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Introduction

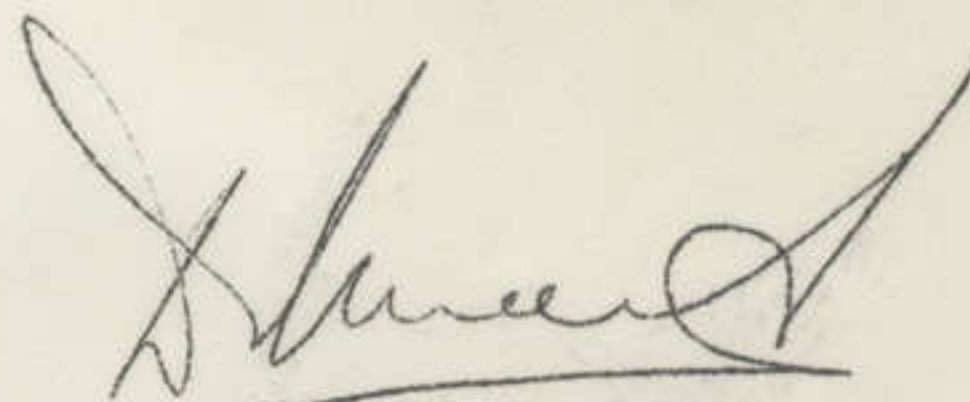
1. This report is submitted in accordance with paragraph 32 of the revised Directive by the Chiefs of Staff Committee to Commander Australian Force Vietnam, dated 15th September 1966.

Period Covered

2. This report covers the period 1 to 30 Jun 67.

Contents

3. The report comprises:
- a. Part A - Royal Australian Navy Report.
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(D. VINCENT)
Maj Gen
COMAFV

- Annexes:
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 - O. Progress in Base Construction 1 ATF.

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- P. Progress in Base Camp Construction 1 ALSG
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- R. Volume of Mail, Class 1 in and out
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- T. Details of RAAF Squadrons Flying Hours,
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PART A

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY COMPONENT

General

4. a. On Jun 67 Maj Gen D. VINCENT OBE, COMAFV, visited HMAS HOBART whilst the vessel was at sea. The Commander Task Force 77, Rear Admiral MEHLE, USN, commented most favourably on HMAS HOBART'S work in the theatre. HOBART was congratulated for its excellent gunnery by the staff of 3rd Marine Amphibious Force.
- b. The health and morale of the Clearance Diving Team remains excellent and all team members carry out their assigned tasks in an efficient manner.

Clearance Diving Team

Employment

5. Stabledoor Role. This was the primary role during the month. Diving conditions in and around Vung Tau harbour are difficult (due to wind, currents and tide) and it is considered that a full scale underwater attack on shipping would be difficult to mount. Due to the vigilance of harbour patrol boats, any attack would have to originate some distance from target shipping and frequent compass checks would have to be made thus giving ample opportunity to sight attacking swimmers.
6. Calls for the month included:
 - a. 1 Jun 67, investigation of a "partially submerged floating bomb". Identified as a minesweeping float.
 - b. On 3 Jun 67, investigation of metal boxes floating in southern anchorage. Boxes contained expended 40/60 ammunition.
 - c. On 7 Jun 67 the team assisted in a Regional Force/Junk Force assault on an island in the mouth of Cua Dai river (30 miles south west of Vung Tau). The junk Force met no resistance.
 - d. 12 Jun 67. Team employed on cleaning engine inlets and outlets of USNS CORPUS CHRISTI BAY.
 - e. On 22 Jun 67 a suspicious Vietnamese near the camp area was apprehended and passed to local authorities.
 - f. 27 Jun - the team called to investigate a round object, 15 inches in diameter with pad eye on top, floating in northern anchorage. Proved to be a salvage marker buoy.
7. En Ordnance. Some time was spent in stripping captured VC ordnance and arranging a museum for use in training and briefing of relieving teams.
8. Vehicle Sirens. A requirement exists for all EOD vehicles to be fitted with a siren to facilitate easier passage through streets when answering an urgent call. Sirens are being obtained from the USN.

Visitors.

9. On 5 Jun 67 the team was visited by Major C.F. GARDNER (Staff EOD officer to MACV and Officer in charge of EOD), Lieutenant S. HENDERSON, USN (Staff Officer EOD at COMNAVFORV) and Lieutenant T. GARDNER, USN (relieving COMNAVFORV EOD officer). Team members also met the Minister for Air, Hon P. HOWSON MP, on 11 Jun 67 in the RAAF Sergeants Mess Vung Tau.

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PART B

ARMY COMPONENT REPORT

SECTION 1

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

General

10. During the month of June 67, units under the operational command of the Commander First Australian Task Force, conducted the following major operations:

- a. BAROSSA
- b. DARWIN
- c. BROKEN HILL
- d. GERALDTON
- e. COOPAROO
- f. TAOR security patrolling continued actively throughout the month.

11. Reliefs. The relief cycle of major units was completed on 9 Jun 67 with the relief of 1st Field Regiment Royal Australian Artillery (RAA) by the 4th Field Regiment. The three field 105mm batteries under command of the regiment are the 106th and 108th batteries (RAA) and the 161st battery RNZA. The First Australian Civil Affairs Unit (1 Aust CA Unit) concentrated in theatre on 18 Jun 67.

12. Long Range Reconnaissance Patrols (LRRP). The 1st Special Air Service Squadron inserted and extracted a total of 22 long range reconnaissance patrols during the month. 33 per cent of the patrols made contact with the enemy resulting in 13 VC KIA (BC), two VC KIA (possible), one VC WIA. These patrols have made several highly successful forays into enemy base and transit areas and have produced some very significant kills and equipment/supplies captures.

13. Defoliation. No herbicidal operations were flown in 1 ATF AO during June.

14. Tactical Air Support. The visual reconnaissance programme was concentrated in the NORTH EAST area of the AO and the extension to 1 ATF permanent AO. Targets found were accurately engaged by airstrikes and artillery controlled by the FAC. One B52 strike was conducted on 26 Jun 67 against a known VC infiltration route and base area astride the SONG RAI centre of mass YS598595. A summary of the tactical air support activity follows:

a. Airstrike Missions.

(1)	Preplanned	40
(2)	Combat proofs	42
(3)	Diverts	41
(4)	Immediate	12

b. Fighter Sorties

(1)	F100	232
(2)	F4C	13
(3)	F5	22
(4)	B57	33
(5)	A1E	8

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c. Ordnance Expended.

(1)	750 lb bombs	526	(3 duds)
(2)	500 lb bombs	361	(7 duds)
(3)	750 lb bombs	166	(3 duds)
(4)	Rocket pods	55	
(5)	Sorties 20 mm	39	

d. Bomb Damage Assessment.

(1)	Secondary fires	3	
(2)	Secondary explosions	4	
(3)	Killed by air	6	(4 possible)
(4)	Fortifications:		

	<u>Uncovered</u>	<u>Damaged</u>	<u>Destroyed</u>
Storage pits	-	-	2
Foxholes	30	-	8
Bunkers	60	70	242
Trenches (metres)	965	150	1630
Structures	-	46	70
Tunnels	15	-	-
Weapon pits	-	-	2

(5) Miscellaneous. 54 tons of rice damaged, five 55 gallon drums uncovered, 70 supply boxes damaged, 7 supply trails cut, two piles of clothing and three piles of rice damaged.

15. Transport Air Support. 9 Sqn RAAF.

a.	Sorties flown in support of operations	3092
b.	Passengers carried	4237
c.	Freight carried	231,365 lb
d.	Medevacs	38
e.	Hours flown	437.20

16. On 14 Jun 67 1 ATF began a CS programme aimed at disruption of known VC routes, storage areas and base camp locations. 110 drums of CS were dropped during the reporting period. All drops were carried out by CH47 aircraft and were extremely accurate. Results of this programme are not yet evident.

17. Losses/Damages Summary.

a. Enemy

(1) Casualties

KBA	6	(possible - 4)
KIA (BC)	16	
KIA (possible)	2	
WIA	3	
WIA (possible)	1	
Detainees	114	

(2) Weapons.

M1 carbines	2
9 mm pistol French	1
.30 cal Garand rifle	2
Shotgun (home-made)	1
Chicom carbine	1
Soviet carbine	1
1x45 pistol (US)	1

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(3) Stores and Equipment.

8050 lb rice.
Two sampans.
150 lb explosives.
Eight huts.
One sewing machine.
Quantities of food, documents, personal equipment and clothing.

b. Own Troops.

(1) Casualties.

DOW	1
WIA	5

(2) Stores and equipment - nil.

Operations

18. Operation BAROSSA. This was 2 RAR's first operation in country and was designed purely as a familiarisation operation of one day's duration. It was conducted in the vicinity of BINH BA (YS4574) on 5 Jun 67. There was no contact with the enemy.

19. Operation DARWIN. This operation was the second of two familiarisation operations assigned to 2 RAR. It was conducted over a two day period on 6/7 Jun 67. The outline plan of the operation was to conduct a battalion airmobile assault into the area of YS5466 on the morning of 6 Jun 67, consolidate and then conduct a search and destroy operation back to 1 ATF along the axis of the SUOI LO O-NHO (YS5168), NUI DAT (YS4968), SUOI DA BANG (YS4767). There was no contact with enemy elements, but some fresh tracks were followed up without result, and an enemy camp found at YS516677 was destroyed. The operation was 2 RAR's first airmobile assault landing and proved to be of immense value to the unit.

20. Operation BROKEN HILL. This was a search and destroy operation mounted in support of, and complimentary to, Operation AKRON. 7 RAR was deployed on 7 Jun 67 to occupy a series of company blocking positions in the general area of NUI NHAN (YS4378). Sub units were transported to the general area of the blocking positions by the airmobile company in support and APCs. One company of 2 RAR protected the artillery fire base which was established at YS441737. On 7 Jun 67 112 civilians were detained at YS4376 and evacuated to Sector for interrogation. Of these two were detained as VC suspects. Several minor contacts resulted in an accumulated total of one VC KIA (BC), one VC KIA (possible), one VC WIA, two VC suspects. The operation concluded on 13 Jun 67. Two major enemy base areas at YS396792 and YS402795 were discovered, searched and destroyed. A considerable quantity documents, propaganda, supplies and equipment was recovered. From an intelligence assessment of the captured documents it appears that the position located at YS402795 was a battalion or logistic headquarters for units in transit to and from the HAT DICH base area.

21. Operation GERALDTON. This operation was launched as a follow-up action to Operation LISMORE (2-8 May 67) to ascertain whether the enemy had been operating in the area since Operation LISMORE, and particularly to continue to identify the area as a base and resupply area. The operation was conducted by 2 RAR with artillery and engineer support over the period 15-21 Jun 67 in the area bounded by Route 23, SONG RIVER, fence DAT DO (YS4960) to LANG PHUOC HAI (YS5152) on the coast. Operation GERALDTON commenced with an

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airmobile assault into YS588592 and the establishment of an armoured blocking force along Route 23. The area of operations was then thoroughly searched generally from EAST to WEST. Several minor contacts occurred with inconclusive results, the enemy withdrawing immediately on contact. One VC KIA (BC) and 15 detainees were the only confirmed enemy personnel casualties for the operation. Several camps were located and destroyed; one camp at YS557578 covering an area of 15000 square yards was assessed as being a command post area. A total of 150 bunkers and weapon pits were located and destroyed, three tons of rice captured and evacuated and quantities of explosives, documents and equipment were recovered. It is considered that Operation GERALDTON achieved its aim. Enemy troops in the area have been kept off balance; and following upon Operations PORTSEA and LISMORE, one of the VC's traditional supply routes from the DAT DO supply base to the 5 Div base area has been successfully interdicted.

22. Operation COOPAROO. This was a battalion search and destroy operation conducted by 7 RAR, elements of 2 RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and 1 Fd Sqn, in the area SOUTH, SOUTH WEST and SOUTH EAST of NUI NUA (YS5474). The operation was conducted over the period 22 Jun 67 to 1 Jul 67. The area of operations has long been a traditional staging area for D445 Bn and it was hoped that elements of the unit would be trapped in the search and forced to fight. The outline plan was for three companies to sweep SOUTH EAST from the vicinity of YS5175 onto a company blocking position in the vicinity of YS5471. Contact was extremely light, but a significant number of enemy positions including one fully dug in battalion position (60 bunkers, 160 weapon pits, lecture rooms etc) was located and destroyed. 500 lb of rice was recovered from YS560743. Despite the disappointing lack of contact it is considered that Operation COOPAROO was successful, in that it has destroyed yet another major enemy base area threatening the security of the population areas of PHUOC TUY Province.

161 (Indep) Recce Flt Flying Hours

23. Flight activities for June were:

a. Flying Hours.

(1)	Rotary Wing	-	456.05 hours
(2)	Fixed Wing	-	269.05 hours
(3)	Total hours flown	-	725.10 hours

b. Sorties Flown

(1)	Rotary Wing	-	955 (2 by night)
(2)	Fixed Wing	-	217 (7 by night)
(3)	Total Sorties	-	1172 (9 by night)

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SECTION 2

AUSTRALIAN ARMY TRAINING TEAM

General

24. In recent visits to 1 and 11 Corps areas by COMAFV with CO AATTV the various US and ARVN commanders spoke of their continuing high regard for the excellent efforts of those members of AATTV deployed in the advisory effort in the north. Their compatibility with US and ARVN professional competence were praised by these commanders and the senior advisers under whom they work. I believe that the good this team does is considerably in excess of the bill we pay in providing these personnel.

25. The VC activities in which AATTV members were involved showed a decline in June and AATTV members were involved in only one major battle (CON THIEN) with several minor incidents. After action reports for CON THIEN are being forwarded by separate correspondence.

PERSONNEL

26. Battle Casualties

a. WO2 J.A. Bond was wounded in action on 2 Jun 67. The M113 APC he was travelling in was hit by a VC rocket. The member sustained only minor wounds and remained on duty.

b. WO2 F. Callander received ear injuries due to VC mortar fire at CON THIEN. He was medically evacuated to Australia.

27. Non Battle Casualties.

a. WO2 Upton was admitted to 8 Fd Amb for investigation on loss of balance.

b. WO2 Sinclair was admitted to 8 Fd Amb on 30 June 67 with a nervous complaint.

c. WO2 Ford admitted to 8 Fd Amb 28 June 67 for knee injury.

d. WO2 T.R. Smith was discharged from 8 Fd Amb on 19 June 67 after treatment for amoebic dysentery.

28. Visits. The Chief of Staff AFV, Col E.M. GRIFF MC, visited AATTV locations in 1 and 11 Corps areas. He was accompanied by CO AATTV Lt Col M.T. TRIPP. Team members were also visited in Jun 67 by a dental officer from 33 Dental Unit.

29. Personnel Changeover.

a. Two Officers and two Warrant Officers marched into the Team during the month and two officers returned to Australia at the completion of their tour.

b. Four Warrant Officers were reallocated duties within AATTV to utilise specialist skills or to give individuals a break from the severe strain associated with some locations in 1 Corps.

30. Team strength. The team strength on 30 June 67 was 19 Offrs and 78 Warrant Officers.

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OPERATIONS

31. Most actions were in QUANG TRI Province. There was a marked decline in action on that recorded for May.

32. Operations involving members of AATTV were at CON THIEN and KHE SANH. After action/operation reports are to be forwarded to AHQ under separate cover.

33. The sub-sector HQ Compound at TRIEU PHONG received intelligence data on approximately 15 different occasions indicating that they were to be over-run. It is considered that on at least two occasions the information was correct and it is almost certain that these attempts were forstalled only by chance contacts with the VC some distance away. Because of this threat the Advisers at TRIEU PHONG remain alert all night, every night. It is also known that at least 5 VC are amongst the RF/PF garrison of the compound.

34. There were no major operations in the II Corps area that included AATTV members.

35. On 11 Jun 67, at QUANG NGAI, Capt L.M. OPIE (attached to CSD) was invloved in an incident which ultimately caused the complete destruction of an "Air America" C47 Aircraft. At 1545 hrs whilst approaching QHANG NGAI airfield, the aircraft was struck by two rounds of SA fire. The fire which resulted could not be extinguished in the air, nor later when the aircraft landed, and the aircraft was completely destroyed. There were no casualties but 4 Montguard bodies on board were destroyed.

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SECTION 3
CIVIC ACTION

General

36. The Civic Action programme during June 1967 was continued in 1 ATF Areas of Operations and influence, in 1 ALSG area of influence, and in SAIGON. The most significant feature of the programme was the arrival of the main body of 1 Aust CA Unit in the theatre, and the units initial lodgement in 1 ATF and 1 ALSG areas.

1 ATF.

37. Civic Action carried out by 1 Aust CA Unit in the 1 ATF area and units of 1 ATF had been held to a minimum for the month because of the arrival of the new and enlarged CA Unit. A limited programme was conducted in the village of HOA LONG YS4164, the village of DUC THANH YS4573 and in the Provincial Capital BARIA YS3760. Details of the Programme are as follows:

- a. Medical. MEDCAPS conducted throughout the area were increased in number compared with May. 1327 patients were treated compared with 666. Of those treated 36 were RF/PF dependants, and all those treated were residents of HOA LONG and/or DUC THANH. 9 patients were given surgery, whilst 100 patients were evacuated, to civilian hospitals, 17 with TB, 2 with Leprosy, and 81 with other ailments.
- b. Dental. Dental treatment was slightly down on May figures. 87 patients were treated at HOA LONG compared with 118 patients for May. Most patients required extractions.
- c. Construction. The following tasks were completed:
 - (1) BARIA. The orphanage/creche is 99% complete and should be open in early July. The grounds of the Chieu Hoi Centre were levelled and drainage was dug.
 - (2) HOA LONG. The Community Centre North of Hoa Long school, a new well, a flag pole at South Hoa Long School and grading of the market place were completed.
- d. Clothing and Materials. The following were distributed:
 - (1) 564 lb cement (6 bags)
 - (2) 30 lb clothing
 - (3) 3,195 lb mixed foodstuffs
 - (4) 72 ft lumber
 - (5) 240 cakes soap
 - (6) 30 sheets roofing iron
 - (7) 100 star picquets
 - (8) 2 crates household utensils
 - (9) 1,200 lb recovered rice
 - (10) A quantity of sewing materials, cotton and needles.

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e. English Education. Attendance was maintained at a high effectiveness and 732 people received instruction at 12 classes.

f. Miscellaneous. Beach excursions, 30 children were taken to the beach at VUNG TAU for a swim and picnic lunch.

1 ALSG

38. Civic Action programme was again concentrated in VUNG TAU and at NAM BINH Refugee village YS3557. The details are as follows:

a. Medical. MEDCAPS treated 1080 patients at the VUNG TAU and NAM BINH dispensaries. This figure is up on the May figure, 700: 1080 patients. The two Vietnamese nurses at VUNG TAU dispensary continued to give satisfactory service.

b. Dental. 33 Dental Unit treated 30 patients at NAM BINH.

c. English Education. Classes remained at a static level of an average of 35 students; 4 classes per week at NAM - BINH.

d. New Works/Repairs. The following were effected:

(1) New gates were fitted to Old Folks Home at NAM BINH.

(2) Hand pump supplied for well at Old Folks Home; concreting area round well.

(3) Sun shelter constructed at Old Folks Home.

(4) Materials purchased in SAIGON for water reticulation reticulation at Junior Military Academy, VUNG TAU, and 200 dining forms purchased in SAIGON and despatched to Junior Military Academy.

(5) Repairs made to Dispensary at VUNG TAU.

e. Clothing and Materials. The following were distributed

(1) 9400 lb cement (100 bags)

(2) 300 lb clothing

(3) 500 lb mixed foodstuffs

(4) 4 midwife kits.

f. Miscellaneous. The Boy Scout Troop at NAM BINH continues to operate under Australian Scout Master.

HQ AFV

39. Civic Action in SAIGON was devoted solely to the Dong Chua Orphanage, and distribution of baby food and clothing were made on a regular basis. The interest in the orphanage by 110 Signal Squadron maintained at a high level. Working bees were conducted to concrete the back courtyard, to erect a prefabricated shelter on the back porch to allow the huge quantity of washing to be dried now that the inclement weather prevails, and to repair the fence. A new electric washing machine and a new electric fan were purchased from CA funds

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and presented to the orphanage.

b. On 12 Jun 67 an Australian newspaper reporter from the Herald-Sun group, Melbourne, visited the orphanage. His story, together with photographs, appeared in the Melbourne Herald on 22 Jun 67. As a result of this article and interest being shown by a Mrs M. Nielson of Launceston a committee, The National Civic Council, Civil Aid Committee, has been formed in Tasmania to offer assistance to the Dong Chua orphanage in particular and to war orphans in Vietnam in general.

SECTION 4

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH MATTERS

Communications

40. a. Traffic volume continues to rise. The number of messages through the Major Relay Station SAIGON increased by 9% over the figure for May.
- b. Propagation conditions adversely affected the SAIGON - MELBOURNE radio circuit, resulting in some delays to message traffic.
- c. The major Relay Station SAIGON was interconnected to the US STRATCOM Primary Relay Station at PHU LAM on 21 Jun 67 allowing alternative routing to AUSTRALIA via OKINAWA through RAAF, or HONOLULU via RAN.
- d. In theatre telegraph circuits were satisfactory with the exception of the PHAN RANG - SAIGON RTT Link which showed an availability of 69.1%. The restoration priority on this US bearer circuit is 2E which is that allotted to circuits between the command posts of Strategic Air Command. A recommendation has been passed through HQRAAFV to Dep Air recommending the present HF CW back-up circuit between RAAF PHAN RANG and ARMY SAIGON be upgraded to RTT.
- e. It is evident that a requirement exists to increase the power of radio sets on the 1 ATF command net, to increase the range as TF ops take units further afield, to overcome frequency interference from US formations using higher powered equipment or shared frequencies, and to guard against the possibility of deliberate jamming. A staff demand and RVE has been raised and permission sought for an in theatre buy of five radio sets AN/VRC-49 for this purpose.
- f. Delay in Engineer minor works and airconditioning of the new Major Relay Station and Signal Centre HQ AFV, caused the postponement of installation for thirty days. Installation is now due to commence 1 Aug 67.
- g. Improvements for the in-theatre radio telephone system are delayed pending the approval of the Mayor of VUNG TAU for the use of land for a new Relay site on VC HILL.
- h. The following graphs are attached.
- (1) Annex D - Trunk Telephone Channel Availability
 - (2) Annex E - Total Daily Traffic - SAIGON MRS
 - (3) Annex F - Traffic Volume - Major Relay Station SAIGON.

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(4) Annex G - Circuit time lost to traffic NUI DAT - SAIGON

(5) Annex H - Circuit time lost to traffic SAIGON - MELBOURNE.

Public Relations

41. The senior PR Officer, Maj Logan, was relieved by Lt Col R.F. Duke on 21 Jun. A 5 day handover was undertaken and during the period 29 Jun - 1 Jul, Lt Col Duke visited 1 ATF and 1 ALSG for orientation and liaison.

42. A total of 16 pressmen covered the activities of the Force during Jun. 10 of these were on day visits only and those of a more permanent nature were:

- a. Mr R. Beckett - Australian Associated Press
- b. Mr D. Gibbons - Freelance
- c. Mr R. McDonald - Sydney Telegraph
- d. Mr G. Jones - Melbourne Herald
- e. Mr P. Koch - Australian Broadcasting Commission.
- f. Ishtiaq Ahmad - Visnews TV.

g. Messrs McDonald and Gibbons visited HMAS Hobart and Mr. McDonald also spent a few days with AATTV. The 16 pressmen represented nine agencies or TV networks and were in the 1 ATF area for a total of 48 ration days.

43. Press Releases. Twenty eight news releases were despatched to DPR, AHQ, Canberra for the Australian press and the Army Newspaper.

44. Pictorial. Seventy seven black and white negatives were selected for release and despatched to DPR for distribution in Australia.

45. Television. PR photographers covered 12 assignments and shot a total of 2500 ft of black and white for TV. A further 700 ft of colour film was shot for AHQ (DMT).

46. Radio. Twenty seven radio tapes, covering a wide variety of subjects, were produced and despatched to DPR for bulk distribution. A daily news bulletin and weekly sports round-up was compiled and read by HQ AFV PR staff for AFRTS broadcasts.

Visitors

47. Visitors (excluding pressmen, see para 41 above) to AFV for the month of June totalled and are shown at annex C.

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ADJUTANT GENERAL BRANCH MATTERS

Strength State

48. Strength states for the Force are at annex A. Appendix 1 shows strength state graphically.

Medical

49. Health. The health of the Force is continuing at a high level, with no serious outbreaks of disease reported during June. No cases of Malaria have been seen at 8Fd Amb, and it is hoped that with full and enthusiastic cooperation of all ranks, the routine anti-mosquito measures will prevent the large number of cases that occurred last year after the start of the monsoon season.

50. Scrub Typhus. Although no cases of scrub typhus have thus far been diagnosed, it is quite possible that some of the undiagnosed PUO's over the last 12 months have been scrub typhus of the relatively mild variety that occurs in VIETNAM.

51. Insecticide Spraying. Aerial spraying of Australian camp areas and surrounding country has continued this month, and arrangements have been made to have a TIFA team spray the 1 ALSG area monthly in addition, as winds in the area tend to dispense aerial fog quickly.

52. Hospital Admissions. Incidence of diseases reflected by hospital admissions as compared to the same period in 1966 were:

June 1966	-	50.2 per thousand per month
June 1967	-	30.3 per thousand per month

53. Ausdil. The AUSDIL scheme was invoked for one patient:

38913 Pte JENKIN D.W. 1 ARU

This patient was later returned to AUSTRALIA.

Statistics;

54. Medical statistics for the force are shown at annex B. Appendix 1 to annex B shows Hospital State graph.

Amenities

55. Live Entertainment. The "Twiliters", with Valmai Johnston, Maria Blanche, Cathy Wayne and John Stoddart toured Australian and US installations from 8 Jun to 19 Jun 67. A total of nineteen performances were given for some 10,500 servicemen. The itinerary included two days with the US Seventh Fleet. Reception at all performances was favourable

56. 16mm Motion Pictures. The following films arrived in country during June:

- a. 32 feature films.
- b. Four Commonwealth Information Bureau films.
- c. One 20th Century Fox newsreel.
- d. One Bob Dyer's Pick-a-Box.
- e. Four Channel 9 Sydney Rugby League.
- h. One TCN Channel 9 "Bandstand".
- j. One BP sporting film.

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Items f to j inclusive constitute the first of a regular weekly collection of films being provided by the Australian Forces Overseas Fund.

Equipment from US Special Services sources.

a. Dayroom Furniture. Issues by US Army are behind schedule with some requisitions unactioned since Oct 66. Currently AFV has some 30 outstanding requisitions for sets of furniture.

b. 26 table tennis tables were issued to the Force as follows:

(1)	1 ATF	-	13
(2)	1 ALSG	-	10
(3)	2 Sqn RAAF	2	
(4)	HQ AFV	-	1

c. Approximately 600 lbs weight of expendable sporting and recreational equipment was distributed to the Force.

57. Amenities stores from Australia. Total stores received for the month was 15,269 lbs.

SECTION 6

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL BRANCH MATTERS

Relief of The Force.

58. Operation "WINTER-GRIP" was commenced on 1 Mar 67 and completed on 15 Jun 67. The following is a summary of the operation:

a. By Air. A total of 39 chalks were used to move troops to and from South Vietnam. Two of the chalks were QUANTAS charter flights, the remainder RAAF C130.

b. By Sea. HMAS Sydney sailed two voyages and carried, basically, the two infantry battalions to and from the theatre.

c. Total Troops Moved. A total of 3461 troops were moved into the theatre and 3067 were moved out.

d. Total Freight. 1133 short tons of freight was moved into the theatre and 148 short tons moved out. The majority of this freight was Unit Stores.

General Movements.

59. The following charts are attached to illustrate the degree of movement of personnel and stores, both in country and to and from Australia:

a.	Annex I	-	Tonnage into VUNG TAU - MV JEPARIT
b.	Annex J	-	Cargo-Courier Flts ex AUSTRALIA
c.	Annex K	-	Tonnage fwd to 1 ATF
d.	Annex L	-	Cargo-Couriers ex VUNG TAU
e.	Annex M	-	Tonnage out of theatre by sea
f.	Annex N	-	Water tpt - between VUNG TAU and SAIGON

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Base Development

60. 1 ATF. Progress in base camp construction tasks during the month is shown at Annex G. The number of buildings reflects an increase in strength of the Const Sqn detachment to 1 ATF, and the smaller demands on 1 Fd Sqn for combat support.

61. 1 ALSG. Progress in base camp construction is shown in Annex P. Material shortages are causing less trouble now and contract work continues to produce results. Contract values for the month were:

- a. Committed during June - A\$98,500.
- b. Expenditure during June - A\$45,600.
- c. Total committed to end of June - A\$259,000.
- d. Total expenditure to end of June - A\$141,800.

Australian Forces Club. Construction was 90% complete at the end of June and should be finished by the end of July.

C Vehicles

62. An improvement in C Vehicle serviceability has resulted from action taken to improve the supply of spare parts. The state of vehicles on the 20th June is shown in Annex Q.

Supplies and Transport.

63. Air Despatch Capability.

a. The scope of airdrop support, available from US sources, may allow the Australian organic ability in this respect to be greatly reduced. This could result in the backloading of airdrop equipment currently held by Det 176 Air Despatch Coy RAASC and 2 Comp Ord Dep.

b. Should the US airdrop capacity be guaranteed to the Australian Forces, the airdrop capability of Det 176 Air Despatch Coy RAASC could be limited to 5500 lbs per day, for 3 days, and Aerial delivery equipment to meet this requirement, plus a reserve held by 2 Comp Ord Dep would be the only equipment retained.

c. Det 176 Air Despatch Coy RAASC is fully committed to Air Mobile operations, which includes rigging of loads for helis and providing technical advice to units on this aspect.

d. A clear statement of the United States Army's willingness to guarantee airdrop support is being sought.

64. Messing - Cyclic Menu. A submission has been made for the "Australianisation" of the Cyclic Menu. This means the deletion of commodities not acceptable to the Australian palate and the inclusion of acceptable commodities. The only commodity, included in the submission, that is not currently provisioned by the US Army, is butter.

65. POL Equipment.

a. The need to refuel Air Mobile Companies, in support of 1 ATF, has produced a requirement for equipment differing to that on which the supply of POL equipment was originally based. The main difference is the lack of a suitable, and reliable, pumps to feed 5x50 GPM outlets for simultaneous refueling of helicopters. The Australian 250 GPM pump

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has, to date, not been sufficiently reliable and the associated filters have not been received.

b. The US 350 GPM, trailer mounted pump, has proved ideal for the task and is an excellent trouble free equipment. This information has been passed to Australia on the RAASC technical net with a request to investigate possible alternatives.

66. Fresh Rations. Arrangements are in hand to deliver fresh fruit and vegetables direct to 1 ATF from Saigon, instead of via Vung Tau. This should improve condition and will save many handlings.

Ordnance

67. 2 Comp Ord Dep.

a. The adjustment of the incorrect asset figures referred to in para 62 (b) of the previous report has been completed. Some additional stores have been received as a result of the adjustment, but the majority will be on the August JEPARIT. Immediate availability over the entire stocking range should show a marked improvement in the future.

b. Two 200'X45' bulk storehouses are complete except for the floor. One should be ready for occupation by 5 Jul 67.

c. All indents received for items not scaled by the depot are converted into service demands and despatched by signal. Implementation of this procedure has been trouble free so far.

d. Investigations into increased use of the US system revealed that 2 Comp Ord Dep could not be adequately supplied from 53 Gen Sp Gp, Vung Tau. The 2 Comp Ord Dep NCO who had been working with the US depot in Vung Tau has now been moved to the Saigon depot and requisitions are placed direct on Saigon Support Command. Early indications are that availability will be improved. A progressive change to US supply of all common user end items, and repair parts, is now being planned.

68. Det 6 OFF. The unit is now settled into the new location, and, as field defences are completed, the staff have been returned to normal functions. Receipts of new scalings from the Jun JEPARIT should increase immediate availability in 1 ATF area. A proposal to set up a self service store in 1 ATF area is being examined.

Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

69. Equipment Repair.

a. Work arising from equipment inspections at 1 ATF increased during the first two weeks of Jun. With the exception of B and C Vehicles and some office machines, backlogs in all RAEME establishments had been reduced to less than two weeks work, by the end of Jun. The backlog should be further reduced to an acceptable level by mid Jul.

b. Technical inspections of B vehicles produced a heavy repair load on HQ 1 ATF LAD. The necessary support has been arranged from the field workshop.

c. An increase in spares availability and adjustments in workshop organisations and procedure resulted in an increase in C vehicles availability by the end of Jun. Any further increase in C vehicle availability is dependant upon the supply of spare parts.

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d. The repair system for office machines for 1 ATF is now satisfactory, as a result of an increased R & M Pool of machines and a change in trade repair procedure. Machines from 1 ATF are now flown direct to Saigon and placed with firms for repair. All backlogs resulting from inspections should be cleared by mid Jul.

70. Inspections.

a. Further inspections of small arms were carried out at 1 ATF.

b. Inspections of the following equipment commenced at 1 ALSG on 23 Jun and are currently in progress, by a HQ AFV EIS team:

- (1) Small arms.
- (2) Instruments.
- (3) Telecommunications equipment.
- (4) Office machines.

c. Vehicle technical inspections are now conducted on a regular basis, with servicing. Further improvement in vehicle availability should result from the timely ordering of spares during these inspections.

71. Workshop Accomodation Development.

a. 102 Fd Wksp now has hard standing prepared for the recovery platoon and the stores section. GE platoon is to be moved to this area while the raising of their platoon area is undertaken. Further buildings were erected for production control and living accommodation.

b. 17 Const Sqn Wksp moved to their new location during Jun. Two further buildings and some hard standing are awaited.

c. 1 Fd Sqn Wksp was reorganized and the layout changed to give increased effeciency.

d. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt LAD commenced their move to a new site but are awaiting construction of workshop accommodation before this move can be completed.

Postal

72. The introduction of charter flights has enabled all class 2 mail to be cleared from the theatre. A total of 5,875 lbs of class 2 mail was aboard a US aircraft which crashed near Saigon on 22 Jun. Investigations are still in progress. Only 49 parcels were recovered.

73. The following charts are attached to show the volume of mail being handled:

- a. Annex R - Class 1, in and out.
- b. Annex S - Class 2, in and out.

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SECTION 7

SECRETARY'S BRANCH

Royal Australian Navy Component

74. US/Aust Financial Working Arrangement. The cost of US support for Navy was \$US 296.46.

Army Component.

75. US/Aust Financial Working Arrangement. Two changes proposed in this arrangement are a reduction in the rates for provision of US hospital facilities and a new rate for expense stores provided by the US supply agencies. Both these changes, along with others which will arise in the near future, will be considered at the next review of the working arrangement.

76. The cost of US support for May was \$US 477, 825.86.

77. Civilian Staff. The total number of civilians employed is now 365, with 199 being funded by AIK.

78. Audit. There have been no audits completed this month due to the changeover of the Warrant Officer clerk in the FAs office. The one auditor now available was required to learn details of billings from the outgoing WO clerk as it was realised that the replacement would not have time to absorb the detail and background necessary for their accurate compilation.

79. An audit programme has been prepared, commencing 10 Jul 67, and this will be implemented. Shortage of auditors makes it impracticable to undertake audit of stores depots and unit A and Q records. Present audits are virtually confined to those A matters concerning accounting for cash and values.

80. AIK Funds for Camp Construction. Application has been made to COMUSMACV for an increase in the funds allocation for the Australian Army Vietnam from \$VN 20,000,000 to \$VN 45,000,000. This allocation is on a calendar year basis. The increase is necessary to cover the additional funds being spent on camp construction due to more contractors being employed and a faster rate of working as contractors become more skilled.

Royal Australian Air Force Component.

81. The cost of US support for Jun was \$US 235,238.10.

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PART C

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE COMPONENT

General

82. B Det 5 Airfd Const Sqn moved from PHAN RANG to VUNG TAU on 21 Jun 67 to commence work on the RAAF Cantonment on VUNG TAU airfield. The occupation of the first portion of the Base Cantonment was achieved on 21 Jun 67 and, despite initial water and power problems, is more satisfactory than previously.

Operations

83. All squadrons had a successful month overflying once again, their allocated flying hours. A breakdown of flying hours, cargo and passengers carried in respect of No2 2, 9, and 35 Squadrons is shown at Annex T.

84. 2 Squadron was tasked for night combat proof bombing during June on all but two sorties, and generally, each aircraft bombed two targets on each sortie.

85. During the month it was successfully demonstrated that the Canberra aircraft is suitable for day bombing under the direction of a forward air controller.

86. 2 Squadron aircrew flew as observers in local FAC aircraft during June to familiarize themselves with the technique of visual reconnaissance from light aircraft. It is intended that all aircrew be given this experience.

87. 912 targets were attacked during the month.

RAAF Component Strength

88. The RAAF Element strength as at 30 Jun 67 is shown at Annex A.

Casualties.

89. A222023 LAC La Grasta G., cooks assistant of Base Support Flight VUNG TAU was stabbed in an alley behind the airmen's villa on the night of 18 Jun 67 and died in the early hours of the morning of 19 Jun 67. An investigation was conducted into the circumstances. Shortly after the incident was reported to the police, the offender was apprehended and placed in custody and he was charged by the local police with murder. There is no suspicion of any Viet Cong activity associated with this death.

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Australian Force
Vietnam

30 Jun 67

AUSTRALIAN FORCE VIETNAM
MONTHLY REPORT
MAY 1967

Introduction

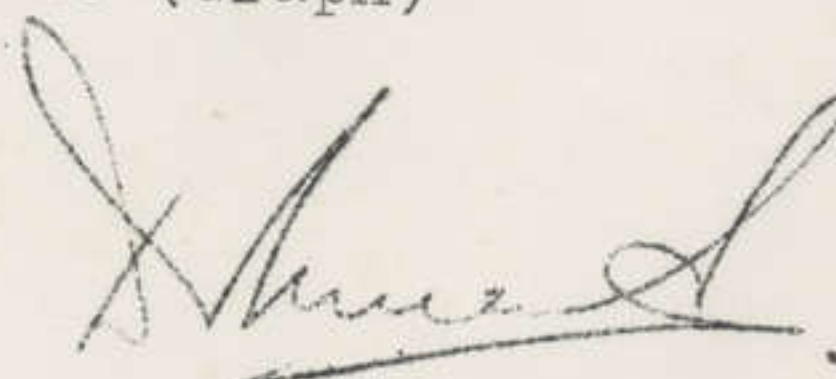
1. This report is submitted in accordance with paragraph 32 of the revised Directive by the Chiefs of Staff Committee to Commander Australian Force Vietnam which was issued on 15th September 1966.

Period Covered

2. This report covers the period 1 May to 31 May 1967.

Contents

3. The report comprises:
- a. Part A - Royal Australian Navy Report
 - b. Part B - Army Component Report
 - c. Part C - Royal Australian Airforce Component Report
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 - f. Annex C- Visits for May
 - g. Annex D- Tonnages in by Sea
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 - i. Annex F- Force Strength State (Graph)



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PART A

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY COMPONENT

General

4. The team remained based at CAT LO for the whole month. Letters of appreciation were received from CO 520th Transport Battalion for the part played by team members in recovering a crashed aircraft from the Suoi Giai River on 20th May.

Employment

5. Stabledoor Role. The team was primarily employed in this role, in the Vung Tau anchorages, throughout the month. Due to information that VC attacks against shipping were expected, ship searches were conducted during both day and night slack water periods. With the increased diving time allotted, a total of 327 ships were searched, this constitutes a record for all EOD teams in-country.

6. Other tasks were:

a. On 10 May, the investigation of wooden object floating near friendly shipping. The object was harmless and this pattern of searches was repeated several times in May.

b. On 13 May an unscheduled search of shipping and a number of junks in the northern anchorage revealed nothing suspicious.

c. On 20 May the team assisted in the recovery of a crashed helicopter from the Suoi Giai River near Phu Loi. The team was inserted and extracted by helicopter.

d. On 27 May the team cleared generator inlet/outlets on the USS JENNINGS COUNTY.

7. Diving Conditions. Towards the end of May weather conditions made ship searches difficult and it is expected that this state will exist until the end of the wet season. The diving now being conducted is limited to emergency calls only.

8. En Ordnance. A considerable amount of captured enemy ordnance was received during May. This facilitated team training and assessment of VC capability.

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PART B

ARMY COMPONENT REPORT
SECTION 1

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

General.

9. During the month of May 1967, units under operational control of Commander, 1st Australian Task Force, Vietnam, conducted the following major operations:

- a. LEETON
- b. LISMORE
- c. ARMIDALE

10. The TAOR security patrolling continued actively throughout the reporting period.

11. Reliefs. The programmed reliefs of major units continued, with 2 RAR assuming full operational command from 6 RAR on 30 May 67. A rifle company plus from 1st Battalion, The Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment (1RNZIR) based in MALAYA, came under command 1 ATF on 11 May 67. This subunit has been integrated into 2 RAR, and is expected to remain under command until Nov 67.

12. Long Range Reconnaissance Patrols. The 1st Special Air Service Squadron deployed and recovered a total of 24 Long Range Reconnaissance Patrols during the month. These patrols have continued to be an effective source of reliable intelligence and have provided targets for many airstrikes, all of which have resulted in considerable damage to enemy installations. 33 1/3 percent of the patrols made contact with the enemy resulting in 6 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC KIA (Possible), 1 VC WIA and 1 VC WIA (Possible).

13. Defoliation. No Herbicidal Operations were flown in 1 ATF AO during the reporting period. Advice has been received that the programme planned for PHOUC TUY Province will be deferred until the end of the Monsoon.

14. Tactical Air Support. An extensive visual reconnaissance programme was conducted during the reporting period. Whenever possible, targets so detected were engaged with airstrikes and/or artillery fire. Three B52 strikes were conducted during May. Two of these were very successful, but a B52 strike on 16 May 67 dropped 40 percent of its ordnance four kilometres off target. No civilian casualties occurred as a result of this error. CBU-19A teargas canisters were used for the first time in 1 ATF TAOR on 27 May 67 with moderate results. Results of the month's air activities are:

a. Airstrike Missions:

(1)	Preplanned	41
(2)	Combat Proofs	38
(3)	Diverts	19
(4)	Immediate	9

b. Fighter Sorties:

(1)	F100	192
(2)	F4C	26
(3)	B57	29
(4)	IE	5

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c. Ordnance expended:

- (1) 466 x 750 lb bombs (4 duds)
- (2) 334 x 500 lb bombs (1 dud)
- (3) 30 x 250 lb bombs
- (4) 79 x 750 lb napalm
- (5) 2 CBU pods
- (6) 8 rocket pods
- (7) 100 sorties 20mm
- (8) 12 canisters CB-19A

d. Total Missions requested:

- (1) Preplanned 69
- (2) Immediate 9
- (3) Combat Proofs 56

e. Total Missions allocated and flown:

- (1) Preplanned 43
- (2) Immediate 9
- (3) Combat Proofs 38

f. Bomb damage Assessment

- (1) Secondary fires - 2
- (2) Secondary explosions - 1
- (3) Killed by air - 5 (possible)
- (4) Fortifications:-

	<u>Uncovered</u>	<u>Damaged</u>	<u>Destroyed</u>
Storage Pits	2	-	-
Foxholes	-	-	2
Bunkers		64	246
Trenches (metres)	1565	515	2060
Structures	-	21	36
Tunnels	7	-	3
Weapon Pits	-	-	4

(5) Miscellaneous:-

Trail uncovered 130 metres
Supply route uncovered 1
Rice Bin destroyed 2

15. Transport Air Support

a. No 9 Sqn RAAF

- (1) Sorties flown in support of operations 3688
- (2) Passengers carried 5577
- (3) Freight carried 300231 lbs
- (4) Medevacs 98
- (5) Hours flown 522

16. Losses/Damages Summary

a. Enemy

(1) Casualties

KBA 5
KIA (BC) 13
KIA (Possible) 3
WIA 6 (plus 1 possible)
PW 4
Detainees 3

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(2) Stores/Equipment

2 $\frac{1}{4}$ ton rice
7 Sampans
11 Huts
2 Ox carts
5 Oxen
5 Fish Farms
4 Mess Huts
2 Booby Trap Factories/Workshops (Underground)
Quantities of food, documents, implements,
Web equipment and clothing.

(3) Weapons

2 7.92 rifles
3 M1 Carbines
1 7.92mm MAUSER rifle
1 .30 cal GARRAND rifle
1 THOMPSON SMG
1 French MAT 49 SMG

b. Own Troops

(1) Casualties

KIA 3 (Nil by enemy action)
WIA 10 (2 by enemy action)

(2) Stores/Equipment

1 URCIO Radio
2 SIOUX Helicopters (H-13)

Operations

17. Operation LEETON. The operation continued throughout May and is scheduled for completion in the near future. Development of the HORSESHOE feature YS 4962 continued with NIL enemy interference. This position was taken over by V Coy 2 RAR on 27 May. Construction of the wire obstacle from the HORSESHOE feature to the coast (VIC YS 523536) has been completed by 7 RAR, and anti personnel mines have been laid in the gap between the two fences. VC activity against this barrier has been slight, although the wire was breached in three places on the night 3/4 May 67. This obstacle has reduced substantially the flow of supplies to the VC from this area and is probably the reason for increased use of Route 2 NORTH and the Slope 30 area.

18. Operation LISMORE. This was a search and destroy operation conducted by 7 RAR with artillery, armoured and engineer support from 020845H May to 081600H May. The general area of the operation was that bounded by Route 23, SONG RAI RIVER, Coast and Fence DAT DO YS 4950 to PHUOC HAI YS 5153. The operation commenced with an airmobile assault into YS 6062 on 2 May and the battalion commenced the search and destroy phase from that location. Several minor contacts, amounting to an accumulated total of 5 VC KIA (BC), 7 VC WIA 4 VC PW, 1 VC PW KIA, were made during the period. A considerable base complex was located, and destroyed complete with 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ ton of rice. Five camouflaged fish farms were also located one of which could have fed a company for six months. A position of approx regimental size was located and destroyed. Tracker dogs were used for the first time in Vietnam by Australian troops with rewarding results at least two of the VC KIA being directly attributable to the dogs. Many valuable lessons were learnt on the use and limitations of dogs in this concept. Operation LISMORE's most significant result will be the ultimate

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effect on the LONG DAT District Unit. It should result in increasing inconvenience, through the destruction of base areas and supplies, to main force units staging through the area.

19. Operation ARMIDALE. On 13 May 67, on advise received from BARIA Sector Headquarters, 6 RAR (-) was deployed to cordon and search a wooded area centre of mass YS 440626, in which 40 plus armed VC were allegedly sighted. The area was effectively cordoned and searched with NO result. The operation was terminated at 131600H May 67.

SECTION 2

AUSTRALIAN ARMY TRAINING TEAM

General.

20. a. Intensive VC activities in the North continued.
b. A number of team members have been rotated between jobs to offer variety and in some cases more suitable employment.

Personnel

21. 31279 WO1 C.J. WHITESIDE WIA during mortar attack at HUE. Wounds minor and he remained on duty.

22. Non Battle Casualties

a. 216638 WO2 T.R. SMITH admitted to 8 Fd Amb 15 May with Amoebic dysentery. He was still in hospital at the end of May.

b. 34042 WO2 A.J. LAVELL still suffering from heart condition was medevac to Australia on 22 May.

23. Personnel Change Over

- a. One WO1 returned to AUST at the completion of his tour.
b. Two Offrs and five other ranks arrived in VIETNAM
c. One WO1 received a Quartermaster Commission on 31 May wef from 1 June.

24. Team Strength.

The team strength as at 31 May 67
18 Offrs 77 Warrant Officers

25. Awards.

Two ex members of AATTV received awards

- Sgt C. ISON - BEM;
- Sgt K. WALLACE - MID.

Operations

26. a. Once again THUA THIEN and QUANG TRI Province have been the centre of most action.

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b. Battalions of 1 and 2 Div have continued operations throughout the month.

c. Special Forces have been active in both 1 and 2 corps areas especially on support of US and ARVN Forces in the area of the DMZ.

Morale

27. The morale of the team remains at a high level.

SECTION 3

CIVIC ACTION

General

28. The Civic Action programme during May 1967 was continued in the 1 ATF area of operations and influence, in 1 ALSG area of influence and in SAIGON. In all areas relationships between Australian Soldiers and local inhabitants has been satisfactory, and in some areas the general standard of living has shown a slight improvement.

1 ATF

29. Civic Action carried out by 1 ATF CA Detachment was again concentrated in the village of HOA LONG YS 4164, in the Province Capital BARIA YS3760, and the village of DUC THANH YS 4573. Details of the programme are as follows:

- a. Medical. MEDCAPS conducted throughout the area treated 668 patients. Of this number, 4 required surgery, 17 were evacuated to hospitals including 1 for child-birth and 3 with T.B.
- b. Dental. DENTCAPS treated 118 patients, 83 of whom required extractions. There exists a problem, in many cases, of inducing patients to return for post-operative treatment following many extractions. On occasions, unless this treatment is given, infection results, and the resultant impairment to health produces medical cases. This situation is receiving particular attention.
- c. English Education. Maintained its high effectiveness and 684 people received basic instruction. This compares with 216 for April.
- d. Repair and Construction. The following were effected:
 - (1) The orphanage at BARIA is 80% completed.
 - (2) The dispensary at HOA LONG was painted.
 - (3) The information centre at HOA LONG was completed.
 - (4) Levelling and grading at the site of the market place at HOA LONG continued. This has been a slow project, but is providing continuous labour employment for 12 local inhabitants. It is nearing completion.
 - (5) Repairs were made to 3KM road in the HOA LONG - 1 ATF Base Camp area.
 - (6) Work has temporarily ceased on the school buildings at NORTH HOA LONG. The labour has been diverted to other projects, however the buildings should be completed by mid-June.

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(7) Well repairs were effected to 3 wells in HOA LONG. It is clear that well repairs and well digging will be a continuous requirement in all areas, as water supply leaves much to be desired.

e. Clothing and Materials distributed. The following items were distributed.

- (1) 130 lb clothing.
- (2) 2600 lb foodstuffs.
- (3) 150 board feet timber.
- (4) 10 lb non-prescription medical items. .
- (5) 25 lb soap.
- (6) 30 sheets roofing iron.
- (7) 20lb toys.
- (8) 5,800 lb rice.

f. Decline in Activity. There was a general decline in output of Civic Action activity in the 1 ATF area. This may be attributed to the preparatory requirements necessary to receive the new Civil Affairs unit. New works were curtailed until the arrival of the CO of the unit.

g. Children. Fifteen children from HOA LONG were flown to SAIGON for a visit to the zoo.

1 ALSG

30. Civic Action was again concentrated in VUNG TAU and at NAM BINH YS 3557. The details are as follows:

a. Medical. MEDCAPS treated approximately 700 patients at the dispensaries at VUNG TAU and at NAM BINH. The two local nurses who are employed at VUNG TAU dispensary continued to provide satisfactory service.

b. English Education. Attendance remained at the same level as for April : 4 classes each week with 30 attending each class.

c. New Works. The following projects were completed:

- (1) Ceilings installed in two quarters at NAM BINH.
- (2) Fencing erected around the Old Folks' Home NAM BINH.
- (3) Well constructed at the Old Folks' Home.
- (4) Furniture and fittings for the classroom and MEDCAP room at NAM BINH
- (5) House and Store at the Chief of Refugees at VUNG TAU. This was a direct request from the Mayor of the city.

d. Planned New Works. The following are planned:

- (1) Purchase and fitting of gates for Old Folks' Home.
- (2) Purchase and installation of pump on well at Old Folks' Home
- (3) Cementing of area around well at Old Folks' Home.
- (4) Construction of simple sun shelter at Old Folks' Home.

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- (5) Construction of Creche-Kindergarten in VUNG TAU.
- (6) Purchase of materials for the installation of water reticulation at the Junior Military Academy (JMA) VUNG TAU.
- (7) Purchase of 200 dining forms for the dining rooms at JMA.

e. Repair Project. Repairs were effected to the fence around the dispensary at VUNG TAU. This was damaged in a vehicle accident in April.

f. Clothing and Materials distributed. The following items were distributed:

- (1) 40 bags cement.
- (2) 100 lb clothing.
- (3) 1500 lb foodstuffs.
- (4) 3 midwifery kits.
- (5) 2 bicycles.

g. Miscellaneous.

- (1) The Boy Scout Troop at NAM BINH continued to operate.
- (2) The 2 bicycles were donated from RSL "Operation NEW LIFE" Stores as prizes to the VUNG TAU High School for their annual prize-giving ceremony. They were presented by Comd 1 ALSG.

HQ AFV

31. Civic Action in SAIGON was confined to the Dong Chua orphanage. MEDCAP and distribution of clothing and baby food continued, and 110 Signal Squadron maintained interest in the establishment, conducting frequent working bees. The number of infants now being cared for has risen over the past months to 107. Attention being shown by Australian servicemen has been accredited as the reason

SECTION 4

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH MATTERS

Relief of the Force (SD Aspects)

32. During the month relief of the following units was completed
- a. 1 Fd Regt (4 Fd Regt)
 - b. 1 Fd Regt LAD (4 Fd Regt LAD)
 - c. 131 Div Loc Bty
 - d. 6 RAR (2 RAR)
 - e. Det 176 AD Coy
 - f. 101 Fd Wksp (102 Fd Wksp)

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Communications

33. a. Communications suffered during May due to the inexperience of the men arriving in theatre on unit relief, under posted establishments, a very sharp rise in traffic volume, and a high equipment fault rate.
- b. An excessive backlog of traffic on intra-theatre and rear link circuits, aggravated by ionospheric disturbances and shortage of operators, precipitated minimise action. The order was given 120520Z and cancelled at 150230Z; it was partially successful but produced a backwash some days later.
- c. Towards the end of the month operators were gaining in skill, and equipment reliability improved, However no relief if traffic volume was apparent.
- d. The number of messages through the Major Relay Centre for May was 44,473, an increase of 42% of the previous month.
- e. In theatre radio telephone availability for the month averaged 21.9 hours daily.
- f. SAIGON - MELBOURNE circuit availability for May averaged 84.5% or 20.3. hrs daily.
- g. In theatre telegraph circuits were available 21.1. hrs daily (87.9%).

Public Relations

34. Press Interest. The number of press-men covering the activities of the Force fell during the month to a below average figure of 24. Some press representatives who normally concentrate their efforts on the Australian Task Force, took advantage of the comparatively quiet period to take leave out of country. A total of eleven agencies were represented by the 24 reporters and photographers who visited 1 ATF, they stayed for varying periods amounting to 53 ration days.
35. Press Releases. A total of 48 news items were originated by the section for distribution to the Australian Press and the "Army Newspaper".
36. Pictorial. Pictorial cover by PR photographers was relatively high, it resulted in a total of 90 black and white negatives being selected for release through DPR Canberra.
37. Television. Apart from eight cine stories covered by the VISNEWS television service, during the month, PR photographers covered ten individual assignments and shot a total of 2070 ft of black and white film for national distribution. A further 700 ft of colour film was shot for AHQ (DMT) for the CGS Exercise.
38. Radio. Commercial radio in Australia has been serviced through DPR Canberra with 15 taped interviews and stories produced by Maj Gillman at 1 ATF. Daily news casts and a weekly sports round-up are being broadcast over Armed Forces Radio, Saigon.

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No 161 (Indep) Recce Flt Flying Hours.

39. Flight activities for May were:
- a. Rotary Wing - 568.10 hours
 - b. Fixed Wing - 348.20 hours
 - c. Total hours flown 916.30
 - d. Sorties Rotary Wing - 1121
 - e. Sorties Fixed Wing - 117
 - f. Total Sorties - 1238

SECTION 5

ADJUTANT GENERAL BRANCH MATTERS

Strength State

40. Strength states for the Force are at Annex A.

Medical

41. Aerial Spraying. Aerial spraying of Task Force area occurred during the month, and is to continue at three week intervals throughout the wet, when mosquito breeding will be at its height. This, combined with a vigorous clean up campaign to eliminate breeding spots in empty tins etc, will help to keep biting at a minimum. The usual antimalarial precautions must be observed most meticulously during this period as always, as the biting mosquito carries encephalitis, denge and filiariasis as well as malaria and many other diseases. A writing to this effect has been forwarded to headquarters AFV for promulgation.

42. Hospital Admissions. The incidence of disease in the force continues to be low although this can be expected to rise with the onset of the wet season. At present hospital admissions compare very favorably with figures for May 1966:

May 1966 : 61.5 per thousand
May 1967 : 54.5 per thousand

43. Venerial Disease. During the relief of the force routine volunteer blood tests for VD were conducted. A significant number of these tests proved positive. In addition, many patients with VD who had been unsuccessfully receiving treatment as outpatients were admitted to hospital in order that an intensive course of therapy could be administered prior to their departure for AUSTRALIA. Both these measures had the effect of raising the monthly VD figures.

Statistics

44. Medical statistics for the force are shown at Annex B.

Prisoners of War

45. Prisoners of War captured by AFV are located as follows:
- a. In PW compound - 13
 - b. Hospitalized - 1

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Amenities

46. Live Entertainment. There were no Concert parties touring Australian installations during May. The Twiliters and supporting artists, a party of seven Entertainers, will make a 22 day tour of Australian and US installations from 8 Jun to 20 Jun.

47. 16mm Motion Pictures. In addition to the regular supply of full length features, the following films were circulated throughout the force:

a. 11 films of International Rugby Union - 1967 Wallabies Tour. These were donated by the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

b. 1 film; Rugby League highlights; St George versus Parramatta; Donated by Channel 9, Sydney.

c. 11 films of Bob Dyer's Pick-a-Box.

d. 8 Commonwealth Information Bureau films.

48. Equipment from US Special Services sources.

a. Dayroom Furniture: No further issues were received this month. Outstanding orders are expected to be filled within 30 days.

b. TV sets. 32 TV receivers have been drawn from US special services. The following allocation was made:-

(1) 1 ATF - 22 (held pending arrival of Transformers from Australia).

(2) 1 ALSG - 8

(3) HQ AFV - 2 (Canberra BEQ)

c. Taperecorders. Two Sony stereo tape recorders were drawn and, together with six already held, were issued:

6 to 1 ATF

2 to 1 ALSG

49. Amenities stores from Australian sources. A total of 8140 lbs of Amenities stores were received from Australia. Of this total, 2276lbs were for philanthropic organisations.

SECTION 6

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL BRANCH MATTERS

Relief of the Force.

50. Phase 1 of Winter Grip was completed during the month without any major changes to the movement schedule.

51. HMAS Sydney arrived at Vung Tau anchorage at 0650 hours 30 May 67.

Disembarkation and embarkation details follow:

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- a. Commence discharge of cargo - 0723 hours.
- b. Commence disembarkation of troops - 0730 hours.
- c. Commence embarking troops - 0740 hours.
- d. Completed disembarking troops - 1325 hours.
- e. Completed embarking troops - 1400 hours.
- f. All movement complete - 1412 hours.
- g. HMAS Sydney sailed - 1505 hours.
- h. Total troops disembarked - 472.
- i. Total troops embarked - 533
- j. Total cargo discharged - 86 tons.
- k. Total cargo backloaded - 20 tons

52. Two Chinook helicopters were used to lift incoming troops ex HMAS Sydney to 1 ATF area and return outgoing troops from 1 ATF area to HMAS Sydney. Two barges were used to handle cargo.

MV Jeparit

53. MV Jeparit arrived at Vung Tau on 12 May 67 and commenced discharging cargo. The ship sailed on 16 May 67.

54. For the first time Delong Pier was used, thus allowing a faster turn around for the ship. It is hoped that the MV Jeparit will continue to use the pier for future voyages. Tonnages moved into the theatre by sea, from Australia, are shown at Annex D.

Base Development

55. 1 ATFA Construction proceeded very slowly due to committment of 1 Fd Sqn on op Leeton and generally low strength of engineer units. Works completed during the month were:

- a. Building - 3
- b. Fields of fire cleared 350 acres.
- c. Roads surfaced - 1670 linear yards.
- d. Hardstandings surfaces - 1200 sq yards.
- e. Helipad formed - 20000 Sq yards.
- f. Culverts laid 48" and under - 316 feet.
- g. Airfield re-sealed - 40000 sq yards.
- h. Water consumption average 37000 gpd.

An engineer Works Progress Table for 1 ATF area is shown in Table

56. 1 ALSG. Work is progressing steadily although completion of buildings is still hampered by temporary shortages of material. 17 Const Sqn had the equivalent of one troop detached to 1 ATF and also suffered from deficiencies in personnel. Contract work continues to show good results. Works completed during the month were:

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- a. Buildings (All types) - 36.
- b. Hardstanding surfaced - 300 sq yards.
- c. Earthworks - 32000 cu yards.
- d. Rock and earth loaded - 7000 cu yards.
- e. Water consumption average - 27000 gpd.
- f. Contract work:
 - (1) Committed during May - A\$48,500.
 - (2) Expenditure during May - A\$34,900.
 - (3) Total committed to 31 May 67 - A\$160,500.
 - (4) Total expenditure to 31 May 67 - A\$96,200.

An Engineer Works Progress Table for 1 ALSG area is shown at Annex E.

57. Australian Forces Club. Construction was 75% complete at 31 May 67. Progress has been affected by the general shortage of skilled labour and recent minor changes in design. Some materials have yet to arrive but no problems are anticipated. Completion is expected towards the end of July.

58. Saigon Area. The extra buildings for HQ AFV have been completed except for electrical work. Extra work on some of them has been requested to facilitate installation of the major signals relay centre.

Supplies and Transport.

59. POL.

a. The bulk installation in TFAA is now refuelling aircraft of 35 Sqn RAAF. Filters as per the AHQ Stocking list of POL equipment have not yet been received into the theatre.

b. Certain items of POL equipment are in excess of requirements and a consolidated list suggesting the scaling seen as being the theatre requirement with recommendation of excess backloading will be forwarded separately.

60. Supplies. Australianisation of the cyclic menu is proceeding and it is hoped that it will be officially accepted and in use early in Jun.

61. Catering. A study is now being conducted on the adviseability of continuing to use M37 cookers as the major cooking equipment for the force. These cookers are designed for field operations and with the establishment of more permanent base areas in both Nui Dat and Vung Tau, more permanent cooking equipment may be required. The US Army is currently programming the conversion of base field messes into cantonment messes. If we follow the US programme, considerable effort will have to be made in constructing kitchens which could accommodate the scaling of cantonment cooking equipment proposed by the Americans.

Ordnance

62. 2 Comp Ord Dep.

a. The stocktaking and reconciliation of depot stocks has now been completed.

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- b. The provisions of accurate stockholding figures to the control office has revealed incorrect asset figures in the stock records. Many of these were carried forward from early 1966 and action is in hand to adjust.
- c. The control office, self - service store and HQ complex has moved into Lysaght buildings on high ground.
- d. Work is proceeding on the 200' x 45' bulk storehouses but none are ready for occupation.
- e. Plans have been made to convert ball indents for items not scaled by 2 Comp Ord Dep into signal demands. To this end, a signal demand centre has been established with responsibility for complete action on the requirement including courier clearance, documentation and forward consignment to units. Implementation will commence on 3 Jun 67.
- f. Investigations are proceeding on possible increased use of the US supply system.

63. Det 6 Ordnance Field Park.

- a. Det 6 OFP relieved Det 1 OFP during May and occupied the new area in the TFAA.
- b. The new location provides adequate covered storage for increased stocks and in - scaling is proceeding. The bulk of the new stocks are scheduled to arrive on the June Jeparit.
- c. During May, the bulk break system was rationalised and is now confined to combat clothing and equipment, some common general stores, commonly used stationery stores and essential Army forms.

Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

64. Equipment Repair.

- a. The outstanding workload at LADs, Unit Workshops and the Field Workshop temporarily increased during the month. The increase was due to work arising from technical inspections which were carried out in 1 ATF.
- b. At the close of the month, the equipment availability had improved due to workshop output and replacement action via the R&M Pool at 2 Comp Ord Depot. This replacement was necessary where repair time was critical to operations or the equipment had been sentenced BLR or BER when inspected.
- c. Forward repair teams of 101/102 Fd Wksp were increased to cope with both inspections and repairs at 1 ATF. Teams from the field workshop were raised for instruments, telecommunications equipment and A vehicles.

65. Inspections.

- a. Inspections of the following equipment were conducted at 1 ATF:
 - (1) Small Arms
 - (2) Telecommunications equipment.
 - (3) Instruments.

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(4) Office machines.

b. Inspections so far have been conducted on a formation (1 ATF) basis programmed by HQ 1 ATF and supported by 101/102 Fd Wksp, Inspections arranged by HQ AFV will commence at 1 ALSG in Jun 67. These will be true RAEME EIS type inspections, and programmes for both 1 ATF and 1 ALSG are to be arranged in future on this basis.

c. Monthly technical inspection of vehicles and servicing checks were increased during May. This process is expected to be fully functional by the end of Jun 67.

66. Workshop Accommodation Development.

a. 101/102 Fd Wksp - Hard standing and covered working areas are now complete in the vehicle repair platoon of the workshop. Some progress has been made in providing these requirements for the recovery platoon and store section but these areas are not yet useable. No progress has been made in the general engineering platoon. Further buildings were erected as living accommodation for the workshop.

b. 17 Constr Sqn Wksp - The new workshop area and covered accommodation was approximately 60% complete at the end of the month.

Power Generating Equipment.

67. Ordnance Supplied Generators (Up to 35 KVA). No change from last month's report. Some relief is expected on arrival of generators 5 KW withdrawn from units in Australia.

68. Engineer Supplied Generators (62.5 KVA). Many faults are still occurring with these generators. Every effort is being made to locate the source of the trouble. Details of faults and action taken to rectify have been passed to AHQ on the engineer technical net.

SECTION 7

SECRETARY'S BRANCH

Royal Australian Navy Component.

69. US/Aust Financial Working Arrangement. The cost of US support for the month of April was \$US318.95 less a credit for rations not drawn for March \$US175.50, leaving \$US143.45 due for payment.

Army Component.

70. US/Aust Financial Working Arrangement. The cost of US support for April was \$US472,494.61 less a credit of \$US363.90, for stores issued to US, leaving a total of \$US472,130.71 payable.

80. Civilian Staff. The total number of civilians employed is now 343. One hundred and ninety nine 1 ALSG's employees are paid from a \$VN1,000,000 advance from AIK funds.

81. Audit. Audits of unit finance and miscellaneous accounts were conducted at the following units:

- a. HQ Coy HQ AFV
- b. AATTV
- c. AFPO 4
- d. 1 ARU,
- e. Audit of the AFV Cash Office, HQ AFV awc completed.

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Royal Australian Air Force Component

82. US/Aust Financial Working Arrangement. The cost of US support for April was \$US161,174.60. The account for adjustments for the period January 1966 to February 1967 was submitted to and varified by USMACV. Total amount due to US is \$US540,178.25.

PART C

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE COMPONENT

General

83. The RAAF Contingent at VUNG TAU is still awaiting handover of the new base cantonment area. Whilst the building construction is complete, the provision of services, viz water, power, septic etc, is currently uncertain.

84. It would appear that the end of June 1967 will be the earliest date for occupation.

Operations

85. All Squadrons had a particularly successful month overflying their allocated flying hours. A breakdown of flying hours, cargo and passengers carried in respect of Nos 2, 9, and 35 Squadrons and 161 (Recce) Flight is shown at Para 95.

86. No 2 Squadron have been able to maintain a daily frag rate of 1.0 for the 31 days of May. Over 400 targets were attacked by the Squadron during the month.

87. Targeting continues to be spread throughout SOUTH VIETNAM. However, most targets are in 3 and 4 Corps although lately the Squadron has been concentrating in the southern sector of 1 Corps. Bomb damage assessments are difficult to obtain. So far some VC body counts have been made available.

88. Problems arose when initially dropping 1000 lb bombs. Some "corkscrewed" away from the aircraft in an alarming manner. Stick spacing was adjusted; this gave a clean drop as varified on some day strikes when cameras were used to record the progress of specially painted sticks of bombs.

89. Enemy ground AA fire has been met by 2 Squadron on a few sorties only and can be counted as insignificant to date. Surface to Air Missiles are now evident in the DMZ, with an intercept capability well into some of the 2 Squadron target areas just south of the zone. USAF operations were questioned, by the Commanding Officer 2 Squadron, regarding targeting Canberra aircraft in this area. 2 Squadron now have authority to reject a target (aircraft captain's decision) if it is within 17 miles of a SAM site.

90. The latter half of May has been marked by an abnormal number of bomb hang-ups. No concrete explanations for these anomalies have been found but they are under investigation.

91. Weather for night operations is gradually deteriorating as the monsson season progresses. Many strikes are made in cloud.

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Force Strength

92. The RAAF Element strength is shown at Annex A.

Casualties

93. There were no casualties for the month.

Visits

94. The undermentioned officers paid staff visits to the theatre during the month:-

Sqn Ldr I.H. Julien (06226) Spec D Air Def DEPAIR OR (C&R)

2-8 May

Air Cdre C.G. Cleary (03134) DEPAIR Controller of Equipment
18-22 May

Lt Col F.L. Carter (USAF) DEPAIR D/DAFI (TGTS) 25-31 May.

Air Cdre R.T. Susans (04391) GD PLT DEPAIR DGOR

Wg Cdr B.J. Reynolds (032564) GD PLT DEPAIR OR (F)

Sqn Ldr W.R. Fisher (025475) GD FLT 82 Wing

Sqn Ldr B.W. Overton (011260) GD NAV 82 Wing

} 31 May -
} 5 June

RAAF Flying Hours.

95. a. 2 Sqn

270 Sorties
581 Hours

b. 9 Sqn

3688 Sorties
522 Hours
5577 Pax
98 Medevacs
300231 lbs Freight

c. 35 Sqn

1098 Sorties
626 Hours
7936 Pax
1,05119 lbs Mail
1,108,979 lbs Freight

d. 161 Recce Flight

348 Hours (F Wing)
568 Hours (R Wing)
916 Total Hours
1312 Sorties

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Annex A to AFV
Monthly Report for May 67

AUSTRALIAN FORCES VIETNAM WEEKLY/MONTHLY
STRENGTH RETURN

NOTES

1. This return is intended for use by Australian and United States Forces.

Sub headings for U.S. Forces are shown thus *

2. Theatre supplements are included in the Establishment (* Unit Authorized strength) figures and are shown separately below that figure in brackets.

3. United States Forces abbreviations are:

PCS - Permanent change of station
TDY - Temporary Duty
EM - Enlisted Men

4. The return is in two parts:

a. Part 1 - Those units which will be in country for the next twelve months.

b. Part 2 - Those units which will disappear when the relief of the force is completed.

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UNIT	ESTABLISHMENT					POSTED STRENGTH					ATTACHED					TOTAL					REMARKS
	(UNIT AUTH STR)					*(PCS IN COUNTRY)					*(TDY IN COUNTRY)					TOTAL					
	OFFR	NO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	
145 SIG SQN (111 CORPS GAI DINH PROVINCE LOCATED SAIGON) TF	3	8	16	190 (15)	206 (15)				3	3								3	3		
1 FD REGT	27 (1)	9	36 (1)	328 (32)	364 (33)	10	1	11	101	112					10	1	11	101	112		
6 RAR	40 (2)	10	50 (2)	828 (78)	878 (80)	5	1	6	29	35					5	1	6	29	35		
1 OFFP	1	2	3	24 (2)	27 (2)	1		1	1	2					1		1	1	2		
1 FD REGT LAD (111 CORPS PHUOC TUY PROVINCE LOCATED NUI DAT)	1	1	2	20 (2)	22 (2)				3	3								3	3		
SUB TOTAL	69 (3)	22	91 (3)	1200 (114)	1291 (117)	16	2	18	134	152					16	2	18	134	152		
ALSG																					
101 FD WKSP	6 (1)	10	16 (1)	122 (11)	138 (12)	5	8	13	99	112					5	8	13	99	112		
101 FD WKSP STORES SEC (111 CORPS PHUOC TUY PROVINCE LOCATED VUNG TAU)	1	1	2	15 (1)	17 (1)		1	1	14	15					1		1	14	15		
SUB TOTAL	7 (1)	11	18 (1)	137 (12)	155 (13)	5	9	14	113	127					5	9	14	113	127		
TOTAL	84 (4)	41	125 (4)	1527 (141)	1652 (145)	21	11	32	250	282					21	11	32	250	282		

UNIT	ESTABLISHMENT					POSTED STRENGTH					ATTACHED					TOTAL					REMARKS
	(UNIT AUTH STR)					*(PCS IN COUNTRY)					*(TDY IN COUNTRY)					TOTAL					
	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	
HQ AFV	40 (2)	9	49 (2)	79 (8)	128 (10)	49	15	64	81	145	1		1	1	2	50	15	65	82	147	
110 SIG SQN	8	8	16	190 (15)	206 (15)	8	7	15	146	161					8	7	15	146	161		
DET 11 MC GP	2	2	4	12 (1)	16 (1)	2	2	4	17	21	2		2	3	5	4	2	6	20	26	
+ AATTV	14	85	99		99	15	77	92		92	3		3		3	18	77	95		95	
AFV CASH OFFICE	4	1	5	13	18	4	1	5	12	17					4	1	5	12	17		
DET 198 WKS SEC	1	3	4	6	10	-	3	3	2	5						3	3	2	5		
(111 CORPS GIA DINH PROVINCE LOCATED SAIGON)																					
+ LOCATION OF INDIVIDUAL AATTV PERSONNEL ARE THE SUBJECT OF SEPERATE RETURNS																					
SUB TOTAL	69 (2)	108	177 (2)	300 (24)	477 (26)	78	105	183	258	441	6		6	4	10	84	105	189	262	451	
HQ 1 ATF	26 (2)	2	28 (2)	127 (10)	155 (12)	25	2	27	101	128						25	2	27	101	128	
A SQN 3 CAV REGT	11 (1)	1	12 (1)	116 (10)	128 (11)	11	1	12	106	118						11	1	12	106	118	
DET 131 DIV LOC BT	3		3	70 (6)	73 (6)	3		3	63	66	2		2		2	5		5	63	68	
4 FD REGT	27 (1)	9	36 (1)	328 (32)	364 (33)	18	7	25	215	240						18	7	25	215	240	
1 TOPO SVY TP	1	2	3	15 (1)	18 (1)	1	1	2	15	17						1	1	2	15	17	
1 FD SQN	8	1	9	183 (17)	192 (17)	8		8	140	148						8		8	140	148	
21 ENGR SP TP	1		1	60 (5)	61 (5)	2		2	41	43						2		2	41	43	
104 SIG SQN	6 (1)	2	8 (1)	130 (11)	138 (12)	5	1	6	125	131						5	1	6	125	131	

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	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL						
2 RAR	40 (2)	10	50 (2)	828 (78)	878 (80)	38	11	49	821	870					38	11	49	821	870		
7 RAR	40 (2)	10	50 (2)	828 (78)	878 (80)	38	11	49	789	838					38	11	49	789	838		
1 SAS SQN	6	2	8	101 (9)	109 (9)	6	2	8	100	108					6	2	8	100	108		
1 DIV INT UNIT	1	2	3	12 (1)	15 (1)	1	1	2	11	13					1	1	2	11	13		
DET 547 SIG TF	2	2	4	26	30	2	1	3	26	29					2	1	3	26	29		
DET 6 OFF	1	2	3	24 (2)	27 (2)	1	2	3	23	26					1	2	3	23	26		
DET A SQN 3 CAV REGT LAD	1	1	1	14 (1)	15 (1)		1	1	14	15						1	1	14	15		
4 FD REGT LAD	1	1	2	20 (2)	22 (2)	1	1	2	14	16					1	1	2	14	16		
DET 131 DIV LOC BTY WKSP		1	1	4	5		2	2	5	7						2	2	5	7		
DET 152 SIG SQN				13	13				13	13								13	13		
1 FD SQN WKSP	1	1	2	28 (2)	30 (2)	1	1	2	26	28					1	1	2	26	28		
HQ 1 TF LAD	1	2	3	14 (1)	17 (1)	1	1	2	13	15					1	1	2	13	15		
161 INDEP RECCE FLT	15	3	18	82	100	15	2	17	72	89					15	2	17	72	89		
1 ARU	6	1	7	100	107	6	1	7	31	38					6	1	7	31	38		
(111 CORPS PHUOC TUY PROVINCE LOCATED NUI DAT)																					
SUB TOTAL	197 (9)	55	252 (9)	3123 (266)	3375 (275)	183	49	232	2764	2996	2		2		2	185	49	234	2764	2998	
HQ 1 ALSG	10	3	13	85 (12)	98 (12)	10	3	13	34	47					10	3	13	34	47		

UNIT	ESTABLISHMENT					POSTED STRENGTH					ATTACHED					TOTAL				
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	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL
17 CONST SQN	9	6	15	221	236	10	6	16	216	232						10	6	16	216	232
				(21)	(21)															
AFV DET 55 AESS	1	2	3	32	35	1	2	3	27	30						1	2	3	27	30
				(3)	(3)															
67 GL SEC	2		2	2	4	2		2	2	4						2		2	2	4
HQ 5 COY RAASC	4	1	5	21	26	4	1	5	21	26						4	1	5	21	26
				(3)	(3)															
25 SUP PL	2		2	38	40	2		2	38	40						2		2	38	40
				(3)	(3)															
85 TPT PL	2		2	82	84	2		2	81	83						2		2	81	83
				(7)	(7)															
DET 176 AD COY	1	1	2	20	22	1		1	21	22						1		1	21	22
8 FD AMB	11	3	14	123	137	15	2	17	110	127						15	2	17	110	127
				(12)	(12)															
33 LENT UNIT	3	1	4	12	16	4	1	5	11	16						4	1	5	11	16
				(1)	(1)															
102 FD WKSP	6	10	16	122	138	2	2	4	6	10						2	2	4	6	10
	(1)		(1)	(11)	(12)															
2 COMP ORD DEP	10	9	19	127	146	9	9	18	114	132	5	5	5	5	9	14	23	114	137	
	(1)		(1)	(10)	(11)															
102 FD WKSP STORES SEC	1	1	2	15	17	1	1	1	1	2						1	1	1	1	2
				(1)	(1)															
17 CONST SQN WKSP	1	2	3	42	45	1	2	3	43	46						1	2	3	43	46
				(4)	(4)															
DET 1 DIV S & T WKSP	1	1	2	18	20	1	1	2	18	20						1	1	2	18	20
				(1)	(1)															
DET 1 COMM Z POSTAL UNIT	2		2	8	10	2		2	11	13						2		2	11	13
				(2)	(2)															
DET 1 DIV POSTAL UNIT				3	3				5	5									5	5
				(4)	(4)															
AFV PRO UNIT	1	1	2	47	49	2	1	3	41	44						2	1	3	41	44
				(4)	(4)															

UNIT	ESTABLISHMENT				POSTED STRENGTH						ATTACHED				TOTAL				REMARKS	
	(UNIT AUTH STR)				*(PCS IN COUNTRY)						*(TDY IN COUNTRY)				TOTAL					
	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WC OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR		OR *(EM)
DET 30 TERMINAL SQN	1	1	2	17	19	1	1	2	19	21					1	1	2	19	21	
R & C CENTRE	1	1	2	21	23	1	1	2	19	21					1	1	2	19	21	
DET 8 PET PL	1		1	9	10	1		1	8	9					1		1	8	9	
2 TPT FL	2		2	82	84	2		2	77	79					2		2	77	79	
(111 CORPS PHUOC TUY PROVINCE LOCATED VUNG TAU)																				
SUB TOTAL	84 (2)	44	128 (2)	1102 (91)	1230 (93)	73	33	106	923	1029		5	5		5	73	38	111	923	1034
TOTAL	335	203	538	4529	5067	334	187	521	3945	4466	8	5	13	4	17	342	192	534	3949	4483
NAVY COMP RAN CDT 3	1	2	3	4	7	1	2	3	4	7					1	2	3	4	7	
STO (ATT HQ AFV)	1		1		1	1		1		1					1		1		1	
TOTAL	2	2	4	4	8	2	2	4	4	8					2	2	4	4	8	
RAAF COMP RAAF HQ AFV	7		7	3	10	7	1	8	4	12	5		5		5	12	1	13	4	17
35 SQN	16	1	17	65	82	14	1	15	65	80					14	1	15	65	80	
2 SQN	38	6	44	212	256	39	5	44	192	236					39	5	44	192	236	
9 SQN	18	1	19	81	100	18	1	19	85	104					18	1	19	85	104	
BASE SP FLT	17	4	21	101	122	19	4	23	96	119	1		1		1	20	4	24	96	120
TOTAL	96	12	108	462	570	97	12	109	442	551	6		6		6	103	12	115	442	557

UNIT	ESTABLISHMENT				POSTED STRENGTH				ATTACHED				TOTAL				REMARKS				
	(UNIT AUTH STR)				*(PCS IN COUNTRY)				*(TDY IN COUNTRY)				TOTAL								
	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL						
<u>T/DUTY IN COUNTRY</u>																					
<u>ARMY</u>																					
AF "VERNON STURDEE"					4	9	13	39	52							4	9	13	39	52	
DET 52 SUP PL					1		1	9	10							1		1	9	10	
DET 86 TP PL					1		1	32	33							1		1	32	33	
					6	9	15	80	95							6	9	15	80	95	
<u>T/DUTY IN COUNTRY</u>																					
<u>RAAF</u>																					
5 ACS					3		3	35	38							3		3	35	38	
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<u>TOTAL RAAF</u>																					
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<u>TOTAL NAVY</u>																					
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<u>GRAND TOTAL (incl FLY)</u>																					
5463																					

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AFV Monthly Report for
MAY 67

CASUALTY STATISTICS

1. Killed in Action : 5
2. Died of other causes: 2
3. Admitted to 8Fd Amb:
 - a. Sickness 164 (plus 9 NZ)
 - b. Non Battle Injuries 48 (plus 4 NZ)
 - c. VD --
 - d. Battle Casualties 21
 - e. Total Admissions 233 (plus 13 NZ)
4. Admitted to US Hospitals:
 - a. Sickness 6
 - b. Non battle injuries 9
 - c. Battle Casualties NIL
 - d. Total Admissions 15
5. Medically evacuated from theatre : 21
6. Medical reclassifications : 3
(incl 2 involving change to
PES below theatre standard)

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Annex C to AFV
Monthly Report for
May 67

VISITORS TO AFV
MAY 1967

COL W.A. BUNTING	15 - 20 MAY 67
LT COL E.A. SEATON	15 - 22 MAY 67
MAJ P. GOWER	15 - 25 MAY 67
WG CDR D.M. CROOKS RNZAF	12 MAY 67
AIR CDRE C.G. CLEARY CBE	16 - 22 MAY 67
MR J.C. McLEAY MP) MR G. GILES MP)	19 - 25 MAY 67
AIR MARSHAL SIR ROCHFORD HUGHES KCB, CBE, AFC, FRAeS, RAF	16 MAY 67
MR J. WADDY MLA	22 - 29 MAY 67
MR L.H. BARNARD MP	24 MAY 67
LT COL B. HILL	27 APR-19 MAY 67
COL W.H. WANSLEY	29 MAY - 5 JUN 67
LT COL R.W. MORRIS	29 MAY - 5 JUN 67
LT COL R. VARDANEGA	29 MAY - 5 JUN 67
LT COL D.W. HANLIN	29 MAY - 5 JUN 67
COL P.H.G. HAMILTON OBE	24 - 25 MAY 67
COL W.J. CROSBY	30 MAY - 13 JUN 67
MR H.J. WALKER NZ MP	26 MAY

NOTE: See also RAAF visitors, Part C.

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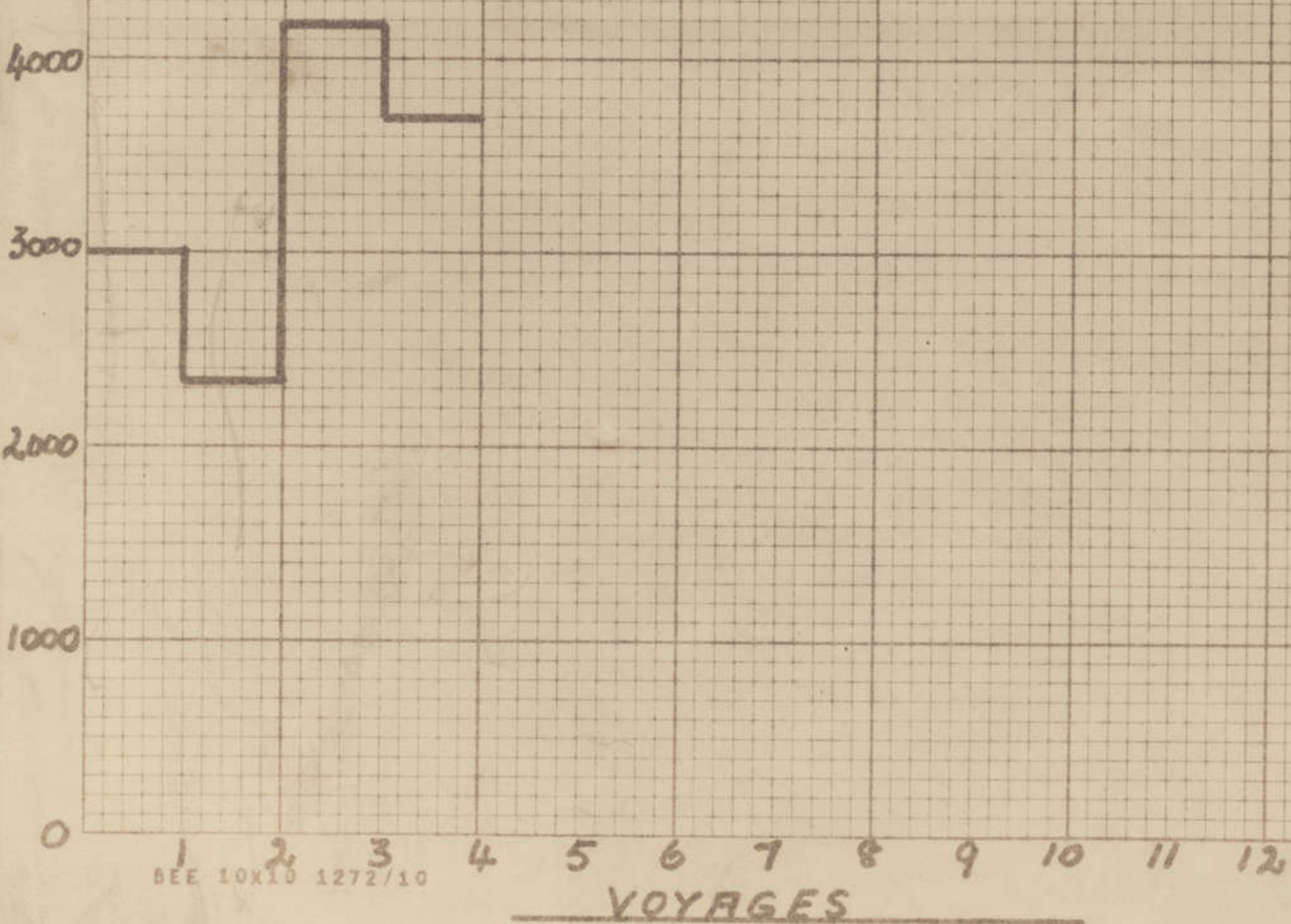
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M.V. JEPARIT



ENGINEER WORKS PROGRESS

Month of ..May.67.....

1 ATF

Date ..1.Jun.67..

BUILDING OR WORK	UNIT OF MEASURE	TOTAL REQUIREMENT	PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED	IN PROGRESS AT DATE	COMPLETED DURING MONTH	NO COMPLETED TO DATE	% CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE	REMARKS
Sleeping Accn	Stage 1		-	-	-	-		Stage 1 Shell only
	Stage 2	Note (a)					-	Stage 2 Partitioning Shutters Elec, etc
Unit A & Q Accn	No	103	44	6	3	47	45	
Messes and Canteens	No	86	79	-	-	79	91	
Warehouses	No	21	18	1	-	18	88	
Workshops	No	16	8	-	-	8	50	
Shower Blocks	Stage 1		77	1	-	77	77	Stage 1 Buckets
	Stage 2	99	4	-	-	4	4	Stage 2 Piped Water
Food Prep Rooms	Stage 1		29	-	-	29	85	Stage 1 Basic
	Stage 2	34	16	-	-	16	46	Stage 2 Improved
Latrine Blocks	No	99	85	-	-	85	86	
Miscellaneous Buildings	No	7	1	5	-	1	50	
Airfield	Sq yds	32,000	20,000	-	-	20,000	62	
Roads 2 Way	Gravelled	yds	42,800	29,260	5,000	1670	30,930	74
	Sealed	yd s	42,700	500	-	-	500	1

BUILDING OR WORK		UNIT OF MEASURE	TOTAL REQUIREMENT	PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED	IN PROGRESS AT DATE	COMPLETED DURING MONTH	NO COMPLETED TO DATE	% CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE	REMARKS
Hardstanding	Gravelled	Sq yds	76,400	71,975	10,000	12,000	73,175	96	
	Sealed	Sq yds	Note (b)						
Helipads	Gravelled	Sq yds	50,000	-	50,000	20,000	20,000	60	
	Sealed	Sq yds	Note (b)	-	-	-	-	-	
Culverts	48" and above	ft	1,620	1,470	-	-	1,470	91	
	Under 48"	ft	4,000	2,814	160	316	3,130	78	
Water Supply	Mains	yds	Note (c)	-	-	-	-	-	
Electricity	Lt retic	yds	Note (c)	-	-	-	-	-	
	Building Wiring	No	Note (c)	-	-	-	-	-	

NOTES

- (a) No permanent sleeping accommodation planned at this stage.
(b) No requirement stated at this stage
(c) Final Plans not completed yet.

ENGINEER WORKS PROGRESS

Month ofMay.67.....

1 ALSG

Date .1.Jun.67.....

BUILDING OR WORK	UNIT OF MEASURE	TOTAL REQUIREMENT	PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED	IN PROGRESS AT DATE	COMPLETED DURING MONTH	NO COMPLETED TO DATE	% CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE	REMARKS
Sleeping Accn	Stage 1	135	8	69	5	13	37	Stage 1 Shell only
	Stage 2		-	5	-	-		Stage 2 Partitions Shutters, Elec Etc
Unit A & Q Accn	No	76	4	44	-	4	34	
Messes	No	27	4	12	-	4	37	
Canteens	No	8	5	3	-	5	80	
Warehouses	No	36	7	8	-	7	30	
Workshops	No	16	3	4	4	7	55	
Hospital Accn	No	6	6	-	-	6	100	
Shower Block	Stage 1	32	21	2	4	25	85	Stage 1 Buckets
	Stage 2		21	-	4	25		Stage 2 Piped Water
Food Prep Rooms	Stage 1	11	5	2	2	7	73	Stage 1 Basic
	Stage 2	11	-	-	-	-		Stage 2 Improved
Laurine Blocks	No	45	26	-	5	31	70	
Miscellaneous Buildings	No	14	4	4	3	7	65	
Forces Club	%	100	40	-	35	75	75	

BUILDING OR WORK		UNIT OF MEASURE	TOTAL REQUIREMENT	PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED	IN PROGRESS AT DATE	COMPLETED DURING MONTH	NO COMPLETED TO DATE	% CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE	REMARKS
Road 2 Way	Gravelled	yds	10,000	3,000			3,000	30	
	Sealed	yds	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	
Hardstanding	Gravelled	Sq yds	10,000	2,500	300	300	2,800	28	
	Sealed	Sq yds	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	
Helipads	Gravelled	Sq yds	15,000	15,000	-	-	15,000	100	
	Sealed	Sq yds	15,000	-	15,000	-	-	75	
Culverts	48" and above	ft	Note (a)	-	-	-	-	-	
	under 48"	ft	Note (a)	60	-	-	-	60	
Water Supply	Mains	yds	Note (a)	-	-	-	-	-	Work not started
Electricity	Lt retic	yds	Note (a)	-	-	-	-	-	
	Building Wiring	No	Note (a)	-	-	-	-	-	
Security Fencing		yds	37,000	-	-	-	-	-	Work not yet commenced

NOTES (a) Final Plans not yet completed

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MONTHLY REPORT - SIB

1. Herewith copy of monthly report from SIB - for Confidential Information.
2. The accommodation is becoming a problem & I will discuss it with DAA6 on my next visit.

G. L. Kelly

Headquarters
Australian Army Training Team
VIETNAM

20 May 67

HQ AFV

MONTHLY REPORT
AUSTRALIAN ARMY TRAINING TEAM
APRIL 1967

1. GENERAL

The month has been eventful with AATTV casualties, personnel changes and the stepping up of VC activities in the north.

2. PERSONNEL

a. Battle Casualties. Two members of AATTV were killed in action during April 67.

- (1) 41400 Maj P.J. BADCOE was KIA in the vicinity of HUE in THUA THIEN Province on 7 Apr 67.
- (2) 53326 WO2 J.M. STONE was KIA near the Ashau Valley near the Western extremity of THUA THIEN Sector on 19 Apr 67. He was on a Special Forces controlled Mobile Guerilla Force operation.

b. Non Battle Casualties.

- (1) 34042 WO2 A.J. LAVELL was admitted to US 8th Fd Hosp NHA TRANG on 5 Apr 67 suffering from a heart condition. He remained on the SI List for the remainder of the month.
- (2) 2411791 WO2 W.J. CHURCHIN was medevac to AUST on 10 Apr 67 after being hospitalised since 7 Mar.
- (3) 36538 WO2 W.J. SIZELAND was medevac to AUST on 24 Apr with a foot complaint.
- (4) WO2 TINNING and ROGERS spent some time in hospital during the month but returned to duty afterwards.

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c. Personnel Change over.

A total of 1 Officer and 18 Warrant Officers returned to Australia at the completion of their tour.

1 Officer 13 Warrant Officers marched into the team from Australia during the month.

The change over will continue in May.

d. Team Strength

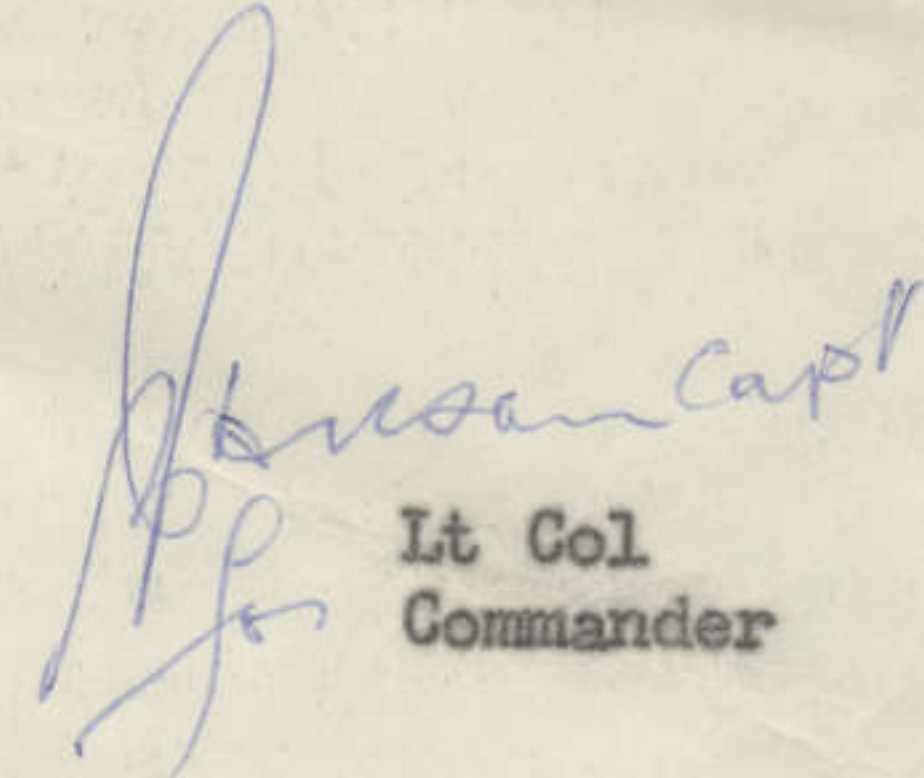
The team strength as at 30 Apr 67 was 15 Offrs and 75 Warrant Officers.

3. OPERATIONS

- a. Once again during this month the I Corps area has seen most of the fighting mainly in the THUA THIEN and QUANG TRI Provinces. A number of sector posts and compounds were over-run in each province.
- b. The elections even though the target of VC terrorist activities were very successful with approximately 75-80% of people voting.

4. MORALE

- a. Generally good.
- b. About 90% of the team concentrated at Australia House DANANG for Anzac Day. The day consisted of a Dawn Service, a Unit Parade followed by entertainment and refreshments.


Lt Col
Commander

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

BRANCH MATTERS

Relief of the Force

1. Operation Winter Grip is proceeding. There were no interruptions to the movement schedule as planned as at 30 Apr 67.
2. HMAS Sydney arrived at Vung Tau on 20 Apr 67 and discharged 7 RAR and stores. 5 RAR were embarked on 30 Apr 67. Troops of 7RAR were transported by Chinook helicopter from HMAS Sydney direct to the Task Force area. 5 RAR were also transported by Chinook helicopter from 1 ATF to HMAS Sydney. This method of disembarkation, and embarkation of troops proved most successful and ~~the whole operation~~ ^{disembarkation / embarkation} was completed within six hours. It is intended that similar arrangements will be made for Sydney voyage 2.
3. MV Jeparit completed discharge of stores on 4 Apr 67. The large quantity of Civil Aid Stores proved to be an embarrassment to 1 ALSG in so far as space for storage and transport is concerned.

Base Development

4. 1 ATF. Construction work resumed in mid April on conclusion of operation Portsea. 40 Scale C buildings and 8 Scale A buildings were completed during the month. Road surfacing, scrub clearing and miscellaneous earthworks continued. A rock quarry has been brought into limited production. Water consumption averaged 27,600 gallons per day.
5. 1 ALSG. During the month 40 Scale C buildings and 39 Scale A buildings were completed. The third troop of 17 Const Sqn has not been fully effective because it arrived without its troop stores and equipment. They are believed to be arriving on the May JEPARIT. 17 Const Sqn also has a detachment taking part in operation LEETON. Because of this and substantial deficiencies in strength it has had little construction effort available for 1 ALSG. However, more work is being given to civil contractors, whose capacity and quality continues to improve. Three contractors are now offering for work. Contract work committed to the end of April totalled some \$A110,000. Smooth progress continues to be interrupted by shortages of materials.
6. Graphs of general work progress are shown in table 3.
7. Saigon Area. Construction of extra buildings for HQ AFV has commenced.
8. Australian Forces Club. Work resumed on 6 Apr. All design drawings have now been received and only some queries of minor detail remain to be resolved. A thorough review of stores is being made. Some have come in

American entities Notes
for Month by Reports
of April 1967.

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Annex C to
File No.
HQ AFV 8723/1/13
Folio.....
dated May 67.

To..... DAAG

Subject..... AFV Monthly Report - Amenities Notes

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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

1. AFOF Easter Show

The Easter show, sponsored by the Armed Forces Overseas Fund, departed from South Vietnam on 4 Apr after a very successful 10 day tour of Australian and US installations.

In addition to 12 formal shows, the troupe spent many hours visiting hospital wards and soldiers clubs and messes.

2. US Soldier Show - "The Stagtimers"

The Stagtimers, a troupe of four US soldiers, toured 1 ALSG and 1 ATF areas from 30 Apr to 3 May. The troupe was only moderately received in 1 ALSG areas, although all performances were well attended. However a tour of OR canteens in 1 ATF area proved very successful and the troupe performed eight 1 hr shows in one day - a very commendable effort.

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16MM MOTION PICTURES Motion Pictures.

3. Australian sources.

16mm (Aust) Pty Ltd continue to supply 8 films each week. The films are placed on a 3 week circuit as follows:

1 ALSG	7 days
1 ATF	12 "
HQ AFV	2 "

The cost of hiring the films is met from Vietnam Command Amenities Fund.

4. US Sources.

Australian Units in Vietnam currently hold 29 film accounts with (US) Army and Air Force Motion Picture service. A new account will be opened this month for HQ Coy 1 ALSG.

Equipment from Special Services Sources.

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EQUIPMENT FROM US SPECIAL SERVICES SOURCES

5. Dayroom Furniture.

Dayroom furniture can be requisitioned from US special services,

for use in Recreation Huts and Ante rooms. The furniture is issued in several different "Kits", depending on the floor area of the "Dayroom" and the number of persons using it. Of 33 kits ordered by AFV, 9 have been issued to date. These were allocated as follows:

1 ATF	7 kits
1 ALSG	2 kits.

6. TV sets.

Although TV sets are included in Dayroom furniture scalings, they are not yet available in the theatre. When they become available, an allocation of one set per set of furniture will be made.

7. Expendable Items.

Expendable items such as indoor games, sporting equipment, and gymnasium equipment are requisitioned monthly. Units are making good use of this facility.

Amenities stores from Australian Sources.
AMENITIES STORES FROM AUSTRALIAN SOURCES

8. The supply of such items as newspapers, periodicals, books and foodstuffs continues. Stores are allocated to HQ AFV, 1 ALSG, and 1 ATF in the proportion 1 : 3 : 8. This is done by E Comd Amenities, Sydney.

9. Although the delivery of stores into the theatre is adequate, in-theatre distribution continues to be a problem. An Amenities unit is needed to ensure that all stores are distributed equitably and expediently. *quickly. fairly*

[Signature]
 AFV AMENITIES OFFICER

4 MAY 67

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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HEADQUARTERS
AUSTRALIAN FORCE
VIETNAM

RAN CDT3.

8th May, 1967.

The Commander,
Australian Forces Vietnam,
SAIGON.

(Copies to: The Secretary, Department of the Navy.
The Captain, H.M.A.S. Waterhen.)

R.A.N. CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM 3 - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -
FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1967.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following Report of Proceedings for Clearance Diving Team Three, under my command, for the month of April, 1967.

2. Once again, the team has been mainly employed in the STABLEDOOR roll with a total of 197 ship searches being carried out. This total is extremely pleasing considering that diving was impossible for 14 days during the month whilst our rubber diving raft was being repaired by the U.S.S. ASKARI.

3. On Friday, 7th April, a request was received from the U.S.N. E.O.D. team in Saigon for two members of the team to back up their operations whilst they were temporarily shorthanded. At the same time, we were informed that our long awaited stores were ready for collection in Saigon. Subsequently four team members were dispatched to Saigon the following day, two to support the U.S.N. team in Saigon and two to escort our equipment to Vung Tau.

4. At 2015H on Sunday, 9th April, a report was received from the U.S.S. MARK, at anchor in Vung Tau outer harbour, that she had an 81 mm mortar misfire in the barrel. Two team members were immediately dispatched to the U.S.S. MARK. On arrival at the scene, it was found that the round had been in the bore for approximately 12 hours so work was commenced immediately. After approximately 2 hours of frustration, the round was removed from the barrel and gently "committed to the deep".

5. On Tuesday, 11th April, our long awaited stores arrived. On close inspection, it was found that the U.S.N. had supplied us with nearly every conceivable item of E.O.D. equipment that the team would ever possibly need. After the months of frustration and "making do", we finally found that we could now react to any kind of emergency to which the team might be called.

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6. At 1745H on Sunday, 16th April, a call was received from the First Australian Logistic Support Group, Vung Tau, to say that they had found an unexploded mortar round in the camp. Two team members were immediately dispatched to the scene. On inspection, the round was found to be lying under a Conex box. On removal, the round was identified as a very ^{old} and very dangerous 2 inch mortar round. The item was carefully carried approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to the demolition range and counter-charged.

7. At 1240H on Friday, 21st April, the team was called on to investigate two white marker buoys alongside the U.S.N.S. SEBEC. On inspection, they were found to be fishing marker buoys and after carrying out a bottom search of the ship, the incident was closed.

8. At 1000H on Monday, 24th April, the team was called upon to give a lecture on the capabilities and limitations of underwater swimmer attack to the Military Police and other interested Harbour authorities. After the lecture, those present were asked to detect two swimmers in the water nearby. As was expected, they quickly found the diver leaving a bubble trail but could not find the second swimmer which they were assured was very close to them. The point of the lecture was readily brought out when they found that he had been swimming only a few yards from them with his head covered by an old box.

9. On Tuesday, 25th April, one team member was provided to participate in the Anzac Day Dawn Memorial Service held in Saigon.

10. On Wednesday, 26th April, ABCD P.A. MAGNUSON, R93888 and I attended the first day of a two day U.S. Explosive Ordnance Disposal "in country" orientation course. As during the previous month, the course was of extremely good value. New ordnance, soon to be introduced into country by the United States, was discussed and this will be the subject of a separate report.

11. At 1035H on Thursday 27th April, the team was called upon to investigate an object floating near U.S.N.S. ALUDRA. Upon investigation the object appeared to be a home made grapnel hook, and was floating approximately amidships. A line from this hook was followed aft to a 1 gallon tin which was close to the propeller. From this tin, a second line was followed to where it disappeared into an inlet. As the visibility was very poor, the whole object was treated as ordnance and towed away from the ship by the patrol boat. When the object was recovered, the line that had been in the inlet was found to be a loose line and the 1 gallon tin to be empty. A ship bottom search was carried out, with particular attention being paid to the inlet in question, but nothing further was found. After consultation with the ship, which had actually requested our assistance, it was found that someone onboard had been using the "object" to grapnel an object lost overboard. Naturally enough this turned out to be somewhat of a disappointment as we were sure that we had finally found the real thing.

12. On Friday 28th April, intelligence reports received indicated that the V.C. would try to carry out a major assault against allied forces based around Vung Tau and this was to include attacks on ships in Vung Tau harbour. Two U.S.N. E.O.D. personnel were borrowed from Saigon and ship searches increased. At present this attack, which was to be based around the Communist May Day celebrations, has not materialised but the increased searching is being maintained. In the last three

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days of this month, 66 ships were searched. The team is diving all slack water periods, both day and night, to try and combat this threat particularly as U.S. sources suggest that he may use some or all of his newly acquired underwater chariots.

13. During the month, informal visits were paid to H.M.A.S. SYDNEY (Captain E. PEEL, R.A.N.) and the JEPARIT whilst the team was visited by Lieutenant Colonel E.H. SMITH, Commanding Officer of 7 Royal Australian Regiment and Lieutenant Commander L.C. ANDERSON, R.A.N., liaison officer from H.M.A.S. SYDNEY. Lieutenant Commander P.M. HORNIBLOW, R.A.N.V.R., Shipping and Transport Officer, Vietnam, visited the team whenever his duties brought him to Vung Tau.

14. The health and morale of the team remains excellent, although all are tending to be a little tired with the extended work required during this period. Nevertheless all are determined to keep up the effort and beat the V.C. at his own game.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

M.T.E. SHOTTER POWER

(M.T.E. SHOTTER)

H LIEUTENANT GLEX CD, R.A.N. (AOD)
CC.O. R.A.N.C.D.T.3.

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To DAAG DAQMG SORE1 SO Sigs FA RAAFHQAFV AATTV

Subject AFV MONTHLY REPORT

1. Attached is one copy of the AFV monthly report for your retention. This is forwarded to provide a guide for your future monthly submissions.
2. This report, whilst providing a guide, lacks some detail which should ordinarily be included. This detail was omitted on this occasion as it was not available in time to allow the report to be submitted on time.
3. For future reports, the following additional information is to be included in branch submissions.

- a. AATTV: Changes in deployment (Refer Annex D of the report).
- b. A Branch:
 - (1) Medical Statistics. These should follow the format of the Oct/Nov Reports.
 - (2) Amenities: Some detail should be included on these.
- c. Q Branch:
 - (1) The basic graphs shown in the existing report are to be continued and up dated each month.
 - (2) Any additional graphs considered necessary should be included.
 - (3) DADST and DADEME reports should contain some data of note.
- d. RAAF:
 - (1) 9 Sqn figures for total freight, pax and mail should be included.
 - (2) 2 Sqn details will be required as they become available, together with a brief resume of their operations for the month.

Branch heads are requested to ensure that their branch submissions are typed and are prepared in the format shown in the attached report, so that it is only a matter of numbering paragraphs to prepare the final report.

[Signature]
(E.M. GRIFF)
Colonel
Chief of Staff

2 May 67

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Handwritten notes:

- ① Navy - OK
- ② G - to be done
- AATTV - ✓
- Civic Action - ✓
- GS matters - to be done
- AG matters - ✓
- PMG matters - ✓
- Secretariat Branch - ✓ E.M.G.
- ③ RAAF
- Strength Return monthly
- Casualty statistics
- Visitors
- Engo Works progress graphs
- Army Jan 70m by sea for Apr + May graphs.
- Strength state graphs

Signals

UNIT	ESTABLISHMENT					POSTED STRENGTH					ATTACHED					TOTAL					REMARKS
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2 RAR	40 (2)	10	50 (2)	828 (78)	878 (80)																
7 RAR	40 (2)	10	50 (2)	828 (78)	878 (80)	34	10	44	640	684					34	10	44	640	684		
1 SAS SQN	6	2	8	101 (9)	109 (9)	6	2	8	100	108					6	2	8	100	108		
1 DIV INT UNIT	1	2	3	12 (1)	15 (1)	2	2	4	9	13					2	2	4	9	13		
2 TPT PL	2		2	82 (7)	84 (7)	1		1	38	39					1		1	38	39		
DET 6 OFF	1	2	3	24 (2)	27 (2)	1		1	1	2					1		1	1	2		
DET A SQN 3 CAV REGT LAD		1	1	14 (1)	15 (1)	1		1	13	14						1	1	13	14		
4 FD REGT LJP	1	1	2	20 (2)	22 (2)																
DET 131 DIV LOC BTY WKSP		1	1	4	5		2	2	6	8						2	2	6	8		
1 FD SQN WKSP	1	1	2	28 (2)	30 (2)	1	1	2	26	28					1	1	2	26	28		
HQ 1 TF IAD	1	2	3	14 (1)	17 (1)	1	2	3	15	18					1	2	3	15	18		
161 RECCE FLT	15	3	18	82	100	16	2	18	68	86					16	2	18	68	86		
1 ARU (111 COLPS PHUOC TUY PROVINCE LOCATED NUI DAT)	6	1	7	100	107	6	1	7	110	117					6	1	7	110	117		
SUB TOTAL	183 (9)	51	234 (9)	3131 (277)	3365 (286)	125	31	156	1506	1662					125	31	156	1506	1662		
HQ 1 ALSG	10	3	13	85 (12)	98 (12)	9	4	13	32	45					9	4	13	32	45		
17 CONST SQN	9	6	15	221 (21)	236 (21)	11	4	15	251	266					11	4	15	251	266		
AFV DET 55 ALBS	1	2	3	32 (3)	35 (3)	1	2	3	27	30					1	2	3	27	30		

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HEADQUARTERS
AUSTRALIAN FORCE
VIETNAM

RAN CDT3

10 June, 1967.

The Commander,
Australian Forces Vietnam,
SAIGON.

(Copies to: The Secretary, Department of the Navy.
The Captain, H.M.A.S. Waterhen.)

R.A.N. CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM 3 - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -
FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1967.

PART A

Sir,

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY COMPONENT

I have the honour to submit the following Report of Proceedings for Clearance Diving Team 3 under my command for the month of May, 1967.

2. Once again the team has been primarily employed in the STABLE-DOOR role, in the Vung Tau anchorages, throughout the month. Due to intelligence reports received that the Viet Cong would possibly commence attacks on friendly shipping in the harbour, the team carried out ship searches during both day and night slack water periods. With the increased diving time allotted, a total of 327 ships were searched throughout the month, a record for all E.O.D. teams in the country.

3. At 0445H on Wednesday 10th May, team members were called upon to investigate an object floating in the harbour, near friendly shipping. Although this object turned out to be a harmless wooden box, the call set the pattern for many similar calls throughout the month. All patrol craft and friendly shipping had been informed of the recent intelligence reports and current threat. The United States authorities consider that the enemy definitely have the ability to carry out ship attack, even if only by surface swimmer. Consequently the team is receiving many more calls to investigate floating debris and other objects in the harbour.

4. At 2330H on Saturday 13th May, the team was called upon to carry out an unscheduled search of shipping in the northern anchorage. This request arose when the harbour patrol craft were unable to remove four junks in the vicinity of the anchorage, even after firing warning shots towards them. United States Naval authorities considered that the junks may have been trying to attach mines to the anchor cables of the ships. After a complete search of all shipping in the vicinity, the team was able to report that no mines could be found. Team members were then requested to search one junk that had been stopped by gunfire but once again were

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unable to find anything suspicious. The team returned to base at 0200H on the following day.

5. During the afternoon and evening of Thursday 18th May, the team was required to move to a more central location in town to combat any threat arising from the visit of Premier KY and General WESTMORELAND to Vung Tau during that period. No incidents were recorded during this period and the team returned to base on the following morning.

6. At 0500H on Saturday 20th May, three team members were called upon to help in the recovery of a crashed helicopter in the vicinity of Phu Loi, some 25 miles north north east of Saigon. The personnel concerned were transported from Vung Tau to the American Army base at Phu Loi by Chinook helicopter of the American Army's 765th Transportation Battalion and thence to the crash area by a gunship helicopter of the 520th Transportation Battalion. As the area was considered insecure, a protective force of two battalions was supplied by the 1st Infantry Division, United States Army, the parent division of the crashed helicopter. On arrival in the area, the crashed aircraft was found to be in approximately 10 feet of water in the Suoi Gai river. Initially an hour was spent in recovering two bodies, that of the pilot and a Vietnamese advisor, as well as loose, expensive equipment. Finally strops were rigged on the remains of the main fuselage and cabin and the CH 47 Chinook helicopter was utilised to lift the crashed aircraft back to Phu Loi.

7. On return to Phu Loi, the team members involved were presented with letters of appreciation by the Commanding Officer, 520th Transportation Battalion, whose command was responsible for the recovery. Copies of these letters are attached.

8. At 1300H on Saturday 27th May, the team was called upon to render assistance to the U.S.S. JENNINGS COUNTY. The original report stated that her sea chests appeared to be faulty and divers were required to carry out an inspection of the area. As the term "sea chest" did not convey much meaning to the team, U.S.N. personnel on the base were consulted but it appeared that they were equally confused. Consequently, the team started out with a certain amount of curiosity about "sea chests". It was later found that these items are actually underwater inlets and outlets and these particular ones fed the D.C. generators.

9. The personnel assigned to this task were transported to the mouth of the Soi Rap river, where the ship was at anchor, by a river patrol boat (P.B.R.) and completed the task satisfactorily. Personnel returned to base at 2300H.

10. Copies of letters of appreciation received from the Commanding Officer, U.S.S. JENNINGS COUNTY, are attached.

11. During the latter part of the month, weather conditions have made it nearly impossible to carry out ship searches and it appears that this will remain the case until the end of the wet season. The majority of the diving now carried out by the team is limited to emergency calls only. The main consolation from this state of affairs is that if the team cannot dive, it is most unlikely that the Viet Cong could carry out a successful ship attack and with the present state of the tide and the currents, even surface attacks are unlikely in anything but a powerful boat.

12. During the month, the team has received a good amount of captured enemy ordnance and consequently is learning more about the Viet Cong's capabilities. It is interesting to note that the countries of origin of his ordnance range from Japanese and French to both Communist Chinese and Russian as well as many home made items made from accessible items such

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as wood and old beer cans.

13. The health and morale of the team remains excellent with all personnel gaining valuable experience in enemy ordnance and his ways of employing it.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

P. Gardner POWTR
ff (M.T.E. SHOTTER) (AOD)

LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.

C.O.R.A.N.C.D.T.3.

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HEADQUARTERS
520TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (AM&S) (GS)
APO San Francisco 96289

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20 May 1967

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

TO: Able Seaman (CD) P. G. Kember, R 62 377
Royal Australian Navy E.O.D. Team
Harbor Entrance Control Post
U.S. Navy
Vung Tau, Republic of Vietnam

1. I wish to express my deepest appreciation to you for the outstanding support rendered this Battalion on 19 May 1967.
2. During the early hours of 19 May 1967, an aircraft of the 1st Infantry Division, while on a starlight mission, experienced engine failure and was forced to go into a river and submerge.
3. Shortly thereafter you and your team were requested to give assistance in the recovery operation of this aircraft. Without hesitation, you responded to our need, immediately grasped the knowledge of the required extraction procedures, and proceeded to the location to prepare the submerged aircraft for possible recovery and evacuation.
4. The outstanding manner in which you responded to this situation is commendable. Your actions demonstrates allied cooperation to the highest degree and you have brought great credit upon yourself, your team, the Royal Australian Navy and the Allied Forces in Vietnam.

DONALD H. JERSEY
LTC, TC
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APO San Francisco 96289

AVGFP-CO

20 May 1967

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

TO: Lieutenant M. Shotter, 01059
Royal Australian Navy E.O.D. Team
Harbor Entrance Control Post
U.S. Navy
Vaung Tau, Republic of Viet Nam

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APO San Francisco 96289

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Royal Australian Navy E.O.D. Team
Harbor Entrance Control Post
U.S. Navy
Vung Tau, Republic of Vietnam

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520TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (AM&S)(GS)
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20 May 1967

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

TO: Leading Seaman (CD) P. Boettcher R57829
Royal Australian Navy E.O.D. Team
Harbor Entrance Control Post
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Commanding

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3 June 1967

From: Commanding Officer, USS JENNINGS COUNTY (LST-846)
To: Officer in Charge, CDT3, Royal Australian Navy
Subj: Letter of Appreciation

1. On 27 May 1967, three members of CDT3, PO/CD B. V. CLARK, R52167, AB/CD P.C. KEMBER, R62377 and AB/CD P.A. MAGNUSON, R93888 were transported to this command to render assistance in the clearing of two sea chests, the clogged condition of which was impeding the operation of the ship's D.C. generators. By removing concentrations of marine growth from the chests, the above named men provided a service which was beyond the capability of ship's forces and aided in restoring the generators to proper working order. For their outstanding and speedy assistance, I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to them and your command for a job "Well Done".

L.M. PATELLA.

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ENGINEER WORKS PROGRESS

Annex E to AFV
Month Report for May 67Month of May 67

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Date Jun 67

BUILDING OR WORK	UNIT OF MEASURE	TOTAL REQUIREMENT	PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED	IN PROGRESS AT DATE	COMPLETED DURING MONTH	NO COMPLETED TO DATE	% CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE	REMARKS
Sleeping Accn	Stage 1	No						Stage 1 Shell only
	Stage 2							Stage 2 Partitions shutters, elec, etc.
Unit A & C Accn	No	103	44	6	3	47	45	
Messes and Canteens	No	86	79			79	91	
Warehouses	No	21	18	1		18	88	
Workshops	No	16	8			8	50	
Shower Blocks	Stage 1	No	77	1		77	77	Stage 1 Buckets
	Stage 2		4			4	4	Stage 2 Piped water
Food Prep Rooms	Stage 1	No	19			29	85	Stage 1 Basic
	Stage 2		16			16	46	Stage 2 Improved
Latrine Blocks	No	9985	85			85	86	
Miscellaneous Buildings	No	7	1	5		1	50	
Airfield	sq yds	32,000	20,000			20,000	62	

BUILDING OR WORK		UNIT OF MEASURE	TOTAL REQUIREMENT	PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED	IN PROGRESS AT DATE	COMPLETED DURING MONTH	NO COMPLETED TO DATE	% CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE	REMARKS
Roads (2 way)	gravelled	yds	42,800	29,260	5,000	1,670	30,930	74	
	Sealed	yds	42,700	500			500	1	
Hardstandings	Gravelled	sq yds	76,400	71,975	10,000	12,000	73,175	96	
	Sealed	sq yds							
Helipads	Gravelled	sq yds	50,000		50,000	20,000	20,000	60	
	Sealed	sq yds							
Culverts	48" and above	ft	1,620	1470			1,470	91	
	Under 48"	ft	4,000	2814	160	316	3,130	78	
Water Supply	Mains	yds							
Electricity	Lt Retic	yds							
	Building Wiring	No							

ENGINEER WORKS PROGRESS

Month of May.....

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Date .. 1 June 67.....

BUILDING OR WORK	UNIT OF MEASURE	TOTAL REQUIREMENT	PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED	IN PROGRESS AT DATE	COMPLETED DURING MONTH	NO COMPLETED TO DATE	% CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE	REMARKS
Sleeping Accn	STAGE 1	135	8	69	5	13	37	Stage 1 Shell only
	Stage 2			5				Stage 2 Partitions Shutters Elec Etc
Unit A & Q Accn	No	76	4	44		4	34	
Messes	No	27	4	12		4	37	
Canteens	No	8	5	3		5	80	
Warehouses	No	36	7	8		7	30	
Workshops	No	16	3	4	4	7	55	
Hospital Accn	No	6	6			6	100	
Shower Block	Stage 1	32	21	2	4	25	85	Stage 1 Buckets
	Stage 2		21		4	25		Stage 2 Piped Water
Food Prep Rooms	Stage 1	11	5	2	2	7	73	Stage 1 Basic
	Stage 2							Stage 2 Improved

BUILDING OR WORK	UNIT OF MEASURE	TOTAL REQUIREMENT	PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED	IN PROGRESS AT DATE	COMPLETED DURING MONTH	NO COMPLETED TO DATE	% CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE	REMARKS
Latrine Blocks	No	45	26		5	31	70	
Miscellaneous Buildings	No	14	4	4	3	7	65	
Forces Club	%	100	40		35	75	75	
Roads 2 Way	Gravelled	10,000	3000			3,000	30	
	Sealed							
Hardstanding	Gravelled	10,000	2,500	300	300	2,800	28	
	Sealed							
Helipads	Gravelled	15,000	15,000			15,000	100	
	Sealed							
Culverts	48" and above		60				60	
	under 48"							
Water Supply	Mains							Work not started
Electricity	Lt retic							
	Building Wiring							
Security Fencing	yds	37,000						

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ADDRESS Headquarters
Australian Army Training Team
VIETNAM

2 Jun 67

HQ AFV

MONTHLY REPORT
AUSTRALIA ARMY TRAINING TEAM
MAY 1967

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20. GENERAL

- 20. a. Intensive VC activities in the North continued.
- b. A number of team members have been rotated between jobs to offer variety and in some cases more suitable employment.

21. PERSONNEL

21. Battle Casualties

31279 WO1 C.J. WHITESIDE WIA during mortar attack at HUE. Wounds minor and he remained on duty.

22. Non Battle Casualties

- (1) 216638 WO2 T.R. SMITH admitted to SFd Amb 15 May with Amoebic dysentery. He was still in hospital at the end of May.
- (2) 34042 WO2 A.J. LAVELL still suffering from heart condition was medevac to Australia on 22 May.

23. Personnel Change Over

- (1) One WO1 returned to AUST at the completion of his tour.
- (2) Two Offrs and five other ranks arrived in VIETNAM
- (3) One WO1 received a Quarter Master Commission on 31 May wef from 1 June.

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24. Team Strength

The team strength as at 31 May 67

25. Awards 18 Offrs 77 Warrant Officers

Two ex members of AATTV received awards

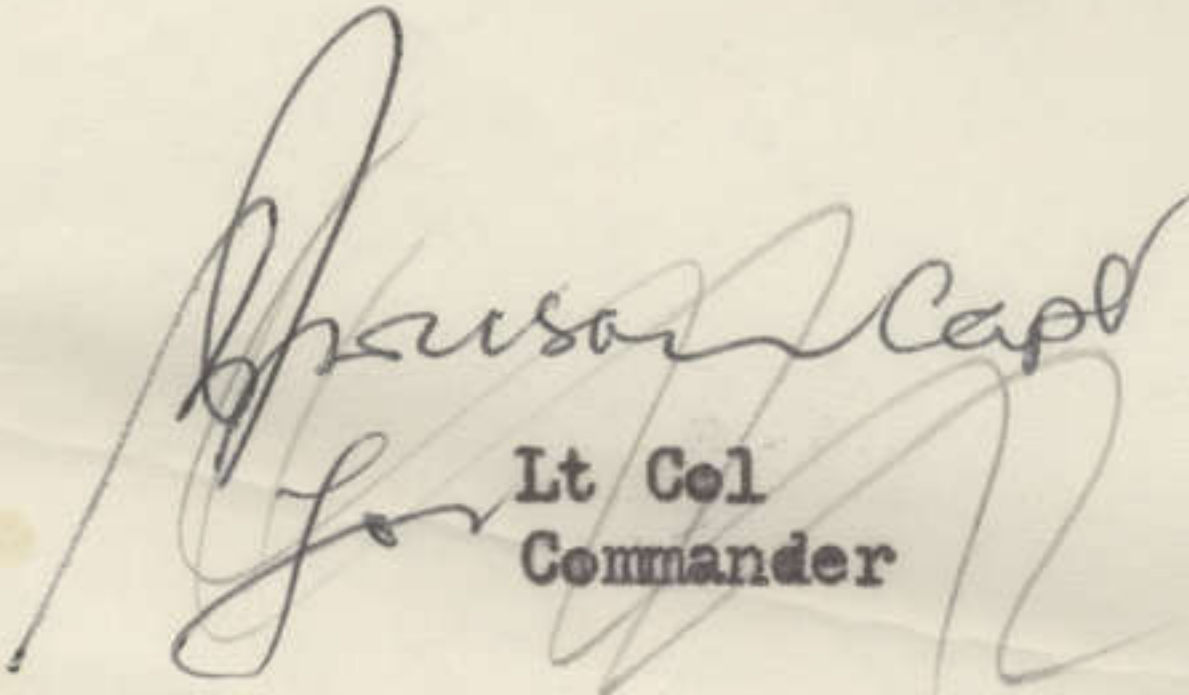
- Sgt C. ISON - BEM;
- Sgt K. WALLACE - MID.

26. OPERATIONS

- a. Once again THUA THIEN and QUANG TRI Provinces have been the centre of most action.
- b. Battalions of 1 and 2 Div have continued operations throughout the month.
- c. Special Forces have been active in both 1 and 2 Corps areas especially on support of US and ARVN Forces in the area of the DMZ.

27. MORALE

Generally good. The morale of the team remains at a high level


Lt Col
Commander

SECTION 3

CIVIC ACTION

UNIT	ESTABLISHMENT					POSTED STRENGTH					ATTACHED					TOTAL					REMARKS
	(UNIT AUTH STR)					*(PCS IN COUNTRY)					*(TDY IN COUNTRY)					TOTAL					
	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	
145 SIG SQN (111 CORPS GLA DINH PROVINCE LOCATED SAIGON)	5	8	16	190 (15)	206 (15)	7	5	12	126	138						7	5	12	126	138	
TF																					
1 FD BCT	27 (1)	9	36 (1)	328 (32)	364 (33)	26	7	33	287	320						26	7	33	287	320	
103 SIG SQN	6 (1)	2	8 (1)	130 (11)	138 (12)	4	2	6	118	124						4	2	6	118	124	
5 RAR	40 (2)	10	50 (2)	828 (78)	878 (80)	34	10	44	670	714						34	10	44	670	714	
6 RAR	40 (2)	10	50 (2)	828 (78)	878 (80)	36	9	45	714	759	1		1		1	37	9	46	714	760	
1 TPT PL	2		2	82 (7)	84 (7)	1		1	24	25						1		1	24	25	
1 OFF	1	2	3	24 (2)	27 (2)	1	2	3	24	27						1	2	3	24	27	
1 FD REGT LAD (111 CORPS PHUOC TUY PROVINCE LOCATED NUI DAT)	1	1	2	20 (2)	22 (2)	1	1	2	15	17						1	1	2	15	17	
SUB TOTAL	117 (6)	34	151 (6)	2240 (210)	2391 (216)	103	31	134	1852	1986	1		1		1	104	31	135	1852	1987	
ALSG																					
HQ 1 COY RAASC	4	1	5	21 (3)	26 (3)				5	5									5	5	
21 SUP PL	2		2	38 (3)	40 (3)	1		1	24	25					1		1	24	25		
DET 176 AD PL RAASC	1	1	2	20	22	1	1	2	37	39					1	1	2	37	39		
2 FD AMB	11	3	14	123 (12)	137 (12)	5	2	7	47	54					5	2	7	47	54		

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101 FD WKSP	6 (1)	10	16 (1)	122 (11)	138 (12)	5	8	13	100	113					5	8	13	100	113	
101 FD LASP STORES SEC	1	1	2	15 (1)	17 (1)		1	1	14	15						1	1	14	15	
(111) CORPS ELPOC	TUY	FROVINCE	LOCATED	VUNG	TAU)															
SUB TOTAL	25 (1)	16	41 (1)	319 (30)	380 (31)	12	12	24	227	251					12	12	24	227	251	
TOTAL	150 (7)	58	208 (7)	2749 (255)	2977 (262)	115	43	158	2079	2237	1		1		1	116	43	159	2079	2238

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HQ AFV	4 (2)	9	49 (2)	79 (8)	128 (10)	47	14	61	81	142	1		1	1	2	48	14	62	82	144	
110 SIG SQN	8	8	16	190 (15)	206 (15)	4	3	7	35	42					4	3	7	35	42		
DET 11 MC GP	2	2	4	12 (1)	16 (1)	2	2	4	11	15	2		2	3	5	4	2	6	14	20	
+ AATTV	14	85	99		99	13	70	83		83	2		2		2	15	70	85		85	
AFV CASH OFFICE	4	1	5	13	18	5	1	6	12	18					5	1	6	12	18		
DET 198 W&S SEC		3	3	2	5		3	3	2	5						3		3	2	5	
(111 CORPS GIA DINH PROVINCE LOCATED SAIGON)																					
+ LOCATION OF INDIVIDUAL AATTV PERSONNEL ARE THE SUBJECT OF SEPERATE RETURNS																					
SUB TOTAL	68 (2)	108	176 (2)	296 (24)	472 (26)	71	93	164	141	305	5		5	4	9	76	93	169	145	314	
HQ 1 ATF	26 (2)	2	28 (2)	127 (10)	155 (12)	25	2	27	86	113					25	2	27	86	113		
A SQN 3 CAV REGT	11 (1)	1	12 (1)	116 (10)	128 (11)	8	1	9	106	115					8	1	9	106	115		
DET 131 DIV LOC PTY	3		3	70 (6)	73 (6)	4		4	54	58					4		4	54	58		
4 FD REGT	27 (1)	9	36 (1)	328 (32)	364 (33)	6	3	9	18	27					6	3	9	18	27		
1 TOPO SVY TP	1	2	3	15 (1)	18 (1)	2	1	3	14	17					2	1	3	14	17		
1 FD SQN	8	1	9	183 (17)	192 (17)	9	1	10	144	154					9	1	10	144	154		
21 ENGR SP TP	1		1	60 (5)	61 (5)	1		1	43	44					1		1	43	44		
104 SIG SQN	6 (1)	2	8 (1)	130 (11)	138 (12)	2		2	15	17					2		2	15	17		

UNIT	ESTABLISHMENT					POSTED STRENGTH					ATTACHED				TOTAL				REMARKS		
	(UNIT AUTH STR)					*(PCS IN COUNTRY)					*(TDY IN COUNTRY)				TOTAL						
	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR		OR *(EM)	TOTAL
67 GL SEC	2		2	2	4	1		1	2	3						1		1	2	3	
HQ 5 COY RAASC	4	1	5	21 (3)	26 (3)	4	1	5	20	25						4	1	5	20	25	
25 SUP PL	2		2	38 (3)	40 (3)	2		2	35	37						2		2	35	37	
85 TPT PL	2		2	82 (7)	84 (7)	2		2	81	83						2		2	81	83	
DET 40 AD PL RAASC	1	1	2	20	22																
8 FD AMB	11	3	14	123 (12)	137 (12)	5		5	6	11						5		5	6	11	
33 DENT UNIT	3	1	4	12 (1)	16 (1)	4	1	5	12	17						4	1	5	12	17	
102 FD WKSP	6 (1)	10	16 (1)	122 (11)	138 (12)																
2 COMP ORD DEP	10 (1)	9	19 (1)	127 (10)	146 (11)	10	9	19	103	122	8	8		8	10	17	27	103	130		
102 FD WKSP STORES SEC	1	1	2	15 (1)	17 (1)																
17 CONST SQN WKSP	1	2	3	42 (4)	45 (4)	1	2	3	33	36						1	2	3	33	36	
DET 1 DIV S & T WKSP	1	1	2	18 (1)	20 (1)	2	1	3	17	20						2	1	3	17	20	
DET 1 COMM Z POSTAL UNIT	2		2	8 (2)	10 (2)	2		2	12	14						2		2	12	14	
DET 1 DIV POSTAL UNIT				3	3				3	3									3	3	
AFV PRO UNIT	1	1	2	47 (4)	49 (4)	1	1	2	37	39						1	1	2	37	39	
DET 30 TERMINAL SQN	1		1	19	20	1	1	2	17	19						1	1	2	17	19	
R & C CENTRE	1	1	2	21	23	1	1	2	17	19						1	1	2	17	19	

UNIT	ESTABLISHMENT				POSTED STRENGTH				ATTACHED				TOTAL				REMARKS				
	(UNIT AUTH STR)				*(FSC IN COUNTRY)				*(TDY IN COUNTRY)				TOTAL								
	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR		WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL
<u>T/DUTY IN COUNTRY</u> <u>RAAF</u>																					
5 ACS										5	2	7	69	76	5	2	7	69	76		
<u>TOTAL ARMY</u>																					
5276																					
<u>TOTAL RAAF</u>																					
596																					
<u>TOTAL NAVY</u>																					
8																					
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>																					
5880																					

UNIT	ESTABLISHMENT				POSTED STRENGTH						ATTACHED				TOTAL				REMARKS	
	(UNIT AUTH STR)				*(PCS IN COUNTRY)						*(TDY IN COUNTRY)				TOTAL					
	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR		OR *(EM)
DET 8 PET PL (111 CORPS PHUOC TUY PROVINCE LOCATED WUNG TAU)	1		1	9	10	2		2	8	10						2		2	8	10
SUB TOTAL	84 (2)	44	128 (2)	1102 (91)	1230 (93)	59	27	86	713	799		8	8		8	59	35	94	713	807
TOTAL	335	203	538	4529	5067	255	151	406	2360	2766	5	8	13	4	17	260	159	419	2364	2783
NAVY COMP RAN CDT 3	1	2	3	4	7	1	2	3	4	7						1	2	3	4	7
STO(ATT HQ AFV)	1		1		1	1		1		1						1		1		1
TOTAL	2	2	4	4	8	2	2	4	4	8						2	2	4	4	8
RAAF COMP RAAF HQ AFV	7		7	3	10	6	1	7	4	11						6	1	7	4	11
35 SQN	16	1	17	64	81	15	1	16	63	79						15	1	16	63	79
9 SQN	18	1	19	84	103	17	1	18	76	94						17	1	18	76	94
BASE SP FLT	17	4	21	104	125	18	4	22	89	111	2		2	1	3	20	4	24	90	114
2 SQN	38	6	44	211	255	37	6	43	179	222						37	6	43	179	222
TOTAL	96	12	108	466	574	93	13	106	411	517	2		2	1	3	95	13	108	412	520
T/DUTY IN COUNTRY ARMY																				
AF "VERNON STURJEE"											4	3	7	46	53	4	3	7	46	53
DET 86 TPT PL											1		1	29	30	1		1	29	30
547 SIG TF											1	3	4	20	24	1	3	4	20	24
DET 52 SUP PL											1		1	9	10	1		1	9	10
TOTAL											7	6	13	104	117	7	6	13	104	117

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Special Investigation Section
VUNG TAU

08 May 67

Provost Marshal - AFV

HQ 1 ALSG

MONTHLY REPORT AND SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATIONS

1 - 30 APR 67

1. The following information is supplied as to the activities of the Special Investigation Section during the month of April 67.

2. PERSONNEL

(a) Warrant Officer (RAAF)	- 1
Flight Sergeant (RAAF)	- 1
MP Corporals (ARA)	- 3
Interpreter/ translator	- 1

(b) ATTACHMENTS/DETACHMENTS

- (i) 5411295 Cpl R M THOY ceased attachment wef 23 Apr 67. (RTA)
- (ii) 53930 Cpl R BRAITHWAITE ceased attachment wef 23 Apr 67. (RTA)
- (iii) 215761 Cpl F HOFFMAN ceased attachment wef 23 Apr 67. (RTA)
- (iv) 311329 Cpl J BARNES attached for investigation duties wef 24 Apr 67.
- (v) 41843 WO2 B C ADDINGTON assumed command of the Special Investigation Section wef 28 Apr 67.
- (vi) Miss BUI THI NHUAN employed as a typist wef 17 Apr 67.

3. INVESTIGATIONS

A summary of investigations is attached as ANNEX 'A'. Traffic accidents numbered (12) an increase of (5) on the figures of the previous month. Criminal investigations totalled (3) an increase of (2) on the previous month. Six traffic accidents and (24) criminal investigations remain uncompleted to date.

4. WO ICs COMMENTS

(1) STAFF

The proposed increase in staff in order to keep abreast of the work load is URGENTLY required. At present all investigators are working alone on the individual enquiries which leaves him without corroboration and therefore open to attack at Courts Martial.

(ii) TRANSPORT

It is considered that an increase in vehicle strength is

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is URGENTLY required, particularly when investigators are required at 1 ATF.

(iii) COMMUNICATIONS

One two way radio is held on strength and it would be desirable for a second radio to be obtained.

(iv) ACCOMMODATION

The present office accommodation, one room, is most unsatisfactory; at present it is used by four investigators, one interpreter and a typist. For interrogations a separate room is required free from interruption. It has been found necessary for investigators to use their living quarters or a tent at 1 LSG in order to write reports or conduct interviews. It is recommended that consideration be given to obtaining a suitable building within the vicinity of the present location. Such buildings are available at a monthly rental of \$100 US.

(v) MORALE

Morale within the Section remains high even though a total of 1446 man hours have been worked during the month; this speaks well of the calibre of the men employed within the section in over crowded confines and with the attendant shortages and pressure of work as listed above.

41847 *B. C. Addington*W02

(B C ADDINGTON)

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ANNEX 'A'

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATIONS FROM
1 Apr - 30 Apr 67

DATE	FILE NO	SUBJECT	INVESTIGATOR/S	REMARKS
<u>TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS</u>				
1 Apr 67	TA/22/67	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED AT INTERSECTION LE LEI TRIEU AU STREET VUNG TAU INVOLVING AMF VEHICLE 112981 ON CHARGE TO R&C CENTRE.	WO EAVES	Completed
8 Apr 67	TA/23/67	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED AT PHAN THANH GIAN ST VUNG TAU INVOLVING AMF VEHICLE 113474 ON CHARGE TO AFV PRO UNIT VUNG TAU	Cpl THOY	Completed
10 Apr 67	TA/24/67	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED AT INTERSECTION OF NGUYEN THA HOC/ LE LAI ST VUNG TAU INVOLVING AMF VEHICLE 112885 ON CHARGE TO 1 FD REGT RAA.	CPL BRAITHWAITE	COMPLETED
14 Apr 67	TA/25/67	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED AT GIA LONG ST VUNG TAU INVOLVING AMF VEHICLE 112982 ON CHARGE TO 101 FD WKSP	CPL BRAITHWAITE	Completed
15 Apr 67	TA/26/67	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED ON THE HAUL ROAD VUNG TAU INVOLVING AMF VEHICLE 100801 ON CHARGE TO 11 MC GP RAE.	CPL BRAITHWAITE WO EAVES	Completed
20 Apr 67	TA/27/67	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED ON ROUTE 15 INVOLVING AMF VEHICLE 170 362 ON CHARGE TO 85 Tpt Pl.	WO EAVES	Incomplete
24 Apr 67	TA/28/67	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED ON ROUTE 15 NEAR AIRFIELDS WEST GATE INVOLVING AMF VEHICLE 114004 ON CHARGE TO 30 TERMINAL SQN.	WO EAVES Cpl GORDON	Incomplete

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25 Apr 67	TA/29/67 TA/32/67	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED AT BARIA IN WHICH A GOLF WAS KILLED	WO2 ADDINGTON	COMPLETED
27 Apr 67	TA/30/67	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED ON ROUTE 15 INVOLVING AMF VEHICLE 171449 ON CHARGE TO 2 COMP ORD DEPOT.	CPL BARNES	INCOMPLETE
29 Apr 67	TA/31/67	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED AT THE INTERSECTION OF NGUYEN TAI HOC RD AND TRONG HUNG DAO RD INVOLVING AMF VEHICLE 113982 ON CHARGE TO 11 MC UNIT.	CPL BARNES	INCOMPLETE
29 Apr 67	TA/32/67	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED AT TRIEU AU AND LY THUONG KIEP STREETS VUNG TAU INVOLVING AMF VEHICLE 113980 ON CHARGE TO AUST R&C CENTRE.	WO2 ADDINGTON	INCOMPLETE
29 Apr 67	TA/33/67	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED IN DINH TIEN HOANG STREET INVOLVING AMF VEHICLE 114015 ON CHARGE TO 17 CONSTR SQN.	WO 2 ADDINGTON	INCOMPLETE

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

1 Apr 67	SIB/79/67	INTERFERENCE WITH ROYAL MAIL 1 COM 2 POSTAL UNIT AFPO 3	WO EAVES CPL HOFFMAN	COMPLETED
1 Apr 67	SIB/80/67	LOSS/THEFT \$110 MPC Coy FUNDS	F Sgt WILSON	INCOMPLETE
1 Apr 67	SIB/81/67	Inquiry conducted for Civil Police in AUSTRALIA	Cpl THOY	Completed
1 Apr 67	SIB/82/67 SIB/98/67	LOSS/THEFT OF WALLET CONTAINING \$40 MPC ID CARD PROPERTY OF 4717450 Pte P BAIL 33 DENTAL UNIT ATT 5 BAR	Cpl THOY Cpl HOFFMAN	Completed
1 Apr 67	SIB/83/67	UNLAWFUL WOUNDING 2781350 SIG D T ALEXANDER 145 SIG SQN.	F SGT WILSON CPL THOY	INCOMPLETE
2 Apr 67	SIB/84/67	DISCREPANCY \$2000 & MPC OR's GANTEEN 2 FD AMB	WO EAVES F SGT WILSON CPL HOFFMAN	Completed
10 Apr 67	SIB/85/67	LOSS/THEFT SEIKO WATCH PROPERTY OF 3787750 Pte H A BROOKES 2 FD AMB	WO EAVES	INCOMPLETE
10 Apr 67	SIB/86/67	LOSS/THEFT SEIKO WATCH PROPERTY OF 213984 TPR McFADYEN A SQN 3 GAV REGT (PATIENT AT 2 FD AMB)	WO EAVES	INCOMPLETE

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9 Apr 67	SIB/87/67	ALTERCATION AT THE BEACHCOMBER ALL RANKS CLUB BY AMF PERSONNEL	Cpl THOY	COMPLETED
12 Apr 67	SIB/88/67	LOSS/THEFT \$273 MONIES AND PERSONAL PROPERTY, PROPERTY OF MEMBERS OF 'A' COY 6 RAR.	FSGT WILSON CPL THOY	COMPLETED
14 Apr 67	SIB/89/67	THEFT OF PAY PACKET CONTAINING \$1,738 PROPERTY BUI THI DOI STEWARDRESS OFFICERS MESS HQ 1 ALSO	F SGT WILSON CPL GORDON	INCOMPLETE
14 Apr 67	SIB/90/67	THEFT OF CARTON OF CIGARETTES FROM ORS CANTEN CONEX 2 COMP ORD	F SGT WILSON CPL GORDON	COMPLETED
14 Apr 67	SIB/91/67	LOSS/THEFT \$100 MPC FROM PAYING OFFICER FLT LT FOWLER 35 SQN \$30	WO EAVES XXXXXXXX FSGT WILSON	INCOMPLETE
14 Apr 67	SIB/92/67	LOSS/THEFT \$ 30 ²⁰ MPC PROPERTY OF 2412175 CPL R L BARRETT 2 Pd Amb	Cpl THOY	COMPLETED
15 Apr 67	SIB/93/67	LOSS/THEFT PERSONAL PROPERTY AMF MEMBERS SAIGON	CPL HOFFMAN	COMPLETED
16 Apr 67	SIB/94/67	ILLEGAL USE OF AMF LAND ROVER 113237 ON CHARGE TO 11 MG GP.	WO EAVES	COMPLETED
16 Apr 67	SIB/95/67	THREATENING WITH DEADLY WEAPON/ UNLAWFUL DISCHARGE OF WEAPON AND ASSAULT 2784753 PTE D ENRIGHT 1 ARU	F SGT WILSON CPL HOFFMAN	COMPLETED
17 Apr 67	SIB/96/67	LOSS/THEFT YASHICA CAMERA NO 6120711 PROPERTY of 4717433 PTE A FANTIS HQ COY 1 ALSO.	WO EAVES	incomplete
17 Apr 67	SIB/97/67	BLACK MARKET ACTIVITIES GINA'S RENDEVOUS BAR BY UNKNOWN AUST	WO EAVES F SGT WILSON	INCOMPLETE
21 Apr 67	SIB/99/67	ILLEGAL USE OF AMF VEHICLE 111573 ON CHARGE TO 5 COY RAASC	WO EAVES	INCOMPLETE
21 Apr 67	SIB/100/67	ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE BY UNKNOWN VIETNAMESE (ARVN) on 61760 PTE D J DENEHEY HQ 1 ATF	WO EAVES CPL GORDON	INCOMPLETE
20 Apr 67	SIB/101/67	LOSS/THEFT 9 mm SERVICE ISSUE PISTOL ON CHARGE TO 11708 WO2 G GROSSE HQ COY 6 RAR	F SGT WILSON CPL BARNES	INCOMPLETE
24 Apr 67	SIB/102/67	LOSS/THEFT 9mm SERVICE ISSUE PISTOL ON CHARGE TO 2411564 CPL N H GOISER ATF PRO DET AFV PRO UNIT	F SGT WILSON CPL BARNES	COMPLETED
24 Apr 67	SIB/103/67	THEFT OF \$140.50 CASH FROM HQ 1 ATF CANTEEN DURING PERIOD 21 Apr 67 to 24 Apr 67.	F Sgt WILSON CPL BARNES	INCOMPLETE XXXXXXXX

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25 Apr 67	SIB/104/67	LOSS/THEFT SLR ON CHARGE TO 2782232 PTE L E GUSSAN HQ COY 1 ATF	WO EAVES	COMPLETED
25 Apr 67	SIB/105/67	ALLEGED ASSAULT COMMITTED ON 278402 CPL D T O'DEA OF 1 ARU BY 342517 CPL W G STANDEN 9 TP 17 CONSTR SQN	WO EAVES F SGT WILSON	INCOMPLETE
28 Apr 67	SIB/106/67	LOSS/THEFT BULOVA WATCH VALUED AT \$27.25 PROPERTY OF ASGO	WO 2 ADDINGTON	INCOMPLETE
28 Apr 67	SIB/107/67	ALLEGED ASSAULT AND THEFT OF MONEY ON 38414 SIG D S ANDERSON 145 SIG SQN.	CPL BARNES	COMPLETED
28 Apr 67	SIB/108/67	ALLEGED ASSAULT COMMITTED ON SGT QUA NATIONAL POLICE AND PFC ROBERT BERRYMAN 560th MP COY- BY 43816 PTE W J PRETTY - 2 COMP ORD DEPOT	WO 2 ADDINGTON	COMPLETED

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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ADDRESS

8 Pd Amb
VUNG TAU
Jun 67

Quote in Reply

R723/1/2.

HQ AFV

SDs REPORT

To In the month since 8 Pd Amb relieved 2 Pd Amb at VUNG TAU and NUI DAT, the relief of the force proceeded. This has necessitated routine blood tests for VD for volunteers, and a significant number of these prove to be positive.

Statistics

Killed in enemy action	: Nil
Killed or died other causes	: 7
Admitted to 36 Evac hospital	: 12
Admitted to 8 Fd Amb	: 189
Total admitted	: 201
Died in medical units : 2 in 24 Evac 3 in 36 Evac NIA in 8 Fd Amb	
Medical evac from theatre	: 21
Medical reclassifications	: 3
involving change of PES to below theatre standard	: 2
Med boards total	: 3

(R.H. MEYER)

240 HQ AFM 2000 2000

HQ AFV
RAP VISITS

Month ending..... 31 May 67

No	ILLNESS	NEW CASES							OLD CASES		
		HQ AFV	145 Sig Sqn	Other Aust Army	Total	RAN	RAAF	NZ	Others	Totals	Visits & Treatments
1	.GI Illnesses	13	9		22					22	10
2	.Eye Conditions	5	3		8					8	2
3	.Ear Conditions	15	2		17					17	10
4	.Nose and throat conditions	16	6		22					22	3
5	.Skin Conditions	7	1		8					8	16
6	.Respiratory Complaints	2	-		2			1		3	-
7	.F.U.O.	-	-		-					-	-
8	.NP Disorders	-	1		1				1	2	2
9	.Other medical illnesses	1	2		3					3	14
10	.Surgical illnesses	8	7		15					15	23
11	.V.D.	5	2	2	9					9	36
12	.Battle injuries	-	-		-					-	1
13	.Non-battle injuries	7	5		12				3	15	3
14	.Road accidents	-	-		-					-	-
15	.X-Ray	-	-		-					-	-
16	.Pathology	-	-		-					-	2
17	.Admissions	-	-		-					-	-
18	.Vaccinations	-	-		-		1		2	3	33
19	.Medical boards Etc	21	13		34					34	18
TOTALS		100	51	2			1	1	6	161	173

New

Total number of patients..... 161

Total number of old patients 173

TOTAL 334

.....Signature

PROBABILITY

MORBIDITY REPORT, MACV (RCS: MACMD-03)

REPORTING FACILITY AND LOCATION

US HOSPITALS - ^{AVST} _{NZ} (DIRECT ADMISSIONS)

PERIOD COVERED

FROM: 1 MAY TO: 31 MAY 67

	ARMY	NAVY	MARINE	AIR FORCE	^{AVST} OTHER MILITARY CIVILIAN
AMEBIASIS					
BACILLARY DYSENTERY					
PEPTIC ULCER					
DIARRHEA, ACUTE, NOS					
OTHER G-I DISORDERS					
EYE DISEASE/DISORDER					
OTITIS					2
OTHER ENT DISEASE					
DERMATOLOGIC CONDITIONS					
HEAT INJURY					
PSYCHOSIS					
OTHER NEUROPSYCHIATRIC					
MENINGITIS/ENCEPHALITIS					
#VENEREAL DISEASE					
#NONSPECIFIC URETHRITIS					
PNEUMONITIS					
TUBERCULOSIS					
OTHER RESPIRATORY					
MALARIA					
VIRAL HEPATITIS					
LEPTOSPIROSIS					
DENGUE					
SCRUB TYPHUS					
FEVER OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN					
OTHER DISEASE					2
NONBATTLE INJURY					9
IRHA					2
TOTAL ADMISSIONS					15
TOTAL SICK DAYS					55

WILL INCLUDE OUTPATIENTS, THE INTERNATIONALLY QUARTINABLE DISEASES (SMALLPOX, CHOLERA, YELLOW FEVER, RELAPSING FEVER, PLAGUE, AND EPIDEMIC TYHUS), IF TREATED IN US MEDICAL FACILITIES, WILL BE REPORTED BY THE MOST EXPIDITIOUS MEANS IN ADDITION TO BEING INCLUDED ON THIS REPORT.

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PRELIMINARY

MORBIDITY REPORT, MACV (RCS: MACMD-03)

REPORTING FACILITY AND LOCATION *VNRTM 2 BARRA* PERIOD COVERED
8 FO AMB: ADS and PRA JLV FROM: *1 May* TO: *31 May 67*

	<i>ARMY</i>	<i>NAVY</i>	<i>MARINE</i>	<i>AIR FORCE</i>	<i>MULTI-SERVICE</i>	<i>CIVILIAN</i>
AMEBIASIS			<i>N2</i>	<i>ARMY</i>	<i>1</i>	
BACILLARY DYSENTERY				<i>ARMY</i>	<i>2</i>	
PEPTIC ULCER					<i>21</i>	
DIARRHEA, ACUTE, NOS					<i>5</i>	
OTHER G-I DISORDERS						
EYE DISEASE/DISORDER						
OTITIS			<i>N2</i>	<i>ARMY</i>	<i>4</i>	
OTHER ENT DISEASE			<i>1</i>		<i>7</i>	
DERMATOLOGIC CONDITIONS			<i>4</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>31</i>	
HEAT INJURY						
PSYCHOSIS						
OTHER NEUROPSYCHIATRIC					<i>6</i>	
MENINGITIS/ENCEPHALITIS						
# VENEREAL DISEASE						
# NONSPECIFIC URETHRITIS						
PNEUMONITIS						
TUBERCULOSIS						
OTHER RESPIRATORY			<i>2</i>		<i>2</i>	
MALARIA						
VIRAL HEPATITIS					<i>1</i>	
LEPTOSPIROSIS						
DENGUE						
SCRUB TYPHUS						
FEVER OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN					<i>2</i>	
OTHER DISEASE	<i>1</i>		<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>71</i>	
NONBATTLE INJURY			<i>4</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>47</i>	
IRHA					<i>9</i>	
TOTAL ADMISSIONS	<i>1</i>		<i>13</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>209</i>	
TOTAL SICK DAYS	<i>13</i>		<i>87</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>1642</i>	

WILL INCLUDE OUTPATIENTS.
 THE INTERNATIONALLY QUARTINABLE DISEASES (SMALLPOX, CHOLERA, YELLOW FEVER, RELAPSING FEVER, PLAGUE, AND EPIDEMIC TYPHUS), IF TREATED IN US MEDICAL FACILITIES, WILL BE REPORTED BY THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS IN ADDITION TO BEING INCLUDED ON THIS REPORT.

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8 Jun 67

PRISONERS OF WAR
CAPTURED BY ~~AUS~~ AFV

a. In PW Compound	- 13.
b. Hospitalised	- 1.
	<hr/>
c. Total	14.

SECRET

MONTHLY STRENGTH RETURN

MAY 1967

APPENDIX B TO
RAAFHQAFV 2/2/Air(18)
DATED 10th June 1967

UNIT DESIGNATION	CORP	PROVINCE	LOCATION	UNIT AUTH STRENGTH			PERSONNEL PCS IN-COUNTRY			PERSONNEL TDY IN-COUNTRY			TOTAL PERSONNEL			DOD CIV
				OFF	EM	AGGR	OFF	EM	AGGR	OFF	EM	AGGR	OFF	EM	AGGR	
BASE SUPPORT FLIGHT	111	PHUOC TUY	VUNG TAU	17	105	122	19	102	121	1	1	20	102	122		
NO 35 SQUADRON	111	PHUOC TUY	VUNG TAU	15	66	81	14	66	80			14	66	80		
NO 9 SQUADRON	111	PHUOC TUY	VUNG TAU	18	75	93	18	77	95			18	77	95		
161 RESCUE FLIGHT	111	PHUOC TUY	HUI DAT		7	7		7	7				7	7		
RAAFHQAFV	111	GIADINH	SAIGON	7	3	10	8	4	12	5	5	13	4	17		
NO 2 SQUADRON	11	TINH THANH TRONG	PHANG RANG	38	217	255	39	215	254			39	215	254		
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												107	506	613		

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(L.J. WILLIAMS)
Squadron Leader
For Commander RAAF VIETNAM

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Notes for Monthly Report

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1. Of Lecfon.

17 Comt Coy has a det of at the Hoeschoe.
Particular tasks were drilling for water,
found at 60 ft, and construction of a
300,000 gal capacity dam.

2. Of Portrea.

Additional eng support provided from
79 Engr Co US in form of one combat company
and one bridge company. Brief
stats statistics of engineer work done during
the operation were:

- 14 culverts in 48" & 72" dia ttd 700 ft.
- 312 machine days of plant operating.
- ~~15000~~ 3000 truck loads of laterite hauled.
- 3 Laterite pits established
- 3 water points established
- one minefield of 300 mines cleared
- 24 mines ~~and~~ bombs located & destroyed.
- 2 bridges totalling 170 ft DS Bailey built.
- one airturf ~~20~~ 2100 ft x 60 ft constructed.

D. J. G. G. G.
7 May 50

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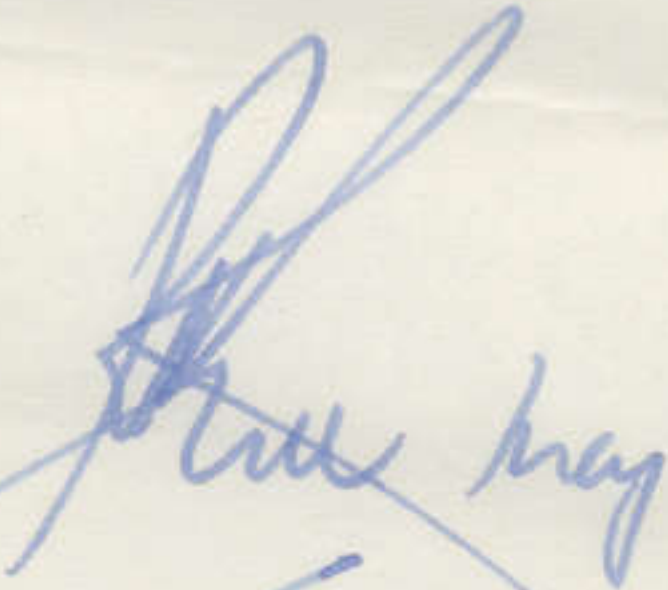
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To..... ① COMAFV ② Chief of Staff

Subject..... Monthly Report

1. Report of March does not include all detail COMAFV requests, principally the total ft, pass carried by 9 Sqw is not shown in the RAAF Section of the report. These the RAAF stated was not available for March - it is hoped they will be available for the April report.
2. Some graphs have been included in this report, it is proposed to continue with these.


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NOTES

HEADQUARTERS AUSTRALIAN FORCES VIETNAM WEEKLY/MONTHLY
STRENGTH RETURN

1. This return is intended for use by Australian and United States Forces.

Sub headings for U.S. Forces use are shown thus *

2. Theatre supplements are included in the Establishment (* Unit Authorized strength) figures and are shown separately below that figure in brackets.

3. United States Forces abbreviations are:

PCS - Permanent change of station

TDY - Temporary Duty

EM - Enlisted Men

4. The return is in two parts:

a. Part 1 - Those units which will be in country for the next twelve months.

b. Part 2 - Those units which will disappear when the relief of the force is completed.

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To G502

Subject COMMS PARA FOR APR 67 REPORT TO CHIEFS OF STAFF

C.D.O.9880

Suggest :-

- " 1. Severe interference to radio relay channels caused several circuit outages from 17 Apr to the end of the month. This problem has now been resolved by new allocation of channel frequencies
2. NO significant changes. "

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ENGINEER WORKS PROGRESS

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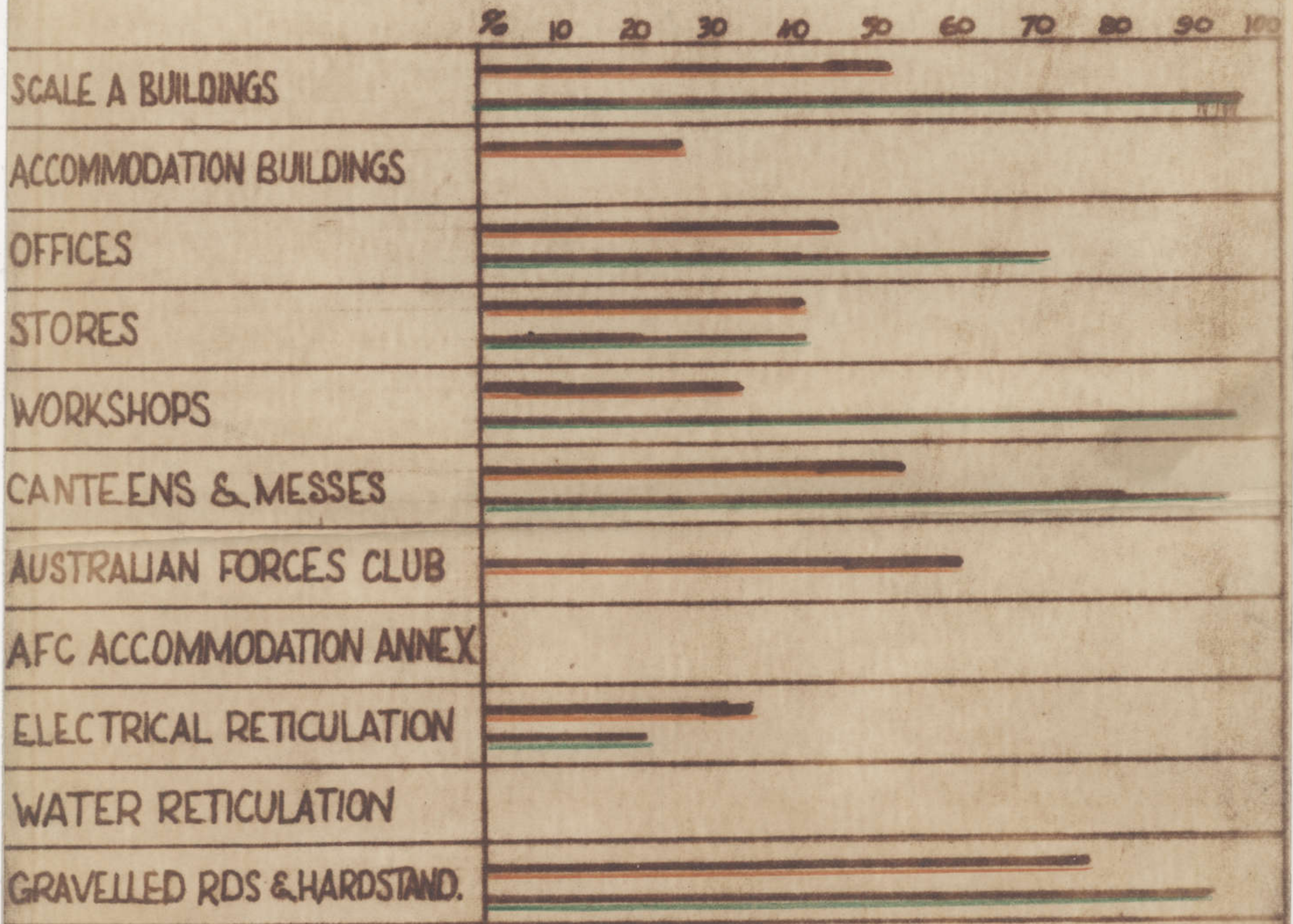


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TABLE 1

TO 30 APRIL 1967



HO AFV

723-1-13 DATED
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MORBIDITY REPORT, MACV (RCS: MACMD-03)

REPORTING FACILITY AND LOCATION

2 FD Amb SADS + Fwd Det
8 FD Amb

PERIOD COVERED

FROM: 1 APR TO: 30 APR 67

	ARMY	NAVY	MARINE	AIR FORCE	OTHER MILITARY CIVILIAN
AMEBIASIS					
BACILLARY DYSENTERY					
PEPTIC ULCER					1
DIARRHEA, ACUTE, NOS					9
OTHER G-I DISORDERS					2
EYE DISEASE/DISORDER					
OTITIS					1
OTHER ENT DISEASE					6
DERMATOLOGIC CONDITIONS					6
HEAT INJURY					
PSYCHOSIS					
OTHER NEUROPSYCHIATRIC					5
MENINGITIS/ENCEPHALITIS					
# VENEREAL DISEASE					6
# NONSPECIFIC URETHRITIS					1
PNEUMONITIS					
TUBERCULOSIS					
OTHER RESPIRATORY					3
MALARIA					
VIRAL HEPATITIS					
LEPTOSPIROSIS					
DENGUE					
SCRUB TYPHUS					
FEVER OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN					7
OTHER DISEASE	1	3 (2 Army)		1 (RAF)	42
NONBATTLE INJURY					25
IRHA					4
TOTAL ADMISSIONS					123
TOTAL SICK DAYS					

WILL INCLUDE OUTPATIENTS.

THE INTERNATIONALLY QUARTINABLE DISEASES (SMALLPOX, CHOLERA, YELLOW FEVER, RELAPSING FEVER, PLAGUE, AND EPIDEMIC TYPHUS), IF TREATED IN US MEDICAL FACILITIES, WILL BE REPORTED BY THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS IN ADDITION TO BEING INCLUDED ON THIS REPORT.

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S. J. ...
23 May 67

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DENGUE					
SCRUB TYPHUS					
FEVER OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN					1
OTHER DISEASE					4
NONBATTLE INJURY					9
IRHA					2
TOTAL ADMISSIONS					17
TOTAL SICK DAYS					187

WILL INCLUDE OUTPATIENTS.

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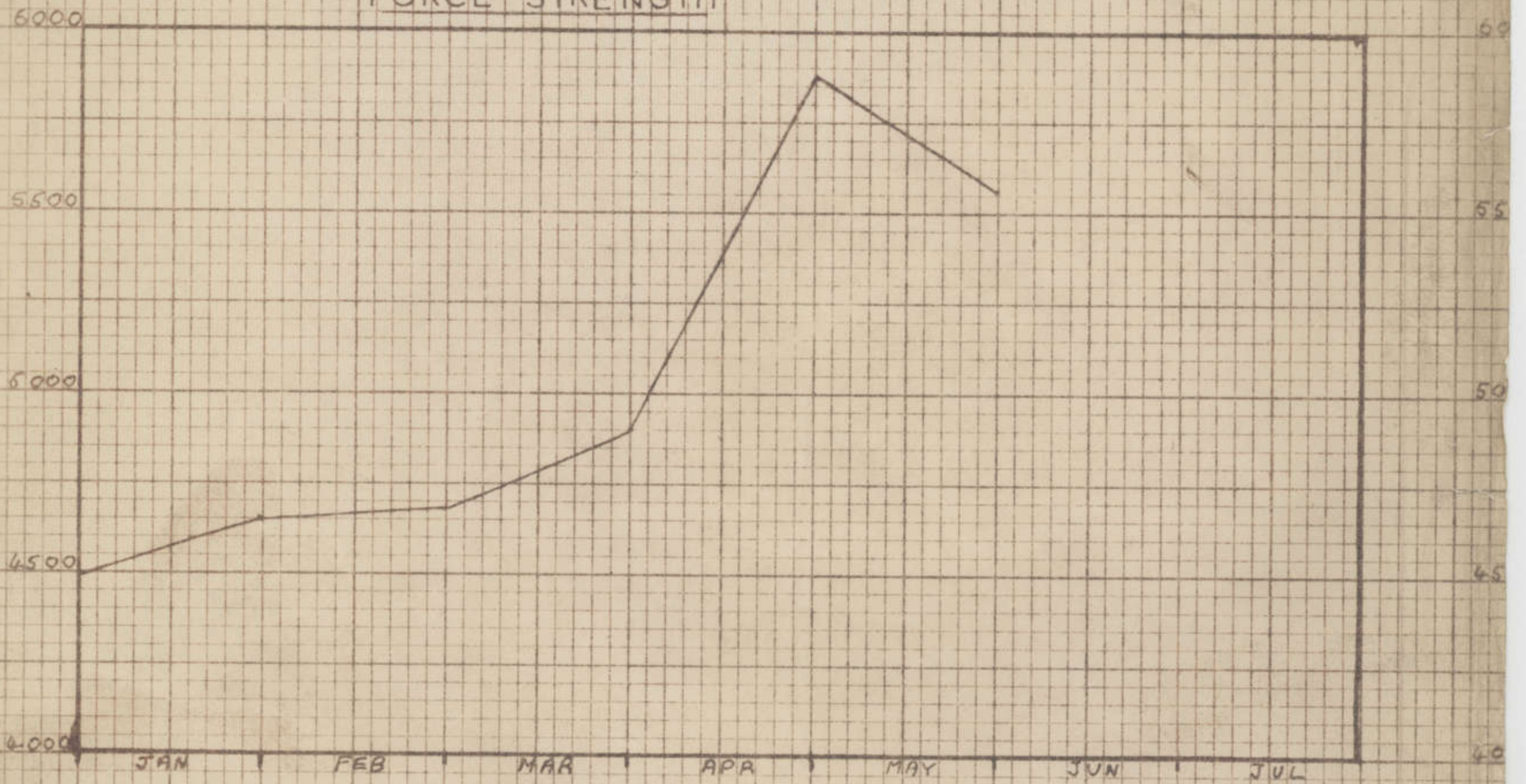
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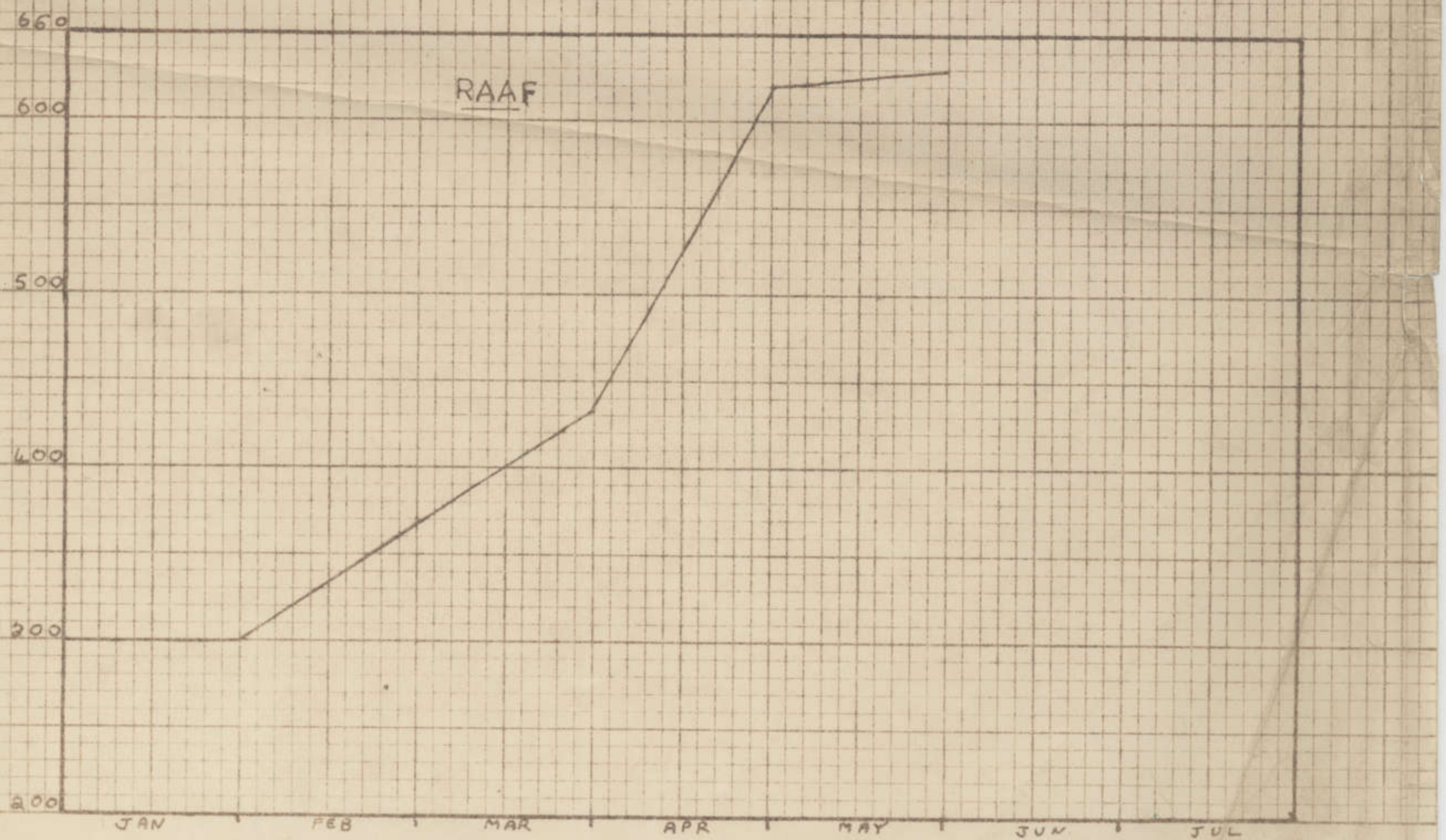
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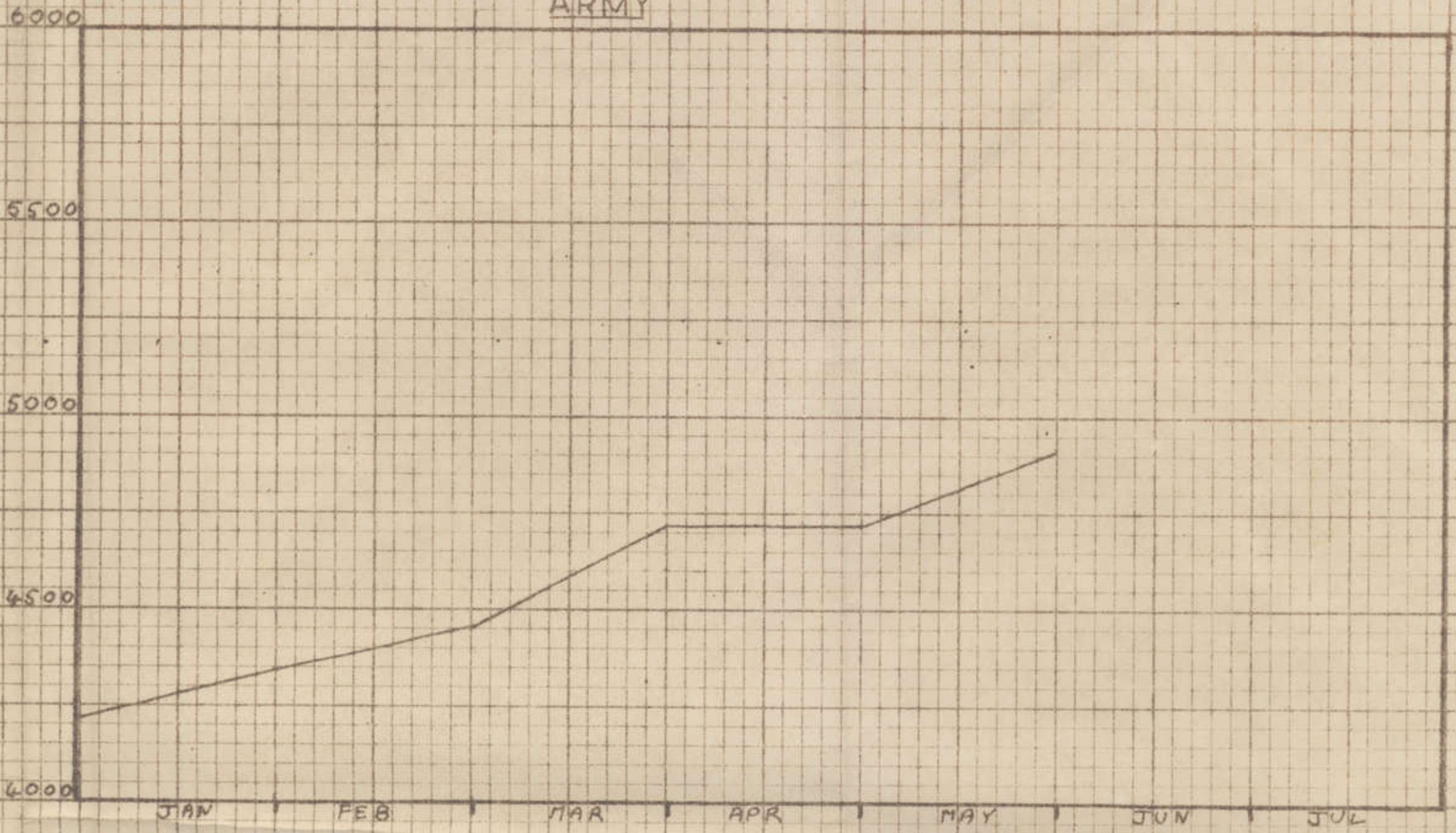


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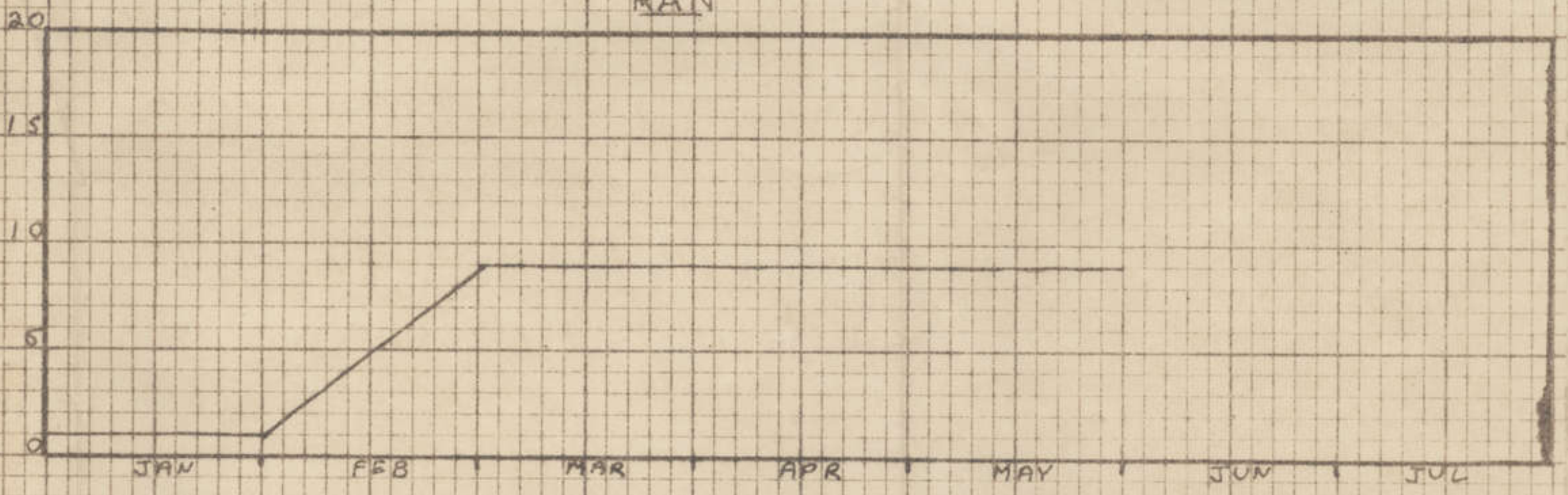


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Subject REPORT FOR APR 67 - SECRETARY'S BRANCH

C.D.O.9880

1. Attached is report for Apr 67.

W. T. Murphy
(W.T. Murphy)
Lt Col
FA HQ AFV

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APPENDIX "A" TO
RAAFHQAFV/2/2/Air(12)
DATED 13th May 1967

DETAILS OF FLYING HOURS CARGO AND PAX
CARRIED BY 2SQN 9SQN 35SQN AND 161RECCE FLT

2Sqn

After deployment (19APR)
67 Sorties
178.45 Hours

9Sqn

2,426 Sorties
373.25 Hours

35Sqn

935 Sorties
514.00 Hours
5,939 PAX
93,501 lbs mail
840,923 lbs freight

161 Recce Flight

328.45 Hours (F Wing)
444.20 Hours (R Wing)
773.05 Total hours
1180 Sorties

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Annex B to
HQ AFV R723 : 1 : 13
dated May 67.

CASUALTY STATISTICS

1.	Killed in Action	4
2.	Died of Wounds	1
3.	Admitted to 2 Fd Amb	
	a. Sickness	82
	b. Non Battle Injuries	25
	c. VD	7
	d. Battle Casualties	6 (incl 2 VC)
	e. <u>Total Admissions</u>	<u>125</u>
4.	Admitted to US Hospitals	
	a. Sickness	7
	b. Non battle injuries	8
	c. Battle Casualties	2
	d. <u>Total Admissions</u>	<u>17</u>

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Annex C to HQ AFV
Monthly Report R723:1:13
of May 67.

VISITORS TO AFV
APRIL 1967

HON MR D. THOMSON, MINISTER OF DEFENCE, NZ. LT GEN L.W. THORNTON CB CBE CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF NZ.)	5 APR 67.
MR J.H. FITTS, ASCO) MR A.H.D. HIND, ASCO)	7-12 APR 67.
CDR L.F. WINCH, RAN	12-18 APR 67.
LT COL J.F. McDONAGH	15-24 APR 67.
DR T.B. MILLAR	17-18 APR 67.
BRIG. P.L. TANCRED OBE) MAJ R. WILLIAMS)	24-30 APR 67.
UK PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION	26-27 APR 67.
LT COL B. HILL	27 APR-18 MAY 67.

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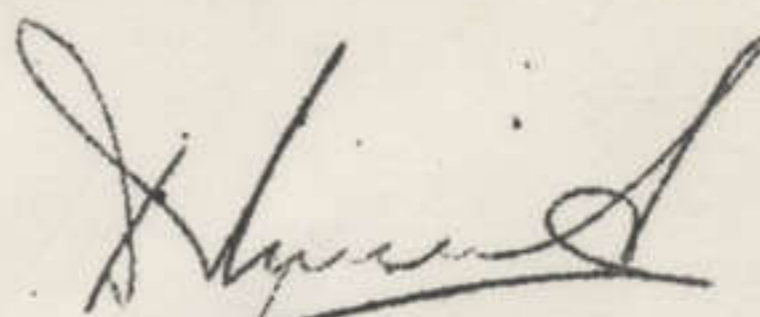
Headquarters
Australian Force
Vietnam

26 May 67.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE VIETNAM
MONTHLY REPORT
APRIL 1967

1. Introduction. This report is submitted in accordance with paragraph 32 of the revised Directive by the Chiefs of Staff Committee to Commander Australian Force Vietnam which was issued dated 15th September 1966. This report covers the period 1 April to 30 April 1967.

2. Contents. The report comprises,
- a. Part A - Royal Australian Navy Report
 - b. Part B - Army Component Report
 - c. Part C - Royal Australian Airforce Component Report
 - d. Annex A - Monthly Strength Return and Location Statement
 - e. Annex B - Casualty Statistics
 - f. Annex C - Visits for April
 - g. Table I - Engineer Works Progress
 - h. Table 2 - Tonnage into VUNG TAU by sea
 - i. Table 3 - Strength State



(D. VINCENT) Major General
Commander
Australian Force Vietnam

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PART A

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY COMPONENT

General

3. The team once again remained based at CAT LO for the whole of the month.

Employment

4. STABLEDOOR ROLE. As was the case in March, this role continued to be predominant amongst the teams activities. 197 ship searches were completed even though diving was restricted for fourteen days whilst repairs were effected to the teams rubber diving raft. On 28 April 67 intelligence reports indicated that the VC would carry out a concentrated assault on installations in the Vung Tau area including attacks on ships in the harbour. Two USN EOD members from SAIGON were attached to the team and the rate of searching was stepped up. In the last three days of the month sixty six ships were searched, this increased rate of searching continues, with the team diving during all slack water periods both by day and by night.

5. Ordnance Disposal. The following tasks were successfully completed:

a. A 81mm mortar misfire was removed from the mortar barrel aboard the USS MARK, on 9 April 67. The ship was at anchor in VUNG TAU outer harbour at the time.

b. An unexploded 2 inch mortar bomb was removed from under a conex box in the 1 ALSG area on 16 April 67. The bomb which was old and in a dangerous condition was removed to the firing range and destroyed.

c. In addition the team investigated what subsequently proved to be two "false alarms",

Training.

6. a. Two members of the team attended a two day U.S. Explosive Ordnance Disposal "in country" orientation course. This proved most valuable particularly as new ordnance soon to be introduced into the country was discussed.

b. On 24 April 67 the team lectured Military Police and Harbour Authorities at VUNG TAU on the capabilities and the limitations of underwater swimmer attacks. The lecture was well received.

Equipment

7. On 11 April 67 the teams equipment arrived. The USN has provided a complete range of equipment which will more than adequately cater for all aspects of the teams activities.

Visits

8. During the month the team visited HMAS SYDNEY and the JEPARIT. The team in turn were visited by Lt Col E H SMITH, Commanding Officer 7 RAR, Lt Cdr L C ANDERSON, RAN Liaison Officer HMAS SYDNEY and Lt Cdr P M HORNIBLOW RANVR, Shipping and Transport Officer Vietnam.

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Morale

9. The morale of the team continues at a high level though all members are becoming a little tired due to the extended hours which proved necessary during the period.

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PART B

ARMY COMPONENT REPORT

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

General

10. During the month of April, units under the operational control of Commander, 1st Australian Task Force, Vietnam, conducted the following major operations:

- a. PORTSEA
- b. LEETON (in progress)
- c. PUCKAPUNYAL (in progress)

11. Patrolling of the TAOR has continued actively during the period despite the requirement to relieve major units of the Task Force. There have been no significant contacts or findings during these minor operations. 7 RAR relieved 5 RAR at 0830 hrs 26 Apr 67. 5 RAR main body returned to Australia, departing VUNG TAU on HMAS SYDNEY on 30 Apr 67.

12. Long Range Reconnaissance Patrols. 1st Special Air Service Squadron were fully employed during April. Fourteen long range reconnaissance patrols were deployed and recovered during the period. All patrols have been employed to ambush known VC routes in the extremities of 1 ATF TAOR. These patrols have been successful and have indicated targets for many air strikes, all of which have produced significant results. During these operations the squadron have accounted for one detainee, eight VC KIA (BC), one VC KIA (possible) and 1 VC WIA.

13. Defoliation. No herbicidal operations were conducted at the request of 1 ATF during the reporting period. The planned programme of defoliation has been approved by III Corps/II FFV and has been recommended by these Headquarters to be flown before 15 May 67. Should it not be possible to begin this programme before this date, the programme will be deferred until December, that is after the monsoon.

14. Tactical Air Support. An intense visual reconnaissance programme was undertaken during the reporting period. The majority of sightings of camps, bunker and tunnel complexes were engaged by both airstrikes and artillery. Those areas not struck had been declared restricted fire areas as they were occupied most of the time by LRRP. Results of the month's offensive air activities follow:

a. Airstrike Missions

(1)	Preplanned	79
(2)	Immediate	32
(3)	Directs	15
(4)	Combat Proofs	37

b. Aircraft Sorties

(1)	F 100	337
(2)	F 5	45
(3)	FAC	12
(4)	B52	10

c. Ordnance expended

(1) 476x500lb bombs (4 duds)

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- (2) 497x750lb bombs (3 duds)
- (3) 388x750lb incendiary (1 dud)
- (4) 39 Rocket pods
- (5) 24 CBU
- (6) 144 Sorties 20mm

d. Bomb Damage Assessment

- (1) Secondary fires 23
- (2) Secondary explosions 3
- (3) Killed by air 2 (BC)
8 (possible)
- (4) Miscellaneous
 - (a) 1 well destroyed
 - (b) Unknown quantity of supplies destroyed
- (5) Fortifications

	<u>Uncovered</u>	<u>Damaged</u>	<u>Destroyed</u>
(a) Foxholes	19	-	26
(b) Tunnel line (Metres)	2,220	120	870
(c) Tunnels	8	-	7
(d) Military Structures	2	24	46
(e) Bunkers	91	68	281
(f) Weapon Pits	19	-	2
(g) Sampans	-	6	2
(h) Trails	90 metres 3 (cut)		

e. Transport Air Support

(1) No 9 Squadron RAAF

- (a) Sorties flown in support of operations 2426
- (b) Passengers carried 3808
- (c) Freight carried 133.5 short tons
- (d) Medevacs 33
- (e) Hours flown 373.25

(2) 147th Assault Support Helicopter Company US Army Aviation (in support) (OP PORTSEA)

- (a) Tonnage Moved 545.4 short tons
- (b) Passengers moved 1302
- (c) Hours flown 157.8

(3) The total figures for Operation PORTSEA, a 27 day period, were:

- (a) 50 aircraft employed
- (b) 267.6 hours flown for 964 sorties

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- (c) 1687 passengers and 13 medevacs carried
- (d) 1608 tons of stores moved

Operations

15. Operation LEETON. This continued through the reporting period. The company base at the HORSESHOE feature YS4962 has been improved. The installation of listening devices and stereoscope telescopes has increased the capability of the outpost to maintain constant surveillance over known VC approaches to DAT DO YS4960. The tempo of VC activity against this centre decreased during April. Construction of the wire obstacle from the HORSESHOE to the coast near PHUOC HAI YS5153 is progressing at the planned rate. The southern extremity at 30 Apr 67 was YS505568. Anti-personnel mines with anti-lifting devices are being laid within the wire obstacle. 5 RAR were relieved by 6 RAR on 19 Apr 67.

16. Operation PORTSEA. This operation commenced at 0700 hours 21 March 67 and continued till 1800 hours 16 April 67. The operation was conducted in two phases. Forces deployed during Phase 1 were 1 ATF (minus), 1st Sqn 11 Armoured Cavalry Regiment (ACR), elements of II Field Force Vietnam Engineers, 35 and 1/43 ARVN Regt. On 31 March 67, 1st Sqn 11 ACR were withdrawn for other operations. At 0600 hours 3 April 67, 1st Brigade 9 Infantry Division joined the operation. 1st Brigade participation concluded at 0800 hours 15 April 67. Phase II of Operation PORTSEA, beginning at 0600 hours 3 April 67 was characterized by the rapid deployment and exploitation of the area astride Route 327, north along Route 328 and north west of THUA TICH YS6181. Contact was maintained with elements of the 5th VC Division until 1st Brigade were withdrawn from the operation. The major success during the operation was the discovery of an arms and ammunition cache on 9 April 67 by 2/39 Infantry Battalion (US). There is no doubt, 1st Brigade participation in Operation PORTSEA severely disrupted the BARIA Province VC Organisation and 5th VC Division elements who have so far been able to move through the area with relative immunity. During Phase II 43rd ARVN Regiment provided protection to the exposed flank of the operation by securing the area to the WEST of BINH BA YS4474 against an attack by 274 Regt. 1 ATF forces in conjunction with II Field Force Vietnam Engineers successfully opened route 23 from DAT DO to XUYEN MOC. The airfield at XUYEN MOC YS6568 was extended and repaired. CV2 aircraft (Caribou) can now operate from the strip. Three Regional Force posts were established in the vicinity of the new bridges across streams and the SONG RAI, centre of mass, YS6063. These posts were fortified and mined. The opening of Route 23 is considered a major blow to VC prestige in PHUOC TUY Province. Operation PORTSEA is considered to have achieved the aim for which it was mounted with minimum loss of Free World Forces personnel.

17. Operation PUCKAPUNYAL. This was initiated 0700 hours 27 April 67, and is due to terminate on 1 May 67. This is a search and destroy operation in the area to the west of BINH BA. The operation began with the securing of a fire support base in the Area YS3968 into which 161 Field Battery RNZA were helilifted. 7 RAR then conducted an air mobile assault into area YS3571. The assault was made without opposition and during the following four days, extensive searching of the area towards the east during the day, ambushing all known VC routes by night continued. There had been negative contacts to 30 April 67. One company sized installation and two platoon sized installations were found. There had been no indications of recent VC occupation of the area being searched.

18. VC Activity. Contacts with the VC were slightly higher than normal during the period of PORTSEA Operation (1-15 April 67),

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fifty incidents were reported during the period. Of these, only twelve involved elements of the Task Force. During the remainder of the month, 16 to 30 April 67, there was only one contact with the VC. A task Force patrol contacted ten to twelve VC, and as a result 5 VC were KIA (BC) and one VC WIA. The patrol suffered no casualties.

19 It would appear that Operation PORTSEA has resulted in a temporary dispersal of VC main force in the Task Force area of operations. Subsequent VC activity appears to be limited to isolated small-scale harassment of GVN posts, though towards the end of the reporting period there were indications that VC concentration was again occurring in the area. A gradual return of VC main force elements to their base areas is anticipated.

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY TRAINING TEAM

General

20. The team had an eventful month during April what with casualties, personnel changes and a stepping up of VC activities in the north.

Casualties

21. During April the team suffered:
- a. Two members KIA, Maj P J BADCOE, and WO2 J M STONE.
 - b. Five non battle casualties.

Change Over

22. One officer and eighteen warrant officers returned to Australia during the month, whilst one officer and thirteen warrant officers marched into the unit to replace them. This change over will continue during May 1967.

Team Strength

23. As at 30 April 67, the strength of the team stood at 15 officers and 75 warrant officers.

Deployment

24. Deployment of the team remains as shown in the March Report.

Morale

25. The morale of the team remains at a high level. The concentration of ninety percent of the team at Danang for a Dawn Service and Unit Parade on Anzac Day proved most successful.

CIVIC ACTION

General

26. The Civic Action programme during April 1967 was again continued in the 1 ATF area of operations, 1 ALSG area of responsibility and in the SAIGON area with effort there concentrated on the Dong Chua Orphanage. Again, the greatest impact was in the Task Force area, particularly as a result of Operation PORTSEA, where a large area was subjected to refugee resettlement. In the 1 ALSG area, effort was concentrated on the refugee village at NAM BINH, which, it may be said, has been adopted by the Australian Force at VUNG TAU.

1 ATF

27. Civic Action effort by 1 ATF Civil Affairs Detachment was concentrated on co-operation with military forces to establish new resettlement villages, one along Highway 23, and two near DUC THANH YS4573 as a result of Operation PORTSEA. Assistance was provided in improvements to accommodation for Chieu Hoi - the VC returnee - at BARIA YS3760 and in the village of HOA LONG YS4164 with continuation of works commenced in March. Details of the programme are as follows:

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- a. Medical. MEDCAPS conducted throughout the area were down on the previous month: 431 compared with 1025 for March. This is attributed to the fact that unit medical teams were operationally employed. However, 11 patients were evacuated to civilian hospitals, compared with 5 for March. In addition, CA detachment assisted Province medical teams in immunizing 250 people against plague.
- b. Dental. DENTCAPS were up: 103 compared with 25 patients in March.
- c. English Education. Quite a large increase was made in the number of people who are receiving basic English lessons. 18 classes were conducted over the period, with a total attendance of 216. This figure compares well with the 120 for March.
- d. Repairs and Construction. The following projects were effected:
- (1) Work was completed on the bridges and culverts along Highway 23 linking DAT DO and XUYEN MOC. Initiation of this work was mentioned in the last monthly report. Work has now been completed on these tasks and the route opened for traffic on 12 April.
 - (2) Materials were donated to 10 families to assist them in the erection of dwellings in the DUC THANH area
 - (3) Materials were made available for improvements to the accommodation for Chieu Hoi, in BARIA: three huts being provided.
 - (4) The new resettlement village of NGOI GIAO YS 4574 near DUC THANH was commenced, with materials for 4 huts being provided; construction of a further 2 huts for refugees was initiated at DUC THANH.
 - (5) Levelling and grading of the site for the extensions to the HOA LONG market continued. In addition, at NGOI GIAO, a site has been levelled for buildings which are eventually to be the school, the dispensary and an information centre.
 - (6) The information centre at HOA LONG, commenced in March, is now 75% completed.
 - (7) The 3 classrooms at HOA LONG NORTH School, reported in March, as being completed have in fact not been completed. Work on this project has temporarily ceased during school vacation and labour has been diverted to other projects. The rooms are 75% completed, and should be finished in May.
 - (8) Road repairs were made to 4/10 mile of road in the HOA LONG and DUC THANH areas.
 - (9) Repairs were effected to 3 wells in the DUC THANH area.
 - (10) Community buildings in two areas are under construction: HOA LONG which is 30% completed and NGOI GIAO which is 50% completed.

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e. Clothing and Materials distributed

The following items were distributed:

- (1) 70 bags of cement.
- (2) 660 lbs clothing.
- (3) approximately 8000 lbs foodstuffs.
- (4) 220 board feet of timber.
- (5) 40 lbs non-prescription medical items.
- (6) 7 midwife kits and 80 midwife refill kits.
- (7) 100 school kits of pencils, note paper etc.
- (8) 80 lbs soap.
- (9) 750 sheets of iron roofing.
- (10) 2 wheelchairs.
- (11) 2 bicycles.
- (12) 710 tubes toothpaste.
- (13) 7 boxes toys.
- (14) 2350 lbs recovered rice.

f. Approval has been granted by COMAFV and plans are underway for the construction of an orphanage/creche in BARIA. The building is to be in brick comprising a dormitory, kitchen and covered enclosed play area. Staff are to be provided by Province Administration. The wife of the Province Chief is showing particular interest in this venture. Estimated completion date is mid-July.

g. Preliminary work has commenced on the construction, in brick and tin, of a school building to furnish the much-needed education facilities at BINH BA YS4474. This venture should cater primarily for the dependants in the Regional Force compound. Completion date is mid-June.

1 ALSG

28. The greater part of the 1 ALSG effort was centred on NAM BINH YS3557 with the continuous MEDCAPS taking place also, in the VUNG TAU area. The overall Civic Action for the period is detailed as follows:

a. Medical. Daily MEDCAPS were conducted at the Australian constructed dispensary at VUNG TAU and at NAM BINH. There was not a great change at either centre, with approximately 800 receiving treatment at VUNG TAU and approximately 60 at each of two sessions at NAM BINH.

b. English education. Attendance remained at the same level of 30 at the four classes each week.

c. New works. The only item of new work completed was the installation of a pump at a well in NAM BINH.

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d. Planned New Work. Plans have been approved and new work should commence in May for the following projects:

- (1) Installation of a masonite ceiling in the Nun's quarters, and in the Presbytery at NAM BINH.
- (2) The provision of a fence around the Old Folks' Home at NAM BINH.
- (3) The provision of classroom furniture for the Australian - built school at NAM BINH, and of furniture for the MEDCAP room in the same area. Currently furniture for the latter is borrowed on each visit of the Medical officer.

e. Clothing and Materials distributed:

The following items were distributed.

- (1) 40 bags of cement.
- (2) 400 lbs clothing.
- (3) 3000 lbs of canned and fresh food to NAM BINH and the new refugee village RACH DUA.
- (4) 26 sheets of masonite/caneite.
- (5) 8 midwifery kits.
- (6) 20 lbs soap.
- (7) 8 sewing machines.
- (8) 2 refrigerators.
- (9) 4 bicycles.
- (10) 500 lbs kitchen utensils.

f. Miscellaneous.

- (1) The Boy Scout Troop continued to operate. With the return to Australia of the Scout Master there is now a requirement for a replacement to be found. It is hoped that one will be located in the ranks of 8 Field Ambulance.
- (2) A party for 70 children was held at Back Beach VUNG TAU. 145 Signal Squadron organized the beach party for children from NAM BINH.
- (3) On the occasion of a Vietnamese Festival, 400 people were uplifted from NAM BINH to VUNG TAU.

HQ AFV

29. The Civic Action effort in SAIGON was again centred on the Dong Chua Orphanage. MEDCAP and distribution of baby food continued. The general standard of hygiene has shown a marked improvement, without doubt due to the interests being shown by 145 Signal Squadron. Regrettably, the electric washing machine, reported as repaired in the March report, has again been the cause for despondency, and it is considered to be beyond repair. Endeavours to replace it by local purchase have been disheartening, however avenues of acquisition are still being explored.

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30. In addition to the orphanage, limited clothing distributions have been made to several families resident adjacent to BOQ's at which officers from HQ AFV are billeted. One young girl, afflicted with consumption was admitted to the German Hospital Ship "Helgoland", as a result of Civic Action interests shown by an officer from the headquarters.

VISIT - CO AUSTRALIAN CIVIL AFFAIRS UNIT

31. The Commanding Officer of the newly raised 1 Australian Civil Affairs Unit, Lt Col J F McDONAGH, paid a liaison, familiarization, and orientation visit to Vietnam during the month. The purpose of the visit was to gain first - hand information of the type of work currently being undertaken by the detachments of the Civil Affairs Unit already in Vietnam, with a view to assessing the suitability of the establishment and equipment table of the new unit. From all aspects the visit was very successful.

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH MATTERS

Relief of the Force (SD Aspects)

32. During the month relief of the following units was completed. In the case of those units on individual relief no change in the unit/subunit title has occurred.

- a. 145 Signal Squadron (110 Signals Squadron)
- b. A Squadron 3 Cavalry Regiment.
- c. 103 Signals Squadron (104 Signal Squadron)
- d. 5 RAR (7 RAR)
- e. Det A Squadron 3 Cavalry Regiment LAD.
- f. HQ 1 Company RAASC (HQ 5 Company RAASC)
- g. 87 Transport Platoon (Tipper) (85
Transport Platoon) (Tipper)
- h. 21 Supply Platoon (25 Supply Platoon)
- i. 2 Field Ambulance (8 Field Ambulance)
- j. Det 1 Division Supplies Transport Workshop

Note: Unit shown in brackets is the relieving unit.

Communications

33. Severe interference to radio relay channels was experienced during the latter half of the month. This resulted in several outages. The problem has now been solved by the allocation of new channel frequencies.

Public Relations

34. Press interest in all three services remained at a high level during April. Events which evolved particular interest were, HMAS HOBARTS first day in action, the arrival of No 2 Squadron's Canberras at PHAN RANG, the arrival of 7 RAR and the departure of 5 RAR. Some twenty nine pressmen were at PHAN RANG

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for No 2 Squadron's arrival. During the month forty two press representatives from nineteen agencies visited the Task Force.

No 161 (Indep) Recce Flt Flying Hours

35. Statistical details of the Flights activities for April follow:

a.	Rotary Wing	444.20 hours
b.	Fixed Wing	328.45 hours
c.	Total	773.05 hours
d.	Total Sorties	1180

ADJUTANT GENERAL BRANCH MATTERS

Strength State

36. Details of the Force Strength States are shown in Annex A

Medical

37. Aerial Spraying. Aerial spraying of the Task Force base area and surrounds with insecticide was conducted on 5 April 1967 by the 20th Preventative Medical Unit (USA). This process will now be repeated once every three weeks.

38. 8 Field Ambulance. A maximum holding figure of sixty has been established for the Advanced Dressing Station, whilst a ceiling figure of one hundred (which includes ten patients forward at the Task Force Detachment) has been accepted by the Directorate of Medical Services for planning purposes.

Statistics

39. Medical statistics for the force are shown at Annex B.

Amenities

40. AFOF Easter Show. This show sponsored by the Armed Forces Overseas Fund, departed South Vietnam on 4 April 67 after a very successful ten day tour of Australian and US installations.

41. Motion Pictures. Eight 16mm films are hired each week from Australia, additionally films are obtained from US amenities in country. These provide an adequate coverage for all units in theatre.

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL BRANCH MATTERS

Relief of the Force (Q aspects)

42. Operation Winter Grip is proceeding. As at 30 April 67 there had been no interruptions to the planned movement schedule.

43. HMAS Sydney arrived at Vung Tau on 20, April 67 and discharged 7 RAR and stores. 5 RAR were embarked on 30 April 67. In each instance troops were moved direct between HMAS Sydney and the task force area by CH47 (Chinook) Helicopter. This method of disembarkation and embarkation of troops proved most successful. In each instance the operation was completed in six hours. It is intended that similar arrangements will be made for SYDNEY Voyage 2.

MV JEPARIT

44. The JEPARIT completed the discharge of its stores on 4 April 67. The large quantity of Civil Aid Stores proved difficult for 1 ALSG to transport and store, due to the space limitations at that stage of construction of the engineer stores area. Tonnages moved into the theatre by sea, from AUSTRALIA are shown in Table 2.

Base Development

45. 1 ATF. With the conclusion of Operation PORTSEA construction work was resumed. Forty eight Scale A buildings were completed during the month. Road surfacing, scrub clearing and miscellaneous earthworks continued. A rock quarry has been brought into limited production. Water consumption averaged 27,600 gallons per day.

46. 1 ALSG. During the month forty Scale C buildings and thirty nine Scale A buildings were completed. The third troop of 17 Const Sqn will not be fully effective till the arrival of its stores and equipment. These are understood to be arriving on the May sailing of the JEPARIT. 17 Const Sqn is also providing a detachment for Operation LEETON. This combined with strength deficiencies during the changeover period has resulted in little construction effort being available for 1 ALSG. However, to compensate more work is being given to civil contractors, whose capacity and quality continues to improve. Three contractors are currently available for work. Contracts worth \$110,000 have been let till the end of April. Shortages of materials provided the only interruptions to what would otherwise be continuous progress.

47. Graphs of general works progress are shown at Table I.

48. Saigon Area. The US Army has commenced construction of six extra buildings for HQ AFV.

49. Australian Forces Club. Work was resumed on 6 April 67. All design drawings have now been received and only some queries on minor detail remain to be resolved, as some stores have come in unmarked boxes making recognition difficult a thorough review of the stores position is being made. The preliminary design work on the accomodation annex has commenced.

Supplies and Transport

50. Transport. A submission has been made to AHQ recommending that all 2½ ton trucks in theatre be progressively replaced with 5 ton vehicles. If this is approved priority of issue would go to RAASC units.

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51. POL Installations. The OC 8 Petrol Platoon RAASC returned to Australia on 10 May 67. Whilst in theatre he identified all items of POL equipment and advised on their proper use. He also advised on the establishment of the POL installations. The installation at Task Force has been completed except for some engineer work and is now functioning. Work on the installation at 1 ALSG is proceeding.

52. Rations. The availability of canned equivalents from the US Class I Depot has improved, as a result few issues of Australian provisioned items have been necessary. The quality and condition of fresh fruit and vegetables has improved slightly and further improvements are anticipated.

53. 2 Composite Ordnance Depot.

a. Receipt action on the stores which arrived on the March sailing of the Jeparit was 75% complete as at 30 April 67.

b. The physical relocation of all depot stocks has been completed. Stocktaking and reconciliation of approximately 75% of depot stocks has been completed.

c. During the relocation that detailed stock housed in bin-packs was moved into permanent accommodation.

d. Arrangements have been made for the US supply system to handle salvage on behalf of the Australian Force.

54. Det I Ordnance Field Park.

a. Construction of the new site was 75% complete as at 30 April 67. Det 6 OFP is scheduled to move to the new site on 6 May 67.

b. In anticipation of the move (which provides increased storage space) action has been taken to increase the stockholding of Det 6 OFP.

55. Power Generating Equipment.

a. Ordnance Supplied Generators (up to 35 KVA). These generators are rapidly approaching the end of their service life. As new replacement 10 KVA and 27.5 KVA generators are not expected from production until August 67, action is in hand to maintain the flow of repairable generators to Australia, to obtain replacement equipment from United States sources and, where possible, to repair equipment in theatre by engine change. Replacement engines have been demanded through both the Australian and United States supply systems. A small reserve of new generators is held for urgent operational requirements.

b. Engineer Supplied Generators (62.5 KVA). New equipments are coming forward. However some difficulty is being experienced with the voltage regulator for these equipments. Modified regulators are being supplied from Australia.

Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

56. Repair. The provision of spare parts improved during the month and as a result the backlog of outstanding repairs, has been considerably reduced in all RAEME elements and workshops. In the Field Workshop the backlog was reduced from 6000 to 2000 man hours.

57. Serviceability. The serviceability of some 'C' vehicles is not yet satisfactory due to the delay in obtaining spare parts. Some of these are not available in Australia.

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58. Inspections. Inspections have been carried out to determine replacement and repair policy. The following equipments were completed during the month, Howitzers 105mm L5, C vehicles, APCs M113A1 and Trucks dump 2½ ton. The inspection of telecommunication equipment, mortars and small arms is in progress at Task Force.

59. Workshop Development. Hardstanding and workshop buildings for one platoon of the field workshop were completed during the month.

SECRETARY'S BRANCH

Royal Australian Navy Component

60. The cost of US support for the months February and March totalled US\$ 853.20.

Army Component

61. Following negotiations, a revised US/Aust Financial Working Arrangement was signed 3 April 1967 by COMAFV for Australian Department of Defence and COMUSMACV.

62. The cost of US support for March was US\$ 441,642.69. Adjustment of accounts for the period 1 January 66 to 28 February 67 in accordance with the revised arrangement totalled US\$ 215,667.04.

63. The bill for the conveyance of 623 Australian personnel from MANILLA to SAIGON via Clark Air Force Base, PHILIPPINES by MAC aircraft in the period 25 November 1966 to 12 April 1967 amounted to US\$ 17,444.00.

Civilian Staff

64. A Civilian Labour Office opened at 1 ALSG 10 April 1966 and additional staff within the approved ceiling have been engaged.

Audit

65. Virtually no audit was completed during the month. A request for variation to establishment to provide for audit staff is under consideration at HQ AFV.

Royal Australian Air Force Component

66. The cost of US support for March 1967 was US\$172,509.02 based on the revised rates set out in the Arrangement dated 3 April 1967.

67. Submission of the account for adjustment for period January 1966 to February 1967 is held up pending advice from the US on the cost of an E servicing to a Caribou Aircraft in January 1967.

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PART C

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE COMPONENT

General

68. The operational facilities at PHAN RANG were considered adequate for No2 Squadron to be deployed from BUTTERWORTH. The Department of Air were advised that 19 April 1967, as planned, would be the most suitable date for the Squadron to deploy to PHAN RANG. On this date the Squadron successfully deployed. An impressive ceremony was held on their arrival, which was well covered by the world press.

69. The Squadron began strike operations at 0800 hours on 23 April 1967.

70. The construction of the Base cantonment area on VUNG TAU airfield for Senior NCOs and airmen is proceeding but the handover date has been deferred till 1 June 1967.

Operations

71. Nos 9 and 35 Squadrons were once again fully committed for the month and overflowed their monthly flying allocation of hours. A breakdown of flying hours, cargo and passengers carried in respect of Nos 2, 9 and 35 Squadrons is shown below.

Force Strength

72. The RAAF Element strength as at 30 April 1967 is shown at Annex A.

Casualties

73. There were no casualties for the month.

Visits

74. The undermentioned officers paid staff visits to the theatre during the month.

- a. Gp Capt G.J. ODGERS DPR
- b. Sqn Ldr D.A. SMYTH) Staff officers
- c. Flt Lt J.A. GRAY) of DGMS

Command

75. Gp Capt P.F. RAW DFC AFC handed over Command of RAAF Contingent VUNG TAU to Gp Capt H.D. MARSH DFC on 19 April 1967.

76. Wg Cdr R.B. ARONSEN assumed the appointment of OC RAAF Contingent PHAN RANG on 19 April 1967.

77. Air Cdre J. DOWLING AFC relinquished the appointment of Commander of the Royal Australian Air Force VIETNAM. Gp Capt H.D. MARSH temporarily assumed this appointment.

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RAAF Flying Hours.

78. Flying hours by units for the month of April were as follows:

- a. No 2 Squadron (after deployment 19 April 66)
 - (1) Sorties 67
 - (2) Hours 178.45
- b. No 9 Squadron
 - (1) Sorties 2426
 - (2) Hours 373.25
- c. No 35 Squadron
 - (1) Sorties 935
 - (2) Hours 514.00
 - (3) Pax 5939
 - (4) Mail 93501 lbs
 - (5) Freight 840923 lbs

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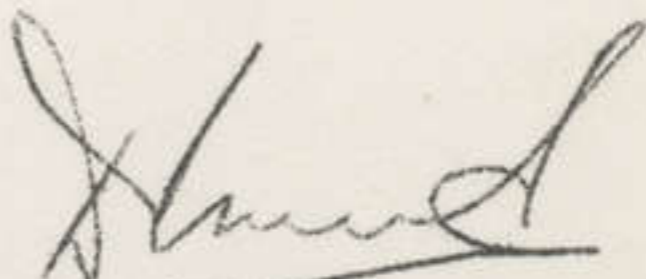
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Headquarters
Australian Force
VIETNAM
22 Apr 67

AUSTRALIAN FORCE VIETNAM
MONTHLY REPORT
MARCH 1967

1. Introduction. This report is submitted in accordance with paragraph 32 of the revised Directive by the Chiefs of Staff Committee to Commander Australian Force Vietnam which was issued dated 15th September 1966. This report covers the period 1 March to 31 March 1967.
2. Contents The report comprises,
 - a. Part A - Royal Australian Navy Report
 - b. Part B - Army Component Report
 - c. Part C - Royal Australian Airforce Component Report
 - d. Annex A - Monthly Strength Return and Location Statement
 - e. Annex B - Casualty Statistics
 - f. Annex C - Visits for March
 - g. Annex D - Deployment of AATTV


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PART A

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY COMPONENT

General

3. The team has remained based at CAT LO for the whole of the month of March.

Employment

4. STABLEDOOR Role. The team was principally employed in this role during the month. This involves the searching of ships hulls below the waterline for mines and other explosive charges which may have been placed there by the VC. Some 190 ship searches were completed. The number of searches completed on any one day depends on the tidal and wind conditions prevailing. To date this figure has varied from two to twenty one. Towards the latter end of the month the team concentrated its efforts on the "Jeparit" which was unloading at the time.

5. Search for a Body Two days were devoted to searching for the body of a USN seaman who had fallen from a Swift boat. The body was ultimately located by a fisherman. The team supervised its beaching and checked it for booby traps. The OC of the team took part in the USN investigation into the cause of the accident.

6. Beach Search. The team devoted two days to accompanying a junk force to a beach in Southern Phuoc Tuy. The aim of the operation was to carry out an inspection of a beach area where it was believed the VC were landing stores. During the search many ammunition and grenade boxes were checked for booby traps, none were found. During this operation some ammunition of US origin was recovered, this included:

- a. 2 X 140mm propellant charges.
- b. 1 X M72 anti tank weapon.
- c. 1 X 3.5 inch practice aircraft rocket.
- d. 1 X 5 inch USN pamphlet base ejection round.

7. Miscellaneous. Other tasks performed by the team included:

- a. Placing trip flares around their base camp perimeter.
- b. Checking a suspected bomb at one of the Australian R and C Centres.
- c. Checking a 50 calibre machine gun located on a sand bar outside Vung Tau harbour.

Visitors

8. On 27th March 1967 the team were visited by the following officers who were in the Vung Tau area to supervise the unloading of the Jeparit.

Commander T Moorehead, RANVR, Director of Shipping and Transport.

Lieutenant Commander P.M. Horniblow, RANVR, Shipping and Transport Officer Vietnam.

Administration

9. The health and morale of the team are excellent. No major administrative worries have been experienced.

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PART B

ARMY COMPONENT REPORT

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

General

10. During the month of March 1967, units under operational control of Commander, 1st Australian Task Force, Vietnam, conducted the following major operations:

- a. KIRRIBILLI
- b. LEETON (in progress)
- c. PORTSEA (in progress)

11. The TAOR security patrolling within 105mm howitzer range continued actively during the period. This patrolling has resulted in 1 VC KIA with one pistol, one transistor radio and a quantity of documents being recovered. One BOSTON TEA PARTY was conducted at YS581634 on 5 March 1967 at 1200 hours with negative result.

12. LRRP. 1st Special Air Service Squadron relieved 3rd Special Air Service Squadron on 15 March 1967. 3rd Special Air Service Squadron returned to Australia during the period 16 - 24 March 1967. Ten Long Range Reconnaissance Patrols were deployed and recovered during the period. There was only one contact during these patrols. This resulted in one VC KIA with no casualties to own troops.

13. Defoliation. There have been no Herbicide Operations conducted at the request of 1 ATF during the reporting period. The planned programme of defoliation has not yet been approved.

14. Tactical Air Support. Three B52 strikes were conducted in support of Operation Portsea during the month. These occurred:

- a. 24 Mar 67. An immediate strike, centre of mass YS565735, ordered as a result of intelligence reports received that morning.
- b. 24 Mar 67. An in flight divert, centre of mass YS593673, launched as a result of finding eighty one VC packs in this area on 23 Mar 67.
- c. 25 Mar 67. A quick run, centre of mass YS587690, ordered on the basis of an intelligence estimate of the locations of elements of 275 VC Regiment.

15. Airstrike Missions. The following were flown:

- | | | |
|------------------|----|-------------------|
| a. Preplanned | 75 | (59 VR generated) |
| b. Immediate | 17 | (10 VR generated) |
| c. Diverts | 21 | (20 VR generated) |
| d. Combat Proofs | 31 | (9 VR generated) |

16. Aircraft Sorties The following were flown:

- | | |
|------------|-----|
| a. F100 | 279 |
| b. F5 | 51 |
| c. F4 | 20 |
| d. B57 | 6 |
| e. AC - 47 | 1 |

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17. Ordnance Expended. The following ordnance was expended:

- a. 466 X 500 lb bombs (15 failed to explode)
- b. 317 X 750 lb bombs (1 failed to explode)
- c. 377 X 750 lb incendiary
- d. 14 rocket pods
- e. 22 CBU
- f. 124 sorties 20mm

18. Bomb Damage Assessment

- a. Secondary fires 22
- b. Secondary explosions 2
- c. Killed by air 7 (possible)
- d. Trail out 1
- e. Miscellaneous
 - (1) Well damaged
 - (2) pile of lumber destroyed
 - (3) two supply boxes destroyed
 - (4) one bridge damaged
- f. Fortifications

	<u>Uncovered</u>	<u>Damaged</u>	<u>Destroyed</u>
Foxholes	55	-	19
Trenchline (metres)	710	70	740
Tunnels	16	4	-
Hutchies	-	16	34
Bunkers	39	63	136
Weapon Pits	1	-	4

19. Transport Air Support

- a. No 9 Sqn RAAF
 - (1) Sorties flown in support of operations 3922
 - (2) Freight carried 466,737
 - (3) Medevacs 75
 - (5) Passengers carried 5694
- b. 147th Assault Support Helicopter Company US Army Aviation (in support)
 - (1) Tonnage moved 945.6 short tons
 - (2) Passengers moved 385
 - (3) Hours flown 149.8

20. Losses/Damages Summary

- a. Enemy
 - (1) Casualties
 - KBA 6 (Probable)
 - KIA 9 (Plus 2 possible)
 - WIA 19 (Plus 2 possible)
 - PW 4
 - Detainees 2

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(2) Stores/Equipment

81 Field packs filled with clothing/documents
100 bags fertilizer
12,863 lbs rice (Destroyed)
100 tons rice (Evacuated)
430 lbs salt
40 lbs sugar
2 gallons paraffin
2 rice husking machines (Given to friendly villagers)
1 bicycle
6 iron huts
2 sampans
Quantity of:
Fish oil
Fishing gear
Medical supplies
Batteries
Cement
Assorted small arms ammunition
Clothing
Documents

(3) Weapons

3 Carbines
1 AK47
5 M26 Grenades
1 Friction grenade
1 2 inch rocket head

b. Own troops

(1) Casualties

KIA 3
WIA 25

(2) Stores/Equipment/Weapons

1 APC damaged

Operations

20A. Operation KIRIBILLI. This was initiated on 23 Feb 67 and terminated at 1830 hours, 5 Mar 67. There was only one contact with three VC during the reporting period. This action resulted in one VC KIA (Possible). A summary of the results of this operation is:

- a. One contact resulting in one VC KIA (Possible);
- b. One Company sized camp destroyed.

✓ 21. Operation LEETON. This began at 0700 hours, 6 Mar 67 and is continuing. This operation was designed to assist the Vietnamese Authorities to maintain control of Southern PHUOC TUY Province. In concept the operation envisages the establishing of a permanent company group defensive locality on HORSESHOE HILL YS4962, from which search and destroy operations can be mounted quickly on the Northern and Eastern approaches to DAT DO YS4960.

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In conjunction with the construction of this position, it is planned to clear an area 2000 metres wide of all timber and cover from the coast 1000 metres North of HORSESHOE HILL YS4962 East of Provincial Route TL 44 from DAT DO to PHUOC HAI. Within this cleared area, a wire obstacle 160 metres wide is to be constructed. In the long term it is intended to sew this obstacle with anti - personnel mines fitted with an anti - lifting device. As at 31 March 67, 5000 metres of fencing had been completed to YS4962 and 3000 metres of clearing had been completed to YS5056. This wiring programme began at 1000 hrs 16 March 67 and is being carried out by one company 5 RAR with one troop A Sqn 3 Cav Regt providing protection. Forces participating in Operation LEETON are, 5 RAR, one troop A Sqn 3 Cav Regt, elements of 1 Fd Sqn, one battery 1 Fd Regt. Aviation support is being provided by CH47s, UH1D and armed UH1Bs of 12th Aviation Group in conjunction with UH1Bs of 9 Sqn RAAF. The operation has been characterized by active patrolling to the North and East of DAT DO. This has resulted in one major contact (20 - 30 VC) and two minor contacts (3 - 5 VC) . A statistical summary of operations to 31 Mar 67 is:

- a. VC KIA 5 (Plus 1 possible)
- b. VC WIA 4 (Plus 2 possible)
- c. VC KBA 6 Probable
- d. Detainees 2
- e. Aust WIA 1
- f. One sub-machine gun and a quantity of documents have been recovered and the following destroyed:

- (1) 5 M26 grenades
- (2) 4 cwt rice
- (3) 1 Large VC camp (28 bunkers, 36 foxholes, 9 huts, 1 well)
- (4) Quantities of fish oil, medical supplies, batteries, cement, five boxes of assorted small arms ammunition; one friction grenade and one 2 inch rocket head.

22. Operation PORTSEA. This began at 0700 hours 21 March 67 and is continuing. Forces employed during Phase 1 to 31 March 67 were, A Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 1 Fd Regt, 1 Fd Sqn, 6 RAR, elements of 5 RAR, 1 SAS Sqn, 1st Sqn 11 Armoured Cavalry Regiment (ACR), elements of 11 Field Force Vietnam Engineers, 35 Ranger Battalion (ARVN) and 1/43 ARVN Regt. Additional support has been provided by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt, 12th Avn Gp US Army and No 9 Sqn RAAF. The aim of this operation is to secure and clear Provincial Route 23 from DAT DO YS4960 to XUYEN MOC YS6568; to repair or construct bridges, culverts and road surfaces on Provincial Route 23; to repair XUYEN MOC airfield, making it suitable for CV2 aircraft; and to resettle squatters under Government control from the East of DAT DO and BINH GIA YS4977. At 2310 hours 23 March 67, 1/83 US Artillery Bn received 20 rounds of mortar fire. Three US were WIA. Counter mortar artillery was fired with unknown results. General areas of operation during March were:

- a. 1 ATF. South of Route 23 between Route 44 and the SONG RAI .
- b. 1st Sqn 11 ACR. North of Route 23 between HORSESHOE feature YS4962 and XUYEN MOC YS6568.
- c. 43rd ARVN Regt. The LONG HAI HILL mass West of Route 326, south of Route 23.
- d. Engineers. Route 23, 50 metres each side from DAT DO to XUYEN MOC.

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23. All areas were actively patrolled. Evidence was found indicating 275 VC regt in both the 1 ATF and 11 ACR AOs. It is considered, with the finding of 260 freshly dug weapon pits from YS538575 to YS525550, the attack on LO GOM outpost YS5154, was staged in order to ambush a heliborne reaction force on likely LZs in the padi area of YS5357 and YS 5257. The complete area of 1 ATF operations has been bombed and shelled heavily. Evidence found indicates some casualties were inflicted on the VC force in the area. Movement and the use of installations indicated that a battalion sized force was moving 24 hours ahead of 6 RAR.

24. 6 RAR had four contacts during the period under review. These resulted in three (Aust) WIA and one VC KIA. The major find during the operation was an estimated 100 tons of rice at YS611602. This was evacuated to Sector HQ. Numerous camps and defended positions were found by 6 RAR.

25. 11 ACRs most important find was that of 81 packs, two of which contained documents. The owners of the packs were from 3 Bn 275 Regt. Included in the documents found was a map indicating the VC plan for an attack on XUYEN MOC. 11 ACR followed up and found partially prepared positions, mines and other defences as indicated on the map. Two B52 strikes were called in on areas where it was thought elements of 275 Regt were in location.

26. 43 ARVN Regt had minor contact during the reporting period. One serious incident occurred at 0750 hours 24 March 67 when two pressure detonated mines were exploded causing 1 US and 2 VN KIA, 2 US and 8 VN WIA.

27. Engineers have opened Route 23 to YS595638.

28. The summary for this period of Operation PORTSEA is:

FRIENDLY

3 KIA
24 WIA

ENEMY

4 KIA
15 WIA
4 PW
3 Carbines
81 Field Packs
155 rounds ammunition
100 bags fertilizer
12,415 lbs rice (destroyed)
100 tons rice (evacuated)
430 lb salt
40 lb sugar
2 gallons paraffin
2 Rice husking machines
Medical supplies
Clothing
1 Bicycle
6 Iron huts (Destroyed)
2 Sampans
Quantity of fishing gear

VC Activity

29. Contacts with VC continued at a normal rate throughout the month. VC initiated incidents all involved GVN forces and took the form of sniping, sabotage, and harassing fire with mortars and SA. The one exception to this occurred on 24 March 67, when an unidentified VC force mortared the NUI DAT base camp of 1/83 Artillery Bn causing very minor damage. Seventeen 82mm mortar rounds were fired.

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Annex B to HQ AFV
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MEDICAL STATISTICS

Admitted 2 Field Ambulance	197
Admitted 36 Evacuation Hospital	9
Admitted other Hospitals	2
Total admissions	208
Killed in Action	1
Died of Wounds	3
Medevacs	32
Medical downgradings	7
RAAF Admissions (36 Evacuation Hospital)	5
NZ Admissions	1

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Annex C to HQ AFV
Monthly Report R723:1:13
of 22 Apr 67.

VISITORS TO AFV
MARCH 1967

FROM AUSTRALIA

Maj Gen J.S. ANDERSEN CBE	28 FEB - 8 MAR
Chap Gen J.A. MORGAN ED	24 FEB - 6 MAR
Chap Gen H. CUNNINGHAM ED	24 FEB - 6 MAR
Lt Col B.A. McDONALD OBE MC)	
Mr J.W. DOYLE)	21 FEB - 5 MAR
Capt D.W. McDOWELL)	
Brig H.L. MARTINS OBE)	
Brig J.W. LAWSON OBE)	2 MAR - 10 MAR
Col F.J. HARTRIDGE)	
Col R.K. FULLFORD)	
Brig R.W.P. DODD MC ED	5 MAR - 9 MAR
Lt Gen T.J. DALY CB CBE DSO	12 MAR - 18 MAR
NSW CIVIC AID PARTY	13 MAR - 14 MAR
Lt Gen Sir Reginald POLLARD KBE CB DSO)	19 MAR - 25 MAR
Col W.J. MORROW OBE)	

FROM NEW ZEALAND

Col R.D.P. HASSETT MBE)	
Col P.H.G. HAMILTON)	13 MAR - 14 MAR
Maj J.L. SMITH)	

FROM SINGAPORE

Brig C.M. PEARSON OBE MC	28 MAR - 1 APR
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FROM BANGKOK

Lt Col W.A. BRYDIE)	
Lt Col D.J. TIER MVO)	28 MAR - 2 APR
Sqn Ldr J.M. LEAVERSUCH)	

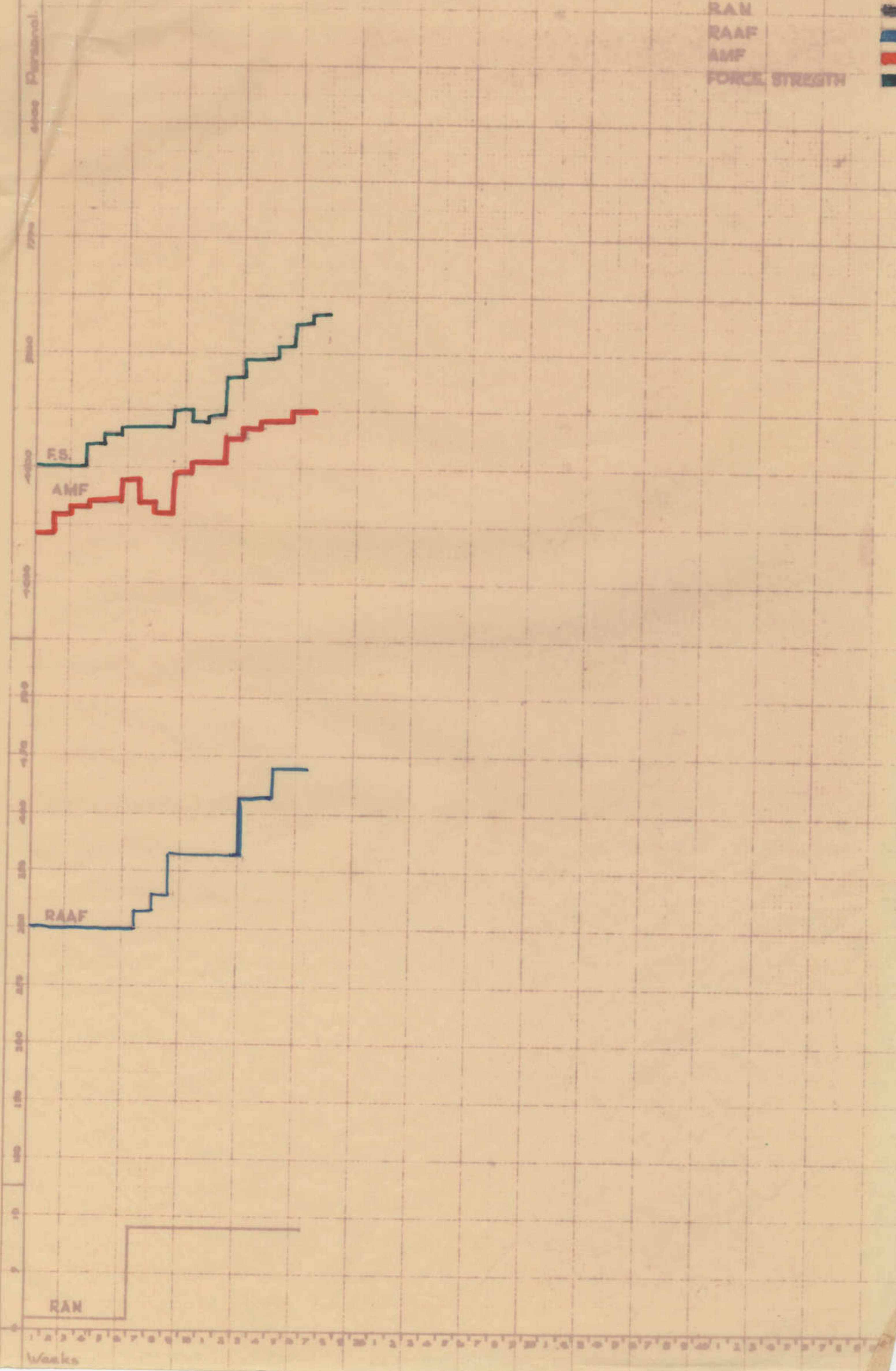
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- RAAF 
- AMF 
- FORCE STRENGTH 



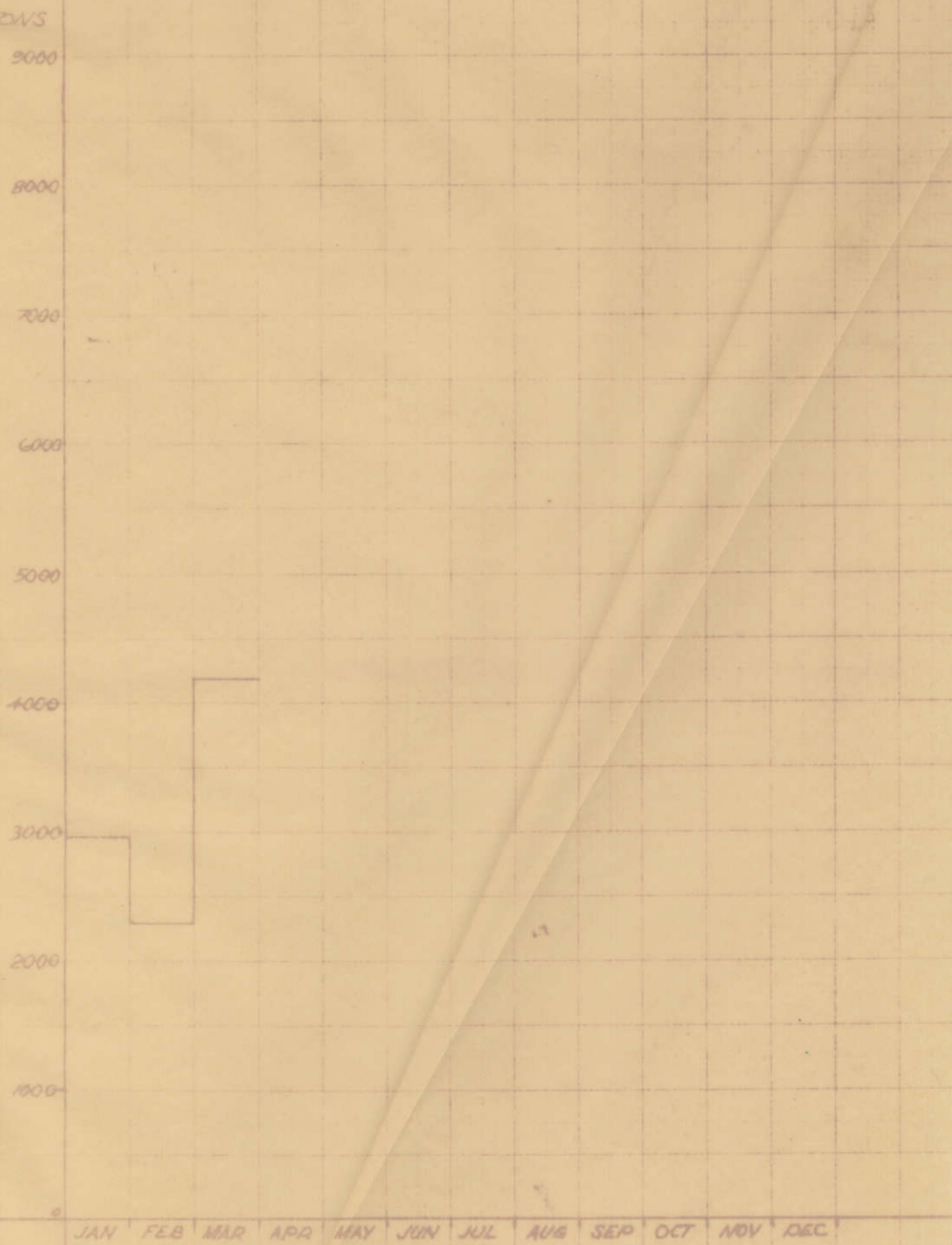
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TONNAGE INTO VUNG TAU
BY SEA
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JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC



ENGINEER WORKS PROGRESS

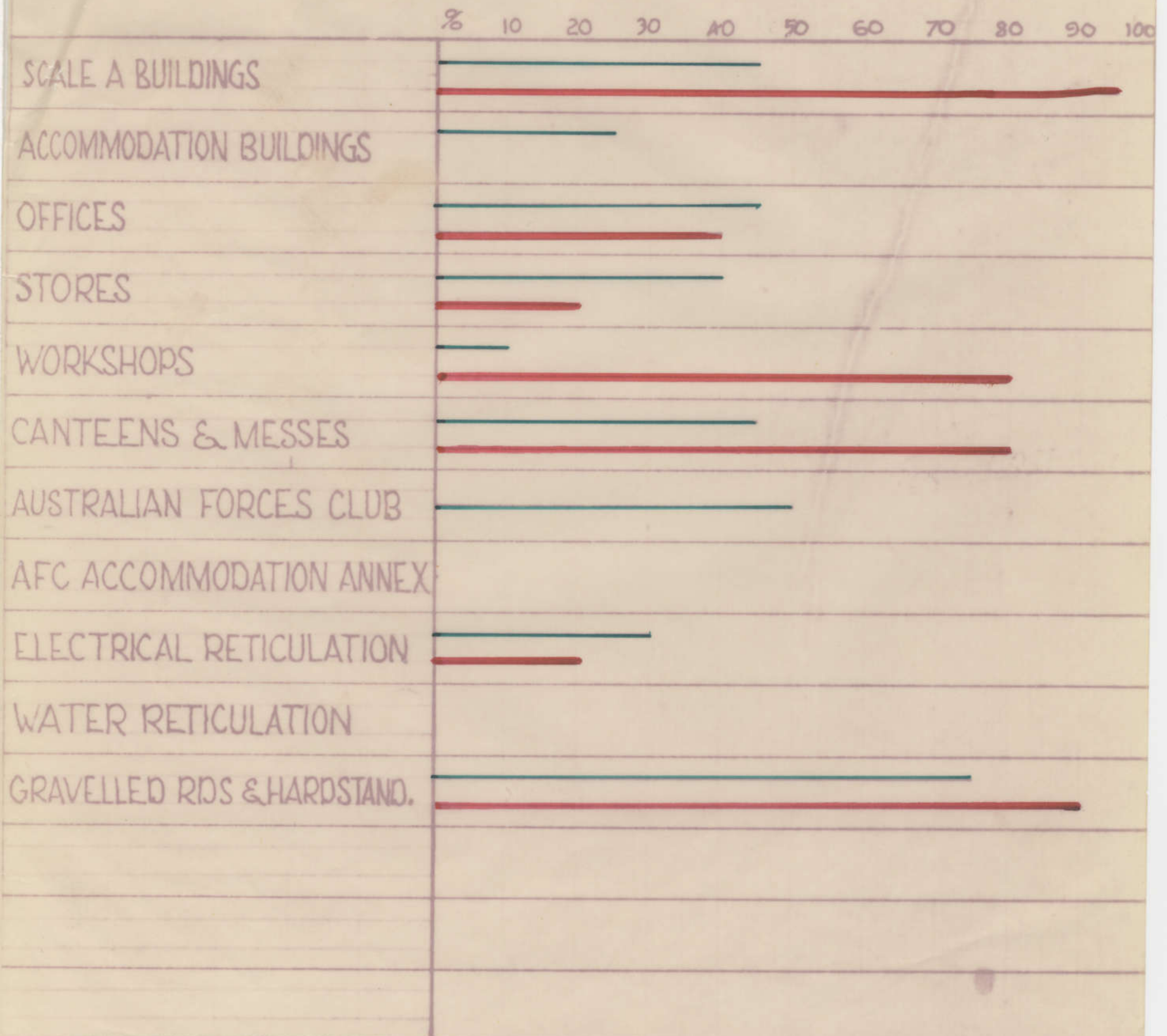
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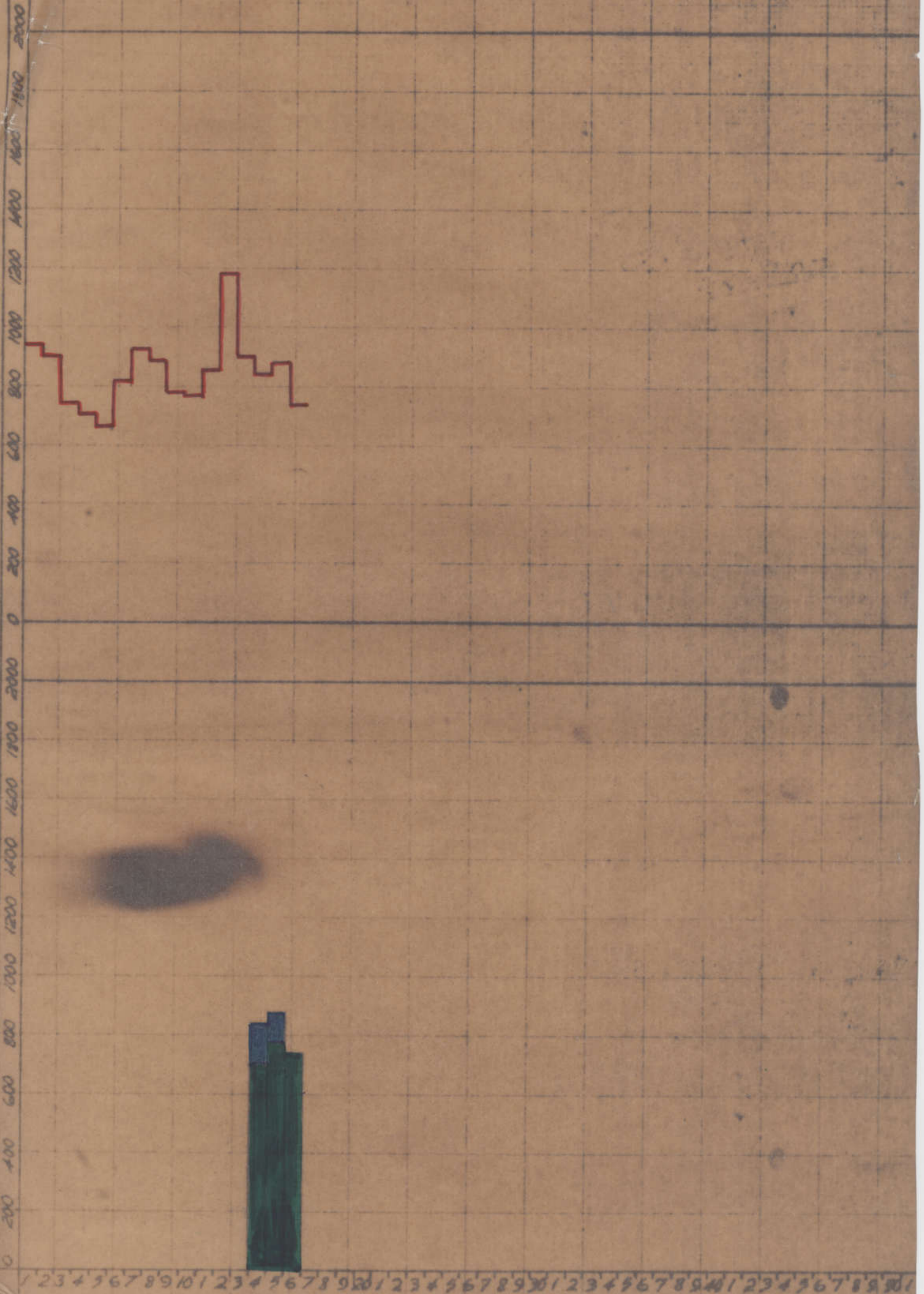
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Annex D to HQ AFV
R723/1/13 dated 22 Apr 67

DEPLOYMENT OF AATTV

SERIAL	CORPS ZONE	FORMATION	OFFRS	WOS	TOTAL
1	III CORPS	HQ AATTV	2	2	4
2	I CORPS	HQ I CORPS	2	1	3
3		1 DIV	1	15	16
4		2 DIV	1	11	12
5		SPECIAL FORCES	1	18	19
6		AATTV REGION HQ DANANG		2	2
7	II CORPS	RANGER TRAINING CENTRE	1	2	3
8		SPECIAL FORCES	1	5	6
9		POLICE FIELD FORCE TRAINING CENTRE		5	5
10		CSD	1	1	2
11	III CORPS	III CORPS HQ	1*		1
12		PHUOC TUY PROVINCE	2	10	12
13		CSD	1		1
14	IV CORPS	IV CORPS HQ	1*		1
			15	72	87

* Attached to HQ AFV for CHIEU HOI duties.

AUSTFORCE VIETNAM MONTHLY STRENGTH RETURN PART 1

Annex A to HQ AFV R723/1/13
dated 22 Apr 67

UNIT	ESTABLISHMENT (UNIT AUTH STR)					POSTED STRENGTH *(PCS IN COUNTRY)					ATTACHED *(TDY IN COUNTRY)					TOTAL TOTAL					REMARKS
	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	
	HQ AFV	40 (2)	9	49 (2)	79 (8)	128 (10)	43	13	56	67	123	2		2	1	3	45	13	58	68	
110 SIG SQN	8	8	16	190 (15)	206 (15)	1		1		1					1		1			1	
DET 11 MC GP	2	2	4	12 (1)	16 (1)	2	2	4	11	15	2		2	3	5	4	2	6	14	20	
+ AATTV	14	85	99		99	16	85	101		101	2		2		2	18	85	103		103	
AFV CASH OFFICE	4	1	5	13	18	5	1	6	10	16					5	1	6	10	16		
DET 198 WKS SEC		3	3	2	5		2	2	1	3						2	2	1	3		
(111 CORPS GIA DINH PROVINCE LOCATED SAIGON)																					
+ LOCATION OF INDIVIDUAL AATTV PERSONNEL ARE THE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE RETURNS																					
SUB TOTAL	68 (2)	108	176 (2)	296 (24)	472 (26)	67	103	170	89	259	6		6	4	10	73	103	176	93	269	
HQ 1 ATF	26 (2)	2	28 (2)	127 (10)	155 (12)	25	2	27	87	114						25	2	27	87	114	
1 APC SQN <i>STAT</i>	11 (1)	1	12 (1)	116 (10)	128 (11)																
DET 1 DIV LOC BTY <i>STAT</i>	3		3	70 (6)	73 (6)																
4 FD REGT	27 (1)	9	36 (1)	328 (32)	364 (33)																
1 TOPO SVY TP	1	2	3	15 (1)	18 (1)	1	2	3	14	17					1	2	3	14	17		
1 FD SQN	8	1	9	183 (17)	192 (17)	8	1	9	159	168	1		1		1	9	1	10	159	169	
21 ENGR SP TP	1		1	60 (5)	61 (5)	1		1	47	48					1		1	47	48		
104 SIG SQN	6 (1)	2	8 (1)	130 (11)	138 (12)																

UNIT	ESTABLISHMENT (UNIT AUTH STR)					POSTED STRENGTH *(PCS IN COUNTRY)					ATTACHED *(TDY IN COUNTRY)				TOTAL TOTAL				REMARKS		
	OFFR	WO	TOTAL	OR	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL	OR	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL	OR	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL		OR	TOTAL
			WO OFFR	*(EM)				WO OFFR	*(EM)				WO OFFR	*(EM)			WO OFFR	*(EM)			*(EM)
2 RAR	40 (2)	10	50 (2)	828 (78)	878 (80)																
7 RAR	40 (2)	10	50 (2)	828 (78)	878 (80)	1	1	2	2	4						1	1	2	2	4	
1 SAS SQN	6	2	8	101 (9)	109 (9)	6	2	8	91	99						6	2	8	91	99	
1 DIV INT UNIT	1	2	3	12 (1)	15 (1)	1	2	3	11	14						1	2	3	11	14	
2 TPT PL	2		2	82 (7)	84 (7)																
DET 6 OFF	1	2	3	24 (2)	27 (2)																
DET 1 APC SQN LAD		1	1	14 (1)	15 (1)																
4 FD REGT IAD	1	1	2	60 (2)	22 (2)																
DET 1 DIV LOC BTY WKSP		1	1	4	5																
1 FD SQN WKSP	1	1	2	28 (2)	30 (2)	1	1	2	27	29						1	1	2	27	29	
HQ 1 TF LAD	1	2	3	14 (1)	17 (1)	1	2	3	13	16						1	2	3	13	16	
AFV PRO UNIT	1	1	2	47 (4)	49 (4)	1		1	34	35						1		1	34	35	
1 ARU (111 CORPS PHUOC TUY PROVINCE LOCATED NUI DAT)	6	1	7	100	107	13	1	14	88	102						13	1	14	88	102	
SUB TOTAL	183 (9)	51	234 (9)	3131 (277)	3365 (286)	59	14	73	573	646	1	1			1	60	14	74	573	647	
HQ 1 ALSG	10	3	13	85 (12)	98 (12)	8	3	11	28	39						8	3	11	28	39	
17 CONST SQN	9	6	15	221 (21)	236 (21)	11	5	16	228	244						11	5	16	228	244	
AFV DET 55 AESS	1	2	3	32 (3)	35 (3)	1	1	2	29	31						1	1	2	29	31	

UNIT	ESTABLISHMENT (UNIT AUTH STR)				POSTED STRENGTH *(PCS IN COUNTRY)				ATTACHED *(TDY IN COUNTRY)				TOTAL TOTAL				REMARKS				
	OFFR	WO	TOTAL	OR	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL	OR	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL	OR	TOTAL	OFFR		WO	TOTAL	OR	TOTAL
			WO OFFR	*(EM)				WO OFFR	*(EM)				WO OFFR	*(EM)				WO OFFR	*(EM)		*(EM)
67 GL SEC	2		2	2	4	2		2	2	4					2		2	2		4	
HQ 5 COY RAASC	4	1	5	21 (3)	26 (3)																
25 SUP PL	2		2	38 (3)	40 (3)																
85 TPT PL	2		2	82 (7)	84 (7)																
DET 40 AD PL RAASC	1	1	2	20	22																
8 FD AMB	11	3	14	123 (12)	137 (12)																
33 DENT UNIT	3	1	4	12 (1)	16 (1)	3	1	4	10	14					3	1	4	10		14	
102 FD WKSP	6 (1)	10	16 (1)	122 (11)	138 (12)																
2 COMP ORD DEP	10 (1)	9	19 (1)	127 (10)	146 (11)	10	8	18	111	129	8	8	8	10	16	26	111		137		
102 FD WKSP STORES SEC	1	1	2	15 (1)	17 (1)																
17 CONST SQN WKSP	1	2	3	42 (4)	45 (4)	1	2	3	43	46				1	2	3	43		46		
DET 1 DIV S & T WKSP	1	1	2	18 (1)	20 (1)	1	1	2	17	19				1	1	2	17		19		
DET 1 COMM Z POSTAL UNIT	2		2	8 (2)	10 (2)	2		2	11	13				2		2	11		13		
DET 1 DIV POSTAL UNIT				3	3				4	4							4		4		
161 RECCE FLT	15	3	18	82	100	15	3	18	70	88				15	3	18	70		88		
DET 30 TERMINAL SQN	1		1	19	20	1	1	2	14	16				1	1	2	14		16		
R & C CENTRE	1	1	2	21	23	1	1	2	17	19				1	1	2	17		19		

UNIT	ESTABLISHMENT (UNIT AUTH STR)				POSTED STRENGTH *(PCS IN COUNTRY)					ATTACHED *(TDY IN COUNTRY)				TOTAL TOTAL				REMARKS	
	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	TOTAL			
	21 SUP PL	2		2	38 (3)	40 (3)	2		2	32	34				2		2		32
87 TPT PL	2		2	82 (7)	84 (7)	1		1	71	72				1		1	71	72	
DET 176 AD PL RAASC	1	1	2	20	22	1	1	2	37	39				1	1	2	37	39	
2 FD AMB	11	3	14	123 (12)	137 (12)	9	3	12	105	117				9	3	12	105	117	
101 FD WKSP	6 (1)	10	16 (1)	122 (11)	138 (12)	5	8	13	104	117				5	8	13	104	117	
101 FD WKSP STORES SEC (111 CORPS PHOUC TUY PROVINCE LOCATED VUNG TAU	1	1	2	15 (1)	17 (1)	1	1	2	14	16				1	1	2	14	16	
SUB TOTAL	27 (1)	16	43 (1)	421 (37)	464 (38)	23	15	38	381	419				23	15	38	381	419	
TOTAL	172 (8)	63	235 (8)	3156 (303)	3391 (311)	160	64	224	2821	3045	4		4	164	64	228	2821	3049	

PART 2

	ESTABLISHMENT (UNIT AUTH STR)					POSTED STRENGTH *(PCS IN COUNTRY)					ATTACHED *(TDY IN COUNTRY)					TOTAL TOTAL					REMARKS
	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	
	145 SIG SQN	8	8	16	190 (15)	206 (15)	11	7	18	152	170						11	7	18	152	
(111 CORPS GAI DINH PROVINCE LOCATED SAIGON)																					
A SQN 3 CAV REGT	11 (1)	1	12 (1)	116 (10)	128 (11)	7	1	8	103	111						7	1	8	103	111	
DET 131 DIV LOC BTY	3		3	70 (6)	73 (6)	3		3	50	53	2		2		2	5		5	50	55	
1 FD REGT	27 (1)	9	36 (1)	328 (32)	364 (33)	25	7	32	286	318						25	7	32	286	318	
103 SIG SQN	6 (1)	2	8 (1)	130 (11)	138 (12)	4	2	6	118	124						4	2	6	118	124	
5 BAR	40 (2)	10	50 (2)	828 (78)	878 (80)	34	11	45	722	767	1		1		1	35	11	46	722	768	
6 BAR	40 (2)	10	50 (2)	828 (78)	878 (80)	38	9	47	730	777	1		1		1	39	9	48	730	778	
1 TPT PL	2		2	82 (7)	84 (7)	2		2	71	73						2		2	71	73	
10FP	1	2	3	24 (2)	27 (2)	1	2	3	22	25						1	2	3	22	25	
A SQN 3 CAV REGT LAD		1	1	14 (1)	15 (1)		1	1	13	14							1	1	13	14	
1 FD REGT LAD	1	1	2	20 (2)	22 (2)	1	1	2	17	19						1	1	2	17	19	
131 DIV LOC BTY LAD		1	1	4	5		1	1	4	5							1	1	4	5	
(111 CORPS PHUOC TUY PROVINCE LOCATED NUI DAT)																					
SUB TOTAL	137 (7)	39	176 (7)	2545 (251)	2721 (258)	126	42	168	2288	2456	4		4		4	130	42	172	2288	2460	
ALSG																					
HQ 1 COY RAASC	4	1	5	21 (3)	26 (3)	4	2	6	18	24						4	2	6	18	24	

UNIT	ESTABLISHMENT (UNIT AUTH STR)				POSTED STRENGTH *(PCS IN COUNTRY)				ATTACHED *(TDY IN COUNTRY)				TOTAL TOTAL				REMARKS			
	OFFR	WO	TOTAL	OR	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL	OR	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL	OR	TOTAL	OFFR		WO	TOTAL	OR
			WO OFFR	*(EM)				WO OFFR	*(EM)				WO OFFR	*(EM)				WO OFFR	*(EM)	
DET 8 PET PL	1		1	9	10	1		1	8	9						1		1	8	9
(111 CORPS PHUOC TUY PROVINCE LOCATED VUNG TAU)																				
SUB TOTAL	84 (2)	44	128 (2)	1102 (91)	1230 (93)	57	26	83	592	675		8	8		8	57	34	91	592	683
TOTAL	335	203	538	4529	5067	183	143	326	1254	1580	7	8	15	4	19	190	151	341	1258	1599
<u>NAVY COME</u>																				
RAN CDT 3	1	2	3	4	7	1	2	3	4	7						1	2	3	4	7
STO (ATT HQ AFV)	1		1		1	1		1		1						1		1		1
TOTAL	2	2	4	4	8	2	2	4	4	8						2	2	4	4	8
<u>RAAF COMP</u>																				
RAAF HQ AFV	7		7	3	10	6	1	7	4	11						6	1	7	4	11
35 SQN	16	1	17	64	81	15	1	16	61	77						15	1	16	61	77
9 SQN	18	1	19	84	103	19	1	20	81	101						19	1	20	81	101
BASE SP FLT	17	4	21	101	123	18	4	22	92	114	4		4	1	5	22	4	26	93	119
2 SQN	38	6	44	211	255	6	4	10	25	35						6	4	10	25	35
TOTAL	96	12	108	463	572	64	11	75	263	338	4		4	1	5	68	11	79	264	343
<u>T/DUTY IN COUNTRY</u>																				
<u>ARMY</u>																				
AF "VERNON STURDEE"						4	3	7	37	44						4	3	7	37	44
547 SIG TP						1	1	2	15	17						1	1	2	15	17
DET 52 SUP PL						1		1	9	10						1		1	9	10
TOTAL						6	4	10	61	71						6	4	10	61	71

UNIT	ESTABLISHMENT (UNIT AUTH STR)				POSTED STRENGTH *(PSC IN COUNTRY)					ATTACHED *(TDY IN COUNTRY)				TOTAL TOTAL				REMARKS		
	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL	OFFR	WO	TOTAL WO OFFR	OR *(EM)	TOTAL					
	<u>T/DUTY IN COUNTRY</u> <u>RAAF</u>																			
5 ACS						5	2	7	69	76					5	2	7	69	76	
<u>TOTAL ARMY</u>																				
4455																				
<u>TOTAL RAAF</u>																				
343																				
<u>TOTAL NAVY</u>																				
8																				
<u>GRAND TOTAL (INCL TDY)</u>																				
5146																				

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30. The largest contact during the month was initiated at 0440H on 21 March 67, when 2/275 Regt attacked the RF outpost at LO GOM YS5154. The VC were driven off leaving behind 36 KIA (BC), 2 PW and some arms and equipment which included a flamethrower. The VC PW stated that the 5th Division does have a chemical Company which is equipped with 4 flamethrowers. A later contact at YS529551 resulted in the identification of C21/275 Regt, believed to be the Sapper/Recon Company. On 23 March 67, the presence of 3/275 Regt was established when 1/11 ACR found 81 packs containing documents and clothing at YS6069.

31. From the number of fresh graves found South of XUYEN MOC, YS6567 on 22 - 23 March 67, it would appear that 275 Regt may have suffered as many as 150 KIA in this battle.

32. Operation PORTSEA (Phase 1) would appear to have inflicted heavy casualties on the already weakened main - force 275th Regiment. It is felt this Regiment has, as a result, been forced to withdraw to a base area possibly in Southern LONG KHANH Province. Operation LEETON has restricted VC access into the markets of DAT DO and PHUOC HAI, this could account for some lessening in guerilla activity. The opening of Route 23 from DAT DO to XUYEN MOC must lessen VC prestige amongst the people of Southern PHUOC TUY.

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CIVIC ACTION

General

33. The Civic Action programme during March 1967 was again conducted in the 1 ATF TAOR, in 1 ALSG area of responsibility and in SAIGON area. The greatest impact area was again the Task Force Area, but in all three spheres of influence, improvements in relationship between the Australian soldier and the local Vietnamese were evident, and generally standards of living had risen slightly.

1 ATF

34. Civic Action carried out by 1 ATF CA Detachment was concentrated on the hamlets of HOA LONG, DUC THANH, and in the Provincial Capital BARIA with a limited amount of new work being undertaken at LA VAN hamlet. Details of the programme are as follows:

- a. Medical. MEDCAPS conducted throughout the area totalled 1025. Of this number 3 patients required surgery, two with foot ailments/deformities, and one with a hairlip. In addition 5 patients were evacuated to hospital.
- b. Dental. DENTCAPS resulted in 25 patients being treated.
- c. English Education. Over the period under report classes in English were conducted at DUC THANH, and 120 people received instruction.
- d. Hygiene Education. Films were shown on the subject of hygiene to a total of 1000 people over a showing of 6 screenings.
- e. Repairs and Construction. The following projects were effected:
 - (1) All bridges and culverts along Highway 23 between DAT DO and XUYEN MOC were repaired as part of a military operation. 5 steel and wooden bridges were replaced and 4 major culverts were repaired.
 - (2) One major culvert at DINH THANH was repaired using local labour under Australian Army supervision.
 - (3) Phase 1 of the Dispensary at HOA LONG was completed, and the building officially opened by the 21C of 5 RAR, on 21 March.
 - (4) 6/10 kilometer of fencing, other than that required for military operation was constructed.
 - (5) The Information Centre at HOA LONG was commenced and should be completed shortly.
 - (6) Levelling and Grading at the site for the extensions to HOA LONG market is under way. To the end of the reporting period 28 truck loads of soil have been used, providing continuous employment for 8 local villagers.
 - (7) The 3 classrooms at the NORTH HOA LONG school, reported in the February Monthly Report as being near completion, were completed. All of the old desks and chairs at this school have been repaired and painted.
 - (8) At LA VAN hamlet, ropes, pulleys and covers for 9 wells were installed by the Assault Pioneers from 5 RAR. In addition 2 other wells were repaired.

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f. Clothing and Materials distributed

- (1) 200 bags of cement: 100 for NORTH HOA LONG school and 100 for the LA VAN school.
- (2) 8595 lbs canned foodstuffs were distributed in all villages.
- (3) 12 cases of soft drinks to children.
- (4) 2430 board feet of lumber were distributed.
- (5) 9 midwifery kits and 54 midwifery refill kits.
- (6) 50 lbs soap
- (7) 150 sheets galvanised iron sheeting.
- (8) 7 sewing machines and 40 lbs sewing materials were distributed to RF/PF wives and widows.
- (9) 2 boxes of toys.
- (10) 2 wheel chairs.
- (11) 1440 lbs clothing of which 840 lbs went to RF/PF wives and widows.
- (12) 3 boxes pots and pans.
- (13) 140 lb assorted school accessories.

g. Miscellaneous

- (1) 75 children were taken to the beach at VUNG TAU for a picnic outing.
- (2) Entertainment films were shown to 4000 people at 7 screenings.

1 ALSG

35. Civic Action carried out by 1 ALSG during the period under report is detailed as follows:

a. Medical. MEDCAPS conducted at the Australian fostered dispensary were on the average 30 per day, and at NAM BINH each Wednesday afternoon were 100 each week. Average total for the month 1300. In conjunction with USAID medical orderlies from 2 Fd Ambulance inoculated approximately 2,500 civilians against plague during the recent epidemic.

b. English Education. There are four classes in English conducted on week nights each week. Attendances at each class have risen to 30 and satisfactory progress is being maintained by the regular attenders.

c. Repairs and Construction. The only item of new work/repair conducted was minor repairs to plumbing facilities at the dispensary at VUNG TAU. It should be noted that the library at the VUNG TAU High School, reported as completed in the February report, was officially opened, in a simple but impressive ceremony, by the Deputy Commander AFV on 8 Mar 67.

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d. Clothing and Materials distributed.

- (1) 160 bags of cement for proposed new works.
- (2) 100 lbs clothing to NAM BINH
- (3) 7,000 lbs canned foodstuffs to NAM BIHN and to a new refugee village at RACH DUA.
- (4) 3 midwifery kits to NAM BINH.
- (5) 30 X 44 gallon drums to Police Field Force for water storage.
- (6) 50 Red Cross packs donated by the Australian Red Cross to NAM BINH.

e. Some immediate relief was provided to a group of refugees who had arrived from North Vietnam in their efforts to establish a new village at RACH DUA. Relief took the form of food, scrap timber, assorted household implements and clothing.

f. The Boy Scout Troop continued at NAM BINH under the supervision of a private soldier from 1 ALSG.

HQ AFV

36. Civic Action effort was concentrated, in SAIGON, on the DONG CHUA orphanage, with MEDCAP, distribution of baby foods, clothing and a limited amount of medical stores. Increased activity in the orphanage has been shown by members of 145 Signal Squadron who have offered their free time to working bees and minor repairs to the building and to fittings currently in use there. An electric washing machine has been repaired, and despite its age is functioning with limited efficiency.

36A. The general standard of hygiene and health at the orphanage has shown an improvement over the period under report.

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY TRAINING TEAM

Change over of Personnel

37. During March 1967 eleven members of AATTV returned to Australia, whilst fifteen joined the team from Australia.

Operations

38. Normal battalion operations continued. The tempo of those in 1 Corps increased during the month.

Medical

39. One member of the team received a minor injury during the month. Two members of the team were admitted to hospital through illness. The health of the team remains satisfactory.

Morale

40. The morale of the team continued at the same high level during the month.

Deployment

41. The current deployment of the team is shown in Annex D.

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH MATTERS

Relief of the Force

42. The change over of 3 SAS Squadron was completed during March. In addition one Charter Flight brought in advance parties for most incoming units and similarly took advance parties of units being relieved back to Australia.

Communications

43. These remain satisfactory through out the force. No significant changes have been made.

Attachments

44. Three officers provided by HQ AAF FARELF were attached to 1 ATF on 21 March 67. These officers were requested to assist with liaison tasks associated with Operation Portsea. Officers for all the liaison tasks necessary could not be provided from in theatre.

Public Relations

45. During the month 24 Pressmen representing fourteen agencies visited 1 ATF. Press releases, pictorial cover and 1800 feet of black and white cine film for TV have been produced by the PR Section.

No 161 (Indep) Recce Flt Flying Hours

46. Statistical details of the Flights activities for the month of March follow:

a. Rotary wing	573.00 hours
b. Fixed wing	308.15 hours
c. Total	881.15 hours

ADJUTANT GENERAL BRANCH MATTERS

47. Strength State. Details of the Force Strength States are shown in Annex A, and are graphically illustrated in Table 1.

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Medical

48. a. The general standard of health is at its highest level since the Force was lodged.
- b. The plague outbreak which occurred in Vung Tau during the month posed no threat to Australian personnel in the area. Never - the - less all necessary precautions were taken.
- c. Medical statistics for the force are shown at Annex B.

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL BRANCH MATTERS

Relief of the Force

49. Chalk 1 of the draft movement plan was completed satisfactorily during the month.

50. A major change in the outline movement plan caused by the non availability of Boeing 707 aircraft has resulted in considerable revision of the South bound movement plan.

MV Jeparit

51. The MV Jeparit arrived at Vung Tau on 28 March 67. The ship was anchored at the outer anchorage and as a result unloading is proceeding at a slower rate than previously. It is estimated that the vessel will depart on 4 April 67. For tonnages moved into Vung Tau by sea, see Table 2.

Base Development

52. 1 ATF. Scale B construction is complete. Progress on stores, workshops and office buildings has been at a standstill during operation PORTSEA, but is expected to resume in mid April.

53. 1 ALSG. During the month one workshop building, seven stores buildings and two Q stores were completed. Forty-three concrete floors were poured for offices, stores and messes. The cell block of the detention barracks is 80 percent complete and will be ready for occupation by 14 April 67. A temporary shortage of 4 X 2 " timber and roofing iron has slowed the rate of construction. Adequate supplies are anticipated in the near future, these will allow the full rate of construction to be resumed.

54. Details of engineer works progress are shown in Table 3.

Route 2 Bypass

55. This road has been gravelled and is now usable. When opportunity permits a light bitumen seal will be applied to seal the surface against dust and water. This sealing is a low priority task.

Australian Forces Club

56. The concrete beams needed to allow construction to proceed are to be unloaded from the " Jeparit " shortly. Provided these beams are serviceable when unloaded better progress on the club is anticipated in April.

Supplies and Transport

57. The officer posted as DADST HQ AFV arrived during the month.

Ordnance

58. Receipt action on the stores which arrived on the February sailing of the Jeparit was completed during the month.

59. The physical relocation, stocktaking and reconciliation of the clothing group has been completed. The relocation of the general stores group is now 85% complete.

60. A review of the criteria for assessing priority requirements for repair parts has resulted in a 100% increase in demands submitted to Australia by signal. This change will result in an improved serviceability rate in all equipments.

61. Tonnages moved Forward to 1 ATF. Table 4 shows tonnages moved forward to 1 ATF by all agencies.

Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

62. DADEME, HQ AFV arrived in theatre on 4 Mar 67.

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United States/Australia Financial Working Arrangement

63. The cost of US support for the month of February was \$US 430612.67. The cost of Class II and Class IV stores obtained directly from US sources is not included in this billing.

Audit

64. Commonwealth auditors conducted audits in the Saigon and Vung Tau areas during the period 12 February to 27 March 67.

65. Local audit activity was restricted to verification of administrative support given and received by Australia and an audit of civilian paysheets.

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PART C

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE COMPONENT

General

66. With the advent of No 2 Squadron's entry into the theatre, excellent works progress at PHAN RANG and to a lesser degree VUNG TAU, a very busy month for the flying squadrons and the arrival of the Boonaroo at CAM RANH BAY on the 28th March, the RAAF Element have had a very full month.

Operations

67. Nos 35 and 9 Squadrons were fully committed for the month with 9 Squadron flying some 200 hours over its planned flying commitment. A breakdown of flying hours, cargo and PAX for 35 and 9 Squadrons is shown below.

RAAF Strength

68. Details of the RAAF strength return are shown at Annex A.

Casualties

69. There were nil casualties for the month.

Visits

70. The following officers paid staff visits to this theatre during the month:

- | | |
|--|-----------------------|
| a. Group Captain E.W. Tonkin, OBE
Director of Personnel - Officers - | 25 - 28 March 1967. |
| b. Group Captain D.A.S. Morgan
Deputy Director General Medical Services | 13 March- 2 April 67. |
| c. Wing Commander R.P.V. Checcucci Principal
Medical Officer Headquarters Support Command | 13 March- 2 April 67. |
| d. Principal Air Chaplain T.D. Beyer, MBE | 30 March- 3 April 67. |

RAAF Flying Hours

71. Flying hours by units for the month of March were as follows:

a. No 9 Squadron

(1) Sorties	3953
(2) Hours	546.25

b. No 35 Squadron

(1) Sorties	1146
(2) Hours	556.10
(3) Freight	1035488 lbs
(4) Mail	143070
(5) Passengers	8675

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62. DADIME, HQ AFV arrived in theatre on 4 Mar 67.

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NOTES

HEADQUARTERS AUSTRALIAN FORCES VIETNAM WEEKLY/MONTHLY STRENGTH RETURN

1. This return is intended for use by Australian and United States Forces.

Sub headings for US Forces use are shown thus *.

2. Theatre supplements are included in the Establishment (* Unit Authorized strength) figures and are shown separately below that figure in brackets.

3. United States Forces abbreviations are:

PCS - Permanent change of station

TDY - Temporary Duty

EM - Enlisted Men

4. The return is in two parts

a. Part 1 - Those units which will be in country for the next twelve months

b. Part 2 - Those units which will disappear when the relief of force is complete.

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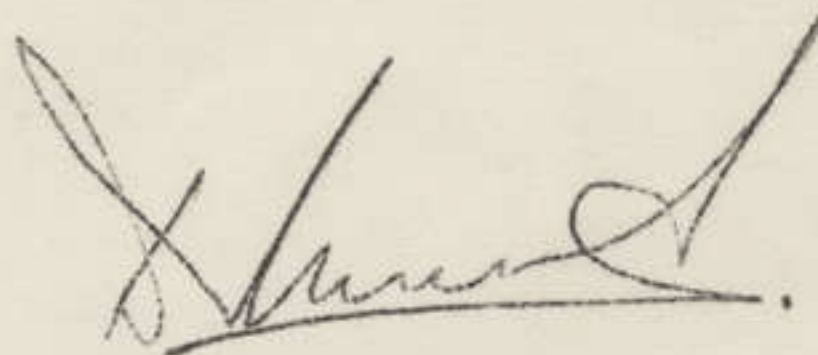
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Headquarters
Australian Force VIETNAM
11 Mar 67

AUSTRALIAN FORCE VIETNAM
MONTHLY REPORT
FEBRUARY 1967

1. Introduction This report is submitted in accordance with paragraph 32 of the revised Directive by the Chiefs of Staff to the Commander Australian Force Vietnam which was issued dated 15 September 1966. This report covers the period 1 February to 28 February 1967.
2. Contents The report comprises,
 - a. Part A - Royal Australian Navy Report
 - b. Part B - Army Component Report
 - c. Part C - Royal Australian Airforce Component Report
 - d. Annex A - Monthly Strength Return and Location Statement
 - e. Annex B - Casualty Statistics
 - f. Annex C - Visits for February



(D.VINCENT) Major General
Commander
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PART A

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY COMPONENT

General

3. The RAN Clearance Diving Team 3 arrived for duty in Vietnam on 6 February 1967. It comprises one officer, two petty officers and four ratings under command of Lieutenant M T E Shotter RAN.

4. Following introductory calls to Headquarters Australian Force Vietnam and to Headquarters United States Navy in Vietnam, part of the team was deployed to Nha Be and part to Thu Duc for work with United States Navy Explosive Ordnance Demolition Teams.

Employment

5. That part of the team at Nha Be was mostly employed on ship bottom searches, but later, was to carry out underwater repair and salvage of a United States Navy minesweeper which had been badly damaged by a Viet Cong underwater controlled mine.

6. Those members at Thu Duc were employed demolishing an old bridge, above and below water, line.

7. On 18 February the entire team redeployed to Cat Lo where it will now be stationed. Its role will be to handle Explosive Ordnance Demolition duties in the Cat Lo area. These include hull inspections of all ships in harbour. The area of operations is reported to hold a number of Viet Cong laid Russian water mines.

Administration

8. The health of the team is excellent and no major administrative worries exist.

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PART B

ARMY COMPONENT REPORT

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

General

9. a. During the month of February 1967, units under operational control of Commander, 1st Australian Task Force, Vietnam, conducted the following major operations:

CAMDEN
TAMBORINE
BEAUMARIS
DALBY
BRIBIE
REMARK
KIRRIBILLI (in progress)

The TAOR security patrolling continued actively during the period.

b. LRRP, Nineteen Long Range Reconnaissance patrols were deployed and recovered during the period. Information obtained from these patrols resulted in the conduct of numerous airstrikes against occupied VC camps, staging areas and defence systems. Bomb Damage Assessment of these areas revealed extensive damage to these installations.

c. Defoliation. There have been no Herbicide Operations conducted at the request of 1 ATF during the reporting period. However, an extensive programme is being planned for March and April.

d. Tactical Air Support. There were two B52 strikes during the period. One at 0400hrs 18 Feb 67 in support of Operation REMARK and one at 0700hrs 24 Feb 67 in the area, centre of mass YS567800. A total of 76 airstrikes were recorded during the period. The statistics are:

(1) Airstrike Missions:

Preplanned 39 (32 VR generated)
Immediates 13 (5 VR generated)
Diverts 9 (8 VR generated)
Combat Proof 15 (7 VR generated)

(2) Aircraft Sorties:

F100 155 (1 aircraft lost)
B57 12
F4 19
F5 28

(3) Ordnance Dropped:

178x500lb (2 duds)
222x750lb (2 duds)
194x750lb incendijel
20x1000lb
18x250lb
10 Rocket Pods
26 CBU
2 Aircraft .50cal
105 Aircraft 20mm

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(4) Bomb Damage Assessment.

(a) Secondary fires - 41.

(b) Secondary explosions - 7

(c) Route out - 1

(d) Fortifications:

	<u>Uncovered</u>	<u>Damaged</u>	<u>Destroyed</u>
Foxholes	26	14	9
Trenchline (metres)	1690	40	20
Tunnels	15	-	6
Hutchies	-	13	9
Bunkers	2	10	22
Weapon Pits	9	-	1

e. Transport Air Support No 9 Sqn RAAF:

Sorties flown in support of Operations - 2714.

Passengers carried - 4108.

Freight carried - 205,523lbs.

Medevacs - 117.

f. Losses/Damage Summary.

(1) Enemy.

(a) Casualties:

KBA 4

KIA 15

KIA 71 (possible - Op BRIBIE)

WIA 2

WIA 3 (probable)

Detainees 13

(b) Stores/Equipment:

300lbs rice

Quantities of - food

medical supplies

explosives

SAA

documents.

(c) Weapons:

1 grenade (unspecified)

4 M26 grenades

2 M16 AP grenades

1 ATK mine (unspecified)

1 M1 Carbine

1 COSSACK carbine

1 Chicom 7.62 rifle.

(2) Draft Dodgers - 2.

(3) Own Tps.

(a) Casualties - KIA 22

WIA 70

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- (b) Stores/Eqpt/Wpns - 2 APCs damaged
2 APCs destroyed.

10. Operations.

a. Operation CAMDEN continued during the period 0200hrs 1 Feb through 1600hrs 2 Feb 67. This was a cordon and search operation in the village of HOA LONG YS4264. A total of 1050 persons were interrogated, a total of five females were detained for further interrogation. Units participating were 5 RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav Regt, one Combat Engineer Team 1 Fd Sqn, one platoon 1 ARU, Det 1 Div Int Sec, Det 1 ATF Pro Sect, and Det 1 ATF CA Sect. PHUOC TUY Sector HQ provided, interrogation Team of ten men, twelve National Police and six interpreters. A Psywar aircraft was used to assist in broadcasting warnings and directions to the villagers. On completion of the cordon and search the village of HOA LONG was surrounded by a barbed wire fence to restrict movement into and out of the village in the future. The wiring was completed by one company 5 RAR, one company 6 RAR and one company ARVN forces on 9 Feb 67. A total of 12,420 steel pickets, 1440 rolls of barbed wire and 2, 160 rolls of dannet wire were used.

b. Operation TAMBORINE was initiated at 1400hrs 1 Feb 67 by 6 RAR, and terminated 1400hrs 8 Feb 67. The operational concept was to conduct search and destroy operations EAST and NORTH EAST of DAT DO YS490600 during hours of daylight while ambushing Route 23 from DAT DO, EAST to YS5863 during the night. Units participating were 6 RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 101 Fd Bty with, in support, 1 Fd Regt (-) and elements of 161 (Indep) Recce Flight. Minor contacts only characterised this operation. In all there were a total of seven contacts with single VC and groups of up to five VC. On 6 Feb at 0915hrs, artillery of 161 Fd Bty RNZA engaged an area from which small arms fire was being received. A correction to this fire resulted in artillery being brought down on the command element of D Coy 6 RAR. One (AUST) KIA and sixteen (AUST) WIA, two of whom later died were the casualties inflicted. As a result of this operation, there were four VC KIA, one VC KBA, One VC wia, 100lbs rice, miscellaneous small arms ammunition, small quantity of explosives, clothing and food destroyed. One chicom 7.62 rifle, Authority to draw 20,00 piastres recovered and three camps destroyed.

c. Operation BEAUMARIS was initiated 0700hrs 13 Feb 67 and terminated 1800hrs 14 Feb 67. This was a cordon and search of the village of XA AN NURT YS4659. Units participating were 5 RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 1 ATF Artillery, 1 Fd Sqn Engineer combat teams, one platoon 1 ARU, Det 1 Div Int Unit and 1 Coy RAASC. During this operation at 0920hrs 14 Feb 67, a booby trap set by Vietnamese forces was detonated. The resultant casualties were: three (AUST) KIA, and four (AUST) WIA. As a result of interrogation of 1,100 people, 4 females and 2 male VC cadre members were captured, twelve VC suspects and 5 active VC sympathisers were detained. During the cordon and search, A sqn 3 Cav Regt conducted sweep and search operations south of the village. A Psywar aircraft was used to broadcast warnings and give directions to the villagers when the cordon was in position. PHUOC TUY Sector assisted in this operation by the provision of 772 RF Coy, a team of 30 interrogators, and twelve National Police.

d. Operation DALBY was initiated at 0730hrs 16 Feb 67 and terminated 1800hrs 16 Feb 67. This operation used the Eagle Flight technique for a quick search and destroy operation in the area between DAT DO YS490600 and NUI DAT YS4868. Units participating were 6 RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 101 Fd Bty, with in support 161 (Indep) Recce Flight, 1 Fd Regt (-), two Airmobile Coys and organic fire teams. The operation began with an air mobile assault into four LZs in the AO with A Sqn 3 Cav securing the western flank. The results of the operation were: one VC WIA, four suspects found in a tunnel, a small quantity of small arms ammunition, one M26 and documents were recovered.

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e. Operation BRIBIE was initiated at 1200hrs 17 Feb 67 and terminated 1000hrs 18 Feb 67. On 17 Feb between 0220hrs and 1122hrs, a VC attack on an RF post at YS515536, contact by 615RF Coy with a possible VC Bn at YS515558, and contact by 3/43 Bn ARVN in the same general area resulted in a decision by Comd 1 ATF to initiate Operation BRIBIE. This was a search and destroy operation aimed at the elimination of the VC force which carried out the attacks against the RF and ARVN forces. The participating units were 6 RAR, A Coy 5 RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav Regt (-), 101 Fd Bty, with in support, 1/83 Arty, 161 (Indep) Recce Flight, 9 Sqn RAAF and one Airmobile Coy. 6 RAR contacted the VC elements immediately after clearing the LZ. An assault was carried out into the second line of foxholes of the VC position located. The company assaulting was driven back by a heavy volume of small arms fire. The contact was estimated to be of bn size with support elements. One APC of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt was hit by 57mm and 75mm RR fire, resulting in one (AUST) KIA and one (AUST) WIA. The VC alternatively attacked and defended, displaying good battle field discipline and control. The VC remained in contact until 1930hrs 17 Feb 67 after which, during the night, they withdrew EAST and then NORTH taking dead and wounded with them. VC weapons used in the contact were a variety of small arms, MGs, .50cal MGs, 57mm and 75mm RRs. The operation was supported by a total of six immediate airstrikes. On the morning of 18 Feb 67, in an attempt to seal off the VC escape route, 2/47 Mech Bn and Bty C 1/11 Arty were deployed from 9th Inf Div (US) along the line of route 23 to the NORTH of the contact area. This force was withdrawn on 19 Feb. Enemy casualties were: six VC KIA, two of whom were identified as coy comd and coy 210 of D445 Bn. It is estimated enemy losses exceeded 100 KIA/KBA, however, there is no body count to support this estimation. Own casualties were: eight (AUST) KIA and 24 (AUST) WIA.

f. Operation RENMARK was initiated at 1530hrs 18 Feb 67 and terminated at 1345hrs 22 Feb 67. This was a search and destroy operation conducted in the LONG HAI HILLS, centre of mass YS470520. Units participating were: 5 RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 103 Fd Bty, One Tp 1 Fd Sqn, with in support 1/83 Arty, 161 (Indep) Recce Flt, No 9 Sqn RAAF and 68 Aviation Air Mobile Coy. The operation was preceded by a B52 strike across the AO. On 18 Feb 103 Fd Bty deployed to a fire support base at YS477564, moving to a second fire support base at YS477564, on 21 Feb. With the establishing of the fire support base, elements of 5 RAR were airlanded into the Southern section of the AO to start the operation. The landing was unopposed. The most significant incidents occurred on 21 Feb 67. 103 Fd Bty whilst moving into the new fire support base at YS488548 received one WIA as a result of detonation of mines. At 1410hrs an APC of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt detonated an anti tank mine. The APC was thrown 15 feet and turned over. The front of the APC was completely destroyed. There were two KIA and one WIA as a result of this explosion. A platoon of B Coy 5 RAR moving to assist members injured in the APC explosion detonated an M16 anti personnel mine. Five KIA and 24 WIA resulted. One of these WIA has since died. The area of YS4851 was engaged by artillery at 2005hrs 21 Feb following sighting of lights. Five secondary explosions resulted, and, at 1010hrs on 22 Feb, the same general area was engaged by an immediate airstrike following a report of an occupied camp at YS480508. One bunker was destroyed, four secondary fires and one secondary explosion resulted. No 9 Sqn RAAF extracted elements of 5 RAR beginning at 0800hrs 22 Feb while the remaining infantry and artillery were extracted by a road convoy and A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. The summary of Operation RENMARK is: Own Tps: eight KIA, 26 WIA, one APC destroyed. VC: Two contacts, one VC KIA, four camps found and destroyed, one resting place, three rice storage caches destroyed. Recovered one M1 carbine and destroyed 250 rounds SAA, two M16 AP mines and one large A/TK mine. Seven graves, one to two months old were also found in the area.

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g. Operation KIRREBILLI, initiated on 23 Feb 67 and continuing beyond this reporting period is designed to deny the enemy access to the LAFV base area by means of Search and Destroy operations of company sized infantry patrols and troop size cavalry patrols with infantry platoon protection operating to the limit of 105mm howitzer range from the base location. In conjunction with these patrols, the Special Air Service Squadron was deployed to the North Eastern, North Western and Eastern extremities of the TAOR with the task of obtaining positive information to support the strong intelligence portrait of a buildup of VC forces in the area North East of BINH GIA and the reported movement of large bodies of VC troops from WEST to EAST. The operation is supported by: 161 (Indep) Recce Flt conducting maximum night surveillance over the area, assisted by the USAF FAC element attached to the task force. Engineers of the task force continue to provide Combat teams and mine detector team to support the operation. Units participating are: A Sqn 3 Cav Regt, 1 Fd Regt 5 RAR, 6 RAR and 3 SAS Sqn. There were no contacts during the reporting period. One company sized camp containing 40 foxholes, half of which had overhead cover, was found at YS467695. The camp was three to four months old. There have been numerous sightings of lights throughout the TAOR during hours of darkness. These have been engaged by 1 ATF artillery with negative results

11. VC Activity.

a. There were no significant VC incidents in the 1 ATF TAOR during the period. In the remainder of PHUOC TUY however there was a major incident when D445 Bn, supported by the local District Coy C25, mortared the RF and PF outposts in PHUOC HAI (YS5153). The incident is seen as an attempt by the VC to maintain their domination of the DAT DO/PHUOC HAI area of Phuoc Tuy Province by highlighting the ineffectiveness of the GVN forces. Despite suffering moderate to heavy casualties by 1 ATF and the USAF the VC aim was at least partially achieved.

b. During the TET stand down period the VC forces in the DAT DO/PHUOC HAI area showed the extent of their influence in the area by flying the NLFSN flag in HOI MY (YS5057) and on the LONG HAI mountains. In addition large groups of VC moved into the area and two companies were twice reported as having been seen by an ARVN officer and another reliable source.

d. On 20 Feb 67 a large number (over 500) lights were observed moving from WEST to EAST approximately 1500 metres SOUTH from BINH GIA (YS4877). They were visible from an aircraft only with the aid of a starlight scope. No explanation has been given for this activity.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY TRAINING TEAM

12. Command Lt Col M T Tripp assumed command of the Training Team from Lt Col A J Milner on February 1967.
13. Operations Most advisors have been involved in operations during the month following an increase in enemy activity, particularly in 1 Corps Tactical Zone
14. Casualties On 20 February 1967, 43595 Warrant Officer 11 M P Hanley was killed in action whilst involved in operations near Ha Tanh Special Forces Camp
15. Morale. Remains at a satisfactory level.

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CIVIC ACTION

General

16. The Civic Action programme in February was conducted in the Saigon, 1 Australian Task Force and 1 Australian Logistic Support Group areas. Local Vietnamese are showing increased confidence in the Australian servicemen and local villagers appear to be showing increased prosperity as a result of aid given.

Increased confidence is apparent. This is shown by:-

- a. Efforts on the part of civilians to repair and improve their dwellings and generally raise their living standards. This is particularly evident in the village of Hoa Long.
- b. A dinner given by the village chief at Nan Binh, near Vung Tau, for representatives from the staff of 1 Australian Logistic Support Group in appreciation of the Australian Civic Action effort.

1 Australian Task Force Area

17. Events for February included the following:-

a. Medical 1870 patients were treated under the MEDCAP scheme. Of these 340 were dependents of Vietnamese servicemen. Six patients required surgery and 19 were evacuated to hospitals.

b. Dental. 52 patients were treated.

c. Hygiene Education Films and instruction were presented to a total audience in excess of 1000 people.

d. Repairs and Construction The following were achieved:-

Dispensaries	2 under construction
Dwellings	4 repaired
Market Place	1 extension
Orphanage	1 (repair and maintenance)
Roads	6 kilometres constructed, 2 kilometres surfaced
Schoolrooms	3 rooms almost completed
Well	1 under construction
Sewing Room	1 completed
Hospital Ward	1 repaired

e. Clothing and material distributed

1395 lbs clothing
12457 lbs assorted canned foodstuffs
80 ft timber
720 cakes soap
910 toys
488 sheets galvanised iron
3 piglets
2 crates pots and pans
100 pairs thongs
116 presentation packs containing soap, towel etc.

f. Miscellaneous

A beach excursion for 43 children
A Saigon excursion for 16 children
Helicopter rides for 250 children
Eleven hours of film shows for 5500 people
Two band recitals

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1 Australian Logistic Support Group

18. During the month the following events occurred:-

- a. Medical 750 patients treated
- b. Dental 35 patients treated
- c. Education Each week, four English classes are held for approximately 25 students per class.
- d. Repairs and Constructions The following were achieved:-
Dispensaries 1 repaired
Libraries (furniture) 1 completed
- e. Materials distributed
100 lbs cement
10,000 lbs assorted canned foodstuffs
280 cakes soap

Events in Saigon

19. Civic Action continued at the Dong Chua orphanage, with distribution of food, clothing and toilet commodities. Medical advice and treatment of the children of the orphanage continued on a weekly basis and in general an improvement in health standards was observed.

Donations of assorted clothing and a sewing machine were made. It is hoped to encourage self help in making childrens clothes from the clothing given.

With the Vietnamese festival of Tet falling in February, a limited number of gifts were made to the staff of the orphanage and the civilian staff of Headquarters Australian Force Vietnam.

GENERAL STAFF BRANCH MATTERS

Relief of the Force

20. Planning for the relief continued in February and an Australian Force Vietnam Movement Instruction was issued 26 Feb 67. To date no firm plan has been received from Army Headquarters.

Communications

21. These remain satisfactory.

Public Relations

22. Twenty five pressmen from many nations visited 1 Australian Task Force during February. A television film was taken of a heliborne operation by 6 RAR and this has drawn favourable comment.

ADJUTANT GENERAL BRANCH MATTERS

Medical

23. a. Health generally remains most satisfactory with low admission rates for all diseases. Battle casualties have been handled effectively by 2 Field Ambulance and allied hospitals.

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- b. Aeromedical evacuation within the theatre and to Australia has been efficient.
- c. Medical statistics are shown in Annex B

QUARTER MASTER GENERAL BRANCH MATTERS

Unit Q Accounts

24. A Quartermaster Instructor was posted to the Headquarters on 2 Feb 67. He has concentrated on Q accounts and the preparation of procedures for handover/takeover stocktakes.

Landing Ship Medium

25. AV Vernon Sturdee arrived in the theatre on 12 Feb 67 to replace AV Clive Steel which departed 22 Feb 67.

MV Jeparit

26. This vessel arrived in Cam Ranh Bay on 5 Feb 67 and departed on 8 Feb 67 for Vung Tau. Unloading commenced at Vung Tau on 8 Feb 67 and the ship sailed on 14 Feb 67. Unloading was satisfactory in spite of a shortage of civilian labour due to the Tet festival holidays.

Base Development

27. a. 1 Australian Task Force Area Scale B hut construction is 90 per cent complete and the detachment from 17 Construction Squadron assisting will probably be released late March. It has been decided not to have scale C accommodation buildings at present. Hence the outstanding construction work consists of 65 stores buildings, 12 workshops and 28 office buildings.

b. 1 Australian Logistic Support Group The main construction effort is aimed at producing stores buildings for Det 55 AESS and 2 Comp Ord Depot. Concrete slabs are being poured by civil contract, and the buildings constructed by RAE tradesmen. Contracts are being let to enable the civil contractors to assist in building construction. It is expected that expenditure on contract work, which is being repaid by the US, will then increase from \$A8,000 to \$A18,000 per month.

Luscombe Field

28. No work was done during the period, but lights are to be installed soon to enable 161 Recce Flight to carry out night missions.

Route 2 Bypass

29. With the completion of fill over one major culvert in the first week of March, the route will be trafficable. It will not have all weather capability until gravel is spread on the surface and progress in this will depend on the priorities allocated by Commander 1 Australian Task Force. At present all gravelling effort is being expended on internal roads and stores hardstandings.

Australian Forces Club Vung Tau

30. Construction is behind schedule due to the breakage of precast concrete beams in transit from Australia. The current completion date is mid-May.

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Engineer Stores

31. Spares for items of engineer origin are flowing in and reducing the backlog. Items in short supply now are defence stores, particularly sandbags, dannert wire and pickets. Task Force operations are such that a heavy demand is expected on these items for the remainder of the year.

Supplies and Transport

32. Rations Rations received from US sources were generally satisfactory, short falls being made up with canned equivalent issues.

Petroleum, Oils and Lubricants

33. a. A Petroleum, Oils and Lubricants tank farm has been established in 1 Australian Task Force.
- b. A tank farm for 1 Australian Logistic Support Group is still to be developed.

Ordnance

34. a. Receipt action on stores received in December by MV Jeparit was completed during the month. The total stockholding of 2 Composite Ordnance Depot has now been increased to 33,000 item headings.
- b. Receipt from the February delivery by MV Jeparit are being brought to charge progressively, priority being given to repair parts and items known to be in short supply in the theatre.

Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

35. Workshops operations were restricted due to lack of spare parts.

Postal

36. Direct deliveries of class 1 mail from Australia to AFPO 4 is due to commence early in March.

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United States/Australia Financial Working Arrangement

37. The cost of United States support for the month of January was \$US 421,487.31. The cost of Class 11 and Class 1V stores obtained directly from United States sources is not included in this billing.

PART C

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE COMPONENT

38. The RAAF element was visited by the Air Member for Personnel, Air Marshal C D Candy CB CBE from 21 - 25 February.

RAAF Flying Hours

39. a. No 9 Squadron The Squadron flew 2756 sorties for a total time of 403 hrs 45 mins.
- b. No 35 Squadron The Squadron flew 929 sorties in a time of 461 hours 30 minutes. The squadron carried 5902 pax, 84,940 lbs of mail and 1,142,247 lbs of freight.

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c. 161 Independent Reconnaissance Flight

Rotary Wing flew 384 hours 40 minutes
Fixed Wing flew 245 hours 35 minutes.
For a combined total of 792 sorties.

Deployment of 2 Squadron RAAF

40. The construction of a RAAF hangar operations building and domestic accommodation at Phan Rang is proceeding satisfactorily. No 2 Squadron will deploy at Phan Rang late in April 1967 and will be operational two weeks later.

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AUSTFORCE VIETNAM MONTHLY STRENGTH RETURN

Annex A to
HQ AFV R723-1-13
dated 11 Mar 67

UNIT	CORPS	PROVINCE	LOCATION	UNIT AUTH STR			PERSONNEL IN COUNTRY			PERSONNEL TDY IN COUNTRY			TOTAL PERSONNEL			DOD CIV	DEP	REMARKS
				Offr	EM	Aggr	Offr	EM	Aggr	Offr	EM	Aggr	Offr	EM	Aggr			
<u>HQ AFV</u>																		
HQ	111	GIA DINH	SAIGON	35	78	113	53	69	122	1	1	2	54	70	124			
145 Sig Sqn	111	" "	"	9	164	173	15	158	173				15	158	173			
DET 11 mC Gp	111	" "	"	2	9	11	3	11	14				3	11	14			
AATTV	*	*	*	14	85	99	91		91	2		2	93		93			
<u>RAAF COMPONENT</u>																		
RAAF HQ AFV	111	GIA DINH	SAIGON	5	2	7	6	3	9				6	3	9			
NO. 9 SQN	111	PHUOC TUY	VUNG TAU	17	67	84	18	81	99				18	81	99			
35 SQN	111	" "	"	16	75	91	18	63	81				18	63	81			
BASE SUP FLT	111	" "	"	17	90	107	22	91	113				22	91	113			
5 ACS PHAN RANG	111	" "	"							4	66	70	4	66	70			
<u>1 ATF</u>																		
HQ	111	PHUOC TUY	NUI DAT	19	80	99	24	82	106				24	82	106			
A SQN 3 CAV REGT	111	" "	"	8	100	108	8	101	109				8	101	109			
1 FD REGT	111	" "	"	26	303	329	31	289	320				31	289	320			
131 DIV LOC BTY	111	" "	"	3	64	67	4	59	63	1		1	5	59	64			
1 TOPO SVY TP	111	" "	"	1	16	17	3	14	17				3	14	17			
1 FD SQN L&E	111	" "	"	8	145	153	9	141	150				9	141	150			
21 ENGR SP TP	111	" "	"	1	51	52		45	45					45	45			
103 SIG SQN	111	" "	"	4	120	124	6	118	124	2	15	17	8	133	141			
5 RAR	111	" "	"	36	740	776	42	693	735	2		2	44	693	737			
6 RAR	111	" "	"	36	743	779	41	708	749	1		1	42	708	750			WELFARE REP
3 SAS SQN	111	" "	"	6	94	100	8	87	95	1		1	9	87	96			
DET 1 DIV INT UNIT	111	" "	"	1	13	14	2	11	13				2	11	13			
A SQN 3 CAV FLGTLAD	111	" "	"		11	11	1	13	14				1	13	14			
1 FD REGT LAD	111	" "	"	1	19	20	3	17	20				3	17	20			
131 DIV LOC BTY WKSP	111	" "	"		6	6	1	4	5				1	4	5			
1 FD SQN WKSP	111	" "	"	1	27	28	2	27	29				2	27	29			
HQ 1 ATF IAD	111	" "	"	1	15	16	3	12	15				3	12	15			
SEC AFV PRO UNIT	111	" "	"		17	17		16	16					16	16			
1 AUST RFT UNIT	111	" "	"	6	94	100	9	96	105				9	96	105			

* NOTE: Location of individual AATTV personnel are the subject of separate returns.

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UNIT	CORPS	PROVINCE	LOCATION	UNIT AUTH	STR	PERSONNEL PCS IN COUNTRY				PERSONNEL TDY IN COUNTRY				TOTAL PERSONNEL		DOD CIV	DEP	REMARKS
						Diff	EM	Aggr	Offr	EM	Aggr	Offr	EM	Aggr	Offr			
1 AUST LOG SP GP																		
HQ	111	PHUOC TUY	VUNT TAU	8	8	10	10	13	23					10	13	23		
17 CONST SQN	111	"	"	9	205	214	14	197	211					14	197	211		
55 ADV ENGR STORES SQ	111	"	"	1	8	9	2	28	30					2	28	30		
67 GROUND LIAISON SEC	111	"	"	2	2	4	2	2	4					2	2	4		
HQ 1 COY RAASC	111	"	"	4	19	23	5	18	23					5	18	23		
1 TPT PL	111	"	"	2	75	77	2	71	73					2	71	73		
21 SUP PL	111	"	"	2	32	34	2	32	34					2	32	34		
87 TPL PL	111	"	"	2	75	77	2	72	74					2	72	74		
176 AIR DESPATCH CCY	111	"	"	2	40	42	2	37	39					2	37	39		
2 FD AMB	111	"	"	11	110	121	12	105	117	1		1	13	105	118			
33 DENT UNIT	111	"	"	3	12	15	4	10	14				4	10	14			
101 FD WKSI RAEME	111	"	"	5	121	126	14	107	121				14	107	121			
2 COMD ORD DEP	111	"	"	4	80	84	12	97	109	8		8	20	97	117			
1 ORD FD PARK	111	"	"	1	13	14	2	16	18				2	16	18			
101 FD WKSI STORES SQ	111	"	"	1	15	16	2	14	16				2	14	16			
17 CONST SQN WKSP	111	"	"	1	40	41	2	43	45				2	43	45			
DET 1 DIV S&I VTSP	111	"	"	1	18	19	2	17	19				2	17	19			
DET 1 DIV CASH OFFICE	111	"	"	1	2	3	1	2	3				1	2	3			
DET 1 DIV POSTAL UNIT	111	"	"	1	6	7	2	13	15				2	13	15			
161 (Indep) RFCCE ILT	111	"	"	15	77	92	17	69	86				17	69	86			
AUST R&C CENTRE	111	"	"	1	6	7	2	10	12				2	10	12			
DET 8 PET PL	111	"	"				1	8	9				1	8	9			
TOTAL						350	4192	4542	536	3990	4526	23	82	105	5594072	4631		

LSM VLROWN STUDEE 4 OFFR 40 EM TOTAL 44
 NAVY 1 " 6 " " 7 - LOCATED CAT LO

TOTAL ARMY 4675
 NAVY 7

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11 Mar 67

MEDICAL STATISTICS

Admitted	2 Field Ambulance	147
Admitted	36 Evacuation Hospital	29
Battle casualties	2 Field Ambulance	53
Battle casualties	Allied hospitals	25
RAAF admissions		NIL
New Zealand admissions		4
Malaria		4
Killed in action		19
Died in hospital		3
Veneral disease hospitalisations		7

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VISITORS TO HQ AFV - FEB 67

MAJ GEN A J CLYNE CBE	6 - 11 FEB
COL F D BUCKLAND	10 - 13 FEB
LT COL J WHITELOW	14 - 19 FEB
AIR VICE MARSHAL C D CANDY CB CBE	21 - 25 FEB
LT COL B A McDONALD	
MR J W DOYLE	21 FEB- 5 MAR
CAPT D W McDOWELL	
CHAP GEN J A MORGAN ED	24 FEB- 6 MAR
CHAP GEN H CUNNINGHAM ED	
MAJ GEN J S ANDERSEN CBE	28 FEB- 8 MAR

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HEADQUARTERS
AUSTRALIAN FORCE
VIETNAM

7 MAR 1967

The Commander,
Australian Forces Vietnam,
SAIGON.

(Copies to: The Secretary, Department of the Navy.
The Captain, H.M.A.S. WATERHEN.)

R.A.N. CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM 3 - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY, 1967.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following Report of Proceedings for R.A.N. Clearance Diving Team 3 under my command, for February, 1967.

2. The team left Sydney on Sunday, 5th February, 1967 and arrived in Saigon on Monday 6th February, 1967, after an overnight stay in Manila. During the afternoon of 6th February, the team visited the United States Navy's E.O.D. team in Saigon and was introduced to Lieutenant S. HENDERSON, U.S.N. and his team.

3. On Tuesday 7th February, I paid an unofficial call on you, sir, and subsequently was introduced to a cross section of your staff officers. On Wednesday, 8th February, I was taken to NAVFORV's offices where I paid an unofficial call on COMNAVFORV, Rear Admiral N.G. WARD, U.S.N. and subsequently met a cross section of his staff officers. In particular I met C.T.F. 115, Captain C.L. STEWART, U.S.N., Officer Commanding Harbour Defence who is responsible for all Harbour Defences throughout the Republic of Vietnam, including the use of E.O.D. teams for ship underwater clearances.

4. During the next few days the team worked in close liaison with the United States Navy E.O.D. team in Saigon. Eventually half the team proceeded to Nha Be with some of the United States Navy Saigon team. The other half proceeded with some more of the U.S.N. team to Thu Duc, a small village about 14 miles north east of Saigon where, nearby, a bridge had been partially demolished by the Viet Cong. There was a requirement to demolish the remainder of the bridge to allow a new one to be built.

5. The unit at Nha Be was mostly employed on ship bottom searches but eventually was used to carry out underwater repair and salvage of the United States Navy minesweeper M.S.B. 49 which had been badly damaged by a Viet Cong underwater controlled mine. A commendation for this work from Rear Admiral N.G. WARD, U.S.N. is attached.

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6. The unit at Thu Duc spent 3 days demolishing the remains of the old bridge, both above and below water. Due to Viet Cong activity and the tide in this particular river, it was only possible to work on this project during daylight slack water periods. One particular point of note was that on arrival at the bridge on the first day, there was no sign of life, either in the rice paddies nearby or on either side of the bridge. This bridge was supposed to be permanently guarded by Popular Forces as well as having a regular army detachment for security whilst the E.O.D. team worked on the bridge. As there had already been two previous ambushes at the bridge, with Claymore Mines, it was considered that discretion was the better part of valour and the team "retired". The team returned at the afternoon slack water with a security force of eight. Work was subsequently completed on the bridge with only one further piece of interest. A Popular Forces member appeared on the other side of the bridge and stated that a Viet Cong force was approximately two miles up the road and would like to meet the Americans on the bridge for a settlement. The invitation was declined with thanks. Lieutenant S. HENDERSON, U.S.N., the officer in charge of the operation has been informed that all members of the team, including the R.A.N. unit, are to receive official Vietnamese commendations for the operation. A copy will be forwarded when these items are received.

7. On Saturday 18th February, the full team moved down to Cat Lo where it was intended that we take over the OPERATION STABLEDOOR and Naval E.O.D. responsibilities for the area. After a few minor domestic problems, such as no one knew that we were coming and subsequently had no accommodation or equipment for us, the team was finally based in a cove at the United States Navy Harbour Entrance Control Position. After a few days of talking with Saigon, most of the equipment the team required was furnished and the team became semi-operational as far as the STABLEDOOR commitment was concerned. This operation consists of hull inspections of all ships in the harbour. As the tide has a rise and fall of approximately 10 feet, it is only possible to dive at slack water thus limiting us to clearing 10 to 12 ships a day.

8. On Monday 20th February, I paid an unofficial call on Lieutenant Colonel L.C. CHAMBERS, Officer Commanding 1st Australian Logistic Support Group, Vung Tau.

9. According to U.S.N. intelligence reports, the Viet Cong in this area had access to some 10 Russian M.K.B. water mines as far back as 6 to 12 months ago. The United States Navy E.O.D. team from Saigon recovered one of these items in the river near Vung Tau approximately 7 weeks ago. It was found to be in perfect condition except that the Mercury Safety Switch had not been placed in the mine. It is considered that the remaining nine mines are still intact and in the vicinity of the Vung Tau/Cat Lo area.

10. The health and morale of the team is excellent with all personnel eagerly awaiting their first major E.O.D. operation.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

R. Gardner PONT
H.T.E. SHOTTER.
LIEUTENANT, R.A.N. (A.O.D.)

C.O. R.A.N.C.D.T.3.

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RUABUZ/COMSERVGRP THREE

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SALVAGE OPERATIONS MSB-49

1. SUCCESSFUL SALVAGE OF MSB-49 BY SALVAGE PARTY COMPOSED OF COMNAVFORV SALVAGE OFFICER AND PERSONNEL FROM MINRON DET 11A, NAVSUPPACT DET NHA BE, COMNAVFORV EOD TEAM, AND ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY EOD TEAM IS NOTED WITH PLEASURE.

2. I EXTEND MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS AND APPRECIATION TO THOSE OFFICERS AND MEN WHO ACCOMPLISHED THIS TASK.

ADM WARD SENDS.

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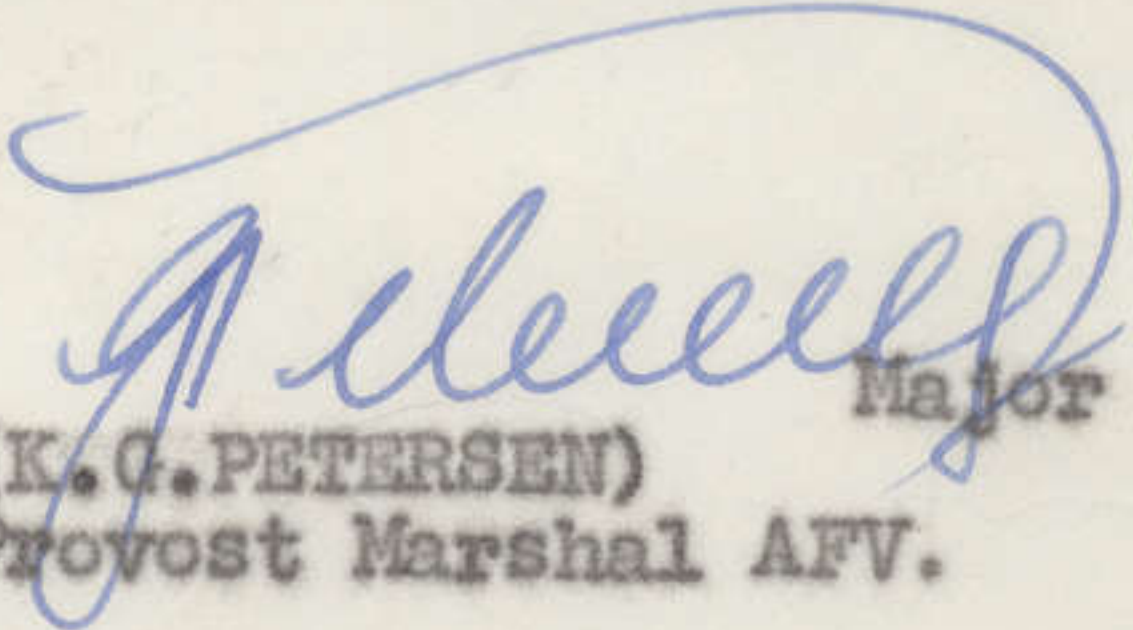
Office of the Provost Marshal
C/- HQ 1 ALSG
VUNG TAU.

06 Mar 67

PM - AHQ

MONTHLY REPORT - AFV

1. Please find attached monthly report for Military Police activities in VIETNAM (for FEB)


Major
(K.G. PETERSEN)
Provost Marshal AFV.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

MONTHLY REPORT

AFV PRO UNITS VIETNAM

(R/1/9)

PM AFV

PERIOD 1 FEB 67 - 28 FEB 67

1. STRENGTH

AFV PRO UNIT

OFFRS 1
Wo2 1
SGT 4
Cpl 37
COOKS 2

DEFICIENT

One (1) Wo2 Pro NCO
One (1) Sgt Pro NCO
Seven (7) Cpl Pro NCO
One (1) Cook AACC

Total: Offr 1, Wo2 1, OR 41, AACC 2.

(a) AFV PRO UNIT - 1 ALSG

Offr 1 OR 12
(NZ) OR 2
(RAAF)Wo 1 OR 1 (Investigators)

AFV PRO UNIT DET SAIGON

OR 8

AFV PRO UNIT DET NUI DAT

OR 12

AACC 1

2. DISCIPLINE OF TROOPS OUTSIDE UNITS

- (1) Offrs: Satisfactory
- (2) OR :SAIGON Area:Satisfactory
VUNG TAU Area:Satisfactory

3. SUMMARY OF OFFENCES

(a) AFV PRO UNIT-1 ALSG

OFFENCES

NO OF CHARGES

VIOLATION OF CURFEW	49
MT OFFENCES	6
AWOLS	4
NOT IN POSSESSION OF LEAVE PASS	10
STATING A FALSEHOOD	1
INCIDENT REPORTS	2
NOT IN POSSESSION OF ID CARD	8
INCORRECTLY DRESSED	21
DISOBEY A LAWFUL COMMAND	8
ABUSIVE LANGUAGE	1
CONTRAVENING 1 ALSG ROUTINE ORDERS PART ONE	3
INSUBORDINATION	3
RESIST ARREST	3
CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE	4
IMPEDING A MILITARY POLICEMAN	2
ASSAULT	2
OUT OF BOUNDS	3
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TOTAL	130
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(b) AFV PRO UNIT DET NUI DAT

OFFENCES

NO OF CHARGES

MT OFFENCES	1
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TOTAL	1
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(c) AFV PRO UNIT DET SAIGON

OFFENCES

NO OF CHARGES

VIOLATION OF CURFEW
INCIDENT REPORT

TOTAL

4

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9

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ESCORTS

VCC/VCS

25

5.

DETENTION BARRACKS AFV

SUS

4

6.

INVESTIGATIONS

(a) AFV PRO UNIT SIB DET

As per attached Annex A

(b) AFV PRO UNIT DET NUI DAT

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

3

THEFTS

3

TOTAL

6

(c) AFV PRO UNIT DET SAIGON

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

5

THEFT

1

TOTAL

6

7.

GENERAL

(a) VIP escort carried out at 1 ATF

(b) Cpl TePANIA marched into AFV PRO UNIT as replacement for Cpl KEATING.

(c) Operation CAMDEN took place for period of one (1) day involving Pro Sec 1 ATF.

M.W. Gernhoefer Lt
(M.W. GERNHOEFER)
OC AFV PRO UNIT

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Special Investigation Section
VUNG TAU

Mar 67

Provost Marshal
HQ I ALSG

MONTHLY REPORT AND SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATIONS
1st - 28th FEBRUARY 1967

1. Investigations:

Attached is a summary of investigations conducted by members of this section during the month of February, 1967. Traffic accident investigations numbered six (6) a decrease of two (2) on January's figures. Criminal investigations numbered 23, a decrease of four (4) on January's figures, but on a par, bearing in mind that February was a short month. Twenty-two (22) investigations are incomplete at the date of this report. However, traffic accidents have been fully reported on during the month and reports submitted. This is due to the presence of an interpreter/translator present in the detachment, available to depart immediately on receipt of an accident report.

2. Personnel:

(a) During the month the SIB section was manned by one (1) Warrant Officer, one (1) Flight Sergeant and two (2) Corporals. In addition, a Sergeant translator/interpreter was also present.

(b) Attachments:

214267 Sgt J.F. Bailey, Interpreter/translator ceased attachment wef 05 FEB 67.

213626 Sgt M.J.F. Henry, Interpreter/translator arrived on attachment wef 06 FEB 67.

3. General:

A total of 1,239 man hours was worked by SIB members during the month. Morale is considered to be of a high standard. A number of investigations were brought to a successful conclusion as well as \$300 MPC, the proceeds of a theft, being recovered.

A. E. Eaves
.....W Off
(A. E. EAVES)
Warrant Officer i/c

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ANNEX "A"

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATIONS FROM

1 FEB - 28 FEB 67

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FILE NO</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>INVESTIGATOR/S</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
<u>TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS</u>				
TA/9/67	2 FEB 67	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING RED CROSS VEHICLE NO AMF 999-14 AND UNKNOWN AMF VEHICLE AT HQ IALSG.	Cpl Braithwaite	
5 FEB 67	TA/10/67	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED AT TRUONG CONG DINH STREET VUNG TAU ON 5 FEB 67 INVOLVING AMF VEHICLE NO 113-461 ON CHARGE TO AFV Pro DET, I ALSG.	Cpl Thoy	
6 FEB 67	TA/11/67	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED ON HAUL ROAD INVOLVING AMF VEHICLE NO 113-380 ON CHARGE TO HQ I ALSG.	Cpl Thoy	
9 FEB 67	TA/12/67	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED ON HAUL ROAD INVOLVING AMF VEHICLE NO 116-673 ON CHARGE TO 17 CONST SQN.	Cpl Thoy	
12 FEB 67	TA/13/67	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED ON ROUTE I5 ON 12 FEB 67 INVOLVING AMF VEHICLE NO 170-414 ON CHARGE TO 6 RAR.	W Off Eaves Cpl Braithwaite	
25 FEB 67	TA/14/67	TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED AT TRAN HUNG DAO STREET VUNG TAU ON 25 FEB 67 INVOLVING AMF VEHICLE NO 2M 6771 ON CHARGE TO BASUPFLT.	Cpl Thoy	
<u>CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS</u>				
2 FEB 67	SIB/28/67	THEFT OF US\$8.25 MPC FROM OFFICERS MESS I ALSG.	F Sgt Wilson Cpl Thoy	
2 FEB 67	SIB/29/67	THREATENING OF VIETNAMESE NATIONAL BY AMF MEMBER AT SAIGON ON 6 JAN 67.	F Sgt Wilson Cpl Thoy	Offender apprehended. Report to be submitted.
2 FEB 67	SIB/30/67	LOSS/THEFT OF MULT METER AVO - MODEL 7 - PANCLIMATIC EQUIPMENT-S NO 111355 - VLAUE \$150 - FROM 17 CONST SQN WORKSHOPS	W Off Eaves Cpl Braithwaite	Investigation not complete.
3 FEB 67	SIB/31/67	ASSAULT ON VIETNAMESE PROSTITUTE AT NO 2 R & C VILLA BY UNKNOWN AMF MEMBERS.	F Sgt Wilson	

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3 FEB 67	SIB/32/67	THEFT OF WALLET - PROPERTY - 1410999 Pte J.C. STEWART - 5 RAR	Cpl Braithwaite	
6 FEB 67	SIB/33/67	LOSS/THEFT OF PERSONAL/SERVICE PROPERTY FROM TENT LINES - 17 CONST SQN WORKSHOPS.	W Off Eaves Cpl Braithwaite	Investigation incomplete.
9 FEB 67	SIB/34/67	THEFT OF NATIONAL TRANSISTOR RADIO - PROPERTY - 58773 L CPL M.S. BRADSHAW - 145 SIG SQN.	F Sgt Wilson Cpl Thoy	Investigation incomplete.
9 FEB 67	SIB/35/67	UNLAWFUL DISCHARGE OF FIREARM - 2 FD AMB.	Cpl Thoy	
10 FEB 67	SIB/36/67	THEFT WALLET & PERSONAL CLOTHING - PROPERTY - 1731039 PTE J.T. RYAN - 87 TPT PL - I COY RAASC.	Cpl Thoy	
16 FEB 67	SIB/37/67	THEFT OF \$40.90 and YASHICA CAMERA - OFFICERS MESS I ALSG.	W Off Eaves Cpl Braithwaite	Investigation incomplete.
16 FEB 67	SIB/38/67	BLACK MARKET ACT - 2781861 SPR I.J. PIGNAT - 17 CONST SQN.	W Off Eaves.	Offender awarded 5 days forfeiture of pay and 14 days fd punishment.
17 FEB 67	SIB/39/67	THEFT OF .45 PISTOL, KNIFE, BELT - PROPERTY - 29595 WO2 D. TAYLOR, AATTV, - FROM SERGEANTS MESS - 2 COMP ORD.	F Sgt Wilson	Offender apprehended. Report to be submitted.
20 FEB 67	SIB/40/67	ASSAULT & WIEFUL DESTRUCTION OF VIETNAMESE PROPERTY	W Off Eaves Cpl Braithwaite	Offenders apprehended. Report to be submitted.
19 FEB 67	SIB/41/67	LOSS/THEFT BROWNING 9mm PISTOL ON CHARGE TO 53104 CAPT D.R. WOOLMER, I COY RAASCE FROM OFFICERS MESS, I ALSG.	F Sgt Wilson	Investigation incomplete.
21 FEB 67	SIB/42/67	LOSS/THEFT WALLET PROPERTY OF 1411089 CPL T.V. VINCENT AFV PRO UNIT, I ALSG.	Cpl Thoy Cpl Braithwaite	
23 FEB 67	SIB/43/67	THEFT \$1,900 MPC FROM "D" COY CANTEEN, 6 RAR BY 1411149 PTE C.F. FRENCH, "D" COY 6 RAR.	F Sgt Wilson Cpl Thoy	Offender apprehended. Report to be submitted.
23 FEB 67	SIB/44/67	LOSS/THEFT WALLEE - PROPERTY - 2412233 PTE R.N. CAVILL - 5 RAR	Cpl Braithwaite	
23 FEB 67	SIB/45/67	ROYAL MAIL BAG FOUND AT ST KILDA HELICOPTER PAD, I ALSG.	W Off Eaves	Pte C.W. SCHOEMAKER found to be negligent.

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24 FEB 67	SIB/46/67	DAMAGED LETTER (BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN INTERFERED WITH) ORIGINATED FROM AFPO3 C/- GPO SYDNEY.	W Off Eaves	Report submitted and forwarded E Comd Pro Coy for further investigation.
25 FEB 67	SIB/47/67	LOSS/THEFT \$30 MPC, PENN EE CAMERA - PROPERTY - 38544 PTE M.F.J. VOLDERS - 2 FD AMB.	W Off Eaves	Investigation incomplete.
27 FEB 67	SIB/48/67	LOSS/THEFT WALLET - PROPERTY - 3787131 PTE B.I. HOLLAND 5 RAR	Cpl Braithwaite	Investigation incomplete.
27 FEB 67	SIB/49/67	ASSAULT & ALTERCATION AT BLUE ANGEL BAR INVOLVING 15205 SGT P. GRAINGER - 6 RAR.	W Off Eaves	Investigation complete. Report to be submitted.
27 FEB 67	SIB/50/67	THEFT OF FI SUB MACHINE GUN BY 1410914 PTE R.W. REIMERS I TPT PL - I COY RAASC.	F Sgt Wilson	Offender apprehended. Report to be submitted.

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AFV MONTHLY REPORT - DECEMBER 1966

GENERAL

Introduction

1. This report is submitted in accordance with paragraph 32 of the revised Directive by the Chiefs of Staff Committee to Commander Australian Force Vietnam which was issued dated 15th September 1966. This report covers the period 1st December 1966 to 31st December 1966.

Statistics

2. Basic statistics are attached as follows :-
- a. Annex 'A' - Monthly Strength Return and Location statement.
 - b. Annex 'B' - Casualty Statistics.
 - c. Annex 'C' - Visits for December.

1 ATF

General

3. During the month of December 1966, units under the operational control of the Commander, 1st Australian Task Force, Vietnam, completed operation INGHAM, conducted two road security operations, CANARY and DUCK I and deployed 6 RAR (-) to assist Sector forces in a search and destroy operation in the LONG HAI mountains area. At the close of the period of review, operation DUCK II was in progress. It is estimated this operation will close on 7 January 1967. Intensive patrolling of the TAOR continued during the period. Casualties as a result of this patrolling and ambushing were; Australian, 1 KIA, 1 WIA; VC, 4 KIA (BC) 1 KIA (possible), 5 WIA. Maximum use was made of air support during the period. Bombs, Container Bomb Unit (CBU), napalm and cannon were used on targets found by visual reconnaissance during day and night surveillance of the TAOR. Two reconnaissance by fire missions using a flareship with miniguns, a FAC and fighter aircraft proved very successful.

Operations

4. Operation INGHAM. This was a fix and destroy operation against D445 Bn by 1st Australian Task Force in the eastern area of the TAOR. 6th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment, two companies 5th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment, 1 Armoured Personnel Carrier Squadron, 101 Field Battery Royal Australian Artillery, 161 Battery Royal New Zealand Artillery, one Platoon Battery A 2/35 Artillery were deployed. The operation initiated at 0730 hrs 18 Nov 66, terminated 1200 hrs 3 Dec 66. There are no changes in statistics for this operation from those contained in AFV Monthly Report for November.

5. Operation CANARY. This began at 0710 hrs 4 Dec 66 and terminated at 1235 hrs 14 Dec 66. Its purpose was to secure Highway 15 from BARIA YS375610 to PHU MY YS253774 to allow safe passage of 199th Light Infantry Brigade en route to LONG BINH. Units participating were 5th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment, one company 6th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment, with a second company on standby as a ready reaction force, 103 Field Battery Royal Australian Artillery, one Platoon Battery A 2/35 Regiment, 1 Armoured Personnel Carrier Squadron, four combat engineer teams from 1 Field Squadron Royal Australian Engineers. Preliminary operations were conducted by 3 Special Air Service Squadron in the NUI THI VAI HILL area from D minus 7 to D Day (4 Dec 66). Liaison was provided at HQ 1 ATF by 1st Infantry Division and 11 Armored Cavalry Regiment and at HQ 11 Armored Cavalry Regiment by 1 ATF. There were no friendly losses during this operation. The VC losses were : 1 KIA (BC) 1 WIA with 1 M1 Rifle captured and one company sized camp destroyed.

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6. Operation DUCK I. This began at 1200 hrs 14 Dec 66 and terminated at 1530 hrs 23 Dec 66. The purpose of the operation was to secure Highway 15 from BARIA YS375610 to PHU MY YS253774 to allow safe passage of 9th Infantry Division en route to BEAR CAT. Units participating were 6th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment, one company 5th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment, with a second company on standby as a ready reaction force, 101 Field Battery Royal Australian Artillery, one troop 1 Armoured Personnel Carrier Squadron, 3 Special Air Service Squadron provided surveillance patrols in the NUI DINH Hills YS3363 and NUI THI VAI Hills YS2971 from D minus 1 to D plus 6. Liaison was provided at HQ 1 ATF by 1st Infantry Division and 173rd Airborne Brigade. There were no friendly losses during this operation. One company sized camp and one platoon sized camp were discovered and two VC boats were destroyed.

7. Assistance to ARVN Sector Forces. On 26 Dec 66 PHUOC TUY Sector forces came into heavy contact in the LONG HAI mountain area, centre of mass YS4752. 1 ATF assistance was requested. 6 RAR less one company, elements of 1 APC Squadron and 101 Battery 1 Field Regiment were deployed. 6 RAR and the APCs formed as a blocking force with 101 Field Battery in a fire support base at DAT DO YS276655. All units returned to 1 ATF base at 1240 hrs on 27 Dec 66. There was negative contact.

8. Operation DUCK II. This began at 1430 hrs 27 Dec 66. Forces participating were as for DUCK I. There was no change to the mission. There were no incidents during the period 27 Dec 66 to 31 Dec 66.

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9. As 1 ATF operations extend towards extremities of their TACTICAL AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY, it is intended to seek further advisory posts in PHUOC TUY Province (at the expense of 1 Corps slots) in districts liable to be the scene of future Task Force operations.

10. Temporarily, one advisor has been located with HQ 1 Corps and one with THUA THIEN Province Teams (supernumary) to assist in the initial stages of the re-deployment of ARVN Battalions in support of the Revolutionary Development Program.

Operations

11. Most units, having Australian Advisors, have been actively engaged in operations during the period.

Medical

12. No battle casualties were reported during the period.

Morale

13. This remains at a high level. Recognition of a previous member's gallantry, the award of the VICTORIA CROSS to the late WO2 WHEATLEY had, understandably, a salutary effect on the unit as a whole.

COMMAND

14. Due to the illness of Major General K. MACKAY MBE, Air Commodore J. DOWLING AFC was appointed Acting COMAFV on 18 December 1966. On the same date Brigadier O. D. JACKSON DSO OBE was appointed Commander Army Component.

LOGISTICS

15. Base Development. Scale B construction is 75% complete at 1 ALSG and 70% complete in 1 ATF. Detailed master planning of both areas is in progress to ensure orderly construction of Scale C buildings. With the present work force Scale C will not be completed before June 1968.

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16. Airfield - 1 ATF (Luscombe Field). This airfield was opened to Caribou aircraft on 5 Dec 66. The airfield is listed as suitable for C130 aircraft in emergency and a US aircraft has made a trial landing and take off already. Regular use by C130 aircraft is not possible without lengthening the runway and the construction of a rock pavement. This work is planned for 1967.
17. Earthworks - 1 ATF. Construction of 8 kilometres of road to bypass Route 2 around the Task Force area commenced on 26 Dec 66. Completion date is 31 Mar 67. Other work in progress is the construction of deep drains throughout the area so that rainfall from the next monsoon (May to Oct) can be handled.
18. Earthworks - 1 ALSG. Levelling dunes for the construction of Scale C buildings and the construction of area drainage is in progress and will be completed in Mar/Apr 67.
19. Plant and Equipment. The availability of spare parts for repair of vehicles and equipment continues to improve.
20. Engineer Stores. The stores for Scale C have been ordered from US sources and procurement directions issued by MACV. Further bids will be made as the details of proposed force increases come to hand.
21. LSM. The LSM was placed under the operational control of 1 ALSG during the unloading of JEPARIT. Difficulties have been experienced in running stores up river to BARIA on a regular basis due to adverse winds at this time of the year. However trips are made as often as conditions permit.

Supplies and Transport

22. Fresh Rations. Fresh fruit and vegetables are now being received daily from US sources. The standard and availability of fresh rations have improved.

Ordnance

23. Stocktaking is progressing in 2 Composite Ordnance Depot. The Motor Transport Spares Section has now been completed.
24. The machine accounting system in 2 Composite Ordnance Depot is now fully operational. Medical and Dental stores are also included in the system. Priority one and two service demands for Medical and Dental stores are now passed through Ordnance channels.

RAEME

25. Additional spare parts are now becoming available. The Workshops are now fully employed on repairing vehicles.

Postal

26. Mail arriving from Australia during the Christmas period was subject to minor delays only. However considerable delays were experienced with mail dispatched from this theatre caused mainly by the QANTAS strike and the Christmas accumulation.

ASCO

27. A severe beer shortage is currently being experienced and authority has been requested from AHQ to task the LSM to move to Singapore and obtain additional supplies.

R and C Facilities

28. The building of the Australian forces Club at Vung Tau has commenced, its estimated completion date is May 67.

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RSL Hut

29. The Kingstrand Hut donated by the RSL arrived on the JEPARIT. The site is prepared in 1 ATF area and building will commence Jan 67.

RAAF

30. Flying hours by units for the month of December are as follows:-

a. No 9 Squadron

(1) Sorties - 2087
(2) Hours - 357 hours 10 minutes

b. No 35 Squadron

(1) Sorties - 917
(2) Hours - 454 hours
(3) Freight - 799,368 lbs
(4) Mail - 162,530 lbs
(5) Passengers - 6698

c. No 161 Recce Flight

(1) Rotary Wing - 457 hours 45 minutes
(2) Fixed Wing - 253 hours 50 minutes
(3) Total Hours - 711 hours 35 minutes
(4) Total Sorties - 1273

Visits

31. COMRAAFV returned from Australia on 16 December 1966 on completion of a mid tour conference at Department of Air Canberra. During his absence the RAAF Element was Commanded by Group Captain P. F. RAW DFC, AFC.

CIVIL AFFAIRS

HQ AFV

32. Civic action continued with the DONG CHUA Orphanage in SAIGON. The usual distribution of food was made and the Orphanage was visited on several occasions by the Medical Officer HQ AFV. He reported an improvement in the health of the children and the running of the orphanage.

33. On 23 December 1966 Commander AFV visited the orphanage and distributed toys and sweets. A toy distribution was also made to the children of the Vietnamese civilian employees at the Free World Headquarters and to the children of other Vietnamese personnel who had assisted the Australian effort in Saigon during 1966.

34. Because of the increased quantity of material being donated for civic action, the possibility of increasing the Australian effort in Saigon is being examined.

1 ATF

35. Activity in this field at 1 ATF continues at a high level. Brief details of assistance given during the month follow :-

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a. Medical

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a. Medical. 2,060 patients were treated under the MEDCAP programme. Of these, 8 required surgery and 2 required emergency evacuation. Calipers were fitted to a crippled girl.

b. Dental. Under the DENTCAP programme 109 patients received treatment.

c. Repairs and Construction. The following projects were effected :-

(1) Bridges	1	(repaired)
(2) Pagodas	1	(repaired)
(3) Dispensaries	3	(1 repaired - 2 under construction)
(4) Houses	1	(repaired)
(5) Fences	1/10 Km	(erected)
(6) Orphanages	1	(repaired)
(7) Schools	2	(under construction)
(8) Schoolrooms	2	(under construction)
(9) Wells	6	(repaired)
(10) Hospital	1	(repaired)
(11) Hospital Ward	1	(80% complete)
(12) Playground	1	(completed)
(13) Road	4/10 Km	(repaired)
(14) Sewing Room	1	(under construction)

d. Education. Twelve English classes were conducted with a gross attendance of 264 pupils.

e. Clothing and Material Distribution. The following were distributed:-

- (1) 350 lbs of clothing
- (2) 550 lbs of cement
- (3) 14,374 lbs of food
- (4) 1 Physical Education Kit
- (5) 50 School Kits
- (6) 350 cakes of soap
- (7) 136 sheets of tin
- (8) 300 tubes of toothpaste
- (9) 200 lbs of medical supplies
- (10) 300 gallons of cordial
- (11) 140 toys
- (12) 207 gift packs of toilet items, cigarettes and pencils.
- (13) 185 Christmas Cakes
- (14) 3,330 lbs of rice

f. Miscellaneous Activities:

- (1) Christmas parties were held for 2,170 children all received presents.
- (2) Beach excursions were made by 125 village children.
- (3) 21 Children were given helicopter rides by the RAAF.
- (4) 5,100 people viewed films in 3 villages.
- (5) Relief payments totalling \$VN800 were made to four families.

1 ALSG

36. The following were undertaken in 1 ALSG :-

a. Medical. 2,170 patients received treatment under the MEDCAP programme.

b. Dental. Continual DENTCAP treatment was given throughout the month.

c. Supply Projects. The following were undertaken :-

- (1) Power is being supplied to a dispensary.
- (2) Wire was supplied for the fencing of the National Youth Centre.

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- (3) A water tank was provided at the LE LOI hospital.
- (4) Playground equipment was supplied to five schools in the VUNG TAU area.

d. New Work. The following were commenced :-

- (1) A new ward for the dispensary.
- (2) The leveling of an area of ground for the proposed National Youth Centre,

e. Food and Material Distribution. The following were distributed :-

- (1) 2,000 lbs of surplus rations were distributed, mainly in the NAM BINH "New Life" refugee hamlet.
- (2) 140 toys and 840 chocolate bars were given to the Junior Boys Military Academy at VUNG TAU.

f. Miscellaneous

- (1) Two nurses employed continually at the VUNG TAU dispensary are being trained by an Australian Army Medical NCO.
- (2) A Christmas party for 100 needy children of NAM BINH hamlet was organised and conducted by 17 Construction Squadron RAE.

COMMUNICATIONS

37. These remain satisfactory, no significant changes have been made.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

38. Press interest was sustained during the month. 32 correspondants representing 26 Press Agencies visited the Task Force during the month. In addition seven members of MACV Information Staff spent fifteen days covering the activities of the force. The introduction of daily courier flights into and out of Luscombe Field has facilitated press visits to 1 ATF.

MEDICAL

Malaria

39. During the month forty eight cases of malaria occurred amongst troops who had taken part in Operation INGHAM. All the malaria was of the malignant tertian variety. Preliminary medical investigation has revealed that though paludrine discipline was satisfactory, personal protective measures left something to be desired. The situation is the subject of an investigation by HQ 1 ATF.

VD

40. No marked change in the incidence level has occurred during the month. Four cases of syphilis have occurred, this is the highest monthly figure for this disease to date.

Statistics

41. For details see Annex B.

FINANCE

Costs

42. US support for the month of November 1966 cost \$435,073.87, this figure does not include Class II and Class IV stores obtained directly from US sources.

Civilian Staff

43. The employment level remains static at approximately 200.

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J. Dowling
(J. DOWLING) Air Commodore
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AUSTFORCE VIETNAM MONTHLY STRENGTH RETURN AS AT 31 DEC 66

UNIT	CORPS	PROVINCE	LOCATION	UNIT AUTH STR	PERSONNEL			PERSONNEL			TOTAL			DOD CIV	DEP	REMARKS		
					PCS	IN	COUNTRY	TDY	IN	COUNTRY	PERSONNEL	PERSONNEL	PERSONNEL					
				Offr	EM	Aggr	Offr	EM	Aggr	Offr	EM	Aggr	Offr	EM	Aggr			
<u>HQ AFV</u>																		
HQ	111	GIA DINH	SAIGON	35	78	113	36	80	116	2	1	3	38	81	119	6	2	Wife and daughter COMAFV 3 Red Cross 1 Salvation Army 1 Everymans Rep 1 YMCA Rep
145 SIG SQN	111	" "	"	9	164	173	8	159	167				8	159	167			
DET 11 MC GP	111	" "	"	2	9	11	2	14	16		16	16	2	30	32			
AATTV	*	*	*	14	85	99	17	74	91	2		2	19	74	93			
<u>RAAF COMPONENT</u>																		
RAAF HQ AFV	111	GIA DINH	SAIGON	5	2	7	5	3	8	3	1	4	8	4	12			
NO 9 SQN	111	PHUOC TUY	VUNG TAU	17	67	84	17	83	100				17	83	100			
NO 35 SQN	111	" "	"	16	75	91	15	64	79				15	64	79			
BASE SUP FLT	111	" "	"	17	90	107	16	94	110				16	94	110			
<u>1 ATF</u>																		
HQ	111	PHUOC TUY	NUI DAT	19	80	99	23	88	111				23	88	111			
1 APC SQN	111	" "	"	8	100	108	8	97	105				8	97	105			
1 FD REGT	111	" "	"	26	303	329	25	295	320				25	295	320			
131 DIV LOC BTY	111	" "	"	3	64	67	3	49	52				3	49	52			
1 TOPO SVY TP	111	" "	"	1	16	17	1	16	17		1	1	1	17	18			
1 FD SQN RAE	111	" "	"	8	145	153	8	135	143				8	135	143			
21 ENGR SP TP	111	" "	"	1	51	52	1	48	49				1	48	49			
103 SIG SQN	111	" "	"	4	120	124	4	113	117				4	113	117			
5 RAR	111	" "	"	36	740	776	37	724	761				37	724	761			
6 RAR	111	" "	"	36	743	779	36	721	757				36	721	757			
3 SAS SQN	111	" "	"	6	94	100	5	88	93		1	1	5	89	94			
DET 1 DIV INT UNIT	111	" "	"	1	13	14	1	12	13				1	12	13			
1 APC SQN LAD	111	" "	"		11	11		11	11					11	11			
1 FD REGT LAD	111	" "	"	1	19	20	1	19	20				1	19	20			
131 DIV LOC BTY WKSP	111	" "	"		6	6		5	5					5	5			
1 FD SQN WKSP	111	" "	"	1	27	28	1	28	29				1	28	29			
HQ 1 ATF LAD	111	" "	"	1	15	16	1	15	16				1	15	16			
SEC 1 DIV PRO COY	111	" "	"		17	17		17	17					17	17			
1 AUST RFT UNIT	111	" "	"	6	94	100	5	59	64				5	59	64			

*NOTE : Location of individual AATTV personnel are the subject of separate returns.

UNIT	CORPS	PROVINCE	LOCATION	UNIT AUTH STR			PERSONNEL PCS IN COUNTRY			PERSONNEL TDY IN COUNTRY			TOTAL PERSONNEL			DOD CIV	DEP	REMARKS
				Offr	EM	Aggr	Offr	EM	Aggr	Offr	EM	Aggr	Offr	EM	Aggr			
<u>1 AUST LOG SP GP</u>																		
HQ	111	PHUOC TUY	VUNG TAU	8	8	16	8	8	16				8	8	16			
17 CONSTR SQN	111	"	"	9	205	214	8	196	204				8	196	204			
55 ADV ENGR STORES SQN	111	"	"	1	8	9	1	27	28				1	27	28			
67 GROUND LIAISON SEC	111	"	"	2	2	4	2	2	4				2	2	4			
HQ 1 COY RAASC	111	"	"	4	19	23	4	17	21				4	17	21			
1 TPT PL	111	"	"	2	75	77	1	73	74				1	73	74			
21 SUP PL	111	"	"	2	32	34	2	31	33				2	31	33			
87 TPT PL	111	"	"	2	75	77	2	69	71				2	69	71			
176 AIR DESPATCH COY	111	"	"	2	40	42	2	40	42				2	40	42			
2 FD AMB	111	"	"	11	110	121	10	103	113				10	103	113			
33 DENT UNIT	111	"	"	3	12	15	3	11	14				3	11	14			
101 FD WKSP RAEME	111	"	"	5	121	126	5	115	120				5	115	120			
2 COMP ORD DEP	111	"	"	4	80	84	4	95	99	8	8		4	103	107			
1 ORD FD PARK	111	"	"	1	13	14	1	17	18				1	17	18			
101 FD WKSP STORES SEC	111	"	"	1	15	16	2	15	17				2	15	17			
17 CONSTR SQN WKSP	111	"	"	1	40	41	1	35	36				1	35	36			
DET 1 DIV S&T WKSP	111	"	"	1	18	19	1	18	19				1	18	19			
DET 1 DIV CASH OFFICE	111	"	"	1	2	3	1	2	3				1	2	3			
DET 1 DIV POSTAL UNIT	111	"	"	1	6	7	2	13	15	4	4		2	17	19			
161 (Indep) RECCE FLT	111	"	"	15	77	92	14	76	90				14	76	90			
AUST R & C CENTRE	111	"	"	1	6	7	1	11	12				1	11	12			
8 PET PL	111	"	"				1	8	9				1	8	9			
TOTAL				350	4192	4542	352	4093	4445	7	32	39	359	4125	4484	6	2	

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CASUALTY STATISTICS FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1966

	<u>Army</u>	<u>RAAF</u>	<u>Civilians</u>	<u>Total</u>
Direct admissions to 2 Field Ambulance	230	-	-	230
Direct admissions to 36 Evacuation Hospital	43	1	-	44
Killed in action	2	-	-	2
Accidental deaths (NBC)	2	-	-	2
Battle Casualties	30	-	-	30
Accidental injuries	16	-	-	16
Downgradings *	12	-	-	12
Medical evacuation to Australia	52	1	-	53

*Note: Downgradings are from fit Everywhere (FE) to :

Communications Zone Non Tropical (CZNT)	4
Communications Zone Everywhere (CZE)	4
Base Everywhere (BE)	2
Base Non Tropical (BNT)	-
Forward Non Tropical (FNT)	1
Home Only (HO)	-
Temporary Medically Unfit (TMU)	1
Total	<hr/> 12

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VISITORS FROM AUSTRALIA FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 66

Lt Gen Sir John WILTON KBE CB DSO	1 - 6 Dec 66
Wg Cdr J. S. LATHAM	1 - 6 Dec 66
Gp Capt D. R. SHEPHERD	9 - 10 Dec 66
Mr W. N. HURST	4 - 10 Dec 66
Brig R. DURANCE OBE	6 - 10 Dec 66
Col C. P. WEST	6 - 10 Dec 66
Col D. H. CROMPTON	6 - 10 Dec 66
Col R. P. WOOLLARD	6 - 10 Dec 66
Mr J. ROBINSON	7 - 10 Dec 66
Senator G. C. McKELLAR	23 - 26 Dec 66
Brig F. O. CHILTON	23 - 26 Dec 66
Mr C. E. CLARKE	23 - 26 Dec 66

OTHER VISITORS FROM OUTSIDE VIETNAM

NZ Newspaper Party	7 Dec 66
Lt Gen L. W. THORNTON CB CBE	15 Dec 66
Col R. E. WEST USMC	22 Dec 66

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY TRAINING TEAM
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GENERAL

1. The Unit is now commanded by 690 Lt Col MT TRIPP RAAC.
2. Lt Col MILNER after completing over 12 months with AATTV RTA on the 28 Feb 67.
3. The half yearly handover continues.

OPERATIONS


4. Especially in I Corps operations involving Australian Advisors were stepped up against an apparent increase in enemy activity.
5. All AATTV members continued operational activities during the month.

MEDICAL

6. Battle Casualty.- On the 20 Feb 67 43595 WO2 MP HANLEY whilst involved on operations with MIKE FORCE at a location NE of HA TANH SF Camp was KIA when his position was overrun.

MORALE

7. Satisfactory.


for Lt Col
Commander AOD

MINUTE

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1. Report late as usual
2. For inclusion in the Monthly Report.

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2 Fd Amb
Vung Tau
VIETNAM

2 Mar 67

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HQ AFV

SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICERS REPORT

1. The general health of the force is most satisfactory as shown by the all time low admission rates of all diseases.
2. Battle casualties have been handled effectively by 2 Fd Amb and allied hospitals and by proper casualty regulation, All patients have received surgical treatment promptly.
3. Aeromedical Evacuation both from the field to 2 Fd Amb and from 2 Fd Amb to Australia has been efficient. RAAF are to be complimented on both these phases of Aeromedevac.
4. The acute ^{medical} staff shortage in 2 Fd Amb and indeed throughout the force has been felt this month more than all others.

STATISTICS

Admitted 2 Fd Amb:	147
Admitted 36 Evac:	29
Battle cas 2 Fd Amb:	53
Battle cas allied hosp:	25
RAAF admissions:	NIL
NZ admissions:	4
Malaria:	4
KIA:	19
Died in hospital:	3
Approx No of new cases VD:	277

(W.O. ROGERS)
Lt Col
CO 2 Fd Amb

CIVIC ACTION - MONTHLY REPORT - FEBRUARY 1967.

GENERAL:

1. The Civic Action programme during February was conducted in the Saigon area, in 1 ATF TAOR, and in the 1 ALSG area. It is considered that the greatest single resultant factor of the month's activities is the overall increase in confidence which the local Vietnamese appear to be showing towards the Australian soldier, and the apparent rising prosperity in the villages, generally as a direct result of CA effort.

2. In all three areas, but primarily in the Task Force area of responsibility and in Vung Tau, this confidence has been exhibited in two prominent manners:-

a. By an individual effort on the parts of many villagers to repair and improve their dwellings and generally to endeavour to raise their own standards, particularly in the village of HOA LONG. ✓

b. And, in the Vung Tau area, by a dinner given by the village chief of NAM BINH, for a cross section of the ALSG staff, in appreciation for Australian Civil Affairs efforts.

3. These two incidents alone are indicators that the Civic Action programme is having a degree of apparent success, in winning and maintaining the friendship and co-operation of the Vietnamese civilians.

1 ATF:

4. Details of the Civic Action programme undertaken by 1 ATF during the month are as follows:-

a. Medical. 1870 patients were treated under the MEDCAP scheme. Of these 340 were dependants of ARVN/RF/PF soldiers. 6 patients required surgery, and 19 required evacuation to hospitals.

b. Dental. 52 patients were treated. ✓

c. Hygiene Education. Films and instruction were shown/given to in excess of 1,000 people.

d. Repairs and constructions. The following projects were effected:-

Dispensaries	2 (under construction)
Dwellings	4 (repaired)
Market Place	1 (extensions)
Orphanage	1 (repair and maintenance)
Roads	6 Km constructed, 2 Km surfaced.
Schoolrooms	3 rooms (almost completed)
Wells	1 (under construction)
Sewing Room	1 (completed)
Hospital ward	1 (repaired)

e. Clothing and material distributed:-

1395 lbs clothing
 12,457 lbs assorted canned foodstuffs
 80 ft timber
 720 cakes soap
 910 toys
 488 sheets galvanised iron
 3 piglets
 2 crates pots and pans
 100 pairs thongs
 116 presentation packs containing soap, towel, etc.

f. Miscellaneous:-

(1) Beach excursion for 43 children
 (2) Saigon excursion for 16 children
 (3) Helicopter rides for 250 children
 (4) 11 hrs film shown to approx 5,500 people
 (5) 2 Band recitals

1 ALSG:-

5. Civic Action carried out by 1 ALSG is detailed as follows:-

- a. Medical. 750 patients treated
 b. Dental. 35 patients treated
 c. Education. There are four classes in English conducted each week with approximately 25 in each class
 d. Repairs and constructions. The following projects were effected:-

Dispensaries	1 (repaired)
Libraries (furniture)	1 (completed)

e. Clothing and materials distributed:-

100 lbs cement
 10,000 lbs assorted canned foodstuffs
 280 cakes soap

HQ AFV:

6. Civic Action continued with the DONG CHUA Orphanage in Saigon, with the distribution of food, clothing and toilet commodities. Medical advice and treatment of the children of the Orphanage continued on a weekly basis, and generally, an elevation in the standards of health was observed.

7. Donations of assorted types of clothing were made, in addition to one sewing machine, the aim being that with self help the old clothing could be converted into apparel suited for young infants.

8. With TET falling in the period under report, a limited number of gifts were distributed to the Staffs of the Orphanage and also of HQ AFV. Primarily these gifts comprised soaps, toothbrush and paste, combs, towels, etc., and were gratefully received by the Staffs.

CA STAFF:

9. The arrival of the CA Team from the 2nd CA Coy (US Army) has done much to increase the general overall effectiveness of the CA programme, particularly in the area of responsibility of 1 ATF. The personnel of the team have commenced surveys in three areas and have, at the same time, helped to develop the closer liaison with local officials. Previous to their arrival this close link had not been possible due to shortages of trained personnel.

E. Hughes Captain.
Civic Action Officer.

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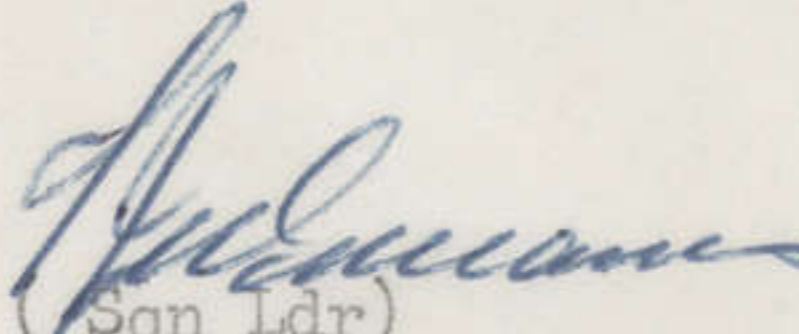
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RAAF

1. The RAAF Element was visited by the Air Member for Personnel Air Vice Marshal C.D. CANDY CB CBE 21-25 Feb 67.
2. The strength return for February is attached as Annex "A".
3. The flying hours by units for February is attached as Annex "B".

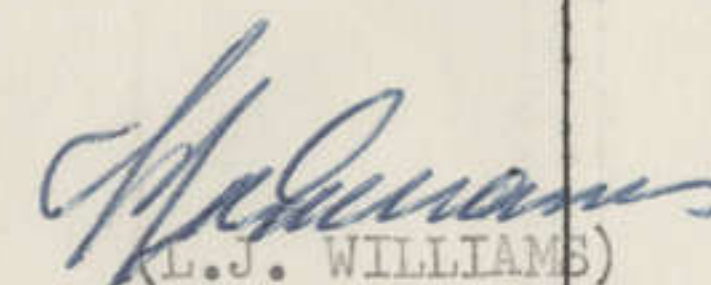
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MONTHLY STRENGTH RETURN - RAAF VIETNAM
AS AT 3rd March 1967.

UNIT DESIGNATION	CORP	PROVINCE	LOCATION	UNIT AUTH STRENGTH			PERSONNEL PCS IN-COUNTRY			PERSONNEL TDY IN-COUNTRY			TOTAL PERSONNEL			DOD CIV					
				OFF	EM	AGGR	OFF	EM	AGGR	OFF	EM	AGGR	OFF	EM	AGGR						
RAAFHQAFV	iii	GIA DINH	SAIGON	7	3	10	6	3	9				6	3	9						
<u>BASUP FLT</u>	iii	PHUOC TUY	VUNG TAU	21	101	122	22	90	112	3	1	4	25	91	116						
(a) 5 ACS Det "A"	iii	" "	" "							1	1		1	1							
No 9 SQN	iii	" "	" "	18	83	101	17	76	93				17	76	93						
(a) 161 Recce Flt	iii	" "	" "				1	5	6				1	5	6						
NO 35 SQN	iii	" "	" "	17	62	79	18	63	81		3	3	18	66	84						
NO 5 ACS DET "B"	ii	NINH THUAN	PHAN RANG				XXXXXXX 66	XXXXXX 70	XXXXXX	4	66	70	4	66	70						
												TOTAL			71	308	279				
												GRAND TOTAL			= 379						


 (L.J. WILLIAMS)
 Squadron Leader

MINUTE

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To GSO 2

Subject COMMS PARA FOR FEB 67 REPORT TO CHIEFS OF STAFF

C.D.O. 9880

Suggest:-

1. Comms remain satisfactory
2. No significant changes.

3 Mar 67

~~W. J. ...~~
for Maj
SO Sigs

INSTRUCTION MEMO

C.D.O. 9913

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Q BRANCH MONTHLY REPORT - FEB 67

Relief of the Force

1. Planning for the relief continued during the month. The AFV Movement Instruction was issued on 26 Feb 67. To date no firm plan has been received from AHQ.
2. The division of responsibility between Army and RAAF has been determined as follows:
 - a. Army Assembly of personnel, documentation, handling of all aspects of preparation for movement by HMAS SYDNEY and calling forward of personnel for movement.
 - b. RAAF Co-ordination of all aircraft movement including provision of transit accommodation, unloading and loading facilities.

Unit Q Accounts

3. A QMI was posted to the headquarters on 2 Feb 67. Since his arrival, the QMI has been concentrating on unit Q accounts and the preparation of procedures for the handover/takeover stocktakes. Detailed instructions have been issued on this aspect.

ISM

4. AV Vernon Sturdee arrived in theatre on 12 Feb 67. AV Clive Steel departed 22 Feb 67. A satisfactory handover was completed between the two vessels.

MV Jeparit

5. MV Jeparit arrived in Cam Ranh Bay on 5 Feb 67 and departed on 8 Feb 67 for Vung Tau. The ship arrived in Vung Tau on 8 Feb 67 and departed on 14 Feb 67. Unloading proceeded well although some delay was caused by the lack of civilian labour due to the Chinese New Year holiday over this period.

2/. Base Development

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Subject REPORT FOR FEB 67 - SECRETARY'S BRANCH

C.D.O.9880

US/AUST FINANCIAL WORKING ARRANGEMENT

1. The cost of US support for the month of January was \$US 421,487.31. The cost of Class 11 and 1V stores obtained directly from US sources is not included in this billing.



Lt Col
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28 Feb 67

ARMY PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT HQ AFVREPORT FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1967PRESS INTEREST

1. Press interest in the Task Force and its activities remains high among correspondents from all nations. Over the past month a total of 25 pressmen representing 20 different agencies have spent 81 ration days in the area.

NEW CORRESPONDENTS

2. A team of four television and radio men representing the BBC arrived in country and spent several days in the Task Force area. Their material is also syndicated to Australian Television Channels through the Visnews organisation. A freelance journalist-photographer who will be submitting story and pictures to People, Womens Day, Pix, and the Herald-Sun group arrived in country and is currently covering the activities of the Force.

PRESS RELEASES

3. A total of 14 Press releases and two draft Press statements for the Minister for Defence were originated during the month.

PICTORIAL

4. Pictorial coverage was somewhat restricted during the month owing to Warrant Officer cumeen having to be employed on the planning of the new darkroom, but a total of 74 negatives were selected for distribution through DPR Canberra. An extensive colour picture coverage of the AATTV was also undertaken. This will result in a number of colour shots being submitted to Australian National Magazines.

TELEVISION

5. A total of five Television stories were shot, included among these was 400 Ft filmed by Sgt Colledge covering a one day "Eagle Flight" by 6 RAR in which four VC were captured. This film has been credited by DPR as the best yet produced by PR in Vietnam.

RADIO

6. Four Radio interviews were recorded during the month for distribution over Australian Commercial Radio. In addition regular daily Newscasts have been made over AFRTS Saigon.

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ADPR
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19 Feb 67.

AFV MONTHLY REPORT - JANUARY 1967

GENERAL

Introduction

1. This report is submitted in accordance with paragraph 32 of the revised Directive by the Chiefs of Staff to the Commander Australian Force Vietnam, which was issued dated 15th September 1966. This report covers the period 1st January to 31 January 1967.

Statistics

2. Basic statistics are attached as follows:-
- a. Annex 'A' - Monthly Strength Return and Location Statement.
 - b. Annex 'B' - Casualty Statistics
 - c. Annex 'C' - Visits for January

1 ATF

General

3. During the month of January 1967 units under the operational control of the Commander 1st Australian Task Force, Vietnam, conducted operation Wollongong, from 11 Jan 67 to 28 Jan 67, an operation designed to sanitize the TAOR. Operation WOLLONGONG was redesignated Operation Seymour on 28 Jan 67 when Battalion Headquarters 6 RAR was deployed. Operation Duck II, a road security operation was concluded on 5 Jan 67. In addition two cordon and search operations, CALOUNDRA and CAMDEN were conducted. Security patrolling of the TAOR continued throughout the period.

Operations

4. Operation Wollongong. This operation was designed to confirm and sanitize the Tactical Area of Responsibility. In concept, the operation comprised company sized search operations, supported by 105mm artillery from fire bases outside of the TAOR. During the operation air assaults were made onto unsecured LZs. Deployed during the period of the operation were subunits of 5 RAR, 6 RAR, A Sqn 3 Cavalry Regiment and the Task Force Artillery. Enemy losses as a result of Wollongong were one VC KIA (BC), two VC KIA (possible), one VC WIA (Blood trail) and four tons of rice destroyed. 1 ATF suffered NO casualties.

5. Operation Seymour. This was a subsidiary operation which was developed from Wollongong. It began as Wollongong terminated on 28 Jan 67 and concluded on 31 Jan 67. It was a search and destroy operation in the area centre of mass YS 380690 and was launched in reaction to contacts on 26 Jan 67 with sixteen VC, on 27 Jan 67 with twenty five VC and later on 27 Jan 67 with two squads of VC. 1 ATF troops deployed were Battalion Headquarters and three companies of 6 RAR, one company of 5 RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and Task Force Artillery. The enemy suffered two KIA (Body Count), three WIA (Blood Trail) in addition one ton of rice and thirty sheets of aluminium were destroyed. 1 ATF suffered three casualties, all were wounded in action.

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6. Operation Duck II. The mission for this operation was the same as that for Duck I, it ran from 27 Dec 66 to 5 Jan 67. 1 ATF troops employed were 5 RAR, 6 RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and the Task Force Artillery. There was only one contact as a result of which the enemy lost one WIA (captured).

7. Operation Camden. This was a three phased cordon and search of HOA LONG YS 420640. Troops participating were 5 RAR, 6 RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and the Task Force Artillery. The phases of the operation were:

- a. Phase 1. NW Area. 17 Jan 67. Negative Contact.
- b. Phase 2. SE Area. 18 Jan 67. Negative Contact..
- c. Phase 3. NW Area. 19 Jan 67. Negative Contact.

As a result of the operation eleven suspects were detained. There were no losses in 1 ATF.

Offensive Air Support.

8. Forty eight airstrikes were recorded during the month. These employed bombs, containers bomb units, napalm and cannon. Bomb damage assessment disclosed an overall high percentage of target coverage, and ordnance on target. On 20 Jan 67 a B52 airstrike was conducted onto an area, centre of map YS 565685.

Losses/Damage Summary

9. Enemy

- (a) Casualties 4 KIA (BC)
 1 KIA (possible)
 4 WIA (Blood Trail)
 1 WIA (captured)
 25 Detainees.
- (b) Stores/Equipment 5 tons of rice destroyed
 30 sheets of aluminium destroyed
- (c) Weapons 1 Thompson SMG recovered.

10. Own Troops

- (a) Casualties 3 WIA
- (b) Stores/Equipment/
 Weapons No losses.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY TRAINING TEAM

General

11. The half yearly changeover of WO advisors commenced in mid January and will continue till the end of March, when some thirty Warrant Officers will have been replaced. Combined with this relief will be a rotation between advisory tasks of a percentage of the team.

Operations

12. Most units with Australian Advisors were actively engaged in operations. The incident rate of small scale raids and attacks on outposts has increased in all areas of interest.

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Casualties

13. One Warrant Officer advisor was wounded during a search operation in the vicinity of HUE by an anti personnel mine. He was evacuated to 2 Fd Ambulance.

Morale

14. The morale of the unit remains at a satisfactory level.

COMMAND

15. Major General D. VINCENT OBE assumed the appointments of COMAFV and Commander of the Army Component upon his arrival in country on 31 Jan 67.

LOGISTICS

Engineers

16. Base Development. Detailed master planning for 1 ATF and 1 ALSG is now complete. Copies of the plans are being prepared for submission to Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV) for approval. Present plans envisage centralized water and electrical reticulation for 1 ALSG. In 1 ATF there will be four electrical load centres, water reticulation will be restricted to within units only.

1 ATF

17. a. Route 2 Bypass. Over four kilometres of this road have been constructed with a fair weather surface. Work is proceeding on schedule.
- b. Luscombe Field. The only work completed on the field during the month was in the nature of minor maintenance to lay the dust. The field was used by USAF C130 aircraft during the month.

1 ALSG

18. a. Scale C Construction. Work on this aspect is proceeding well. The use of two civil contractors, who are currently pouring concrete slabs for accommodation and stores buildings, has speeded up the work. Prefabricated metal huts comprising Scale B and Scale C entitlements are being erected by 17 Construction Squadron.
- b. Resreation Centre. Construction of the two storied steel frame building in the ALSG areas is on schedule and seventy percent of the steelwork has been erected.
19. Engineer Stores. The delivery of Scale C requirements from US depots has commenced. The depot layout of Det 55 AESS is being revised to enable it to handle the volume of materials involved. This internal reorganization will not effect the support given the force.

Supplies and Transport

20. Fresh Rations. There is a theatre wide shortage of these at the moment which the US authorities are endeavouring to overcome.

Ordnance

21. Receipt action on stores received from the December voyage of the "Jeparit" is proceeding and is expected to be completed by mid-February. These stores include an additional ten thousand item headings of repair parts. This increase is scaled to provide further depth in the field repair range.

22. The unusually high volume of receipts, some five hundred tons, has resulted in temporary delays in routine issues. The arrival of the recently authorized establishment

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increases in personnel, will assist in overcoming the backlog of issue vouchers.

23. The stocktaking and reorganization of the depot stocks is proceeding as is the construction of permanent buildings.

RAEME

24. The workshops were employed at full capacity during the month.

Movements

25. All stores awaiting return to Australia have been moved, at the end of the month there was no backlog.

Postal

26. The postal situation both as regards mails into and out of the theatre is satisfactory.

ASCO

27. The return of the LSM from Singapore has permitted the beer ration to be raised to three cans per man per day. This ration can be maintained till the arrival of further stocks on the "Jeparit" in February.

28. Soft drink is currently in short supply and there appears little chance of the situation improving until the arrival of the "Jeparit".

RAAF

29. Flying hours by units for the month of January are as follows:-

a. No. 9 Squadron

- (1) Sorties - 2276
- (2) Hours - 355 hours 45 minutes

b. No. 35 Squadron

- (1) Sorties - 983
- (2) Hours - 507 hours 40 minutes
- (3) Freight - 1,077,184 lbs
- (4) Mail - 74,332 lbs
- (5) Passengers - 5860

c. No. 161 (Indep) Recce. Flight

- (1) Rotary Wing - 428 hours
- (2) Fixed Wing - 256 hours 5 minutes
- (3) Total hours - 684 hours 5 minutes
- (4) Total sorties - 945

Visits

30. The RAAF element was visited between 3 and 7 January 67 by a party of officers from the Department of Defence, the Department of Air and the Department of the Navy. These officers were concerned with the build up of the Airforce and Navy in the force.

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No. 5 Airfield Construction Squadron

31. Detachment B of this squadron arrived in country on 25 Jan 67, to commence construction of the RAAF Component site at PHAN RANG:

Staff

32. Wing Commander R. A. COOK, Staff Officer Technical departed on posting to RAAF BUTTERWORTH on 9 Jan 67. Wing Commander A. E. SMITH arrived in December to take up the appointment of SO Technical.

CIVIL AFFAIRS

HQ. AFV

33. During the month food, napkins, clothing, toilet and laundry commodities were distributed to the Dong Chua Orphanage in Saigon.

34. The orphanage was visited by Sir Raymond Huish, President of the RSL, and Mr Frankel of the Defend Australia Committee during the month.

1 ATF

35. Activity continued at the same high level as in preceeding months. Details of assistance rendered.

36. Medical. 2231 patients were treated under the MEDCAP programme. Of these, two required surgery and sixteen emergency evacuation.

37. Dental. 99 patients were treated.

38. Repairs and Construction. The following were effected:

- a. Pagodas 2 (moved and repaired)
- b. Dispensaries 2 (under construction)
- c. Houses 1 (repairs)
- d. Hospitals 1 (repairs)
- e. Market places 1 (extension)
- f. Orphanages 1 (minor repairs)
- g. Roads 6/10 Km (repaired)
- h. School rooms 2 (under construction)
- i. Wells 4 (repairs)
- j. Sewing rooms 1 (90% complete).

39. Education. Twelve English classes, with a gross attendance of 276 pupils, were conducted.

40. Clothing and Material Distribution. The following were distributed:

- a. 3930 lbs of clothing
- b. 250 lbs of cement.
- c. 17926 lbs of food.
- d. 2 Physical Education Kits.
- e. 150 School Kits.
- f. 210 Cases of Soap.

- g. 44 Sheets of Tin
- h. 50 lbs of Medical Supplies.
- i. 326 feet of lumber.
- j. 2 midwifery kits.
- k. 2 sewing machines.
- l. Miscellaneous toys.
- m. School equipment for three classrooms.
- n. 4190 lbs of recovered rice.

41. Miscellaneous Activities

- a. Beach excursions were conducted for 111 children.
- b. Children were given rides in helicopters and Armoured Personnel Carriers.
- c. Assistance was rendered in the provision and loading of laterite for the Province Engineer.
- d. Educational and recreational films were screened for 5800 people.
- e. \$VN 1000 was paid in relief.

1 ALSG

42. The following civic action projects were undertaken in January:

43. Medical. 750 patients were treated under the MEDCAP programme.

44. Dental. 35 patients were treated under the DENTCAP programme.

45. Clothing and Material Assistance. The following were undertaken in this regard:

- a. Quantities of medical supplies distributed to the Vung Tau dispensary were increased.
- b. Three midwifery kits were given to the village of NAM BINH.
- c. One case of school supplies was provided for the NAM BINH school.
- d. Tinned foods and 3000 lbs of surplus rations were distributed in NAM BINH.
- e. Clothing was distributed as follows:
 - 1. NAM BINH - 4 cases
 - 2. VUNG TAU - 2 cases
 - 3. VUNG TAU Junior Military Academy - 2 cases.

New Work.

- a. The ward being added to the Australian dispensary is nearing completion.

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- b. Shelving was provided for the pathology laboratory and the dispensary of the LE LOI hospital.
- c. The library at the VUNG TAU high school is still under construction.

COMMUNICATIONS

47. The semi-permanent communications centre at HQ 1 ATF was completed and is now operational.

Communications overall remain satisfactory.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

48. Thirty four press representatives from twenty six different agencies visited 1 ATF during the month.

MEDICAL

49. General Health. This has been very satisfactory this month particularly in regard to those diseases which are preventable namely malaria, anthroped borne viral illnesses and gastrointestinal disease.

50. VD. The incidence level remains static.

FINANCE

Financial Working Arrangement USMACV/AFV.

51. The financial working arrangement dated 30 March 1966 was completely reviewed and updated. Draft copies of the new arrangement have been forwarded to the Departments of Defence, Navy, Army and Air. Upon receipt of Department of Defence approval to the draft, the document will be formally signed by the nominated USMACV/AFV representative. These changes have proved necessary due to:

- a. Changes in rates arising from cost studies carried out by USMACV/AFV representatives.
- b. Additional support being given by the US to the Australian Force Vietnam.
- c. Changes in the composition of the Australian Force.

Costs

52. US support for the month of December cost \$US 410,009.77. The cost of Class II and Class IV stores obtained directly from US sources is not included in this billing.

Audit

53. The audit of finance and miscellaneous accounts at four units were conducted during January.



(D. VINCENT) Major General
Commander
Australian Force VIETNAM

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Annex 'A' to HQ AFV
 Monthly Report for January 1967
 dated Feb 67

AUSTFORCE VIETNAM MONTHLY STRENGTH RETURN AS AT 31 JAN 67

UNIT	CORPS	PROVINCE	LOCATION	UNIT AUTH STR			PERSONNEL PCS IN COUNTRY			PERSONNEL TDY IN COUNTRY			TOTAL PERSONNEL			DOD CIV	DEP	REMARKS
				Offr	EM	Aggr	Offr	EM	Aggr	Offr	EM	Aggr	Offr	EM	Aggr			
<u>HQ AFV</u>																		
✓ HQ	111	GIA DINH	SAIGON	35	78	113	37	82	119	2	1	3	39	83	122	6	3	Red Cross Reps
✓ 145 SIG SQN	111	" "	"	9	164	173	9	159	168				9	159	168		1	Salvation Army
✓ DET 11 MC GP	111	" "	"	2	9	11	2	14	16		11	11	2	25	27		1	Everymans Rep
AATTV	*	*	*	14	85	99	17	76	93	2		2	19	76	95			
<u>RAAF COMPONENT</u>																		
RAAF HQ AFV	111	GIA DINH	SAIGON	5	2	7	5	4	9	2	2	4	7	6	13			
NO. 9 SQN	111	PHUOC TUY	VUNG TAU	17	67	84	17	81	98	1			17	81	98			
35 SQN	111	"	"	16	75	91	15	67	82				15	67	82			
BASE SUP FLT	111	"	"	17	90	107	18	98	116				18	98	116			
<u>1 ATF</u>																		
✓ HQ	111	PHUOC TUY	NUI DAT	19	80	99	24	80	104				24	80	104			
✓ A Sqn 3 Cav Regt	111	"	"	8	100	108	7	99	106				7	99	106			
✓ 1 TD RFCT	111	"	"	26	303	329	26	303	329				26	303	329			
✓ 131 DIV IOC BTY	111	"	"	3	64	67	3	60	63				3	60	63			
✓ 1 TOPO SVY TP	111	"	"	1	16	17	1	16	17				1	16	17			
✓ 1 FD SQN RAL	111	"	"	8	145	153	8	144	152				8	144	152			
✓ 21 ENGR SP TP	111	"	"	1	51	52	1	59	60				1	59	60			
✓ 103 SIG SQN	111	"	"	4	120	124	4	113	117	1	16	17	5	129	134			
✓ 5 RAH	111	"	"	36	740	776	37	734	771				37	734	771			
✓ 6 RAR	111	"	"	36	743	779	36	725	761	1		1	37	725	762			
✓ 3 SAS SQN	111	"	"	6	94	100	6	89	95		1	1	6	90	96			
✓ DET 1 DIV INT UNIT	111	"	"	1	13	14	1	11	12				1	11	12			
✓ A Sqn 3 Cav LAD	111	"	"		11	11		11	11					11	11			
✓ 1 FD RFCT LAD	111	"	"	1	19	20	1	18	19				1	18	19			
131 DIV LOC BTY WKSP	111	"	"		6	6		5	5					5	5			
✓ 1 FD SQN WKSP	111	"	"	1	27	28	1	28	29				1	28	29			
✓ HQ 1 TF LAD	111	"	"	1	15	16	1	14	15				1	14	15			
1 AUST RFT UNIT	111	"	"	6	94	100	5	57	62				5	57	62			
SEC 1 DIV PRO COY	111	"	"		17	17		16	16					16	16			

* NOTE : Location of individual AATTV personnel are the subject of separate returns.

UNIT	CORPS	PROVINCE	LOCATION	UNIT AUTH STR			PERSONNEL PCS IN COUNTRY			PERSONNEL TDY IN COUNTRY			TOTAL PERSONNEL			DCD CIV	DEP	REMARKS
				Cffr	EM	Aggr	Offr	EM	Aggr	Offr	EM	Aggr	Offr	EM	Aggr			
<u>1 AUST LOG SP GP</u>																		
HQ	111	PHUOC TUY	VUNG TAU	8	8	46	8	9	17				8	9	17			
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✓ 17 CONST SQN WUSP	111	"	"	1	40	41	1	37	38				1	37	38			
✓ DET 1 DIV S&T WKSP	111	"	"	1	18	19	1	18	19				1	18	19			
DET 1 DIV CASH OFFICE	111	"	"	1	2	3	1	2	3				1	2	3			
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TOTAL				350	4192	4542	360	4189	4549	8	34	42	368	4223	4591	6		

Det 30 Terminal Sq
 Det 86 Tpt Pl
 AFV Co Unit
 Det 1 ~~2nd~~ Comm 2 Postal Unit

Annex 11 to HQ AFV Monthly
Report for January 1967 dated
Feb 67.

CASUALTY STATISTICS FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 1967

	Army	RAAF	Civilians	TOTAL
Direct admissions to 2 Field Ambulance.	181	-	-	181
Direct admission to other US Hospitals	14	4	-	18
Killed in Action	NIL	-	-	NIL
Accidental deaths (NBC)	1	-	-	1
Battle casualties	8	-	-	8
Accidental injuries	6	-	-	6
Downgradings	15	-	-	15
Medical evacuation to Australia	71	-	-	71
Malaria	3	-	-	3
VD (Syphilis)	4	-	-	4
PVC	15	-	-	15

Annex 'C' to
HQ AFV R723/1/13 of 13 Feb 67.

VISITORS FROM AUSTRALIA
TO AFV - JAN 67

Mr F. MOUNT)
Mr R. BROWNING) Defend Australia Committee Representatives
Mr J. HORWOOD) 4 - 11 Jan 67.

Maj Gen G.A. VICKERY MBE MC ED 9 - 17 Jan 67

Mr M. NESBITT 11 - 19 Jan 67.
Maj W. N. F. REID (From FARELF)

Sir Raymond HUIISH) RSL Representatives
Mr A.G. KEYS) 14 - 19 Jan 67

Gp Capt D.B. NICHOLS 17 - 23 Jan 67

Mr Peter FRANKEL President, Defend Australia Committee
24 - 26 Jan 67.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES
HEADQUARTERS 1 ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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R273-1-3

6 Feb 67

SUBJECT: Monthly Evaluation (U)

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: AC of S, G3
APO 96266

1. (U) In compliance with II Field Force Vietnam Regulation Number 335-3 dated 6 June 1966, the Monthly Evaluation (MONEVAL) for the month of January 1967 is attached.

FOR THE COMMANDER

S. J. Maizey

S. J. MAIZEY
Major, R.A. Inf
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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

BT (MONEVAL (R273/1/5))*

1. (C) General

a. During the month of January 1967 units under operational control of the Commander 1st Australian Task Force, Vietnam, conducted operation WOLLONGONG, an operation to sanitize the TAOR. Operation DUCK II a road security operation was concluded at 1500H 5 Jan 67. Two cordon and search operations were conducted: Operation CALOUNDRA and Operation CAMDEN. Operation WOLLONGONG was redesignated operation SEYMOUR at 1715H 28 Jan 67 when a battalion headquarters was deployed. TAOR security patrolling continued during the period.

b. LRRP. Long Range Reconnaissance Patrols were deployed in support of Op WOLLONGONG during the reporting period. (Reference: ANNEX P, (Area of Operations) to OP Instruction 1/67 Operation WOLLONGONG)

c. Defoliation. There is a defoliation program in progress in the NORTHERN and WESTERN TAOR area.

d. Air Support. 48 Airstrikes were recorded during the period, employing bombs, CBU, napalm and cannon. BDA disclosed high percentage target coverage and ordnance on target. A B52 airstrike onto centre of mass Y5565685, occurred at 0500H on 20 Jan 67.

e. Losses/Damage Summary.

(1) Enemy.

(a) Casualties:	4 KIA (BC) 1 KIA (poes) 4 WIA (BT) 1 WIA (Cap) 25 Detainees
(b) Stores/Equip:	5 tons rice destroyed 30 Sheets Aluminium destroyed
(c) Wpns:	1 Thompson SMG recovered

(2) Own.

(a) Casualties:	3 WIA
(b) Stores/Equip/Wpns:	NIL

2. (S) Operations.

a. Operation WOLLONGONG was designed to confirm and sanitize the TAOR. The concept of the operation was Company-sized search and destroy operations supported from 105mm fire bases outside 1st ATF base area. Air assault into unsecured LZ's was also employed. Subunits of 5 RAR, 6 RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and Task Force Artillery were deployed. The operation was initiated at 0755H 11 Jan 67 and was suspended at 1715H 28 Jan 67. Enemy losses were: 1 VC KIA (BC), 2 VC KIA (poes), 1 VC WIA (BT) and 4 tons of rice were destroyed. Own losses: NIL.

b. Operation SEYMOUR. Operation SEYMOUR was a subsidiary operation to Operation WOLLONGONG. It began at 1715H 28 Jan 67. Operation SEYMOUR terminated at 1220H 31 Jan 67. It was a search and destroy operation in area centre of mass Y5380690,

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It was a reaction to contacts at 1916H 26 Jan 67 with 16 VC, at 1655H 27 Jan 67 with 25 VC with one company of 5 RAR and at 1600H 27 Jan 67 with two squads of VC with one company of 6 RAR. Troops deployed were: one company 5 RAR, three companies and battalion headquarters 6 RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and Task Force Artillery. Enemy losses: 2 VC KIA (BC), 3 VC WIA (BT), 1 ton of rice and 30 sheets of aluminum destroyed. Own losses: 3 WIA.

c. Operation DUCK II. Initiated 1430H 27 Dec 66, terminated 1500H 3 Jan 67. Troops involved were 5 RAR, 6 RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and Task Force Artillery. There was NO change in mission from Operation DUCK I. Enemy losses: 1 VC WIA (Captured). Negative further contact.

d. Operation CAMDEN was a three phase cordon and search of HOA LONG YS420640. Troops participating were 5 RAR, 6 RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and Task Force Artillery.

(1) Phase 1.	NORTH WEST Area	17 Jan	Negative contact
(2) Phase 2.	SOUTH EAST Area	18 Jan	Negative contact
(3) Phase 3.	NORTH WEST Area	19 Jan	Negative contact

Enemy losses: 11 detainees. Own losses: NIL.

e. Operation CALOUNDRA was a cordon and search of BINH BA, YS456740. Troops participating were 5 RAR, elements A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and Task Force Artillery. The operation began on 10 Jan 67 and terminated at 1600H 10 Jan 67. Enemy losses: 14 detainees (known VC). Own losses: NIL.

5. (C) VC Activity.

a. Operation WOLLONGONG, which included a cordon and search of BINH BA (Operation CALOUNDRA) and HOA LONG (Operation CAMDEN), resulted in no significant contact with VC until 26 Jan 67. There were a few local VC cell and committee members apprehended during the cordon and search operations.

b. Between 26 and 31 Jan there were six contacts with VC forces in the area (centre of mass YS3570) to the NORTH of the NUI DINH hills. Captured documents have revealed that they were members of the Chau Duc District Company (C20). The largest group contacted was 25, and the nature of the contacts gave the impression that their task was to delay the movement of friendly forces. In the light of 9 US Inf Div operations to the NW of the Task Force TAOR, this is highly likely and would enable the VC to move any stores out of the area of contact with 9 Division.

4. (U) Rural Construction.

Throughout the month of January the Revolutionary Development programme was supported by units of 1st ATF as follows:

- a. The construction of two dispensaries continues.
- b. Extensions are being made on one market place.
- c. Repair works on wards at the Provincial Hospital continue.
- d. A two room school building is nearing completion and material is being collected to begin another shortly.

- e. Four wells have been repaired.
 - f. A sewing room for RF/PF widows is nearly completed.
5. (U) Psychological Operations/Civil Affairs.
- a. Psy ops conducted during January included:
 - (1) 316,600,000 leaflets dropped.
 - (2) 8,600 newsletters distributed.
 - (3) 8 hours of Audio Broadcasts by ground equipment.
 - (4) 1,500 calendars distributed.
 - (5) 29 hours of movies were shown to 5,800 people.
 - b. Civil Action.
 - (1) MEDCAP treated 2213 people.
 - (2) DENTCAP treated 99 people.
 - (3) 4,190 lbs of captured foe and 17,926 lbs of other foodstuffs were distributed.
 - (4) 2 people were given corrective surgery for deformities.
 - (5) 16 emergency medical cases were evacuated to hospitals by helicopter.
 - (6) Seven adopted families are still being cared for by 1 ATF soldiers.
 - (7) RAAF helicopter rides were given to 124 children.
 - (8) Clothing, toys, medicines, school kits, lumber, garden tools and building materials were given to those in need.
 - (9) 111 children were taken on beach excursions.
 - (10) 13 teenagers who will be formed into a youth club at HOA LONG were taken to SAIGON by Caribou where they were taken to the zoo.
 - (11) Two sewing machines were distributed.
 - (12) English classes for 276 people are being conducted.
6. (U) Logistics: Omitted.
7. (U) Personnel: Omitted.

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Subject:

GOSC REPORT - JANUARY 1967

1. The RAAF Element was visited between 3rd and 7th January 1967 by a party of officers from Department of Defence, Department of Air and Department of Navy to assist in planning the Force build-up. The party included:-

Air Vice Marshal B.A. Eaton DCAS

Mr W.N. Leng Deputy Secretary, Department of Defence

Captain R.A.H. Millar RAN,

and a number of staff officers and advisers. The party was joined by CO and CTO No 2 Squadron for further planning conferences.

2. The Director Legal Services, Group Captain D.B. Nichols, visited the RAAF Element between 16th and 23rd January 1967. He was accompanied by Sqn Ldr J.J. Dainer, Legal Officer RAAF Butterworth.

3. The advance party of No 5 Airfield Construction Squadron, Detachment B, arrived in-country on 25th January 1967. The building of the RAAF Component site at PHAN RANG has commenced.

4. Wing Commander R.A. Cook, SO TECH, departed on posting to RAAF BUTTERWORTH on 9th January 1967 to take up appointment as Commanding Officer No 478 (M) Squadron. Wing Commander A.E. Smith arrived on 30th December 1966 to take up appointment as SO TECH.

5. The strength return for January is attached as annex "A".

6. The flying hours by units is attached as annex "B".

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J. J. Dainer
Sqn Ldr
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MONTHLY STRENGTH RETURN
 Your 1201/7/P3(7) 21 Jan 66

ANNEX A

BASUP 1201/1, -3(31)

UNIT DESIGNATION	CORP	PROVINCE	LOCATION	UNIT AUTH STRENGTH			PERSONNEL PCS IN-COUNTRY			PERSONNEL TDY IN-COUNTRY			TOTAL PERSONNEL			DOD CIV	DEP
				OFF	EM	AGGR	OFF	EM	AGGR	OFF	EM	AGGR	OFF	EM	AGGR		
<u>BASE SUPPORT FLIGHT</u>	iii	PHUOC TUY	VUNG TAU	17	100	117	19	98	117	1	1	2	20	99	119		
(a) <u>NO 5 ACS DET A</u>	iii	" "	" "							-	1	1	-	1	1		
<u>NO 9 SQUADRON</u>	iii	" "	" "	17	74	91	17	75	92				17	75	92		
(a) <u>NO 161 RECCE FLT</u>	iii	" "	" "	-	9	9	-	6	6				-	6	6		
<u>NO 35 SQUADRON</u>	iii	" "	" "	16	67	83	16	64	80	-	3	3	16	67	83		
													53	248	301		
4 Feb 67																	
RAAFHQAFV	iii	GIA DINH	SAIGON	6	3	9	6	3	9				59	251	310		

W.F. KOLLER
 (W.F. KOLLER)
 Flight Lieutenant
 For Officer Commanding

G. BANNISTER
 (G. BANNISTER)
 Squadron Leader
 For Commander RAAF VIETNAM

FLYING HOURS

No 9 Squadron

Flew 2276 sorties for a total time of 355 hours 45 minutes.

No 35 Squadron

Flew 983 sorties in a time of 507.40 hours. The Squadron carried 5860 passengers, 74,332 lbs of mail and 1,077,184 lbs of freight.

No 161 Recce Flt

Rotary Wing flew 428.00 hours

Fixed Wing Flew 256.05 hours

for a combined total of 945 sorties.

CIVIC ACTION MONTHLY REPORT - JAN 67

1. The Civic Action programme was continued during Jan 67 in HQ AFV, 1 ATF and 1 ALSG areas.

HQ AFV

2. Civic Action continued with the Dong Chua Orphanage in SAIGON with distribution of food, napkins, clothing, toilet and laundry commodities.

3. Several visitors from Australia, including Sir Raymond HUIISH, President of the RSL and Mr FRANKEL from the Defend Australia Committee, visited the orphanage during Jan 67.

4. Following approval to give assistance to the Chieu Hoi programme, it is proposed to issue 20 shower buckets for use in Chieu Hoi Centres in III Corps. In addition it is proposed to issue another 80 at a later date. A quantity of clothes and toys have also been supplied to Maj BURNS, Chieu Hoi advisor ~~in~~ for IV Corps.

1 ATF

5. Details of the Civic Action programme undertaken by 1 ATF during the month are as follow :-

a. Medical :- ~~2213~~ 2231 patients were ~~x~~ treated under the MEDCAP programme. Of these, 2 required surgery and 16 required emergency evacuation.

b. Dental :- 99 patients were treated under the DENTCAP programme.

c. Repairs and Constructions :- The following projects were effected :-

Pagodas	2 (moved and repaired)
Dispensaries	2 (under construction)
Houses	1 (repaired)
Hospitals	1 (90% repaired)
Market Places	1 (extension)
Orphanages	1 (minor repairs)
Roads	6/10Km (repaired)
Schoolrooms	2 (under construction)
Wells	4 (repairs)
Sewing Rooms	1 (90% complete)

d. Education :- Twelve English classes were conducted with a gross attendance of 276 pupils.

e. Clothing and Material Distribution :-

3,930 lbs of clothing
250 lbs of cement
17,926 lbs of food
2 Physical education kits
150 Schhol kits
210 cakes of soap
44 sheets of tin
50 lbs of medical supplies
326 ft of lumber
2 midwifery kits
2 sewing machines

37 toys
School eqpt for 3 classrooms
water drums for hospital
4190 lbs of recovered rice

f. Health and Sanitation :- 6 villages in the
1 ATF TAOR have been sprayed with insecticide.

g. Miscellaneous :-

- (1) A beach excursion for 111 children
- (2) A visit to the zoo and a drive round
SAIGON for 13 children.
- (3) 50 children taken for rides in APCs.
- (4) 124 children taken for rides in helicopters.
- (5) Assistance in the provision and loading
of more than 100 trucks of laterite for Province
Engineer.
- (6) Provision of defence stores and supervisory
assistance in the construction of village defences.
- (7) Screening of educational and recreational
films to 5800 people in four villages - total
screening time was 29 hours.
- (8) A total of \$VN 1,000 was paid in relief
payments.

h. Evaluation:-

- (1) The beach and zoo excursion have developed
to such a degree that the children concerned
are now very interested in forming a Village
Youth Club.
- (2) Of the seven main villages in the 1 ATF
area three have displayed an unexpected eagerness
to use Self Help in assisting the TF efforts
at Civic Action.

6. 1 ALSG

Civic Action undertaken in the 1ALSG area is detailed
as follows:-

a. Medical: 750 patients received treatment under
the MEDCAP Programme.

b. Dental : 35 patients received treatment under
the DENTCAP Programme.

c. Supply Projects : as follows:

- (1) Medical supplies are being increased at
the Vung Tau dispensary.
- (2) Three midwifery kits were given to NAM BINH.
- (3) One case of school supplies was given to
NAM BINH.

d. New Work:-

- (1) The ward being added to the Aust dispensary is nearing completion.
- (2) Shelving has been made for the Pathology and dispensary at the LE LOI hospital.
- (3) The library at the Vung Tau high school is still under construction. A proposed Project for high school is for the making of tables and chairs for the library.

e. Food and Material Distribution:-

- (1) Tinned food and 3000 lbs of surplus rations were distributed to NAM BINH.
- (2) Clothing distributions were made to the following:-
 - (a) 4 cases to NAM BINH
 - (b) 2 cases to Maj MITCHELL, senior civil advisor (US), for use in Vung Tau.
 - (c) 2 cases to Vung Tau Junior Military Accademy for needy families of the staff.

f. Miscellaneous:- as follows:-

- (1) Mr Bury of the Salvation Army and Pte Fiãh of 1 Coy RAASC are trying to reestablish the scout troop at NAM BINH. This activity should prove beneficial to the children of the village.
- (2) A TET party, organised by Capt Turner and men from 145 Sig Sqn, for approximately 70 children is to be held at back beach Vung Tau.
- (3) After TET it is planned to start English classes in Vung Tau.

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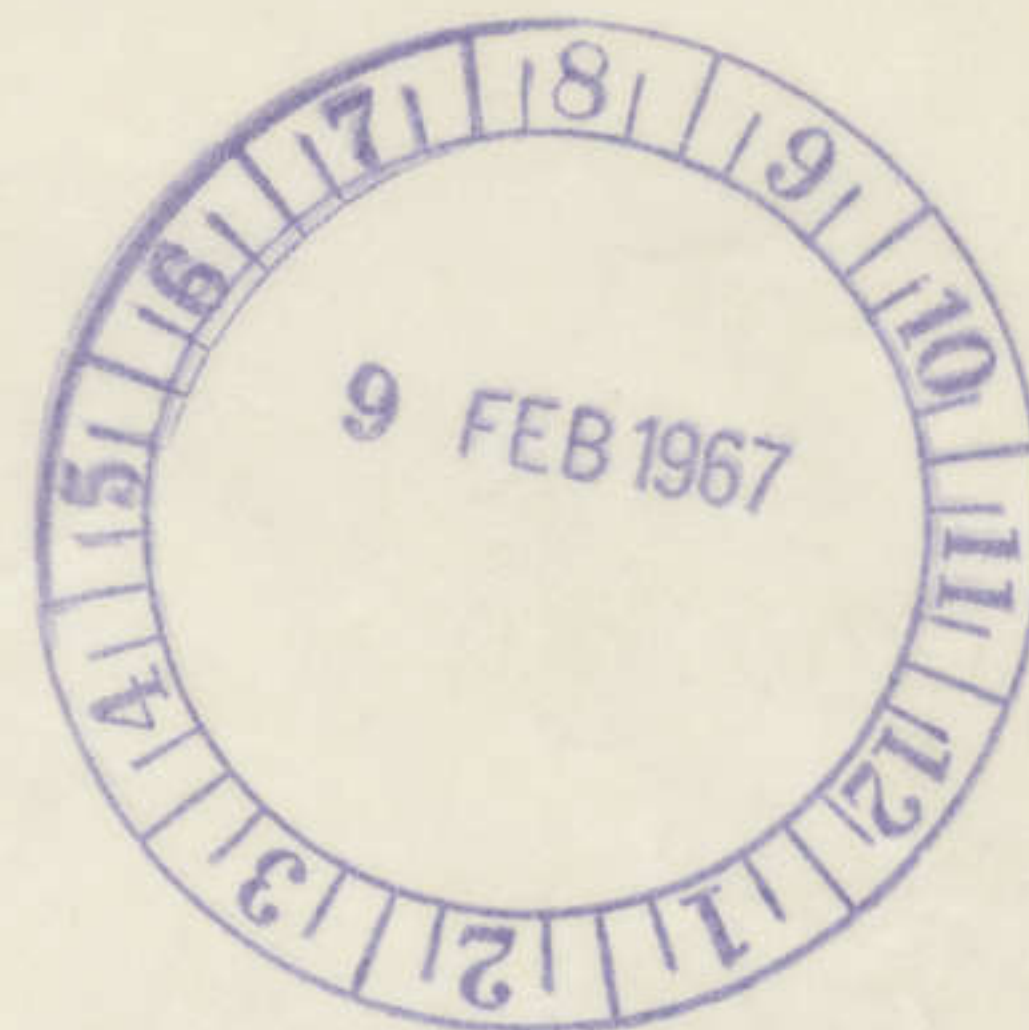
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A	Paraphrase NOT required — NO unclassified reply other than one of the following —		
	YES. AGREED.	CONCUR.	CONFIRMED
	NO. NOT AGREED.	APPROVED.	REQUEST REPLY
	ACKNOWLEDGE (ACK.)	NOT APPROVED.	

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AUSTFORCE VIETNAM MONTHLY STRENGTH RETURN AS AT 31 JAN 67

UNIT	CORPS	PROVINCE	LOCATION	UNIT AUTH STR			PERSONNEL PCS IN COUNTRY			PERSONNEL TDY IN COUNTRY			TOTAL PERSONNEL			DOD CIV.	DEP.	REMARKS
				Offr.	EM	Aggr	Offr.	EM	Aggr	Offr.	EM	Aggr	Offr.	EM	Aggr			
<u>HQ AFV</u>																		
HQ	111	GIA DINH	SAIGON	35	78	113	37	82	119	2	1	3	39	83	122	6	3 Red Cross Rep: 1 Salvation Army 1 Everymans Rep 1 YMCA Rep	
145 SIG SQN	111	" "	"	9	164	173	9	159	168				9	159	168			
DET 11 MC GP	111	" "	"	2	9	11	2	14	16		11	11	2	25	27			
AATTV	*	*	*	14	85	99	17	76	93	2		2	19	76	95			
<u>RAAF COMPONENT</u>																		
RAAF HQ AFV	111	GIA DINH	SAIGON	5	2	7	5	4	9	2	2	4	7	6	13			
NO. 9 SQN	111	PHUOC TUY	VUNG TAU	17	67	84	17	81	98				17	88	98			
35 SQN	111	"	"	16	75	91	15	67	82				15	67	82			
BASE SUP FLT	111	"	"	17	90	107	18	98	116				18	98	116			
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131 DIV LOC BTY	111	"	"	3	64	67	3	60	63				3	60	63			
1 TOPO SVY TP	111	"	"	1	16	17	1	16	17				1	16	17			
1 FD SQN RAE	111	"	"	8	145	153	8	144	152				8	144	152			
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* NOTE : location of individual AATTV personnel are the subject of separate returns.

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ADDRESS 2nd Field Ambulance
VUNG TAU

4 Jan 67

HQ AFV

COMMANDER AFV MONTHLY REPORT - SEP 66

Reference: Attached letter from DGMS.

1. It is requested that the SMOs Monthly Report which is included in the above report not be altered in any way. Para 36 of this report line one states "Nine cases of malaria, all of a type resistant to Paludrine occurred during the month". SMO did not make this comment and it is embarrassing when DGMS correctly asks for scientific data justifying such a dogmatic statement.

Lt Col
SMO AFV

Q Branch
Headquarters
Australian Force
VIETNAM

GS02 (Ops and SD)

Q BRANCH MONTHLY REPORT

Engineers

1. Base Development. Detailed master planning for 1 ATF and 1 ALSG is now complete. Copies of the plans are being produced for submission to MACV for approval. Present plans envisage complete water and electrical reticulation in ALSG from central sources. 1 ATF will have four electrical load centres and water reticulation restricted to within units only.

2. 1 ATF

- a. Route 2 Bypass: Over 4 km of this road have been constructed with fair weather surface. Work is proceeding on schedule.
- b. Luscombe Field: Only work required on the strip was minor maintenance to lay ~~dust~~. US artillery was flown in and subsequently lifted out during the month using C 130 aircraft.

3. 1 ALSG

- a. Scale C Construction: Work is proceeding well with the assistance of two civil contractors who are at present pouring concrete slabs for accommodation and stores buildings. Prefabricated metal huts comprising scale B and scale C entitlements are being erected by the construction squadron.
- b. R & C Centre: Construction of the two-storeyed steel frame building is on schedule and 70 percent of the steelwork has been erected.

4. Engineer Stores. Delivery of scale C requirements from US depots has commenced and the detachment of 55 AESS is revising the depot layout to handle the expected volume of materials. This internal work will not affect support to the force.

Supplies and Transport

5. Fresh Rations. There is a theatre wide shortage of these items. US authorities are endeavouring to overcome the problem.

Ordnance

6. Receipt action on stores in the December Jeparit is proceeding and is expected to be complete by mid-February. This stock includes an additional 10,000 item headings of repair parts, in sealed to provide further depth in the field repair range. The unusually high volume of receipts (500 tons) has resulted in temporary delays in routine issues. The backlog of issue vouchers will be rapidly reduced as personnel authorized under the recent establishment increase arrive.

7. Stocktaking and reorganization of depot stocks is proceeding and construction of permanent buildings has commenced.

RAEME

8. Workshops continued to be fully employed during January.

Movements

9. Backload of stores has now been removed from the theatre.

Postal

10. No problems.

ASCO

11. After the arrival of the LSM from Singapore, the beer ration lifted to 3 cans per man per day. This will enable the supply of beer maintained until the arrival of Jeparit (ETA) 8 Feb 67. The soft drink situation is critical due to these items not being available from the system. On arrival of the Jeparit the situation will ease.

R and C Facilities

12. Work on Australian Forces Club, Vung Tau continues. Foundations are now laid and 70 percent of the steel frame erected.

13. An investigation is in progress to obtain better R and C in Vung Tau.

6 Feb 67

Qmca

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To GS02

Subject .. REPORT FOR JAN 67 - SECRETARY'S BRANCH

FINANCIAL WORKING ARRANGEMENT USMACV/AFV

1. The Financial Working Arrangement dated 30 Mar 66 was completely reviewed and updated. Draft copies of the new Arrangement have been forwarded to Department of Defence, Navy, Army and Air. On receipt of Department of Defence approval to the draft, the document will be formally signed by the nominated USMACV/AFV representatives.
2. Changes to the Arrangement have been necessary due to:
 - a. Changes in rates arising from cost studies carried out by USMACV/AFV representatives.
 - b. New rates arising from additional support being given by US to AFV.
 - c. Requirements resulting from changes in the composition of the AFV.
3. The cost of US support for the month of December was \$US410,009.77. The cost of Class 11 and 1V stores obtained directly from US sources is not included in this billing.

AUDIT

4. Audits of finance and miscellaneous accounts were conducted at four units during January.


Lt Col
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2 Feb 67

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- ① STR return for Jan by all.
 - ② 25th Amb have been requested to find med report asp.

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Subject COMMS PARA FOR JAN 67 REPORT TO CHIEFS OF STAFF

C.D.O. 9881

Suggest fol:

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1. Semi-permanent communications centre at HQ IATF was completed and is now operational.
2. Communications remain satisfactory "

[Signature]
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