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1-20 December 1971

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:
- Commanders of all formations.
 - Each branch of the staff at formation headquarters commanded by a brigadier or above.
 - Heads of services not below the rank of lieutenant colonel.
 - Personal staffs and officers holding special appointments.
 - Unit commanders.
 - Commanders of a detachment of a unit when so ordered.

COMPILATION

6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:
- Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
 - Index as printed on cover.
 - Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
 - Annexes as shown in the Index.
7. All details of the unit or formation (if a detachment is concerned, the name of the parent unit), period covered and enclosure numbers of the annexes are to be shown on the cover. If there has been a change of command since the last report, the date of assumption by the new commanding officer is to be included.
8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no enclosures for an annex NIL will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, the relevant papers should be grouped as annexes starting at B.
9. Documents concerned with future planning for operations form Annex "Z", "TOP SECRET Supplementary Diary" of the formation originating the document. It is to be prepared and disposed of as shown in Paragraph 16.

CONTENTS

10. The diary is to contain:
- Changes in command, (giving place names as well as map references), establishment, equipment and organization.
 - Information received, decisions made and orders given.
 - Where applicable, a short summary of the day's fighting, including company movements.
 - Opinions and recommendations of the commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization and morale.
 - Progress of defensive works.
 - Weapon state.
 - Weather and ground conditions, if of potential importance.
 - Major causes and number of casualties to officers, men and equipment.
 - A note of all prisoners and enemy equipment captured.
 - 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.

COMPILATION

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- d. Annexes as shown in the index.

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- e. Progress of defensive works.
- f. Weapon status.
- g. Weather and ground conditions, if of potential importance.
- h. Major losses 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.

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AF - C2118 (Adapted)
Revised Apr. 1969

COMMANDER'S DIARY NARRATIVE

- a. Map Series L7014 SVN Sheet 6430 I to IV and UNIT INFORMATION 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn Gp
b. Map Series L7014 SVN Sheet 6530 and 6429 2 AMS

MONTH and YEAR December 1971

REFERENCE MAP

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	Vung Tau	1 Dec 71	AM	Farewell Parade to 1 ATF and 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn Gp and presentation of South Vietnamese awards conducted at St Kilda Pad. 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn on parade, other 1 ATF troops lined parade ground as holding ground party. COMMACV, Gen Abrams, was the reviewing officer. Vietnamese awards were presented by Gen Minh, Comd III Corps, to the following members of 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn: 47001 Lt Col J.C. Hughes, MC - Gallantry Cross with Palm 14968 Maj R.E. Boxall - Gallantry Cross with Gold Star 235242 Maj R.R. Hogarth - Gallantry Cross with Silver Star 28709 Maj E.H. Stevenson - Armed Forces Honour Medal Class 1 220549 Chap A.L. Switzer - The Civic Action Medal First Class 5715492 2lt D.N. McDaniels - Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star 3797482 Cpl P.R. Menner - Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star	
2	Vung Tau	2 Dec 71		Interrogation report from a PW of 3/33 NVA Bn, with reference to the contacts of 21 Sep 71, received from 1 ATF, made the following points: 1. 3 Bn 33 NVA Regt did not attack NGAI GIAO (Y463794) on 19 Sep but did attack 626 RF Coy (YS 461834). On the morning 20 Sep an element of 3 Bn was responsible for the ambush of 1 Tp A Sqn at YS 461821. The aim was to bait 1 ATF. The enemy expected a reaction from the South and wanted to draw 1 ATF troops East of Route 2.	

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MONTH and YEAR

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
2 (Cont)				<p>2. 3 Bn had been ordered to ambush a logging track that ran East of Route 2 and then NE where 2 Bn and HQ 33 NVA Regt occupied bunker systems in depth. They were told that the Australians would probably move along this trail with infantry and APC's to attack the Regt.</p> <p>3. On the third day, 3 Bn were told to move North as the Australians had somehow evaded the ambush and contacted 2 Bn and Regt HQ. The enemy were confused that the Australians had come from the North.</p> <p>4. Whilst withdrawing from the ambush, 3 Bn were themselves contacted (by B Coy 4 RAR/NZ) and suffered 8 KIA and 13 WIA.</p> <p>5. 3 Bn eventually withdrew from PHOUC TUY without further incident to the NHA BAC (YS 5494) base area.</p> <p>6. The PW did not know anything concerning casualties to the 2 Bn or HQ 33 NVA Regt.</p> <p>7. The unanswered problem has been resolved in that on 21 Sep, D Coy contacted 2 Bn and HQ of 33 NVA Regt, whilst B Coy contacted 3 Bn.</p>	
3	Vung Tau	3 Dec 71		Third and last group of 3/70 NS Intake (68) departed for RTA and discharge.	H18
4	Vung Tau	4 Dec 71		Visit by Maj Holmes, AFV SO Records. 104 Fd Bty celebrated St Barbara's Day.	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
5	Vung Tau	5 Dec 71		Visit of NZ CGS Maj Gen Pierce, V Coy provided a Guard of Honour and buffet lunch in their lines at R & C Centre.	
6	Vung Tau	6 Dec 71		Result of unit stocktake and Regimental Audit presented.	
7	Vung Tau	7 Dec 71		CO attended a conference between A/Comd 1 ATF and the SVN Protocol Section concerning the visit of President Thieu of 8 Dec 71.	
8	Vung Tau	8 Dec 71		4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn Gp, minus V Coy, embarked on HMAS SYDNEY FOR RTA, by helicopter and LCM. D Coy Gp stayed behind with a strength of 6 & 157 which included a sect of both Aslt Pnrs & Mors with the task of protecting HQ 1 ATF in it's final withdrawal of heavy stores & equipment planned for 29 Feb 72. The President of South Vietnam, NGUYEN VAN THIEU, flew aboard at 1100 hours, and was received by a Naval Guard of Honour and the 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Band. The President addressed the assembled ranks of 4 RAR and 104 Fd Bty on the flight deck thanking and farewelling them, on behalf of the South Vietnamese Nation. The President then presented gifts to COMAFV, C of S AFV, A/Comd 1 ATF, CO 4 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn Gp, Lt Col J.C. Hughes, MC, BC 104 Fd Bty, Maj K.A. Towning, OC 1 Tp A Sqn 3 Cav Regt, Lt C Stephens, and selected all ranks of 4 RAR and 104 Fd Bty (Copies of Presidents Speech in Annex H).	

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9	Vung Tau	9 Dec 71	0140	HMAS SYDNEY sailed for Australia. Cong ^a ratulatory signals received from COMAFV, Col Comdt RAR and Regt Col.	H6, H7
10	Vung Tau	9/10 Dec 71		V Coy flew to Singapore by RNZAF and rejoined 1 RNZIR.	
11	Vung Tau	16 Dec 71		Unit Rear Party returned to Australia by air.	
12	Townsville	17 Dec 71	AM	HMAS SYDNEY arrived off Townsville before dawn. 4 RAR (-) disembarked by LCM at 0830hrs and were re-united with families and friends in the reception area established at ANZAC Park. The first signs the returning troops saw were the traditional "Welcome Home" signs of the Rotary Club of Surfers Paradise and in a short ceremony prior to the march, a cheque to the amount of \$1,400.00 was presented to Ken Bromley, Secretary for the Wounded Servicemen's Scheme on behalf of all ranks of 4 RAR/NZ. The march through the city commenced at 1130 hrs, and the people of Townsville turned out and lined the streets to give a warm "Welcome Home" to 4 RAR. The Reviewing Officer for the march	

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION

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MONTH AND YEAR

Place and grid reference	Day of Month	Hour	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
12 Cont			<p>past was the Minister for Defence, The RT Honourable David Fairbairn, DFC, MP; also on the dais were, the Mayor of Townsville, Alderman W. Harold Phillips; The Chief of the General Staff, Lt General M.F. Brogan, CB, CBE; and The General Officer Commanding Northern Command, Maj General A.L. McDonald CB, OBE. Other important guests in the VIP enclosure included the Minister of State for the Army, The Honourable Andrew Peacock, MP, The Premier of Queensland, The Honourable J. Bjelke-Petersen MLA, and the Commander 3TF/NQ Area, Brigadier D.S. Thompson, MC.</p> <p>Maj D. McIver, the Bn 2IC, was the only NZ member to march with the Bn. On completion of the march, Qld members proceeded on leave while other states members re-embarked on HMAS SYDNEY for onward movement to Sydney NSW.</p>	
13 HMAS SYDNEY	19 Dec 71		<p>Pacestick engineered on board the HMAS SYDNEY presented to the Bn on behalf of the Ships company.</p>	
14 Sydney	20 Dec 71		<p>Remainder 4 RAR disembarked Sydney and proceeded on leave.</p>	

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R553-1-15

4RAR/NZ(ANZAC)BN GP
Vung Tau

3 Nov 71

See Distribution Below

OP INTERFUSE - AMENDMENTS TO COMPOSITION AND
NOMINAL ROLLS OF 4RAR/NZ MAIN BODY-SYDNEY III

Reference: A. Annex B to 4RAR/NZ R553-1-15/16 dated 12 Nov 71.

1. A consolidated summary of all amendments to reference A is given as follows;

a. Sp Coy

- (1) delete 1201206 Cpl P.A. Smith
- (2) delete 22023 Pte D.G. Scalon
- (3) delete 219316 Pte G.R. Heskett
- (4) delete 6709676 Pte D.W. Phillips
- (5) delete 45020 Pte D.J. Gilbey
- (6) Add 2785011 Pte P.Vidler

b. B Coy

- (1) delete 3175720 Pte J.J. Donohue
- (2) delete 219705 Cpl P.H. Johnston
- (3) delete 220407 Pte G.W. Bartram

c. C Coy

- (1) delete 2796871 Pte R.S. McKnight
- (2) delete 45184 Pte D.C. Perkins
- (3) Add 1201206 Cpl P.A. Smith

d. Admin Coy

- (1) delete 15578 Sgt E.A. Chapman
- (2) delete 1736968 Pte P.G. Butler
- (3) delete 43024 Wo2 J.N. Floenges
- (4) delete 1201304 Cpl D.C. Aspden
- (5) delete 2785011 Pte R. Vidler
- (6) delete 311358 Cpl J.B. McFallan
- (7) Add 22023 Pte D.G. Scanlon
- (8) Add 1200691 Sgt L.C. Clem
- (9) Add 220407 Pte G.W. Bartram
- (10) Add 3175720 Pte J.J. Donohue
- (11) Add 219873 Pte C. Cosgrove
- (12) Add 313112 Lcpl R.J. Murray

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2. Composition now reads as follows:

	Offrs	WOs	Sgts	ORs	Total
Sp	6	3	11	69	89
B	4	1	3	54	62
C	4	1	3	54	62
Admin	4	1	6	47	58
Total	18	6	23	224	271



(J.D. McAloney)
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Adjt

Distribution

Movts HQ AFV (2)
Movts HQ 1ATF (3)
HQ 3TF(2)

Internal

B Coy (5)
C Coy (5)
D Coy (5)
Sp Coy (7)
Admin Coy (3)
CO
2IC
Adjt
QM (3)
AQM
Tpt Offr
Asst Adjt
RSM
RQMS
WO Caterer
DPRI Sgt
Pay Sgt
Chief Clerk
Movts Clerk (2)
Float File
Files (2)
Commanders Diary (4)
Spare (5)

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL J.C. HUGHES MC

COMMANDING OFFICER

4TH BATTALION THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

VUNG TAU

1 DEC 71

SERIAL 20/71

RO NOS V231/232.

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- V231. BATTALION DUTIES.
V232. EXTRA REGIMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

NOTICES

1. LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM GENERAL ABRAMS.
2. SIGNAL FROM COLONEL COMMANDANT AND REGIMENTAL COLONEL.

V 231. BATTALION DUTIES

1. The members listed below are to mount duty as Duty Officer/Orderly Sergeant at 0800 hrs on the date indicated and dismount at 0800 hrs. the following day.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY OFFICER</u>	<u>ORDERLY SERGEANT</u>
1 Dec 71 - 235365	Lt I.J. BALLANTYNE	357179 Sgt I.W. FRYER
2 Dec 71 - 5715492	Lt D.N. McDANIEL	217394 Sgt J.C. JENSEN
3 Dec 71 - 3794441	2Lt R.J. SWARBRICK	2412572 Sgt G.B. ZIKKING
4 Dec 71 - 1202371	2Lt K.M. BYRNE	41797 Sgt W.B. WARNES
5 Dec 71 - 436440	2Lt G.D. SPINKSTON	14546 Sgt N.J. KINNANE
6 Dec 71 - 3101948	Lt R.J. WELLARD	37004 Sgt J.C. HALL.
7 Dec 71 - 2794695	2Lt B.R. CONEYBEARE	16210 Sgt K.W. RIDEOUT
8 Dec 71 - 2192240	Lt RLJ MARTIN	214737 Sgt C.J. HOY

2. The members listed below are to mount duty as Duty Driver at 0800 hrs on the date indicated and dismount at 0800 hrs on the following day.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY DRIVER</u>
1 Dec 71	2240159 Pte K.B. HODGES
2 Dec 71	45057 Pte C.D. SMITH
3 Dec 71	18471 Pte E.J. JOHANSSON
4 Dec 71	45678 Pte C.W. BOURN
5 Dec 71	1202847 Pte T.G. BROWN
6 Dec 71	216454 Pte G.S. TOMS
7 Dec 71	313535 Pte P.M. SEAL

V 232 EXTRA REGIMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

1. The members listed are to hold the Extra Regimental Appointments indicated below. The appointments are effective from 1 Feb 72.

Regimental Funds Committee

President	Capt C.H. Babington
Secretary	Lt A.C. Grecian
Treasurer	Sgt H.J. Kinnane
Members (5)	One soldier per coy

Regimental Audit Board

President	Maj J.H. Robbins
Members (1)	Capt P.S. Andrews
(2)	Lt P.A. O'Brien
(3)	Lt G.J. McKay

Internal Checking Officers

Main Q	Capt K.R. Benier
Rations	Capt P.S. Andrews
Dangerous Drugs	Capt J. Sullivan
Transport	Capt P.J. Schuman.

.../Officer's Mess

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Officer's Mess

President	Maj E.H. Stevenson
Secretary	Capt P.S. Andrews
Asst Secretary	Lt D.N. McDaniel
Treasurer	Capt I.J. Ballantyne
Asst Treasurer	Lt SVL Willis
Silver Member	Capt T.W. Roderick
Housing and Property	Lt P.F. Darby
Wines and Messing	Lt P.A. O'Brien
Senior Subaltern	Lt A.C. Grecian

Sergeant Mess

President	WO1 W.T. Thompson
Secretary	WO2 D.G. Holmes
Treasurer	Sgt K.B. Miller
Supervising Officer	Capt T.W. Roderick

Soldiers Club

Supervising Officer	Capt J.D. McAloney
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Regimental Messing Committee

Chairman	Capt C.H. Babington
Secretary	WO2 J.N. Piceages
Members	Sgt J.C. Ryan
	Sgt M.H. Dahl-Helm
	Sgt J.C. Hall
	Sgt K.W. Rideout
Medical representative	Sgt E.A. Chapman
Coy representatives	One soldier per coy.

Sports

Unit Sports Officer	Maj J.H. Taylor
Asst Unit Sport Officer	Capt K.R. Benier
Coy Sports Officer	Nominated by coys
Athletics	Lt SV Willis
Australian Rules	Lt A.C. Grecian
Baseball/Softball	Lt P.A. O'Brien
Boating/Water Ski-ing	Capt R.L. Sayce
Boxing	Lt G.J. McKay
Basketball	Lt M.D. O'Neill
Badminton/Golf	Lt D.N. McDaniel
Cricket	Lt M.F. Murphy
Fishing	Capt J. Sullivan
Rugby Union	Capt I.J. Ballantyne
Swimming	Lt R.J. Wellard
Shooting	Capt P.S. Andrews
Volley Ball	Capt T.W. Roderick

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Miscellaneous

Unit Security Officer	Maj E.H. Stevenson
Asst Security Officer	Capt R.L. Sayce
Unit Safety Officer	2IC until Ops Offr appointed
Unit Road Safety Officer	Lt A.C. Grecian
Unit Fire Officer	Lt A.C. Grecian
Asst Fire Officer	WO2 D.N. Cook
Unit Fire NCO	Sgt O.J. Legg
Band Officer	Capt C.H. Babington
Unit Historian	Capt R.L. Sayce
Unit (Education)	
(Housing) Officer	Lt D.N. McDaniel
(Removal)	


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1. LETTER OF COMMENDATION FROM GENERAL ABRAMS

1. The re-deployment of the 4th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, will bring to an end the direct participation by Australian Forces in combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam.

2. In recognition of this occasion, I commend each member of the 4th Battalion as well as all personnel of the Australian Force Vietnam for their significant accomplishments and enduring contributions in assisting the Republic of Vietnam in its fight against communist aggression. The dedicated efforts and outstanding professionalism exhibited by all members of the Australian Forces have earned them the highest praise from the Free-World Military Assistance Forces. I am confident the remaining Australian Force will continue to serve with the same distinction.

3. On behalf of the personnel of the United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, I extend my best wishes for continued success to the 4th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment and the Australian Force Vietnam.

Sincerely
Creighton W. Abrams
General United States Army
Commanding.

2. SIGNAL OF THANKS FROM COLONEL COMMANDANT AND REGIMENTAL COLONEL.

To all ranks from Col Comdt and Regt Col many thanks for our best wishes on the occasion of the twenty third Anniversary of the raising of the Royal Australian Regiment. We can take pride in our past achievements as we continue to build for the future.

MESSAGE FORM

FOR COMM CEN/SIGNALS USE

PRECEDENCE - ACTION <i>ROUTINE</i>	PRECEDENCE - INFO	DATE - TIME GROUP <i>010600Z DEC 71</i>	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
FROM: <i>4RAR/NZ</i>		PREFIX <i>GR</i>	
TO: <i>LIST A (INTERNAL ONLY)</i>		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <i>UNCLAS</i>	
INFO:		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <i>A. 1309</i>	

TO ALL RANKS FROM CO @ THANK YOU FOR YOUR TURNOUT CAN DRILL AND EFFORT THIS MORNING. @ ALL VISITORS MOST IMPRESSED AND ASKED THAT THEIR CONGRATULATIONS BE PASSED ON TO YOU

PAGE <i>1</i> OF <i>1</i> PAGES	REFERS TO MESSAGE	DRAFTER'S NAME <i>M^cALONEY</i>	OFFICE <i>ADDT</i>	TEL NO. <i>EMU 95</i>					
CLASSIFIED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>							
FOR OPERATOR'S USE									
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P 2301Z DEC 71
FM HQAS SYDNEY
TO RAYACNS
INFO RAYAC/COMACFLT

NO UNCLASSIFIED REPLY OR REFERENCE.

RESTRICTED. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SPEECH GIVEN BY
PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEL ON THE FLIGHT DECK OF HQAS SYDNEY
AT 1307 LOCAL TIME TODAY. BEGINS:
MR. AMBASSADOR

GENERAL LUNSTAN

CAPTAIN SCRIVENER

MY FRIENDS OF THE FOURTH BATTALION, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT.

I COME HERE TODAY TO SAY GOOD-BYE AND TO EXPRESS
OUR THANKS TO ALL OF THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE VALIANT FOURTH
BATTALION WHO ARE GOING SHORTLY TO LEAVE THE SHORES OF VIET-NAM.

YOUR DEPARTURE CONSECRATES THE COMPLETION OF A SUCCESSFUL
PHASE OF A VERY CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN
THE DEFENSE OF FREEDOM IN THIS AREA.

AS A MEASURE OF THE SUCCESS OF THE PARTICIPATION IN THE
DEFENCE AGAINST COMMUNIST AGGRESSION BY THE ALLIED NATIONS, AND
IN PARTICULAR BY AUSTRALIA, THE SITUATION TODAY IN THE REPUBLIC OF

PAGE 2 RUMWBN 342070Z R E S T R I C T E D

VIET-NAM HAS MARKEDLY IMPROVED IN COMPARISON WITH WHAT IT WAS
IN 1965, WHEN THE AUSTRALIAN TROOPS LANDED IN VIET-NAM FOR THE
FIRST TIME.

THEN THE SITUATION WAS VERY PRECARIOUS, AND THE SCALE
OF COMMUNIST INFILTRATION AND ATTACKS EXERTED A MOST SERIOUS
THREAT AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM.

TODAY, SECURITY HAS BEEN RESTORED OVER ALMOST THE
TOTALITY OF THE COUNTRY, AND SOLID DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS HAVE
BEEN ESTABLISHED NOT ONLY AT THE HIGH NATIONAL LEVEL, BUT ALSO IN
THE VILLAGES AND HAMLETS THROUGHOUT THE LAND. THE ARMED FORCES
OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAVE GROWN SUBSTANTIALLY IN NUMBER
AND IN EFFECTIVENESS. WE HAVE INFLECTED SEVERE LOSSES ON THE
ENEMY, AND HAVE BEEN ABLE ALSO TO COME TO THE HELP OF A NEIGHBOURING
COUNTRY, THE KHMER REPUBLIC, IN THE SAME SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY
WHICH YOURSELVES AND OTHERS HAVE DISPLAYED TOWARDS US IN OUR
HOURS OF GREATEST DANGER.

IN THE EFFORTS TO THWART THE RUTHLESS COMMUNIST AGGRESSION
IN VIET-NAM, THE AUSTRALIAN FORCES OF ALL ARMS HAVE PLAYED IN
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- * R E S T R I C T E D FOR DFR. WHEN HMAS SYDNEY LEAVES VUNG TAU AT MIDNIGHT ON 8 DEC 71 CARRYING MEMBERS OF 4 RAR, 104 FIELD BATTERY RAA AND NUMBER 9 SQUADRON RAAF, IT WILL MEAN THAT AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE VIETNAMESE WAR WILL HAVE VIRTUALLY ENDED. THE 4TH BN ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT WAS THE LAST MAJOR ARMY UNIT SERVING IN SOUTH VIETNAM, AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF NUMBER 9 SQUADRON RAAF MEANS THAT THERE ARE NOW NO RAAF HELICOPTERS IN THE COUNTRY. TO MARK THE OCCASION PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU, PRESIDENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM, TODAY BOARDED HMAS SYDNEY IN VUNG TAU HARBOR, SOUTH VIETNAM, TO SAY FAREWELL TO THE DEPARTING AUSTRALIAN FORCES. THE PRESIDENT ARRIVED BY HELICOPTER AT 1200 LOCAL TIME ACCOMPANIED BY TWO CABINET MINISTERS AND 19 SENIOR OFFICERS.
- * 2. HE WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE CAPTAIN HMAS SYDNEY, CAPTAIN R J SCRIVENOR, RAN, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMANDER R W LANG, RAN THE AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR TO SOUTH VIETNAM, MR A M MORRIS, THE COMMANDER AUSTRALIAN FORCES VIETNAM, MAJOR GENERAL D B DUNSTAN, AND THE COMMANDER ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE VIETNAM, AIR COMMODORE N P McNAMARA
- * 3. AFTER A ROYAL SALUTE AND THE PLAYING OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE NATIONAL ANTHEM, THE PRESIDENT INSPECTED THE HONOUR GUARD. THE GUARD, COMMANDED BY LIEUTENANT COMMANDER I J BEAR, RAN, CONSISTED OF TWO OFFICERS, TWO PETTY OFFICERS AND 48 SAILORS, ALL SERVING IN HMAS SYDNEY. WHILST THE GUARD WAS BEING INSPECTED, THE PIPES AND DRUMS OF THE 4TH BN ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT PLAYED INCIDENTAL MUSIC
- * 4. ON COMPLETION OF HIS INSPECTION OF THE GUARD, THE PRESIDENT MET MAJOR F J AHERN, CO OF THE SHIPS ARMY STAFF, LIEUTENANT COLONEL J C HUGHES, CO 4 RAR AND WING COMMANDER P H MAROOD, CO 9 SQUADRON. THE PRESIDENT THEN MET THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE EMBARKED UNITS, AND HAVING MADE A SPEECH TO THE ASSEMBLED SAILORS, SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN, TOOK LUNCHEON ONBOARD HOSTED BY THE CAPTAIN
- * 5. LUNCHEON GUESTS WERE AS IN MY 070340Z DEC 71. REMAINING

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MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY WERE ENTERTAINED AND GIVEN LUNCHEON IN THE WARDROOM.

6. AT 1400 THE PRESIDENT LEFT THE SHIP BY HELICOPTER. THE HELICOPTER HOVERED 120 FEET OFF THE STARBOARD QUARTER WHILST A PRESIDENTIAL SALUTE OF 21 GUNS WAS FIRED. ON COMPLETION OF THE GUN SALUTE THE HELICOPTER DEPARTED FOR SHORE.

7. CEREMONIAL BECAUSE THE SHIP WAS IN AN OPERATIONAL AREA FULL FLAG CEREMONIAL WAS NOT POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE NATIONAL FLAG WAS FLOWN AT THE MASTHEAD FOR THE DURATION OF THE

PRESIDENT'S VISIT

8. DETAILS OF THE PRINCIPAL SHIP'S OFFICERS INVOLVED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CAPTAIN R J SCRIVENOR JOINED HMAS SYDNEY ON FEBRUARY 2ND THIS YEAR. HE IS DUE TO BE RELIEVED ON JANUARY 18TH 1972 AND WILL TAKE UP THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR GENERAL TRAINING IN CANBERRA.

DURING CAPTAIN SCRIVENOR'S YEAR IN COMMAND, HMAS SYDNEY HAS BEEN TO VIETNAM SIX TIMES, AND BY THE TIME THE SHIP RETURNS TO SYDNEY LATER THIS MONTH SHE WILL HAVE STEAMED ALMOST 80,000 MILES IN ELEVEN MONTHS. CAPTAIN SCRIVENOR IS MARRIED WITH TWO GROWN UP CHILDREN AND LIVES AT TURNER ACT. COMMANDER RODNEY WILLIAM LANG IS MARRIED WITH ONE DAUGHTER. HIS WIFE ROSALIE LIVES IN SANS SOUCI. HE JOINED HMAS SYDNEY IN AUGUST OF THIS YEAR AFTER SERVING ON THE DIRECTING STAFF OF THE JOINT SERVICES WING IN CANBERRA FROM ITS INCEPTION TWO AND HALF YEARS AGO. LIEUTENANT COMMANDER IVAN JOHN BEAR IS MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN. HIS WIFE LORRAINE, DAUGHTER STEPHANIE, AGED EIGHT, AND SON ASHLEY, AGED SEVEN, ARE AT PRESENT LIVING IN FARRER ACT. LT CDR BEAR JOINED THE SHIP IN OCTOBER LAST AS FIRST LIEUTENANT. HE HAD PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN CANBERRA ON THE STAFF OF THE DIRECTOR NAVAL AVIATION AND PLANNING. MAJOR FREDERICK JOSEPH AHERN, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY, HAS BEEN ONBOARD HMAS SYDNEY FOR 4 YEARS. DURING THAT TIME HE HAS BEEN TO VIETNAM FIFTEEN TIMES. MAJOR AHERN HAS SIX CHILDREN, TWO OF WHOM ARE MARRIED. HE LIVES, WHEN IN SYDNEY, IN MARRIED QUARTERS WHICH ARE SITUATED IN THE GROUNDS OF MACQUARIE LIGHTHOUSE.

9. IT IS PROBABLE THAT HMAS SYDNEY IS THE FIRST AUSTRALIAN WARSHIP TO BE VISITED BY THE PRESIDENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

10. COLOUR CINEFILM AND BLACK AND WHITE NEGATIVES OF THE

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PRESIDENTIAL VISIT ARE BEING DESPATCHED BY AIR PM TODAY. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE BLACK AND WHITE NEGATIVES BE RETURNED TO THE SHIP TO ARRIVE TOWNSVILLE BY 17DEC71. THESE NEGATIVES WILL BE URGENTLY REQUIRED BY THAT DATE.
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UNCLAS INF 66195 FOR LT COL J C HUGHES MC FROM LTGEN SIR THOMAS DALY
COLONEL COMMANDANT THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT. PLEASE CONVEY TO
ALL RANKS OF YOUR BATTALION MY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SUCCESS
OF YOUR TOUR OF DUTY IN VIETNAM. 4 RAR IS THE LAST BATTALION TO LEAVE
VIETNAM AND AS SUCH HAS WRITTEN WITH DISTINCTION THE FINAL CHAPTER IN
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ON BEHALF OF THE CORPS PLEASE ACCEPT OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND SINCERE
THANKS FOR THE SLENDID ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE FIGHTING FOURTH'S SECOND
TOUR IN VIETNAM. YOUR DEPARTURE FROM OPERATIONAL SERVICE WILL CONCLUDE
ANOTHER PROUD PERIOD IN THE HISTORY OF THE INFANTRY CORPS. BOTH THE
CORPS AND THE REGIMENT ARE PROUD OF YOUR RECORD

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OPERATION INTERFUSE
THE RECEPTION OF 4 RAR

- References:
- A. AHQ Admin Instr No 101/71
 - B. AHQ Movement Instruction No 8/71

GENERAL

Introduction

1. As part of Operation Interfuse, 4 RAR is to return to Townsville from South Vietnam during the period Nov/Dec 71. The battalion is to be re-established in the 500 Area Lavarack Barracks.

Aim

2. The aim of this instruction is to state the arrangements and procedures to be made for the reception and dispersal on leave of 4 RAR. It is to be noted that whenever the unit title, 4 RAR, appears throughout this instruction, members of 104 Fd Bty and any other members returning on HMAS Sydney are included.

PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS

Fostering Unit

3. 1 RAR is to foster 4 RAR. The responsibilities envisaged are rationing and quartering for 4 RAR Advance Party and limited manpower assistance, to the Advance Party, for the reception of the Main Body.

Advance Party

4. This group returned by Defence Charter to Townsville on 18 Nov 71. The composition of the 4 RAR Advance Party is shown at Annex A.

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5. An Australian Component will not be raised for 4 RAR. All correspondence for 4 RAR (Townsville) is to be addressed to 'Advance Party 4 RAR' until the main body arrives.

6. On RTA, the Advance Party will go on leave until 29 Nov 71, when they will return to Townsville to assist in the reception of 4 RAR Main Body. OC Advance Party, Maj Stevenson will be available throughout at Extension 7138.

Main Body

7. The 4 RAR Main Body, less D Coy, will RTA ON HMAS Sydney in mid Dec 71. The actual date is still classified but is available on a 'need to know' basis from HQ 3 TF/NQ Area. For the purpose of this instruction that date will be referred to as 'D' day.

8. Although 4 RAR Main Body will disembark in Townsville to march through the city, the personnel strength remaining in Townsville for leave and on movement will be 120. The remainder will return to the ship for disembarkation at Sydney.

Rear Party

9. The arrival date of the Rear Party (D Coy) is to be advised.

On-Board Briefing

10. To ensure a smooth disembarkation/reception, a good march past and a speedy dispersement, an on-board briefing will be necessary.

11. WO2 Clarke, Det 10 MC Gp is to board HMAS Sydney off Darwin to give this important brief and to finalize all onward movement arrangements for those personnel disembarking at Townsville. Tickets are not to be issued on board HMAS Sydney.

HF Communications

12. A HF listening watch is to be kept from 2200 hours D-1 in case communications are required ship to shore before the HMAS Sydney anchors. 103 Sig Sqn is to provide this service. Further details are to be advised.

Weather Report

13. The SC (Mov) is to send an unclassified priority weather report signal (prepared by the DCA Meteorological Section) to reach HMAS Sydney by 1500 hours D-1. This signal is to contain the following information for the period 0500 - 1500 hours on D Day:

- a. wind speed/direction and increasing/decreasing

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- during the forecast period;
- b. the height and direction of swell;
 - c. the height of sea in feet; and
 - d. any other pertinent information, eg, cyclones, rain/cloud expected, etc.

Publicity

14. The Public Relations Officer (PRO) HQ 3 TF/NQ Area, is to arrange publicity to cover the reception and march. On topics involving the Minister for Defence, who is to review the march, PRO is to act in accordance with AHQ GS Instr No 32. Limited helicopter time is available to PRO and/or photographer to cover the disembarkation, reception, etc. See Annex B for appropriate timings.

15. 4 RAR families are to be briefed on reception timings and other arrangements by 4 RAR Advance Party.

Customs Clearance

16. HM Customs representatives will board the HMAS Sydney at Darwin. They will check and clear all cabin luggage and luxury items in hold stowage. These items are to be made available, if possible, to the troops as part of the dispersal procedures.

Quarantine

17. These procedures will be completed aboard HMAS Sydney together with Customs clearances prior to arrival at Townsville. It is anticipated any personnel quarantine required will be at Townsville or Sydney depending on NOK address.

Pay

18. Cash payments are to be made on board in accordance with HQ AFV instructions. Remittances of undrawn pay are to be prepared by 4 RAR pay staff before arrival Townsville. These will be passed to Cash Office (Townsville) staff, before disembarkation, for processing to CPM N Comd. This procedure will ensure cheques, bank credits, etc, will be processed with minimum delay.

19. A HQ 3 TF/NQ Area cash office representative is to board HMAS Sydney on arrival off Townsville (See Annex B for timings). His task is to collect all remittances and despatch them to CPM N Comd.

Handover of Barracks (500 Area)

20. The Advance Party 4 RAR is to take over BHQ, Q Store and compound

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during the period 30 Nov - 17 Dec 71. If Townsville Sub Area is still occupying the Q Store complex at this time then part only will be handed over. The remainder of the Q complex is to be released as vacated.

21. The remaining barracks, (messes, accommodation and associated stores) are to be handed over to 4 RAR late Jan early Feb 72. This handover inspection is to be by mutual arrangement between 4 RAR/Townsville Sub Area. Annex C outlines the HQ 3 TF/NQ Area requirements in relation to the handover.

22. 1 RAR is to provide accommodation for 4 RAR elements, as required, until such times as accommodation has been taken over by 4 RAR. A guide to the likely requirement is:

- a. 25 Nov - 17 Dec 71 - two offrs,
two sgts,
50 R and F, and
- b. 17 Jan - 31 Jan 72 - three offrs,
four sgts,
60 R and F.

Catering

23. 1 RAR is to foster 4 RAR elements for messing in accordance with HQ 3 TF/NQ Area Admin Instr 28/71, until approximately 4 Feb 72.

Stores/Equipment

24. 4 RAR will return to Australia with all equipment and stores that are serviceable. Their present Part One Account Number will also accompany the battalion home.

25. Unit stores and equipment will be offloaded in Townsville. Some will be offloaded from HMAS Sydney, on D Day, but the majority will arrive on HMAS Jeparit on 28 Dec 71. The details for the Jeparit unloading will be advised separately.

26. Personal accompanied baggage, weapons carried by members and luxury items in Connexes are to be discharged at Townsville. A total of eight connexes will be offloaded.

Transport Loan

27. DADOS 3 TF/NQ Area is to arrange the loan of one $\frac{3}{4}$ ton landrover and two $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton CLs for 4 RAR Advance Party use. The loan dates are from 29 Nov 71 to 4 Feb 71. OC 4 RAR Advance Party is to liaise with DADOS for the receipt and documentation of this transport.

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RECEPTION OF 4 RAR

Definitions/Locations

28. It is essential to define and clarify certain areas to be used during the reception of 4 RAR and referred to throughout this instruction. These areas are: (See diagram at Annex D)

- a. Disembarkation Point. This is the area at which troops disembark from the ship's LCMs at Townsville. This disembarkation point is the Townsville Public Boat Ramp (PBR).
- b. Transit Area. This is the Provost secure area in which the disembarking troops are received, and later dispersed on leave. It contains the disembarkation point and the control organization for the reception. It is out of bounds to the public or relatives. It is the asphalt parking area around the PBR.
- c. Reception Area. This is the place at which disembarked troops may re-unite with their relatives and friends and where refreshments are served. It is located at the eastern end of ANZAC Park adjacent to the Transit Area.

Co-ordination and Control

29. The co-ordination for the reception is the overall responsibility of HQ 3 TF/NQ Area. Capt O. Martinson, SCQ (Mov) is appointed co-ordinating officer. The control of the operation changes for various stages. The stages and control envisaged are:

- a. embarkation into LCMs - HMAS Sydney;
- b. disembarkation at the PBR - Det 10 MC Gp;
- c. reception and march past - 4 RAR Advance Party;
- d. movement by bus back to transit area - Det 10 MC Gp;
- e. return of all weapons - 4 RAR advance party;
- f. return of transients to HMAS Sydney - Det 10 MC Gp; and
- g. on movement for leave - Det 10 MC Gp.

General Movement Aspects

30. The overall movement co-ordination is designed to ensure a rapid turn-around of HMAS Sydney, to reduce time spent in waiting and to allow

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for a quick dispersal for onward movement after the march through Townsville. To achieve this, control must be exercised. The various stages of movement are:

- a. movement of troops from HMAS Sydney to the disembarkation point/transit area;
- b. reception of baggage in the transit area;
- c. refreshment and welcome by friends and relatives at the reception area, Anzac Park;
- d. the march through Townsville;
- e. the return of all marching members back to the transit area in buses;
- f. hand in of weapons belonging to 4 RAR personnel only;
- g. return of transients to HMAS Sydney;
- h. hand out of tickets and onward movement arrangements; and
- i. collection of personal baggage.

Disembarkation

31. Fair Weather. It is anticipated the HMAS Sydney will anchor SE or NW off Magnetic Island, depending on the intensity and direction of the prevailing weather conditions. The disembarkation is to commence early am (detailed timings to be advised) using LCMs off HMAS Sydney. 4 RAR will disembark from the LCMs at the disembarkation point. The LCMs will remain in this area during the march through Townsville. The troop disembarkation should be completed by 1000 hours. An outline fair weather programme is shown in Annex E.

32. Foul Weather. This is defined by the Navy as being too rough to lower the landing craft. If the weather 'deteriorates' the disembarkation plan will change. The main changes anticipated are:

- a. A civilian passenger ferry (Hayles) will be used to transport the troops to shore. One ferry is available and is to make two trips.
- b. The disembarkation point will be the RAAF crash boat wharf or the dredge wharf.
- c. Unless severely adverse weather conditions prevail, the march through Townsville is to go on.
- d. Those members returning to HMAS Sydney for southern ports will be returned to HMAS Sydney by passenger ferry.

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33. In the event of extremely foul weather the march will be cancelled. This decision will be made by the AA and QMG HQ 3 TF/NQ Area upon receipt of an 'unable to disembark' signal from HMAS Sydney. HMAS Sydney is requested to confirm the landing of troops by priority signal, to Army Mov Townsville upon receipt of the weather report signal.

34. If the HMAS Sydney cannot land all troops, those for Townsville will be landed by civilian ferry. Det 10 MC Gp is responsible for arranging the ferry and an alternate disembarkation point, ie, RAAF crash boat wharf.

Helicopter Support

35. G Branch is to task a Sioux helicopter for ship/shore liaison duties on D Day. An outline of tasks anticipated is shown at Annex B. The helicopter is required at the Transit Area by 0600 hours D Day. 1 RAR is to mark an LZ in the northern corner of the asphalt at the Transit Area.

Visits to HMAS Sydney

36. Visits to HMAS Sydney are to be limited. Annex B shows those visits currently scheduled. Requests for visits not scheduled should be made to the co-ordinating officer.

Communications

37. Radio communications are required at the Transit Area and on board HMAS Sydney. These are required by 0600 hours on D Day.

38. A telephone extension (PMG) is required at the Transit Area in the mobile movement control office. This extension is to be in and tested by D-1.

39. 103 Sig Sqn is responsible for the above communications. This includes the security, control and manning of the radio link and telephone at all times. Liaison with Det 10 MC Gp will be necessary to establish the siting of these communications. The ship and shore radio operators are to report to Det 10 MC Gp at the Transit Area by 0545 hours D Day. (See Annex B for flight details for operator to board HMAS Sydney).

Security

40. Responsibilities for security prior to and on D Day at the Transit Area and Reception Area are as follows:

- a. 4 RAR Advance Party is required to provide a security picquet to guard any installation, vehicles, etc, positioned in the above areas on D-1. This duty involves an all night roving picquet which is to dismount at 0600 hours D Day. Detailed timings are to be advised.

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- b. 1 RAR is to provide a working party of eight personnel to report to Det 10 MC Gp at 0900 hours D Day. These soldiers will be required for marshalling tasks, assist provost personnel and general duties throughout the day.
- c. Det N Comd Pro Coy is responsible for traffic control into and within the transit area under the direction of Det 10 MC Gp. It is also responsible for crowd control at the Reception Area, to seal off the Transit Area and the clearance of unauthorized persons, etc, from both areas. A roving patrol of two personnel is required overnight on D-1 until 0500 hours D Day.

Establishment of Transit/Reception Areas

41. 4 RAR Advance Party assisted by Det 10 MC Gp is responsible for the detailed preparation and layout of the Transit and Reception Areas. Those locations have been reserved for use on D Day by liaison with the Townsville Harbour Board and City Council respectively. The layout of the transit/reception areas is to include:

- a. Transit Area.
 - (1) positioning and marking of baggage trucks;
 - (2) signposting and sealing off where necessary;
 - (3) provost control points;
 - (4) positioning of the mobile movement control office from which details for On-movement (ticket issues) can be made;
 - (5) telephone connection and radio communications;
 - (6) weapon hand in points for 4 RAR personnel; and
 - (7) bus parking area in relation to weapon hand in points, movement office and LCMs to ensure a smooth flow for dispersal procedures.
- b. Reception Area.
 - (1) overhead cover and shade,
 - (2) refreshment and catering area,
 - (3) signposting where necessary, and
 - (4) position of rubbish bins.

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March Through Townsville

42. Fair Weather. The fair weather programme includes a march through the city of Townsville. Transiting troops will march to bolster those 4 RAR members disembarking Townsville. A detailed instruction relating to the march is to be issued separately by HQ 3 TF/NQ Area. The outline timings are:

- a. 1100 hours - 4 RAR group assembles;
- b. 1126 hours - 4 RAR group march off;
- c. 1140 hours - completion of march; and
- d. 1145 hours - return to Transit Area.

Medical

43. A first aid post is to be established within the Reception Area. This post is to be manned by 0800 hours D Day. Its basic task is to provide minor medical assistance to soldiers and relatives during the day. 1 RAR is responsible to ensure that this requirement is met.

44. In addition to the normal duty ambulance, SOMS HQ 3 TF/NQ Area is to arrange an ambulance to be on standby at the PBR from 0630 hours D Day. This vehicle will be called forward if required, for medical evacuations on disembarkation.

Provost Control

45. Det N Comd Pro Coy is to provide sufficient personnel to meet the requirements stated in sub-paragraph 40.c. The number of personnel required for duty on D Day is four.

46. Provost control throughout D Day at the transit area is considered essential to ensure the success of the reception of 4 RAR. The transit area is a working area into which members of the public and relatives/friends of returning soldiers are not to be permitted entrance under any circumstances. The transit area is to be 'sealed off' by 0630 hours on D Day.

Catering at Reception

47. (Sub-paragraph 41.b. refers). Although 4 RAR Advance Party is responsible for the detailed reception arrangements, the catering will be organized by HQ 3 TF/NQ Area. The Catering Advisor, HQ 3 TF/NQ Area, is responsible for this aspect of the reception. The catering should be based on light refreshments/snacks for 500-600 personnel. 4 RAR Advance Party is to liaise direct with ASCO Area Manager for the positioning of a cool drink service within the reception area.

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48. A reception luncheon will be held in the Mount Stuart Officers' Mess at 1230 hours for official guests, 4 RAR and 104 Fd Bty officers and their wives, mess members and other invited guests. Separate details will be issued later. An LCM/tender will leave the PBR at 1420 hours to return those transitting officers to HMAS Sydney.

Baggage

48. Those members disembarking for Townsville, or onward movement from Townsville (120 personnel) are to carry their weapons and baggage with them. At this disembarkation point trucks will be waiting onto which the baggage is to be placed for security.

49. 4 RAR Advance Party is to arrange with DADST for four trucks to be stationed at the disembarkation point by 0800 hours D Day. These vehicles are to be clearly marked:

- a. B Coy,
- b. C Coy,
- c. Sp Coy, and
- d. Admin Coy.

In addition to these, a further two trucks are required, on completion of the march, to carry personal luggage, etc, for those members proceeding directly on leave ex Townsville. One vehicle is to be marked 'BRISBANE' and the other 'COUNTRY AREAS'.

50. Members with baggage are to place it into one of the former four vehicles according to their company. The baggage is to be collected after the march and placed into one of the latter two trucks or retained as required.

Transport

51. A bus is to be made available to transport the families of 4 RAR to the reception area and later to the saluting base for the march past. The bus is to be used on a repayment basis paid by 4 RAR funds. 4 RAR Advance Party is to issue detailed instructions to the families including timings, routes, etc.

52. DADST is responsible for the provision of transport as requested by 4 RAR Advance Party. The task is to move 4 RAR back to the transit area after the march and as follows:

- a. to move 35 personnel to the airport for Brisbane;
(timings to be advised);

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- b. to move 13 personnel either to the airport, railway station, Lavarack Barracks or a combination of all depending on connecting travel arrangements for Queensland country areas; and

It is anticipated that the 72 personnel remaining in Townsville will be picked up by relatives or dependants.

DISPERSAL OF 4 RAR

Leave

53. Leave details are as follows:

- a. Advance Party. This group will travel on leave on RTA until 25 Nov 71. They are then recalled until the reception of the Main Body is completed. They will then proceed on leave again until 24 Jan 72. Additional free travel where applicable is authorized for this second period of leave after recall.
- b. Main Body. Approximately 120 personnel will disembark Townsville and proceed on leave until 1 Feb 72. This 120 personnel comprises:
 - (1) 72 - NOK Townsville,
 - (2) 35 - NOK Brisbane, and
 - (3) 13 - NOK North of Rockhampton (excluding Townsville).

54. Normal means of travel is authorized from Townsville to NOK address. Payment for other than normal means is to be completed prior to disembarkation.

55. Applications for free/assisted travel are to be processed before departure from SVN. Once approvals are in hand and detailed movement arrangements, etc, can be completed by movements staff on board HMAS Sydney.

Action in Transit Area

56. All vehicles returning from the march will be directed by provosts to move into parking areas in the Transit Area (see paragraph 41) where all members are to debus. The following controlled dispersal procedure is then to occur:

- a. all 4 RAR members are to hand in their personal weapons;
- b. those personnel returning to HMAS Sydney (274) are to embark into waiting LCMs and depart Townsville;

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- c. personnel remaining (120) are to be processed for leave with the issue of tickets and travel details;
- d. personal baggage may be collected;
- e. members with NOK in Townsville may rejoin their families;
- f. on-travelling members are to board vehicles for their destination, ie, airport; and
- g. anyone requiring an overnight stay prior to on movement is to be transported to Lavarack Barracks and fostered by 1 RAR.

57. The complete withdrawal of weapons, before dispersal, is of prime importance. 4 RAR Advance Party is solely responsible for this aspect of the procedures. 4 RAR Advance Party is to advise HQ 3 TF/NQ Area the detailed procedure to be used, for the withdrawal of weapons, as soon as practicable.

Leave Transportation

58. There are no scheduled public transport agencies that leave Townsville southbound after 1500 hours. Unless all arrangements have been made in SVN, charter arrangements will have to be made to avoid an overnight stay in Townsville for those troops heading south.

Co-ordination Conference

59. A co-ordinating conference to discuss final details is to be held in the conference room Bldg 124 late November/early December. Timings and date are to be advised one week prior by signal.

SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES

60. A summary of responsibilities is:
- a. HQ 3 TF/NQ Area.
 - (1) overall co-ordination for reception;
 - (2) co-ordinating officer is SCQ (Mov),
Capt O. Martinson, telephone 71 7277.
 - b. Det 10 MC Gp.
 - (1) assist in layout of transit/reception area;

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- (2) provision of senior NCO for on-board briefing;
 - (3) arranging on-movement details;
 - (4) provision of mobile movement office at transit area; and
 - (5) issue of tickets.
- c. 1 RAR.
- (1) assist 4 RAR Advance Party as required;
 - (2) foster 4 RAR Advance Party; and
 - (3) provide a work party to Det 10 MC Gp on D Day.
- d. 4 RAR Advance Party.
- (1) detailed reception of main body;
 - (2) handover/takeover of barracks; and
 - (3) withdrawal of weapons.
- e. 103 Sig Sqn.
- (1) provision of communications on D Day; and
 - (2) HF link to HMAS Sydney on D-1.
- f. Det N Comd Pro Coy.
- (1) clearance of unauthorized traffic into Transit Area; and
 - (2) crowd control.
- g. SOMS HQ 3 TF/NQ Area.
- (1) provision of first aid post in the reception area; and
 - (2) arranging an 'on call' ambulance for any medical cases on D Day.
- h. Catering Advisor. CO-ordination of catering at formation level. (Paragraph 47 refers).

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- Annexes:
- A. Composition of 4 RAR Advance Party
 - B. Helicopter Tasks and Visits to HMAS Sydney
 - C. Handover of Accommodation to 4 RAR
 - D. Map of Reception Area/Disembarkation Point
 - E. Outline Programme

Distribution:

HQ N Comd (2)
4 RAR (4)
HQ 10 MC Gp (6) (includes copies for HMAS Sydney)

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ANNEX A TO
HQ 3 TF/NQ AREA R579/1/57
DATED 26 NOV 71

COMPOSITION OF 4 RAR ADVANCE PARTY

Serial	Sub Unit	Appointment	Nominee	Total
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1	Sp Coy Bn HQ	OC Adv Party Admin Offr 1 x Sgt Clerk 1 x Cpl Clerk	Maj E. H. Stevenson Capt R. L. Sayce Sgt B. L. Culling	4
2	Sp Coy	1 x Coy Offr 1 x Coy Stmn 2 x General Duties	Cpl/Pte bracket	4
3	Rifle Coys each (excl D Coy Gp)	1 x Coy Offr 1 x Coy Stmn 2 x General Duties	Cpl/Pte bracket	8
4	Admin Coy - HQ	CSM 1 x Coy Stmn 2 x General Duties 1 x Hyg NCO	WO2 D. N. Cook Cpl/Pte bracket	5
5	Admin Coy - Q Pl	RQMS 1 x Cpl Stmn 1 x L cpl Stmn 2 x Cooks	WO2 W. E. O'Brien Cpl G. J. Sutton L cpl J. N. Gates	6
6	Admin Coy - Tpt Pl	1 x NCO Dvr 4 x Dvrs		5
			Total	32

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ANNEX B TO
HQ 3 TF/NQ AREA R579/1/57
DATED 26 NOV 71

HELICOPTER TASKS AND VISITS TO HMAS SYDNEY

Serial	Time	Particulars of Visitor	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	0600	Radio operator and eqpt	return trip - 4 RAR rep and Q mov rep
2	0700	Paymaster representative	
3	0800	PRO from HMAS Sydney to PRTA	if required
4	as required	Comd and D Comd to HMAS Sydney	return when required
5	as required	TCC/THB representative to HMAS Sydney	if requested
6	as required	Ship's captain ashore CO from Sydney	
7	as required	Co-ord officer/DAQMG (Mov) to HMAS Sydney	if required

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ANNEX C TO
HQ 3 TF/NQ AREA R579/1/57
DATED 26 NOV 71

HANDOVER OF ACCOMMODATION TO 4 RAR

General

1. 4 RAR is allotted the 500 Area less Buildings 524 and 551 and Area 528 (part only).
2. Units currently occupying 500 area buildings will be clear of the area, in the main, by mid Dec 71.

Outline Programme

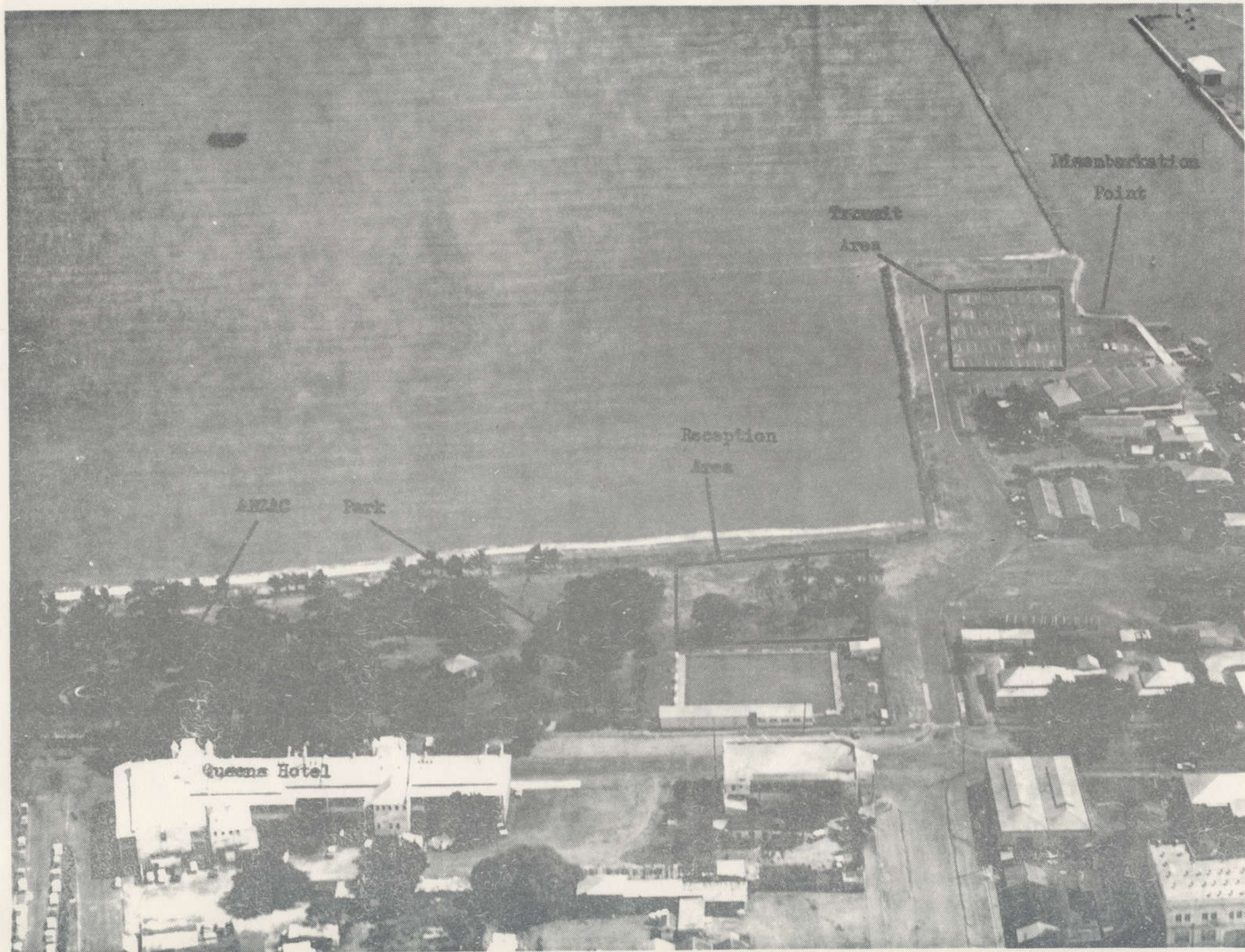
3. 4 RAR Advance Party is to take over the area from Townsville Sub Area in accordance with the following outline timetable:

Serial	Date	Action	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	29 Nov 71 to 1 Dec 71	Takeover Bn HQ (Bldg 513), takeover Q Store and Compound (Bldg 533 and Area 533)	On inventory. To include office furniture.
2	24 Jan 72 to 31 Jan 72	Takeover Serial 1 on sub- account. Takeover remaining office and accommodation buildings, transport compound, kitchen, etc.	Order of takeover to be agreed between Townsville Sub Area and 4 RAR Advance Party. All buildings to be fitted with appropriate furniture, fittings and equipment.

Preparation

4. Units/sub-units are to complete barrack damage inspections in conjunction with Townsville Sub Area, in accordance with HQ 3 TF/NQ Area Administrative Instruction 4/71 dated
5. Townsville Sub Area is to continue the current inspections and repair action to ensure all equipment and fittings are in working order prior to takeover by 4 RAR Advance Party.
6. Townsville Sub Area, with the assistance of soldiers marching out from 1 RAR to 4 RAR is to clean up the 500 area and to continue grounds maintenance/beautification until 29 Nov 71, when it becomes the responsibility of 4 RAR Advance Party.

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RECEPTION/TRANSIT AREA

ANNEX D TO
HQ 3 TF/NQ AREA R579/1/57
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ANNEX E TO
HQ 3 TF/NQ AREA R579/1/57
DATED 26 NOV 71

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

Serial	Time	Event	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	D-1 1200 - 1700	Preparation of reception area	4 RAR directed by Det 10 MC Gp for layout
2		Communications check - time to be advised by 103 Sig Sqn	
3	1500	Weather report sent to HMAS Sydney	SCQ (Mov)
4	1800	Decision received regarding the means of landing, ie, LCMs or Ferry - or if landing is impossible	HMAS Sydney
5	D Day 0600	HMAS Sydney arrives anchorage	
6	0630	Communications opened	
7	0600	First liaison trip to Sydney by Sioux	Tpt radio op, etc, to HMAS Sydney
8	0630	Transit Area cleared and sealed off	4-RAR and Det N Comd Pro Coy
9	0700	Sioux arrives Transit Area LZ	To be marked by 1 RAR
10	0700	Det 10 MC Gp mobile office established in Transit Area	Reception area, Transit Area established and functioning
11	0800	Families' bus pickup commences	DADST/4 RAR Advance Party
12	0800	Disembarkation commences	Baggage trucks to be in position
13	1000	Disembarkation completed	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
14	1100 - 1145	March through Townsville	Forming up point - Wickham Street Separate Instruction
15	1150	Return to Transit Area	Buses at Railway Station
16	1200	Dispersal procedure	Det 10 MC Gp 4 RAR Advance Party Det N Comd Pro Coy
17	1210	Weapon Hand In/Pick up of luxury items/ leave dispersal	4 RAR Advance Party
18	1300	Return of transient troops to HMAS Sydney	Det 10 MC Gp 4 RAR Advance Party
19	1420	Transit officers return to HMAS Sydney	Det 10 MC Gp
20	1500	All areas cleared and vacated by military personnel	THB and TCC advised

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R274/3/22

6 Dec 71

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104 FD BTY AND 4 RAR - MARCH THROUGH THE CITY
OF TOWNSVILLE - 17 DEC 71

General

1. On arrival in Townsville from South Vietnam, 104th Field Battery Royal Australian Artillery commanded by Major K. F. Towing and the Fourth Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel J. C. Hughes, MC are to march through the City of Townsville. The leading elements of the battalion will pass the saluting base outside the Town Hall at 1130 hours, 17 Dec 71.

Host and Reviewing Officer

2. The Host for the parade will be Major General A. L. MacDonald, CB, OBE, General Officer Commanding Northern Command.

3. The Reviewing Officer will be the Minister for Defence, The Rt Honourable David Fairbairn, DFC, MP.

Official Guests

4. Invitations have been sent to the guests **listed at** Annex A.

Wives, Families and Close Friends of Members of 4 RAR and 104 Fd Bty

5. Reserved seating will be provided for the wives, families and close friends of members of 4 RAR and 104 Fd Bty. Cards admitting the above persons to the reserved seating will be issued in bulk to 4 RAR (Advance Party) and 4 Fd Regt for distribution to these guests.

Official Guests Car Parking

6. Official guests arriving in chauffeur driven cars will be allowed to enter Flinders Street via Denham Street up to 1115 hours. They are to alight opposite the saluting base and their cars are then to be driven via Stokes Street to the official guests car park in Ogden Street where Military Police will direct them to reserved parking spaces. Official guests from the Townsville City Council, are advised to use the Council's private parking facilities.

7. Official guests driving their own cars will be required to make their own parking arrangements.

/Bands

Bands

8. 4 RAR pipes and drums will march with the battalion.
9. RA Inf Corps Band will be positioned near the dais and will play incidental music until 4 RAR step into Flinders Street, and will play the Battalion past.

Dress

10. The dress for officers on the dais is Service Dress, Summer, Ceremonial (Dress Manual, paragraph 625). Dress for other officers attending as official guests is Summer-Dress Ceremonial (Dress Manual paragraph 624).
11. The dress for officers and other ranks on duty or attending as spectators is Tropical Dress.
12. The dress for 4 RAR and 104 Fd Bty is to be Jungle Greens.
13. The dress for members of Det N Comd Pro Coy providing motor cycle escort to convoys is "motor cycle regalia" as ordered by OC Det N Comd Pro Coy.
14. The dress for the RA Inf Corps Band is Blue Ceremonial Dress with pith helmet and white jacket.

Order of March

15. The order of march for 4 RAR, 104 Fd Bty is to be decided by CO 4 RAR when RAAF and miscellaneous detachments are known.

Traffic Control

16. OC Det N Comd Pro Coy is responsible for:
- a. overall control of military traffic;
 - b. manning the official guests' car park in Ogden Street (between Stokes and Denham Streets);
 - c. arrangements for parking and calling forward official guests' cars from Ogden Street; all cars are to move from Ogden Street via Denham Street to Flinders Street to collect official guests after the march past the saluting base has concluded;
 - d. effecting liaison with the Queensland Police on all aspects of traffic control; and
 - e. providing guides to, and arranging parking at, Mt Stuart Officers' Mess for guests attending the buffet luncheon (guests will be asked to enter Lavarack Barracks via Melton Black Drive).

Provision of Transport

17. DADST is responsible for the provision of transport on 17 Dec 71 for the following:

- a. Parade Chief Marshal - Capt J. R. Black.
- b. Assistant Parade Marshals are:
 - (1) Capt B. D. Wigan;
 - (2) Capt D. A. Webster; and
 - (3) Capt D. M. Stewart.

23. To assist the parade marshals in their duties, the following personnel are to be provided by 4 RAR (Advance Party) and are to report to HQ 3TF/NQ Area, Building No 2 at 0950 hours 17 Dec 71;

- a. two door openers, and
- b. two markers.

Communications

24. 103 Sig Sqn is to provide and operate a parade control net of three stations located as follows:

- a. saluting base;
- b. assembly area/forming up place; and
- c. official guests' car park in Ogden Street (controlled by Military Police).

Medical

25. SOMS HQ 3TF/NQ Area is to arrange for the provision of an ambulance and medical assistant to be located in the official guests' car park in Ogden Street by 1100 hours 17 Dec 71. Control of this vehicle is the responsibility of the Parade Chief Marshal who will pass instructions to the vehicle through the radio positioned at the official guests' car parking area.

Briefing

26. A briefing will be held at 1400 hours 13 Dec 71 at HQ 3TF/NQ Area, Building No124 Conference Room. The following members are to attend:

- a. representative from 4 RAR (Advance Party);
- b. bandmaster RA Inf Corps Band;
- c. OC Det N Comd Pro Coy;
- d. representative from Townsville Sub Area;
- e. DADST;
- f. all marshals;
- g. door openers;
- h. markers;

- i. signallers; and
- j. representative from 9 Coy RAASC.

Timings

27. Detailed timings for the march are published as per Annex B. When official guests' acceptances are known, timings may vary slightly. Details will be corrected from time to time.

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- Annexes:
- A. Official Guests List
 - B. Detailed Sequence of Events and Timings
 - C. Routes, Assembly Area, Forming Up Place and Dispersal Area
 - D. Map of Parade Area and Seating Arrangements

Distribution:

104 Fd Bty (6)
4 Fd Regt (3)
4 RAR (10)
4 RAR (Advance Party) (3)
103 Sig Sqn
Det N Comd Pro Coy (3)
RA Inf Corps Band
Townsville Sub Area
Townsville City Council
(PR Offr) (3)

For information:

HQ N Comd (4)

Internal:

List A
PR Offr
SOMS
Capt Wigan
Capt Stewart
Capt Webster

ANNEX A TO
HQ 3 TF/NQ AREA R274/3/22
DATED 14 DEC 71

GUEST LIST

Ministers of the Crown

The Honourable David E. Fairbairn, DFC, Member of Parliament, Minister for Defence and Mrs Fairbairn.

The Honourable Andrew Peacock, Member of Parliament, Minister of State for the Army and Mrs Peacock.

Queensland State Premier

The Honourable J. Bjelke-Petersen, and Mrs Bjelke-Petersen.

Chief of the General Staff (Army)

Lieutenant General M. F. Brogan, CB, CBE and Mrs Brogan

Senators

Senator and Mrs G. Georges.

Senator and Mrs S. R. Milliner.

Senator and Mrs A. G. E. Lawrie.

Senator and Mrs R. E. McAuliffe.

Senator and Mrs J. A. C. Wood.

Senator and Mrs J. B. Keeffe.

Senator and Mrs C. R. Maunsell.

The Honourable V. C. Gair and Mrs Gair.

Senator N. Bonner.

Senator C. B. Byrne.

Members of The House of Representatives

Mr R. N. Bonnett, Member of the House of Representatives.

/Judiciary

Judiciary

The Honourable Mr Justice Kneipp, Justice of the Supreme Court of Queensland and Mrs Kneipp.

His Honour Judge Finn, District Court Judge and Mrs Finn.

Members of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland.

Mr P. J. R. Tucker, MLA, and Mrs Tucker.

Mr T. Aitkens, MIA.

Hosts

Military Host - Major General A. L. MacDonald, CB, OBE, General Officer Commanding Northern Command and Mrs MacDonald.

Civic Host - His Worship The Mayor Alderman W. Harold Phillips, The Mayor of Townsville and Mrs Phillips, the Mayoress.

Senior Service Officers

Brigadier D. S. Thomson, MC, Commander 3rd Task Force/Northern Queensland Area and Mrs Thomson.

Captain R. J. Scrivenor RAN, Captain of Her Majesty's Australian Ship Sydney.

Colonel T. R. Gibson, Deputy Commander, 3rd Task Force/Northern Queensland Area and Mrs Gibson.

Group Captain V. B. Cannon, DFC, Commander RAAF Base Garbutt (Townsville) and Mrs Cannon.

Clergy

The Right Reverend Bishop J. Lewis, Anglican Bishop of Northern Queensland.

The Most Reverend Bishop L. Faulkner, Catholic Bishop of Townsville.

The Reverend and Mrs J. H. Hands, President of Ministers Fraternal of Townsville.

Major G. Hosking, Senior Salvation Army Representative of Townsville and Mrs Hosking.

/Police

Police

Superintendent C. N. Germain, Regional Superintendent of Police Northern Region and Mrs Germain.

Education

Dr K. J. P. Back, Vice Chancellor of James Cook University of North Queensland and Mrs Back.

Senior Representatives of Commonwealth Government Departments

Mr B. J. K. Wilson, Assistant Command Secretary (Army) and Mrs Wilson.

Mr and Mrs B. Wohlfahrt (Commonwealth Department of Works).

Mr and Mrs W. Deegan (Department of Interior).

Mr J. Manski (Department of Labour and National Service).

Mr J. Stevens (Department of Customs and Excise) and Mrs Stevens.

President of Clubs and Institutions

Mr J. H. Sager, President of the North Queensland District RSL.

Mr and Mrs G. O'Leary (North Queensland Club).

Mr and Mrs K. L. Atkinson (Chamber of Commerce).

Mr and Mrs G. Smith (Apex).

Mr and Mrs Korotcaff (Lions).

Press, Radio and Television

Mr and Mrs J. Oost.

Mr and Mrs G. Christensen.

Mr and Mrs G. Schmid.

Mr and Mrs K. R. Christensen.

Mr and Mrs J. Marshall.

/Local Government

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Alderman and Mrs C. S. Arnold.
Alderman and Mrs J. S. Dean.
Alderman and Mrs E. G. Gray.
Alderman and Mrs O. K. Griffiths.
Alderman and Mrs D. J. Hagarty.
Alderman and Mrs J. J. Moran.
Alderman and Mrs L. F. Power.
Alderman (Mrs) I. Innes-Reid.
Alderman and Mrs N. R. Scott-Young.
Alderman and Mrs M. Hooper.

CMF

Brigadier M. E. Just, OBE, ED, and Mrs Just.
Brigadier F. R. North, CB, MC, ED, and Miss North.
Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs C. R. Rhead.
Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs J. Breinl.
Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs H. B. Gaffney.
Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs J. P. Shanahan.
Docotr K. J. Dorney, OBE, DSO, and Mrs Dorney.
Lieutenant Colonel G. D. Moffett, ED, and Mrs Moffett.

Staff Officers and Unit Commanders of the Army in Northern Queensland

Lieutenant Colonel D. Allen and Mrs Allen
Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs J. J. Macfarlane.
Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs G. M. Salom.
Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs J. M. Church.
Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs I. R. J. Hodgkinson.

/ Miscellaneous

Miscellaneous

Mrs J. C. Hughes - wife of Commanding Officer 4 RAR

Mrs K. F. Towing - wife of Officer Commanding 104 Fd Bty

Wives of Officers of 4 RAR and 104 Fd Bty

Mr K. J. Bromley, MBE, - Secretary Wounded Servicemen's Convalescence
Scheme

ANNEX B TO
HQ 3TF/NQ AREA R274/3/22
DATED 4 DEC 71

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS AND TIMINGS

1100 hours RA Inf Corps Band arrives in the Saluting Base area and commences to play incidental music
Units arrive in Assembly Area

1115 hours All guests to be seated

1116 hours Colonel T. R. Gibson, Deputy Commander 3rd Task Force/Northern Queensland Area and Mrs Gibson

1117 hours Mrs K. F. Towning, wife of the officer commanding 104th Field Battery, Royal Australian Artillery

1118 hours Mrs J. C. Hughes, wife of the Commanding Officer of the 4th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment

1119 hours Brigadier D. S. Thomson, MC, Commander 3rd Task Force/Northern Queensland Area and Mrs Thomson

1120 hours The Host, Major General A. L. MacDonald, CB, OBE, General Officer Commanding Northern Command and Mrs MacDonald

1121 hours The Mayor and Mayoress, Alderman and Mrs W. Harold Phillips

1122 hours The Honourable J. Bjelke-Petersen, Premier of Queensland and Mrs Bjelke-Petersen

1123 hours Lieutenant General M. F. Brogan, CB, CBE, Chief of the General Staff and Mrs Brogan

1124 hours The Honourable Andrew Peacock, Member of Parliament, Minister of State for the Army and Mrs Peacock

1125 hours The Honourable David E. Fairbairn, DFC, Member of Parliament, Minister for Defence and Mrs Fairbairn

1126 hours Units step off from the Assembly Area

1130 hours Leading unit reaches the Saluting Base

1140 hours Units dismiss and embus in the Dispersal Area

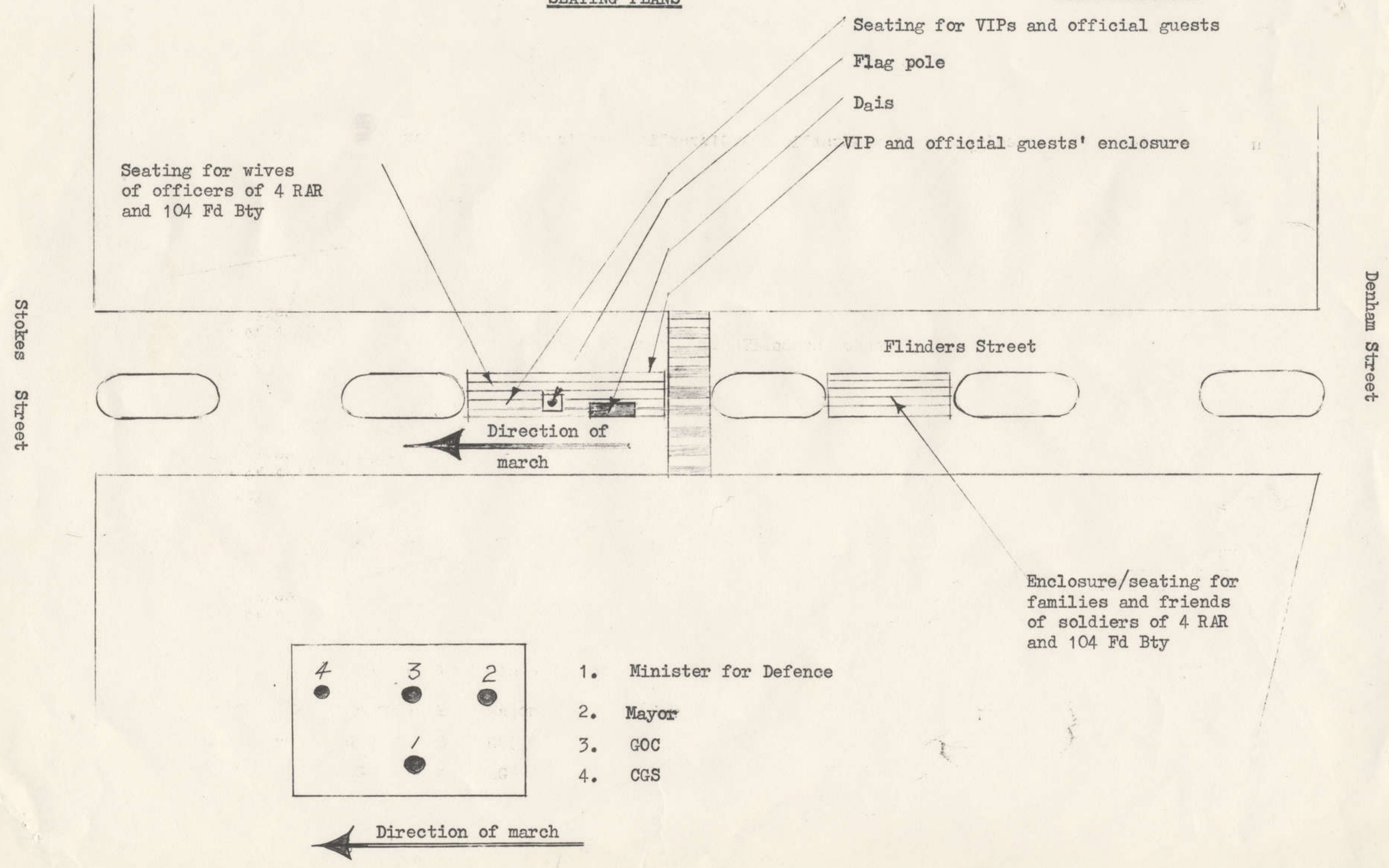
1230 hours Drinks and buffet luncheon Mt Stuart Offrs' Mess

ANNEX C TO
HQ 3TF/NQ AREA R274/3/22
DATED 6 DEC 71

ROUTES, ASSEMBLY AREA, FORMING UP PLACE AND DISPERSAL AREA

1. Assembly Area. 4 RAR and 104 Fd Bty are to assemble in the grassed area of Anzac Memorial Park opposite the Queens Hotel on The Strand. All units are to concentrate in that area by 1100 hours.
2. Forming Up Place. 4 RAR and 104 Fd Bty are to form up on The Strand opposite the Queens Hotel facing West with the leading elements of the Battalion 10 metres from the start of Wickham Street.
3. Dispersal Area. 4 RAR and 104 Fd Bty are to disperse and embus for Anzac Park at the Flinders Street Railway Station.
4. Vehicle Routes to and from the Dispersal Area. The selection and reconnaissance of the route to and from the dispersal area is the responsibility of OC 9 Coy RAASC in conjunction with OC Det N Comd Pro Coy. Once decided, the routes are to be shown to DAAG HQ 3TF/NQ Area.
5. The route from the Railway Station to Anzac Park is the responsibility of OC 9 Coy RAASC in conjunction with OC Det N Comd Pro Coy.

SEATING PLANS



Seating for wives
of officers of 4 RAR
and 104 Fd Bty

Seating for VIPs and official guests

Flag pole

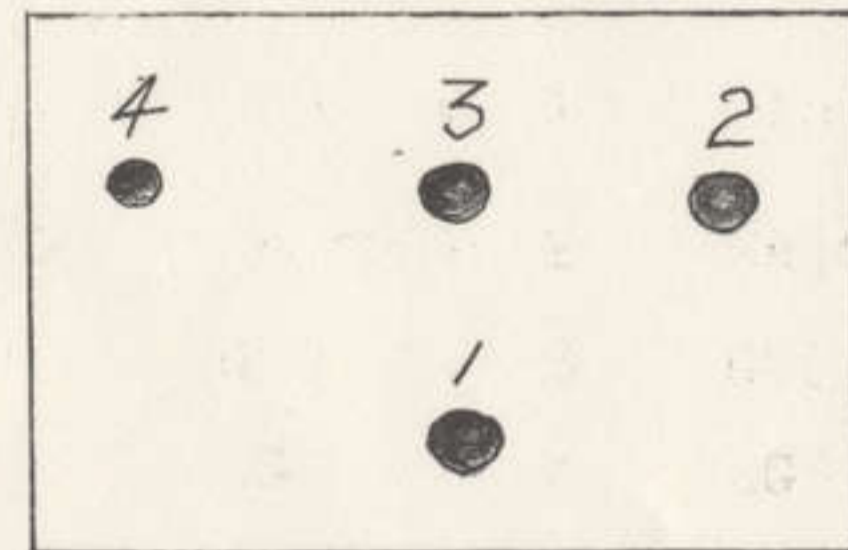
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VIP and official guests' enclosure

Flinders Street

Direction of
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Enclosure/seating for
families and friends
of soldiers of 4 RAR
and 104 Fd Bty



- 1. Minister for Defence
- 2. Mayor
- 3. GOC
- 4. CGS

Direction of march

Stokes Street

Denham Street