Series: AWM95 Australian Army commanders' diaries [Vietnam]

Infantry units

Item number: 7/1/32

Item: 1 Battalion Royal Australian Regiment

Narrative

Annexes

[1-30 Sep 1965]

COVERING LETTER

Reference No.....

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

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

2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature) Coma Aust Arm

Appointment...

(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

R-R-3/3/66

SECRET

ORIGINAL DUPLICATE Strike out where not applicable

COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit	or	Formation	/	' /	1	7
11.00					0	

From ..

To 30 Sap 65

INDEX

Narrative (AF C 2118)

ANNEXES

- * A Duty officer's log
- * B Messages connected with log
- C Operation orders and instructions issued
- D Operation orders and instructions received
- *E Sitreps issued
- F Orders of battle and location reports issued
- G Intelligence reports and summaries issued; appreciations made
- H Administrative orders and instructions issued
- I Administrative orders and instructions received
- J Administrative reports and bulletins; ammunition returns; field strength returns
- * K Standing orders issued
- L Commander's policy and demi-official letters
- M Action reports (if required)
- N Other papers, eg, maps and diagrams, air photos, reports from sub units
- O Periodical summaries of operations
- Z Top Secret Supplementary Diary

* Only to be included during operations.
† Cross out whichever is not applicable.

Enclosure Numbers

..... to to

..... to

..... to

† NIL
† RETAINED
† Despatched to

on.....

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, tarting at B.

for operations form Annex "Z", "TOP SECRET the document. It is to be prepared and disposed of as

TENTS

es as well as map references), establishment, equipment

1 orders given.

ne day's fighting, including company movements.

nmander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

tential importance.

) officers, men and equipment.

ment captured.

employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

and to save work as much information as possible is to ments issued and received, routine returns, etc. All and the time of receipt or despatch is to be given.

ne annexes, but need not give a precis of any of them.

(continued on back cover)

1 B P Coy-274/65-55m

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.

by operations from plants "2", Trop SECRET!

to day's lighting circlesing company movements.

cential francisco.

Army m C.2113 (Acapted)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BIEN HOA	1 Sep	0730	11 Pl D Coy returned to Bh location, nothing to report	
BIEN HOA	1 Sep	1200	1 APC Tp, PWLH, came under command 1RAR.	
BIEN HOA	1 Sep	1600	1 Pl A Coy, returned to the Bn location, nothing to report.	
BIEN HOA	2 Sep	0700	4 Pl B Coy returned to the Bn location, nothing to report	
BIEN HOA	2 Sep	0900	'O' Group for Bn operation 10/65.	See Appendix V
BIEN HOA	2 Sep	1230-	Lt Gen Sir John WILTON KBE, CB, DSO, Chief of General Staff Maj Gen	
		1630	T J DALY CB, CBE, DSO GOC E Comd . Brig O D JACKSON OBE, Comd AAFV and	
			It Col J M MAXWELL Military Attaché SAIGON, visited the Bn.	
BIEN HOA	2 Sep	1430	1Pl and 3Pl and A Coy HQ moved out into 2/503 TAOR	See Appendix V
BIEN HOA	2 Sep	1730	8 Pl C Coy moved out into the Bn TAOR	See Appendix B ?
BIEN HOA	3 Sep	0900	Bn HQ, B Coy, C Coy, Mor Pl, Anti Tank Pl, Aslt Pnr Pl and elements	See Appendix V
			161 Field Bty RNZA and D/16 Armour departed for the Gun Position,	
			Obj 9	
07-4 0	3 Sep	1040	A Coy secured the objective	
Obj 9	3 Sep	1200	161 Field Bty Guns in posn and firing commenced	

Army rm C.2113 (mapted)

D.4661/7.45-C.6546	D .	П	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to
Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GR158132	3 Sep	1400	B Coy detained on VC suspect, who was handed over to ARVN.	
Obj 9	3 Sep	1715	Extraction of the Bty Guns commenced.	
BIEN HOA	3 Sep	1830	Bn HQ, A Coy, B Coy, elements of D Coy, Mor Pl, Anti Tank Pl, Aslt	
			Pnr Pl, 1 APC Tp complete in Bn location.	
BIEN HOA	4 Sep	0700	10 Pl, D Coy remain to patrol in 2 /503 TAOR.	See Appendix U ?
BIEN HOA	4 Sep	1000-	Lt Col H A HINDS ASCO visited the Bn.	
BIEN HOA	4 Sep	1100	11 Pl and D Coy HQ returned to the Bn location, nothing to report	
SAIGON	4 Sep	1200	A Coy took over Guard duties from C Coy.	
BIEN HOA	5 Sep	1000	12 Pl D Coy moved out into the 2/503 TAOR.	See Appendix U 7
BIEN HOA	5 Sep	1430	9 Pl C Coy moved out into the En TAOR	See Appendix B 7
BIEN HOA	5 Sep	1500	8 Pl C Coy returned to the Bn location, nothing to report.	
BIEN HOA	6 Sep	0815	10 Pl D Coy returned to the Bn location, nothing to report	
BIEN HOA	7 Sep	0930	11 Pl D Coy moved out into the 2/503 TAOR	See Appendix U
BIEN HOA	7 Sep	1515	7 Pl C Coy moved out into sectors A, C, F, G, H and K of the Bn TAOR.	See Appendix B 7
BIEN HOA	7 Sep	1530	9 F1 C Coy returned to the Bn location, nothing to report.	

Army m C.2113 (Adapted)

D.4661/7.45-C.6546	Jnit 1RAR		Date and Time.—From 8 Sep 65 To 11 Sep 65	Remarks and References to
Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BIEN HOA	8 Sep	1000-	Brig O D JACKSON OBE, Comd AAFV visited the Bn	See Appendix B.
BIEN HOA	8 Sep	1230	11 Pl D Coy withdrew from 2/503 TAOR into sectors A, CF, G, H and K of	
			the Bn TAOR . 2/503 resumed responsibility of or their own TAOR from	
			1700 hrs .	
BIEN HOA	8 Sep	1400	12 Pl D Coy returned to Bn location, nothing to report.	
GR023177	8 Sep	1800	8 Pl and C Coy HQ moved into sector G of the Bn TAOR to set up a	
			roadblock overnight on Highway 24.	
BIEN HOA	9 Sep	0800	7 Pl, 8 Pl and C Coy HQ returned to the Bn location, nothing to	
			report.	
BIEN HOA	9 Sep	1300 -	Gen J K WATERS, Commander US Armed Forces PACIFIC visited the Bn.	
BIEN HOA	9 Sep	1500	5 Pl B Coy, moved out into sectors B,D,E and J of the Bn TAOR.	See Appendix B
BIEN HOA	10 Sep	0730	11 Pl D Coy returned to the Bn location, nothing to report.	
BIEN HOA	1:0 Sep	1500	2 Pl A Coy moved out into sectors A, C, F, G, H and K of the Bn TACR	See Appendix B ?
GR012164	10 Sep	2045	Anti Tank Pl moved out to set up night ambush.	See Appendix E ?
BIEN HOA	11 Sep		Anti Tank Pl returned to the Bn location; nothing to report	

Army n C.2113 (Ac Led)

D.4661/7.45—C.6546 Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ONG HUONG Hamlet	11 Sep	0900 -	B Coy HQ escorted by a section of APCs moved to the new life hamlet	See Appendix E ?
GR043181		1230	on a "Hearts and Mind" visit.	
SAIGON	11 Sep	1200	D Coy took over guard duties from A Coy.	
GR005163	11 Sep	2045	Aslt Pnr Pl moved out to a night ambush posn.	See Appendix E ?
BIEN HOA	12 Sep	0700	Aslt Pnr Pl returned to the Bn location, nothing to report.	
BIEN HOA	12 Sep	0830	4 Pl B Coy moved out into sectors B,D,E,J of the Bn TAOR	See Appendic B ?
BIEN HOA	12 Sep	0830	5 Pl B Coy returned to the Bn location, nothing to report	
BEN CAT Area	12 Sep	1400 -	CO,OC Sp Coy and IO carried out air recce of the proposed 173 Bde	See Appendix W
		1500	TAOR.	
BIEN HOA	12 Sep	1630	3 Pl A Coy moved out into sectors A, C, F, G, H, K of the Bn TAOR	See Appendix B
GR005163	12 Sep 1900	1900	Anti Tank Pl moved out to a night ambush location.	
BIEN HOA	13 Sep	0645	Anti Tank Pl returned to the Bn location, nothing to report.	
BIEN HOA	13 Sep	0700	2 Pl A Coy returned, nothing to report.	
BEN CAT Area	13 Sep	0900-	En Coy Comds carried out an air recce of the proposed operational	See Appendix W
		1000	TAOR.	

Army m C.2113 (Adapted)

D.4661/7.45-0.6546	Unit IRAR		Date and Time.— From 13 Sep 65 To 15 Sep 65	Remarks and References to
Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BIEN HOA	13 Sep	1000	3 Pl A Coy returned ot the Bn location, nothing to report	
BIEN HOA	13 Sep	1130	4 Pl B Coy returned to the Bn location, nothing to report.	
SAIGON	13_Sep	1200	Composite Guard took duties from D Coy .	
BIEN HOA	13 Sep	1330 -	Gen C V VIEN Comd III Corps and Brig E C WILLIAMSON Comd 173 Bde	
		1400	visited the bn location.	
BIEN HOA	13 Sep	1400	O Group for Bn Operation 11/65.	See Appendix W
BIEN HOA	14 Sep	0615	Bn Harbour Party under command 2IC departed with the 3/319 Bn in a	
			Bde convoy for LZ BUSTER GR723353	
BIEN HOA	14 Sep	0800-	Brig O D JACKSON OBE visited the Bn	
BIEN HOA	14 Sep	1050	First elements of the Bn commenced the airlift to IZ BUSTER	
IZ BUSTER	14 Sep	1215	Bn complete on the ground	
LZ BUSTER	14 Sep	1915	A total of 110 refugees were herded by C Coy into a church in the	
			area of the IZ from the surrounding TAOR.	
GR716396	15 Sep	1430	8 Pl C Coy had a contact with 3 local force VC. IVC KTA and one	
GR716396	15 Sep	1430	home made rifle captured. 1VC WIA unconfirmed.	

Army J C.2118 (Ada, ed)

D.4001/1.40-0.0040	Jnit 1RAR Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Place		- Itour		Appendices, Diaries, &c.
R 694380	16 Sep	1645	C Coy located 1 local force VC who escaped NORTH.	
	16 Sep	1715	11 Pl D Coy located an empty camp with 30 huts and a tunnel/bunker	
R 685376	TO Deb	1(1)	complex, approximately a week old and estimated to a Bn	
LZ BUSTER	17 Sep	0900	Bn were to remain in reserve for 1/503 operation NORTH of Bde TAOR	
GR 680375	17 Sep	1300	8 Pl CCoy located a camp considered to be part of the one located	
			by 11 Pl D Coy. Again recently built with bare but frames and pits	
			for an estimated company.	
GR 714396	18 Sep	0830	8 Pl C Coy had a contact with 1 local force VC who escaped EAST	
			unconfirmed WIA	
GR 703383	18 Sep	0900	11 Pl D Coy had a contact with 3 local force VC, who escaped EAST.	
			1 VC WIA, blood trail found. Equipment and documents found including	
			a multi wave transistor radio.	
GR 712426	18 Sep	1545	Mor Pl sighted 1 local force VC who escaped in the vicinity of a camp	
are lamped			containing five huts.	
GR 716425	18 Sep	1610	12 Pl D Coy had a contact with 1 local force VC who escaped NORTH.	

Army Jorn C.2113 (Adapted)

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

D.4661/7.45—C.6546 Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
IZ BUSTER	19 Sep	0900	Bn were released from being held in reserve for 1/503 Bn. Now given	
			the responsibility for securing the route and escorting A Bty 3/319 Bn	
			and the vehicles of the 2/503 and 3/319 Bn to Posn BOOM GR 788462.	
GR 723423	19 Sep	1130	5 Pl B Coy had a contact with 5 local force VC who escaped . 1VC WIA	
			blood trail found.	
GR 723423	19 Sep	1210	B Coy had another contact with 1 VC who escaped, 1 VC WIA, blood trail	
			found . One FRENCH bolt action rifle captured.	
GR 714421	19 Sep	1215	4 Pl B Coy located an old enemy camp with pits and tunnels. Estimated	
			to hold a section .	
GR 724418	19 Sep	1400	4 Pl B Coy located a camp with pits, three bicycles were found in it.	
			The camp was estimated to hold a section.	
GR 714424	19 Sep	1500	Bn HQ, A Coy, B Coy were airlifted here from IZ BUSTER .	
GR 694380	19 Sep	1600	9 Pl C Coy had a contact with 1 local force VC who escaped.	
GR 716423	19 Sep	1935	D Coy clearing patrol had a contact with 1 local force VC who escaped	
			WEST .	

WAR DIARY or INTELL GENCE SUMMARY (erase heading not required)

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES, DIARIES etc.
GR 719423	19 Sep	2000	6 Pl B Coy in harbour position were fired upon by an estimated	
	- ' -		5 VC who immediately withdrew.	
GR 71642 2	19 Sep	2055	11 Pl D Coy had a contact with an estimated 10 VC moving	
			towards their harbour position. The VC withdrew immediately.	
GR 716422	19 Sep	2110	11 Pl D Coy reported 3 - 4 VC moving WEST of them.	
GR 715422	19 Sep	2115	12 Pl D Coy reported 2 VC moving SOUTH EAST of them.	
GR 713422	19 Sep	2125	Mor Pl engaged with SA fire 1 VC moving to their WEST.	
GR 716422	19 Sep	2129	11 Pl D Coy sighted 2 VC moving NORTH.	
GR 725429	20 Sep	1025	11 Pl D Coy located the wreck of crashed aircraft.	
GR 728418	20 Sep	1100ed	4 Pl B Coy located old wpn pits to hold an estimated section.	
GR 726443	20 Sep	1130	1 Pl A Coy located an old camp of 16 huts with wpn pits and	
			bunkers.	
- GR 730434	20 Sep	1234	D Coy located two huts with agricultural equipment and tunnels,	
			all were destroyed.	

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

WAR DIARY or INTELL GENCE SUMMARY (erase heading not required)

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES, DIARIES eto.
GR 730435	20 Sep	1240	11 Pl D Coy had a contact with a small group of VC, who escaped.	
GR 728442	20 Sep	1330	12 Pl D Coy had a contact with 6 local force VC . 1 VC, female,	
			KIA, remainder escaped NORTH EAST.	
GR 724418	20 Sep	1400	4 Pl B Coy located some old wpm pits for an estimated section.	
GR 729419	20 Sep	1515	4 Pl B Coy located a recently occupied hut, which was destroyed.	
GR 725445	20 Sep	1525	D Coy located VC camp with pits and tunnels and a home made plant	
			for manufacturing 20 MM shells.	
GR 728421	20 Sep	1630	4 Pl B Coy located a small camp with one hut and a series of	
			tunnels and wpn pits estimated to hold a section.	
GR 713442	20 Sep	1630	2 Pl A Coy located a camp with 1 5 huts and a complex of bunkers.	
			Very recently occupied and estimated to hold 2 - 3 coys	
GR 722423	20 Sep	1630	B Coy located and destroyed a small camp.	
GR 724420	20 Sep	1630	B Coy located a camp considered to be a staging area for an	
			estimated coy.	

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1030272

WAR DIARY or INTELL GENCE SUMMARY (erase heading not required)

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES, DIARIES etc.
GR 716414	20 Sep	1700	6 Pl B Coy fired on movement which proved to be a Buffalo. As a	
			result of the firing 1 VC surrendered in their pl harbour posn.	
			He was unarmed and the resulting interrogation revealed he was a	
			political coy comd of the PHU LOI Bn .	
GR 736452	20 Sep	1735	D Coy found 4 women with young babies in a small camp. They had	
			no passes and were evacuated to Bde .	
GR 709442	20 Sep	1740	2 Pl A Coy found a camp with three huts, while destroying them a	
			grenade which had been hidden in the roof of one of them exploded .	
			42842 Pte M.J. TOY received minor shrapnel wounds and two NEW	
	1		ZEALANDERS who were of the FOO Party suffered similar wounds.	
GR 717447 and	21 Sep	0930	3 Pl A Coy were fired upon by one sniper. 37003 Cpl F J SMITH	
GR 718448			was KIA. Sniper fire was received again half an hour later but	
			the contact drills failed to locate the CVC.	
GR 709448	21 Sep	0930	1 Pl A Coy discovered a camp with 4 huts and tunnels and bunkers.	

Estimated to hold a section .

WAR DIARY or INTELL GENCE SUMMARY (erase heading not required)

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES, DIARIES etc.
GR 727405	21 Sep	1115	2 Pl A Coy located an old camp thought to have been used by rubber	
	-		tappers.	
GR 711442 to	21 Sep	1218	2 Pl A Coy located a camp with 15 huts, time prevented it being	
GR 714443	¥ 19 5 19 1		destroyed.	
GR 714415	21 Sep	1420	B Coy located a herd of 50 buffalo, which were a long way from	
			grazing land. They were dispersed as much as possible.	
GR 788462	22 Sep	1000	B Coy with 161 Fd Bty RNZA were airlifted here from GR714424.	
GR 722149	22 Sep	1030	3 Pl A Coy received one round smiper fire while in the area of a	
			creek. The resulting search failed to locate anybody.	
GR 793461	22 Sep	1100	5 Pl B Coy were fired upon while in the area of a creek. 215584	
			Pte R S FRAZER received a GSW in the leg. The resulting search	
			failed to locate anybody .	
GR 764467	22 Sep	1530	B Coy had a contact with 1 local force VC who escaped.	

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

WAR DIARY or INTELL GENCE SUMMARY (erase heading not required)

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES, DIARIES eto.
GR 786462	22 Sep	2040	5 Pl B Coy had a contact with 5 VC, 2 VC WIA, two blood trails	
	\		found . The VC escaped SOUTH EAST towards a village . Darkness	
			prevented any follow up .	
GR 761454	23 Sep	0915	D Coy located a hut, which had been recently occupied.	
GR 740453	23 Sep	1000 -	Brig O D JACKSON OBE visited Bn HQs .	
GR 723449	23 Sep	1120	3 Pl A Coy had a contact with 1 local force VC who escaped NORTH	
		11-41/2	WEST .	
GR 788462	23 Sep	1130 -	Bn HQ and Mor Pl were airlifted from GR 740453.	
GR 774454	23 Sep	1340	4 Pl B Coy located a deserted rubber factory with pits and	
			tunnels. Lack of time prevented them being destroyed.	
GR 723423	24 Sep	1355	3 Pl A Coy located pits and tunnels estimated to hold a platoon.	
GR 788462	25 Sep	0800	A Coy, B Coy and C Coy commenced patrolling in their newly allotted	See Appendix X
			sectors . D Coy was held as Bn Reserve.	

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

WAR DIARY or INTELL GENCE SUMMARY (erase heading not required)

UNIT IRAR			DATE AND TIME From 25 Sep 65 To 25 Sep 65		
PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES, DIARIES etc.	
GR 792450	25 Sep	1100	11 Pl D Coy were clearing the area where a detonated mine had		
			previously been exploded. When checking back the wires from the		
			explosion area, a booby trap was set off, injuring 16307 Cpl		
			R J KELLY with shrapnel wounds in the face and leg .		
GR 743465	25 Sep	1230	8 Pl C Coy had a contact with 2 local force VC. The VC sighted		
			the Pl while still some distance away and escaped.		
GR 754476	25 sSep	1500	7 Pl C Cox located a camp with eight huts, tunnels and pits .		
			Estimated to hold a coy, the camp was destroyed including 200 lbm		
			of rice.		
GR 761471	25 Sep	1500	C Coy had a contact with 1 local force VC who escaped SOUTH.		
GR 755483	25 Sep	1745	8 Pl C Coy had contact with 1 local force VC . 1 VC KIA and a		
			FRENCH Rifle 7.62 calibre captured.		
GB 744418	25 Sep	1800	4 Pl, B Coys standing patrol had contact with 2 local force VC.		
			1 VC WIA but search failed to locate VC who escaped NORTH,		

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1030272

WAR DIARY or INTELL GENCE SUMMARY (erase heading not required)

	UNIT 1RAR		2	DATE AND TIME From 25 Sep 65 To 27 Sep 65		
1	PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES, DIARIES etc.	
GR 74	434 1 8	25 Sep	1800	4 Pl B Coy located a single hut with a bunker, both were destroyed.		
GR 7	56438	-26 Sep	0815	1 Pl A Coy located 2 Brick Kilns and 5 huts which they destroyed.		
				In the same area they located sufficient pits to hold a Bn.		
GR 7	98457	26 Sep	1000	3 Pl A Coy had a contact with 4 local force VC . 1 VC WIA, the		
				VC escaped EAST . 5 grenades and webbing equipment were captured		
				when dropped by the V6		
GR 7	59470	26 Sep	1600	C Coy while securing a LZ contacted 1 local force VC who escaped		
				SOUTH		
GR 79	98434	27 Sep	1030	1 Pl A Coy were fired upon by 4 local force VC while crossing a		
				paddi field . Resultant sweep with 2 Pl failed to locate them.		
GR 78	88462	27 Sep	1500	Bn commenced extraction by helicopter to BIEN HOA in the following		
				order A Coy, B Coy, D Coy Bn HQ, Anti Tank Pl. C Coy moved as		
	#			the escort to the road convoy which consisted of 1 APC Tp, 161 Fd		
				Bty, B Bty 3/319 Bn, Mor Pl and Aslt Pnr Pl . The convoy proceeded		

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

WAR DIARY or INTELL GENCE SUMMARY (erase heading not required)

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES, DIARIES etc.
Continuation	27 Sep	1500	to LAI KHE GR 761383, the Bde HQs and then onto BIEN HOA.	90
BIEN HOA	27 Sep	1815	All elements returning by air were complete in the Bn position.	
VUNG TAU	28 Sep	0630	HMAS SYDNEY arrived with supporting AUSTRALIAN elements.	
BIEN HOA	28 Sep	1200	105 Fd Bty RAA, 161 Recce Flight, 3 Fd Tp RAE came under command	
			the Bn .	
BIEN HOA	28 Sep	1215	C Coy and all remaining elements returning by road convoy were	
			complete in the Bn position .	
BIEN HOA	29 Sep	0800	5 Pl B Coy moved out into sectors B,D,F and J of the Bn TAOR	See Appendix B
BIEN HOA	29 Sep	1000	1 Pl A Coy moved out into sectors A, C, F, G, H and K of the Bn TAOR.	See Appendix B
SAIGON	29 Sep	1200	D Coy took over guard duties from the Composite Guard .	
ONG HUONG	30 Sep	0900	B Coy HQ with Medical Orderly moved out with a section of APCs	
GR 043181			to the New Life Hamlet on a "Hearts and Mind" visit.	
TAN SON NHUT	30 Sep	1100-	Lt Col I R W BRUMFIELD, Maj J B HEALY, 2Lt C O G WILLIAMS,	
Airport.			WOL J D McKAY MM, WO2 J CRAMP, Cpl L C SMITH brother of the	

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1030272

WAR DIARY or INTELL GENCE SUMMARY (erase heading not required)

PLACE	DATE	HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES, DIARIES eto.
Continuation	30 Sep	1100 -	deceased and a funeral party of 24 soldiers from A Coy attended	
	-		the Memorial Service for 37003 Cpl F J SMITH.	
BIEN HOA	30 Sep	1200	9 Pl C Coy moved out into sectors B.D.E and J of the Bn TAOR	See Appendix B
		ALEXTS II		

1RAR OFFICER APPOINTMENTS AS AT 1 SEP 65.

Appointment	Rank	Initials	Name
CO	Lt Col	IRW	BRUMFIELD
2IC	Maj	H M	LANDER
OC A Coy	Maj	J B	HEALY
OC B Coy	Maj	ID	McFARIANE
OC C Coy	Maj	JJ	TATTAM
OC D Coy	Maj	B J	HARPER
OC Sp Coy	Maj	JE	ESSEX-CLARK
OC Adm Coy	Maj	P G	SHARP
Capts			
Adjt	Capt	R A	DUCIE
IO	Capt	A G	THOMPSON
RSO	Capt	MJ	CARROLL
OC Mor Pl	Capt	MC	PECK
QM	Capt	TJ	BUCKLEY
2IC A Coy	Capt	DJ	PAUL
2IC B Coy	Capt	PJ	ARNISON
2IC C Coy	Capt	MF	Le BARS
21C D Coy	Capt	D	ROTHWELL
RMO	Capt	P	HASLAU
RC Chaplain	Chap	JA	CUDMORE
Lts			
A Adjt	Lt	CTJ G	PEACOCK
LO (Lt 1st Line Rft)	Lt	IM	GUILD
2IC Mor Pl	Lt	DN	COLLINS
OC Aslt Pnr Pl	2 Lt	KA	ANDERSON
OC Atk Pl	2 Lt	WE	KAINE
TO	2 Lt	CE	LEGGET
Pl Comd 1 Pl	2 Lt	E	CULPITT
Pl Comd 2 Pl	2 Lt	NE	BROWN
Pl Comd 3 Pl	2 Lt	COG	WILLIAMS
Pl Comd 4 Pl	2 Lt	GE	BOLITHO
Pl Comd 5 Pl	2 Lt	WF	HINDSON
Pl Comd 6 Pl	2 Lt	PA	SIBREE
Pl Comd 7 Pl	2 Lt	JD	DWYER
Pl Comd 8 Pl	Lt	JD	McNAMARA
Pl Comd 9 Pl	2 Lt	RD	LOFTUS
Pl Comd 10 Pl	2 Lt	0 8	LIND
Pl Comd 11 Pl	2 Lt	WJ	GILES
Pl Comd 12 Pl	2 Lt	JR	BOURKE
AQM	2 Lt	JF	IRVINE
Attached			
Salvation Army Rep	Brig	AR	HALL
		THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TO SERVICE AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TO SE	

Eppendix V to Wan Diany IRAR 1965 SVN

1 RAR BIEN HOA 2 Sap Aug 65

DDO 10/65

Tan UYEN 1:50000 Map

1. Situation

Own Forces. 173 AB Bde (-) remains area PLEIKU/ KONTUM. 2 Bde remains area 0611.

b. Enemy Forces. Annex A

Atts and dets C.

- (1) Remaining under comd 2/503 Bn (Rear) D/16 Armd coy (-)
- (2) Remaining in DS 161 Field Bty RNZA
- (3) In DS from 0930 hrs A Bty 7 Arty Bn 3 Sep to 1030 3 Sep
- In Sp from 0900 hrs 7 Arty Bn (-) 3 Sep until completion of op
- Attached from 1000 hrs 161 Field Bty RNZA 3 Sep until completion of op C(155mm) Bty 7 Arty Bn
- (6) Attached from 0730 hrs Two Vietnamese police 3 Sep until completion of op

Mission. To secure obj 9 on 3 Sep 65 and protect 161 Field Bty RNZA (+).

3. Execution

- a. General Outline. Op Overlay Annex P. The operation is to be executed in five phases.
 - (1) Phase 1. 2 Sep 65 Preliminary. A Coy moves to position on EASTERN boundary of 2/503 TAOR in preparation for securing obj 9. B Coy withdraws from 1 RAR TAOR to op base. C Coy moves into 1 RAR TAOR.
 - (2) Phase 2. 3 Sep 65 A Coy secures obj 9 by H hr (1000 hrs 3 Sep).
 - (3) Phase 3. 1 RAR moves to obj 9 at H hr. 161 Field Bty by hel, remainder by road.
 - Phase 4. Defence of obj 9 and patrolling in 1 RAR TAOR 10/65.
 - (5) Phase 5. Extraction from TAOR by foot, hel and road.

b. A Coy

- (1) Grouping
 - (a) Remaining under comd MFC Med Asst Vietnamese Interpreter

SECREI (b) under comd

- (b) Under comd from 1200 hrs four SBs

 2 Sep until completion op one sec Aslt Pnr
 Pl
- (c) Under comd from 1200 hrs F00 party
 2 Sep until arrival PRANCE at Interpreter 1RAR
 obj 9
- (d) Attached from 1200 hrs recce elements 2 Sep until arrival IG1.Field ty GPO party atjobj 9.

(2) Tasks

- (a) Phase 1. Move by APC at 1430 hrs 2 Sep to base in area 0815. Pl operating in TAOR 2/503 to regroup at this loc. To be in position by 1830 hrs 3 Sep.
- (b) Phase 2. Move to and secure obj 9 by H hr (1000 hrs 3 Sep). Report TOP HAT when obj 9 secure.
- (c) Phase 4. Remain in obj 9 to protect 161 Field Bty (+) until completion of operation.
- (d) Phase 5. Withdrewsby APC to this loc on receipt nickname BOTTLE TOP from Bn HQ.

c. B Coy

- (1) Grouping
 - (a) Remaining under comd MFC
 Med Asst
 Vietnamese Interpreter
 - (b) Under comd from 0730 Four SBs
 hrs 3 Sep until completion One Vietnamese Police
 of op man
 - (c) Under comd from FOO party (from A Coy) arrival obj 9 until com- One sec Aslt Pnr pl pletion of op . (from PWIH det 1RAR)

(2) Täsks

- (a) Phase 1. Withdraw from 1RAR TAOR by 0800 hrs
- (b) Phase 3. Move by TCV to sector 11
- (c) Phase 4. Patrol in sectors 11,10,9,8,7, and 5. To clear route from obj 9 to sector 11 by 1600 hrs 3 Sep.
- (d) Phase 5. Withdrawsfrom sector 11 by TCV on receipt. BOTTLE TOP.
- d. C Coy . NO change from normal patrol tasks.

e. D Coy.

- (1) Grouping.
 - (a) Remaining under comd MFC Med Asst

SECRET/3 Under comd from

(b) Under comd from 0730 FOO party hrs 3 Sep until 1200 hrs 4 Sep 65.

One Vietnamese Police man Interpreter 1RAR
One sec Aslt Pnr pl

a. Phase 3. Move by APC to obj 9.

b. Phase 4. Patrol into sectors 1,2,3,4,5 and 6. To be in 2/503d TAOR by 1900 hrs 3 Sep 65. Continue patrolling in 2/503 TAOR as per patrol programme.

- (1) Grouping. MFCs remain with rifle coys.
- Tasks. To give covering fire to TAOR 10/65. Two sections to move in mor tpt to obj 9, vehicles withdraw to sector 11 after delivering mortars. If road from LOCKED OUT to obj 9 impossible, to move by APC to establish baseplate posns in sector 11. Baseplate posns coord by GPO 161 Field Bty.

(1) Grouping

- (a) detached to A Coy from one sec 1200 hrs 2 Sep until arrival l RAR at obj 9.
- (b) detached to D'Coy from one sec C730 hrs 3 Sep 65 until 1200 hrs 4 Sep 65.
 - (c) detached to PWLH det 1RAR from C730 hrs until com pletion of operation.
 - (d) detached to B Coy from one sec (from arrival obj 9 until completion of A Coy) operation.

h. Anti- Tank Pl.

- (1) Grouping. Under comd from arrival sector 11: Spats D/16 Armd coy, and all wheeled vehicles, until completion of
 - (2) Tasks. To provide TC, and protection of wheeled vehs in sector 11. Remain in sector 11 until withdrawal.

j. PWLH det IRAR

(1) Grouping

- (a) Remaining under comd. D/16 Armd Coy (-)
- (b) Under cound from 0730 one sec aslt par pl hrs 3 Sep until completion of op.

SECRET

- 4 -

(2)

(a) Phase 1. To lift A Coy to area 0815 at

(b) Phase 3.

1430 hrs 2 Sep.

- 1. To lift D Coy and escort road convoy from this loc to obj 9 on 3 Sep 65.
- 11. To leave SPATS in sector 11 for protection of wheeled vehicles.
- 111. To lift mor pl 1RAR, 105 mm Ammo, to obj 9 from LOCKED OUT if road impassable to wheels.
 - 1V. To tow 155mm guns from LOCKED OUT to obj 9 if road impassable.
 - V. To provide wrecker vehicle in veh harbour in sector 11.
- V1. Four 4.2 tracks to be sited in obj
- (of Phase 4. To remain, less SPATS, in obj 9.
- (d) Phase 5. Escort road convoy, and lift A Coy to this loc.
- (e) To provide comd APC for CO 1RAR.
- (f) To carry 90 rds 105 mm ammo for 161 Field Bty.

k. 161 Field Battery.

(1) Grouping

- (a) Under comd from 0900 hrs C Bty 7 A rty Bn 3 Sep until completion of op
- (b) In support from 0830 hrs Five hels (UH-IB) 3 Sep 65 until 1530 hrs 3 Sep 65

(2) Tasks

- (a) Phase 3. Move to obj 9 by hel from PIERSON FIELD (009152) at H hr (1000 hrs 3 Sep). C Bty 7 Arty Bn moves by road and remains at LOCKED OUT until called forward on receipt of nickname BIG BOY.
- (b) Phase 4. Fire at selected targets in FREE FIRE ZONE annex P.
- (c) Phase 5. Extract by hel on complettion of fire tasks. C Bty withdraws by road with road convoy.
- (d) A Bty 7 Arty En to move into present loc 161 Field Bty at 0830 hrs 3 Sep. To remain in Sp from this loc until issue nickname FINE POINT.
- 1. Air. 161 Field Battery to coordinate hel, move and air OP.

...../5 Coordinating Instructions

Coordinating Instructions m.

- (1)Overlay - Annex P
- (2) H hr 1000 hrs 3 Sep 65 (time by which obj 9 is to be secured by A Coy and hel lit starts)
- (3) Boundaries, sectors, report lines, Routes - Annex P.
- (4) Timings
 - (a) Phase 1 (2 Sep 65)
 - 1. 0800 hrs ? Sep 35: B Coy clear 1RAR TAOR.
 - 11. 1430 hrs A Coy move to springboard posn (0815) by APC Income by 1800 hrs 2 Sep.
 - (b) Fhas e 2. First light 3 Sep 65: A Coy moves to reach obj 9 by H hr.
 - (c) Phase 3
 - 0900 hrs 3 Sep loading in APC and TCV commences.
 - 0930 hrs 3 Sep Convoy moves to SP JUMPING BEAN.
 - 111. 0945 hrs 3 Sep 161 Field Bty commence loading in hels.
 - IV. 1000 hrs 3 Sep:-

A Coy to have secured obj 9.

161 Field Bty commences lift to obj 9

Road convoy crosses SP JUMPING BEAN.

- 1015 hrs 3 Sep: C Bty 7 Arty Bn moves to LOCKED OUT, waits at LOCKED OUT until called fwd (nickname BIG BOY).
- Vl. Estimated times of extraction

C Bty 7 Arty Bn: 1430 hrs

161 Field Battery: commences 1430 hrs

Road convoy 1600 hrs.

- (5) Convoy details and order of march at annex B
- (6) Rules of engagement SOP
- (7)Dress and recognition SOP
- (8) Ammo
 - (a) (b) 1 RAR SOP
 - Artillery: as detailed by BC 161 Field Bty.
- (9) Coordination and control of IZ at obj 9:

...../6 (a) GPO 161 Field Bty

- 6

- (a) GPO 161 Fivla Dby to coord hel lift into LZ.
- (b) A Coy to control LZ. To ensure LZ clear of vehs until completion of hel lift.
- (10) <u>VCC</u> SOP

4. Admin and Log

- a. Rats: To suit tasks.
- b. Water: Two water bottles per man. APCs no change.
- c. AP to be estb at 161 Field Bty Helipad.

5. Comd and Signal

- a. Bn Tac HQ estb obj 9.
- b. Bn HQ remains present loc.
- c. Signal
 - (1) Aug KAC and SOI remain valid for op.
 - (2) Bn TAOR Code Sheet effective. New point of ORIGIN. GR 160120 FACE LOTION.
 - (3) Callsign
 - (a) Bn Tac HQ C/S 9 (b) Comd hel C/S 9 A
 - (4) Summary of Nicknames

SERIAL (a)	NICKNAME (b)	MEANING	ISSUED BY
-		(c)	(d)
1.	JUMPING BEAN	Start Point (045133)	Fan crossing SP
2.	BOLT ACTION	Move or moving	Order to move from Bn HG as movement from fmn
3.	OLD SOCK	RL at 083127	fmm reaching RL
4.	LOCKED OUT	RL at 132120	fum reaching RL
5.	TOP HAT	Obj 9 secured	A Coy
6.	BOTTLE TOP	Coys to embuss on APC for withdrawal	Bn HQ
7.	BIG BOY	C (155) Bty to neve from LOCKED OUT to obj 9.	Bn HQ
8.	FINE POINT	A Bty 7 Arty Bn task completed	Bn HQ
			* 1

I.R.W. BRUMFILD
Lt dol
CO 1RAR

SECRET

ACK .

Annexes. A. Fnemy Situation

B. Order of move and convoy details

P. TAOR 10/65, Sectors, Boundaries, Report Lines, Routes.

t have

Distribution: See attached list.

Authentication

SECRET

DISTRIBUTION

	No. of copies	copy number
A COY	1	1
В Соу	1	2
C Coy	1	3
D Coy	1	4
Sp Coy	1	5
Adm Coy	3	6 - 8
Mor Pl	2	9 - 10
A tk Pl	1	11
Pnr Pl	1	12
Sig Pl	1	13
PWLH	1	14
CO	1	15
2 IC	1	16
OC SP COY .	1	17
ADJT	1	18
IO	1	19
Int Sec	1	20
TO	1	21
RSM	1	22
AAFV	1	23
173 AB Bde (Sep)	2	24 - 25
D/16 Armoured coy	1	26
2 Bde	1	27
161 Field Battery RNZA	1	28
2/503d	1	29
Comds Diary	3	30 - 32
Spare	3	33 - 35

Maps BIEN HOA 1:50,000 TAN UYEN 1:50,000

Enemy Forces.

- 1. See Intrep No 4 dated 1 Sep 65.
- The EASTERN sector of the CONG THANH District has been dominated by the VC purely for the reason NO forces have challenged them. The are a is controlled by two platoons of Local Forces one from DI AN Villages Area and another from the HO NAI Villages area. Their tasks have been the control and guidance of VC formations through the area. A mobile force company, the Al3, has been reported to be operating regularly in the area of the HO NAI Village. These reports ceased after it was revealed the Coy was moving to War Zone D on or about 22 Aug 65.
- A report dated 31 Aug 65 classified C2 disclosed the movement of 90 VC from YT115285 the area occupied by All Regt to YT124156. This was reputedly elements of the D800 Bn, however this is unlikely as the Bn has been regularly sighted NW of TAN UYEN and is NOT likely to split up. The force could be moving to DUC TU District and could possibly be the Al3 Coy returning from War Zone D. In which case could still be encountered in the TAOR 10/65.

ORDER OF MOVE AND CONVOY DETAILS

- 1. Convoy is to move in packets as detailed below.
- 2. Packets are to be released in two minute intervals from the START POINT (JUMPING BEAN)

3.

- Anti-tank pl is to estb TC point at JUMPING BEAN and LOCKED OUT.
- b. It is also to control the movement of wheeled vehs into a harbour area, clear of the village, in Sector 11.
- c. Anti tank pl TP at LOCKED OUT will have one sect SPATS (three) for protection of the harbour area.
- at LOCKED OUT.

Embussing and FUP

- 4. This will take place on the road SOUTH of 161 Field Battery. The head of the convoy will be at 020151 and all vehicles are to be facing EAST. Embussing starts 0900 hrs.
- 5. Comd. Comd and coord of the convoy: OC PWIH det 1RAR. Control of timings and movement OC Anti Tank Pl.
- 6. Spacing. After leaving the FUP vehs are to maintain a 50 metre interval within packets.

7. Order of mov

- APC (Aslt Pnr Sec)

 APC (D Coy)

 APC (Comd Track, En Tac HQ)
- b. Packet B Mor Pl L RAR
- C. Packet C APC (D Coy)

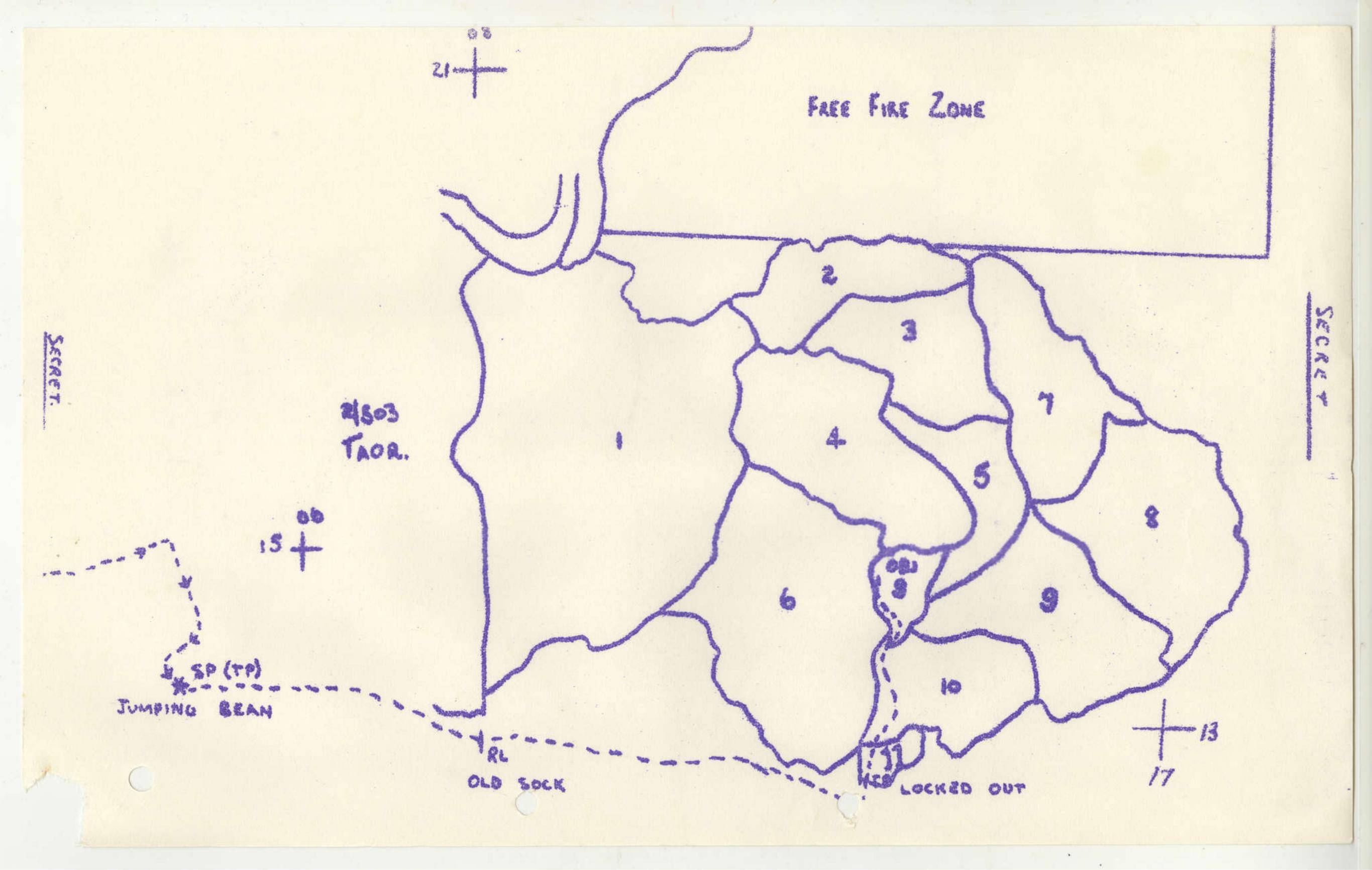
 APC (D Coy)

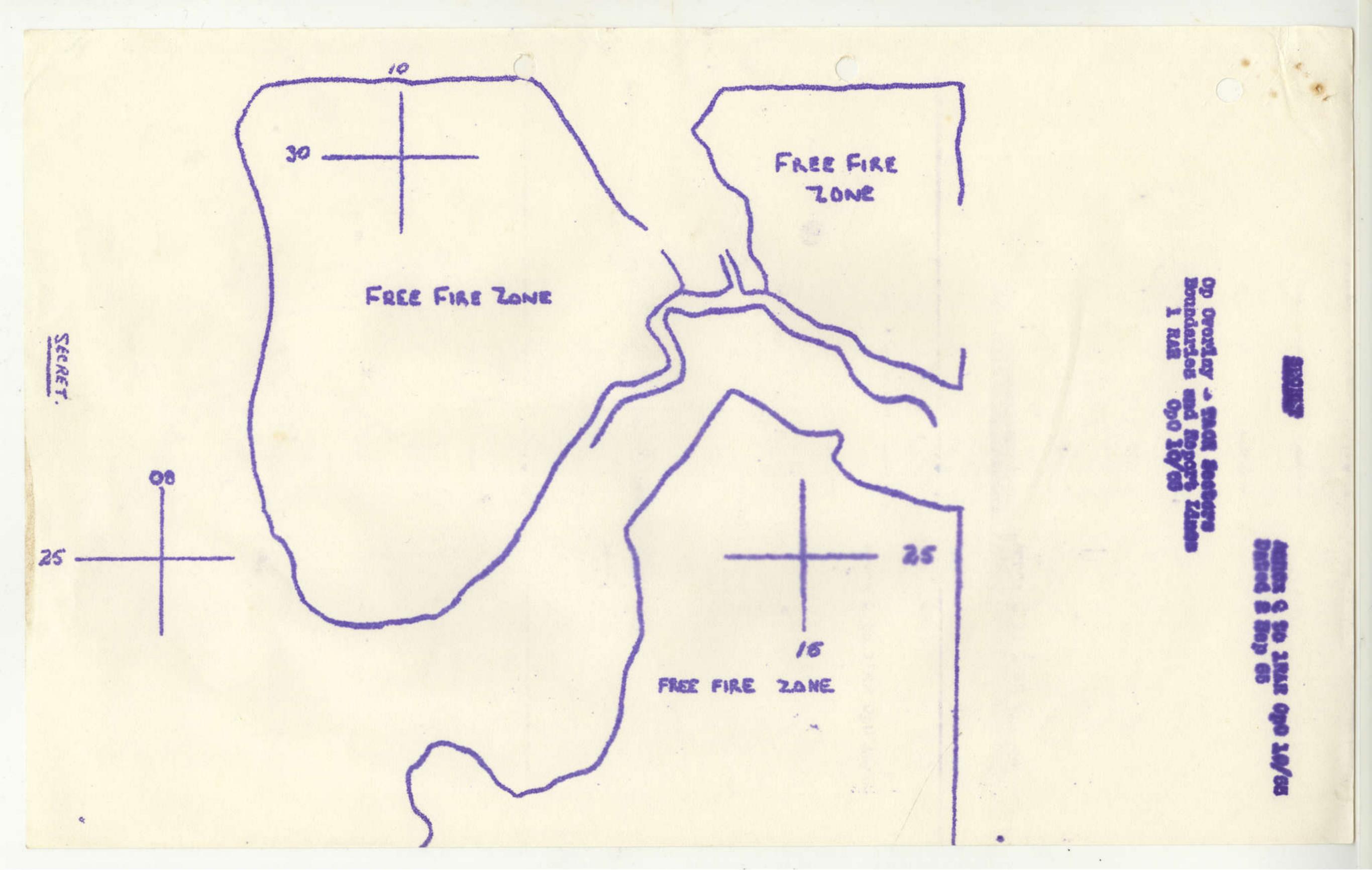
 APC (D Coy)

 2½ ton TCV (B Coy)

 2½ ton TCV (B Coy)

 2½ ton TCV (B Coy)
- d. Packet D $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton TCV (B Coy) $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton TCV (B Coy) $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton TCV (B Coy) $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton TCV (B Coy)
- f. Racket F SPAT D/16 SPAT D/16 SPAT D/16





AIR PHOTO INTERPRETATION REPORT

The following items from an imagery interpretation report of the Bde TAOR for Op 24/65.

a.	XT70153415		73183240	Rosd	interdicted	every	500m
----	------------	--	----------	------	-------------	-------	------

Road out XT73003390

6 emplacements (unoccupied) XY755330 along south side of road

3 possible mor posses with foxholes each side of track X7754342

Read interdicted XT79203320 - 79503322

Fortified triangle WEST of rd XT79253305

Road interdicted XT72993399

Destroyed linear type hamlet surrounded by ditch partially filled X172553480 - 72403536 with water

Road out middle of read i. XT74653485

2 rd blooks, out through, easily j. XT75323596 by-passed by trails

3 cuts across trail k. XT77653663

1. XT/76853390 - 76853370 Bridge out trail flooded

2 trenches in open area EAST m. XT76803505 of track

Road out in centre

me XT979133277

Possible Aw posn next to rd cut G. XT79133278

Anti-veh ditches in line cach

P. XT79003260 - 7915 3276 side of the road

Road interdicted q. XT78783231 - 79153275

Road interdicted r. X779853356 - 79503320

Road out in centre 8. XX80553445

Possible camouflaged AW posm just at trail intersection t. XT80173301

300 cc. Us

Chass in middle of road T. XT80683465 - 80803475

Trail interdicted 7. XT74253600 - 74653590

2 demaged bridges, passable only x. x174663585 - 74853583 by foot.

Bridge out y. XT73063653

Possible forholes at track z. x176903620 - 77053610 interpoction. 77563699

./2

2

NY 7017 SEC BULL

TO THE CONTROL OF THE TOTAL SERVICE OF THE PARTY OF THE P

LOS OF BORSENS WELL THOUSEN TRAIL

hear our plan

aa. XT 78103506

Bridge out

bb. XI 78103565-78903615

Old fotified hamlet

NOT ON MAP.

TO 1RAR

Distribution List 000

Appendix W to war Diary
IRAR SVN

THE SEC

I.RAR

BIEN HOA Sep 65

Andt to OPS 27

le Ref OPS 27 delete para 5(g)insert new para 5 (g)

PERIOD	CHANLENGE	PASSWORDS
141200-151200	DANCE	Name of any Dance
15200 -161200	GIGARETTE	Name of any CIGARETTE
161200-171200	SPORT	Mame of any SPORT
171200-181200	FRUIT	Rome of ear PRUIT
181200-191200	TRES	Here of any Tree
191200-201200	BIRD	Name of any MIRD
201200-211200	CAR	Mama of any CAR
221200-221200	BOY	Nome of any BOY.
221200-251200	GIRL	name of any GIRL
231200-241200	BODA	Mane of any SODA or POP
241,200-251,200	WEATHER	Rain. SNOW. etc)
		Rain, SNOW, ote)

GUME ANY GUM ALTERNATES :

RELIGION = AMY RELIGION

append x W to your Ding
IRAR SUN

1 RAR BEN HOA 13 SEP 55 OPS 27

900 11/65 Majos : Balue part lana 2, 6343 parts lana 4, 6344 parts 3 and 4

· Confirmatory tooks to vos by CO IRAR at 1405 his

de Mission to carry once a secuch and according up on IRAR Those 11/65 in one of BEN CAT (7433) cerring the period 14 - 22 Sep 35

3 Execution

a Sen Gulliere. Overlong - annex Minned).

- (1) Philiminary moves I story Harbern Party weres with 2/503 read celesonor. I long moves in APC to with mor pe and advances webs. The lift of A Cop, An Ha Cop, Bound C Coys to LEBUSTER.
- (4) Phone ! I coay. Ests Bu Base
- (3) Phone 2. I clay to 0+3. Patertenop in one in
- (a) Misse 3. D+ 4 16 b+6. Parvelley in acra 15
- (5) Phase 4. B+ 6 to D+8. Pakolling in once t
- · (6) Blow 5 Exhacten to BIEN NOA.
- (2) The concept of op is
 - (a) To op initrally from by toubour until cay sectors
 - (6) Retirem by late aphonous leaving pe ambush poster on likely approaches and enemy possible mor possis
 - (1) Within corys, per should base up and part by secti

SETRET B. A Cory (1) Groupers (a) Removining econder count med const (4) lancon como por 1700 Jeser SES. Sent christiganium. (4) der to e Eng pan 1700 har 13 lago (2) Trially (a) First cay to move by het (6) Arme 1.2 BUSTER Defore & Cong. LZ protection. () Protect on hardon delay to D+4 (6) leure dolay to DI 4. Robertle Starte r Koust escont is reinforcement confloyed corps. The reaction opes C B Cog (1) Georging. les l'emisenne acraser comos MFC Mess area bee to acone in knowled (3) Custon Court from Foods FOO Buly 181 Sty RNRA pour 5,05. B sep. VAT proceener. List excelyman (2) Terost's (c) themas conjun hel lift more after on 40 Ggs. (6) Buchon in acca according by the Handows Party our D/D+1 and D+1/D12. (6) Alaseo 2, Burns to part of cate affected excelors as per overlay. a. C. Coy. (1) Everyeng () hearauning een der cornel Med asst (5) threen corner from 1760 LAS For Parly Mr Freder Sty RNEA Jour S. R.S. MARC Subjected 1 RAR

(2) Tacks

(a) Phone 1 Thuck cay in hel lift. Henderen un allated canon ni belong/ort.

(6) Baholo ein meller of accord. Marie 2.

(1) Phages 3, 4 and 5. Reserve . Recent lands on order.

e. A Cong

(a) Remouning conden control

(d) tender comot from 1700 Ars 13 Sep.

(c) linder come from 1700 has 13 Sept enacted committee fit BUSTER

(a) denous could for nor from BIEN HOM to SEN CAT

(e) leaven comes for mor poor BLEN HOM to LZ BUSTER

MEC Med asot

FOO Rown 16 + Freed Blig R. NE. A April 5B5 Metacaners policeman.

FAC -CERRON (-) USAF Verlagoretta 1 RAR.

I APC TO

Morph (-) PRASE det RAP IRAR red Si RHENTE LADORA AQ6.

(2) Tasks

- (a) Rulemmany and March. Ready to mor at 0800 hrs 14 Jap, More on order Antes, from BIEN NOA to LZ BUSTER on route defauled on Amner O. On consider GEN CAT, chamment and release I ADC to to render come of its armed Con contens brat GR 736332 open to APE. If he not open more my foot to LI BUSTER you arrival LE BUSTER IRAR of Act in position receive hit einer comme or Harbon, Bridge of on everyone LZ remainder PRAR in forest occupy housener one a an allocated
- (4) Alanco 2, Bains of Parist section in arran A, Bann C

- 1. Mor Re
 - (1) MFCs with B, C, and & Coys.
 - (2) Under comet & Cay for more BIEN HOP to auca LZ BUSTER. Auc reverts to come Ben AID.
 - (3) Tears. Sp Bu partol activity within TROR 11/65.
- 9. Asle Par Fil
 - (1) Georgeny. Classer comos OC Markon party for more BRENI HOA to area L'Z BUSTER. Reverts to come Ba Ha on arrival.
 - (2) Tesses
 - (a) const in referen Bu barbon area, to ince prop C Pana RAD Concerned they
 - (6) Rente opening and development.
 - (1) Res for bus area and avel on request to assist ings for leverted pleasure arrandourse.
 - (d) To opening. I have To for prolection and rente opening.
- . Anti Tank Pl
 - (1) Mores as part Bon Ma Gp.
- (2) Teals
 - (a) Revection In MG.
 - (6) Escont constier.
- 1. I APC TO
- (1) Georging. Under council & Cay for more BIEN HOA BEN CAT. To under Corner D/16 acoust Coy if bor not open. Reverso to come IRAR on or opening (Brat 736 332)
- (2) Teroles
 - (a) Rosett opening.
 - (b) Resuppers.
 - (1) Consevar.
- (3) are hacks to carry two plants PSP.
- 4. Arly.
 - (1) Georging. For parties initially with B, C, and D Cogs. BC with the AO.
- (2) Tacko. Fine Sp la ber partol achielly in TADR 11/65. DES for ambrios to be notified as nown as practicable.

A Air

- (1) FAC kan (-) USAF water comed à Cas on road more BIEN MOR -BEN CAT, reverts le comes Bar NQ on arrival LZ BUSTER.
 - (2) Air OP aval 0630 1530 hrs daily.
 - (3) Air shike on call during road and hel more.

m. Co-evol Inshs

(1) Harbon Parly

(a) Como 210 1RAR.

(6) Composition 21°C, sig, barban. ADC 40 (VER HI)

Asel Par pe (vers SPI, SP2)

form reps each rifle coy }

three reps sp coy

But HG, new penely

Som HG, new penely

- (1) tionings. Ready & more four loc 2/503 Bon 0615 hrs 14 Sep.
- (d) Tasks
 - (a) March LZ BUSTER with 2/503 Bm.
 - (5) Riece and ests Ber Acupen.
 - (1) arrange genouing on arrival of subunit by hel or road.

(2) Road More

- (a) Cornol Oc d Coy.
 - (6) Composition. D' Coy as grouped for more
 - (c) Fevers an accepanced in para
 - (4) Timings Reactly to deposit 1RAR area at 0800 hrs 14 Sep 65.

(3) Air more

- (a) Co-ord acept report SNAKE PIT 0945 An 14 Sep 65.
- (4) order of more. A Coy, But Ma Gp, B Coy, C Coy
- (1) Timings. Ready to more at 15 mins notice from 0800 Ms 14 Sep.

(d) Emburing area. Sp Cay Kikden.

- (e) Departement au held. BIEN HOM (SNAKE PIT)
- (f) anival anguer. LZ BUSTER.

(9) Manning. Tper UH-10. 6 pm UH-18.

(h) Blanned departure time 1015 hrs 14 sep. This contact be accelerated

- (4) Bormaunes, Sectors, areas annex P
- (5) Route of road more CPs. annex Ce (To below)
- (6) Patrolling
 - (a) Normal procedures apply except when corps more through foreign sections.
 - (6) But the will coold steending perhots on D day.
 - (e) on d+1 more asp after prise light.
 - (d) Ambure posas are the within mor range.
 - (c) Posas to be whitein to Bon Ha with DF requirements.
 - (1) timings.
 - 1. Phase 1. as detailed
 - is Phouse 2. Coys mady to more from 0800 hrs D+4
 - III Pheese 3 Corps ready to more from 0 800 hrs D+6.
- (7) Rules of Engagement SOP.
- (8) Digging SOP
- (9) Recognition SOP.
- (10) Sandrags. Then to comy four sandlags.
- (11) ano 50P.
- (12) VCC . SOP.
 - (13) Smoke SOP.
 - (14) Rear avec. .
 (a) Comd. 210 1RAR. In his absence Oc admin Coy.
 - (b) Coord: conference 1400 hrs 14 5ep Ben CP.
- A accomin and Log
 - a Ratems. Ins clays C rate per man, on days energency
 - b. Walir (1) two couliers force
 - (2) Apec carry piet complement.
 - (3) veas to carry max water
 - (4) Mise Brance fillies and steerling tablets to be carried.
 - c. Perol. PP ests BEN CAT. position to be assured.

JECKET

+ Mea

- (1) RAP to more with unit
 - (a) RMO and and by hel
 - (b) AMI with dur and and with I cry was more
- (2) RAP remains open BIEN HOA
- (3) Evacuation. Direct to RAP him to Bac AS at BEN CAT by road or hel . Emergency HICKORY SMOKE hel on request if LZ aval. Request on Bar net SOP.
- 9. Admin seec. Mares with Buttle.
 - L. Meal. Lunch meal aval at SNAKE PIT a IRAR at 1100 hrs 14 Sep in case of bold.
 - j. IRAR LOC esto. Representature at PIERSON FIELD

5) Could & sig

a) Bu 110

Location D. Day to 0+1 area LZ BUSTER

b) Lignals

1) Radio

a) codes: So I even 25-8, KAC code HE 737 and authentication for Sep 65 are in effect.

6) Radio diagram: Annex c' SoPs

c) Netting: Bu substations are to not at 14060 H They are to remain on trobening water during the op mice out mov.

a) Refle wy hine: Each right way is to comy a nominam of 2 Rel unit ce 11 filled with CE 8.10. Coys are to lay line to Bu 40 during a Bu Harborn.

5) Bu 40 due Buner D. SOPS

2) Sig-ple: Sig ple is to carry 1. despenses of cable

C) NICKNAMES

A Cay	Block ruckna	Clay	2009	BN HQ
MONEY LENDER SPECIAL ORIGIN CAMP ZONE SHOW LASE SOIL CORROSION STAMP ALBUM TINNED APPLE SODA POP LIMK BELT LAWN BOWL	SCOUT PLANE QUICK ROOK BALL POINT PAPER MASTE RUGGER BALL STAMP DAD BEER MOLE WIDE BAND BRASS KEY DOOR KNOB	ROUND ROCK GUN POINT PAPER CLIP RUSTY FUZE PRESSURE PLATE PRICE TAG ORDINGE CROP NEGATIVE POLE FACE FORM CRUM PLED PAPER	WHITER TAP HOT COAL RATOR BLADE MINIT LEAUES	PLASTIC COUE

SECRET

2) Tac NICR names

SERIAL	NICK HAME	MEANING	Issued By
1	FILTER PLANT	BEN CAT GR 741331	
2.	GRAPH SHEET	Rd Junction GR 729339	
3.	FRUIT CAKE	Rd Junition GR 720 369	
4.	RAIDERS HOLE	4.ellow Church GR 722364	
6.	Bus LOAD	Rd Junction GR 7046644	
6.	CHEAP METAL	BRIDGE at GR 736332	
7.	FULL FORWARD	moving or to move	the mount of ordered
8.	STARTING BLOCK	Resupply despolaned from	Loc/Bu HQ
9.	RIVER DELTA	or Parist Base	Coy
10.	BROKEN TABLE	Booby haps	
1/	LORD CURY	oun wounded	
12	BOND STREET	own killed	

- Que is to be at 1100 his for the complete priced of the op.
- e) Synchionization

 95 to be given by the SWBD at 140700 H

F) Pour o origin

A. A.	
NAME OF:	Cal.
CAR	6546
GIRL	6539
DAY	7437
MUONTH	7342
804	7050
RIVER	8050
CITY	80 40

SECRET

Charles and the Colon of the

SECRET -10-

9) Passwoods

SERIAL	DATE/TIME	CHALLENGE	PASSWOLD
1.	131200 - 141200	PUNCH	RABBIT
2.	141200-151200	Quick	RECEASE
3.	15 1200 - 16/200	RAPID	RYTHM
4.	161200 - 171200	LAST	RITUAL
5.	171200 - 181200	2057	LOUE
6.	181200 - 191200	WILD	WINTER
7.	191200 - 201200)	
8	201200-211200	(TO BE 1	SS HED MAHEN RECEIVED
9.	22/200 - 23/200		
<i>1</i> 0.	23/2 00 - 24/200	.,)	
11.	1SE ALTERNATIVE	SLIP	RISER
12.	2 nd ALTERHATIVE	SAD	MAN
/3	399 ALTERNATIVE	USRITINIA	INK

I. R. W. BRUMFIELD.

CO IRAR.

ACK

Annexes

D - Locs, Areas, Sectors.

12 - Route actail.

Distr

AM

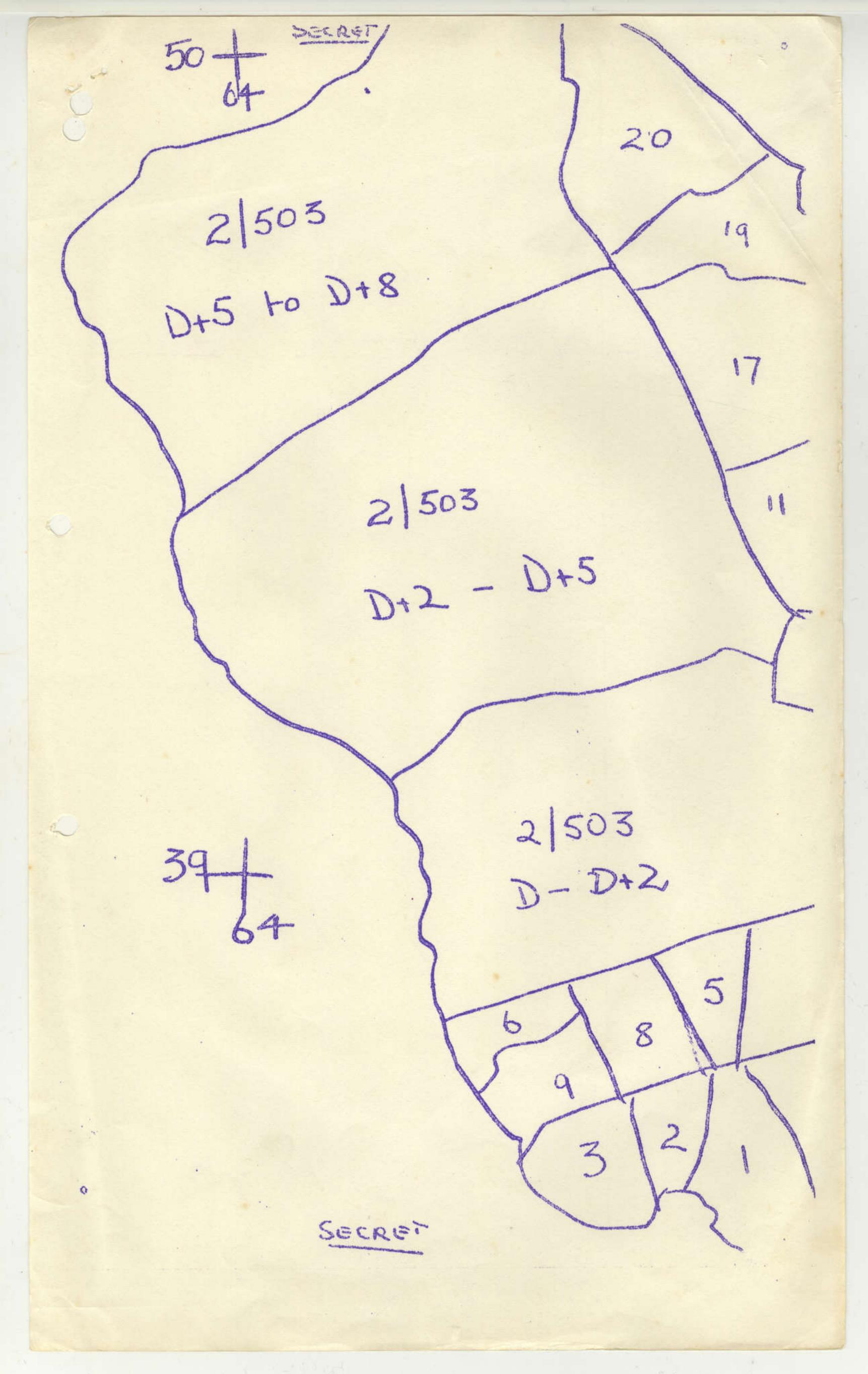
Awkentication & Buch

De Sp Con, 1RAR

DECKET

DISTR

		COPY NO	COPY NO
A .	COPY NUMBER	ANNOX P	ANNEX OL
A cox		404	to follow)
Beay	2	· ·	NIA-
d Cay	3	et-	400
Sp cov	5		-
Adnesia Corp	6-8	alter-	
Mor M.	9		*
Aslt Par Mx	10		2
Aprile Force Pet			3
Sigs Me			280-
	12		
I APC TO	13	-	4
Co	1 AL		5
210	15	-	6
OC Sjo Coy	16		7
Asce Acut	17	**	430-
Aajt	18	No.	No.
10	19	-	8
RSM	20		9
Comols Diary	21	1.	10
173 AB Bon (8	Cep) 22-23	2-3	-
1/503	24	Lyd	_
2/503	25-	5	-
3/319	26	6	4,000
AAFV	27	7	11
CP	.28	44-	12



Appendix W to War Diany
1RAR SUN MAT

Copy No
Hq 173d Abn Bde (Sep)
Bien Hoa, RVN
131200H Sep 65
FLB

Corrections and additions to OPORD 24-65

- 1. The following corrections are to be made to OPORD 24-65:
- vic XT 725350. Page 2, para c(1). Change LZ vic XT 725250 to read LZ BUSTER
- b. Page 3, para d (2). Change coordinates XT 725250 to read XT 725350.
- c. Annex D (Sequence of Events), item 13, change coordinates XT 745380 to read XT 775420.
 - d. Annex G (Route Strip Map):
 - (1) Add coordinates XT 007135 as SP.
- (2) Delete route along CP "C" thru "F". Add new route beginning from CP "B" down highway #1 thru CP at 978080 to 937030. Turn right at 937030; follow road to RJ at Cho Go Dua (901017), go North to Lai Thieu (862056), continue North on highway 13 to Bung (852099), turn left and continue to CP "G" at Phu Cu'ong (811140). Continue along road to Ben Cat. No change to CP's "G" to "M".
 - 2. Add the following challenge and passwords which will be effective in the operational area during the execution of OFCED 24-65 only:

PERIOD	CHALLENGE	PASSWORD
141200 - 151200 151200 - 161200 161200 - 171200 171200 - 181200 181200 - 191200 191200 - 201200 201200 - 211200 211200 - 221200 221200 - 231200 231200 - 241200 241200 - 251200	DANCE CIGARETTE SPORT FRUIT TREE BIRD CAR BOY GIRL SODA WEATHER	Name of any DANCE Name of any CIGARETTE Name of any SPORT Name of any TREE Name of any BIRD Name of any CAR Name of any CAR Name of any GIRL Name of any SODA or POP Name of any WEATHER (i.e., Rain, Snow, etc.)

Alternates: GUM = Any GUM

RELIGION = Any RELIGION

Acknowledge

WILLIAMSON Brig Gen

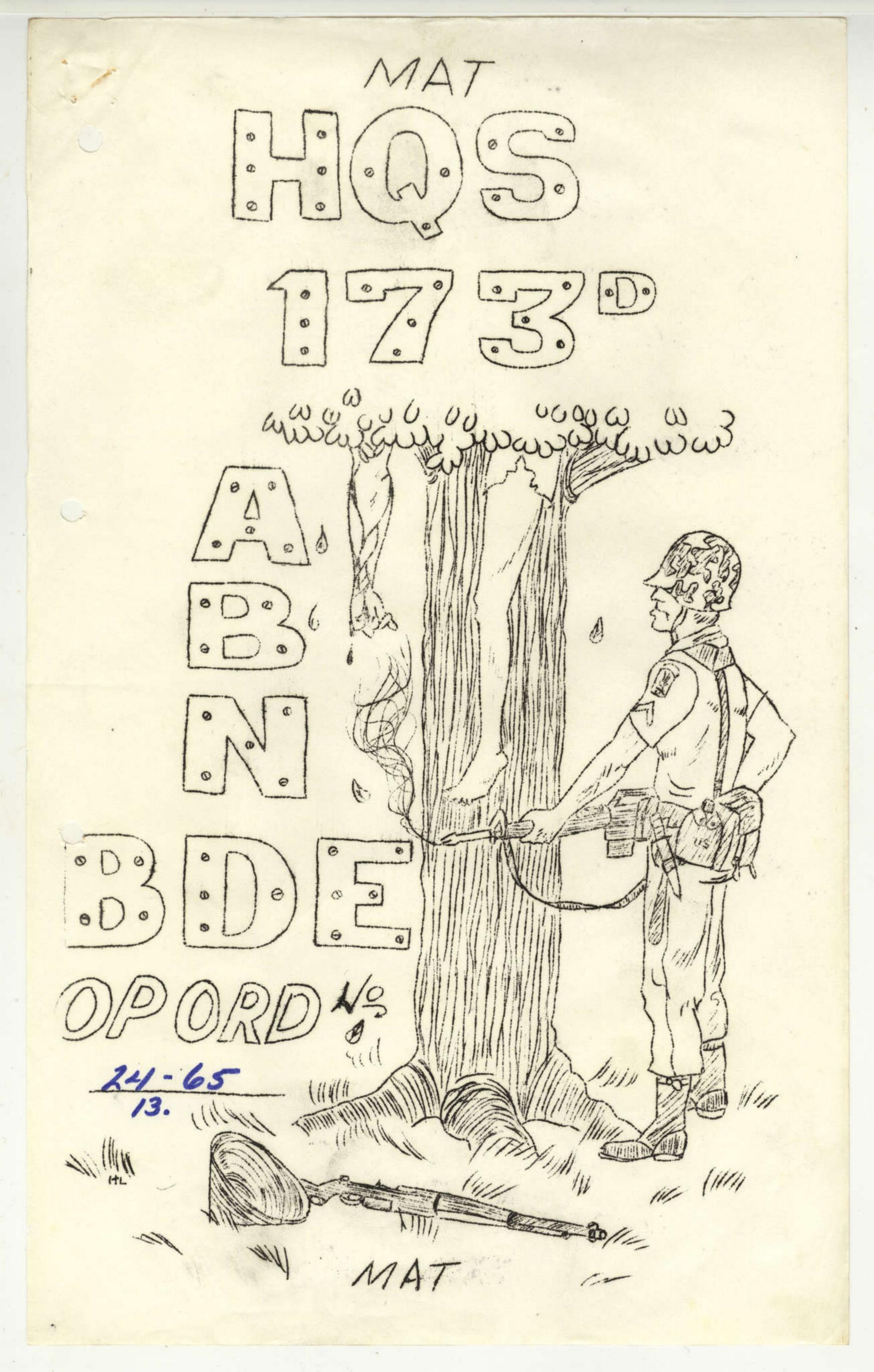
Distribution: Annex Z

OFFICIAL:

MAT

penais the Son

EDWARDS T



Mag. 1734 Abn Bae (Sep)
Bien Hon, RVN
120600H Sept 65
FLB

OPORD 24-65

References: Maps, 1/50,000, RWN, Sheets: 6344-I,II,III&IV; 6345-II & III; 6244-I & II

Time Zone: MONEY

TASK ORGANIZATION:

TF IY. In

1/503d Inf RRU leam 2 Vietnamese Police Engr leam

7 /RAR

TF BRUMFIELD

1/RAR 2 Vietnamese Police

TF DEXTER

2/503d Inf
E/17th Gav
D/16th Armor
Arty Btry
Engr Plat
RRU Team
2 Vietnamese Police
Arty Recon Party
Bde TOC

TF SURUT

3/319th Arty (-)
Btry (-) (155 How) 8/6 Arty
161 Btry (RNZA)
RRU Team (Mobile)
HHC (-) w/security force
provided by Admin Co
Engr Team & Water Point
Maint Contact Team

TF STAIGERS

173d Spt Bn 1/503 (REAR) 2/503 (REAR) 3/319 (REAR) 1/RAR (REAR) HHC (REAR) D/16 (REAR) E/17 (REAR) Engr Co (-) Admin Co (-)

1. SITUATION:

- a. Enemy (Annex B Intelligence)
- b. Friendly:
- (1) Four airborne battalions from the ARVN Airborne Brigade and elements of 5th Inf Div (ARVN) will conduct operations in adjacent TAOR (East of Highway 13).
- (2) ARVN forces, III Corps (ARVN), secure bridges and critical points along Highway 13 from Phu Cuong (XT 8114) to Ben Cat (XT 7433).
 - (3) U.S. Air Force provides air support to 173d Abn Bde (Sep).
- (4) 145th Avn Bn provides direct support aircraft to 173d Abn Bde (Sep).

This document is regraded CONFIDENTIAL after October 31st and may be destroyed. No certificates of destruction required by this headquarters.

MAT is a Vietnamese classification equivalent to SECRET and will be handled accordingly. MIAT

- (5) U.S. Air Force provides B-52 bomb strikes in designated areas.
- c. Attachments: 2nd Bde, 1st Inf Div, attaches one btry (-) 155 How to 173d Abn Bde (Sep) effective D-1.
- 2. MISSION: 173d Abn Bde (Sep) conducts search and destroy operations in TAOR 24-65 commencing 140630H Sept 65, to find, fix, and destroy Viet Cong forces, supplies, and equipment; to disrupt plans for employment of strong VC forces in the area North and Northwest of Ben Cat; additionally, this operation is to assist in the secure introduction of elements of the 1st Infantry Division beginning in early October.

3. EXECUTION:

- a. Concept of Operations: 173d Abn Bde (Sep) conducts search and destroy operations in five (5) phases:
- (1) Phase I: 173d Abn Bde (Sep) moves by a combination of motor convoy and belicopter to TAOR 24-65 commencing 140630H Sept 65. Order of introduction to be TF DEXTER; TF SURUT, TF BRUMFIELD and TF TYLER. TF SURUT will move entirely by road.
- (2) Phase II: Occupation of initial objective areas and establishment of patrol bases (Annex A Operations Overlay).
- (3) Phase III: Conduct of saturation patrolling (15-20 small patrol daily in each area.
- (4) Phase IV: Movement of patrol bases and conduct of saturation patrolling in successive areas, forcing the VC to either depart from the area or stay and fight in order to remain there. Eagle Flights, aerial surveillance, and ground patrols will be conducted in the Northern portion of the TAOR during the period D+6 to D+8 as directed.
 - (5) Phase V: Movement from TAOR to Bien Hoa on order.

b. TF TYLER:

- (1) Move by helicopter to LZ DOLLY on order. (Tentative time 1220 hours).
 - (2) Move to initial area of operation and establish base.
 - (3) Conduct saturation patrolling.
- (4) Vehicles will move with TF DEXTER to Ben Cat and proceed with E/17th Cav to LZ DOLLY.

c. TF DEXTER:

- (1) Move by both motor convoy commencing 140630H Sept 65 and helicopter. Elements moved by motor convoy will proceed to LZ vic XT 725250. Landing zone will be secured to permit introduction of the remainder of task force by helicopter. Plan on initial lift 0930 hrs.
- (2) Upon completion of helicopter movement, task force will move North to initial area of operation and prepare for conduct of saturation patrolling on D+1. Task force must be clear of LZ prior to arrival of TF BRUMFIELD.
- (3) E/17th Cav reverts to Bde control upon arrival in Ben Cat and proceeds directly to East and secures LZ DOLLY for introduction of TF TYLER.

NIHT

1.1AT

- (4) D/16th Armor reverts to Bde control upon arrival in Ben Cat.
- (5) Arty Recon Party and Arty Btry reverts to control of TF SURUT upon reaching Ben Cat, occupies position East of Ben Cat vic 7533 and provides fire support.
- (6) Bde TOC will be released upon arrival at Ben Cat and will move East of Ben Cat to establish Bde CP.

c. TF SURUT:

- (1) Move by motor convoy commencing 140830H Sept 65 to Ben Cat.
- (2) Occupy area East of Ben Cat and assume responsibility for organization of defense of this area.
- (3) Provide direct support fire. Priority of fire to TF DEXTER initially. Order of introduction of manuever battalions will be 2/503 followed by 1/RAR and then 1/503.
- (4) Arty Btry attached to TF DEXTER for conduct of their movement will be released at Ben Cat.
- (5) HHC (-) will be released from attachment upon arrival in area East of Ben Cat.

d. TF BRUMFIELD:

- (1) Move motor convoy elements commencing 140900H Sept 65, to Ben Cat.
- (2) Proceed North to secure same LZ used for introduction of TF DEXTER vic XT 725250. Time for initiation of movement of remainder of TF by helicopter will be based on time this LZ is secured. Plan on an initial lift at 1015 hours, second lift 1130 hours.
- (3) Establish patrol base and prepare for conduct of saturation patrolling.

e. TF STAIGER:

- (1) Provide a Maint Contact Team to be attached to TF SURUT.
- (2) Assume operational control of all units and elements of the brigade not being deployed.
- (3) Assume responsibility for establishment of local security of unit areas utilizing units and unit rear detachments remaining in Bien Hoa. Coordinate with CO, 2nd Brigade, 1st Inf Div, who assumes responsibility of overall defense of the Brigade TAOR effective 141300 Sept 65.
 - f. HHC (-) attached: Security force from Admin Co.
- (1) Establish command post complex upon release from attachment to TF SURUT at Ben Cat.
 - (2) Coordinate defense of command post area with CO, TF SURUT.

g. D/16th Armor:

(1) Upon release of attachment from TF DEXTER, move to and occupy defensive position East of Ben Cat.

igh and definese plant attachment from TF DOLLY.

(2) Coordinate location and defrance plan with CO, TF SURUT.

h. E/17th Cavalry:

- (1) Upon release of attachment from TF DEXTER, move directly NE on Highway 13 to secure 12 DOLLY.
 - (2) Escort TF TYLER's vehicles to LZ DOLLY.
- (3) Upon completion of task at LZ DOLLY return to area East of Ben Cat.
- (4) Coordinate location and organization for defense of area with CO, TF SURUE.

i. Engr Co (--):

- (1) Antach water purification unit to TF SURUT.
- (2) Attach Engr Flat capable of repairing bridge, XT 737332 to TF DEXTER for movement by motor convoy.
 - (3) Repair bridge ASAP after area is secured.
- (4) Upon completion of task move to area East of Ben Cat (vic Bde GP).
 - j. Admin Go: Attach security force to HHC (-) for movement.
 - k. Coordinating instructions:
- (1) Units will limit vehicles taken to objective area to an absolute minimum based on guidance previously given.
- (2) All drivers will be given instructions relative to the action they must take upon reaching Ben Cat (to avoid traffic congestion).
- (3) Only $\frac{1}{4}$ ton vehicles will use bridge at XT 737332. Engr Plat will repair bridge ASAP. Until repair is accomplished those vehicles belonging to TF DEXTER and TF BRUMFIELD which are larger than $\frac{1}{4}$ ton truck must be moved to area East of Ben Cat. Vehicles will remain in holding area. Units will be notified when the repair is completed and vehicles can rejoin their units.
- (4) Air cap will be provided during movement by road and also during introduction of units into LZ's by helicopters.
- 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: (Annex F Administration and Logistics).
- 5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:
 - a. Units will select and report CP locations.
 - b. Aerial relay will be available.
- c. CP will remain this location until CP (Forward) is in position and has established communications. Location of CP (Forward) East of Ben Cat. Exact coordinations TBA.

11/1/

d. Current SOI in effoct.

Acknowledge

WILLIAMSON Brig Gen

٠. ٠ .. ١

Annexes:

A - Operation Overlay

B - Intellirence

C - Avlabian

D . Sequence of Events

E . Fire Support

F - Administration and Logistics

G - Route Overlay (Strip Map)

H - Y - Not Used

. Z - Distribution

Distribution: Annox Z

OFFICIAL:

IN THE PROPERTY

EDWARDS Bde S3

1717

Copy No.

Hq, 173d Abn Bde (Sep)
Bien Hoa, RVN
120600 Sep 65
FLB

Annex B (Intelligence) to OPCRD 24-65

Reference: Maps, Vietnam 1:50,000 Series L701 Sheets 6344 I, II, III, IV, 6345 II & III, 6245 II, 6244 I & II

MACV J2 Intelligence Estimate Ben Cat - Phuoc Vinh

1.(5) SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION: The town of Ben Cat is located South of known Viet Cong routes of East-West movement for both troops and supplies between War Zone "C" and War Zone "D". The area Southwest of Ben Cat bounded by coordinates XT 670305 East to XT 730315 South to XT 745218 West to XT 685250 and North to XT 670305 is known as the "Iron Triangle" and is a known Viet Cong base and supply area. The VC control the area around Ben Cat. They frequently set up road blocks on route 13 North from Ben Cat and have been reported to use the rubber plantations as sources of supply. The population around Ben Cat is considered pro-VC. Attached as Appendix 1 is a list of Viet Cong units known to have operated in the Ben Cat area and their last known locations. The Viet Cong have the capability to mass within 7 days 3 and possibly 4 Main Force regiments, with either 9 or 12 battalions organic to the 3 regiments, 6 Main Force Battalions, one local force Battalion and 6 local companies for a total of approximately 10,000 men. The VC are equipped with 75mm pack howitzers 57 & 75 RR, 60,81, 82, and possibly 120mm mortars in addition to the new family of ChiCom 7.62 (short round) weapons. They have 50 cal and 12.7 caliber AA weapons. The VC use vehicles in this area to transport troops.

2. (C) EEI and OTHER INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS:

a. EET

- (1) What is the location, disposition, and strength of Viet Cong forces in the area?
 - (2) What is the identity of enemy forces in the area?
 - (3) What are the enemies intentions?

b. Other intelligence requirements

- (1) Where is the VC Ben Cat District Base located?
- (2) Are there any PAVN or Chinese forces operating in the area?
- (3) Does the enemy forces in the area possess good 50 cal AA weapons?
 - (4) What is the enemies artillery caliber and capability?
 - (5) Are units designated C800 & COO and Phu Loi related or are they one and the same?
 - (6) What is the enemies morale?
 - (7) What casualties has the enemy suffered recently?

Annex B (Intelligence) to OPORD 24-65

- (8) Where are the VC supply points located?
- (9) Where along route 13 do VC habitually establish mines, ambushes and taxation sites?
- (10) What is the VC's movement capability under varying conditions?
- (11) Report location, base areas, strength, movement, disposition, fortifications, heavy weapons of the units last reported at the locations indicated in Appendix 1.
- 3. (U) ORDERS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION: All units will report immediately all enemy contact to include answers to EEI and Other Intelligence Requirements.
- 4. (C) MISCELLANEOUS: Viet Cong Captives (VCC) will be evacuated to the Viet Cong Captive Collection Point (VCCCP) (Location to be announced) by the most expeditious means.
- a. Viet Cong Captive tags will indicate any hostile action taken against friendly forces by that VCC and whether that VCC was armed when captured.
- b. VCC will be treated in accordance with the Geneva Convention and the rules of land Warfare.
 - c. Captured documents and material:
- (1) All captured documents, or groups of documents captured in one general location will be tagged to include date/time place of capture and capturing unit and evacuated to the VCCCP
- (2) Documents captured with VCC will be evacuated by the guard evacuating that VCC. The tag will indicate the name or number of the VCC and the date/time and place of capture.
- (3) Documents taken from VC KIA or medically evacuated WIA will be so indicated on the tag, and will be evacuated to the VCCCP.
- (4) Captured munitions larger than small arms ammunition will be photographed, the markings recorded, and destroyed. Munitions of an unusual nature will be made safe and evacuated to the VCCCP.
- (5) All captured material which can be evacuated will be sent by the most expeditious means to the VCCCP. Material too large or cumbersome to be evacuated will be photographed and destroyed.
- d. Requests for maps and aerial photography may be submitted verbally to Brigade S2.
 - e. Counterintelligence.
- (1) Only authorized signs and countersigns and authorized codes will be used.
 - (2) Friendly information will not be transmitted in the clear.
- (3) Rear areas and tactical CP's will be inspected prior to departure to insure no classified information or information of value to the enemy is left behind unattended.

Annex B (Intelligence) to OPORD 24-65

- (4) Individuals will only carry their ID card, drivers license, shot record, and Geneva Genvention card on their person. All other personal papers will be seft in the base area. Personal funds may be carried at the individuals discretion.
- (5) Individuals will be briefed on a need to know basis only and the operation will be discussed only with authorized personnel.
- (6) Reports of rumors and loose talk will be submitted to the Brigade S2.
- (7) Compromise of signs and countersigns will be reported to Brigade S2 immediately.
- (8) Loss or possible compromise of classified information or material will be reported to the Brigade S2 immediately.
- f. An INTSUM for the entire operation will be submitted by battalions and separate companies participating within 48 hours of closing into the base camp at Bien Hoa.
 - g. Intelligence Attachments and Detachments
- (1) Det 1, 3rd RRU will attach one mobile team each to the 1/503, 2/503 and 3/319. Reports will be submitted to the Brigade S2 as required.
 - (2) 172nd Military Intelligence Detachment
 - (a) Attachments
 - (1) Attached II Section 73d Avn Co
 - (2) Attached Section 704 CI Co (2 personnel)
 - (3) Attached Combat Photography Section MACV (3 personnel)
 - (4) Attached Technical Intelligence Team MACV (2 personnel)
 - (5) Attached IPW Section MACV (1 U.S. 2 ARVN)
- (b) II Section with attachments; will remain at Bien Hoa to move on call to forward CP.
 - (c) OB Section will remain at Bien Hoa
- (d) IPW Section with attachments will move with Brigade S2 Section.
- (e) CI Section with attachments a will remain at Bien Hoa to move on call to forward CP.
- (f) Technical Intelligence attachments will remain at Bien Hoa to move on call to forward CP.
- (g) Combat Photographers will be attached one each to 1/503, 2/503 and E/17th Cavalry.
- Exposed film will be sent to the Brigade S2 as a role is finished. All exposed film not turned in during the operation will be turned in to the Brigade S2 as soon as a unit closes into Bien Hoa.
- i. Extreme caution will be taken in the recovery of enemy material and equipment to avoid ambushes and booby traps.

Annex B (Intelligence) to OPORD 24-65

Natural lines of drift are to the south for E & E. j. Exercise extreme caution during E & E as civilians in the area are pro-VC ACKNOWLEDGE:

> WILLIAMSON Brig Gen

2 Appendicies

1. OB 2. II Analysis

DISTRIBUTION: Same as OPORD 24-65

OFFICIAL:

Appendix 1 (Order of Battle) to Annex B (Intelligence) to UPORD 24-65

The following are the latest reported locations of Viet Cong forces in the area or within reinforcing distance of the area.

MAIN FORCE REGIMENTS:

GP	271 ((Formerly	9763.)	XT	4858
GP	272 (Formerly	9762)	YT	0583
GP	273 ((Formerly	7763)	YT	2852
			302 Regt)	XT	8271

SEPARATE UNITS:

C900 Bn (Main Force)	XT 7046
D800 Bn (Main Force)	YT 2805
C800 Bn (Main Force)	YT 0040
F15 Bn (Main Force)	Tay Ninh Province
Phu Loi Bn (Local Force)	XT 9030
87th Bn (Main Force)	XT 6523

LOCAL FORCE COMPANIES:

C 61 Co	XT 7030
C 62 Co	XT 7931
C 304 Co	XT 7545
C 306 Co	XT 7545
C 308 Co	Binh Duong Province

Main Force Heavy Weapons Battalions. These battalions are organic to U8O Artillery Regiment. This regiment is located in War Zone "C" however its battalions are attached out to Main Force Regiments.

Z35	XT 6845
Z37	XT 3869
239	XT 5163
241	XT 9070
Z43	XT 1458
Z45	No Location

ACKNOWLEDGE

WILLIAMSON Brig Gen

DISTRIBUTION: Same as OPORD 24-65

OFFICIAL

MULLEN S2

KIN

Appendix 2 (Imagery Interpretation Report) to ANNEX B (Intelligence) to OPORD 24-65

IMMEDICATE IMPOSED INTERPRETATION REPORT

MISSION DATA:

MISSION NR DATE PRONE NR F/L ALTITUDE SCALE TYPE COVERAGE TOT 3347 30 Aug 65 149-221 36" 15.000 1:5,000 BDA 1200

LOCATION: OPORD Area

AREA COVERED: XT698375, XT698255, XT817375, XT817255

MAP REFERENCE: 6344 III, 6344 IV, 1:50,000, L701

LAST COVERAGE: 21 JUN 65 ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: 4 SEP 65

SUMMARY: This mission was flown as a bomb damage analysis of target #3B606A. Overcast permitted minimum conditions for detailed interpretation of the resulting coverage. Comparative coverage from 21 Jun 65 and 4 Sep 65 revealed the following:

- I. General Terrain Description Flat to gently rolling with marshy areas as indicated on the map. This area is equally divided between rice paddies, plantations, and rainforest vegetation. No natural obstacles exist except the Song Saigon, and Song Thi Tinh rivers which cut through the area.
 - a. Roads and trails have been cut and interdicted heavily.
 - b. Possible locations of foxholes and/or AW sites were noted along roads, trails, road intersections, and along tree lines covering cleared areas which could serve as LZs.
 - c. Throughout the area west of Rt 13 no cultural activity was noted, whereas the area east of Rt 13 indicated some cultural activity.
 - d. Numerous well traveled trails exist throughout the area which are not mapped, as well as the fortified hamlets and strong points indicated.
 - e. Numerous grave sites were also noted throughout the area.

II. Military Aspects:

- a. Critical Terrain Town of Ben Cat.
- b. Observation and Fire Favors the defender covering routes, and open areas from surrounding forward slopes of elevated terrain.
- c. Cover and Concealment Good cover from direct fire exists, however, concealment is poor in the open areas, and along routes to good along the vegetated slopes of elevated terrain.
- d. Obstacles All obstacles noted are easily bypassed by foot troops, and vehicles.
- e. Avenues of Approach Generally from the north, north along Rt 13, and southeast to northwest along unmarked highway.

KIN . = ...

Appendix 2 (Imagery Interpretation Report) to ANNEX B (Intelligence) to OPORD 24-65

The following items were extracted from scrtie:

T4 35- 103 35	Co. Minara de Co.	The second section is a second
Item Mr. Photo Mr.	UCOTOLINA UUS	Fescription
1 149 & 150	X269002610	Road outs
2 157	X2731j02625-731j0261j6	Road interdicted.
3 157	X173422656-73422675	Road infordicted.
4 157	X173602700-73352721	Road intendicted.
5 157	X3733332725-73322735	Road interdicted.
6 157	X173232561	Possible forbele in clearing 200 meters west of road.
7 157	XT73352599 Center mass	(3) Mortholes off west side of
		road approx 50 meters.
8 157	XT73202653 Center mass	Apprex (12) possible foxholes
		off west side of road 175 mtrs.
9 157	XT73302713 Center mass	(2) possible foxholes in a
		olearing approx 50 mtrs west of read.
10 159	XT75002672	Destroyed triangular strong
		polat.
11 166	XT78002696	Friendly, linear-type fortified
	TEMPERATORIO A L	hamlet along Et 13.
12 166 13 168	XT77712750 Center mass XT78552800-78602795	Millitary triangular strongpoint. Approx: (15) possible foxholes
72 700	A110552000-10002155	along dist reads
14 150	XT70273004	Possible AW position at trail
		intersection.
15 151	XT71252890	Possible AW position at trail
7/ 7/0	VM23 C00880	intersection. Possible foxhole along corner
16 152	XT71592880	of trail.
17 154	XT72052975	Possible AW position north of
		trail intersection.
18 154	XT72242880	Possible AV position on north
		edge of woods, south of dirt
19 154	XT72302865	Possible AW position on adge
1) 1)4	ATTESOLOGS	or clantation north of dirt
		trail
20 155	XT72673000	Road cut.
21 155	XT72733035	Road cuts
22 155	XT72753055	Road out.
23 155 24 155 25 156	XT72763065	Road out.
24 155	XT72773075	Road out.
25 156	XT72753010-72813045	Mumerous foxholes and a few
		possible AW positions covering bypass of road.
26 156	XT72582960-72782930	Read interdicted.
	XT72782930-72822914	Read interdicted and flooded.
27 156 28 156	XT72822914-72902928	Road interdicted.
29 155	XT72322965 Center mass	Possible canouflaged area.
30 155	XT72982875	Grave possibly used as AW
		position.
31 155	XT721402950	Possible AW position w/l fox-
20 260	VM747 C000C 367 C007C	hole.
32 162 33 164	XT76152885-76152875 XT76702950 Center mass	Possible trenches Occupied triangular strong
33 164	VIIOLOS DELIGET, HISS	point, just west of Rt 13.
34 166	XT77852985 Center mass	(2) ditches across trail.
34 166 35 166 36 168 37 168 38 169 39 169	XT78052815	Occupied AW position.
36 168	XT79102835	Footbridge, usable.
37 168	XT79082827	Trench.
38 169	XT769299	Trench.
	XT79013021	Trench.
40 172	XT69053100-7065149	Road interdicted.

Appencix 2 (Imagery Interpretation Report) to ANNEX B (Intelligence) to OPORD 24-65

Item Nr. Photo Nr.	Coordinates	Description
41 172	XT70303002	Possible foxhole at trail inter-
42 173	XT70753140-70803130-	section. Ditch around hamlet filled
43 174	70003100 XT70653149-71553175	Road interdicted.
44 175	XT71553175-71673180	Road interdicted.
45 177 46 177-178	XT72513180 XT71903180-72353174-	AW position. possible foxholes along north
	72653195	side of road.
47 177–178	XT72703201-72653195- 72703185	Foxholes along destroyed hamlet.
48 177	XT72953195	Possible AW position (Occupied) w/2 adjacent foxholes.
49 178	XT73273204	Road cut.
50 178	XT73203175	Possible AW position west of read bend.
51 178	XT73213155-72803083	Road interdicted
51 178 52 178	XT72903091	Possible camouflaged AW posi-
53 181	XT74853211-75132270	tion along east side of road. Road interdicted.
	XT76053157	Road possibly cut.
55 185	XT76662995-76703175	Road condition poor.
56 137-189	XT16903140-78373190	Road interdicted.
57 173 58 173 – 178	XT70023190 XT70153415-73183240	Possible AW position. Road interdicted every 500 mtrs.
59 179	XT73003390	Road cut.
60 182	XT755330	(6) emplacements (unoccupied)
61 182	XT754342	along south side of road, (3) possible mortar positions
61 182	A1154542	w/foxholes each side of trail.
62 191-192	XT79203320-79503322	Road interdicted.
63 192	XT79253305 Center mass	Fortified triangle west of road.
64 194 65 201	XT81153230 XT72993399	Road washed out. Road interdicted.
66 200	XT72553480-72403536	Destroyed hamlet, linear type
		surrounded by a ditch partially
67 206	XT74653485	filled w/water. Road cut middle of road.
68 207	XT75323596	(2) road blocks, cut through,
		easily bypassed by trails to
69 211	XT77653663	the right and left. (3) cuts across trail.
70 212	XT76853390-76853370	Bridge out, trail flooded.
71 212	XT76803505	(2) trenches in open area east
70 077	XT79133277	of trail. Road cut in center.
72 217 73 217	XT79133278	Possible AW position next to
		road cut.
74 217	XT79003280-79153275	Anti-vehicular ditches in line on each side of the road.
75 217	XT78783231-79303235	Road interdicted.
75 217 76 219	XT79853356-79503320	Road interdicted.
77 220 78 220	XT80553445 XT80173301	Road cut in center Possible camouflaged AW posi-
78 220	TOCTION	tion just at trail intersection.
79 220	XT80263401-80853365	Well traveled trail not on map.
80 220	XT80683465-80803475	Cuts in middle of road.
81 220 82 205	XT81153231 XT74253600-74653590	Bridge out. Trail interdicted.
83 205	XT74663585-74853583	(2) damaged bridges, passable
		only by foot.
84 206	XT75063653 XT76903620-77053610-	Bridge out. Possible foxholes at trail
85 211	77663699	intersections.
	KIN	
	_' '	

KIN

Appendix 2 (Imagery Interpretation Report) to ANNEX B (Intelligence) to OPORD 24-65

Item Nr.	Photo Nr.	Coordinates	Description
86	212	XT77853580	Possible fowholes at trail intersection.
8 7 88	212	XT78103506 XT78103565-78903615	Bridge out. Old forthfied hamlet.

Acknowledge:

WILLIAMSON Brig Gen

DISTRIBUTION: Same as OPORD 24-65

OFFICIAL

MULLEN S2

3

KIN

Hq, 173d Abn Ble (Sep)
Bien Hoa, RVN
120600H Sept 65
FLB

Annex C (Army Aviation) to OPORD 24-65

References: Same as OPORD 24-65

- 1. SITUATION:
 - a. Enemy: OPORD 24-65
 - b. Friendly: OPORD 24-65
- 2. MISSION: See OPORD 24-65
- 3. EXECUTION:
- a. Concept of Operations. 145th Avn Bn supports 173d Abn Bde OPORD 24-65 with five (5) airmobile companies (60 slicks) and necessary armed support and fixed wing support. Aviation Platoon 173d Abn Bde provides command and control and direct support helicopters and fixed wing radio relay.
 - b. 145th Avn Bn:
- (1) Provide sixty (60) slicks to airlift elements of TF DEXTER, TF BRUMFIELD and all of TF TYLER into landing zones vicinity Ben Cat.
- (2) Provide two (2) fire teams for convoy cover D-Day 0700 hours until 1500 hours.
- (3) Provide 24 hour Olf coverage for aerial FO and radio relay. Aerial FO 0700 1900, radio relay 1900 0700 D-Day through D+8.
 - c. Avn Platoon, 173d Abn Bde:
 - (1) Provide one C&C ship to CG, 173d Abn Bde.
 - (2) Provide two (2) U6A's for standby radio relay.
 - (3) Platoon (-) G.S.
 - d. Coordinating Instructions:
- (1) Plan 360 troops maximum per lift. Plan seven (7) troops per UH-1D and six (6) troops per UH-1B. Exact numbers of each type to be announced verbally D-1.
- (2) Staging area will be Bien Hoa Air Base. Unit DACO's meet pathfinder representative (Lt Wimberly) at Bien Hoa thirty minutes prior to loading time.
- (3) All aircraft entering TAOR 24-65 on other than planned airmobile assaults will contact Casper Control on 242.4 me for clear-ance from artillery and tactical air.
 - (4) Sequence of events for airmobile operation:

1

(a) D-Day 0730. Just high of The DEAL on standby as ready reaction force.

of TF DEXTER

(c) 0930 D-Day. Estimated time of arrival LZ at coord 725350 TF DEXTER.

of TF DEXISE and let elements of TF BRUMFIELD.

(a) 1015 D-Day. Estimated time of arrival at LZ at coord 725350.

of TF BRUMFIELD. Estimated time of departure of remainder

(a) 1130 D-Day. Estimated time of arrival LZ.

of TF TYLFR. Estimated time of departure first lift

(i) 1240 D. Day. Estimated time of arrival LZ DOLLY.

(j) 3.305 D-Day. Estimated time of departure 2d lift TYLER.

(k) 1325 D-Day. Estimated close TF 1/503 LZ DOLLY.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: See OPORD 24-65

5. COMMAND & SIGNAL

a. Signal: All Bde aircraft monitor 242.4 while in the TAOR.

b. Command OPORD 24-65.

Acknowledge

WILLIAMSON Brig Gen

Distribution: Annex Z

OFFICIAL:

the EDWARDS

Bde S3

Copy No Hq, 173d Abn Bde (Sep) Blen Hoa, RVN 120600H Sept 65 FLB

Annex D (Sequence of Events) to OPORD 24-65
D-Day H-Hour - 11:0630H September 1965
(Tentative - Subject to Change)

ITEM	DAY	DATE/TIME	EVENT
1	D-2	121600	Bde publishs OPORD 24-65
2	D~7.	231700	TF OPORDS Distributed
3	D-Day	140630	TF DEXTER (-) moves by motor convoy to v. (center coord) XT 685395
4	D-Day	140900	TFBRUMFIELD (-) move by convoy to vic center coord) XT 700360
5	D-Day	140910	1st lift TF DEXTER
6	D-Day	TF SURUT	TF SURUT moves by convoy to vic (center coord) XT 750340
7	D-Day	140930	2d lift - 40 personnel of TF DEXTER, 320 personnel TF BRUMFIELD
8	D-Day	11,10	3d lift - TF BRUMFIELD
9	D-Day	141220	4th lift - TF TYLER
10	D ala	141305	5th lift - TF TYLER
11	D-Day t	16 Sep 65	Occupation of initial areas and establishment of patrol bases
12	D+2	On order 16 Sep 65	TF DEXTER moves to vic (center coord XT 675435
13	D+3	On order 17 Sep 65	TF TYLER moves to vic (center coord) XT 745380
1)†	D+4	On order 18 Sep 65	TF BRUMFIELD moves to vic (center coord) XT 735430
15	D+5	On order 19 Sep 65	TF DEXTER moves to vic (center coord) XT 655470
16	D+6	On order 20 Sep 65	TF BRUMFIELD moves to vic (center coord) XT 720470
L7 .	D+7	On order 21 Sep 65	TF TYLER moves to vic (center coord) XT 765470

DAY

18

D+8 On order 22 Sep 65 TF move to Bien Hoa

Acknowledge

WILLIAMSON Brig Gen

Distribution: Annex Z (Distribution)

OFFICIAL

MAAT

Copy No HQ 173D ABN BDE (SEP) Blen Boa, RVN 120600H Sept 65 FLB

Annex E (Fire Support Plan) to OPORD 24-65

References: Same as OPORD 24-65

Time Zone: HOTEL

- 1. Situation: Same as OPORD 24-65.
- 2. Mission: 173d Abn Bde conducts search and destroy operations in assigned TACR commencing 140630H Sept 65, to find fix and destroy Viet Cong forces, supplies and equipment. (Annex A Corrations Overlay)
 - 3. Execution:
 - a. Concept of Operations:
 - (1) General: See OPORD 24-65
 - (2) Managuer: See OPORD 24-65
- (3) Wike Supports 3/319th with attachments (161 Btry, New Zealand and Btry C, 8/6 Arty) provide continuous fire support to 173d Abn Bde for duration of operations.
 - b. Air Support: TBA
 - c. Coordinating Instructions:
- (1) All fire missions will be approved by Bde FSCC.
- (2) FO's and LNO's maintain 24 hr radio contact on assigned nets.
- (3) LNO's provide a target list to Bn FDC ASAP on receipt of order designating Bn operational areas.
- (4) Bn FDC reproduce and distribute target lists of Bde TAOR.
- = (5) 3/319th provide Air Observers to Bde Avn Section to be airborne in OIF aircraft 0630 to 1830 hours daily. Conduct fire missions and net as relay for Artillery às required.
 - 4. Admin and Logistics: Annex F
 - 5. Command Signal: See OPORD 24-65

Acknowledge

WILLIAMSON Brig Gen

1 Appendix - Area Grid System

Distribution: Same as OPORD 24-65

OFFICIAL:

EDWARDS JR Bde S3

Copy No HQ 173D ABN BDE (SEP)
BIEN HOA, RVN
120600 Sept 65
FLB

Appendix 1 (AG's) to Annex E (Fire Support Plan) to OPORD 24-65

References: Same as OPORD 24-65

TIME ZONE: HOTEL

NOT TO SCALE

6	2													90	51
56-	A LE	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	- 36
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
	39	30	31	35	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	91	42	
	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	
	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	15	66	67	68	69	70	
	71	72	73	79	75	76	77	78	79	03	81	82	83	84	
	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	
	99	100	101	102	103	164	105	105	107	108	169	110	111	112	
	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	135	126	
	127	128	129	130	13/	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	
	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148	149	150	151	152	153	154	
	155	156	157	158	159	160	161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	
30-	169	170	171	172	173	194	175	17%	177	178	179	180	181	182	-30
62															

Copy No

1730 Abn Edo (Sop)

Biol Hon, Viotnam
120600 Mont 1965
Fill

winex F (Administration and Degistics)

References: Maps: See OFORO 24-65

TIME ZONE: Hotel

1 Goneral:

a. This annex outlines the logistical and administrative responsibilities and procedures for support of OPORD 24-65.

b. Unit distribution for all units except TF Staigers will be used for all

resupply during the conduct of the operation.

c. The Brigade Supply Officer will operate the Bde Resupply Helipad at Pierson Field (coord 016152), Bde Resupply Helipad opens 140800 Sept. All Bns and Separate Companies will have a logistical representative available at the Bde Resupply Helipad. The Bde Admin/Log Net will open 24 hours a day effective 140800 Sept. Resupply requests may be submitted over the land line using "Firefly" code.

e. Bde Supply Officer will coordinate the use of helicopters and fixed wing aircraft made available for resupply missions by the Bde Aviation Officer.

2. Material and Services

a. Supply

(1) Class I

(a) Class A meal will be fed prior to departure from the Bien Hea area on 14 September.

(b) All other rations for duration of the operation will be

C Ration.

(c) 1/503 will carry one days C Ration upon deployment on D-day.

(d) All units deploying initially by motor transport will carry 1 day C Rations with the companies and 1 day under Battalien control

(e) Feeding schedule for TF Steigers as follows: "A" Rations

(2) Class II & IV

(a) Bn S4s and separate company supply representatives will forward anticipated Cl II & IV resupply requirements to Brigade Supply Office NLT than 1800 hours 13 Sept.

(b) Resupply requests will be forwarded to the Brigade Supply

office through the Bde Admin/Log net.

(3) Class III & III A:

(a) All vehicles will depart the Bien Hoa with a full tank. Wheeled Vehicles will carry one five-Gallon can, Tracked vehicles will carry two five-gallon cans of Diesel or Mogas as appropriate.

(b) III A Resupply point opening will be announced.

(4) Class V:

(a) Initial load as prescribed by commanders.

(b) Resupply requirements will be forwarded to Brigade Supply office on Bde Admin/Log net.

(c) Available Supply Rates as follows:

1. 40mm Gren XM 384
2. 8lmm Mortar HE
30.5 Rd/wpn/day
3. 8lmm Mortar Illum
50 Rd/wpn/day
4. 8lmm Mortar WP
50 Rd/wpn/day
50 Rd/wpn/day
50 Rd/wpn/day
50 Rd/wpn/day
50 Rd/wpn/day

MAT-1

(5) Water:

MAT

(a) All personnel will corry two Sull lQt canteens or one full 2 Qt canteen (collarsible)

(b) Bn and separate company requirements for additional water cans will be forwarded to the Erigade Supply Office NEF 131800 Sept.

(e) Individuals will carry water purification tablebs.

(d) Every effect will be made to evacuate empty water cans.

Evacuation of water cans will not be allowed to interfere with tactical operations, water cans which can not be evacuated must be destroyed. Units report the number of cans destroyed to the Brigade Supply Office.

(a) The Engineer water point attached to the 3/319th Arty will

announce its location when it is operational.

(6) Salvage Equipment:

(a) No equipment will be allowed to fall into enemy hands.

(b) Requirements for evacuation beyond Bn or Separate Company

capability will be reported to the Brigade Supply Office.

capability to evacuate if the destruction is necessary to prevent interference with tactical operations.

(d) Sholl casings from 3/319 Arty will be hauled back during the

extracation.

(7) Choves Ligistration

(a) Bde Supply Office will operate Groves registration service in present Bde support acco.

(b) Edo supply officer will issue personal effects bags to all TF

(c) Evacuation to CR collecting print will be by helicopter.

b. Transportation:

(1) Motor:

(a) TF commander will submit motor transport requirements to the Bde motor transport officer NLT 131200 Sept.

(b) Units indicated will make vehicles, by types shown, available to the Bde motor plans and trans port officer effective 131800 Sept.

1	D (Maintenance) Co 173 Spt Bn	10 21 ton Trk
2	B (Medical) Co, 173 Spt Bn	4 2½ ton Trk
3	1/503	2 2½ ton Trk

(2) Air:

(a) Bde Aviation Officer will make available to the Bde Supply Officer 6 Helicopters for Resupply Missions during the day light hours. One helicopter will be available on stand by for emergency resupply during hours of darkness (b) Availability of fixed wing Aircraft for resupply by air drop will be announced when schedule is confirmed.

c. Mainten unce - l'hentance contact team attachée to TF doxter for novement

will provide area support in the operational area.

3. Medical Support:

a. Unit aidmen will accompany all platoon sized units.

b. Battalion surgeons will accompany their respective Bns.

c. HHC Medical Platoon will establish an aid station in vicinity of Bde C.P. Location will be announced when operational

d. Bde clearing station will support from present location.

e. Medical evacuation will be primarily by helicopter.

(1) 57tl Med Det (HICKORY SMOKE) will provide coverage of convoy and heliborne movements and provide one helicopter for standby at Bde Hqs area for

duration of operations

(2) Requests for medical evacuation (Medevac) will be relayed over the Bde Command Net. Bde Surgeon will monitor all requests and dispatch helecopters. Essential information for dispatch of Medevac Helicopters is

(a) Call sign of requesting Unit

(b) Number and type of casualties, ie litter or walking

(c) Location

MATS

MAT f. This information must not be passed in the clear but will be encoded using the operations code (KUL-HE73?) of the SOI. Oute groups are available for the following words: Evacuation Munhors Wounded Casualties KLA Request Litter (code Group Spare 1) Walleing (code Group Spare 2) g. Location may be reported using point of origin code. A sample request for med Evac follows: "Message from Spooky Ghost O, Break (Requ: ; (Evacuations) (3) (Casualties) (1) (litter), Break, from Elchant Right 1.8 up Words and numbers in parenthesis above are encoded. (1) The meaning of the word casualties is restricted to living wounded, either walking or litter patients (2) When medical evacuation helicoptors are dispatched the requesting unit will be contacted by "Mickey Smoke" on the appropriate net, indicated by the. call sign given in the request, for landing instructions (3) Let the January Four is responsible for the disposition of personal and individual equipment of casualties weated at the Brigade Clearing station." (4) All patients evacuated from the opprotional area will be taken to the Brigade Clearing Station at its present location (Base Camp area). Administrations Personnel: (1) No U.S. personnel less than 18 years of age will participate in this operation. (2) Morning Reports - Those units that take morning report sections into operational area will submit meraing reports daily to AG forward who will be responsible for returning M/R to Base Camp. M/R prepared in Base Camp will follow normal submission channels. (3) Following special report for this operation will be submitted as of . :. 1800 hours daily to reach Bde Sl no later than 0600 following morning. Report may be made by telephone or messenger. Line 1 a Assigned WO EM Line 1 b Pres for Duty Line 1 c Pres for Operation Line 1 d KIA Line 1 e WIA Line 1 f MIA Report will be submitted by line number: ie, line lc 6 - 0 - 174, line (4) Casualty Reporting: 173d Abn Bde (Sep) Tac SOP. b. AG Forward Team: AG, 173d will provide an AG Forward team to accompany HHC (-) to operational area. Team will consist of OIC (2) Msg Center Clerk and typist AG classified clerk w/safe PX and Special Service Representative c. Chaplains: Normal chaplain coverage will be provided by attachment of chaplains to Task Forces. Schedule of religious services will be provided in the area of operations. d. Finance - Finance officer will be prepared to pay units in the field should operation extend through pay day. Arrangements will be made for money order facilities or issuance of government checks for those personnel desiring this service. e. PX's - Units will arrange to provide comfort items, toiletrees, cigarettes, etc, for the troops in the operational area. f. Special Services - SSO will insure continious availability of Special. Services items and a continuation of the R&R program if at all possible. Transportation requirements will be coordinated with S4. MIT-3

g. Provost Marshall - Flad will provide for guar a fer VCC Compound and for interrogation teams in operational area. FM will provide security for TCC and for CG in operational area.

(1) Be prepared to maintain sufficient patrols for law and order forcement in any adjacent cities or towns.

(2) Be prepared to man TCP'S where required in coordination with Bde S4.

- 5. Miscellaneous: Bde S-1 and Bde S-4 will operate at both forward CP and in present location.
- 6. Reports :

a. All Bns and Separate companies will submit a report of actual expenditure of class II, IV and V with in 5 days of completion of the operation

b. All Bns and separate companies will submit a report of M26 grenade malfunctions to BSO (ATEN: Ammo Off) within 5 days of completion of the operation. Report will indicate lot numbers, quantities and type malfunction with remarks as appropriate.

ACKNOWLEDGE

OFFICIAL:

S4

Weidenthal

Brig Gen

WILLIAMSON

MAT

4

MAT

Copy No BO 1730 ABN BOT (SEP) BIEN ROA, SVM 12060ON Sout 65 FLB

Annex Z (Distribution) to OPORD 24-65

References: Same as OPORD 24-65

Distribution:	No Copies	Copy No
DGG MAGY Task Force Alpha ILI Corps Bde S1 Bde S2 Bde S3 Bde S4 Bde Avn Officer D/th Armor E/17 day 3/3170a Arty 1/844 1/503 Inf RRO Det Psy War Det Sp Bn Bde PIO ALO 2d Bde, 1st Div Historical File	1 1 2 2 2 1 1 4 2 3 2 2 4 4 4 1 1 1 4 1 1 2 2 5	1 2 3-4 5-8 9 10 14-19 15-19 17-19 20-21 21-23 24-27 23-35 36-39 41-45 46-7 48-49 52-56

Acknowledge

WILLIAMSON Brig Gen

OFFICIAL:

EDWARDS Pdo S2

SP Coy

1 RAR BIEN HOA VIETNAM

119-1-5 (0)

1 RAR COMMANDERS DAILY SITUATION REPORT

PERIOD COVERED: 121800H to 131800H Sep 65

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER: Ninety

- 1. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: Nothing to report
- 11. OPERATION SUMMARY: The Bm carried out patrolling in the TAOR
 - ac Major Unit Actions: Wil
 - b. Small Unit Actions : Nil
 - (1) Total number of night contacts & Wil
 - (2) Total number of day contacts: Nil
 - (3) Total number of contacts: Nil
 - c. Small Unit Actions without contacts:
 - (1) Normal clearing patrols of the unit perimeter.
 - (2) Standing patrols of sec str: Nothing to report
 - (3) Fighting/ Ambush patrols of pl str as follows:
 - (a) 3 Pl A Coy returned this loc at 131100H. Nothing to report.
 - (b) 4 Pl B Coy returned this loc at 131100H . Nothing to report.

1 Dunger Soft for Its GOZ GO IRAR

14

RAR ELEW HOA VERLEAM

119-1-5 (G)

I RAR COMMANDERS DAILY SITUATION REPORT

PERIOD COVERED: 131800H to 141800H Sep 65

SIMUATION REPORT NUMBER: Ninety one

- 1. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY a Nothing to report
- 11. OPENATION SUMMARY: The Da sommenced Op 11/65 with the 1736 All Rie (Sec).
 - Bo laijor Unit Actions As per Opo 11/65
 - b. Small Unit Actions: Wil
 - (1) Fotal number of night consacts Hil
 - (2) Fotal number of day contacts: Nil
 - (3) Total number of day contacts: Wil
 - c. Small Unit Actions without contacts:
 - (1) Normal clearing patrols of the unit perimeters
 - (2) Standing patrols of sec str: Nothing to report.
 - (3) Fight/Ambush patrols of pl str: Nil

Michigan Sor dest Lit Col. CO IRAR

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

1 RAR BIEN HOA VIETNAM

119-1-5 (G)

I RAR COMMANDERS DAILY SITUATION REPORT

PERIOD COVER D: 141800H to 151800H Sep 65

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER: Ninety two

- 1. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: Nothing to report
- 11. OPERATIONS SUMMARY: The Bn continued Op 11/65 with the 1 73 AB Rde (Sep).
 Now patrolling sectors 1-9. Enemy. Nothing to report. Locatate . SUNRAY.
 GR 724348 . C/S 1 GR 729349 . C/S2GR 728347 . C/S 3 GR 725349 . C/S 4 GR 739352 .
 - a. Major Unit Actions: As per Op0 11/65
 - b. Small Unit Actions: Nil
 - (1) Total number of night contacts: Nil
 - (2) Total number of day contacts: Wil
 - (3) Total number of contacts: Nil
 - C. Small Unit Actions without contacts :
 - (1) Wormal clearing patrols of the unit perimeter
 - (2) Standing patrols of sec str: Nil
 - (3) Fighting/Ambush patrol s of pl str: Wil

Afflice , L. It COI

l bar Bush hoa Viternam

119-1-5 (G)

1 RAR COMMANDERS DATLY STYLA TION REPORT

BERIOD COVERED: 15° JOCH to 1618COH Sep 65

SPRUATION FEROME NUM PERS Ninety three

- 1. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: Nothing to report
- 11. OPERATION SUMMARY: The In continued Op 11/65 with the 173D AB Bis (Sep)
 - a. Major Unit Actions: As per Opo 11/65.
 - bo Small Unit Actions: Nil
 - (1) Total number of night contacts Wil
 - (2) Total number of day contacts: Fill
 - (3) Total number of contactes Wil
 - co Small unit actions without contacts:
 - (1) Morual clearing patrols of the unit perimeter.
 - (2) Standing patrols of sec stre Nil
 - (3) Fighting /Ambush patrol of pl strs Nil

Y SA COZ Y CO ERAR

I HAR BIEN HOA VIERNAM

119-1-9 (G)

11

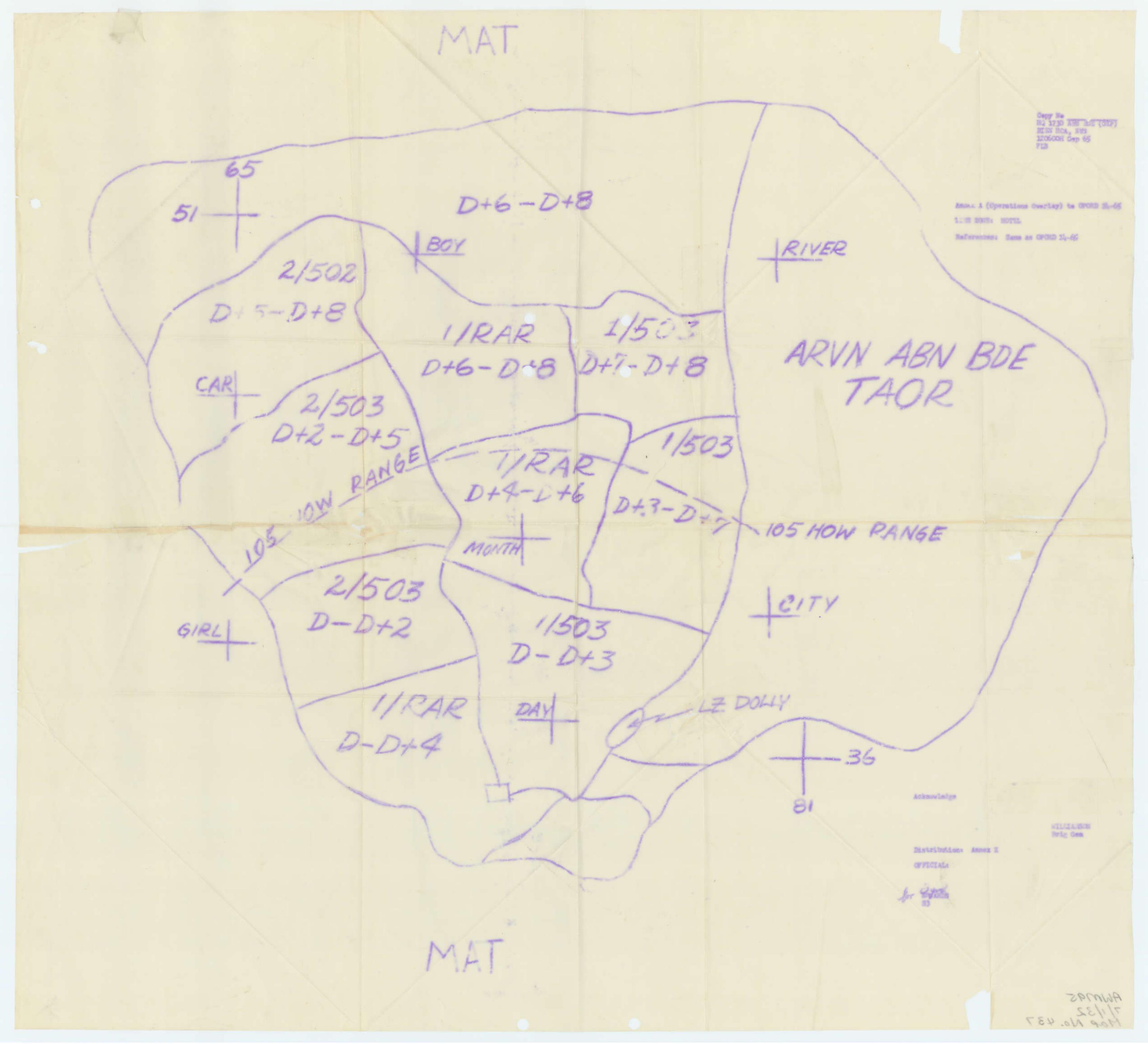
1 RAR COMMANDERS DAILY SITUATION REPORT

PER 100 COVEREDA 16 1800H to 171800H Sep 65

STTUATION REPORT NUMBER: Ninety form

- 1. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: Nothing to report
- 11. OPERATION SUMMARY: The Bn continued Op 11/65 with the 175d AB Bds (Sep).
 - a. Major Unit Action s; As per Opo 11/65.
 - bo Small Unit Actions Wil
 - (1) Total number of night contactes Nil.
 - (2) Total number of day contacts: Nil.
 - (3) Total number of contacts: Nil
 - to Small unit actions without contacts:
 - (1) Normal clearing patrols of the unit perimeter.
 - (2) Standing patrols of sec str: Nil
 - (3) Fighting/ Ambush patrols of pl stws Nil

9.6



AUSTRALIAN MILLEARY PURCES

El Con

PAR HOA

819-1-5 (0)

1241 COMMINGES MAINT STRUKTION REPORT

FERIO D SOVERED 2516COM to 2918COM Boy 65

STRUMPION REPORT MUNICIPAL Mineral Favo

- 1. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY: Bothing to report
- II. OFFICE STORAGE TO THE THE THE SECRETARY OUT PARTICULAR IN THE TACK.

Migor Digit Assisting Will

Swall unit enthone: Mil

- (1) Total manber of algeb contacts wil
- (2) Wohal mamber of day combacts: Wil
- (a) Would amphor of confidents Hill

Small unit octions without contacts:

- (1) Morreal clearing patrols of enic perincher.
- (2) Shauding ptls of see str: Wil
- 72) probable /Ambuch patrols of pl str es felloss
 - (a) 1 22 A Coy in service C returning while
 - (b) 3 M R Coy in Section 3 returning this loc

Stay

1RAR RIEW HOA VIETNAM

119-1-5 (G)

1 RAR COMMANDERS DATLY STTUATION REPORT

PERIOD COVERED: 291800E to 301800H Sep 65

SITUATION REPORT NUMBER: Ninety six

- 1. INTELLIGRACE SUPPLARY: Nothing to report
- 11. OPERATIONS SUMMARY: The Bu carried out patrolling in the TAOR.
 - as Major unit action: Wil
 - b. Small unit actions; Wil

(5)

- (1) Total number of night centacts: Mil
- (2) Total number of day contact: Nil
- (3) Total number of contacts: Nil.

Small unit actions without contest:

- (1) Normal clearing patrols of unit perimeter.
- (2) Standing patrols of sec str: Nil
- (3) Pignhing/Ambush patrols of pl str as follows:
 - a. I Pl A Coy in F and K sector returning this lee 611000H.
 - on 9 Pl 3 Coy: moving out to see J ..

6.9.4.

00