
D Coy	Control	0956	LOCSTAT 11 Pl GR 455758	
2IC	Control	1003	D Coy tells me following number require to move 10 1000 hrs. 101 in addition to	Commando coy
A			these 2 truckloads of stores also has4 truckloads to move Engrs depot today	
A Coy	Control	1010	GR 441724 1 Pl located 14 men moving fast in single file (Ascertained people were C/6 RAR)	
Anti Tk	Control	1005	Rushed West end of airstrip no contact made	
Control	2IC	1012	You will probably bump into them	
D Coy	Control	1025	LOCSTAT 11 Pl GR 464759	
D Coy	Control	1028	LOCSTAT 11 Pl OIPER left 1.8 up 2.2 (GR)	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	1030	SITREP No 10 from 100900 - 101000 H.	
			EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ Search proceeding as planned	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
Anti Tk	Control	1035	Back in your loc now	
A Coy9	Control	1045	3 people collecting rations tins investigated and found them to be friendlies	
1 ATF	Control	1050	For your info elements from PHU MY under mortar attack YS 2866	
Control	D Coy	1051	2 Engr personnel to return to this loc	
Control	CO	1057	PHY MY is under mortar attack again	
RMO	Control	1102	We have a sick native of military age and doctor would like to take him to BARIA	
			or to your loc. We are not able to evacuate him now but will on first convoy	
D Coy	Control	1103	Engr on way to your loc GR 458761	
Control	1 ATF	1105	SITREP No 11 from 101000 - 101100 H	
			EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ No change	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
D Coy	Control	1106	11 Pl have found UXB near their last loc wish to blow	
D/6 RAR	Control	1109	I would like to send my Sunray minot back	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	D/6 RAR	1111	APC will be in your loc by midday be ready to move by then	
D Coy	Control	1114	Nutshell this c/s now in this loc	
D Coy	Control	1117	Ref UXB fire on	
RMO	Control	1119	Doctor requesting spare milk	
Control	RMO	1121	There is no spare milk	
RMO	Control	1123	Request INTREP to evacuate female	
Control	All c/s	1126	All vehicles to be at RV by Q + 8 hours 45 mins	
D/6 RAR	Control	1127	This Coy now complete ready to move	
D Coy	Control	1128	11 Pl approaching this loc	
CO	Control	1130	Returning to your loc now	
D Coy	Control	1133	Have located another UXB 400 mil North of this loc req permission to detonate	
Control	1 ATF	1135	Doctor has 2 patients whom he considers should be in hospital. Intend to use hero	
			would you find out is this is acceptable	
B Coy	Control	1136	Request APC to pick up mil age men	
1 ATF	Control	1140	Ref hero for pateints this is OK with us at approx 1430 hrs	
Control	B Coy	1144	Ref members of mil age you will have to use APCs at your loc	
RMO	Control	1145	members for evacuation now 3	
Control	B Coy	1146	Rice will not be arriving until approx 1400 hrs	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
D/6 RAR	Control	1147	APCs in my loc request to move now	
Control	D/6 RAR	1150	Thanks for your help move now	
ENTRY		1155	D Coy 6 RAR close down this frequency return to 6 RAR net	
D Coy	Control	1157	We have 1 interpreter from 1 ATF police have left this loc	
B Coy	Control	1158	We have 3 police and 4 interpeters	
Control	B Coy	1200	Have you completed task yet?	
Control	1 ATF	1200	SITREP No 12 from 1100 - 1200.	
			EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ D/6 RAR departed this loc 1150 hrs	
			ADMIN/ Resup arrived this loc 1130 hrs	
Control	D Coy	1201	Ref your interpeter from 1 ATF we will replace him with another from our sources	
B Coy	Control	1203	Search complete (A) Medcap not completed. We are going to start at the market	
			place at 1430 hrs.	
Control	B Coy	1207	Would you return all police and 1 ATF members to this loc on the next APC, we need	
			them in another area	
1 ATF	Control	1207	Would require hero this loc as soon as tasks are over	
1 ATF	Control	1207	Hero is required urgently would take 2 hours to complete your tasks	
B Coy	Control	1216	We have T3 in this loc looking for the IO	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	B Coy	1216	IO this loc at the moment	
B Coy	Control	1217	We know nothing of IO can you advise	
B Coy	Control	1219	Do you wish T3 to return to your loc	
Control	B Coy	1219	Affirmative	
Control	B Coy	1230	Arty should be arriving in 1 hour what time do you expect to move	
Control	ABC/5. C/6RAR	1231	Move to proposed locs now	
RMO	Control	1237	In X your loc now closing down	
A Coy	Control	1254	Doctor and 2 Pl is up at your loc, could you send him back	
Control	1 ATF	1255	Will be sending to your loc as planned the interpreters. Is it possible to retain one of these as we need him to assist with Medcaps	
Control	1 ATF	1300	SITREP No 13 from 1200 - 1300 EN/ NTR OWN SIT/ Search of village complete/ c/s moving to new locs ADMIN/NTR	
Control	D Coy	1310	All elements RAASC to return to this loc ASP	
C/6 RAR	Control	1325	In loc now	
1 ATF	Control	1325	Request permission for 4 press people to visit your loc	
Control	1 ATF	1325	OK providing this does not clash with other task scheduled	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
A & C Coys	Control	1335	Moving now	
Control	1 ATF	1345	Ref 3 people to be evacuated by hero, can I assume that there will be someone there	
			to meet them at the hero's home loc	
E 1 ATF	Control	1345	Have been trying to fix, three calls so fay but no joy, but this is envisaged	
C Coy	Control	1352	In posn now	
A Coy	Control	1355	In posn now	
D Coy	Control	1400	11 Pl moving now	
Control	1 ATF	1400	SITREP No 14 from 1300 - 1400 H	
			EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/NTR	
			ADMIN/NTR	
1 ATF	Control	1401	Arrangements have been made for your three Vietnamese medevacs dependant in what time	
			hero flies	
Control	RMO	1407	How many interpreters and police have you?	
RMO	Control	1407	2 of each.	
D Coy	Control	1426	LOCSTAT 11 Pl GR 456763	
D Coy	Control	1445	We have a 59 year old man wishing to leave home BINH BA to go 2 miles North	
Control	D Coy	1445	Negative he is to stay until tomorrow	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
D Coy	Control	1453	11 Pl found UXB they will be blowing	
A Coy	Control	1500	In position now	
1 ATF	Control	1500	SITREP No 15 from 1400 - 1500 H.	
			EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ NTR	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
D Coy	Control	1510	LOCSTAT GR 452762	
Control	1 ATF	1520	Have 24 people to come back to soccer field at 1430 hrs	
1 ATF	Control	1525	Comd 1 ATF moving to your loc now	
A Coy	Control	1530	LOCSTAT GR 432752	
D Coy	Control	1530	3 women at road block wish to go home	
Control	D Coy	1533	What is their home & have they got ID cards	
D Coy	Control	1533	They are from the most Northern village and are carrying ID cards	
1 ATF	Control	1535	We are being pressured for info on Op by higher formation can you make up a sitrep	
			for the last two days and give it to sunray when he visits you at your loc he will	
			be in your loc in 5 mins	
Control	D Coy	1540	Ref women let them through	
Control	1 AT	1540	APCs will be at compound soccer field at 1630 hrs	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
1 ATF	Control	1542	Arty will be receiving APC assistance for return journey this could be tied in with transport of civilians	
D Coy	Control	1545	LOCSTAT 12 Pl GR 443756	
D Coy	Control	1553	12 Pl back in loc NTR	
1 ATF	Control	1630	Hero to be used for evac of sick is in VUNG TAU but you may use the one carrying my Sunray after he has finished with it	
B Coy	Control	1640	All food has been distributed. Still standing by to assist Doctor with DUSTOFF	
D Coy	Control	1645	Is timing device on CBU lethal	
Control	1 ATF	1658	SITREP No 16 from 1500 - 1700 EN/ NTR OWN SIT/ Phase 3 complete ADMIN/NTR	
Control	RMO	1700	In view of weather unlikely will collect medevacs this evening will advise My c/s in BARIA tells me there are 17 people not 24 to return. Departing in 15 mins	
Control	1 ATF	1705	I have given Nutshell c/s 6 the [redacted] details of future requirements	
ENTRY			A Coy 1 c/s to patrol to West end of abandoned airfield vic 432768 then to rubber edge 421756 then home. Time out 0900 time in 1600. B Coy 1 c/s to patrol East to Studly park then to pepper pot then home Time out 0900 in 1300.	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
ENTRY	CONTINUED		C Coy remain present loc in reserve ~~xxx~~ D Coy repeat todays patrols AM and PM and check FAC report of concealed tunnel entrance vic 468767 tunnel entrance appears to be 4' x 4' incl sapper and explosives in patrol. C/6 RAR remain in present loc Northern boundry for any future clearing South side of BINH BA airstrip	
RMO	Control	1740	Medevac for civilians completed	
B Coy	Control	1800	Harboured GR 45557350	
Control	ABCD, C/6	1825	~~X~~ APC elements will be withdrawn temporarly tomorrow for tasks. Will be ~~XXXXX~~ returned after	
Control	D Coy	1827	Amendment to plans for tomorrow. An element of APCs will be with you for a task they will require one of your Pls	
Control	1 ATF	1845	45 mins ago 3 Vietnamese civilians were evac to Vung Tau hospital. Request hero this loc tomorrow at Q + 6 to convoy 6 passengers and then return 2 hrs later to pick them up	
ENTRY		1915	Coys stood to clearing ptls out	
Control	1 ATF	1925	CONTACT REPORT . A. Contact. B 081328 H. C 462716. D 1. E Unknown. F NIL G Unknown. H. Black clad figure ran away when surprised MG group fired 15 rounds into bush in direction of flight. Search of area revealed1 woman aged 36 badly wounded 1 boy aged 10 dead. Woman died 1402 H bodies buries in a disused weapon pit. Search also revealed 1 body buried in pit wounds in skull and possibly	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
			Con't: stomach. We are claiming this as 1 of the WIA from SYDNEY II.	
A Coy	Control	1927	Our clearing ptls has a sighting 400 metres West of our area calling on shelldrake	
ENTRY		1935	Clearing patrols in	
Control	C Coy	1935		
Control	1 ATF	1938	After hero does job concerning 5 passengers could he pick up 3 Vietnamese to be taken to Vung Tau from the market. We have a list of medical supplies required for Medcap.	
Control	1 ATF	1950	A. Incident report	
			B. 101930	
			C. GR 429752	
			D. 3 or 4	
			E. Unknown	
			F. West	
			H. 1 seen to be carrying pack engaged by mor fire called on by A Coy	
Control	1 ATF	1952	In addition to Medcap stores could I also have 500 tins of milk	
ENTRY		2015	Coys stood down	
Control	1 ATF	2030	SITREP No 17 from 1790 - 2000 H	
			EN/ Incident as reported. Total suspects evac 168 Phase 3 closed	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	CON't	OWN SIT/ LOCSTATS:	
			A Coy GR 432752	
			B Coy GR 455735	
			C Coy GR 444749	
			D Coy GR 454754	
			C/S 36GR 440738	
			ADMIN/NTR	
Control	1 ATF	2100	Did you receive sitrep you requested earlier further information as follows:	
			Enemy check point GR 454862 today 3 enemy with rifles black dress	
Control	ABCD,C6,91	2130	'O' Group Q + 13½ hrs. Bring current maps and order your OC to attend	
Control	1 ATF	2205	SITREP No 18 from 102000 - 102200 H. N T R.	
Control	1 ATF	2305	SITREP NO 19 from 102200 - 102300 H N T R.	
Control	1 ATF	2400	SITREP No 20 from 102300 - 102400 H. N T R.	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	0400	SITREP No 1 from 2400 - 0400 H. NTR	
Control	1 ATF	0500	SITREP No 2 from 0400 - 0500 H. NTR	
ENTRY		0530	Coys stood to	
Control	1 ATF	0600	SITREP No 3 from 0500 - 0600 H. NTR	
ENTRY		0625	Clearing ptls cleared immediate front	
		0653	Clearing ptls reported in NTR. Coys stood down	
Control	All stns	0701	For the remainder of these activities order independant stand down will be issued	
			from Bn HQ with the exception C Coy and this c/s	
D Coy	Control	0702	What is the policy on movement of XXXX locals	
Control	D Coy	0702	The road is still closed	
D Coy	Control	0715	3 personnel at this road block heading North. They have signed docs from their	
			Provincial chief request permission to let them through	
C/6 RAR	Control	0748	These will be elements of Aslt Pnr Pl with APC escort working in vic of South	
			villages all day today on construction task	
A Coy	Control	0752	Sect ptl to 431745 to observe - out 0900 in PM	
Control	1 ATF	0800	SITREP No 4 from 0700 - 0800 H. NTR	
D Coy	Control	0833	Is the doctor in your loc - Affirmative	
Control	All stns	0839	Church services will by Q + 12 hours	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	0900	SITREP No 5 from 0800 - 0900. NTR	
A Coy	Control	0903	2 sect 1 Pl and 2 Pl moving now	
Pnr Pl	Control	0904	Moving now	
B Coy	Control	0940	GR 463735 found UXB will be blowing later	
C Coy	Control	0940	An APC ran over a soldiers gear and mangled an M26 gredand will have Engrs blow	
Control	1 ATF	0945	Hero has landed to pick up medevacs now ETD 1 - 2 mins	
CO	Control	0950	I have 3 APCs in my loc they are to protect convoy from South, if so what are they doing in this loc	
Control	CO	0950	Your guess is as good as mine they were for Capt BOXALL suggest you advise them where to go.	
A Coy	Control	1000	2 pl found oxen cart track E W near fresh oxen waste they tried to disguise it have two women at the road block who were stopped by 5 VC 9 kilometres North in grid squares 4584, 4585	
C/6 RAR	Control	1015	We have a medevac with bad skin rash	
Control	C/6 RAR	1015	Send him to this loc for inspection by doctor on his return from Medcap - we will call him forward	
Capt Boxall	Control	1053	In your loc now	
Control	A Coy	1110	Ref as sitrep is there any indication on how many personnel used the shack	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	1130	SITREP No 6 from 0900 - 1100.	
			EN/ 2 Pl loc two lean to's at GR 429767 used last night & tracks	
			heading South West also discovered, oxen tracks nearby heading East West with	
			fresh oxen waste. D Coy road block interrogation revealed VC checkpoint loc vic	
			grid squares 4584, 4585, 5 VC dress in black stopped pedestrians in this vic	
			at 0700 hours this morning.	
			OWN SIT/ Close proximity ptls continue. APC/Inf elements in area	
			DUC THANH Sub sector. Introduction of friendlies this area proceeding	
A Coy	Control	1132	Ref shacks possibly two personnel.	
Control	RMO	1140	Inform doctor that 1 member C Coy has broken his nose and could he get him back	
			to this loc	
RMO	Control	1153	Leaving for your loc now	
A Coy	Control	1157	Can you give me an idea how long this c/s is to remain in this area	
D Coy	Control	1217	11 Pl back in this loc	
A Coy	Control		2 sect 1 Pl A Coy back in this loc	
Control	A Coy	1228	Ref OC request - don't get too settled	
Control	A Coy	1245	Did APCs escorting our firefly vehicle stay with them or return	
A Coy	Control	1245	10 APCs have just arrived	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	A Coy	1245	APCs are to return with firefly vehicles	
A Coy	Control	1251	2 Pl moving now	
Control	1 ATF	1300	SITREP No 7 from 1100 - 1300 NTR.	
Pnr Pl	Control	1302	Moving now	
Control	1 ATF	1305	Medcap supplies we requested last night incl 500 tins of milk have not arrived	
			we require them urgently for Medcap	
Control	1 ATF	1306	We will have O Gp at this loc at Q + 13 hours will you send someone to this loc	
Control	1 ATF	1313	Hero that picked up party for the North was to pick them up again at 1100 hrs	
			they are still here what's the score	
1 ATF	Control	1313	We will chase him up and he will pick them up in 30 mins	
XO	Control	1314	There is no milk in this loc or in 1 ATF loc we are still trying to get some.	
Control	1 ATF	1315	From CO. Can I stress that the Medcap items are not the responsibility of this c/s	
1 ATF	Control	1315	Affirmative we are doing all that's possible	
1 ATF	Control	1328	People will be in this loc for coordinating conference at 1500 hours. Wells & coy	
1 ATF	Control	1330	Do you know when C/6 RAR will be returning to their loc	
Control	1 ATF	1330	Not known at this stage queery may be delivered at O Gp this afternoon	
D Coy	Control	1330	10 pl moving now	
Control	B Coy	1341	There will be no water resup until APCs available	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	B Coy	1345	Have your firefly vehicles arrived yet - Affirmative	
1 ATF	Control	1355	At present we have 15 persons at BARIA who wish to be moved to BIN BA can you do anything about it	
D Coy	Control	1358	10 Pl Sitrep GR 462753 found butterfly bomb we are going to destroy it	
Control	1 ATF	1400	SITREP No. 8 from 1300 - 1400. EN/ NTR OWN SIT/ NTR ADMIN/ Medcap request for milk XXXXX still outstanding	
1 ATF	Control	1400	We have all kitchens working on it should be there by 1500 hours	
1 ATF	Control	1425	We will not send liaison officer to your O Gp unless you think it desirable	
Control	1 ATF	1425	He is not required	
CO	Control	1430	Medcap interpreter back in your loc make sure he comes up in the next APC	
CO	Control	1445	APCs are available to escort TCVs bach I was under the impression they were to remain here tonight	
Control	D Coy	1442	RC Chapel Northern most xxxxx building just this side of the road	
1 ATF	Control	1455	Provincial cheif at your loc inform A & L Coy at BINH BA at present under fire no further details	
Control	1 ATF	1500	From Province Chief pressure you have cracker looging into this	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	1505	SITREP No 9 from 1400 - 1500 H. NTR	
1 ATF	Control	1515	From Province Chief it appears A & L Coy Ranger Bn has received approx 20 rounds mor fire.	
A Coy	Control	1520	2 Pl back in this loc	
A Coy	Control	1525	APCs coming back to this loc to pick up OC for O Gp - Affirmative	
D Coy	Control	1544	LOCSTAT Bardot right 1.9 up 1.6. There are a lot of civiliams in this area	
Control	1 ATF	1605	SITREP No 10 from 1500 - 1600 H. NTR.	
Control	C, Anti, Pnr	1605	Your Sunrays to our loc now for O Gp	
D Coy	Control	1632	LOCSTAT 10 Pl JEAN SIMMONS right 1.4 up 1.5 (GR) Tunnel entrance turned out to be an old well	
Control	1 ATF	1635	Is it possible to obtain a hero to pick up 1 PR rep for on return to your loc	
D Coy	Control	1706	LOCSTAT 10 Pl BARDOT right 0.9 up 0.8 (GR)	
Engr Comd	Control	1721	Inform Pnr Pl that there will be 2 mine detectors taken from him at 0650 hrs tomorrow	
CO	1 ATF	1725	If possible tomorrow we request services of dentist for Medcap. Enough work to keep him going for at least a day	
Control	1 ATF	1825	SITREP No 11 from 1600 - 1800 H. NTR.	
Aslt Pnr Pl	Control	1856	Wiring around DUC MY complete now returning to your loc	
Control	1 ATF	1900	SITREP No 12 from 1800 - 1900 H. NTR.	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Pnr Pl	Control	1925	Back in your loc unloading stores	
ENTRY		1915	Coys stood to clearing ptls out	
		1930	Clearing ptls reported in	
D Coy	Control	1937	We still have A Coy interpreter	
1 ATF	Control	1940	Ref dentist requested earlier he will be available but ETA your loc not ~~xx~~ known as yet	
Control	ABCD C/6	1950	Are you complete in your loc - Affirmative	
1 ATF	Control	2000	Dentist & assistant will depart this loc at 0830 hrs tomorrow	
ENTRY		2015	Coys stood down	
Control	1 ATF	2020	SITREP No 17 from 1900 - 2000 H	
			EN/ Aslt Pnr Pl found buried S W of DUC MY 2 ammo boxes containing school books issued by VC. Obviously the property of VC school teacher for BINH BA area they included a pamphlet of instruction for VC personnel ~~infix~~ infiltrated into ARVN	
			OWN/SIT/ No change	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
Control	1 ATF	2200	SITREP No 18 from 2000 - 2200 H. NTR	
1 ATF	Control	2245	Medcap treated approx 200 minimum 300 maximum today. For your info	
1 ATF				
Control	1 ATF	2400	SITREP No 19 from 2200 - 2400 H. NTR	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	0500	SITREP No 5 from 0400 - 0500 H. NTR SITREPS Nos 1 - 4 incl passed hourly NTR.	
ENTRY		0533	All coys stood to, cleared out and stood down by 0640 hrs	
A Coy	Control	0651	When we pass your loc today could you have interpreter & a member of molar waiting for us	
D Coy	Control	0700	Have your interperter ready to move in 5 mins he will be picked up by A Coy and I will replace him with another in approx 15 mins	
Control	1 ATF	0710	SITREP No 6 from 0500 - 0700 H . NTR	
Control	D Coy	0740	Is A Coy interpreter in your loc if so get him onto one of your APCs and send him to this loc so A Coy can pick him up	
Anti Tk	Control	0733	Moving now	
Control	1 ATF	0800	SITREP No 7 from 0700 - 0800 H. NTR	
D Coy	Control	0802	Moving now with XX 11 Pl	
B Coy	Control	0817	Moving now	
B Coy	Control	0855	Foot traffic on road is suggested for cart and barrows	
Control	B Coy	0835	No foot traffic is permitted	
Control	1 ATF	0900	SITREP No 9 from 0800 - 0900 H. EN/ NTR. OWN SIT Opening xx about to commence ADMIN/ NTR	
Anti Tk Pl	Controol	0916	LOCSTAT GR 432764	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
1 ATF	Control	0922	Having trouble due to lack of interpreters am at present holding one which comes	
			from your loc. Total str is three. Request another three	
B Coy	Control	0927	TCVs now loaded can we release them South now - Affirmative	
Control	1 AATF	0930	We have a total of three interpreters 2 are working on our check points one is	
			waiting on tasks from envoy. Waiting for Sunray of interpreters and will let you	
			know what can be done then	
6 RAR Coy	Control	0942	We have another check point conducting a head count this will take another	
			10 - 15 mins before we pass details to your loc	
D/6 RAR	Control	0954	Leaving your loc now	
Control	1 ATF	1000	SITREP No 8 from 0900 - 1000. NTR	
Control	1 ATF	1004	The dements loc in my area is rep who used to belong to me is now MT 63	
Control	CO	1014	AP AN PHU bridge near c/s 1 loc looks like collapsing can we have someone look at it?	
Anti Tk	Control	1044	Ambush posn GR 431766	
Control	1 ATF	1100	SITREP Np 9 from 1000 - 1100 EN/ NTR. OWN SIT/ Anti Tl 431766. 7 Pl controlling	
			Southern sector based at home. B Coy centre sector base loc to be advised. C Coy	
			loc no cha ge. D Coy controlling Northern sector loc no change. C/6 RAR loc no	
			change. Securing continues. ADMIN/ NTR	
Sector HQ	Control	1115	The first several vehs have departed our loc	

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5 RAR 12 Aug 66 ..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
B Coy	Control	1130	We havecleared all the people from our check point	
Control	Anti Tk	1145	We have to move your DFs out to 441765 and 421768	
Milton Timing	Control	1158	Leaving this loc for your loc now	
Control	1 ATF	1200	SITREP No 10 from 1100 - 1200 H. NTR.	
Milton Timing	Control	1220	We are passing your loc heading South, this last load of civilians ~~xxx~~ ends our echelon for today	
Control	1 ATF	1220	Just arrived in my loc a vehicle of Viet women. Someone down you way has gathered these people as they claim to be depandants of these people up here. Impractable to keep them here, so ~~xxxx~~ I've sent them back	
Anti Tk	Control	1240	We have heard a report that pedestrians are on the road heading North. They must ensure they are on vehicles or bicycles. There must be no pedestrians on the road.	
Control	1 ATF	1307	SITREP No 11 from 1200 - 1300 H NTR.	
Rear	Control	1315	Doctor is in my loc, will put him on the first possum available	
1 ATF	Control	1315	Comd 1 ATF wishes to visit CO 5 RAR at 1445	
B Coy	Control	1355	We have been informed that bridge is now closed what time will moral minors be departing	
Control	B Coy	1356	The bridge not closed, they are returning by APCs from their own loc	
Control	1 ATF	1402	SITREP No 12 from 1300 - 1400 H. NTR	

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5 RAR ..August .12th .1966.... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
1 ATF	Control	1440	We have 30 people at soccer field to be separated to the village can you supply transport	
Control	1 ATF	1440	It is a bit scarce but we should be able to do something	
Control	1 ATF	1500	SITREP No 13 from 1400 - 1500 H EN/ NTR OWN SIT/ Civilians being transported along the road ADMIN/NTR	
1 ATF	Control	1501	Commander 1 ATF will not be arriving until 1515	
Control	1 ATF	1516	Transport on way to soccer field to pick up 30 civilians (APCs)	
D Coy	Control	1518	What is posn of convoy from A Coy	
Control	D Coy	1518	They need vehicles desparately to pick up civilians from BA RIA and they need at leaast 4 vehs to take them from BARIA north to BINH BA	
D Coy	Control	1520	We are trying to get the four required vehs if successful they will be approaching your loc in approx 35 mins	
1 ATF	Control	1530	Commander ETA now 1545 hrs	
Control	All stns	1555	O Gp this loc Q + 27 . 30 hrs to be in possession of current map.	
Control	1 ATF	1605	SITREP No 14 from 1500 - 1600 H. NTR	

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5 RAR ..12.Aug.66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
A Coy	Control	1630	We only have 3 people at the roadblock they are still waiting for trucks from BARIA	
			have you anymore for us	
D Coy	Control	1650	What arrangements have been made for policemen in our loc tonight. We assume	
			that he will be picked up by friendlies tonight	
Commando Coy	Control	1653	Have you anything going back to previous loc tonight as one member from this c/s	
			has been dismissed for a misdemenour and I would like to get him back to BARIA	
			tonight	
Control	Commando Coy	1653	Will try to arrange APC	
B Coy	Control	1658	Can you advise me when I can pull back ~~picquets~~ picquets	
Control	B Coy	1659	Keep them there and I will give you the high sign	
D Coy	Control	1700	What is the traffic like at your end are APCs back in your loc	
Control	D Coy	1700	Traffic is heavy Affirmative on APCs	
Control	1 ATF	1705	SITREP No 15 from 1600 - 1700	
			EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ Still 3 truckloads of civilians to go North	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
A Coy	Control	1710	Will there be any late arrivals at this loc	
Control	B Coy	1715	Confirm that your lose locstat is as given in orders last night	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
B Coy	Control	1716	Ref locstat 100 metres East	
Control	A Coy	1735	The truck from BARIA are f8lly loaded but there are still more people to go who scattered when the rain started they will be there in the morning	
Control	B Coy	1737	There are further 3 vehicles heading North now from A Coy after they are through shup up, and open normal time tomorrow	
A Coy	Control	1756	2 Pl now back in this loc	
D Coy	Control	1800	We still have 3 policemen with us. Are there 3 vehicles going to Northern limit we cannot send soft skinned vehicles to the Northern limit this late in the day	
Control	1 ATF	1815	Have had attached policemen at present at our most Northern coy loc can you get Milton Timing to get them. We will require them again in the morning	
D Coy	Control	1817	After cont act with our friends police will be staying in the village tonight	
1 ATF	Control	1817	Could they stay at present loc tonight	
Control	1 ATF	1818	Negative the only alternative is for them to stay in the village	
Control	C Coy	1840	C Coy not on road clearing tomorrow, you are to provide 1 Pl under command 1 APC Sqn for activities to North in rubber area East of NUI NGHE 30 mins notice to move from 0800 hrs	
Control	D Coy	1845	Provide protection party half c/s with radio to be picked up at D Coy area Q - 6 hours by APC with Engr	

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5 RAR ..... 12 Aug 66 ..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	A B C D	1910	Road clearing AM & PM to be done by APCs attached to each of your locs. C Coy	
			and APCs who have job today are on another job	
ENTRY		1915	Coys stood clearing ptls out	
		1928	Clearing ptls in NTR	
		2015	Coys stood down	
Control	1 ATF	2015	SITREP No 16 from 121700 - 121800	
			EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ 1000 civilians travelled South 600 travelled North during the day.	
			Medcap & Dentcap programme continues.	
			ADMIN/ Medcap stores depleted request following be made avail for Medcap	
			request stores be made avail on first avail possum tomorrow	
Control	1 ATF	2118	SITREP No 17 from 2000 - 2100 . NTR	
Control	1 ATF	2200	SITREP No 18 from 2100 - 2200 . NTR	
Control	1 ATF	2400	SITREP No 19 from 2200 - 2400 H. NTR	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	0100	SITREP No 1 NTR	
Control	1 ATF	020o	SITREP No 2 NTR	
Control	B,C, D Coys	0240	Halo CE PD will be holding church parade at the fol times tomorrow C Coy 0930 hrs,	
			D Coy 1030 hrs, B Coy 1130 hrs	
Control	1 ATF	0300	SITREP No 3 from 0200 - 0300 . EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ Small arms fire heard to North West	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
Control	1 ATF	0400	SITREP No 4 NTR	
Control	1 ATF	0505	SITREP No 5 from 130400 - 130500 H. NTR	
ENTRY		0540	Coys stood to	
Control	1 ATF	0605	SITREP No 6 from 0500 - 0600 NTR	
B Coy	Control	0600	Ref detector batteries will your Engr deliver them	
Control	B Coy	0615	We will endevour to get batteries to you ASP after stand down	
ENTRY		0615	Clearing ptls out	
		0636	Clearing ptls in. Coys stood down	
Anti Tk	Control	0702	Ambush lifting now - moving	
Control	1 ATF	0705	SITREP No 7 NTR	
Control	Anti Tk D Coy	0710	There will be a bomb disposal party 700 metres West of D Coy you are to avoid them	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
D Coy	Control	0714	Engrs and ½ of this c/s moving	
Anti Tk	Control C Coy	0745	In your loc in 10 mins	
		0756	In your loc now	
Control	1 ATF	0800	SITREP No 8 from 0700 - 0800	
			EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ Anti Tk now in this loc	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
Engrs	Control	0803	We have been in posn for the last 40 mins locstat not passed of your posn	
Engrs	Control	0815	Ref blowing at 0830 GR 453759	
D Coy	Control	0817	Engrs blowing in last locstat could you send APCs North of that loc to halt traffic	
			until after ~~xxx~~ blowing is complete	
Engrs	Control	0825	Fire on - 3 mins	
D Coy	Engrs	0839	Engrs will not have comms with you until he reaches your loc as his handset is stuffed	
Medcap	Control	0844	Doctor request if possible could second doctors vehicle similiar ordered for 1000	
			hrs to take relatives to BARIA	
D Coy	Control	0903	2 trucks gone fwd to pick up approx 100 people at North end of road	
B Coy	Control	0905	Only have 11 people at our roadblock and we have 2 TCV we are despatching these	
			people in 1 and keeping the other in reserve.	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	B Coy	0920	Assume control	
B Coy	Control	0924	I have assumed control have you anything for me	
A Coy	Control	0926	Do you know anything about a further 2 TCVs coming South	
Control	A Coy	0927	They are doctors vehicles	
A Coy	Control	0942	We have 2 TCVs at 3 pl loc Sunray these vehicles wishes to go to BARIA could you verify	
A Coy	Control	0945	The 2 vehs at this loc are loaded to go to BARIA hospital for X ray after they have dropped off ferry people is it ok to release the vehicle	
Cpntrol	D Coy	0955	There will be a Frenchman passing through your loc going to DUC TRANH	
Control	1 ATF	1000	SITREP No 9. from 0800 - 0900 NT R.	
Control	1 ATF	1110	SITREP No 10 from 131000 - 131100 EN/ NTR OWN SIT/ C/s T9 & Inf elements loc 440784. 2 x 2½ ton truckloads of civilians transported to BARIA for attendance at hospital ADMIN/ NTR	
Control	1 ATF	1200	SITREP No 11 from 131100 - 131200 . NTR	
Control	C Coy	1215	Slight change for the future would you have c/s ready to move at Q + 2½ hrs APCs will link withyou at attend O Gp remain on this freq until it is time to close down.	
Control	1 ATF	1345	XXXXXXX SITREP No 12 from 1200 - 1300 H. NTR	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
~~APC~~ APC	~~REX~~ Control	1354	My vehicle went past DUC THAN HQ Sectors North to road block & was fired upon	
Control	1 APC	1354	This is not surprising as it is a pretty unfriendly area	
Control	1 ATF	1405	SI TREP No 13 from 1300 - 1400 NTR	
1 ATF	Control	1430	Spotted road blocks 1300 hrs. Road block of heavy wpn pits 2nd had 2 logs across road. The first	
			one you'll see is some distance from the road. We are checking on it. GR 464796	
			& 460845	
1 ATF	Control	1432	600 lb of rice will be arriving your loc in 5 mins will you ensure there is a work	
			party to unload it	
T9	Control	1435	Lossstat mercury returning to this loc now	
T9	Control	1447	Crowd of people North wish to go South is there a vehicle available	
Control	T9	1447	Negative	
Control	1 ATF	1500	C Coy 6 RAR will be returning to ~~this~~ their loc in 30 mins	
Control	1 ATF	1513	SITREP No 14 from 1400 - 1500. NTR on enemy	
			OWN SIT/ APCs returned to this loc.	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
91	Control	1523	There is 60 former suspects at BARIA soccer ground to go to BINH BA also stores to	
			go to 1 ATF require 5 Service corps vehs to do this	
1 ATF	Control	1525	Did you supply veh to take people to village this morning	
Control				

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	1525	Ref truck. There were aprox 1000 people came North this morning I would not know	
			about 1 truck load but will see what can be dome	
C/6 RAR	Control	1529	Moving back to base loc now closing down.	
B Coy	Control	1545	At 5 pl road block there is 4 men, 5 women. 1 man says he is a cop from Vung Tau	
			wishes to go to BARIA	
Control	B Coy	1545	They are not to proceed	
Base	Control	1550	There is 250 civilians at Southern road block, require transport to BINH BA	
Control	1 ATF	1608	SITREP No 15 from 1500 - 1600 NTR	
B Coy	Control	1615	Civilians at road block have been picked up by RAASC	
Base	Control	1634	Can you give me movement detail of RAASC	
Control	Base	1634	RAASC have left this loc	
Control	A, B Coy	1636	There will be a civilian rubber vehicle moving South let him through	
D Coy	Control	1650	Starlight has left this loc, he has left some docs behind can you get someone	
			to come and pick them up	
Control	1 ATF	1700	SITREP No 16 from 1600 - 1700 H. NTR	
Base	Control	1720	Have two mighty mites coming up to you tomorrow. Engrs say they cannot get smoke to	
			you	
Control	Base	1720	Get onto higher formation and tell them the CO wants this requirement filled today	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
B Coy	Control	1731	2 vehicles have passed our road block loaded with civilians	
Control	A Coy	1732	What is the bank up of civilians at your road block	
A Coy	Control	1740	There are 10 civilians at our road block	
B Coy	Control	1748	Another vehicle passed this loc heading South	
Base	Control	1749	Vehicle despatched from this loc to transport 10 civilians from their road block	
A Coy	Control	1757	Last vehicle leaving this loc now	
1 ATF	Control	1810	Report from Albatros. Observed to GR 467776 6 pers, men and women filling in a	
			hole 4' x 2' x 4' deep bottom lined with boards. Digging hastened when ac made second	
			run, assume friendlies will look into this.	
Base	Control	1825	60 persons at BARIA to be moved South	
Control	base	1825	We cannot move people our job is finished	
Control	1 ATF	1825	Had report that 60 people have come North. Unable to do this so you can look	
			after them	
B Coy	Control	1845	All c/s in this loc	
Control	1 ATF	1900	SITREP No 18 from 1700 - 1900 H. NTR	
ENTRY		1915	Coys standing to clearing ptls out	
		1930	Clearing ptls in	
Control	1 ATF	1935	Have you any more details on mighty mouse for tomorrow	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
1 ATF	Control		Molor is chasing them up will let you know the outcome	
Control	1 ATF	2000	SITREP No 19 from 1900 - 2000 H. NTR	
ENTRY		2015	Coys stood down	
Base	Control	1950	APCs have turned up at our base loc now	
1 ATF	Control	2125	Mity mite will be in your loc by Q + 8 hrs	
Control	1 ATF	2200	SITREP No 20 from 2000 - 2200 H. NTR	
Control	1 ATF	2400	SITREP No 21 from 2200 - 2400 H. NTR	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	0100		
		0600	SITREPs Nos 1 - 6 passed hourly all NTR	
ENTRY		0530	Coys stood to	
		0618	Clearing ptls out	
		0635	Clearing patrols reported in NTR Coys stood down	
D Coy	Control		Engrs and APCs moving now	
C Coy	Control	0833	LOCSTAT GR 446735	
B Coy	Control	LOCSTAT GR 463742		
A Coy	Control	0833	Just been dropped by APCs	
Control	1 ATF	0910	SITREP No 7 from 0600 - 0700 H	
			EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT locstats this c/s 461715. A Coy 470706. B Coy 459726. C Coy 445455	
			D Coy 463752 NTR	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
B Coy	Control	0912	LOCSTAT GR 465723	
C Coy	Control	1000	LOCSTAT GR 477707	
B Coy	Control	1025	LOCSTAT 470721 1 wpn pit signs of 2 men. Track leading South	
A Coy	Control	1025	LOCSTAT GR 477706	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
D Coy	Control	1025	LOCSTAT GR 472730	
Control	1 ATF	1030	SITREP No 8 from 0900 - 2000 H	
			EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ LOCSTATS:	
			A Coy 477707	
			B Coy 472711	
			C Coy this loc	
			D Coy 474720	
			This c/s & c/s 8 no change	
A Coy	Control	1044	LOCSTAT GR 480706	
D Coy	Control	1045	LOCSTAT GR 473730	
C Coy	Control	1045	OTTERSKIN TC 79 Regt number 1411135	
B Coy	Control	1104	LOCSTAT 4 pl 473721	
			5 Pl 473722	
			6 Pl 473720	
C Coy	Control	1111	Sunray told us to halt 200 metres in front of your lod and await further orders	
Control	C Coy	1111	Moving now	
			GR 475750 Evidence of 2 people sitting on ground direction of mov - South	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
A Coy	Control	1125	Our sword is sharp when does Rip Van Winkle awaken	
Control	A Coy	1125	When Prince Charming does his job	
Control	Anti Tk		Return to this loc with everybody you have on board	
B Coy	Control		LOCSTAT GR 476721	
D Coy	Control	1153	LOCSTAT GR 478739	
D Coy	Control	1200	When will we be allowed to move South	
C Coy	Control		LOCSTAT GR 469715	
Control	D Coy	1205	Negative time on move South	
Control	1 ATF	1217	SITREP No 9 from 1000 - 1200. EN/ evidence of 2 men moving South loc GR 475730 at 125 hrs	
			and at GR 470721 at 1025 hrs	
			OWN SIT/ This loc no change	
			A Coy GR 480706	
			B Coy GR 476721	
			C Coy 469715	
			D Coy 478730	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
B Coy	Control	1220	VC defined tracks at GR 478722 used by 2 pers maybe 3 heading South 1 webbing	
			strap found 1 old green towel 100 metres west of track	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
C Coy	Control	1222	8 Pl has sighted an intruder at GR 473716	
Control	A Coy	1230	Locstats B Coy 477721	
			C Coy 469716	
			D Coy 478730	
Control	A Coy	1240	Movement evidence to date in addition to last report B Coy 470721 signs 2 persons	
			moving south. GR 470721 signs of 2 persons moving south this morning. GR 473716	
			one person seen at distance moving north	
B Coy	Control	1240	LOCSTAT GR 482721	
Control	1 ATF	1305	SITREP No 10 from 1200 - 1300	
			EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ Move continueing	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
B Coy	Control	1317	Moving now	
C Coy	Control	1335	Is there any friendlies in vic of GR 475717	
Control	C Coy	1337	There are no friendlies in that area	
C Coy	Control	1336	There are friendlies moving N W of last locstat given 5 persons in group	
B Coy	Control		Fresh track for 1 - 2 people heading North GR 48407205	
D Coy	Control	1354	Moving now	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
D Coy	Control	1355	Sight indicated VC have used old hut in last 1 - 2 hrs. GR 485722. Cannot	
			determine direction of movement	
Control	A Coy	1400	Suggest you have a look S & S E for about 500 yards	
Control	1 ATF	1415	SITREP No 11 from 1300 - 1400 H.	
			EN/ Fresh tracks leading North one or two men. Found at 485721. Old hut	
			occupied by 4 persons in last 3 - 4 hours at GR 485722	
			OWN SIT/ All c/s continueing movement	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
D Coy	Control	1425	LOCSTAT GR 471726	
B Coy	Control	1425	LOCSTAT GR 486720	
B Coy	Control	1445	LOCSTAT GR 480700	
D Coy	Control	1450	All elements this c/s commencing to lay cordon	
Aslt Pnr	Control	1452	We are 500 yds North of your loc	
Control	Aslt Pnr	1452	Proceed West some distance then head South. We have a visitor 500 yds South of	
			this loc	
		1453	Report back to this loc	
Control	1 ATF	1500	SITREP Np 12 from 1400 - 1500 H. EN/ NTR. OWN SIT No change. ADMIN./ NTR	
Aslt Pnr	Control	1500	Back in your loc	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
B Coy	1512	LOCSTAT	GR 487717	
D Coy	Control	1522	LOCSTAT 479725 remaining c/s hoola hoop	
C Coy	Control	1527	LOCSTAT GR 468715	
D Coy	Control	1546	All c/s sharp sword	
Control	D Coy	1547	Send LOCSTAT e and w extremities	
B Coy	Control	1553	LOCSTAT GR 486716	
D Coy	Control	1600	LOCSTAT E 483725 11 pl. W 10 pl GR 473726	
Control	1 ATF	1600	SITREP No 13 1500 - 1600. EN/ Native 500 metres West of this c/s perimeter appeared	
			to be observing activity. This c/s fa led to catch him	
			OWN SIT/ Locstats A Coy no change	
			B Coy GR 4 86716	
			C Coy GR 462715	
			D Coy GR 479725	
			10 Pl GR 473726	
			11 Pl GR 483725	
			medcap completed.	
			ADMIN/ No change	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
B Coy	Control	1643	CONTACT 5 Pl 3 VC outside perimeter details to follow	
B Coy	Control	1701	A. CONTACT. B. 141645. C. 486714. D. 3. E. Unknown. F. Unknown coy still searching. We have taken one KIA of our own. At present searching for LZ. Request Dustoff standby to take body out. Have possum spotting for LZ at the moment	
Control	B Coy	1703	Request possum this loc will be overhead your loc shortly	
Control	C Coy	1719	Do you know of any crossing over obstacles for APCs	
C Coy	Control	1720	One c/s is at such crossing will have it checked out	
Control	1 ATF	1720	Ref extraction of body could hero get body out by winch	
1 ATF	Control		Hero has to return to Vung Tau to obtain winch	
Control	1 ATF		He will require 60 feet of winch confirm posn and will throw smoke although some difficulty will occur to see smoke through the canopy	
B Coy	Control	1722	Clearing at 476714 approx 1,000 metres would be best to winch him out	
B Coy	Control	1723	Further deta ls of contact as follows: 3 VC sighted by gun at right flank and was hit in fire fight	
Control	B Coy	1730	Hero coming from Vung Tau fitted with winch. Be prepared to throw smoke and talk to him on this or internal net. Will be approx 30 mins	
Control	1 ATF	1730	Ref extraction of body as given in contact.	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	1800	SITREP No 14 from 1600 - 1800 H.	
			EN/ Contact as reported	
			OWN SIT/ No change	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
A Coy	C Coy	1804	Heard shots approx 1000 metres towards your loc any details	
C Coy	A Coy	1505	Negative shots also heard this loc	
B Coy	Control	1820	Dust off now complete	
Control	1 ATF	1900	SITREP No 15 from 1800 - 1900.	
			EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ Extraction of body now complete	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
B Coy	Control	1904	LOCSTAT 487717	
Control	1 ATF	1905	Change locstat B Coy now 487717	
ENTRY		1915	Coys stood clearing ptls out	
		1930	clearing ptls in	
A Coy	Control	1937	Reports of fire. Auto & rifle lasted 2 mins in N N W. direction from my loc	
Control	A Coy	1941	Commence search Q - 8 hours 30 mins	
C Coy	Control	1945	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Have heard 1 shot well out to the front	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	2000	SITREP No 16 from 1900 - 2000H. NTR	
Control	1 ATF	2400	SITREP No 17 from 2000 H - 2400 H. NTR	

5 RAR ..15 Aug 66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
ENTRY		0700	SITREPs Nos 1-7 passed hourly to 0700 hrs NTR	
ENTRY		0530	Coys stood to clearing ptls cleared reported in coys stood down by 0638	
Control	1 ATF	0715	Request has been made for trucks to come fwd tomorrow could the dentist also come	
			and stay as part of Dentcap programme	
B Coy	Control	0745	SITREP. EN/ NTR. Intend 6 Pl move to GR 487721. CHQ & 5 Pl remain this loc	
			recon 800 m NE to NW	
A Coy	Controo	0730	Starting to walk now	
A Coy	Control	0747	APCs back in your loc 1100 hrs if you have anything there for us put it on them	
Control	C Coy	0806	Time 0806	
Control	1 ATF	0810	SITREP No 8 from 0700 - 0800 H. EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ A Coy commenced mov 0730 hrs	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
A Coy	Control	0815	LOCSTAT no change from last night. Have a dog barking 100 metres north	
		0825	Dog barking was a monkey doing something else	
Control	1 ATF	0855	Have a seriously ill woman at BINH BA to be evacuated by possum in 30 mins. Request	
			arra gements be made to admit her to hospital in BARIA	
B Coy	Control	0857	LOCSTAT 6 Pl GR 487722	
A Coy	Control	0858	LOCSTAT no change 500 metres East and West of loc	

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5 RAR ...15 Aug 66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	0923	SITREP No 9 from 0800 - 0900 H. NTR	
C Coy	Control	0940	Element of Aslt Pnr Pl has passed through my loc what task is he on	
A Coy	Control	0942	First search found many tracks, continue long search	
A Coy	Control	0945	1/60 are required to stay in loc whilst c/s 1 has completed his task. Search out from your area Moving South South East for 300 metres	
Anti Tk	Control	0950	In your loc in 5 mins	
Control	1 ATF	1000	SITREP No 10 from 0900 - 1000 EN/ 2 or 3 local people w ere observed by Bn HQ moving South West at a distance of 300 metres east. Search failed to apprehend. OWN SIT/ A Coy in early stages of search have found many tracks which are being followed up. Female patient evac by possum from BINH BA to BARIA for hospital ADMIN/ NTR	
A Coy	Control	1020	2 Pl found old ox cart track sest west also foot pads running SE to NW	
Anti Tk	Control	1050	Entering your loc now	
Control	1 ATF	1110	SITREP No 11 from 1000 - 1100 NTR	
B Coy	Control	1115	LOCSTATs 4 & 5 pls this loc. 6 Pl GR 488205 recce 800 metres NE SE of this loc NTR. 4 & 5 pls moving in 30 mins for 1000 metres search SE to S	
Control	1 ATF	1200	SITREP No 12 from 1100 - 1200 H. NTR	

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5 RAR .....15 Aug 66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	1230	CONTACT. A. Incident. B. 151220. C. 474710. D. 1. E. Local.	
			E. Negative . G. North	
A Coy	Control	1305	1 Pl west of this loc. 3 Pl east 300 metres N and mobile	
Control	1 ATF	1300	SITREP No 13 from 1200 - 1300 Hrs	
			EN/ Nn incident as reported	
			OWN SIT/ NTR	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
1 ATF	Control	1303	Would it be convient if Comd visits your CO at 1500 - Affirmative	
A Coy	Control	1312	Track pattern to date show to be an ox track at GR 480711 running SW to 483711	
B Coy	Control	1325	LOCSTAT B Coy 4 & 5 pls no change. 4 pl GR 489707 6 pl GR 494725 reported small	
			arms firing in the distance	
Control	B Coy	1330	How large is defensive digging	
B Coy	Control	1330	Found defensive posn large enough for 30 pers	
A Coy	Control	1355	GR 484719. Found installation old tracks bordering Eastern Mational feature has	
			housed about 30 people. GR 484717 a quite definable track running N S appeared to	
			run from west side of National feature appeares to have been recently occupied by	
			20 people some bare footed. We are about to move to 444714	
C Coy	Control		9 Pl B sect heard sa fore on bearing 2000 mils	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Anti Tk	Control		Moving now LOCSTAT of contact GR 435715	
A Coy	Control	1417	DUST OFF LZ being investigated GR 476709 Accidental discharge shot in foot	
			Regt No 214933 Doby No E17	
APC	Control	1423	My c/s will not proceed forther west than his last locstat	
Control	1 ATF	1430	APCs at my c/s 61 contacted 4 VC. No further details avail at present. An engr has	shot himself
			in he foot he will be evacuated to possum	
B Coy	Control	1440	4 Pl B 5 Pl B harboured this loc. 6 Pl B now harboured at 6 Pl loc.	
			There is no evidence of fresh signs at 486708 to 495708 to 495725 795727 to 487723	
Anti Tk	Control	1443	Ref our mission we have found water and will be in your loc in 2 mins	
A Coy	Control	1503	Estimate will reach 1000 metres North of this loc by Q + 18 hrs	
Control	1 ATF	1507	SITREP No 14 from 1300 - 1500 H. Further details of contact not recorded	
			GR 435715. Strength 3 - 6 all carrying rifles. Heading NE towards village when	
			fired upon moved West of contact. En were engaged by APC from 300 - 400 metres. Artillery	
			fired 1000 metres to west, nth, and west and South West	
			OWN SIT/ One casualtity from 1 pl as reported search continues	
			ADMIN / NTR	
Anti Tk	Control	1510	Moving now	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
A Coy	Conrol	1518	Dust off now complete	
A Coy	Control	1522	Moving now	
Control	C Coy	1625	Your future activities may dictate, you will be advised late of this afternoon	
Control	D Coy	1530	Possum 7 on way to assist you now	
1 ATF	Control	1535	Request permission for our man in blue to join your c/s	
Control	1 ATF	1610	SITREP No 15 from 1500 - 1600 H	
			EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ C Coy heading back to this loc	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
Control	C Coy	1600	Can you get your complete c/s to my loc commencing Q hr 1, 2 and 4,	
D Coy	Control	1603	If we start at normal time tomorrow ETD GR 475735 about three hours	
			5 hours with detailed search and could still be at that loc still happy.	
Control	1 ATF	1614	Ref changes negative as yet. A Coy continueing search	
A Coy	Control	1623	LOCSTAT GR 480712. 1 pl West, 3 pl East of this loc intend to search	
			300 metres North before last light GR 480712	
C Coy	Control	1623	ETA your loc in 10 mins with sps from all my c/s	
Anti Tk	Control	1630	We are 150 metres from your loc approaching from S W.	
1 ATF	Control	1632	Ref to APC contact have you any more details	
~~Control~~	~~Control~~	~~1638~~	~~Safray chris coy on the way further details~~	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	1632	Refer to SITREP No 14 for further details	
C Coy	Control	1638	Sunray this c/s om the way to your c/s loc now	
C Coy	Control	1650	Moving now	
Control	B Coy	1730	For proposed activities stay East of natural feature	
B Coy	Control	1900	4 and 5 pl 487717. 6 pl 48807250	
Control	1 ATF	1949	B Coy move 0730 hrs to GR 486727	
			D Coy move 0730 hrs to GR 475735	
Control	1 ATF	2030	SITREP No 17 from 1900 - 2000 NTR	
Control	1 ATF	2110	SITREP No 18 from 2000 - 2400 H. NTR	
ENTRY		1915	Coys stood to clearing ptls cleared immediate front stood down at 2015	

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5 RAR ...16 August 1966..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	0500	SITREP No 5 from 0400 - 0500 H NTR	
ENTRY			SITREPs Nos 1 - 4 passed hourly all NTR	
ENTRY		0530	Coys stood to	
		0615	Clearing patrols out	
		0630	Clearing patrols reported in NTR Coys stood down	
Control	1 ATF	0600	SITREP No 6 from 0500 - 0600 H. NTR	
Control	1 ATF	0700	SITREP No 7 from 0600 - 0700 H. NTR	
B Coy	Control	0735	Preparing to move	
A Coy	Control	0808	Moving now	
B Coy	Control	0814	LOCSTAT CHQ, 4 pl, 5 pl GR 487722. 6 pl GR 486727	
XXATF Control	1 ATF	0820	Installation found very old housed approx 20 people	
D Coy	Control	0830	Moving now	
1 ATF	Control	0850	Vehicles left from BINH BA after some delay	
A Coy	Control	0905	LOCSTAT GR 480715	
D Coy	Control	0907	LOCSTAT GR 482729	
D Coy	Control	0938	LOCSTAT GR 479732	
Control	1 ATF	0940	This c/s GR 466731. A Coy GR 480715 moving. B Coy locstat to follow	
			C Coy moving to this c/s. D Coy 482729 moving	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
6 RAR	Control	0947	LOCSTAT A/6 GR 460695	
B Coy	Control	0945	LOCSTAT B Coy 4 & 5 pls GR 48757288. 6 Pl GR 486727. B sect 5 pl GR 48457265	
D Coy	Control	1005	LOCSTAT GR 478732	
B Coy	Control	1017	Moving locstats no change	
A Coy	Control	1020	1 Pl west. 3 Pl last searching to 3000 metres North	
Control	A,B,C,D, 91	1023	C Coy to work area bounded by 465740 - 490740 - 468755 - 490755	
			B and D Coys no closer than 500 metres to C Coy	
D Coy	Control	1050	LOCSTAT GR 476735. SITREP Suspected sighting of 3 persons proved NTR. Search	
			from old loc to this loc NTR. For CO looks like I owe two bottles of wine, however,	
			I suggest A Coy looks extremely hard in area 483727. Resup can be taken earlier if required	
Control	1 ATF	1120	SITREP No 8 from 160700 - 1100.	
			EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ Search continues. Locstats A Coy no change. B Coy GR 488728	
			4 pl GR 486737. 5 pl GR 494733, sect 5 pl GR 496728, 6 pl 486727. sect 6 pl 485726	
			C Coy to work area bounded 465740 - 490740 - 468755 - 490755 moving.	
			D Coy 476735	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
C Coy	Control	1135	Moving three on West of natural feature	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
A Coy	Control	1136	Moving	
1 ATF	Control	1136	Ref interprete r & C Coy activities understood	
Control	Anti Tk	1150	Have sunray come to this loc also have one element ready to perform same task	
			as yesterday in 15 mins	
C Coy	Control	1155	9 pl has sighted VC at GR 464737. 2 elements of c/s following up direction of	
			movement - EAST	
A Coy	Control	1155	LOCSTAT GR 479716	
A/6 RAR	Control	1155	LOCSTAT GR 477697	
Control	D Cpy	1200	Have your 2 medevacs ready for loading on first resup hero	
B Coy	Control	1215	Have cleared N & E of my loc. 4 & 5 pl at this loc. 6 Pl no change, resup complete	
			I am at a loss as to intentions as to ambush where I mentioned track runs North	
Control	B Coy		Search area suggested by D Coy 150 NW of Bsect 5 pl very carefully. Boundries.	
			Northing above your loc & easting to West of your loc	
C Coy	Control	1215	LOCSTAT 454740. I understand c/s 8 is to have ~~XXX~~ an activity in this loc	
			can you check with sunray c/s 8 as to loc. I do not agree. Anything East of 48 easting	
			is OK with me	
B Coy	Control	1232	Confirmation of locstats B Coy 4 & 5 pl 488729, 6 Pl 487727. B sect 6 pl 485726	
Control	1 ATF	1300	SITREP No 9 from 1100 - 1300. EN/ 9 Pl sighted 1 possible VC GR 464737 at 1135 hrs.	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF		SITREP Con't:	
			Direction of mov Ea st. Search of area failed to locate.	
			OWN SIT/ Continueing as planned.	
			ADMIN/ Resup complete	
B Coy	Control	1330	5 Pl moving	
B Coy	Control	1345	6 pl moving	
Control	1 ATF	1400	SITREP No 10 from 1300 - 1400 H. NTR	
D Coy	Control	1400	Intentions: Temp harbour GR 483735. 12 Pl ptl to GR 483731 & return. 10 pl	
			patrol to GR 476730 then West to natural feature then North and return	
C Coy	Control	1410	LOCSTAT C Coy GR 469742 - 8 & 9 pl proceeding East. At GR 468742 9 pits sighted	
			to cover approach from West. Approx 6 months old. Max depth 4'6" implements found	
			at the site	
B Coy	Control	1417	LOCSTAT CHQ & 4 Pl no change, 5 pl 481730, 6 pl GR 483725	
B Coy	Control	1446	6 Pl found track two weeks old recce 150 metres it still runs South and is slightly	
			circular	
Control	B Coy	1450	You may move along the track but no further than 700 metres. A Coy is not to be	
			any further North than 72 northing	
D Coy	Control	1456	Is 12 pl clear to proceed East towards B Coy	Affirmative

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
B Coy	Control	1457	5 pl now back in this loc NTR	
Control	1 ATF	1500	SITREP No 10 from 1400 - 1500	
			EN/ C Coy found nine pits 468742 sighted to cover approach from West not used	
			recently. B Coy found track 2 weeks old following up now	
			OWN SIT/ NTR	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
D Coy	Control	1504	10 Pl moving now	
D Coy	Control	1505	LOCSTAT G 476735	
D Coy	Control	1507	12 Pl moving now	
Control	B Coy	1514	Have you heard any firing your loc heavy xxxxx approx 2500 mils a long distance	Affirmative
			away	
C Coy	Control	1515	Moving now	
6 RAR	Control	1520	A Coy has contact	
Control	6 RAR		Can you give details of VC movement and LOCSTAT	
Control	1 ATF	1521	Are we to expect any visitors from your c/s today	
D Coy	Control	1527	LOCSTAT 10 pl GR 474743	
D Coy	Control	1527	LOCSTAT 12 pl GR 482735	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
A Coy	Control	1527	LOCSTAT CHQ & 2 pl GR 478719, 3 pl to the East of this loc, west of natural feature and will	
			RV this loc for tonight. 1 pl, 1 sub unit following cart track to SW, 1 sub unit	
			following foot pad to West. All c/s will remain South of 72 northing, 1 pl to	
			RV this loc tonight	
A Coy	Control	1542	Heavy firing and and explosives from South of this loc possibly friendly	
D Coy	Control	1552	10 pl LOCSTAT GR 474732 old ox cart junction, 1 track leading North, 1 track	
			heading XXXXX East	
A Coy	Control	1600	3 pl has doscovered 1 quite changable track at GR 482718 large enough to take a	
			truck, tracks of twenty people moving North 24 hours old	
Control	1 ATF	1600	SITREP No 11 from 1500 - 1600	
			EN/ Old foot pad and cart tracks found in area of search, none of any	
			significance	
			OWN SIT/ Search continues	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
D Coy	Control	1610	LOCSTAT GR 484731	
C Coy	Control	1613	CHQ & 7 pl GR 471746, 8 pl GR 475748, 9 pl moving	
D Coy	Control	1632	12 pl GR 479741, 10 pl HR 470743	
A Coy	Control	1630	1 Pl GR 474716 heard talking and clanging of dixies	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
C Coy	Control	1640	LOCSTAT 9 pl GR 482745	
A Coy	Control	1655	Track 3 pl is following has now turned South East	
D Coy	Control	1656	LOCSTAT 12 pl now in this loc	
			10 pl GR 472735	
A Coy	Control	1705	LOCSTAT 3 pl GR 484770	
D Coy	Control	1722	10 pl now in this loc	
			11 & 12 pls nothing to report	
Control	1 ATF	1735	SITREP No 12 from 1600 - 1700	
			EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ Locstats A Coy 478719, 1 pl 474716	
			C Coy 484720 8 pl 475748, 9 pl 482745	
			B Coy 488729	
			D Coy 475735	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
Control	1 ATF	1800	SITREP No 13 from 1700 - 1800 H	
			EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ A Coy has been rejoined by 1 pl	
			ADMIN/ NTR	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
A Coy	Control	1726	3 pl track they were following ended in creek which looks like ambush. 4 pl track ends in possible ambush posn a large party from South look as though they joined them 3 Pl was recalled after 250 metres North, and will investigate further tomorrow	
A Coy	Control	1825	1 Pl found installations GR 473718 wpn pits for 20 people, no appeaent tunnels Engrs will check tomorrow pits 1 - 2 months old. 3 Pl should be entering this loc soon. Installation was discovered 1730 hrs, covered 20 metres x 30 metres	Passed to 1 ATF
Control	B Coy	1835	Do you intend to recall 6 pl and sect of 6 pl tonight	
B Coy	Control	1835	I intended to leave them in their loc as people 1 Pl sighted might come back	
Control	B Coy	1842	Do not move until cleared by this c/s. Quite probable you will move down this track tomorrow.	
Control	1 ATF	1911	SITREP No 14 from 1800 - 1900 .	
			EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ A Coy 478719 B Coy 488728	
			C Coy 471746 D Coy 476735	
			8 Pl 475748 9 Pl 482745	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
ENTRY		1915	Clearing patrols out coys stood to	
Control	A Coy	1921	Report of S A fire at GR 476716	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
ENTRY		1930	Clearing ptls in	
B Coy	Control	1942	6 Pl, sect of 6 pl are not in this loc	
1 ATF	Control	1947	Explosives ~~in~~ heard in your area could be H & I from this loc	
Control	1 ATF	2000	SITREP No 15 from 1900 - 2000 NTR	
Control	A Coy	2006	Our friends to the South contact 15 - 16 VC armed with M15, bandoliers and good eqpt	
			contact was late this afternoon	
Control	1 ATF	2010	S3 visited 1 Cdo Coy at ~~XX~~ DUC THAN today was told of 274 regt approx 2000 metres	
			east of your loc, it could tie in with 6 RAR contact today	
ENTRY		2015	Coys stood down	
1 ATF	Control		Curfew in villages this area is lifted at 0600 hrs daily	
Control	1 ATF	2400	SITREP No 16 from 2000 - 2400 H . NTR	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	0100	SITREP No 1 from 2400 - 0100 H NTR	
		0200	" " 2 from 0100 - 0200 H NTR	
		0300	" " 3 from 0200 0300 H NTR	
Control	1 ATF	0320	MORTREP 3750 mils more details will follow	
Control	ABCD	0350	Some mortar rounds have fallen at Engrs base loc more details as they come through	
			No rounds have fallen on our base loc	
Control	1 ATF	0400	SITREP No 4 from 0300 - 0400 H NTR	
		0500	" " 5 from 0400 - 0500 H NTR	
ENTRY		0530	Coys stood to	
Control	C Coy	0618	D Coy wishes to move towards your southern boundry	
ENTRY		0618	Clearing patrols out	
C Coy	Control	0625	I have no objections to D Coy patrolling towards that boundry	
ENTRY		0630	Clearing ptls in Coys stood down	
Control	1 ATF	0700	SITREP No 7 from 0600 - 0700 H. NTR.	
Control	A Coy	0700	Move back to installation and investigate thoroughly. I will send B Coy down the track	
1 ATF	Control	0710	MORTAR RECORD from 0243 hrs to 0305 hrs. Units involved:	
			1 Fd Regt, 1 Fd Sqn, 1 ATF Log Coy, 3 SAS Sqn.	
			Total own results 21 WIA	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
A Coy	Control	0700	Intend to send 1 c/s to investigate FAC report . There is a lot of unusual things	
			in that area	
Control	B Coy	0700	Move down track South give me a call after 600 metres watch out for A Coy	
CO	Control	0709	No mortar rounds fell in our area to our knowledge, but still no contact with	
			D Coy. Most rounds fell south	
B Coy	Control	0757	Medevac Dust off WIB this loc LZ priority PW Temp increasing present temp 103.2	
			Regt particulars No 213559 TB 5	
Control	B Coy	0800	We will use same LZ as for dust off yesterday possum in on the way	
Control	1 ATF	0810	SITREP No 8 from 0700 - 0800 NTR	
Control	D & C Coys	0820	Warn 3/2 to be particularly careful of navigation. Objective feature is no where	
			as clearly defined on the ground as it appears on the map	
B Coy	Control	0825	5 Pl moving now	
A Coy	Control	0827	Section of 1 pl + Engrs investigate installation , 2 pl GR 480715 all other c/s	
			no change	
Control	C Coy		Unconfirmed information on enemy concentration NW os rubber engaged H & I	
B Coy	Control	0845	4 Pl loc GR 484725, CHQ & 5 pl moving to 6pl loc GR 485726	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
A Coy	Control	0700	Intend to send 1 c/s to investigate FAC report . There is a lot of unusual things	
			in that area	
Control	B Coy	0700	Move down track South give me a call after 600 metres watch out for A Coy	
CO	Control	0709	No mortar rounds fell in our area to our knowledge, but still no contact with	
			D Coy. Most rounds fell south	
B Coy	Control	0757	Medevac Dust off WIB this loc LZ priority PW Temp increasing present temp 103.2	
			Regt particulars No 213559 TB 5	
Control	B Coy	0800	We will use same LZ as for dust off yesterday possum in on the way	
Control	1 ATF	0810	SITREP No 8 from 0700 - 0800 NTR	
Control	D & C Coys	0820	Warn 3/2 to be particularly careful of navigation. Objective feature is no where	
			as clearly defined on the ground as it appears on the map	
B Coy	Control	0825	5 Pl moving now	
A Coy	Control	0827	Section of 1 pl + Engrs investigate installation , 2 pl GR 480715 all other c/s	
			no change	
Control	C Coy		Unconfirmed information on enemy concentration NW os rubber engaged H & I	
B Coy	Control	0845	4 Pl loc GR 484725, CHQ & 5 pl moving to 6pl loc GR 485726	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
A Coy	Control	0855	INSTALLATION REPORT GR 473721 at 0900 17 Aug 1 Pl and Engrs	Passed to 1 ATF
			consists of wpn pits. area covered 800 sq yards	
			Wpn pits only.	
			No tunnels	
			Old pld and partly filled in	
			estimated size 20 pers	
			defence all round	
			3 x 2 man pits, the rest were individual, not more than three weeks old	
			Defences near track, creek and river junction	
			No additional info. Spoil dump at base of trees and bamboo in an effort to	
			camouflage. Considerable effort made to ensure installation covered from air observation	
D Coy	Control	0922	Moving now	
A Coy	Control	0922	MORTREP Bearing 3800 mils primary only over 1500 metres distance	Passed to 1 ATF
Control	1 ATF	0910	SITREP No 1 from 0800 - 0900 hrs	
			EN/ Installation report previously reported	
			OWN SIT/ ADMIN/ NTR.	
D Coy	Control	0923	Temporary harbour GR 474735	

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5 RAR 17 Aug 66 Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Aslt Pnr Pl	Control	0926	Moving now	
2IC	Control	0930	D Coy loc not hit by rounds but line cut 150 yards out (Base loc)	
C Coy	Control	0930	8 Pl GR 476743 tracks running EW used this morning by 10 people	
A Coy	Control	0923	8 rounds fired through a break of 2 mins then 1 round	Passed to 1 ATF
C Coy	Control	0935	8 Pl track is the same one used by them yesterday but it has been used after them	
B Coy	Control	0940	SITREP B Coy 5 & 6 pls located at GR 485726 4 pl GR 485721 have found the crossing	
			point of our C Coy 3 days ago. No sign of track being used, presumed track followed	
			by A Coy may have been 300 yds West	
Control	B Coy	0945	4 Pl is tp move West 300 yds and continue search	
Control	A & B Coys	0946	Remain in close contact with each other while 4 pl moves west	
Control	1 ATF	1005	SITREP No 10 from 0900 - 1000 NTR.	
B Coy	Control	1025	I have not moved by c/s yet. I would like to continue 300 metres down this track	
			with safety to A Coy members	
Control	1 ATF	1025	MORTREP A. B Coy. C. 5400. D1012. E. 1016. I. 30 secs	
C Coy	Control	1032	8 & 9 pls have completed the tasks allotted to them. c/s sighted 3 with very little	
			movment. Will have completed the search of area 9 Pl has been East as far as 49	
			easting. C Coy will regroup this afternoon and RV at GR 470755	
Control	C Coy		Willdespatch a small group to C Coy loc and meet CO this afternoon	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
C Coy	Control	1040	Moving now	
D Coy	Cont ol	1045	Moving now	
B Coy	Control	1047	5 Pl loc GR 482719	
C Coy	Control	1101	8 pl moving in Northely direction	
Control	1 ATF	1102	SITREP No 11 from 1000 -- 1100 H.	
			EN/ as per mortrep submitted 1025 hrs	
			OWN SIT/ NTR	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
A Coy	Control	1106	GR 478722 3 Pl found track N to E following it up north	
D Coy	Control	1109	LOCSTAT G 474737 . 1 & 11 pl moving to areas of search	
B Coy	Control	1109	4 pl GR 481718 found track & creek crossing.	
Control	2IC	1120	Push lot down to GR 485716 good fishing	
B Coy	Control	1122	I listened to conversation and it seems OK for you to push down where your required	
B Coy	Control	1123	I would like to investigate area	
A Coy	Control	1126	3 Pl 1 sect following track 200 metres North then swung West and still following	
D Coy	Control	1126	4 Pl LOCSTAT GR 476737	
C Coy	Control	1131	CHQ & 7 Pl LOC 470752	
			8 Pl LOC GR 472745 9 Pl LOC GR 482752	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
B Coy	Control	1137	Moving now	
D Coy	Control	1138	10 Pl LOCSTAT GR 472737	
A Coy	Control	1142	3 Pl 2 sect LOCSTAT GR 477725	
D Coy	Control	1143	11 pl LOCSTAT GR 479737	
Control	1 ATF	1200	SITREP No 12 from 1100 - 1200 H	
			EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ Search continues	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
A Coy	Control	1213	3 pl B sect loc GR 472723	
B Coy	Control	1222	LOCSTATS all c/s GR 485720	
Aslt Pnr	Control	1223	Moving now	
C Coy	Control	1235	LOCSTAT CHQ & 8 pl GR 467752 harboured. 9 Pl moving to this loc	
Anti Tk	Control	1240	At the villa now	
A Coy	Control	1245	B sect 3 Pl no enemy sighted have found a large fish trap in dam. 2 Hootchies which	
			have not been used for some time	
A Coy	Control	1247	sect 3 pl returning this loc	
Control	1 ATF	1300	SITREP No 13 from 1200 - 1300 H NTR	
C Coy	Control	1303	My loc has been invaded by labourers. Give us new loc or we will move East	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
D Coy	Control	1307	LOCSTAT 10 Pl GR 470737. 2 c/s patrolling SW - NW LOCSTAT 11 Pl GR 479737	
B Coy	Control	1313	5 Pl moving now	
Anti Tk	Control	1330	LOCSTAT GR 421756	
D Coy	Control	1342	11 Pl at G R 482736 located a track 30 mins to 1 hr old used by 6 people on bearing	
			1800 mils. Cut through undergrowth and moving East	
A Coy	Control	1346	2 Pl mow in this loc	
D Coy	Control	1355	11 Pl regrouping and will follow up as a c/s	
A Coy	Control	1355	3 Pl now in this loc	
Control	1 ATF	1400	SITREP No 14 from 1300 - 1400 H	
			EN/ tracks of 6 people heading East found at GR 482736 at 1330. Tracks 30 mins	
			to 1 hour old. 11 Pl following up	
			OWN SIT/ NTR	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
Anti Tk	Control	1402	Have RV d with APC having a look at personnel in the area lacstat to follow	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	Anti Tk	1403	Pick up starlight at 1600 hrs	
D Coy	Control	1410	11 Pl moving now	
A Coy	Control	1414	All c/s now in this loc	
B Coy	Control	1414	LOCSTAT 5 Pl GR 483712	
A Coy	Control		Would you like one c/s to follow up track to natural feature to the West now that 5 Pl	
			has moved off	
Sector HQ		1425	Report of 1 VC Bn moving from YS 490680 to YS 520660 having 2 guns with wheels	Message passed to
			. US grades info as F3. ARVN B2	Coys
B Coy	Control	1421	LOCSTAT GR 485720	
D Coy	Control	1433	11 Pl following up track do you impose any limit	
Control	D Coy	1433	Inform us of progress and condition of track after 500 metres.	
Anti Tk	Control	1444	LOCSTAT GR 455743	
A Coy	Control	1445	3 Pl moving now	
D Coy	Control	1451	Ref track 11 pl is following up it is at least 1 day old could have been made by	
			friendlies	
Control	1 ATF	1505	SITREP No 15 from 1400 - 1500 H. NTR	
B Coy	Control A Coy	1525	3 Pl mow in my loc. 5 Pl homing pigeon my loc	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	C Coy	1535	Does S3 know where my interpreter is	
Control	C Coy	1535	Think he is with D Coy	
Control	A, B, C Coys		You are to go to c/s 95A loc to move ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ to latex the RV with APCs	
			at following times A Coy Q + 1. B Coy Q + 2. D Coy Q hour. all c/s to send	
			probable RVs at last light	
D Coy	Control	1600	11 Pl now in this loc	
B Coy	Control	1610	All c/s now complete	
D Coy	Control	1635	10 Pl now in my loc	
A Coy	Control	1630	3 Pl now in this loc	
Control	1 ATF	1630	SITREP No 16 from 1500 - 1600 H. NTR	
Control	1 ATF	1700	SITREP No 17 from 1600 - 1700 H NTR	
Control	C Coy	1737	Send a c/s to Randwick park to check it out we have heard there may be some activities	
			there	
Control	1 ATF	1800	SITREP No 18 from 1700 - 1800 H NTR	
C Coy	Control	1824	7 Pl moving now	
C Coy	Control	1859	Digging appears to be ARVN	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	C Coy	1900	Patrol still to confirm	
Control	1 ATF	1900	SITREP No 19 from 1800 - 1900 H	
			EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ Locstats	
			A Coy 478719	
			B Coy 485720	
			C Coy 446747	
			D Coy 474736	
			This c/s no change	
			ADMIN / NTR	
ENTRY C Coy	Control	1904	7 Pl back in this loc	
ENTRY		1915	Coys stood to clearing ptls out	
		1930	Clearing ptls in	
Control	1 ATF	2001	SITREP No 20 from 1900 - 2000 H	
			EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ 7 Pl GR 434733 had reported freshly dug there was no signs of fresh activity in this area since we recently occupied it	
			ADMIN/ NTR	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
ENTRY		2015	Coys stood down	
Control	1 ATF	2100	SITREP No 21 from 2000 - 2400 H NTR	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	0500	SITREP No 5 from 0400 - 0500 H NTR SITREPs Nos 1 - 4 incl passed hourly all NTR	
ENTRY		0530	Coys stood to	
		0615	Clearing ptls out	
		0635	Clearing ptls in NTR Coys stood down	
Control	1 ATF	0600	SITREP No 6 from 0500 - 0600 H NTR	
Control		0700	SITREP No 7 from 0600 - 0700 H NTR	
D Coy	Control	0747	Are you in old loc and what do we do with C Coy interpreter	
Control	D Coy	0748	Negative on loc take interpreter with you	
Control	D Coy	0750	APCs on his way to RV now	
D Coy	Control	0754	Moving now	
A Coy	Control	0757	Moving now	
Control	1 ATF	0800	SITREP No 8 from 0700 - 0800 H EN/ NTR OWN SIT/ this c/s now with C Coy and c/s 63. Some elms my c/s returning to base direct from last loc. A Coy B Coy D Coy moving now ADMIN/ NTR	
D Coy	Control	0820	LOCSTAT GR 467736	
B Coy	Control	0822	Moving now	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
D Coy	Control	0856	50 metres short of latex	
A Coy	Control	0900	100 yds from RV	
B Coy	Control	0900	LOCSTAT GR 478719 APCs approaching now	
A Coy	Control	0905	In RV now	
D Coy	Control	0910	Moving now	
Control	1 ATF	0910	SITREP No 9 from 0800 - 0900 NTR	
B Coy	Control	0937	Entering A Coy loc now	
D Coy	Control	0945	In base loc now	
B Coy	Control	1004	At RV now	
A Coy	Control	1010	Leaving with APCs now	
Control	1 ATF	1010	SITREP No 10 from 0900 - 1000. NTR	
Anti Tk	Control	1030	Left in this loc. This c/s and elms APCs and helpers	
Anti Tk	Control	1038	Elms now complete this loc	
Anti Tk	Control	1058	Moving now	
Anti Tk	Control	1120	Request close down - Affirmative	
Control	1 ATF	1120	SITREP No 11 from 1000 - 1100 H NTR on en OWN SIT/ A & D Coys in base loc, B Coy moving now, this c/s & C Coy no change ADMIN/ NTR	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
B Coy	Control	1128	Back in base loc now	
ENTRY			Possum pilot reported sighting 2 ox carts and people vic GR 437698 appeared to be	
			lost. Info passed to Escort with request APC patrol check out this afternoon	
			on way to BINH BA. Passed to APCs 1247	
C Coy	Control	1505	Could you supply detals of traffic moving North	
C Coy	Control	1530	OTTERSKIN P.U.O. can you give us a possum	
Control	C Coy	1530	Possum should be with you within 10 mins after I contact Rear	
C Coy	Control	1354	7 Pl has had no movment for some time I have closed and called 7 Pl and sect of 7pl in.	
Control	1 ATF	1603	SITREP No 12 from 1100 - 1600 H	
			EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ All c/s excppt C Coy this loc 1200 hrs	
C Coy	Control	1720	A quick check of area a few of our brothers have maintained their better half,	
			6 plus 4 children there, they came from BARIA. Could you provide transport	
Control	C Coy	1720	Affirmative put them on APCs and take them through my loc	
C Coy	Control	1740	Two c/s of APCs will be moving through your loc then back to mine later this evening	
Control	D Coy	1758	D Coy placed on 1 hours notice to move. A Coy have a pl to APC [illegible] lines	
			Battalion to take over 6 RAR perimeter at last light	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
A Coy	Control	1820	Moving now	
A Coy	Control	1840	1 Pl in loc A/6 RAR. 3 Pl in APCs in loc in 5 mins	
Anti Tk	Control	1900	In position at D/6 RAR	
Control	1 ATF	1930	Report of unexplained flare approx 150 yds in front of A Coy loc	
1 ATF	Control	2000	Further coy 6 RAR CO & APC moved to D Coy loc to assist extraction, D Coy badly knocked around, VC numerous in area, fly in of artillery ammo by SHANOOK tonight onto Canberra Ave, request added security on West of Canberra Ave. Patrol at 1 hours notice to move	
Control	1 ATF	2030	SITREP No 13 from 1600 - 2000 hrs EN/ NTR OWN SIT/ 1 Pl A Coy in 1 APC Sqn area, 1 c/s in A Coy/6 RAR , 1 c/s in own area . B Coy 1 c/s C Coy 5 RAR, 1 c/s C Coy 6 RAR area, 1 c/s own area. C Coy located in BINH BA D Coy on hour standby reaction force Anti Tk in D Coy 6 RAR area Aslt Pnr pl one hour standby for night security patrol ADMIN/ NTR	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
ENTRY		1915	Coys stood to clearing ptls out	
		1930	Clearing ptls in	
		2015	Coys stood down	
C Coy	Control	2029	From APCs in C Coy loc informed to move by their net when applicable	
Control	Anti Tk		Is your takeover complete	
Pnr Pl	Control	2050	Moving now	
Pnr Pl	Control	2124	RV with members A Coy	
		2137	Friend from A Coy . Is this OK for him to stay with us	
Control	A,B,C,Ech,Sp	2140	Two VC seen probing B Coy 6 RAR perimeter. There may be probing on our perimeter all c/s to be warned	
Control	1 ATF	2144	Advise when fly in complete	
Control	1 ATF	2145	Our c/s 22, 5 Pl B Coy in 6 RAR loc reported 2 VC probing the wire	
Aslt Pnr	Control	2154	In position now	
C Coy	Control	2231	Clearance given for strike on T4 2, 2000 - 2500 metres north of your loc	
Aslt Pnr	Control	2245	Have seen flare go of in vic YS 45ZX46X 433734 then 1 more flare 1 min later	
Pnr Pl	Control	2345	Delivery has just been completed haw many visitors are there to be	
Control	Aslt Pnr	2330	There will be a total of 10 sorties	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	A Coy	0045	Have you heard any firing about 500 metres to your west	
A Coy	Control	0045	Negative	
C Coy	Control	0100	Our activities to the West will be somewhat curtailed by the absence of APCs.	
Control	Aslt Pnr	0107	How far West of MSR are you	
Aslt Pnr	Control	0107	Approx 300 metres	
1 ATF	Control	0255	S & T vehicles are not avail this morning due to other movements	
Control	1 ATF	0400	SITREP No 14 from 2000 - 0400 H. NTR	
Aslt Pnr	Control	0420	Move back to this loc now	
Control	Aslt Pnr	0500	Send progress report	
Aslt Pnr	Control	0501	We are coming up the road between A Coy and yourself	
Aslt Pnr	Control	0510	Back in your loc now	
ENTRY		0615	Coys stood clearing ptls out	
		0630	Ptls in NTR Coys stood down	
Control	C Coy	0715	Marning order. Two hours notice to move	
B Coy	Control		4 Pl back in B Coy loc	
D Coy	Control	0825	Tasks today; Left assault ~~X~~ Coy mounted in APC 2nd phase, clearance of battlefield followed by possible foot movement	
D Coy	Control	0955	We are in the battle area 12 - 15 VC bodies recovered so far	Passed to Coys

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
D Coy	Control		Friends have recovered one of their missing members alive and wounded they have called for dustoff	Passed to all c/s
A Coy	Control		sect patrol of 1 Pl on this freq is doing a ptl opposite our friends loc is being shadowed by a spotter ac	
Control	1 ATF	1007	SITREP No 2 from 0400 - 1000 H	
			EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ C Coy patrolling BINH BA	
			D Coy now with 6 RAR	
			Remainder no change from last night	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
ENTRY		1046	Interrogation of 1 Vietnamese wounded indicates he is North Vietnamese	Monitered 6 RAR - 1 ATF
ENTRY		1115	All missing personnel found 13 dead 2 wounded. Total 17 KIA 19 WIA	Monitered 6 RAR - 1 ATF
D Coy	Control	1118	113 VC en dead. all our own troops accounted for	Passed to all c/s
ENTRY			Total en KIA 25 last night 113 this morning Total 138. Own troops accounted for.	
A Coy	Control	1120	1 Pl in A Coy 6 RAR loc ordered out on ptl by 6 RAR told not to come up on 6 RAR net. Request clarification.	
Control	1 ATF	1130	Permission to liaise with 6 RAR ref assuming control of patrols around base area	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
ENTRY			SITREP 1100 - 1200 H. Enemy. Bodies difficult to ascertain at this stage. Bodies have been at present at far east GR 487667. Approx 138 KIA 2 VC WIA captured Weapons captured include 4 LMG, 1 60 mm mortar, 1 50 cal MG, 3 rocket launchers of unknown origin. As reported separately en of 45 Regt PAVN. Further info indicates en we re on the way to attack HQ when contacted by D Coy. The whole province at 5 kilometres east of GR 487667 is protected by 4 coys of 5th Bn 45 Regt which has 6 81mm mortars these are said to be the mors which shelled the base. All the tracks from the battlefield lead East	
Control	1 ATF	1222	SITREP No 3 from 1000 - 1200 H. EN/ Installation discovered at GR 455682. Occupied XXXXXXXXXX last night by approx one sect. Details to follow. Found by c/s 11 operating from 6 RAR base loc. OWN SIT/ No change ADMIN/ NTR	
Control	C Coy	1415	7 Pl out to carry out wiring task this afternoon. OC C Coy willbe in your loc this afternoon.	
B Coy	Control	1516	TAOR Ptl out	
B Coy	Control	1547	sect 5 pl in this loc	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	1600	SITREP No 4 from 1200 - 1600 H. NTR.	
CO	Control	1657	Departing 1 ATF loc for your loc	
C Coy	Control	1842	All c/s complete. Propose to stay this loc til tomorrow our mors will be bedding in in 5 mins GR 423747	
ENTRY		1915	Coys stood to clearing patrols out	
		1930	Clearing ptls in	
D Coy	Control	1945	OP reported seeing 2 flares in front of A Coy	
ENTRY		2015	Coys stood down	
Control	1 ATF	2015	SITREP No 5 from 1600 - 2000 H. NTR	
1 ATF	Control	2055	LOCSTAT D Coy 5 RAR GR 483672 as at 1955	
D Coy	Control	2220	D Coy sighted a flare near 1 APC Sgn	Passed to 1 ATF
Control	1 ATF	2400	SITREP from 2000 - 2400 H NTR	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	0400	SITREP No 1 from 2400 - 0400 H. NTR	
ENTRY		0615	Revielle Coys stood to while clearing ptls cleared the immediate front	
		0630	Clearing ptls reported in NTR Coys stood down	
B Coy	Control	0721	4 Pl back in this loc	
Control	D Coy	0836	Could you collect 1 set of VC webbing	
D Coy	Control	0836	Affirmative	
Control	1 ATF	0836	SITREP No 2 from 0400 - 0800 H. NTR	
CO	Control	0850	Leaving for 1 ATF loc.	
B Coy	Control	0908	sect of 4 Pl moving now	
B Coy	Control	0945	LOCSTAT sect 4 Pl 439691	
CO	Control	0949	Leaving ATF area for 1 APC Sqn area	
D Coy	Control	1010	Last body count 220 VC KIA	Passed to all c/s
B Coy	Control	1020	sect 4 Pl now in this loc	
C Coy	Control	1133	We have a Vietnamese, he is unconscious and out of his senses suggest dustoff	
		1200	Person is not as serious as we suspected, only sunstroke	
C Coy	Control	1209	Person is on his way to BARIA hospital now by hero	
Control	1 ATF	1210	SITREP No 3 from 0800 - 1200 H. NTR	
C Coy	Control	1223	There is a group of people here persisting to go to the same loc as the person	

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5 RAR ... 20. Aug 66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
C Coy	Control	1223	who was here yesterday whom we refused permission to go into the TAOR. We suggest something be done about it. They want to look for a grave.	
C Coy	Control	1304	7 Pl moving now	
~~C Coy~~ ø		1315	8 Pl moving now	
C Coy	Control	1340	LOCSTAT GR. 434739	
B Coy	Control	1400	sect 4 pl moving now	
C Coy	Control	1410	LOCSTAT 8 Pl GR 431763	
		1416	LOCSTAT 7 Pl GR 435737	
B Coy	Control	1450	30 mins to move, 2 days rations may move by any means, other details passed later	
CO	Control	1455	In C Coy loc now	
C Coy	Control	1456	LOCSTAT 8 Pl GR 443765	
Control	C Coy	1512	RAASC is on his way up have unloading party ready	
B Coy	Control	1513	sect 4 pl now in this loc	
C Coy	Control	1525	9 Pl moving now	
		1550	9 Pl back in this loc now	
Control	1 ATF	1610	SITREP No 4 from 0200 - 1600 H NTR.	
CO	Control	1625	Leaving C Coy loc now	
		1637	In loc now closing down	

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5 RAR ..... 20 Aug 66 ..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
C Coy	Control	1710	8 Pl now in this loc	
C Coy	Control	1715	The interpreter form A Coy has applied for emergency leave	
Control	C Coy	1725	Ref last trans. His leave has been OK'd he will be replaced tomorrow but not to leave until his replacement arrives	
Control	C Coy	1800	Are all your c/s in your loc	
D Coy	Control	1845	LOCSTAT, SITREP Have searched area thru out day missed 2 or 3 VCs by a few mins found grave which brings body count total to 231 will be under comd 5 RAR by first light, am returning by direct route to B Coy loc should arrive by midday request lunch be arranged and B Coy be warned. Locstat GR 479691	
Control	D Coy	1850	Request that you inform me on your return of loc of any psywar leaflets found	
ENTRY		1915	Coys stood to clearing ptls out	
		1930	Clearing ptls in	
Control	1 ATF	2000	SITREP No 5 from 1600 - 2000 H NTR.	
~~XXXXXX~~ ENTRY	X	2015	Coys stooddown	
Control	1 ATF	2015	SITREP No 6 from 2000 - 2400 H NTR.	

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5 RAR 21 Aug 66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	0400	SITREP No 1 from 202400 H - 0400 H NTR.	
ENTRY		0615	Reveille coys stood to, clearing ptls out cleared area to immediate front	
		0640	Clearing ptls in NTR Coys stood down	
C Coy	Control	0640	Air strike at 0230 hrs was directed at suspected VC force of approx Coy to Bn str	
			at GR 393718	
B Coy	Control	0735	4 pl in loc closing down	
Control	1 ATF	0830	SITREP No 2 from 0400 - 0800 H.	
			EN/1 Cdo Coy captured 1 VC apprehended in BINH BA village he cannot identify	
			himself coming in for interrogation. Dress black pyjamas no wpn.	
			OWN SIT/ D Coy returning this loc	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
D Coy	Control	0835	LOCSTAT GR 467686	
Control	C Coy	0850	Ref allies in village CO is a bit upset he wants to know on what authority	
			they went into the village; they were given a task, the village episode was their	
			own ~~activities~~ idea	
B Coy	Control	0855	sect 6 Pl moving now	
D Coy	Control	0919	LOCSTAT GR 460684	
Control	1 ATF	0933	We have trucks at this loc to convoy you on your last leg	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
CO	Control	0935	At 1 ATF Area	
B Coy	Control	0957	sect 6 pl back in this loc now	
D Coy	Control	1007	Entering B Coy loc now. B Coy ack	
Control	1 ATF	1007	Warn out for test firing in this loc 1045 hrs	
Anti Tk	Control	1009	In your loc now closing down	
CO	Control	1013	Returning to your loc now	
		1018	Back in your loc now closing down	
1 ATF	Control	1115	MPs will take over A Coy road block as from 0800 on 22 Aug during daylight hours	
C Coy	Control	1140	Info received suggests that the suspect captured this morning was in possession of a rifle and mine when he entered the village. Request permission to investigate using commando coy.	
Control	C Coy	1144	Affirmative. Ensure your c/s accompany Cdo Coy to ensure task is completed efficiently	
CONTROL	1 ATF	1200	SITREP No 3 from 0800 - 1200 H EN/ Villagers in BINH BA reported that the suspect apprehended earlier this morning was in possesion of a rifle & a mine when he entered the village. OWN SIT/ Cdo Coy & elms of C Coy are to search the house thoroughly. D Coy arrived this loc at 1045 hours. NUI DAT reported smk of 5900,6200,6000 mils approx 5000 mils ADMIN/ NTR	

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5 RAR . 21 Aug 66 ..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
C Cpy	Cpntrol	1305	7 pl has suspect and he is being sent to this loc	
		1040	7 pl now in this loc	
D Coy	Control	1350	Test firing this loc tomorrow	
B Coy	Control	1512	sect 6 pl moving now	
~~EXEXX~~ Control	C Coy	1535	Friendly pers your loc not to go into the village	
B Coy	Control	1540	sect 6 pl cleared B Coy area now in C Coy loc	
		1612	sect 6 pl now in this loc	
Control	C Coy	1830	Clear gun area Holsworthy vic GR 436739 of trees. Use APCs or elements of Aslt Pnr Pl for emergency LZ	
C Coy	Control	1900	Ref last trans, affirmative this will be an early AM activity	
ENTRY		1915	Coys stood to clearing ptls out	
		1930	Clearing ptls in NTR	
Control	1 ATF	1934	Req permission for vehicle to drive with lights to Ord field depot to pick up a mortar barrel	
Control	1 ATF	1953	Op on NUI DAT reports either a woman or a dog screaming (Yelping) at 5800 mils 200 metres away possibly caught up in wire. Request permission to illuminate	
ENTRY		2015	Coys stood down	
1 ATF	Control	2026	Any reports of sa fire in your loc - Negative	

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5 RAR ...21 Aug 66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	2050	SITREP No 4 from 1200 - 2000 H NTR.	
Control	C Coy		Brig Op tomorrow. To East ARVN to North in block posm B52 strike to North East	
Control	1 ATF	2400	SITREP No 5 from 2000 - 2400 H NTR	

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5 RAR ...22.Aug. 66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	0400	SITREP No 1 from 202400 - 210400 H NTR.	

5 RAR .22 Aug 66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	0445	SITREP No 1 from 210400 H - 220400 H NTR	
ENTRY		0615	Clearing ptls out coys stood to	
		0635	Clearing ptls in NTR Coys stood down	
C Coy	Control	0715	Ref starlight where can we tell the villagers he will be operating from	

5 RAR ..22 Aug .66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	0445	SITREP No 1 from 220001 to 220400	
ENTRY		0615	Coys wtood to - clearing patrols cleared immediate front NTR	
		0635	Coys stood down	
C Coy	Control	0715	Ref Starlight where can we tell the villagers he will be operating	
Control	C Coy	0715	In the hospital	
CO	Control	0915	Leaving this loc for A Coy	
		0930	Departing A Coy loc for your loc	
A Coy	Control	0935	sect 1 Pl moving now	
CO	Control	1005	Now in B Coy loc	
C Coy	Control	1010	APCs and inf moving now to area	
D Coy	Control	1030	Request permission to test fire	
Control	D Coy	1035	Negative - you may between 1400 - 1500 this afternoon	
CO	Control	1132	Leaving for TIGER PAD now	
		1136	Request permission to clos e down	
B Coy	Control	1223	LOCSTAT 4 pl GR 460712	
Control	1 ATF	1230	SITREP No 2 from 0400 - 1200 H. NTR	
B Coy	Control	1342	LOCSTAT 4 pl GR 462707 temp harbour	
B Coy	Control	1500	LOCSTAT 4 pl GR 460702	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
A Coy	Control	1525	sect 1 Pl back in this loc	
B Coy	Control	1550	LOCSTAT 4 Pl GR 456693	
B Coy	Control	1615	LOCSTAT 4 pl GR 455691 have reported suspicious movement to their NE have requested permission	
			to fire area GR462700	Passed to 1 ATF
Control	1 ATF	1615	SITREP No 3 from 1200 - 1600 H NTR. Movement as reported previously	
B Coy	Control	1700	4 pl moving into this loc	
CO	Control	1724	Departing 1 ATF loc	
		1830	Airstrike warning GR 368720 and GR 366724 within next 20 mins	
CO	Control	1910	Returning to your loc now	
XXXX ENTRY		1915	Coys stood to clearing ptls out	
		1930	Clearing ptls in NTR.	
Control	1 ATF	2000	SITREP No 4 from 1600 - 2000 H NTR.	
ENTRY		2000	Passed A Coy Tasks for tommorrow.	
		2005	Passed B Coy Warning Order and Tasks for tomorrow	
ENTRY		2015	Coys stood down	
C Coy	Control		Seen light 300 - 400 metres drom perimeter laying DF if light moves we will fire DF	
			on GR 440751	
		2158	Light has been investigated. Finger is off the panic button	

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5 RAR ....22 Aug 66..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	2400	SITREP No 5 from 2000 - 2400 H NTR	

5 RAR .....23 August 1966.. Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	0400	SITREP No 1 from 2400 - 0400 H NTR.	
ENTRY		0615	Revielle coys stood to clearing ptls cleared the immediate front NTR	
		0638	Coys stood down	
6 Pl	Control	0705	This c/s back in B Coy loc request permission to close down	
C Coy	Control	0810	8 Pl in this loc now cordon and search of houses 117 - 122 incl and houses 133 - 138	
			incl there were combat rations open already handed out although NTR quite successful	
Control	1 ATF	0830	SITREP No 2 0400 - 0830	
			EN/ NTR	
			) OWN SIT/ C Coy condoned and searched 11 houses in BINH BA village at 0130 hrs NTR	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
CO	Control	0921	returning to your loc	
		0929	in loc closing down	
A Coy	Control	1025	1 Pl moving now	
A Coy	Control	1148	LOCSTAT 1 pl GR 437703 have found 1 man & 2 women with an ox cart	
Control	1 ATF	1200	SITREP No 3 from 0830 - 1200 H NTR.	
Control	A Coy	1335	Hold off on request for Dust off, as OC A Coy does not know whether the MP has been	
			taken along the road in the ambulance or not, wait until verified	
A Coy	Control	1407	LOCSTAT 1 pl GR 427714	

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5 RAR 23 Aug 66 ..... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
B Coy	Control	1407	Moving now	
C Coy	Control	1432	Sending out APC and 7 pl to the vic of GR 424769. Time out Q + 3¼ hrs	
B Coy	Control	1440	LOCSTAT GR 44856875	
C Coy	Control	1453	APC c/s informs me that ~~of~~ one of his c/s is bogged. Attempting to recover now	
B Coy	Control		Particulars of DUSTOFF No 215648 TB 66	
B Coy	Control	1525	Dustoff is on his way to your loc	
A Coy	Control	1609	LOCSTAT 1 pl GR 425702	
Control	1 ATF	1609	SITREP No 4 from 1200 - 1600 H	
			EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ B Coy moving now	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
1 ATF	Control	1750	B Coy is to go no futther that 500 Easting.	
B Coy	Control	1618	LOCSTAT GR 456693	
C Coy	Control	1653	APC elems firing at target 4277 movement observed at range beyond Inf elm with him	
A Coy	Control	1655	LOCSTAT 1 pl GR 425693	
A Coy	Control	1720	LOCSTAT 1 pl now entering this loc	
3 Pl	Control	1827	Moving now	
Control	3 Pl		There are likely to be APCs moving North in 30 mins approx	

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5 RAR 23 August 1966 Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
ENTRY		1915	Clearing pls out coys stood to	
		1930	Clearing " in Coys stood down at 2015	
3 Pl	Control	1926	Sharp sword GR 438697	
Control	1 ATF	2000	SITREP No 5 from 1600 - 2000 H NTR.	
			OWN SIT/ 3 pl LOCSTAT 438697	
			B Coy GR 45856935	
			APC stuck in mud at GR 442728	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
C Coy	Control	2035	Sitrep to 231915. 1. En. 1 pl found evidence of recent movement at river. vic GR 432767. 2. OWN SIT. 90% present of all c/s this loc to stage 3. NTR 8 pl supporting APCs GR 443792	
Control	1 ATF	2400	SITREP No 6 from 2000 - 2400 H NTR	

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5 RAR ....24 August 1966... Date

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	REMARKS
Control	1 ATF	0400	SITREP NO 1 from 2400 - 0400 H NTR	
ENTRY		0615	Reveille coys stood to clearing ptls out	
		0638	Clearing ptls reported in NTR Coys stood down	
B Coy	Control	0810	LOCSTAT GR 46056945	
A Coy	Control	0830	Moving now. (1 Pl)	
A Coy	Control	0853	LOCSTAT GR 428683 (1 Pl)	
Anti Tk	Control	0855	Moving now (Sect)	
Control	Anti Tk	0855	Wait for 30 mins	
B Coy	Control	0917	LOCSTAT GR 467698	
Anti Tk	Control	0927	Moving Now (Sect)	
1 Pl	Control	0927	LOCSTAT GR 424680	
Control	1 ATF	0928	SITREP No 2 from 0400 - 0800 EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ B Coy GR 467697. 1 Pl GR 428683	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
C Coy	Control	1001	Sunray this c/s is moving to Sector HQ will be back at Q + 4½ hrs	
B Coy	Control	1015	LOCSTAT GR 462700	
1 Pl	Control	1100	LOCSTAT 417690	
Anti Tk	Control	1101	Entering your loc closing down	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
C Coy	Control	1111	LOCSTAT 9 Pl GR 455749	
B Coy	Control	1116	LOCSTAT GR 474700 - 4 pl	
B Coy	Control	1214	4 & 5 Pls harboured GR 474700. 5 pl GR 478699 NTR	
C Coy	Control	1229	My c/s with APCs Q + 6½ hrs	
1 Pl	Control	1245	LOCSTAT GR 413697	
B Coy	Control	1335	LOCSTAT 4 pl GR 476707. 4 & 6 pl no change	
C Coy	Control	1345	Moving now	
Anti Tk	Control	1401	moving now	
1 Pl	Control	1421	LOCSTAT GR 414695	
B Coy	Control	1428	4 pl back in this loc found 1 week old camp for 15. Fire place and evidence of fire	Passed to 1 ATF
			also rice at GR 47407065	
Anti Tk	Control	1502	LOCSTAT GR 444692	
C Coy	Control	1625	Plantation manager wishes to repair road from plantation to A Coy loc in fururе. People from	
			province HQ to obtain clearance from You.	
Control	C Coy	1626	Clearance is being obtained from 1 ATF	
B Coy	Control	1725	LOCSTAT 6 pl GR 48407065	
Control	1 ATF	1725	SITREP No 3 from0800 - 1600 H EN/ As reported at 1428 otgerwise NTR.	
C Coy	Control	1816	4 pl moving now. 6 pl in this loc NTR	
			RMO staying 6 RAR overnight	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
1 Pl	Control	1904	Proposed ambush at GR 437694 /	
ENTRY		1915	Coys stood to clearing patrols out	
		1937	Ptls reported in NTR	
		2015	Coys stood down	
C Coy	Control	2020	APCs at 4276, 4275 approx 4217, 421729 newtracks at edge of latter tracks heading West and at 427757 there was a rubber tree that had been split and the new side was pointing towards the West	
Control	1 ATF	2035	SITREP No 5 from 1600 - 2000H.	
			EN/ APC ptl with C Coy located the following signs this afternoon:	
			421763 + 421759 new tracks towards the West made by 10 - 20 people today. 4205, 7570 rubber tree split with new side facing outwards towards the West.	
			OWN SIT/ 1 Pl GR 437694, B Coy 48407065, 7 Pl GR 464765, sect of 7 Pl GR 462763 remainder this loc	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
C Coy	Control	2035	Heavy MG fire from 4000 mils	
ENTRY			Dong Nai Regt location HAT DICH vic 3577. Plan to join with 445 Bn to harrass DUC THANH operation drawing reinforcements from here main attack on this loc from 23 Aug - 5 Sep	
Control	1 ATF	2400	SITREP No 6 from 2000 - 2400 H. N T R	

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5RAR LOG 25 AUG 1966 (date)

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
Control 1	ATF	0400	SITREP No 1 from 2400 - 0400 H NTR.	
ENTRY		0615	Revielle coys stood to clearing ptls cleared the immediate front NTR	
		0638	Coys stood down	
B Coy	Control	0707	5 Pl moving now	
B Coy	Control	0815	LOCSTAT 5 Pl GR 480714	
Anti Tk	Control	0901	Moving now	
B Coy	Control	0907	5 Pl now in this loc	
		0920	Moving now	
C Coy	Control	0928	Request use APCs for B Coy to 2½ hours to check out H & I msn	
Control	C Coy	0928	Go ahead	
Anti Tk	Control	0950	LOCSTAT sect Anti Tk Pl GR 439691	
3 Pl	Conreol	1002	LOCSTAT GR 443725	
Control	1 ATF	1003	SITREP No 2 from 250400 - 251000 H. EN/ NTR OWN SIT/ C Coy warned that ~~friendly~~ friendly civiliams elms late PM 24 Aug ~~warned that~~ DONG NAI Regt located HAT DICH vic 3577. Plan to harrass DUC THANH operations drawing reinforsements from BINH BA. Main Force attack on BINH BA from 23 Aug - 5 Sep. 1 Pl returned to base. 3 Pl LOC 447720 moving, B Coy 48407605 moving C Coy BINH BA, remainder this loc. ADMIN/ NTR	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
3 Pl	Control	1020	We have 1 man and 1 woman picking bananas at 442725 are they supposed to be here	
Control	3 Pl		Affirmative	
3 Pl	Control	1036	100 metres North of Last locstat more people working, Request cut Northern leg	
Control	3 Pl	1036	Affirmative cancel the area North of stream	
B Coy	Control	1036	LOCSTAT GR 478706	
Control	1 ATF	1050	Req one tp of APCs to meet B Coy at 0800 hrs tomorrow vic 464723 to bring them home	
			Will be advised. 1 ATF arranged for 6 National Police to go to DUC THANH. OC C Coy	
			have services of three whicj is all we need. Other three may be sent home.	
Anti Tk	Control	1053	sect Anti Tk in loc now	
3 Pl	Control	1102	LOCSTAT GR 438724	
Control	B Coy	1135	When fo you propose working vic PINE right 3.5 up 02.00 and points West	
B Coy	Control	1135	LOCSTAT GR 47357065 ref last transmission area has been searched	
Control	1 ATF	1200	SITREP No 3 from 1000 - 1200 H EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ B Coy GR 47357065 moving	
			C Coy 438724 moving	
			ADMIN/ Medcap continues	
C Coy	Control	1207	8 Pl now in this loc , 7 Pl is split up with Medcap team	
3 Pl	Control	1208	Moving now	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
Control	B Coy		Have you strength states as it is priority, important	
B Coy	Control	1235	Strength state requested: (86)	
Control	1 ATF	1240	Ref APCs for tomorrow Sunray seems reluctant to part with them S3 will liaise directly with	APC Sqn
Control	C Coy	1240	Will have info on civil affairs before he leaves your loc	
B Coy	Control	1300	Intent to search feature just East of my loc to the North as planned GR 455695	
3 Pl	Control	1315	LOCSTAT GR 431720	
Control	C Coy	1336	Can you arrange for a member of Asit Pnr Pl to move back to this loc this afternoon	
B Coy	Control	1336	4 Pl moving now	
Control	C Coy	1345	Have you been warned of visit by visiting personnel	
C Coy	Control	1345	C Coy warned of the visit of Colonel Dat to BINH BA at 1500 requested the village RC Padre	
			available for discussion with him at that time	
3 Pl	Control	1354	LOCSTAT 3 pl GR 430715 heading East	
Anti Tk	Control	1356	sect Anti Tk Pl moving now	
B Coy	Control	1410	LOCSTAT 4 Pl GR 47307135	
Control	C Coy	1428	Colonel Dat coming to your loc	
Anti Tk	Control	1514	sect Anti Tk Pl on loc closing down	
3 Pl	Control	1519	3 Pl moving now	
B Coy	Control	1542	LOCSTAT GR XXXX 472769	
B Coy	Control	1550	Blind blown 2000 metres to your South at 1600 hrs	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
Control	1 ATF	1613	SITREP No 4 from 1200 - 1600 H. NTR.	
B Coy	Control	1630	B Coy, D Coy will be using APCs tomorrow B Coy will be collected GR 467706 at 0830 hrs	
B Coy	Control	1634	Route check out alternate route this loc in view to future ops	
		1636	Sect 5 pl, sect 6 pl back in this loc	
C Coy	Control	1655	LOCSTAT 9 pl GR 434777	
C Coy	Control	1715	Elms of Aslt Pnr Pl with this loc, will endevour to get back on APCs	
B Coy	Control	1717	LOCSTAT GR 467708	
Control	C Coy	1743	Elms of Aslt Pnr Pl to return to this loc on APCs tonight ASP	
C Coy	Control	1756	3 Pl this loc	
Control	3 Pl	1807	Beware APCs returning to his loc stay out of the way until they return	
3 Pl	Control	1835	Moving now ETA A Coy loc 15 mins	
B Coy	Control	1900	Movement on Eastern flank details to follow	
Control	1 ATF	1850	Our RMO has a light fever we think it unwise for him to move with us tomorrow. Could you give us a replacement?	
1 ATF	Control	1850	I will come over and see him	
ENTRY		1915	Coys stood to clearing ptls out	
C Coy	Control	1917	Ambush at GR 447754	
B Coy	Control	1928	Mov to East 100 metres swept through and found only animals	
		1930	Clearing tpls in NTR	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
C Coy	Control	1955	SITREP 251900 H	
			EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ LOCSTATS 8 P1 YH WB WR all other c/s this loc	
			Operation BULLSHIT finished at 1600 hrs successful. All party happy, c/s 63 extraction	
			complete.	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
Control	1 ATF	2009	SITREP No 5 from 1600 to 2000 H	
			EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ B Coy GR 467708	
			8 P1 447754	
			ADMIN/ Taking three days rations tomorrow	
1 ATF	Control	2050	Additional points of Origin passed	
EN RY	2040		New Western boundry of 173 Abn Bde AO 514742, 522714 from TF to 5 RAR	
Control	B Coy	2125	RV changed to GR 462706	
Control	1 ATF	2310	Passed 5 RAR 's tasks to 1 ATF	
Control	B Coy	2325	RV now GR 469706	
Control	1 ATF	2400	SITREP No 6 from 2000 - 2400 H. NTR	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
Control	1 ATF	0730	SITREP No 1. Locstat this c/s & B Coy GR ( ). A Coy & D Coy GR ( )	
Control	1 ATF	0830	SITREP No 2 . Locstat Anti Tk Pl, Aslt Pnr & B Coy 6 RAR now this loc	
Control	1 ATF	0900	LZ will be secure in approx 10 mins	
Control	All Stns	0920	Move now	
Control	1 ATF	1020	LOCSTAT A Coy	
			D Coy	
			B Coy	
			Control Washington right 1.3 up 4.6 (GR)	
			B Coy 6 RAR	
1 ATF	Control	1043	Parrachute at GR	
Control	1 ATF	1215	LOCSTAT A Coy GR	
			B Coy GR	
			D Coy GR	
			Control GR	
			B Coy 6 RAR GR	
Control	1 ATF	1600	LOCSTAT A Coy GR	
			B Coy GR	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
Control	1 ATF	1600	LOCSTAT Con't:	
			D Coy GR	
			Control GR	
			EN/ B Coy 5 RAR reported at 1500 H on other side of Macquarie evidence of Air strike &	
			blood 24 hrs old	
A Coy	Control	1710	LOCSTAT GR 504717	
B Coy	Control	1715	Ref sect 5 Pl find, a very negative type track, PITT St type track running N & S but no	
			evidence of movement on it	
B Coy	Control	1717	OC B Coy commencing trip to visit you shortly	
Control	B Coy	1720	B Coy 6 RAR is employed to my NORTH and WEST	
B Coy	Control	1724	sect 5 Pl back in this loc	
D Coy	Control	1742	LOCSTAT GR 504717	
B Coy	Control	1742	OC moving to your loc	
Control	1 ATF	1815	SITREP No change	
Control	1 ATF	1817	Ref parachute still chasing it.	
Control	1 ATF	1905	SITREP from 260700 - 261930H. EN/ One 44 gal drum of rice found at GR 467707 by	
			B Coy at 1000 hrs. Cart track found GR 498707 at 1430 hrs heading SOUTH, used by small cart	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
Control	1 ATF	Con't	in last 28 hrs. Found by D Coy and A Coy ox cart track heavily used in past week but not used	
			in the last 72 hrs at gr 499714. A Coy found cooking fore for 2 men and two torch batteries	
			near by at GR 508719 not occupied for approx 2 weeks GR 508719	
			OWN SIT/ LOCSTATS:	
			A & D Coys GR 504717	
			B Coy GR 514707	
			Control, Anti Tk, Prn Pl and sect APCs GR 512706	
Control	1 ATF	2100	SITREP as at 2100 NTR	
Control	All Stns	2114	O Gp ASP after 0630 hrs	
Control	APC	2135	A Coy move to blocking posn WEST of last obstacle GR 514716. In posn by 270830 H. D Coy	
			move to blocking posn GR 514706 EAST of WEST obstacle in posn by 270830 H. Both coys warned	
			friendly forces patrolling NORTH to blocking posns. Ptls start 270830H.	
Control	1 ATF	2200	SITREP from 2100 - 2200H NTR	
Control	1 ATF	2400	SITREP from 2200 H - 2400 H NTR	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
Control	1 ATF	0100	SITREP No 1 from 260001 - 270100 H NTR	
		0200	" " 2 " 0100 H - 0200 H NTR	
		0300	" " 3 " 0200 H - 0300 H NTR	
		0400	" " 4 " 0300 H - 0400 H NTR	
Control	1 ATF	0600	SITREP from 0400 H - 0600 H NTR	
		0717	" " 0600 H - 0700 H NTR. No further evidence or info on airstrike	
APC	Control	0735	Have you a doctor in your loc	
		0736	SITREP 0700 H - 0730 H	
			EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ LOCSTATS	
			A Coy	
			B Coy	
			D Coy	
			APC	
Control	1 ATF	0900	SITREP 270900H EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ LOCSTATS	
			A Coy & APCs elm GR 512716	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
Control	1 ATF		3 Pl GR 509716, 1 Pl GR 514716, 11 Pl GR 506716, D Coy & 12 Pl GR 508716	
Control	1 ATF	1013	SITREP 0900 - 1000 H No change NTR	
D Coy	Control	1025	Medevac delerious 96° temp, vomiting, stomach pains Regt No 16177 TD 86	
B Coy	Control	1045	4 Pl LOCSTAT GR 51557100	
			6 Pl GR 514710	
			5 Pl GR 51507085	
B/6 RAR	Control	1050	Track at GR 613707 running SE 3 or 4 people have used it 5 - 6 days old	
RSO	All Stns	1045	Moving now	
B/6 RAR	Control	1050	GR 515713 track with 3 sets wheel marks tracks running E - W then swings NORTH. Small boot tracks where tracks leads EAST 2 - 3 people	
CO	B Coy	1105	Request your c/s follow the tracks & wheel marks he wants to know where they cross the creek plus 500 yds.	
Anti Tk	Control	1125	Small ~~xxxx~~ tracks running EAST has not been used for long time - small track had been used by one or two people in the last 24 hrs - 200 metres from start point	
B Coy	Control	1130	We have made contact with A Coy	
Control	B Coy	1133	You are to take over A Coy ambush. A Coy is to pass to next grid line & wait there	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
Pnr Pl	Control	1135	Junction of 3 ox cart tracks NE - NW has run into 2 large tracks made recently used by a large number of pepple no more than 1 day old sanded tracks and drag marks at GR 515707. Tracks are running NORTH	
Anti Tk Pl	Control	1150	Evidence of small track - mark in ground of small sandal mark	
A Coy	Control	1219	Moving now	
B/6 RAR	Control	1230	Came across large ox cart tracks bearing 1800 mils has not recently been used except for 1 ox cart running E = W at GR 514712	
Anti Tk	Control	1245	Found another ox cart track 50 metres from last one used in past 3 days cannot tell which way it is running	
A Coy	Control	1250	LOCSTAT GR do you want me to keep up same relative posn to the WEST	
B Coy	Control	1304	Anti Tk Pl is just SOUTH of my loc	
			Aslt Pnr Pl now at my WESTERN ambush	
Control	1 ATF	1315	SITREP to 271315H. EN/ Numerous small tracks in area bounded by 72 northing 70.5 N tracks have been used recently by relatively small groups, estimate possible total of 50, some signs of ox cart tracks also in small numbers. Numerous air strikes throughout area but no evidence of KBA . OWN SIT/ Locstats: A Coy GR 508720 moving, B Coy GR 512716, D Coy GR 503713 This HQ GR 509715	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
D Coy	Control	1320	LOCSTAT of LZ GR Locstat GR Heavy SA fire 4100 mils from my loc	
			appears to be some thousands of metres from my loc to the WEST.	
A Coy	Control	1410	LOCSTAT GR in ambush astride obstac le	
D Coy	Control	1410	In posn ready for DUST OFF	
		1411	Have additional otter skin - suffering headaches, stomach aches, cannot eat	
		1414	215728 Regt No of otterskin 215728 TD 61 2nd medevac	
Control	All Stns	1414	Moving now, harbour vic GR . A Coy GR . This c/s follows	
			B/6 RAR followed by B Coy/5 and A Coy/5 . XXXXXXXXXX Move now independantly watch out for	
			each other	
Control	1 ATF	1419	LOCSTAT C Coy GR 513687, XX B Coy GR 528682, A Coy GR 498662, 2/18 Inf GR 529738	
1 ATF	Control	1600	Comd 1 ATF wishes to visit your loc	
Control	1 ATF	1600	Affirmative. We have completed the allotted task for this area.	
B Coy	Control	1635	LOCSTAT 505716	
A Coy	Control	1735	LOCSTAT GR 504714	
Control	Anti Tk	1740	Send Starlight your c/s to this loc with his professionsal clobber	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
Control	All Stns	1747	O Gp this loc Q + 10 hrs. No move before Q + 11 hrs 30 mins	
Control	1800	SITREP to	1800 hrs. EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ Locstats. This HQ GR 50407135	
			A Coy GR 504714	
			B Coy GR 505716	
			D Coy GR 503713	
			B/6RAR GR 502714	
			ADMIN/ 2 medevacs taken out today	
ENTRY		1915	Clearing ptls out coys stood to	
Control	1 ATF	1930	We require a possum to bring out a copy of SOI for B Coy 6 RAR also request 2IC with possum	
			He is to do a short air recce on return trip. Request possum for approx 1 hour	
		1935	Clearing ptls in	
Control	1 ATF	2000	SITREP to 2000 H. NTR	
ENTRY		2015	Coys stood down	
Control	Rear	2016	LOCSTATS. Control GR 50407135, A Coy GR 504714, B Coy GR 505716, D Coy GR 503713, B/6RAR GR 502714	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
1 ATF	Control	2032	1 ATF cannot extract 14 SAS elms Before 1200 hrs is this OK. Not to run the risk of running in	them willclear & advise
Control	1 ATF		Affirmative	
Control	1 ATF	2100	SITREP NTR	
		2200	" "	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
X9 CP	TF	0100	SITREP NTR	
CP	TF	0200	SITREP NTR	
CP	TF	0300	SITREP NTR	
CP	TF	0400	SITREP NTR	
CP	TF	0500	SITREP NTR	
ENTRY	CONTROL	0550	ALL COYS STANDING TO	
CP	TF	0600	SITREP NTR	
ENTRY	CONTROL	0615	CLEARING PTLS OUT	
ENTRY	CONTROL	0630	CLEARING PTLS IN COYS STOOD DOWN	
B COY	CONTROL	0643	XXX MY OC ON WAY TO YOUR LOC	
CONTROL	A,A/TK,ASLT/PNR	0645	OC D COY ON WAY TO THIS LOC SO KEEP EYE OUT	
CP	TF	0703	SITREP NTR	
B COY 6 RAR	CONTROL	0741	A/D THIS C/S	
CONTROL	B COY 6 RAR	0810	SEND ALL GEAR THIS LOC FOR MEDEVAC	
CO	A Coy	0832	MOVING NOW	
CO	B COY 6 RAR	0832	MOVING NOW NEAR D COY	
A COY	CONTROL	0837	MOVING NOW	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
B COY	CONTROL	0846	MOVING NOW	
CP	TF	0900	SITREP NO 8 FROM 0700 to 0800. EN NTR	
			OWN SIT B, A COY LONG SLEEP. REMAINDER NO CHANGE ADMIN NO CHANGE	
TF	CP		THERE WILL BE ARMED CHINOOK ATTACK SOUTH OF 699 IS IT OK	
CP	TF		ROGER	
A COY	CONTROL	0940	LOCSTAT GR 512705	
CONTROL	A/TK, PNR/B Coy	0946	MOVING NOW	
A COY	CONTROL	1006	IN THE MIDDLE OF BLACK	
B COY	CONTROL	1030	JULIE	
CONTROL	B COY	1030	HOLD	
CONTROL	A?B,D,B6	1042	THERE WILL POSSIBLE BE DERRINGER AND ARMED CHINOOK ATTACK FURTHER DOWN LATER THIS MORNING	
D COY	CONTROL	1046	CROSSING BLACK	
B COY 6	CONTROL	1046	LOCSTAT GR	
CP	TF	1100	LOCSTAT JULIE - 600-CP	
			A COY JULIE-600, B COY JULIE, D COY JULIE-400? B COY 6 JULIE-900	
B COY 6	CONTROL	1107	WE ARE NOW BRANCHING FROM D COY	
A COY	CONTROL	1113	LOCSTAT GR HARBOUR	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
D COY	CONTROL	1113	LOCSTAT GR	
CONTROL	CO/	1114	ELEMENTS OF D COY ON OTHER NET NOW HOME	
TF	CP	1120	ALL ELEMENTS C/S 14 BACK HOME	
CP	TF	1122	HAME ARMED COPTERS COMPLETED TASK	
TF	CP	1122	YES	
CP	TF	1145	THIS C/S MOVING NOW FROM AREA JULIE	
A COY	CONTROL	1150	B COY 6 HAS REACHED JULIE	
A COY ~~CONTROL~~	CONTROL	1156	LOCSTAT GR	
D COY	CONTROL	1159	JULIE PLUS 100 METERS	
D COY	CONTROL	1205	TRACKS MOVING EAST WEST NOØ SIGN OF RECENT USE GR517699 OX CART ~~MOVING EAST WEST NO SIGN OF RECENT USE~~	
B COY 6	CONTROL	1207	JULIE	
B COY	CONTROL	1213	JULIE PLUS ~~200~~ 400 meters	
B COY 6	CONTROL	1220	HAVE FOUND OX CART TRACKS JUST NORTH OF JULIE. 4-5 day old	
B COY	CONTROL	1220	LOCSTAT GR	
TF	CP	1220	SAS ~~PATLS~~ REPORTED 4 VC at GR 429676	
B COY	CONTROL	1242	TEMPORARY HARBOUR	
D COY	ØCONTROL	1245	HAVE FOUND 57 rounds, 1 pit and 44 gal drum, no recent use around pit ~~GR515696~~ GP515696. 20 FISHING BOATS	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
A COY	CONTROL	1300	JULIE PLUS 400	
B ~~C~~OY 6	CONTROL	1300	LOCSTAT GR	
CP	TF	1310	SITREP FROM 1000~~H~~ to 1300	
			ENEMY. VERY WILL DEFINED OX CART ROAD VIC GR 503693 NOT USED RECENTLY, AT GR515696 D COY ~~F~~OUND	
			4 X ~~4~~4 GAL DRUM, ONE WPN PIT ~~XX~~1 X 57 MM RCL ROUND 20 FISHING FLOATS AT 1240 hours	
			OWN SIT. A COY JULIE + 400	
			B COY ANNE	
			D COY JULIE + 500	
			B COY 6 ANNE-600	
			CP ANNE-200	
B COY 6	CONTROL	1330	GR5125950 LONG VC CAMP AT LEAST 2 COYS CLEAR LARGE PRACK DIRECTION OF MOUNT WEST TO EAST TRACKS	
			COME IN FROM SOUTH WEST LEAD OUT TO THE EAST	
A COY	CONTROL	1330	GR52494 I HAVE STRUCK SAME TRACK BEEN USED BY LARGE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE LAST ~~1~~0 DAYS. MY C/S 14	
			REPORTED TRACK CROSSES CREEK GR527696	
B COY 6	CONTROL	1337	~~FRESH~~ FRESH SANDBAGS RECOVERED IN CAMP. MAGAZINE OF 7.62 RECOVERED IN CAMP	
B COY	CONTROL	1343	MOVING NOW/	
D COY	CONTROL	1350	GR 514693. 24 hour packs and hexamine COY SIZE CAMP IN STATE OF DISREPAIR. FOUND BY B COY 6	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
B COY	CONTROL	1403	GR5005 6880 WELL DEFINED TRACK OX CART TRACKS AND FOOT PRINTS HEADING EAST 7 Days OLD	
A COY	CONTROL	1412	ANNE	
B COY 6	CONTROL	1422	MOVING NOW	
D COY ∅	CONTROL	1424	ANNE	
B COY	CONTROL	1434	YOU WILL SEE IT AS YOU COME PAST , GRAVE 2-3MEN	
B COY	CONTROL	1452	200 METERS PASSED GRAVE AND TUNNELS. HAS BEEN SERACHED NTR	
B COY	CONTROL	1500	GR 506682	
D COY	CONTROL	1507	GR 512692 TEN PITS 4-5 DAYS OLD	
A COY	CONTROL	1508	THIS C/S GR 2 PL GR	
B COY 6	CONTROL	1508	ANNE	
CP	TF	1515	SITREP No11 from 1300 to 1500 hours	
			ENEMY. WELL DEFINED TRACKS WITH ~~SHEEP~~ WHEEL AND MANY FOOT PRINTS GR502688 AND ~~XITHER~~ FURTHER	
			TRACK GR 502690 BOTH LEADING EAST. FIRST TRACK USED IN LAST 5 DAYS, GRAVE APPROX 2 MONTHS OLD	
			GR 503684	
			LOCSTATS. A COY ANNE+ 700	
			B COY ELIZABETH-200	
			D COY ANNE+400	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
			B COY6 ANNE	
			CP ELIZABETH - 400	
			Further to this D COY REPORTED 10 PITS 2 TO 3 DAYS OLD GR 514692	
			ADMIN NTR	
B COY	CONTROL	1532	ELIZABETH	
A COY	CONTROL	1533	LOCSTAT GR	
B COY	CONTROL	1534	LOTS OF FOOT PRINTS HEADING IN DIRECTION WE ARE HEADING 1 WEEK OLD	
A COY	CONTROL	1556	100 METERS OF A COY LOC IS OX CART TRACK HEADING NORTH SOUTH	
D COY	CONTROL	1606	GR519682	
A COY	CONTROL	1607	ELIZABETH - 300	
D COY	CCONTROL	1637	GR 518682	
A COY	CONTROL	1638	LOCSTAT GR	
B COY 6	CONTROL	1647	ELIZABETH	
A COY	CONTROL	1648	CROSSED BLACK	
A COY	CONTROL	1855	LOCSTAT GR 515677	
D COY	CONTROL	1900	LOCSTAT GR 515677	
B COY	CONTROL	1900	LOCSTAT GR 5140 ~~KK~~6756	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
B COY 6	CONTROL	1900	LOCSTAT GR	
ENTRY		1915	CLEARING PTLS OUT	
ENTRY		1930	CLEARING PTLS IN	
CONTROL	ALL C/S	1943	"O" GROUP THIS LOC Q-9½ NO MOVE BEFORE Q-8	
CP	TF	2000	SITREP NTR	
ENTRY		2015	COYS STOOD DOWN	
CP	TF	2100	SITREP NTR	
CP	TF	2200	SITREP NTR	
CP	TF	2300	SITREP NTR	
CP	TF	2400	SITREP. cold damp miserable	
TF	CP	2400	GOD BLESS YOU	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
Control	1 ATF	0700	SITREP No 7 from 0600 - 0700H. NTR	
ENTRY			Sitreps passed hourly Nos 1 - 6 incl NTR	
1 ATF	Control	0725	Comd 1 ATF will be departing this loc between 0800 - 030H to visit your loc	
Control	1 ATF	0807	SITREP No 8 from 0700 - 0800 H NTR.	
1 ATF	Control	0821	Commander departing this loc now	
Control	1 ATF	0905	SITREP No 9 from 0800 - 0900 H NTR	
B Coy/6RAR	Control	1010	Small VC camp GR 512678 used by small group in last 7-10 days	Passed to 1 ATF
Control	1 ATF	1015	SITREP No 10 from 0900 - 1000 H EN/ Small camp as previously passed otherwise NTR	
Control	1 ATF	1027	Can you give us any info on air strike to our NORTH	
B Coy/6 RAR	Control	1027	Fresh graves GR 510678 these have been previous reports	
Control	B Coy	1030	Do not move any [redacted] further EAST that 400 metres EAST of sand	
B Coy/6 RAR	Control	1045	LOCSTAT GR 502677	
		1120	One the bearing we are now following - 3500 mils a track of 20 people 24 hours old	
Control	1 ATF	1130	SITREP No 11 to 1130 H. EN/ B Coy/6 RAR following up a track made by 20 people. Travelling South West at approx GR 524674.	
			OWN SIT/ A Coy in Area MANDY, B Coy 6 RAR GR . D Coy GR	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
A Coy	Control	1223	Large installation 2 - 3 months old - Christian. Size approx for 100 people	
D Coy	Control	1227	B Coy/6 RAR has found a 500 lb UXB	
B Coy	Control	1235	Coy size group 7 days old with tracks that lead South	
A Coy	Control	1241	LOCSTAT GR XX 514660	
B Coy/6 RAR	Control	1248	LOCSTAT GR 498671	
Control	1 ATF	1250	SITREP No 12 to 1245 H. EN/ Large VC installation 2 - 3 months old found by A Coy at GR 514663. N	
			Numerous VC installations from 2-3 months old and 5-6 days old found in general area	
			507675 & 508678. Pits with overhead cover only. No tunnels found. Recent air strike	
			on some more recent sites. 1 grave found	
			OWN SIT/ Locstats	
			Control GR 506670, A Coy 513660, B Coy 521663, B Coy6 RAR GR 498671	
			D Coy 505671	
B Coy	Control	1340	LOCSTAT GR 514661	
A Coy	Control	1343	LOCSTAT 515659	
D Coy	Control.	1350	LOCSTAT 505671	
A Coy	Control	1427	GR 511655 12 pits 2 rusty 105 rounds, 1 friction type grenade, I am not touching any of it	
Control	1 ATF	1532	SITREP No 13 from 1245 - 1500 H EN/ NTR. OWN SIT/ NTR. ADMIN/ NTR.	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
B Coy 6 RAR	Control	1539	LOCSTAT GR 501665	
B Coy	Control	1540	LOCSTAT GR 502661	
Control	1 ATF	1615	Can you advise anything on airstrike now happening	
1 ATF	Control	1615	Affirmative at approx GR 2963 for Sector HQ	
B Coy	Control	1618	LOCSTAT GR 49806595	
B Coy	Control	1630	Small installation 100 metres from this loc	
A Coy	Control	1645	LOCSTAT GR 505655	
Control	1 ATF	1700	SITREP No 14 from 1500 - 1700 H.	
			EN/ A Coy found 12 pits, 2 rusty 105 rds, 1 friction grenade at GR 511655.	
			OWN SIT/ A Coy GR 501695, B Coy 49906 595	
			ADMIN/ NTR	
Control	1 ATF	1800	SITREP No 15 from 1700 - 1800 H NTR	
Control	1 ATF	1900	SITREP No 16 from 1800 - 1900 H. EN/ Late report B Coy found a small installation at	
			GR 498658 not recently used.	
			OWN SIT/ NTR	
			ADMIN/ NTR	

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5 RAR LOG 29 AUG 66 (DATE)

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
ENTRY		1915	Coys stood clearing ptls out	
		1934	Can you advise on firing South West of this loc?	
		1940	" " " " " South West of LONH PHUOC a report says it appreas to be Air to ground fire	
1 ATF	Control	1940	Firing is Milton Timings action	
ENTRY		1941	Clearing ptls in NTR	
Control	1 ATF	2000	SITREP No 17 from 1900 - 2000 H NTR	
ENTRY		2015	Coys stood down	
ENTRY		2400	SITREPS Now 19 - 20 passed hourly all NTR	

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5 RAR LOG 30 AUG 66 (DATE)

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
ENTRY		0530	SITREPs Nos 1 - 5 passed hourly NTR	
		0530	Coys stood to	
		0615	Clearing ptls out	
		0630	Clearing ptls in NTR Coys stood down	
Rear	Control	0653	WOOLWORTHS opposition departing my loc noe for your loc	
Control	1 ATF	0700	SITREP Nos 6-7 to 0700 H NTR	
1 ATF	Control	0701	Clearance for airstrike at GR 511694 within next 15 mins	Passed to coys
Control	1 ATF	0702	Can you give any target deta ls	
1 ATF	Control	0702	Old VC Camp or alternative target	
Control	1 ATF		We visited this area recently and found no signs of recent occupation	
B Coy 6 RAR	Control	0731	Prepared to move EAST for water before proceeding away on task. Search approval distance 100 metres	
Control	B Coy 6RAR		Approved but watchout for Aslt Pnr PL.	
Control	1 ATF	0818	SITREP No 8 from 0700 - 0800 H B Coy 6 RAR, D Coy and this c/s moving.	
D Coy	Control	0829	GR 503667 we are passing through elms of B Coy 6 RAR going the other way	
CO	Control	0848	This c/s moving	
A Coy	Control	0901	RV with Aslt Pnr Pl at GR 493655	
		0904	Moving now	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
D Coy	Control	0915	LOCSTAT GR 501663 Fwd elms in latex now	
B Coy	Control	0920	LOCSTAT GR 493656	
Control	Anti Tk Pl	0928	Get a move on & be careful of B Coy 6 RAR.	
Anti Tk	Control	0932	Have made contact with you	
B Coy	Control	0945	In search of man made obstacle have found a grenade. It is quite safe	
Control	1 ATF	1005	SITREP No 9 from 0800 - 0900 H	
			EN/ NTR	
			OWN SIT/ A Coy 494695, Bn HQ 498660, B Coy 493658, D Coy 498658	
D Coy	Control	1011	LOCSTAT GR 4 6656 recce elms have gone out in search of LZ	
		1015	LOCSTAT LZ 495655	
B Coy	Control	1020	LOCSTAT GR 492658 we have found a large entracne to a tunnel	
A Coy	Control	1027	GR 492655 tunnel with two entrannes long trench system leads to village then a small tunnel leading NORTH	
B Coy 6 RAR	Control	1033	Only find so far is two stick grenades	
Control	1 ATF	1050	Found numerous tunnels & other equipment will need Engr elms assistance & Gas also, can you tell me when they will be available	
1 ATF	Control	1050	Will supply ASP in albatross, 2 demolition squads & 1 XXXX Mity mite	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
B Coy 6 RAR	Control	1055	LOCSTAT GR 482667	
Anti Tk	Control	1120	In loc sentries posted	
B Coy	Control	1125	LOCSTAT GR 495659	
Control	1 ATF	1130	1 demo squad & mighty mite to B Coy LZ at GR 489657 the other to A Coy LZ at GR 492655	
		1140	3rd demo team to go to A Coy	
B Coy 6 RAR	Control	1200	checking scrub area EAST of River have found no signs of recent enemy activity in our area of search does CO have any further orders for me at this stage	
Control	B/6 RAR	1200	Ambush.	
Control	1 ATF	1215	LOCSTATS : A Coy 494655, B Coy 492658, D Coy 494655. B/6 RAR 472673	
Control	1 ATF	1220	B Coy LZ 494659	
B Coy 6 RAR	Control	1220	LOCSTAT GR 466674	
Control	1 ATF	1245	Did Engrs arrive with rations & eqpt to stay for a day or two	
B Coy	Control	1250	There is 4 engrs in this loc there are another fove to come	
Control	A Coy	1254	Your ~~xxks~~ task is to protect engrs & destroy tunnels. Base up where you are and send out 2 platoons 500 metres ro search for other tunnels	
Control	1 ATF	1258	Engrs with A Coy request 12 cases of TNT to be on call for delivery to loc if required	
B Coy 6 RAR	Control	1307	LOCSTAT GR 472674 harboured	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
Control	B Coy 6 RAR	1318	Tunnel complexes vic SEA 4500, engr elms have joined with both c/s for the search, he is to remain in present loc until further ordered	
Control	B Coy 6 RAR	1405	Move to GR and except resupply that loc	
B/6 RAR	Control	1411	Moviig now	
B Coy	Control	1416	The Engr elms on standby to go to A Coy the TNT has been evenly distributed between A Coy and B Coy. Sunray Engrs will return on empty hero from B Coy loc to organise move of TNT	Passed to 1 ATF
Aslt Pnr	Control	1430	Do you wish destruction of underground pits	
Control	Aslt Pnr	1430	Affirmative	
B Coy	Control	1435	Have cleared to 480688 will be blowing in 2 mins	
A Coy	Control	1441	GR 485640 found mortar pits, ammo bay conatiners for 81mm shells, short tunnels	
B Coy	Control	1447	Found tunnel entrance GR 473667 tunnel possibly ten feet deep - report on tunnel turned out to be a blind shaft.	
A Coy	Control	1455	GR 48936545 of mortars base plot	
A Coy	Control	1515	Engrs will start destruction of tunnels when explosives arrive	
Aslt Pnr	Control	1515	Found 4 x 50 m. 1 x 150 ft, 1 x 150 m & a number of emplacements	
B Coy	Control	1516	4 Pl with engrs GR 491608, 6 Pl GR 484661	
Control	1 ATF	1520	LOCSTAT Bn HQ GR 492655	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
B Coy	Control	1520	Fire on	
B/6 RAR	Control	1526	Harboured - 5 medevacs ~~xx~~ with bad feet request approval to evacuate on resup hero	
		1540	3 walking Priority rest Routine	
B Coy	Control	1558	6 Pl back in this loc NTR	
B/6 RAR	Control	1608	Medevacs now eight (8)	
			16611 S. 3787610 G. 5411565 B. 1410859 B. 1730852 N. 1731110 F. 17383 L. and attached	
			interpreter ~~XXXX

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
B Coy	Control	1732	Fire On	
Control	1800	SITREP No	11 as at 1800 H No change	
Control	1 ATF	1805	Harbour B Coy 6 RAR GR 473658	
Control	B/6 RAR		You will be picked up by APCs at Q + _ hrs 10 mins at GR given to your members	
Control	All Stns	1840	Demolitions to be completed by Q + 6 hrs. A Coy & B Coy to continue search to sand + 500 , complete by Q + 7 hrs, A & B Coys to protect all demo parties in their areas return home with APCs D Coy Anti Tl Q + 6 hrs RV at GR 487658, B/6 RAR Q + 6 RV at GR 472659, A B Coy Aslt Pnr Pl Bn HQ Q + 7 ½ hrs RV at 472659	
A Coy	Control	1852	~~x~~x 2 Pl has returned from the church NTR	
ENTRY		1915	Coys stood to Clearing ptls out	
		1930	Clearing ptls in NTR	
Control	1 ATF	1920	SITREP No 12 from 1800 - 1900. at 1020 B Coy found large tunnel entrance GR 492658. At 1441 at GR 489650 A Coy found mortar pit, ammo bay, short tunnel, containers for 81mm mortar shells. In gen 4865 4 tunnels 50 metres, 60 metres, 150 metres, 150 metres & a number of emplacements found throughout the area searched numerous tunnels mainly adjacent to former buildings & banana adges. Many destroyed remainder will be destroyed tomorrow	
1 ATF	Control	1925	Relay to Engrs - Have further ~~X~~ 200 lbs pf TNT avail to go to Engr rep at B Coy hero can pick up at 0630	

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FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
Control	1 ATF	2000	SITREP No 13 from 1900 - 2000 H NTR	
ENTRY		2015	Coys stood down	
Control Sitrep	1 ATF	2400	SITREP No 14 from 2000 - 2400 H NTR	

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5 RAR LOG 31 AUG 1966 (DATE)

FROM	TO	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
CO	Control	1710	Returning to your loc now	
		1711	In loc now closingdown	
ENTRY		1915	Coys stood clearing ptls out	
		1935	Clearing ptls in NTR	
Control	1 ATF	2000	SITREP No as at 2000 hrs NTR	
		2015	Coys stood down	
Control	C Coy		Are any of your elms out tonight	
C Coy	Control		Negative	
C Coy	Control	2035	A possum will be in your loc tomorrow at 1200 grs to bring your OC to TIGER PAD he will be returned later on in the day	
1 ATF	Control	2155	Maj CROWE said that Sunray was complaining about the noise from your loc, sounds as though a party was being held	
Control	1 ATF	2155	Roger - will check it out and quieten it down	
Control	1 ATF	2400	SITREP NTR	

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Annexe E - Bardoonie No 1

MESSAGE FORM

PRECEDENCE ACTION	DATE TIME GROUP	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
ROUTINE	01 [illegible] Z	RESTRICTED

From 5 RAR ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

To: A Coy (5) B Coy (5) C Coy (5) OPS 1
D Coy (5) Sp Coy (5) Admin Coy (5)

Info CO 2IC IO CP FCC

SITREP No 8 from 312000 H to 012000 H

ONE. ENEMY. ALPHA. Activities around 5 RAR base. FIRST. Trip flare initiated on CANBERRA AVENUE at 312015 H. 1 figure carrying weapon seen. SECOND. Further trip flare initiated vic CANBERRA AVENUE and mov reported at 312400 H.

BRAVO. 105 Bty reported 2 figures moving WEST at GR 427669 at 010125 H.

CHARLIE. Arty fired on suspected VC infiltration into HOA LONG at GR 408642.

DELTA. 6 RAR standing ptl observed 3 VC GR 446655 at 011235 H.

ECHO. D Coy 6 RAR located 2 VC bodies and one rifle at scene of C Coy 6 RAR contact during OP HOBART. at GR 511683.

FOXTROT. FAC reported large group of men at GR 340746.

GOLF. D Coy 5 RAR reported movement at GR 432688. Mors engaged. FAC saw no sign of mov in vic.

HOTEL. VC ambushed road convoy vic GR 243764. Outpost at PHU MY GR 253745 received mor and small arms fire at the same time. Lt Fire team received coy automatic SA fire and one ac was forced to land with 14 hits in the fuselage. Regional force coy sent from PHU MY to relieve convoy was attacked. Results not known. Outpost to NORTH PHU MY also attacked.

TWO. OWN SIT. ALPHA. FIRST. B Coy 5 RAR returned to base.

SECOND. D Coy 5 RAR commenced patrolling WEST of TAOR.

THIRD. COUGAR FORCE conducted OP ROAD RUNNER SOUTH.

BRAVO. 6 RAR continued patrolling TAOR.

CHARLIE. SAS ptls extracted from area NORTH of WARBARTON MOUNTAIN due to considerable en forces in the area.

DELTA. Air strike vic NUI NGHE at 011700 H.

ECHO. 68 H & I Serials fired during reporting period.

THREE. ADMIN. NTR.

DRAFTER'S NAME	OFFICE	TEL NO
ISAACS	CP	12

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE AND RANK.

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INSTALLATION REPORT

Report on installation VC Training/Staging/Hospital camps at GR 397705. at 021030H by D Coy 5 RAR

1. Type of installation, extremely well made series of Huts comprising of lecture rooms, hospital, sleeping area, kitchen 1.

2. Area covered by installation 20000 square yds.

3. Defencive layout.
   a. Wpn pits only, very few - of no consequence.
   b. Tunnels and pits in ea hut - pits/holes/tunnels
   c. Tunnels only -
   d. Depth underground of tunnels 10 - 12 feet.
   e. Were there tunnels and pits interconnecting and if so to what extent, no interconection.
   f. Types of construction used:-
      (1) Wpn pits -
      (2) Tunnels well dug holes overhead cover in some comprising whole floor 16X16'.
   g. No of pits and tunnels and subunit you would estimate would occupy them. Approximately 50.
   h. Directions pits facing Not applicable.
   j. Were the pits;
      (1) Individual Not applicable
      (2) 2 Man Not applicable
      (3) 3 Man Not applicable
      (4) Crew served wpn Not applicable
   k. Several complex developed 2 - 3 months ago, occupied by any numbers 2 - 3 weeks ago. Well 5 ft wide 10 ft deep.
   l. Was the defensive layout near river, track, road, ford etc. In middle of thick primary jungle 300 metres from creek.
   m. One sentry post seen 150 metres from main complex. Many tracks led into area.
   n. Area was obviously a training camp. Many documents found included
      (1) Training phamplets dated 1 Mar 66.
      (2) Personal diaries.
      (3) Possible order of battle.
      (4) Trace of 1:50000 map of general area BINH BA south to BARIA
      (5) Womens brassiere - size 18"?
      (6) Plastic gas mask, medical face mask.
   o. The camp was made by professional " bush-men" i.e., the roofing was made of individual leaves, folded and s wn. Many thousands per roof. The holes, tunnels etc were perfect in symetry, varying from 8 - 12 feet deep.
   p. Obviously VC felt secure as there were no weapon pits.

P N Greenhalgh

(P. N. Greenhalgh)
Maj
OC D Coy

4 Aug 66

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Annex E-2

PRECEDENCE INFO ROUTINE | DATE TIME GROUP 021200Z | SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTRICTED

From 5RAR | ORIGINATORS NUMBER OPS1

To A Coy (5) B Coy (5) C Coy (5)
D Coy (5) Sp Coy (5) Admin Coy (5)

Info CO 2IC IO CP FCC

SITREP No 9 from 012000 to 022000H

ONE . ENEMY . ALFA . SITREP No 8 refers . Results of PHU MY action . 32 ARVN KIA 14 ARVN WIA 6 ARVN missing . 14 M1 rifles CMM 4 carbines CMM 1 X 60mm mor CMM 1 X 30 cal MG lost .
BRAVO . D/5RAR activities . FIRST . D Coy found one RUSSIAN or FRENCH 7.62mm rifle at GR398703 . SECOND . Camp found at GR397705 containing 12 huts incl hospital and 60 foot well and classrooms Trg pamphlets dated 1 Mar 66 and many other documents . THIRD . Contact at GR390703 at 021335H . 1 VC KIA 1 VC WIA . Dress black trousers CMM green shirts and bushhats with yellow hatbands . 1 M1 rifle recovered.
CHARLIE . 6RAR contacted 2 VCat GR4567 at 021115H . Mors engaged . Results unknown .
DELTA . Arty fired on VC installation routes into HOA LONG at 012020H . 1 Fd Regt reported flares to SOUTH at 010300H .
TWO . OWN SIT . ALFA . D/5RAR continued patrolling .
BRAVO . D/6RAR returned to base .
CHARLIE . Air strikes using SKY SPOT techniques on GR352668 at 020600H . DELTA . Bty A fired destruction shoot at GR361646 on a suspected tunnel or cave .
THREE . ADMIN . NTR

DRAFTERS NAME ISAACS | OFFICE CP | TEL NO 12

REALISING OFFICERS SIGNATURE AND RANK

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Comd's Diary (3) Ops C Barclay Nov

5 RAR PATROL FORECAST 3 AUG - 7 AUG 66

Serial (a)	Sub Unit (b)	Type (c)	Time Out (d)	Time In (e)	Task (f)	Remarks (g)
1	A Coy (1 C/S)	Fighting	030800 H	031600 H	Search and destroy TAOR EAST of TL 2	
2	A Coy (One sect with radio)	Fighting	AM 3 Aug PM 3 Aug	AM 3 Aug PM 3 Aug	Close TAOR Ptls	
3	B Coy (One C/S)	Fighting	040800 H	041600 H	Search and destroy TAOR WEST of TL 2	
4	B Coy (One sect with radio)	Fighting	AM 4 Aug PM 4 Aug	AM 4 Aug PM 4 Aug	Close TAOR ptls	
5	C Coy	Recce	AM 5 Aug	AM 6 Aug	Estb ptl base for recces for OP HOLSWORTHY	
6	Anti Tk Pl (One sect with radio)	Fighting	AM 5 Aug PM 5 Aug	AM 5 Aug PM 5 Aug	Close TAOR ptls.	
7	D Coy	Fighting	060800 H	061600 H	Search and destroy TAOR EAST of TL 2	
8	D Coy	Fighting	AM 6 Aug PM 6 Aug	AM 6 Aug PM 6 Aug	Close TAOR ptls	
9	Aslt Pnr Pl (One sect with radio)	Fighting	AM 7 Aug PM 7 Aug	AM 7 Aug PM 7 Aug	Close TAOR ptls	

(O. M. CARROLL)
Maj
S 3

Distribution:

A Coy
B Coy
C Coy
D Coy
Sp Coy (5)
Admin Coy
1 APC Sqn
1 Fd Regt (6)
6 RAR
1 SAS Sqn
1 ATF
CO
CP
FCC
IO (4)
File

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PRECEDENCE-ACTION	DATE-TIME-GROUP	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
	03 Z	CONFIDENTIAL
From 5 RAR		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
To List A (Serials 7-12,28,31-33) List B 1 ATF (3)		INT 1

Our INTREP No 04 dated 28 Jul 66. Amend fol. Para 36 add Loc 400733. Para 41 delete 1 VC KIA. Para 48 fols para 46. Para 47 precedes para 49. Para 57 add 'AT 479721'

DRAFTER'S NAME	OFFICE
WILLCOX	IO

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

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Australian Military Forces

ROUTINE

5 RAR
AP AN PHU
SOUTH VIETNAM

2 Aug 66

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AUGUST CLIMATIC SUMMARY OF III CORPS

1. GENERAL:

August is a wet season month with the Southwest monsoon se son in full force over III Corps. Afternoon showers occur nearly every day.

2. PRECIPITATION:

There is an average of 22 days of precipitation during August of which 6 days have thunderstorms. Most of the precipitation comes from showers or thunderstorms, but light rain may be the aftermath of any thunderstorm. Mean number days with precipitation vary from 15, along the coast, to 27 Northeast of SONG BE. Monthly rainfall averages from 2 inches, along the coast, to 15 inches, North of Saigon. Maximum 24 hour precipitation is greater than six inches in the Saigon vicinity.

3. TEMPERATURE:

Mean temperatures continue to decrease slowly in August. The mean daily maximum is 87 degrees and the mean daily mimimum is 74 degrees. Extreme daily maximum temperature is 94 degrees, along the coast, while the lowest recorded temperature is 65 degrees in Northeastern III Corps.

4. RELATIVE HUMIDITY:

Mean relative humidities average 86 - 88 percent in III Corps during August, resulting in conditions favourable for mildew, corrosion and decay for susceptible items.

5. SURFACE WINDS:

Prevailing surface winds are from the West Southwest at an average speed of 8 knots. Stronger winds are experienced with rainshowers while gusts of up to 50 knots can be expected with any thunderstorm.

6. TROPICAL STORMS:

No tropical storm nor typhoon have affected III Corps during August, however, this does not preclude the possibility of tropical storms forming in the South China Sea, or moving into this area. During August the incidence of storms in the South China Sea is one per year and the incidence of typhoons is one every two years. August along with September are the worst season of typhoon activity in the Western Pacific.

7. TRAFFICABILITY:

The abundance of precipitation during August results in continuing increase in soil moisture. Roads, dirt strips, and landing zones will be moist to very moist and streams will be high. Low areas may be flooded and small streams can overflow following a heavy downpour.

/8. AUGUST LIGHT DATA

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AUGUST 1966 LIGHT DATA

DATE	BMNT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EENT	MOO RISE	MOONSET	PHASE
1	0553	0641	1918	2006	1927	0625	FULL
2	"	0642	1917	"	2010	0717	
3	0554	"	"	2005	2051	0806	
4	"	"	"	"	2128	0851	
5	"	"	1916	"	2203	0935	
6	0555	"	"	2004	2239	1019	
7	"	"	"	"	2315	1103	
8	"	"	1915	2003	2352	1147	
9	"	"	"	"	-	1234	LAST QTR
10	"	0643	"	"	0033	1323	
11	"	"	1914	2002	0119	1419	
12	"	"	"	"	0209	1517	
13	"	"	1913	2001	0306	1618	
14	"	"	"	"	-	-	
15	"	"	"	2000	-	-	
16	0556	"	1912	1959	-	-	NEW
17	"	"	"	"	-	-	
18	"	"	1911	1958	-	-	
19	"	"	"	1957	0918	2143	
20	"	"	1910	"	1013	2227	
21	0557	"	"	1956	1108	2313	
22	"	"	1909	"	1202	-	
23	"	"	"	1955	1258	0000	1 ST QTR
24	"	"	1908	"	1354	0049	
25	"	"	"	1954	1452	0140	
26	0557	0643	1907	1953	1545	0234	
27	"	"	"	"	1637	0329	
28	"	"	1906	1952	1725	0421	
29	"	"	1905	1951	1809	0513	
30	"	"	"	1950	1849	0601	
31	"	"	1904	"	1928	0649	FULL

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PRIORITY

5 RAR
AP AN PHU
SOUTH VIETNAM

R569-1-6 ; 66

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MINUTES OF A MEETING - DEBRIEF OPERATION SYDNEY - SYDNEY II
HELD AT AP AN PHU (441684) ON 31 JUL 66

PRESENT:	Lt Col	J A	Warr
	Maj	S J	Maizey
	Maj	P	Tedder
	Maj	P	Greenhalgh
	Maj	O M	Carroll
	Maj	J	Miller
	Capt	R	Shambrook
	Capt	R	O'Neill
	Capt	R	Bade
	Lt	R	Guymer
	2Lt	T	Sheehan
	2Lt	R	Gunning
	Capt	D A	Willcox

1. The CO explained that the aim of the debrief was to examine lessons learned as a result of OP SYDNEY and OP SYDNEY II and suggest any changes which should be made. ACTION BY

ITEM 1 - WEAPONS

2. The CO stated that when an M60 was carried with more than 50 rounds on the gun, experience had shown that stoppages occurred in proportion with the axtra ammunition carried. OC D Coy claimed his gunners could maintain their ammunition so that this would not occur; Capt Bade supported Maj Greenhalgh saying that use of Mattres es Section Pneumatic provided adequate protection.

3. DECISION. It was agreed that companies would carry 50 rounds on the gun if they wished pending manufacture of ammunition boxes by the armourer; 3 to be issued to A Coy and 10 to D Coy. With ammunition pouches companies should carry 100 rounds OC Admin/ Armourer

ITEM 2 - TEST FIRING

4. It was apparent that companies were leaving weapons checks and test firing until just before going out on an operation.

5. This means that if weapons require repairs, they cannot be carried out before the company leaves.

/6. DECISION.

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6. DECISION. Companies are to carry out test firing and weapon inspections regularly whether warned for an operation or not. — Coy Comds

ITEM 3 - OMC

7. OC D Coy reported that OMCs did not have enough hitting power particularly when ammunition is of 1945 vintage. A suggestion was made that they be replaced by SLRs and/or M16s.

8. DECISION. Rifle companies should have SLRs to replace OMC if desired. They must be replaced by 15 Aug 66. After that, priority of replacement goes to Sp Coy (Anti Tk Pl and Aslt Pnr Pl) then Admin Coy. An RVE to replace OMC by M16 would be submitted — OC Admin Coy

ITEM 4 - EQPT

9. Requests have been submitted to 1 ATF to obtain additional M60 s, telephones and switchboards to improve defensive capabilities in the Base Area.

10. NO answer at this stage

ITEM 5 - RESUPPLY IN THE FIELD

11. The CO was concerned by the size of equipment demands on the operation, and felt it was due to soldiers not taking their equipment in the first place and secondly by companies failure to check servicability of equipment before an operation. The result was wasted air cargo space and cluttering up wireless nets.

12. DECISION. In future equipment must be checked for servicability and to ensure that soldiers are carrying the right eqpt. — Pl Comds

ITEM 6 - CP TENTS

13. New CP tents are required due to wear and tear on the old ones.

14. DECISION. Tailor to make new ones. — Tailor/ OC Admin Coy

ITEM 7 - FILTER BAGS

15. Filter bags were not being carried: It was stated that not everybody had been issued. OC Admin Coy stated that he now had enough with which to issue everybody.

16. OC D Coy considered filter bags not necessary in the monsoon season. It was suggested that the American Iodine Tablet might replace use of filter bag.

17. DECISION. A letter would be written to Task Force asking whether the American kit would do the job and if so a quantity would be indented for. In the meantime filter-bags were to be carried on future operations. — 2IC

ITEM 8 - GOLD TAPE

18. A request for a better means of identification other than gold tape around hats was met by negative suggestions, except shoulder flashes. Considered not good enough & expensive.

19. DECISION. Companies must maintain a stock to issue to attachments, and for replacement when the old tape becomes US. Colours were to be changed regularly — COMS

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ITEM 9 - EQPT

ACTION BY

20. During the night march on OPERATION SYDNEY II there was a real problem in cqrrying 24 hours rations, ammo and eqpt without the pack. The entrenching tool poses a problem.

21. The requirement is for soldiers to be able to convert quickly from marching to patrol order so that they can still operate for 24 hours.

22. DECISION. Companies to experiment with different methods, Mosquito nets must be carried — Coy Comds

ITEM 10 - STRENGTH STATES

23. There have been regular inconsistencies in strength reports from Companies on operations. It was suggested that a head check immediately prior to leaving be done; or that a nominal roll system similiar to that maintained by D Coy be adopted; and that strength be given as a coded figure rather than a positive or negative variation from the original figure.

24. DECISION.

a. Head check to be done immediately prior to leaving the area. — CSM

b. Atts be passed through Coy HQ — Coy 2IC

c. Strengh states in future to be a coded absolute figure and passed at night.

d. Rather than demand rations by quantity required they will, in future be demanded as type of rations and percentage of C/24 hr required e.g. AAA 3 days ½C ½ 24 hours. — Coy 2 IC

ITEM 11 - NOMINAL ROLLS/LAUNDRY

25. There have been several casualties with incorrectly marked ID discs; their personal particulars have been incorrectly recorded at Coy and Bn HQ; in several cases personnel have had no dhoby number allotted.

26. The laundry system has not been providing nembers with clean greens. Attachments have been most affected.

27 DECISIONS.

a. Coy clerks are to frequently check nominal roll details. — Coy Clerks

b. Artillery parties are to put their laundry in one separate ech pack. The laundry is to be marked with gunners numbers and dealt with through the gunners system after arrival back at Bn Rear HQ. — CQMS

c. All personnel are to take the laundry numbers of the company to which they are posted. — CQMS

d. Laundry bags are to be sent in on the second resupply or close to the seventh day of operations. Where possible . Coys are to change immediately and send laundry out.

e. Members are to put a pair of sox in the pocket of trousers in the laundry bag. Replaced with a new pair when possible.

/28. Some companies

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ITEM 12 - COMMS — ACTION BY

28. Some companies left wireless sets in their coy stores after moving out on the operation.

29. DECISION. All sub units are to return ALL spare wireless sets not required for an operation, to the sig store for re-allocation, & must inform the Bn CP of such action. — CQMS

30. The correct C/S for 5 RAR (Rear) are:

2IC = C/S 91 — Radio Ops/

A Ech = C/S 95 — Radio users/

31. All types of voice procedure and idiosyncrasies are being used on wireless nets.

32. DECISION. Control operator is to deliver the necessary reminders to transgressors of good procedure. — S3

33. OC D Coy reported that his allocated company frequency was only 0.1 from A Coy frequency and 1.1 from the control frequency. He considered heavy interference resulted from either:

a. Closeness of frequencies.

b. Induction from nearby wireless sets

34. DECISION. Cause of interference and counter to be investigated and a wider allocation of frequencies allocated. — RSO

35 The use of more appropiate fixed C/S is being investigated. Under the new system C/S 31 to 39 to be used by C Coy.

36. DECISION. It was decided to keep A,B,C,D suffixes to enable recognition of less than platoon sized patrols. Further details to be published separately. — RSO

ITEM 13 RESUP SYSTEMS

37. There were times when company resup was tactically unsound at the time arranged.

38. DECISION. Companies are to make resup arrangements through Bn HQ CP and A Ech is not to deliver stores unless cleared by AQ cell. — Coy 2IC

39. To avoid companies getting double quantity of stores required, ONE MAINT/OPDEM only is to be submitted and on the afternoon of the day preceeding resup — Coy 2IC

40. At times the Bn Comd net was cluttered by resup demands and the control of resup aircraft etc.

41. DECISION. An Admin link is to be established between Coys & the AQ cell at Bn HQ. Companies are to flick onto Admin net with a spare set when this type of traffic is to be passed. DUSTOFFS are to come up on the Command net in future. — RSO, Coy 2IC, AQ Cell

ITEM 14 - AIR RESUP

42. At times there were delays in the air resup as some companies did not have their LZ ready in time; or else, on arrival the RAAF pilot did not consider the LZ big enough to land.

43. DECISIONS. Coys to pre select LZ and route in to it the afternoon preceeding the resup day. — Coy Comd

b. The AQ cell is to be advised by coys of the time by which LZ will be prepared and secured.

/c. Bn HQ (Rear)

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c. Bn HQ (Rear) must keep ATLO advised of the situation.

d. When reporting on LZ, dimensions must be included, minimum RAAF requirement is 25 metres diameter.

ITEM 15 -CIVIL AFFAIRS

44. A requirement exists for one interpreter to be allocated to MEDCAP team and a tent for protection of suspects and waiting civilians before and after interrogation. OC D Coy stated that quantities of food for no more than 24 hours should be given out to meet the requirements of firstly preventing the food from falling into VC hands and secondly, hygiene, as the food must be opened in future.

45. DECISIONS.

a. An interpreter to be provided for MEDCAP. IO

b. Tent to be provided 2 IC

c. All tins of food handed out would be open; tins to be small size.

ITEM 16 - NIGHT MOVMENT

46. Considerable difficulty was experienced moving one coy at night all attached to one long rope. OC D Coy suggested individual toggle ropes more suitable and that coys should not move together in single file. Movement should be on different axes; if necessary parallel. It was considered pointless attempting a formal harbour drill at night and suggestion was made for sub units, after halting to move out a few paces only and then stop for the remainder of the night.

47. Difficulty in carrying eqpt and rations without packs was countered by a suggestion to use plastic tubing so enabling at least some rice to be carried, which would aleviate, to some degree, the necessity to carry so many tins.

48. DECISIONS.

a. Individual toggle ropes to be used to join men together plus luminous patches for recognition.

b. NO more than one coy to move in single file.

c. A positive effort to be made to reduce noise of eqpt, radio transmissions and increase self-discipline to avoid cursing when stumbling, falling into wells etc. Pl Comds

d. Coys are to experiment with techniques of harbouring at night & submit worthwhile suggestions to Bn HQ. Coy Comds

e. Plastic tubing to be issued for carrying rice. OC Admin Coy

f. Personnel to be given choice of C rations 24 hr rations and choice of variety within each type.

ITEM 17 - LOCSTATS

49. Coys who give LOCSTATS in points of origin for their night harbour are inviting trouble. A suggestion was made to produce more points of origin, these should be all issued by 1 ATF.

/50. DECISIONS.

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50. DECISIONS. ACTION BY

a. LOCSTATS to be given in KAC JJ for night harbour.

b. Ap approach be made to Task Force for more points of Origin. IO

ITEM 18 - APCs

51 Because one member did not know in which APC he was to travel, thus delaying the convoy, the APCs had to take the risk of mines and move along the road in order to be in the cordon position in time.

52. Some basic rules for operating with APCs were asked for.

53. DECISIONS.

a. The number of a particular APC is marked in large letters on the rear door. All members must know in which vehicle they are to travel.

b. When operating with APCs:-

(1) Don't sleep in front of or behind the vehicle.

(2) A commander for troops carried inside and outside the vehicle must be nominated. Pl Comds

ITEM 19 - VC KIA

54. Occasionally Vietnamese limbs have been found protruding from the earth.

55. DECISION. As dead VC are not to be brought out of the AO, where possible they must be buried six feet deep Coy/Pl Comd

ITEM 20 - VISITORS

56. Several times cooks, CQMS etc were required to sleep out in the AO unexpectedly or else return to the base on foot.

57 DECISION. All such personnel are in future to come out to the AO fully equipped 2IC

ITEM 21 - MOBILE CP

58 When operating with APCs maximum use should be made of their facilities.

59. DECISION. An 11 x 11 tent is tp be taken on the APC for use as a CP, incl FCC, AQ Cell, in addition chairs, tables to be taken. 2IC

ITEM 22 - PERSONAL

60. Boots to be polished daily when dry.

61. All troops shave daily.

62. The Bandmaster would be stationed at 1 ALSG during ops to perform duty of looking after 5 RAR & attached personnel hospitalised during ops. Bandmaster

63. He is to have two helpers plus own vehicle. TO

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POINTS RAISED BY PL COMDS AT AFTERNOON CONFERENCE 1430 H JUL

64. Lt Deak enquired if the machine gunners could carry more ammo on the M60. The CO emphasised that more ammo usually resulted in more stoppages; themachine gunner could carry 50 rounds. He also emphasised that when a target is available, weapons should be fired from the shoulder and not from the waist.

65. Lt Grayson requested that more Air Photos be made available. The IO explained that:

a. Air Photos usually take 3 weeks from time of demand to when the photos arrive, and we seldom get this much notice of an operation.

b. A programme to gradually cover likely operational areas has been started e.g. BINH BA, BINH GIA, HOLLANDIA, WARBURTON MTN. However unless we know the proposed AO within 6 kilometres, the cover that we do get may be firstly useless or secondly, so extensive that the number of photos would make too large a packet to carry in his map pocket.

c. Commanders should take advantage of the experts at Task Force and ask for photo intelligence of a particular spot if the Photos themselves are not available in time.

66. Lt Hartley reported disrepancies between reports of contacts and what actually happened. The IO and S3 explained that reports were taken down almost verbatimas they are reported in the Ops log, extracts from which, are used to compile the Intreports. There were no specific suggestions as to how the discrepancies could occur.

67. Lt Guymer (APC Sqn) requested that his furure employment with the battalion be outlined. The CO replied that he would be used in much the same way as before i.e. transporting guns, rations, mortars, casevacs etc, Lt Guymer then suggested other roles as a result of his experience with 1 RAR and it was decided to employ him where possible on road ambushes and for dropping infantry ambush parties as well as the duties previously outlined.

68. All platoon commanders strongly recommended that not more than 4 days rations be carried on the man at any one time, and that 75% of rations be 24 Hr packs.

69 Lt Raynor asked if there were any spare parts available for the M16 yet as one of his was US and could not be repaired. The 2IC replied that the parts were coming but were very slow. Lt Hartley asked about cleaning rods for M16 and was told by OC Admin Coy that there were none available. Those previously made by RAEME proved too large to be of any use. The CO directed that more be made, in the meantime Coy Comds were to ensure an equitable distribution.

70. The question on availability of watches was raised to which the OC C Coy replied that several months supply were due to arrive in the Task Force soon. Meanwhile the Adjt, Asst adjt, RSM and CQMS Sp Coy were to return their watches if they had not already done so.

71. The 2IC maintained that for better control during air resupply, a SIOUX should be available manned by someone knowing the company locations and fimiliar with identification procedure and company frequencies. The CO considered this not necessary as the system was adequate but promised to look into the matter.

72. It was reported that communications with the aircraft were sometimes difficult. The RSO advised that SQUELCH should be 'ON'.

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73. 2 Lt Deak requested that a small hand saw be issued to platoons. The CO directed 2Lt McAloney to provide Bushman's saws with an instructor to teach how the saw should be sharpened and maintained

74. It was decided that the wireless appointment titles for CSMs would be 'PACE STICK', and for the CQMS, 'NUTSHELL.

(D. A. Willcox)
Capt
for Lt Col
CO

Distribution:

A Coy	(8)
B Coy	(8)
C Coy	(8)
D Coy	(8)
Sp Coy	(8)
Admin Coy	(10)
CO	
2IC	
S3	
Battery Comd	
Adjt	
Asst Adjt	
IO	
RSM	
1 APC Sqn (Lt Guyner)	
File	
Comds Diary	(4)
Spare	(6)

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	03 2400 Z	UNCLAS
From 5 RAR		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
To List D		A 370

OHC. Sub units are to use US type 8ft picquets for OHC. Demands to 2IC ASP. The picquets can be used to provide waterproofing for wpn pits

DRAFTER'S NAME	OFFICE
MAIZEY	2 IC

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Capt/ Lt Maizey

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PRECEDENCE-ACTION	DATE-TIME-GROUP	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
	03 2400 Z	UNCLAS
From 5 RAR		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
To List C plus serial 20		A368

Rubbish Disposal. Coys are to construct incinerators from 44 gal drums for the burning of cartons, paper etc. The RAEME tradesmen and hygiene inspector are aval for advice and assistance in the construction. In this way garbage disposal will be eased considerably

DRAFTER'S NAME	OFFICE
MAIZEY	2IC

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

Maizey Lt

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PRECEDENCE-ACTION	DATE-TIME-GROUP	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
	032400 Z	UNCLAS
From 5 RAR		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
To List A		A 365

Batmen. Nominations are required for a batman for IO and Asst QM. Nominations to 2IC ASP

DRAFTER'S NAME	OFFICE
MAIZEY	2IC

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Maizey Lt

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PRECEDENCE-ACTION	DATE-TIME-GROUP	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
	032400 Z	UNCLAS
From 5 RAR		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
To List A		A 366

Stewards Offrs and Sgts Messes. With the opening of these messes in the near future it is essential that staff be provided as fols. ALPHA. Offrs Mess. Two stewards. Sgts Mess. Two stewards. A B D and Sp Coys are each to provide one steward. This steward will be held on Bn HQ str and the coys will be restricted one soldier. Nominations to 2IC ASP

DRAFTER'S NAME	OFFICE
MAIZEY	2IC

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

Maizey ~~Lt~~ Maj

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PRECEDENCE-ACTION | DATE-TIME-GROUP | SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

03 2400 Z | UNCLAS

From 5 RAR | ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER

To List A | A364

Dvrs. Nominations are required. ALPHA. As areplacement for Pte Rhodes (One for one). BRAVO. To replace Sgt Gardiner. Nominations to 2IC ASP

DRAFTER'S NAME | OFFICE

MAIZEY | 2IC

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

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Annex M-3

APP 1 TO AN EX M TO
5 RAR SOP (AMENDED)

CONTACT OR INCIDENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

Part 1. (To be completed by patrol comd)

1. Operation D Coy Operation 1 - 3 Aug 66.

2. Report by 55071 Lt G. N. Negus.

3. 11 Pl D Coy 5 RAR.

4. Time of action 1330 Hrs. Duration 5 mins. Date 2 Aug 66.

5. Location GR 387701.

6. Pl task search and destroy.

7. 3786812 Pte M. Morrow was on sentry duty while D Coy were stopped for lunch. He saw 2 VC move directly towards him from the East. He fired from a range of 8 metres and hit the leading VC. After firing 3 shots at the leading VC the second VC fired 1 shot at Pte Morrow. Twelve more rounds were fired at the second VC who withdrew to the East. The MG of 5 section moved up and fired 100 rounds in the direction of the fleeing VC. Another section swept through the area of contact but only found the 1 body 8 metres from the sentry post. No blood trail was found in the area. It is strongly believed the second VC was hit.

8. Destriction of terrian Bamboo thicket on level ground, visibility 30 metres at best. Ground opened up to the North and West.

9. Enemy sighted at 10 metres.

10. Sentry saw enemy first.

11. Enemy moving silently down track.

12. Enemy moved directly at sentry.

13. VC strength 2. Dress Green shirt black trousers. Green bush hat with yellow band and lining.

14. Sentry fired first at a range of 8 metres.

15. Section weapons used SLR initially, used the MG.

16. One enemy hit immediately, second fired 1 shot and withdrew quickly.

17. Section immediate action was to move gun group up and engage enemy.

18. En cas 1 KIA. Second VC believed hit.

19. Caused by SLR.

20. Friendly cas Nil.

21. Not applicable.

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22. Approx ammo expenditure 115 rounds 7.62.

23. Docus/Wpns captured No docus, 1 Springfield M.1.

24. Lessons learnt. Sentries must remain alert and fire aimed shots.

Part 2. Pl Comds comments.

25. Not applicable.

26. Platoon actions. Sections deployed with one moving through the area of contact, while the other two maintained security.

27. Estimate of all ammo fired in contact. 116 rounds SA.

Part 3. Coy Comds comments.

1. For the second time it has paid dividends to prop near a track for a temporary harbour.

2. Sentry was alert, however was confused by yellow hat band. On seeing slanty eyes he opened fire, however only from the waist.

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ROUTINE

5 RAR
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R569-1-6

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COMBAT OPERATIONS AFTER ACTION REPORT
OPERATION SYDNEY TWO

References: A. Pictomap Series L8020 Sheets No 6430 IIS and IIIS 1:25000
B. BINH BA SOUTH Special Enlargement 1:5000

1. Name of Operation: SYDNEY TWO

2. Dates of Operation: 15 Jul - 23 Jul 66

3. Location: BINH BA 4473

4. Control Headquarters Bn HQ 5 RAR

5. Advisers or Liaison Officers: Nil

6. Task organization

a.	5 RAR.
b. Under comd from 141400 H for the duration of the op	One tp of 1 APC Sqn and one mor sect of 1 APC Sqn
c. Remaining under comd for the duration of the op	Elms of 3 Fd tp.
d. Remaining in DS and under comd for mov	105 Fd Bty.
e. Remaining in sp for the duration of the op	One coy 6 RAR One SIOUX ac Four RAAF IROQUOIS One voice ac
f. In sp from 170600 H	One voice ac
g. In sp from 161300 H until completion of the search of DUC MY	Light fire team Six additional Vietnamese interpreters Six Vietnamese policemen

7. Supporting Forces.

a. Armd.

(1) Three sects of 1 APC Sqn moved to a rear battalion assembly area on 14 Jul then carried A Coy and Anti Tk Pl forward to the Southern edge of the cordon of DUC MY village at first light on 20 Jul. A Coy closed the cordon with C Coy on the WESTand B Coy on the EAST. The three sects then moved to selected areas to strengthen the cordon. The APC mov on 20 Jul was delayed at the rear assembly area because one infantryman could not be accounted for. In spite of the fact that crossing places over a creek had been checked by an APC NCO on the ground with an infantry patrol several nights

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earlier , the APCs could not negotiate the creek crossing and delay occurred in closing the cordon to the SOUTH.

(2) The tp HQ moved with Bn HQ to the rear battalion assembly area. One of the vehicles was used as an ambulance and one as a comd vehicle. On 20 Jul when the cordon was closed these APCs were used to move suspects from the village to Bn HQ

(3) The mor sect of 1 APC Sqn was employed to move two sects of mor pl and 400 rounds.

b. Arty. 105 Fd Bty provided direct sp for the operation from the 1 ATF Base area. On 22 Jul a number of missions in area 4774 were fired on maximum range.

c. Engrs. Elms of 3 Fd Tp were under comd D Coy for the search of DUC MY village on 20 Jul. The experience of the engineers was invaluable. Engineers also used gas to capture one wounded VC in a bunker..

d. Sioux. The Sioux was employed on 20 Jul, the morning of the cordon of DUC MY village to enable the XO in the ac to co-ordinate the linking of the cordon, the employment of voice ac and the light fire team. The ac were then employed on liaison and reconnaissance tasks.

e. RAAF Iroquois. The RAAF Iroquois were employed on 22 Jul to resupply two rifle coys and to evacuate several ill soldiers. The request for resupply was made at short notice and the request was met on time by the RAAF.

8. Intelligence .

a. Estimates.

(1) Counter Intelligence had revealed that about 97 VC members lived in BINH BA village complex; of these about 26 lived in DUC MY the hamlet to be cordoned and searched.

(2) It was also known that local VC roamed the area at will and that the 5 VC Division had moved back inside the border between Long Khan and Phuoc Tuy Provinces.

(3) Attitude of the locals was if anything pro Viet Cong; due to the absence of RVN control for several years.

b. Conclusions.

(1) There would probably be NO contacts due to many ground recces prior to the operation and intensive air recce. A psyops voice aircraft was also to warn the people of the presence of the cordon and advise them to stay in their houses.

(2) Some suspects would be detained for the following reasons:

(a) NO ID Card.
(b) Weapons in their possession.
(c) Unusual amounts of food or stores in their houses.
(d) NO affiliation with any particular family in the hamlet.

c. General. From the point of view of contacts, the results of the operation were surprising. This was attributed to the fact that the operation was postponed for 40 hours so that there was a time gap between the last recce and the actual operation. Suspects were detained as expected with one exception detailed below.

d. VC Casualties.

(1) The results of contacts were 3 KIA, 3 Wounded and Captured, 2 WIA, 1 VCC, 1 rallier, 4 VCs (detained at HQ 1 ATF). The rallier came forward and surrendered; this was the first case since 5 RAR moved into Phuoc Tuy Province on 24 May. It is not known at this stage what information he volunteered.

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(2) One of the wounded and captured revealed thhat 3 cells each of 12 VC take turns at visiting the village. Late in the afternoon of the day of search, there was a contact with 6 VC but no casualties were inflicted.

(3) Contrary to expectations, the VC were not observed to have entered the hamlet after 5 RAR were withdrawn. Ambush parties laid around the hamlet reported negative movement .

e. En Situation Prior to Phase 3.

(1) The general enemy situation remained as previously reported. However, the pattern of contacts since 24 May, reports by M. GOURCI manager of the BINH BA Rubber Estate, and appreciation of the terrain including creek lines, indicated that the area PURPLE was a lucrative one and several contacts were expected.

(2) Local and Mobile Forces were considered to be the only en troops in the area and contacts were expected with en forces no larger than section size. However the 400 VC reported on the 15 Jul and the subsequent report of VC situated in strength in the hills to the SW of the Province and at PHU MY (YS2674) was constantly borne in mind; this plus the fact that the battalion was operating further NORTH than ever before and in thick country, ideal for guerilla warfare, meant that patrols were company sized, and always within gun range and within mortar range as much as possible.

(3) It was also expected that VC camps and caches would be found.

f. Results of Phase 3.

(1) Contacts were as expected but there were no camps or caches found of any significance.

(2) All the VC contacted were local force. However on 21 Jul, a report from US Sector HQ BARIA was intercepted which stated that there were 3 - 500 VC with AA Guns located at 460729 about 500 metres NW of C Coys location. A company patrol failed to find any evidence of their existence. If they were there, it is probable that they were the same group previously reported on 15 Jul. AA Guns would indicate Main Force.

(3) A VCC, who claimed that he was coming in to surrender, stated that he was a member of the 50th Pl which had a strength of 27 members and was split up into small groups. Patrols around the vicinity failed to locate any sign of the other members although a camp was found which contained some Australian rations.

9. Mission.

Phase 1 :

a. Search and destroy AO PURPLE WEST of Route LT 2.

b. Conduct cordon and search of hamlets at DUC MY over one or two days period.

Phase 2 : Open Route LT 2 (This requirement was cancelled prior to the Operation)

Phase 3 : Conduct search and destroy operations in AO PURPLE WEST of LT 2.

10. Concept of Operations.

a. Phase 1. The conduct and search of hamlets at DUC MY:

(1) Reconnaissance of cordon areas, approach routes etc by ground patrols and air several days prior to operation.

(2) Cordon of hamlets on three sides by three rifle coys after night approach march.

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(3) Cordon of fourth side of hamlet by rifle coy moved forward on APCs. Relief of one rifle coy on cordon by APCs.

(4) Search of hamlet by one rifle coy.

(5) See attached Map BINH BA SOUTH Special Enlargement 1:5000.

b. Phase 3. The search of AO PURPLE WEST of LT2.

(1) Three rifle coys searching allotted search areas INDIA, JULIET, KILO. See attached Picto Map.

(2) One rifle coy in res.

11. Execution.

See Annex A.

12 Results.

a. Enemy.

KIA	4	
WIA	2	
WIA and VCC		4
VCC	1	
Rallier	1	
VC Suspects		4
M1 carbines		4
26 grenades		1
DH 8 Mine		1

b. Own Losses. NIL

c. Area of airstrike on 21 Jul was searched by ground forces on 22 Jul. Negative result.

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ANNEX A TO 5 RAR R569-1-6
COMBAT OPERATIONS AFTER ACTION
REPORT OPERATION SYDNEY II

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

General

1. The operation was conducted in two phases. Phase 1 from 15 Jul to 20 Jul 66 was the reconnaissance and preparation phase and the actual search and cordon of DUC MY. This phase was extended and delayed by Op BRISBANE mounted by 6 RAR. Phase 3 was the clearing of Area Purple to the EAST of Interprovincial Route 2.

15 Jul 66

2. Battalion Orders Group held at 1200 hrs. Operation postponed for 24 hours. APCs, B Coy and C Coy returned to Battalion Base Area; B Coy took over 6 RAR's area during operation BRISBANE while C Coy protected the 5 RAR Base Area.

3. Bn HQ, A and D Coys remained at TENNIS (432707).

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4. A and D Coys sent close patrols out around TENNIS. Company recce patrols moved out to DUC MY approx 1500 H.

17 Jul 66

5. Company recce patrols returned. Patrols from A and D Coys out around TENNIS. Another night recce of DUC MY done.

18 Jul 66

6. Recce patrol from DUC MY returned. A and D Coys sent out patrols around TENNIS.

19 Jul 66

7. Orders Group held at TENNIS at 1200 H for Operation SYDNEY II Phase III. APCs, B and C Coys returned to TENNIS.

8. At approx 1700 hrs all companies and Bn HQ moved to their Assembly Areas (see map attached).

9. Cordon moved into position during the night.

20 Jul 66

10. Voice aircraft activated at 0615 H. Bn HQ and A Coy moved into position by APCs as planned, except that A Coy had to dismount sooner than expected and complete the cordon on foot.

11. Search of village commenced and continued until approximately 1300 hrs.

12. Movement to areas of search for Phase 3 of the operation began at 1500 hrs (see map attached). Anti Tk Platoon chased a group of VC first contacted by C Coy. Although mounted on APCs the platoon did not inflict any casualties.

13. C Coy remained in ambush positions around DUC MY during the night. Bn HQ moved to area shown on the attached map by APC. A Coy moved by foot towards Area KILO, B Coy preceded Bn HQ on foot to the area shown, and D Coy moved towards Area JULIET. En route A Coy had a contact at 465716 which resulted in 1 VC KIA and one wounded who escaped.

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14. A Coy moved into Area KILO and began searching. D Coy began search of Area JULIET. A report of several hundred VC with AA Guns resulted in moving C Coy up to the NORTH, in an attampt to locate the VC; however they had only one minor contact at 464728 and reported NO sign of enemy in the vic. Ambushes from the Aslt Pnr Pl were reported in position as shown on the map at 1222 hours. The Anti Tk Platoon could not find suitable ambush sites in the area shown and continued their patrol down to the SOUTH, then WEST and then back to Bn HQ. D Coy had several contacts during the day in the area.

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15. Companies continued searching as planned. D Coy wounded and captured one VC who claimed he was a member of 50th Platoon.

16. The Aslt Pnr Pl lifted its ambushes and returned to Bn HQ.

17. C Coy moved NORTH to hills in square 4774 following VCC's information. An airstrike was called in on Hill 101 but C Coy reported negative sign of enemy. C Coy moved SOUTH during the afternoon.

18. A B Coy patrol to the NORTH of Bn HQ failed to locate any VC.

19. A Coy moved SW towards the Bn Base Area and arrived approx 1830 hrs.

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20. Bn moved back to Base Camp.

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Annex K-1

RESTRICTED

5 RAR
AP AN PHU
SOUTH VIETNAM

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List A

5 RAR SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL

1. The Unit Security Officer (USO) of this unit is the 2IC; his assistant is the IO. Any matters of a security nature are to be reported to the USO immediately. The responsibility for observation of these orders and immediate reporting of any breaches in security rests with all ranks.

2. These orders are to be read in conjunction with:-

a. Military Security Instructions 1958.

b. ARO 29/64.

and are to be read to all ranks at least once every six months.

SECURITY OF INFORMATION

3. a. Need to Know. All ranks are to bear in mind the Need to know Principle". Where an individual, whatever his rank or appointment does NOT need to know an item of information to carry out his duties, such information is not to be communicated to him.

b. Careless talk. All ranks must be aware of the need to make a conscious effort to avoid careless talk about classified military matters.

c. Rumours. Rumours must be reported to the USO when they are of military matters and likely to cause alarm and confusion or raise doubt in the minds of our soldiers or a lowering of morale.

d. Government legislation holds all individuals, particulary service members, responsible for the preservation of official secrets. Accordingly no soldier is to:-

(1) Pass any information of a military nature to any person not authorised to receive it unless directed by the Commanding Officer.

(2) Pass military information to the press, radio, TV agency or any other non-military organisation. The standard reply to members of the press unaccompanied by a Public Relations Officer is, "I am not authorised to comment", the only exception is when press representatives have been authorised to go out on an operation. In that case the press representative may be given such classified operational information essential to his own and our own troops safety, bearing in mind the "need to know" principle.

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Security of Documents and Safe Custody

4. Classification.

a. The current security classifications are:-

(1) TOP SECRET.

(2) SECRET.

(3) CONFIDENTIAL.

(4) RESTRICTED.

b. Documents graded CONFIDENTIAL for personal reasons e.g. medical, pay, discipline and welfare, are to be marked 'IN CONFIDENCE' and will NOT be regarded as security documents.

c. All drafts, notes, carbons and waxes etc must be given the same degree of classification as the document produced from them, and handled accordingly.

5. Handling and Safe Custody of Documents.

a. All office personnel are to acquaint themselves with the provisions of ARO 29/64 Part 4 'Security of Classified Documents'.

b. TOP SECRET and SECRET documents are to be stored separately from each other and from all other documents and are to be contained in a locked steel box when not in use. They are to be opened, registered (in a separate register) and filed by the Intelligence Officer and subsequently registered out to the officers concerned. They will then be handed back to the IO who will pass them on to another officer should this be necessary, registering the document out to the new recipient. On NO account are documents to be passed from one recipient to another. Should the document be lost, the recipient marked in the IO's register will be held responsible. SECRET documents may be retained by the recipient provided he has facilities for secure storage, which must be in a place where there is 24 hrs a day surviellance e.g. the CP. If the recipient cannot keep the key, he must ensure that he obtains a signature from the person in whose care he entrusts it. TOP SECRET documents will be retained in the IO's safe and are never to be taken outside the unit. SECRET or above matter is to be typed only by the Chief Clerk.

c. CONFIDENTIAL Documents.

(1) To be opened registered and filed by the Battalion Orderly Room Sergeant.

(2) Treated in such manner that unauthorised persons do not have access.

6. Destruction of Classified Documents and Waste.

a. When TOP SECRET documents and waste are to be disposed of, they are to be hand carried to the Intelligence Section for destruction by fire.

b. SECRET, CONFIDENTIAL and RESTRICTED documents or waste for destruction are to be delivered to the Intelligence Section every day at 1630 hrs by the various office clerks.

c. Notes taken

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c. Notes taken on operations and Operation Orders, SOIs etc are to be destroyed by fire immediately they are of NO further use to the user.

d. A can of petrol is to be left near containers for classified documents and is to be used to burn the documents should their capture become inevitable.

Office Security

7. a. The user of classified documents is to ensure that, where necessary, they are locked away before he leaves his office.

b. NO visitor is to be left in an unattended office where classified documents are accessable.

c. SECRET and above documents are to be locked away when not in use; the keys to such containers are to be registered in the Key Register maintained by the Assistant Security Officer.

Keys

8. Keys for filing cabinets, security boxes and stores in which Government or Regimental property is stored are to be held by the person responsible for their security. Keys are to be issued on signature and are to remain in personal possession. They are only to be removed when the holding person is relieved of his responsibility. Under no circumstances are keys to be left in drawers or on tables. NO individual is to have another key cut without the authority of the USO. Duplicates will be held by the Assistant USO.

Safes Combination

9. The combination is to be changed every two months; the duplicate double - enveloped, sealed and deposited in the duplicate key containers held by the Asst USO, The duplicate combination of his safe is to be held by 1 ATF.

Passes

10. All ranks are to wear ID disc at all times. When moving outside the unit area, except on operations, ID cards are to be carried as well. ID cards are not to be carried in wallets. The loss of an ID card must be reported to the USO as soon as possible.

Security of Access

11. All visitors to the area who are not accompanied by an authorised person are to be referred to the Intelligence Section, Adjt or USO.

12. All ranks, who meet any person (s) within the unit area whom they suspect might have effected unauthorised entry, are to detain such person (s) and report the matter to the Adjt, USO or his Assistant immediately; this applies to both military and civilian person (s).

13. No visitors are to be allowed to enter the Bn CP or Intelligence Section without the personal approval of the Duty Officer in the first case or a member of the Intelligence Section in the second case. At no time is the Bn CP to be left unattended.

/ Security of Maps

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Security of Maps

14. It must be remembered that marked maps usually contain at least CONFIDENTIAL information and must be treated accordingly.

15. Wall maps should be covered when not in use and access limited only tothose who need to know.

16. Air photos, charts and traces fall into the category of classified maps.

Communication Security

17. All ranks who have access to messages by wireless or other means of electronic communication are to acquaint themselves with the procedure laid down in Pamphlets ACP 122 and ACP 125 and Voice Procedure.

18. All ranks are reminded that the telephone is not a secure method of communications and no classified information is to be passed over the telephone in any circumstances.

Security of Equipment

19. An individual to whom a weapon, ammunition or controlled store is issued, is personally responsible for its safe custody.

20. Arms must be taken whenever travelling on duty in VIETNAM, and are to be kept at all times in the possession of the individual to whom they are issued.

21. When going on leave, arms are to be handed in at 1 ALSG, VUNG TAU, and collected at the completion of leave.

Losses

22. All losses of keys, safe combinations etc are to be reported to the USO immediately after the discovery of the loss. Wherever there is reason to believe that a lock or key to a recepticle containing classified matter has been compromised, a full report of the circumstances is to be rendered to the USO immediately by the person (s) concerned.

23. The loss of a classified document is to be reported to the USO immediately who will take action in accordance with ARO 29/64 para 260 - 262.

24. The loss of arms or equipment will also be reported immediately to the USO who will take action in accordance with ARO 29/64 para 270.

Propaganda

25. All ranks are to report to the USO any attempt to introduce into the unit any pamphlets, leaflets or other literature, photographs, recordings etc designed to undermine morale.

26. Any conversation or speech overheard with the object detailed in the preceding paragraph, is to be reported immediately to the USO. All ranks are to endeavour to ascertain the identity of the persons involved.

27. All requests by personnel of this unit from persons living in any country, to enter into correspondance for the purpose of language study, stamp collecting or any other reason, are to be reported to the USO.

/28. The correct

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28. The correct postal address of this unit is:-

No Rank Name
5 RAR
Aust Forces VIETNAM
Aust FPO 3
C/- GPO
SYDNEY AUSTRALIA.

The above address only is to be used for correspondance whether official or private.

(John A Warr)
Lt Col
CO

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ROUTINE

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List A

CONSERVATION OF BATTERIES

1. This instruction deals solely with methods of conserving and extending the usable life of batteries employed for lighting.

2. Batteries available and suitable for lighting are:

1.5 v Torch

AN PRC 10 Set batteries - provide 67.5 v and 135 v outlets

A 510 HT batteries - provide 90 v outlets.

3. Initially the florescent light commonly in use will operate on either of the 67.5, or 135 v outlets of the 10 set and the 90 v outlet of the 510 set battery. However as the power source is depleted so progressively the battery appears useless. Obtain a second battery of either type. Now use this battery in the same way until it is apparently depleted also. On trying the first battery again it will be found to have rejuvenated slightly and will be usable for some further period of time. Do likewise with the second battery. Allow the spare battery to stand, where possible in a sunny spot as heat will re-energise to a small degree the battery. Once both batteries have been depleted so as to be unable separately to ignite the light commence the following connections.

a. 67.5 to 67.5 series connection Diagram A

b. 67.5 to 135 v " " " B

c. 135 to 67.5v " " " C

d. 135 to 135 v " "

e. 90 to 67.5v " "

f. 90 to 135v " "

These additional power source connections will extend the usable life of all the batteries. It is obvious that these series connections may be extended to couple numerous batteries together until the size of the complex dictates the eventual discarding of the most used batteries.

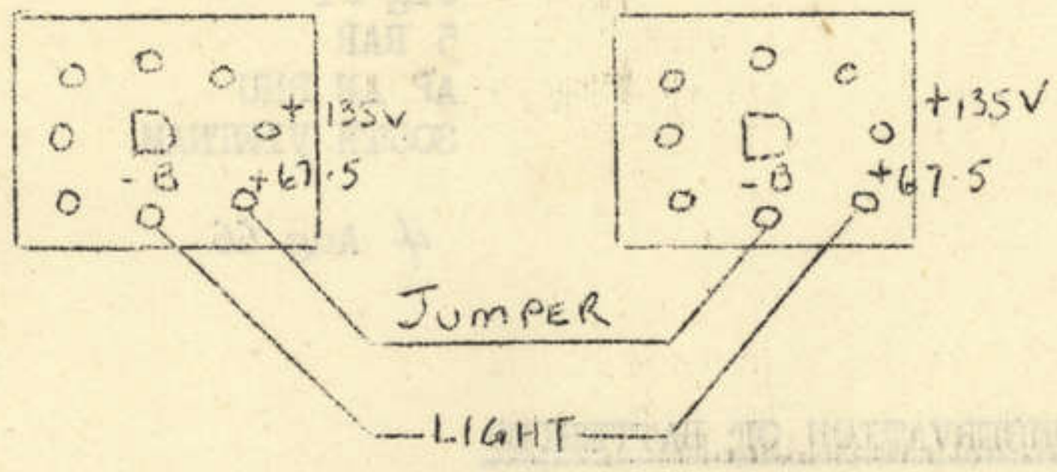
3. If these conservation suggestions are carried out in a conscious effort to extend battery life to the maximum, then many other poeple may be able to use their purchases. However indescriminate and wanton waste of batteries will result in the tightly restricted basis of issue being continued.

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(B. G. LeDan)
Capt
RSO

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DIAGRAM A



Jumper made of D10 or copper conductor.

DIAGRAM B

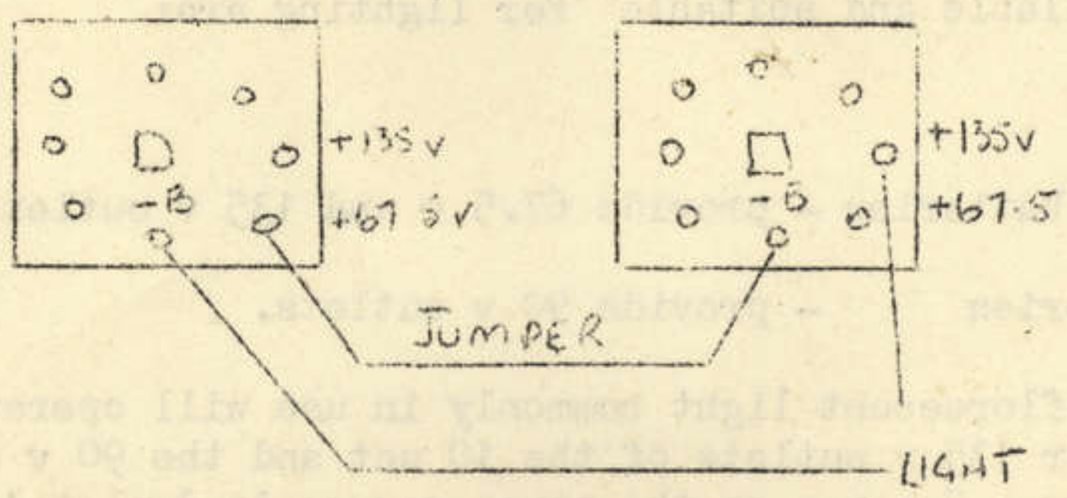
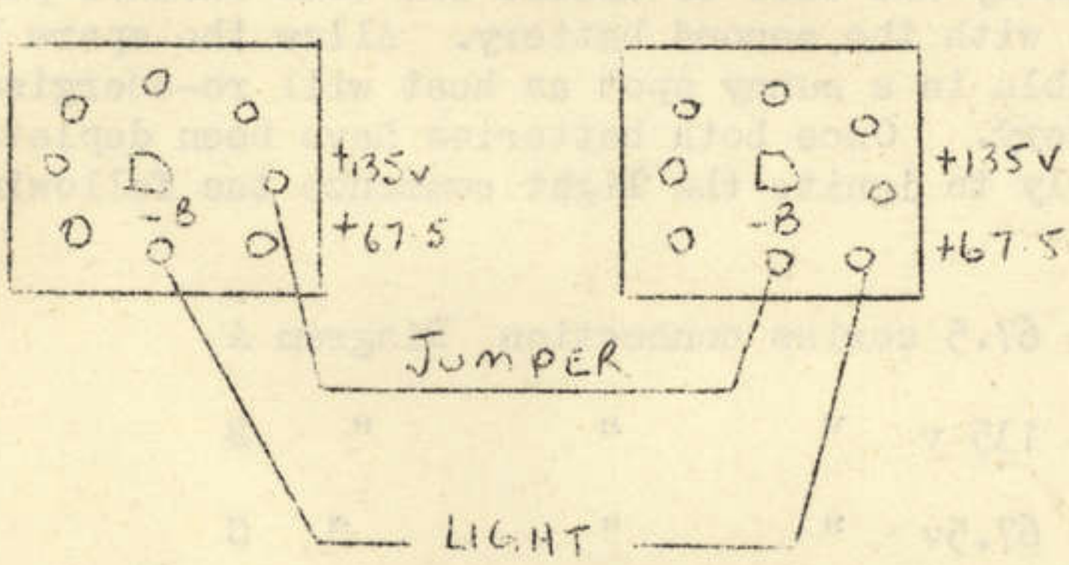
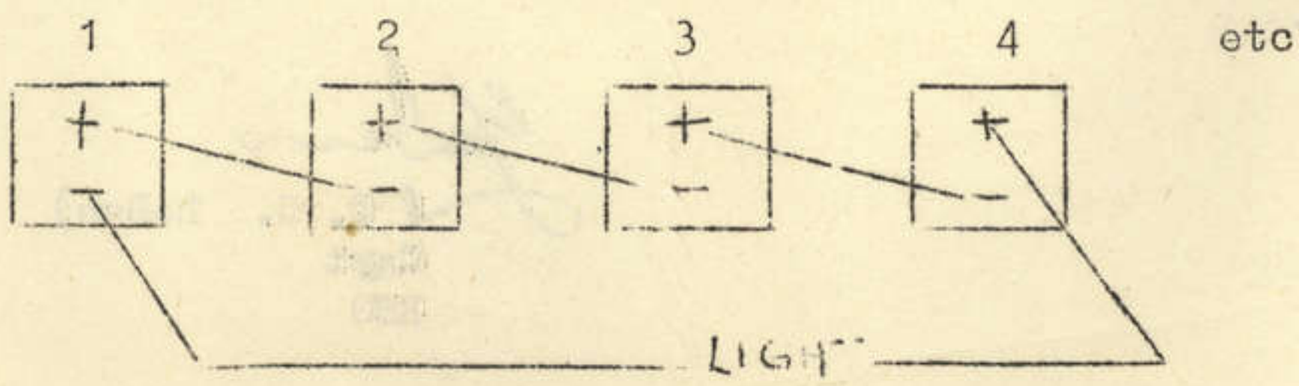


DIAGRAM 6



Further connections in series may be made using the basic principle of connecting positive to negative as follows :-

Series of batteries



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Annex E-4

PRECEDENCE-ACTION	DATE-TIME-GROUP	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
	04 Z	RESTRICTED
From 5 RAR		ORIGINATOR'S NUNBER
To A Coy B Coy C Coy D Coy Sp Coy Admin Coy		OPS 3

INFO CO 2 IC IO FCC CP

SITREP 11. From 032000H to 042000H. ONE. EN. ALPHA. 6 RAR aprehended 1 VC at 041427H GR 455635. The VC had NO wpn amm tried to escape and was shot dead. BRAVO. 1 Fd Regt reported muffled explosion by 3400 mils from GR 444648 at 041300H. CHARLIE. 1 Fd Regt reported 4 VC at GR 424657 time 041300H. Engaged by 155mm Sp Bty. Results unknown. TWO. OWN SIT. ALPHA. 5 RAR patrolled TAOR NTR. BRAVO. 41 H & I serials fired. CHARLIE. Pre planned air strike on tgt at GR 354688 at 041115H. 50 percent of bombs on tgt. THREE. ADMIN. NTR

DRAFTER'S NAME	OFFICE
ISAACS	CP

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE AND RANK

Lieut for Capt

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PRECEDENCE-ACTION	DATE-TIME-GROUP	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
	04 Z	RESTRICTED
From 5 RAR		ORIGINATOR'S NUNBER
To A Coy B Coy C Coy D Coy Sp Coy Admin Coy		OPS 3

INFO CO 2 IC IO FCC CP

SITREP 11. From 032000H to 042000H. ONE. EN. ALPHA. 6 RAR aprehended 1 VC at 041427H GR 455635. The VC had NO wpn amm tried to escape and was shot dead. BRAVO. 1 Fd Regt reported muffled explosion by 3400 mils from GR 444648 at 041300H. CHARLIE. 1 Fd Regt reported 4 VC at GR 424657 time 041300H. Engaged by 155mm Sp Bty. Results unknown. TWO. OWN SIT. ALPHA. 5 RAR patrolled TAOR NTR. BRAVO. 41 H & I serials fired. CHARLIE. Pre planned air strike on tgt at GR 354688 at 041115H. 50 percent of bombs on tgt. THREE. ADMIN. NTR

DRAFTER'S NAME	OFFICE
ISAACS	CP

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE AND RANK

[signature] Lt for Capt

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VEHICLE MOVEMENT - NUI DAT TO VUNG TAU

1. There will be a daily vehicle convoy to Vung Tau, details are as follows:

a. Composition.

(1) Two vehicles for laundry daily except Sundays.

(2) One vehicle for the hospital visiting officer. The trailer is to be used to pick up sand, for delivery to the unit canteen site.

(3) One vehicle allocated daily to a company, except Sundays, as follows:

(a)	Mondays	-	C Coy	See note 1.
(b)	Tuesdays	-	Sp Coy	
(c)	Wednesdays	-	A Coy	
(d)	Thursdays	-	D Coy	
(e)	Fridays	-	Admin Coy	
(f)	Saturdays	-	B Coy	

(4) No other vehicle is to move to Vung Tau without the approval of the 2IC.

b. Commander. The hospital visiting officer is appointed convoy commander and his duties are contained in 5 RAR SOPs Part IV paragraph 102.

c. Timings.

(1) Nui Dat. Depart from outside unit canteen at 0900 hours.

(2) Vung Tau. Depart from area of flags at 1500 hours.

(3) Companies are to ensure their personnel and laundry vehicles are on time.

(4) The TO will despatch the convoy at 0900 hours, any vehicle or personnel who miss the convoy will not be permitted to depart.

d. Parking. Drivers and vehicle commanders are reminded of their responsibilities regarding the parking of vehicles.

e. Security.

(1) The 5 RAR operational hat band tape MUST NOT be displayed.

(2) Weapons. Weapons are not permitted to be carried in Vung Tau. They may be secured at HQ 1 ALSG, 1 Coy RAASC or the guardroom PACIFIC HOTEL.

/NOTE:

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PRECEDENCE-ACTION	DATE-TIME-GROUP	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
	05 0700 Z	RESTRICTED
From 5 RAR		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
To List D		A 379

Use of Claymore Mines. Addressees may use Claymore Mines in ambush and harbour positions if they so require. Great care should be exercised in the use of the weapon.

DRAFTER'S NAME	OFFICE
FRIDOLF	Chief Clerk

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

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PASSWORDS AND RADIO CODES
PERIOD 15 AUG TO 31 AUG 66

PERIOD	POINT ORIGIN		Q HOUR	PASSWORDS
151800	ANIMAL	4473	1100H	THICK SALT
to	FISH	4768		
161800	CAR	4167		
161800	BIRD	4371	0900H	OCEAN PILL
to	SNAKE	4767		
171800H	COLOUR	4066		
171800	FRUIT	4772	2300H	GRAPE MEAT
to	GIRL	4570		
181800H	OCEAN	4365		
181800	ANIMAL	4271	1700H	HORSE BIRD
to	CAR	4768		
191800H	CITY	4166		
191800	GIRL	4371	1300H	COKE CAT
to	STATE	4766		
201800H	TREE	4165		
201800	COLOUR	4370	0100H	ROGER BUS
to	PLANET	4572		
211800H	BIRD	4567		
211800	ANIMAL	4371	1300H	SORRY SALLY
to	FISH	4768		
221800H	GIRL	3976		
221800	CAR	4471	1100H	BROKEN TRUCK
to	FRUIT	4667		
231800H	ANIMAL	3867		
231800	SNAKE	4570	0700H	STRING FINGER
to	PLANET	4565		
241800H	COLOUR	4064		
241800	CITY	3968	0800H	ROUND EYE
to	BIRD	4365		
251800H	TREE	4670		
251800	STATE	4666	2200H	APPLE WIFE
to	COLOUR	4269		
261800H	FISH	3765		
261800	PLANET	4365	2100H	TROUT SWIM
to	GIRL	3768		
271800H	TREE	4570		

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PERIOD	POINT ORIGIN		Q HOUR	PASSWORDS
271800 to 281800H	BIRD PLANET STATE	4470 4165 4069	1300H	LONG LIVER
281800 to 291800H	STATE COLOUR PLANET	4070 4365 4669	1700H	LAZY POT
291800 to 301800H	BIRD FRUIT PLANET	38 66 4671 4267	1900H	LETTER SLOW
301800 to 311800H	ANIMAL COLOUR GIRL	4470 4465 3966	0300H	MAID STATE

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Distributions:

A Coy	(15)
B Coy	(15)
C Coy	(15)
D Coy	(15)
Sp Coy	(10)
Admin Coy	(10)
CO	
2IC	
S3	
S2	
S1	
Asst S3	
TO	
QM	
Asst QM	
File	
Spare	(20)
Comds Diary	(3)

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INTELLIGENCE EVALUATION RATING

1. Intelligence information received from outside sources usually has an evaluation rating specified.

2. The evaluation rating table is in TWO parts:

a. A LETTER - This indicates the reliability of the source of information.

b. A NUMBER - This is the Intelligence Staff's rating of the information, normally assessed as a result of other information received.

3. The table is as follows:

A.	COMPLETELY RELIABLE	1.	CONFIRMED
B.	USUALLY RELIABLE	2.	PROBABLY TRUE
C.	FAIRLY RELIABLE	3.	POSSIBLY TRUE
D.	NOT USUALLY RELAIBLE	4.	DOUBTFULLY TRUE
E.	UNRELIABLE	5.	IMPROBABLE
F.	RELIABILITY CANNOT BE JUDGED	6.	TRUTH CANNOT BE JUDGED

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5 RAR
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vic YS441684

062230H Aug 66

OPS..3.....

OPORD 11 - 66 Op HOLSWORTHY

Reference: Maps: VIETNAM 1:25000 Pictomap Series L8020 Sheets
6430 11 S, 111 S, 11 N, 111 N.
1:50000 Sheet IV.
1:10000 Enlarged XA BINH BA

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. Annexes A, B and C.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) PHUOC TUY Sector Controlling.
LONG LE Sub Sector.
DUC THANH Sub Sector .
1 Commando Company.
Pacification Team.
Province Interrogation Centre.

(2) 6 RAR, less two rifle companies, remain in own base area and continues normal local security operations.

(3) 5 RAR is to be responsible for the security of its own base area throughout the operation.

(4) Op HOLSWORTHY consists of six phases affecting 5 RAR TF. Phase 1, Phase 2, excluding the search of DUC MY and Phase 3 only are covered in this order. A separate Frag Order is to be issued for the DUC MY search. Phases 4 to 6, involving the introduction of 1 Commando Company and Pacification Team into BINH BA, the opening of Route TL 2 and clearance of the surrounds of BINH BA, are also to be covered by separate Frag Orders.

c. Attachments and Detachments.

(1) Under command from 1800 hours
D -1:
1 APC Sqn (-) (Minimum of Sqn HQ, two tps and two mortar sects required)
One tp 1 Fd Sqn
C and D Coys of 6 RAR

(2) Under command from 1600 hours
D Day until conclusion of search
D +2:
Det of 1 ATF Linguist Sect (6 Interpreters)

(3) Under command from 1700 hours
D Day:
One sect, 1 Tpt Pl RAASC (5x2½ ton vehicles)

(4) Remaining in direct support: 105 Fd Bty.

(5) Remaining in support:
103 Fd Bty
161 Bty RNZA
Bty A 2/35 Arty

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(6) In support from 1800 hours
D -1: One USAF FAC radio operator
One additional MO for MEDCAP

(7) In support from 1600 hours
D Day until conclusion of search
D +2: Psywar aircraft
6 Vietnamese National Police
Psywar Det (One officer one enlisted man)

(8) In support from 0600 hours
D +1: One H13 of 161 Recce Flt

(9) In support from 0700 hours
D +1: One HU 1B of 9 Sqn RAAF

(10) In support from 0700 hours
D +1 until D+5: FAC

(11) In support as available: Light Fire Teams

2. MISSION. 5 RAR TF is to apprehend and evacuate all males of military age and other VC suspects from DUC TRUNG and BINH BA villages.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations:

(1) Phase 1: The simultaneous cordon of DUC TRUNG (YS 453746) and BINH BA (YS 448749) villages by first light D +1 as fols:

(a) Preliminary Operations:

i. C Coy 5 RAR to establish a patrol base at vic YS 440716 on D -3.

ii. Reccee elements of A, B, C and D Coys of 5 RAR and C and D Coys of 6 RAR to conduct recces forward from the patrol base on the night D -3/D -2 for familiarization of routes and respective sub unit cordon areas.

iii. C Coy 5 RAR and recce elements to return to 5 RAR base location D -2.

(b) Cordons:

i. 5 RAR (less B Coy) plus C and D Coys of 6 RAR, to move to a forward assembly area vic YS 433734 on D Day (8 Aug 66).

ii. B Coy to move to an independant forward assembly area vic 465738 on D Day (8 Aug 66).

iii. Cordons to be in position by 0530 hours D +1. See Annex P for routes, locations and cordon layout. In general:

DUC TRUNG: D Coy 5 RAR and D Coy 6 RAR.

BINH BA: Two pls of A Coy, B Coy, (until relieved by APCs), C Coy 5 RAR and C Coy 6 RAR.

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(c) Ambushes: To be established by 0530 hours D +1 as stops in depth behind the cordons and to cover DUC MY village (YS 445733). Locations are shown on Annex P. To be provided by one pl of A Coy and Anti Tk Pl. To be lifted on orders from Bn HQ.

(2) Phase 2: The search of the two hamlets apprehending all military aged males between 12 and 45 years old and other VC suspects as fols:

(a) DUC TRUNG: To be searched from NORTH to SOUTH by one pl of A Coy with RAE assistance after the ambushes on DUC MY village have been lifted and when ordered by Bn HQ.

(b) BINH BA: To be searched from EAST to WEST by B Coy with RAE assistance after being relieved on the cordon by APCs and when ordered by Bn HQ.

(c) Apprehension of Military Aged Males and Suspects.

Searching sub units to hold persons and advise Bn HQ of numbers. Collection to be by APCs to the unit cage situated at the Bn HQ location.

(d) Duration of Phase: D +1 and probably D +2.

(e) Actions on Conclusion of Search: DUC TRUNG cordon to move SOUTH and search DUC MY village on orders from Bn HQ. Separate Frag Order to be issued. Remainder move when ordered to nominated harbour areas.

(3) Phase 3: The evacuation of apprehended males and any other suspects to BA RIA Soccer Field YS 384622 as fols:

(a) Evacuation is not to commence before 1000 hrs D +1 and is to be completed by 1800 hours on D+2.

(b) All persons for evacuation are to be back-loaded from the unit cage.

(c) Movement is to be by RAASC vehicles with APC escort.

b. A Company.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under command from 0700 hours D +1 (Arrival of APCs) until conclusion of search of DUC TRUNG: Half tp 1 Fd Sqn (12 men)
One 1 ATF interpreter

(b) In support for search of DUC TRUNG: One MEDCAP MO
Two Vietnamese Policemen.

(c) Normal unit atts.

(d) Ambush/search pl to initially include the coy interpreter from D Day and the half tp of 1 Fd Sqn and the 1 ATF interpreter from 0700 hrs D +1.

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(e) To pass to under command D Coy at conclusion of search of DUC TRUNG: Half tp 1 Fd Sqn
A Coy interpreter
One 1ATF Interpreter

(f) To pass to in sp D Coy at conclusion of search of DUC TRUNG: One MEDCAP MO
Two Policemen

(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide recce/guide party for preliminary operations D -3/D -2.

(b) Provide recce guide element of one senior NCO and four OR for layout of assembly area. Report to the CP at 0745 hours D Day.

(c) Coy less one pl cordon the WEST side of BINH BA village. (See Annex P).

(d) Remaining pl of A Coy:

i. Establish two ambushes NORTH of DUC MY village at vics road track junction YS 451734 and track bend YS 443736 on night D Day D +1, remaining in until approx 0700 hours D +1. (See Annex P).

ii. On orders from Bn HQ lift ambushes, marry up with APCs, interpreters and police and move to the NORTHERN edge of DUC TRUNG village. Marry up with the Engineers at this latter location.

iii. On orders from Bn HQ search DUC TRUNG village from NORTH to SOUTH.

iv. On completion of search of DUC TRUNG and on orders from Bn HQ, move SOUTH WEST along air-strip and rejoin A Coy on BINH BA cordon position leaving the MO, policemen, the interpreters and Engineers with D Coy 5 RAR.

(e) On completion of search of BINH BA and on orders from Bn HQ, move to and occupy harbour position vic YS 431750. (See Annex P).

c. B Company.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under command from 0700 hours D Day (Arrival of APCs): Half tp of 1 Fd Sqn (18 men)

(b) In support from arrival of APCs at BINH BA village D+1 to conclusion of search D+2: Four Interpreters
Four National Police-men

(c) Normal unit atts plus RMO and MEDCAP. Team on temporary basis D+1 and D+2.

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(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide recce/guide party for preliminary operations D -3/D -2.

(b) Move independantly to forward assembly area vic YS 465738 on D Day, thence into cordon position. B Coy to remain 100 metres EAST of TL2 until 0600 hours when the cordon is to be closed.

(c) Cordon the EAST side of BINH BA village. (See Annex P).

(d) Collect four interpreters and four policemen from Psyop APC on arrival at approx 0700 hrs D +1.

(e) When relieved of cordon responsibility by APCs and on orders from Bn HQ, search BINH BA from EAST to WEST.

(f) On completion of search of BINH BA and on orders from Bn HQ, move to and occupy harbour position vic YS 457731. (See Annex P).

d. C Company

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under command for preliminary operations: Recce/Guide elms of A, B, D Coys 5 RAR and C and D Coys 6 RAR.

(b) Normal unit atts less interpreter who reverts to under comd Bn HQ by 1800 hours D -1.

(2) Tasks

(a) Establish a patrol base at vic YS 443717 on D -3 and control preliminary recce operations on night D -3/D -2.

(b) Provide own recce elment D -3/D -2.

(c) Provide assistance to recce elements as required.

(d) Provide recce/guide element of one senior NCO and four OR for layout of assembly area. Report to the CP at 0745 hours D Day.

(e) Cordon the NORTH side of BINH BA village (See Annex P).

(f) On completion of the search of BINH BA and on orders from Bn HQ move to and occupy harbour position vic YS 445746. Provide protection for Bn HQ at this location.

e. D Company.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal unit atts.

(b) If an attack comes during the cordon of DUC TRUNG, Bn HQ may place D Coy 6 RAR under comd D Coy 5 RAR.

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(c) Under command from completion of search of DUC TRUNG:
D Coy 6 RAR
One Tp 1 APC Sqn
Half tp 1 Fd Sqn (12 men)
A Coy interpreter
One 1 ATF interpreter

(d) In support from conclusion of search of DUC TRUNG:
One MEDCAP MO
Two Vietnamese Police-men.

(2) Tasks

(a) Provide recce/guide party for preliminary operations D -3/D -2.

(b) Provide recce/guide party to layout assembly area. Report to CP 0745 hours D Day. One senior NCO 4 OR.

(c) Cordon the NORTH and WEST sides of DUC TRUNG village.

(d) On completion of the search of DUC TRUNG and when ordered by Bn HQ, assume command of the forces listed in 3 e (1) (b) above and move to search DUC MY YS 445733 (Separate Frag Order to be issued).

(e) On completion of the DUC MY search and on orders from Bn HQ, move to and occupy harbour position vic YS 455753 (See Annex P).

f. Mortar Platoon.

(1) Grouping.

(a) One sect under command 5 RAR (Rear) until completion of the operation.

(b) Pl less one sect to be located with Bn HQ 5 RAR at BINH BA vic YS 445746 from AM D +1.

(2) Tasks

(a) Sect in base area. Provide support for 5 RAR (Rear).

/(b) Remainder

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(b) Remainder.

i. Provide sp to limit of range for mov of 5 RAR TF to forward assembly areas.

ii. Carry out partial loading of ammo and stores 1600 hours D Day.

iii. Rejoin HQ 5 RAR at vic YS 445766 on the morning of D + 1 departing base area 0630 hours in APCs.

iv. Provide sp from new Bn HQ location both sects being mounted in APCs.

v. Carry forward 100 rounds per mortar within the mortar APCs. Total 400 rounds.

vi. Receive incendiary bombs from Aslt Pnr Pl by 1800 hours D - 1 to be taken forward to Bn HQ location on D + 1 on mortar APCs.

g. Anti Tk Platoon.

(1) Grouping. Pl to be split into two ambush groups commanded by the Pl Comd and Pl Sgt respectively.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Establish ambushes at vic YS 455754 and vic 449727 (See Annex P) on night D Day D + 1.

(b) Remain in position until ordered in by Bn HQ, which will be at approx 0645 hours D + 1 for the SOUTHERN ambush and approx 0715 hours D + 1 for the NORTHERN one.

(c) Relief in the ambush positions is to be by APCs.

(d) Return to Bn HQ loc by APCs.

(e) Assist with defence of Bn HQ.

(f) Form part of the Bn reserve.

h. Assualt Pioneer Platoon.

(1) Grouping. No change

(2) Tasks.

(a) Form part of the Bn reserve.

(b) Assist with the defence of Bn HQ.

(c) Construct three suspect holding cages with toilets and screening in the Bn HQ area.

(d) Provide security for the holding cages. Ensure NO unauthorised personnel remain in the vicinity.

(e) Establish a water point.

(f) Prepare incendiary bombs for use by search parties as required. Bombs to be safely packed and delivered to Mortar Pl by 1800 D - 1 for carriage forward.

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i. C Company 6 RAR.

(1) Grouping. Normal atts.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide recce/guide party for preliminary operations D - 3/D - 2.

(b) Cordon the SOUTH side of BINH BA village (See Annex P).

(c) On completion of the search of BINH BA and when ordered by 5 RAR, move to vic YS 440737 and secure the gun area.

(d) Coordinate the defence of the gun area.

* (e) Provide recce guide element of one senior NCO and four OR for lay-out of assembly area. Report to CP at 0745 hours D Day.

j. D Company 6 RAR.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal atts.

(b) If any attack comes during the cordon of DUC TRUNG Bn HQ may place D Coy 6 RAR under command of D Coy 5 RAR.

(c) Under command D Coy 5 RAR, from completion of search of DUC TRUNG, for operation to search DUC MY. (See separate Frag Order)

(d) If necessary harbour with D Coy 5 RAR night D + 1/D + 2.

(e) Revert to under command 6 RAR afternoon D + 2.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide recce/guide party for preliminary operations D - 3/D - 2.

(b) Cordon the SOUTH and EAST sides of DUC TRUNG village.

(c) Cordon DUC MY village (See separate Frag Order)

** (d) Provide recce guide element of one senior NCO and four OR for layout of assembly area. Report to the CP at 0745 hours D Day.

k. Armour.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Sqn (-) under comd 5 RAR from 1800 hours D - 1 (Minimum of Sqn HQ, two tps, and two mor sects)

(b) One tp under comd D Coy 5 RAR from completion of search of DUC TRUNG until completion of search of DUC MY (See separate Frag Order)

(2) Tasks. As per Annex F.

/l. Artillery.

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1. Artillery.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal atts.

(b) 105 Fd Bty is to relocate to new gun area vic YS 440737 on D + 2. Coordination of defence by C Coy 6 RAR.

(2) Tasks.

(a) 105 Fd Bty is to provide direct support from NUI DAT area until D + 2 thence from the new gun area for the remainder of the operation. The new area is to be secured before the arrival of the bty, by C Coy 6 RAR. 105 Fd Bty not to move forward until cleared by Bn HQ.

(b) 105 Fd Bty is to confirm suitability of new gun area D + 1.

m. Engineers.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under command A Coy from 0700 hours D + 1 until the completion of search of DUC TRUNG village: Half tp of 1 Fd Sqn (12 men)

(b) Under command B Coy from 0700 hours D + 1 until further advised: Half tp of 1 Fd Sqn (18 men).

(c) Under command D Coy from the completion of search of DUC TRUNG village until further advised. (See separate Frag Order for DUC MY search) Half tp of 1 Fd Sqn (12 men)

(2) Tasks.

(a) Load in two separate groups onto APCs reporting 1 Fd Sqn lines at 0600 hours D + 1. A Coy group of 12 men onto one APC and B Coy group of 18 men onto two APCs.

(b) Move to locations of search coys and report to respective OCs as follows:

i. A Coy Group: NORTH end of DUC TRUNG village.

ii. B Coy Group: EAST end of BINH BA village

(c) Assist sub units in village clearance.

/(d) Provide

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(d) Provide 12 respirators of type currently used by RAE to be loaded at 5 RAR Rear at 1600 hours D Day for delivery forward to Bn HQ location D + 1. Liaise with QM 5 RAR.

(e) Provide 6 mine detectors to be loaded at 5 RAR Rear at 1600 hours D Day for delivery forward to Bn HQ location D + 1. Liaise with QM 5 RAR.

n. Aviation.

(1) Grouping.

(a) One SIOUX aircraft of 161 Recce Flt to be under the control of the acting XO 5 RAR (Maj A. P. CASSIDY).

(b) One psywar aircraft to be under control of the acting XO.

(c) One UHIB of 9 Sqn to be in general support as required by Bn HQ.

(d) Light fire teams if available on call to Bn HQ.

(e) FAC on call.

(f) FAC operator with Bn HQ.

(2) Tasks.

(a) 161 Recce Flt.

i. Provide a SIOUX aircraft to be airborne over BINH BA, carrying the acting XO, by 0615 hours D + 1.

ii. Acting XO to guide psywar aircraft to BINH BA area and control its activities from the SIOUX.

iii. SIOUX to carry out air observation over the cordon areas throughout the period of the search operations.

iv. Acting XO is to report 161 Recce Flt PM D Day in readiness for early take off. Request 161 Recce Flt provide accomodation.

v. Two psywar aircraft pilots are also to report 161 Recce Flt PM D Day for briefing by acting XO and in readiness for early take off. Request 161 Recce Flt provide accomodation.

(b) Psywar Aircraft.

i. Pilots report 161 Recce Flt PM D Day as advised by Lt SINCERBEAUX, (Psyops officer 1 ATF). To be briefed by acting XO 5 RAR, Maj A. P. CASSIDY. Accomodation 161 Recce Flt.

ii. Carry out psyops over BINH BA area from 0615 hours D + 1. To be guided to area and controlled by the acting XO.

(c) UHIB.

i. Possible rapid evacuation of VCC VCS VC wounded or ralliers.

/ii. Possible

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ii. Possible air observation tasks to relieve SIOUX during refuelling.

(d) Light Fire Teams. (If available) Air cover throughout cordon and search.

(e) FAC. Tasks as required.

(f) FAC Operator. Tasks as directed by Bn HQ. To report 5 RAR Main by 1800 hours D - 1.

(g) Aircraft Frequencies. SIOUX and Psywar aircraft are NOT to come on the Bn command net except in an emergency. The acting XO is to take a 25 set with him in the SIOUX for air/ground communications.

o. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Bn Reserve. Aslt Pnr Pl, Anti Tk Pl (From 0730 hours D + 1), elements of 1 APC Sqn.

(2) Security.

(a) All ranks incl atts to wear red hat bands.

(b) All food tins issued during civic action to be opened before issue.

(c) RAASC vehicles carrying suspects to BARIA to be closed down with canopies and bows.

(d) No unauthorised personnel near the PW cage.

(3) Timings. See att Annex D, Sequence of Events.

(4) D Day. 8 Aug 66.

(5) Forward Assembly Areas, Routes, Cordon Positions, Ambush Positions, and Harbour Locations: Annex P.

(6) Assembly Area Recce. Coy Recce/guide elements (Less B Coy) to report to Adjt at 0745 hours D Day at CP to move forward to lay out the Bn Forward Assembly Area. Adjt to command patrol. Each coy group to include one senior NCO and four other ranks.

(7) Report Lines.

(a) Feature vic YS 433708 known as NIGHT PAD.

(b) Stream at YS 433723 known as TABLE SALT.

(c) Rubber corner vic YS 464473 known as PEPPER POT.

(d) Corner of airfield vic YS 432741 known as MASCOT FIELD.

(e) SOUTHWEST corner of DUC TRUNG vic YS 452746 known as GUILDFIELD FIELD.

(f) Rubber corner vic YS 433734 known as EAGLE FARM.

(8) Assembly Areas.

(a) Main - vic 433734 known as RANDWICH PARK.

/(b) B Coy -

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(b) B Coy - vic YS 465738 known as STUDLEIGH PARK.

(9) Order of March.

(a) B Coy. To move independantly.

(b) Main Body. To forward assembly area thence into cordon and ambush positions:

D Coy 5 RAR (Plus the NORTHERN Anti Tk Pl ambush party)

D Coy 6 RAR

Bn HQ group

A Coy ambush/search pl (plus the SOUTHERN Anti Tk Pl ambush party)

C Coy 5 RAR

C Coy 6 RAR

A Coy less one pl.

(10) Cordon Formations. Within each coy (excluding A Coy).

(a) Two pls up each with three sects up and men posted in pairs every 30 metres approximately.

(b) One depth pl approximately 75 - 100 metres rear of the cordon line.

(c) A Coy is to provide a depth element from within the resources of the two pls available.

(11) Rules of Engagement.

(a) Fire only:

i. When fired at.

ii. When a suspect is about to commit a hostile act.

iii. If a suspect attempts to run through a cordon and fails to halt after challenge.

(b) If in doubt don't shoot.

(c) Don't fire into the cordon area unless the fire is controlled and the target can be clearly seen.

(d) If fired on from a house:

i. Take cover.

ii. Call forward the interpreter.

iii. Get a loud hailer.

iv. Have the interpreter advise the occupants to surrender.

v. If no success call for the village chief and have him speak to the householder.

/vi. If the occupants

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vi. If the occupants still refuse to surrender, burn the house.

(e) These are the only circumstances under which houses are to be burnt.

(f) All males of military age (12 - 45 years) are to be taken to the bn cage (Call forward APCs from Bn HQ as required)

(g) Don't harrass women and children.

(h) Soldiers will not search women.

(12) Surrendered Personnel. Intention to surrender is indicated by shirt off, weapon slung upside down and hands held above the head. This signal is to be honoured and the VCS rapidly evacuated. Expect ralliers.

(13) Curfew. When the cordon is in position on D + 1, the Psyops voice aircraft is to be used to advise the villagers that a household curfew has been imposed until further notice. This warning is to be repeated using the psyops APC before and during the search.

(14) Bedding for Detainees. All persons evacuated from villages, excluding VCC, are to be instructed to take a sleeping mat. Psyops broadcasts and interpreters are to announce this.

(15) Psyops.

(a) A psyops voice aircraft is to be employed from 0615 hours D + 1 to approximately 0730 hours D + 1 using prepared tape recordings provided by 1 ATF Psyops Officer. Briefly the tape informs the villagers that they are surrounded, a house curfew is to apply and that they will not be harmed if they obey and do as they are told.

(b) An APC fitted with an amplifier system and crewed by the 1 ATF Psyops officer and an interpreter is then to address each village in turn advising the advantages of surrender or rallying also the honourable intentions of the Australian searchers. This is to be done prior to the search commencing with BINH BA at approx 0730 hours D + 1.

(c) Leaflets and postbills have also been prepared and are to be distributed during the search and during the ensuring civic action activities by psyops team.

(16) Civic Action.

(a) Civic Action is to be undertaken without interfering with the search, apprehension and evacuation of males.

(b) RMO 5 RAR is to carry out MEDCAP in BINH BA.

(c) Att RMO is to carry out MEDCAP in DUC TRUNG and DUC MY.

(d) Food issues are also to be made at appropriate times during the searches. OC search groups are to advise suitable times and supplies will be forwarded from Bn HQ for issue. A/QM to organize despatch.

/, (e) Any tins of food

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(e) Any tins of food are to be opened before issue.

(f) Prior to D Day, the IO is to liase with Civil Affairs sect at 1 ATF regarding provision of foodstuffs.

(g). QM is to collect food from 1 ATF and arrange for packing into containers suitable for distribution. These actions to be complete by 1600 hours D Day.

(17) Interpreters

(a) Three unit interpreters are available for the operation and these have been allocated as follows:

A Coy interpreter:	With A Coy ambush/ search pl until conclusion of DUC TRUNG search then to pass to under comd D Coy.
C Coy interpreter:	With the IO from 1800 hours D -1.
Bn HQ interpreter:	With the IO.

(b) A further six interpreters are under command from 1 ATF until D +2 and these have been allocated as follows:

One interpreter:	To A Coy for the search of DUC TRUNG then to pass to under command of D Coy.
One interpreter:	To the Psyops Officer
Four interpretors:	To B Coy.

(c). The six 1 ATF interpreters are to report to 5 RAR rear at 1600 hours D Day. Asst Adjt is to ensure that they are accomodated, rationed and depart on the correct APCs on D +1. See APC tasks for allocation.

(18) Vietnamese Police.

(a) Six Vietnames police are in support until D +2 and these have been allocated as follows:

DUC TRUNG search:	Two policemen to A Coy then to D Coy at the conclusion of the search.
BINH BA search:	Four policemen to B Coy

(b) The six policemen are to report to 5 RAR at 1600 hours to 5 RAR Rear at 1600 hours D Day. Asst Adjt is to ensure that they are accomodated, rationed and depart on the correct APCs on D+1. See APC tasks for allocation.

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(19) Vietnames Challenges.

(a) All ranks should be aware of the following challenges:

HALT or STOP = DU LAI
Phonetic = YOONG LIE

HANDS UP = DƯA TAY LÊN
Phonetic = DOOA TY LUN

LIE DOWN = NẰM XUỐNG
Phonetic = NUM SUONG

COME HERE = LAI DÂY
Phonetic = LYEE DAYEE

(b) These should be used.

(20) Pacification Team Recce Elements To report to 5 RAR Rear by 0830 hrs D +1 for movement forward to Bn HQ on convoy departing at that time.

(21) Bn Cage The Aslt Pnr Pl is to construct three separate cages at the Bn HQ location under direction of the IO. Two cages are to include screened toilet facilities and one a screened interrogation area. All cages are to contain a tarpaulin shelter.

(22) Interrogation. Initial interrogation is to be conducted by the IO assisted by the C Coy and Bn HQ interpreters and Pte Simpson of Sig Pl. Pte Simpson is to remain with the Intelligence Sect until the end of Phase 3. IO to arrange.

(23) Evacuation of Suspects from Bn HQ By RAASC transport, escorted by APCs to BA RIA Soccer Ground to be handed over to the PHUOC TUY SECTOR authorities. The evacuation is not to commence before 1000 hours D +1 and to be complete by 1800 hours D +2.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Rations.

(1) Fresh. Breakfast D Day (8 Aug 66).

(2) Combat Rations.

(a) One day to be carried on the man.

(b) One day in the pack in the APCs.

(3) Further Resupply. By APCs. Two days on D +2.

(4) Civic Action Rations.

(a) 100 by combat rations are to be brought forward to the cage on D +1. QM to arrange.

(b) A quantity of rice (basis 2lb per adult), powdered milk and other suitable food stuffs are to be obtained from Civil Affairs 1 ATF. IO and QM to arrange.

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This food is to be suitably packed for individual issue. Packing to be done in A Echelon and completed by 1600 hours D Day. It is then to be sent forward by APC to the Bn HQ location preparatory to issue in the civic action programme. A/QM to hold until issued and organise despatch from Bn HQ to search groups.

b. Transport.

(1) Grouping. Under command from 1700 hours D Day: One sect 1 Tpt Pl RAASC (5x2½ ton vehicles)

(2) Tasks.

(a) Report to 5 RAR Rear, Transport Officer, at 0815 hours D +1 for marrying up with APCs for escort forward to Bn HQ area.

(b) Carry VCS and males of military age from the 5 RAR cage to BA RIA Soccer Field vic YS 384622.

(c) Have vehicles closed down with canopies and bows.

c. Water.

(1) Full bottles on departure from base D Day.

(2) Local water with normal sterilization thereafter.

(3) Aslt Pnr Pl are to establish a water point in the BINH BA estate. Location to be advised.

(4) Water pump and hosing to be brought forward with other Aslt Pnr stores on D +1. CQMS Sp Coy to arrange.

d. Ammunition.

(1) Normal scale of SAA and grenades are to be carried.

(2) Coys are to ensure that ample coloured smoke is carried to facilitate identification of cordon sectors from ground or air. This smoke is to be thrown on orders from the acting XO or Bn HQ.

(3) Cry Baby grenades are to be carried within each coy. In particular A and B Coys are to ensure these are available down to sect level for search parties.

(4) Aslt Pnr Pl are to provide incendiary bombs for use by search parties if required.

(5) 400 rds of mortar ammunition to be taken in APCs.

e. Med.

(1) Normal med atts remain.

(2) Shell dressings (NOT field dressings) are to be carried.

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(3) The RMO, Bandmaster and SB Sgt are to travel with Bn HQ to BINH BA area but are to join B Coy prior to commencement of search by 0725 hours D +1. They are to carry out MEDCAP as necessary during the search.

(4) One additional MEDCAP MO is to travel with Bn HQ to BINH BA area then move by APC to join A Coy search group prior to commencement of search of DUC TRUNG by 0725 hours D +1.

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(5) MEDCAP stores are to move forward by APC on D + 1 QM to arrange.

(6) Medevac from the villages or cordon is to be by APC thence by DUSTOFF aircraft.

f. Additional Stores. The following additional stores are to be loaded on APCs at 1600 hrs, D Day and taken forward to Bn HQ location departing 0830 hours D + 1 QM to obtain stores and arrange overall loading in accordance with APC tasks.

(1) Loud Hailers. All 5 RAR loud hailers, in addition, as many as possible should be sought from 1 ATF QM to arrange. These loud hailers are to be issued to B Coy and the A Coy search pl. A/QM to coordinate issue and movement on APCs at forward end. The A Coy hailers are then to be passed over to D Coy for the DUC MY search.

(2) Wiring Stores. Quantity as organised by Aslt Pnr Pl to construct the three cages. CQMS Sp Coy and Pnr storeman to liaise with QM.

(3) Mine Detectors.(6) To be held by Fd Engr Tp rep at Bn HQ for use if required, CQMS Sp Coy and OC Fd Engr Tp to liaise with QM.

(4) Respirators (12 Mimimum). NOT chest pack type. To be held at Bn HQ for issue to engineers if required. QM to arrange with OC Fd Tp.

(5) Tarpaulins. (3) For use in the bn cage.

(6) Hessian Screening. Sufficient for three cages at Bn HQ.

(7) Explosives.

(a) Prepared satchels of explosives for issue to B Coy, A Coy search pl and RAE elements as required. OC Fd Tp and Aslt Pnr Pl Comd to liaise with QM.

(b) Explosives to be held by Aslt Pnr Pl at Bn HQ until required.

g. Loading of Packs. By coy rear parties organised by CQMS's at 1600 hours D Day. APCs are to report to respective coy locations.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

a. Bn HQ

(1) To move behind D Coy 6 RAR on the march.

(2) Located at vic YS 445746 for the operation.

b. Radio.

(1) Additions to the Bn Command Net:

(a) C Coy 6 RAR. To use callsign INDIA 3.

(b) D Coy 6 RAR. To use callsign INDIA 4.

(c) A Coy ambush/search pl. To use own callsign for the pl comd's group and B for the pl sgt's group. To remain on the command net until ordered to revert to A Coy net by Bn HQ.

/(d) Anti Tk Pl

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(d) Anti Tk Pl ambushes. As for the A Coy ambush/search pl except 61B is to close down on return to Bn HQ area and when ordered by control.

(2) Acting XO to take a 25 set on SIOUX for air to ground communications using normal XO callsign.

(3) Frequencies.

(a) As per current SOIs.

(b) SIOUX and psywar aircraft are not to come on the Bn command frequency except in an emergency. Air ground communications to be via the acting XO's 25 set. Inter aircraft communications on aircraft frequency.

(c) All current radio frequencies to be checked by RSO on D -1 for overlapping interference.

(4) Callwords and Callsigns. As per current SOIs and Annex E.

(5) Radio traffic is to be minimised during the night march.

c. Passwords, Points of Origin Q Hours. As currently issued plus supplementary points of origin to be issued separately.

d. KAC Code. As per current SOIs.

e.

Nicknames	Meaning	Given By
COUNTRY DANCE	In forward assembly area	All callsigns
SHARP SWORD	In position or in cordon or in ambush	All callsigns
HULA HOOP	Commencing to lay cordon	All callsigns
LONG SLEEP	Move/Moving now	All callsigns
MORNING DEW	Lift/Lifting ambush	All callsigns
TALL MAN	Stand to	All callsigns
BOXING GLOVE	Stand down	All callsigns
BIRD NEST	Clearing patrols out	All call signs
SHORT ARM	Clearing patrols in	All call signs
NIGHT PAD	Report line feature YS 433708	All callsigns
TABLE SALT	Report line stream YS 433723	All callsigns
PEPPER POT	Report line, rubber corner YS 464473	All callsigns
MASCOT FIELD	Report line corner of airfield vic YS 432741	All callsigns
GUILDFORD FIELD	Report line SOUTH WEST corner of DUC TRUNG vic YS452746	All callsigns
RANDWICK PARK	Main assembly area vic YS 433734	All callsigns
STUDLEIGH PARK	B Coy assembly area vic YS 465738	All callsigns

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EAGLE FARM | Report line rubber corner vic 433734 | All callsigns

f. Synchronization of Watches.

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Annexes: A. Enemy
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D. Sequence of Events.
E. Radio Diagram.
F. APC Task Table.
P. Forward Assembly Areas, Routes Cordon Positions, Ambush Positions, Harbour Locations.
Z. Distribution List.

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Annex A (Enemy) to OPORD 11-66 Copy No 66
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1. Background to XA BINH BA village YS 4574:

a. BINH BA is a three hamlet village (see paragraph 1c). BINH BA is the last major populated centre (approximately 2,300 people) in PHUOC TUY Province still under Viet Cong control. Until mid March 66, no major anti-VC operations had been carried out in the BINH BA area for approximately five years. It is estimated that perhaps 20% of the population (particularly the younger men) are actively supporting or are sympathetic towards, the hard core Viet Cong cadre within the village. The chart at Annex B shows a typical VC organisation for a VC dominated village. The chart at Annex C shows the actual VC organisation in BINH BA as far as can be determined from interrogation of prisoners captured by 5 RAR in their preliminary operation Op SYDNEY 2 from 6 Jul to 21 Jul 66.

b. In one way or another, the majority of the villagers will have collaborated with the VC, whether as members of the civil or political organisations shown at Annex C, or as members of the military elements. As a matter of practical survival they will have had little choice, but to pay their taxes, and provide food and labour. Superficially therefore BINH BA is entirely a VC village. Nevertheless the political allegiance of most villagers is probably more related to military strength than to ideology: if the Vietnamese Government can provide reasonable administration under joint Vietnamese and Australian military umbrella BINH BA will become pro-local government, for practical political purposes. This implies three major requirements;

(1) A continuing strong Australian presence.

(2) One Regional Force company for the local security of BINH BA.

(3) One revolutionary Development Team to initiate the reinstitution of government administrative control.

c. BINH BA Population

The figures below are an estimate of the BINH BA village complex population, by hamlets.

Hamlet	Coordinates	Population	Males 12-45
DUC TRUNG	453246	600	100
BINH BA	448739	1500	300
DUC MY	447725	200	50
TOTAL		2300	450

2. Economy:

Apart from the cultivation of minor fruit and vegetable crops, the major source of income for the BINH BA villagers is from working for the GALLIA rubber plantation, which surrounds the village. This plantation is still under French ownership and French management. In order to keep the plantation operating,

/the French

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the French ownership has clearly had to come to some financial agreement with the VC, ie, tax payment. Clearly this is undesireable, and the sooner the plantation can resume a normal working pattern, and the revenues from tax go to the government instead the better. Inter provincial Route 2 provides the land link from BINH GIA (YS 4677) and BINH BA to the Provincial Capital of BARIA.

3. Enemy:

a. Main Force. The Main Force elements operating in PHUOC TUY Province continue to be:

5 Division

274 Regiment 275 Regiment Unidentified Regt (Possible)

(1) Initially, it is unlikely that Main Force would be encountered in strength, in or near BINH BA, in the cordon or search phase of the operation. Small reconnaissance elements could be encountered at any time.

(2) In the pacification stage, the Main Force units (in conjunction with Provincial, District and Guerilla forces) may be expected to launch a major quick attack against the village security force, unless 1 ATF maintains a sizeable force, actively patrolling the general area surrounding BINH BA.

b. Provincial Force.

(1) The VC Provincial HQ continues to be based within an area about ten miles SOUTH EAST of BINH BA. The Provincial Mobile Battalion (D445 also known as 860) is unlikely to be encountered in strength, in or near BINH BA, in the cordon and search phase of the operation. Small reconnaissance elements could be encountered any time.

(2) 50th Platoon. This is directly subordinate to VC Province HQ. The platoon consists of three squads each of eight to ten men. The platoon is armed with Soviet 7.62mm M1944 rifles, US carbines, possibly three Thompson sub machine guns and M26 grenades. The area of responsibility of the platoon is the forest area on each side of Inter Provincial Route 2 in the BINH BA village location, and covers an area of approximately six square kilometres. During Operation SYDNEY 2 one member of this unit was captured. Morale is considered poor. (See Annex C for further details).

c. District Force. The DUC THANH District (C20) company is unlikely to be encountered in strength; however, if the cordon force can achieve surprise it is likely to encounter elements of the BINH BA village guerilla platoon (see below para d.) within the village.

d. Guerilla Force (BINH BA village guerilla platoon). This is subordinate to the DUC THANH District Company. It consists of three squads each of twelve men: the platoon is armed with ten Soviet 7.62mm M1944 rifles, eight US .30 M1 carbines, two German rifles (possibly MAUSER 7.92) and five M26 grenades. The task of the

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platoon is the protection of BINH BA village. Squad locations are possibly at the GALLIA rubber plantation, the cultivated area EAST of DUC MY hamlet, and , BINH BA hamlet near the market place. During Operation SYDNEY 2, three members of this unit were KIA, three were captured and four weapons (2 US carbines, 2 Soviet M1944 rifles) were recovered. Morale is considered fair to poor.

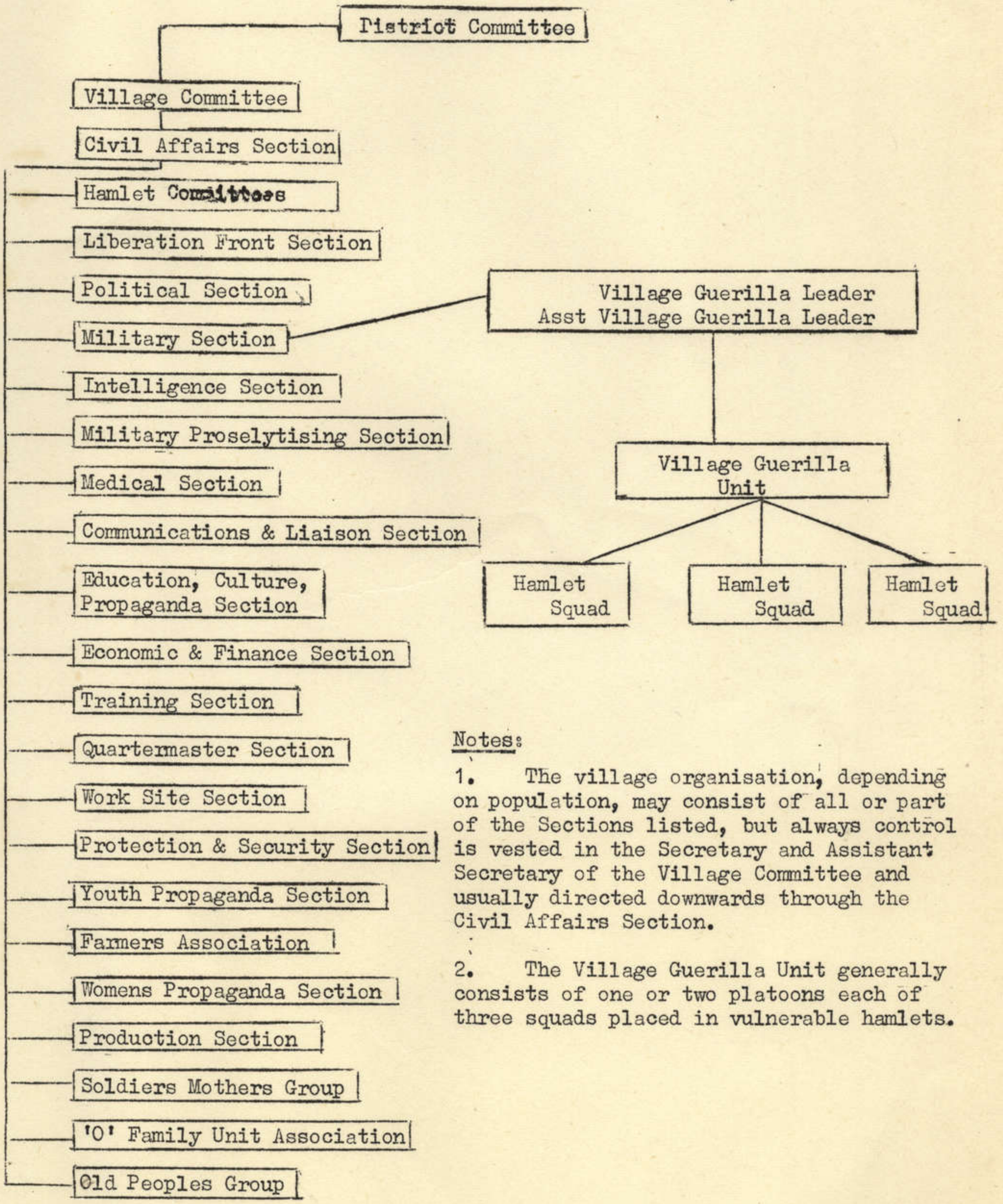
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Annex B (Typical Organisation for VC Dominated Village) to OPORD 11-66
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Notes:

1. The village organisation, depending on population, may consist of all or part of the Sections listed, but always control is vested in the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Village Committee and usually directed downwards through the Civil Affairs Section.

2. The Village Guerilla Unit generally consists of one or two platoons each of three squads placed in vulnerable hamlets.

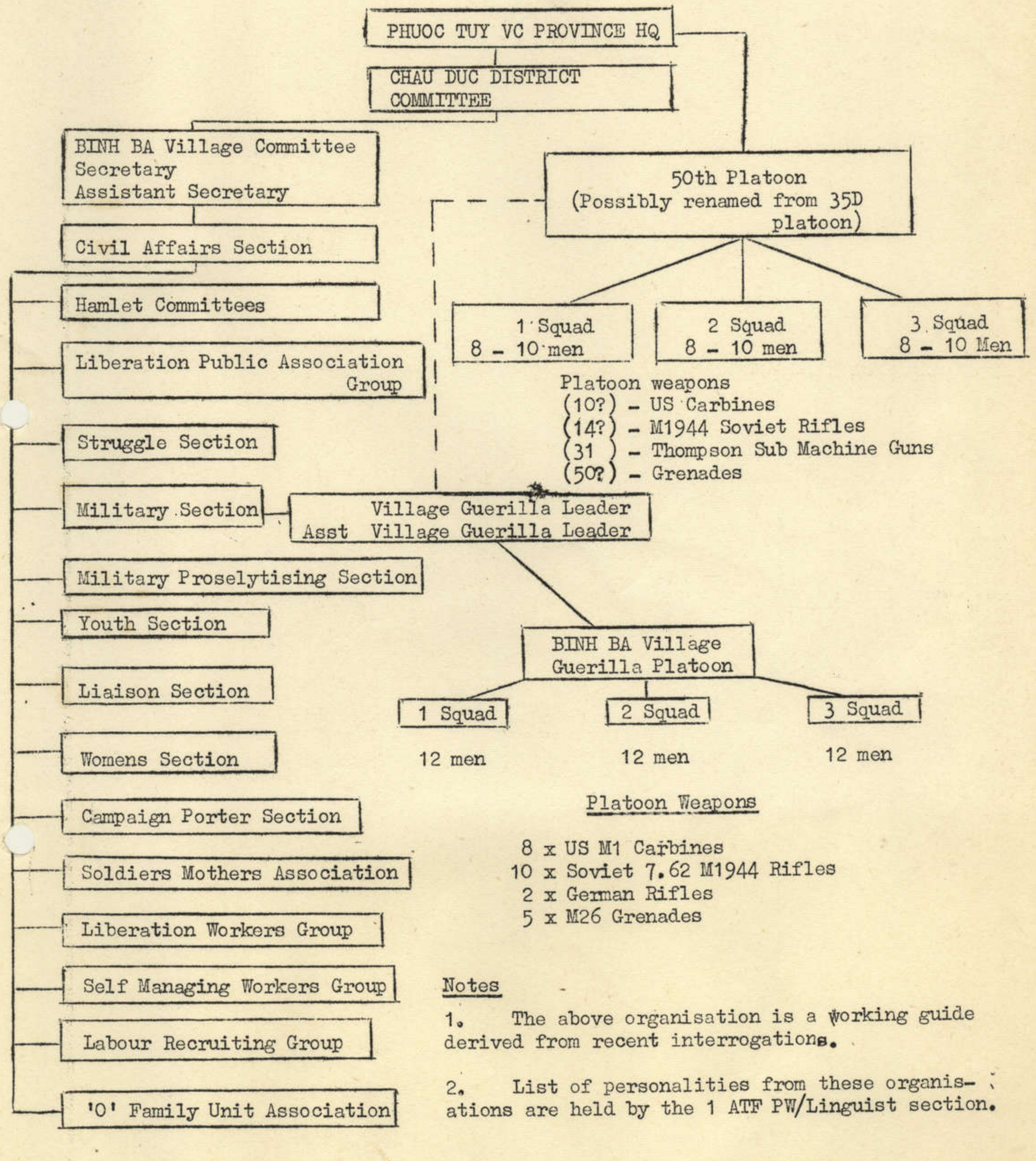
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ANNEX C (Apparent VC Organisation BINH BA) to OPORD 11-66
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Platoon Weapons

8 x US M1 Carbines
10 x Soviet 7.62 M1944 Rifles
2 x German Rifles
5 x M26 Grenades

Notes

1. The above organisation is a working guide derived from recent interrogations.

2. List of personalities from these organisations are held by the 1 ATF PW/Linguist section.

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Annex D Sequence of Events to OPORD 11 - 66 (Op HOLSWORTHY)

ITEM	DATE	TIME	EVENT	REPORTED BY
1.	D-3 5 Aug 66	1200H	C Coy and recce guide elements depart for recce	C Coy
2.	D-2 6 Aug 66	PM	C Coy and recce guide: elements return	C Coy
3.	D-1 7 Aug 66	0830H	CO 5 RAR orders group	-
4.	D-1 7 Aug 66	1800H	1 APC Sqn (-) one tp 1 Fd Sqn, C and D Coys 6 RAR come under comd	Sub Units
5.	D-1 7 Aug 66	1800H	FAC, FAC operator and additional RMO for MEDCAP come in sp	-
6.	DDay 8 Aug 66	0800H	Asst S3 recce elements depart to lay out forward assembly area	Asst S3
7.	DDay 8 Aug 66	0930H	Main body and B Coy depart Base locations	All call signs
8.	DDay 8 Aug 66	PM	Main body and B Coy arrive respective assembly areas	All call signs
9.	DDay 8 Aug 66	1600H	Linguist Det report to 5 RAR. Come under command	Asst Adjt (Asst S2)
10.	DDay 8 Aug 66	1600H	National Policemen report to 5 RAR. In support	Asst Adjt
11.	DDay 8 Aug 66	1600H	Psywar det comes in support (One officer One EM)	-
12.	DDay 8 Aug 66	1600H	Psywar aircraft arrives in support at VUNG TAU	Acting XO
13.	DDay 8 Aug 66	1600H	APCs report respectively to Bn HQ, coy locations and mortar line for loading of stores, packs and mortar ammo.	XO
14.	DDay 8 Aug 66	1600H	Psywar officer sets up amplifier system in APC at 1 APC Sqn lines	

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15.	D Day 8 Aug 66	PM	Acting XO Maj A. P. CASSIDY reports in to 161 Recce Flt	Acting XO
16.	D Day 8 Aug 66	1700H	One sect 1 Tpt Pl RAASC comes under command	
17.	D Day 8 Aug 66	2300H	D Coy 5 RAR departs c EAGLE FARM	D Coy 5 RAR
18.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0001H	C Coy 5 RAR departs EAGLE FARM (Immediately behind A Coy/Anti Tk Pl ambush parties)	
19.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0300H	C Coy 5 RAR commence establishing cordon	C Coy 5 RAR
20.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0430H	D Coy 5 RAR and D Coy 6 RAR commence establishing cordon from vic GUILDFORD FIELD. NORTHERN Anti Tk Pl ambush moves initially with D Coy cordon	D Coy 5 RAR D Coy 6 RAR
21.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0530H	All cordons and ambushes in position less B Coy to hold 100 metres EAST for safety	All callsigns
22.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0600H	One H13 of 161 Recce Flt in support and takes off from VUNG TAU	Acting XO
23.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0600H	Psywar aircraft departs VUNG TAU	Acting XO
24.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0600H	Psywar officer departs 1 APC Sqn for 5 RAR Rear on psywar APC	-
25.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0600H	One fd tp of 1 Fd Sqn commence loading on APCs at engr base camp	1 APC Sqn
26.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0600H	B Coy moves forward last 100 metres	B Coy
27	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0615H	Psywar aircraft and acting XO in SIOUX above BINH BA	Acting XO
28.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0615H	Remainder of mortar stores and mortars loaded on APCs	Mor Pl
29.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0615H	Respective APCs pick up interpreters and police from 5 RAR Rear	1 APC Sqn
30	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0630H	APCs move forward to BINH BA area	1 APC Sqn
31.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0645H	Southern Anti Tk Pl ambush taken over by APCs	1 APC Sqn and Anti Tk Pl
32.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0700H	One UH IB in support	-
33.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0700H	FAC in support	-
34.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0700H	A Coy ambush groups marry up with APCs	A Coy Pl

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35.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0700H	B Coy cordon relieved by APCs	-
36.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0700H	B Coy, interpreters, police, psywar APC marry up	B Coy
37.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0715H	A Coy ambush/search group in position at NORTH end DUC TRUNG	A Coy Pl
38.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0715H	Essential stores unloaded and being delivered to search group	A/QM
39.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0715H	Anti Tk Pl NORTHERN ambush taken over by APCs	1 APC Sqn and Anti Tk Pl
40.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0725H	MEDCAP elements joined up with search groups	A Coy Pl and B Coy
41.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0730H	Search of villages DUC TRUNG and BINH BA commenced	A Coy Pl and B Coy
42.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0815H	Sect of 1 Tpt Pl RAASC reports to 5 RAR Rear	5 RAR Rear
43.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0830H	Pacification Team Recce Party joins convoy at 5 RAR	1 APC Sqn
44.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0830H	1 APC Sqn - RAASC convoy departs 5 RAR Rear	1 APC Sqn
45.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	0900H	1 APC Sqn - RAASC convoy arrives 5 RAR Main	1 APC Sqn
46.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	1000H	Evacuation of suspects back to BARIA commences	Bn HQ
47.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	AM	Packs delivered to coy locations	All call signs
48.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	AM	Artillery recce of proposed gun area conducted	105 Fd Bty
49.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	PM	Search of DUC TRUNG concluded	A Coy Pl
50.	D + 1 9 Aug 66	PM	A Coy search pl rejoined A Coy. Stores and Personnel over to D Coy	A Coy and D Coy
51.	D + 1 9 Aug 66 or D + 2 10 Aug 66	PM) or AM)	D Coy 5 RAR and D Coy 6 RAR marry up with APCs and move to commence search of DUC MY	D Coy 5 RAR

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ITEM	DATE	TIME	EVENT	REPORTED BY
52.	D + 2 10 Aug 66	-	Search of BINH BA concluded	B Coy
53.	D + 2 10 Aug 66	-	Search of DUC MY concluded	
54.	D + 2 10 Aug 66	-	C Coy 6 RAR secured gun area	C Coy 6 RAR
55.	D + 2 10 Aug 66	-	105 Fd Bty moves forward escorted by APCs	105 Fd Bty/1 APC Sqn
56.	D + 2 10 Aug 66	-	105 Fd Bty in occupation of new gun area	105 Fd Bty
57.	D + 2 10 Aug 66	PM	D Coy 6 RAR reverted back to under command 6 RAR and left area by APCs	D Coy 6 RAR/1 APC Sqn
58.	D + 2 10 Aug 66	PM	Att Police, interpreters and psywar personnel departed area for 1 ATF by APC	1 APC Sqn
59.	D + 2 10 Aug 66	1800H	Evacuation of suspects back to BARIA ceases	Bn HQ
60.	D + 2 10 Aug 66	PM	All coys and guns in harbour positions and gun line	All call signs

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Annex E Radio Diagram to OPORD 11 - 66 (Op HOLSWORTHY) Copy No ...66..

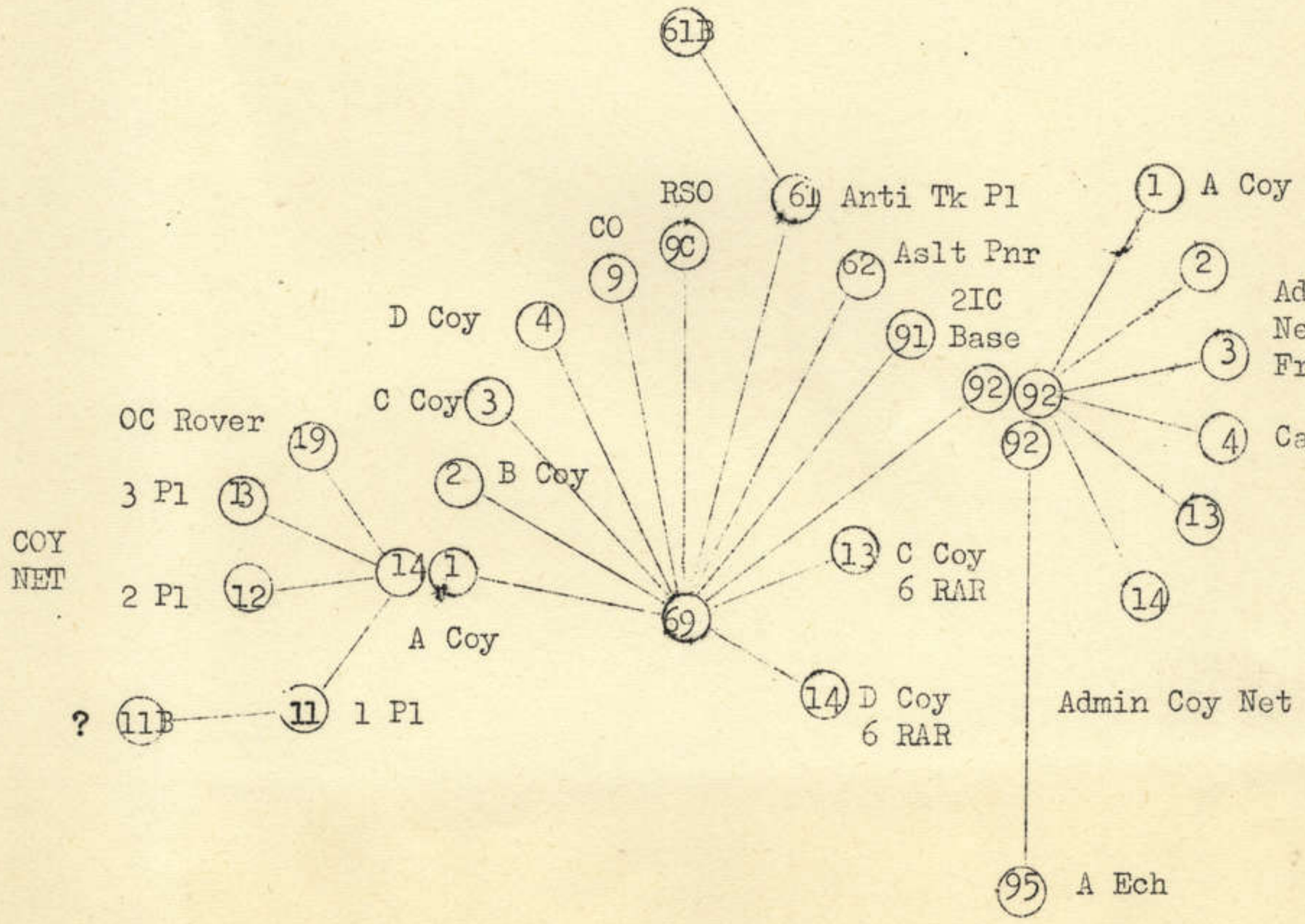
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Annex F APC Task Table to OPORD 11-66 (Op HOLSWORTHY)

1. The folowing tasks are required of 1 APC Sqn (-)

Serial (a)	No of APCs Required (b)	Time (c)	Location (d)	Task (e)	Remarks (f)
1	Seven APCs	1600H D Day	A,B,C,D Coys and Bn HQ 5 RAR C and D Coys 6 RAR	One APC to report to the CQMS at each location to load all packs of the respective sub units. Packs to be carried forward on D+1 and final delivery made AM D+1 when ordered by Bn HQ.	
2	Two Sp Sects	1600H D Day	Mortar Line 5 RAR	Both sects to report to Mortar Pl 2IC to load 400 rounds ammo and stores. Remain in location Mortar line overnight D Day/D+1 and complete loading of actual mortars before 0615H D+1. Depart 5 RAR Rear at 0630H D+1 and carry mortars ammo and crews forward to new Bn HQ location vic YS 445746. Remain in new Bn HQ location.	
3.	Two APCs	1600H D Day	Sp Coy 5 RAR	APCs to report to CQMS to load wire, screening and other Aslt Pnr stores. Load to be carried forward to vic YS 445746, new Bn HQ area on D+1.	
4.	One APC	1600H D Day	Admin Coy 5 RAR	Report to QM 5 RAR to load civic action rations, tarpaulins, loud hailers, medcap stores and CP stores. Load to be taken forward to new Bn HQ area vic YS 445746 D+1.	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
5	One APC	1600H D Day	1 APC Sqn lines	APC to be available to Psywar Officer (Lt SINCER BEAUX) for installation of amplifier equipment. This vehicle is allotted to Lt SINCERBEAUX until the conclusion of the village searches. Lt SINCERBEAUX is to link up with this APC at 0600H D+1 at 1 APC lines and proceed to 5 RAR Rear, report to the Asst Adjutant (Asst S1) and collect five interpreters and four policemen. The psywar APC is then to proceed to BINH BA village area with the remainder of 1 APC Sqn, deliver four interpreters and four policemen to B Coy cordon and thereafter act as directed by Lt SINCERBEAUX. This vehicle is to harbour nightly in the Bn HQ location.	
6	One Sect	0600H D+1	1 Fd Sqn	To report and collect one fd tp for movement forward to BINH BA area. One party of 18 sappers for attachment to B Coy 5 RAR, is to be loaded on two APCs and carried forward and dropped at the EASTERN cordon of BINH BA. One party of 12 sappers is to travel on the remaining APC to the NORTH end of DUC TRUNG to marry up with the DUC TRUNG search group. The APC Sect is then to move to Bn HQ location vic YS445746.	
7.	One Sect	0615H D+1	Rear Bn HQ 5 RAR	To report to the Asst Adjt and collect one Vietnamese interpreter and two policemen for attachment to the DUC TRUNG search group. At 0630H D+1 depart for the A Coy ambush sites at YS451734 and YS443736 and collect the ambush parties by 0700H D+1. Move the A Coy parties, police and interpreters to the NORTH end of DUC TRUNG to marry up with the sappers and commence the village search. APC sect then moves to Bn HQ location vic YS 445746.	This sect could be used in conjunction with serial 11.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
8	Sqn (-) less one further sect	0630H D+1	1 APC Sqn/ 5 RAR Rear/1 Fd Sqn	Move forward to BINH BA area	
9	One Sect	0645H D+1	vic YS 449727	Relieve SOUTHERN Anti Tk Pl ambush. Anti Tk ambush party to be carried on to Bn HQ area by other APCs in column	APCs to be warned to watch out for party and pick them up.
10	Two Sects	0700H D+1	EASTERN cordon of BINH BA village	Relieve B Coy. for the searcn of BINH BA by taking over the EASTERN cordon of the village. Sects to be positioned on the road at each end of the B Coy cordon by 0700H approx.	
11	Two Sects	0715H D+1	Vic YS 455753	Move to NORTHERN Anti Tk Pl ambush vic YS 455753 by 0715H approx. One sect to relieve Anti Tk element in ambush site. One sect to carry the party back to the Bn HQ location vic YS 445746.	This task could be worked in conjunction with serial 7.
12	One Sect	0715H D+1	Bn HQ vic YS 445746	Escort MEDCAP MO from Bn HQ area to join DUC TRUNG search group by 0725H D+1. Also take stores essential for the village search e.g. loud hailers on this run.	
13	One Sect	0815H D+1	Rear Bn HQ 5 RAR	To escort the RAASC Sect forward to Bn HQ vic YS 445746. This convoy is to depart 5 RAR Rear at 0830H D+1 and is to carry the Pacification Team recce party forward to Bn HQ.	This sect to be the one left behind (See serial 8)
14	Sqn HQ	After 0700 H D+1	Bn HQ vic YS 445746	Sqn HQ APCs to be located in Bn HQ area	
15	-	After 0700 H D+1	Bn HQ vic YS 445746	Un committed APCs to move to and deploy in Bn HQ area to form part of Bn reserve.	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
16	Three APCs	After 0700 H D+1	Bn HQ vic YS 445746	These vehicles to be available for use by the Command Post, Fire Control Centre and A/Q Cell at the Bn HQ area.	
17	-	After 0700 H D+1	-	Evacuate wounded as required back to Bn HQ area.	
18	-	After 0700 H D+1	-	Carry suspects from the villages back to the bn cage.	
19	-	After 1000 H D+1	Bn cage	Escort soft skinned vehicles (including those carrying suspects back to BA RIA Soccer Field YS 384622).	
20	Four APCs	PM D+2	5 RAR Rear	Carry forward wiring stores required by Aslt Pnr Pl in later phases. Stores to be loaded under QM 5 RAR and to remain on APCs until required by Aslt Pnr Pl.	
21	-	D+2	105 Fd Bty Base	Escort 105 Fd Bty forward to gun area vic YS440737 on D+2 when ordered by Bn HQ.	
22	-	-	-	Carry out resupply tasks as directed by Bn HQ.	
23	-	-	-	Carry out road clearance as required.	
24	-	-	-	Harbour at night as directed by Bn HQ to strengthen coy locations.	
25	-	From 0700 H D+1	Bn HQ vic YS 445746	Provide one officer or NCO for traffic control at Bn HQ location.	

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Aslt Pnr Pl	12
Sig Pl	13
Admin Coy (3)	14-16
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IN COUNTRY REST AND CONVALESCENCE

Reference: A. HQ AFV A8126 of 10 Jul 66.

General.

1. Each member of the force is entitled to one 5 day period of R and C for rest purposes. These is no limit on convalescence. The R and C Centre is located at VUNG TAU. Its capacity at present is 42 beds, this is to be raised to 90 beds in the near furure. Members on rest are required to pay $1.50 per day for meals consumed which is debited against the members pay-book. Bn HQ is responsible for allocating to sub units. R and C Centre is open to all ranks.

Allocation.

2. The allocation of vacancies shown in sub para a. below is to be affected from 17 Jul 66. The allocation shown in sub para b. is to be affected on notice from HQ 1 ATF.

a. 5 RAR : 8.

b. 5 RAR : 17.

Movement Details.

3. a. All members proceeding on R and C are to report to Bn HQ at 0900 hrs on the day due to commence R and C. Members will travel down with road convoy acting as '[illegible] guns' and pa sengers.

b. On completion of R and C, 1 ALSG transport will pick up members at the R and C Centre for delivery back to 1 ALSG area, thence by road convoy back to 1 ATF. It is a unit responsibility to pick up their members at the convoy dispersal point.

Documentation.

4. Unit roll books will be marked 'R' and a leave pass (AAF A96) is to be issued to cover the member for the period of five days.

a. Members require on their person.

(1) ID Card (AAF A129)

(2) Leave Pass (AAF A96)

(3) Pay Book WF-5

(4) Authority to draw pay (WF 226) if necessary.

b. Members will be paid at Det 1 Div Cash Office prior to movement to R and C Centre.

Weapon Security.

5. Weapons are to be carried on movement down and back and will be stores at the R and C Centre during rest.

/Dress.

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Dress.

6. Uniforms vide 5 RAR RO Part 1, 59/66 are required for trip down and back only. Civilian clothes may be worn at R and C Centre and on leave.

7. All members are to be Q cleared in accordance with Annex A to 5 RAR R487-11-2 of 5 Jul 66.

(S J Maizey)
Maj
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MESSAGE FORM

PRECEDENCE ACTION ROUTINE	DATE TIME GROUP 061300 Z	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTRICTED
FROM: 5 RAR		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER OPS 2
TO: List B		
INFO: CO 2IC IO CP FCC		

SITREP No 13 from 052000 H to 062000H.

ONE. ENEMY. ALPHA. 6 RAR reported mov and sounds of dog barking to the N and S of their base camp at 069201H. BRAVO 1 Fd Regt reported hearing SA fire BG 3600 mils at 060711 H. CHARLIE Air OP reported seeing three dead cattle which appeared to have been butchered and the remains camouflaged vic GR 375686 at 061500 H. DELTA. 10 pl D Coy 5 RAR found one 44 gal drum half full of rice vic GR 451707 at 1035H. ECHO. FAC reported rd between GR 551615 and 580635 had been "key holed". FOXTROT. Armed CHINOOK fired rockets at a large platform that appeared to conceal a hole in the ground vic 388675 at 061615 H.

TWO. CVN SIT. ALPHA. 10 pl D Coy patrolled TAOR EAST of TL 2. BRAVO. Air strikes on VC Bn base vic GR 300720. 4 x 500 lb bombs 75 % on target. VC wounded vic GR 3877 straffed by 20mm cannon. CHARLIE. Arty fired 30 H & I tgts.

THREE. ADMIN. NTR.

DRAFTER'S NAME	OFFICE	TEL No
ISAACS	CP	12

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE AND RANK

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FRAG ORDER 11-3-66 Op HOLSWORTHY (Issued as verbal orders)

Reference: Maps VIETNAM 1:25000 Pictomap Series L8020
Sheets 6430, IIS, IIIS
1:50000 Sheet IV

Time Zone used throughout order: HOTEL

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces.

(1) Information received suggests that the Provincial Headquarters of the National Liberational Front is located within 1000 metres of YS 480715. The HQ is housed in a complex of concrete bunkers carefully concealed.

(2) This HQ is the organization most vital to the VC within PHUOC TUY Province and its loss or disruption would nullify VC control of the area which they hold in PHUOC TUY.

(3) A VC Provincial HQ is directly under the control of the Provincial branch of the party whilst most vital decisions are made by the Central Committee of the Provincial Party, the executive functions of the VC administration party are vested within the Provincial HQ. The loss of this HQ would prevent party policy from being put into practice until a completely new HQ had been raised, trained and reallocated. Furthermore it is common VC practice to give senior party officials corresponding senior positions within the Provincial HQ, so destruction of this HQ could kill two birds with one stone.

(4) The size of the HQ should be considerable as it has several departments, viz, political, education, finance, taxation, food and agriculture, , military affairs, intelligence recriuting, ect. Therefore it proba ly has a staff in excess of twenty people. It is likely that this HQ will be defended, possibly by the 50th platoon now that it has been withdrawn from BINH BA, or by the DUC THANH Company.

(5) Other enemy forces which may be encountered in the area are one or more companies of the C860 Battalion which at present is at the SOUTH of the projected area of operations

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) Phases 1 - 5 of Op HOSLWORTHY is to be completed by late PM D + 5 13 Aug 66.

(2) Phase 6 of Op HOLSWORTHY is to be continued and in addition activities proposed in this FRAG ORDER are to form part of Phase 6.

c. Attachmemts and Detachments.

(1) Remaining under command after 140900 H
One sect 1 APC Sqn
One sp sect of 1 APC Sqn
(Total 6 APCs)
One tp of 1 Fd Sqn

(2) Remaining in DS
105 Fd Bty

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(3) Remaining in support after 131600H.

103 Fd Bty
161 Bty RNZA
Bty A2/35
FAC operator USAF
One H13 of 161 Recce Flt
One HU1B of 9 Sqn RAAF

2. MISSION. 5 RAR is to destroy the VC Provincial HQ in vic YS 480715.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operations. (See Annex P)

(1) Three coys are to be deployed WEST, NORTH and EAST of the suspected HQ location. These coys are to establish a series of stops of half platoon size on tracks or other possible entry - exit routes into the area.

(2) One coy, plus the engr fd tp, is to progressively search the area within the cordon of stops from SOUTH to NORTH.

b. A Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under command from 140730H One tp Fd Sqn

(b) In support from 140730 H One tp 1 APC Sqn

(c) Normal unit atts.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Marry up with engr fd tp at A Coy base loc.

(b) Move on APCs from base loc to vic YS 470706 thence on foot to commence search (see Annex I)

(c) On orders from Bn HQ search area from SOUTH to NORTH.

c. B Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal unit atts.

(b) APC and engr atts remain with coy overnight 13/14 [illegible] 66 then move to join A Coy 140715H.

(2) Tasks.

(a) On orders from Bn HQ move on foot to EASTERN cordon/stop position. See Annex P for routes and line of stops.

(b) Provide a series of stops of half platoon size along the EASTERN flank.

(c) Be prepared to redeploy as directed by Bn HQ.

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d. C Coy

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal unit atts.

(b) APC and Engr atts remain with coy overnight 13/14 Aug 66 then move to join A Coy 140715H.

(2) Tasks.

(a) On orders from Bn HQ move on foot to WESTERN cordon/stop positions. See Annex P for routes and line of stops.

(b) Provide a series of stops of half platoon size along the WESTERN flank.

(c) Be prepared to redeploy as directed by Bn HQ.

e. D Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal unit atts.

(b) APC and Engr atts remain with coy overnight 13/14 Aug 66 then move to join A Coy 140715H.

(2) Tasks.

(a) On orders from Bn HQ move on foot to NORTHERN cordon/stop position. See Annex P for routes and line of stops.

(b) Provide a series of stops of half platoon size along the NORTHERN flank.

(c) Be prepared to redeploy as directed by Bn HQ.

f. Mor Pl.

(1) Grouping.

(a) One sect remain 5 RAR Rear.

(b) Pl less one sect remain with 5 RAR Main.

(c) Of pl with Main, one sect only is to remain mounted in APC. Other sect is to be ground mounted in proposed new loc vic YS 461715.

(2) Tasks. Continue to provide support for the operation.

g. Anti Tank Pl.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Assist with defence of Bn HQ.

(b) Provide APC escorts when required.

(c) Bn reserve.

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h. Assault Pioneer Platoon.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Assist with defence of Bn HQ.

(b) Establish a water point.

(c) Provide three flame thrower teams on call as required.

(d) Part of Bn reserve.

i. Armour.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Remain under command of 5 RAR until 140900H 1 APC Sqn (-).

(b) Remaining under command 5 RAR for remainder of the operation. One sect, one sp sect.

(c) In support of A, B, C, D Coys until 140715H each. One sect.

(d) In support of A Coy from 140730H until completion of tp lift. One tp.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide protection for Bn HQ and coy base locs night 13/14 Aug 66.

(b) Convey all engr elements to A Coy base loc from Bn HQ B, C and D Coy locs at 140715H.

(c) Provide one tp to lift A Coy and Engr fd tp to vic YS 470706 at 140800H.

(d) Provide APCs to lift Bn HQ group plus Mor Pl forward to new Bn HQ loc vic YS 461715.

(e) Provide one sect and one sp sect to remain with 5 RAR for the remainder of the operation.

j. Artillery.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal atts.

(b) 105 Bty 103 Bty pl of A Bty 2/35 Arty now relocated NUI DAT.

(2) Tasks. Continue to provide support.

k. Engineers.

(1) Grouping. To be under command A Coy from 140730H.

(2) Tasks. Provide engr assistance throughout the operation.

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l. Aviation. No change.

m. Co ordinating Instructions.

(1) Routes, Cordon Stops, Area of Search - See annex P.

(2) Timings.

(a) APCs depart with engrs for A Coy loc: 140715H.

(b) APC, engrs, A Coy marry up 140730H.

(c) Bn commences moving, Bn. HQ group and A Coy by APC, remainder on foot: 140800H

(3) Road Blocks. To be taken over by Pacification Team by by 140700H at D Coy loc and at vic 459728.

(4) Civic Action. MEDCAP to continue in villages.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Rations. Hard to midday Tue 16 inclusive already issued. Further resupply to be advised.

b. Water. Local water to be used. Normal sterilization to apply.

c. Medical.

(1) Normal atts. RMO with Bn HQ.

(2) Normal medical kits to be carried.

(3) Casevac by either APC or DUSTOFF.

d. Surplus Stores. To be backloaded PM 13 Aug 66.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

a. Bn HQ. New location vic YS 461715.

b. Radio. Each stop group of B, C and D coys is to be radio equ equipped. RSO to reallot sets where necessary.

c. Synchronization of Watches.

Acknowledge.

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for (J. A. Warr)
Lt Col
CO 5 RAR

Annexes. Annex P: Routes, Cordon Positions.

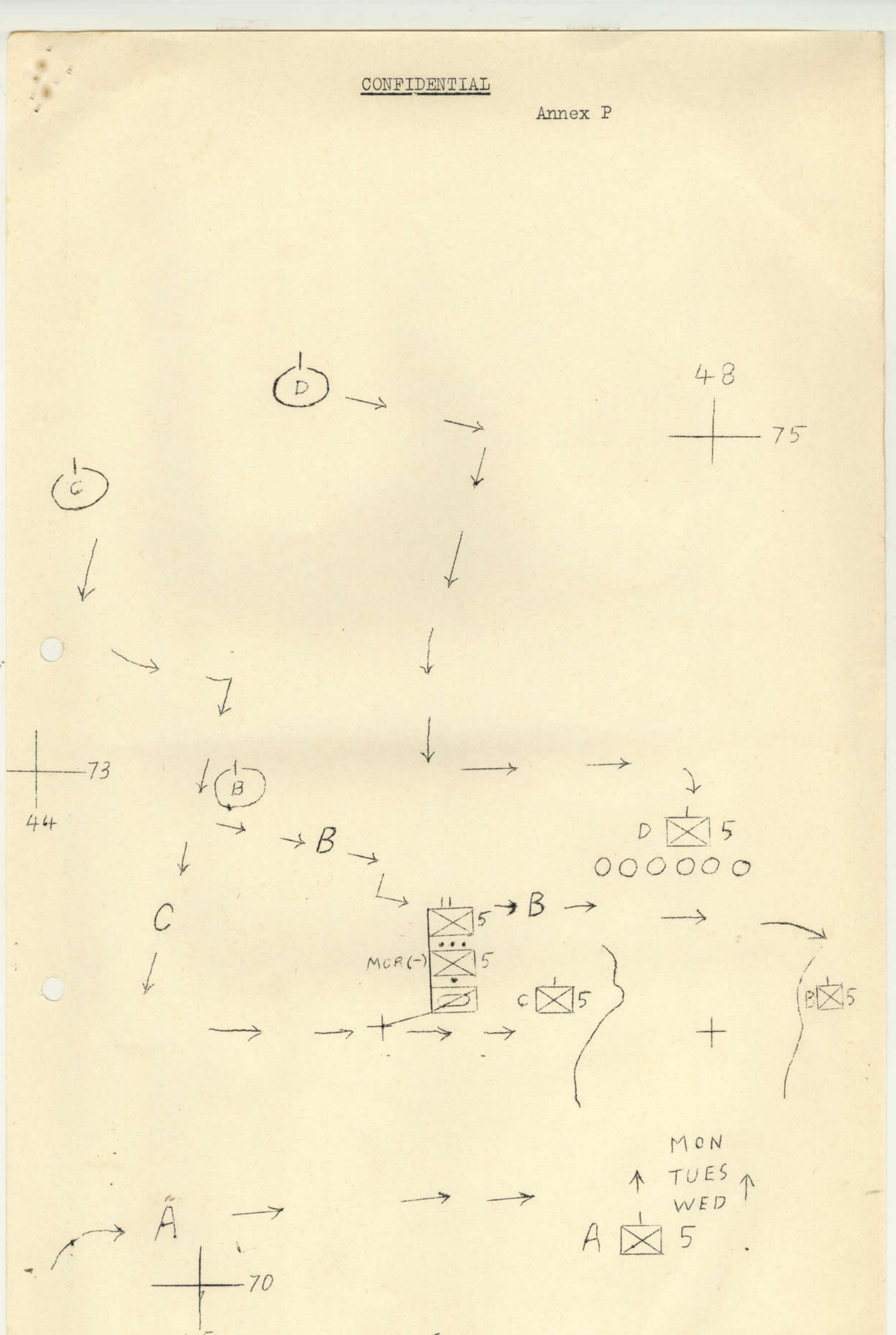
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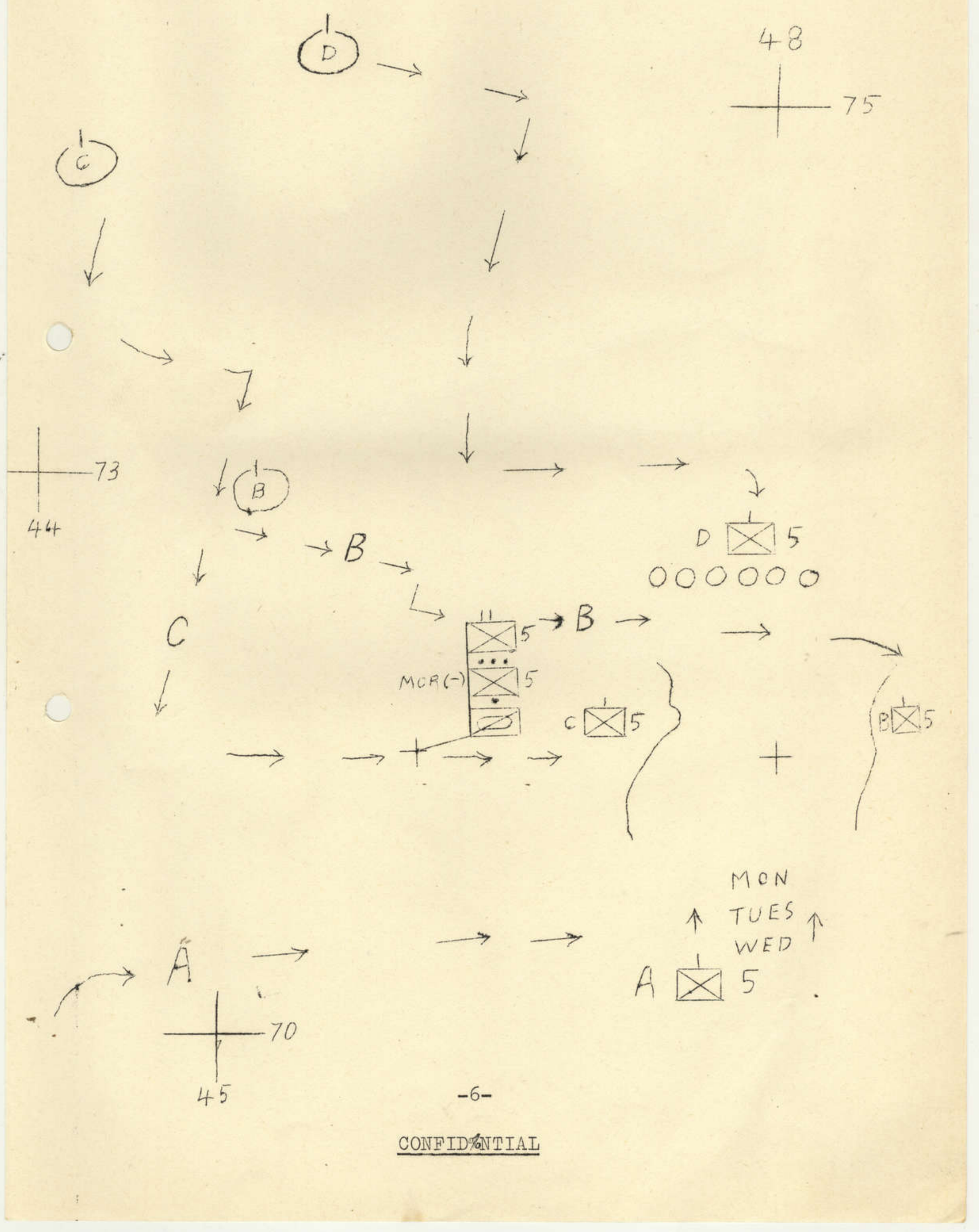
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Reference: Maps VIETNAM 1:25000 Pictomap Series L8020 Sheets
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1:10000 Enlargement XA BINH BA
1:5000 Enlargement BINH BA SOUTH

Time Zone used throughout order : HOTEL

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. No change from OPORD 11-66 Op HOLSWORTHY.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) As for OPORD 11-66 Op HOLSWORTHY plus:

(a) 5 RAR TF to be located in BINH BA estate before this Frag Order comes into effect.

(b) Search of DUC TRUNG village completed before this Frag Order comes into effect.

(c) Search of BINH BA village will be proceeding at the time of execution of this Frag Order.

b. Attachments and Detachments. No change from OPORD 11-66 Op HOLSWORTHY.

2. MISSION. 5 RAR TF is to apprehend and evacuate all males of military age and other VC suspects from DUC MY village

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations.

(1) When the search of DUC TRUNG village is completed, the cordon force for that phase of the operation is to rapidly re-group and prepare to cordon and search DUC MY village.

(2) The time of execution, D + 1 or D + 2, is dependant on the DUC TRUNG search. Every effort is to be made to complete both phases on D + 1.

(3) The DUC MY operation is to be carried out as follows:

(a) Local Commander for the Operation. OC D Coy 5 RAR.

(b) Cordon Group.

i. To move in from the NORTH and the EAST.

ii. Infantry to be carried in as far as possible on APCs.

iii. One rifle coy to be located to the WEST and SOUTH.

iv. One tp of APCs to be located to the NORTH and EAST along roads and tracks.

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(c) Search Group.

i. To move in from the NORTH.

ii. Infantry to be dropped at the start line by APCs.

iii. Group to consist of: One rifle coy
One half tp of engineers
Interpreters
Medcap elements

(d) Evacuation of Apprehended Males and Suspects.

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(e) Actions on Conclusion of Search.

i. Dependant on time, D+1 or D+2.

ii. Infantry to designated harbour area or in the case of D Coy 6 RAR return to 6 RAR base loc.

iii. APC as directed by Bn HQ.

b. A Coy. Not involved in this phase of the operation.

c, B Coy. Not involved in this phase of the operation.

d. C Coy. Not involved in this phase of the operation.

e. D Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under command from completion of search of DUC TRUNG until further advised:
D Coy 6 RAR
One tp 1 APC Sqn
One half tp (12 men) of 1 Fd Sqn
A Coy interpreter
One 1 ATF interpreter

(b) In support from conclusion of search of DUC TRUNG until further advised:
One Medcap MO
Two Policemen
One ,psywar team mounted in APCs

(c) Normal unit atts.

(2) Tasks.

(a) D Coy 5 RAR is to provide the search force to search DUC MY village from NORTH to SOUTH.

(b) Exercise local control of the DUC MY cordon and search phase within the framework of the overall battalion operation.

(c) Move to the SL by APC.

(d) Commence search when cordon is in position.

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(e) On completion of the search and when ordered by Bn HQ move to designated harbour position.

f. Mortar Pl. No change from OP ORD 11-66 OP HOLSWORTHY. Continues to provide sp for the operation.

g. Anti Tk Pl. Part of the Bn reserve for the operation.

h. Assualt Pioneer Pl. Part of the Bn reserve for the operation.

i. C Coy 6 RAR. Not involved in this phase of the operation.

j. D Coy 6 RAR.

(1) Grouping. Under command of D Coy 5 RAR until further notice.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide the cordon force to cover the WEST and SOUTH portions of the village as shown on Annex P.

(b) Final movement into the cordon position to be by foot but coy is to get as close as possible to final locations using APCs for speed.

(c) On completion of the search, action will depend on time (D + 1 or D + 2).

k. Armour.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under command of D Coy 5 RAR from completion of search of DUC TRUNG until further advised — One tp 1 APC Sqn

(b) OPORD 11-66 applies for remainder of Sqn.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Marry up with infantry at DUC TRUNG as directed by Bn HQ.

(b) Carry cordon and search parties into positions at DUC MY taking D Coy 6 RAR as close to their final locations as possible without risking bogging vehicles.

(c) Provide cordon stops to cover the NORTH and EAST of the village.

(d) Act as directed by OC D Coy 5 RAR for cordon search activities.

(e) On completion of DUC MY search return to Bn HQ area when ordered by Bn HQ.

l. Artillery. No change.

/m. Engineers.

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m. Engineers.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under command D Coy 5 RAR from completion of search of DUC TRUNG: One half tp 1 Fd Sqn (12 men)

(b) OPORD 11-66 applies for remainder of Tp.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Assist D Coy 5 RAR with village search.

(b) Remain with D Coy 5 RAR until further advised.

l. Aviation.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Remain on call for DUC MY search.

(b) Remainder NO change.

m. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) OPORD 11-66 applies.

(2) Cordon grouping for the DUC MY search is to be as follows:

(a) Infantry Coy:

i. Two platoons up one in depth reserve.

ii. Forward pls three sects up in half sects stops.

iii. Total 12 stops.

iv. Deployment Annex P.

(b) APC Tp:

i. In sects:

ii. Deployment: Annex P

(3) Cordon Layout. Annex P.

(4) Timings for Movement to DUC MY: When advised by Bn HQ. Both groups to move simultaneously

(5) Timings for Commencement of Search. When cordon deployed in position.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change

5. COMMAND AND SIGNALS.

a. OPORD 11-66 applies

b. Local Comd of DUC MY Cordon and Search. OC D Coy 5 RAR.

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c. Synchronization of Watches.

Acknowledge.

(J. A. WARR)
Lt Col
CO 5 RAR

Annexes: Cordon Layout

Distribution

OPORD 11-66 applies

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(O. M. CARROLL)
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AFTER ACTION REPORT

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1. Op No

2. Report by No. 212602 Rank. Cpl Name. E.O'REILLY

3. 1 Sect. 1 Pl. A Coy

4. a. Time of action. Nil

   b. Duration. Nil

   c. Date. 10 - 8 - 66

   d. Location. 442 - 742

5. Tasks of fmns engaged in action. 1 Pl Standing Patrol.

6. Was it a contact or incident. Incidant.

7. Summary of action in chronological sequence.

At about 0940 hrs Pte WINKLE saw six VC about 300m to our left front on a bearing of 4000 mils. I radioed Coy and asked permission to open fire. Coy imformed me that a patrol of call sign INDIA 4 was in that location and not to fire and that ironsides would be sent to investigate. At about 0945 a friendly patrol was seen moving down to our left along the rubber line toward the VC. The VC then ran in a Northly direction toward BIN BA airstrip and disappeared from view on a bearing from standing patrol of 4600 mils. Ironsides arrived at standing patrol sight at approx 1020 hrs and reported no VC in sight but made contact with friendly troops on rubber edge at approx 437739.

8. VC

   a. Str. 6 VC.

   b. Type (Guerilla, RF,Main force) 1 Guerilla 5 RF or possible Main force.

   c. VC Cas-

      (1) WIA Nil
      (2) KIA Nil
      (3) VCC Nil

   g. Wpns identified in the action. All had rifles no automatic wpns seen.

   h. VC Dress. One in black pyjamas 5 wearing jungle greens.

   i. Summary of VC action and tactics. Nil

9. Own Cas. Nil

10. Lesson learnt. Reaction was to slow by Coy, The Patrol comd should have fired once he had positively identified VC.

A Connelly ..... Maj
OC A Coy

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5 RAR
BINH BA
vic YS 445747

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11 /020H Aug 66

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FRAG ORDER 11-2-66 Op HOLSWORTHY.

Reference: Maps VIETNAM 1:25000 Pictomap Series L8020
Sheets 6430, IIS, IIIS, IIN, IIIN
1:50000 Sheet IV

Time Zone used throughout order : HOTEL

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces.

(1) As for OPORD 11-66 Op HOLSWORTHY plus:

(a) Suspects evacuated from BINH BA area included 10 & VC detected during interrogation. and 29 ~~Members~~ MERMIDANS

(b) Information obtained from questioning of locals indicates that VC have moved out of the area as they no longer regard it as safe for operations.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) Phases 1 - 3 of Op HOLSWORTHY now completed.

(2) Phase 4 of op HOLSWORTHY is in process of execution as directed in verbal orders and by direct liaison with parties concerned

c. Attachments and Detachments. OPORD 11-66 Op HOSLWORTHY with the following amendments.

(1) D Coy 6 RAR ceases to be under command.

~~(2) One sect 1 Tpt Pl RAASC ceases to be under command.~~

(2) One additional MEDCAP MO ceases to be in support.

(3) In support for road block duties Two police dets.

2. MISSION. 5 RAR is to open TL 2 between vic YS 456757 and ~~A Coy~~ check point vic YS ~~435686~~ 427657 from 120900 H Aug 66 to 131700 H Aug 66.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations.

(1) Roadblocks are to be established at the NORTHERN and SOUTHERN limits of the area of responsibility.

(2) The road is to be subdivided into three sub unit sectors and picquetted. Each sub unit is also to clear its sector daily before 0900 hours for mines and booby traps.

(3) The complete road length from the NORTH to SOUTH roadblocks is to be patrolled twice daily by a separate armoured infantry group.

/b. A Coy.

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b. A Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under command from 101600 H Aug 66 until further notice — Engr det 1 Fd Sqn (6 men)

(b) In support from 111600 H until further notice — One sect APCs Det National Police

(c) In support for movement to allotted sector at 120700 H — Two additional sects APCs.

(d) Normal unit atts incl normal interpreter.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Move by APC at 120700 H from present harbour to SOUTHERN sector vic YS 442705 to vic YS ~~434685~~ 427657

(b) Establish picquets by 120900 H Aug 66.

(c) Coy to be based at A Coy home base and ~~continue to man current~~ established road block. at YS 427657

(d) Clear sectors of mines and booby traps by 0900 hours daily 12 and 13 Aug 66. north of coy base loc

(e) Use att Engr to construct a holding area for civilians at the road block. Area to contain screened toilets for both sexes.

(f) Advise D Coy of the number of vehicles by type and cyclists heading NORTH as at 1500 H daily. Close the road at this time. Bad — of Bridge Ba

(g) Marshall all pedestrians into truckloads for on movement NORTHWARDS.

c. B Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under command from 101600 H until further notice — Engr det of 1 Fd Sqn.

(b) In support from 111600 H until further notice — One sect APCs

(c) Normal unit atts.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Move on foot from present harbour to CENTRE sector vic YS 450732 to vic YS 442705.

(b) Establish base loc at vic YS 451728

/(c) Establish

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(c) Establish picquets by 120900 H.

(d) Clear sector of mines and booby traps by 0900 daily 12 and 13 Aug 66.

(e) Establish road blockat 449728

d. C Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under command from 111600 H until further notice — Engr det of 1 Fd Sqn (6 men)

(b) To be allotted in support for bn reserve and road clearance tasks — One tp 1 APC Sqn

(c) Normal unit atts less interpreter who is to go to D Coy from 111700 H until further notice.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Bn reserve in present loc with APCs.

(b) Assist in defence of Bn HQ.

(c) Provide one platoon twice daily (AM and PM) to be mounted in APCs and conduct road clearance tasks along complete road area of responsibility.

e. D Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under command from 101600 H until further notice — Engr det of 1 Fd Sqn (6 men)

(b) In support from 111600 H until further notice — One sect 1 APC Sqn; Det of National Police.

(c) Normal unit atts plus C Coy interpreter (from 111700 H until further notice).

(2) Tasks.

(a) Remain in present base loc in NORTHERN sector and establish picquets between vics YS 456757 and YS 450732 by 120900 H Aug 66.

(b) Establish a roadblock at vic 456757 by 120900 H Aug 66.

(c) Clear sector of mines and booby traps by 0900 hours daily 12 and 13 Aug 66.

(d) Use att Engrs to construct a holding area for civilians at the roadblock. Area to contain screened toilets for both sexes.

 /(e) Advise A Coy

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(e) Advise A and B Coy of the number of vehicles by type and cyclists heading SOUTH as at 1500 hours daily. Close road at this time. 1 Bona

(f) Marshall pedestrians into truckloads for onmovement SOUTHWARDS.

f. Mortar Pl.

(1) Grouping. No change

(2) Tasks. Provide support from both Rear and Main positions.

g. Anti Tank Pl.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Assist with defence of Bn HQ.

(b) Part of Bn reserve.

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h. Assault Pioneer Pl.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Continue with WP duties.

(b) Continue with the construction of the DUC MY fence.

i. C Coy 6 RAR. Continue with defence of gun area.

j. Armour.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Remaining under comd 5 RAR Sqn (-).

(b) In support A, B and D Coys 5 RAR from 111600H - each one sect.

(c) In support of A Coy from 110700H Aug 66 for initial movement to sector of responsibility. Two additional sects.

(d) Bn res One Tp

(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide one sect in support to each A, B and D Coys to assist with troop movement, picquetting and local sector road clearance tasks and harbour defence.

(b) Left A Coy to SOUTHERN sector commencing 110700H Aug 66.

(c) Carry out road clearance sweeps twice daily AM and PM in conjunction with C Coy along complete area of responsibility.

(d) Provide one sect continue assist Aslt Pnr Pl.

(e) Form part of the Bn reserve.

k. Artillery.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Normal atts.

(b) 105 Fd Bty 103 Fd Bty and one pl of Bty A 2/35 Arty now located vic 440737.

(2) Tasks. No change.

l. Engineers.

(1) Grouping.

(a) OC Tp and Tp HQ with Bn HQ.

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(b) Under comd A B C D Coys each one det 6 men

(2) Tasks.

(a) Assist coys with mine and booby trap clearance tasks in allotted sectors.

(b) Construct holding areas for civilians, with screened toilet facilities for both sexes, at A and D Coy roadblocks.

(c) Allot 2 minesweepers to each Engr group with A, B and D Coys.

m. Aviation. No change.

o. Co ordinating Instructions.

(1) Bn reserve. C Coy, Anti Tk Pl one tp of APCs.

(2) Security. In addition to OP ORD 11-66 A, B and D Coys should maintain details of vehicular and cyclist traffic NORTH and SOUTH.

(3) Timings.

(a) Road block and picquets to be established by 0900H 12 and 13 Aug 66.

(b) Roads to be swept for booby traps and mines by 0900H 12 and 13 Aug 66.

(c) No further movement permitted into area of responsibility after 1500H 12 and 13 Aug 66.

(4) Traffic.

(a) Independent vehicles and cyclists may proceed after checking.

(b) There is to be NO pedestrian movement within the area. Pedestrians are to be held by A, B and D Coys respectively and marshalled into truck loads.

(c) The Province Chief is providing vehicles to convey pedestrians through the area. These will ferry both ways.

(5) Interpreters. To be allotted as follows.

(a) A Coy. Own interpreter at SOUTHERN road block.

(b) D Coy. C Coy interpreter att at NORTHERN road block.

(c) MEDCAP. 1 ATF interpreter.

(6) Civic action. MEDCAP is to continue in villages.

(7) Vietnamese Police. One det to be att to both A and D Coys for duty on road blocks. Details of reporting to be issued separately. Police are to check civilians and vehicles.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Rations.

(1) Fresh. Hot midday meal to be delivered to coy locs on 12 and 13 Aug 66. ~~No APC escort required. Meal vehicles leave and return as a convoy under Tpt Offr and drop off at respective locs.~~ By APCs

(2) Hard. Present hard, already issued, lasts until lunch Sat 13 Aug 66. A further two days hard is to be issued on 13 Aug 66 for forthcoming operations.

b. Water. APC to deliver in jerry cans from WP less A Coy.

c. Medical. MEDCAP continues. Remainder no change.

d. Echelon Bags. First bags to come forward Sat 13 Aug 66.

e. Canteens. Canteen supplies plus goffers and beer to scale of one each per man to come forward daily with ration vehicles.

f. Mine Detectors. Two mine detectors are to accompany each of A B and D Coys. OC Engr Tp and Aslt Pnr Pl Comd to arrange.

g. Roadblock and Holding Area Stores.

(1) A Coy. Obtain from own area.

(2) D Coy. Obtain from present main area by liaison with Aslt Pnr Pl Comd.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

a. No change except D Coy 6 RAR has left net.

b. Synchronization of Watches.

Acknowledge.

A Cassidy Maj
for (J. A. Warr)
Lt Col
CO 5 RAR

Distribution

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Official

A Cassidy

(A. P. Cassidy)
Maj
XO

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Annex A-1 to 89

PRECEDENCE-ACTION	DATE-TIME-GROUP	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
	14 0900 Z	UNCLAS
From 5 RAR		ORIINATOR'S NUMBER
To Admin Coy		A408

INFO List D less serials 6,9,10.

Allocation of Tentage. Additional tentage is allotted as follows. ALPHA. 16x16. Rifle coys each two. Sp Coy five. Bn HQ four. Admin coy thirteen. BRAVO. Marquees. Clo store 1 x 6 sec. J & K store 1 x 4 sec. LZ store 1 x 2 sec. CHARLIE. American marquee currently in use as clo store to be transferred to Sp Coy. DELTA. It is anticipated that additional tentage incl marquees may be aval shortly

DRAFTER'S NAME	OFFICE
CASSIDY	2IC

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

Cassidy Maj

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Annex H-10

Australian Military Forces

ROUTINE

5 RAR
AP AN PHU
SOUTH VIETNAM

R270-1-2

14 Aug 66

List C less Serials 8 and 9

EXPIRATION OF CURRENT ENGAGEMENT
5 RAR MEMBERS

1. Unit records indicate that the following members are to complete their current engagement during the month indicated:

213832	Pte	T. R. James	Bn HQ	Jan 67
18622	Cpl	D. C. Magee	Admin Coy	Jan 67
54231	Cpl	W. P. Marshall	Admin Coy	Jan 67
2412184	Pte	I. R. Mackay	Bn HQ	Jan 67
3411395	Cpl	F. A. Donovan	Admin Coy	Feb 67
213872	Cpl	S. R. Quinn	C (det D)	Feb 67
213849	Cpl	G .G. Smith	Sp Coy	Feb 67
36267	Sgt	E. R. Williams	B Coy	Feb 67
213929	Pte	G. Harvey	Sp det Tpt	Mar 67
213897	Lcpl	C. R. Heldon	Sp Coy	Mar 67
4410417	Pte	D. C. Hille	B Coy	Mar 67
1410904	Lcpl	G. H. Newstead	B Coy	Mar 67
29006	Pte	L. L. Reading	B Coy	Mar 67

2. The following action is to be complete by sub units:

a. Check coy records to ensure no member has been overlooked.

b. Have each member complete an election to be discharged or an election to re-engage (in duplicate)

c. These elections must reach Bn HQ by 1200 hrs on the 30th of the month prior to the expiration of the soldiers current engagement.

3. Subject to these requirements every effort will be made to ensure that all members electing discharge will be returned to Australia six weeks prior to their date due discharge.

(G. R. Wainwright)
Lt
Asst Adjt

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5 RAR
BINH BA
vic YS 466731

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OPORD 12-66 Op WOOLLOOMOOLLOO

Reference: Maps: VIETNAM 1:25000 Pictomap Series L8020
Sheets IIS, IIIS, IIN, IIIN.
1:50000 Sheet 6442 IV
1:10000 Enlarged XA BINH BA

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. Annex A.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 1 Commando Company (1 Cdo Coy) is located at BINH BA vic YS 445746 with the following tasks:

(a) Initially develop a secure coy base area.

(b) By living and working in the close vicinity of BINH BA village, establish close personal relationships with the villagers to help in the collection of intelligence and the planning of night ambush patrols in the allotted TAOR.

(c) Throughout the day, patrol in the allotted TAOR (Annex P) and along the flanks of Interprovincial Route TL2 out to sniper range. By night establish ambushes on likely VC infiltration and exfiltration routes within the allotted TAOR.

(d) Provide protection for 1 ATF Civil Affairs projects in BINH BA.

(2) 1 Cdo Coy operates through an AUSTRALIAN advisor and is under the tactical control of 5 RAR.

c. Attachments and Detachments.

(1) Under Command of the 5 RAR rifle coy at BINH BA:
One sect of mortars
One interpreter

(2) In sp of the 5 RAR rifle coy at BINH BA: One sect of 1 APC Sqn
One sp sect of 1 APC Sqn

(3) Normal arty support remains unchanged.

2. MISSION. The 5 RAR rifle coy is to provide support to 1 Cdo Coy at BINH BA.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations.

(1) The rifle coys of 5 RAR are to rotate on station at BINH BA for a period of 7 - 10 days each.

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/(2) During

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(2) During a battalion operation the coy is to be withdrawn for the duration of the operation.

(3) The coy is to be located adjacent to the HQ of 1 Cdo Coy.

(4) A minimum of one platoon (pl) is to be employed on patrolling and ambushing outside the 1 Cdo Coy TAOR at all times.

(5) One pl is to be retained initially as a reserve.

(6) The Rifle Coy is to work in conjunction with 1 Cdo Coy regarding road blocks on TL2.

(7) Up to one pl may be employed on civil aid programmes including:

(a) Supervision of local villagers in improving drainage, sewerage, water supply, rebuilding the market place.

(b) Protection of MEDCAP and DENTCAP teams.

(c) Improvements to the hospital and school.

(8) All patrols and movement are to be coordinated with 1 Cdo Coy

(9) Regular liaison is to be carried out with the plantation manager regarding:

(a) Enemy intelligence.

(b) Welfare of villagers.

(c) Civil aid requirements.

(10) Liaison with the DUC THANH sub sector is to be carried out once per week.

b. Armour.

(1) Grouping.

(a) In sp of the 5 RAR Rifle Coy: One APC sect
One APC support sect

(2) Tasks.

(a) Armoured support as directed by OC Rifle Coy.

(b) Provide protection and mobility for the mortars.

c. Artillery.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks. No change.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Duration of Tour at BINH BA: 7 - 10 days per coy.

(2) Civic Action. In addition to the programmes outlined in the concept of operations, every effort should be made to win the confidence and respect of the people and get to know them. Soldiers should be encouraged to attend church with the villagers.

(3) Rules of Engagement. Patrols must expect to meet people throughout the BINH BA estate during daylight hours, therefore the rules of engagement must be strictly observed. These are:

/(a) Fire only:

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(a) Fire only:

i. When fired at.

ii. When a suspect is about to commit a hostile act.

iii. If an obvious suspect runs and fails to halt after challenge.

(b) If in doubt don't shoot.

(c) Fire is to be controlled.

(d) If fired on from a house in the villages:

i. Take cover.

ii. Call for the interpreter and a loud hailer.

iii. Have the interpreter advise the occupants to surrender.

iv. If no success, call for the village priest and have him speak to the householder.

v. If the occupants still refuse to surrender, burn the house.

(e) These are the only circumstances under which houses are to be burnt.

(f) Don't harass women and children.

(g) Soldiers will not search women.

(4) Surrendered Personnel. These could occur around BINH BA. Intention to surrender is indicated by shirt off, weapon slung upside down and hands held above the head. This signal is to be honoured and the VCS rapidly evacuated.

(5) Curfew. All ranks are to be familiar with the curfew hours ie from 1900 hrs to 0600 hrs.

(6) Security. All members are to constantly be on the alert Members are not to move in smaller groups than three in the village area.

(7) Additional Topographical Information.

Attached for info are:

(a) Diagram of the BINH BA village (Annex B).

(b) Aerial photographs of the area. (To be handed over to each coy in turn four sets).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Rations.

(1) Three days hard are to be retained at the Coy HQ.

(2) Maximum fresh rations are to be used. These are to be delivered daily by IROQUOIS.

(3) A Coy kitchen is to operate at BINH BA.

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b. Water. Obtain locally and sterilize.

c. Canteens. Supplies delivered daily with rations by IROQUOIS.

d. Resupply. Daily by IROQUOIS. Commodity Code to be used for requirements.

e. Mail. Daily with resupply.

f. Laundry. Through 5 RAR base area until contract at BINH BA can be arranged.

g. Medical. Casevac by IROQUOIS.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

a. Coy HQ. Located with HQ 1 Cdo Coy in the villa vic YS 445746.

b. Command. In the event of an attack on the coy base area, the OC of the 5 RAR Rifle Coy is to assume command and coordinate the defence.

c. Reporting to 5 RAR. The Rifle Coy is to advise Bn HQ daily of events in the coy area.

d. Communications. Both the Rifle Coy and 1 Cdo Coy are on the bn command net for any intercommunication necessary.

Acknowledge

(J. A. WARR)
Lt Col
CO 5 RAR

Annexes: A. Enemy.
B. Diagram of BINH BA village
(Limited distribution 1-18, 32, 50, 54, 55, 58-61)
P. Trace of 1 Cdo Coy TAOR.
Z. Distribution.

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(A. P. CASSIDY)
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Annex A (Enemy) to OP ORD 12-66 OP WOOLLOOMOOLLOO

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A GUIDE TO ENEMY FORCES IN THE BINH BA AREA

1. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

UNIT (a)	LOCATION (b)	ACTIVITIES (c)	TIME TO REACH BINH BA (d)	WEIGHT OF FORCE AVAILABLE (e)
a. Local Guerilla	Several sectors to EAST WEST and NORTH of BINH BA up to 16km distant.	Reconnaisance, sniping, food and tax gathering, visiting families of VC.	½ hr to one day.	Several sections of six men with automatic rifles, grenades and Claymore mines.
b. 50 Platoon	Their TAOR extends to several kilometres around BINH BA. Indications are that they have left this area, but they could easily attempt to return	Control of Route 2, Special tasks allotted by Provincial Headquarters including local protection and ambushes.	6 hrs to two days.	33 men, several automatic weapons, grenade launchers, Claymore mines.
c. DUC THANH Company	Within DUC THANH sub province. Possibly they are WEST of 1 ATF as at mid August.	Reconnaisance, road blocks, ambushes, liaison for Main Force. No activities reported for several months.	6 hrs to several days - likely to be preceded by recce.	70 men, approx 25 automatic weapons, grenade launchers, Claymore mines.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
d. 860 Battalion (D 445)	Within PHUOC TUY PROVINCE probably within 10Km of 1 ATF. This bn is highly mobile and has been reported EAST and WEST of 1 ATF and NORTH of DUC THANH Sub Sector HQ during July and August.	Ambushes, raids, road blocks, security for food supplies, liaison for Main Force, strengthening VC political control in PHUOC TUY.	6 hrs to several days likely to be preceded by recce.	300 men, liberal allocation of automatic weapons, 57mm Recoiless Rifles, 60mm Mortars, 50 cal MGs, mines of all types.
e. 274 Regiment	DUC THANH sub province The three battalions of this regiment can concentrate anywhere in DUC THANH within 48 hrs.	Raids, attacks and ambushes.	One to several days.	1800 men. 8 x 81mm mortars, 16 recoiless rifles (57 and 75mm), 50 cal and 30 cal MGs.

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2. LIKELY REACTIONS.

a. It is quite possible that the Main Force VC units are fully occupied and that the only opposition encountered will be small guerilla bands. However the tempting nature of our position at Binh Ba, particulary in view of our recent destruction of VC control in the village, may draw two or more battalions of enemy off their present activities in order to attack our company with a view to re-establishing control over the village and achieving a powerful psychological success in the minds of the local people.

b. Once Route 2 is opened permanantly some VC harassing parties may attempt reprisals against particular villages.

3. NORMAL ENEMY USE OF THE AREA.

a. It is likely that the track system along the SUOI LUP to the NW will be used by small enemy groups for communications across to forces operating in the vicinity of Warburton Mountain. Creek/track junction 427769 should be checked frequently. Tracks also run into this point from the vicinity of 7841 and 7842. Another VC route skirts the WESTERN edge of the GALLIA Plantation, swinging to the NORTH EAST at the SUOI LUP and to the SOUTH EAST at the SOUTH WESTERN corner of the plantation.

b. It is possible that the enemy has already abandoned these routes, but they should be checked frequently in order to confirm our picture of the local enemy activity.

4. CONCLUSION. The enemy have used the area of Binh Ba extensively in the past, but they appear to have withdrawn most of their forces during the past month. The company stationed in Binh Ba may have occasional contacts with small groups of VC only, but provision should be made for continuing sizeable ambushes and an attack by a multi-battalion force.

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ANNEX B (Diagram Village) TO OPORD 12-66
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6TH Ave
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4TH Ave
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SOLOMON ST
CARRUTHERS AVE
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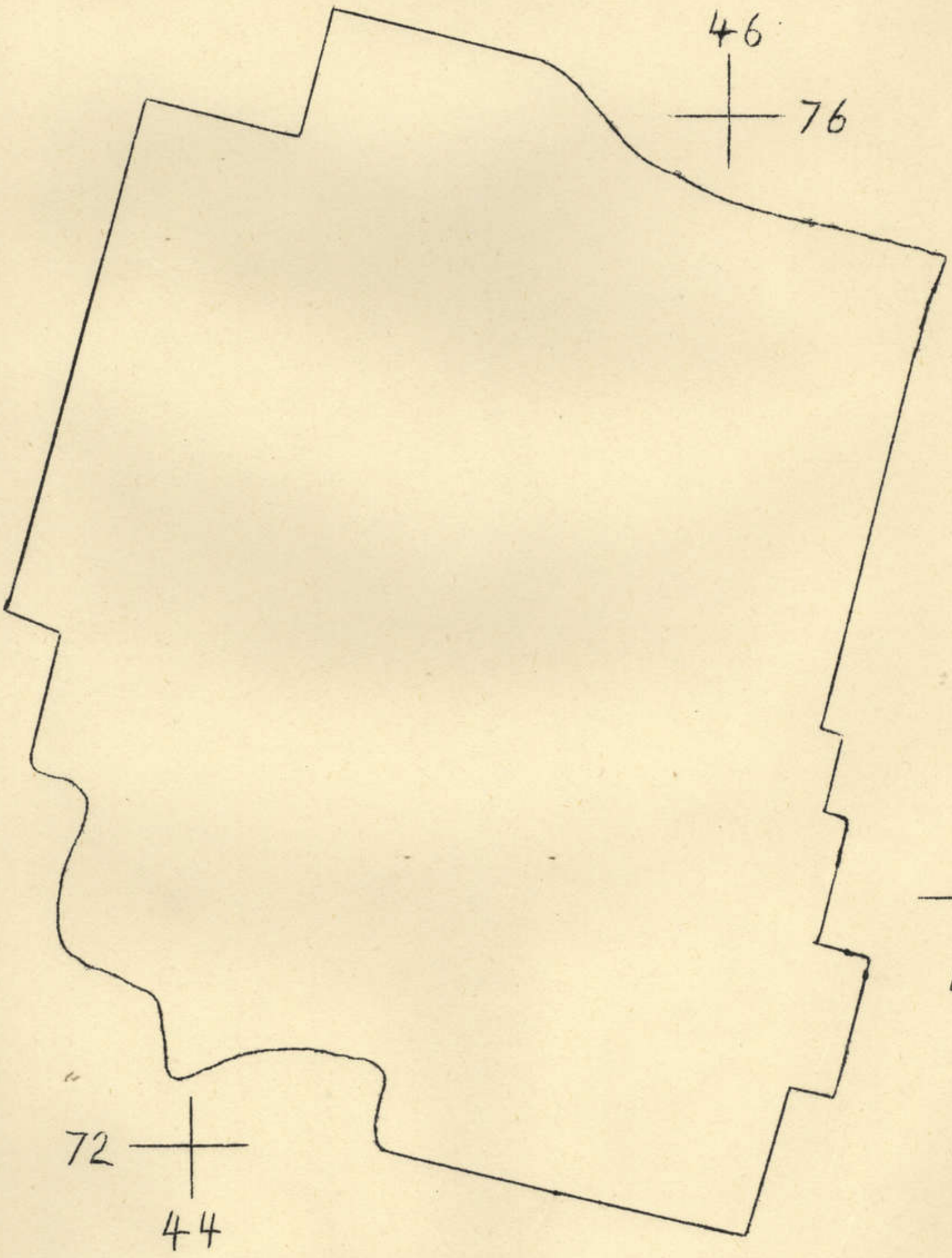
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ANNEX P (1 CDO COY TAOR) To OP ORD 12-66 OP WOOLLOOMOOLLOO.



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OPS 1

Annex Z (Distribution) to OPORD 12-66 Op WOOLLOOMOOLLOO

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A Coy	(2)	1 - 2
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Sp Coy		9
Mor Pl		10
Anti Tk Pl		11
Aslt Pnr Pl		12
Sig Pl		13
Admin Coy	(3)	14 - 16
1 APC Sqn	(2)	17 - 18
1 Fd Regt	(6)	19 - 24
105 Fd Bty	(2)	25 - 26
1 Fd Sqn		27
6 RAR	(2)	28 - 29
3 SAS Sqn		30
161 Recce Flt		31
OC Pacification Team		32
HQ 1 ATF	(15)	33 - 47
1 ATF Civil Affairs Sect		48
1 ATF ALO		49
CO		50
XO		51
S1		52
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Annex G-4

INSTALLATION REPORT

Report on Installation. at GR 454682.

at 19 hours by 214138 Cpl KENANE

1. Type of installation(hamlet,bunker complex,single bunker,wpn pits, trenches, panjis).
Single and two man bunkers - open wpn pits.

2. Area covered by installation. 1500 Square yds.

3. Defensive layout, Answer fol questions and any more details that can be given:

a. Were there wpn pits and tunnels.

(1) Wpn pits only. 1 & 2 man bunkers plus wpn pits.
(2) Tunnels and pits. Nil
(3) Tunnels only. Nil

d. Types of construction used -

(1) Wpn pits. Some open pits - but mostly with heavy overhead cover.
(2) Tunnels. N/A

e. No of pits and tunnels and unit or subunit you estimate would occupy them.
Bunker type 15 - open wpn pits 2 - Platoon plus.

f. Direction pits were facing. Mostly EAST with 2 or 3 facing NORTH.

G. Were the pits:
(1) Individual 10
(2) 2 Man 5
(3) 3 Man 2

h. How old were:
(1) Pits. 1 - 2 maybe 3 months
(2) Tunnels. N/A
(3) Bunkers. 3 - 6 months
(4) Any other installation. Nil

i. Was the defensive layout near river, track, road, ford etc.
On bank of creek with rear facing overgrown Banana plantation.

j. Were there any early warning devices or posts. Nil were found.

.....Maj
OC A Coy

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Annex E

MESSAGE FORM

PRECEDENCE ACTION	DATE TIME GROUP	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
ROUTINE	191100 Z	RESTRICTED

FROM 5 RAR

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
OPS 1

TO A Coy (6) B Coy (6) C Coy (6) D Coy (6)
Sp Coy (5) Admin Coy (6) CO 2IC IO FCC

SITREP No 2 from 181500 - 192000H.

ONE. ENEMY. ALPHA. 6 RAR activities. FIRST. 1540 hrs D Coy 6 RAR contact 6 - 8 VC vic GR 478673. VC withdrew EAST. SECOND. 1615 hrs D Coy reported mor rds falling near their posn. THRID. 1637 hrs D Coy contact estimated coy sized force. FORTH. 11 pl reported it was receiving mor fire FIFTH. 1710 hrs D Coy reported En coy dug in 200 metres to its EAST. SIXTH. 1730 hrs. En coy plus attacked D Coy. En broke contact at 1915 hrs. SEVENTH. A Coy 6 RAR with 1 APC Tp departed 6 RAR base loc 1800 hrs. EIGHTH. A Coy mounted in APC made contact with an en coy at vic GR 474663. A Coy dismounted and swept to D Coy posn. BRAVO. Air recce reported 300 people dressed in black moving SOUTH & WEST from LONG PHUOC. No arms seen. AM 19 Aug. CHARLIE. Numerous tracks spotted running EAST from area of contact. DELTA. 6 RAR found trench system at GR 490667. 3 bodies and automatic wpns found. ECHO. Camp recently occupied at GR 527656. FOXTROT. 5 RAR found small camp recently occupied by sect strength force at GR 455682. GOLF. CHINOOK fired on at approx 190030 fm GR 431682. HOTEL. En cas as at 191700 H 187 KIA body count. 3 captured. Many wpns of various types captured. Enemy unit involved estimated at 2 bns of 45 Regt PAVN. KILO. 45 Regt has 4 bns CMM one support bn CMM logistic bn.

TWO. OWN SIT.

ALPHA. Remainder 6 RAR left base loc 190700 H. BRAVO. D Coy 5 RAR moved by helicopter to GR 4767 at 190650 H. CHARLIE. Airstrikes on suspected tgts during night 18/19 Aug dropped 39 tons bombs. 18 tons bombs dropped during day 19 Aug. DELTA. Arty fired 16 msns in sp of D Coy 6 RAR CMM 2638 rds 105 mm and 151 rds 155 mm fired during the action. ECHO. Many thousands of Psywar leaflets dropped on likely withdrawal routes. FOXTROT. OWN CAS. 17 KIA. 26 KIA ADMIN. CHINOOK flew in 66000 lb Arty ammo during period 190030H and 190445 H.

DRAFTER'S NAME	OFFICE	TEL NO
ISAACS	CP	12

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE AND RANK

Capt

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MESSAGE FORM

PRECEDENCE ACTION	DATE-TIME-GROUP		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
ROUTINE	20	Z	RESTRICTED

FROM 5 RAR ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER OPS 1

TO A Coy (5) B Coy (5) C Coy (5)
D Coy (5) Sp Coy (5) Admin Coy (5)

INFO CO 2IC CP FCC IO (5)

SITREP No 3 from 192000 H to 202000 H.

ONE. ENEMY. ALPHA. Air OP reported tracks leading to some foxholes and what appeared to be some graves at GR 518672 at 191758 H. BRAVO. Possum reported small group of civilians appeared to be carrying baskets of food or med suplies. CHARLIE. 6 RAR apprehended 40 civilians vic GR 488650. After interrogation CMM they were released. DELTA. D Coy 5 RAR located 27 gallons kerosene CMM 21 gallons of cooking oil CMM 20 pick heads and some clothing at GR 483687. Tracks from this cache lead South/South West. Probable that this posn was used as an RV after the major action of Thurs/Fri prior ro a move South East to main withdrawal route East. Some portions of bodies found along this track. ECHO. ALO reported mor fire GR 503797 FOXTROT. 6 RAR contacted 6 VC GR 485668 at 201435 H. Result. 1 poss en WIA. Body count as at 201200 H 231 KIA.

TWO. OWN SIT. ALPHA. 6 RAR and D Coy 5 RAR continued search of area adjacent to battle area. BRAVO. Arty fired 28 H & I msns. CHARLIE. Psywar voice ac operated over likely VC areas and dropped 100 000 leaflets. DELTA. Air strike on suspected VC bn posn at vic GR 5979 and GR 514662.

THREE. ADMIN. NTR.

DRAFTER'S NAME	OFFICE	TEL NO
ISAACS	CP	12

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE AND RANK

Capt

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Cond's Diary Annex G-5

Australian Military Forces

ROUTINE

5 RAR
AP AN PHU
SOUTH VIETNAM
Aug 66

R1005-60-2

List A

B-50 ANTITANK GRENADE

General

1. On 23 May 66, an antitank grenade launcher and two rounds of ammunition were captured in the Rung Sat Special Zone. Preliminary evaluation identified the weapon as a 'B 50' antitank grenade launcher firing high explosive antitank (HEAT) ammunition. Two rounds were tested for penetration, one as a static test, the other as a flight test.

Static Test

2. Static test results were as follows:

a. Test range (weapon to target - round on test plate at 90 degree angle.

b. Penetration - complete penetration of 15 inch standard (homogenous) armour plate. The entrance hole was approximately one inch in diameter; the exit hole was approximately 7/16 inch in diameter.

Flight Test

3. Flight test results were as follows:

a. Test range (weapon to target) - 150 feet.

b. Instrument velocity - 263 FPS.

c. Penetration - 9.65 inches against rolled homogenous plate at zero degrees obliquity (round impacting at 90 degrees to the plate.)

Test Conclusion

4. On the basis of the above tests, it is concluded that the B - 50 will achieve approximately twelve inches penetration at zero degrees obliquity when fired at a range of 100-150 metres.

Aids to Identification

5. To aid in the identification of these items, the following guidance is provided:

a. Launcher. Similar in configuration to the CHICOM B-40 antitank launcher but larger (50mm tube diameter) and heavier. The rear of the tube has a venture shape. The only launcher captured was fitted with a monopod forward of the pistol grip trigger assembly and a bi-pod near the rear of the tube. These attachments may not be standard on the B-50 launcher.

b. Ammunition. The B-50 HEAT round is similar in configuration to the Soviet PG-2 grenade (CHICOM Copy B640), however, the B-50 is approximately one third larger and has a wooden tailboom.

.../The warhead

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The warhead diameter is approximately 100mm. In the unfired condition a fixed fin assembly is positioned directly behind the warhead and secured by three copper shear pins. After firing, the fins slide to the rear and are held in place by the detonator housing at the end of the round while in flight. The propelling cartridge is attached to the round by threads and is covered with green plastic.

Further Evaluation

6. Further evaluation of this weapon and ammunition is essential and, to this end, all coys are to take positive action to prevent destruction of captured B-50 ammunition/ B-50 launchers. Any such material is to be evacuated as quickly as possible to Bn HQ. Rounds and launchers are to be retained in original condition and associated documents captured with the material are to accompany the items.

(J. A. Warr)
Lt Col
CO

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Annex M-4

B Coy
5 RAR
AP AN PHU
PHUOC TUY PROVINCE

21 Aug 66

B COY OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS

OP "HOLSWORTHY"

1. Sub-unit : B Coy

2. Comd : Maj M.B.McQualter

3. Operation : Holsworthy

4. Duration : 8 - 18 Aug 66

5. Annexes

a. Tasks and Sequence of Events - Annex A

b. Assessment of Operation - Annex B

(M.B.McQualter)
Maj
OC B Coy

Distribution

1 ATF	2	CO	
A Coy		Adjt	
B Coy		IO	
C Coy		CP	
D Coy		FCC	
Sp Coy		File	
Admin Coy		Comds Diary	4

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Annex A to
B Coy Op Report
OP HOLSWORTHY

COY TASKS AND SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Coy Tasks.

1. B Coy tasks were :-

a. Phase 1 8 - 9 Aug

(1) OC 5 Pl, moving with C Coy on D-3 D-2, conducted a night recce of the Binh Ba village, EASTERN approach.

(2) B Coy was to move independently of the remainder of the bn. and approach from the EAST to cordon EASTERN flanks of Binh Ba village.

b. Phase 2 9 - 11 Aug 66 B Coy to search and apprehend all males of military age and commence civic action programme.

c. Phase 3 12 - 13 Aug 66 B Coy to piquet TL 2 and establish a road block SOUTH of Duc My village. One platoon to continue in phase 2.

d. Phase 4 14 - 18 Aug 66 B Coy to provide EASTERN cordon in a bn search and destroy operation against the VC Provincial HQ.

Sequence of Events.

2. Phase 1

a. 8 Aug

(1) B Coy departed base area at 0930 hrs and moved in trident formation to a ni harbour at 465733. At 1328 hrs at 462716, 1700 metres SOUTH of prospective harbour the 4th man in the second section (MG No 1) of the left fwd pl sighted a black clad figure observing the movement of the men in front of him. The figure furtively commenced to move off, parallel with the pl. The MG No 1, suspecting an ambush of those in front, and unable to attract their attention fired 3 X 5 rd bursts in the area where the figure had moved. An immediate sweep by the pl discovered NO black clad figure, but in rear of where the firing had taken place a woman (38), was found seriously wounded and a boy (10) was found dead. The woman was immediately attended to and DUST OFF called for. She died at 1400 hrs and both bodies were buried at 46157250.

(2) The coy moved without further incident to the harbour position.

b. 9 Aug

(1) At 0330 the coy moved in single file 1200 metres to the EASTERN edge of Binh Ba village. We were in position by 0520 hrs. At 0600 hrs we moved forward the final 100 metres and quickly linked with C Coy 5 RAR and C Coy 6 RAR.

(2) At 0800 hrs the search of the village commenced.

(3) At 1500 hrs 75% of the village was searched when Col Dat and Cond 1 ATF arrived to address an assembly of villagers and initiate the handing out of rice.

c. 10 Aug

(1) Search continued and was completed by 1200 hrs.

(2) At 1530 hrs rice and milk was distibuted to the needy by a house by house delivery.

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d. 11 Aug B Coy moved to a harbour posn at 455736. 4 Pl patrolled to the EAST, 5 Pl moved back to the village visiting the people and playing soccer with the children, and 6 Pl remained in base.

3. Phase 2.

a. 12 Aug B Coy moved to a harbour posn at 452728 from which base TL 2 was picqueted from 44157050 NORTH to a rd block at 450732. 6 Pl moved to Binh Ba and continued playing soccer and visiting the people.

b. 13 Aug The road was picqueted and a rd block maintained by 5 and 6 Pls whilst 4 Pl visited Binh Ba.

4. Phase 3.

a. 14 Aug B Coy moved by foot to the EASTERN stop group area bounded by 486720 and 484710. On the move from the harbour ni 13/14 Aug, [illegible] approximately due EAST the fol en sign was found :-

(1) 470721 - Well used pit recently occupied by 2 men, tracks heading SOUTH.

(2) 47807225 - Tracks for 2-3 VC moving SOUTH.

(3) 48357220 - Sign for 4 VC using an old hut near evidence of past own tp occupation. Direction of movement nor determined.

b. When at 486714 the coy concentrated in its search for VC tracks and 5 Pl continued SOUTH for 500 metres to determine if any tracks existed. The remainder of the coy stood to. The sect 2 IC of 2 Sect saw and for two minutes observed 2 VC and a possible third VC 35 metres outside the perimeter. In the resulting contact Pte R.J.Kennedy was KIA. (See contact report). Pte Kennedy's body was evacuated by a winch fitted IROQUOIS, using 80 ft of cable. The area was swept and the coy moved NORTH 400 metres to harbour at 1845 hrs.

c. 15 Aug Ten recce patrols fanned the area from the NORTH, through EAST, to the SOUTH to 800-1000 metres. No enemy sign was found. 6 Pl harboured 500 metres NORTH for the night.

d. 16 Aug

(1) The coy moved to area 486727, received a resupply and patrolled NORTH, SOUTH and EAST up to 850 metres, still searching for en sign.

(2) Later in the day the search continued to the WEST for 500 metres.

(3) 6 Pl ambushed a well defined NORTH - SOUTH track from 160830 to 171130 hrs.

e. 17 Aug

(1) A SOUTHERN track was investigated by 4 Pl and the remainder of the coy joined 4 Pl at 485720.

f. 18 Aug The coy moved by foot and APC back to the base area without incident.

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Annex B to
B Coy Op Report
OP HOLSWORTHY

ASSESSMENT OF OPERATION

Phase 1 and 2 (8-11 Aug)

1. Night Movement.

a. No problems existed on this, our second night advance. The lessons from Op Sydney were applied and the movement was smoothly executed.

b. Navigation and pacing does NOT pose a problem when moving by night in rubber. It was coincidental that the line of the rubber trees was the same line of navigation (5100 mils). Future recce parties could give more detail of such navigational aids.

2. Cordon. The timing of the cordon was good. Evidently no VC escaped. However, earlier timings could be effected just as well with the twilight movement to link sub-units. B Coy experienced NO problems in linking with both the C Coys.

3. Search of a Village.

a. The search took considerable time. When searching a house the search team consisted of :-

(1) Interpreter
(2) Policeman
(3) 4 Engrs (2 inside and 2 outside)
(4) Cond
(5) Protection party (sec)

This is a slow process as each house must have a SVN government representative (policeman) present.

b. A census of the village was compiled as well as a map of the village layout. In future this should become standardised for hhe battalion.

4. Rice and Food Distribution. Two systems were used :-

a. 9 Aug - After Col Dat addressed the people an endeavour to issue rice and tins of milk resulted in a debacle. Both Col Dat and myself were pushed to the ground and one old lady received cuts to the face when a fellow villager hit her in the face with a can of milk. Everybody did not receive an issue and a list was made of those people for issue the following day.

b. 10 Aug A house to house delivery to those who did not receive rice and milk was made. An assessment of the needy was also made and these people received some additional assistance.

c. In future, if the number of families can be ascertained (basically 1½ families per house) the distribution should be planned on this basis as well as allowing a 50% reserve for errors of judgement.

5. Civic Action.

a. The need in the village is assessed :-
(1) New market place
(2) Improved hygiene (to include educational films)
(3) Drains
(4) More schools - teachers
(5) Sporting equipment

b. For three days after the search each platoon rotated through the village, visiting the people, carrying the sick to the medcap, attending church with the villagers and playing soccer with the children. The soccer games were evenly matched, the balance being in barefoot play and the ability of the children to keep the ball in the stinging nettles.

/c.

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c. Points worth noting were :-
(1) The soldiers were increasingly invited into homes to partake of tea and, in some cases, whisky. Invariable the babies and younger children were brought forward to be looked at and nursed.
(2) When the people went to market the soldiers tried to buy bananas from them. The people refused to sell them their produce, and instead gave bananas to the soldiers.

Phase 3 (12 - 13 Aug)

6. NO comments.

Phase 4 (14 - 18 Aug)

7. NO comments.

Casualties.

8. To VC (In conjunction with search of Duc Trung)

VCC (cadre) - 7
VCC (guerrila) - 10
Suspects - 77

9. To B Coy

KIA - 1

Annex M-57

D COY
5 RAR
NUI DAT HEIGHTS
7 Aug 66

SUB UNIT OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS REPORT

1. Sub Unit — D Coy

2. Comd — 335104 Maj P. N. GREENHALGH

3. Operation — HOLSWORTHY

4. Duration — 8 Aug - 18 Aug 66

5. Outline Tasks

Phase 1. Cordon of DUC TRUNG village. Search of DUC MY village.

Phase 2. Maintain Northern check point for opening of TL 2.

Phase 3. Cordon of Northern area in search of NLF HQ.

6. Sequence of Events — See Annex A.

7. Assessment of OP

Phase 1. Cordon of DUC TRUNG and search of DUC MY.

(a) Successful move to assembly area and night move to cordon position. Perhaps we were too close to village, however value of previous recce was again realised. Search of DUC MY was speedy and efficient.

Phase 2. Maintain Northern check point.

(b) We did not function as an effective check point for the movement of civilians, due to the majority who mounted vehicles at BIN GHIA. Cage was not used.

(c) Although the duties had their humerous sidelights the soldiers became rather bored. All however saw the value and need for such an operation.

Phase 3. Cordon and search of NLF HQ.

(d) As a Company we were sceptical about the intelligence information regarding the likely location of the NLF HQ. Previous experience in the area left a degree of uncertainty as to track patterns and possible enemy locations in area GR 482727. The previous enemy contacts led us to believe there was something there.

(e) In the area of our cordon there had been enemy movement 2 - 3 hours old. There was however no pattern and the detailed check by ourselves and B Coy failed to reveal any enemy bases. I am still uncertain about that area and regretably cannot make any logical assessment.

..2 (f)

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(f) The Company was restless in this phase due to the inactivity, however the general situation was understood. "It was suggested that we be issued with blanks and act as the enemy."

General Assessment

(g) A slow moving operation - a pleasant change from previous ones. Phase 1 cordon and search was most successful. I feel Battalion could have passed on more information. The troops are always interested in the big picture.

(h) The Admin link worked except for receiving 144 cakes of soap instead of flannelette.

(j) Health was good with only 4 medevacs.

2 cases of bronchitis

1 case of gastro-enteritis

1 case of PUO

(k) The MG Nos 1 tested the ammo carriers and found them unsuccessful due to

1. They are extremely uncomfortable
2. They twist the MG off balance
3. They make a noise and become easily detached

P.L. Queenbaph Maj

OC D Coy

22 Aug 66

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Annex 'A' to
D Coy OP Analysis report
Dated 21 Aug 66

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1. 8 Aug 66

Company leads Battalion Group to RANDWICK PARK - Battalion forward assembly area, and then night move to cordon position around DUC TRUNG village.

2. 9 Aug 66

Company in cordon, North and North-West of DUC TRUNG village. PM Company move with D Company 6 RAR to search DUC MY. 15 males of military age apprehended. Villagers were friendly. Medcap and food issued. Return to road block position GR 455755.

3. 10 Aug 66

In road block. 11 and 12 Platoons patrol 1000 metres to East and West respectively.

4. 11 Aug 66

In road block. 10 Platoon patrol to East.

5. 12 Aug 66

Man Northern road block forward movement of civilians North and South. Approximately 1600 moved South to BARIA. Liason with US advisers of DUC THAN sector.

6. 13 Aug 66

Man Northern road block. Movement of 1200 locals to the NORTH.

7. 14 Aug 66

Company move to cordon position GR 479725 and redeployed in 6 groups, East and West.

8. 15 Aug 66

Company in cordon groups in various footpads, tracks in area. NTR

9. 16 Aug 66

Company move to GR 476734. Receive FIREFLY and then move to GR 477735. 11 and 12 Platoons patrol East and West. NTR.

10. 17 Aug 66

Company move to GR 474737. 10 and 11 Platoons patrol East and West. NTR.

11. 18 Aug 66

Company returns to BINH BAH rubber plantation and to NUI DAT by APC's.

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D COY
5 RAR
NUI DAT HEIGHTS
) Aug 66

SUB UNIT OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS REPORT

1. Sub Unit — D Coy 5 RAR

2. Comd — 335104 Maj P. N. GREENHALGH

3. Operation — SMITHFIELD

4. Duration — 19 Aug - 20 Aug 66

5. Outline of Tasks — Support element of 6 RAR. Searching of battle field and follow up of enemy withdrawal routes.

6. Sequence of Events — See Annex A.

7. Assessment of OP

(a) We helped in a small way to support 6 RAR in their clearance of the battle field.

(b) Although troops were very tired after the previous operation they accepted the degree of urgency and threw every thing they had into the tasks given. The desire to help was most evident.

(c) The extent of the battle and casualities provided each man with a great personal and military experience.

(d) WE WERE PROUD TO HAVE PARTICIPATED EVEN IN SUCH A LIMITED WAY.

P N Greenhalgh
.....Maj
OC D Coy
) Aug 66

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Annex 'A' to
D Coy OP Analysis Report
Dated 21 Aug 66

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1. 18 Aug 66

1800 hours. Company placed on one hour's notice to support 6 RAR as a result of their contact with enemy battalions.

2400 hours. Company warned for move 0600 hours.

2. 19 Aug 66

(a) 0100 hours. Company warned for move 0730 hours.

(b) 0550 hours. Company warned for move 0630 hours.

(c) 0635 hours. Company arrived Canberra Ave for loading on helicopter.

(d) Company flown to area GR 474676, met up with 6 RAR. Orders given and Company mission to be left assualt Company, mounted in APC's, to clear through battle field.

(e) At end of first sweep West, Company found main withdrawal route. Followed up on foot for 1000 metres. Direction of move NE then SE.

(f) Company regrouped with APC. Foot move to area North of LONG TAN supported by APC, then mounted move East to clear Southern area of battle field.

(g) Company harboured with 6 RAR for night.

3. 20 Aug 66

(a) Company to search 3 areas, DANCE, DREAM, and DRONGO North and West of NUI DAT. C 6 RAR search to North and East. 11 Platoon found two 8 hour old pits, equipment plus wallet, documents and photos at GR 478682. Company move North on report of POSSUM sighting one enemy in area GR 478692. 10 Platoon follow up, found traces of enemy only ½ - 1 hour old. Found fresh grave at GR 480694.

(b) Company harboured at GR 479682.

4. 21 Aug 66

(a) Company returned to home base, under command 5 RAR from first light.

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Annex M-B

B Coy
5 RAR

22 Aug 66

AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. OP HOLSWORTHY.

2. Report by 36911 2Lt J.Carruthers.

3. 4 Pl B Coy 5 RAR.

4. Time of action 1645 hrs. Duration 3 mins. Date 14 Aug 66.

5. Location GR 486714.

6. Patrol or sect task. Southern sector of Coy harbour.

7. At approximately 1550 hrs the coy formed harbour and stood to. 5 Pl left immediately to search for tracks to the SOUTH for 500 metres. At 1643 hrs two VC were sighted by the sect 2IC of 2 sect, from the MG's position. One was wearing a bamboo helmet or pith hat, the other wore a turban type headress. Other movement in their vicinity indicated a possible third VC. They were behind palm fronds, observing to the NORTH 35 - 40 metres from the MG which was NW from the VC. Lcpl Newstead alerted those on either side and covered the VC with his weapon whilst the MG was brought into a covering fire position. The VC appeared to have sensed that they had been seen and quickly pulled their heads in behind cover. Lcpl Newst d ordered the MG group to fire. Pte Kennedy, who had been using the pl latrine 15 - 20 metres in front of 3 sect MG, was 15 metres from the VC. Dense scrub separated him and the VC. A sweep was made of the area after the firing by 4 Pl and later, in depth by 5 Pl on their return to the harbour. Pte Kennedy was found dead at the pl latrine.

8. Description of terrain. Flat scrubby country with visibility from 30 to 60 metres.

9. Distance to en when first sighted. 35 - 40 metres.

10. Which member first saw en. 2IC 2 sect Lcpl Newstead.

11. What was he doing. Observing from perimeter.

12. What caused en to be noticed. En moving.

13. VC strength. 2 possibly 3. Dress. See (7).

14. Who fired first. MG grp. Range. 35 - 40 metres.

15. What sect wpns. MG and rifles.

16. What was en immediate action. Concealment and evasion.

17. What was sect immediate reaction. Cease firing, keep area covered and look for target.

18. En cas. Nil confirmed.

19. Caused by. N/A.

20. Friendly cas. 1 KIA.

21. Caused by (wpn) Not known.

22. Approx ammo exp. 40 rds (20 MG, 20 SLR).

23. Docs/Wpns captured. Nil.

24. Lessons learnt. No fire should go out of a harbour (pl or coy) without alerting the whole formation.

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Part 2

25. They were peering over bushes to observe us in the harbour. On being engaged with fire they evidently went to ground and escaped. One tree near the MG had one bullet scar from which it has been surmised thet the VC fired briefly at the MG. The origin of the round which killed Pte Kennedy is a mystery as it came from an angle above the horizontal.

26. After sect contact quietened down another sect did a close sweep in the contact area.

27. As in 22.

Part 3.

28. The coy, less 5 Pl, were in harbour, standing to whilst 5 Pl swept to the SOUTH and returned. At the time of the contact 5 Pl were 250 metres SOUTH and were used as a SOUTHERN stop group and then swept in depth likely en withdrawal routes. However, soldiers must realise that in war it is the team that counts. Eh sightings, movement, presence etc must be covered whilst information is passed to the HQ of the tactical unit on the ground, (in this case Coy HQ). Therefore this allows planned deployment as well as maintenance of surprise. Those covering the enemy should not fire unless the enemy takes or is about to take offensive action.

(M.B.McQualter)
Maj
OC B Coy

Distribution

1 ATF (2)
A Coy (4)
B Coy (4)
C Coy (4)
D Coy (4)
Sp Coy (5)
Admin Coy
CO
Adjt
IO
CP
FCC
File
Conds Diary (4)
Spare (3)

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B Coy
5 RAR

12 Aug 66

AFTER ACTION REPORT

PART 1

1. OP HOLSWORTHY.

2. Report by 1731021 2Lt T.H.O'Hanlon.

3. 5 Pl B Coy 5 RAR.

4. 081328 hrs. Contact lasted for 3 minutes.

5. Location 462716.

6. Left fwd pl of coy advance.

7. The MG No 1 of the second section of 5 Pl saw a black clad figure to his right front, observing the movement of those in front of him. The man commenced to move off, parallel with the platoon. The MG No 1, suspecting an ambush and unable to attract the attention of those in front, fired 3 X 5 rd bursts into the area where the figure had moved. An immediate sweep by the rear section discovered no black clad figure, who had taken off, but in rear of where the firing had taken place was a woman (38) seriously wounded and a boy (10), dead. The woman was immediately attended to and DUST OFF called for. She died at 1400 hrs and both bodies were buried at 46157250.

8. Overgrown banana plantation with shoulder height savanah type grass. Visibility at time of contact was 20 metres- due to undergrowth and heavy rain.

9. 15 - 20 metres.

10. MG No 1.

11. He was moving on the right flank of the sect, which was in open file.

12. Movement.

13. VC strength one, dress black.

14. MG of the sect fired first, expending 15 rds of ammo.

15. Lessons learnt - that the men in front must continually check for signals from the rear.

PART 2 - Pl Conds Comments.

NIL

PART 3 - Coy Conds Comments.

It is unfortunate that civilians do get involved in contacts. Safety of own troops must be of prime importance under existing rules of engagement. Restriction on civilian movement must be emphasised to them.

(M.B.McQualter)
Maj
OC B Coy

Distribution

1 ATF	(2)	CO	Spare	(3)
A Coy	(4)	Adjt		
B Coy	(4)	IO		
C Coy	(4)	CP		
D Coy	(4)	FCC		
Sp Coy	(5)	File		
Admin Coy		Conds Diary	(4)	

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ROUTINE

5 RAR
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22 Aug 66

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List B & C

DISPOSAL OF PERSONNEL EFFECTS, EQUIPMENT AND

DOCUMENTS OF PERSONNEL HOSPITALISED/DECEASED

AMENDMENT NUMBER 2

Reference; A. 5 RAR R571-2-6 of 7 Jul 66.

1. Paragraph 29. a. of referenced memo is amended by:

a. Deleting the words - "name and address of the deceased members NOK," and,

b. Inserting in their place the word "Camp Commandant."

(G. R. Wainwright)
Lt
Asst Adjt

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C.P.

Annex E 8

MESSAGE FORM

PRECEDENCE ACTION	DATE-TIME-GROUP	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
ROUTINE	22 0 / / / Z	RESTRICTED

FROM 5 RAR

ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
OPS 1

TO A Coy (5) B Coy (5) C Coy (5)
D Coy (5) Sp Coy (5) Admin Coy (5)

INFO CO 2IC IO CP FCC

SITREP from 202000 H to 212000 H.

ONE. EN. ALPHA. 6 RAR found large camp vic GR 508678 which appeared to have been used as a cas clearing station in last 48 hrs. 14 bodies in shallow grave found. Total BC now 245. Defensive posns located GR 514661 estimated to be 48 hrs old. Camp with 40 wpn pits loc GR 517667 not built recently but used in last 48 hrs. Tracks from camp lead NE and E.

TWO. OWN SIT. ALPHA. 6 RAR and D/5 RAR returned to base. BRAVO. Arty fired 30 H & I msns and 5 impromptu tgts in sp of 6 RAR.

THREE. ADMIN. NTR.

DRAFTER'S NAME	OFFICE	TEL NO
ISAACS	CP	12

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE AND RANK

Capt

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Condo Diary

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vic YS 441684
231130H Aug 66

OPS 2

OP ORD 13 - 66 OP TOLEDO

Reference: Maps: VIETNAM 1 : 25000 Pictomap Series L8020 sheets 6430 11S, 111S, 11N, 111N
1 : 50000 Sheet IV

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Annex A

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) Operation TOLEDO is a search and destroy operation being conducted in the EASTERN Sector of Phuoc Tuy Province by 11 Field Force Vietnam in coordination with BLT (Battalion Landing Team) 1/26 USMC.

(2) Troops taking part

173 Abn Bde (Sep)

33rd and 35th ARVN Ranger Bns

BLT 1/26 USMC

(3) Seventh Fleet provides naval gunfire support.

(4) Seventh Air Force provides close air support.

(5) The operation which was scheduled for completion on 22 Aug has now been extended and 1 ATF has been included.

(6) Areas of operation are shown in Operation Overlay (Annex D). To be issued separately.

(7) Overall concept of operation is as follows:

(a) 173 Abn Bde (Sep) with 33rd and 35th ARVN Ranger Bns under op control conducts airborne assaults into AOs PAT and KATHY on 22 Aug 66 and conduct search and destroy operations.

(b) BLT 1/26 USMC conducts beach assault and heliborne landings in to AO MARCY and conducts search and destroy operations; and occupies blocking position MARGE.

(8) 6 RAR is to:

Maintain a company size patrol in battalion sector AO GAIL during the period of operation to search and destroy and be prepared to block enemy penetrations.

(9) 3 SAS is to provide surveillance patrol to operate forward of line BLUE within 1 ATF TAOR.

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c. Attachments and Detachments.

(1) Remaining under command	One sect 1 APC Sqn (3 APC) One sp sect 1 APC Sqn (3 APC)
(2) Remaining in direct support	103 Fd Bty
(3) Remaining in support	105 Fd Bty 161 Bty, RNZA Bty A 2/35 Arty
(4) In loc from 231800H	3 SAS liaiscn team

2. MISSION. 5 RAR is to destroy any enemy force attempting to withdraw SW into AO GAIL allotted to 5 RAR.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations

(1) One coy is to patrol in battalion sector AO GAIL to search and destroy and be prepared to block and destroy enemy penetrating the area.

(2) Patrol 5 RAR TAOR WEST of TL 2.

(3) Patrol between YS 460776 and line BLUE.

(4) Maintain a reaction force of one company.

b. A Company.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide a patrol of one platoon in the 5 RAR TAOR 1000 metres inside line BLUE and WEST of Route TL 2.

(b) Provide an ambush of one platoon on Route TL 2 between the AP AN PHU Bridge (YS 436692) and line ALPHA. This can be done with the pl on patrol.

(c) Clear the proposed patrol/ambush routes with Bn HQ.

(d) Be prepared to move by foot, APC or helicopter all or part of the coy to the Binh Ba area at 2 hours notice.

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c. B Coy

(1) Grouping. No change

(2) Tasks.

(a) Patrol with the complete company inside 5 RAR AO GAIL no closer than 1000 metres to line BLUE and 500 metres to the 6 RAR boundry.

(b) The coy patrol is to depart 231400 and return by 260800H and search from EAST to WEST. The coy will not separate into less than platoon size groups.

(c) Be prepared to move by foot, APC or helicopter, to BINH BA to support C Coy.

d. C Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Remaining under command — One sect mor pl
One sect 1 APC Sqn (3 APCs)
One sp sect 1 APC Sqn (3 APCs)
One interpreter

(b) Under command for tactical deployment within the TAOR allocated. — 1 Commando Coy

(2) Tasks.

(a) Protect the BINH BA village area.

(b) Assist with civil aid programmes.

(c) Patrol the area between YS 460776 and line BLUE to detect any enemy penetration from WEST to EAST.

(d) Effect liaison with DUC THANH Sub Sector regarding requirement (c) above.

(e) Current orders for Operation WOOLLOOMOOLOO remains in force.

e. D Coy.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks. Remain on ½ hour standby to move to support B Coy in the TAOR or C Coy at BINH BA in accordance with 5 RAR R569-1-5 dated 20 Aug 66 and 5 RAR R569-1-9 issued 23 Aug 66.

f. Mortar Platoon.

(1) Grouping.

(a) One sect under command C Coy at BINH BA.

(b) One sect to be prepared to move to BINH BA by APC or helicopter with 100 rds HE per tube.

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(2) Tasks.

(a) Sect in base area. Provide support for 5 RAR base area.

(b) Sect under command C Coy. Provide support for C Coy and 1 Commando Company.

(c) Sect on standby. Be prepared to move at two hours notice by APC or helicopter to support B Coy or C Coy.

g. Anti Tk Pl.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks. Secure B Coy base area between stand to each night and stand down each morning commencing 23 Aug 66.

h. Assault Pioneer Platoon.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Continue improvements in base area.

(b) Secure C Coy base area between stand to at night and stand down in the morning commencing 23 Aug 66.

i. Armd.

(1) Grouping. One sect of 1 APC Sqn (3 APC) under command C Coy. One support sect of 1 APC Sqn (3 APC) under command C Coy.

(2) Tasks. Assist C Coy with patrolling the BINH BA rubber plantation and Route TL2.

j. Artillery.

(1) Grouping. No change. OPO party to be provided to A Coy if A Coy required to move as a reacti on force.

k. Aviation.

(1) Two RAAF Iroquois are on standby at LZ KANGAROO.

(2) One Sioux available as Radio Relay

l. Co-ordinating Instructions.

(1) Routes of B Coy/A Coy patrols issued separately.

(2) 3 SAS LO will advise mov of SAS patrols to ensure co-ordination.

(3) Rules of Engagement.

(a) Inside line ALFA any people other than friendly are considered VC.

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(b) Outside Line ALFA.

i. Fire only when fired at or when a suspect is about to commit a hostile act.

ii. If in doubt, don't shoot.

(c) Wear red hat bands outside 1 ATF base area.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Rations.

(1) B Coy three days combat with a choice of type to be carried.

(2) Standby forces - two days combat.

(3) C Coy to hold three days hard rations at BINH BA.

b. Water. Local water to be obtained and sterilized before use.

c. Ammunition.

(1) Maximum to be carried by patrols.

(2) Up to 7 SLR magazines may be carried.

(3) All linked belt will be inside li-lo inners.

(4) A Echelon to hold all available SLR magazines half filled and be prepared to complete the filling when ordered.

(5) C Coy to hold three first lines at BINH BA.

(6) 500 rds 81mm mor to be held by C Coy at BINH BA.

d. Medical. Evacuation by DUST OFF.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

a. Bn HQ. Remain present location but be prepared to move BINH BA in accordance with 5 RAR R569-1-5 dated 20 Aug 66.

b. Radio.

(1) Additions to Bn Command Net:

(a) 1 Commando Company to use callsign 63.

(b) DUC THANH Sub Sector to use callsign 64.

(2) A Coy patrol to be on battalion comd net.

(3) One Sioux ac available for Radio Relay.

(4) Frequencies.

(a) As per current SOIs.

(5) Callwords and Callsigns. As per current SOIs.

(6) Requests for communication checks are to be reduced to the minimum.

c. Passwords Points of Origin, Q Hours. As currently issued.

/d. KAC Code.

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d. KAC Code. As per current SOI.

e. Synchronization of Watches.

Acknowledge:

(J. A. WARR)
Lt Col
CO

Annexes: A. Enemy
Z. Distribution List

Official

(P. J. ISAACS)
Capt
Adjt

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Annex A (Enemy) to OP ORD 13-66 (OP TOLEDO)

1. Disposition of Enemy Forces.

Probable locations of major enemy forces in our vicintiy are:-

HQ 5 VC Div and supporting elements.	6780
274 Regt (HQ and one or two bns)	5388
A bn of 274 Regt	4277
275 Regt, elms of 250 Regt, 45 Regt, 860 Bn	Within area between 70 and 82 northings and 57 and 75 eastings.
Duc Thanh Coy plus elms of 860 Bn and 275 Regt	Along LTL 2, between 79 and 87 northings

2. Possible Enemy Reactions to TOLEDO.

As a result of the recent battle 5 VC Div has withdrawn to its forward base area. It is considered to be unlikely that this formation is looking for a fight and that therefore contacts initiated by the enemy are improbable. It is even more unlikely that any major VC forces will have their EASTERN withdrawal routes cut off, hence no appreciable numbers of VC will attempt to withdraw to the SOUTH WEST. Furthermore the VC must be well aware of the destructive power of 1 ATF artillery.

3. However it is known that the enemy has left several small groups of platoon size behind, within several thousand yards of 1 ATF base postiion. These groups may well be caught by the 173 Abn Bde sweep and may be flushed into our company size patrols. Any such groups will be desperate and will fight fiercely because they will know that they are cornered.

4. Any part of 274 Regt, particularly the supposed battalion which is WEST of LTL 2, can withdraw to a regimental base to the NORTH WEST. However a battalion may lurk in the area of NUI NHAN as an ambush force.

5. As soon as the enemy have seen 173 Abn Bde fly away, they may send patrols back into the area of operations. Aggressive action against these would be fruitful.

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ANNEX Z (Distribution) to OPORD 13-66 (OP TOLEDO)

DISTRIBUTION

Recipient		Copy No
A Coy	(2)	1 - 2
B Coy	(2)	3 - 4
C Coy	(2)	5 - 6
D Coy	(2)	7 - 8
Sp Coy		9
Mor Pl		10
Anti Tk Pl		11
Aslt Pnr Pl .		12
Sig Pl		13
Admin Coy	(3)	14 - 16
1 APC Sqn	(2)	17 - 18
1 Fd Regt	(6)	19 - 24
103 Fd Bty	(2)	25 - 26
6 RAR	(2)	27 - 28
3 SAS	(2)	29 - 30
161 Recce Flt	(3)	31 - 32
HQ 1 ATF	(16)	33 - 48
CO		49
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S1		51
S2		52
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ROUTINE

(Cont) Diary

5 RAR
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R569-1-9

Aug 66

List B & C

5 RAR PROPOSED ACTIVITIES 23 - 27 AUG 66

Reference: A. 5 RAR R569-1-9 dated 18 Aug 66.
B. 5 RAR R569-1-5 dated 20 Aug 66.

1. Reference A is cancelled.

2. The degree of readiness specified in Ref B - PROVISION OF REACTION FORCES - apply to the coy nominated in the attached schedule. Coys are to assume their Reaction Force roles from 0800 hrs on the day specified.

3. The BINH BA Reaction Force is also to assume the role of TAOR Reaction Force.

4. Coys in base are to devote the maximum time digging weapon pits, constr of overhead cover, completion of wiring and sandbagging around tents.

(P. J. ISAACS)
Capt
Adjt

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ANNEX A to 5 RAR R569-1-9 dated 23 Aug

Serial (a)	Date (b)	A Coy (c)	B Coy (d)	C Coy (e)	D Coy (f)	Sp Coy (g)	Bn HQ/Admin Coy (h)
1.	Tues 23 Aug	1. Close TAOR ptl 2. One pl in TAOR 3. 1 ATF Reaction force. 4. One pl to C Coy for overnight security. 5. 37 on R & C	1. Coy to ptl in TAOR as part of Op 'TO EDO' commencing 1400 hrs	BINH BA	1. TAOR & BINH BA Reaction Force	1. Provide one sect mors under comd C Coy at BINH BA. 2. Anti Tk Pl to B Coy overnight for security	
2.	Wed 24 Aug	1. Close TAOR ptl. 2. 1 ATF Reaction Force. 3. One pl to C Coy for overnight security	As for Serial 1	As for Serial 1	As for Serial 1	As for Serial 1	
3.	Thurs 25 Aug	1. 1 ATF Reaction Force. 2. One pl to C Coy for overnight security. 3. 37 return from R & C.	As for Serial 1	As for Serial 1	1. As for Serial 1 2. Close TAOR ptl 3. 35 on R & C	As for Serial 1	
4.	Fri 26 Aug	1. TAOR/BINH BA Reaction Force. 2. One pl to C Coy for overnight security.	As for Serial 1	As for Serial 1	1. 1 ATF Reaction Force. 2. Close TAOR Ptl 3. 35 on R & C	1. Aslt Pnr Pl to B Coy as overnight security 2. Sect mors at BINH BA.	
5.	Sat 27 Aug	1. TAOR & BINH BA Reaction Force. 2. One pl to C Coy as overnight security.	Return to base	As for Serial 1	1. 1 ATF Reaction Force. 2. Close TAOR ptl. 3. 35 return from R & C	As for Serial 4	

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Annex C 5/11

Comds Diary (4)

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5 RAR
AP AN PHU
vic YS 441684

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OPS

OPORD 14-66 OP DARLINGHURST.

Reference: Maps VIETNAM 1:25000 Pictomap Series L8020
sheets 6430 IIS, IIIS, IIN, IIIN.
1:50000 Sheet IV.

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. Annex A.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) A patrol of 3 SAS Sqn reported locating a VC concentration in vic 5170 on late PM 25 Aug 66. It is believed that the en position is the holding area for the wounded incurred during the recent action with 6 RAR.

(2) Operation TOLEDO continues with closest allied elements disposed as follows:

(a) 2/68 Bn of 1 Div located vic 534770 and will be patrolling SOUTH tomorrow.

(b) 2/503 Bn at vic 555746 and patrolling SOUTH tomorrow.

(c) D Coy 26 Marine Bn located vic 5768.

(3) B Coy of 5 RAR is at present located vic 467708 having recently patrolled to 3000 metres EAST of that position.

(4) C Coy 5 RAR remains in location at BINH BA vic 4474.

c. Attachments and Detachments.

(1) Under command from 260700H:	B Coy 6 RAR
(2) Remaining in direct support for the operation:	103 Fd Bty RAA.
(3) In support from 251900H:	One USAF FAC radio operator.
(4) In support from 260630H:	1 APC Sqn.
(5) In support for the operation:	105 Fd Bty RAA. 161 Bty RNZA Bty A2/35 Arty
(6) Under command 6 RAR from 260700H:	C Coy 5 RAR

2. MISSION. 5 RAR is to move to RVs vic 462715 and vic 469706 preparatory to destroying the enemy located vic 5170

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations.

(1) Bn HQ, Anti Tk Pl, Aslt Pnr Pl 5 RAR and B Coy 6 RAR are to be ferried forward by APC from the base location to RV vic 469706.

/(2) B Coy 5 RAR

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(2) B Coy 5 RAR is to move on foot to RV vic 469706 by 260700H and marry up with the Bn HQ group.

(3) A and D Coys 5 RAR are to move by APC to RV vic 462715.

(4) 5 RAR is then to wait at both RVs for further orders.

b. A Coy.

(1) Grouping. D Coy 5 RAR under command.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Marry up with APCs in A Coy base loc at 260655H.

(b) Move forward with first lift of APCs together with D Coy and Bn HQ at 260700H.

(c) Secure area EAST in RV vic 462715.

c. B Coy.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Move on foot from present harbour to Bn RV vic 469706 to arrive by 260700H.

(b) Secure area EAST in RV.

(c) Take resupply in RV.

d. C Coy.

(1) Grouping. Under command 6 RAR from 260700H.

(2) Tasks. Continue Op WOOLLOOMOOLLOO.

e. D Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under command A Coy 5 RAR.

(b) Coy less elms on R & C.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Marry up with APCs in D Coy base location at 260645H.

(b) Marry up with A Coy and Bn HQ at A Coy base location to move forward at 260700H.

(c) Secure area WEST in RV vic 462715.

f. Mortar Platoon.

(1) Grouping.

(a) One sect remains under command of C Coy at BINH BA.

(b) Pl less one sect remain 5 RAR base location

(c) Normal FCC party moves with Bn HQ.

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(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide support for C Coy and Bn base areas.

(b) Provide support for this operation whilst in range.

(c) One sect plus 100 bombs per tube to be on standby at base area for airlift forward if required.

g. Anti Tk Pl.

(1) Grouping. No change

(2) Tasks.

(a) Be at the corner of CANBERRA AVENUE and TL2 ready to marry up with APCs and move off on the second lift at 260730H approx.

(b) Move to RV vic 469706 with Aslt Pnr Pl and B Coy 6 RAR.

(c) Defence of Bn HQ.

h. Assault Pioneer Platoon.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Be at the corner of CANBERRA AVENUE and TL2 ready to marry up with APCs and move off on the second lift at 260730H approx.

(b) Move to RV vic 469706 with Anti Tk Pl 5 RAR and B Coy 6 RAR.

(c) Defence of Bn HQ.

i. B Coy 6 RAR.

(1) Grouping. No change.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Be at the corner of CANBERRA AVENUE and TL2 ready to marry up with APCs and move off on the second lift at 260730H approx.

(b) Move to RV vic 469706 with Anti Tk Pl and Aslt Pnr Pl.

(c) Secure area WEST in RV.

j. Armour.

(1) Grouping. As arranged by 1 APC Sqn to meet allotted tasks.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Provide two APCs to B Coy 5 RAR base location AP AN PHU at 260630H to load resupply stores. Report to CQMS. These vehicles are then to marry up with the Bn HQ vehicles at 260655H on TL2 at A Coy base area. These vehicles are then to proceed with the Bn HQ APCs to RV vic 469706.

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(b) Provide APCs to lift approx 63 personnel to report D Coy 5 RAR base location NUI DAT at 260645H. These vehicles then marry up with A Coy APCs at 260655H and proceed to RV vic 462715 at 260700H.

(c) Provide APCs to lift approx 90 members. To report A Coy base loc at 260655H. When married up move at 260700H to RV vic 462715.

(d) Provide APCs to lift approx 60 members of Bn HQ To report to A Coy base location at 260655H. When married up proceed with the B Coy stores vehicles to RV vic 469706.

(e) On the second list report to junction CANBERRA AVENUE and TL2 to lift B Coy 6 RAR (approx 100 members) Anti Tk Pl and Aslt Pnr Pls of 5 RAR (approx 45 members). This lift is to go to RV vic 469706.

k. Artillery.

(1) Grouping. No change. Except OPC party to report A Coy prior to move off.

(2) Tasks. Normal support for operation.

l. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) RVs.

(a) For move off:

(i) D Coy NUI DAT base then A Coy base.

(ii) A Coy, Bn HQ, B Coy stores: A Coy.

(iii) B Coy 6 RAR, Anti Tk Pl, Aslt Pnr. Corner CANBERRA AVENUE and TL2.

(b) Forward RVs.

(i) A and D Coys 5 RAR: 462715.

(ii) B Coy 5 RAR, Bn HQ, Aslt Pnr Pl, Anti Tk Pl, B Coy 6 RAR: 469706.

(2) Timings.

(a) First lift departs 260700H.

(b) Second lift departs ASP after 260730H.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Rations. Three days to be carried.

b. Water. Local water - sterilized.

c. Medical.

(1) RMO with Bn HQ.

(2) Normal sub unit atts to apply.

(3) Normal shell dressings and medkits.

d. Ammunition. Maximum possible to be carried up to the following

(1) GPMG - up to 850 rds per gun.
(2) SLR - up to 7 magazines.
(3) Grenades - Two HE per rifleman.
(4) M16 - up to 7 magazines.
(5) M79 - up to 9

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5. COMMAND AND SIGNALS.

a. Bn HQ.

(1) Travels on first lift to RV with B Coy 5 RAR 469706.

(2) Located with SOUTHERN group thereafter.

b. Radio.

(1) Additions to Bn Command Net B Coy 6 RAR to be known as INDIA 2.

(2) C Coy 5 RAR changes to 6 RAR frequency.

(3) Frequencies. As per new SOIs commencing 26 Aug 66.

(4) Callwords and Callsigns. As per current SOIs.

c. Passwords, Points of Origin, Q Hours.

(1) As currently issued.

(2) Supplementary points of origin

251800 - 261800	SNAKE	4970
261800 - 271800	ACTRESS	4971
271800 - 281800	TREE	5069
281800 - 291800	SPORT	4968
291800 - 301800	METAL	5271

d. KAC Code. As currently issued.

e. Synchronization of Watches.

Acknowledge

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Annex A (Enemy) to OPORD 14-66 (OP DARLINGHURST)

ENEMY SITUATION AS AT 251800H

1. LOCATIONS

a. HQ 5 VC Div 646821 (25 Aug)

b. HQ 274 Regt 552828 (25 Aug)

c. HQ 275 Regt 515708 (25 Aug)

2. ACTIVITIES. 275 Regt is attempting to withdraw to the EAST. This regiment is in poor condition due to the pres ence of large numbers of wounded members. The regiment moved away to the North East after the battle with 6 RAR, but has swung it's path Westwards presumably to avoid 173 Abn Bde. The location of the regimental base camp was discovered by patrols on 25 Aug. This base will probably move but its rate of movement will be relatively slow unless the wounded are abandoned.

3. 274 Regt has moved out of the HAT DICH area during the past 36 hours. Two of its three battalions are moving now. One of these two has a mortar company (8 x 82mm mortars) (10 x 60mm mortars) and an air defence company (15 x 30 cal MG)(6 x 50 cal MG) under command. The third battalion which was not moving when located was carrying two litres of rice per man. This indicates that the VC are out for a medium length operation. The urgency of their movement was revealed in radio transmissions to their battalions today. It appears that 274 Regt is attempting to come to the rescue of 275 Regt. On 24 Aug a VC company was encountered by 173 Abn Bde at 555775. This could have been the vanguard of 275 Regt.

4. There could be an additional four infantry and two support battalions within 10km of 275 Regt. HQ 5 Div appears to be stationary at the moment.

5. ORGANISATION AND EQUIPMENT OF THE ENEMY

274 Regt :

265 Bn, 308 Bn, 800 Bn, U306 AA Coy, V308 Recoilless Rifle Coy, V 310 81mm Mor Pl.

Strength 1700

Weapons 8x81mm mor
12x60mm mor
3x75mm RR
6x57mm RR
9xAA MG
6x50 cal MG
12xLMG
3x7.62mm HMG
108xAR
9xM79

6. 275 Regt :

1 Bn, 2 Bn, 3 Bn, Hy Wpn Coy, Transport Coy. A North Vietnamese Bn may be attached.

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Strength 1550 (6 Aug)

Weapons 6x81mm Mor
16x60mm Mor
18x50 cal MG
2xAAMG
10x57mm RR
12x12.7mm MG
8x30 cal MG

7. Mortar Company 8x82mm mors
10x60mm mors

8. Air Defence Company 15x30cal MG
6x50cal MG

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Sp Coy		9
Mor Pl		10
Anti Tk Pl		11
Aslt Pnr Pl		12
Sig Pl		13
Admin Coy	(3)	14 - 16
1 APC Sqn	(2)	17 - 18
1 Fd Regt	(6)	19 - 24
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C1) Annex E-9

PRECEDENCE ACTION
ROUTINE

DATE TIME GROUP
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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
RESTRICTED

ORIGINATORS NUMBER
OPS 1

From 5RAR

To A Coy (6) B Coy (6) C Coy (6)
D Coy (6) Sp Coy (5) Admin Coy (5)

SITREP from 23200 H to 242000H . ONE . ENEMY . ALFA . Late entries . A/2/503 inf found small bunker system vic 617814 . 4/503 inf found squad sized camp at GR573859 some equip and cloths found in vic . ARVN RANGER Bn found wide trail recently used by large group vic GR498822 . FAC reported tracks vic GR575892 . LT FIRE TEAM fired on by automatic wpn from vic GR6283 . BLT USMC discovered 25 bunkers at GR596677 . BLT USMC sighted uknown number of VC GR623708 . BRAVO . Air OP sighted 8 abandoned AA wpn sites vic GR5168 . Air OP reported various rd blocks on rd NORTH of DUC THAN for distance of approx 6 Kms . CHARLIE . SIOUX reported recently used wpn pit vic GR377696 . DELTA . 2 weeks old camp used by 200 men at GR514686 . ECHO . B Coy 5RAR found camp for 15 persons at GR 474707 . 1 week old.

TWO . OWN SIT . ALFA . OP TOLEDO continued . First of three Bns 1st US Div airlanded EAST of AO SUE . BRAVO . Air strikes on numerous opportunity tgts in 1ATF TAOR . CHARLIE . B Coy 5RAR continued patrolling Bn area of AO GAIL . DELTA . 1 Pl A Coy patrolled Bn TAOR WEST of TL2 and established night ambush on TL2 . ECHO . C Coy 6RAR Continued patrolling 6RAR area of AO GAIL . FOXTROT . 3SAS continued surveillance in AO SUE. THREE . Admin . NTR . Weather prediction . No rain before 251600H

Capt
Adjt

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SUB UNIT OP ANALYSIS

1. Sub Unit: A Coy

2. Comd: Maj S. J. Maizey

3. Op name: Operation HOLSWORTHY

4. Duration from 080830 Aug 66 to 181000 Aug 66.

5. Outline of Sub unit Tasks:

a. Provide one platoon (1 Pl) for the search of Duc Trung (YS 453746).

b. Company less one platoon cordon WEST of Binh Ba.

c. Harbour NORTH WEST of Binh Ba to cover the arrival of pacification team into Binh Ba.

d. Picquet SOUTHERN sector of TL 2 (YS 442705 to YS 427657) and establish a road block for the searching of civiliar traffic at YS 427657.

e. Search from SOUTH to NORTH, the area cordoned by the other rifle companies of the battalion (YS 4771).

6. Sequence of Events and Comments.

Day/Date	Sequence of Events	Comments
D 8 Aug	H hr was 0830 hrs The order of march to the fwd assembly area was: D Coy 5 RAR D Coy 6 RAR Bn HQ 1Pl A Coy C Coy 5 RAR C Coy 6 RAR A Coy less 1Pl	a. This bn 'snake' is not a good method to move to a fwd assy area. b. A Coy did not depart the base area until 1130 hrs and arrived at the fwd assy area at 1715 hrs (a distance of 6,500 metres covered) Comment 1. It is felt these bn snakes are useless (it would have taken A Coy at least 3 hours to deploy for use by 5 RAR) 2. Companies on parallel routes would allow speedier movement & reaction time.
Ni D/D+1 8/9 Aug	Mov from fwd area to cordon Start time was 0001 hrs.	Comment 1. Again a bn snake was used but this time it was necessary.

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Day/Date	Sequence of Events	Comments
		2. Because of the terrain (clear rubber), definate landmarks (rds and airfields) and the moon movement was not difficultandcertainly did not warrant people being roped together. A Coy did not use ropes during the move to the cordon. 3. Coy was in the cordon by 090200 after a move of 2000 metres
D + 1 9 Aug 66	Search of DUC TRUNG by 1 Pl	Comment. Pl atoon controlled by 5 RAR. Detailed Op Analysis by 1 Pl.
D + 1 to D + 2 9/10 Aug	Cordon of BINH BA	Search of BINH BA commenced approx 0730 hrs D + 1 by B Coy. During cordon rear protective elms (YS 444745) sighted: a. 2 VC at about YS 483742 at 0900 hrs 9 Aug b. A further 4 VC at about YS 437743 at 0915 hrs 9 Aug. Comment. 1. The use of APCs and the Anti Tk Pl merely allowed the VC toescape because of the noise factor. 2. Had the coy been able to use its own stand by force (two sects) to flush the VC onto the airstrip a kill may have been obtained. 3. APC's whilst they position tps quickly merely advertise our intentions.
D + 2 to D + 4 10 to 12 Aug.	Harbour at YS 4375 to cover arrival of pacification team	During this phase the company, from a base harbour provided patrols and ambushes on likely VC routes into BINH BA. Patrols were sent to: a. The Western edge of the rubber. b. The Northern airfield and thence via the rubber to West An ambush was established at YS430743. Comments. 1. Possible VC mov was seen at YS 425750. An arty DF was requested and took approximately 20 minutes before effective fire was on the ground at the sighting. This is ridiculous and is due to: a. The DF being 1000 metres from the harbour - despite the ability to map read accurately in this area. b. The time lag taken for air clearance. In this case there was absolutely no need for the 1000 m safety margin.

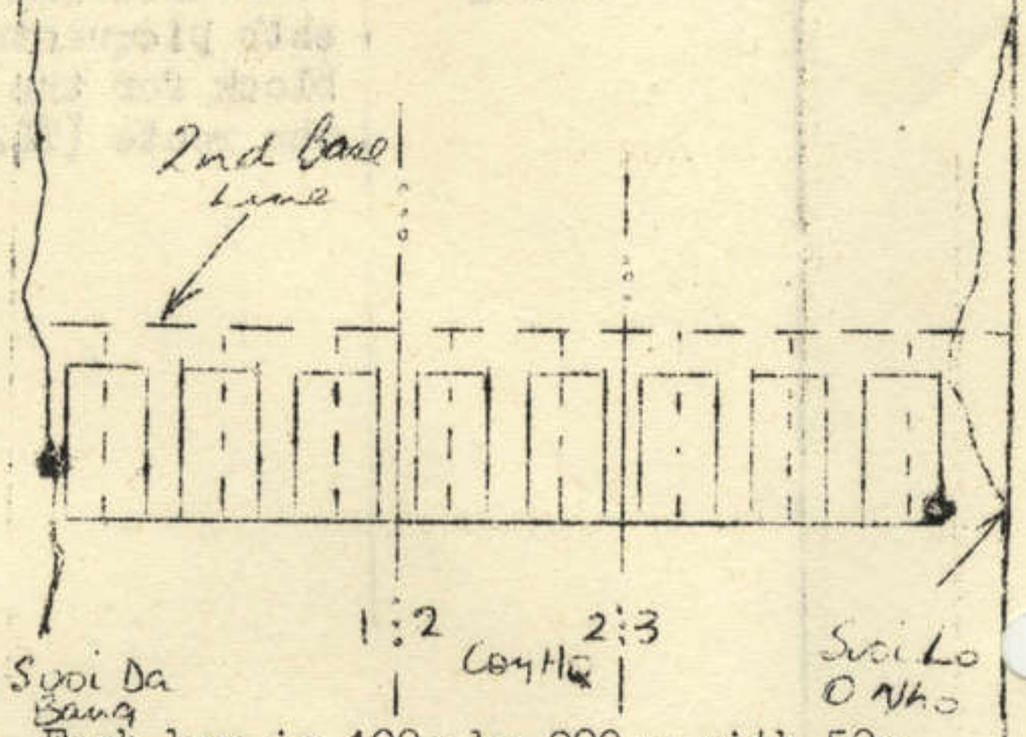
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Day/Date	Sequence of Events	Comments
		If this margin is to be applied it must be flexible and be able to be adapted where terrain allows for good map reading. Any DF at a distance of 1000m is useless.
D + 4 to D + 6 12 to 14 Aug	Movement by APC to A Coy base area (in 1 ATF) to estb picquets and rd block for the opening of the route (TL2)	A sect of APCs (3) was to remain with the coy for the rd opening task. The rest of the tp was to move the coy to the base loc. The APC Tp Comd was not avail for orders and the orders were modified because of his insistance on maintaining certain formations. Because of the time factor (depart harbour area at 0700 hrs - rd to be swept and secured by 0900 hrs and movement took 45 minutes) there was insufficient time allowed to do the job properly. This time factor meant using the sect of APCs in a definate role - this was to put one APC with each pl. The tp comd required a certain movement fmn which did not allow this to occur Comment. 1. APC tp tactics must be flexible enough to allow for the requirements at the far end. 2. Whilst it is appreciated that the inf is under comd of the APC Comd the overall force comd must remain the inf comd. When the Vietnamese convoy arrived at the rd block the RAASC convoy from Vunh Tau arrived at the same time. Comment. A typical lack of staff coordination almost caused an unholy mess. The Baria police had obviously not been fully briefed because the Vietnamese people were not allowed out of the town after 1200 hrs instead of 1500 hrs. Comment. A lack of coordination which caused a great influx of people after the scheduled time for closing the rd. This was further aggravated by a lack of transport.
D + 6 to D + 10 14 Aug to 18 Aug 66	Search of area YS 4771 for possible VC Provincial HQ.	Movement from the A Coy base area was by track to 470706 departing 0800 hrs.

/From 470706

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Day/Date	Sequence of Events	Comments
		From 470706 movement was on ft into the search area. The plan was to establish a base line East West from 470706. This base line was established by 1300 hrs. From here sections were to box search as follows  Each box is 100m by 200 m with 50m between boxes. Distance between 1st and 2nd base line 250 m. The searching sections move due North 200 m in turn anti clockwise (West 100m then 200m (South) back to the base line. If a track is discovered sections search only into their box. Once all the boxes report their clear the base line is moved by splitting the box in half and advancing 250 m. This process took approximately 3-4 hours to complete. The second base line was cent* at YS 48007085. At 151200 Box No 2 reported 1 VC at YS 484710. The third base line was centered at YS 480711. Whilst in this base line an Engr accidentaly shot himself in the foot. A Sioux was used for evacuation into a most difficult LZ. The fourth base line was centered at YS 48007145 (the boxes were extended to 300m). The fifth line was centered at YS 480718. During the move to this base line a resupply was taken at YS 479716. Many tracks were found see Trace to this report On the fifth base line 3 pl only continued to box search, 2 pl was held in reserve and 1 pl was instructed to follow out the North South (Western most) track. During this search an installation was discovered at /YS 474719
	Overnight harbours were in pl gps as follows: ni 14/15 1st base line 1 and 3 pl (150 m West and East of Coy HQ and 2 pl resp). ni 15/16 3rd base line ni 16/17 5th base line. ni 17/18 5th base line. (as a company)	box

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Day/Date	Sequence of Events	Comments
		YS 474719 of weapon pits for 20 VC by 1 pl at 161730 hours. On 17 Aug the engineers checked out this installation - nil result. On 17 Aug 2 pl were despatched West then South along the Suoi Da Bang to 473713 - nil result. On 17 Aug 3 pl completed track plan to East (see Trace - nil result
D + 10 18 Aug 66	At 0800 hrs coy moved to RV with APC for movement to base	No problems.

7. Assessment of Op.

a. . Initially first class, finally because of Op SYDNEY II, unnecessary and not based on good intelligence.

b. Tps morale was high throughout despite the tedious nature of the search (YS 4771) and vegetation which was very thick.

c. Cas evac - 214933 Lcpl D. Cook 3 Fd Engr Tp - IA foot wound 15 Aug.

d. Med Evac - Pte H. GILBANK - head injury 9 Aug
212700 Pte E.J. EVANS - scrub ulcers 10 Aug

e. There was an unnecessary amount of requests by control for LOCSTATS and RADIO CHECKS.

(1) During the move if scheduled calls were made, say every three hours, this would be sufficient. If there is likely to be a friendly clash companies can talk to each other.

(2) At 0800 hrs on 18 Aug the coy moved from its overnight harbour. At 0808 hrs a locstat was requested - this is unnecessary.

(3) With a short aerial communications in thick vegetation are difficult sometimes impossible therefore let the company get on with the job and call on schedule.

f. Med. Good - fewer rashes and ailments apparent.

g. Admin. Good except for:

(1) Replacement radio handsets US.

(2) Engineer mail not received initially

(3) Every MAINT/OPDEM MUST be acknowledged to indicate to the company possible deficiencies, number of loads and any special instructions

(4) Batteries for PRC 25 do not work if they are wet and batteries to scale does not mean one battery - One set-one day. If it is a resupply for three days two batteries per set is adequate.

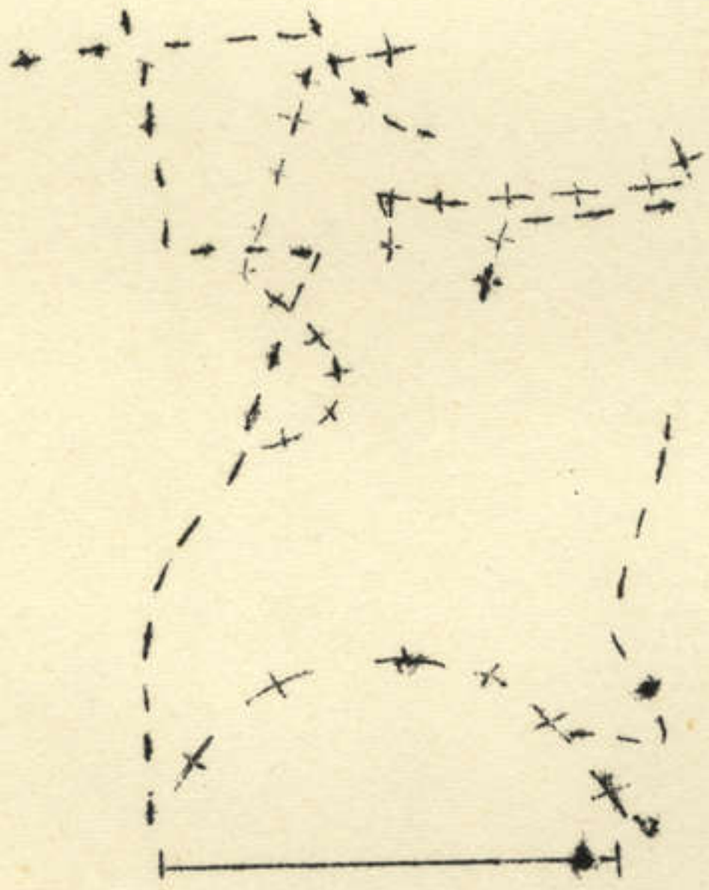
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1 ATF (2)

OPERATION HOLSWORTHY
COMBAT OPERATIONS AFTER ACTION REPORT

Reference: A. 1 ATF SOP; Appendex 4 Annex A.

1. Name and type of operation

OPERATION HOLSWORTHY - Cordon and search of a village, pacification of a village, opening of a road and clearance of an area.

2. Dates of operation

051100H - 181300H.

3. Location

BINH BA area YS 4474 and surrounding area of 5000 metres.

4. Command Headquarters

5 RAR

5. Principle advisors or liaison Officers

Not applicable

6. Task organization

5 RAR
1 APC Sqn — a. Sqn HQ two tps and two mortar sects under command from 071800H to 140900H

b. One sect and one mortar sect under comd from 140900H to 181300H

c. One additional tp inf sp from 180700 to 181300H

One tp 1 Fd Sqn

Under command from 071800 to 181300.

C Coy 6 RAR

Under command from 071800 to 131530H

D Coy 6 RAR

Under command from 071800H to 101200H

One sect 1 TPT Pl RAASC

Under command from 081700H to 131800H

Det of 1 ATF Linguist one sect

Under command from 081600H to 101500H
(One linquist remained under command until 181300H).

/105 Fd Bty RAA

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105 Fd Bty RAA

Remained in direct support

1 3 Fd Bty RAA

161 Bty RNZA

Bty A 2/35 Arty US ARMY

Remained in support

One USAF FAC radio operator

In support from 071800H to 181300H

One doctor for MEDCAP

In support from 071800H to 101200H

PSYWAR aircraft

In support from 081600H to 090800H

Det of National Police

In support from 081600H until 101600H

In support from 120900H to 131800H

Psywar det (One officer and one enlisted man)

In support from 081600H to 091200H

One H13 SIOUX helicopter from 161 Recce Flt

In support from 090600H to 181700H

One HUIB IROQUOIS helicopter of 9 Sqn RAAF

In support from 090700H to 181300H

FAC

In support from 090700H to 131200H

Light Fire Team

In support from 090615H to 090800H

7. Supporting Forces:

1 APC Sqn (-)
105 Fd Bty
161 Bty RNZA
Bty A2/35 Arty
One tp 1 Fd Sqn
C Coy 6 RAR
D Coy 6 RAR
One sect 1 Tpt Pl RAASC
One H13 of 161 Recce Flt
One HUIB of 9 Sqn RAAF
Light Fire Team
Psywar aircraft
Psywar det
FAC operator
Det 1 ATF Linguist Sect
6 National Police
1 MO for Medcap Team

/8. Intelligence

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8. Intelligence.

a. BINH BA is a three hamlet village with an estimated population as follows:

Hamlet	Coordinates	Population	Males 12 - 45
DUC TRUNG	453246	600	100
BINH BA	448739	1500	300
DUC MY	447725	200	50
	Total	2300	450

b. Until Mar 66, no major anti VC operations have been carried out in the BINH BA area for approximately five years. It is estimated that perhaps 20% of the population (particularly the younger men) were actively supporting or were sympathetic towards the hard core Viet Cong cadre within the village

c. It was accepted that the majority of the villagers would have collaborated with the VC whether as members of the civil or political organization or as members of the military elements. As a matter of practical survival the villagers would have had little choice but to pay their taxes and provide food and labour. Nevertheless it was considered that the political allegiance of most villagers is probably more related to military strength than to ideology

d. The enemy force in the area was believed to consist of the following

(1) Main Force

5 Division. Comprising

274 Regt
275 Regt
Unidentified Regt

It was considered unlikely initially that Main Force units would be encountered in strength in or near BINH BA in the cordon or search phase of the operation. Small reconnaisance elements could be encountered at any time. It was considered possible that during the pacification stage the Main Force units (in conjunction with the Provincial District and Guerilla Forces) could be expected to launch a major quick attack unless a sizable force actively patrolled the general area surrounding BINH BA.

(2) Provisional Force.

It was believed that the VC Provincial HQ was based in an area ten miles SOUTH EAST of BINH BA. The Provincial Mobile Battalion (D445 also known as 860) was unlikely to be encountered in strength in or near BINH BA in the cordon and search phase of the operation. It was believed possible that small reconnaisance elements could be encountered at any time.

The 50th Platoon which consisted of three squads each of eight to ten men was known to be in the area and was directly subordinate to VC Provincial HQ. The platoon was known to be armed with Soviet 7.62mm M1944 rifles, US carbines, possibly three Thompson sub machine guns and M26 grenades. The area of responsibility of the platoon was the forest area on each side of the Intra-Provincial Route 2 in the BINH BA village location and covered an area of approximately six square kilometres.

(3) District Force.

It was considered unlikely that the DUC THANH District (C20) Company would be encountered in strength; however if the cordon force achieved surprise if could encounter elements of

/the BINH BA

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the BINH BA village guerilla platoon within the village. This platoon consisted of three squads each of twelve men and was armed with ten Soviet 7.62mm M1944 rifles, eight US .30 M1 Carbines, two German rifles (possibly HAUSER 7.92) and four M26 grenades. The task of the platoon was the protection of BINH BA village

e. The source of the intelligence was 1 ATF and the VC of 50th Platoon captured during OPERATION SYDNEY.

f. No VC units were encountered during the operation but it would appear that the BINH BA Village Guerilla Platoon was eliminated together with some members of 50th Platoon and the Policical cadre in the village

g. Most of the area surrounding BINH BA is clear rubber plantations but EAST of the plantation it is thick scrub with occasional patches of open ground.

h. The population of BINH BA is friendly but cautious in their dealing with the Australians.

2. Mission.

The tasks allocated to TF 5 RAR by 1 ATF as contained in OPORD 1-6-66 (OP HOLSWORTHY) as follows:

Phase 1 - Cordon simultaneously DUC TRUNG and BINH BA. The cordon is to be in position by first light on D + 1 (9 Aug 66).

Phase 2 - Search of the two hamlets, apprehending all males between 12 and 45 years old and other VC suspects.

Phase 3 - Evacuate apprehended males and any other suspects to BARIA Soccer Field YS 384622 - Evacuation is not to commence before 1000 hrs on D + 1 (9 Aug 66) and is to be completed by 1800 hrs on D + 2 (10 Aug 66).

Phase 4 -

a. Hand over responsibility for the security of BINH BA village and the area surrounding it to 1 Commando Coy

b. Patrol and ambush in the approaches to the village.

c. Effect direct liaison with the DUC THANH Sub Sector Chief and the Commander 1 Commando Company to coordinate defensive measures especially patrolling and fire support.

d. Erect a two strand cattle fence around DUC MY as the hamlet curfew and resettlement line.

Phase 5 -

a. Open and secure In - Provincial Route 2 on D + 4 (12 Aug) and D + 5 (13 Aug) from 0900 hrs to 1600 hrs each day between YS 467757 and YS 427657.

b. After D + 1 (9 Aug) effect direct liaison with the DUC THANH and LONG LE Sub Sector Chiefs to arrange convoys of civilian traffic on D + 4 and D + 5 through the 1 ATF Base area.

Phase 6 -

a. Effect direct liaison with the DUC THANH Sub Sector Chief Civil Affairs and commence Civic action in the BINH BA village area.

/b. Be prepared

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b. Be prepared to provide one company to protect artillery fire support base in the event that a battery is required to displace forward from 1 ATF Base area on D + 2 (10 Aug66)

On 13 Aug Comd 1 ATF directed that 5 RAR would search the area within one kilometre of YS 480715 to locate and destroy the VC Provincial HQ.

10. Concept of Operations.

a. Phase 1.

The simultaneous cordon of DUC TRUNG (YS 453746) and BINH BA (YS 448749) villages by 0530 hrs D + 1 as follows:

(1) Preliminary Operations.

(a) C Coy 5 RAR to establish a patrol base at vic YS 440716 on D - 3.

(b) Recce elements of A, B, C, and D Coys of 5 RAR and C and D Coys of 6 RAR to conduct recces forward from the patrol base on the night D - 3/D - 2 for familiazation of units and representative sub unit cordon areas.

(c) C Coy 5 RAR and recce elements to return to 5 RAR base location D - 2.

(2) Cordons.

(a) 5 RAR (less B Coy) plus C and D Coys of 6 RAR to move to a forward assembly area vic 433734 on D Day (8 Aug 66).

(b) B Coy to move to an independant forward assembly area vic 465738 and on D Day.

(c) Cordons to be in position by 0530 hrs D + 1 see 1:10000 Enlarged XA BINH BA for routes, locations and cordon layout. In general:

DUC TRUNG	D Coy 5 RAR D Coy 6 RAR
BINH BA	Two pls A Coy 5 RAR B Coy until relieved by APCs C Coy 5 RAR C Coy 6 RAR

(3) Ambushes. To be established by 0530 hrs D + 1 (9 Aug) as stops in depth behind the cordons and to cover DUC MY village (YS 445733). Locations shown on enlargement. Ambushes by one pl of A Coy and Anti Tk Pl to be lifted on orders from Bn HQ.

b. Phase 2. The search of the two hamlets apprehending all military aged males between 12 and 45 years and other VC suspects as follows:

(1) DUC TRUNG: To be searched from NORTH to SOUTH by one pl of A Coy with RAE assistance after the ambushes of DUC MY village have been lifted and when ordered by Bn HQ.

(2) BINH BA: To be searched from EAST to WEST by B Coy with RAE assistance after being relieved on the cordon by APCs and when ordered by Bn HQ.

(3) Searching sub units to hold military aged males and suspects and advise Bn HQ of number. Collection to be by APCs to the unit cage situated at the Bn HQ location.

/(4) The duration

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(4) The duration of the phase to be D + 1 and probably D + 2.

(5) On conclusion of the search of DUC TRUNG village the cordon force on that village is to regroup rapidly and prepare to cordon and search DUC MY village. The operation of DUC MY to be carried out under OC D Coy 5 RAR with a cordon force of D Coy 6 RAR located to the WEST and SOUTH of the village and one tp of APCs located to the NORTH and EAST along roads and tracks. D Coy 5 RAR with half tp of engrs search the village from NORTH to SOUTH.

c. Phase 3. The evacuation of apprehended males and suspects to BA RIA Soccer Field YS 384622 as follows:

(1) Evacuation not to commence before 1000 hrs D + 1 (9 Aug) and to be completed by 1800 hrs D + 2.

(2) All persons for evacuation are to be back loaded from the unit cage.

(3) Movement to be by RAASC vehicles with APC escort.

d. Phase 4.

(1) Recce party of 1 Commando Coy to move to BINH BA by APC on D + 1 (9 Aug) and the coy to move forward by RAASC transport with APC escort on D + 2 (10 Aug). Security to be provided by C Coy 5 RAR from D + 2 to D + 5 (13 Aug) to allow 1 Commando Coy to establish a coy base area at YS 444746.

(2) Defensive stores to be brought forward in RAASC transport.

(3) Two strand cattle fence to be built around DUC MY by Aslt Pnr Pl on D + 3 under the protection of one sect of APCs.

e. Phase 5. Open TL2 between vic YS 456757 and check point vic YS 427657 from 0900 hrs 12 Aug to 1700 hrs 13 Aug as follows:

(1) Roadblocks to be established at the NORTHERN limit by D Coy with sect of APCs and at the SOUTHERN limit by A Coy with sect of APCs.

(2) The road to be subdivided into three sub-unit sectors with D Coy in the NORTH, B Coy in the centre and A Coy in the SOUTH. Each coy to clear its sector daily before 0900 hrs for mines and booby traps.

(3) The complete road length from NORTH to SOUTH roadblocks to be patrolled twice daily by a separate armoured infantry group.

f. Phase 6.

(1) Medcap teams under RMO 5 RAR to operate daily from D + 1 in each of the three hamlets.

(2) Food including rice to be distributed in each hamlet daily.

(3) C Coy 6 RAR to patrol the gun area vic YS 437737.

g. The search of the area in vic YS 480715 would be conducted with C Coy in a blocking posn EST of the location on the SUOI DA BANG, B Coy EAST on the SUOI LO O NHO and D Coy approximately 1000 metres NORTH. A Coy would search inside the cordon from SOUTH to NORTH

/11. Execution.

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11. Execution.

a. Chronology of events is at Annex A.

b. Losses.

Enemy VCC 17
VCS 77

Own KIA 1

12. Results.

a. A total of 168 males of military age were apprehended and interrogated.

b. Route 2 was opened on 13 Aug and 14 Aug from 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs and vehicles were provided to transport pedestrians. Route 2 was opened on a permenant basis on 18 Aug. The opening of the road has had a marked effect on the people who are now able to return to a more normal life.

c. The medcap programme achieved good results but requires to be followed up on a regular weekly basis. Report by RMO 5 RAR is at Annex B.

d. Activities such as football matches with the villagers and members attending church with the villagers have assisted in improving co-operation with the villagers.

13. Administrative Matters.

a. The administrative plan was satisfactory. Initially all resupply was by road to BINH BA with one resupply by air (helicopter) on 16 Aug. An average of one hot meal per day was provided during the period 9 Aug - 13 Aug 66.

b. Medcap stores which are not provided through the normal unit medical resupply systems were delayed on several occasions.

14. Special Equipment and Techniques.

a. Linked belts for M60 GPMG were carried in the inner sections of mattresses. This system kept the belts clean and dry although a little sweating occurred. This cover blends better with equipment than the link belts which often gives away a soldiers position.

15. Commander Analysis.

a. It would appear that while only three contacts occurred during the eleven day operation the total effect of the operation was greater than any previously undertaken by the battalion.

b. In practical terms the effects of the operation appear to be:

(1) The BINH BA Village Guerilla Platoon has been eliminated.

(2) The villagers of BINH BA have been given security from the VC tax and rice collectors and now have the opportunity to conduct regular commerce with BINH GIA, DUC THANH and BA RIA.

(3) The VC has been denied rice, tax and intelligence.

(4) The villagers at BINH GIA are able to move freely to and from BA RIA.

/16. Recommendations.

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16. Recommendations.

a. Artillery must be located so that the supported unit and be guaranteed fire at any time into any probable area of operations.

b. Additional M60 GPMGs, telephones and switchboards are required to improve the capacity of members in the battalion base area to defend the base when the battalion is away on operations.

c. Additional 292 aerials on the basis of one per rifle coy, one for A Echelon, one for FCC and two for Bn HQ are required to ensure the establishment of communications as quickly as possible particularly in rubber plantations.

d. One MFC must be provided for each rifle coy on a permanent basis.

e. Interpreters are required on a permanent basis of 22 as follows:

Bn HQ		- 2
Rifle Coys -	Coy HQ	- 1
	Rifle pls	- 1
Sp Coy -	Anti Tk Pl	- 1
	Aslt Pnr Pl	- 1
Admin Coy	Coy HQ	- 1
	RMO	- 1

Much time and valuable information is lost because of lack of interpreters.

f. At lest one additional orderly (RAAMC) is required to provide medical assistance to members in the unit base area while the battalion is away on operations.

(J. A. Warr)
Lt Col
CO

Annexes: A. Chronology of Events.
B. Report by PMO on Medcap

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ANNEX A TO
5 RAR R569-1-16
DATED 14 AUG 66

OPERATION HOLSWORTHY
CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

5 Aug 66	1200	C Coy + recce guide elements departed for recce
6 Aug 66	PM	C Coy and recce guide elements returned
7 Aug 66	0800	CO 5 RAR O Gp
	1800	1 APC Sqn (-), 3 tp 1 Fd Sqn, C and D Coys 6 RAR came under comd.
		FAC, FAC operator, and additional MO for MEDCAP came into sp.
8 Aug 66	0800	Adjt departed to lay out forward assembly area.
	0930	Main body and B Coy departed from their base locations
	1345	B Coy contact, 1 woman and 1 child KIA inside line ALPHA. 1 Man escaped.
	1600	Linguist Det and National Policemen reported to 5 RAR. Psywar det came into support.
		APCs report to Bn HQ and coy locations for unloading of stores.
		Amplifier system set up in APC at 1 APC Sqn lines.
	1700	Maj Cassidy acting XO reported in to 161 Recce Flt.
	1700	1 Section of 1 Tpt Pl came under command.
	2300	D Coy departed for cordon.
9 Aug 66	0100	C Coy departed for cordon
	0430	D Coy 5 and 6 RAR commenced establishing cordon
	0530	All cordons and ambushes in position less B Coy - due to safety.
	0600	One H13 of 161 Recce Flt in support
	0615	Psywar aircraft and acting XO in Sioux above BINH BA.
		B Coy closed cordon
	0630	APCs moved forward to BINH BA area.
	0645	APCs took over Anti Tk Pl Southern ambush
	0700	One UH IB in support. B Coy cordon relieved by APCs
	0715	A Coys ambush and search group in posn at Northern end DUC TRUNG. Anti Tk Pls Northern ambush taken over by APCs.
	0730	Search of villages commenced Medcap elements joined with search groups

/0815 Section of 1 Tpt Pl

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9 Aug 66	0815	Section of 1 Tpt Pl reported to 5 RAR rear
	0830	B Coy to be located at GR 441745
	0830	D Coy heard shot in village
		Pacification Team Recce Party joined 5 RAR.
	0900	1 APC Sqn and RAASC convoy arrived 5 RAR.
	0940	A Coy located number of documents of propaganda nature.
	1000	Evacuation of suspects to Baria commenced
	1007	Building No E1 contained personal particulars of everyone in village
	1047	A Coy completed village search.
	AM	Artillery recce for proposed gun area conducted.
	AM	Search of Duc Trung concluded
	AM	A Coy search pl Re joined A Coy.
	PM	D Coys 5 and 6 RAR joined APCs to search Duc My.
	PM	A woman in village at Binh Ba claimed a pl of VC moved to Duc My on 21-22 July
	1056	D Coy 6 RAR evacuated 100 males to Bn HQ.
	1205	One medevac A Coy - one man cut on head with machete.
10 Aug 66	0715	C Coy reported minefield East of road at GR YS 486753
	0930	A Coy reported 8 VC spying on posn.
	AM	Search of Binh Ba concluded
		C Coy 6 RAR secured gun area
		105 Fd Bty moved forward under escort APC.
	PM	D Coy 6 RAR under comd 6 RAR move back to base
		Att police and psywar personnel departed for 1 ATF
	1705	A Coy ptl to West of 432768 abandoned airfield, Then 421756 and home
	1800	Evacuation of suspects to Baria ceases.
	1925	B Coy found body in grave. Estimate body buried some weeks previous. Could have be en a VC WIA during OP SYDNEY II
		All guns and coys in harbour positions and gun lines
	1930	A Coy saw 4 possible VC with packs at GR 429522 - engaged with mor fire. Results unknown

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11 Aug 66	1000	A Coy found a recently used ox cart track heading E - W
		At GR 4584 and 4585 two women claimed to have been stopped by VC roadblocks. Reports 5 VC dressed in black.
	1130	2 recently used lean to's were found by A Coy at GR YS 429767 also tracks in direction of E-W=S-W
	1130	Aslt Pnr Pl found approx 80 school books and documents apparently belonging to a VC school teacher incl was a document of secret grading of VC infiltration into ARVN. Documents were buried at approx GR YS 436743. Documents were sent back to 1 ATF
12 Aug 66	1145	DF's moved out to GR 441765 and 421768.
		C Coy provided a pl to assist APCs for activities in the North and area East of NUI NHAN.
	2015	Since LTL 2 opened approx 1000 civilians travelled South and 600 North
13 Aug 66	1345	Veh went past Duc Than Sector HQ North of road block and was fired upon.
14 Aug 66	1025	GR YS 470721 B Coy found one wpn pit - evidence of 2 VC
	1045	Medevac C Coy TC 79 Regt No 1411135
	1111	GR YS 475750. Evidence of at least 2 people having sat on ground
	1230	GR YS 478722 defined VC tracks made by 2 or 3 pers headed South
		A Coy sighted one man in distance heading South
		B Coy found further fresh tracks for 1 or 2 people YS 484420
	1350	YS 485722 D Coy found hut used by VC some hours pre viously.
	1450	Intruder sighted about 500 metres from Bn HQ perimeter
	1707	YS 486714 B Coy contacted 3 to 4 VC resulting in 1 own KIA
15 Aug 66	0940	A Coy found many tracks - continued search
	1020	A Coy found ox cart track direction S E - NW
	1350	YS 484719 (A Coy) Installation, for about 30 people. Also found track pattern of ox cart GR 48711 running SW to 483711
	1417	Medevac - Engineer shot in foot
	1507	APCs with Anti Tk Pl engaged 3-4 VC at YS 435715

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16 Aug 66	0730	B Coy moved to 486727
		D Coy moved to 475735
		A Coy at 480715 moving
	1155	9 Pl C Coy at 464737 sighted 9 VC followed up
	1215	B Coy cleared N & E of their loc and searched area suggested by D Coy.
	1440	D Coy ptl to 476730 then West to natural feature then North and return
		468742 C Coy found 9 pits covering approach from West
	1530	478719 A Coy following up tracks around his loc
		D Coy found old ox cart junction at YS 474732
	1600	At 482718 A Coy found ox cart track large enough to take a vehicle also . found tracks for about 20 people heading North
	1825	At 473718 A Coy reported Installation wpn pits for about 20 people about 6 weeks old no tunnels.
	PM	S3 visited Sub Sector at Duc Than and was told that 274 Regt was approx 2000 metres East of 1 ATF loc
	2400	Notified of curfew in villages to be lifted at 0600 hrs daily
17 Aug 66	0615	D Coy requested permission to ptl to C Coy boundry
	0700	A Coy to move back and thoroughly check on installation
	0800	Medevac B Coy. Regt No 213559 soldier with High temp
	0830	C & D Coys notified to be careful on navigation as area is not clearly defined as on the map.
	AM	C Coy notified of unconfirmed info on en concentration NW in rubber - were engaged H & I.
	0900	At 476743 C Coy found tracks for about 10 people
		478722 A Coy followed up track heading North
		481718 Discovered track and creek crossing
	1342	D Coy located track for about 6 people 1 hr old at GR 482736
	1425	Report by Sector HQ of possible Bn VC with 2 wheeled guns moving from GR YS490680 to 520660
	1440	D Coy followed up tracks
18 Aug 66	AM	5 RAR returned to base loc by APCs.

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ANNEX B TO
5 RAR R569-1-16
DATED 29 AUG 66

OPERATION HOLSWORTHY

A SURVEY OF THE HEALTH OF THE POPULATION IN

THE BINH BA AREA

Introduction

1. a. Between 10 - 18 Aug 66 inclusive a daily MEDCAP was conducted by 5 RAR medical personnel in the Binh Ba area.

b. The following is a report on the general state of health and of the MEDCAP in particular.

c. This may be considered the most successful hitherto conducted in the PHUOC TUY Province, in as much as it was of significant medical (rather than purely emotional or political value.

2. Existing Medical Provision.

a. The total population of the Binh Ba, Duc Truong and Duc My areas is 2,500 Free treatment is extended to the workers of the GALLIA plantation and to their families.

b. The facilities are as follows:

(1) An INFIRMARY staffed by a mid-wife and a male nurse, both Vietnamese, speaking a little French. The infirmary, located in the plantation, has little or no supplies or equipment, but meets most minor needs .

(2) A French doctor of SIPH used to visit the infirmary twice weekly by aeroplane. Since the air strip is now unusable he no longer visits (20-8-66 - airstrip now opened).

(3) SIPH runs a central hospital at XUAN LOC for the treatment of its employees referred from the BINH BA and other company infirmaries. Road traffic to XUANLOC is hazardous, and sick patients may sometimes have to wait several days before being allowed to travel. The treatment offered at XUANLOC appears to be good.

(4) There are no medical facilities for those people in the area (mainly DUC MY) who are not plantation workers.

3. Existing Medical Problems. From a relative point of view, the general atate of health of the community is good. Thus, there are relatively few people incapacitated by disease, and there is no famine. Community morale, for obvious reasons is low.

a. Malnutrition. Is the main problem. Most people subsist on a diet of rice and fish heads without meat, fruit or vegetabl supplements. One patient admitted to living on a diet of bananas alone. Beef or fresh milk are almost unknown. As a result, probably half of the population suffer from vitamin or iron deficiency.

b. Tuberculosis. The probable incidence is 10% of the population and is the main cause of serious illness and disability. During the course of the MEDCAP, 60 villagers were transported to BA RIA for chest X-ray. Of the 20 X-ray reports hitherto received, 15 are positive for TB. Current local (BA RIA) treatment for TB is inadequate and defeatist.

c. Bronchitis. Is very prevalent at present (seasonally) especially amongst infants and young children.

d. Skin Diseases. Mainly IMPETIGO among children.

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e. Intestinal Worm Infestations.

f. Hypochondriacal Complaints. Numerous: possibly a function of generally low morale.

g. Malaria. This does not appear to be a major problem, judging by the low incidence of suggestive symptoms ((f) above included) and the infrequency of ellarged spleens (which is a fairly good index).

4. Causes and Solutions.

a. Malnutrition. The causes are ignorance (as to what constitutes a good diet) poverty (inability to purchase a variety of foods) and the closure of communications with Ba Ria (denial of access). Education as to the choice of nutritionally desirable foods and instruction in cultivation of vegetables in kitchen gardens are obvious simple remedies. As a result of questioning patients, it is evident that lack of access is the most important factor, and the maintenance of an open road to BA RIA would help considerably in this respect. (20-8-66 - road permently open)

b. Tuberculosis. Ideally the entire village population should be screened (i.e. X-rayed). Unfortunately there is no mobile X-ray unit in PHUOC TUY Province, hence travel to BA RIA is necessary. The screening of the population over a period (of a year or so) would be quite possible by villagers, includeing a visit to the hospital for X-ray whilst travelling to BA RIA. The MEDCAP stores should be prepared to supply the necessary drugs for realistic treatment of TB.

c. Other Conditions. The incidence of most of the other prevalent conditions could be reduced by hygiene education, and instruction as to improvement of drainage, sewerage, food handling, etc.

5. Medcap. Approximately 1200 patients were treated over the nine days of the recent MEDCAP. Enormous numbers of patients were seen on the first few days (a record 327 on one day) but this tapered off to about 20 per day during the last few days. The falling off in numbers of patients should not be interpreted as failure, but rather of an opportunity to di gnosé and treat thoroughly by spending a reasonably amount of time with each patient. The MEDCAP bum rush of a hectic distribution of random pills, conducted in a swirl of dust and screaming children, is valueless, from any other than an entertainment point of view The relative incidence of conditions seen is outlined above. The ideal set-up for MEDCAP in BINH BA is as follows. The team (RMO, interpreter, and one medical assistant), complete with pannier, is established in the infirmary working in conjunction with the Vietnamese Staff, who know the villagers well. Records of visits, treatment, X-ray and results are kept by the local nursing staff. A weekly visit by the team on a certain day of the week is desirable.

Summary

6. The recent MEDCAP in the BINH BA area may be considered a success medically. It [illegible] much valuable information. The solution of many of the medical problems of BINH BA is to a large extent non-medical. Thus education, sanitation, transport and open communication with BA RIA are the main means of improving the general health of the people. An enthustiac > broad based appproach is required: MEDCAP is merely the icing on the cake

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Annex H-2 to H-R

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

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The Royal Australian Regiment

Phouc Tuy Province South Vietnam

29 Aug 66

Serial 10

RO No	Title
99.	Dress
100.	Compliments
101.	Vehicle Movement - 1 ATF Base Area to BARIA
102.	Vehicle Movement - 1 ATF Base Area to VUNG TAU
103.	Unlawful Possession Or Disposal Of Firearms And Explosives
104.	Personnel proceeding on R and R
105.	Cancellations
NOTICES:	
1.	Message from COMUSMACV
2.	Found - Cigarete lighter

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99. Dress.

1. The following orders of dress are to be worn by all ranks of 5 RAR:

a. In 1 ATF Base Area:

(1) Boots GP, TS, AB or Jungle.
(2) Socks (not compulsory).
(3) Trousers Mil Green or user trial.
(4) Shirts Mil Green or user trial.
(5) Bush hat or green beret or hat KFF.
(6) Badges of rank:

(a) Officers - cloth
(b) WO's and NCO's - Sewn on, brassard or wrist band.

b. In areas outside 1 ATF base area but excluding SAIGON:

(1) Boots GP.
(2) Socks (not compulsory).
(3) Trousers Mil green or user trial.
(4) Shirts Mil green or user trial.
(5) Bush hat or hat KFF.
(6) Badges of rank:

(a) Officers - cloth
(b) WO's and NCO's - Sewn on, brassard or wrist band.

c. In SAIGON:

(1) Boots GP.
(2) Socks (not compulsory).
(3) Trousers Mil green.
(4) Shirts Mil green.
(5) Hats KFF (Offrs and WO's - caps).
(6) Badges of rank:

(a) Officers - metal
(b) WO's and NCO's - Sewn on

(7) Titles AUSTRALIA.
(8) Gold lanyards.

2. Notes:

a. Trousers are to be secured by a suitable means above the boot or gaiter.

b. Shirts Mil green are to be worn buttoned up and tucked in. But within 5 RAR base area they may be worn outside the trousers. Shirts of the user trial pattern are to be buttoned up but may be worn outside the trousers. Between 0630 hours and 1830 hours sleeves are to be rolled up. Between 1830 hours and 0630 hours sleeves are to be buttoned down at the wrist and the shirt buttoned up to the neck.

c. Bush hats are to include a distinguishing band. The hat band is to be displayed only in the TAOR. At other times the hat is to be worn with the band inside.

/d. Within 5 RAR

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d. Within 5 RAR area canvas shoes or thongs may be worn between 1300 hours and 1830 hours.

e. When boots TS or AB are worn gaiters are also to be worn.

f. Identity discs are to be worn at all times.

g. Except when on operations non issue clothing is not to be worn. Dress for operations is to be detailed by sub unit commander.

h. Personal weapons need not be carried within 5 RAR company base areas between 0630 hours and 1830 hours. Whenever a soldier leaves his company base area, and between 1830 hours and 0630 hours, personal weapons are to be carried. Non issue type weapons are not to be carried.

3. Members moving SOUTH through the MP check point will carry steel helmets.

4. Offrs, WO's and NCO's are to ensure that this order is enforced.

5. 5 RAR Routine Order Part 1 No 59/66 is cancelled.

100. Compliments.

1. Compliments are to be paid by all members to all officers, including officers of all allied forces. Weapons are to be carried in the left hand to enable the compliments to be paid.

2. Officers are to police the paying of compliments.

3. Coys are responsible for instruction in recognition of officer rank of Allied forces.

4. 5 RAR Routine Order Part 1 No 81/66 is cancelled.

101. Vehicle Movement - 1 ATF Base Area To BARIA

1. Single vehicles may move between 1 ATF base area and BARIA.

2. Two armed passengers are to be provided with each vehicle.

3. Steel helmets are to be worn.

102. Vehicle Movement - 1 ATF Base Area To VUNG TAU.

1. Vehicle movement between 1 ATF BASE AREA and VUNG TAU is to be in accordance with 5 RAR B553-4-1 of 5 Aug 66.

2. Steel helmets are to be worn.

103. Unlawful Possession Or Disposal Of Firearms And Explosives.

1. In this instruction "explosives" means explosive substance of any kind and includes any ammunition containing a propellant, explosive filling or live cap.

2. Any member in possession of firearms or explosives, unless such are on issue to him as part of his authorised Army equipment, is amenable to the laws of the state or ordinances of the Territory in which he is serving.

3. In accordance with DA 79, former enemy equipment, other than personal effects of captured enemy personnel, is Commonwealth property, and, unless the member has been duly authorised to retain it as a souvenir, its retention is an offence against the Act.

/4. Except when

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4. Except when acting in the course of his duty, a member will not deliver or transmitto, or attempt to deliver or transmit to, any other person, or acquire in any way from, or attempt to acquire in any way from, any other person, firearms or explosives which are the property of the Commonwealth.

5. Where unaccompained baggage of members serving overseas is being forwarded to Australia, it will be inspected by MFO, or the responsible officer concerned, prior to its acceptance for despatch.

6. When any member is charged with an offence in respect of any act, conduct or omission described by this instruction, the offence will not be dealt with summarily without the approval of superior authority.

104. Personnel proceeding on R and R.

1. On a number of occassions members have arrived at AFV for onward movement dressed in dirty greens, bush hat and dirty boots.

2. In future members proceeding on R and R will report to Bn HQ dressed in accordance with 5 RAR Routine Order No 99 c dated 29 Aug 66.

3. Members who report incorrectly dressed will not be permitted to proceed on R and R.

105. Cancellations.

1. The following 5 RAR Routine Orders Part 1 are cancelled:

7,15,20,21,37,38 and 61.

2. The RO's mentioned above are those which have been issued in Vietnam.

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Asst Adjt

NOTICES

1. The following message was received from COMUSMACV on the completion of Operation SMITHFIELD:

"Hearty congratulations to the 6th Bn RAR and Co 'D', 5th Bn RAR for their fine show in Operation SMITHFIELD. Your troops have won a most significant victory over the enemy and one of the most spectacular in Vietnam to date".

2. A new petrol cigarete lighter has been found in the Bn PO. The lighter is still in a box and is presumed to have fallen from a parcel meant for despatch to Australia. The owner may claim the lighter from the Bn orderly room on supplying a description of the item.

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ROUTINE

5 RAR
AP AN PHU
SOUTH VIETNAM

Aug 66

PASSWORDS AND RADIO CODES
PERIOD 1 SEP TO 14 SEP 66

PERIOD	POINT OF ORIG		Q HOUR	PASSWORDS
011800	METAL	4470	1300H	ROUND HOUSE
to	ANIMAL	4167		
021800	CAR	4765		
021800	BIRD	4571	1200H	HOLD HARE
to	COLOUR	4866		
031800	TREE	4068		
031800	GIRL	4465	0800H	WIRE RUST
to	CITY	4470		
041800	FISH	4066		
041800	FRUIT	4769	0300H	RIOT NIGHT
to	GEM	4166		
051800	OCEAN	4766		
051800	CAR	466	2300H	SAND SHELL
to	CITY	4066		
061800	STATE	4271		
061800	ACTRESS	4570	0900H	INK DRY
to	TREE	4168		
071800	VEGETABLE	4466		
071800	SNAKE	4769	1100H	TRUCK ROCK
to	GIRL	4069		
181800	RIVER	4666		
081800	SPORT	4271	1300H	MUD HOLE
to	DRINK	4264		
091800	GEM	4867		
091800	BIRD	4765	0300H	TREE RUBBER
to	FRUIT	4070		
101800	PLANET	4770		
101800	ANIMAL	4370	2400H	LOUD SHIRT
to	COLOUR	4066		
111800	GIRL	4364		
111800	ANIMAL	4371	0100H	STRING TIE
to	FISH	4766		
121800	FRUIT	4065		
121800	SNAKE	4370	1100H	HAPPY DAYS
to	RIVER	4572		
131800	PLANET	4567		
131800	ACTRESS	4471	1500H	SANDY SHORE
to	DRINK	4667		
141800H	GEM	3867		

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Capt
Adjt

Distribution:

A Coy	(15)	Sp Coy	(10)	S3	TO	Spare	(20)
B Coy	(15)	Admin Coy	(10)	S2	QM	Comd's Diary	(4)
C Coy	(15)	CO		S1	Asst QM		
D Coy	(15)	2IC		Asst S3	File		

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