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Narrative, Annexes

1-31 March 1971

4 RAR

COMMANDER'S DIARY

MAR 71

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. R707/1/1

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) J.C. Hughes
(J.C. HUGHES, MC) Lt Col
Appointment Commanding Officer
(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

2-12/7/71

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation 4 RAR

From 01 Mar 71 To 31 Mar 71

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Narrative (AF C 2118)

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- Nil to
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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 included in the annexes starting at B.

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COMMANDER'S DIARIES

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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- c. Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
- d. Appendices as shown in the Index.

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9. For operations units Annex "Z", "TOP SECRET" is to be prepared and disposed of as follows:

EVENTS

10. (a) The diary is to contain a full and complete record of all events, operations, establishments, equipment and orders given. (b) The diary is to contain a full and complete record of the day's fighting, including company movements, positions held, casualties, equipment, tactics, organization, etc.

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AF-C2118 (Adapted)
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COMMANDER'S DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/ ~~KODONGCLOOK~~ 4 RAR

Mt Stuart (Special) Series R832 1:25,000

MONTH and YEAR March 1971

REFERENCE MAP High Range Trg Area (Special)
Series R733 1:50,000

COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col J.C. Hughes, MC

Serial	Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or Information	Reference to annex letter and/or enclosure No.
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1	Lavarack Barracks	01	0001	Commander's Diary commenced	
2	"	01		Battalion on stand down post Ex Third Stab	
3	"	02	0730	Preparations for Ex Monaro Mall continue	
4	"	04	1000	Maj B.S. O'Dowd (D6 Section CARO) visited 4 RAR to discuss final manning problems prior to departure for SVN	
5	"	05	1630	All ranks officially warned for operational service in SVN	
6	"	07		Commencement date of Ex Monaro Mall delayed 3 days due to flooding in the exercise area.	
7	"	12	1500	Preliminary planning conference Ex Monaro Mall	
8	"	13	1400	Air Planning conference Ex Monaro Mall	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
9	Lavarack Barracks	14	0900	Bn 0 Gp Ex Monaro Mall	
10	"	15		Ex Monaro Mall commenced	
11	FSB Murphy 847704	16		Col Warren, Col Admin N Comd visited 4 RAR	
12	"	17 - 18		Maj T.R. Sullivan, DMT AHQ visited unit	
13	"	17 - 18		Lt Col C. Charlesworth, D Inf AHQ visited	
14	"	18 - 19		Lt Col E. Philip and Maj Shambrook, 9 RAR, visited 4 RAR on Ex Monaro Mall	
15	"	24		Lt Gen Sir Thomas Daly, CGS and Maj Gen A.L. McDonald visited 4 RAR	
16	Lavarack Barracks	24		Ex Monaro Mall completed. 4 RAR redeployed to Lavarack Barracks	

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<u>ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS</u>					
1	Lavarack Barracks	13	1540	Warning Order Ex Monaro Mall	C1
2	"	13	2300	Op0 8/71 Ex Monaro Mall	C2
3	FSB Murphy 847704	19	2130	Frago 1 Ex Monaro Mall	C3
4	"	22		Op0 9/71 Ex Monaro Mall	C4

MESSAGE

PRECEDENCE-ACTION PRIORITY	PRECEDENCE-INFO PRIORITY	DATE-TIME-GROUP 130540Z	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS (MAR 71)
FROM 4 RAR			
TO V COY B COY C COY D COY SP COY ADMIN COY TP (-) B SQN 3 CAV REGT 104 FD BTY TP (-) 7 FD SQN DET 162 RECCE FLT CO 2IC OPS OFFR ADJT IO RMO AQM RSM LO CP			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION EX SECRET RESTRICTED
INFO 13 ATF COMDS DIARY			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER OPS 3

WNG ORDER . 4 RAR GP IS TO CONDUCT OP MONARO MALL IN AO'S MELBOURNE AND DARWIN FROM
15 - 24 MAR 71 INCL . MAPS MT STUART (SPECIAL) AND HIGH RANGE TRG AREA REFER .
TASKS . V COY DET UNDER COMD 3 RAR FROM 130600K . PHASE ONE . B COY AIR LAND AT LZ
917746 SECURED BY C COY . RIF IN AO X-RAY . C COY . AIR ASLT LZ 917746 . SECURE
AND IMPROVE LZ FOR B COY AIR LANDING . RIF IN AO YANKEE . D COY . AIR ASLT AND
SECURE FSB MURPHY . RIF IN AO WHISKEY . FSB . DEPLOY BY ROAD TO FSB MURPHY .
COYS BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT RIF OPS CMM NI AMBUSHES CMM CORDON AND SEARCH LONG HOA .
PHASE TWO . CONDUCT AMBUSH OPS IN AO DARWIN . NO MOVE BEFORE 150600K . BN O GP .
BN MI BLOCK 140900K . RATS . FIVE DAYS TO BE CARRIED . ONE ECH PACK TO BE
PREPARED . ALL ACK

PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGE	DRAFTER'S NAME & APPOINTMENT STEVENSON OPS OFFR	TELE NO 717162	REF FILE NO R841/1/21(a)	DATE 13 MAR 71
		RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE/RK <i>[Signature]</i>		

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COMD DIARY

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4 RAR
Lavarack Barracks
TOWNSVILLE QLD 4813

Ops 7

132300K Mar 71

OpO 8/71

- References: A. Mt Stuart (Special) Series R832 1:25,000.
B. High Range Training Area (Special) Series R733 1:50,000.

Time zone used throughout this instruction: KILO.

1. Situation.

- a. En Forces. As given in SUPINTREP attached as Annex A.
b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) Liaison has been affected with Capt NGUYEN THAN HOA, the Mt MARGARET District/Sub-Sector Chief on the following:
- (a) Comd and con for Joint Ops.
 - (b) Civil Aid.
 - (c) Employment of RSQ officials.
 - (d) PW, detainees, returnees and civil defendants.
 - (e) The 4 RAR permanent LO with District HQ is WO2 SMITH.
- (2) Allied Operations currently being conducted:
- (a) To the WEST of the province - 18 ARSQ DIV.
 - (b) To the SOUTH and EAST of 13 ATF - 34 US Bde.
 - (c) To the immediate SOUTH of AO MELBOURNE in WOODSTOCK DISTRICT - 3 RAR - Mov to operate in HIGH RANGE DISTRICT to the SOUTH-WEST.
- (3) Loc at NUI DAT:
- (a) HQ 13 ATF.
 - (b) 161 Fd Bty RNZA.
 - (c) B Bty 2/35 US Arty

/(4) District Forces

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(4) District Forces.

- (a) District HQ (including FWMF Advisory Team and 2 x AUST MATTS) - STUART 316 RF COY.
- (b) PF Pl - MT STUART.
- (c) PF Pl - with 1 x 105 mm HOW - LONG HOA.
- (d) PF Pl - with 2 x 105 mm HOW - PHU MY.
- (e) RD Cadre operating generally along road in LONG HOA civil access area.

c. Atts and Dets.

- (1) In DS and under comd for mov from 150600K: 104 Fd Bty RAA
- (2) In sp and under comd for mov and routine admin from 150600K:
 - One Tp (+)
 - B Sqn
 - 3 Cav Regt
 - One Tp (-)
 - 7 Fd Sqn
- (3) In DS from 150600K:
 - One H13 Helicopter
- (4) At pri call from 150530K until 151700K and in sp from 151700K:
 - 161 Fd Bty RNZA
 - B Bty 2/35 US Arty
- (5) In sp from 150600K: A Fd Bty RAA
- (6) Det to op con 3 RAR from 140600K Mar 71: V Coy 4 RAR
- (7) Air sp from 150630K:
 - (a) 3 Sabres for pre-planned and immediate close air sp daylight hrs.
 - (b) 1 Canberra for PR in daylight hrs.
 - (c) 3 Winjeels - acting as FAC and for VR.
 - (d) 5 UHID/H - for tac air sp daylight hrs and ni aeromedvac.

2. Mission. To destroy the QC in AO's MELBOURNE and DARWIN.

/3. Execution.

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3. Execution.

a. Gen Outline. Op conducted in five phases:

- (1) Phase 1. Secure FSB MURPHY and RIF in AO MELBOURNE. To be completed during period D Day to 1500 hrs D+3.
- (2) Phase 2. Conduct ni ~~ambushes~~ on Northern approaches to PHU MY from within AO MELBOURNE ni D+3/4.
- (3) Phase 3. Cordon LONG HOA ni D+4/5. The search to be completed by 1100 hrs D+5.
- (4) Phase 4. Conduct ops in AO DARWIN in sp of 3 RAR from D+6 to D+9. Be prepared for changes in sp arms allocation.
- (5) Phase 5. Return to base by air 24 Mar 71 when ordered.
- (6) Separate orders will be issued for Phases 2 to 5 incl.
- (7) Be prepared to cease ops in AO MELBOURNE on 12 hrs notice to commence Phase 4 in AO DARWIN. In this case any uncompleted Phases in AO MELBOURNE will be completed subsequent to Phase 4.
- (8) Coy AO's. Annex B.
- (9) Air Planning Table. Annex C.
- (10) Rd Mov Order. Annex D.
- (11) Sequence of Events. Annex E.

b. V Coy.

- (1) Grouping. No change.
- (2) Tasks. Under op con 3 RAR.

c. B Coy.

- (1) Grouping. Under comd from 140600K:
FO party
Mini Team
MFC
- (2) Tasks.
 - (a) Phase 1. Air insertion into LZ Grid 917746, conduct RIF ops in area X.
 - (b) Phase 2. Be prepared to conduct ni ~~ambushes~~ in area Grid Squares 8967/8968 ni D+3/4.

/d. C Coy.

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d. C Coy.

- (1) Grouping. Under comd from 140600K: FO party
CET
MFC
- (2) Tasks.
- (a) Phase 1.
- i. Air aslt and secure LZ Grid 917746.
 - ii. Extend LZ and con B Coy insertion.
 - iii. RIF area Y.
- (b) Phase 2. Be prepared to conduct ni ambushes in the area Grid Squares 9166/9167 on the ni of D+3/4.

e. D Coy.

- (1) Grouping.
- (a) Under comd from 140600K: FO party
MFC
- (b) In sp and under comd from 150700K and until released then reverting to under comd OC FSB: Sect Mor
Aslt Pnr Pl
- (c) Under comd from 160630K: Splinter team
Mini team
- (2) Tasks.
- (a) Phase 1.
- i. Air aslt LZ MURPHY Grid 847703.
 - ii. Secure area FSB MURPHY and search for mines.
 - iii. Conduct RIF in Area W commencing not before 160630K
- (b) Phase 2. Be prepared to conduct ni ambushes in the area SE corner of Area W ni D+3/4.
- (c) Be at two hours notice to move as 13 ATF Reaction Force.

/f. Mor Pl.

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f. Mor Pl.

- (1) Grouping. Allot one MFC to each rifle coy and A Ech.
- (2) Phase 1.
 - (a) Insert one sect by heli to FSB MURPHY with D Coy.
 - (b) One sect to move by rd to FSB MURPHY with Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. One sect to remain NUI DAT.
 - (c) Pl minus 3 sects move by heli to FSB MURPHY with FSB main party.
 - (d) On release at FSB MURPHY, all sects revert to under comd OC FSB.
- (3) Phase 2. Remain FSB MURPHY.

g. Tracker Pl.

- (1) Phase 1.
 - (a) Under comd Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt for mov to FSB MURPHY. On completion of all rd mov 15 Mar 71, reverts to under comd OC FSB.
 - (b) 4 x RCL for def of FSB.
 - (c) 2 x RCL to remain A Ech for sp of coy ops.
 - (d) Wef arrival FSB MURPHY, pl to be at 30 min notice to mov as 13 ATF Reaction Force.
- (2) Phase 2. Be prepared to conduct RIF and ~~ambush~~ in Area V.

h. Aslt Pnr Pl.

- (1) Phases 1 and 2.
 - (a) Under comd D Coy 150700K until mine clearance tasks at FSB completed. On release reverts to under comd OC FSB.
 - (b) Assist in const of FSB.
 - (c) Be prepared to conduct RIF and ambush ops in Area V.
 - (d) Pl to be at 30 mins notice for mov.
- (2) Phase 3. Be prepared to erect a cage for cordon and search of LONG HOA village AM D+5.

/i. FSB.

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i. FSB.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Under comd D Coy for security of FSB until released on 15 Mar 71:
Aslt Pnr Pl
Sect Mor
- (b) Under comd Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt for security of rd convoy from 140600K until completion of rd convoys:
Sect Mor
Tkr Pl
- (c) Under comd for def and rat from arrival FSB:
Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt
104 Fd Bty
- (d) Remaining under comd for def and admin:
Bn HQ Pl
Mor Pl (-)
Sig Pl less dets

j. Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Under comd from 140600K:
FO party
Mini teams
Sect Mor
Tkr Pl
- (b) Under comd for mov to FSB MURPHY then reverting to under comd OC FSB for def and admin
104 Fd Bty RAA
- (c) H13 in sp from 150700K until released for use by FO.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1.

- i. Comd and escort from NUI DAT to FSB the rd convoy as detailed at Annex D.

(b) Phases 2 and 3. Be prepared to recce and ambush in Areas V, W and Z. When in FSB come under comd OC FSB for FSB def.

(c) Degree of notice to mov.

- i. Sect on 5 min.
- ii. Tp on 15 min.

/k. 104 Fd Bty.

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- k. 104 Fd Bty.
- (1) Allot one FO party to each rifle coy and Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - (2) Under comd for mov Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt from 150630K then reverting to under comd OC FSB for def on arrival at FSB.
 - (3) Be prepared to assist with LZ prep for C Coy air aslt Grid 917746.
- l. Tp (-) 7 Fd Sqn.
- (1) Grouping.
 - (a) Phase 1.
 - i. Allot to under comd from 140600K:

B Coy	One mini team
C Coy	CET
Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt	One mini team
 - ii. Under comd Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt for mov to FSB and until initial rd mov complete:

Engr reserve of CET and
2 x mini teams.
 - iii. Engr plant mov by rd to asst rd clearance and const of FSB.
- m. Avn.
- (1) H13 in DS. Tasks by CO/CP from 150700K.
 - (2) Additional H13 avail from 150700K for use of FO and Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt for rd convoy coverage.
- n. TF Ready Reaction Force.
- (1) Tkr Pl to be at 30 min notice to mov from a LZ.
 - (2) D Coy to be at 2 hrs notice to mov.
 - (3) Comd of any force reacted remains with 4 RAR.
- o. Co-ord Instrs.
- (1) Air Planning Table. Annex C.
 - (2) Rd mov details. Annex D.
 - /(3) Timings.

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(3) Timings.

- (a) Rd convoy departs present loc 150700K.
- (b) H hr D Coy 150730K.
- (c) PZ time FSB Recce Party 150940K.
- (d) FSB secured by D Coy by 150950K.
- (e) L hr C Coy 151200K.
- (f) PZ time B Coy 151320K.
- (g) 104 Fd Bty to be ready in
FSB MURPHY by 151600K
- (h) D Coy to be released not earlier
than 160630K.
- (i) Ops in AO MELBOURNE to be completed
not later than 201100K.
- (j) Return to NUI DAT to be completed
by 241800K.

(4) Assembly Area. Present locs.

(5) D Day. 15 Mar 71.

(6) Fire Plan. To be issued separately.

(7) Recce.

- (a) Ground. No ground recce into AO MELBOURNE without
permission 13 ATF.
- (b) LONG HOA. No recce without prior approval 13 ATF.

(8) Air.

- (a) Det 5 Sqn RAAF. 5 Iroquois in sp for Tac Air Sp and
in aeromedevac.
- (b) FAC. On call for 8 hrs daily.
- (c) Close Air Sp. Preplanned and immediate sp avail
during daylight hrs.
- (d) PR. Preplanned for daylight hrs.

/(e) VR.

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- (e) VR. On request during daylight hrs.
- (9) Sequence of Events. Annex E. Report progress by serials.
- (10) PZ's/LZ's.
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|------------------|-------------|-----------|
| (a) Kangaroo Pad | Grid 912778 | 13 ATF |
| (b) Eagle Farm | Grid 920761 | 4 RAR Ech |
| (c) Vampire Pad | Grid 888785 | 2 Fd Amb |
| (d) FSB MURPHY | Grid 847703 | |
- (11) LO.
- (a) W02 SMITH LO with MT MARGARET District HQ.
- (b) W02 THORESON to be prepared for LO duties.
- (12) Rd Cl. Rds SOUTH from Grid 960749 and Grid 843765 otherwise rds are
The one exception is rd leading to MT STUART
which is
- AMBER
GREEN

RED

4. Administration and Logistics.

- a. Ammo. First line to be carried. One inf coy first line to be carried by Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- b. Rat.
- (1) 4 RAR (less Ech), Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, Tp 7 Fd Sqn - 5 days x 24 hr rat packs.
 - (2) 104 Bty - 5 days x 10 men rat packs.
 - (3) 4 RAR Ech - fresh rat.
 - (4) Resup. FSB D+3, remainder D+4 (incl ech bags).
 - (5) Emergency rats to be carried by all pers. Unconsumed emergency rats to be returned to Admin Coy on completion of op.
 - (6) Fresh rats on demand with 36 hrs notice.
- c. Water.
- (1) Resup to FSB MURPHY by 5 gal cans drawn from TFMA.
 - (2) Resup to Rifle Coys arranged by Ech - one for one exchange of water bottles.
 - (3) Max use to be made of local water.

/d. POL.

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d. FOL.

- (1) All tanks filled before commencement of mov D Day.
- (2) Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt. OC Ech to task resup of 5 x 44 gal drums DMSO to FSB MURPHY on D+1.
- (3) Tp 7 Fd Sqn. Anticipated req to be mov to FSB MURPHY on sub-unit tpt D Day.
- (4) Army Aviation. Refuelling eqpt to be posn FSB MURPHY D Day. 1 x 44 gal drum AVGAS to be posn FSB MURPHY on rd convoy D Day.

e. Med.

- (1) RMO at FSB MURPHY.
- (2) DUSTOFF direct to 2 Fd Amb.

f. Ech. Estb Grid 920762.

- (1) Ech pers incl uncommitted dvrs B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 104 Bty and Tp 7 Fd Sqn to join 4 RAR Ech. Units LCV/TCV's to remain unit lines at NUI DAT.
- (2) Dets. 1 NCO and 21 OR to be det to under comd B Sqn 3 Cav Regt from 150630K until released to act as escorts on soft skinned vehs mov to FSB MURPHY. (Annex D)

g. Repair and Recovery.

- (1) First line - unit/sub-unit RAEME resources.
- (2) Remainder - reported to TFMA.

h. Nominal Rolls. All sub-units to confirm accuracy of Bn HQ rolls by 141230K.

i. Canteen. Preplanned. Max use of ech bags.

j. Returns. All admin returns in accordance with 4 RAR SOP's.

5. Command and Signals.

a. Bn HQ.

- (1) Opens NUI DAT (4 RAR Ech) 141800K.
- (2) Opens FSB MURPHY 151000K.

/b. Loc of CO.

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- b. Loc of CO.
- (1) Airborne C in C Ship.
 - (2) When not airborne initially loc NUI DAT then FSB MURPHY.
- c. Radio.
- (1) SOI's issued separately.
 - (2) All nets open 150630K.
 - (3) Air/road move on Admin Air Net.
- d. Additional Callsigns.
- (1) LO Mt Margaret District HQ - 9E.
 - (2) Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt - TA2.
 - (3) C in C Ship - Charlie Charlie.
 - (4) Albatros - 01 - 06.
 - (5) Gunships - Bushranger 71 - 72.
 - (6) Sioux and Porter - Alpha (individual pilot callsign).
 - (7) FAC - Jade 41, 42, 43.
- e. Comd FSB.
- (1) OC Sp Coy.
- f. Time Check.

Acknowledgement Instructions: Ack

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- Annexes:
- A. Supplementary Intelligence Report to 13 Mar 71.
 - B. Coy AO's - Op Monaro Mall.
 - C. Air Planning Table.
 - D. Road Movement Order.
 - E. Sequence of Events.

<u>Distribution:</u>	<u>Copy No</u>
V Coy	1
B Coy	2
C Coy	3
D Coy	4
Sp Coy	5
Admin Coy	6-7
Sig Pl	8
Mor Pl	9
Tracker Pl	10
Aslt Pnr Pl	11
Tp (+) B Sqn 3 Cav Regt	12-13
104 Fd Bty	14-18
Tp (-) 7 Fd Sqn	19
Det 162 Recce Flt	20
13 ATF (JCC)	21-37
CO	38
2IC	39
Ops Offr	40
BC	41
Adjt	42
IO	43
RMO	44
AQM	45
RSM	46
LO	47
CP	48
Comd Diary	49-52
File (4 RAR Rear)	53
Spare	54-60

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ANNEX A TO
4 RAR OPO 8/71
DATED 13 MAR 71

SUPPLEMENTARY INTELLIGENCE REPORT - TO 13 MAR 71

I. Enemy Composition and Activity

a. The following units have been identified as operating in the areas listed.

- (1) 274 QC Regt which is located NORTH WEST out of province.
- (2) D445 LF Bn currently operating out of bases in central and western areas of HIGH RANGE DISTRICT.
- (3) MT MARGARET District QC Committee thought to be located in the SOUTH WESTERN section of MT MARGARET DISTRICT.
- (4) MT MARGARET District Coy currently located in the MT STUART Area.
- (5) Det 582 Technical Reconnaissance Platoon thought to be operating from HIGH RANGE DISTRICT.
- (6) Local Village Guerillas - generally operating around local areas.

b. Subordination/Composition

- (1) MT MARGARET DISTRICT QC Committee controls its district coy, and guerilla forces.
- (2) D445 LF Bn is controlled by TOWNSVILLE QC Province Committee and provides assistance to Main Force units when required. Currently a cadre from 274 QC Regt has been working with this unit.
- (3) Further details see APPENDIX I

c. Supply System

- (1) The majority of supplies and equipment are landed by sampan in the NORTHERN area of HALIFAX BAY, portered to the PALUMA RANGE AREA, and move via HIGH RANGE to en units operating in MT MARGARET DISTRICT/MT STUART areas.

/d. Minefields

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d. Minefields

(1) The only known mine field in AO MELBOURNE is comprised of a variety of anti-tank mines generally requiring a release-pressure of 400+ lbs. It is situated in the area from the Escarpment roughly along the line of the 86 EASTING, WEST to the NORTH-SOUTH road between the 70-76 NORTHINGS.

(2) Local civilians generally move by foot in the area, and some may possess a knowledge of the location of some individual mines.

e. Strength, Orbat, Weapons

(1) See appendix 1.

f. Infrastructure

(1) See appendix 2.

2. Morale

a. The morale of district and local force units likely to be encountered in AO MELBOURNE is thought to be fair - though recent allied operations to the SOUTH, and heavy rain which may have contaminated caches must be affecting the enemy.

3. Tactics within AO MELBOURNE

a. The QC have attempted in the past to subvert hamlets, villages and districts. They have practiced selective terrorism with local officials - the abduction and murder of 4 civilians at PHUMY 6 Mar 71 - the assassination of the village councillor and school teacher in Feb 71. The school at LONG HOA was also recently damaged by a booby trap, and the village chief and his family were killed probably by mines placed against his house in LONG HOA in late Feb 71.

b. The roads to the EAST and WEST of AO MELBOURNE have been repeatedly mined this year and all culverts must be treated with caution.

/ c.

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c. Light attacks by fire including use of mors have been made against the PF Pl posts at PHUMY, LONG HOA and MT STUART demonstrating the QCs ability to organise and execute attacks over a scattered areas.

d. Comment: The enemy units operating in the AO possibly have a base located centrally in the high ground GS 9072. They could make use of natural routes downreentrants and spur lines to the civilian population centres, to carry out attacks by fire.

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Possible Enemy Intentions

a. District units are likely to continue harrassment of village areas and interconnecting roads. In addition they may stockpile supplies for local force units who intend to operate in the MT MARGARET district.

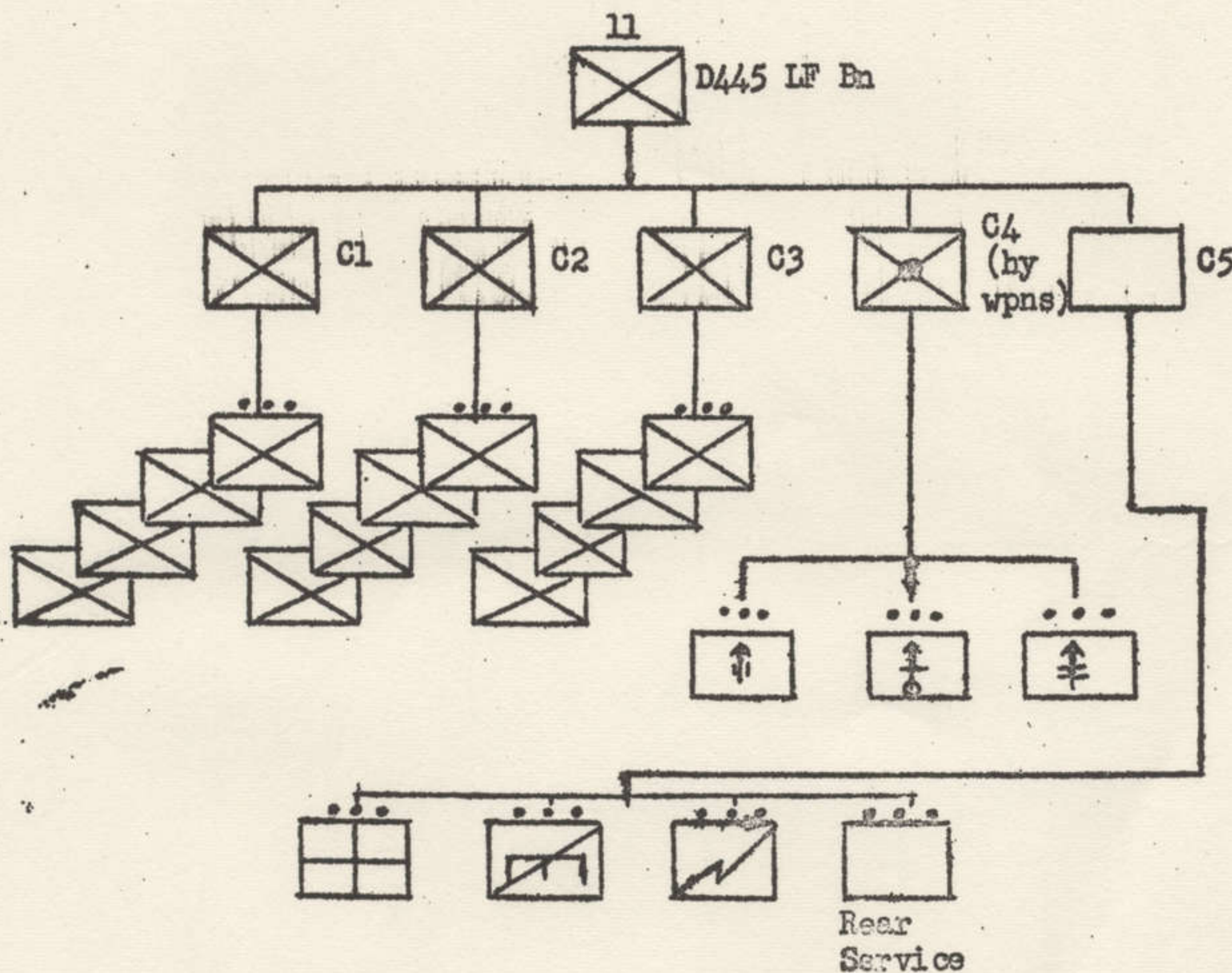
b. D445 Bn may attempt to move from the HIGH RANGE district to interdict the MSR TOWNSVILLE - CHARTERS TOWERS, moving into MT MARGARET and WOODSTOCK districts to carry out such a task.

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QC ORGANIZATION - HIGH RANGE/MT. MARGARET DISTRICTS

D445 LF Bn

1. a. Organization



b. Weapons

- (i) Personal weapons - AK47s, grenades
 - (ii) Platoon weapons - RPG-2s, LMGs
 - (iii) Coy weapons - 1 x 7.62mm HMG, 2 x 60mm Mor, 2xRPG-7
 - (iv) Bn weapons - 3 x 57mm RCL, 3 x 82mm Mor, 3 x 12.7mm AAMG, 107mm Rockets, explosives.
 - (v) Add Bn Weapons - 82 mm Mor qty ukn, 107 mm rockets qty ukn, 2 x 12.7 mm AAMGs
- /c. Strengths

c. Strengths (estimated)

(i)	Bn HQ	- -	6
(ii)	C1 Coy	-	60
(iii)	C2 Coy	-	60
(iv)	C3 Coy	-	60
(v)	C4 Coy	-	30
(vi)	HQ Coy	-	<u>30</u>
	TOTAL		<u>246</u>

d. Last known area of operations.

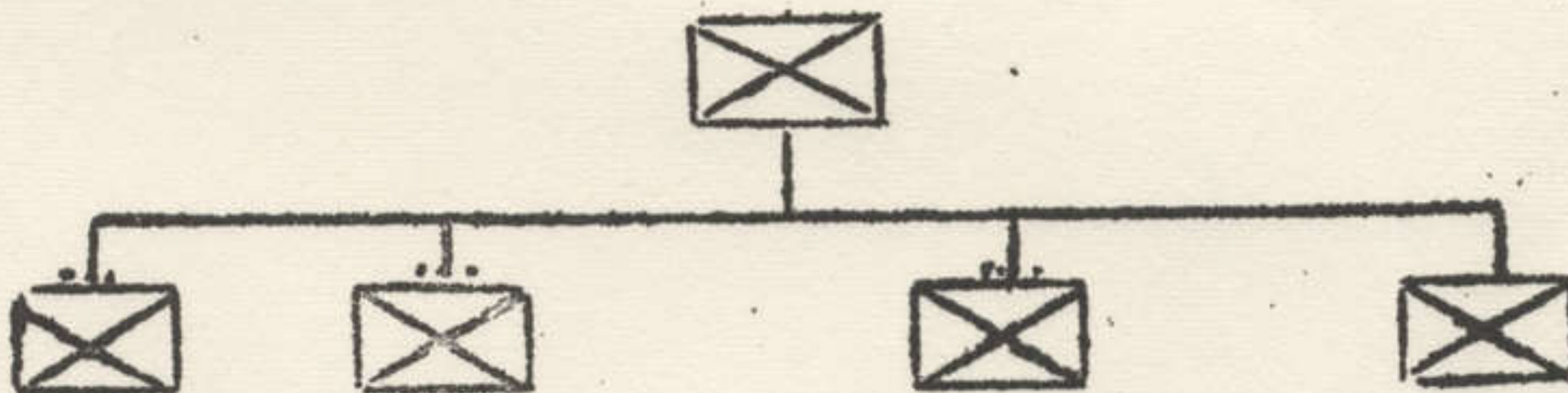
Central and Western sections of HIGH RANGE District.

e. Role

D445 LF Bn is the local force combat unit directly subordinate to the QC Province Committee. Its tasks are operations within TOWNSVILLE Province and assistance to Main Force units whenever they are operating in the province.

MT MARGARET District Company

2. a. Organization



b. Weapons

(i)	Personal weapons	-	AK47, SKS, grenades
(ii)	Platoon weapons	-	RPG-2, LMG
(iii)	Coy wpns Pl	-	1 x 60mm Mor, 2 x R-PG-2, 1 x RL

/ c. Strengths

c. Strengths (estimated)

(i) Coy HQ	-	7
(ii) 1 Pl	-	20
(iii) 2 Pl	-	20
(iv) 3 Pl	-	16
(v) Wpns Pl	-	<u>16</u>
	TOTAL	<u>79</u>

d. Last known Areas of Operations

MT STUART area.

e. Role

MT MARGARET District Coy is directly subordinate to the MT MARGARET District QC Committee. Its tasks are the protection of the QC District HQ, minor operations within the district and assistance to D445 Bn and main force units.

Local Guerillas

3. The local guerillas comprise the Self Defence Force for QC occupied areas. They consist of Village Squads and are subordinate to the district committee. Their tasks are espionage, sabotage, recruitment of labour, early warning and guides to military units.

QC District Committee

4. The MT MARGARET District QC Committee consists of the Political, Military, Security, Intelligence, Propaganda, Proselyting, Medical, Training, Reconnaissance, Ordnance and Supply section. It provides the political and operational direction and logistic support to its subordinate forces within the district. Its HQ is in the south west section of the district which has also been reported to include a 30/40 bed hospital and a small factory for the manufacture of mines, booby traps and grenades. Porters and food growers are co-opted from villages by the QC District Committee which also controls a courier service.

Intercept

5. It has been reported that a detachment from 582 technical Reconnaissance Platoon is operating within the TOWNSVILLE Province and possibly in HIGH RANGE District. It is known to have English voice intercept capability.

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APPENDIX 2 TO
ANNEX A TO
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Known QC Infrastructure

6.	a.	<u>STUART</u>			
		(i)	Fisherman's Assn	- SAN + 2	= 3
		(ii)	Production Cell	- THANG + 2	= 3
		(iii)	Economic Finance Cell	- CHIEN + 3	= 4
		(iv)	Proselyting Cell	- THI NINH + 2	= 3
		(v)	Guides/Couriers		<u>= 4</u>
					<u>17</u>
	b.	<u>LONG HOA</u>			
		(i)	Farmer's Assn	- NUNG + 2	= 3
		(ii)	Proselyting Cell		3
		(iii)	Production Cell	DAI + 1	2
		(iv)	Guides/Couriers		<u>4</u>
					<u>12</u>
	c.	<u>PHU MY</u>			
		(i)	Farmer's Assn	RUNG + 2	= 3
		(ii)	Proselyting Cell	KAI + 3	4
		(iii)	Production cell		3
		(iv)	Guides/Couriers		<u>7</u>
					<u>17</u>
	d.	<u>NIGHTJAR</u>			
		(i)	Farmer's Assn	NUOC + 3	= 4
		(ii)	Proselyting Cell	RUNG + 2	3
		(iii)	Production Cell	CHOU + 4	5
		(iv)	Economic & Finance Cell	BAY, SAU + 2	4
		(v)	Guides/Couriers		<u>5</u>
					<u>20</u>

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ANNEX B TO
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COY AO BOUNDARIES

Reference: A. Annex A to 13 ATF Ops 40 "AO MELBOURNE".

1. a. AO Y - C COY AO
 - (1) From GR 893752 SOUTH to GR 889698 along the WESTERN bank of the EASTERN branch of STONY CK.
 - (2) From GR 889698 EAST to GR 925698 keeping to the NORTHERN bank of creeks running EAST/WEST forming the boundary line.
- b. AO X - B COY AO
 - (1) From GR 889698 WEST to GR 879699 then NORTHWEST along NORTHERN bank of the WESTERN branch of STONY CK to GR 865718.
 - (2) From GR 865718 along the WESTERN foot of the escarpment to GR 858748 where the high tension line turns.
 - (3) From GR 858748 along the EASTERN side of the HT line clearing to GR 847763.
 - (4) EASTERN branch of STONY CK is exclusive to AO X.
- c. AO W - D COY AO
 - (1) Has common boundary with AO X to GR 879699 then follows the EASTERN bank of the WESTERN branch of STONY CK to GR 884692.
 - (2) From GR 884692 the boundary follows that of the PHU MY civilian access area to GR 885670.
- d. AO Z - AMBUSH AO
 - (1) Includes the PHU MY civilian access area and is bounded by the SOUTHERN boundary of AO Y to the NORTH - inclusive of the EAST/WEST creek lines.
 - (2) And extends along the SOUTHERN boundary of AO X, then follows the boundary of AO W from GR 879699 to GR 885670.
- e. AO V - FSB AO
 - (1) Extends from GR 847711 to GR 855709 NORTH of the creek line.
 - (2) From GR 855709 top escarpment to GR 858703 then SOUTH along the EASTERN side of the ridge line to GR 858690.
 - (3) From GR 858690 SOUTH WEST to turn in HT POWER LINE at GR 853687. (incl creek)
 - (4) Then WEST along the NORTHERN bank of creek to GR 842687.

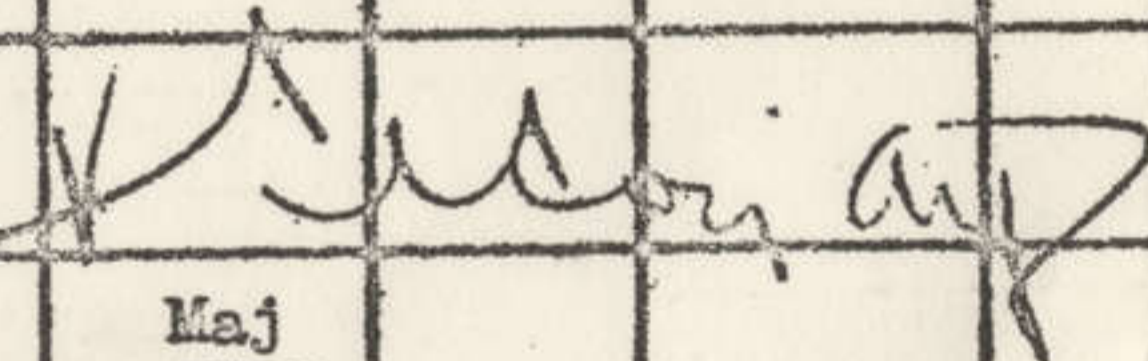
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SR	Unit	PZ	Freq	C/S	PZ Time	LZ	Freq	C/S	Complete Time	PAX	Sorties	AC	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
1	4 RAR	Pde Gd	42.80	95 B	0650	-	-	-		3	1	1	C+C
2	P1 D Coy	Pde Gd	42.80	95 B	0715	FSB MURPHY 847703	-	-	0730	21	3	3	LZ Insecure See Note 1.
3	P1 D Coy	Pde Gd	42.80	95 B	0736	847703	42.80	95 A	0742	21	3	3	
	D Coy Gp	Pde Gd	42.80	95 B	0748	FSB Murphy 847703	42.80	95 A	0754	21	3	3	
5	D Coy Gp	Pde Gd	42.80	95 B	0800	847703	42.80	95 A	0806	21	3	3	
6	D Coy Gp	Pde Gd	42.80	95 B	0812	847703	42.80	95 A	0818	21	3	3	
7	D Coy Gp	Pde Gd	42.80	95 B	0824	847703	42.80	95 A	0830	21	3	3	
8	D Coy Gp	Pde Gd	42.80	95 B	0836	847703	42.80	95 A	0842	21	3	3	
9	D Coy Gp	Pde Gd	42.80	95 B	0848	847703	42.80	95 A	0854	21	3	3	
10	D Coy Gp	Pde Gd	42.80	95 B	0900	847703	42.80	95 A	0906	21	3	3	
11	D Coy Gp	Pde Gp	42.80	95 B	0912	847703	42.80	95 A	0918	2	2	2	+ 1000 lb stores

Serial	Unit	PZ	Freq	C/S	PZ Time	LZ	Freq	C/S	Completed Time	PAK	Sorties	AC	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
12	FSB Main Bdy	Pde Gd	42.80	95 B		847703	42.80	95 A		28	4	4	
13	FSB Main Bdy	Pde Gd	42.80	95 B		847703	42.80	95 A		28	4	4	
14	FSB Main Bdy	Pde Gd	42.80	95 B		847703	42.80	95 A		28	4	4	
15	FSB Main Bdy	Pde Gd	42.80	95 B		847703	42.80	95 A		23	4	4	
16	FSB Main Bdy	Pde Gd	42.80	95 B		847703	42.80	95 A		3	2	2	+ 1000 lbs stores
<p><u>NOTE:</u></p> <p>1. JADE on station 0700 - 0735 as co ord by AMC. Arty on standby for serial 2. DISBURANCE 71 on station 0700 as co ord by AMC.</p> <p>2. Refuel after serial 11.</p>													
													
										<p>Maj GS02</p>			

Ser	Unit	PZ	Freq	C/S	PZ Time	LZ	Freq	C/S	Complete Time	PAX	Sorties	AC	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
1	4 RAR	Pde Gd	42.80	95 B	1115	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	C+C
2	C Coy Gp	Pde Gd	42.80	95 B	1155	917746	-	-	1200	28	4	4	LZ Insecure See Note.
3	C Coy Gp	Pde Gd	42.80	95 B	1203	917746	42.80	3	1207	28	4	4	
4	C Coy Gp	Pde Gd	42.80	95 B	1210	917746	42.80	3	1214	23	4	4	
5	C Coy Gp	Pde Gd	42.80	95 B	1217	917746	42.80	3	1221	28	4	4	
6	C Coy Gp	Pde Gd	42.80	95 B	1224	917746	42.80	3	1228	28	4	4	
7	C Coy Gp	Pde Gd	42.80	95 B	1231	917746	42.80	3	1235	3	1	1	
(Use for "TOPUP" of aircraft)													
8	B Coy	Pde Gd	42.80	95 B	1320	917746	42.80	3	1324	28	4	4	
9	B Coy	Pde Gd	42.80	95 B	1327	917746	42.80	3	1331	28	4	4	
10	B Coy	Pde Gd	42.80	95 B	1334	917746	42.80	3	1338	28	4	4	
11	B Coy	Pde Gd	42.80	95 B	1341	917746	42.80	3	1345	28	4	4	
12	B Coy	Pde Gd	42.80	95 B	1348	917746	42.80	3	1352	20	3	3	

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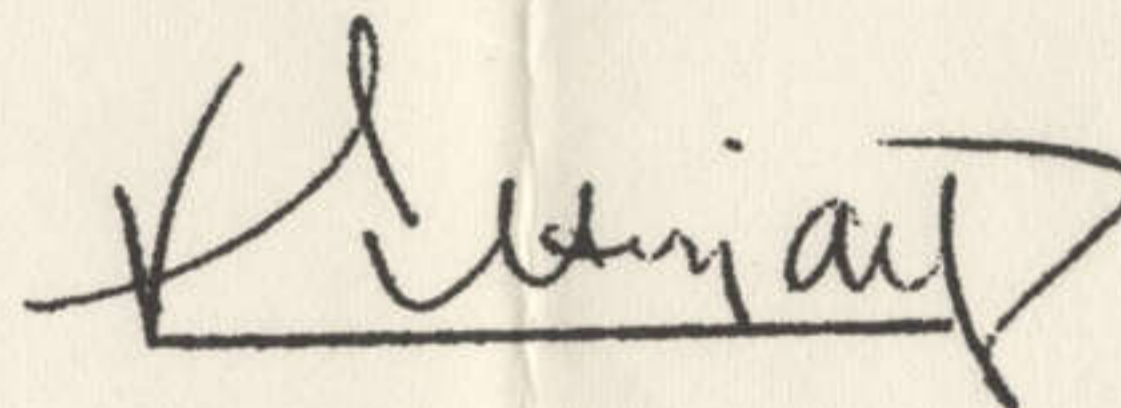
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- NOTE:
1. Serial 2 insecure LZ.
FGA Prep 1125 - 1145.
ARTY Prep 1145 - 1155.
LFT Prep 1155 - 1200.
 2. Transland 4/407 will be streamed due to LZ capacity.



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ANNEX D
TO 4 RAR OP O 8/71
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RD MOV ORDER

1. Commander. OC Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
2. Elements Involved.
 - a. Escort - Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
 - b. Under comd from 140600K until all rd mov complete. FO Party
Tracker Pl
Mor Sect
Mini Team
 - c. Under comd from 150630K until initial movement complete: Det, 7 Fd Sqn
 - d. In direct sp from 150700K until mov complete: 1 X H13 (for FO)
 - e. Under comd for mov from 150630K until initial rd mov complete: 104 Bty
9 X LCV's
(FSB stores)
1 X 3/4 ton
(aslt pnr veh)
3. Route. Direct NUI DAT to FSB MURPHY.
4. Assembly Area. Road from 4 RAR Guard Room to EAST.
5. Order of March and Composition. Appendix 1.
6. Start Point. 4 RAR Guard Room.
7. Vehicle Interval. 50 metres.
8. Traffic Control. Pro will assist TC at Lavarack Camp Entrance.
9. Max Speed. 20 mph.
10. Timings.
 - a. Stores loaded - 141630K.

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- b. B Vehs in assembly Area - 141630K.
- c. Start time - 150700K.
- d. ETA FSB MURPHY 151030K
- e. SUBSEQUENT timings TBA.

11.

Fire Sp

- a. FO airborne for mov.
- b. One sect mor pl under comd for complete mov.
- c. 161 Ely and B Bty 2/35 US Arty on pri call.
- d. JADE aval from 0700hrs when released from D Coy aslt flies top cover for rd mov.
- e. Bushranger on standby.

12. Action on arrival at FSB MURPHY. Normal marrying up procedure 1000 m from FSB MURPHY. Form harbour adjacent to FSB, vehs called fwd by OC FSB as required and returned to harbour when unloaded.

13. Return to NUI DAT. B vehs escorted by whole troop. Tracker Pl Mor Sect, Mini Team remain under comd

14. APC Return to FSB MURPHY. By quickest means to marry up with OC FSB.

15. Signals.

- a. Convoy con on Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt internal net.
- b. Progress reports on Bn Admin/Air net.

16. Escorts. Escorts (1NCO +21OR8s) for B vehs to be sup by OC Ech.

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ORDER OF MARCH
AND COMPOSITION

<u>ELEMENT</u>	<u>COMPOSITION</u>	<u>LOAD</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	
1.	Sect APC's	3X tracks	BnHQ/Sp Coy Stores	
2.	Tp HQ APC's	4X tracks	1Xmini team Elm Tp 11 Fd Sqn Sp Coy Stores	In sp APC's Bn res
3.	Pkt 1-B veh -s	1X low loader 1X LCV/tr1 1x LCV/tr1 1X¾ ton 2X¾ ton 2XLCV's	Bulldozer Engr Stores wheeled dozer aslt pnr stores 104 Bty FSB def Stores	Pkt comd -enrg NCO Remain FSB remains FSB
4.	Sect APC's	3Xtracks	Tracker Pl 4 RAR	
5.	Pkt 2-Bveh -s	6X2½ ton/105mm How 1X LCV/tilt-bed 2x¾ ton	104 Bty 104 Bty dozer " "	Pkt comd- 104 Bty
6.	APC's	4X tracks (incl Mor carr- iers)	Sect Mor Pl	
7.	Pkt 3B vehs	7X LCV's 1X¾ ton	FSB def stores Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt	Pkt comd-4 RAR remains FSB
8.	Sect APC's	3X tracks		

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ANNEX E
TO 4 RAR OP 0 8/71
DATED 13 MAR 71

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Serial	Time from	Time to	Event	Reported
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1	150650		C in C arrives Nui Dat	
2	150700		Rd Convoy departs	
3	150700	150735	JADE/BUSHRANGER on stn. To be released on completion of insertion.	
4	150700		FGA/Arty on call for prep LZ MURPHY	
5	150715		PZ Time D Coy	
6	150730		H hr D Coy	
7	150918		Complete Time D Coy	
8	150940		PZ Time adv CP	
9	150950		D Coy secure FSB MURPHY	
10	151000		Adv CP opens FSB MURPHY	
11	151030		Rd Convoy arrives FSB MURPHY	
12	151115		C in C arrives Nui Dat	
13	151125	151145	FGA prep LZ C Coy air aslt	
14	TBA		Rd Convoy B veh depart FSB MURPHY	
15	151145	151155	Arty on call C Coy LZ prep	
16	151155	151200	Bushranger on stn C Coy LZ prep	

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Serial	Time from	Time to	Event	Reported
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
17	151200		L hour C Coy	
18	151235		Complete C Coy	
19	151320		PZ time B Coy	
20	151352		complete B Coy	
21	TBA		B Coy departs for Area X	
22	TBA		C Coy commences RIF ops AREA Y	
23	TBA		B Coy commence ops. Area X	
24	TBA		Rd convoy arrives Nui Dat	
25	TBA		Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt depart Nui Dat for FSB MURPHY	
26	151600		104 Fd Bty to be in action FSB MURPHY	
27	TBA		Tp B Sqn 3 Cav arrive FSB MURPHY	
28	NOT BEFORE 160630		D Coy released to commence ops in Area W	
29	181500		RIF ops in AO Melbourne complete	

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FRAGO 1: Op Monaro Mall, Phase 4, RIF and ambush ops in sp of 3 RAR in AO DARWIN.

- References:
- A. OpO 8/71.
 - B. Mt Stuart (Special) Series R382 1:25,000.
 - C. High Range Training Area (Special) Series R733 1:50,000.

1. Situation.

a. En. Ops by 3 RAR have reduced ability of D445 LF Bn to op as a cohesive force above squad level. Small gps are expected to withdraw along indicated routes to WEST, NORTH-WEST and NORTH mainly mov lightly equipped by nl along tracks. En food, supplies and med asst loc at staging pts along routes may have caretaker elm and could be mined/beehy trapped. Assessed withdrawal route pri as indicated on maps. Generally not mined.

b. Friendly Forces. No change from OpO 8/71 except:

- (1) 18 ARSQ Div cannot secure rd within their AO to AO DARWIN. Rd clas RED.
- (2) ARSQ Engr Coy GRID 226471. No mov or arty fire to fall within 200 metres. Area secure for LZ within 500 metres.
- (3) 3 RAR will secure LZ grid square 1740 by 0500 hrs D+5.

c. Atta and Deta. No change from OpO 8 except:

- (1) Remaining in DS: 104 Fd Bty
- (2) In sp and at pri call 200615K Mar to 201700K Mar: Sect Mer 3 RAR (FSB O'BRIEN)
- (3) Reverting to under comd for mov 13 ATF and under comd 3 RAR for daily admin: Sect 104 Fd Bty
- (4) In sp 316 HF Coy AO MELBOURNE from 201000K Mar: 104 Fd Bty less one Sect

2. Mission. To destroy the QC in AO DARWIN.

/3. General OutlineEXERCISE SECRET
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3. General Outline. A one phase op fol re-deployment of Bn into AO DARWIN to conduct ops in sp 3 RAR with emphasis on ni ambushes and to conduct such recon and contact ops by day as circumstances allow. Period D+5 - D+8 (20-23 Mar 71).
4. Preliminary Moves. B, C and D Coys will fly out from PZ 905673 (Ref B) to air land AO DARWIN. PZ secured by B Coy until relieved by Tp B Sqn 2 Cav Regt and Aslt Pnr Pl (-). B and D Coys are to air land GRID 171405 (Ref C) - secured by 3 RAR. C Coy and CP Gp air land LZ vicinity WOOLSHED Grid Square 2246 (Ref C) - secured by ARSQ Engr Coy.
5. V Coy. No change.
6. B Coy.
 - a. Grouping. No change except:
Under comd from 190300K Mar One Splinter Team
 - b. Tasks. Secure PZ GRID 905673 (Ref B) by 200715K until relieved by Tp B Sqn 2 Cav Regt and Aslt Pnr Pl (-). Con hel land of B and D Coys at LZ 171405 (Ref C). Callsign 2A. Conduct ops in Area M. (Refer Annex A).
7. C Coy.
 - a. Grouping. No change.
 - b. Tasks. Conduct ops Area N. (Refer Annex A).
8. D Coy.
 - a. Grouping. No change.
 - b. Tasks. Conduct ops in Area O. (Refer Annex A).
9. Hox Pl. No change.
10. Tracker Pl. One sect and one 84 MM RGL as CP protection party at WOOLSHED. Remainder pl (-) loc FSB.
11. Aslt Pnr Pl. One sect as CP protection party at WOOLSHED. Remainder pl (-) under comd Tp B Sqn 2 Cav Regt for security of PZ until fly out of C Coy. On return to FSB reverts to under comd OC FSB.
12. FSB. No change except comes under comd 13 ATF from 201430K until return of CP Gp to FSB MURPHY on 23 Mar 71 (D+8). Grouping less:
 - a. CP party.
 - b. One sect Tracker Pl
 - c. One sect Aslt Pnr Pl.
 - d. One sect 104 Fd Bty.
13. Tp B Sqn 2 Cav

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13. Tp B Sqn 2 Cav Regt.
a. Under comd from 200700K until completion of C Coy fly out: Aslt Pnr Pl (-)
b. On return to FSB reverts to under comd OC FSB.
c. Relieve B Coy of security of PZ 905673 until completion of C Coy fly out
d. Transport resup for C Coy to PZ.
14. 104 Fd Bty. One sect now loc FSB O'BRIEN In DS. Remainder FSB MURPHY.
15. Tp (-) 7 Fd Sqn. No change to elms now allocated except one splinter team to under comd B Coy from 200800K.
16. TF Reaction Tasks. Ceased as at 191800K.
17. Air Planning Table. Annex B.
18. Timings.
a. Tp B Sqn 2 Cav Regt/ Aslt Pnr Pl (-) depart for PZ: 200700K
b. PZ time B Coy: 200730K
c. Bn O Gp: 200800K
d. PZ time D Coy: 200938K
e. PZ time CP Group: 201216K
f. CP opens at Woolshed/Closes FSB MURPHY: 201300K
g. PZ time C Coy: 201430K
h. FSB MURPHY to under op con 13 ATF 201430K
19. Comd CP Protection Party. RSM THOMPSON.
20. Fire Plan. Issued separately.
21. Jagd. On call from 200800K and on station AO DARWIN from 201230K.
22. AO MELBOURNE. Revised as fol:
a. From 191000K Max to departure last troops 4 RAR Areas Z, V and W NORTH of 72 NOTHING - responsibility 316 HF Coy.
b. On further progressive reduction AO MELBOURNE becomes responsibility of 316 HF Coy.

/23. PZ's and LZ's.

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23. PZ's and LZ's.
- a. PZ: B, C, D Coys GRID 905673 (Ref B) C/S 95D.
 - b. LZ: B, D Coy GRID 171405 (Ref C) C/S 2A.
 - c. LZ: C Coy, CP Gp WOOLSHED 226470 (Ref C) C/S 95C.
 - d. PZ secured by B Coy until relieved by Tp B Sqn 2 Cav Regt.
 - e. PZ con by WO II HOLMES on arrival Tp B Sqn 2 Cav Regt.

24. Sequence of Events. Annex C.

25. Rt Clas. All rds to HIGH RANGE are RED.

26. Admin and Log.

- a. Ammo. No change.
- b. Rat. No change except C Coy resup at PZ 903672 (Ref B).
- c. Med. RMO loc with CP Gp at WOOLSHED.

27. Cond and Sig.

- a. CP. Closes FSB MURPHY and opens WOOLSHED 201300K.
- b. Additional Callsigns.

FSB MURPHY	95A
PZ Coys (GR 905673)	95D
LZ Woolshed	95C
LZ B, D Coys (171405)	2A

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- Annexes:
- A. Coy AO's.
 - B. Air Planning Table.
 - C. Sequence of Events.

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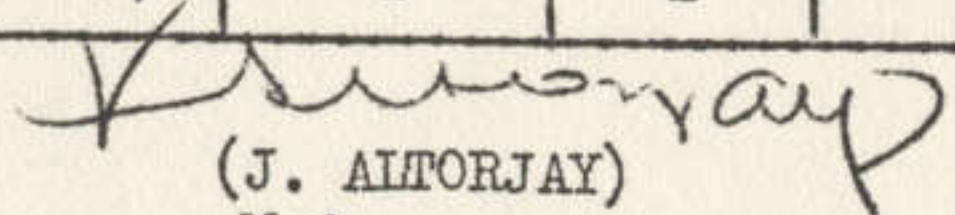
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AIR PLANNING TABLE4 RARAnnex B to 4 RAR
FRAGO 1
OP MONARO MALL PH 4Date 20 Mar 71

Serial	Unit	PZ	Freq	C/S	PZ Time	LZ	Freq	C/S	Complete Time	PAX	Sorties	AC	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)
1	B Coy	905673	38.60	95D	0730	171405	-	-	0752	35	5	5	
2	B Coy	905673	38.60	95D	0802	171405	38.60	2A	0826	39	5	5	
3	B Coy	905673	38.60	95D	0834	171405	38.60	2A	0858	44	5	5	Refuel after this serial
4	B Coy D Coy	905673	38.60	95D	0938	171405	38.60	2A	1002	35	5	5	
5	D Coy	905673	38.60	95D	1010	171405	38.60	2A	1034	39	5	5	
6	D Coy	905673	38.60	95D	1042	171405	38.60	2A	1106	44	5	5	Refuel
7	D Coy	905673	38.60	95D	1144	171405	38.60	2A	1208	32	5	5	
8	FSB Elm	MURPHY	38.60	95A	1216	WSHD	-	-	1246	32	5	5	Incl 1000 lbs stores
9	FSB	MURPHY	38.60	95A	1246	WSHD	38.60	95C	1316	20	4	4	Incl 1500 lbs water
10	C Coy	905673	38.60	95D	1430	WSHD	38.60	95C	1453	35	5	5	
11	C Coy	905673	38.60	95D	1500	WSHD	38.60	95C	1523	39	5	5	
12	C Coy	905673	38.60	95D	1530	WSHD	38.60	95C	1553	44	5	5	Refuel
13	C Coy	905673	38.60	95D	1621	WSHD	38.60	95C	1640	14	2	2	

NOTE: 1.Lift is from secure to secure.

2.Lifts will be streamed.


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ANNEX D TO
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DATED 22 MAR 71

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS - PHASE 3 - OP MONARO MALL

Serial	Time	Event	Completed
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	23 TBA	All engr teams revert to under comd OC Tp (-) 7 Fd Sqn	
2	231200	2 CBTs to under comd D Coy, 2 ³ mini team to under comd Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt	
3	231500	NPFF, ARSQ Interpreters arrive FSB MURPHY	
4	231700	Cage stores loaded onto APCs	
5	240130	B Coy departs coy assy area	
6	240130	D Coy departs coy assy area	
7	240200	C Coy departs coy assy area	
8	24 TBA	B Coy at bound 1	
9	24 TBA	D Coy at bound 1	
10	24 TBA	C Coy at bound 1	
11	24 TBA	B Coy at bound 2	
12	24 TBA	D Coy at bound 2	
13	24 TBA	C Coy at bound 2	
14	24 TBA	B Coy at bound 3	
15	24 TBA	B Coy at bound 4	
16	24 TBA	B Coy at bound 5	
17	24 TBA	D Coy at junction pt no 3	
18	24 TBA	C Coy at junction pt no 3	
19	24 TBA	B Coy at junction pt no 2	
20	24 TBA	D Coy at junction pt no 4	

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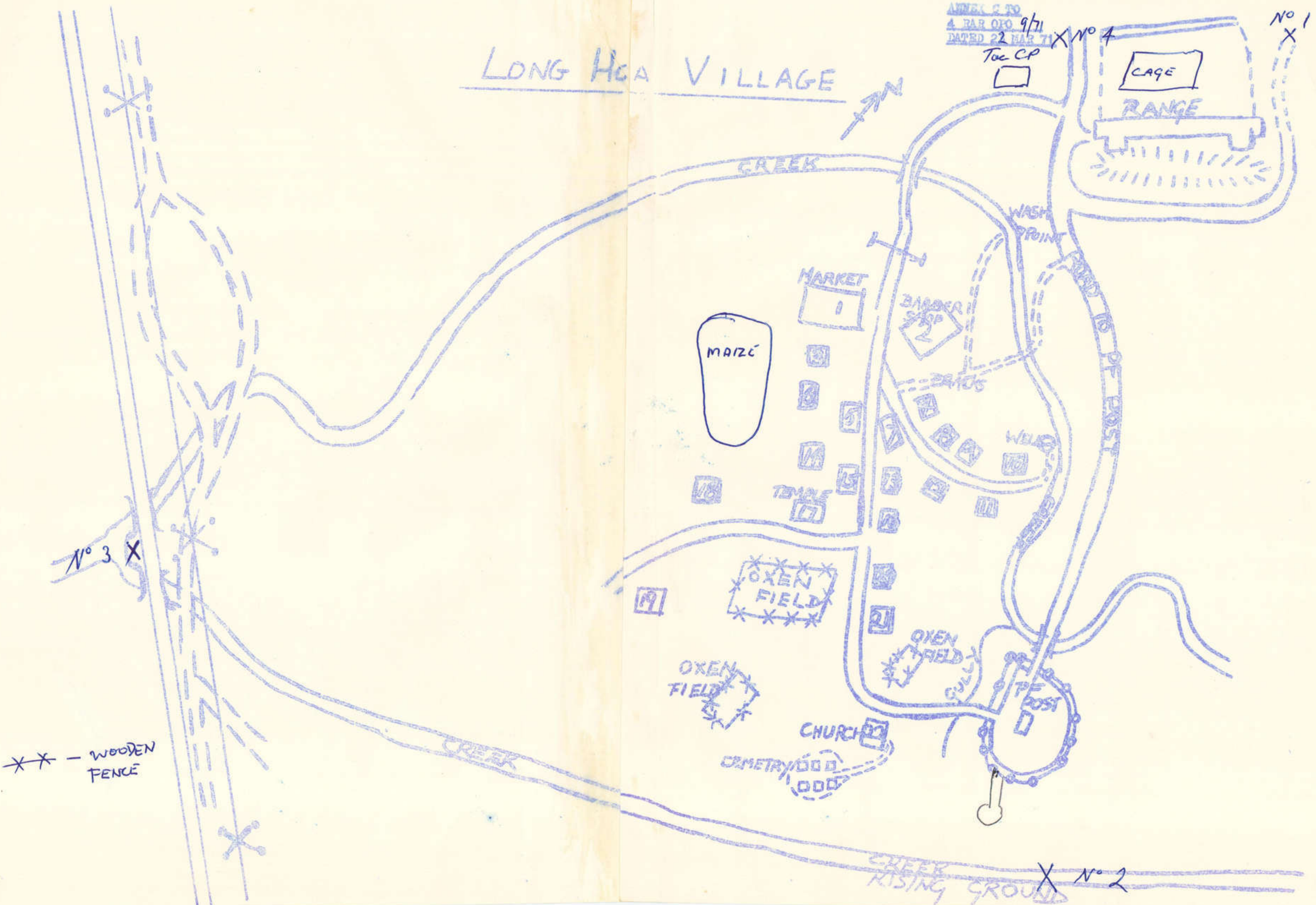
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
21	24 TBA	B Coy at junction pt no 1	
22	24 TBA	C Coy at junction pt no 2	
23	240430	Cordon in posn	
24	240545	DS H13 arrives FSB MURPHY	
25	240550	DS H13 AB over LONG HOA	
26	240600	Cordon closed and adjusted from DS H13	
27	240615	Leaflet drop on LONG HOA from DS H13	
28	240615	Tac CP, cage stores and convoy depart FSB MURPHY	
29	240625	Tac CP, cage stores and convoy arrive LONG HOA	
30	240630	H13 LZ cleared	
31	240645	Bn 2IC RV with Village Chief, PF P1 Comd and LO	
32	240645	Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt commence to relieve D Coy	
33	240700	Det 1 Div Int Unit, CA Team, 10 MID arrive LZ 854716	
34	240715	NPTF, interpreters marry up with D Coy	
35	240730	Screening centre estb	
36	240745	Cordon commences thinning out	
37	240815	Sweep commences	
38	24 TBA	Detailed search commences	
39	24 TBA	Op complete	
40	24 TBA	Bu redeploy	

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AREA C TO
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ANNEX C TO
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OP MONARO MALL PH 4

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS - OP MONARO MALL
PHASE FOUR

Serial	DTG	Event	Complete
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	200615	Sect Mor Pl in sp and at pri call	
2	200700	Tp B Sqn 2 Cav Regt and Aslt Pnr Pl (-) depart FSB MURPHY	
3	20 TBA	B Coy arrive PZ 905673	
4	200720	PZ secured by B Coy	
5	200725	H13 departs FSB to collect coy comds	
6	200730	PZ time B Coy for LZ 171405	
7	200800	Bn O Gp	
8	20 TBA	Tp B Sqn 2 Cav Regt arrive PZ	
9	20 TBA	Tp B Sqn 2 Cav Regt relieve B Coy of PZ security	
10	20 TBA	WO II Helmes assumes pad control	
11	200930	Air recee of AO DARWIN commences	
12	200938	PZ time D Coy for LZ 171405	
13	201002	Complete time B Coy	
14	20 TBA	OC B Coy rejoins B Coy	
15	20 TBA	OC D Coy rejoins D Coy	
16	20 TBA	OC C Coy rejoins C Coy	
17	201208	Complete time D Coy LZ 171405	
18	201216	PZ time CP Gp FSB MURPHY for LZ WOOLSHED	
19	201300	CP opens at Woolshed	
20	201316	Complete time CP Gp at Woolshed	
21	20 TBA	D Coy depart LZ for Area O	
22	201430	PZ time C Coy for LZ Woolshed	
23	201430	FSB MURPHY under op con 13 ATF	
24	20 TBA	B Coy commence ops in Area M	
25	20 TBA	Tp B Sqn 2 Cav Regt arrive FSB MURPHY	
26	20 TBA	D Coy commence ops in Area O	
27	201640	Complete time C Coy Woolshed	
28	20 TBA	C Coy commence ops in Area M	
29	201700	Sect Mor Pl ceases to be in sp and at pri call (3 RAR)	
30	201800	Deployment to AO DARWIN complete	
31	23 TBA	Ops in AO DARWIN complete	
32	23 TBA	B Coy arrive at extraction PZ	
33	23 TBA	C Coy arrive at extraction PZ	
34	23 TBA	D Coy arrive at extraction PZ	
35	23 TBA	B Coy extraction PZ secure	
36	23 TBA	C Coy extraction PZ secure	
37	23 TBA	D Coy extraction PZ secure	

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Ops 22

22 Mar 71

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- References: A. 4 RAR Ops 8 dated 132300K Mar 71
B. Mt Stuart (Special) Series R832 1:25,000

Time zone used throughout this order: Kilo

1. Situation.
 - a. En Forces. No change from Ref A except mentioned in Annex A.
 - b. Friendly Forces. No change.
 - c. Atts and Dets. No change.
2. Mission. To cordon and search Long Hoa village.
3. Execution.
 - a. Gen Outline. A three phase op following redeployment by air of the bn via FSB MURPHY to coy assy areas.
 - (1) Phase 1. Insertion of cordon by ni by stealth.
 - (2) Phase 2. Estb of ^{Tac} ~~Lee~~ CP and screening centre.
 - (3) Phase 3. Sweep and search of village.
 - b. V Coy. No change.
 - c. B Coy.
 - (1) Grouping. No change except mine team reverts to under comd OC Tp (-) 7 Fd Sqn from arrival FSB MURPHY.
 - (2) Tasks.
 - (a) Phase 1. Mov to the village and provide a cordon from junction pt No 1 to junction pt No 2.
 - (b) Phases 2 & 3.
 - i. Remain in cordon loc.
 - ii. Sweep high ground to east, south east of village to a distance of 500 metres.

/d. C Coy.RESTRICTED
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d. C Coy.

(1) Grouping. No change except CET reverts to under comd OC Tp (-) 7 Fd Sqn from arrival at FSB MURPHY.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1. Move to the village and cordon from junction pt No 2 to junction pt No 3.

(b) Phases 2 and 3.

i. Remain in ^{cordon}~~posn~~ posn.

ii. One pl to be at 5 mins notice to mov as bn res.

e. D Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) FO & MFC no change

(b) Reverting to under comd OC Tp 7 Fd Sqn - one splinter team
from arrival at FSB MURPHY one mini team

(c) Under comd from 231200K - 2 CETs

(d) Under op con from 240715K - 5 NPFF
4 Interpreters

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1. Mov to the village and provide a cordon from junction pt No 3 to junction pt No 4.

(b) Phase 2.

i. Be relieved in cordon posn by Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

ii. Mov to loc dir by Bn 2IC in vic of junction pt No 4.

iii. Form up in prep for Phase 3.

(c) Phase 3. Sweep and search village.

f. Mor Pl. Grouping no change. Remains FSB MURPHY.

g. Aslt Pnr Pl.

(1) Phase 1. Remain FSB O'BRIEN.

/(2) Phases 2 and 3.

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(2) Phases 2 and 3.

- (a) Mov by APC from FSB to vic junction pt No 1. Refer Annex C.
- (b) Estb screening centre and RAP as dir by the Bn 2IC. Refer Annex C.
- (c) **Protect** the screening centre, RAP and Tac CP. Provide guards and guides as nec in the screening centre.
- (d) Be prepared, on orders of OC Tp (-) 7 Fd Sqn to assist in clearing the area of the Tac CP, cage and RAP of mines and booby traps.
- (e) Be prep on orders from OC Tp (-) Fd Sqn to clear the area of LZ at grid 854716 for mines. Secure and control LZ.

h. Tracker Pl.

- (1) Less one sect remains FSB MURPHY.
- (2) One sect provides guides for B, C and D Coys from assy area to village. At 240700K guides mov to a posn at the screening centre under con Bn 2IC.

i. FSB MURPHY

- (1) Grouping. Less Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt, Aslt Pnr Pl, Sect Tracker Pl and Tac CP. *Tp - 7 Fd Sqn*
- (2) Tasks. No change.

j. Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

- (1) Grouping. No change except 2 mini teams revert to under comd OC Tp (-) 7 Fd Sqn from 231000K. *Under comd from 231200K 3 mini teams*
- (2) Mov the following from FSB MURPHY to vic junction pt No 4:
 - (a) Tac CP
 - (b) Aslt Pnr Pl
 - (c) 5 NPFF
 - (d) 4 Interpreters
 - (e) RMO and Stores
 - (f) Cage Stores.

/(3) On orders

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(3) On orders from CO relieve D Coy in cordon from junction pt No 3 along road to junction pt No 4.

(4) One sect at 5 mins notice to mov.

k. 104 Fd Bty.

(1) FO allotment no change.

(2) Remain FSB MURPHY.

l. 7 Fd Sqn.

(1) Grouping:

(a) Reverting to under comd from arrival at FSB MURPHY - all engr elms.

(b) Allot to under comd D Coy from 231200K until - 2 CET comp of op.

(c) Allot to under comd Tp B Sqn 3 Cav from - three 231200K until comp of op. mini teams

(d) Retain Tp (-) as Bn res located with Tac CP.

(2) Tasks:

(a) CETs with D Coy are to be prep to:

i. Loc and destroy or neutralize mines and booby traps in the village.

ii. Search tunnels and wells.

(b) OC Tp (-) 7 Fd Sqn is to co-ord the resources of the Bn Engr Res and where nec, the Aslt Pnr Pl to:

i. Clear road and verges of road, leading to the village and the area of Tac CP, cage, RAP and LZ grid 854716 of mines and booby traps.

ii. Assist D Coy as directed by Bn 2IC.

m. Avn. In DS H13 to posn at FSB MURPHY by 240545K.

n. Det 1 Div Int Unit.

(1) Co-ord and org the arrival of a CA Team and Det 10 MID at LZ 854716 by 240700K. Co-ord the activities of the CA Team and Det 10 MID as follows:

/(a) CA Team

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(a) CA Team:

- i. Effect co-ord between MEDCAP pers arranging evac if nec.
- ii. Con the dispersal area.

(b) 10 MID:

- i. Fol const of the screening centre, man the docu check pt, search tents and interrogation tents.
- ii. Co-ord with CO 4 RAR the evac of detainees and PW.

(2) Co-ord and arrange the dispersal of the CA Team and Det 10 MID at completion of op.

o. Co-ord Instr:

(1) Coy Assy Areas:

B Coy grid 84701 (centre pt)
C Coy grid 845703 (centre pt)
D Coy grid 846705 (centre pt)

(2) Sketch of Village. Annex C.

(3) Sequence of Events. Annex D.

(4) Timings:

- (a) Cordon in posn 240430K.
- (b) Cordon adjusted from air 240600K.
- (c) Cordon thinned out 240745K.
- (d) Op complete 24 TBA.

(5) Junction Pts:

(a) Designations and approx locs. Annex C.

- i. Junction pt No 1. Eastern edge clearing and scrub approx 100 metres north of the high earth mound. Grid 856717. Incl B Coy excl D Coy.
- ii. Junction pt No 2. Creek crossing grid 856713. Incl B Coy excl to C Coy.
- iii. Junction pt No 3. Track/creek crossing grid 849713. Incl to C Coy excl to D Coy.
- iv. Junction pt No 4. Western edge of clearing and scrub approx 100 metres north of the high earth mound. Grid 854717. Incl D Coy excl B Coy.

/(b) Fol estb

- (b) Fol estb of the cordon each coy is to provide panels to form an X, visible from the air, at the two junction pts on their flanks.
- (6) Cordon Locs:
 - (a) As shown at Annex C.
 - (b) Locs to be adjusted from DS ac.
- (7) Fire Plan. Tgts on call during mov and while loc in cordon posn issued separately.
- (8) Treatment of Civs.
 - (a) Pers who are armed and captured while trying to mov through the cordon, or who are found in hides are to be treated as PW.
 - (b) Pers who are not armed and who attempt to mov through the cordon are to be turned back within the cordon for later screening.
 - (c) Bed ridden people are not to be moved. They will be guarded in loc for checking by a 10 MID screening team accompanied by the RMO.
- (9) Identity of ARSQ Officials. Annex B.
- (10) Liaison with Dist Officials:
 - (a) By Bn 2IC vic junction pt No 4 at 240645K.
 - (b) WO Smith appt LO at LONG HOA C/S 9F.
- (11) Routes. B Coy mov east of north/south road; North to the village. D Coy, then C Coy mov north; west of north/south road. (As detailed on model).

4. Administration & Logistics.

a. Rats:

- (1) Hot meal at coy assy areas. Tue 23 Mar 71.
- (2) Rats for detainees to be provided by OC A Ech.

b. Water:

- (1) Resup at coy assy areas.
- (2) Water for villagers to be provided by OC A Ech.

/c. PW.

- c. PW. Held by coys until cage estb, then evac to cage after clearance by Bn 2IC.
- d. Cage Stores. Standard list to be brought fwd in APC's to cage site. See Annex C.
- e. RAP:
 - (1) RMO and three med assist to move with the Tac CP.
 - (2) RAP estb in vic of ^{Tac}TAC CP by 240700K.
- f. Medcap. Civ sick and injured to be brought fwd to RAP.
- g. Hygiene. Hygiene facilities are to be provided in the cage by OC A Ech.
- h. Sups for RSQ Officials. Water and rats to be provided by OC A Ech. Red Arm bands are to be provided when nec to identify RSQ officials.

5. Command and Signals.

- a. HQ 4 RAR. Remains FSB MURPHY.
- b. Tac CP:
 - (1) Opens vic junction pt No 4 at ~~240645K~~ ²240625K
 - (2) Call sign ØC.
- c. Loc of CO:
 - (1) AB during adjustment of cordon.
 - (2) Thereafter either AB or loc Tac CP.
- d. Line. Line to be laid from Bn 2IC at screening centre to Tac CP by Sig Pl.
- e. Radio:
 - (1) The fol stns are to join the Bn Comd net:
 - (a) Tac CP - ØC
 - (b) Bn 2IC - 9A.
 - (c) IO at LONG HOA - 9F.
 - (d) LZ - 95C.
 - (e) Bn Guides - 61B, 61C, 61D, 61E.

/f. Channels of Comms:

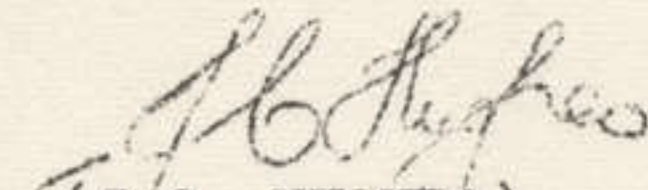
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f. Channels of Comms:

- (1) Comms concerning CA matters to 9A.
- (2) Comms concerning other matters to ØC.

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- Annexes:
- A. En Sit
 - B. Topo, Population Svy and Met
 - C. Sketch Map of Village
 - D. Sequence of Events

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ANNEX A TO
4 RAR OPO 9/71
DATED 22 MAR 71

EN FORCES

General

1. The MT MARGARET District Coy as a result of ops conducted in A0 Melbourne is no longer a viable unit.
2. Survivors have probably mingled with civilian population in PHUMY or LONG HOA.

Re-sup Areas

3. With the majority of his caches destroyed and the remnants of his forces dispersed LONG HOA has become a possible re-sup point.

Morale

4. Although en morale is low it is thought that individuals would attempt to escape if captured.

Infrastructure

5. The LONG HOA QC cell of 12 persons operates in and from the village, the identity of only two are known.
6. The cadre break up is:
 - a. Farmers Assn - NUNG & 2 - 3
 - b. Proselyting Cell - 3
 - c. Production Cell - DAI & 1 - 2
 - d. Guides/Couriers- 4

Likely En Activity

7. Limited to the following:
 - a. Individual reconnaissance, sniping or sabotage.
 - b. Movement of individuals in and out of LONG HOA, generally by night.

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ANNEX B TO
4 RAR OPO 9/71
DATED 22 MAR 71

TOPOGRAPHY, POPULATION SURVEY AND METEOROLOGY

Topography

1. The village of LONG HOA is situated at GR 853714, it is bounded to the NORTH by a creek and is similarly bounded to the SOUTH by a branch of that creek. A major road runs NORTH-SOUTH to the WEST of the village near the branch in the creek. There is a large 500 by 150M clearing to the NORTH-EAST of the village and there is generally gently sloping ground to the village with a road running to the east of the village partially along this extremity to PF Post.

Population General

2. LONG HOA had a population of up to 1200 people - however QC acts of terrorism, the drift of the younger people to jobs in the larger towns and the government draft programme has reduced this number to no more than 200.

3. The main religions followed are Buddhism, CAO DAI and Roman Catholicism.

Local Situation

4. The villagers are mainly farmers, with some local tradesmen and woodcutters. General produce is sold in the markets at PHU MY.

5. The attitude of the population is basically apathetic, though a slight swing to the RSQ government has recently been reported. The people are naturally most concerned about their own village and local district.

6. Some villagers are known to have relatives with the QC and are sympathetic to their aims.

7. Known QC infrastructure in the village is shown in ANNEX A to this OPO.

Local Government Forces

8. LONG HOA is protected by one popular forces (PF) platoon of 25 soldiers which is equipped with 1 by 105 mm How. The PF is protected by a fenced protective minefield.

9. There are no known records of any previous cordon and search conducted by RSQ forces.

Curfew/Access Area

10. Curfew is not imposed inside the village but the normal curfew (1830 - 0600hrs) exists in the own risks civil access area.

/Mines and Booby Traps

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11. QC access routes to the village could possibly be mined and a protective mine field has been laid around the PF post.

12. For further details refer to Annex A to 4 RAR OPO 8/71 dated 13 Mar 71.

Population Survey

13. There are no census figures available for the village after 1969. The estimated breakup is 45% female, 30% children and 25% male occupation. There is no known percentage of males eligible for military service.

Personalities

14. Village Officials are:

HUYN VAN LOI - acting village chief

ASPRIANT CAN - OC PF PL

~~RSQ~~ RSQ Officials

15. Ready ^{identification} ~~identification~~ of attached RSQ officials is important and troops are to be briefed on the following forms of dress.

a. NPFF wear camouflage uniforms (tiger suits) and are identifiable by a tag on their left hand shirt pocket.

b. 10 MID similar dress

c. Interpreters similar dress

d. RDC black pyjama type uniform with identification tag on upper shirt with a RED tape band on the right arm above the elbow.

e. Villagers Basic black pyjamas with a variety of coloured dress and indication tags.

Liaison Officer

16. An LO from this unit C/S 9F on the Bn Comd Net will be positioned in the PF Post from 231500 hrs will co-ordinate all safety/information aspects.

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