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[Vietnam]

Infantry units

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Regiment

Narrative

Annexes

[30 Apr - 30 Jun 1965]

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To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

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

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation 1 RAR

From 30 APR 65 To 30 JUN 65

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PART 3

COMMANDERS DIARIES INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

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

GENERAL

2. Entries are to be made daily on AF C 2118 (Adapted) each entry being initialled by the officer detailed to keep it.
3. Commanders Diaries will conform with the rules for drafting orders given in "Staff Duties (Australia)" Chapter 2, Section 12.

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

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

During Operational Periods (1)

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

COMPILATION

6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:
 - a. Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
 - b. Index as printed on cover.
 - c. Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
 - d. Annexes as shown in the Index.
7. All details of the unit or formation (if a detachment is concerned, the name of the parent unit), period covered and enclosure numbers of the annexes are to be shown on the cover. If there has been a change of command since the last report, the date of assumption by the new commanding officer is to be included.
8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no enclosures for an annex NIL will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, starting at B.

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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:

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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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Unit 1RAR

Date and Time.— From 1100 30 Apr 65 To 25 May 65

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Gallipoli Barracks	30 Apr	1100	Maj Gen J S ANDERSON CBE Comd 1 Div and Brig D VINCENT OBE visited Bn to discuss intended move to SOUTH VIETNAM with CO	
Gallipoli Barracks	3 May		TRIMDON YELLOW 21 day standby to move.	
Gallipoli Barracks	3 May		Brig D VINCENT visited Bn for further discussions on proposed move.	
Gallipoli Barracks	11 May		Col W J MORROW OBE Director of Infantry visited Bn	
Gallipoli Barracks	12 May		Maj Gen J S ANDERSON CBE and Maj Gen J W HARRISON CBE Adj Gen visited Bn	
Gallipoli Barracks	15 May	0900	The Bn paraded under the Commanding Officer and the Colours marched off to be laid up at 2BOD MOOREBANK, Cpl SEPTIMUS the Bn Mascot was also Marched Off to go to HAWKESBURY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE until the return of the Bn.	
Gallipoli Barracks	20 May		TRIMDON GREEN. HMAS SYDNEY to sail on 27 May and the first QANTAS Charter to depart on 1 Jun	
Gallipoli Barracks	24 May		Maj Gen J S ANDERSON CBE and Mr VAN HUE Ambassador for SOUTH VIETNAM visited Bn.	
Gallipoli Barracks	25 May		Maj Gen T J DALY CBE DSO Comd E Comd visited Bn	

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Date and Time.— From 25 May 65 To 28 May 65

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Kingsford Smith Airport MASCOT	25 May	1200	Recce Party of Maj ESSEX CLARK, Maj SHARP, Sgt ANNESLEY departed by QANTAS for SIAGON via SINGAPORE.	
Gallipoli Barracks	26 May	0830	Dr FORBES, Minister of the Army, Lt Gen Sir John WILTON KBE CB DSO, Maj Gen T J DALY, Maj Gen J S ANDERSON, Brig D VINCENT visited Bn and Gen ANDERSON introduced Dr FORBES to the Bn assembled on the parade ground who then gave a farwell address.	
Tan Son Nhut Airport SAIGON	26 May	1500	Recce Party arrived VIETNAM and were welcomed by Col JACKSON CO AAFV and VIETNAMESE dignateries they then proceeded to BIEN HOA Airbase and were welcomed by Brig Gen Ellis C WILLIAMSON, Commander 173 Airborne Bde to which the Bn is being attached.	
Garden Island	27 May	0100	HMAS SYDNEY sailed for VIETNAM with 347 officers and men from B Coy, Sp Coy, Adm Coy under the Command of Maj McFARLANE OC B Coy.	
Kingsford Smith Airport MASCOT	28 May	1030	Advance Party of Lt GUILD, 2Lt ANDERSON, WO2 ELLIOT, Sgt O'SHEA, Sgt POWELL and Sgt FYFE departed by QANTAS for SAIGON via MANILA	

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Date and Time.— From 29 May 65 To 5 Jun

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<u>Tan Son Nhut Airpott</u>	<u>29 May</u>	<u>1130</u>	<u>Advance Party arrived SAIGON and proceeded to BIEN HOA Airbase.</u>	<u>Phuoc Vinh Tan Uyen</u>
				<u>Bien Hoa Maps 1:50000</u>
				<u>Appendix 'E'</u>
<u>RICHMOND AIRBASE</u>	<u>1 Jun</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>First chalk departed RICHMOND by QANTAS Charter with Lt Col I R W</u>	
			<u>BRUMFIELD, WO1 J D McKAY MM, Lcpl ROCHESTER and 23 members from A Coy</u>	
			<u>including the OC Maj J B HEALY</u>	
<u>TAN SON NHUT Airport</u>	<u>2 Jun</u>	<u>0615</u>	<u>First chalk arrived SAIGON and proceeded to 173 Bde at BIEN HOA</u>	
			<u>Airbase.</u>	
<u>Forward BIEN HOA</u>	<u>3 Jun</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>CO and OC Sp Coy observed operations in the area NE of the Airbase</u>	
<u>Airbase</u>			<u>for five hours visiting 1/503 and 3/319 Bn on the ground.</u>	
<u>RICHMOND Airbase</u>	<u>3 Jun</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>Second Chalk departed by QANTAS Charter with 110 personnel including</u>	
			<u>the remainder of A Coy.</u>	
<u>Tan Son Nhut Airport</u>	<u>4 Jun</u>	<u>0610</u>	<u>Second chalk arrived SAIGON and proceeded to 173 Bde at BIEN HOA</u>	
			<u>Airbase</u>	
<u>RICHMOND Air Base</u>	<u>5 Jun</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>Third Chalk departed by QANTAS Charter with 110 personnel from C Coy</u>	
			<u>including OC Capt J J TATTAM</u>	

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Unit 1RAR

Date and Time.— From 6 Jun 65 To 8 Jun

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TAN SON NHUT	6 Jun	0610	Third chalk arrived SAIGON and proceeded to 173 Bde at BIEN HOA Airbase	
BIEN HOA	6 Jun	1100	Lt Col R G HASSETT, Representative NEW ZEALAND ARMY HQ, WELLINGTON visited Bn to coordinate the arrival of the NEW ZEALAND Battery at the Bde expected in approximately six weeks time	
BIEN HOA	6 Jun	1130	Gen W C WESTMORELAND, Commander COMUS MACV visited the Bn location for 20 minutes.	
BIEN HOA	6 Jun	1500	Nine NCO's and soldiers from A Coy went on Night ^{Ambush} Patrols with the 2/503 Bn. Nothing to report.	
BIEN HOA	7 Jun	1500	Nine NCO's and soldiers from A Coy went on Night Ambush patrols with the 2/503 Bn. Nothing to report.	
RICHMOND Airbase	7 Jun	1950	Fourth chalk departed by QANTAS Charter with 110 personnel from D Coy including the OC Maj B J HARPER.	
VUNG TAU	8 Jun	0530	HMAS SYDNEY anchored, unloading commenced 0800 hrs, the CO welcomed the officers and men on arrival at VUNG TAU with Gen WESTMORELAND, The AUSTRALIAN Ambassador Mr ANDERSON and Col JACKSON.	

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Date and Time.— From 8 Jun

To 10 Jun

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
VUNG TAI	8 Jun	Continued	Who were then entertained to lunch by the Ships Captain, Capt CRABB.	
TAN SON NHUT	8 Jun	0610	Fourth chalk arrived SAIGON and proceeded to 173 Bde at BIEN HOA Airbase	
BIEN HOA	8 Jun	1500	12 NCO's and soldiers from C Coy went on Night Ambush patrols with the 2/503 Bn. Nothing to report.	
BIEN HOA	9 Jun	1500	12 NCO's and soldiers from C Coy went on night ambush patrols with the 2/503 Bn. Nothing to report.	
RICHMOND Airbase	9 Jun	1950	Fifth chalk departed by QANTAS charter with 110 personnel forming the remainder of the Bn under the command of the Bn 2IC Maj H M LANDER	
TAN SON NHUT	10 Jun	0610	Fifth chalk arrived SAIGON and proceeded to 173 Bde at BIEN HOA Airbase	
TAN SON NHUT	10 Jun	0900	400 Officers and Men of the Bn under Command of Lt Col I R W BRUMFIELD paraded outside the Airport and Gen NGUYEN-VAN-THIEU Minister of National Defence welcomed the Bn officially to SOUTH VIETNAM. Girls of the WOMAN'S ARMY and selected female civilians garlanded the officers with leis. Officer Cadets presented approximately 30 soldiers with small gifts. The AUSTRALIAN Ambassador replied on behalf of the Bn and thanked the VIETNAMESE for their gifts.	Copy of Gen THIEU's speech attached Appendix 'A'

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Unit 1RAR

Date and Time.— From 10 Jun 65

To 13 Jun 65

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BIEN HOA	10 Jun	1500	12 officers and soldiers from B Coy went on patrol with 2/503.	
			Nothing to report	
BIEN HOA	11 Jun	1500	12 officers and soldiers from B Coy went on patrol with 2/503 Bn.	
			Nothing to report.	
BIEN HOA	11 Jun	2015 - 2045	Three ambush patrols from A Coy, B Coy and C Coy of 1 offr and 15 men went out into sector A and B of the Bn Tactical Area of Responsibility (TAOR)	Trace of Bn TAOR Appendix 'B'
BIEN HOA	12 Jun	0700 - 0800	Three patrols from A, B and C Coy returned. Nothing to report.	
BIEN HOA	12 Jun	1900	10 officers and 10 sgts from the Bn attended a celebration party held in honour of the Bn by the BIEN HOA Province Chief at his BIEN HOA residence.	See Appendix 'C'
BIEN HOA	12 Jun	2000- 2045	Three Ambush Patrols from A, B and C Coys of 1 offr and 15 men went out into sector A and B of the Bn TAOR.	See appendix B
BIEN HOA	13 Jun	0700- 0800	Three patrols from A B and C Coys returned. Nothing to report	

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Unit 1RAR

Date and Time.— From 13 Jun

To 15 Jun 65

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BIEN HOA	13 Jun	1800	D Coy sent 12 NCO's and men on Patrol with the 2/503 Bn. Nothing to report.	
BIEN HOA	13 Jun	2015- 2045	Three Ambush Patrols from B C and D Coys of 1 offr and 15 men went out into Sector A and B of the Bn TAOR.	See Appendix 'B'
BIEN HOA	14 Jun	0700-	Three patrols from B C and D Coys returned . Nothing to report	
BIEN HOA		0800		
BIEN HOA	14 Jun	2015 - 2045	Two patrols of platoon strength from C and D Coys went out on ambush to sectors A and B in the Bn TAOR.	See Appendix 'B'
BIEN HOA	15 Jun	0730 - 0800	C and D Coys /platoon patrols returned Nothing to report.	
BIEN HOA	15 Jun	1200 1200	The PRINCE OF WALES LIGHT HORSE came under command of the Bn. Veh str ten M113's (APC's) with strength 1 offr and 28 men	
BIEN HOA	15 Jun	2015- 2045	Two patrols of platoon strength from A and B Coys went on Ambush Patrols to sectors A and B in the Bn TAOR.	See Appendix 'B'

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Date and Time.— From 16 Jun

To 19 Jun 65

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BIEN HOA	16 Jun	0730-	A and B Coy platoon patrols returned Nothing to report	
		0800		
BIEN HOA	16 Jun	2015-	Two patrols of platoon str from A and C Coys went out on ambushes to	See Appendix 'B'
		2045	sectors A and B in the Bn TAOR	
BIEN HOA	17 Jun	0700-	A and C Coys platoon patrols returned . Nothing to report	
		0800		
BIEN HOA	17 Jun	1410	B Coy moved out into sectors A and B of the Bn TAOR	See Appendix 'B'
BIEN HOA	18 Jun	0815	A two man liaison team comprising one Int Dutyman and one signaller	
			now located permanently in the village of TAN PHU GR 003177	
BIEN HOA	18 Jun	1000	B Coy returned to Bn location. Nothing to report.	
BIEN HOA	18 Jun	1345	C Coy moved out into sectors A and B of the Bn TAOR	See Appendix 'B'
BIEN HOA	19 Jun	0930-	Gen THROCKMORTON, Deputy Comd COMUS MACV visited Bn area, visiting	
		1045	A Coy prior to their moving out into the Bn TAOR.	
BIEN HOA	19 Jun	1000-	C Coy returned to Bn location. Nothing to report.	

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Date and Time.— From 19 Jun

To 24 Jun

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BIEN HOA	19 Jun	1130	A Coy moved out into sectors A and B of the Bn TAOR	See appendix 'B'
BIEN HOA	20 Jun	1150	A Coy returned to Bn location. Nothing to report	
BIEN HOA	20 Jun	1600	D Coy moved out into sectors A,B,C,D of the Bn TAOR	See appendix 'B'
BIEN HOA	21 Jun	1545	D Coy returned to Bn location. Nothing to report	
BIEN HOA	21 Jun	1830	B Coy moved out into sectors A, B, C,D,F,G of the Bn TAOR	See appendix 'B'
BIEN HOA	22 Jun	1430	B Coy returned to Bn location. Nothing to report	
BIEN HOA	22 Jun	1900	A Coy moved out into sectors A,B,C,D,F,G of the Bn TA OR	See appendix 'B'
BIEN HOA	23 Jun	0900	Two AUSTRALIAN Members of Parliament, Mr TURNER from NSW and Mr NIXON from VICTORIA visited the Bn.	
BIEN HOA	23 Jun	1230	Lt Gen Sir John WILTON, CGS, visited the Bn	
BIEN HOA	23 Jun	1500	A Coy returned to Bn location. Nothing to report.	
BIEN HOA	23 Jun	1700	C Coy moved out into sectors A,B,C,D,F,G of the Bn TAOR	See appendix 'B'
SAIGON	23 Jun	2000	Lt Col IRW BRUMFIELD attended a dinner held in honour of the CGS by General WESTMORELAND at his residence	
BIEN HOA	24 Jun	1100	C Coy returned to Bn location. Nothing to report	

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Unit 1RAR

Date and Time.— From 24 Jun To 26 Jun

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BIEN HOA	24 Jun	1430	Bn O Gp for operation 1/65 held	Bde Ops 15/65 and Bn Confirmatory Notes
				Appendix 'D'
BIEN HOA	25 Jun	1100	First helicopter airlift of Op 1/65 departed from Airstrip after delay of 2½ hours due to the weather	
GR 056118 (Obj 12)	25 Jun	1940	Mortar Platoon fired its first shot in anger at a suspected ^{VC} Village	
BIEN HOA	26 Jun	0600	W3009 (Field Return Other Ranks) 1/65	Appendix 'F'
GR 056118 (Obj 12)	26 Jun	1410	Last helicopter of the extraction left LZ. The Bn operation was carried out as planned. B Coy on the EAST flank of the search, located two VC camps at 251600H for upto Pl str at GR104075 by 6 Pl and GR103074 by 5 Pl. At the first, five VC were sighted but they escaped before a cordon had been laid around the camp. VC documents and books were found in both camps.	
BIEN HOA	26 Jun	1415	One M26 grenade was accidentally discharged in C Coy location resulting in the following AUSTRALIAN fatalities:- 37867 Pte M A BOURKE, 37010 Pte W T CARROLL and AUSTRALIAN casualties 214425, Pte B ORNOWSKI, 214894	
			L cpl G E PIPER	

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Unit 1RAR

Date and Time.— From 26 Jun

To 29 Jun 65

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BIEN HOA	26 Jun	Continued	2411980 Pte A E MIRANDA, 214386 Pte A W McDONALD, 54320 Pte A VAN VALEN, 213507 Pte R J GOULDEN, 214428 L cpl W G FRY, 215972 Pte M JAGERS. American Fatalities/Casualties were one enlisted man killed and two wounded. A court of enquiry was convened with Maj H M LANDER Bn 2IC as President, Maj E CARTER HQ AAFV, Capt G A QUAIL ALSC as members of the Board.	
BIEN HOA	27 Jun	0900	D Coy moved out into the complete Bn TAOR	See Appendix 'B'
BIEN HOA	27 Jun	1600	One section of APC from PWLH moved out under command of D/16 Armour on Bde Ops 16/65	
BIEN HOA	28 Jun	1300	D Coy returned to Bn location. Nothing to report	
BIEN HOA	28 Jun	1700	B Coy moved out into the Bn TAOR	See Appendix 'B'
GR 988328	28 Jun	2000	Lt R HILL, PWLH, sustained a minor stomach wound from the rifle fire of an infiltrator.	See Appendix 'E'
SAIGON NAVAL HOSP	29 Jun	0615	54320 Pte A VAN VALEN died from the wounds he received during the accidental discharge of the M26 Grenade.	

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Date and Time.— From 29 Jun To 30 Jun

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Area GS 9832	29 Jun	1000	CO, OC Sp Coy, OC Mors, IO, OC A Coy carried out a recon of the proposed Bn location in support of 3/319 Bn.	See Appendix ^G Bde
BIEN HOA	29 Jun	1145	Bn O Group for Bde Ops 16 - 65	OPORD 16 - 65
BIEN HOA	29 Jun	1230	B Coy returned to Bn location. Nothing to report	See appendix G XXXX
BIEN HOA	29 Jun	1500	Move out of Bn by helicopter commenced.	
GS 9832, 9833	29 Jun	2320	A Coy received 5 rounds of 60 mm Mortar Fire. As a result the following casualties were evacuated by air, 335092 Major J B HEALY, 15546 Cpl J KENNEDY, 42975 Pte K GRAY to Bde.	
GS 9832	30 Jun	0730	2 Lt C E LEGGETT was wounded in the foot by small arms fire and evacuated to Bde.	
GS 9832 and 9833	30 Jun	0900	B Coy commenced a clearing search of the area upto 600 yds SOUTH of the road leading W.SW from the Bn location in preparation for the AT 1600 HRS convoy moving down it later that day . They RVD at GR 964315 at 1300 hrs. Nothing to report.	

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Unit 1 BAR

Date and Time.— From 30 Jun To 30 Jun

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GS 9833 . 9832	30 Jun	0900	C Coy commenced a similar clearing search for 600 yds on the NORTH of the road and RV'd at GR 964315. A Coy carried out a search and destroy mission upto 700 yds NW of the Bn upto 1200 hrs. Nothing to report.	
GS 9833 . GS9832	30 Jun	1300	A Coy, Bn HQ, and elements of Sp Coy left area B and proceeded towards RV with transport at Road Junction GR 922287. D/16 Armour and E/17 Cavalry were detached from under command at this time. D Coy and Mor Pl remained in location as protection for the remaining units and moved out with them on the convoy at 1600 hrs.	
GR 922287 RV	30 Jun	1800	A Coy, B Coy C Coy, Sp Coy, Bn HQ moved out on transport from RV to Bde location.	
BIEN HOA	30 Jun	2030	Bn complete in its location.	

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Map: Tan Uyen 1:50,000.

Continuing Notes to Verbal Orders by CO.,
1RAR at 1430 hrs 24 Jun 65.

2. Mission. 1RAR is to execute a search and destroy op
within bn bdrys. Overlay - Annex P.

3. Execution.

a. Gen Outline.

- (1) Overlay annex P
- (2) Op conducted in five phases
 - (a) Phase 1. Armatele call into obj 5.
 - (b) Phase 2. Move of Coy gp to area obj 12. Remaining
Coye move into pte areas
 - (c) Phase 3. Searching in D/O+1 ambushed likely
VC routes within pte boundaries
 - (d) Phase 4. Continue search and destroy ops
while moving towards obj 12.
 - (e) Phase 5. Extract of bn by hel from obj 12.
- (3) Arty sp avail throughout op from posn 20
- (4) Arty sp avail on call.

b. A Coy.

- (1) Grouping. annex A
- (2) Tasks.
 - (a) second coy to move
 - (b) on arrival at obj 5 will take over responsibility
from C Coy for protection of EASTERN flank of LZ
 - (c) remain in posn until ordered to move on
receipt of nickname blind spot.
 - (d) patrol on receipt 'BLIND SPOT', SOUTH of POWER
LINE in sector 2.

(e) in D/D+1 occupy ambush points within
belong in sector 2

(f) D+1. Patrol sector 5 towards obj 12. No
move into sector 8 before 1100 hrs D+1.

(g) move into sector 8 in prep for hel extraction
at 1100 hrs D+1 and estb contact with D Coy.

(c) B Coy

(1) Grouping - annex A.

(2) Tasks.

(a) fourth coy to move

(b) on landing move to sector 3 and commence
patrolling

(c) in D/D+1 occupy ambush points within
sector 3.

(d) D+1 patrol sector 6 towards obj 12

(e) no move into sector 9 before 1100 hrs D+1.

(f) move into sector 8 in prep for hel extraction
at 1100 hrs D+1 and estb contact with D Coy.

(d) C Coy

(1) Grouping - annex A.

(2) Tasks.

(a) first coy to move.

(b) secure obj 5.

(c) On estb of A Coy on Eastern flank obj 5
protect remainder of LZ until relieved
for patrol op on receipt of nickname 'blind
spot'.

(d) On receipt BLIND SPOT patrol sector 1.

(e) in D/D+1 occupy ambush points in sector 1.

(f) D+1 patrol sector 4 towards obj 12. No move
into sector 7 before 1100 hrs D+1.

(g) move into sector 7 in prep hel extraction
at 1100 hrs D+1 and estb contact with D Coy.

(e) D Coy

(1) Grouping - annex A.

(2) Tasks.

(a) third coy to move

(b) on arrival obj 5 move through A Coy into
sector 2, 5, and 6 for further

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(c) on D/D+1 ambush positions along the Southern
 band 7, 8, and 9.

(d) By 0800 hrs D+1 secure obj 12 and be prep to
 contact and guide into obj 12 rifle corps on arrival
 Be prep to accept Bn HQ gp at any time after 0800
 hrs D+1.

(e) Protect extraction of bn.

f. Mors.

(1) Grouping annex A

(2) Tasks.

(a) Do sp ops in sectors 1, 2, and 3 from area of obj 5.

(b) be prep to move to obj 12 at 10 mins notice
 from 0750 hrs D+1.

g. Anti Tk / Asst Pwr. To move and protect bn HQ and mors.

h. Artly.

1. Co-ord. to coord all artly and mor fire tasks

2. FOS are to be all to each coy

j. Ar. FAC team move with bn HQ

k. Coord in shs.

(1) Coy shs.

A Coy 110 + 12 mors 122

B Coy 110 + nil 110

C Coy 110 + 12 mors 122

D Coy 110 + nil 110

Bn HQ 25 anti tank

25 asst pwr

40 bn HQ 90

Total 554

4 x 81 mors

120 x 81 mors.

(2) Order of mov. C Coy, A Coy, Bn HQ Gp, D Coy, B Coy.

(3) Move to BIEN HOA by NTT.

(a) Embarking pt. Sp Coy kitchen.

(b) allotment pwr to TCU by TO.

(c) TC to be org by TO

(d) debussing pt BIEN HOA hel pad.

(e) Con at debussing pt by Bn 2IC

- (4) Exemplary by Bn 2IC with subunit exemplifying officers to record
- (5) Landing on LZ at Obj 5. coord by C Coy
- (6) Smoke grenades and red panels to be carried to indicate LZs. Color of smoke to be announced only after the grenade has been activated.
- (7) Ap fires (DF) left or shift on comd AB FC team. Emergency signal for lifting fire is by violet smoke.
- (8) Locstats will be submitted every 2 hours on the even hours commencing 1000hrs D day
- (9) Rules of engagement. Although the assigned sector of ops has been declared a FREE FIRE ZONE, friendly nationals may be encountered. Fire at persons when fired on or when an obvious hostile act is being, or about to be, committed.
- (10) LZs.
 - a. Landing Obj 5. alt Obj 9.
 - b. Extraction Obj 12.
- (11) D Day 25 Jun 65
- (12) H hr 0835 hrs H (the time at which the first troop lift hel touches down on the LZ)
- (13) Timings.
 - (a) Cops at embussing pt
 - C Coy 0630 hrs D day
 - A Coy 0630 hrs D day
 - Bn HQ gp 0700 hrs D day
 - D Coy 0700 hrs D day
 - B Coy 0730 hrs D day
 - (b) Time first slicks left off to be notified.
 - (c) Time first slicks left off on extraction 1200hrs D+1.
- (14) Suppressive Fires Obj 5.
 - 0750-0810 D Only
 - 0810-0830 D USAF
 - 0830-0835 Aimed hel's.
- (15) Pylons on power lines have minefields around base. These have been tampered with by VC. Treat with caution.

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- (16) Artillery and air bombing and more, can only take place in the FREE FIRE AREA
- (17) Report lines.
 - (a) Work running 063071 to 121088 - 'CLUTCH PLATE'
 - (b) Power line - WEAK PACKET
 - (c) Check line Southern body seals 7, 8, 9. STEEL CLIP.
- (18) Extraction order of move C Coy, A Coy, B Coy, Bn HQ Gp, D Coy. Adj't to com left.

4 Admin and Log

- a. Resup. Water resup 60 gals per coy avail after 1300 hrs 1 day on request
- b. Rats. One 24 hr cbl rat to be carried by all.
- c. Water. Two full water bottles carried by all.
- d. Med
 - (1) Caserac. by DUST OFF helo on request.
 - (2) RHP remain this loc.
 - (3) Non potable water used only in emergency and if sterilized or boiled.
- e. Ammo. Sealing as per amdt to SOP.
- f. Dress and eqpt. Patrol order less steel helmets. replaced by bush hat or beret.
- g. PLW. Evacuated asp. Info Bn HQ immediately.

5 Comd and Sig.

- a. Bn HQ moves after A Coy and estb other 5. estb complete or nickname TIN HAT. Moves to obj 12 not before 0800 hrs D+1.
- b. Signals in ch to follow.

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Commanding 1 RAR.

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Annexures. A Grouping
P. Overlast
Q. Artillery.

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ANNEX A TO IRR
 OPO 1/65 dated
 24 Jun 65.

GROUPING

A Coy.

Under command from 1800 hrs D-1

FO party
 four VN policemen
 four SBs
 one sect move.

Under command from 1800 hrs D-1
 until cts Ben HQ

B Coy

Under command from 1800 hrs D-1

FO party
 four VN policemen
 four SBs

C Coy

Under command from 1800 hrs D-1

FO party
 four VN policemen
 four SBs

Under command from 1800 hrs D-1
 until cts Ben HQ

one sect move.

D Coy

Under command from 1800 hrs D-1

FO party
 four VN policemen
 four SBs

Morp

detached to each of A and C
 Coy from 1800 hrs D-1 until
 cts Ben HQ

one sect move.

Adm con

detached to each of four
 rifle coys.

four SBs

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ANNEX B to IRAR

OPO I/65

24 June 65

Continuation Comd and sig para Op 0 I/65

b. Sig

(1) Radio - normal Bn Comd procedure as per SOP's is to be used with the following changes

(a) Deletion of Slidex and replacement with US code, KA-HE 733

(b) Use of SOI's as issued for freqs and callwords when working outside the Bn Comd net.

(c) AUTHENTIATION Keys 2, 13, and 25 to be used on sheet as issued

(d)NIS	A COY	B COY	C COY	D COY	Bn HQ
24I200-25I200	BX	GC	XY	DD	ZR
25I200-26I200	GC	XY	DD	ZR	CG
26I200-27I200	XY	DD	ZR	CG	BX

(2) NICKNAMES

(a)

Serial	Nickname	Meaning	Issued by
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	BLIND SPOT	A Coy move from obj 5 to ptl South of power lines within bdrys allotted	Bn HQ
2	TIN PLATE	BnHQ established	BNHQ
3	BLIND SPOT	Commence patrolling operations	Bn HQ
4	CLUTCH PLATE	Report Line track 06307I to I2I088	Coy on reaching report line
5	WEAK PACKET	Power Line	Coy on reaching report line
6	STEEL CLIP	Southern Bdry sections 7, 8 and 9	Coy on reaching report line

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(b) Closing down

24I200H-25I200H	ADDER
25I200H-26I200H	TIAPAN
26I200H-27I200H	VIPER

(c) Block Nicknames

A Coy	B COY	C Coy	D Coy
High Mark	Split Tool	Wire Fence	Drink Waiter
Square Leg	Walk Straight	Stick Book	Mixed Race
TEnt Peg	Torn Cable	Round Pipe	Puzzle Wise
Cuff Link	Life Belt	Leaky Tent	Question Mark
Strong Arm	Slip Stream	Bar Rail	Stab Kick
Candle Stay	Paint Work	Pile Driver	ROUGH Area
Straw Hat	Heavy Seas	Thick Mallet	Heavy Seas
Pine Tent	Sand Storm	Grease Monkey	Ocean Waves
Shiny Light	Rotten Thread	Round Washer	Wrist Watch
Turn Page	KING Size	Key Thread	SHarp Curve
<u>Bn HQ</u>			
Road Sign	Gaiter Strap	STriped Paint	Old Salt
Rusty Weapon	Thick Cloud	Dirty Book	Tiger Hole
Brain Storm	Rain Fog	Cross Wire	Stop Press
Shovel Blade	Snake Lane	Lambs Wool	Woollen Cap
Looking Glass	Sand Heap	Tabacco Pouch	

(c) P Hour 25 June 65 0200H

(d) <u>POINTS OF ORIGIN</u>	050090	BOY
	060050	COLOUR

(e) Passwords

24I200H-25I200H	SHORT LONG
25I200H-26I200H	Rum WHISKEY
26I200H-27I200H	SWIMMING HOLE

(f) Opening Time

Bn Comd net will open at 250600H

(g) SYNCHRONISATION 250600H by Tele.

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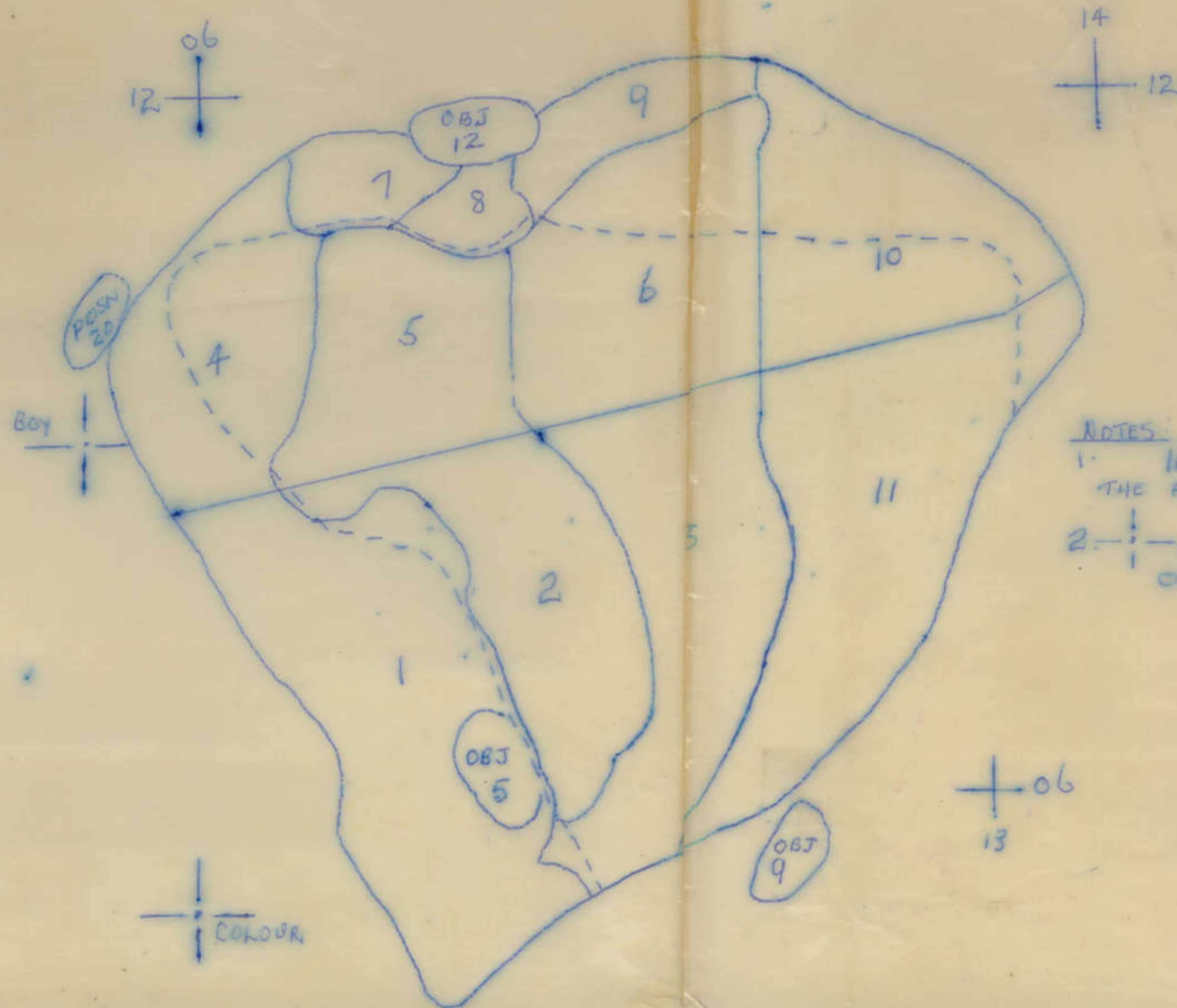
TASK TABLE												
DATE TIME OF ORIGIN <u>24 14 00 H</u>												
SERIAL	TIME	MIN	TARGET NUMBER	GRID REFERENCE	TPS P	TO ENGAGE Q MOR		AMMO RATS	REMARKS REGISTRATION ETC			
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H*	J	K	L	M*	
1			XE 500	110 113	BTY		2 SEC				D, D+1	* REMARKS REFER TO MOR AVAL D, D+1
2			XE 501	112 058	BTY		2 SEC				D	
3			XE 502	103 108	BTY		2 SEC				D+1	
4			XE 503	096 081	BTY		2 SEC				D, D+1	
5			XE 504	089 109	BTY		2 SEC				D+1	
6			XE 505	079 100	BTY		2 SEC				D+1	
7			XE 506	074 088	BTY		2 SEC				D, D+1	
8			XE 300	113 054	BTY		2 SEC				D	
9			XE 301	107 071	BTY		2 SEC				D	
10			XE 302	101 082	BTY		2 SEC				D, D+1	
11			XE 303	094 079	BTY		2 SEC				D, D+1	
12			XE 304	064 100	BTY		2 SEC				D+1	
13			XE 305	078 109	BTY.		2 SEC				D+1	

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OVERLAY - SECTORS AND BOUNDARIES

ANNEX D TO IRRR OP 1/65
DATED 24 JUN 65.



NOTES:
1. INSIDE DOTTED LINE IS
THE FREE FIRE AREA.
2. ——— INDICATES PT OF
ORIGIN REFERENCE.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

MINUTE PAPER

877/R66/44

FILE No.

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To Minister

Subject PROPOSED VISIT OVERSEAS BY DIRECTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY, AHQ, COLONEL E.F. CAMPBELL, OBE, ED,
AND DEPUTY SCIENTIFIC ADVISER TO THE MILITARY BOARD, MR. M.V. NESBITT

1. The Technical Cooperation Programme (TTCP) is an organization formed between the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada and Australia to facilitate the exchange of scientific and technical information between the four member countries. Australia joined in 1965. The TTCP functions at a national level, involving all branches of the armed services and other interested Government departments. In Australia, it is invigilated by the Department of Defence.

2. One recently formed research group is known as Sub Group R and deals with counter insurgency research. This Sub Group is made up of a number of working panels as follows :

- a. Panel R1 - Environmental Research.
- b. Panel R2 - Human Factors Research.
- c. Panel R3 - Counter Insurgency Research (Systems and Operational Analysis).
- d. Panel R4 - Materiel Research.

3. Australia has become a member of Sub Group R and the Australian Army is the service which is most actively engaged in counter insurgency research. The Defence Research and Development Policy Committee considered the proposed programme for this Sub Group and its panels and recommended the following Army participation :

- a. Panel R1 and Panel R3 - to meet in Washington from 9th - 13th May, 1966 - representation by Mr. Nesbitt.
- b. Panel R2 - to meet in London on 25th and 25th April, 1966 - representation by Colonel Campbell.
- c. Panel R4 - met in Singapore from 21st to 23rd March, 1966 and was attended by a member of the overseas staff.

4. Colonel Campbell is currently the Chairman of the ABCA Standing Working Group on Human Factors Research; thus the Australian Army, and in particular Colonel Campbell, can contribute a great deal to the initial work of this panel. Colonel Campbell, in fact, has been nominated as the Australian national member.

5. You will be aware that Colonel Campbell is due to retire in January next. However, he has been nominated for his status as a social scientist in addition to his military role as Director of Psychology. On his retirement, his services as a social science consultant will be available to the Army if they are required.

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6. It is proposed that Colonel Campbell, on the return journey from London, undertake the following tasks :

With HQ Aust Army Force, Far East Land Forces Singapore :
Discuss the role and accommodation of the Deputy Assistant Director, Psychology, to be posted to that Headquarters for duties in Malaysia and South Viet Nam.

With HQ Aust Army Force Viet Nam :
Discuss the duties of the psychologist mentioned above and those of a senior psychologist to be attached to the US Operations Mission of AID to assist the South Viet Nam Government in their "Chieu Hoi" (Open Arms) programme.

7. The proposal has been considered by the Overseas Visits Committee which has raised no objection.

8. Your approval is recommended.

Apr 66

(C.E. Long)
Maj Gen
DCGS

The letter is to be signed by the recipient.

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