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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.

(Signature) .....

Appointment CO 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC)
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

RECEIPT FORM

(To be detached and returned by recipient)

Please return to this address: Int Sect, 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC), AFPO 4, GPO SYDNEY 2890

I hereby acknowledge receipt of:

Army Form C 2118 (Adapted) Oct 68 (Month and year)

Signature.....

Date.....

PART 2

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC)

From 1 Oct 68 **To** 31 Oct 68

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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.

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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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Revised Jun, 1965

UNIT/FORMATION 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC)

MONTH AND YEAR October 1968 REFERENCE MAP COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col L.R. GREVILLE

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
NUI DAT	1 Oct		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) CONtinued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR, and W Coy continued RIF operations in AO MUSTANG without contact.	
			At YS 449811 a patrol of W Coy found an arms cache containing 1 x M1 Carbine, 1 x SKS and 1 x M79 grenade launcher	
			without a butt.	
			Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; D Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962; W Coy YS 435797.	
			Visit - Maj Gen R.B. DAWSON Chief NZ Army General Staff	Annex H enclosure 1
			Issue - Combat After Action Report - W Coy - dated 25 Sep 68	Annex M enclosure 1
			Issue - Contact After Action Report - CCoy - dated 25 Sep 68	Annem M enclosure 2
NUI DAT	2 Oct 68		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR with W Coy continuing RIF operations in AO MUSTANG.	
		1103H	At YS 433831 1 pl W Coy and elements of 4 RAR Tracker Team contacted 4 enemy with result 1 en KIA (BC), 2 en WIA (bloodtrails)	
			1 AK47 and 1 light AW of unknown type captured.	
		1155H	At YS 448815 2 pl W Coy found a camp occupied by approx 10 enemy. The camp was attacked with result 6 enemy KIA (BC),	
			2 enemy WIA (bloodtrails, 1xM1, 4xSKS rifles, 3xM26 grenades and quantity of clothing, equipment and documents captured.	
		1500H	At YS 461793 3 pl W Coy contacted 3 enemy without result.	
			Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; D Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962; W Coy YS 435797.	
NUI DAT	3 Oct		4 RAR W Coy continued operations in AO MUSTANG without contact. V Coy assissted A Sqn 3 Cav Regt on a search operation	
			in AO MACE.	
		1032H	At YS 236796 1 pl V Coy contacted an estimated 4 enemy with the result 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 AK47 captured. Caches	
			were found at YS 241799, YS 241798 and YS 239798 which yielded 562 x 100 lb bags of rice, 10 x 100 lb bags of salt,	

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NUI DAT	3 Oct (cont)		4 bags of sandals, 2 bags of hockey boots, 5 bolts of black plastic and 2 bolts of white calico.	
			Locations: 4 RAR(-) 1 ATF Base; D Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962; W Coy YS 435797.	
			Issue - Submission of Post Operation Reports	Annex H enclosure 2
			Issue - Combat Operation After Action Report	Annex M enclosure 3
NUI DAT	4 Oct		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) continued operations in 1 ATF TAOR and W Coy continued operations in AO MUSTANG. B Coy relieved	
			D Coy On HORSESHOE HILL.	
			Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962; W Coy YS 436797.	
			Issue - Operation Analysis V Coy Op STIRRUP CUP	Annex M enclosure 4
			Received - 1 ATF Patrol Programme	Annex I enclosure 1
			Issue - Duty Allocation	Annex H enclosure 3
			Issue - Routine Orders Part 1	Annex H enclosure 4
NUI DAT	5 Oct		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR; W Coy continued operations in AO MUSTANG.	
		1457H	At YS 397794 3 pl W Coy contacted an estimated 3 enemy in a camp consisting of 8 bunkers with the result 1 en KIA (BC)	
			A search of the camp revealed the following:- 1xSpringfield rifle, 1xRussian AW, 1xM1 Rifle, 3xM26 grenades, 2xM25	
			grenades, 1xB41 rocket, qtys of ammunition, documents and ffoodstuffs.	
			Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962; W Coy YS 456797.	
			Visit - Maj Gen M.F. BROGAN CBE, QMG	
			Issue - After Action Contact Report	Annex M enclosure 5

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NUI DAT	5 Oct (cont)		Issue - Duty Allocation	Annex H enclosure 5
			Issue - VC Installation Report	Annex H enclosure 6
			Issue - Contact After Action Report	Annex M enclosure 7
			Issue - Contact After Action Report	Annex M enclosure 8
			Issue - Contact After Action Report	Annex M enclosure 9
NUI DAT	6 Oct		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR. W Coy concluded operations in AO MUSTANG and returned to 1 ATF	
			Base by air.	
			Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962;	
NUI DAT	7 Oct		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) continued patrolling 1 ATF TAOR. D Coy deployed to AO COUGAR in support of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.	
		1320H	At YS 523706 a patrol of 9 pl contacted 2 enemy with the result 1 en KIA (BC).	
			Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962; D Coy YS 235780.	
			Received - Supplementary Patrols	Annex I enclosure 2
		2010H	At YS 208814 12 pl D Coy contacted 2 enemy in a canoe with the result 1 enemy KIA (BC). The other occupant dived	
			overboard and was not again seen.	
NUI DAT	8 Oct		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR. D Coy continued to support C Sqn 1 Armd Regt in AO COUGAR, and	
			V Coy deployed to AO COUGAR returning to 1 ATF Base at 1700H.	
		1237H	At YS 242791 12 pl D Coy was ambushed by an unknown number of enemy with result 2 Aust KIA and 6 Aust WIA - the	
			ambush was initiated with claymore mines. A camp consisting of 2 bunkers and fighting pits was found in the area.	

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NUI DAT	8 Oct (cont)	1237H	Casualtieswere:- 55358 Pte K.C. SHAW KIA; 6708915 Pte K.F. BREWER KIA: 235321 Lt P.E.J. BUNYAN WIA: 4410392 Cpl	
			W. FOSTER WIA: 3790357 Pte I. RHODES WIA: 3790508 Pte M.O. SINCLAIR WIA: 1201197 Lcpl R.J. JOHNSON WIA: 1732919	
			Pte D.J. ZERNER WIA.	
			At YS 242795 10 pl D Coy found a rice cache containing 9 x 80 lb bags of rice. The cache was capable of holding more	
			and appeared to have been partially emptied during the last 3 days.	
			At YS 241796 11 pl D Coy located a cache containing 12 x 80 lb bags of rice.	
			Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962; D Coy YS 236781.	
NUI DAT	9 Oct		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR. D Coy continued to support C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. At YS 242799 D Coy	
			found a cache containing 3x100 lb bags of rice. Further caches were found in the area during the afternoon, bringing	
			the total found to 233 x 100 lb bags.	
		1515H	At YS 242789 elements of 11 pl D Coy engaged 1 enemy resulting in1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 M1 carbine captured. A small	
			camp containing 3 x SKS rifles, 1 x Mossin Nagant, 1 x M26 grenade and small quantities of SA ammo, docus and	
			cooking equipment were found in the area.	
			Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962; D Coy YS 238781.	
			Issue - Officer Postings	Annex H enclosure 6
NUI DAT	10 Oct		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR and D Coy continued to support C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.	
			At YS 242797 D Coy located 15 x 100 lb bags of rice,	
			Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962; D Coy YS 237780.	

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NUI DAT	10 Oct (cont)		Issue - Contact After Action Report	Annex M enclosure 10
			Received - 1 ATF Patrol Programme	Annex I enclosure 3
			Issue - VC Installation Report	Annex M enclosure 11
			Issue - Contact After Action Report	Annex M enclosure 12
			Issue - Contact After Action Report	Annex M enclosure 13
			Issue - Contact After Action Report	Annex M enclosure 14
			Issue - VC Installation Report	Annex M enclosure 15
			Received - 1 ATF Patrol Programme	Annex I enclosure 4
			Received - Supplementary Patrol Programme	Annex I enclosure 5
NUI DAT	11 Oct		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR, with D Coy remaining in support of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.	
			Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962; D Coy YS 237780.	
			Issue - Intsum - Op CAPITOL	Annex G enclosure 1
NUI DAT	12 Oct		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR. D Coy returned to 1 ATF Base on conclusion of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt operations in AO COUGAR.	
			Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962.	
			Issue - Supplement to Intsum - Op CAPITOL	Annex G enclosure 2
			Issue - Op CAPITOL Confirmatory Notes	Annex C enclosure 1
			Issue - Routine Orders Part 1	Annex H enclosure 7

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
NUI DAT	12 Oct (cont)		Issue - Special Order of the Day	Annex H enclosure 7A
			Issue - Contact After Action Report	Annex M enclosure 16
TRENTHAM YS 505866	13 Oct		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) deployed by air to AO DICKSON SOUTH (AO DOWNER) and commenced RIF operations without contact.	
			Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS 505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962; C Coy YS 512862; D Coy YS 513831; V Coy YS 521855;	
			W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS 5289.	
			Issue - V Coy Operation Analysis	Annex M enclosure 17
TRENTHAM YS 505866	14 Oct		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) continued operations in AO DICKSON SOUTH with no contact.	
			Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS 505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962; C Coy YS 516864; D Coy YS 513832; V Coy YS 526844;	
			W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS 5289.	
			Issue - Contact After Action Report	Annex M enclosure 18
TRENTHAM YS 505866	15 Oct		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) continued operations in AO DICKSON SOUTH with minor contact.	
		1220H	At YS 526826 11 pl D Coy contacted 5 enemy with the result 2 en KIA (BC), 1 AK47, 1 SKS rifle and 5 packs captured.	
			Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS 505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962; C Coy YS 529868; D Coy YS 523813; V Coy YS 534836;	
			W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS 5289.	
	15 - 29 Oct		Visit - Lt Col BANARD BROWN RA Inf AUR	
TRENTHAM YS 505866	16 Oct		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) continued operations in AO DICKSON SOUTH with minor contact.	
		1410H	At YS 532826 V Coy found an occupied enemy base camp. After preliminary artillery bombardment the camp was entered	
			and searched, resulting in 8 bolt action rifles, 1 grease gun weapon, quantity of paper, propaganda material,	

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
TRENTHAM YS 505866	16 Oct (cont)	1410H	quantity books, 1 x transistor radio, quantity amplifying equipment and loudspeakers, 250 lbs of rice and 50 lbs of salt being captured.	
		1547H	At YS 532826 while searching the camp, 2 pl V Coy sighted an estimated 2 enemy with result 1 enemy KIA (BC).	
		1410H	At YS 532826 a patrol from 11 pl were fired upon by an estimated 3 enemy with negative results.	
			Locations: Bn HQ YS 505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962; C Coy YS 538862; D Coy YS 523817; V Coy YS 545838; W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS 5289.	
			Issue - Routine Orders Part 1	Annex H enclosure 8
			Received - 1 ATF Patrol Programme	Annex I enclosure 6
TRENTHAM YS 505866	17 Oct		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) continued operations in AO DICKSON SOUTH with minor contact. V Coy continued to search the camp found on 16 Oct in area YS 544832. At 0837H while searching the camp 3 pl V Coy were fired on by approximately 3 enemy. Fire was returned with no result. The camp consisted of 19 bunkers, 15 huts, 2 kitchens and medical aid post and was capable of holding 50-70 persons. In addition to the items found on 16 Oct the following were found: quantities of womens' clothing, children's toys, a further loudspeaker, a Gestetner duplicator, some printing blocks and stationery. At YS 491918 8 pl C Coy found a camp of 8 bunkers with a cache containing 80 lbs of rice and a quantity of dried peas and flour.	
			Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS 505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962; C Coy YS 538862; D Coy YS 547816; V Coy YS 549833; W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS 5289.	

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TRENTHAM YS 505866	18 Oct		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) continued operations in AO DICKSON SOUTH with minor contact.	
		1540H	At YS 568854 8 pl C Coy engaged 1 enemy without result. A sweep of the area disclosed a bunker containing: 3 x sets webbing, 2 x Chicom grenades and a small quantity of ammunition and food.	
			Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS 505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962; C Coy YS 568854; D Coy YS 554817; V Coy YS 556836; W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS 5289.	
TRENTHAM YS 505866	19 Oct		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) continued operations in AO DICKSON SOUTH with minor contact.	
		1130H	At YS 564834 2 pl V Coy engaged 1 enemy with nil result.	
			Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS 505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962; C Coy YS 571856; D Coy YS 558810; V Coy YS 556836; W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS 5289.	
TRENTHAM YS 505866	20 Oct		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) continued operations in AO DICKSON SOUTH with minor contact.	
		1328H	At YS558802 12 pl D Coy were fired on by a single enemy with result 1 Aust KIA - 3791207 Pte J.R. TINKHAM KIA - fire was returned with no result.	
		1658H	At YS 565830 1 pl V Coy contacted an unknown number of enemy resulting in 1 NZ WIA (evac) - 42910 Pte B.R. TEAOTONGA - WIA -, en casualties unknown.	
			Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS 505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962; C Coy YS571856; D Coy YS 558810; V Coy YS 562825; W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS 5289.	
			Visit - Brigadier M. AUSTIN DSO, OBE - DAG(PS) AHQ	

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
TRENTHAM YS 505866	21 Oct		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) continued operations in AO DICKSON SOUTH, and commenced operations in the extension of the AO to the SE (AO HACKET: centreof mass YS 5878). C Coy moved by air to area YS 594821. At 1630H at YS 546800, 10 pl D Coy found a base camp 30 yards x 80 yards, 3 bunkers 6'x6'x6' each with OHP, 1 kitchen, 12 hammock spaces. The following items were found: 8 x AR15 full magazines, 1 full yellow smoke grenade, used morphine containers. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS 505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962; C Coy YS 588825; D Coy YS 553806; V Coy YS 567818; W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS 5289. Visit - Lt Col E.W. PRETTY ADGMS (Equipment and Finance) AHQ.	
TRENTHAM YS 505866	22 Oct		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) continued operations in AO DICKSON with minor contact.	
		1109H	At YS 564800 11 pl D Coy contacted an estimated 6 enemy in a small bunkered camp with the result 2 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 enemy WIA (blood trail). The following items were captured: 1 x SKS, small ammo box of medical supplies, some documents. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS 505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962; C Coy YS 590805; D Coy YS 552796; V Coy YS 575799; W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS 5289.	
			Issue - Orders - Op CAPITOL AO WODEN	ANNEX C enclosure 2
			Visit - General Sir John WILTON KBE, CB, DSO	
TRENTHAM YS 505866	23 Oct		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) continued operations in AO DICKSON without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS 505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL; C Coy YS 608800; D Coy YS 553797; V Coy YS 577788; W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS 5289.	

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TRENTHAM YS 505866	24 Oct		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) continued operations in AO DICKSON. C Coy deployed by air to YS 562850 and D and V Coys deployed by air to YS 577870, re-commencing RIF without contact. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS 505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962; C Coy YS 573855; D Coy YS 588868; V Coy YS 572865; W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS 5289.	
			Received - 1 ATF Patrol Programme	Annex I enclosure 7
TRENTHAM YS 505866	25 Oct		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) continued operations in AO DICKSON (Modified) without contact. At YS 582868 D Coy found a cache containing 1 x 1917 Springfield rifle and 1 x AK47. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS 505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962; C Coy YS 581862; D Coy YS 584868; V Coy YS 572865; W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS 5289.	
TRENTHAM YS 505866	26 Oct		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) CONtinued operations in AO DICKSON with minor contact.	
		0805H	At YS 573865 V Coy sighted 15-20 enemy; The coy engaged the enemy and artillery fired on possible withdrawal routes with unknown results.	
		1620H	At YS 516884 3 pl W Coy observed 3 enemy moving to the East and another group of unknown strength to the West. The two groups engaged each other with result 1 VC WIA possible, the groups then returned in the directions from which they had come. The area was engaged with artillery fire with unknown results. Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS 505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962; C Coy YS 581861; D Coy YS 592888; V Cot YS 574893; W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS 5289.	
			Issued - Routine Orders Part 1	Annex H enclosure 9

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TRENTHAM YS 505866	27 Oct		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) continued operations in AO DICKSON with minor contact.	
		1151H	At YS 569897 2 pl V Coy contacted 2 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (BC) and 1 AK47 captured.	
		1615H	At YS 569899 a sentry of 11pl fired on 2 enemy with unknown result.	
			In the area of YS 541889 3 pl W Coy found a base camp consisting of approximately 200 bunkers. It is estimated that	
			the camp was occupied by 300-400 persons within the last 7 days. Destruction of the camp commenced on 28 Oct 68.	
			At YS 541890 3 pl W Coy found a grave containing a body approximately 24 hours old.	
			Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS 505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962; C Coy YS 562881; D Coy YS 569899; V Coy YS 609901;	
			W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS 5289;	
			Received - Amendment to 1 ATF Patrol Programme	Annex I enclosure 9
RENTHAM YS 505866	28 Oct		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) continued operations in AO DICKSON without contact.	
			Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS 505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962; C Coy YS 563882; D Coy YS 568898; V Coy YS 551913;	
			W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS 5289.	
			Visit - Lt Gen Sir Leonard THORTON KCB, CBE.	
			Issue - Advance Party W2 Coy	Annex H enclosure 10
TRENTHAM YS 505866	29 Oct		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) continued operations in AO DICKSON with minor contact;	
		1105H	At YS 565875 9 pl C Coy contacted 3 enemy with unknown results.	
			Locations: Bn HQ and Sp Coy YS 505866; B Coy MORSESHOE HILL YS 4962; C Coy YS 579882; D Coy YS 577892; V Coy YS 547917;	
			W Coy FSPB FLINDERS YS 5289.	

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
TRENTHAM YS 505866	29 Oct (cont)		Issue - 4 RAR Duty Roster	Annex H enclosure 11
			Issue - Administrative Instruction Release of W1 Coy	Annex H enclosure 12
NUI DAT	30 Oct		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) concluded operations in AO DICKSON (Modified) and returned by air to 1 ATF Base. Small protective	
			elements remained at FSPB FLINDERS and the position previously occupied by Bn HQ at YS 505866.	
			Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; Sp Coy (-) FSPB FLINDERS YS 5289 and YS 505866; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962.	
			Issue - 4 RAR Duty Roster	Annex H enclosure 13
NUI DAT	31 Oct		4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) continued patrolling in 1 ATF TAOR. Security elements remained at FSPB FLINDERS and the Bn HQ position.	
			Locations: 4 RAR (-) 1 ATF Base; B Coy HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962; Sp Coy (-) FSPB FLINDERS YS 5289 and YS 505866.	
			Received - 1 ATF Patrol Programme.	Annex I enclosure 10

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Date..1 Oct 68.....

4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) OPS LOG

Serial	Time	From	To	Message or Detail	Action/Remarks
1	0950	W Coy	CP	Locstat 3 pl 446685 found VC pack containing clothing. In bad state of repair	Passed to TF
2	1030	W Coy	CP	At 3 pl last found letter box. Had letter in it. It was wet and difficutl to read, however will be backloaded at earliest opportunity.	Passed to TF
3	1057	W Coy	CP	Locstat 73A 449811. Weapons found M1 Carbine, SKS rifle both in poor condition. M79 in good condition, no butt. 10 rounds .30 cal	Passed to TF
4	1127	W Coy	CP	At 447812 73A have hit a camp. On outskirts now, they have searched a bunker, hutchie space and fire place. Lamp not used for some time. Now moving along track East - West showing good sign.	Passed to TF
5	1146	W Coy	CP	At 445812. Have found another camp, has been hit by arty, however one bunker has been used recently.	Passed to TF
6	1222	W Coy	CP	Albatross just left this loc. Someone took a shot at it bearing NW	Passed to TF
7	1320	W Coy	CP	1 pl at 435812 found 2 tracks, are checking feature they are on now. 3 pl at 447804 following fresh sign of 6 to 9 en on fresh track.	Passed to TF
	2 Oct 68				
8	1025	W Coy	CP	1 pl at 443829 are on a good track. The dog has indicated once already, require permission to go out of our AO	Passed to TF
9	1035	CP	W Coy	Clearances from this end would take quite some time. A better arrangement is for you to contact your LO and gain clearances direct. Provided clearances can be gained from them it is clear this end//We cannot contact our LO can you contact him from your end and get him on our means. Contacted.	Passed to TF
10	1150	W Coy	CP	2 pl at 351 R1.7 D1.5. They have come across a group of people approx 30 metresaway who are chopping. They are going to flank them then if they don't move they will check their ID cards.	447815
11	1150	CP	W Coy	What is happening to 1 pl//They have followed a heavy blood and a light blood trail to a creek. Are having trouble picking up track. There is thick bamboo on other side of creek. We are going to fire mortars into area and then 1 pl will sweep thru.	
12	1214	W Coy	CP	Sitrep 2 pl. Moved into camp - sect strength group. Camp could hold up to pl strength. Found tents, maps, packs, transistor still playing. Blood trails numerous	Passed to TF
13	1251	W Coy	CP	A.Contact report 1/W Coy. B.021103H. C.433831. D.4. E.Local. F.1 VC KIA (BC), 1 KIA (poss), (very heavy blood trails), 1 WIA (poss) (Light blood trail), 1xPPSh 40 and 1 AK47 recovered. G.NW,W,E. VC being followed - entered stream - dog having difficulty in follow-up.	Passed to TF
14	1340	W Coy	CP	Locstat 3 pl 461793. Notice on door of hut - 'ALL AUSTRALIANS ARE TERRORISTS'.	

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Date....2 Oct 68.....

4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) OPS LOG

Serial	Time	From	To	Message or Detail	Action/Remarks
15	1342	W Coy	CP	A.Contact. 2/W Coy. B.021155H. C.448815. D.10. E.Locat. F.6 VC KIA (BC) 2 VC WIA (blood trails), 1xM1 Carbine, 4xSKSKrecovered. G. 1 wdr North blood trail. 2 pl entered camp via back door. In area 3 bunkers, recovered map of village with comments on it. Photo album of both ARVN and VC. Further docus and clothes, cooking utensils	
16	1448	W Coy	CP	3 pl contacted 3 VC walking away from village, greens, packs and carrying weapons. Mors are firing on contact area.	Passed to TF
17	1615	W Coy	CP	A.Contact. B.021440H. C.459796. D.3. E.Dressed in greens. Packs. Weapons. Local force. F.NTR. G.Either North or West. Follow up unable to confirm	Passed to TF
18	1706	CP	W Coy	Documents you backloaded today of no significant tactical value. Personal letters, letters of commendation.	
19	1840	W Coy	CP	Ref contact report 2 pl. US Carbine 1, Rifles SKS 4, Mags 20 round Carbine 4, Mag 30 round carbine 1, rounds for carbine 115, rounds SKS 54, grenade M26 3, med pack 1, VC packs 6, Clothing and pers items for approx 9 pers incl 1 woman, rations, tinned food, tinned meat and tobacco - 10 pers for 3 days.Docus 1 sandbag load. All clothing, pers gear and food destroyed. One bundle of docus was recovered from an en who was trying to bury them. These have been kept separate for 10.	
20	3 Oct 68				Passed to TF
20	0900	CP	W Coy	PW captured 30 Sep states his bass camp loc vic 427784. District staging post loc vic 425796.	
21	1103	1 ATF	CP	2/V Coy on Roadrunner - 2 en KIA (BC)	
22	1335	V Coy	CP	A.Contact 2/V Coy. B.031032H. C.236796. D.4 en seen. E.Local force. F.1 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK47 recovered. G.North East. H.Black clothing, US webbing, 1 pack with documents.	Informed V Coy CP
23	1435	W Coy	CP	Clash between callsigns all sorted out now. NO casualties. Only 2-3 shots fired.	Received from 1 ATF
24	2000	CP	All stas	Sitrep. Alpha. 2/V Coy at 236796 contacted 4 VC. Results 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK47 captured. Bravo. V Coy in vicinity 236796 discovered a series of caches containing 26 tons of rice, 10 bags of salt, large quantity of footwear.	
	4 Oct 68				
25	0829	Tkr Ptl	CP	Locstat 497658. Voices and chopping 200 metres west//You are very close to a no fire zone. Watch rules of engagement	Passed to TF
26	0858	Tkr Ptl	CP	Investigated noises. Civilians with ID cards cutting wood.	
27	1137	W Coy	CP	Locstat 3 pl 415807. Well used track recently used. 3-5 hrs old HO CHI MINH sandal marks	Passed to TF

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Date...4 Oct 68.....

4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) OPS LOG

Serial	Time	From	To	Message or Detail	Action/Remarks
28	1215	W Coy	CP	3 pl have found a tunnel complex went into tunnel approx 15 feet found a well. All entrances comoflaged, now investigating.	
29	1415	W Coy	CP	Locstat 3 pl 403800 still fol up fresh tracks. 73A have heard voices to their North	Passed to TF
30	1542	W Coy	CP	Locstat 3 pl 415800 still following tracks - difficulty in following but they pick them up every 200 metres or so. Tracks for 3-4 persons.	Passed to TF
31	1622	CP	Ptl 84	At 489672 Albatross reports pit with fresh spoil. You are to investigate.	Passed to TF
32	1710	W Coy	CP	Sitrep. 3 pl in W Coy loc. 3 pl followed tracks for 5 pers initially to SW on a well worn track. At 403800 they came into a large E-W track. Two pers went West on what is a major track well worn good stage of repair. They followed tracks of 3 pers due East. Tracks were lost just short of 419800. 3 pl also located the staging posts mentioned by PW. 73A also located the staging post, followed the same track to the NE to 425817. Same track 1 pl followed from that loc to the northern boundary just prior to their contact. This system obviously route mentioned by PW. Traces produced on RTB. B. Ref tunnel system not fully checked by 3 pl due to lack of torches and follow up. Appeared to be in area of old camp hit by air strike but tunnels could be used as protection. from arty - 50 ft of tunnel checked. Well in tunnel dry. Some repairs done in last 12 months. Time unlikely permit further check. Probably 25 ft of tunnel with 2 entrances which had been camoflaged in last 3 months.	
33	1752	Ptl 84	CP	Ref fresh diggings. Checked out NTR NO digging found.	Passed to TF
34	1915	CP	W Coy	PW states en base camp located 395795. VC District HQ located 384783.	Passed to TF
	5 Oct 68				
35	0600	1 ATF	CP	1. Small contact Long Dien I & R Pl at 1910. I & R pl ambushed small party en. Results unknown - plenty of blood. 2. 0100 bursts of fire eastern check point reported by Horseshoe. Sector can give no information	
36	1512	W Coy	CP	A.Contact. B.051457H. C.397794. D.2 to 3. E.Local force. F.1 VC KIA (BC), 1 SKS Automatic and 1 Garand recovered. G.East or South East. Camp contained 3 bunkers and 1 hutchie space. 3 pl following up using Tracker sect.	
37	1752	W Coy	CP	A.Dustoff. B.W Coy. C.FSPB RANGITOTO. D.Not before 30 minutes. E.PPRI. F.3 sitting; G.Suspected malaria. I.c/s 7C freq 93C. J.Smoke. K.Fine. L.Secure. M.NO. N.Nil.	Passed to TF. Dustoff t O standby until cas arrive RANGITOTO. NZ Comp notified.
38	1950	W Coy	CP	Further to 3 pl contact report;Track lead away to East. Followed for 800 metres to East and then South. Discontinued due to medevac. Tracks for 1 person wearing sandals and 1 person wearing Aust Patt boots. Comments. Camp hold 20 and was occupied by larger group last night. Contact thought to have been made with caretaker group. Arty rounds fell 10 metres from camp perimeter. In pocket of KIA was a lighter belonging to predecessors	Passed to TF

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Date....6 Oct 68.....

4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) OPS LOG

Serial	Time	From	To	Message or Detail	Action/Remarks
39	1025	C Coy	CP	7 pl, KEATING plus 19, AO EDWARD. 9 pl MORRIS plus 18 AO RICHARD. Both ptls inserted without incident	Passed to TF
40	1249	W Coy	CP	All preparations complete. We are firm on ground.	
41	1407	W Coy	CP	Extraction Ironsides and 1 pl complete. Commencing lift of 3 pl.	
42	1445	W Coy	CP	W Coy complete your loc.	
43	1815	9 Pl	CP	I consider that we were dropped off at wrong LZ. Check with 7 pl.	
44	1816	7 Pl	CP	Yes we were dropped off at wrong LZ. LZ grid is 505708.	Passed to 9 pl
	7 Oct 68				
45	0825	Ptl 31	CP	A.Medevac. B.7 pl. C.515719. D.ASP. E.Routine. F.2 sitting. G.1 wasp sting right eye, 1 suspected malaria. H.From this c/s. I.c/s31 freq 55.80 alt 36.60. L.Secure. M.Yes 80 fet.	Passed to TF//Reply:-NO LFT aval to escort winch ac for up to 3 hours. You are tos earch for a LZ or a winch spot where the trees are less than 60 feet.
46	1040	CP	Ptl 31	Dustoff c/s34 will be arriving your loc at a time to be notified. Remain on this frequency.	
47	1240	Ptl 33	CP	Locstat 523706. At 521706 heard 1pers calling out. Pl pushed down to creek. Voice further away. Crossed creek and followed up. No longer heard voice or en sign	
48	1345	9 Pl	CP	A.Contact. B.071320H. C.523706. D.2. E.Guerilla. F.1 VC KIA, nil weapons recovered, 1 VC escaped. G.East to West.	Passed to TF
49	1608	9 Pl	CP	Proposed night locstat 519711	Passed to TF
50	1700	7 Pl	CP	Night locstat 506724.	
51	1715	9 Pl	CP	Proposed night locstat now confirmed 519711	Passed to TF
52	2030	C Sqn	1 ATF	A.Contact 12 pl D Coy. B.072010H. C.208804. D.2 VC in canoe mov East to West. E.Unknown. F.1 VC KIA (BC) 1 VC blown out of boat but not sighted. The canoe drifted with current to the West. G.If 1 escaped would have gone South.	Passed to TF

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Date..8 Oct 68.....

4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) OPS LOG

Serial	Time	From	To	Message or Detail	Action/Remarks
50	1224	C Sqn	TF	A. Instl Report (found by1Q Pl D Coy). B. Rice cache. C. 081140H. D. 242795. E. 2 platforms with waterproof cover. F. Used 3 days ago. H. 9 x 80 lbs bags of rice - cache not booby trapped - rice has beenremoved from area- empty rice bags around // Cache capable of holding at least 3 times the amount found in it.	
54	1230	C Sqn	TF	D Coy in contact.	Passed to CO
55	1250	Arty	TF	D Coy has sustained 1 KIA and several WIA.	
56	1254	C Sqn	TF	Friendly cas. 2 KIA 6 WIA. DUSTOFF can land in area	
57	1315	C Sqn	TF	A. DUSTOFF. B. c/s 63 (C Sqn) C. 822 R2.2 B2.9. D. ASP. E. Urgent. F. Total 8, 2 KIA, 4 sitting, 2 litter. G..Shrapnel. H. Aust. freq 56V, c/s 40A. J. Smk. K. N/A L. Secure. M. Nil. N. 2 Litters	Passed to CO
58	1520	V Coy	CP	Mine report. A. c/s 52. B. 081300H C. 258798 D. Wooden pressure E. 4lb charge F. Block G. 2"(-) H. Nil. J. Mine recovered.	
59	1520	9Pl	CP	Locstat 529707 (Ni)	
60	1552	TF	CP	YOur c/s 5 will be extracted at 1700 as arranged	Passed to TF
61	1715	C Sqn	TF	Instl Report A. 12Pl D Coy B. Base camp C. 081245H D. 245791 E. 2 bkrs, 18 trenches with OHP, interlocking crawl trenches, 2 kitchens(1 used), also tables also used. F. Coy sized G. Occupied. H. Russian Atk Grenade, 1 bundle steel panjis I. East J. No K. 2 det mines (M16) 2 x 10" claymores.	Passed to S3
62	1720	C Sqn	TF	11Pl D Coy found 12 bags rice at 241796	
63	1812	D Coy	CP	Todays activities. - 3 new camps in our area -m2 rice caches (total 22 bags of rice) Contact 12Pl GR 243791 at 1230H 12Pl were checking area and closing to 11Pl. Chopping was heard which proved to be 11Pl Destroying en camp. S/Ray 12Pl took fwd elms to speak with 11 Pl. As he moved he crossed a track and washit byea comd det M16 then 2 approx 10" claymores. SA (AK47) fire followed. A sweep was carried out by S/Ray minor 12Pl - nil en cas evident. Cas received by mines and claymores not SA. En withdrew East . Comms with 12Pl hamperedafter contact as sig was hit- 11Pl assisted. Ni locstat when all arrive will be 236781..Tomorrows activity still being planned. Can contact me through other means. I may pass maintdem by that means.	
64	1900	CP	B&D 6oy,7&9 PL	Sitrep. A. 1. At 302849 at 080940 C Coy 1RAR contacted 1 en. Res 1 en KIA(BC) 2. At 301847a ptl from C Coy 1 RAR was pinned down for 3 hrs. Eventually extracted itself. 3. At 242795 at 081140 D Coy 4 RAR located a rice cache containing 9 x 80 lb bags rice in a waterproof cover. 4. At 324848 at 081200 c/s 12 3 RAR contacted 3-4 en who withdrew NE. Mors engaged. 5. At 243791 at 1230 hrs 12Pl suffered 2 KIA and 6 WIA from 2 comd detonated claymores and an M26 grenade. B. Locstat D Coy 236781	

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4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) OPS LOG

Serial	Time	From	To	Message or Detail	Action/Remarks
65	1141	TF	C Sqn	Report from BEARCAT ARVN INFO C3 1. Possible 2 VC/NVA Regiments at 2882,2881. 2. A large VC HQ elm, believe 4 HQ Commd at 2488, 2487.	
66	1356	TF	CP	1 RAR Sitrep:- C Coy now in camp 30[illegible]847 have encountered trenches and bunkers, unoccupied so far. Have beenin ½ hr. No bodies found yet. D Coy 100 m away, in reserve. A Coy have airstrike for their camp at 325847.	
67	1357	C Sqn	TF	D Coy 4 RAR found 50 bags of rice at 242798.	
68	1416	C Sqn	TF	Rice found by D Coy 4 RARnpw totals 22 x 100 lb bags not 50 bags.	
69	1555	2 Pl V Coy	CP	A. Contact c/s 42 B. 091515H C. 242789 D. 1 VC E. LF F. 1 VC KIA (BC) 1 x M1 carbine G. Moved in from SE. Found further 2 caches, 1 approx 150 bags, 1 approx 6 bags - these are approx figures only	
70	1745	3/V Coy	CP	Locstat of PZ 503730	
71	2040	D Coy	CP	Sitrep.Today 10Pl and elms Of this c/s found 233 x 100 lb bags of rice in area YS 243799. 11Pl contacted 1 VC - 1 VC KIA(BC). VC were wearing green trousers, ankle boots, and a black shirt. He had a small bag of rice, some civilin clothing and an ARVN shirt. He was armed with an M1. Also in the area found the following:- a metal box containing writing paper, accounting docs, diary and other docs, some med supplies, 3 x SKS rifles, 1 x MOSIN NGANT [illegible] 100 x 7.96 rimless cartridges, 100 x 7.62 rimmed cartridges. Weapons in poor condition, hidden off track. VC wandered down track with weapon slung, did not fire back. Could have been another VC but not confirmed Locstats (Ni) - 10Pl CKJYNVM ambush, 11Pl ambush, 12Pl with elms TA1	Pass ed to S3
72	10 Oct 68				
72	0350	3 RAR	TF	4/B/3 RAR ambushed a group of approx 80 VC at 0315 hrs vic 370867 with claymoresand subsequently Arty. Results unknown at this stage. LFT standing by to assist if required.	In area of FSPB DAMPIER moving
73	1355	CP	2,3/V Coy	Your activity will commence at 11[illegible]300 hrs. You will be uplifted by 3 Alb plus LFTin order 3PL then 2Pl	Passed to V Coy
74	1820	D Coy	CP	Today 15 bags of rice were found in the area. Negative en contact - no further caches. Tonight 10Pl at 232811, 11Pl 215803,12 Pl at 213787 are all ambushing.	
	11 Oct 68				
75	1707	CP	D Coy	Willnyou be back by 1030 hrs tomorrow. //Yes. Remainder of coy will arrive back for lunch. Today we found 1 cache 9 bags of flour and 9 C rations.	
76	2150	SWBD	CP	Sound of shots - checks of all coys. Appeared to have come from B Coy area - nearest to road and entrance to B Coy	Informed TF that unable to locate cause of shots.
77	2235	B Coy	CP	Shots do not seem to come from this area - however SSgt Pearson is checking all weapons and willreport any findings	
78	2240	B Coy	CP	From SSgt Pearson - have checked - appears as if the shots came from the road between this loc and Sgts area.	

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4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) OPS LOG

Sheet No. 7

Serial	Time	From	To	Message or Detail	Action/Remarks
79	1046	Ptl 12	CP	In friendlies camp at DAT DO - will remain there until coast is cleared- contact in general area of LONG DIEN, DAT DO	From TF - contact area appro 495601.Passed loc of 12
80	2020	B Coy	CP	A.MEDIVAC B.B Coy C.HORSESHOE D.121100 E.Urgent F.1 litter G.PUO Temperature 106 H.AUST I.c/s 2 44.00 J.Red flare 3 white lights,marshall with red torches. K.N/A L.Secure M.No 1732885G(Pte A M H Greenway)	Passed to TF
81	2028	TF	CP	Alb should be in B Coy loc in 15 min time.	
82	2100	B Coy	CP	DUSTOFF complete	
83	2130	Arty	CP	2/35 Arty engaging suspected mortar baseplate position at YS 364635 and YS 373637	
	6 13 Oct 68				
84	0820	W Coy	CP	JOY STREET (Serials 1 and 2 complete)	
85	0900	CO	CP	Serial 4 complete(Remainder C Coy and V Coy)	Passed to TF
86	0900	C Coy	CP	FAST TROT(pl moving to TRENTHAM)	Passed to TF
87	0935	C Coy	CP	Serial 6 complete(V & D,V Coy complete)	Passed to TF
88	1002	C Coy	CP	V Coy LAUNCHING PAD(leaving LZ for AO)	
89	1020	C Coy	CP	D Coy LAUNCHING PAD	
90	1129	C Coy	CP	LAUNCHING PAD	
91	1150	C Coy	CP	9 pl SECOND WIND (Trentham secure)	
92	1225	CO	CP	Serial 8 commenced (CP into TRENTHAM)	Passed to TF
93	1331	CP	TF	Serials 8,9,10 complete	
94	1455	TF	CP	Locstat c/s 14 of c/s 74 at 1400 hrs was GR508836	
95	1500	D Coy	CP	Locstat 511836 - Gave D Coy loc of SAS ptl,told him to halt until cleared	SAS ptl,Passed to D Coy
96	1515	D Coy	CP	Will it be OK to move to the track(510821)- Yes,but stay there until we get SAS locstat.	Passe d to TF
97	1700	V Coy	CO	Intend to move SE down creekto take maitdem in a couple of days area 535835---Don't get too far in front of C Coy, head for plantation,and use it if required.	
98	1710	D Coy	CP	Tomorrow: squares HK(5183) IL(5182) HL(5283) GK(5284).No sign of en in area covered so far.	OK watch GK due to V Coy
99	1920	CP	TF	Casevac A.Medivac B.4RAR C.GR FKSPROW D.AEKAWDE hrs E.Routine F.1 sitting G .PUO I.C Coy - 36.6OJ.smoke K.Will advise when secure.M.Yes - Large bomb crater	

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~~99~~ 99	1930	CP	TF	N.Medivac is S/R c/s G23.Request ALB go to FLINDERS c/s G28 on frequency 56K to pick up S/R c/s G27 as replacement before going to PZ to pick up Medivac so replacement can be effected.	
100	1935	CP	C Coy D Coy V Coy W Coy Rear,B Coy	SITREP A.1.At 131626 hrs at GR 542892,3RAR contacted 6 Main Force en moving SE to NW.Results - 1 VC WIA (PW) DOW 1 x AK47 captured.2.At 131825 hrs B Coy 3 RAR ,at his night loc, contacted 3 en.Results 1 VC KIA (BC),1 x AK47 captured and basic webbing recovered.B. LOCSTATS. C Coy - GR 512862,D Coy - 513831,V Coy - 521855,W Coy - 523894	
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101	0945	C Coy	CP	Have moved into area of cut trees etc,which has indicated,on past experiences,bunker systems.Am withdrawing approx 50 metres,moving into a firm base and will recce from there	Passed to TF
102	1010	C Coy	CP	In ten minutes,7pl is leaving to NE of square EH(GS5186)and 8pl is going ENE to the knoll in centre of EI(GS5286) then SW to GS5186 and return to this loc.Movement approx 100 metres NW.Sending out clearing patrols to check.	
103	1058	D Coy	CP	11 pl has found sign 7 days old.Still searching.Which way is V Coy moving?-SOUTH- Request he show hat band	Passed to V Coy
104	1119	C Coy	CP	Locstat 8pl - 518865.They are approx 200 metres EAST of our loc and have located freshly dug bunkers,reccing SOUTH to establish if tracks have been used or bunker occupied.	
105	1207	C Coy	CP	8pl still reccing area of bunker.Does not appear occupied.	
106	1400	3RAR	TF	9 pl now complete C Coy loc.	
107	1440	C Coy	CP	7 pl now back in this loc	
108	1515	C Coy	CP	Locstat 8 pl 519868.They have been moving a series of 12 bunkers which are connected by a track running generally N +,S ,presumably to area of 7pl previous contact.To date no sign of recent en usage.	Passed to TF Passed to TF
109	~~1915~~ 1915	CP	C,D,V,W,B, rear	SITREP.A.At 1420 hrs at GR519868,C Coy located 26 bunkers connected by a track running NORTH SOUTH.Bunkers were capable of holding a coy,and appeared to have been occupied within the last week by a caretaker force.1000 ft D10 cable and 200 rds of AK 47 ammo recovered,B.1.Night locs,C Coy - 516864;D Coy - 513832;V Coy &3/V Coy - 526844 1/V Coy - 535843;2/V Coy523843;W Coy - FSPB FLINDERS.2.Night locs 3 RAR,A Coy - 556916;B Coy - 546895;C Coy - FSPB BASS;D Coy - 534910.	
109	1930	sig sgt	SO	Movement outside perimeter of sigs forward pit	Sounds suspected not confirmed 2ic sp coy informed.
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110	0912	V Coy	CP	At GR 538842 1pl found platform structures believed to have been used for caches.Over 4 months since they have been used	

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111					
	1115	3RAR	TF	At GS4889 14 Vietnamese sighted cutting ~~xxxxxx~~ rubber.SHELDRAKE in POSSUM to investigate.	
112	1215	D Coy	CP	11 pl contact.2 KIA(BC)(526826) 11pl had halted,with sentries out,the 2 VC walked into the position.	
113	1125	D Coy	CP	contact report.A.11pl B.151210hrsC.526826 E.not known F.1 KIA BC ,1 poss enemy Moving NE along track hit 11pl Waiting for them sweep continues	
114	1250	D Coy	CP	Ref 11pl contact. BC now 2.No of packs at loc,appears to have been portering party	
115	1310	D Coy	CP	Ref contact report.Para D 5.E.Local force,dressed in black pyjamas,HCM sandles.F.1 x AK47,1 x SKS captured.	
116	1356	D Coy	CP	Locstat D Coy minus 11pl,523817- found freshly used tracks.	
117	1702	D Coy	CP	Can you divert LFT activity as he is getting close....check fire imposed	
118	1712	CP	TF	Can we be advised whether any such LFT activity near our AO can be relayed to usas we are concerned regarding our c/s-----The LFT were briefed as to your locstats,in future we will inform you of any such activity.	
119	1720			Future intentions:C Coy;7pl to ambush track at present loc,it looks as if it has been used by 10 - 15 persons in last 48 hrs.8 pl will also ambush at present loc on a track also used by 10 - 15 persons(conversation with W Coy clarifys that track used by 2 - 3 persons 3 days ago). V Coy would like to move to likely LZin GS5583 and then check natural feature running SE - NW thru GS5584,5484,5385.--Do not get too far in front of C Coy do not move unless cleared by me,you may have to divert from your loc direct to the feature you have just mentioned.D Coy will sit on present feature,then check GS5381.	
120	1900	C,D,V,W,B OB	CP	SITREP.A.At 1045 hrs at ~~xxxxxxx~~ GR559911 A Coy 3RAR found a cache of 450 lbs of rice,100 lbs of blue material At 1210 hrs at GR526826 11plcontacted 2 - 3 LF VC dressed in black pyjamas and wearing HO CHI MIN sandles group suspected to be porters.Results 2 VC KIA (BC),1 x AK47,1 x SKS,5 packs captured.At 1228 hrs at GR532837 2/V Coy located an en camp with weapon pits for 15 - 20 persons.Camp evacuated this morning.Tracks lead SW and E. At 1420 hrs at GR572858 VR sighted a suspected en camp.Also fresh tracks of pl plus on an E + W track.Track made within last 24 hrs.At 1430 hrs VR sighted a suspected en camp at GR515868.At 1505 hrs at 562907 A Coy 3RAR contacted 3 poss NVA.Results1 VC KIA (BC).1 VC WIA (Poss),1 x AK47,1 x RPG round captured.~~At 1705 hrs A Coy 3RAR at~~ At 1705 hrs A Coy 3RAR contacted 3 Main Force VC,Results 1 VC KIA(BC), 1 VC WIA,1 x AK47, 1 x RPG round,2 x sets basic webbing capyured.B.1.Night locs;C Coy minus 9pl - 529868;9pl - 527868;D Coy - 523818 ;11pl - 529826; V Coy - 534836;1pl V Coy - 535843 :W Coy - FSPB FLINDERS.2.Night locs 3RAR A Coy - 561906;B Coy - 543892;C Coy - FSPB BASS;D Coy - 546913.	
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121	2040	3 RAR	TF	Summary of en camps A Coy located a camp at GR550923,10 - 15 bunkers and a number of fighting pits,7 - 10 days old centre of mass 554915 very extensive bn sized;suspected vacated 13 - 14 Oct.Suspected camps at 1 553907 2.564907 3.565903	

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121 cont -16 Oct 68				These camps are to be checked at a later date.B Coy at GR548893,a well developed camp suspected to be a hospital as previously reported.For demolition 16 Oct.At GR547886 are 15 bunkers and similiar to hospital camp.AtGR546887 are 15 bunkers with pit areas,logs and training areas.	
122	0804	D Coy	CP	Unit identification from contact?--HT.6.212/VT THANH-(H)LONG appeared to be on ID CARD - Unopened letters on bodies - above info was in letters.	
123	0917	TF	CP	Helicopter active to SOUTH and EAST ofD & V coys loc,doing people sniffer task,Not overflying 4RAR AO.	next 2 hrs passed D & V coys
124	1127	C Coy	CP	C Coy minus 8pl moving	
125	1315	V Coy	CP	Have located occupied en camp GR545834	Passed to TF
126	1359	V Coy	CP	Cache not camp,cannot confirm whether occupied or not	
127	1415	D Coy	CP	Possible contact by 11pl.Will check and confirm.	
128	1457	D Coy	CP	A.Contact 11 pl B.161410H C.532826 D.2 - 3 VC E.unknown F. Nil G.VC were sitting on track.Saw recce party.Fired 1 burst and withdrew,en dressed in black.1 x AK47 fired.Fresh cutting in area	Passed to TF
129	1546	V Coy	CP	Engaged 2 caretakers - 1 down - fire mission this means	
130	1551	V Coy	CP	2 pl contact; 1 x VC KIA(BC).1 x VC fled EAST up stream.	Passed to TF
131	1720	V Coy	CP	Location of incidents GR 545834.Following is the sequence of events - 1.Sighted a cache 2 pl was covering cache while 1 pl was swepping it..Found 8 bolt action rifles and one grease gun type wpn,all in packing grease.2.Next V Coy located a hut which contained many reams of paper,propaganda material,books,transistor radio,and some amplifiering equipment.3.2 huts were next located.As the sweep was approaching these huts,1 VC entered and was shot He was un armed,dressed in blue,and carrying 2 bags.There was possibly 1 other VC who fled EAST down stream.The bags will be sent out separately, contained mainly propaganda material.A further hut contained a radio amplifier console,1 x large loudspeaker,1 x small army type extension speakerand 2 microphones.In addition recovered and destroyed cache of 250 lbs of rice,50 lbs of salt and miscellaneanous cooking material.	
132	1730	C Coy	CP	Intentions 17 Oct :Suspect NORTH SOUTH track8 pl is ambushing does not come as far as this loc.8 pl will will search SW corner of GS5386 and then move to C Coy loc.C Coy will search tomorrow GS5486,5485,5585.Suspect that there could be an en located in GS5386,if this is not so,suspect the track 8 pl are ambushing may be in GS5585 or 5685	
133	1805	4RAR	TF	CONTACT REPORT A.Contact B.161547H C.545834 D.Poss 2 E.Local force- dress blue material F.1 x KIA(BC) unarmed G.From stream to EAST - Possibly.	
134	1820	CP	B,C,D,V,W,OB	SITREP A.At 0835 at GR552907 2/A/3RAR contacted an unknown no ~~of~~ suspected LF VC with neg results,.At 1320 hrs	

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134 cont				at GR559922 1/A/3RAR found a cache of 900 lbs of rice,and 100 lbs of glutimite.At GR545834,between 1315 hrs and 1720 hrs V Coy located 4 huts and 1 cache.Cache contained 8 bolt action rifles and 1 x M3 SMG.Huts contained 1 x radio amplifier console,1 x large loudspeaker,1 x small army type extension speaker,2 x microphones,1 x transistor radio,a large quantity of docus,including propaganda material,350 lbs of rice and 50 lbs of salt.At 1410 hrs at 532826,11 pl contacted 2 - 3 VC with neg results.VC withdrew EAST .At1430 hrs at 547886 ,B/3RAR located a camp containing 900 yds of material,singer sewing machine,assorted tailors equipment,2 x AK47,1 x M1 carbine.A sentry list indicated that the camp was vacated at 150330.At 1542 hrs at548887 6/B/3RAR contacted 3 NVA.Results 1 NVA KIA(BC),* NVA WIA(Poss) 2 x AK47 captured.At 1546 hrs at GR545834 V Coy contact ed 1 - 2 LF VC.Results 1 VC KIA(BC) dressed in blue. Results 1 VC KIA (BC) dressed in blue (.) 2 bags containing mainly propagdnda material (.) 1 VC probably withdrew EAST. BRAVO (.) ONE (.) ni locs c/s 3 - c.s 32 548862 c/s 32 527868 c/s 4 - c/s 42 523817 c/s 42 529826 c/s 5 545834 c/s 7 complete FSPB FLINDERS (.) TWO (.) ni locs 3 RAR c/s 1 561906 c/s 2 548887 c/s 3 FSPB BASS c/s 4 559898	
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135	0810	Poss 20	CP	Ref SUNRAY 9 shoot two days ago BDA 1 tunnel entrance uncovered and base camp destroyed 50 metres north of tgt area	
136	0826	5	CP	Have loc a tunnel system investigating	
137	0830	5	CP	C/S 5 in contact. main part of complex on other side of stream. 2-3 en engaged tps while moving through. Contact continues. NOT tunnels but kitchen chimneys.	
138	1020	C Coy	CP	Locstat 495877 532863 found very old bunker system - moving through - fresh track leads through camp.	
139	1230	3/W Coy	CP	At 494866 ,there are 6open trenches and 2 tunnels aged 6 - 12 months.Searching area	
140	1245	3/W Coy	CP	Ref camp,18 trenches with a short tunnel off one end for OHP	
141	1247	C Coy	CP	8 pl has located a cache .investigating now	
142	1307	C Coy	CP	Locstat 8 pl534861 - ref cache, it was raised platform covered with plastic cover.Cache contained - 80 lbs of rice 20 lbs of dried peas,6 x 1 lb packets of flour.	Passed to TF
143	1310	3/W Coy	CP	Camp containes 40 trenches,1 bunker possible mortar base plate position,camp sighted in depth and mutually supporting	
144	1312	V Coy	CP	A. incident B.170837 H C. 544832 D.2 - 3 VC fired on 3 pl V Coy while they were sweeping the area. E.unknown,assume	

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144 cont				assume guerilla F.NIL G. SW	
145	1337	V Coy	CP	A. Installation report B.Camp C.170800 H D.544832 E.2 kitchens, 1 RAP,11 huts and 19 bunkers on south side of stream 4 small huts and 2 caches on north bank.Womens clothing and childrens toys.Loudspeaker,gestetner,printing blocks and stationary,would indicate a printing/propaganda/int unit.Local guerillas.F.About 50 - 70 G.Vacated yesterday. H. Loudspeaker equipment and weapons previously peported,gestetner and docus. I.SOUTH EAST and WEST .J.Nil. K.Being partially destroyed,worthy of airstrike after op completed	passed to TF Passed to TF
146	1407	C Coy	CP	8 pl just NORTH of cache area found a bunker system consisting of 4 bunkers and 1 bunker freshly dug with no OHP	Passed to TF
147	1515	D Coy	CP	Locstat 548819 found a track freshly used by5 pers this morning moving NE to S .Leaving 12 pl to watch,pressing on until 1600 hrs.Can we have a possum fix -- Roger.	
148	1515	V Coy	CP	Locstat 3 pl 548831, heavily used track - mine sign - crossed sticks forming a trianle also a tree OP with bamboo steos in a tall xtree.	Passed to TF
149	1713	C Coy	CP	INSTALLATION REPORT B.bunker system and cache C.171400 H D.535861 E. 7 bunkers with OHP,1 x bunker still under construction,1 x eating place,1 x cache on raised covered platform,100 metres outside camp. F.Squad + G. over 1 month H.cache contained;80 lbs of rice;20 lbs of dried peas ; 6 x 1 lb packets of flour. I. NORTH WEST K.NO L. Nil.	
150	1723	C Coy	CP	Thoughts for 18 Oct:C Coy NE of GS5485 andxNExnf SW of GS 5585, 7 pl GS 5586 and NE of GS 5585,then propose to linK up with and tour reported centre at GS 5085,then move perhaps WEST of centre of GS 5785.	
151	1840	CP	C,B,D,V,W OB	SITREP:A.At 0800 hrs at GR 544832 V Coy located a camp consisting of 19 bunkers,11 huts, 2 kitchens,1 RAP.Camp for 50 - 70 persons.Camp was vacated yesterday. 1 x gestetner and printing blocks were captured.3 bodies approx 2 days were found in a well.At 0831 hrs at GR 561904,3 RAR contacted 3 LF VC.Results 1 x VC KIA(BC), 1 x AK47 captured. At 0837 hrs at GR544832,2 - 3 VC fired on 3/V Coy.Neg friendly cas,en cas unk.At 0905 hrs at GR569904,2/A/3RAR contacted 4 - 5 NVA.Results 3 NVA KIA (BC), 2 x AK47,1 x pack captured.At 1020hrs at GR532863 8 pl located an old bunker system.Fresh tracks led through the camp,and a grave dated 1966 was found.At 1202 hrs at GR534826 ,10 pl found a VC resting place for last night.Suspected that VC could have been ambushing the track.At 1400 hrs at GR 534861 8 pl located a cache covered with plastic on a raised platform and a bunker system consisting of 8 bunkers and 1 eating place.Cache contained 80 lbs of rice,20 lbs of dried peas,6 x 1 lb packets of flour.BRAVO.1.Night locs.C Coy minus 7 pl - 538862;7pl - 548862;D Coy minus 12pl - 547816;12pl - 544817;V Coy - 549833;3/V Coy - 549829 W Coy - FSPB FLINDERS.2. night locs 3RAR .A Coy - 561906;B Coy -.548887;C Coy - FSPB BASS; D Coy - 578889.	
152	1935	W Coy	CP	Squares 5288,5388,5287,5387 for 19 Oct.Tomorrow NORTH and NE within AO,19 Oct or following day,depending on clearances,propose op in squares mentioned above	
153	2055	W Coy	CP	Reference contact,3RAR grid 4789.Day/date same.Our contact.Possible repeat pickup time.	(same as W Coy activities 17Sep brought about by logging of wrong GR.)

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154	0900	C Coy	CP	LOCSTAT 541861 - Forward elements sighted bunkers,recce forward now	
155	0931	C Coy	CP	Bunkers deserted,moving on.	Passed to TF
156	0958	V Coy	CP	Future intentions - Establish LP to the NORTH , of 1 pl present loc,move NORTH INTO GS 5484,5584,5684.	
157	1025	C Coy	CP	Located track,GR546859, used by approx pl within last ~~24~~ 48 hrs - ambushing with 1 c/s then mo ving on(9 pl)	
158	1400	9/C Coy	CP	Locstat GR 546859,Leaving ambush site,and moving to rejoin C Coy,Remaining on Bn comd net until we can contact C coy on internal.	
159	1456	C Coy	CP	CONTACT. lead man of 8 pl sighted and fired on 1 VC in a creek.Nil result s	
160	1530	C Coy	CP	8 pp on sweep located 1 bunker.Currently bring in gunfire before sweeping thru position.	Passee to TF
161	1620	C Coy	CP	9 pl back in my loc,8 pl continuing sweep,country thick,going slow.	
162	1713	C C oy	CP	A.Contact 8 pl. B. 181540 H. C.568854 D.1 E. LF F.Neg cas - 3 LF pattern webbing,2 chicom grenades,100 rds AK 47,80 lbs rice, 10 lbs dried peas. G.NW - 2 tracks lead from the bunker 1 x NORTH,1 x WEST,SUNRAY feels poss outpost for larger position,will establish ambushes WEST,NORTH and SOUTH and push on tomorrow	Passed to TF Passed to TF
163	1830	C Coy	CP	Intend to move a platoon from here to SW corner of GS 5786, then push onto it with 7 pl.I will remain here with the HQ plus a platoon,to see what develops.If no contact,will concentrate area 573856 (PZ).	
164	1948	CP	B,C,D,V,W, rear	Sitrep.A.At 1540 hrs at GR568854 8pl contacted 1 LF in vicinity of bunker system.Results 3 x packs,2 x chicom grenades,100 x rds AK47 ammo,80 x lbs rice,10 x lbs dried peas.Negative cas. B.1.Night locs.C Coy - 568854;7 pl - KNTNAGA;D Coy - 554817; 12 pl - 545817;V Coy - 556836;W Coy - FSPB FLINDERS.2".Night locs 3 RAR.A Coy - 577898; B Coy - 545879; C Coy - FSPB BASS ;D Coy - 571889;	
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165	0355	ARTY	CP	122mm rockets fired on VUNG TAU landing in area of airfield may have been fired from WESTERN side of LONG SON island.ARVN fired 2 rounds arty at suspected launching pads -nil results.Time - 0200(approx) Casualties -5 civs killed ; 11 civs wounded.A flash was sighted SOUTH og GRID 2557 at 0115 hrs.	
166	0938	CP	C,D,V,W	Sitrep 3RAR.2 pl in ambush vivinity GR573897 VC contactee ambush loc and engaged with s/a and RPG .2 pl sustained 4 WIA,2 serious.Currently waiting for LFT to come and cover withdrawal of 2 pl.1 pl moving to assist 2 pl.	
167	0945	W Coy	CP	2 pl and 3 pl,W Coy,have been following a good trackGR529893.Headed N and NE,and at this loc turned due EAST.	
168	0956	W Coy ~~CR~~	CP	3 pl WEST edge of GS 5389.Track widened to ox cart track.sisns of fresh cutting,would like to follow for some distance into GS5389.Locstat 3 pl GR530891.	

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169	0958	W Coy	C P	2/W Coy 200 metres behind 3 pl.checking out a track junction,where tracks go in three directions.	
170	1140	V Coy	CP	Locstat 2/V GR 563834.At GR 564834 ,en movement seen on N - S track.Engaging with ARTY.En movement N to S.	
171	1156	D Coy	CP	I am covering tracks.I will remain in this area in case VC in 2/V area move south.	
172	1216	V Coy	CP	2/V recce patrol saw 1 VC sentry,then VC moved SOUTH along track.Engaged with ARTY ,3 pl is moving to ambush track GR563832.	
173	1515			1 Bn,274 VC Regt,moving SOUTH tonight bivouac vicinity GR 567983,574983,578977.Undercover personnel report,Probably B52 strike tonight,en intentions not known,aircraft recce sighted movement classification US B2.	
174	1608	C Coy	CP	Intend to checkGS 5785 and my area of GS5784 and GS5885.-----check for crossing point on theSONG RAI AND HOLD PZ, SUNRAY 9 will visit early tomorrow.	
175	1720	D Coy	CP	request clearance for 12pl to enter GS5580 tomorrow and intend 11 pl to move to creek junction in GS 5781.--Roger, I will arrange necessary clearances.	
176	1815	CP	B,C,D,V,W, rear	SITREP.A.At 0750 hrs at GR573897,2/A/3RARwhile in ambush were contacted by an estimated coy of NVA or MF.En were armed with 3 x MG,SA and a number of RPG launchers.RESULTS - 7 en KIA(BC) unk no of en KIA(Poss);2 own troops KIA 2 own troops WIA.At 0810 hrs at GR577898 A/3RAR contacted 1 NVA or MF.Results 1 en KIA(Poss).At 1130 hrs at GR 564834 2/V Coy sighted 1 en sentry who withdrew south along a track and was engeged by ARTY with unk results. B.1.Night locs C Coy - 571856;D Coy - BRCFNIL ; 11 pl - 565813;V Coy - 556836;3/V - 564830 - W Coy - FSPB FLINDERS 2.night locs 3RAR.A Coy - 565889;B Coy - 545879; C Coy - FSPB BASS; D Coy - 567890.	
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177	0809	CO	D Coy	Want you to concentrate on GS 5480,5580,5680, SW earea only as I want yourc/s concentrated - what intentions for 11pl-----check junction GS5781 ------no need,he can return to your loc.	
178	0830	V Coy	CP	Locstat 2 pl - 559834;100 mrtres EAST of there sighted 1 VC on yesterdays track made by them.Consider VC could be ambushing their old track.	
179	1325	D Coy	CP	Contact 12 pl.	
180	1359	D Coy	CP	A.DUSTOFF B.D Coy C.554802 D.ASP E.Priority F. 1 x litter G.1 x KIA I.86Q 12 pl J.smoke L. secure M.yes 30 - 40 ft N. 3791207 T	Passed to TF
181	1410	TF	CP	DUSTOFF ALB 01 on way to D Coy.	
182	1417	D Coy	CP	A.contact B.201325 H C.558802 D. 1 VC probably sentry E.Unknown F.Nil G. SE.	
183	1635	CP	C,D,V,W.WILLIAM TELL B.Q+8 C.36.60		
184	1707	V Coy	CP	1 pl in contact.	

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185	1715	V Coy	CP	A.DUSTOFF B. 1 pl C.GR568828 D. ASP E.Urgent F. 1 x sitting G. GSW shoulder H. NZ I. 48.80 J.Smoke K.Canopy 30 ft L.Secure M. Hoist required jungle extractor (penetrator).	
186	1720	V Coy	CP	1 pl following tracks - fired on from left - no more incoming fire.Lot of sign of tracks NE to SW - especially area being ambushed by 3 pl.Contact now appears to be broken.	
187	1750	V Coy	CP	DUSTOFF complete.	
188	1900	V Coy	CP	Night loc 1 pl GR 566832,has located a brand new latrine.Heard noises of people vacating hurriedly.Suspect camp. Is ambushing tonight.HQ and 3 pl move to this area AM 21 Oct within restrictions of WILLIAM TELL.	Passed to TF
189	1924	CP	C,D,V,W, rear	SITREP.A.At 1325 hrs at GR558802 12 pl contacted 1 VC sentry.Results , en cas nil.Own cas, 1 KIA.At 1700 hrs at GR 566826 1 pl,while following up tracks,was fired on from a flank.Results ,1 own troops WIA.B.1.Night locs. C Coy - 571856;D Coy - 558810;V Coy - 562826;1/V - 566822;W Coy - FSPB FLINDERS.2.Night locs 3 RAR;A coy and D Coy - 567890; B Coy - 569876;C Coy - FSPB BASS.	
190	1830	CO	C,D,V,W	WILLIAM TELL .Atts and Dett under op control from tomorrow.A Coy 1RAR.WSN - RIF in AO HACKETT .TASKS - C Coy move into new AO by air morning 21 OCT.Be prepared to move SOUTH on my orders on morning of 22 OCT.D Coy - cross into new AO and clear that part in ARTY range of FLINDERS, on 21 OCT.Be prepared to move SOUTH in AO on my orders on 22 OCT.Also C Coy conduct RIF in GS 5881,5882,5883.V Coy -Move SOUTH to NORTHERN boundary of new AO,and if possible cross into new AO on 21 OCT.Op within ARTY range of FLINDERS on 22 OCT until released to move furthur SOUTH. W Coy - Provide your SHELDRAKE in POSSUM for LZ preparation 21 OCT.Secure FLINDERS for flyout of c/s G20 on 22 OCT. Fly into secure LZ in GS5577 on morning 22 Oct.Occupy blocking positions in AO allotted.FSPB moves from FLINDERS to WILTON in square 5476 on 22 Oct.Protection of FSPB WILTON by A Coy 1rar in position 21 OCT - will be c/s 1 on my comd nets...COORD .Details of flyin C Coy - already promulgated.Details of fly in W Coy - to be advised 21 Oct COMD & SIG. This HQ remains present loc until furthur notice.	
	21 OCT 68				
191	0828	V Coy	CP	1 pl have cleared first bunker	
192	0900	A/1	CP	We should reach effective area in 20 min	Passed to CO FSPB WILTON
193	0917	A/1	CP	In loc and securing now.	
194	0929	V Coy	CP	Camp consisted of 1 bunker.We have found a range and a letter from a section commabder telling them to get on with digging.Bunker could hold 3-4 men.	
195	0946	V Coy	CP	Request air clearance to blow 2 bunkers,-----request 5 min before you are ready to blow.	
196	1013	V Coy	CP	Captueed 1 x pack,ID card D725,and a commendation certificate for a person from the NORTH.	
197	1105	D Coy	CO	Have found a ccossing point and have a c/s securing it.May be an idea if V Coy used this also as the area to the	

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197 cont				EAST approx 1000 metres does not look at all promising.Locstat ccossing point GR554808.	
198	1133	D Coy	CP	Asses stream flowing at 10 knots not 20 - 25 knots as first passed ,depth 4' 6'', using a rope and crossing on a submerged log.Will remain this loc until after lunch.	
199	1153	CP	Jade 7	On this push...request attack heading N - S....Roger ,will check,where are your nearest friendlies....NW,STH,and SE.. Will call you up before we start.	
200	1 203	CP	Jade 7	Will make 2 more passes,I will listen out on this freq,if you want me to 'dry up',give me a yell.	
201	1231	D Coy	CP	Can I base up and patrol from here....Yes	
202	1601	D Coy	CP	Locstat 10 pl GR546800,At this loc found old camp,with tracks 2 -3 days old.He has found 6 bunkers which extend into a larger camp.Investigating.	
203	1747	D Coy	CP	A.INSTALLATION REPORT. B.Base camp C.2 11630H D.GR546800 E. 3o yds x 80 yds,3 x bunkers 6 x6 x 6,2 ft OHP,1 x kitchen 12 x hammock spaces. F. Approx 12 persons G.14 days H. 8 x AR15 full mags,1 x smoke grenade,used morphia ampoules I.SE & SW on track heading NW used approx 2 - 3 days ago.Near camp fresh cut logs. J. No K. Built approx 3 months ago.	
204	1807	CP	A Coy	W Coy not flying in as planned therefore no LZ security requirement as originally planned.You are to send a platoon strength patrol along the road from GR550777 to 580773.CO will brief you in the morning.	
205	1814	CP	TF	Confirmed will not need ALB 20 and his group tomorrow.	
206	1820	C Coy	CP	Intentions 21 OCT,GS 5883,5882,5881, - cleared. 22OCT GS 5980 harbour and maitdem and patrol to GS 6080,5979,6079, may lay night ambush ih GS5980.	CO informed
207	1830	D Coy	CP	10 pl suspected camp GS 5480;11 pl reentrant/creek GS 5680 and 5679,HQ and 12 pl move SOUTH to LZ.Other c/s will move into that loc tomorrow.	
208	1900	CP	A,C,D,V,W, rear	SITREP;A.At 1630 hrs at GR546800 ,10 pl located an en base camp 3 months old.It consisted of 3 bunkers with OHP, 1 x kitchen and 12 hammock spaces.Recovered were 8 x full AR15mags and 1 x smoke gren.B.1.Locstats - A Coy - 543767; C Coy - 588825;D Coy - 553806;V Coy - 567818;W Coy - FSPB FLINDERS2.3RAR locstats;HQ and C Coy FSPB BASS;remainder RTB	
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209	0930	TF	CP	From acorn,small en basecamps suspected located at or near following GR 597817,585793,582785,590755,577894	Passed to appropriate coys
210	1110	D Coy	CP	11 pl in contact.Last loc GR564800.Could be furthur to the NORTH.	Ack by V Coy;Passed to TF
211	1137	D Coy	CP	11 pl contact at GR563800 approx,may be a bit furthur NORTH,2 x VC KIA (BC) .Unknown if any other VC in camp.4 - 5 bunkers discovered so far.S/R 11 pl forward at the moment,may have more detail when he returns.	
212	1145	V Coy	CP	11 pl calling on our internal,we will relay if possible.	

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213	1150	V Coy	CP	SITREP.11 pl contact.Locstat GR565800.Were 6 VC,have one body,blood trail NORTH other tracks N and NW.No cas. situation under control.	
214	1215	D Coy	CP	A.CONTACT B.221109 H C.564800 D.G. E. LF F. 1 x VC KIA (BC) 1 x VC WIA (poss) G.Wdr NORTH .	Passed to TF
215	1243	V Coy	CP	11 pl report.Follow NE 100 metres have another body.Suspect at least one other wounded(bloodtrail).Found more bunkers.Going to work to the EAST.Has clearance from sunray V Coy.	
216	1310	W Coy	CP	3 pl has found 3 or 4 recently used tracks at GR522909.Sign of 4 - 6 VC moving EAST last night - looking for position for night activity.	
217	1652	C Coy	CP	Intentions 23 Oct ... coy harbour GS 6079.Thencheck GS5979 and NE of GS5879 with 1 pl.Also check 5978,6078 with another pl.Depart present loc approx 0800hrs.	
218	1655	D Coy	CP	Intentions 23 Oct... Chech out camp found by 11 pl(in contact).....from CO,may make it target for medium ARTY.	
219	1700	V Coy	CP	Intentions 23 Oct ;;..1.Backload. 2.Move to NE corner of GS 5778 and harbour,then operate SOUTH against the two groups.On completion will move NORTH against other group.	
220	1704	CP	A Coy	2/W Coy moving to your loc and will be under comd c/s 1.Will be in your loc for approx 9 hrs....from CO - will visit your loc tomorrow.	
221	1725	D Coy	CP	Ref contact :Following captured ;1 x SKS rifle,small ammo box of med supplies and some docus.	Possum 4 to collect & take back to EAGLE FARM.
222	1750	DCCoy	CP	Poss 4 this loc,any ARTY//G30 firing intooGS 5981.	
223	1825	CP	A,B,C,D,V,W, rear	SITREP . A.1.At 1109 hrs at 564800 11 pl contacted 6 LF VC.Results 2 VC KIA (BC) 1 VC WIA.1 x SKS,med supplies docus recovered.VC contacted in a bunker complex.2.At 1310 hrs at GR522909 3/W Coyfound tracks of 4 - 6 vcmoving EAST approx 12 hrs oldB.Night locs.C Coy - 590805;9 pl - 589809; D Coy - 552796 ;V Coy - 575799;3/w - AEIWRQS; W Coy - FSPB FLINDERS: A Coy - FSPB WILTON.	
224	2210	TF	CP	Request A Coy deploy section 3 tp A sqn elms engr to check secure obstacle at GR YS524767 by230730 for passage of C sqn A Bty	ACK by 4RAR 2225 hrs; passed to A Coy/1 RAR 2230 hrs who ack 2255 hrs;CO info;S3 to be info AM 23 oct.

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258	0710	CP	A Coy	Has party departed to secure obstacle // Affirmative.1 pl and TA elm.	
259	0820	161 R	TF	Possum engaged by SA and AW fire from GR456906.Engaging area with rockets.	
260	1004	W Coy	CP	3 pl located track.Moving WEST .Track last used 7 - 10 days ago.Freshly cut in places.3 - 4 metres wide.	
261	1042	W Coy	CP	From 3 pl..Moving WEST on old ox cart track,on which small undergrowth cut,but not removed.Appears track prepared for movement of heavy equipment,or large party.Cutting varies 1 to 2 weeks.Track running E W ,NORTH of 3 pl last night loc,they will check this track to see where it meets main NE - SW track.	
262	1116	V Coy	CP	At GR 577788,2 small clearings under canopy - VC cultivations.	
263	1204	C Sqn	TF	c/s complete at FSPB WILTON.	
264	1234	CP	TF	Require air planning team at 1600 hrs.	
265	1248	A Coy	CP	2/W Coy has cut pulley system, no sign of recent movement or use along axis.Moving to observation position until 1630 hrs	
266	1255	D Coy	CP	Have moved into camp - 3 bunkers checked.No fresh sign.Move to GS NO ( ) to arrive by 1600hrs.Maintdem of another 2 days rations by 241000 at the latest.Try to be in area of square NO( ) by 1600 hrs// not poss, how about where i came from,it will take 4 albatross'//OK,be ready for pickup to see CO at 0800 hrs and maintd em by 0900.	
267	1318	TF	CP	Planning team - latest 1430. Will remain 1 hour.	
268	1425	CP	V Coy	Move to nearest PZ ASP,to be in position by preferably,1600 hrs and 0700 at latest.Your S/R to be available for pickup from 0800 for move to this loc.Notify PZ suitability,expect maintdem by 0900 hrs	Passed to S3
269	1515	CP	W Coy	You will not provide a platoon as originally planned for 24 Oct.	
270	1610	CP	A Coy	Can you inquire S/R 1RAR whether 1700 hrs would be convenient for him to come to TRENTHAM.//It is.	
271	1711	V Coy	CP	Searched GS 5878 to the far East.NTR eecept found one bag of corn at GR577788.	
272	1740	V Coy	CP	From debriefing - Suspected camp at GR587789 - cache 1 x bag of corn and freshv tracks.Talking possibly heard from that loc.Request that S/R c/s 29 give consideration to this loc for H & i inclusion.	Passed to TF
273	1815	OA	1,3,4,5,7,	Warning order. 4 RAR redeploy to AO WODEN centre of mass 5888 commencing 251200 with C Coy.	

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225	0740		CP	LZ sec ure.Confirmed PZ for V Coy,location GR576781	
226	0858	W Coy	CP	locstat 3 pl - 528919.	Passed to TF
227	0900	3 troop	CP	At GR545773, hoochie in use(occupant absent)destroyed crops of rice and corn by driving tracks through.	Passed to TF
228	1057	V Coy	CP	SQUARE ROOT (Ready to go)	Passed to TF
229	1143	C Coy	CP	SQUARE ROOT.	Passed to S3
230	1144	D Coy	CP	SQUARE ROOT	
231	1220	CCoy	CP	Uplifted coy complete:enroute LZ....fly in complete 1225 hrs.	
232	1247	BC	CP	First D Coy in.	
233	1301	P25	CP	D Coy lift complete,Possum 25 completed medivac en route NUI DAT.	
234	1311	D Coy	C P	First lift of V Coy complete.	
235	1321		CP	Lift of V Coy complete,C Coy moving.	
236	1425	V Coy	CP	locstat GR573864,well used VC track running SE to NW.	
237	1440	D Coy	CP	locstat GR583867,Found new en camp.Being checked by 10 pl now.	
238	1455	D Coy	CP	Ref camp.Cancel.Was a bunker with a burnt out hut on top.	
239	1601	D C oy	CP	Moved EAST across feature,located tracks,now headed towards feature to the EAST:Located very old camp,locstat 10 pl 587867 - want to move him to position 100 metres NORTH of junction.then act on info from 10 pl.	
240	1805	V Coy	CP	Intentions - Cover track junction in vicinity;2 pl patrol furthur WEST tomorrow ; 3 pl patrol NORTH tomorrow; 1 pl and HQ remain ambush on track.	Passed to TF
241	1816	C Coy	CP	Intentions 25 Oct.GS 5785 no movement.Move NW of GS5885 and from there into GS 5886 for search tomorrow.	
242	1845	CP	A,C,D,V,W, T3,rear	SITREP - A.1.At 0900 hrs at GR 545773 T3 ,1/V found a well used VC track running SE to NW.Used by approx 15 persons,2 - 3 hrs previously.3.At 1440 hrs at GR 583867 10 pl D Coy located an old bunker and a burnt out hut 4,At 1540 atGR544744 3 tp A cav found and destroyed a number of huts and gardens.B.Locstats - A Coy - 3 Tp - FSPB WILTON;C Coy - 573855:D Coy - 588868 ;10 pl - 586866 ; 12 pl - 584868;V Coy - 572865; W Coy - FSPB FLINDERS:1 pl - 525907; At 1935 from 3tp SITREP - T32 and T33,TA 31 with s/r minor out to vicinity of cleared area(547776) found one small dwelling in use for 1 mah,1 dozen torch batteries,metal container,garden tools,pamphlets destroyed by canister.From 546776 to 552777 gardens well layed out,rice and corn dug within last 48 hrs.Cache destroyed.Furthur 3 buildings at GR547776 - 2 have well constructed metal roofs,used in the last 48 hrs,destroyed.At GR545777,discovered 4 old bunkers,with OHCnot used recently,but fresh tracks used recently.	CO,S3 seen

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243	0729	V Coy	CP	Locstat 2 pl 567863.Well used VC track used within last 36 hrs,they are ambushing.	Passed to TF
244	0751	V Coy	CP	We confirm track running NORTH,found not being used by en,now moving furthur NORTH.	
245	1045	C Coy	CP	9 pl moving down creek line to link up with 10 pl(who is on my internal).	
246	1046	V Coy	CP	3 pl have been NORTH to GR574877,neg sign of VC.If nothing happens in this area byQ +7½,then 3 pl returns to that area for their night loc.	
247	1300	D Coy	CP	Have found 2 old rifles,1917 SPRINGFIELD,	
248	1350	C Coy	CP	Locstat 8 pl,reports movement to his front and has found fresh signs.	
249	1335	CP	C,D,V.	WARNING ORDER. commence phass 4 tomorrow morning.C Coy remain in present area of occupation and complete a thorough search.Take maintdem there and sussequently take your part in phase ~~in~~ 4.D Coy move to GS 5889;V Coy move to GS5788 or GS 5688 whichever you decide	Passed to TF From D Coy -wish to move through GS5987 and 5988 and then to5889. From V Coy - no points or queries.
250	1435	C Coy	CP	Locstat 8 pl 576862.located fresh tracks,heard noises,suspect camp EAST of ~~xxxx~~ creek line.Reece now.	
251	1450	T3	CP	At 566773,found a tunnel complex.Tunnel branched.Down 25 ft - 60 degree slope,found second entrance 25 metres from first.Appears to be on 2 levels.S/R minor 2/A investigating(2IC 1 Fd Sqn)	
252	1505	C Coy	CP	Track of small party running EAST - WEST,found cans in creek and dhobi point - has heard noises and talking.In anbush at the moment.Adjusting ARTY and then investigating(All in the area of GR574863).	passed to TF
253	1520	T3	CP	Second entrance CS gas,will destroy tunnels with explosives and HE before moving.	
254	1525	C Coy	CP	8 pl has fire base on high ground,moved SOUTH push NORTH into suspect area.	
255	1636	C Coy	CP	8 pl swept through area where movement was heard,found sign of 1 -2 men on fresh track heading SW,found another track heading NW,8 pl now returning this loc.	
256	1841	ARTY ~~SR~~	CP,~~A~~,~~C~~,~~D~~,~~V~~,~~W~~,~~T3~~,~~xxxx~~	Ground clearance;534924 D5100 A 700	CLEAR
257	1845	CP	A,C,D,V,W rear	SITREP~~A~~.1.D Coy at 1300 hrs at present night loc, found 1 old rifle(springfield) and 1 MOSIN NGANT rifle2.At 1345 hrs at 576662 8 pl located fresh tracks.Sweep revealed sign of 1 - 2 men.Tracks heading SW and NW.3.At 1450 hrs at 667 R1.6 UO.3 T~~3~~ located a tunnel complex,it was destroyed.4.AT 1820 hrs at 553773 1/A in contact.Details as given, B. Locstats. A Coy - FSPB WILTON 1pl - 551776;T3 FSPB WILTON; C Coy - 581862;D Coy & 11 pl - 584868;10 pl - 586865; 12 pl - 580868;V Coy - 572865;3/V Coy - 574877;	

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274	0814	C Coy	CP	Auto fire 5200 mils 1000-1500 metres. 1 pl V Coy in contact - details to follow.	
275	0835	V Coy	CP	15 VC moving from NE engaged by 1 pl on move; en moved North without firing	
276	0920	V Coy	CP	VC in hats - camoflaged dress and packs for some. Contact report later.	
277	0937	V Coy	CP	Sweep of area complete - NO contact	
278	0955	V Coy	CP	A.Contact. B.260805H. C.573865. D.15-20. E.Main Force, jungle hats, greens, webbing, packs. F.NIL. G.WEST fled EAST and North East.	
279	1005	T3	CP	From 548776 Eastwards 552776 considerable crops of corn, peanuts and tabacco, destroyed crops and thinN small camps belonged to cultivators from a Rear Services type group. Camps accommodate approximately 30-40 pers	Passed to TF
280	1027	T3	CP	Bunker 8'x8'x5'6" deep OHP pickets ICG with a small huton top at 552777 destroyed by amin armament. Gardening tools, corn, US torch batteries. Spending some time in the area in the hope of finding a cache or two and HQ of coop group. When area searched will move East.	Passed to TF
281	1101	D Coy	CP	Locstat 587876. Hit wasps nest. Temporary delay.	
282	1200	T3	CP	A.Dustoff. B.T3. C.593763. D.ASP. E.Routine. F.1 sitting. G. Severe allergy. Face swelling. Eyes. Sneezing. I.c/s30B. K.NO. L.Secure	
283	1320	D Coy	CP	Locstat 590887. Found fresh tracks, 2 people and bullock 24 hours old, SE to North - heads to 5989. 11 pl to follow up. D Coy remain this loc until after maintdem. Intend sending one c/s either East of West. Will advise.	Possum to carry medevac
284	1505	D Coy	CP	11 pl locstat 592890. Has heard something and can smell something. Investigating.	Passed to TF
285	1540	D Coy	CP	11 pl NTR. Will remain for a while then return for Maintdem. Will move out again to ambush tonight, SW corner BB. tomorrow BB-SG with 1 c/s. Remainder up centre to DB,FQ.	
286	1544	C Coy	CP	Intentions:- ZB, GS, BX to try to loc 15 NVA in the area tomorrow	From CO:- Keep some distance behind other two companies.
287	1555	CO	C Coy	Ambush track to your NW tonight.	
288	1616	W Coy	CP	Auto on our perimeter - appears to have been from sentries on other side of LZ. Will investigate and report.	
289	1650	W Coy	CP	Area engaged by mors and arty possibly same loc as Auto fire reported.	
290	1700	W Coy	CP	3 pl found tracks in rubber heading North. Cannot tell how recent - want Possum to do VR on rubber to see if he can detect movement//OK for Possum.	
291	1710	C Coy	CP	8 pl in contact//Later cancel contact - firing at animals?	
292	1725	W Coy	CP	From 3 pl. Found track for 3 VC 50 yards from edge of rubber. En were moving from East. Now heading South. Loc bunker 5 days old, well dug in. NO OHP, also found track and are investigating contents, also found babies bonnet and bottle.	
293	1835	CP	TF	Consolidated ni locs: A Coy and T3 FSPB WILTON C Coy minus 8 pl 581861, 8 pl 572865; D Coy 592888; V Coy 573893; W Coy minus 1 pl FSPB FLINDERS: 1 pl 539909.	

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294	1840	CP	All stas	Sitrep. Alpha. At 0805 hrs at 573865 1 pl V Coy contacted 15-20 MF en dressed in greens, wearing hats, webbing and packs. Results NIL en wdr East and NE. At 1005 hrs from 578766 to 582766 T3 located and destroyed a camp capable of containing 30-40 pers, and considerable crops of corn, peanuts and tobacce. At 1027 hrs at 552777 T3 located and destroyed a bunker, recovering gardening tools, corn and US torch batteries. At 1320 hrs at 590887 D Coy found fresh tracks for 2 persons and a bullock heading NE. At 1720 hrs vic 518886 3 pl W Coy located tracks of 3 VC mov from West. Also in same vic located bunker approx 5 days old, contained babies bottel. Also blood trail and pack containing medical supplies and documents. At 1630 hrs from approx area 514884 Possum engaged by SA fire retaliated with mor and arty fire. En cas unk. 3 pl W Coy sent to check area.	
295	1855	CO	C, D V Coy	V Coy - move up creek SUOI NE (5491). D Coy - SW corner of 5790, op from base in that area. C Coy - move to feature in 566866, stay close to LZ in case I have to move you quickly. Heavy opposition: C Coy and D Coy re-inforce. Light opposition: C Coy into LZ 5491 as block.	
296	1910	W Coy	CP	Intend to send 3 pl back to area 514884 to check the area out. Can we have a tracker team and dog//YES. Will send 3 pl to same area as he asys sign indicated accidental contact between two VC groups one about three one larger - small group went South other North to North East. 2 pl will move to check 5489, 5589 on return of 1 pl	All agreed.
197	1958	A Coy	CP	We have just had an incident with 2 VC. We are awaiting results now.	
198	2020	A Coy	CP	A.Contact report TA33 and 2 pl. B.262000H. C.FSPB WILTON. D.2. E and F. NOT known. G.SOUTH. H.2 enemy sighted on wire when G40 fired H&I. They moved SOUTH and were engaged with SA. Mors were fired on withdrawal routes. A sweep will be carried out in the morning.	
199	2030	W Coy	CP	Pack found by 3 pl. Bandages, surgical forceps, small qty sulphur drug, injection kit, 2 syringes and needles, babies bottle, babies bonnett, mattock head, qty new and freshly laundered clothing, both mens and womens, hammock, 1 shelter, 3 sewing kits, HO CHI MINH sandal straps.	Passed to TF
200	2118	W Coy	CP	At 1620 hrs there were 3 bursts of AW fire. One firing to NW and one to South. Possum was sent to investigate. Area engaged by mors and arty. 3 pl moved to area and located tracks for 3 moving back to East. Tracks for a second party leading South and these were followed. One new bunker under construction located. One pack containing med sup, docus found hidden in the scrub. One light blood trail followed to South from area of bunker but was lost after 20 yards. During search movement was observed and engaged but nothing found. One VC also called out from behind searchers but could not be located. It would appear that initial clash was between 2 VC groups.	

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201	0937	W Coy	CP	c/s63A from visual tracking. Approx VC under 1 pl in str in last 24 hours. Cannot tell if lagge or small group Moving East. 63A following group of 6.	
202	1100	W Coy	CP	3 pl located camp 535893 track NE-SW. 6 outer bunkers and comms trenches, 3 bunkers good. Spread 75 metres. In centre 5 bunkers - 3 of the 5 damaged. More bunkers general area. 3 pl currently searching through camp and then will continue follow up.	
203	1150	V Coy	CP	1 shot to our NE.	
204	1151	V Coy	CP	2 pl in contact	
205	1200	V Coy	CP	2 VC sighted as 2 pl moved out. 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 pack captured. En headed towards D Coy	Passed to TF
206	1210	V Coy	CP	A.Contact 2pl. B.271151H. C.569897. D.2. E.LF dressed in balck. F.1 pack captured, 1 AK47 captured, 1VC KIA(BC). G.2 VC sighted as 2 pl wdr from ambush. 1 VC KIA other withdrew South.	Passed to TF
207	1207	W Coy	CP	3 pl has located another camp 2 bunkers 20'x20' CP style 600-700 yds comms trenches will send locstat soonest. 541889 SW to 538887. Loc 50 pits for 2-3 men. 50 bunkers with comm trenches connecting all pits. Held 300-400 within last 7 days all moved out. Located further 12 bunkers at 541890 loc grave with body 24 hours old. In camp 2 old graves	Passed to TF
208	1445	V Coy	CP	At 560899 3 pl found VC track running SE-NW used by 2 this morning, now investigating.	
209	1450	W Coy	CP	3 pl have found 9 bunkers capable of holding 20 pers 546889.	
310	1505	W Coy	CP	3 pl found further 12 bunkers 546900	
311	1542	W Coy	CP	3 pl at 549897 located 23 bunkers	
312	1555	CP	TF	Request additional Holdfast elm be del to FLINDERS early tomorrow morning to marry up then move out to commence dml bunkers loc by 3 pl W Coy	Passed to TF
313	1615	D Coy	CP	At least 1 VC came back this way after V Coy contact. Fresh sandal prints heading NE over V Coy tracks.	Del explosives to 533893
314	1617	D Coy	CP	Contact somewhere in my loc.	
315	1625	D Coy	CP	569899 11 pl sentry covering creek saw 2 VC mov quietly. 1 poss KIA 1 poss WIA. Other side creek. 11 pl sweep NW to SE en would have wdr West or SW	
316	1642	D Coy	CP	11 pl having some difficulty crossing creek. Sweep not yet commenced.	Passed to TF
317	1701	D Coy	CP	West of contact found an old cache and RPD56 and spare HMG barrel wrapped in plastic	
318	1731	D Coy	CP	A.Contact.B.271615H. C.569899. D.2 VC. E.LF. F.1 poss WIA. G.1 wdr South. Poss WIA moved into creek.	Passed to TF

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319	1830	CP	C Coy	Ptl tomorrow with 8 pl: Check feature square 565886 then track complex NW of there. Leave 7 pl present loc and continue pad development to the stage of suitable 2 Albatross.	
320	1835	W Coy	CP	12 camps approx 200 bunkers total. Average size bunkers 8x8x4, 2 ft overhead protection. Require explosives for 100 tomorrow. 3 pl at 0730hrs joined by 2 pl at LZ later SE of 533893. Request Engrs and explosive 0930. Possum for axes when 3 pl in position	Passed bunker details plus request serial 321 to TF
321	1855	CP	TF	Request Engrs plus explosives be del to vic 533893 to be confirmed. At approx 0930 time to be confirmed. Albatross then to Flinders to pick up 6 pax and 1 dog.	
322	1905	CP	All coys	Sitrep. Alpha. One. Between 1027 and 1621hrs at centre of mass YS 544890, 3 pl W Coy located 139 bunkers, 50 pits and 2 graves. In all camps, bunkers and pits were connected by comms trenches. 3 pl W Coy alos found 1 body approx 24 hrs old as a result of follow-up from incident 26 Oct at 541890. Two. At 1151hrs at 569897 2 pl V Coy contacted 2 LF VC dressed in black. Results 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 pack and 1xAK47 recovered. Other VC wdr South. Three. At 1615 hrs at 569899 11 pl D Coy contacted 2 LF VC. Results 1 VC WIA (poss), 1 RPD 56 and spare barrel for HMG recovered. Sweep revealed cache to WEST of contact area. Brave.	
323	1835	CO	D Coy	Have a good look around present area incl contact area push one pl into area 565905 for look around. 1 pl V Coy will be remaining present loc V Coy.	
324	1837	CO	V Coy	Agree that V Coy remain present general area and that remainder of your coy move up to look in gen area bunker complex 555915.	
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325	0920	D Coy	CP	12 pl at 572903 found large track 4-5ft wide, well used heading East-West. Prints 2-3 men 24 hours old heading EAST	Passed to TF
326	0945	W Coy	CP	From 3 pl. 1030 hrs freq 17A c/s73 - Admin air net. i.e. pad not ready until 1030 at the earliest. Job at pad a bit longer than anticipated.	
327	1022	W Coy	CP	3 pl having difficulties - putting in Opdem. Albatross will be required approx 30 mins after explosives for Opdem received.	
328	1125	C Coy	CP	8 pl at 562888 located a track running generally WEST, appears to be used recently in both directions, now in ambush.	Passed to TF
329	1125	TF	CP	Request use of your DS Possum for Physops task (priority) for TF. Prepared to replace with Albatross//Possum returning this loc with CO then proceed to your loc, will advise Albatross timings A&P.	
330	1135	W Coy	CP	3 trees to be cut at 3 pl loc and pad would be OK. Incidentially axes sent were virtually U/S re one blunt other the head keeps falling off.	
331	1157	V Coy	CP	A.Bustoff. B.c/s 5. C.this loc. D.ASP. E.Pri.F.2 sitting. G.PUO temperature 104°. H.NZ. I.c/s5 17A. J.Smoke. K.Winch canopy 20ft. L.Secure. M.YES. MFC and c/s52A Sunray PUO symptons.	Passed to TF

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4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) OPS LOG

Serial	Time	From	To	Message or Detail	Action/Remarks
332	1223	V Coy	CP	Getting extended can you advise any timings for out next activity//YES. Mov to square MM by tomorrow pm and I leave ti to your discretion to pull your tail in to you.	
333	1250	V Coy	CP	Dustoff Albatross crashed this loc, crew OK	Passed to TF
334	1337	CP	TF	First part of Dustoff completed. 3 medevacs winched out	
335	1340	CO	TF	Crew of Dustoff 32 evacuated.	
336	1425	TF	CP	Recovery of Dustoff 32 as soon as possible after 1600	Passed to V Coy
337	1431	CP	TF	Can you send a Possum forward for use by my CO. If not available can we have the use of an Albatross for 30 minutes.	Alb 10 mov to your loc now.
338	1456	D Coy	CP	Locstat 12 pl 567902, investigating 10 old bunkers	Passed to TF
339	1537	C Coy	CP	Finished with chainsaw. 9 pl about to move back to this loc. Have requested backload chainsaw on maintdem tomorrow.	
340	1539	W Coy	CP	2 pl and Engrs remain in loc tonight. 3 pl return to FSPB FLINDERS. Engrs will probably require two deliveries of explosives tomorrow. It may take more than one day to complete task.	
341	1544	CP	TF	Liftout ac in area. Require LFT//LFT not available before 1645 hrs//One was supposed to come from II FFV.	
342	1633	V Coy	CP	Extraction of Dustoff 32 complete.	
343	1735	D Coy	CP	11 pl returning found new camp being constructed at 566898. 1 pit with OHP on South side of river which can cover 50 50 metres on North of creek. Freshly cut timber under overhanging bamboo. Not occupied for at least a week. Could be dangerous if approached from North as it (the pit) covers well onto North side of creek.	
344	1806	W Coy	CP	Ref 2 pl task - NOT require any more explosives tomorrow am. While demolitions on tomorrow am will recce bunkers to North, get estimate of additional explosives required, and submit for additional explosives pm. While blowing 60 bunkers found found 2 thatched huts and 5 bunkers at 556896 all in good condition.	
345	1807	C Coy	CP	Intentions - Withdraw ambushes, take maintdem, then RIF in ZU, BX, and GS end up East of BX. 1 and 2 pls to be left in posn up to the last moment.	
346	1810	D Coy	CP	Intentions - Search South of MC and go into LP in more detail. Found tracks from 2/V Coy contact, 1 man heading South. 570902 large track West-East. Between 4 and 5 ft wide. South of creek there is tracks running SW. NO recent sign of heavy movement. Sign of small parties only.	
347	1811	V Coy	CP	Intentions - 2 pl NE to check feature. 1 and 3 pls will tuck up into V Coy loc. 1 and 3 pls moving first thing tomorrow morning. To be in area 5491 by evening 29 Oct.	
348	1900	CP	All coys	Sitrep. A. 1. At 572903 at 0920 hrs 12 pl D Coy found a large track 4-5 feet wide heading West to East. Used by 2-3 men in last 24 hours. 2. At 566898 at 1735 hrs 11 pl D Coy found new camp being constructed. Not occupied for at least 1 week. B. Night locs. C Coy 563882. 7 pl 562884. 8 pl 561889. D Coy 568898. 12 pl 570901. V Coy 551913. 1/V Coy 561901. 3/V Coy 559902. W Coy FSPB FLINDERS. 2/W Coy 538892.	
349	1949	F		For OC 2/W Coy do not require assistance from 1 pl will send them to FR but will delay departure until visitors go.	NO move before 291000H

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4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) OPS LOG

Serial	Time	From	To	Message or Detail	Action/Remarks
350	2035	CP (rear)	CP	From C Coy CQMS. Has received a msg from his CO all pers on tomorrows maintdem. Due to commitment this loc, can only provide 3 pers, is this OK//Send 3 persons.	
	29 Oct 68				
351	1905	CP	All Coys	Sitrep. A. At 0753hrs at 552915 2 pl V Coy located a shelled area and fresh blood trail. At 1150 hrs at 565875 9 pl C Coy contacted 3 VC dressed in dark clothing. Results unknown. VC withdrew South. At 1403 hrs at 602894 11 pl D Coy 1 RAR contacted 1 VC with negative result. B. Night locations C Coy 579882, D Coy 577892, V Coy 547917. W Coy FSPB FLINDERS.	
	30 Oct 68				
352	0850	D Coy	CP	This coy all back, closing down now	
353	0920	W Coy	CP	W Coy now back in and closed down	Passed to TF
354	0945	V Coy	CP	All in loc ano w and have closed down	Passed to TF
355	1000	C Coy	CP	C Coy now back in loc and closed down	Passed to TF
356	1020	Adjt	CP	4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn less stay behind parties at FLINDERS and TRENTHAM is now in NUI DAT - Op CAPITAL has finished	Passed to TF
	31 Oct 68				
357	1600	TF	CP	A gunship has crashed vicinity YS 6791. A SAS ptl may be inserted to recover equipment. 3 truckloads VC reported in the area. Ready reaction coy may be required	Crew recovered. W Coy warned.

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4 RAR
NUI DAT
12 Oct 68

ANNEX C End 1.

OP CAPITAL
CONFIRMATORY NOTES TO VERBAL ORDERS
GIVEN BY CO 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC)
AT 1030 HRS 12 OCT 68 AT NUI DAT

Msn

1. 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) is to conduct RIF in AO DOWNER.

Execution

2. Gen outline. A two phase op as fols

a. Phase 1. Deployment by air

b. Phase 2. RIF in AO DOWNER.

3. C Coy

a. Grouping

Under comd from 130700H

One Combat Engr Team
One tracker team minus dog

b. Tasks

(1) Phase 1

(a) Air mobile aslt into LZ GOSFORD vic YS 501858 estb. LZ con for fly in of V Coy and D Coy

(b) Secure and clear for booby traps and mines LZ TRENTHAM vic YS 505866 with one pl ASP after insertion, for the subsequent fly in of Bn HQ Gp. The pl is to remain at TRENTHAM until rel

(2) Phase 2. Conduct RIF in the area allotted (marked map).

4. D Coy

a. Grouping

Under comd from 130700H

One tracker team minus dog
One Sect Aslt Pnr Pl

b. Tasks

(1) Phase 1. Fly into LZ GOSFORD vic YS 501858 after V Coy

(2) Phase 2. Conduct RIF in area allotted (marked map).

5. V Coy

a. Grouping

Under comd from 130700H

One tracker team minus dog
One sect Aslt Pnr Pl

b. Tasks

(1) Phase 1. Fly into LZ GOSFORD vic YS 501858 after C Coy

(2) Phase 2. Conduct RIF in area allotted (marked map).

6. W Coy

a. Grouping

Under comd from 130700H
Under comd for mov from 130700H

One Combat Engr Team
Bty recce party and LZ con(5 men) ./2

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6. b. Tasks

(1) Phase 1

(a) Fly into LZ FLINDERS vic YS 524889. LZ will be secured by B Coy 3 RAR

~~(b) Esth LZ con at FSPB FLINDERS ASP after arrival for the subsequent fly in of V Coy and D Coy~~

(b) Release B Coy 3 RAR ASP after arrival FSPB FLINDERS

(2) Phase 2

(a) Esth and protect FSPB FLINDERS

(b) Conduct RIF in area allotted (marked map).

7. Mor Pl

a. Grouping

(1)	Remaining under comd B Coy	One sect
(2)	Under comd 4 RAR Rear from 130700H	One sect

b. Tasks (Pl minus two sects)

(1) Phase 1. Fly into LZ TRENTHAM vic YS 505866, with stores as external loads, as part of the Bn HQ gp

(2) Phase 2.

(a) Deploy two mors at FSB TRENTHAM

(b) Deploy one sect in ground def role, at FSB TRENTHAM.

8. Tracker Pl

a. Grouping

	Under comd each C Coy, D Coy and V Coy from 130700H	One Tracker Team minus dog

b. Tasks (Pl minus three teams)

(1) Phase 1. Fly into LZ TRENTHAM vic YS 505866 as part of the Bn HQ Gp

(2) Phase 2

(a) Assist in the local def of Bn HQ

(b) Maintain one team, and dogs at 30 mins notice to move.

9. Aslt Pnr Pl

a. Grouping

(1)	Remaining under comd B Coy	One sect
(2)	Under comd each V Coy and D Coy from 130700H	One sect
(3)	Under comd 4 RAR Rear from 130700H	One sect

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9. b. Tasks. (Pl minus four sects)

(1) Phase 1. Fly into LZ TRENTHAM vic YS 505866 as part of Bn HQ Gp

(2) Phase 2.

(a) Assist in the local def of Bn HQ

(b) Pnr tasks as ordered.

10. Bn Base Area

a. Grouping

Under comd from 130700H

One sect Mor Pl
One sect Aslt Pnr Pl

b. Tasks

(1) Def of 4 RAR Base Area

(2) Resup from NUI DAT

(3) Op 4 RAR REAR CP from 130700H until relieved.

11. Arty

a. 104 Fd Bty deploys into FSPB FLINDERS vic YS 524889 with 4 RAR on 13 Oct.

b. Recce party deploy with W Coy (5 men): Tasks: lay out bty posn
estb LZ cont for gun posn.

12. Avn

a. ~~RAAF~~ AHC for mov 13 Oct 68. Air planning table issued separately

b. One H13

(1) Pick up from EAGLE FARM at 130730H, FO W Coy. Task: Adjustment and con of prep fire LZ GOSFORD vic YS 501858

(2) On completion of fire plan proceed to FSPB FLINDERS vic YS 524889. Task VR for OCs V Coy and D Coy on request

(3) Remain based on FLINDERS for subsequent tasking.

13. Co-ord instrs

a. Marked maps. Show AO bdrys and coy AOs

b. Deployment commences 130730H with the lift of W Coy from KANGAROO into FLINDERS

c. Insertion fire plan issued separately

d. Order of fly in

W Coy	FLINDERS YS 524889
C Coy	GOSFORD YS 501858
V Coy	GOSFORD YS 501858
D Coy	GOSFORD YS 501858
Bn HQ Gp	TRENTHAM YS 505866.

Admin and Log

14. Def stores for FSPB FLINDERS

a. 13 Oct

Concertina coils	112
Pickets 8 ft	444
Sandbags	8400

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14. b. 14 Oct

Concertina coils	56
Pickets 8 ft	222
Sandbags	8400.

15. Sect laundry bags to be handed in by 121630H.

16. Commodity code to be used for all Maintdem and Opdems.

Comd and Sig

17. CO loc

a. Phase 1. C and C Ship from 130700 hrs. FSPB FLINDERS when NOT AB

b. Phase 2. At Bn HQ TRENTHAM.

18. Bn HQ

a. Tac HQ deployed with W Coy - c/s 69

b. Bn HQ opens at TRENTHAM vic YS 505866 on completion of fly in

c. 4 RAR rear responsible for manning NUI DAT CP from 130700H

d. All stas open on nets 30 mins prior to mov.

18. Nicknames

Nickname	Meaning	Issued by
JOY STREET	Fly in complete	OCs
FAST TROT	Pl moving to TRENTHAM	OC C Coy
SECOND WIND	TRENTHAM secure	OC C Coy
LAUNCHING PAD	Moving from LZ to AO	OCs
SLOW GRIND	Have entered AO	OCs.

19. Maj P.G. Hotop is appt Cond FSPB FLINDERS

.....Maj
Ops Offr.

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4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC)
IRENTHAM YS 505866

220900H (Oct 68)

ORDERS - OP CAPITOL AO WODEN

Time zone used throughout the order is HOTEL

1. Situation

a. En Forces

(1) Still re-deploying in NE - indications that base camps near LAM XUAN and CU MY are of particular interest to him.

(2) An enemy intercept indicates that he watched from a nearby base camp, the redeployment of C Coy three days ago.

(3) From 3 RAR contacts it is evident that a large proportion of NVA soldiers are apparently serving in organic units/sub units of 274 VC Regiment.

(4) Captured documents indicate elements of 2 Bn 274 Regt and K2 Sapper/Recon Coy 274 Regt located this area mid Oct. K21 Coy has nominal strength of about 130 officers and men.

(5) The enemy base camps and caches found by 3 RAR 10-16 Oct 68 are marked on maps.

(6) Particularly note that en if cornered could be quite aggressive. The A Coy 3 RAR contact was initiated by an en group attacking the A Coy pl.

b. Friendly Forces

1 RAR remains NUI DAT completing series of courses - op again 27 Oct.
3 RAR undertakes the base duties and operations 27 Oct - prepares RTA.
1 RAR is due to be deployed on 28 Oct - gen vic THUA TICH.
Two airstrikes on 22 Oct.
Two more planned for tomorrow grid 565902 1430hrs, 570901 1700hrs.

c. Atts and Dets

Remaining underop con - A Coy 1 RAR
Under op con from 231630 - C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
Remaining in DS - 104 Fd Bty
Supporting us directly until 26 Oct - 161 Fd Bty
Supporting us directly until 28 Oct - Bty A 2/35 Arty (US)
Others - NO change

2. Mission

4 RAR/NZ is to locate and destroy en in AO WODEN, specifically those in area LAM XUAN.

3. Execution

a. General Outline - Op conducted in five phase.

Phase I - C Coy deploy to LZ square 5685

Phase II - D Coy and V Coy deploy to LZ square 5786

Phase III - C Coy clears LAM XUAN area with D and V Coys providing stops

Phase IV - D Coy and V Coy clear respective AOs with C Coy in reserve

Phase V - Extraction to NUI DAT.

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b. C Coy

(1) Grouping - NO change.

(2) Tasks

Phase I - Extraction from PZ 6179 and insertion to LZ 5685.

Phase II - NIL.

Phase III - Locate and destroy en in squares 5785 through to square 5886.

Phase IV - In reserve and clearing along inter-coy boundary behind D and V Coys.

Phase V - To be notified.

c. D Coy

(1) Grouping - NO change

(2) Tasks

Phase I - NIL.

Phase II -Extract PZ 5579 - air assault into LZ 5787.

Phase III - Establish blocking position vicinity feature OLD FELLA 5886.

Phase IV - Right forward coy AO as allotted.

Phase V - To be notified.

d. V Coy

(1) Grouping - NO change

(2) Tasks

Phase I - NIL

Phase II - Extract PZ 5773 - insert LZ 5787

Phase III - Establish blocking position vicinity feature SHARP BEAK 5786 to include N+S track system

Phase IV - Left forward coy AO as allotte d.

Phase V - To be notified.

e. W Coy

(1) Grouping - NO change

(2) Tasks

Phases I - IV - FSPB protection.
One pl patrolling in AO allotted
One pl on 30 minutes notice to move at all times as my reserve.

Phase V - To be notified.

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f. A Coy 1 RAR

(1) Grouping - NO change.

(2) Tasks - FSPB protection WILTON.
RIF operations astride Route 327 in conjunction with C Sqn, to be discussed with me later

g. Mor Pl

(1) Grouping - NO change.

(2) Tasks - NO change

h. Aslt Pnr Pl

(1) Grouping - NO change.

(2) Tasks - NO change.
Check explosives being carried - preparation of LZs in Phase IV territory.

j. ATk Pl (Trackers)

(1) Grouping - NO change.

(2) Tasks - NO change

k. Base Control

(1) Grouping - NO change.

(2) Tasks - NO change.

l. Armd Sqn

(1) Grouping - Under comd one engr combat team.

(2) Tasks - RIF ops astride route 327 in AO HACKETT.
FSPB protection of WILTON in conjunction with A Coy 1 RAR.

m. Cav Sqn

(1) Grouping - NO change.

(2) Tasks - NO change.

n. Arty

(1) Grouping - FOs - NO change.
Locs - NO change.

(2) Tasks - Phase I and II - heavy prep of LZ and sp as required for PZs.
Phase III and IV - close support.
Phase V - To be notified.

o. Engrs

(1) Grouping - NO change.

(2) Tasks - NO change

p. Avn

(1) Army

(a) Grouping - NO change.

(b) Tasks - FO in Possum for LZ prep.

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(2) RAAF (Helicopters)

(a) Grouping - AHC and LFT in sp for Phases I, II and V.

(b) Tasks - Air asslt into C Coy and D Coy LZ and mov of V Coy.

q. Coord Instrs

Prelim - 1100 hrs - bombardment of LZs and surrounds

Phase I - Pick up C Coy - 1200 hrs.

Phase II and III - D Coy estimate 1220 hrs
V Coy estimate 1240 hrs.

Phase IV - Estimate sometime 26 Oct 68.

Phase V - Approx 29 Oct 68.

Area of Ops and Bdrys - See marked maps provided.

Fire Plan - On call tgts at all PZs.
Prelim bambardment of both LZ 1100-1200 hrs.
Selected on call tgts registered pre H hour.

Def Stores - Flame throwers and 90mm available on short notice from NUI DAT.
Flame thrower fuel
Explosives for LPs/winch points by engr/pnr.

4. Administration and Logistics

a. Resup completed at PZ for each C,D, and V Coys.

b. RMO at Bn HQ.

5. Command and Signals

a. Comd

(1) CO loc: During Phase I and II - CinC ship. Thereafter Bn HQ.

(2) CP loc: NO change.

b. Radio

(1) Bn Comd Net - As per current SOIs plus c/s 1 - A Coy 1 RAR.
c/s T3 - C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

Phase I and II - All air mov bn comd net.
- Traffic NOT connected with air mov on Admin/Air net 1200-1300 excluding contacts - notified on comd net.

LZ/PZ Comms - Phase I C Coy - c/s 3 PZ, c/s 3A LZ.

Phase II D Coy - c/s 4 PZ, c/s 4A LZ
V Coy - c/s 5 PZ, c/s 4A LZ.

c. Nicknames

Nickname	Meaning	Issued by
SQUARE ROOT	Resup, briefing etc complete and all ready to go	C,D and V Coy by 1145 hrs 24 Oct.
BEAT NICK	In blocking position	D Coy and V Coy.

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(L.R. GREVILLE)
CO 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC)

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4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC)
NUI DAT

11 Oct 68

INTSUM - OP CAPITAL

ANNEX G Encl 1

General

1. AO DOWNER is situated to the EAST and NORTH of the NUI LE and NUI SAO features, cintre of mass YS 5488.

Importance of the AO to the Enemy

2. The AO is an important base area and staging area for movement between the MAY TAO area YS 7391 and the HAT DICH YS 3486. It is a traditional operational area for elements of Rear Services Group 84. It is astride a major resupply route from the NORTH along the axis of the Province border to the WEST.

Recent Enemy Activity

3. Renewal of track activity, new base camps and People Sniffer returns indicate that there is an upsurge in activity. There are continuing reports from agents, SAS patrols and VR that the area is being used extensively by the enemy.

4. Attached as Annex A to this Intsum is a summary of recent activity.

5. Attached as Annex P to this Intsum is a track overprint showing known or previously reported tracks.

6. A 1:50,000 map overprint with enemy installations located in the period 1 Apr - 30 Sep 68 has been issued separately.

Enemy Units likely to be Operating in the AO

7. Enemy forces likely to be operating in the area are probably elements of 274 VC Regiment or elements of Group 84 Rear Services.

a. 274 VC Regiment - The probable strength of this regiment is 1150 men with about 300 in each of its three battalions. In recent weeks elements of the regiment have been identified in the HAT DICH but indications are that major elements are now in the NORTH EAST of PHUOC TUY Province. It is possible that a battalion of 274 Regiment together with elements of the Regimental Headquarters is currently located in AO DOWNER/AO GARRAN.

b. Group 84 Rear Services - This Rear Services Group traditionally operates in the area. Documents and returnee reports have indicated that large quantities of weapons and ammunition have come into the area from the NORTH and are likely to be stored in caches in the area. Large arms caches were found by the ARVN in late August in the area YS 6289, YS 6290. Caches are likely to be well camouflaged and probably guarded. Porter parties are likely to be encountered in the area.

Likely Enemy Reaction

8. It is probable that major enemy units will seek to avoid contact and withdraw to the NORTH or initially to the EAST and then to the NORTH.

9. The enemy can be expected to shift his forces rapidly to avoid contact or to break from contacts. The enemy has considerable local knowledge to enable him to move quickly to well camouflaged defensive positions. These positions will probably be occupied by small aggressive delaying parties to allow for the extraction of larger forces.

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Conclusion

10. It is some months since friendly forces have operated in the area and the enemy no doubt considers it a relatively safe refuge. The area is an important resupply and training area. Large caches are likely to be found.

A/Lt Col
Lt Col
(L.R. GREVILLE)
CO 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn

Annex A - Summary of Recent Activity
Annex B - List of LZ - Op CAPITAL Area
Annex C - Meterological Data 13-31 Oct 68
Annex P - Track Overprint - AO DOWNER

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Annex A to 4 RAR
Intsum-Op CAPITAL
dated 11 Oct 68

SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY - 1 Sep - 8 Oct 68

1 Sep SAS patrol reported four mortat primaries. Base plate position YS 5288

1 Sep SAS patrol reported four mortar primaries. Suspected base plate position YS 560845.

2 Sep SAS patrol reported a well used foot track at YS 560853. Track runs from NE to SW.

2 Sep SAS patrol reported a total of 40 rounds fired from a possible RCL firing from area YS 560855.

3 Sep SAS patrol reported bursts of MG fire and possible RCL firing from YS 5288, YS 5287, YS 5388, YS 5387 between 1830 hrs and 2215 hrs. Total of 32 possible RCL rounds fired.

9 Sep Airstrike against suspected occupied base camp at YS 543891.

12 Sep VR reported a suspected occupied base camp at YS 548858.

12 Sep D/1 RAR sighted 2 enemy at YS 531863.

12 Sep VR reported suspected occupied base camp at YS 575853.

13 Sep 10/D/1 RAR located an old coy-sized base camp at YS 531862.

13 Sep B/4 RAR Located a bunker under construction at YS 519869.

13 Sep 11/D/1 RAR located a small enemy camp at YS 536861. Camp had been recently vacated.

13 Sep 4/B/4 RAR located a small enemy camp at YS 521867. Camp had been recently vacated.

13 Sep 7/C/4 RAR contacted an unknown number of Main Force enemy in a coy-sized bunker complex at YS 521864.

14 Sep Airstrike on a suspected occupied enemy base camp at YS 575853.

15 Sep Airstrike on a suspected occupied enemy base camp at YS 548858 and at YS 542858.

16 Sep Airstrike on a suspected occupied enemy base camp at YS 536861 and YS 528865.

24 Sep People Sniffer mission flown. Maximun concentrations were obtained at the following grids:- (All YS)

598898	609879	606888
626864	634881	597871
642873	624874	604890
623853	599840	642867
606885	633874	642872

27 Sep SAS patrol contacted 4 enemy at YS 603830.

30 Sep A LFT was fired on from YS 574884.

1 Oct Albatross fired at from YS 596891.

3 Oct Airstrike on a suspected occupied enemy base camp at YS 573843 and YS 559845.

7 Oct Airstrike on a suspected occupied enemy base camp at YS 570855.

8 Oct SAS patrol ambushed a heavily laden porter party at YS 627862. The packs contained cigarettes and comfort items. Party was moving from WEST to EAST.

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LZ - OP CAPITAL

The LZ listed below are located in the area for Op CAPITAL. This list is NOT complete. As other LZ are found sub-units are to inform Bn HQ of the LZ location together with a brief description of it. This information is required to enlarge the present unit LZ Register.

Grid Reference	No of Ac	Description
YS 505866	1	On ridge line
524894	3	Low scrub area
558843	3	Jungle clearing
569844	10	Low scrub, scattered trees
564850	20	Padi area
571857	12	Low scrub
579894	20	Grass, scattered trees
582878	20	Padi area
582899	20	Padi area
582883	5	Open field
596854	5	Swampy grass
599835	2	Jungle clearing
605815	20+	Open fields, scattered trees
611803	10	Old cultivated area
611825	10	Old cultivated area
618811	10	Scattered trees
628872	20	Swampy grass
620830	20	Swampy grass
622820	10	Open area
630827	1	Jungle clearing
639879	1	Open area
642882	20	Swampy grass
640898	20	Scattered trees
645826	1	Jungle clearing
640881	3	Disused padi
643881	3	Disused padi
502858	5	Clearing
494861	1	Clearing
496865	3	Clearing
493866	5	Clearing
489867	5	Clearing

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Grid Reference	No of Ac	Description
YS 492873	5	On edge of rubber
526869	5	Clearing
537888	6	Clearing
526888	9	Large clearing
512882	1	
529879	3	
546887	5	
575867	6	
574864	1	

Winch Points

YS 519885	
5087 and 5187	Numerous winch points in this area.

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SUPPLEMENT TO INTSUM - OP CAPITAL

Reference A - 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) INTSUM - OP CAPITAL dated 11 Oct 68, Annex B.

1. To Annex B add:-

Grid Reference	No of Ac	Description
YS 498887	6	Clearing in rubber
493862	12	Grass and scattered trees
494813	3-5	Scattered trees in clearing
501819	1	Jungle clearing
512882	1	Clear area on side of road
553816	12	Open area
558843	3	Jungle clearing
569844	12	Low scrub, scattered trees
564850	20	Paddy
560825	4-6	Jungle clearing
571857	12	Low scrub
585855	12	Padi
596854	6	Grass, swamp
599835	1-4	Clearing.

R J Halewood Capt
Lt Col
(L R GREVILLE)
CO 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn

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ANNEX G Encl #2

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R J Halsewood Capt for
Lt Col
(L R GREVILLE)
CO 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn

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NUI DAT

30 Sep 68

Distribution: See below.

ITINERARY MAJ GEN RB DAWSON

ANNEX H Encl. 1

CGS NZ ARMY

Serial	Date/Time	Event	Remarks
1	010940 (Oct 68)	Arrive Bn HQ	Met by CO
2	0040-0955	Discussion with CO	a. COs Quarters b. PR NCOs
3	1000-1025	Morning Tea at Offrs Mess	a. All aval offrs to attend. NZ Offrs to attend b. PR NCOs to Sgts Mess
4.	1030-1155	Visit NZ Component HQ	a. Met by Capt PRESLAND b. Vehs in posn by 1020
5	1040-1110	Visit V Coy	Met by Maj HALL
6	1110-1155	Visit W Coy by hel from EAGLE FARM	a. Met by Maj HOTOP b. Ops Offr to task hel for party. On return hel to be tasked for CO 4 RAR to PERTH KWINANA.
7	1155	Arrive EAGLE FARM	Veh in posn 1150 hrs
8	1200	Depart 4 RAR.	

NOTES: 1. 2IC 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) escorts CGS during visit to 1 ATF.

2. Members of CGS party:

Lt Col FENTON	Cond NZ V Force
Maj SIM	GSO2 (Ops) NZ V Force
2 PR NCOs	

M G Barwick Capt
Adjt

Distribution:

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NUI DAT

3 Oct 68

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ANNEX H Encl 2

Distribution: See below.

SUBMISSION OF POST OPERATION REPORTS

1. To distribute the work load and to allow for a quick compilation of Combat After Action Reports, Operation Analysis Reports (where applicable) Installation Reports and Mine Reports, the following action is to be taken:

a. Companies are to compile the reports and type them on stencil skins. When completed and signed the skins are to be passed to the Int S ect.

b. The Int Sect is to reproduce the required number of copies, staple together the reports, and arrange for their distribution through the Bn Orderly Room.

c. The IO is to check that each company has submitted the required reports.

2. This action is necessary if the completed reports are to be passed to HQ 1 ATF within the required period.

3. At the conclusion of each operation, companies are to forward to the Int Sect, a marked map (Scale 1:50000) showing new tracks and installations discovered in their respective AOs. Info on any tracks that are already marked or overprinted on the map and which cannot be located should be passed to the Int Sect.

4. Companies are to forward to the Int Sect a list of suitable LZs found in their AO. The list should include such information as the number of landing points, best direction of approach and any restrictions e.g. not suitable for Sioux or hover only.

5. This information will allow the Int Sect to produce better enemy and topographical records than are at present available.

W J G Barwick Capt
Adjt

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V Coy (4)
W Coy (4)
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R810-5-1

4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn
NUI DAT

4 Oct 68

ANNEX H End 3

DUTY ALLOCATION 6 Oct 68 - 13 Oct 68

The sub-tended roster cancels 4 RAR R810-5-1 dated 26 Sep 68.

Date	Work Party	TAOR Ftls	L of C Security Pl	Reaction Coy	Badcoe Club	Aval 1 ATF Ops
6 Oct	Admin Coy	C Coy	C Coy	D Coy	V Coy	W Coy
7 Oct	D Coy	C Coy	D Coy	W Coy	Sp/Admin	V Coy
8 Oct	W Coy	C Coy	W Coy	V Coy	Sp/Admin	D Coy
9 Oct	W Coy	C Coy D Coy	W Coy	V Coy	Sp/Admin	D Coy C Coy
10 Oct	V Coy	D Coy	V Coy	C Coy		W Coy
11 Oct	V Coy	D Coy	V Coy	C Coy		W Coy
12 Oct	Sp Coy Admin Coy	D Coy V Coy	Sp Coy Admin Coy	W Coy		C Coy
13 Oct	W Coy	V Coy	W Coy	D Coy		C Coy

K Sullivan Maj
Ops Offr

Distribution:

B Coy	(3)	W Coy	(3)	Ops Offr	QM
C Coy	(3)	Admin Coy	(3)	BC	Asst Adjt
D Coy	(3)	CP		Adjt	RSM
Sp Coy	(3)	CO		IO	Comds Diary (3)
V Coy	(3)	2IC		OC Mor Pl	File
					Spare (3)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL LR GREVILLE

COMMANDING OFFICER

4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) BN

NUI DAT

4 Oct 68

ANNEX H End 4

RO Nos V170 - V173

RO No	Title
V170	EQUIPMENT INSPECTION REPORT (AAF F114)
V171	QUALIFICATIONS FOR GROUP 6
V172	EXTRA REGIMENTAL APPOINTMENTS
V173	CHRISTMAS MAIL

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V170 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION REPORT (AAF F114)

1. When equipment is damaged, and inspection by RAEME indicates NOT FAIR WEAR (NFW) the following procedure is to be adopted:

a. The inspector is to prepare the Equipment Inspection Report, AAF F114, in four copies for distribution as follows:

(1) Unit, 2 copies

(2) EME 1 ATF, 1 copy

(3) File, 1 copy

b. The AAF F114 is to be clearly endorsed "NFW" in the classification column.

c. The unit is to investigate the circumstances and submit a report to HQ 1 ATF within 14 days. (Note if formal investigation is required, the unit will be notified by HQ 1 ATF).

2. Accidental Damage. It should be noted that the term NOT FAIR WEAR includes accidental damage, and does NOT necessarily imply neglect on the part of the unit or an individual. When accidental damage occurs, the AAF F114 is to be endorsed "NFW", and the unit is to report in the normal way. If the inspector is able to ascertain that the damage has been caused by an accident, he should indicate this in the remarks column of the AAF F114.

3. Costing of Repairs. Repairs are to be costed in two parts:

a. Labour. Labour is costed at $2.35 per hour. Labour costs are calculated on the estimated repair time (EMT); standard repair times are listed in EMEIs (A120 series). Where a standard repair time is NOT listed, labour will be costed on a time for repair estimated by the inspector or the countersigning officer.

b. Parts. For minor items, the unit may accept an estimated cost from RAEME, or obtain costs from the Financial Advisor AFV.

c. Estimated cost of repair is to be entered in column 6 of the AAF F114. Labour costs will be entered by the inspector.

V171 QUALIFICATIONS FOR GROUP 6

The following soldiers have qualified in the following tests for Group 6:

			AIR PHOTO/MAP READING	VOICE PROCEDURE
54342	Cpl	B HOWLESON	Q	Q
215079	Lcpl	AL WILKES	Q	Q

V172 EXTRA REGIMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn Routine Order number V94 dated 20 Jun 68 is amended as follows:

Sub para a (2) Sgts Mess

Secretary	delete Sgt	GN	HUISH
	insert WO2	FD	TILBROOK
Treasurer	delete Sgt	WE	O'BRIEN
	insert Sgt	GN	HUISH
Asst Secretary	insert Sgt	T	DAVIDSON
Asst Treasurer	insert Sgt	PR	WEBBER

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V173 CHRISTMAS MAIL

1. The CUT OFF dates for Christmas Mail from SVN are as follows:

   a. Parcels 15 Nov for despatch by HMAS SYDNEY.

   b. Packets 1 Dec.

   c. Letters 15 Dec.

2. It is anticipated that bulk of Christmas Parcel Mail will be despatched by Sea.

Capt
Adjt

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R810-5-1

ANNEX Encl 5

4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn
NUI DAT

5 Oct 68

DUTY ALLOCATION 6 Oct 68 - 13 Oct 68

The subtended roster cancels 4 RAR R810-5-1 dated 4 Oct 68

Date	Work Party	TAOR Ptls	L of C Security Pl	Reaction Coy	Badcoe Club	1 ATF Ops
6 Oct	Admin Coy	C Coy	C Coy	D Coy	V Coy	W Coy
7 Oct	V Coy	C Coy	V Coy	W Coy	Sp/Admin	D Coy
8 Oct	W Coy	C Coy	W Coy	V Coy	Sp/Admin	D Coy
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12 Oct	W Coy	W Coy	W Coy	C Coy		D Coy
13 Oct	W Coy	C Coy	C Coy	V Coy		D Coy

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MESSAGE FORM

ROUTINE 090645Z (OCT68)

ANNEX H Encl 6

FROM: 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn

TO: LIST D PLUS SERIALS 21,22,23,25,27

UNCLAS

A527

OFFICER POSTINGS 4 RAR/NZ (.) REFERENCE D O. LETTER TO COY COMDS DATED 8 SEP 68 (.) CHANGES OCCUR WEF 111200H (OCT 68) (.) PRIOR TO THAT DATE CMM OFFRS CONCERNED ARE TO FINALISE OUTSTANDING MATTERS IN THEIR CURRENT POSTINGS AND ARE TO RECEIVE DETAILED BRIEFING OF THE NEW POSTING FROM HANDOVER OFFRS//

1 of 1 BARWICK ADJT EURUDITE

M.G. Barwick Capt
Adjt

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ANNEX H Encl 7

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL LR GREVILLE

COMMANDING OFFICER

4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) BN

NUI DAT

12 Oct 68

RO Nos V174 - V180

RO No	Title
V174	MAIL BAGS
V175	TRUCKS ¾ TON TECHNICAL LOADING - CARRIAGE OF PERSONNEL
V176	PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION
V177	QUALIFICATIONS FOR GROUP 6
V178	MEDALS : VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN MEDAL
V179	NOTICAS PROCEDURE
V180	COMBAT DRESS, TROPICAL (AUST)

NOTICE

FORCE TAPE LIBRARY

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V174 MAIL BAGS

1. PMG Mail bags which are used to deliver sub unit mail from the unit post office are to be treated with care.

2. Instances have occured where these bags have been thrown in the mud and at times have begun to rot.

3. In future all mail bags are to be kept dry and when emptied are to be folded and returned to the unit post office immediately after use.

V175 TRUCKS ¾ TON TECHNICAL LOADING - CARRIAGE OF PERSONNEL

1. It is extremely dangerous to carry passengers on the tray of ¾ ton vehicles with platform trays. The maximum number of personnel which may be carried in these vehicles is two, including the driver. Under no circumstances are passengers to be carried on the tray.

V176 PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

1. Instances are occuring where members are approaching Bn HQ staff direct on personal matters.

2. All matters, personal or otherwise, will be dealt with by Coy HQ who, if necessary, will refer the matter to Bn HQ.

3. Under no circumstances will a member approach Bn HQ Staff direct.

V177 QUALIFICATIONS FOR GROUP 6

The following soldiers have qualified at Group 6 standard is the following subjects:

			Voice Procedure	Map Reading/Air Photo
1201613	Cpl	BA WRIGHT	Q	Q
3411393	Lcpl	JA MORRIS	Q	Q
42951	Pte	BJ CARBONE		Q
1200195	Pte	MJ KANOWSKI		Q

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V178 MEDALS : VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN MEDAL

1. The following soldiers of 4 RAR are qualified to wear the Vietnamese Campaign Medal. This award is subject to verification by CARO.

			Date became eligible
38629	Lt	DM POYNTON	1 Oct 68
1201220	Pte	LJ ROULSTON	15 Aug 68
2787439	Pte	TH JONES	5 Sep 68
4719226	Pte	JE ACKLAND	5 Sep 68
6708836	Pte	N BENNETT	5 Sep 68
2787465	Pte	GJ LUCAS	5 Sep 68
2786424	Pte	AA BELL	5 Sep 68
2786588	Pte	V DEREWIANKA	5 Sep 68
2787345	Pte	P BLACK	5 Sep 68
3791078	Pte	AC BUTCHER	5 Sep 68
2787615	Pte	MB SPRY	5 Sep 68
2786039	Pte	LG THOMSON	27 Aug 68
2785824	Pte	DR TURNISE	27 Aug 68
2787383	Pte	NE HARRIS	5 Sep 68
2787547	Pte	JJ PHILLIPS	5 Sep 68

V179 NOTICAS PROCEDURE

: NOK Notification

1. Where a casualty does not wish his NOK to be notified by the Army a request to this effect is to be included in para 5 of the Noticas signal. The request is to show why he does not wish his NOK to be advised by the Army and is to show an additional NOK who can advise the NOK.

Example:-

FIVE . NOK CMM WIFE CMM MRS KP BLOGGS CMM 12 FLAT STREET CMM HILLTOP CMM NT . MEMBER REQUESTS NOK NOT BE ADVISED BY ARMY AS SHE IS EIGHT MONTHS PREGNANT AND VERY HIGHLY STRUNG . REQUEST ADVISE ADDITIONAL NOK CMM SISTER CMM MISS R BLOGGS CMM 17 VALLEY RD CMM HILLTOP CMM NT AND REQUEST HER TO ADVISE NOK

V180 COMBAT DRESS, TROPICAL (AUST)

1. The new type combat dress tropical, is on issue as "in lieu" of shirt military green, and trouserdrill green, on the scale of two sets per member, except AATTV, who are on a separate scale.

2. This clothing is being issued to Australian Force (Army Component) Vietnam only, and is not to be removed from the theatre. It is not to be worn in Australia.

3. In order to ensure that clothing remains in the theatre it is to be issued in member's AAB 83 and withdrawn prior to his departure.

4. If unsuitable for reissue in the theatre, normal board of survey action should be taken.

N J Holdsworth
Capt
Adjt

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NOTICE

FORCE TAPE LIBRARY

General

1. Tape libraries for use by members of the Australian and New Zealand Forces have been established at SAIGON, NUI DAT and VUNG TAU.

2. The libraries are operational from 30 Sep 68.

Method of Operation

3. Initially forty four tapes totalling some fifty hours playing time have been prepared and are held by the undermentioned. The libraries will be increased from time to time as suitable taped programmes become available.

SAIGON - Ordnance Coll, Det 110 Sig Sqn.

VUNG TAU - As arranged by OC Det 110 Sig Sqn.

NUI DAT - 1 ATF Amenities Section.

4. Control of tapes is vested in OCs Dets 110 Sig Sqn and 1 ATF Amenities Officer in the locations specified above.

5. Hours of operation of tape libraries will be:

SAIGON - 0900 hrs - 1200 hrs and 1330 hrs - 1700 hrs daily;

VUNG TAU - 0900 hrs - 1200 hrs and 1330 hrs - 1700 hrs daily;

NUI DAT - As promulgated by 1 ATF.

Tape Copying

6. Members may borrow tapes from area libraries but will have to provide their own copying facilities.

Index of Tapes

7. A current index of tapes will be made available at each library.

Rules for Borrowing

8. Rules for borrowing are subtended:

a. Members wishing to borrow tapes will sign that they have read and understand the rules, which will be prominently displayed at each library. Spare copies will be held and one issued to each borrower.

b. Tapes will be loaned for a maximum period of 24 hours.

c. The limit of issue will be one tape per person in any 24 hours. A signature is to be obtained for the tape. Personal details and unit of borrowers are to be recorded.

d. Borrowers are to report damage to or defects in tapes when these are returned.

e. Tapes are indexed and numbers are recorded on the rear of the containers. Containers are NOT to be marked by the borrower.

f. Tapes will not be issued outside timings laid down, and

g. Failure to return tapes on time or any other breach of borrowing rules by individuals, will cause inconvenience to other members. Tapes will not be lent to members who do not comply with these rules.

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COMD DIARY

4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn
NUI DAT

12 Oct 68

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

12 Oct 68

ANNEX H Encl 7A.

To be read to all troops.

1. "Her Majesty The Queen has graciously granted the Award of The Queens Commendation to, 42137 Pte SMALLRIDGE KJ W Coy RNZIR.

Whilst at the Jungle Warfare School, JOHORE, MALAYSIA, on 29 Sep 1967, during a river crossing exercise in which the river was fast flowing, steep banked and studded with snags, Pte SMALLRIDGE with disregard to his own safety dived in fully clothed and rescued two Malay soldiers who were fully kitted in battle order and who were in difficulty and on the point of drowning in the centre of the river. But for Pte SMALLRIDGEs prompt actions, both soldiers would have drowned. And in recognition of his act, the Queen has graciously approved the award to Pte SMALLRIDGE of the Queens Commendation.

2. The Commanding Officer congratulates Pte SMALLRIDGE on behalf of all ranks 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn and has directed that one free can of ale or equivalent in aerated water be issued to all ranks for consumption on Saturday, 12th October 1968, to honour this occasion."

Lt Col
(LR Greville)
CO 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn

Distribution:

List A.

NOTICES

1. From Governor - General of NZ, Sir Arthur Porritt

Congratulations on your well deserved award of the Queens Commendation.

Signed Porritt.

2. From NZ Army Board.

I extend congratulations on your brave conduct whilst serving in Malaysia.

Signed Dawson Major General.

3. Other congratulating messages have also been received from Director of Infantry, Army HQ, NZ, CO and all ranks 1 RNAIR Malaysia.

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ANNEX H Encl 8

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL LR GREVILLE

COMMANDING OFFICER

4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) BN

NUI DAT

16 Oct 68

RO Nos V181 - V182

RO No	Title
V181	HANDLING OF CLAYMORE MINES (M18A1) - SAFETY PRECAUTIONS
V182	WHITE ANT INFESTATION OF BUILDINGS

NOTICE

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HANDLING OF CLAYMORE MINES (M18A1) - SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

General

1. 1 ATF IMMEDIATE OPS1476 dated 1 Oct 68 is cancelled.

2. A recent incident with a Claymore mine resulted in the death of a member of 1 ATF. Subsequent investigation indicated that certain precautions should be taken to avoid a similar premature detonation.

Detonation of Claymore Mines

3. The detonation of a Claymore mine (M18A1) can be initiated by the following means:

a. An electrical charge provided by the firing device.

b. An electrical charge provided by an induced RF voltage e.g. from an RF transmitter or lightning.

c. Frictional heat produced by forcing the detonator against an obstruction in the detonator well.

d. Compression of the detonator by screwing the adaptor plug tight against the detonator when foreign matter is present in the detonator well.

e. Mechanical shock caused by rough handling.

Precautions

4. In order to avoid the possibility of premature detonation of a Claymore mine the following precautions are to be observed when setting up the mine:

a. The layer is to carry the mine in the satchel provided, unwinding the leads from the firing point to the arming point.

b. On arrival at the arming point the mine is set up, aimed, the detonator inserted.

c. The person laying the mine should have the firing device M57 in his possession and should check the leads for concealment (if required) on his way back from the mine to the firing point.

d. Except in cases of operational emergency Claymore mines are not to be armed during thunderstorms.

e. Claymore mines are not to be armed within 500 metres of the AUSTCAN antenna system (YS442668) within 1 ATF Base.

f. Electric detonators are not to be carried within 500 metres of the AUSTCAN antenna system by personnel, in vehicles or in aircraft unless they are enclosed in a metal container.

g. The detonator well of a Claymore mine is to be inspected to ensure it is free of foreign matter before the detonator is inserted.

h. Careful handling of all types of detonators is to be stressed at all times.

5. The attention of all ranks is to be directed to these precautions at least once every three months.

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6. Strict supervision of these precautions is to be carried out whenever Claymore mines are used.

Enemy Munitions

7. Certain precautions i.e. paragraphs 4c and 4f, contained in this instruction also apply to captured enemy munitions e.g. D10, D8 Mines, with electrical initiating systems, particularly when such munitions are backloaded by helicopter to 1 ATF base area.

V182 WHITE ANT INFESTATION OF BUILDINGS

1. C Sqn 1 Armd Regt has reported the presence of White Ants in unit buildings. Soil banked up against sides of these buildings provided White Ants with ready access to timber cladding and frame.

2. Sub units are to:

a. Ensure that, where possible, soil or loose timber is not banked or stacked against the sides of timber buildings.

b. Inspect unit buildings for presence of White Ants and advise the Battalion Second in Command or in his absence OC Admin Coy of any building infested with the termite.

3. 198 Works Section are to be advised of any infestation on a unit level.

2Lt
Asst Adjt
4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn

NOTICES

1. OLYMPIC GAMES RESULTS

1. Results will be broadcast daily over Radio Australia after the World News Bulletin at 0740 hrs and 1040 hrs local time.

2. Results will be broadcast up to and including 28 Oct.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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BY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL LR GREVILLE

COMMANDING OFFICER

4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) BN

NUI DAT

26 Oct 68

ANNEX H Encl 9

RO Nos V183 - V187

RO No	Title
V183	UNIT TRANSPORT - AUTHORISATION TO DRIVE
V184	QUALIFICATIONS FOR GROUP 6
V185	LOSS OF ID CARDS
V186	FREE POSTAGE TO AND FROM VIETNAM - LETTER MAIL
V187	OFFICER QUALIFYING COURSES - (R815-1-1)

NOTICES

1. MESSAGE FROM Brig HUGHES
2. MESSAGE FROM Brig PEARSON
3. MESSAGES SENT AND RECEIVED BY 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn

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V183 UNIT TRANSPORT - AUTHORISATION TO DRIVE

1. The illegal use of vehicles by soldiers of all ranks in the unit is increasing. In many cases soldiers do NOT possess current driving licences (AAF G11).

2. Due to driver shortages there are times when holders of current AAF G11 will be authorised to drive vehicles. This authorisation will be granted by one of the following appointments:

OC Admin Coy.

Tpt Offr.

Tpt Sgt.

No person without a current AAF G11 is to drive a unit vehicle unless an extreme emergency exists. The senior rank present will then give his authorisation as the case warrants.

3. Soldiers of temporary AAF G11/or one endorsed "Drive Only" will not drive a vehicle out of the NUI DAT base or HORSESHOE HILL feature until such time as they have been cleared to do so by the tpt pl comd or tpt Sgt. (NB; there is a good reason for this requirement. The only criticism leveled at 1 ATF by local authorities has been the bad and negligent driving on public roads).

4. The aim of controlling unit drivers is twofold.

a. To maintain a satisfactory vehicle serviceability rate.

b. To prevent unnecessary accidents.

V184 QUALIFICATIONS FOR GROUP 6

The following soldiers have qualified at Group 6 standard in the following subjects:

				First Aid	Map Reading/Air Photo
44041	Lcpl	JC	Flcer	Q	Q
1200195	Pte	MJ	Kanowski	Q	

V185 LOSS OF ID CARDS

There is an increasing incidence of ID Cards being lost by soldiers of 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn. Particular care should be taken whilst at R and R centres including Camp Alpha. ID Cards should not be left in clothing while asleep.

V186 FREE POSTAGE TO AND FROM VIETNAM - LETTER MAIL

1. A check with Sydney Mail Exchange today shows that half the letters sent to VIETNAM from AUSTRALIA still have postage stamps affixed.

2. Request you draw attention of members to this fact, so that relatives are advised of free postage concession (1 ATF Q2084 of 27 Aug refers).

3. Matter also being given press coverage in AUSTRALIA.

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V187 OFFICER QUALIFYING COURSES - (R815-1-1)

Only one Officer Qualifying Course will be held in 1969. It will be for both Arms and Services and will probably be held in the period Jun-Aug.

2Lt
Asst Adjt
4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn

NOTICES

1. MESSAGE FROM Brig HUGHES

For the Comd. Please accept personally, and convey to all members of your Unit my congratulations on a job being well done and my thanks for the very professional service you have rendered during my tour in Comd. Good luck and a safe return home. Hughes.

2. MESSAGE FROM Brig PEARSON

From Comd to all Unit Comds. Please pass to all ranks. On assuming Comd of 1 ATF this day, I am aware it will be some time before meeting you all. Therefore, I am using this means to say how pleased I am to be with you and that I am looking forward to good, agressive soldiering in the coming days. My good wishes to those of you returning home before I personally meet you. On our behalf, I have sent our good wishes to Brig HUGHES on his departure.

3. MESSAGES SENT AND RECEIVED BY 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn

The following is the text of messages sent and received by 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn:

a. For Commanding Officer and all ranks 2 RAR from Commanding Officer and all ranks 4 RAR. Best wishes for your twenty third anniversary on 16 Oct 68. Good luck for the future.

b. To the Commanding Officer and all ranks 4 RAR from the Commanding Officer and all ranks 1 RAR. Many thanks for your greetings on the occasion of the Battalions twenty third anniversary.

c. From Commanding Officer and all ranks 4 RAR to Commanding Officer and all ranks 3 RAR. On the occasion of 23rd anniversary of 3 RAR on 20 Oct 68 we send you friendly greetings. Best wishes for the future.

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4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn
NUI DAT

28 Oct 68

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Distribution: See below.

ANNEX H Encl 10

ADVANCE PARTY W2 COY RNZIR

1. Attached as Annex A is the programme for the Advance Party of W2 Coy.

2. W Coy is to be responsible for arranging all accomodation for this party except for the two personnel being sent to HQ NZ Component.

Lt Col
(LR Greville)
CO 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn

(A & D)

Distribution:

4 RAR (3)
B Coy (2)
C Coy (2)
D Coy (2)
V Coy (2)
Sp Coy (2)
Admin Coy (2)
W Coy (4)
W2 Coy (Adv Party) (16)
NZ Component (2)
CO
2IC
Adjt
IO
Tpt Offr
Comds Diary (4)
File
Spare

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Annex A to 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn
R54-1-7 dated 28 Oct 68

ITINERARY - W2 COY ADVANCE PARTY

Serial	Date/Time		Personnel from W2 Coy involved	Remarks
1	301700H Oct 68	Arrive NUI DAT by Wallaby 4 ((17 Pers)		a. Met by OC W Coy b. W Coy to arrange for vehicle to meet at LUSCOMBE and Tpt to W Coy lines
2	310900H Oct 68	Tour of 1 ATF base area	All except Coy 2IC	W Coy to arrange tpt
3	311330H Oct 68	Int briefing	All personnel	IO to arrange
4	2 Nov 68	Prepare for Bn Operation	Lt Milne, Sgts Bold, Hornbrook, Ptes Dicken, Harrison, Ililahia	Lt Milne's Party (2) to V Coy Sgt Bold's party to C Coy Sgt Hornbrook's party to D Coy
5	3 Nov 68	Battalion operation commences	As for Serial 4	
6	3 Nov 68	A/Q Handover/Takeover commences	Coy 2IC, CQMS, Coy Stmn, Coy Clerk, Storekeeper, Cook, Med Ord, Mor rep, Sig rep, Aslt Pnr rep, Driver.	Handover to be completed and certificate to be handed to HQ NZ Component at timings shown in Admin Instr.
7	3 Nov 68	W2 Int Clerk to report to Int Sect for initial training	Lcpl Heemi	This NCO to be sent to Int Sect HQ TRENTHAM after period in base.
8	8 Nov 68	Party returns from Operation area	Serials 4 and 7	
9	9 Nov 68	Preparation for move to HORSESHOE	Serials 4 and 7 plus Sgt Jenkins, Cpl Cooper, Cpl Lindsay, Lcpl McGhie, Pte Dalziel	B Coy to arrange accm and programme W Coy to arrange transport
10	12 Nov 68	Return to Base and complete Handover/Preparation for fly in of Main Body on 14 Nov 68	All	

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Comds DIARY

4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn
NUI DAT

29 Oct 68

R98-4-1

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ANNEX H Encl 11

4 RAR DUTY ROSTER 30 Oct - 3 Nov

The duty roster is attached as Annex A.

Lt Col
(LR Greville)
for CO 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn

Distribution:

B Coy (5)
C Coy (5)
D Coy (5)
V Coy (5)
W Coy (5)
Sp Coy (8)
Admin Coy (4)
CO
2IC
Ops Offr
CP. (2)
IO
Asst Adjt
RSM
1 ATF
Comds Diary (4)
File
Spare

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Annex A to 4 RAR R98-4-1
dated 19 Oct 68

4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn - DUTIES

Date	TAOR Ptls	Cavmobile Escort	Work Parties	Def B Coy
30 Oct	Rear Details	Admin Coy	Rear Details	Admin Coy
31 Oct	W Coy	D Coy	C Coy	Sp Coy
1 Nov	D Coy	C Coy	V Coy	Sp Coy
2 Nov	Rear Details	W Coy	W Coy	W Coy
3 Nov	Rear Details	Admin Coy	Rear Details	Rear Details

In adition

D Coy will provide one pl to C Coy for defence of C Coy on 30 Oct.

C Coy will provide one pl to V Coy for defence of V Coy on 31 Oct.

This is to allow perimeter coys to have barbecues and NOT have a committment for base defence on those nights.

The requirements for duties are as fols:

a. TAOR ptls: two ptls of section strength.

b. Cavmobile Escort: six soldiers to act as MG numbers on two Land Rover gunships.

c. Work parties: as directed by the RSM.

d. Def of B Coy: half platoon daily.

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HQ 1 RNZIR (RNZIR)
NUI DAT
29 October 1968

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ANNEX H Encl 12

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION : RELIEF OF W1 COY
NOVEMBER 1968

Reference : HQ NZ Army Force FE Administration Instruction NZF/1430/Comd dated 7 Oct 68 (Held by HQ RNZIR Component).

General

1. The relief of W1 Coy RNZIR will be known as CHANGE ALLEY THREE.

2. The changeover of W1 and W2 Coys will be by C130 from 40 Sqn RNZAF Singapore, departing from VUNG TAU in three sorties as follows :

14 Nov : Two sorties - Flights A and B.
15 Nov : One sortie - Flight C.

Movement

3. a. To VUNG TAU

The mode of travel is not yet firm, but 1 ATF transport is to be used if the move is by road.

(1) If Move By Road

Ammunition is to be taken by individuals on the scale of two magazines per man, or one belt M60 link per gun. Grenades or M79 rounds will not be taken. At VUNG TAU ammunition will be collected, accounted for and handed to the DCOs of the incoming flights. Empty boxes are to be taken to VUNG TAU by each DCO for this purpose.

(2) If By CH47 (Chinook)

All ammunition will be collected before each draft leaves the Coy lines.

b. To SINGAPORE

By C130 to CHANGI.

c. To TERENDAK

By transport under arrangements of HQ NZ Army Force FE.

d. Movement Timings

To be issued as Annex 'A' separately.

Dress and Equipment

4. Pers will depart NUI DAT in the following dress and equipment :

a. Dress

Greens AS (Starched)
Boots AS GP
Beret with Badge
Medal Ribbons
ID Card and ID Discs
Personal Weapon with an empty Magazine.

28 Commonwealth Brigade insignia is not to be worn until arrival in Terendak.

b. Equipment

See Annex 'B'.

Freight And Baggage

5. a. Planning Weights

The planning weight for each soldier is 300 lb, made up of :

(1) 250 lb per person including personal weapon and pack.
(2) 50 lb for additional baggage.

/b. W Coy is to advise

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b. W Coy [illegible] to advise freight weights for [illegible] records and stores on the last lift. W Coy will also arrange to uplift [illegible] scales from HQ RNZIR Component.

c. Weigh In

A weigh in arranged by HQ RNZIR Component will be held at timings shown in Annex 'A'. Pers at this weigh in are to have all equipment packed in the same way as it will be travelling with them. All items of equipment are to be clearly labelled :

No. Rank Name
W Coy
1 RNZIR
Terendak Camp

Pay and Finance

6. a. Final in-theatre pay will be issued on 8 Nov 68. W Coy is to submit requirements for this pay by 1 Nov 68. Pers must ensure that sufficient money is taken with them for use in transit and for any payment of Customs Duty on crossing the JOHORE CAUSEWAY (SINGAPORE/MALAYSIA). A duty-free allowance of 200 cigarettes and one bottle of spirits is permitted.

b. Exchange of Currency

An exchange will be completed by HQ NZ V Force pay representative immediately prior to departure from NUI DAT of each flight. Notes (MPC) of less than one dollar denomination will not be changed, regardless of accumulative value.

c. Debts

All outstanding debts for dhobi, personal loans, losses, etc., must be cleared before departure. The RNZIR Component clearance forms are to be completed under W1 Coy arrangements for every soldier and distributed on the basis of one copy to UPF and one copy to RNZIR Component for retention.

d. Pay on Arrival Terendak

HQ RNZIR Component is to signal 1 RNZIR and info HQ NZ V Force and HQ NZ Army Force FE of the total pay requirement for W1 Coy on arrival 1 RNZIR by 7 Nov 68.

Health

7. a. IHCs

(1) W Coy is to check all IHCs. Any outstanding innoculations are to be arranged with the RMO. Innoculations are to be completed in accordance with HQ NZ V Force Admin Instr No. 8.

(2) Representatives from HQ NZ V Force will conduct a check of all IHCs before departure for movement purposes. Detailed timings will be included in Annex 'A'.

b. Medical Files (AFNZ 521)

The RAP is to ensure that all medical files are up to date and complete for all pers by 1700 hrs 12 Nov 68.

c. Paludrine

There will be no requirement for a special anti- malarial course before leaving SVN. All pers must carry a three-day supply of paludrine with them. The administration of paludrine will be the responsibility of DCOs until arrival at Terendak.

d. Blood Test

A blood test will be conducted by the RAP for all pers on 7 Nov 68.

e. Pre-Embarkation Medical Check

This check will be conducted by the RAP on 7/8 Nov 68 for all pers. W Coy is to produce two nominal rolls for the RAP. Detailed timings will be issued later.

/Stores

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Stores

8. a. Coy Loan Issues

All loan issues are to be returned clean, and where applicable oiled, by 1200 hrs 10 Nov 68. All stores returned will be other than the stores listed in Annex 'B'.

b. Handover/Takeover

All stores issued to W1 Coy are to be handed over to W2 Coy during the period 3 - 12 Nov 68. A certificate of handover as per Annex 'C' is to be handed to the Admin Offr RNZIR Component by 1600 hrs 12 Nov 68.

c. Clothing/Equipment Scales

All ranks are to be told that it is an offence to take out of 1 ATF area any AS type clothing or equipment above the scale laid down in Annex 'B'. A detailed kit check will be conducted by W1 Coy prior to departure of each flight.

d. Handin of Clothing and Equipment

(1) A parade will be arranged by W1 Coy at HQ RNZIR Component not before 0800 hrs 9 Nov 68 to hand in clothing and equipment listed in Annex 'B'. Timings of the parade will be issued later.

(2) All clothing cards are to be cleared by HQ RNZIR Component and 323 action taken prior to dispatch of cards to Terendak.

e. Vouchering of Weapons to 1 RNZIR

(1) A return of all weapons being taken back to Terendak is to be submitted to HQ RNZIR Component by 1200 hrs 9 Nov 68 to enable initial voucher action to be taken. A final check of weapon numbers against the voucher will be made prior to emplanement at VUNG TAU. DCO Flight C will/for the safe hand carriage of the voucher to QM 1 RNZIR.

(2) Weapon CES be responsible

W Coy is to ensure that all weapons leaving the theatre are in accordance with the following CES:

Rifle 7.62mm (SLR)	72/4
Rifle 5.56mm (M16)	Aust CES 3850
Guns Machine 7.62 (M60)	Aust CES 3188

f. Surplus Ammunition and Pyrotechnics

These will be collected and stored in the Coy magazine by 1600 hrs 13 Nov 68.

g. Custody of Clothing and Equipment for Hospitalised Personnel

Pers in hospital at the time of flyout will be moved on the first available aircraft after discharge from hospital. W1 Coy is to pack, label and hand to HQ RNZIR Component for safe custody all clothing and equipment for hospitalised pers.

h. Coy Canteen

The handover of the Coy canteen to W2 Coy is to be completed by 10 Nov 68. W1 Coy is to ensure that a handover certificate is submitted in accordance with Annex 'D' to HQ RNZIR Component by 1700 hrs 11 Nov 68. The President Regimental Audit is to arrange for the unit audit of the W1 Coy canteen account as at 10 Nov 68.

Mail Re-direction

9. Pers are to complete mail re-direction forms under W Coy arrangements. A roll is to be submitted to HQ RNZIR Component by 1200 hrs 12 Nov 68. RNZIR Component (Cpl GUNN) is to collect these details for those soldiers other than W1 Coy returning to Terendak.

PX Cards

10. All PX Cards are to be returned to HQ RNZIR Component by 0900 hrs 11 Nov 68. A schedule is to be submitted by this time with all PX Cards showing the following :

Card No. Name Pl Remarks

HQ RNZIR Component (Cpl GUNN) is to be responsible for submitting this schedule for all personnel other than W Coy.

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Documents

11. a. Personal Documents

The Admin Offr RNZIR Component is to ensure that all the listed documents and all aspects of personal administration peculiar to this theatre are actioned prior to the outward transfer of these documents, and that all personal records are up to date. :

Unit Personal Files (UPFs)
Regimental and Company Conduct Sheets (AFNZ 178s)
Unit Personal Record Cards (AFNZ 826s)

b. Transfer of Documents

(1) UPFs, AFNZ 178s, AFNZ 826s Coy Record Cards, 148Ms (under cover of AFNZ 701)	Personnel returning 14 Nov 68	In custody of DCO Flight 'B'
(2) Ditto	Personnel returning 15 Nov 68	In custody of DCO Flight 'C'
(3) IHCs. (HQ 8) (under cover of AFNZ 701)	All	DCO of each Flight
(4) Pay Books (ABNZ 64)	All	Cpl FINCHAM Flight 'A'
(5) Medical Files (AFNZ 521s) Dental Cards (S Dent 2) (under cover of AFNZ 701)	All	In custody of DCO Flight 'C'.

Handover of Company Lines

12. The OC W1 Coy is responsible for ensuring that [illegible] coy lines are handed over to W2 Coy in a clean and secure condition. Particular attention is to be paid to the cleanliness of all stores and equipment, accommodation, fire trenches and bunkers, and the storage of ammunition and pyrotechnics.

Discipline

13. Standards of discipline in keeping with the ANZAC Battalion are expected by all ranks during the handover.

Change of Command

14. Maj L.G. WILLIAMS RNZIR will assume the powers of Officer Commanding on the departure of Maj P.G. HOTOP RNZIR. Theappropriate orders will be published by HQ RNZIR Component as it affects the relief.

Draft Conducting Officers

15. DCOs will be nominated for each flight by OC W1 Coy. Copies of orders for DCOs are to be collected from the Admin Offr RNZIR Component by 13 Nov 68. A speciman copy is attached as Annex 'D'.

Security

16. No publicity or comment is to be given on the following matters :

a. Mounting of W2 Coy from Terendak through Singapore.

b. Return of W1 Coy to Terendak via Singapore.

c. The fact that 40 Sqn RNZAF is carrying out the movement to and from SVN.

Implementation of Instruction for Relief

17. Any problems that may arise purely of an NZ administrative nature are to be referred to the Admin Offr RNZIR Component. All other matters are to be referred to the appropriate authority through normal Bn administrative channels.

/Conclusion

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Conclusion

18. The success of the relief will depend on the thoroughness of effort by all ranks. The tasks are large; the time is short. In the interests of the outgoing and incoming coys, an efficient handover is important at this time.

(L.R. GREVILLE)
Lt Col
CO
4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn

Distr

4 RAR	(2)
W Coy	(5)
W2 Coy	(5)
Sp Coy	(4)
Admin Coy	(2)
CP	
CO	
2IC	(2)
Adjt	
Asst Adjt	
QM	
RMO	
Tpt Offr	
DPRI	
RSM	
1 ATF	
HQ NZ V Force	
HQ NZ Army Force FE	(3)
Comds Diary	(3)
File	
Spare	(10)

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Annex 'B' to 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
Admin Instr dated 29 Oct 68.

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT TO BE RETURNED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

1. The following clothing and equipment is to be handed to RNZIR Component by W1 Coy pers :

a. All Personnel

Belts Pistol M1956	1
Canteens Water Plastic	4
Carriers Sleeping Bag	1
Cases First Field Dressing/Compass	1
Covers Water Canteen	4
Cup Canteen	1
Straps Supporting Pack	2
Suspenders Field Pack	1

b. Pers Returning to NZ Nov 68

Bags Food	1	
Bags Pack Waterproof	1	
Bags Waterfilter	1	
Belts Waist 44 Patt	1	*
Blanket Lightweight	1	*
Bottles Water Aluminium	2	*
Braces WE 44 Patt	1	*
Carriers Waterbottle	2	*
Containers Soap	1	*
Frogs Bayonet 44 Patt	1	
Haversacks AR 44 Patt	1	
Knives Clasp	1	
Lanyard	1	
Lines Rotproof	1	
Mirrors Metal with Cover	1	
Nets Mosquito	1	
Packs WE 37 Patt	1	*
Poncho	1	*
Pouches Basic 44 Patt	2	
Ropes Toggle	1	
Stones Sharpening	1	
Straps Shoulder H/Sack Left	1	
" " " Right	1	
Straps Supporting Pack	2	
Tins Mess Set	1	
Tools H/Cutting (Gollock)	1	
Tools H/Cutting Sheath	1	
Wallets Inner	1	
Wallets Outer	1	
Wallets Waterproof	1	
Blankets Inner	1	
Blankets Outer	1	
Cord Nylon Yards	10	
Covers Mattress	1	
Mattress Sections Pneumatic	3	
Shelters Individual	1	
Capes Tropical Smock	1	

* If in possession.

c. The following items will be retained by individuals on leaving Vietnam. Any surplus clothing to this scale will be handed to RNZIR Component for sorting and subsequent issue as Maintdem replacements.

Boots Combat	prs	1
Boots Combat Aust Patt	prs	1
Laces Boot Combat	prs	1
Shirts Tropical Combat		3
Trousers Tropical Combat		3

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Annex 'C' to 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
Admin Instr dated 5/ Oct 68.

CERTIFICATE OF HANDOVER

We certify that on the transfer of stores of _____ (sub-unit)

from _____ (name) to _____ (name)

all stores were checked and found to be correct except for the following :

Item	Number Deficient	Remarks

_____ (Incoming Comd)

_____ (Outgoing Comd)

To be completed by : CQMS, Sigs Rep, Storekeeper
Mor Rep, Aslt Pnr Rep.

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Annex 'D' to 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
Admin Instr dated 29 Oct 68.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLIGHT DCO : VIETNAM - SINGAPORE

1. You are appointed Flight DCO of NZ V Force personnel on RNZAF Flight No. _____. A nominal roll of the personnel in your draft is incorporated in the attached copy of the Movement Order.

2. You are responsible for discipline and welfare of passengers under your control.

3. You are to ensure that :

a. Members of your draft are informed that the Captain of the aircraft has authority over all passengers whilst in the aircraft, and that his orders, whether given personally, or through a crew member, are complied with immediately.

b. Military personnel are dressed properly at all times whether in flight or at intermediate stops.

c. Passengers in your draft are informed of arrangements made for them at intermediate stops and that they are fully aware of aircraft take-off times.

d. In conjunction with the Air Quartermaster a roll call is carried out before emplanement at intermediate stops, and any absences reported to the Captain of the aircraft.

e. All documents delivered to you at the point of emplanement are safely delivered to the Army Movements Officer at SINGAPORE.

4. On completion of the journey you are to complete the journey report at part two of this instruction. Full details of any offences committed by Army personnel under your control are entered, together with full particulars of any witnesses. The Journey Report is to be handed to HQ NZ Army Force FE Representative at SINGAPORE.

5. You are to ensure that military personnel in your draft are aware of, and comply with, the instruction that while in transit to Singapore, women guests are not to be entertained in hotel/motel/boarding house bedrooms without the consent of the manager of the establishment.

6. The following headquarters are to be notified by fastest means of the details of any passenger who has been offloaded during the journey, or who becomes ill during the journey and will require medical attention on arrival at the point of deplanement :

		Telegraphic Address
a.	Army Headquarters Wellington	Army Wellington
b.	HQ NZ Army Force FE	NEWZARM Singapore

7. You are to show a personal interest in all members of your draft. If required you will assist the aircraft crew in providing for the welfare of passengers whether in flight or at intermediate stops.

(L.R. GREVILLE)
Lt Col
CO
4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn

Enclosure : Nominal Roll (2)

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Annex 'A' to HQ 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)Bn
R 54/I/7 dated 19 Oct 68

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION - RELIEF OF WI COY
Nov 68 - DETAILED TIMINGS

Serial (a)	Date/Time (b)	Flight No (c)	ACTIVITY (d)	Remarks (e)
I	9 Nov 68 0830 hrs	all	Final pay in MPC	To be held in W Coy Lines
2	I0 Nov 68 I600 hrs	All	Complete IHC check	To be done by W Coy Med NCO in conjunction with RAP. Certificate to be forwarded to NZ Component on completion
3	II Nov 68 I300 hrs	All	Weigh in	To be held in W Coy lines labels and weighing machine to be obtained from HQ NZ Component
4	I2 Nov 68 0800 hrs	All	Hand in of clothing and equipment	To be held at HQ NZ Component. W Coy to provide 3 pers to assist. These to report to Ssgt CLAMP at I400 hrs on II Nov 68.
5	I3 Nov 68 I200 hrs	—	All Coy personal docs to be handed in to HQ NZ Component	
6	I3 Nov 68 I830 hrs	A	Change MPC to Green	W Coy to arrange facilities for change and accomodation for Ssgt PATRICK for nights I3 - I5 Nov 68.

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a.	b.	c.	d.	e.
	I4 Nov 68			
7	0800 hrs	B	Change MPC for Green	
8	0800 hrs	A	Depart for Vung Tau	Mpvement by road. Veh convoy departs W Coy lines at 0800 hrs sharp.
9	I430 hrs	B	Depart for Vung Tau	as for serial 8.
I0	I830 hrs	C	Change MPC to Green	
II	I5 Nov 68			
	II30 hrs	C	Depart for Vung Tau	

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PRIORITY

4RAR/NZ(ANZAC)
NUI DAT
30 Oct 68
ANNEX H Encl 13

Dist below:

4RAR DUTY ROSTER 30 Oct - 3 Nov

Ref: 4RAR R 98-4-1 dated 29 Oct 68

1. 4RAR has been tasked by HQ 1ATF to provide the REACTION Coy during the period 301200H Oct to 021200H Nov 68.

2. The ref is therefore amended by the inclusion of the fol allocation of duty Reaction Coy.

Reaction Coy.	Period
V Coy	301200H - 311200H
W Coy	311200H - 011200H
C Coy	011200H - 021200H

J Sullivan Maj
Ops Offr

Dist

B Coy (2)	Admin Coy (2)	Asst Adjt
C Coy (2)	CO	RSM
D Coy (2)	2IC	Comds Diary (4)
V Coy (2)	Ops Offr	File
W Coy (2)	CP	Spare (4)
S/S Coy (2)	IO	

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ANNEX 1 Encl 1

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT
4th Oct 68

R617/1/4

Distribution below

1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME FOR THE PERIOD 061200H TO 121200H OCT 68

1. 1 ATF Ptl Programme for the period 061200H to 121200H Oct 68. is attached.

(J.D. KELDIE)
Maj
GSO2 (Ops)

Distribution:

C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
12 Fd Regt (5)
1 Fd Sqn
Det 17 Const Sqn
1 RAR (11)
3 RAR (11)
4 RAR (26)
2 SAS Sqn
HORSESHOE Coy (5)
161 (Indep) Recce Flt
1 ARU (2)
HQ Coy (4)
Arty Tac
CP
FATOC
GSO2 (Ops)
Diary (2)
File

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1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME FOR PERIOD 061200H TO 121200H OCT 68

A.	Patrol No.	1 RAR 260/68	261/68	262/68	263/68
B.	Sub unit to provide	A Coy	B Coy	D Coy	C Coy
C.	Callsign and frequency	14 55.55	25 55.55	45 55.55	34 55.55
D.	Controlled by	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP
E.	Task	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS378699.	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS465706.	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS386682.	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS401708.
F.	Strength	5	5	5	5
G.	Date/Time Out	061230H	071330H	071230H	071300H
H.	Date/Time In	081130H	091100H	091200H	091130H
J.	Route	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised
K.	LZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
L.	PZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
M.	Remarks	Search Area 7.	Search Area 12.	Search Area 6.	Search Area 8.

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A.	264/68	265/68	266/68	267/68	268/68
B.	A Coy	B Coy	D Coy	C Coy	A Coy
C.	14 72.00	25 72.00	45 72.00	34 72.00	14 72.00
D.	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP
E.	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS378699.	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS465706.	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS386682.	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS401708.	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS378699.
F.	5	5	5	5	5
G.	081400H	091330H	091400H	091230H	101230H
H.	101100H	111130H	111100H	111100H	121100H
J.	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	Search Area 7.	Search Area 12.	Search Area 6.	Search Area 8.	Search Area 7.

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A.	269/68	270/68	271/68	272/68
B.	B Coy	D Coy	C Coy	A Coy
C.	25 72.00	45 72.00	34 72.00	14 72.00
D.	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP
E.	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS465706.	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS386682.	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS401708.	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS378699.
F.	5	5	5	5
G.	111330H	111230H	111300H	121330H
H.	131130H	131200H	131100H	141100H
J.	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised
K.	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-
M.	Search Area 12.	Search Area 6.	Search Area 8.	Search Area 7.

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A.	3 RAR 322/68	323/68	324/68	325/68	326/68
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
C.	10C 60.65	20C 60.65	30C 60.65	10C 60.65	20C 60.65
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS393659	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS389639	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS476655	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS395655	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS389636
F.	5	5	5	5	5
G.	061730H	061730H	061700H	071745H	071745H
H.	070745H	070745H	070800H	080800H	080800H
J.	Selected by 2IC Admin Coy	As for 322/68	Out: A Coy In: B Coy	Selected by 2IC Admin Coy	As for 322/68
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	2IC Admin Coy to brief	As for 322/68	As for 322/68	2IC Admin Coy to Brief	As for 322/68

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A.	327/68	328/68	329/68	330/68	331/68
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
C.	30C 60.65	10C 60.65	20C 60.65	30C 60.65	10C 60.65
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS482651	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS398664	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS393645	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS484651	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS404660
F.	5	5	5	5	5
G.	071645H	081645H	081645H	081630H	091745H
H.	080830H	090815H	090815H	090845H	100745H
J.	Out: D Coy In: A Coy	Selected by 2IC Admin Coy	As for 322/68	Out: A Coy In: D Coy	Selected by 2IC Admin Coy
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	As for 322/68	2IC Admin Coy to brief	As for 322/68	As for 322/68	2IC Admin Coy to brief

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A.	332/68	333/68	334/68	335/68	336/68
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
C.	20C 60.65	30C 60.65	10C 60.65	20C 60.65	30C 60.65
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS390641	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS471654	Provide obsn early warning vic YS390663	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS384646	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS480648
F.	5	5	5	5	5
G.	091745H	091730H	101645H	101645H	101630H
H.	100745H	100800H	110845H	110845H	110930H
J.	As for 322/68	Out: B Coy In: A Coy	Selected by 2IC Admin Coy	As for 322/68	Out: D Coy In: B Coy
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	As for 322/68	As for 322/68	2IC Admin Coy to brief	As for 322/68	As for 322/68

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1030197

A.	337/68	338/68	339/68	340/68	341/68
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
C.	10C 60.65	20C 60.65	30C 60.65	10C 60.65	20C 60.65
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS396665	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS387642	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS470658	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS394658	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS397639
F.	5	5	5	5	5
G.	111630H	111630H	111715H	121715H	121715H
H.	120900H	120900H	120845H	130745H	130745H
J.	Selected by 2IC Admin Coy	As for 322/68	Out: B Coy In: A Coy	Selected by 2IC Admin Coy	As for 322/68
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	2IC Admin Coy to brief	As for 322/68	As for 322/ 68	2IC Admin Coy to brief	As for 322/68

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A.	342/68
B.	3 RAR Rear
C.	30C 60.65
D.	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS480654
F.	5
G.	121645H
H.	130900H
J.	Out: A Coy In: B Coy
K.	-
L.	-
M.	As for 322/68

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1030197

A.	4 RAR 4187/68	4188/68	4189/68	4190/68	4191/68
B.	C Coy	C Coy	D Coy	D Coy	V Coy
C.	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised
D.	4 RAR CP	4 RAR CP	4 RAR CP	4 RAR CP	4 RAR CP
E.	Search and clear, from SOUTH to NORTH, 500 metres each side of SUOI LO 0 LON from YS515710 to YS504740. Remain within AO EDWARD.	Search and clear, from SOUTH to NORTH, up to 1000 metres each side of SUOI LO 0 LON from YS528682 to YS515710. Clear feature YS5271. Ptl to remain within AO RICHARD.	Search and clear AO EDWARD in YS5173, 5273, 5172, 5272 and NW slopes of feature 5271.	Search and clear AO RICHARD in YS5368, 5367, 5467, 5468, 5369, 5469, 5370, 5470, 5371.	Clear and recce of SUOI DA BANG and tracks in CARL.
F.	Pl	Pl	Pl	Pl	½ Pl
G.	061000H	061015H	Insert on the extraction of Ptl 4187/68.	Insert on extraction of Ptl 4188/68.	120930H
H.	By 091000H or on completion of task.	By 091000H or on completion of task.	By 121000H or on completion of task.	By 121000H or on completion of task.	131000H
J.	Direct from LZ into EDWARD.	Direct from LZ into RICHARD.	Direct from LZ into Ptl area.	Direct from LZ into Ptl area.	Out by veh along Route 52 to YS487658. In by veh along Route 52.
K.	KANGAROO	KANGAROO	EAGLE FARM	EAGLE FARM	-
L.	YS503697 freq 36.45	YS503697 freq 36.45	To be advised	To be advised	-
M.	Inserted into insecure LZ YS503697 by hel. LFT required. Ptl to be extracted by hel. LZ to be advised.	LZ secured by Pl ptl 4187/68. Ptl to be extracted by hel. LZ to be advised.	LZ secured by ptl 4187/68. Ptl 4187/68 to be backloaded as Ptl 4189/68 inserted. LFT required for extraction of ptl 4189/68.	LZ secured by ptl 4188/68. Ptl 4188/68 to be backloaded as ptl 4190/68 inserted. LFT required for extraction of ptl 4190/68.	Tpt to provide vehs and gunship escort.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1030197

A.	4192/68
B.	V Coy
C.	To be advised
D.	4 RAR CP
E.	Obsn and recce SUOI LO 0 NHO from YS489698 to YS514687.
F.	½ Pl
G.	121100H
H.	131500H
J.	Direct through STAN and NOEL to YS489698.
K.	YS514684
L.	EAGLE FARM
M.	Ac will be bid for separately. LFT required for extraction.

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A.	B Coy 4 RAR B1/68	B2/68	B3/68
B.	B Coy	B Coy	B Coy
C.	Coy CS and Freq	Coy CS and Freq	Coy CS and Freq
D.	B Coy HQ HORSESHOE	B Coy HQ HORSESHOE	B Coy HQ HORSESHOE
E.	Provide obsn and early warning	Provide obsn and early warning	Provide obsn and early warning
F.	4 groups of 5	4 groups of 5	4 groups of 5
G.	041400H	061600H	081730H
H.	061500H	081700H	101430H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	N/A	N/A	N/A
L.	N/A	N/A	N/A
M.	Select posns in AO for Ni posn a. YS481632 b. YS496630 c. YS517644 d. YS513622	As for serial B1/68	As for serial B1/68

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1030197

A.	1 ARU 265/68	266/68	267/68	268/68	269/68
B.	2 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl
C.	52 56.05	54 56.05	54 56.05	54 56.05	54 56.05
D.	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP
E.	Ptl and ambush vic YS443642.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS431643.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS450647.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS437643.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS431643.
F.	1 - 35	1 - 4	1 - 4	1 - 4	1 - 4
G.	071630H	081730H	091700H	101800H	111700H
H.	080700H	090730H	100645H	110715H	120745H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	LOCSTAT subject to range firing by 18 ARVN Div.	LOCSTAT subject to range firing by 18 ARVN Div.	LOCSTAT subject to range firing by 18 ARVN Div.	LOCSTAT subject to range firing by 18 ARVN Div.	LOCSTAT subject to range firing by 18 ARVN Div.

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A.	270/68
B.	4 Pl
C.	54 56.05
D.	1 ARU CP
E.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS453649.
F.	1 - 4
G.	121730H
H.	130645H
J.	Direct
K.	-
L.	-
M.	LOCSTAT subject to range firing by 18 ARVN Div.

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ANNEX I Encl 2

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT
7 Oct 68

R617/1/4

Distribution below

SUPPLEMENTARY PTLS FOR PERIOD
061200H TO 121200H OCT 68

1. Four supplementary ptls for the current ptl programme (issued 4 Oct 68) are att.

2. HQ Bty 12 Fd Regt will continue to provide ptls, as aval, to operate in 1 ARU Ptl Zone, when 1 ARU ptl programme allows.

(J.D. KELDIE)
Maj
GSO2 (Ops)

Distribution:

C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
12 Fd Regt (5)
1 Fd Sqn
Det 17 Const Sqn
1 RAR (11)
3 RAR (11)
4 RAR (26)
2 SAS Sqn
HORSESHOE Coy (5)
161 (Indep) Recce Flt
1 ARU (2)
HQ Coy (4)
Arty Tac
CP
FATOC
GSO2 (Ops)
Diary (2)
File

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A.	Patrol No	12 Fd Regt Arty 01/68	Arty 02/68	B Coy 4 RAR B4/68	B5/68
B.	Sub Unit to provide	HQ Bty 12 Fd Regt	HQ Bty 12 Fd Regt	6 Pl	6 Pl
C.	Callsign & Freq	95A 30.50	95A 30.50	23 B Coy freq	23A B Coy freq
D.	Controlled by	Arty Tac	Arty Tac	B Coy HQ	B Coy HQ
E.	Task	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS430701	Provide obsn and early warning in Ptl Zone ALICE	RIF	Provide obsn and early warning.
F.	Strength	1 : 5	1 : 5	1 : 17	6
G.	Date/Time Out	081130H	101330H	101530H	101530H
H.	Date/Time In	100830H	120830H	121400H	121200H
J.	Route	Within ARU Ptl Zone from By-Pass rd.	Withing ARU Ptl Zone from By-Pass rd.	Direct to YS525620. Return direct.	Direct
K.	LZ (If required)	-	-	-	-
L.	PZ (If required)	-	-	-	-
M.	Remarks	-	Ptl to estb OP vic YS413696 between 1830H and 0630H daily and estb OP by day vic YS411701.	Area VIC & FRANK within mortar range.	Area IAN YS483632.

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ANNEX I Encl 3

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT
10 Oct 68

R617/1/4

Distribution below:

AMENDMENT NO 1 TO 1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME
FOR PERIOD 061200H TO 121200H OCT 68

1. Delete 4 RAR patrols 4189/68-4190/68 and 4192/68.

2. Insert new 4 RAR patrols 4189A/68, 4190A/68 and 4192A/68 attached.

for (J.D. KELDIE)
Maj
GSO2 (Ops)

Distribution:

C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
12 Fd Regt (5)
1 Fd Sqn
Det 17 Const Sqn
1 RAR (11)
3 RAR (11)
4 RAR (26)
2 SAS Sqn
HORSESHOE Coy (5)
161 (Indep) Recce Flt
1 ARU (2)
HQ Coy (4)
Arty Tad
CP
FATOC
GSO2 (Ops)
Diary (2)
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AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1030197

A.	4 RAR 4189A/68	4190A/68	4192A/68
B.	Admin Coy	W Coy	V Coy
C.	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised
D.	4 RAR CP	4 RAR CP	4 RAR CP
E.	Ni obsn of track in grid sq YS4668; ni loc area YS464683.	Ni obsn in ROD; ni loc area YS497666.	Ni obsn bdry NOEL and STAN. Ni loc vic YS474683.
F.	1 and 6	1 and 6	1 and 6
G.	111500H	111600H	121400H
H.	120900H	121000H	131000H
J.	Direct	Via LTL 52 to debussing pt.	Direct
K.	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-
M.	-	1. Gunship escort required; debussing point YS487658. 2. Changes with ptl 4191/68.	-

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ANNEX I Encl 4

HQ 1 ATF
NUI DAT
10 Oct 68

R617/1/4

Distribution below

1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME
FOR PERIOD 130800H TO 200800H OCT 68

1. 1 ATF Patrol Programme for period 130800H to 200800H Oct 68 is attached.

2. 1 ARU ptl programme to be issued separately.

for (J.D. KELDIE)
Maj
GSO2 (Ops)

Distribution:

C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
12 Fd Regt (5)
1 Fd Sqn
Det 17 Const Sqn
1 RAR (11)
3 RAR (11)
4 RAR (26)
2 SAS Sqn
HORSESHOE Coy (5)
161 (Indep) Recce Flt
1 ARU (2)
HQ Coy (4)
Arty Tac
CP
FATOC
GSO2 (Ops)
Diary (2)
File

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AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1030197

1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME FOR PERIOD 130800H TO 200800H OCT 68

A.	Patrol No.	1 RAR 273/68	274/68	275/68	276/68
B.	Sub unit to provide	B Coy	D Coy	C Coy	A Coy
C.	Callsign and frequency	25 72.00	45 72.00	34 72.00	14 72.00
D.	Controlled by	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP
E.	Task	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS465706.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS386682.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS401708.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS378699.
F.	Strength	5	5	5	5
G.	Date/Time Out	131330H	131230H	131300H	141300H
H.	Date/Time In	151100H	151200H	151130H	161100H
J.	Route	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised
K.	LZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
L.	PZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
M.	Remarks	Search Area 12	Search Area 6	Search Area 8	Search Area 7

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A.	277/68	278/68	279/68	280/68	281/68
B.	B Coy	D Coy	C Coy	A Coy	B Coy
C.	25 72.00	45 72.00	34 72.00	14 72.00	25 72.00
D.	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP
E.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS465706.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS386682.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS401708.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS378699.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS465706.
F.	5	5	5	5	5
G.	151330H	151300H	151230H	161230H	171330H
H.	171130H	171100H	171130H	181200H	191130H
J.	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	Search Area 12	Search Area 6	Search Area 8	Search Area 7	Search Area 12

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1030197

A.	282/68	283/68	284/68	285/68	286/68
B.	D Coy	C Coy	A Coy	B Coy	D Coy
C.	45 72.00	34 72.00	14 72.00	25 72.00	45 72.00
D.	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP
E.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS386682.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS401708.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS378699.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS465706.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS386682.
F.	5	5	5	5	5
G.	171230H	171300H	181330H	191300H	191330H
H.	191200H	191100H	201100H	211200H	211130H
J.	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	Search Area 6	Search Area 8	Search Area 7	Search Area 12	Search Area 6

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1030197

A.	287/68
B.	C Coy
C.	34 72.00
D.	1 RAR CP
E.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS401708.
F.	5
G.	191230H
H.	211330H
J.	To be advised
K.	-
L.	-
M.	Search Area 8

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1030197

A.	3 RAR 343/68	344/68	345/68	346/68	347/68
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
C.	10C 60.65	20C 60.65	30C 60.65	10C 60.65	20C 60.65
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS393659.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS389638.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS480648.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS396656.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS389636.
F.	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4
G.	131700H	131700H	131630H	141730H	141730H
H.	140800H	140800H	140915H	150745H	150745H
J.	Selected by 2IC Admin Coy	As for Serial 343/68	Out: A Coy In: D Coy	As for Serial 343/68	As for Serial 343/68
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	2IC Admin Coy to brief.	As for Serial 343/68	As for Serial 343/68	As for Serial 343/68	As for Serial 343/68

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A.	348/68	349/68	350/68	351/68	352 68
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
C.	30C 60.65	10C 60.65	20C 60.65	30C 60.65	10C 60.65
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS488650.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS398664.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS392643.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS470653.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS396658.
F.	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4
G.	141600H	151715H	151715H	151745H	161745H
H.	150930H	160800H	160800H	160745H	170730H
J.	Out: B Coy In: A Coy	As for Serial 343/68	As for Serial 343/68	Out: A Coy In: D Coy	As for Serial 343/68
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	As for Serial 343/68	As for Serial 343/68	As for Serial 343/68	As for Serial 343/68	As for Serial 343/68

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1030197

A.	353/68	354/68	355/68	356/68	357/68
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
C.	20C 60.65	30C 60.65	10C 60.65	20C 60.65	30C 60.65
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS395638.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS480653.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS396666.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS387644.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS476655.
F.	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4
G.	161745H	161645H	171645H	171645H	171715H
H.	170730H	170845H	180815H	180815H	180800H
J.	As for Serial 343/68	Out: B Coy In: A Coy	As for Serial 343/68	As for Serial 343/68	Out: A Coy In: B Coy
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	As for Serial 343/68	As for Serial 343/68	As for Serial 343/68	As for Serial 343/68	As for Serial 343/68

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1030197

A.	358/68	359/68	360/68	361/68	362/68
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
C.	10C 60.65	20C 60.65	30C 60.65	10C 60.65	20C 60.65
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS402659.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS392639.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS486652.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS394655.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS387642.
F.	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4
G.	181730H	181730H	181615H	191700H	191700H
H.	190745H	190745H	190930H	200745H	200745H
J.	As for Serial 343/68	As for Serial 343/68	Out: A Coy In: A Coy	As for Serial 343/68	As for Serial 343/68
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	As for Serial 343/68	As for Serial 343/68	As for Serial 343/68	As for Serial 343/68	As for Serial 343/68

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A.	363/68
B.	3 RAR Rear
C.	30C 60.65
D.	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS478651.
F.	1 : 4
G.	191645H
H.	200800H
J.	Out: B Coy In: A Coy
K.	-
L.	-
M.	As for Serial 343/68

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A.	4 RAR 4193/68	4194/68	4195/68	4196/68	4197/68
B.	W Coy	W Coy	W Coy	W Coy	D Coy
C.	To be notified 47.35	To be notified 47.35	To be notified 59.25	To be notified 59.25	To be notified 61.50
D.	4 RAR	4 RAR	4 RAR	4 RAR	4 RAR
E.	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS456677	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS506661	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS456673	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS458686	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS453682
F.	1 : 6	1 : 6	1 : 6	1 : 6	1 : 6
G.	131800H	131630H	141800H	141800H	151815H
H.	140730H	140830H	150730H	150800H	160715H
J.	Direct through B Coy	By veh along TL 52 to debussing pt, then direct to ambush loc.	Direct through B Coy	Direct through V Coy	Direct through V Coy
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	-	Tpt to be provided incl landrover gunship escort	-	-	-

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A.	4198/68	4199/68	4200/68	4201/68	4202/68
B.	D Coy	D Coy	D Coy	C Coy	C Coy
C.	To be notified 61.50	To be notified 38.00	To be notified 38.00	To be notified 59.25	To be notified 59.25
D.	4 RAR	4 RAR	4 RAR	4 RAR	4 RAR
E.	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS496663	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS463673	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS489672	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS461669	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS498672
F.	1 : 6	1 : 6	1 : 6	1 : 6	1 : 6
G.	151730H	161730H	161730H	171745H	171700H
H.	160830H	170800H	170830H	180800H	180830H
J.	Via TL 52 to debussing pt then direct to ambush loc	Direct through C Coy	Via TL 52 to debussing pt then direct to ambush loc	Direct through C Coy	Via TL 52 to debussing pt then direct to ambush loc
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	Tpt incl landrover gunship escort, both ways	-	Tpt to incl landrover gunship escort both ways	-	Tpt to incl landrover gunship escort doth ways

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A.	B Coy 4 RAR B6/68	B7/68	B8/68	B9/68	B10/68
B.	4 Pl	4 Pl	5 Pl	Coy HQ	6 Pl
C.	21 B Coy freq	21A B Coy freq	22 B Coy freq	24 B Coy freq	23
D.	B Coy HQ	B Coy HQ	B Coy HQ	B Coy HQ	B Coy HQ
E.	RIF	Provide obsn and early warning	Ambush	Provide obsn and early warning	RIF/Ambush
F.	1 : 17	6	1 : 25	6	1 : 17
G.	121500H	121500H	141330H	141230H	161500H
H.	141300H	141200H	161500H	161300H	181500H
J.	Direct to YS505643 then as decided by ptl comd.	Direct	Ambush YS517593 on used track (route direct)	Direct to YS500629	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	Area TOM NW of FRANK	Area VIC YS515616	Pl to incl 2 Aslt Pnrs/MFO Note: South of Route 23, area PETE, Northern edge area JOCK	Area JACK	Areas TOM and FRANK. Ambush track by night.

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A.	B11/68
B.	Coy HQ
C.	24
D.	B Coy HQ
E.	Checkpoint Duties
F.	1 NCO : 14
G.	-
H.	-
J.	Direct
K.	-
L.	-
M.	Both checkpoints manned on SNAP basis. Info 1 ATF and Sector when manned.

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SUPPLEMENTARY 1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME FOR PERIOD 130800H TO 200800H OCT 68

A.	1 ARU 272/68	273/68	274/68	275/68	276/68
B.	2 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl	3 Pl
C.	52 56.05	54 56.05	54 56.05	54 56.05	53 56.05
D.	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP
E.	Patrol and ambush in AO ALICE.	Provide obsn and early wng vic of YS454638.	Provide obsn and early wng vic of YS459645.	Provide obsn and early wng vic of YS443643.	Ambush and patrol in vic YS431631.
F.	1 - 26	1 - 4	1 - 4	1 - 4	1 - 27
G.	131600H	141830H	151745H	161700H	171530H
H.	150730H	150730H	160715H	170745H	180700H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	-	-	-	-	-

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A.	277/68	278/68	279/68	HQ Bty 3/68
B.	4 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl	HQ Bty 12 Fd Regt
C.	54 56.05	54 56.05	54 56.05	95A 30.50
D.	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	Arty Tac
E.	Provide obsn and early wng vic of YS460644.	Provide obsn and early wng vic of YS440640.	Provide obsn and early wng vic of YS435638.	Provide obsn and early wng vic of YS418702.
F.	1 - 4	1 - 4	1 - 4	1 - 5
G.	181800H	191745H	201750H	161330H
H.	191750H	200700H	210730H	180830H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-
M.	-	-	-	-

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Maj
GSO2 (Ops)

Distribution:

C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
12 Fd Regt (5)
1 Fd Sqn
Det 17 Const Sqn
1 RAR (11)
3 RAR (11)
4 RAR (26)
2 SAS Sqn
HORSESHOE Coy (5)
161 (Indep) Recce Flt
1 ARU (2)
HQ Coy (4)
Arty Tac
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1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME
FOR PERIOD 200800H TO 270800H OCT 68

1. 1 ATF Patrol Programme for period 200800H to 270800H Oct 68 is attached.

2. Definitions of Unit Patrol AO Boundaries; 1/3 RAR boundaries are inclusive to 1 RAR; 1/4 RAR boundaries are inclusive to 4 RAR; 3/4 RAR boundaries are inclusive to 3 RAR.

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AMENDMENT NO 1 TO 1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME FOR PERIOD 200800H TO 270800H OCT 68

A.	Patrol No.	1 RAR 288/68	289/68	290/68	291/68
B.	Sub Unit to Provide	A Coy	C Coy	D Coy	B Coy
C.	Callsign and Frequency	14 72.00	34 72.00	45 72.00	25 72.00
D.	Controlled by	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP
E.	Task	1. Ni Ambush YS398693. 2. Search grid square YS3970. 3. Ni Ambush YS398707.	1. Ni Ambush YS474706. 2. Search grid square YS4670. 3. Ni Ambush YS460705.	1. Ni Ambush YS407667. 2. Search grid square YS3967. 3. Ni Ambush YS399670.	1. Ni Ambush YS476717. 2. Search grid square. YS4671. 3. Ni Ambush YS469705.
F.	Strength	NCO and 10	NCO and 10	NCO and 10	NCO and 10
G.	Date/Time out	201300H	201600H	221300H	221400H
H.	Date/Time in	221100H	220800H	241200H	240800H
J.	Route	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised
K.	LZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
L.	PZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
M.	Remarks	Admin Coy to provide 5 men.	Liaison with 4 RAR for Task 1.	Liaison with 3 RAR for Tasks 2 and 3.	Liaison with 4 RAR for Task 1, with DUC THANH for Task 2. C Coy 1 RAR to provide 5 men.

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A.	292/68	293/68	294/68	295/68
B.	A Coy	C Coy	Sp Coy	B Coy
C.	14 72.00	34 72.00	65 72.00	25 72.00
D.	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP
E.	1. Ni Ambush YS405699. 2. Search grid square YS4069. 3. Ni Ambush YS410684.	1. Ni Ambush YS455710. 2. Search grid square YS4671. 3. Ni Ambush YS473704.	1. Ni Ambush YS393676. 2. Search grid square YS3868. 3. Ni Ambush YS397683.	1. Ni Ambush YS454697. 2. Search grid square YS4670. 3. Ni Ambush YS470717.
F.	NCO and 10	NCO and 10	NCO and 10	NCO and 10
G.	241200H	241545H	261230H	261600H
H.	261200H	260745H	281200H	280800H
J.	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised
K.	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-
M.	Liaison with 1 ARU for Task 1. Sp Coy to provide 5 men.	Liaison with 4 RAR . for Task 3.	Liaison with 3 RAR for Task 1.	

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A.	3 RAR 364/68	365/68	366/68	367/68	368/68
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
C.	10C 60.65	20C 60.65	30C 60.65	10C 60.65	20C 60.65
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP
E.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS403658.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS394638.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS476655.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS394657.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS389639.
F.	5	5	5	5	5
G.	201730H	201730H	201715H	211700H	211700H
H.	210730H	210730H	210745H	220815H	220815H
J.	Selected by 2IC Admin Coy.	As for 364/68	Out: A Coy In: B Coy	As for 364/68	As for 364/68
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	2IC Admin Coy to brief.	As for 364/68	As for 364/68	As for 364/68	As for 364/68

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A.	369/68	370/68	371/68	372/68	373/68
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
C.	30C 60.65	10C 60.65	20C 60.65	30C 60.65	10C 60.65
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS483652.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS398664.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS394643.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS479654.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS395655.
F.	5	5	5	5	5
G.	211645H	221715H	221715H	221715H	231745H
H.	220845H	230800H	230800H	230815H	240745H
J.	Out: A Coy In: D Coy	As for 364/68	As for 364/68	Out: B Coy In: A Coy	As for 364/68
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	As for 364/68	As for 364/68	As for 364/68	As for 364/68	As for 364/68

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A.	374/68	375/68	376/68	377/68	378/68
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
C.	20C 60.65	30C 60.65	10C 60.65	20C 60.65	30C 60.65
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS392639.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS485651.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS409657.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS399639.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS479651.
F.	5	5	5	5	5
G.	231745H	231630H	241830H	241830H	241700H
H.	240745H	240900H	250715H	250715H	250815H
J.	As for 364/68	Out: A Coy In: D Coy	As for 364/68	As for 364/68	Out: B Coy In: A Coy
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	As for 364/68	As for 364/68	As for 364/68	As for 364/68	As for 364/68

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1030197

A.	379/68	380/68	381/68	382/ 68	383/68
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
C.	10C 60.65	20C 60.65	30C 60.65	10C 60.65	20C 60.65
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS386644	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS393660	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS471655	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS404660	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS389635
F.	5	5	5	5	5
G.	251715H	251715H	251745H	261730H	261730H
H.	260800H	260800H	260730H	270815H	270815H
J.	As for 364/68	As for 364/68	Out: A Coy In: A Coy	As for 364/68	As for 364/68
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	As for 364/ 68	As for 364/68	As for 364/68	As for 364/68	As for 364/68

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A.	384/68
B.	3 RAR Rear
C.	30C 60.65
D.	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Provide obsn and early wng vic YS489652
F.	5
G.	261615H
H.	270930H
J.	Out: A Coy In: B Coy
K.	-
L.	-
M.	As for 364/68

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A.	4 RAR 4207/68	4208/68	4209/68	4210/68	4211/68
B.	Admin Coy	W Coy	V Coy	D Coy	Sp Coy
C.	13 61.20	14 61.20	11 61.20	12 61.20	13 61.20
D.	4 RAR Rear CP	4 RAR Rear CP	4 RAR Rear CP	4 RAR Rear CP	4 RAR Rear CP
E.	Recce in Ptl Zone NOEL, grid square YS4868. Ni loc vic YS487687.	Recce in Ptl Zone CARL, grid square YS5067. Ni loc vic YS508673.	Recce in Ptl Zone TED. Ni loc vic YS471670.	Recce in Ptl Zone STAN, grid square YS4668. Ni loc vic YS466689.	Recce SUOI DA BANG, grid square YS4767. Ni loc vic YS471676.
F.	1 and 6	1 and 6	1 and 6	1 and 6	1 and 6
G.	201200H	201300H	211500H	211600H	221600H
H.	211100H	211030H	220900H	220900H	230830H
J.	Direct	Via Route 52	Out: 3 RAR In: 3 RAR	Direct	Out: C Coy In: B Coy
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	-	Gunjeep and escort will be required.	Clearance required from 3 RAR.	-	-

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A.	4212/68	4213/68	4214/68	4215/68	4216/68
B.	C Coy	Admin Coy	W Coy	V Coy	D Coy
C.	14 61.20	11 61.20	12 61.20	13 61.20	14 61.20
D.	4 RAR Rear CP	4 RAR Rear CP	4 RAR Rear CP	4 RAR Rear CP	4 RAR Rear CP
E.	Recce track complex in Ptl Zone ROD, centre of mass YS497663.	Recce and ni obsn in grid square YS4866. Ni loc vic YS486668.	Ni obsn and recce along SUOI DA BANG. Ni loc vic YS474684.	Recce in grid square YS5066. Ni loc vic YS502660.	Recce of SUOI LO NHO. Ni loc vic YS489697.
F.	1 and 6	1 and 6	1 and 6	1 and 6	1 and 6
G.	221630H	231645H	231500H	241600H	241100H
H.	230930H	240930H	241100H	251000H	251200H
J.	Via Route 52	Via Route 52	Direct	Via Route 52	-
K.	-	-	-	-	EAGLE FARM
L.	-	-	-	-	Vic YS491502
M.	Gunjeep escort required.	Gunjeep escort required.	-	Gunjeep escort required.	Hel lift and LFT required on insertion.

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A.	4217/68	4218/68	4219/68	4220/68
B.	Sp Coy	C Coy	Admin Coy	W Coy
C.	11 61.20	12 61.20	13 61.20	14 61.20
D.	4 RAR Rear CP	4 RAR Rear CP	4 RAR Rear CP	4 RAR Rear CP
E.	Recce and obsn of SUOI DA BANG. Ni loc vic YS514667.	Recce in grid square YS4668. Ni loc vic YS465680.	Recce and ni obsn in Ptl Zone ROD. Ni loc vic YS496669.	Recce in Ptl Zone TED. Ni loc vic YS479681.
F.	1 and 6	1 and 6	1 and 6	1 and 6
G.	251530H	251700H	261500H	261400H
H.	261000H	260900H	270830H	271100H
J.	Direct	Direct	Via Route 52	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-
M.	-	-	Gunjeep escort required.	-

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A.	B Coy 4 RAR B12/68	B13/68	B14/68	B15/68	B16/68
B.	4 Pl	4 Pl	5 Pl	6 Pl	6 Pl
C.	21 B Coy Freq	21A B Coy Freq	22 B Coy Freq	22A B Coy Freq	23 B Coy Freq
D.	B Coy HQ	B Coy HQ	B Coy HQ	B Coy HQ	B Coy HQ
E.	Ambush vic YS520640.	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS482633.	Ambush vic YS515615.	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS495640.	Ambush vic YS523600.
F.	1 : 14	6	1 : 14	6	1 : 25
G.	181530H	181600H	201600H	201700H	221530H
H.	201300H	201200H	221300H	221400H	241300H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	Ambush tracks as selected by Pl Comd in Ptl Zone FRANK.	Ptl Zone IAN.	Ambush approaches to Eastern Check Point. Ptl Zone VIC.	Ptl Zone JACK.	South of Route 23. Ambush tracks as selected by Pl Comd in Ptl Zones PETE - JOCK.

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A.	B17/68	B18/68	B19/68
B.	4 Pl	CHQ - SP Sect	-
C.	21 B Coy Freq	24 B Coy Freq	B Coy Freq
D.	B Coy HQ	B Coy HQ	B Coy HQ
E.	Ambush vic YS523614.	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS507644.	Provice obsn and early warning vic YS514662.
F.	1 : 14	6	6
G.	241500H	241530H	22 Oct
H.	261400H	261300H	24 Oct
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-
M.	Ambush approaches to Eastern Check Point - Ptl Zone VIC.	Ptl Zone TOM.	-

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A.	1 ARU 280/68	281/68	282/68	283/68	284/68
B.	3 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl
C.	53 56.05	54 56.05	54 56.05	54 56.05	54 56.05
D.	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP
E.	Patrol and ambush in AO ALICE.	Obsn and early warning in vicinity of YS443642.	Obsn and early warning in vicinity of YS437643.	Obsn and early warning in vicinity of YS453649.	Obsn and early warning in vicinity of YS445644.
F.	1 and 26	1 and 4	1 and 4	1 and 4	1 and 4
G.	201400H	211745H	221815H	221805H	231730H
H.	220730H	220700H	230715H	230745H	240715H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	-	-	-	-	-

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A.	285/68	286/68	287/68	Arty 4/68
B.	1 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl	HQ Bty 12 Fd Regt
C.	51 56.05	54 56.05	54 56.05	95A 35.80
D.	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	Arty Tac
E.	Obsn and early warning in vicinity of YS445643.	Obsn and early warning in vicinity of YS436642.	Obsn and early warning in vicinity of YS450647.	Patrol and observe in AO ALICE (ni loc YS414702).
F.	1 and 4	1 and 4	1 and 4	1 and 5
G.	241500H	251750H	261805H	241400H
H.	250700H	260715H	270730H	260830H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-
M.	-	-	-	-

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1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME FOR THE
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1. 1 ATF Ptl Programme for the period 270800H Oct to 030800H Nov 68 is attached.

2. Patrol programme for 12 Fd Regt is on page 2.

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12 Fd Regt (5)
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1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME FOR PERIOD 270800H OCT TO 030800H NOV 68

A.	Patrol No	1 RAR 296/68	297/68	298/68	299/68
B.	Sub Unit to provide	D Coy	C Coy	A Coy	B Coy
C.	Callsign and Frequency	45 72.00	72.00	14 72.00	72.00
D.	Controlled by	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP
E.	Task	1. Ni Ambush YS396708. 2. Search GS YS3970. 3. Ni Ambush YS392712.	1. Recce in PHILIP. 2. Ambush on tracks found.	1. Ni Ambush YS400695. 2. Search GS YS3969 YS3869. 3. Ni Ambush YS380695.	1. Ptl and Ambush in PHILIP on info from 297/68.
F.	Strength	NCO and 10	Pl	NCO and 10	Pl
G.	Date/Time out	281230H	280630H	301330H	301230H
H.	Date/Time in	301300H	301100H	011430H	011000H
J.	Route	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised
K.	LZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
L.	PZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
M.	Remarks	-	Ptl Comd to brief Pl Comd 299/68 on return. Range 1 not to be operative 30 Oct.	-	Pl Comd to be briefed by Pl Comd 297/68. Range 1 closed.

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A.	2100/68	2101/68
B.	D Coy	C Coy
C.	45 72.00	34 72.00
D.	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP
E.	1. Ni Ambush YS388682. 2. Search YS3968 YS3967 3. Ni Ambush YS392673.	1. Ni Ambush YS484725. 2. Search GS YS4872. 3. Ni Ambush YS486722.
F.	NCO and 10	NCO and 10
G.	011530H	011200H
H.	031100H	030900H
J.	To be advised	To be advised
K.	-	-
L.	-	-
M.	1 ATF to clear Task 2 and 3	1 ATF to clear Task 2 and 3. Range 1 to be closed serial H complete.

ARTY 5/68	ARTY 6/68
HQ Bty 12 Fd Regt RAA	HQ Bty 12 Fd Regt RAA
95A 35.80	95A 35.80
ARTY TAC	ARTY TAC
Patrol and observe in AO ALICE (ni loc YS416695)	Patrol and observe in AO ALICE (ni loc YS419699)
1 and 5	1 and 5
271400H	311400H
290830H	020830H
Direct	Direct
-	-
-	-
-	-

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A.	3 RAR 385/68	386/68	387/68	388/68	389/68
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
C.	10C 60.65	20C 60.65	30C 60.65	10C 60.65	20C 60.65
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS395654	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS389639	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS479653	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS398663	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS394638
F.	5	5	5	5	5
G.	271745H	271745H	271715H	281715H	281715H
H.	280730H	280730H	280800H	290800H	290800H
J.	Selected by 2IC Admin Coy	As for 385/68	Out; B Coy In: A Coy	As for 385/68	As for 385/68
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	Briefed by 2IC Admin Coy	As for 385/68	As for 385/68	As for 385/68	As for 385/68

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A.	390/68	391/68	392/68	393/68	394/68
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
C.	30C 60.65	10C 60.65	20C 60.65	30C 60.65	10C 60.65
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS480647	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS394657	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS389636	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS472655	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS402659
F.	5	5	5	5	5
G.	281645H	291730H	291730H	291745H	301645H
H.	290830H	300745H	300745H	300745H	310830H
J.	Out: A Coy In: D Coy	As for 385/68	As for 385/68	Out: B Coy In: A Coy	As for 385/68
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	As for 385/68	As for 385/68	As for 385/68	As for 385/68	As for 385/68

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A.	395/68	396/68	397/68	398/68	399/68
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
C.	20C 60.65	30C 60.65	10C 60.65	20C 60.65	30C 60.65
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS385645	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS484651	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS392660	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS387642	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS473652
F.	5	5	5	5	5
G.	301645H	301645H	311700H	311700H	311730H
H.	310830H	310845H	010815H	010815H	010745H
J.	As for 385/68	Out: A Coy In: B Coy	As for 385/68	As for 385/68	Out: B Coy In: D Coy
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	As for 385/68	As for 385/68	As for 385/68	As for 385/68	As for 385/68

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1030197

A.	3100/68	3101/68	3102/68	3103/68	3104/68
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear
C.	10C 60.65	20C 60.65	30C 60.65	10C 60.65	20C 60.65
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS395655	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS391640	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS487652	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS404659	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS393640
F.	5	5	5	5	5
G.	011715H	011715H	011630H	021730H	021730H
H.	020800H	020800H	020900H	030745H	030745H
J.	As for 385/68	As for 385/68	Out: A Coy In: D Coy	As for 385/68	As for 385/68
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	As for 385/68	As for 385/68	As for 385/68	As for 385/68	As for 385/68

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A.	3105/68
B.	3 RAR Rear
C.	30C 60.65
D.	3 RAR Rear CP
E.	Provide obsn and early warning vic YB479651
F.	5
G.	021700H
H.	030815H
J.	Out: B Coy In: A Coy
K.	-
L.	-
M.	As for 385/68

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A.	4 RAR 4221/68	4222/68	4223/68	4224/68	4225/68
B.	V Coy	D Coy	Sp Coy	C Coy	Admin Coy
C.	11 61.20	12 61.20	13 61.20	14 61.20	11 61.20
D.	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear
E.	Recce and obsn in WALLY. Ni loc vic YS501687	Recce and obsn in TED. Ni loc vic YS467662	Recce and obsn in grid sq YS4868. Ni loc vic YS485683	Recce and obsn of SWOI LO NHO in grid sqs YS4870-4871. Ni loc vic YS485712	Recce and obsn in grid sq YS4769. Ni loc vic YS 476692
F.	1 : 6	1 : 6	1 : 6	Senior NCO : 6	Senior NCO : 6
G.	271230H	271700H	281530H	281000H	291100H
H.	281100H	280900H	291000H	291100H	301000H
J.	By LTL 52	Via 3 RAR	Out; V Coy In: B Coy	-	Direct
K.	-	-	-	To be advised	-
L.	-	-	-	EAGLE FARM	-
M.	Gunjeep escort required for pick up and drop off	-	-	PZ to be notified by 281400H for extraction	-

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A.	4226/68	4227/68	4228/68	4229/68	4230/68
B.	W Coy	V Coy	D Coy	Sp Coy	C Coy
C.	12 61.20	13 61.20	14 61.20	11 61.20	12 61.20
D.	4 RAR Rear CP	4 RAR Rear CP			4 RAR Rear CP
E.	Recce and obsn on creek line bdry line A and line B. Ni loc vic YS508713	Recce and obsn in Ptl Zone CARL. Ni loc vic YS502668	Recce and obsn in ptl zone STAN area grid YS465683	Recce and obsn in grid sq YS5066. Ni loc vic YS506661	Recce and obsn in ptl zone ALAN. Ni loc vic YS477674
F.	Senior NCO : 10	1 : 6	1 : 6	1 : 6	1 : 6
G.	291100H	301600H	301600H	311730H	311630H
H.	300930H	310900H	310930H	010830H	010830H
J.	-	Via LTL 52	Out: C Coy In: V Coy	Via LTL 52	Via 3 RAR
K.	EAGLE FARM	-	-	-	-
L.	As notified by ptl 4224/68	-	-	-	-
M.	PZ for extraction to be notified by 301400H for extraction.	1.gunjeep escort to be provided.	-	1. gunjeep escort to be provided.	-

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A.	4231/68	4232/68	4233/68	4234/68
B.	Admin Coy	W Coy	V Coy	D Coy
C.	13 61.20	14 61.20	11 61.20	12 61.20
D.	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear
E.	Recce and obsn on border of Line A and Line B. Ni loc vic YS515686.	Recce and ni obsn on boundary TED/STAN. Ni loc vic YS470673.	Ni obsn and recce in GS YS4768. Ni loc vic YS478681.	Recce and obsn in GS YS5166. Ni loc vic YS514667.
F.	Senior NCO and 10	1 and 6	1 and 6	1 and 6
G.	011100H	011745H	021630H	021500H
H.	021100H	020900H	031000H	031030H
J.	-	D irect	Out: B Coy In : C Coy	Via Ltl 52
K.	In area of YS509686	-	-	-
L.	EAGLE FARM	-	-	-
M.	Ptl to advise PZ for extraction by 011400H	-	-	1. Gun jeep escort required for drop off and pick up.

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A.	B Coy 4 RAR B19/68	B20/68	B21/68	B22/68
B.	5 Pl	6 Pl	4 Pl	5 Pl
C.	22, 22A, 22B	23, 23A, 23B	21	22
D.	B Coy HQ	B Coy HQ	B Coy HQ	B Coy HQ
E.	Ambush and early wng	Ambush and early wng	Ambush	Ambush and Recce
F.	3 x 10	3 x 10	1 . 25	1 . 25
G.	261500H	281600H	301300H	011230H
H.	281500H	301200H	011200H	031300H
J.	Direct to areas IAN, TOM, VIC	Direct to areas IAN, FRANK, VIC	Direct to YS517593	Direct to YS529607
K.	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-
M.	Ambush posns as selected by Ptl Comd as follows 22 - Area IAN 22A - Area TOM 22B - Area VIC	Ambush posns as selected by Ptl Comd as follows 23 - Area IAN 23A - Area FRANK 23B - Area VIC	SOUTH OF Route 23 Ambush tracks as selected by Pl Comd in PETE - JOCK	SOUTH of Route 23 Ambush tracks WESTERN area LEN

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A.	1 ARU 287/68	288/68	289/68	290/68	291/68
B.	4 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl
C.	54 56.05	54 56.05	54 56.05	54 56.05	54 56.05
D.	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP
E.	Ptl and ambush vic YS443642	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS431643	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS450647	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS437643	Provide obsn and early warning vic YS431643
F.	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4
G.	281500H	291800H	301800H	011800H	021800H
H.	290700H	300715H	010715H	020600H	030720H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	Locstat subject to range firing by 18 ARVN Div	Locstat subject to range firing by 18 ARVN Div	Locstat subject to range firing by 18 ARVN Div	Locstat subject to range firing by 18 ARVN Div	Locstat subject to range firing by 18 ARVN Div

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AMENDMENT NO 1 TO 1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME FOR THE PERIOD 270800H OCT TO 030800H NOV 68

Reference: A. R617/1/4 of 24 Oct 68.

1. 1 RAR Patrol Programme published in Reference A is cancelled.

2. Attached is the amended 1 RAR Patrol Programme.

M.G. Barwick Capt
for (J.D. KELDIE)
Maj
GSO2 (Ops)

Distribution:

C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
12 Fd Regt (5)
1 Fd Sqn
Det 17 Const Sqn
1 RAR (11)
3 RAR (11)
4 RAR (26)
2 SAS Sqn
HORSESHOE Coy (5)
161 (Indep) Recce Flt
1 ARU (2)
HQ Coy (4)
Arty Tac
CP
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A.	1 RAR 296/68	297/68	298/68	299/68	300/68
B.	D Coy	C Coy	A Coy	B Coy	D Coy
C.	45 72.00	34 72.00	14 72.00	25 72.00	45 72.00
D.	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP
E.	Recce, obsn and early warning vic YS410684.	Recce, obsn and early warning vic YS453695.	Recce, obsn and early warning vic YS389683.	Recce, obsn and early warning vic YS465711.	Recce, obsn and early warning vic YS390697.
F.	5	5	5	5	5
G.	271500H	271530H	291200H	291230H	311300H
H.	291100H	291130H	311030H	311100H	021130H
J.	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	Search vic YS4068.	Search vic YS4569.	Search vic YS3968.	Search vic YS4670.	Search vic YS3969.

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A.	301/68
B.	C Coy
C.	34 72.00
D.	1 RAR CP
E.	Recce, obsn and early warning vic YS456707.
F.	5
G.	311330H
H.	021200H
J.	To be advised
K.	-
L.	-
M.	Search vic YS4570.

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AMENDMENT NO 2 TO 1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME
FOR PERIOD 370800H Oct TO 030800 NOV 68

Reference: A 1 ATF R617-1-4 dated 17 Oct 68.

1. Delete 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) patrols 4225/68 to 4228/68 inclusive.

2. Insert patrols 4225 A/68 and 4226A/68 attached.

M.G. Barwick Capt
for (J.D. KELDIE)
Maj
GSO2 (Ops)

Distribution:

C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
12 Fd Regt (5)
1 Fd Sqn
Det 17 Const Sqn
1 RAR (11)
3 RAR (11)
4 RAR (26)
2 SAS Sqn
HORSESHOE Coy (5)
161 (Indep) Recce Flt
1 ARU (2)
HQ Coy (4)
Arty Tac
CP
FATOC
GSO2 (Ops)
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PATROL TASK TABLE

FOR PERIOD FROM 270800H TO 030800H NOV 68

A.	Patrol No	4 RAR 4225A/68	4226A/68
B.	Sub-unit to provide	Admin Coy	W Coy
C.	Callsign and Frequency	11 61.20	12 61.20
D.	Controlled by	4 RAR Rear	
E.	Task	Recce and obsn in NOEL and STAN. Ni locs vic 29/30 YS485706 30/31 YS474692	Surveillance on bdry line A and B. Ni locs vic 29/30 YS511685 30/31 YS507713
F.	Strength	1 and 6	Senior NCO and 8
G.	Date/Time out	291030	291300
H.	Date/Time in	311000	311030
J.	Route	Out : V Coy In : V Coy	TO BE ADVISED
K.	LZ (if required)	-	-
L.	PZ (if required)	-	In grid square 5071
M.	Remarks		Patrol to notify PZ by 301700H

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1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME FOR
PERIOD 030800H NOV TO 100800H NOV 68

1. 1 ATF Ptl Programme for the period 030800H Nov to 100800H Nov 68 is attached.

M.G. Barwick Capt
for (J.D. KELDIE)
Maj
GSO2 (Ops)

Distribution:

C Sqn 1 Armd Regt
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
12 Fd Regt (5)
1 Fd Sqn
Det 17 Const Sqn
1 RAR (11)
3 RAR (11)
4 RAR (26)
2 SAS Sqn
HORSESHOE Coy (5)
161 (Indep) Recce Flt
1 ARU (2)
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1 ATF PATROL PROGRAMME FOR PERIOD 030800H TO 100800H NOV 68

A.	Patrol No	1 RAR 302/68	303/68	304/68	305/68
B.	Sub Unit to provide	A Coy	B Coy	D Coy	C Coy
C.	Callsign and Frequency	14 72.00	25 72.00	45 72.00	34 72.00
D.	Controlled by	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP
E.	Task	Recce and obsn. Early wng vic YS389694	Recce and obsn. Early wng vic YS455711	Recce and obsn. Early wng vic YS403673	Recce and obsn. Early wng vic YS470715
F.	Strength	5	5	5	5
G.	Date/Time out	021330H	021400H	041230H	041300H
H.	Date/Time in	041100H	041130H	061200H	061230H
J.	Route	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised
K.	LZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
L.	PZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
M.	Remarks	Search GS YS3869	Search Southern half GS YS4571	Search GS YS4067	Search Southern half GS YS4671

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A.	Patrol No	1 RAR 306/68	307/68	308/68	309/68
B.	Sub Unit to provide	A Coy	B Coy	D Coy	C Coy
C.	Callsign and Frequency	14 72.00	25 72.00	45 72.00	34 72.00
D.	Controlled by	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP	1 RAR CP
E.	Task	Recce and obsn early wng vic YS396706	Recce and obsn. Early wng vic YS455706	Recce and obsn. Early wng vic YS389683	Recce and obsn. Early wng vic YS468710
F.	Strength	5	5	5	5
G.	Date/Time out	061400H	061430H	081200H	081230H
H.	Date/Time in	081030H	081130H	101100H	101130H
J.	Route	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised
K.	LZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
L.	PZ (if required)	-	-	-	-
M.	Remarks	Search GS YS4069	Search GS YS4570	Search GS YS3968	Search GS YS4670

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A.	3 RAR 3106/68	3107/68	3108/68	3109/68	3110/68
B.	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR Rear	3 RAR	3 RAR
C.	10C 60.65	20C 60.65	30C 60.65	10C 58.25	20C 58.25
D.	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR Rear CP	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP
E.	Recce and obsn vic YS400663	Recce and obsn vic YS385644	Recce and obsn vic YS486647	Recce and obsn vic YS396655	Recce and obsn vic YS389640
F.	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4
G.	031730H	031730H	031630H	041745H	041745H
H.	040745H	040745H	040845H	050730H	050730H
J.	As briefed	As briefed	As briefed	As briefed	As briefed
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	-	-	-	-	-

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A.	3111/68	3112/68	3113/68	3114/68	3115/68
B.	3 RAR	3 RAR	3 RAR	3 RAR	3 RAR
C.	30C 58.25	10C 58.25	20C 58.25	30C 58.25	10C 58.25
D.	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP
E.	Recce and obsn vic YS485653	Recce and obsn vic YS386656	Recce and obsn vic YS393644	Recce and obsn vic YS478650	Recce and obsn vic YS395653
F.	1 ; 4	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4
G.	041700H	051630H	051630H	051745H	061800H
H.	050815H	060845H	060845H	060730H	070715H
J.	As briefed	As briefed	As briefed	As briefed	As briefed
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	-	-	-	-	-

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A.	3116/68	3117/68	3118/68	3119/68	3120/68
B.	3 RAR	3 RAR	3 RAR	3 RAR	3 RAR
C.	20C 58.25	30C 58.25	10C 58.25	20C 58.25	30C 58.25
D.	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP
E.	Recce and obsn vic YS388635	Recce and obsn vic YS470654	Recce and obsn vic YS403658	Recce and obsn vic YS386646	Recce and obsn vic YS478655
F.	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4
G.	061800H	061800H	071745H	071745H	071745H
H.	070715H	070715H	080800H	080800H	080800H
J.	As briefed	As briefed	As briefed	As briefed	As briefed
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	-	-	-	-	-

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1030197

A.	3121/68	3122/68	3123/68	3124/68	3125/68
B.	3 RAR	3 RAR	3 RAR	3 RAR	3 RAR
C.	10C 58.25	20C 58.25	30C 58.25	10C 58.25	20C 58.25
D.	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP	3 RAR CP
E.	Recce and obsn vic YS407653	Recce and obsn vic YS388640	Recce and obsn vic YS384643	Recce and obsn vic YS410657	Recce and obsn vic YS393641
F.	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 4
G.	081800H	081800H	081630H	091745H	091745H
H.	090730H	090730H	090900H	100730H	100730H
J.	As briefed	As briefed	As briefed	As briefed	As briefed
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	-	-	-	-	-

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A.	3126/68
B.	3 RAR
C.	30C 58.25
D.	3 RAR CP
E.	Recce and obsn vic YS470657
F.	1 : 4
G.	091800H
H.	100700H
J.	As briefed
K.	-
L.	-
M.	-

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A.	4 RAR 4235/68	4236/68	4237/68	4238/68	4239/68
B.	C Coy	Sp Coy	Admin Coy	W Coy	V Coy
C.	13 61.20	14 61.20	11 61.20	12 61.20	13 61.20
D.	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear
E.	Ni obsn and recce in grid sq YS4767. Ni loc vic YS472676	Ni obsn and recce in grid sq YS4769. Ni loc vic YS476692	Ni obsn and recce in CARL. Ni loc vic YS514667	Ni obsn and recce in ALAN. Ni loc vic YS487668	Surveillance in grid sq YS4968. Ni loc vic YS492687
F.	1 : 6	1 : 6	1 : 6	1 : 6	1 : 6
G.	031800H	031700H	041700H	041630H	051100H
H.	040800H	040830H	050930H	050900H	061000H
J.	Direct	Direct	Via LTL 52	Vis Route 52	Via V Coy
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	-	-	-	-	-

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A.	4240/68	4241/68	4242/68	4243/68	4244/68
B.	D Coy	C Coy	Sp Coy	Admin Coy	W Coy
C.	14 61.20	11 61.20	12 61.20	13 61.20	14 61.20
D.	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear
E.	Surveillance in grid sq YS4867. Ni loc vic YS486675	Recce and obsn in NOEL. Ni loc vic YS489697	Recce and obsn in NOEL. Ni loc vic YS481684	Recce and ni obsn in CARL. Ni loc vic YS505671	Recce and ni obsn in TED. ni loc vic YS464674
F.	1 : 6	1 : 6	1 : 6	1 : 6	1 : 6
G.	051400H	061300H	061500H	071530H	071600H
H.	060900H	071100H	070930H	081000H	080900H
J.	Out: C Coy In: B Coy	Via V Coy	Out: B Coy In: C Coy	Via Route 52	Via Route 52
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	-	-	-	-	-

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A.	4245/68	4246/68	4247/68	4248/68
B.	V Coy	D Coy	Sp Coy	C Coy
C.	11	12	13 61.20	14 61.20
D.	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear	4 RAR Rear
E.	Recce on border line A, Line B Northings 6770	Recce and obsn in grid sq YS4667. Ni loc vic YS463676	Recce and obsn in ROD. Ni loc vic YS491672	Recce and obsn in grid sq YS4768. Ni loc YS474684
F.	1 : 9	1 : 6	1 : 6	1 :6
G.	080930H	081800H	091500H	091600H
H.	091600H	090730H	101000H	100930H
J.	Out: Route 52	Direct	Via Route 52	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-
L.	In grid YS510686	-	-	-
M.	1. ALBATROSS required. 2. Patrol to notify details of 090900H.	-	-	-

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A.	B Coy 4 RAR B23/68	B24/68	B25/68	B26/68
B.	6 Pl	4 Pl	5 Pl	6 Pl
C.	23, 23A, 23B	21, 21B, 21C	22, 22A, 22B	23
D.	B Coy HQ	B Coy HQ	B COY HQ	B Coy HQ
E.	Ambush and early wng	Ambush and early wng	Ambush and early wng	Ambush
F.	3 x 10	3 x 10	3 x 10	1 . 25
G.	031500H	051500H	071300H	091200H
H.	051300H	071200H	091200H	111500H
J.	Direct to areas IAN, TOM, VIC	Direct to areas VIC, FRANK, IAN	Direct to areas JACK, TOM, VIC	Direct to YS520595
K.	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-
M.	Ambush posns as selected by Ptl Comd as follows 23 - Area VIC 23A - Area IAN 23B - Area TOM	Ambush posns as selected by Ptl Comd as follows 21 - Area IAN 21B - Area FRANK 21C - Area VIC	Ambush posns as selected by Ptl Comd as follows 22 - Area JACK 22A - Area TOM 22B - Area VIC	SOUTH of Route 23. Ambush tracks as selected areas PETE & JOCK

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A.	1 ARU 296/68	297/68	298/68	299/68	300/68
B.	2 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl	3 Pl
C.	54 56.05	54 56.05	54 56.05	54 56.05	52 56.05
D.	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP
E.	Provide obsn and early wng vic of YS440640	Provide obsn and early wng vic of YS454638	Provide obsn and wng vic of YS459645	Provide obsn and early wng vic of YS443643	Ambush and patrol in vic YS437631
F.	1 - 4	1 - 4	1 - 4	1 - 4	1 - 27
G.	041800H	050730H	061805H	071730H	081730H
H.	050715H	060645H	070715H	080730H	090700H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-	-	-
M.	Locstat subject to 18 ARVN range practice	Locstat subject to 18 ARVN Range Practice	Locstat subject to 18 ARVN Range Practice	Locstat subject to 18 ARVN Range Shoot	Locstat subject to 18 ARVN Range Shoot

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A.	301/68	302/68	303/68
B.	4 Pl	4 Pl	4 Pl
C.	54 56.05	52 56.05	54 56.05
D.	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP	1 ARU CP
E.	Provide obsn and early wng vic of YS460644	Patrol and Ambush in AO ALICE	Provide obsn and early wng vic of YS435638
F.	1 - 4	1 - 4	1 - 4
G.	091700H	091400H	101800H
H.	100700H	120715H	110700H
J.	Direct	Direct	Direct
K.	-	-	-
L.	-	-	-
M.	Locstat subject to 18 ARVN Range Shoot	Locstat subject to change etc.	

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4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn

25 Sep 68

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4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn (12)

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ANNEX M Encl 1

COMBAT OPERATIONS AFTER ACTION REPORT W14/68

OPERATION INNAMINCKA 7 - 12 SEP 68.

References: A. 1 ATF SOP Appendix 4 to Annex B Chap 3.

B. 1 ATF Op Instr 47/68 dated 3 Sep 68.

C. 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn Op O 5/68 dated 5 Sep 68.

D. Map VIETNAM Series L8015 Sheet 6430 iii NE and SE, 1:25000

Name and Type of Operation.

1. Operation INNAMINCKA. A reconnaissance in force combined with blocking forces.

Dates Of Operation.

2. 7 Sep 68 to 12 Sep 68

Location.

3. AO ILLBILLEE centre of mass YS4078.

Control or Command Headquarters.

4. 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn under command HQ 1 ATF.

Task Organisation.

5. a. Remaining under command FO Party

MFC

b. Under operational control 1 tracker team including dog from 07D939

Supporting Forces.

Artillery.

6. Artillery was only employed once during contact and all areas engaged could not be checked the following day as the platoon in contact had to withdraw from the area after the VC camp had been searched. The shooting however was very acurate and did cover some of the escape routes.

7. DF's were recorded each night for each seperate location. It was during the registering of a DF for the remainder of the coy that c/s 73 heard voices in the camp they eventually attacked. The VC were obviously perturbed by the closeness of the fire and in talking above the noise of the firing were heard by the approach

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-ing platoon.

Helicopters.

8. CH47

a. These aircraft were used for the initial deployment of W Coy. Each aircraft carried an underslung load (empty drums etc) so that the insertion of W Coy would appear to be a normal resupply of defense stores and fuel to a FSPB.

b. On arrival the pilots had not been briefed and it is impossible to talk to the pilots while the aircraft is running, so this caused some delay. The helicopters in fact landed too far away from the edge of the rubber at the LZ and the company was probably observed leaving the aircraft.

9. Iroquois. These were used for resupply and extraction and no problems were experienced.

Intelligence.

10. Intelligence indicated that there was a guerilla base in the area of NUI NHAN (YS4378) but as results proved, this had only been a generalization. The presence of VC, and the condition of tracks to the NW of NUI NHAN, indicated that this is more likely area for the base.

11. Tracks in the vicinity of the rubber YS4279 and in the old garden at YS427804 were very well worn and showed signs of use during the period of the operation.

12. There were no signs of VC movement when the coy moved through the AO to the southern boundary.

Mission.

13. W Company's mission was to occupy a blocking position from YS426794 to YS426796 by first light on 8 Sep 68. Once this phase was completed W Company was to locate and destroy all enemy in its allocated AO.

Concept of Operation.

14. In outline the operation was conducted as follows;

a. Preliminary Operations. The insertion by stealth of four rifle companies using deceptive measures to asembly areas adjacent to NUI NHAN (YS436789).

b. Phase 1. The occupation of blocking positions to the NORTH, EAST and WEST by the three rifle companies combined with a sweep from the SOUTH by a fourth rifle company.

c. Phase 2. The reconnaissance in force by four rifle companies of the remainder of AO ILLBILLIE.

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Execution.

15. See Annex A for Sequence of Events.

Results .

16 Casualties. a. Own KIA NIL

WIA NIL

b. Enemy KIA Not known

WIA Not known

Equipment Captured.

10 Packs

1 Thompson SMG with 2 magazines

200lbs Rice

1 M26 Grenade

3 CHICOM Grenades

Qty of cooking utensils

Qty of medical supplies

Documents

Photos

18. Camps Destroyed.

a. At YS418807 a camp concisting of 4 bunkers and 5 thatched huts was destroyed by burning and colapsing overhead cover.

b. At YS384762 a large hut (30x15x15') with a tin roof was dismantled and burned.

Administrative Matters.

19. Some wrong items of equipment were delivered to the company in Maintdems These were the result of maintdems being garbled between c/s ØA and c/s 95. This would be less likely to happen if a commodity code was used for maintdems.

Lessons Learnt.

20. Movement by night presented no problems as the moves were made during moon-light hours

21. The immediate assault into the enemy camp using fire and movement, without artillery support , caught the enemy unawares and they left all their food and equipment behind when they fled. A watch must be kept on possible escape routes from the back of bunkers and if possible these should be engaged by M79s.

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22. Although a tracker team was deployed with the company this could not be removed to the area of contact because of the lack of time available and lack of aircraft. If possible a reserve aircraft should be held for moving tracker teams to contact areas immediately after contact is broken.

Commanders Analysis.

23. Had there been an enemy base in the area of NUI NHAN the deceptive measures used would have paid divideds.

24. Once again the company withdrew from an area where further contact was likely because of a time restriction placed on an operation. If it had been possible to remain in the area of c/s 73's contact it is likely that more camps would have been located. This area should be checked again as soon as possible.

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Major

Officer Commanding

W Company.

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Action Report W 14/68.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

OPERATION INNAMINCKA.

Date/Time	Event	Comment
071715H	W Coy departed EAGLE FARM by CH47 for LZ in V Coy area YS457781. Fly in completed by 1755 hrs.	Pilots had not been briefed on task before arrival consequently they did not land close enough to edge of rubber.
072000H	Coy departed LZ for assy area. C/S 51 travelled with the coy.	
072237H	Coy and c/s 51 complete in assyarea-	
080400H	Coy departed assy area for blocking posns.	
080430H	Coy complete in blocking posns. c/s 71 YS427793 c/s 70a and 73 area of YS431796 c/s 72 YS437796 c/s 51 moved to their own blocking posns and rejoined own coy.	
080630H	All c/s reported seeing smoke on NW edge of NUI NHAN.	
081340H	c/s 73a moved to check for possible PZ in area of YS427804 and an elm or coy HQ checked area in vic YS436796.	Most suitable LZ loc at YS428796.
081407H	Coy HQ visited by Comd 1 ATF and NZ DGMS.	
081640H	Coy moved to secure and prpare PZ at YS428796.	
090730H	c/s 5 arrives at PZ.	
090737H	c/s 3 arrived at PZ.	
091100H	Flyout of c/s 3 & 5 commenced	Flyout late due to non
091150H	Flyout of c/s 3 & 5 completed.	arrival of LFT's.

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101025H c/s 71 left har area to patrol to YS400787 and then to vic of YS398775.

101050H c/s 72 left har area to patrol to YS398777.

101215H c/s 73 rejoined coy HQ in har area.

101315H Coy HQ and c/s 73 left har area intending to join c/s 72 late afternoon but slow progress prevented marrying up.

101656H c/s 71 & 72 estb ni har at YS397777. Coy HQ and c/s 73 estb ni har at YS399743.

110745H All c/s continued patrolling to the south heading for RV with c/s 3 at YS 399783.

111100H c/s 73 located a large hut (30x15x15) with a tin roof. There was also a large hole 20 x15x12 ft to the west of the hut. Two CHICOM grenades were also located in the area. Hut was dismantled and burned. Area had been used as a meeting place, Constr of CP probably abanded due to land clearing to the south.

111900H Coy completed at Rv with c/s 3. Maintdem for next op received. CO visited with orders for Op HAWKESBURY.

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091155H	Coy moved to YS428805 to fill water bottles At this loc there were signs of a resting place for 15-20 peopleapprox 48 hrs old. There were also signs of a small group having moved through the area within the last 24 hrs, There were four well worn tracks in the area running E-W and NW	
091400H	Coy HQ and C/S 71 moved to patrol through rubber in GS4279. c/s 72 RIF in GS4280 south of the stream and c/s 73 patrolled along the r northern bank of the stream.	
091455H	c/s 73 reported they were following signs of recent mov.	
091603H	c/s 73 located an old camp concisting of 5 bunkers with ohc. Tunnels linked the three main bunkers. Some of the bunkers showed signs of occupation.	See Annex.
091648H	c/s 73 contacted 2 VC on a track and on follow up moved into a VC camp. Assaulted the camp using fire and movement. Escape routes engaged by arty. En withdrew, leaving their eqpt behind. Camp concisted of 4 bunkers and 5 thatched huts with a cooking area. The Pl remained overnight in ambush in the area of the camp.	See Annex B & C Pl had reported the smell of food cooking. EQPT Recovered. 10 packs. 1 Thompson SMG. & 2 mags. 1 M26 grenade. 1 Chicom grenade. Clothing. Cooking eqpt. Documents. Photos. Menue book(written in english). med sups. Cooked food.
091700H	c/s 72 rejoined coy HQ and c/s 71. Moved to estb night har at YS415793. c/s 73 remained in ambush at YS420808.	
100700H	c/s 73 continued search of camp and destroyed the camp and eqpt not worth recovering. Located a barbed wire fence and brush fence to N & NE of camp.	
100845H	Received Maintdem for coy in coy area.	

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Annex B to W 14/68.

CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn.

Part 1. (to be completed by Section/Patrol Commander).

1. Operation INNAMINCKA.

2. REPORTEDby 30759 Lt B.C. BARLEY.

3. 3 Pl W Company 4 Bn.

4. Strength of Sect/Pl in contact (no of men) 29.

5. Date of action: 5 Sep Time: 1640 hrs. Duration: 40 mins.

6. Location: YS418807.

7. Section/patrol task: Recce in force.

8. Description in own words what happened : The platoon was following up fresh signs of 10 - 15 VC. A strong smell of cooking was in the air. C/s 7 was adjusting DF about 600 metres to the northand this caused the VC to call out in suprise. The platoon deployed to both sides of the track and we waiteduntil we were able to pinpoint by sound the location of the three different groups. 1 VC was seen in the entrance of a bunker. He was joined by a second VC who saw the M60 moving to a better position. The contact opened with 2 x M60 covering the area of the talking. 2 Section pepper potted forward and took out the first bunker. 1 Section swept parallel to 2 Sect but higher up the hilland cleared a bunker and two houses The axis of the attack was then slightly changedand a further bunker and kitchen complex was cleared. A complete sweep to 200m from the camp resulted in three different escape routes being located. 10 packs were recovered. About 150 - 200lbs of rice was destroyed. All structures, cooking utensiles and 2 of the bunkers were destroyed. An ambush in the area that night produced nothing.

SEE DIAGRAM.

9. Description ofeterrain (to include range of visibility etc). Thick secondary jungle 10 - 15 metres.

10. Distance to enemy when first sighted : 45 metres along track.

11. Which soldier first saw enemy: M60 No 1.

12. What was soldir doing: Moving forward to cover the move of the remainder of his section.

13. What caused enemy to be noticed: voices.

14. VC strength and type: 10 - 15. Regional. Dress: Black and Green.

15. Who fired first: M60 Range: 40 metres.

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16. What section weapons were fired? M60s M79 M16 SLR.

17. What was enemies immediate reaction? Returned fire from bunkers the withdrew.

18. What was sections immediate reaction? M60 covered move of remainder of section into fire position. 2 Section then swept through and took out 2 bunkers.

19. Enemy casualties: Unknown

20. Caused by (weapon) —

21. Friendly casualties: Nil.

22. Caused by (weapon) —

23. Approximate ammunition expenditure: 1000 rds 7.62 mixed link.
400 rds SLR
200 rds 5.56

24. Documents/Weapons captured: 1 x Thompson submachine gun. Documents were recovered but value unknown.

25. Lessons learnt: Bunkers can be taken out frontally quite safely by using fire and movement and ensuring flanks of the movement are secure.

26. Other points:

Part 2 - Platoon commander's Comments.

27. Related section report:

28. Describe platoons actions: See para 8.

29. Estimate of all ammunition fired during the contact (including Arty Mor and Air:

100 rds mixed link	200 rds 5.56
400 rds 7.62 ball	120 rds 105mm
36 rds 40mm	

Part 3 - Company Company commanders Comments:

30. Comments:

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(B.C. BARLEY) Lt Pl Comd.

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(P.G. HOTOP) Maj Coy Comd.

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Annex C to W 14/68

VC INSTALLATION REPORT.

1. Report by 30759 Lt B.C. Barley.

2. Report on installations(type): VC local HQ camp at GR 418807 at 1640 hrs on 9 Sep.

3. Area covered by installation (square yards) : 3600.

4. Defensive layout (answer following questions and more detail that can be given)

Bunkers were on the three main routes into the camp. Indications were that each bunker had one sentry on at all times.

a. Were there any weapon pits and tunnels? —

1. Weapons pits only: No.

2. Tunnels and Bunkers.

3. Tunnels only.

b. Depth underground of tunnels: 2 to 4 feet.

c. Were the tunnels and weapons pits interconnecting? If so, to what extent?

To a limited extent in the old camp. Not in the new camp. Just a short escape tunnel.

d. Type of construction used:

1. Tunnels: earth - no revetting.

2. weapons pits: 3 ft OHC - two exits.

e. Number of weapons pits and tunnels: 4.

f. Estimate unit or sub-unit required to occupy them: weak pl.

g. Direction weapon pits were facing: North, South and East.

h. Were the pits;

1. Individual: —

2. Two man —

3. Three man or possibly more (5-8).

4. Crew served weapon, if so what type of weapon do you estimate and what direction was it facing: N/A.

i. How old were:

1. Weapon pits: 3 months.) All new
2. Tunnels: 3 months.) camp only
3. Any other installation: 1 week for structure and roofing.)

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j. Was the defensive layout near a river, track, road, ford or town?
300 yds from a stream. On a main track system.

k, Were there any early warning posts or devices? Sentry posts.

l. Extent and type of booby traps or devices? —

m. Destruction action taken: (if any) All structures damaged or destroyed.

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B.C. Barley Lt Pl Comd W Coy

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ANNEX D TO
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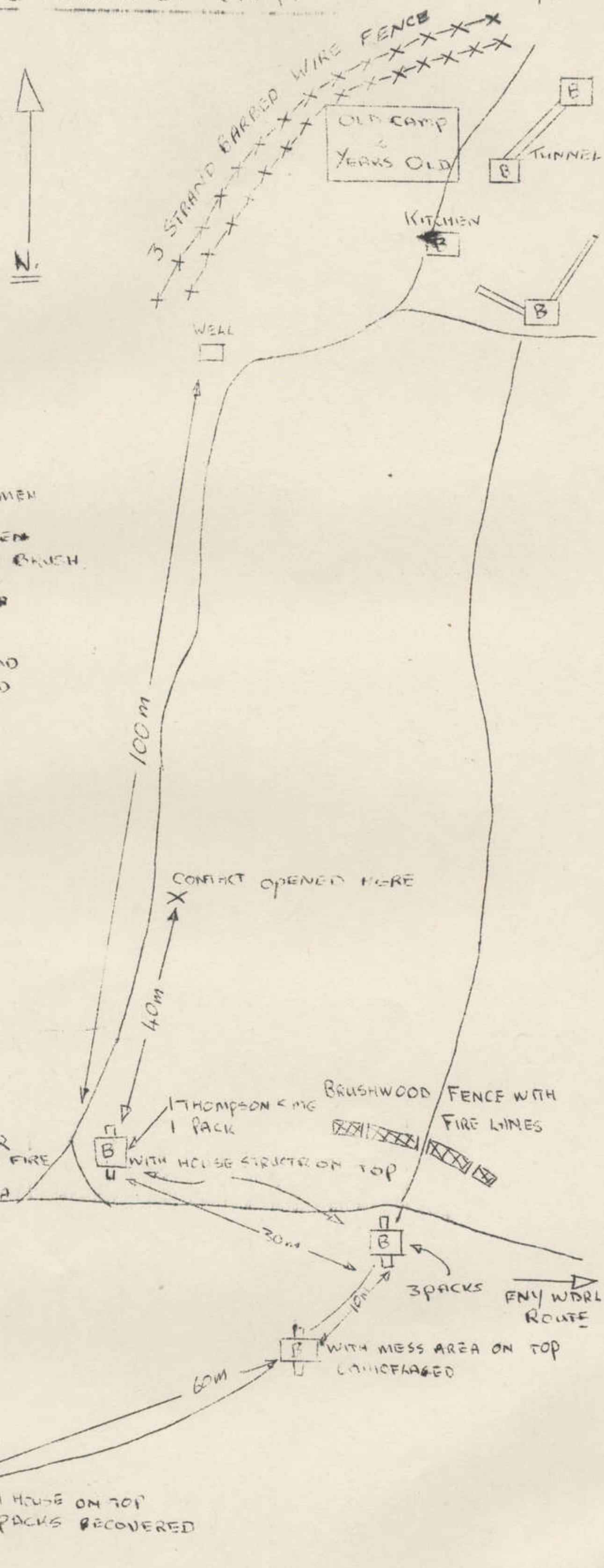
DIAGRAM OF CAMPS



NOTES

1/ BUNKERS ABOUT 3 MTHS OLD

2/ CAMP DESIGNED TO HOLD 16 MEN

3/ ALL STRUCTURES HAD JUST BEEN RE-COVERED WITH GRASS AND BRUSH

4/ OLD CAMP WAS IN BAD REPAIR AS WAS FENCE

5/ ALL BUNKERS, STRUCTURES AND CAMP EQUIPMENT, DESTROYED OR DAMAGED

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Coud. Diary

25th Sep

ANNEX M End 2

CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT
C COY 4 RAR

1. Operation. TAOR Ptl
2. Report by: No: 215644 Rank: Cpl Name: J.A. WICKS
3. Sect: 3 Pl: 7 Coy: C Bn: 4 RAR/NZ (Anzac)
4. Strength of Sec/Pl * contact (Number of men) 22
5. Date of Action: 1 Sep 68. Time: 1145 Hrs Duration: 30 minutes.
6. Location: YS 419756
7. Section/Patrol * Task: To assault enemy camp found earlier.
8. Describe in your words what happened (include diagram)
   2 sect went to left flank as cut-off.
   3 sec moved fwd along track to make contact. (see attached)
9. Description of terrain (to include range of visibility etc)
   Flat country - very thick
10. Distance to enemy when first sighted: 15 feet
11. Which soldier first saw enemy? Cpl Wicks
12. What was soldier doing? Resting (en soldier that is)
13. What caused enemy to be noticed? Noise, voices.
14. VC strength and type: 15 - 20. (~~Main~~=* ~~Regional~~ * Local *) Dress: Black shirts and trousers.
15. Who fired first? Genade from Cpl Wicks. Range: 15 feet
16. What section weapons fired? M60, SLR, AR15, M26, M79.
17. What was enemy's immediate reaction? withdraw.
18. What was the sedtion's immediate reaction? Go to ground and cover the area with fire.
19. Enemy casualties: 2 KIA (BC)
20. Caused by (weapon): M60/SLR.
21. Friendly casualties: Nil
22. Caused by (weapon) N/A
23. Approximate ammunition expenditure: 200 M60, 100 SLR, 5 M79, 80 AR 15.
24. Documents/Weapons captured: 1 Smith & Weston .38
    4 Bolt action rifles
    4 Launcher type grenades.
    Large amount docs, med supplies, clothing and eqpt.
25. Lesson learnt:
    Value of recce
    Danger of noise
26. Other points:
    Security of sentries. (They didn't have any.

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Part 2 - Platoon Commander's Comments

27. Related section reports:

N/A

28. Describe Pl actions:
N/A as Pl Comd has been subsequently medevaced to Aust.

29. Estimate of all ammunition fired during contact (incl Arty, Mor and Air)
200 x 7.62mm link
100 x 7.62mm
5 x M79
80 x M16
30 rounds 105mm

Part 3 - Company Commander's Comments.

30. Comments: This enemy camp was located by a three man recce ptl. They returned to the pl base and then the whole Pl ~~then~~ performed a well co-ordinated attack.
Gun fire was brought down on the enemy with drawel route and blood trails were followed up.
The enemy escaped into the Binh Bah Rubber plantation where their trails were lost amongst the rubber tappers.

..... Ptl Comd

..... Pl Comd

..... Coy Comd

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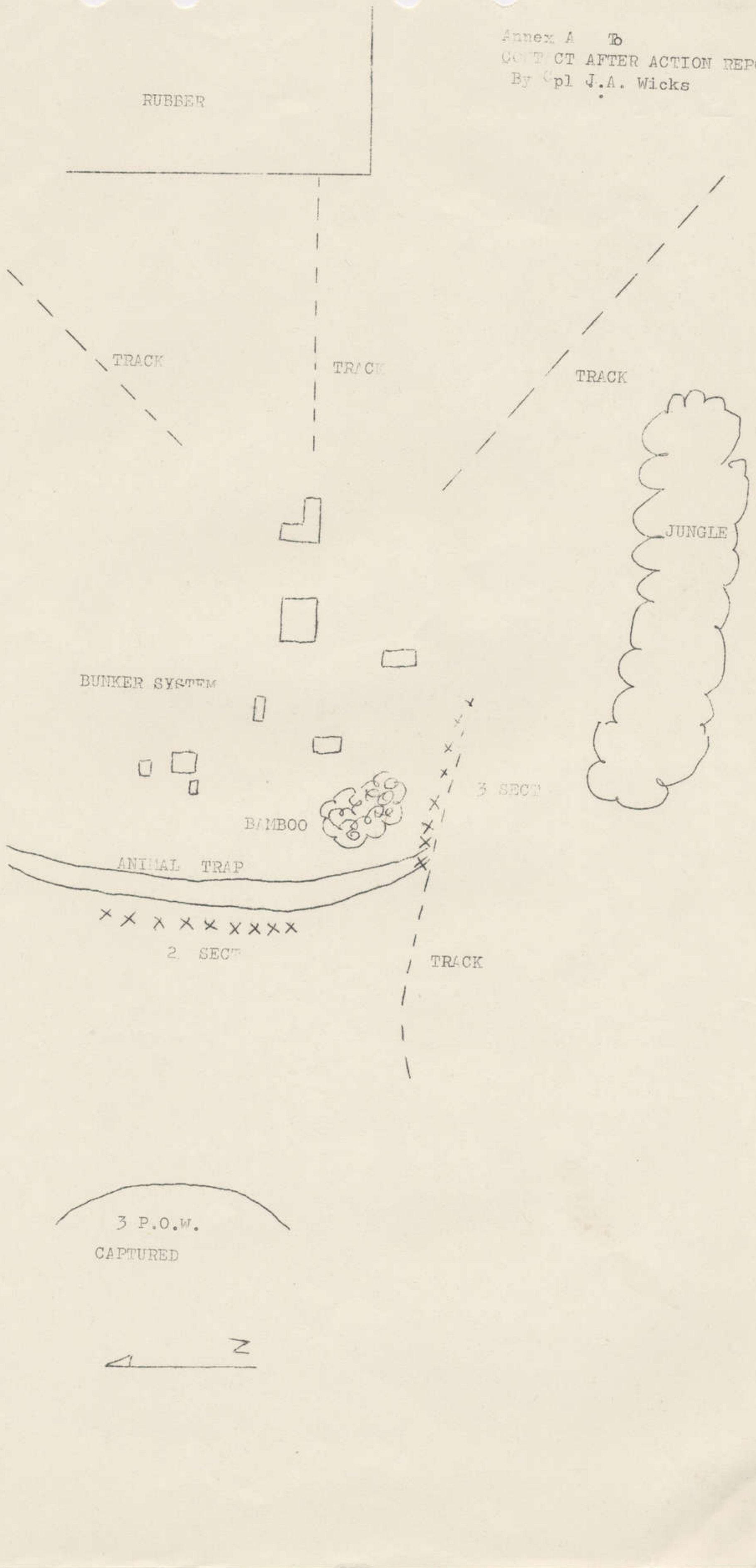
CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT
By Cpl J.A. Wicks



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COND DIARY

4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn
NUI DAT

3 Oct 68

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COMBAT OPERATIONS AFTER ACTION REPORT

OP INNAMINCKA

Reference: A. 1 ATF Op Instr 47/68 (Op INNAMINCKA) dated 3 Sep 68.
B. 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn Op O 5/68 (Op INNAMINCKA) dated 5 Sep 68.
C. Map VIETNAM Series L8015, Sheet 6430 III NE and SE, 1:25000.

To: Commander 1 ATF.

Name and Type of Operation

1. Op INNAMINCKA.

a. Phase 1 - Cordon and Search.

b. Phase 2 - Reconnaissance In Force.

Dates of Operation

2. 070630H Sep 68 to 120720H Sep 68.

Location

3. a. Phase 1 - NUI NHAN (YS4379).

b. Phase 2 - AO ILLBILLEE (centre of mass YS4078).

Control Headquarters

4. Bn HQ 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn.

Commanding Officer

5. Lt Col LR GREVILLE.

Task Organization

6. 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn.

Supporting Forces

7. a. Under comd for the operation: One Engr Combat Team 1 Fd Sqn.

b. In DS for the operation: 104 Bty 12 Fd Regt.
One H13, 161 (Indep) Recce Flt.

c. Under Op Con from 070630H Sep to 081800H Sep 68:
One Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

d. In Sp from NUI DAT base for the operation: A Bty 2/35 Arty (US).

e. In Sp for the insertion of W Coy into V Coy position on 7 Sep:
2 x CH47, US Army Avn.

f. In Sp for the operation for reutine administration and medevac:
No 9 Sqn RAAF.

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g. In Sp for the redeployment by air assault of two rifle companies at the commencement of Phase 2:
No 9 Sqn RAAF AHC, LFT US Army Avn.

h. In Sp for Phase 1 sweep and the air assault at the commencement of Phase 2:
One C and C helicopter No 9 Sqn RAAF.

8. All supporting forces co-operated effectively and achieved a high degree of operational efficiency.

Intelligence

9. Prior to the operation there had been a marked increase in the level of enemy activity in the area to the WEST of DUC THANH (YS4677) and in the interdiction of Inter-Provincial Route 2 between BINH BA (YS4574) and NGAI GIAO (YS 4679). This enemy activity substantiated by SAS and agent reports indicated the presence of the CHAU DUC District Coy supported by local guerillas operating from base camps in the NUI NHAN area.

10. This intelligence, however, was general rather than specific and no definite target areas were indicated. 4 RAR failed to locate any new or occupied base camps or well used tracks in the NUI NHAN area. Nor was the CHAU DUC Coy contacted. The three contacts during the operation were against small groups of Local Force guerillas.

11. However, the short duration of Phase 2 due to operational requirements in mounting Op HAWKSBURY precluded a detailed search of AO ILLBILLEE. One new enemy base camp occupied by 10-15 Local Force VC was located at YS418807.

12. Operational security was effective throughout the operation. In particular the insertion of the cordon in Phase 1 based on deception and stealth proved very successful.

Mission

13. 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) was to locate and destroy all enemy forces in AO ILLBILLEE, centre of mass YS4078.

Concept of Mission

14 The concept of operations was as follows:

a. Preliminary operations. The insertion by stealth of four rifle companies, using deceptive measures, to assembly areas adjacent to the NUI NHAN feature (YS4378).

b. Phase 1. The occupation of blocking positions by night to the NORTH, EAST and WEST of NUI NHAN by three rifle companies combined with a sweep from the SOUTH by the fourth rifle company, in daylight.

c. Phase 2. The reconnaissance in force by the four rifle companies of the remainder of AO ILLBILLEE. One company to be placed in a blocking position on the WESTERN boundary of the AO, a second company on the SOUTHERN boundary of the AO in a blocking position and the remaining two companies sweeping from NE to SW.

Execution

15. Sequence of Events

3 Sep - 1 ATF Op Instr 47/68 (Op INNAMINCKA) issued to 4 RAR.

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5 Sep - 4 RAR Op O 5/68 (Op INNAMINCKA) issued by 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC)

6 Sep - Bn HQ 4 RAR opened at NUI NGHE (YS3972) at 1230 hrs. C Coy moved from NUI NGHE to a concentration area vic YS415748.

7 Sep - FSPB DAGGER (104 Bty protected by elements of Sp Coy) established by 1100 hrs. B Coy moved from NUI DAT to YS415748 concealed in APCs. From this point B Coy moved to RV with C Coy at YS415748. Move completed by 1330 hrs. V Coy commenced Road Runner operation astride Route 2 and moved from NUI DAT to CAM MY (YS4685) and returned to occupy a night harbour position at 1600 hrs at YS457781 where the company secured a LZ for the covert fly-in of W Coy. W Coy fly-in commenced at 1730 hrs and was completed by 1830 hrs, in the guise of a resupply for V Coy and the Armour.

Ni 7/8 Sep - B Coy moved to an assembly area vic YS433772 by first light. C Coy moved to an assembly area vic YS422769 by first light. V Coy moved to the EASTERN blocking position from YS437793 to YS438786 by first light. W Coy moved to the NORTHERN blocking position from YS426794 to YS436796 by first light.

8 Sep - C Coy moved to the WESTERN blocking position from YS428790 to YS425783 as soon as possible after first light. B Coy commenced to sweep from its assembly area to YS431790 as soon as C Coy was in position. At 0625 hrs at YS457779 V Coy ambushed 3 Local Force VC. Contact opened at 30 metres range. Results 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC wounded (blood trail), 2 M1 GARANDS and 2 packs captured. At 0650 hrs C Coy contacted 4 Local Force VC with negative results. B Coy completed the sweep by last light with no contacts or signs of recent enemy occupation. Orders were issued during the afternoon for Phase 2 of the operation.

9 Sep - Phase 2 commenced at 0800 hrs. V Coy was extracted from a PZ at YS431796 and conducted an air assault into an LZ at YS369769 to occupy a blocking position on the WESTERN boundary of AO ILLBILLEE. C Coy was extracted from the same PZ as V Coy and conducted an air assault into an LZ at YS400742 to occupy a blocking position on the SOUTHERN boundary of AO ILLBILLEE. B Coy and W Coy commenced to search SW from the NUI NHAN feature. At 1340 hrs 3 Pl W Coy located fresh tracks at YS428805 and commenced to follow up. At 1650 hrs 3 Pl W Coy located an enemy camp. While searching the enemy camp the platoon contacted from 10-15 Local Force VC. Contact was opened at approx 40 metres range. The VC fled with unknown casualties. No bodies were located however several blood trails were sighted. 1 THOMPSON SMG, 500 lbs rice, 10 packs and a large quantity of documents were captured. 4 RAR received warning order for Op HAWKSBURY.

10 Sep - All companies continued their search of AO ILLBILLEE without contact. At 1800 hrs B Coy located an enemy OP in a tall tree at YS417766. At 1900 hrs V Coy located an enemy OP in a tall tree at YS371786.

11 Sep - All companies continued their search of AO ILLBILLEE without contact. CO briefed all company commanders on Op HAWKSBURY. By last light all companies were adjacent to the PZ for their extraction for redeployment into the Op HAWKSBURY area. Night locations were:

B Coy	-	YS413747
C Coy, W Coy	-	YS399740
V Coy	-	YS368774

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12 Sep - Redeployment into AO TUGGERAH (Op HAWKSBURY) commenced at 0720 hrs.

Results

16. a. En losses

1 VC KIA (BC)
2 M1 GARAND Rifles
1 THOMPSON SMG
500 lbs Rice
12 Packs
Quantity of clothing, cooking utensils, tinned food and documents.

b. Own losses

Nil.

Administrative Matters

17. a. Normal resupply by maintdem was carried out on the morning of 9 Sep prior to the commencement of Phase 2. And again on the afternoon of 11 Sep prior to the commencement of Op HAWKSBURY. There were no Opdems during the operation.

b. Medevacs were few and were restricted to routine cases. There were no Casevacs.

c. No difficulty was experienced in maintaining communications either to the forward companies or to HQ 1 ATF. Bn HQ was well sited on the NUI NGHE feature.

Special Equipment and Techniques

18. For the first time during an extraction from a PZ individual marshallers wore on their chest a yellow marker panel to indicate to each helicopter pilot who were the marshallers who would guide each helicopter to the spot where it was to put down. These panels were made in the unit from regulation air panels cut into 1 foot squares with tie-cords attached. There has been a noticeable decrease in the time taken to load helicopters now that it is far easier to position the helicopter close to the waiting troops. Further to speed loading time, the spot where the lead helicopter of the trail is to put down is marked with smoke. This ensures that some helicopters do not overfly the PZ.

Lessons learnt

19. The major lesson learned during the operation was that considerable tactical surprise can be achieved by use of stealth, deception measures and by moving at night. Movement at night was slow but not impossible.

20. Deception measures taken during 7 Sep were:

a. Road Runner operation designed to provide cover for the insertion of V Coy.

b. Establishment of FSPL DAGGER and fire plan designed to simulate an artillery raid.

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c. Movement of B Coy was by platoons in closed down APCs to create the impression of APC security patrols around FSPB DAGGER. Debussing in jungle was unobserved.

d. The fly-in of W Coy to V Coy harbour position was designed to simulate a resupply of defence stores and POL. Empty 44 Gal drums and coils of dannert wire were carried as external cargo on all troop lifts. The tails of the CH47 were positioned close to the tree line at the LZ and soldiers ran quickly from the helicopters to cover.

Commander's Analysis

21. AO ILLBILLEE was reasonably well covered despite the limited time of the operation. There was no sign of enemy large scale use of the area other than around the Nui Nhan feature, and as access to the areas further to the NORTH and WEST.

22. The night insertion of the blocking position around the Nui Nhan feature was an interesting operation. It should be realized that most of the movement was conducted in or near rubber, which it was realized would assist ~~to~~ control. Further it was done on a very bright moonlit night. I would not wish to tackle a move of large numbers over long distances in the jungle on a dark night. I feel that would invite disaster. However I am satisfied that given the control and light conditions evident here the operation is completely feasible and likely to be, at times, quite valuable.

Lt Col
(LR Greville)
CO 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn

Annex P - AO, Boundarys, Assy Areas and Routes - Op INNAMINCKA.

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AO's, BDRYS, ASSY AREAS AND ROUTES

ANNEX B to 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn
Combat After Action Report
Op INAMINCKA

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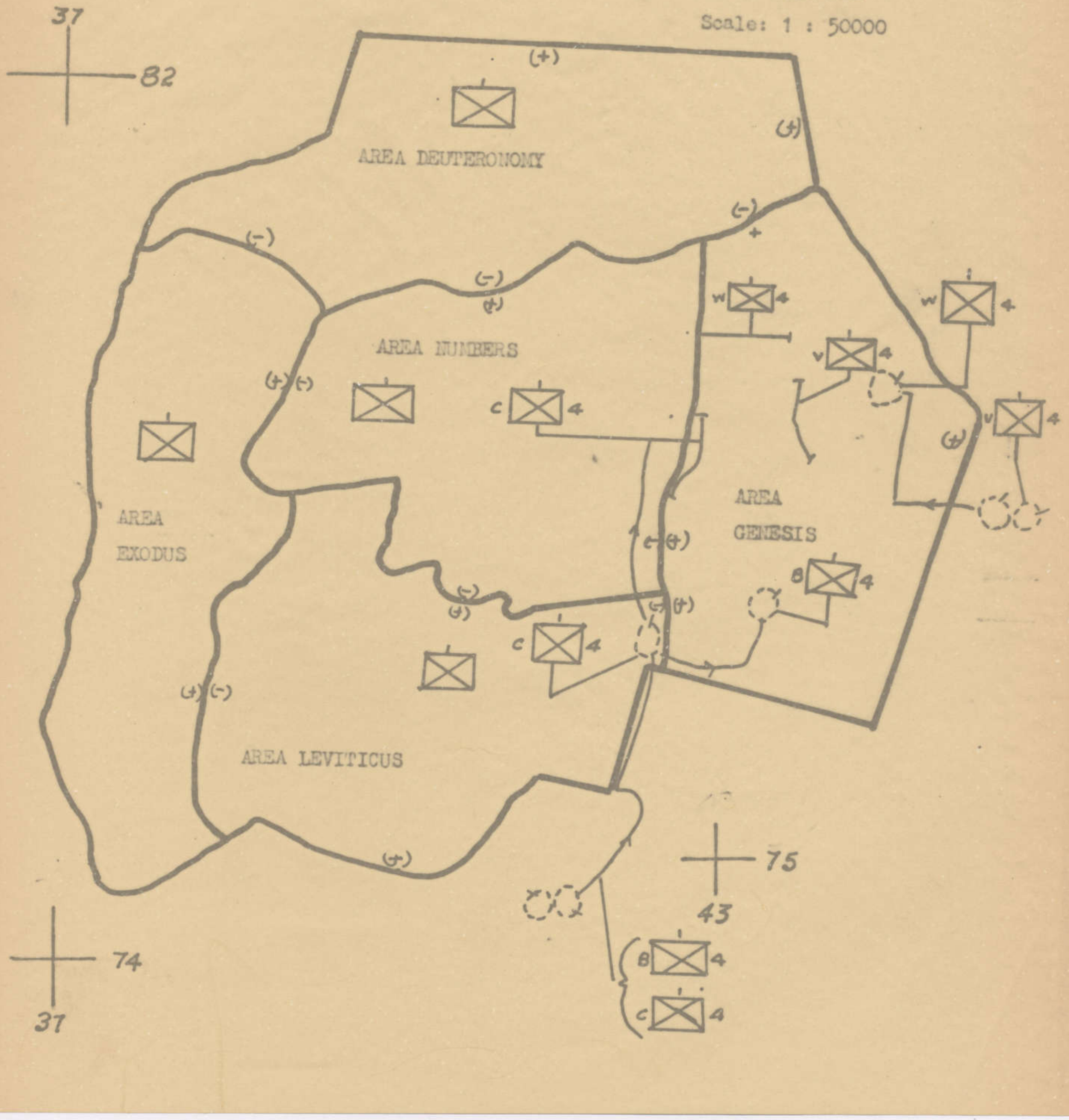

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Coord Diary

V Coy
4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn
Nui Dat

4 Oct 68

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ANNEX M Encl 4

V COY OP ANALYSIS - OP STIRRUP CUP

3 Oct 68

1. Comd: Maj L. O'DONNELL, OC A Sqn 3 Cav
2. Grouping: a. A Sqn 3 Cav less 4 sects with :
Under Comd 030600-1900H
V Coy incl interpreter
Sect Mor Pl 4 RAR/NZ
1 Combat team and two mini teams
1 Fd Sqn
One Squad I and R Unit (ARVN)

b. During the search task V Coy had under Comd:
1 Combat Team
I and R Team (ARVN)

c. Det was 1 Pl to under comd A Sqn

3. Tasks: a. Secure the debussing pt at 233802
b. Conduct search of the area South of the Firestone Trail as far East as the track at 243797 (less 1 Pl but using the I and R squad) for caches.
c. Extract or destroy enemy material found.
d. Secure the clearing at 240797 for a firm base.

4. Outline of events: a. 030800-0930H. Coy arrived at debussing pt and (less 1 Pl) moved to 235798 where 2 Pl moved South to 235796.

b. 0930 hrs 3 Pl loc newly dug tunnel (7-10 metres)

c. 1100 hrs. 2 Pl contacted 4 VC moving NE on a trail. Result 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 pack and 1 AK47 captured. (See V Coy D28 att).

d. 1230 hrs 3 Pl reached the clearing at 240798 and secured an RV into which 2 Pl reported by 1300 hrs. The jungle passed through was very thick secondary growth and VC trails had been loc running generally NE-SW at:
(1) 235796 - 2 Pl
(2) 239797 - 3 Pl

e. 1300-1730 hrs 1 Pl had begun to search the area of the trail running South from 242799. 3 Pl were searching in the area of 239798 and 2 Pl to the South (marshy ground - search discontinued). Caches were found at :
(1) 242798 - 1 Pl, 3 caches
(2) 239799 - 3 Pl, 5 caches

f. 2 Pl located a bunker system (bombed but intact) at 241798 whilst investigating going for APCs.

g. By 1800 hrs the Coy was mounted and recovered rice was delivered to LONG THAH Sub-Sector pers at TWAI THIEN village (2279).

h. By 1920 hrs the Coy was back in Nui Dat.

5. Assessment: a. The extremely close secondary growth prevented better use of APCs in recovering some material loc.

b. Stores were captured and disposed of as follows:
(1) Bags, rice, 100lbs (cached separately):
83)
72) recovered
97)
150)
10) destroyed
150) by scatt-
Total 562 ering

(2) Cached (separately):
Sandals, plastic, white — 4 bags (about 150 prs)
Plastic, bolts (25 yds) — 15 bolts
Boots, hockey, black — 2 bags (about 40 prs)
Cloth, muslin/calico, white — 10 bolts
These were all burnt.

(3) Cached separately, salt, bags, 100 lbs (approx) 14 destroyed by spreading and tramping.

(4) Documents and AK47 from the VC killed were recovered to Int Sect 4 RAR/NZ. (five magazines).

6. Comments: a. The op was successful in that the mission was achieved however much of the area remains unsearched and signs would indicate the presence of many more caches in the area.

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b. The I and R team insisted undergroud caches exist in the area (ie as described in 1 ATF Op Instr 55/68). These remain unlocated; all caches found were stored on platforms and covered with plastic.

c. The caches were generally situated 30-50 metres off ox-cart tracks in the area. It was unfortunate that this was not realised until it was too late in the day for APC extraction of the stores destroyed.

d. Destruction of the rice was carried out by pouring the rice into a mound over CE charges that, when detonated, effectively scattered the rice.

for (M.J. HALL)
Major
OC V Coy

HQ 4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn (2)
A Sqn 3 Cav
Spare (3)

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V Coy
4 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn
Nui Dat

4 Oct 68

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CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

Part1

1. Operation: STIRRUP CAP
2. Report by: 39533 Lt R.S. MILLER, 2 Pl V Coy
3. Strength of Pl in contact: 23
4. Date: 3 Oct at 1030 hrs. Duration: 5 minutes. Location: 238796
5. Pl task: Ptl East to clearing then RV with Coy
6. Description of what happened in Pl Comds own words: My lead sect struck the track running NE-SW. I quickly put M60s down covering the track and reported to the OC. Just as we were preparing to move on heavy firing broke out from the southern M60 position. I deployed the pl in all round defence. There were about 4 VC on the track and initially they fired back with rifles before breaking contact. I Could not get a fire mission so after saturating the area with fire got a section to sweep the area. They recovered one body, 1 AK47, webbing and documents. The direction of VC movement after the contact was SW- toward the main road.
7. Type of terrain: Thick, flat, secondary jungle. Visibility 3-4 metres.
8. Distance to enemy when first sighted: 3 metres
9. What soldier first saw enemy: Pte MARTIN
10. What was soldier doing: Sentry on M60
11. What caused enemy to be first noticed: Moving down track
12. Enemy strength and type:About 4 VC/NVA. Dress: Black, sandshoes, no hats.
13. Who fired first: Pte MARTIN. Range: 3 metres
14. What sect wpns were fired: M60, SLR and M16
15. What was enemies immediate reaction:Went to ground and fired up track
16. What was sects immediate reaction: Saturated area with fire
17. Enemy casualties: 1 KIA (BC) 1 WIA(POSS)
18. Caused by: M60
19. Friendly casualties: 1 WIA, slight graze to left leg - remains on duty (Pte TITHER).
20. Caused by: Rifle
21. Approx ammo expenditure: 200 linked, 100 SLR, 50 M16
22. Docus/wpns captured: 1 AK47, numerous documents
23. Lessons learnt: The need to fire low. Although the range was short the enemy soldier was hit in the head.

Part 2: Coy Comds comments

24. Comments: A successful sentry action

Statement by Pte MARTIN N.L.

I was sentry on the southern most gun, when 4 VC walked along the track. I opened up with the M60 at a distance of about 8 ft killing one and possibly wounding others. After my first burst they returned the fire.

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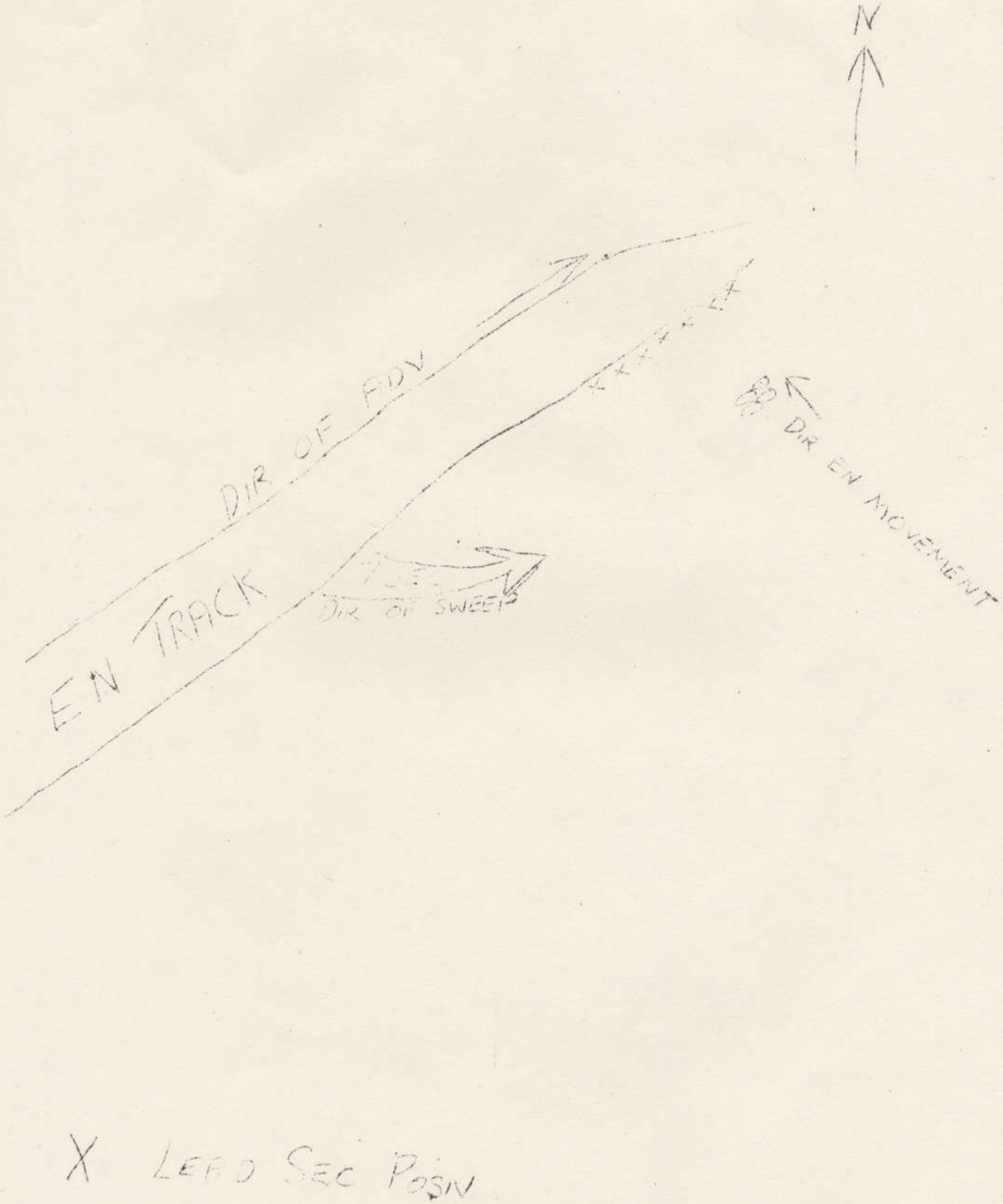
ANNEX A.



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Cmd Diary

AFTER ACTION CONTACT REPORT 5 OCT

Part 1(submitted by the sec/pl comd)

1. Operation: LYREBIRD.

2. Report by: 2784078 Rank: 2Lt Name: P.J. VIAL. ANNEX M ENCLS

3. 6 Pl B Coy.

4. Strength of sec/pl in contact:

5. Date of action: 12 Aug 68. Time: 2035. Duration: 5 mins.

6. Location: GR YS322685.

7. Sec/pl task: Ptl

8. Description of what happened in own words: My c/s was in ambush in two places at the end of the cut, during land clearing. Cpl K.W KNOWLES, who was in charge of the Northern gp reported noises to his front. I told him to send up a flare and open fire. He did this and saw two(2) en who returned fire briefly and then fled North. In my posn a soldier suspected en on the perimeter. He fired and wounded another member of my gp. A separate report of this incident has been submitted. My c/s then concentrated and carried the wounded man back to the Coy Posn. Diagram incl as Annex A.

9. Description of terrain: The terrain had been cleared and visibility was good to a range of 400meters in some areas.

10. Distance to en when first sighted: 100meters.

11. Which soldier first saw en: Flare indicated en to complete gp.

12. What was soldier doing: Waiting in ambush.

13. What caused en to be first noticed: Noisey movement.

14. En strength and type: Two(2) en. Dress: Unknown.

15. Who fired first: Ambush gp. Range: 100meters.

16. What sec weapons were fired: All weapons.

17. What was the en immediate reaction: Return fire and withdraw.

18. What was the sec immediate reaction: Spring ambush.

19. En casualties: Nil.

20. Caused by: N/A.

21. Friendly casualties: 1 WIA.

22. Caused by: SLR.

23. Approx ammo expenditure: 130 rds.

24. Docs/weapons captured: Nil.

25. Lessons learnt: Nil.

26. Other points: Nil.

P.J. VIAL 2Lt
(P.J. VIAL)
OC 6 Pl B Coy.

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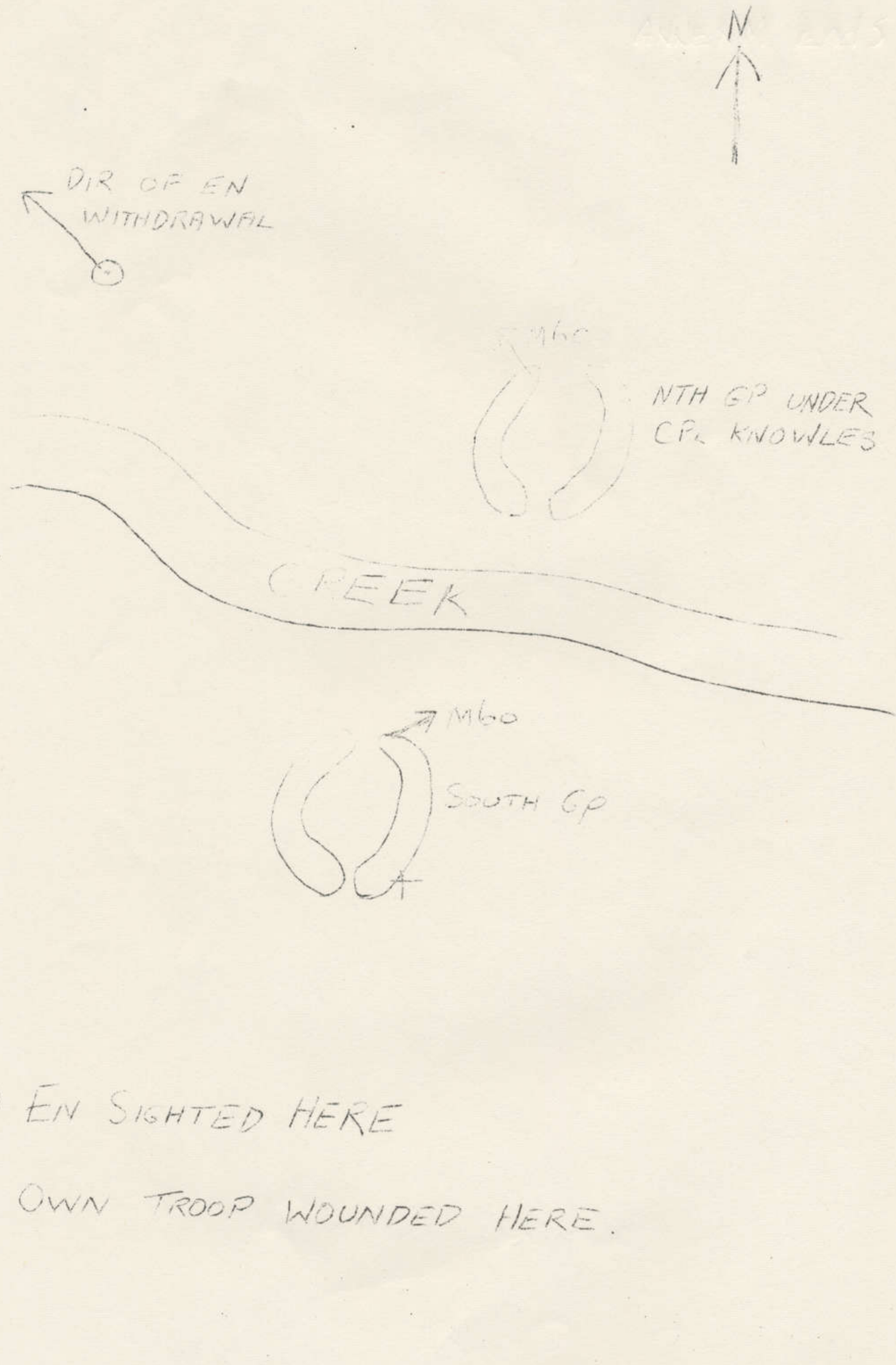
ANNEX A



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AFTER ACTION CONTACT REPORT

Part 1(submitted by sec/pl cond).

1. Operation: LYREBIRD.

2. Report by: 2784078 Rank: 2Lt Name: P.J. VIAL.

3. 6Pl B Coy 4 RAR.

4. Strength sec/pl in contact: 1 Officer and 20 ORs.

5. Date of action: 22 Aug 68 Time: 1025hrs. Duration: 5 Mins.

6. Location: GR 368734.

7. Sec/pl task: RIF.

8. Description of what happened in own words: My c/s was following a well used en track when the no.2 scout saw 4 en to his front. He fired on them and they returned fire and fled. I told the sec cond to put his sec into fire sp while I swept through with the 2nd sec from the right. More mov was seen to the right and the fwd sec engaged with fire what they estimated to be the en posn. I swept through with the 2nd sec but found only a tin of food. We followed the trail of the en but lost it on the bank of a large creek. We then continued with our ptl task.

9. Description of terrain: Fairly open savanna with occaisional patches of thick secondary growth. Visibility varied from 10meters to 70meters.

10. Distance to en when first sighted: 15meters.

11. Which soldier first saw en: Second scout.

12. What was soldier doing: In the lead of the fwd sec:

13. What caused en to be first noticed: Movement.

14. En strength and type: 4en Dress: Kakhi type uniforms.

15. Who fired first: Second scout. Range: 15meters.

16. What sec weapons were fired: All weapons.

17. What was en immediate reaction: The en returned the fire briefly then fled.

18. What was sec immediate reaction: Turned right and fired into what was initially thought to be an anbush.

19. En casualties: Nil.

20. Caused by: N/A.

21. Friendly casualties: Nil.

22. Caused by: N/A.

23. Approx ammo expended: 180 rds.

24. Docs/weapons captured: Nil.

25. Lessons learnt: Nil.

26. Other points: Nil.

2Lt
(P.J. VIAL)
OC 6 Pl B Coy

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ANNEX M Encl 6

VC INSTALLATION REPORT

1. Report by No 235154 Rank Maj Name W.J. REYNOLDS.

2. Report on installation (type) Camp, Bunker at GR 521864 at 1645 hrs on 13 Sep 68.

3. Area covered by installation (square yards) 150 yds x 100 yds.

4. Defensive layout (answer following questions and any more detail that can be given).

a. Were there any weapon pits and tunnels?

(1) Weapon pits only ...Yes.....

(2) Tunnels and weapon pits N/A

(3) Tunnels only N/A

b. Depth underground of tunnels N/A

c. Were the tunnels and weapon pits interconnecting? If so, to what extent? N/A

d. Type of construction used:

(1) Tunnels N/A
(2) Weapon pits 7 x 12' x 4' deep with 3' overhead protection.

e. Number of weapon pits 10.

f. Estimated units or sub - units required to occupy them Platoon +.

g. Direction weapon pits were facing: All round defense.

h. Were the pits:

(1) Individual: No

(2) Two man: No.

(3) Three man: Yes.

(4) Crew served weapon, if so what type of weapon do you estimate and what direction was it facing: N/A

i. How old were:

(1) Weapon pits: 23 months.

(2) Tunnels: N/A

(3) Any other installation: Nil.

j. Was the defensive layout near a river, track, ford, road or town? On a track leading South near a river.

k. Were there any early warning posts or devices? Sentry.

l. Extent and type of booby traps if any: Nil

m. Destruction action taken: (if any) Nil.

(Signed)

Rank

Appt. OC B Coy

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VC INSTALLATION REPORT

1. Report by No 235154 Rank Maj Name W.J. REYNOLDS.

2. Report on installation (type) Bunker, Camp, Cache at GR 521867 on 13 Sep 68.

3. Area covered by installation(square yards): 50 yds x 50 yds.

4. Defensive layout(answer the following questions and any more detail that can be given)

a. Were there any weapon pits and tunnels?

(1) Weapon pits only.

(2) Tunnels and weapon pits: N/A

(3) Tunnels only: N/A

b. Depth underground of tunnels: N/A

c. Were the tunnels and weapon pits interconnecting? If so, to what extent.
N/A

d. Type of construction:

(1) Tunnels: N/A

(2) Weapon pits: approx 7' x 5' x 5' deep with 3'6" overhead cover.

e. Number of weapon pits and tunnels: 2 Bunkers with fighting bays, 1 under construction.

f. Estimated unit or sub-unit rquired to occupy them: 15 men.

g. Direction weapon pits were facing: All round defence.

h. Were the ppts:

(1) Individual: -

(2) Two man: -

(3) Three man: Yes.

(4) Crew served weapon, if so what weapon do you estimate and what direction was it facing: N/A.

i. How old were:

(1) Weapon pits: New, one still under construction.

(2) Tunnels: -

(3) Any other installations: -

j. Was the defensive layout near a river, track, road, ford or town: 150 meters from creek and track.

k. Was any early warning posts or devices: Camp not occupied.

l. Extent and type of booby traps if any: Nil.

m. Destruction action taken: if any, Nil.

(Signed) Rank Maj
Appt OC B Coy 4 RAR/NZ

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VC INSTALLATION REPORT

1. Report by No 235154 Rank Maj Name W.J. REYNOLDS.

2. Report on installation (type) Camp, Bunker, Tunnel at GR 336916 on 16 Sep 68.

3. Area covered by installation (square yards): 200 yds x 200 yds.

4. Defensive layout (answer following questions and any more detail that can be given)

a. Were there any weapon pits and tunnels? Yes.

(1) Weapon pits: Not exploited fully but at least 30 - 40 fully completed with overhead cover.

(2) Tunnels and weapon pits: Yes.

(3) Tunnels only: N/A.

b. Depth underground of tunnels: 6 feet.

c. Were the tunnels and weapon pits interconnecting? If so, to what extent? Only some of the more central command bunkers were connected.

d. Type of construction used?

(1) Tunnels did not have shoring and were approx 2' x 2'.

(2) Weapon pits approx 12' x 7' x 5' deep with 3'6" overhead protection.

e. Number of weapon pits and tunnels: 30 - 40.

f. Estimated unit or sub-unit required to occupy them: Company +.

g. Direction weapon pits were facing: All round defence Command bunkers in depth.

h. Were the pits:

(1) Individual: No

(2) Two man: No.

(3) Three man: Yes.

i. How old were:

(1) Weapon pits: Some further South were at least 6 months old but at least 15 had been newly constructed.

(2) Tunnels: Newly constructed.

(3) Any other installation: Large kitchens with camoflaged cooking spaces and large tables.

j. Was the defensive layout near a river, track, road, ford or town?

k. Was there any early warning posts or devices: At the time of discovery no sentries.

l. Extent of booby traps if any: Nil.

m. Destruction action taken: (if any): Nil.

(Signed)
Appt. OC B Coy 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn Rank Maj

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5 Oct

ANNEX M ENCL 7

CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT
C COY 4 RAR

1. Operation: HAWKESBURY.
2. Report by: No: 215644 Rank: Cpl Name: J.A. WICKS
3. Sect: Pl: 7 Coy: C Bn: 4 RAR
4. Strength of Sect/Pl* in contact (Number of men) 18
5. Date of action: 13 Sep 68 Time: 1645hrs Duration: 1 hour (approx)
6. Location: GR YS 521864
7. Section/Patrol * Task: Locate and recce en track systems.
8. Describe in your own words what happened (incl diagrams)

   See att statements by Cpl Wicks and the Pl comd 2Lt T.G. Reidy who has since been medevaced to Aust.
9. Description of terrain (to incl range of visibility etc)

   Thick scrub around the camp with visibility of 10 metres in amongst the bunker complex.
10. Distance to en when first sighted: The en were not sighted until they opened fire at a distance of approx 15 metres.
11. Which soldier first saw en? N/A
12. What was soldier doing? N/A
13. What caused en to be noticed? Their first burst of fire.
14. VC strength and type: NVA Pl (-) (Main~~*Regional*Local~~*) Dress: Greens, pith helmets.
15. Who fired first? Enemy. Range: 15 metres.
16. What section weapons fired? M60, SLR, M26, M16, M79.
17. What was enemy's immediate reaction? To attempt to maintain his position in the bunkers.
18. What was the section's immediate reaction? To go to ground and move fwd with fire anf movement.
19. Enemy casualties: 2 KIA (BC)
20. Caused by (weapon): M26 grenade
21. Friendly casualties: 3 KIA, 6 WIA.
22. Caused by (weapon) - Approximate ammunition expenditure: 200 7.62mm link belt, 80 rds M16, 150 7.62 4 x M26, 4 x M79.
23. ---
24. Documents/Weapons captured: 1 x AK 47
25. Lesson Learnt: When an en bunker system is located it is better to recce the position first regardless of how deserted it may appear initially.
26. Other points:

    The NVA have commendable fire discipline.

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Part 2 - Platoon Commander's Comments

27. Related section Reports:

N/A

28. Describe Pl actions:

See attached statement.

29. Estimate of all ammunition fired during contact (incl Arty, Mor and Air)

200 7.62mm link belt, 4 x M26 grens, 80 rds M16, 4 x M79, 150 rds 7.62mm.

Part 3 - Comapny Commander's Comments

30. Comments:

7 Pl were under command B Coy 4 RAR at the time, but I believe the Pl commander 2Lt REIDY and the Pl Sgt, Sgt CARROLL should be commended for their aggressive and courageous actions. Although we lost three KIA and six wounded it is significant that there were 2 NVA killed (BC) and that 7Pl had forced the enemy out of their bunker system prior to the B Coy reinforcements arriving.

..... Ptl Comd

..... Pl Comd

..... Coy Comd

* Delete as necessary.

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STATEMENT BY 2783262 2LT T.G. REIDY

(MADE TO ASST ADJT AT 1 AUST FD HOSP-VUNG TAU)

After spot by aircraft we travelled NORTH for 300 metres and came onto a typical track plan - fresh - about 2 days old, leaves and broken branches were still fresh. We followed it NORTH for 100 metres and could then see the bunkers.

I deployed one sec on WESTERN edge and one on the SOUTHERN edge. I was with the SOUTHERN group. WESTERN group swept through. It looked as as if the camp had been vacated in a hurry. I was told by the CO to see if the tracks led throu-gh the camp and to the NORTH. I left one section on the ground around the bunkers we had found and sent the other section NORTH. They went about 50 metres and made contact. They were fired on by automatic wpns. At this stage passage of info back to me was slow.

I sent a section around to the higher ground to the WEST but when they got there they were too high so I brought them back and pushed them around on the EASTERN flank. At this stage both sections were engaged by automatic wpns from the front and the EASTERN flank. My fwd troops were about 25 metres from the bunker system.

I realised that Arty would be of little use because of the trees so I decided on Fire and Movement.

There were 3 main bunkers causing us trouble and we got to within 8 metres of the first using Fire and Movement. From where I was I covered PEDRAZOLLI while he lobbed a grenade in the bunker. The VC picked the grenade up and threw it up in the air. It exploded and shrapnel hit my gunner. The VC fired at PEDRAZOLLI and hit him in the jaw so I took him back and applied a fd dressing.

At this stage we were still engaged on both right and left flanks. CARROLL had gone past the first bunker and was pinned behind a tree between the first and second bunker without grenades or ammo. HOLMES, my medic, was carrying the radio and tried to get to the gunner (VAN DIEMAN) but was wounded as he moved. The round went through the handset. I went back to try and get the second radio but that was US.

Whilst on the radio I tried to get 3 section to move lower down the left flank. CARROLL was pinned down and was also trying to get 3 section to move.

I decided to go fwd with MUC and reach CARROLL. I told MUC to cover me to the first bunker. We were about 2 metres from the entrance when MUC looked at me and said he wanted to come closer to me. As he got up he was hit in the stomach. This burst also hit me in the shoulder. MUC rolled onto my arm and my wpn. I was again fired on from the same bunker and was hit on the backside. I had no grenades or ammo so I used a red smoke grenade to clear the bunker. The VC appeared to withdraw to the right flank.

I then started to get my wpn and ammo together and went fwd to Sgt CARROLL. There was only one bunker giving us any trouble at this stage. As I got to CARROLL I was hit in the thigh. CARROLL then directed fire with my wpn onto the bunker. 3 section was slowly moving down the left flank, but while moving NOONAN was hit and killed outright. BURNS moved to HOLMES and applied fd dressing and morphine. BURNS then tried to get to MUC. In doing so he exposed himself and as he got to MUC his right arm was badly hit. He then stood up and was shot again.

CARROLL got FOUNTAIN down behind a tree and they proceeded to throw gren-ades. They were letting the striker levers go, holding and then throwing, FOUNTAIN was hit in the arm and CARROLL in the heel.

I sent CARROLL back to the sig set and told him to hold until B Coy arrived. By the time B Coy arrived, all en activity had ceased and the remnants of the Ptl were helping prepare the injured.

During the contact, soldiers continuously exposed themselves to treat others and all showed tremendous spirit. CARROLL, after I was wounded, kept things well under control. The casevac by B Coy was good as you could hope for.

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STATEMENT BY 215644 CPL J.A. WICKS

After coming accross the first bunker the patrol went into extended line and advanced. Three section had cleared four bunkers when two section on the right flank came under fire. Three section went to ground and gave covering fire in the direction of the enemy and then moved forward to try and engage the enemy. First casualties were reported from two section. My gunner and number two were pinned down on the right at this stage. Sgt CARROLL called for more M26 grenades, I collected several and crawled around the back of my section and came up behind him. Sgt CARROLL finally got a grenade into the bunker to his front but fire started to come from further to our front. I then moved my gun fwd and closer to me, during this action the No 1 was KIA and the No 2 WIA.

I fired 4 M79 rounds into the area of the enemy and Pte MORLEY was helping the wounded to the rear. Sgt CARROLL called that we would attack but 2Lt REIDY stopped him and said to wait for the Pl from B Coy to help us. After B Coys Pl arrived, I then started to attend the wounded and check my section.

J.A. Wicks

(J.A. Wicks)
Cpl

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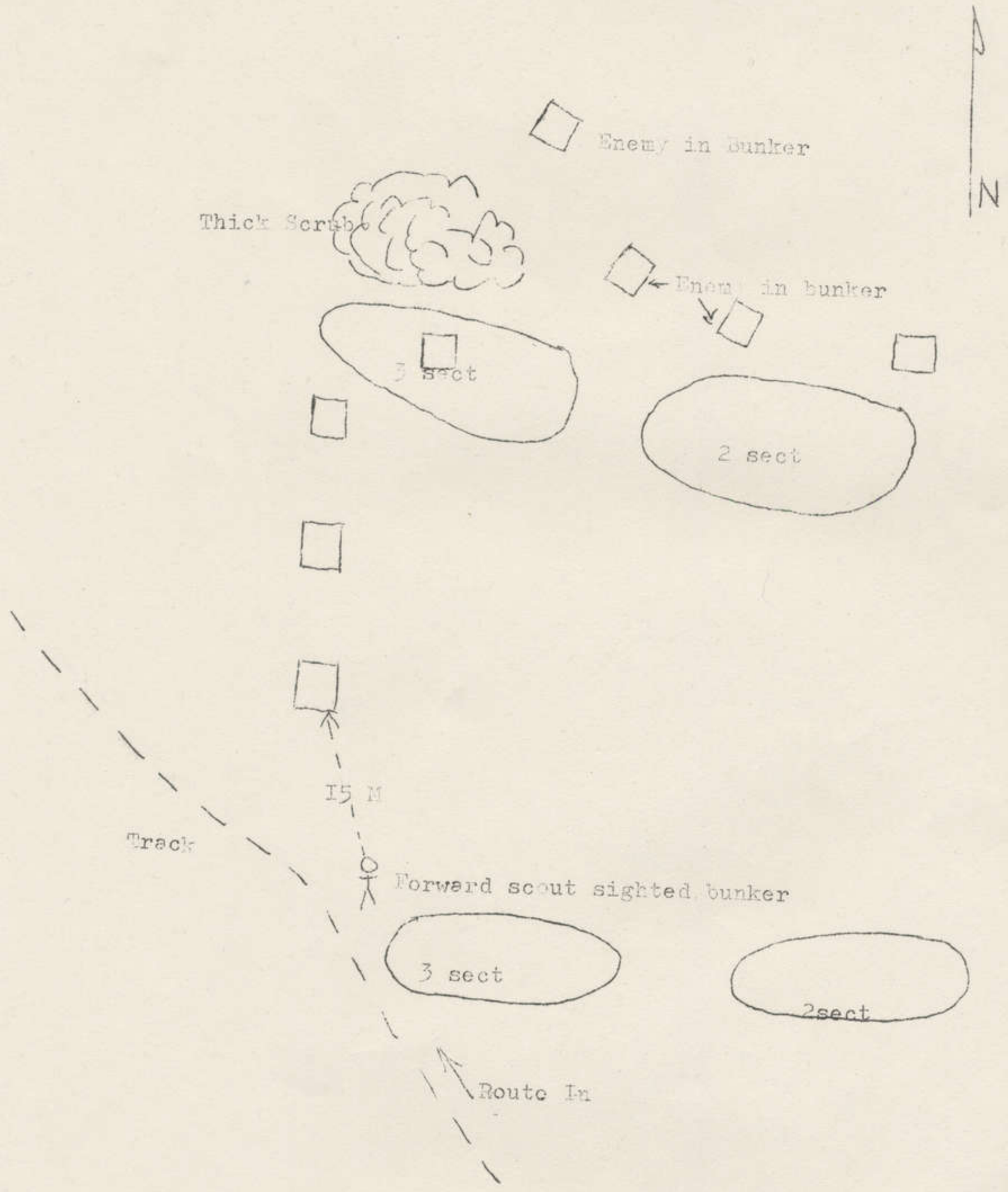
CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

By L.A.WICKS



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CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

Part 1 (submitted by Pl Comd).

1. Operation: HAWKSBURY.

2. Report by: 2784078 2Lt P.J. VIAL.

3. 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR.

4. Strength of section/pl in contact: 1 Officer 28 ORs.

5. Date of action: 16 Sep 68. Time: 1358 hrs. Duration: 10 mins.

6. Location: GR336916.

7. Pl task: RIF.

8. Describe in own words what happened: My c/s was following a well used VC track whenthe fwd scout heard voices to his front. I moved fwd and also heard voices approx 80 meters along the track. We approached to within 40 meters and I then deployed the pl. The fwd sec comd went fwd to recce the en posn. He saw 2 VC sitting on the edge of a pit. His escort saw another VC lying in a hammock. They both fired and were immediately fired on from the flanks by two (2) heavy MG's. The fwd sec then provided sp fire, which successfully neutralized the en MG on the right. The recce party then withdrew. By this time, from further back in the posn, approx 10 AK47's returned the fire. The fwd sec comd told me that the en had well built bunkers inside the posn. I decided to withdraw and call in artillery. We then moved back by fire and movement for approx 80 meters until the en ceased fire. From there we moved back the required safety distance for arty. It was subsequently called down. We proceeded back to the en posn at the completion of the fire mission It had not been really effective and the en were still there. We pulled back again and called in more artillery. C/S 3 caused a ground clearance delay which neccessitated our return to the coy posn as it was getting too late to return. The following day we were delayed returning to the en posn due to an airstrike which was eventually aborted due to low ceiling. At approx 1500 hrs that afternoon I moved out with 9 sec to establish whether the en had vacated their posn. We approached to approx 30 meters and established that the en were still there. We then returned to Coy. The following morning my c/s led the coy to a posn approx 50 meters short of the enemy posn. 9 sec again moved fwd to recce the en posn. Approx 20 mins later the sec comd sent back a party of two (2) to inform me that the en had vacated their posn. We then moved fwd, secured the posn and collected the equipt the en left behind.

9. Description of terrain: Light secondary jungle with good visibility to 50 meters except for the area immediately adjacent to the en posn which was very thick.

10. Distance to en when first sighted: 10 meters.

11. Which soldier saw en first: Sec comd.

12. What was soldier doing: Recce of the en posn.

13. What caused the en to be noticed: Talking.

14. VC strength and type: Estimate twenty (20) dressed in greens and basic webbing.

15. Who fired first: Sec Comd.

16. What sec weapons fired: AR16, SLR.

17. What was en immediate reaction: En gun posn opened fire.

18. What was sec immediate reaction: Gave sp fire while sec comd and escort withdrew.

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19. En casualties: 2 KIA, 1 WIA (Poss)

20. Caused by: AR16, SLR.

21. Friendly casualties: Nil.

22. Caused by: N/A.

23. Approx ammo expenditure: 1080 rds.

24. Documents/weapons captured: Afew personal docs, Med supplies.

25. Lessons learnt: Sometimes the en does not place santries out from their perimeter.

26. Other points: Nil.

Lt
(P.J. VIAL)
OC B Coy 4 RAR

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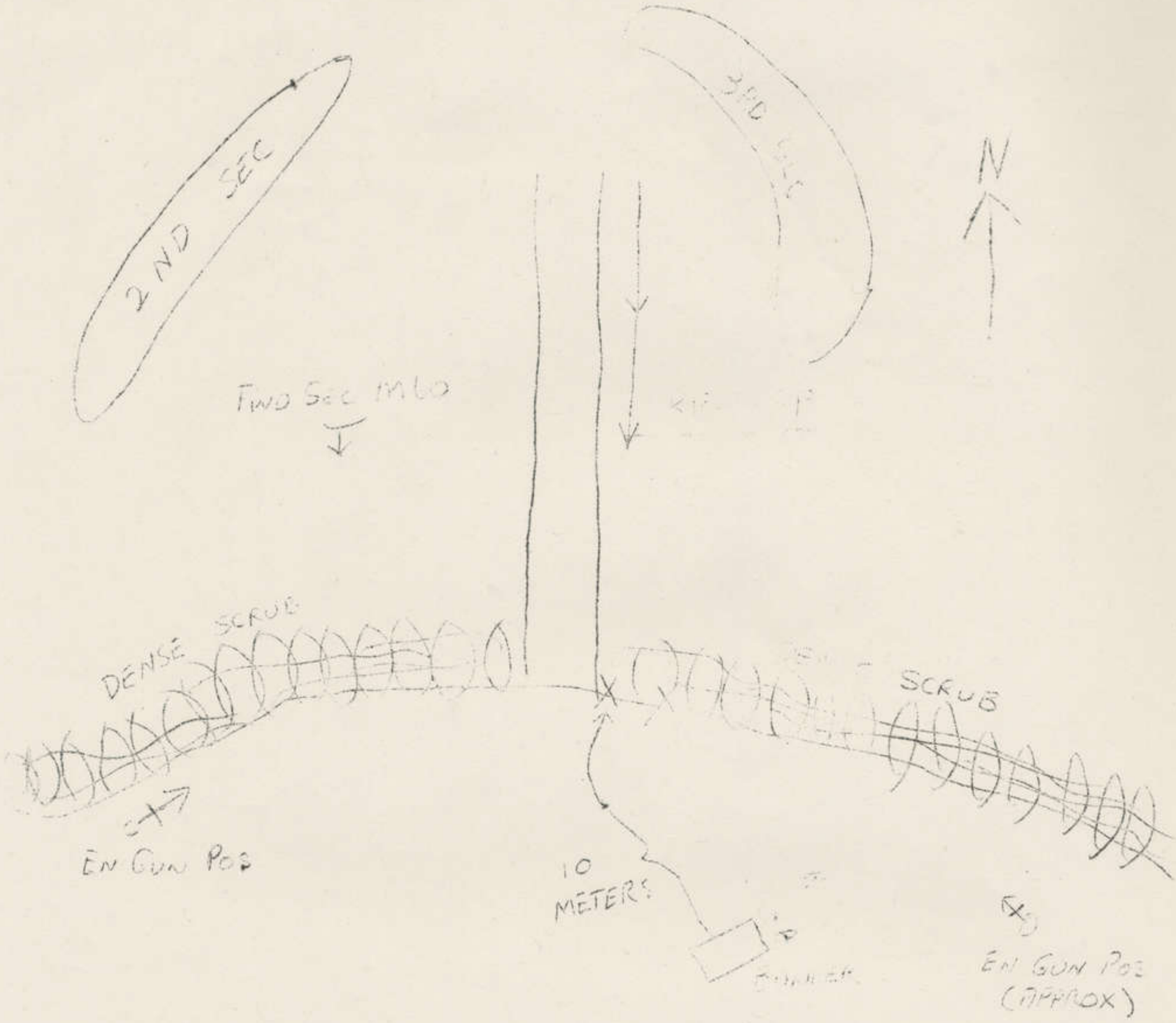

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CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

C COY 4 RAR

Part 1 (to be completed by section/patrol commander)

1. Operation: "HAWKESBURY"
2. Report by: No: 37844 Rank: Cpl; Name: M. FARRELL
3. Sect: 9 Pl: 9 Coy: C Bn: 4 RAR/NZ (Anzac)
4. Strength of sect/Pl * in contact (no of men)
5. Date of action: 16 Sep 68 Time: 1545 hrs. Duration: 10 mins, from contact to disposal of body at C.H.Q.
6. Location: GR 334913
7. Section/Patrol *Task: to ambush track.
8. Describe in your own words what happened (include diagrams)

   Sentries were posted faceing NORTH up the track while the remainder of the pl were moving into position of ambush. 1 VC travelling North South down track was shot dead by the sentries. The Pl swept immediate area and recovered the 1 body.
9. Description of terrain (to include range visibility etc)
   Thick jungle, 15 metres visibility maximum.
10. Distance to enemy when first sighted: Approx 10 metres.
11. Which soldier first saw enemy? Pte Harris, No 1 scout then sentry.
12. What was soldier doing? Watching for enemy movement on track.
13. What caused enemy to be noticed? His quick pace moving down track.
14. VC strength and type: 1 (Main*Regional*Local*) Dress: Black shirt, khaki trousers, HO CHI sandles.
15. Who fired first? Sentries. Range: 10 metres.
16. What section weapons fired? M16 and SLR.
17. What was enemy's immediate reaction? N/A
18. What was the section's immediate reaction? Go to ground into fire positions to support sentries.
19. Enemy casualties: 1 KIA
20. Caused by (weapon): M16 and SLR.
21. Friendly casualties: Nil
22. Caused by (weapon): N/A
23. Approximate ammunition expenditure: 5 rounds 5.56mm + 6 rounds 7.62mm SLR.
24. Documents/Weapons captured: 1 AK47 with 6 full magazines.
25. Lessons learnt: Enemy use tracks as a quick method of with-drawel.
26. Automatic weapon with sentry group in such circumstances good idea.

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Part 2 - Platoon Commander's Comments

27. Related section reports.

28. Describe Pl actions:

Pl actions, SEE para 8.

29. Estimate of all ammunition fired during contact (incl Arty, Mor and Air)

see page 23

Part 3 - Company Commander's Comments.

30. Comments: A good example of "stops". B Coy had located a bunker system. C Coy moved to where the most likely enemy with-drawal route would be and were quickly rewarded.

.....Ptl Comd

.....Pl Comd

.....Coy Comd

* Delete as necessary.

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CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

C COY 4 RAR

Part 1 (to be completed by Section/Patrol Commander)

1. Operation: "HAWKESBURY"
2. Report by: No: 36423 Rank: SGT Name: B.J. MORRIS.
3. Sect Pl 7 Coy C Bn 4 RAR/NZ (Anzac)
4. Strength of ~~Sect~~/Pl * in contact (no of men) 21
5. Date of action: 16 Sep 68. Time: 1200 hrs. Duration: One hour.
6. Location: GR 334912.
7. Section/Patrol * Task: Ambush trk and creek crossing point.
8. Describe in tour own words what happened (include diagrams)

Enemy moved down track to cross the creek, the platoon opened fire when the enemy were in the water. The second group heard Pl digging and turned to escape, Pl opened fire killing one, the remaining one escaped.
See Annex A for diagram.

9. Description of terrain (to include the range of visibility etc)

Terrain was flat and good visibility for 75 metres allowing the platoon to use maximum firepower.

10. Distance to enemy when first sighted: 50 metres.
11. Which soldier first saw enemy? Section Comd
12. What was soldier doing: Watching approaches.
13. What caused enemy to be noticed? Movement.
14. VC strength and type: (4) 2 groups of 2. (~~Main~~ * Regional * ~~Local~~ *) Dress: Black
15. Who fired first? 7 Pl Range: 25 Metres.
16. What section weapons fired? M60, SLR and AR15.
17. What was enemy's immediate reaction? To attempt to withdraw.
18. What was the sections immediate reaction? All ready, Pl opened fire on order.
19. Enemy casualties: 3 KIA (BC), 1 escaped.
20. Caused by (weapon): Pl wpns.
21. Friendly casualties: Nil
22. Caused by (weapon): N/A
23. Approximate ammunition expenditure: 100 link, 50 SLR, 100 M16.
24. Documents/Weapons captured: 2 AK 47's, ammunition.
25. Lessons Learnt: As it was virtually an immediate ambush, we did not start to dig in until after the 1st group was killed. 2nd group heard digging, as a result one got away. Would have been better not to dig in.

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Part 2 - Platoon Commander's Comments

27. Related section report:

28. Describe Pl actions: Action was a Pl ambush. See para 8.

29. Estimate of all ammunition fired during contact (incl Arty, Mor and Air)

100 rounds link belt. 50 x 7.62mm SLR. 100 M16.

Part 3 - Company Commander's Comments.

30. Comments: A good example of a coy being used as a "stop". B Coy had located a bunker system. C Coy moved to where the most likely enemy with drawal routes would be and were quickly rewarded. Fire control was good in that the Pl waited until the VC were actually in the creek before firing.

N/A
.....Ptl Comd

.....Pl Comd

.....Coy Comd

* Delete as necessary.

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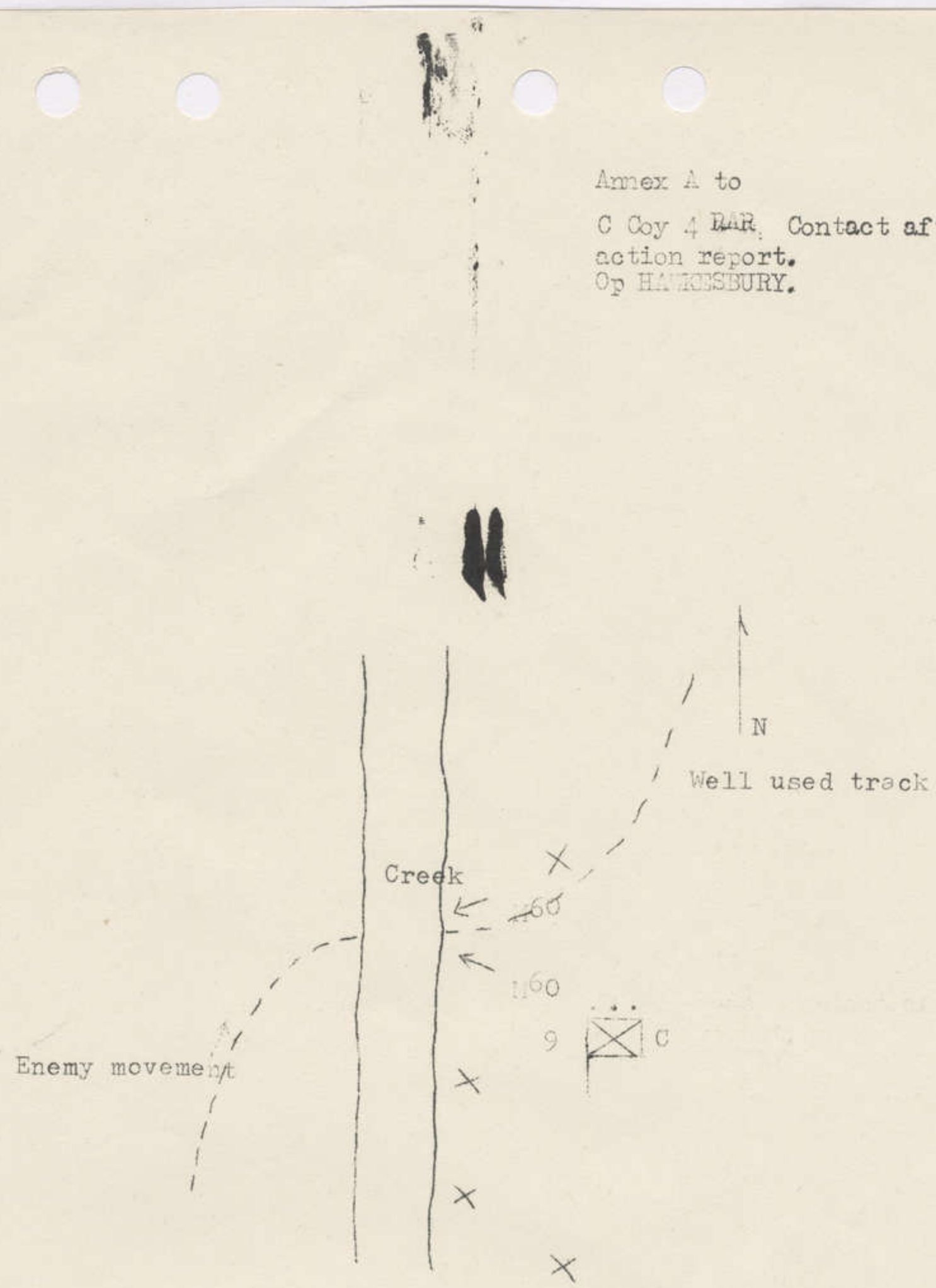
C Coy 4 RAR. Contact after action report.
Op HAWKESBURY.



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VC INSTALLATION REPORT

1. Report by No: 17057 Rank: MAJ Name: B.D.V. LINDSAY
2. Report on installation (type) BUNKER at GR: 332907 at.....hrs on 17 Sep 68. Searched until 19 Sep 68 did NOT locate extremities of complex.
3. Area covered by installation (square yards) 25,000
4. Defensive layout (answer following questions & any more detail that can be given)
   a. Were there any weapon pits & tunnels?
      (1) Weapon pits only: Linked by crawl trenches.
      (2) Tunnels & weapon pits: N/A
      (3) Tunnels only: N/A
   b. Depth of underground tunnels: N/A
   c. Were the tunnels & weapon pits interconnecting? If so, to what extent? N/A
   d. Type of construction used:
      (1) Tunnels N/A
      (2) Weapon pits: Approx 10' x 10' x 8' deep with four feet over head cover.
   e. Number of weapon pits & tunnels: 152 bunkers.
   f. Estimated unit or sub unit required to occupy them: Regiment.
   g. Direction weapon pits facing: All round defence with depth bunkers.
   h. Were the pits:
      (1) Individual: N/A
      (2) Two man: N/A
      (3) Three man: YES
      (4) Crew served weapon, if so what type of weapon do you estimate & what direction was it facing: N/A
   i. How old were:
      (1) Weapon pits: Some were over 12 mths old but atleast thirty had been newly constructed, in particular the command bunkers.
      (2) Tunnels: N/A
      (3) Any other installation: N/A
   j. Was the defensive layout near a river, track, road, ford or town? Sighted on a track complex near creeks.
   k. Were there any early warning posts or devices? Sentries.
   l. Extent and type of booby traps if any: Nil
   m. Destruction action taken: (if any) Nil.

(Signed) B D V Lindsay

Rank: MAJ Appt: OC
C Coy
4 RAR

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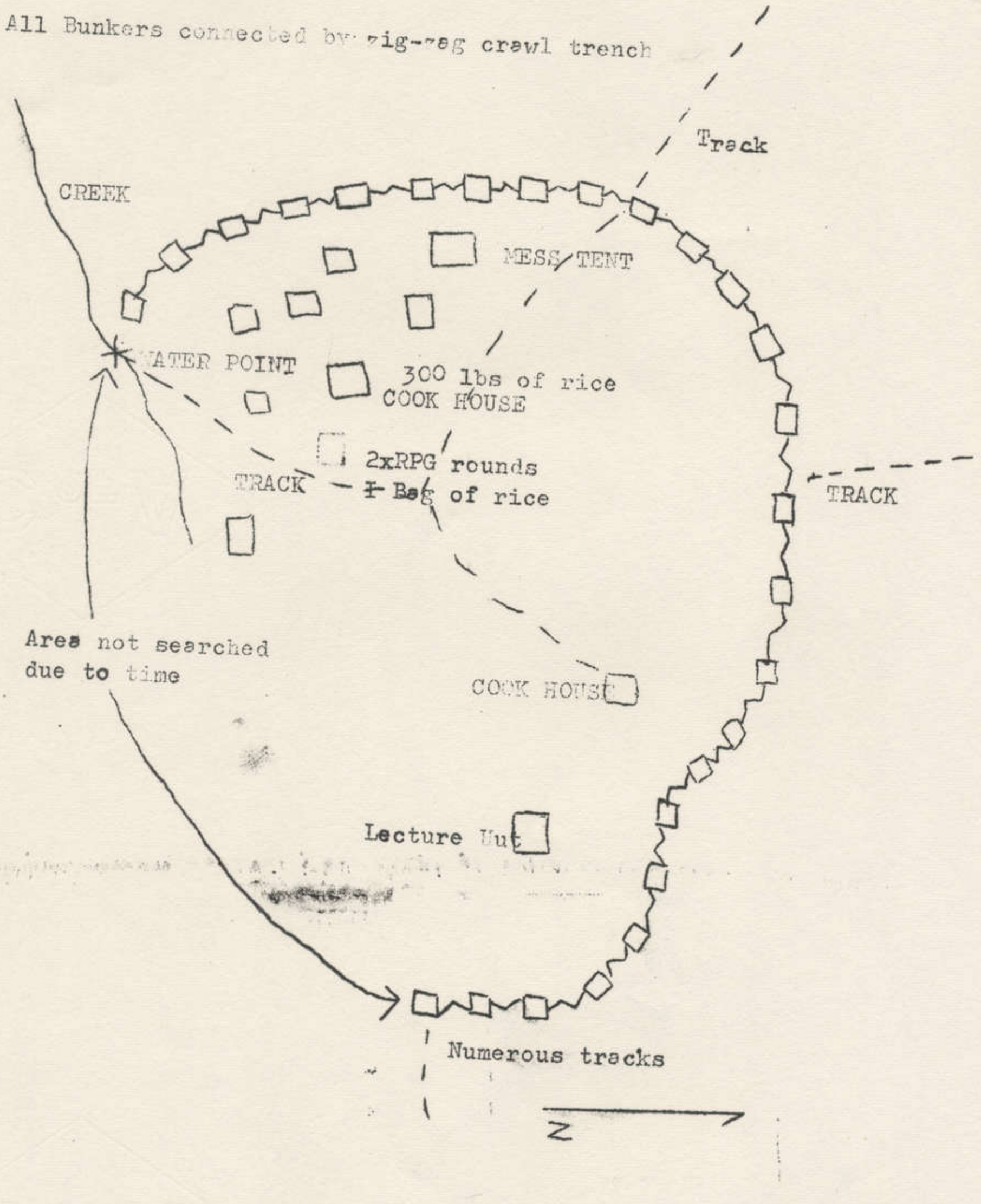
Annex A To
Enemy Installation Report.



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CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

C COY 4 RAR

Part 1 (to be completed by Section/Patrol Commander)

1. Operation HAWKESBURY.
2. Report by: No: 37970 Rank: Cpl Name: G.J. LIPSCOMB.
3. Sect: 4 Pl: 8 Coy: C Bn: 4 RAR
4. Strength of Sect/~~Pl~~ * in contact (no of men) 9
5. Date of action: 18 Sep 68. Time: 1130 hrs. Duration: 1 Hr.
6. Location: GR 332909
7. Section/Patrol * Task: Point sect in coy move towards suspected enemy camp.
8. Describe in your own words what happened (include diagrams)

After sighting perimetre bunkers of en camp and having done a quick rece of frontage and direction of bunker system, past info to Pl comd then deployed Pl on wide front and began to move through system using leap frog method. My section (right flank) had actually got into first line of bunkers and tunnels when we were fired on by auto wpns from with in bunkers on R/Flank. Sect then deployed to right and took out enemy with fire and movement.

9. Description of terrain (to include range of visibility etc)

Thick jungle, visibility 10 ft.

10. Distance to en when first sighted: 10 ft.
11. Which soldier first saw enemy? R/Flank Rfn.
12. What was soldier doing? Advancing through bunkers.
13. What caused enemy to be noticed? Movement.
14. VC strength and type: 2 (Main* Regional* Local*) Dress: Blue uniforms (shorts and shirt)
15. Who fired first? VC Range: 10 ft.
16. What section weapons fired? M60, AR15, 2 SLRs, M79, M26 Grens.
17. What was enemy's immediate reaction? Withdraw using tunnel system.
18. What was the section immediate reaction? Went to ground (fire positions)
19. Enemy casualties: 1 KIA (BC)
20. Caused by (weapon): SLR.
21. Friendly casualties: Nil
22. Caused by (weapon): N/A
23. Approximate ammunition expenditure: 200 7.62mm, 40 AR15, 4 M79, 3 M26 grens.
24. Documents/Weapons captured: 2 Chikan grens.
25. Lessons Learnt: Thorough rece of crawl trenche systems is necessary before attempting to advance through enemy camps.

26. Other points: Try to have depth of flanks when advancing through en positions.

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Part 2 - Platoon Commander's Comments.

27. Related section report:

28. Describe Pl actions: Pl commander un-available due to wounds received as a result of subsequent straffing by U.S. aircraft.

29. Estimate of all ammunition fired during contact (incl Arty, Mor and Air)
200 x 7.62mm SLR, 4 M79, 40 M16, 3 M 26.

Part 3 - Company Commander's Comments

30. Comments: The bunker system captured, consisted of at least 152 bunkers. The coy was able to get up to the position by the use of Artillery fire and an intelligent appreciation of where the enemy complex must be in view of enemy tracks, texture of soil and creek lines.

It required an accurate shot by a rfn to give the VC rear party "the third eye" and hence enable the coy to occupy the position without loss.

In the system, amongst other things were found 3 x 22mm rockets and detailed maps of most major military installations in South Vietnam with the exception of NUI DAT.

.....Ptl Comd

.....Pl Comd

.....Coy Comd

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Part 1 - (to be completed by Section/Patrol Commander)

1. Operation: HAWKESBURY.
2. Report by: No: 36423 Rank: SGT Name: B.J. MORRIS.
3. Sect: Pl: 7 Coy: C Bn: 4 RAR/NZ (Anzac)
4. Strength of Sect/Pl * in contact (no of men) 1 man.
5. Date of action: 18 Sep 68. Time: hrs. Duration: 20 Secs.
6. Location: GR 332907.
7. Section/Patrol*Task: Soldier on Sentry.
8. Describe in own words what happened (include diagram)
   Sentry outside coy position killed 1 enemy approaching coy.
9. Description of terrain (to include range of visibility etc)
   Sloping ground falling away from coy position to a creek.
10. Distance to enemy when first sighted: 20 metres.
11. Which soldier first saw enemy? Sentry.
12. What was soldier doing? Sentry duty.
13. What caused enemy to be noticed? Movement.
14. VC strength and type: 1 (~~Main~~*~~Regional~~*Local*) Dress: Black shirt & trousers.
15. Who fired first? Sentry Range: 20 metres.
16. What section weapons fired? SLR
17. What was enemy's immediate reaction? Turned to run although hit.
18. What was the section's immediate reaction? Coy stood to.
19. Enemy casualties: 1 KIA (BC)
20. Caused by (weapon): SLR
21. Friendly casualties: Nil
22. Caused by (weapon): N/A
23. Approximate ammunition expenditure: 5 Rounds SLR.
24. Documents/Weapons captured: Nil
25. Lessons learnt: Soldiers finally realise they have to stay switched on while on sentry.
26. Other points: VC use tracks and will return to their bunker complexes along these tracks regardless of previous contacts in the area.

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Part 2 - Platoon Commander's Comments

27. Related section report:

28. Describe Pl actions: Pl stood to.

29. Estimate of all ammunition fired during contact (incl Arty, Mor and Air)
5 rounds 7.62mm SLR.

Part 3 - Company Commanders Comments

30. Comments:

a. Good shooting by an alert sentry.

b. If you capture an enemy bunker system, stay there for a while. You ~~will~~ may kill those returning who don't know you are in there.

.....Ptl Comd

.....Pl Comd

.....Coy Comd

* Delete as necessary.

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ANNEX M Encl 14

AFTER ACTION CONTACT REPORT

Part 1(submitted by the sec/pl comd)

1. Operation: HAWKSBURY.

2. Report by: 1201400 Rank: 2Lt. Name: P.B. Sheedy.

3. 5 Pl B Coy 4 RAR.

4. Strength of sec/pl in contact(no of men): 1 Officer and 26 ORs.

5. Date of action: 19 Sep 68. Time: 1334 hrs. Duration: 5 Mins.

6. Location: GR 328915.

7. Sec/pl task: RIF.

8. Description of what happened in own words: My c/s had just harboured astride the North - South track at GR 329915 and I had completed the briefing of two patrol commanders for short range recce from that location when the Southern gun group(6 sec MG) gave the en signal. The sec comd was at that time at the gun pit and reported three en moving toward our location on the track. The en were allowed to approach to a distance of approx 15x where they halted, apparently having noticed our posn. Cpl Burns then ordered the gun group to open fire with a 50 rd belt and fired 18 rds of 5.56 into the contact area. One(1) VC was killed in the initial burst and one(1) WIA. The wounded VC and the third member of the party who was also considered to be wounded fled to the South West. One of these two (2) ran into the Coy posn and was taken prisoner. 6 sec immediately moved fwd with fire and movement to check the area. They found the body lying on the track and blood trails leading to the South West. I was then notified by Coy that a PW had been taken in their loc. The body was searched and the ptl continued with its task. Diagram as Annex A.

9. Description of terrain: The area was light secondary jungle with good visibility to approx 15x in the surrounding scrub and 30x on the track.

10. Distance to en when first sighted: 30 meters.

11. Which soldier first saw en: Sec 2IC and MG group.

12. What was soldier doing: Standing to in harbour area:

13. What caused en to be first noticed: En moving along track.

14. En strength and type: Three(3) en thought to be regional.

15. Who fired first: 6 sec MG group and sec comd. Range: 15 meters.

16. What sec weapons were fired: MG and AR 15.

17. What was the en first reaction: Flee.

18. What was the sec first reaction: Follow up.

19. En casualties: One(1) KIA, One(1) WIA(confirmed and later captured by B Coy) 1WIA poss(blood trail).

20. Caused by: M60.

21. Friendly casualties: Nil.

22. Caused by: N/A.

23. Approx ammo expenditure: 50 rds 7.62mm, 18 rds 5.56mm.

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24. Docs/wpns captured: a. Pers docs and what appears to be tax collection records.

b. 6.700P in SVN currency.

c. Nil weapons.

25. Lessons learnt: VC can always be found on known tracks.

26. Other points: The KIA VC was not dirty although it was a rather muddy area and he should of had to walk through a creek to be at the contact area. This lead me to believe that the party came from a camp West of the creek and probably between the contact area and the track, creek crossing. However due to the time factor it was not possible to check this area thoroughly.

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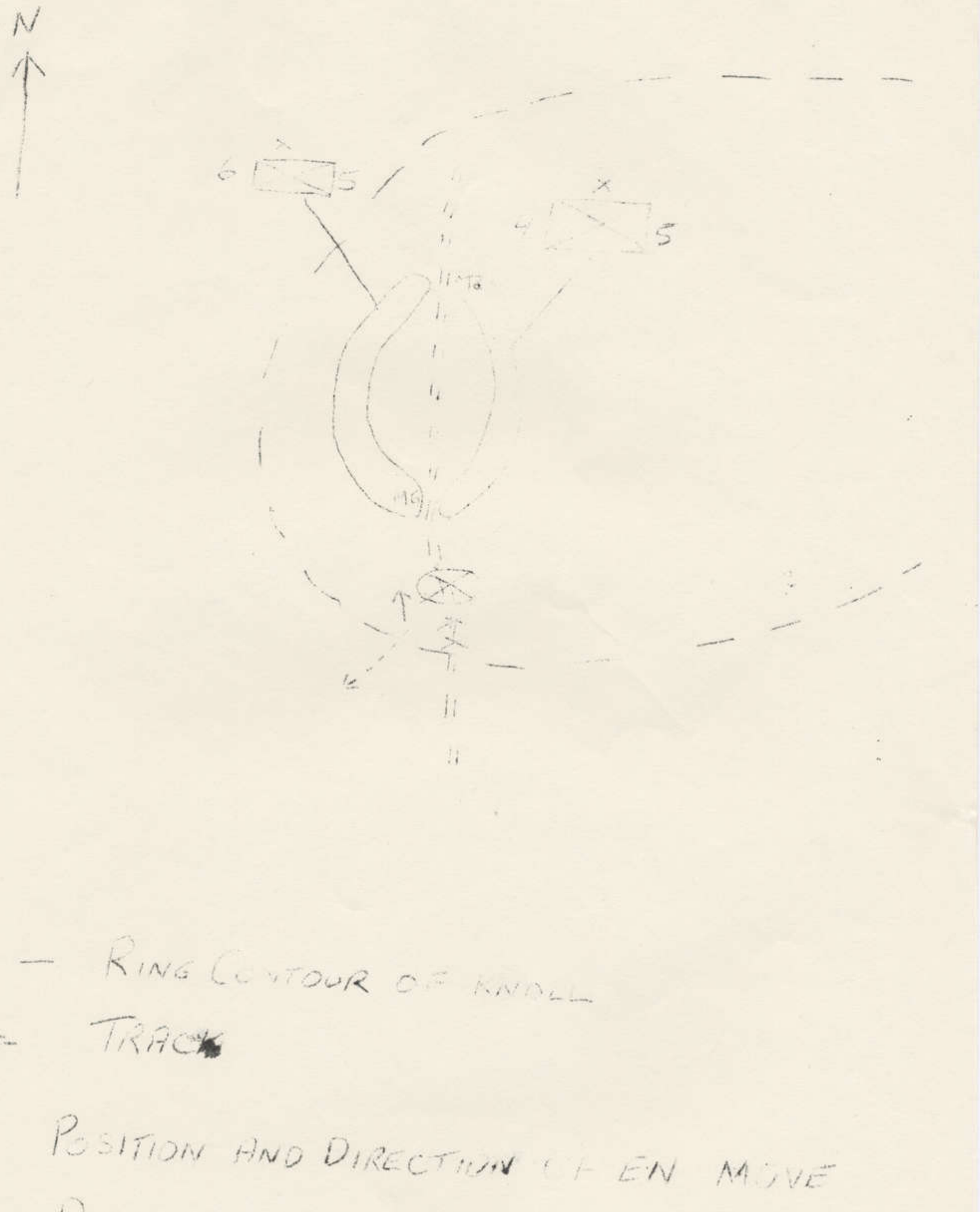
ANNEX A



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X X X → POSITION AND DIRECTION OF EN MOVE

- - - → DIRECTION OF EN WITHDRAWAL

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Coy Diary

CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

12 OCT

Part 1 (submitted by the Pl Comd)

ANNEX M Encl 16

1. Operation: HAWKSBURY.

2. Report by: 2784078 2Lt P.J. VIAL.

3. 6 Pl B Coy 4 RAR.

4. Strength of sect/pl in contact: 1 Officer 28 ORs.

5. Date of action: 22 Sep 68. Time: 1330 hrs. Duration: 10 mins.

6. Location: GR300900.

7. Pl task: RIF.

8. Describe in own words what happened: My c/s was leading the coy when my fwd sec comd called me fwd. He told me he heard noises to his right front. I told him to move fwd cautiously towards the suspected en posn. We moved fwd and the fwd sec comd the fwd scout sited three (3) enemy moving from right to left across his front. He opened fire. The sec then deployed and engaged the en with fire. The sec comd indicated the en posn with tracer and the GPMG M60 engaged it. By this time the remainder of the pl had closed up. I told 7 sec to close in and move up level with the lead sec on its left. 7 sec was then fired on from the left but successfully neutralized the fire. 8 sec then moved up on the right of the fwd sec (9 sec). I then ordered 8 and 9 secs to give supporting fire while I took 7 sec around to the leftflank for a sweep. The fire support then cut out and we cleared the area. Two blood trails were found. One was leading to the East and one to the South. The blood trail to the South indicated a very serious wound. The track also indicated that that the en was crawling. I attached the tracker, who was travelling with my Pl HQ, to 9 sec to follow the trail. They found the en, still crawling, approx 40 meters to the South. The tracker indicated the en to the gunner who fired and killed him. The pl was then redeployed and the en equipt collected. Diagram attached as Annex A.

9. Description of terrain: Light secondary growth with a visibility of approx 40 meters.

10. Distance to en when first sighted: 30 meters.

11. Which soldier saw en first: Fwd scout.

12. What was soldier doing: Leading pl on ptl.

13. What caused en to be noticed: En mov along track.

14. VC strength and type: 3 VC dressed in black with basic webbing and packs. Suspected to be regional force.

15. Who fired first: Fwd scout.

16. What section weapons were fired: AR16, SLR, initially.

17. What was en immediate reaction: Went to ground and returned fire.

18. What was sections immediate reaction: Deployed where all could fire.

19. En casualties: 1 KIA, 1 WIA.

20. Caused by: AR16, M60.

21. Friendly casualties: 1 slightly wounded.

22. Caused by: Wood splinters.

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23. Approx ammo expenditure: 400 rds.

24. Documents/weapons captured: 1 AK47, 3 Mags, 1 82MM mor and 2 chicom grenades.

25. Lessons learnt: Sec comd should always carry a mag of tracer for tgt ind. Tracer proved invaluable for tgt indication in this contact.

26. Other points: Nil.

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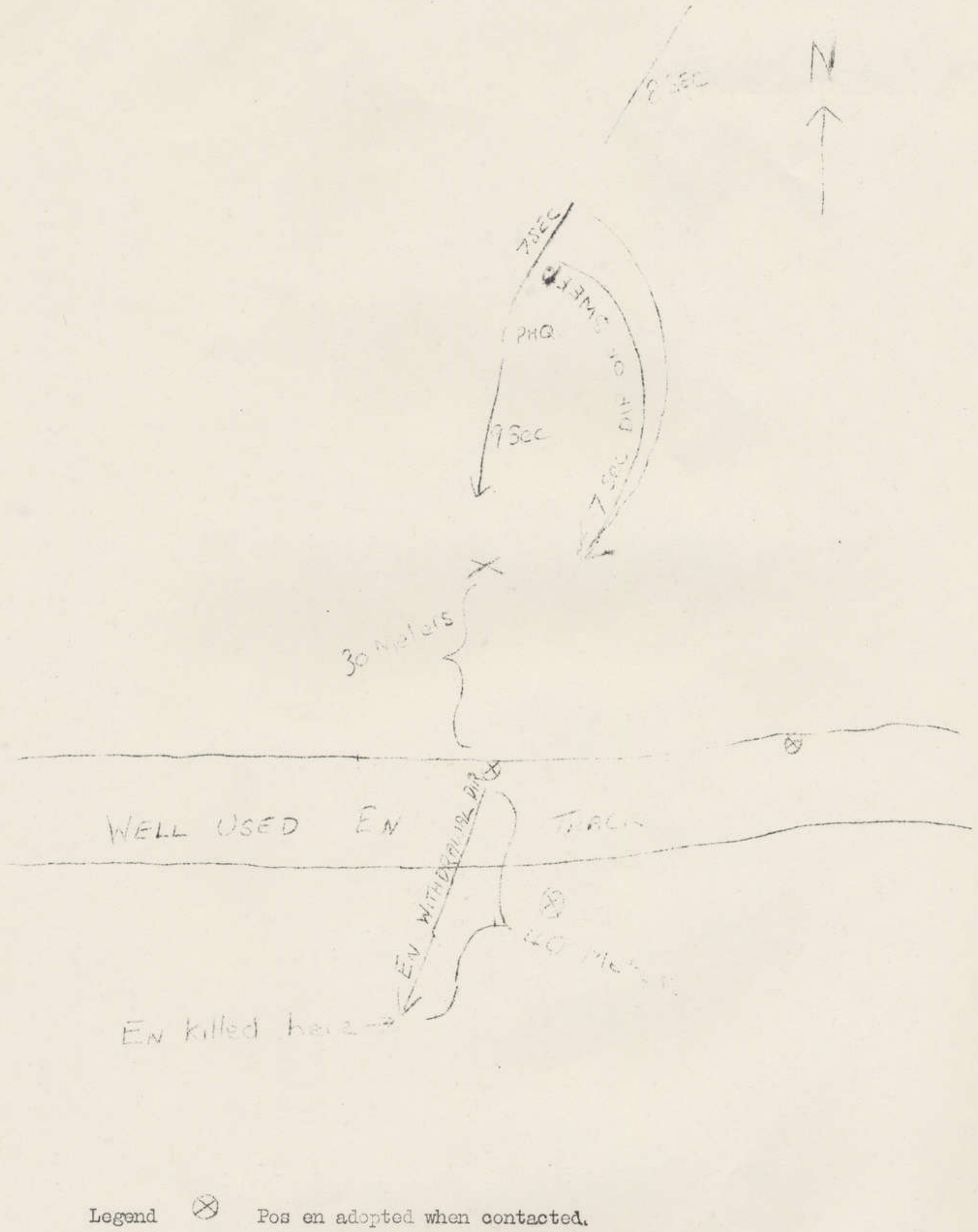

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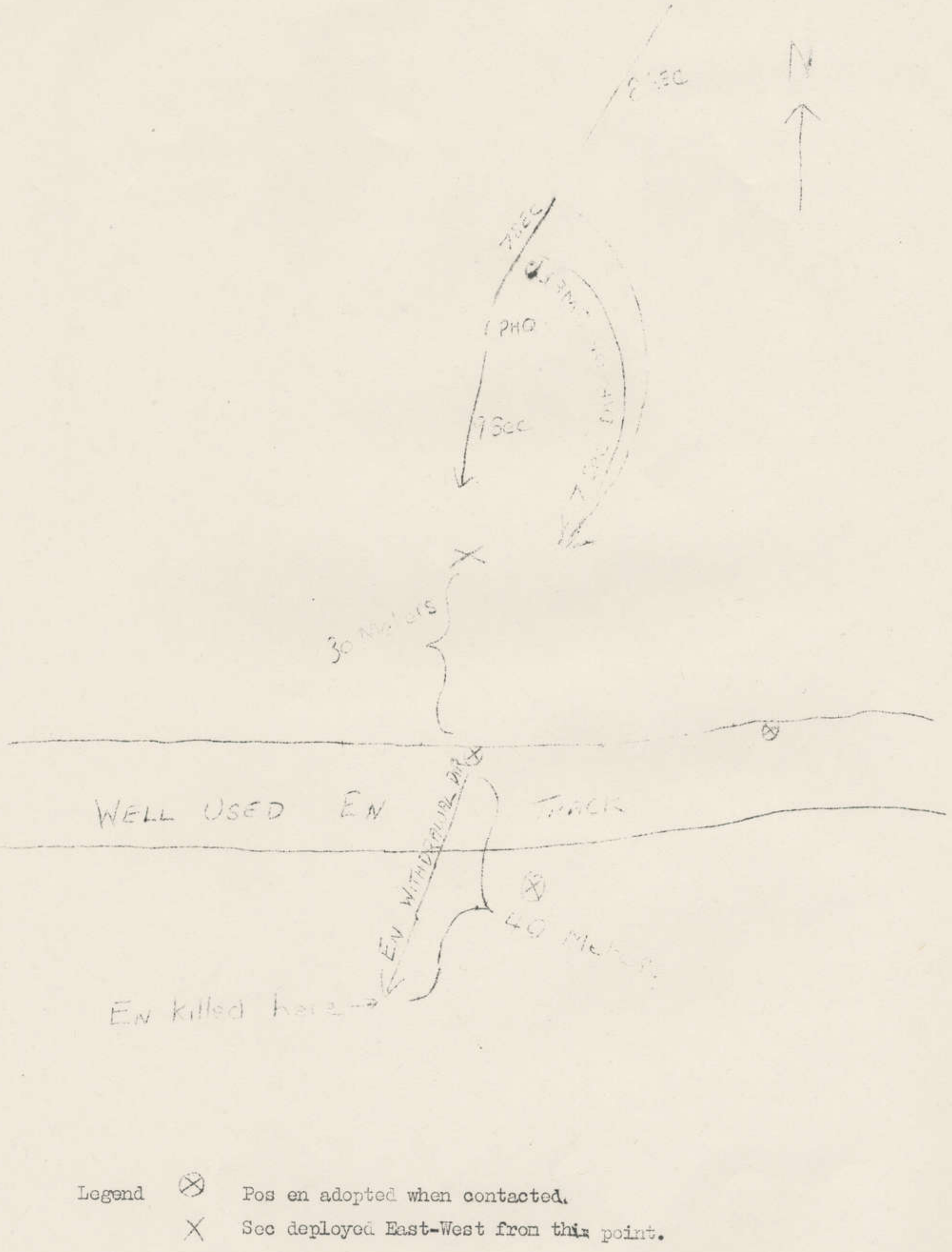
Annex A



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V Coy
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Nui Dat

14 Sep 68

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ANNEX M Encl 17

V COY OPERATION ANALYSIS

1. Commander Major M.J. HALL

2. Operation Names & Duration a. INNAMINKA 7 - 12 Sep 68
b. HAWKSBURY 12 - 24 Sep 68

3. Outline of Sub-unit tasks

a. 7 Sep A road run on Route 2 with 3 Tp C Sqn 1 Armd Regt, 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and a combat team 1 Fd Sqn under command. Tasks were to
(1) Clear Route 2
(2) Repair the road and remove any road-blocks at YS 465797 and 464800.
(3) Provide deception for the subsequent operation by simulating the establishment of a FSPB at 458782.

b. 8-9 Sep Occupy block positions (to the East) by night as part of the Bn operation against enemy thought to be in the vicinity of NUI NHAN 431789. This phase was in conjunction with the fly-in of W Coy and their night occupation of block positions to the North of NUI NHAN.

c. 9-12 Sep Occupy block positions to the West of a Bn RIF operation in the area of centre of mass 4077.

d. 12-14 Sep RIF in AO whilst based adjacent to FSPB GABO 462827 and providing a defence element on that FSPB.

e. 15-16 Sep The occupation of block positions in conjunction with a search by W Coy in the area of Route 2 in 4608 and 4609.

f. 16-24 Sep RIF in an AO allotted on the flank of a Bn RIF operation in the area centre of mass 3091.

4. On 7 Sep the Coy departed NUI DAT at 0700 hrs and completed the road clearance without incident. By 1500 hrs the dummy FSPB was occupied at 458780. 3 Pl plus Sp Sect established ambushes at 441778 and 451783 and sent back a guide party to the Coy base. By 1730 hrs W Coy had flown into the base and, with 1 Pl, were guided forward that night for their night move to their blocking positions in the North. At 080300H the Coy (less 1 Pl) moved through the dirty rubber to occupy block positions as follows-
a. 1 Pl at 437794 (moving with W Coy)
b. 2 Pl at 437789 with Coy HQ in rear at 439788
c. 3 Pl at 438787

5. at 080630H Sp Sect covering a well used VC trail in the rubber plantation, sprung their ambush killing 1 VC and capturing two packs and two M1 Garand rofles. 1 VC wounded, was followed and tracks showed a third VC was involved in the contact. Follow-up was discontinued at 436790. Attatched as Annex A is V Coy D 18 of 24 Sep - Contact Report.

6. Ambushes were laid on the ni 8/9 Sep at 442794 (1Pl), 442796 (3 Pl & Coy HQ) and 441784 (2 Pl). No incidents occured.

7. At 091100H the Coy flew in two lifts to an unsecured LZ at 369769 which was prepared with arty and TFT fire. By last light ambushes were laid by 2 and 3 Pls on well used VC trails at 368758 and 372782, 1 Pl and Coy HQ secured an LP at 368778.

8. On 10 Sep ambushes were adjusted to cover VC stream crossing points by 2 Pl at 372767 and 3 Pl at 371786. 3 Pl located a VC OP tree (bamboo set into a tree trunk to a height of about 70 ft).

9. On 12 Sep this operation concluded with no incidents concerning V Coy. The Coy was extracted (after a delay) and flown to FSPB GABO (4632) to secure the base until the road convoy arrived. By 121000 hrs 3 Pl with R Cps from the remainder of the Coy were at 464828 where a coy base was occupied adjacent to but no part of FSPB GABO. Patrols that day showed many signs of movement on tracks in the area. Patrolling on 13 Sep resulted only in 1 Pl locating a coy sized VC base camp at 477836. V Coy D 19 of 24 Sep att.

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10. Acting on an intercepted VC radio message V Coy were deployed on 14 Sep by road to occupy block positions at 460880 (1Pl), 460897 (2 Pl) and 459883 (3 Pl). W Coy was to sweep the area of the rubber to the East from a start position on the stream at 473887 where it was thought that a VC transfer of rockets from East to West was to occur that night. By 1200 hrs the coy was in position having been delivered by C Sqn (-) and 1 Tp A Sqn. W Coy contacts in their start position caused a change of plans with OC V Coy controlling V and W surrounding and searching the area with two tanks C Sqn and one Sect 3 Tp A Sqn under command. W Coy captured many items of VC stores hidden in the area of the gully at 472888. V Coy encountered no enemy and assissted in the search finding a small amount of VC stores. Two bunkers in the area were destroyed and the area searched thoroughly.

11. By 161430H the coy with two tanks and the sect of APCs had constructed and searched a PZ (9 x IPs) from which W Coy was lifted to an LZ at 325935 (on the BLACKSTONE TRAIL). The coy followed W Coy in the flight and just prior to landing at the LZ W Coy contacted enemy. By 1700 hrs the coy was based at 311939 (estb by firing arty mark missions) without incident.

12. Patrols on 17 Sep found VC trails running from North to South at 313936 abd 310936. Both trails had been well used by heavily laden VC for a considerable time. At 313936 the trail was on an old logging track and was joined by a fresh track coming in from the West. The junction of this new trail to the older one had been marked that morning by three VC by breaking foliage. By last light 17 Sep 3 Pl were in ambush on the trail at 317940 and 1 Pl had relieved 2 Pl in temporary ambush at 313936. On the morning of 18 Sep 2 Pl moved into the ambush on the left of 1 Pl and the 1 Pl ambush was adjusted accordingly.

13. At 181025H 3 Pl sprang their ambush on 3 VC moving South on the VC trail killing all 3. See V Coy D 20 att as Annex C.

14. By 181330H 3 Pl had joined the remainder of the coy and took up positions covering the rear and flank of the ambush at 313936. At 190942H (approx 1 hr after two maintdem and two Sioux hel sorties had been accepted into a pad 150 metres in rear of the ambush) about 11 VC entered the ambush using the new trail from the West and turning South. After about 4-5 VC had passed through 1 Pl killing zone the sentries initiated the ambush. 4 VC ran South on the trail and entered the 2 Pl killing zone which was then initiated. Results were:

a. 1 Pl - 3 VC killed in the ambush and 1 VC killed in the sweep (having been wounded in the ambush, - two blood trails led away to the NW.
b. 2 Pl - 2 VC killed in the ambush, 1 killed in the sweep (having been wounded in the ambush) and one blood trail led away to the West.

15. The Pl reports are attatched as Annexes E and F. Att as Annex D is a sketch of the ambush area.

16. Patrolling continued until 20 Sep with the coy based on an ill-defined trail at 298937 in a coy ambush layout. By 211515 hrs the coy less 3 Pl were ambushing a very well defined VC trail last used that morning by 8 VC at 29L948 (3 Pl remained ambushing the other trail at 297937). These ambushes were maintained until 221215 hrs (without incident) when the movement towards the extraction PZ was commenced.

17. Extraction occured at 240730-0800H from a PZ secured by W Coy.

Assessment of Operation

18. The coy achieved three successful ambushes on VC trails. Coy experience shows that once the trails are located it is an almost sure way of inflicting casualties on the enemy. On two occassions (12 and 22 Sep) the coy had to leave likely ambush areas on well and recently used trails that, if left in position, would have probably resulted in contact being achieved under ideal circumstances.

19. The rapid changes of locations and roles achieved during the period were worthwhile and produced results.

20. Identifications were made from ID Cards (only one each) as follows.
a. D724C (3 Bn 84A Arty Regt) - 18 Sep at 317940.
b. D2014 (reported as a previously unidentified unit) - 19 Sep at 313936.

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21. The Coy results were:

a. Enemy killed:

1 - 8 Sep (Sp Sect)
3 - 18 Sep (3 Pl)
7 - 19 Sep (1 Pl - 4, 2 Pl - 3)

b. Enemy wounded:

1 - 8 Sep (Sp Sect)
3 - 19 Sep (Coy ambush)

c. Wpns captured:

2 x M1 Garand rifles - 8 Sep
3 x AK47s (two Chicom and 1 Russian) - 18 Sep
2 x AK47s - 19 Sep
3 x Chicom grenades
1 x improvised grenade (Beer Can)
18 x AK47 mags (full)

d. Documents:

1 x ID Card (D724 C)
1 x ID Card (D2014)
3 letters
1 note book recording numbers of mor rds fired
5 x wpns certificates
1 x certificate of promotion to squad leader.

(M.J. HALL)
Major
OC
V Coy

Annexes:

A. V Coy D18 of 24 Sep (Sp Sect contact report)
B. V Coy D19 & VC Installation Report (1Pl)
C. V Coy D20 of 24 Sep (3 Pl contact report)
D. Sketch of Coy Ambush
E. V Coy D22 of 24 Sep (1 Pl contact report)
F. V Coy D23 of 24 Sep (2 Pl contact report)

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Annex A to
V Coy S 17 of 24 Sep 68

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CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

Part 1

1. Operation: INNAMINKA
2. Report by: 923119 Cpl AMAS B.C.
3. Sp Section V Coy
4. Strength of section in contact: 10 men.
5. Date of action: 8 Sep 68. Time: 0625 hrs. Duration: 1Hr.
6. Location: GR 439789
7. Section task: Cover rear of Coy HQ and ambush a well used track.
8. Description of what happened in sect Comds own words: (Also see sketch) The Section had been placed im all round defence in a rubber plantation with six claymores covering the main track and the M60 to cover our approach track. At 0625 whilst checking my position on the map I noticed 2 VC rapidly approaching my killing zone along the track from the South. Only the upper parts of the body were visible above the grass and they had rifles over their shoulders. I alerted the sentry who fired the claymores immediately. The area was then covered by M60 and rifle fire. One VC was seen to dissappear and the other was seen very briefly running into the long grass. M79 grens were fired and a sweep was organized. The search revealed one body, two rifles and a pack on the track. A trail was found branching from the main track and on this we fourd sandals and a blood stained pack. The search was stopped at this stage to allow a friendly patrol to approach our position. In the subsequent follow-up tracks of a third person were found linking up with the wounded VC and these combined tracks were followed for approx 4000 metres. It was found later that only two of the claymores were detonated, two others the backs were blown out and the other two untouched.
9. Description of terrain: Old rubber, long grass. Visibility nil when lying down.
10. Distance to enemy when first sighted: 30 metres.
11. Which soldier first saw enemy: Cpl AMAS.
12. What was soldier doing: Checking position on map.
13. What caused enemy to be first noticed: Movement.
14. Enemy strength and type: 2 VC. Dress: Black or grey pyjamas.
15. Who fired first: Sp Sect. Range: 5 metres (from claymores).
16. What sect wpns were fired: M60, M79 and SLR.
17. What was enemies immediate reaction: Run back down track.
18. What was soldiers immediate reaction: Stand-to and fire at enemy position.
19. Enemy casualties: 1 KIA, 1 WIA.
20. Caused by: Claymores and SLRs.
21. Friendly casualties: Nil.
22. Approx ammo expenditure: 200 x 7.62, 6 x M79, 2 x claymores.
23. Documents/wpns caotured: 2 Garrand Rifles, 1 letter.
24. Lessons learnt: a. Ambush posns must be adjusted at first light after a night occupation. b. Detonating cord for linking claymores must be checked constantly for deterioration.

Part 2 - Coy Comds comments:

25. Comments: The failure of the second set of claymores allowed the escape of the wounded VC. An otherwise successful ambush. I concur with the lessons learnt but add the following-

a. Sentries must be positioned under such conditions, sitting upright so as to gain vision.

b. The claymore failure probably occured because of loose seating of the detonation in the mine - the mines concerned were the primaries in a set of three linked to each other by detonating command. (The interpreter is of the opinion that the wounded VC was a female.)

.....Sect Comd

.....Coy Comd

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Annex B to V Coy
D 17 of 24 Sep 68

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VC INSTALLATION REPORT

1. Report by: 581417 Lt J.R. WEBB
2. Report on installation (type): Camp at YS 478837 at 1500 hrs on 13 Sep 68.
3. Area covered by installation (in square yds): 200.
4. Defensive layout: Area consisted of huts, some galvanized iron being used in the construction. Tables inside but would seat 10-12 men. Sleeping bays set below ground level. Approx 1 month old.
5. Number of pits and tunnels: At least six consisting of single man hides with undergrpund bunkers for sleeping and storage. Pits were individual.
6. Estimated Unit or sub-unit required to occupy them: Approx coy strength.
7. Direction pits were facing: N-S.
8. Any other installations: Nil.
9. Were there any early warning posts or devices: Small one man basha 100 metres from camp on track. Probably sentry position.
10. Extent and type of booby traps if any: One found. CBU in ration tin.
11. Destruction action taken: Nil.

John R. Webb .....Pl Comd

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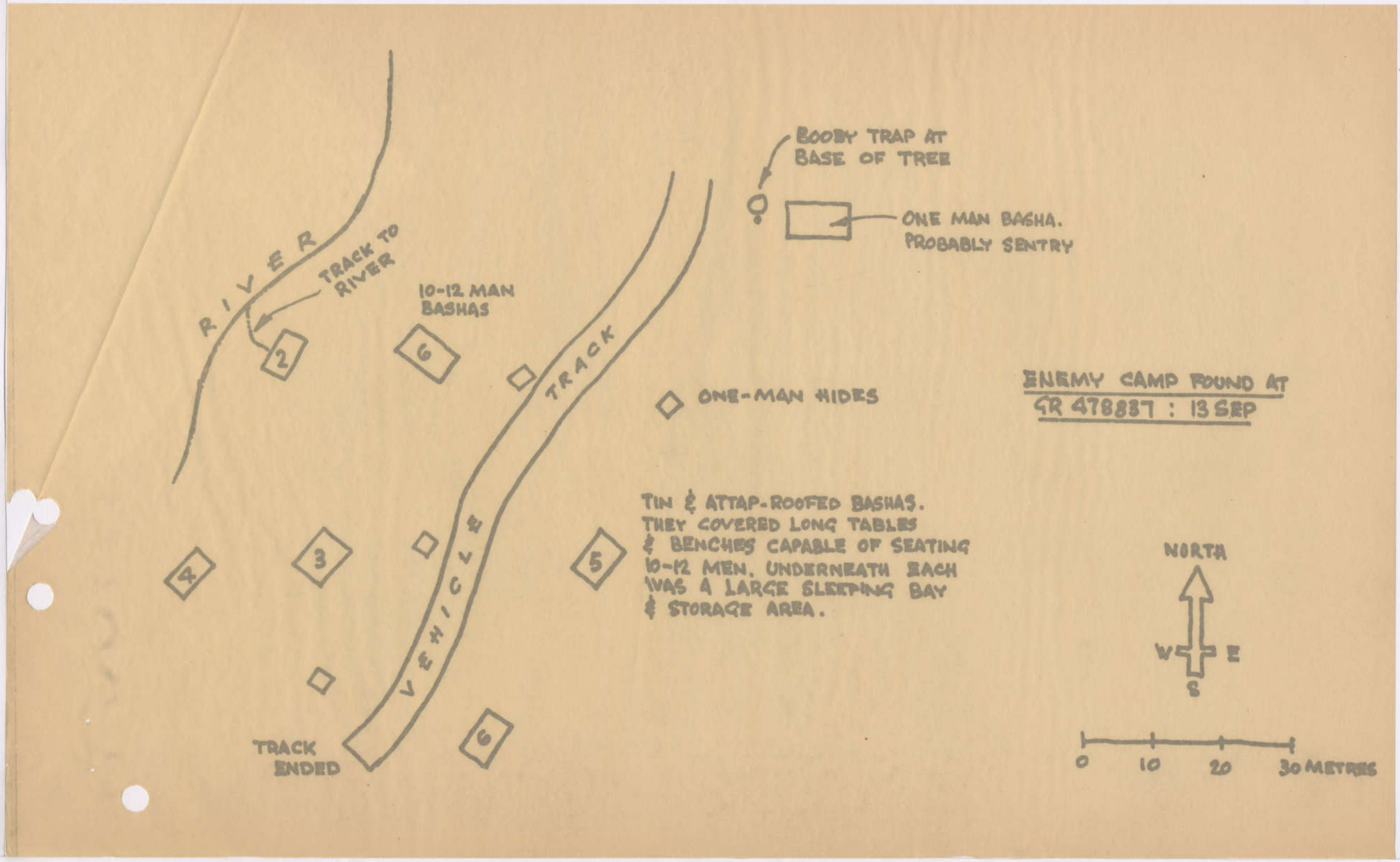

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Annex C to V.Coy
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CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

Part 1

1. Operation: HAWKSBURY

2. Report by: 38498 Lt R.S.V. KELLETT

3. 3 Pl V Coy

4. Strength of pl in contact: 20 (incl assistant FC and sig.

5. Date of action: 18 Sep 68 Time: 1023 hrs
Duration of action: 20 minutes.

6. Location: GR 317940

7. Pl Task: Ambush VC trail located the previous afternoon.

8. Description of what happened in Pl Comds own words: The ambush was laid to cover a VC track running from North to South. At 1023 Hrs the sentries, Pte Matto and Pte Rangitoheriri saw three VC moving cautiously down the track towards the South. Both sentries fired the claymores and M60s, killing the three VC. A sweep by the remainder revealed that there had been no more VC following closely behind. The pl recovered the weapons and ammunition.

9. Description of terrain: Fairly flat, thick vegetation except for area looking out onto track. Range of visibility approx 30 metres.

10. Distance to enemy when first sighted: 20 metres.

11. Which soldier first saw enemy: Pte Rangitoheriri.

12. What was soldier doing: Sentry (one of a pair manning the ambush killer gp post).

13. What caused enemy to be first noticed: Movement along the track.

14. Enemy strength and type: Three NVA Dress: Shirt and shorts, sandals wpns and web.

15. Who fired first: Sentry Range: 20 Metres

16. What section wpns were fired: Claymores and M60s

17. What was the enemies immediate reaction: One enemy returned fire but had a stoppage . He was then killed, the others died instantaneously.

18. What was the sections immediate reaction: Stand-to

19. Enemy casualties: Three KIA

20. Caused by (wpn): Claymores and M60s.

21. Friendly casualties: One WIA (RD) Cpl Barber

22. Caused By: An ejecting cartridge case from an SLR hit him in the eye.

23. Approx ammo expenditure; 200 x 7.62 linked, 200 x 7.62, 100 x 5.56, 5 c/mores (most SA ammo expended during the sweep).

24. Docus/wpns captured: 3 x AK47s, 12 magazines, 2 x letters, 1 x note book incl a list of incidents the bearer had been concerned in.

25. Lessons learnt: Need to keep linked ammo free from risk of being covered by debris from claymores - dirt caused both M60s to jam.
26. Other points: Nil.

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Part 2 - Pl Comds comments

27. Describe all Pl actions: Pl stood to, then swept the contact area.

Part 3 - Coy Comds comments

28. Comments: a. The Pl had been in ambush since the previous afternoon. A successful ambush that resulted in an identification. (From an ID Card -D724C-3 Bn 84A Arty Regt).

b. Eleven minutes after contact arty fire was adjusted into the rear of the contact area from a previously registered DF. Guns remained on call until the Pl sweep was completed.

.....Pl Comd

.....Coy Comd

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VC BODIES

1–5 KILLED INSTANTLY
6 LOCATED BY 3PL SWEEP
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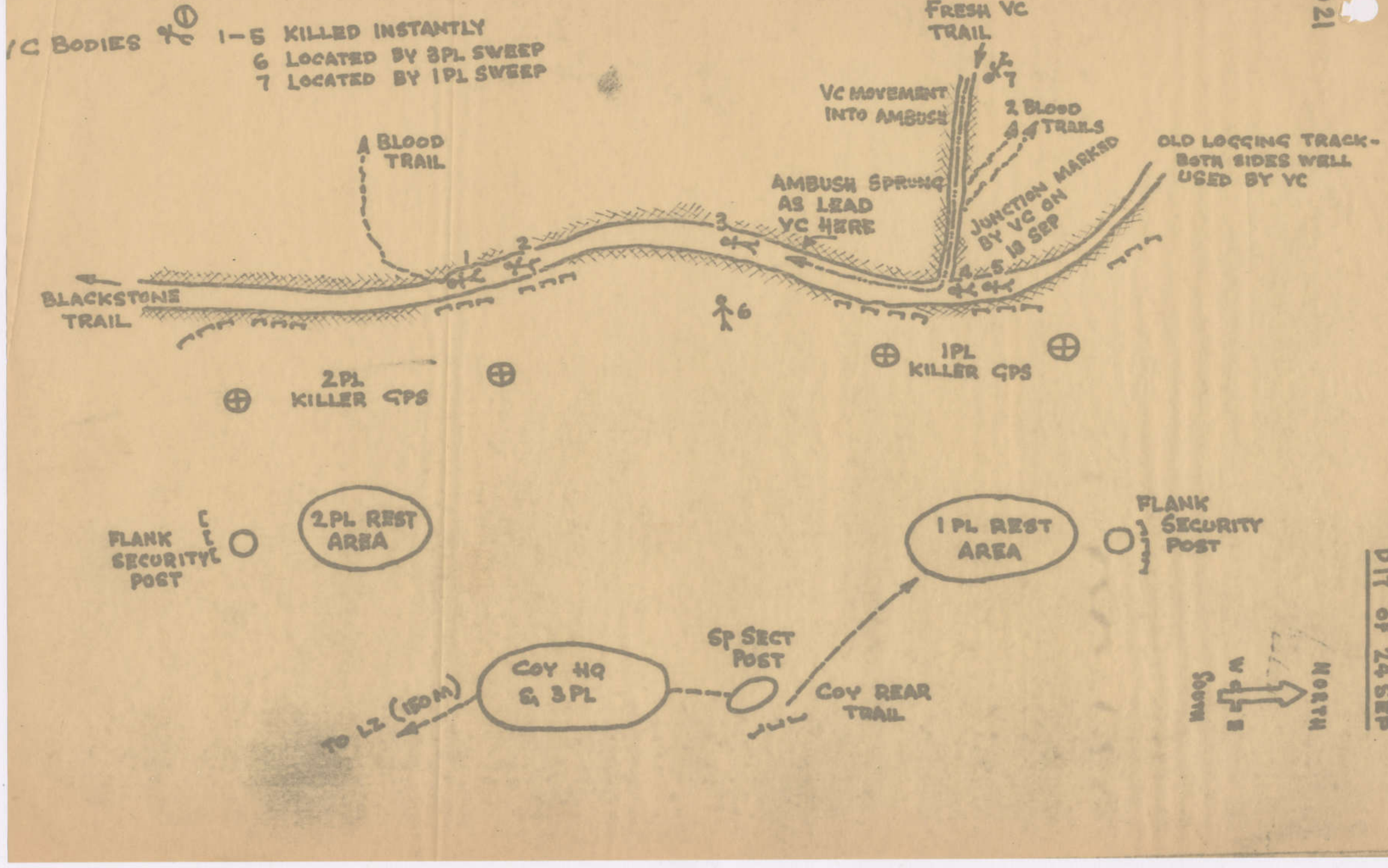

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Annex E to V Coy
D 17 of 24 Sep 68

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CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

Part 1

1. Operation: HAWKSBURY
2. Report by: 581417 Lt J.R. WEBB
3. 1 Pl V Coy
4. Strength of Pl in contact: 21
5. Date of action: 19 Sep 68. Time: 1025 hrs. Duration: 2 hrs.
6. Location: GR 311937
7. Pl Task: Right-hand Pl in Coy ambush.
8. Description of what happened in Pl Comds own words: (incl diagram). At about 1400 hrs on 17 Sep my Pl moved to grid 311937 to relieve 2 Pl in an ambush. The ambush consisted of 3 gun gps with claymores on a main track into which a small recently used track joined. The next day Coy HQ and 2 Pl joined us and 2 Pl mounted a further ambush 50 metres along the main track. Coy HQ, and later 3 Pl, formed-up in the rear. I changed my ambush to 2 gun gps well off the main track, one of which could cover the mouth of the small track. The main track was heavily claymored. about 191030 I was back in the Pl rest area about 50 metres from the track when I heard the claymores detonate and both M60s open fire. The Pl moved forward and took up fire positions protecting the ambush gps. The right-hand gp said about 10 VC had walked from the smaller track onto the main track, inspected our tracks and then moved South on the track. Pte ORR, the M60 gunner, said he waited till the last VC was opposite him before he sprang the ambush. The Pl waited while 2 Pl carried out a sweep and then swept the area on front of the ambush. Two VC on the opposite side of the track. One VC on the Pl's side of the track was still alive. He tried to pull out a grenade and was killed. During the sweep blood trails led away to the West. These were followed and a further wounded VC was found. He had been badly wounded and had attempted to bandage himself. He was then killed. The 4 VC had no wpns only packs containing personal gear. The Pl also swept the area in front of 2 Pl ambush but found nothing. Attatched are statements by Lcpl HARRISON and Pte MANNING.
9. Description of terrain: Primary jungle, thick undergrowth on verge of an old logging track. Visibility about 25 metres.
10. Distance to enemy when first sighted: 10 metres.
11. Which soldier first saw enemy: Pte MANNING.
12. What was soldier doing: Manning M60 of right-hand ambush gp.
13. What caused enemy to be noticed: Noise moving through bush , then talking.
14. Enemy strength and type: About 10. Dress: Black and grey trousers and shirts.
15. Who fired first: Pte ORR and MANNING. Range: 10 metres.
16. What pl wpns were fired: Claymores, M60, SLR, M16 and M26 grens.
17. What was enemies immediate reaction: 4 ran down track into 2 Pls ambush. One or two ran North into the bush.
18. What was the Pls immediate reaction: Closed up on area of ambush. Saturation fire then sweep of area.
19. Enemy casualties: 4.
20. Caused by wpn: Claymore and M60 fire.
21. Friendly casualties: Nil.
22. Approx ammo expenditure: Nine claymores, 1500 rds 7.62 ball, 8 M26 grens.
23. Documents/wpns captured: Two Chicom grens and an improvised (Budweiser can) gren.

John R. Webb .....Pl Comd

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Annex F to
V Coy D 21 of 24 Sep 68

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CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Operation: HAWKSBURY
2. Report by: 39533 Lt R.S. MILLER
3. 2 Pl V Coy
4. Strength of Pl in contact:
5. Date of action: 19 Sep 68 at 1020 hrs, duration of action 4 minutes.
6. Location: GR 311937
7. Pl task: Left hand ambush pl of Coy ambush
8. Description of what happened in Pl Comds own words: When the 1 Pl ambush was sprung I was behind the ambush in the pl rest area. Almost immediately my right hand ambush gp detonated their claymores and fired their M60. The left hand gp then also joined in. I was informed that there was two dead VC in front of my gun. I moved the pl forward to the ambush site. My Sgt together with a small party swept forward and recovered the wpns from the bodies. I found out that one VC had escaped to the West, another had crawled back down the track. My M60 which I had moved forward to the track fired at movement behind a tree 30 metres to our front. I called our interpreter forward and he tried to talk the VC into coming out. 3 Pl sweeping West to the track found and killed the VC who had crawled out of the ambush. 1 Pl sweeping across our front located a blood trail of the VC who had escaped West. All wpns, equiptment and documents on the dead VC were recovered.
9. Description of the terrain: Old logging track. Light jungle East and West. Visibility about 50 metres.
10. Distance to enemy when first sighted: 10 metres.
11. Which soldier first saw enemy: Pte Martin.
12. What was soldier doing: Sentry in ambush position.
13. What caused enemy to be first noticed: Running down track.
14. Enemy strength and type: 4 NVA, dressed in mixture of grey and black.
15. Who fired first: Pte Martin. Range: 2 metres.
16. What section wpns were fired: Claymores, M60 and SLR.
17. What was enemies immediate reaction: 3 were hit and went down, 1 ran off track to the West.
18. What was the sections immediate reaction: Swept area with fire.
19. Enemy casualties: 2 KIA (BC), 1 WIA (POSS), 1 WIA (later KIA by 3 Pl).
20. Caused by: Claymore, M60 and SLR.
21. Friendly casualties: N/A.
22. Caused by: N/A.
23. Approx ammo expenditure: 2 claymores, 200 x 7.62 linked, 50 x 7.62.
24. Documents/wpns captured: 2 x AK47s, personal documents.

Part 2 - Pl Comds comments

25. Related section reports: Pte Martin and Pte Lowry.

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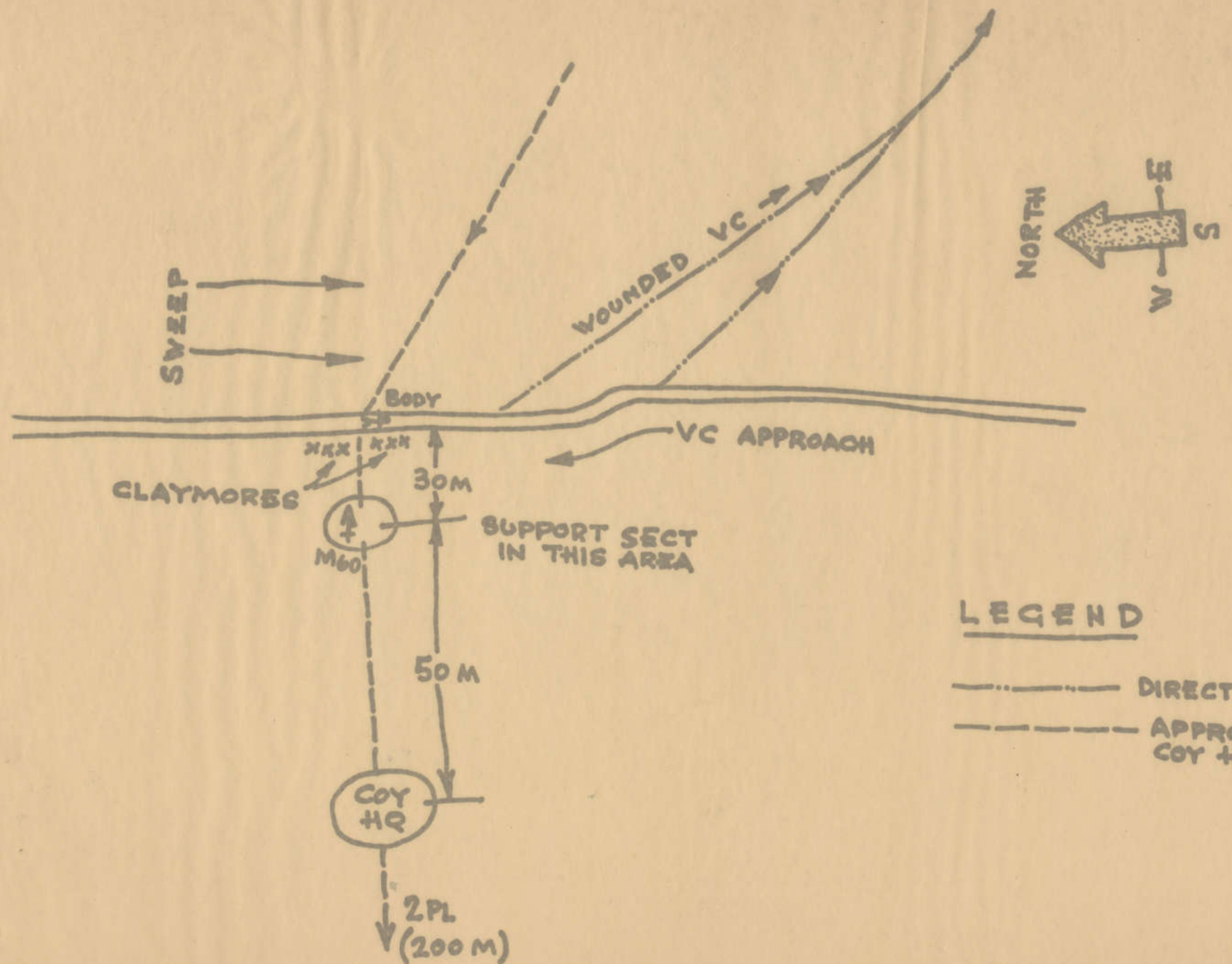

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Statement by 383182 Pte MANNING A.

Pte ORR J.F. and myself were on sentry when we heard twigs snapping to our front. We noticed six VC approaching along the track that we were ambushing. Having identified them as VC we initiated the ambush using claymores and M60 fire.

Pte MANNING A.

A Manning

Statement by 695448 Lcpl HARRISON E.B.

At approx 1025 hrs while doing sentry on the left-hand gun in the pl ambush on the 19 Sep Pte GRANT, who was manning the M60, said "there is Charlie". I said "No", as there was a water party out. He was quite definite so I stood up behind a tree so I could possitively identify them. There were 5 VC on my right wearing black pyjamas, blue jackets, hats, grey trousers and armed with AK47s. Pte GRANT counted 13 VC. He let 4 pass in front of the M60 then fired the left-hand bank of claymores (three) and started to spray the area with M60 fire. I waited until I saw movement in front of the right-hand bank of claymores (three) then fired them and sprayed the area with SLR fire.

Lcpl HARRISON E.B.

Statement by 43084 Pte LOWRY V.J.

I was on the right-hand flank of the two Pl ambush site when 4 VC ran into our arc from the direction of the 1 Pl ambush which had just been sprung. I fired the two right-hand claymores neither of which detonated. I then fired the left-hand ones which detonated killing the third enemy and wounding the second and fourth, the first enemy soldier who was out of the arc of the claymores ran off the track. There was movement in the killing area and immediately Pte MARTIN fired bursts from the M60. The second enemy was killed by these bursts, the fourth escaping back down the track towards 1 Pl. (The first three VC were carrying wpns). A blood trail later confirmed that he was either wounded by claymore or M60 fire. The action lasted approx 4 minutes. I also fire four rounds from my SLR at the first VC as he disappeared into the bushes(later found to have left a blood trail).

Pte LOWRY V.J.

Statement by 42872 Pte MARTIN N.L.

I was one of the sentries on 2 Pls right gun when I heard an explosion from the 1 Pl area, then saw 4 VC running past my location. Iyelled out to Pte LOWRY "Claymores", two went off. At the same time I sprayed the area with M60. The claymores killed one and the blast knocked another down, as he started to stand I fired a burst of M60 fire which killed him. Pte LOWRY fired at a VC running away at a distance of 10 metres. He was hit in the back. Seeing movement in the area I sprayed the scrub with M60 fire thinking that the enemy was running back down the track.

Pte MARTIN N.L.

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Statement by PtesMATO H.T. and RANGITOHERIRI T.E.P.

We were doing sentry at 1025 hrs when two "Charley" approached our position (sighting by Pte RANGITOHERIRI) with there wpns slung and moving at a rapid pace. We both armed ourselves with claymores and waited for them to move to the centre of the killing ground before initiating the ambush. As soon as the ambush was sprung we became aware of a third VC who had been hidden by the first two who had died instantly. The third, unharmed, fired at us with his AK47 while moving along the track going in the direction he had come from. Two bursts from the M60 (Rangitoheriri) which eventually killed the VC. The action was over in approx three minutes.

Pte MATO

Pte RANGITOHERIRI

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Coord Diary

CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

14 Oct

Part 1(submitted by pl comd)

ANNEX M Encl. 18

1. Operation: LYREBIRD.
2. Report by: 2784078 Rank: 2Lt Name: VIAN.
3. 6 Pl B Coy.
4. Strength of sec/pl in contact: 10 men.
5. Date of action: 25 Aug 68 Time: 0921 hrs Duration: 3 Mins.
6. Location: GR YS365714.
7. Sec/pl task. Recce of area for possible coy posn.
8. Description of what happened in your own words: A sec of my c/s was moving East when they came accross an old bunker posn. The ptl leader put the sec in fire sp and went fwd with a small recce gp. The gp was moving fwd when CPL EASTERBY was fired on by one (1) VC from a distance of(3)Three feet. Cpl EASTERBY was wounded and fell behind some dense scrub and could not be seen. The en fled South. The sec could not return fire initially because they were unsure of CPL EASTERBY's posn. Diagram incl as Annex A. As soon as CPL EASTERBY answered the calls of the sec , LCPL J.C. JENSEN ordered the sec to fire on expected en withdrawal route. Cpl EASTERBY was wounded in the side but was able to walk and the sec returned to the coy posn.
9. Description of terrain: Thick bamboo with visibility up to 20 meters.
10. Distance to enemy when first sighted: 3 Feet.
11. Which soldier first saw en: Sec comd.
12. What was soldier doing: On recce of camp.
13. What caused en to be first noticed: He opened fire.
14. En strength and type: 1 Local force dressed in Unknown.
15. Who fired first VC Range: 3 ft.
16. What sec weapons were fired: AR16.
17. What was the en immediate reaction: Flee South.
18. What was sec immediate reaction: Ascertain sec comd posn and condition.
19. En casualties : Unknown.
20. Caused by: N/A.
21. Friendly casualties: 1 WIA.
22. Caused by: Poss RPD.
23. Approx ammo expenditure: 200 rds.
24. Docs/weapons captured: Nil.
25. Lessons learnt: Nil.
26. Other points: Nil.

2Lt
(P.d. VIAN)
OC 6 PL B Coy

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ANNEX A

⊙ EN

X CPL EASTERBY

✳ SEC POSN

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LONG THANH 8.2 KM.

AP PHUOC HOA 0.6 KM.

QL 15

Ấp Tam Phước

BM 7

Ấp Tham Thiện

AO COUGAR

Suối Đ

Suối Le

RẠCH NƯỚC LỚN

Thái Thiên

QUẢN LONG ĐẠI NHỎ

QUẢN NHƠN TRẠCH

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Phú Mỹ 5 (abandoned)

SÔNG THỊ VẢI

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19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

Rạch Mương

Suối Sao

Suối Thị Vải

Phú Mỹ

Military camp

Xóm Mỹ Xuân

Xóm Dừa

QL 15

Suối Nhum

TỈNH PHƯỚC TUY

QUẢN CẦN GIỜ TỈNH KIẾN HÒ

Suối Tắc Ông Cả

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OP STIRRUP CUP

AO MACE Ref Map 6430 III

Ấp Phước Hòa 0.6 KM.

BM 7

Ấp Tham Thiện

Suối Đá

Suối Bảng Cừ

Suối Le

RẠCH NƯỚC TRONG

Thái Thiên

QUẢN LONG THÀNH

QUẢN NHƠN TRẠCH

Ấp Gò Dầu

SÔNG THỊ VẢI

Phú Mỹ 5 (abandoned)

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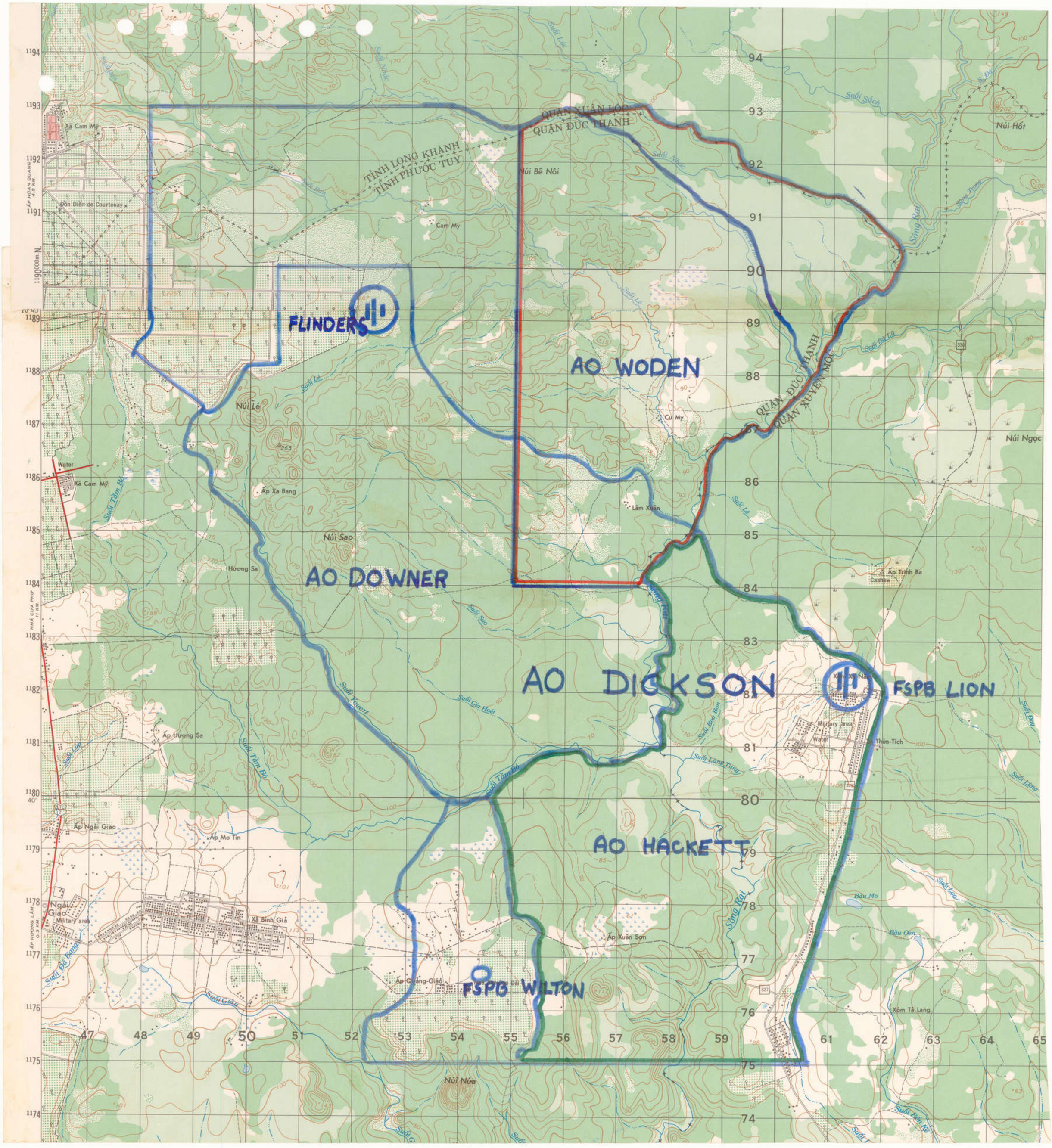

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