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MONTHLY REPORT

1. Enclosed is one copy of the revised monthly report for Mar 68.
2. It is requested that Service, Branch and Section Reports follow this new format and do not include more detail.
3. Contributions are requested to be with the GSO2(Ops) by the 5th day of the month following the reporting month. The Report will be published by the 10th of each month.
4. AATTV is requested to continue to submit their full report which is to be passed to AHQ under separate cover. It is requested that a short summary be submitted for inclusion in the AFV Report, as per paras 13/14 of the enclosure.

24 Apr 68

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AUSTRALIAN FORCE VIETNAM

MONTHLY REPORT

MARCH 1968

Introduction

1. This report is submitted in accordance with paragraph 33 of the revised Directive, dated 6 Mar 67, by the Chiefs of Staff Committee to the Commander Australian Force Vietnam.
2. In order to eliminate unnecessary detail, information of concern only to individual Australian Service headquarters has not been included in this report. Where appropriate, such information will be forwarded direct to the Service headquarters concerned by the respective AFV Components.

Period Covered

3. This report covers the period 1-31 Mar 68.

Contents

4. The report comprises three parts as follows:
  - a. Part One - Royal Australian Navy Component.
  - b. Part Two - Army Component.
  - c. Part Three - Royal Australian Air Force Component.

Strength

5. As at 31 Mar 68, the Strength of the Force was 7208, made up of 57 Navy, 6523 Army and 628 Air Force. These figures include attached and temporary duty personnel. A detailed strength state is attached as Annex A.

Finance

6. Total reimbursement for the month was \$VN1,671,202 (\$A12,757). The cost of US support for the month was Navy \$US3,190.74, Army \$US647,040.20, and Air Force \$US247,260.15. Capitation adjustments for stores obtained from the US on an actual cost basis have been made in accordance with the new charges in change 3 of the Financial Working Arrangement, which applies to billings received as at Nov 67.

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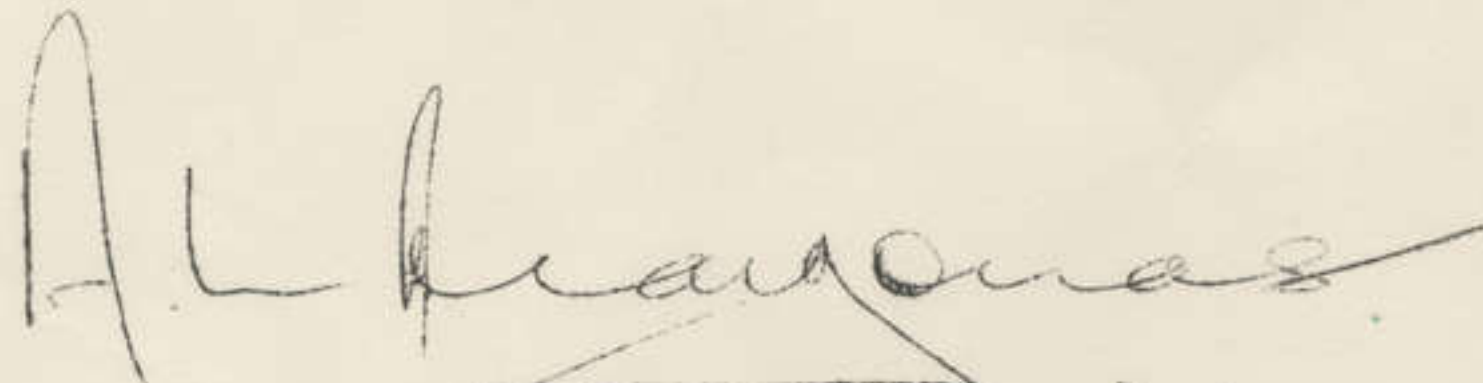
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Force Items of Interest

7. 1 ATF continued Operation PINNAROO in the LONG HAI Mountain complex during the month and, although there were minor contacts only, a large number of camps have been located and destroyed. This operation, which included the successful penetration of a major enemy area protected by numerous well sighted minefields, had as its highlight the use of accurate returnee information, numerous airstrikes, including strikes by B-52s, and the attachment to all infantry platoons of well trained engineers.
8. During the month there was a substantial reduction in the effectiveness of the PHUOC TUY Province VC Infrastructure. This was brought about by repeated screenings of the village population and the successful use of detainees and returnees in locating guerrilla hides and caches.
9. The most significant feature of RAAF flying operations for the period was the record amount of freight (approximately 830,000 lbs) carried by No 9 Squadron as logistic support for Operation PINNAROO. This was largely made possible by the new UH-1H helicopters with which the Squadron is now completely equipped. On the average the UH-1H can carry about 40% more payload than the older UH-1Bs.

Military Situation - South Vietnam

10. Enemy activity during the month was characterized by harassing attacks by fire, interdiction of lines of communication, and limited ground assaults against isolated or weakly defended targets. In general, the VC/NVA troops avoided major contact with friendly forces except where the defence of strategic positions and supply areas was necessary. PW reports and other sources indicated that the enemy concentrated mainly on resupply and building up his troop strength.
11. Throughout the country there were numerous indications of the enemy's desire to regain the momentum of his earlier offensive. Captured documents stress the importance of it being clearly understood that the offensive is a protracted campaign. This theme is contrary to his pre-Tet propaganda to his forces and has probably had some effect on enemy morale.
12. In late Mar 68 enemy dispositions gave him a capability for ground attacks in significant strength at KHE SANH and HUE, but the greatest threat appeared to be in the western highlands, and especially against PLEIKU, KONTUM and BAN ME THUOT.



(A.L. MacDONALD)  
Major General  
Commander Australian Force  
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Annex: A. AFV Strength State

Enclosures: 1. Part One (NAVY)  
2. Part Two (ARMY)  
3. Part Three (AIR FORCE)

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AUSTRALIAN FORCE VIETNAM  
STRENGTH STATE AS AT 27 MAR 68

SECTION 1 - ARMY COMPONENT

ANNEX A  
TO AFV MONTHLY  
REPORT - MAR 68  
DATED 23 APR 68

UNIT	ESTAB STRENGTH			SUPPLEMENT			ESTAB AND SUPPLEMENT			POSTED STRENGTH			ATTACHED			TOTAL		
	OFFR	OR	TOTAL	OFFR	OR	TOTAL	OFFR	OR	TOTAL	OFFR	OR	TOTAL	OFFR	OR	TOTAL	OFFR	OR	TOTAL
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s
<u>III CORPS CTZ - GIA DINH</u>																		
<u>PROVINCE LOCATED</u>																		
<u>SAIGON</u>																		
HQ AFV (Army Component)	56	91	147	2	8	10	58	99	157	56	89	145				56	89	145
Det 11 MC Gp (less elms)	2	12	14		1	1	2	13	15	2	5	7		1	1	2	6	8
110 Sig Sqn (less det)	8	244	252				8	244	252	4	107	111				4	107	111
Det 1 Comm Z Postal Unit (AFPO 1)										1	7	8				1	7	8
AFV Cash Office	4	18	22		2	2	4	20	24	4	8	12				4	8	12
Det AFV Pro Unit											11	11					11	11
HQ AFV Amenities and Welfare Unit										2	2	4				2	2	4
Det 2 AFCU											1	1					1	1
FORS (Att HQ AFV)	2	1	3				2	1	3	2	1	3				2	1	3
AAMTV (See note a)	14	85	99				14	85	99	16	74	90				16	74	90
TOTAL	86	451	537	2	11	13	88	462	550	87	305	392		1	1	87	306	393



a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s
<u>III CORPS CTZ - PHUOC</u>																		
<u>TUY PROVINCE LOCATED</u>																		
<u>NUI DAT</u>																		
HQ 1 ATF	29	126	155	2	10	12	31	136	167	32	132	164				32	132	164
C Sqn 1 Armd Regt	9	129	138				9	129	138	9	138	147				9	138	147
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt	10	135	145	1	10	11	11	145	156	13	119	132				13	119	132
Det 1 Fwd Del Tp	1	14	15				1	14	15	1	5	6				1	5	6
4 Fd Regt	30	323	353	1	34	35	31	357	388	31	356	387				31	356	387
Det 131 Div Loc Bty	3	64	67		6	6	3	70	73	3	70	73				3	70	73
1 Fd Sqn	10	220	230		29	29	10	249	259	10	226	236				10	226	236
Det 17 Const Sqn										6	134	140				6	134	140
21 Engr Sp Tp	2	87	89		5	5	2	92	94	1	70	71				1	70	71
Det 189 Wks Sect							2	15	17	1	8	9				1	8	9
Elm Det 11 MC Gp										1	6	7				1	6	7
A Sect 1 Topo Svy Tp	2	19	21		1	1	2	20	22	2	18	20				2	18	20
104 Sig Sqn	5	150	155				5	150	155	6	152	158		9	9	6	161	167
Det 152 Sig Tp		17	17					17	17		16	16					16	16
547 Sig Tp (less Det)	2	33	35		1	1	2	34	36	3	31	34				3	31	34
2RAR (less one coy)	31	643	674				31	643	674	32	638	670				32	638	670
3 RAR	36	761	797				36	761	797	35	769	804				35	769	804
7 RAR	36	761	797				36	761	797	49	752	801				49	752	801



a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s
2 SAS Sqn	6	78	84		9	9	6	87	93	6	87	93				6	87	93
161 Indep Recce Flt	17	92	109		1	1	17	93	110	14	78	92				14	78	92
HQ 26 Coy RAASC	3	14	17				3	14	17	3	13	16				3	13	16
85 Tpt Pl	2	75	77		7	7	2	82	84	2	83	85				2	83	85
Det 52 Sup Pl	1	11	12				1	11	12	1	11	12				1	11	12
Elm 8 Pet Pl											9	9					9	9
Elm Det 176 AD Coy											4	4					4	4
Elm Det 1 Comm Z Postal Unit											7	7					7	7
Elm 33 Dent Unit										3	10	13				3	10	13
1 OFP	2	40	42		2	2	2	42	44	2	37	39				2	37	39
1 Armd Sqn Wksp Stores Sect	1	10	11				1	10	11	1	11	12				1	11	12
1 Armd Sqn Wksp	2	83	85				2	83	85	2	80	82				2	80	82
1 F&A Sqn Wksp	1	40	41		2	2	1	42	43	1	34	35				1	34	35
Elm 17 Const Sqn Wksp											13	13					13	13
Det 131 Div Loc Bty Wksp		8	8					8	8	1	7	8				1	7	8
Elm Det 1 Div S & T Wksp											6	6					6	6
1 TF HQ LAD	1	24	25		1	1	1	25	26		24	24					24	24
4 Fd Regt LAD	1	26	27		1	1	1	27	28	1	22	23				1	22	23
Det A Sqn 3 Cav Regt LAD		21	21		1	1		22	22		15	15					15	15
Elm AFV Cash Office										1	5	6				1	5	6
Elm AFV Pro Unit											13	13					13	13
Elm 2 AFCU										1	7	8				1	7	8
1 ARU (Note b)	7	100	107				7	100	107	5	155	160				5	155	160
1 Aust CA Unit	10	49	59				10	49	59	11	35	46				11	35	46
TOTAL	261	4166	4427	4	121	125	265	4287	4552	291	4420	4711		9	9	291	4429	4720



a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s
<u>III CTZ - Located</u>																		
<u>VUNG TAU</u>																		
HQ 1 ALSG	9	82	91		12	12	9	94	103	9	77	86				9	77	86
17 Const Sqn (less elm)	12	336	348		9	9	12	345	357	6	186	192				6	186	192
Det 198 Wks Sect (less elm)	2	15	17				2	15	17	1	5	6				1	5	6
Det 55 Engr Wksp & Pk Sqn	2	67	69				2	67	69	2	44	46				2	44	46
Det 30 Term Sqn	1	17	18		2	2	1	19	20	1	14	15				1	14	15
Elm AFV Det 11 MC Gp											2	2					2	2
Elm 110 Sig Sqn										4	122	126				4	122	126
67 GL Sect	2	2	4				2	2	4	2	2	4				2	2	4
HQ 5 Coy RAASC	4	19	23		3	3	4	22	26	4	20	24				4	20	24
2 Tpt Pl	2	75	77		7	7	2	82	84	2	71	73				2	71	73
86 Tpt Pl	2	75	77		3	3	2	78	80	2	70	72				2	70	72
25 Sup Pl	2	32	34		3	3	2	35	37	2	37	39				2	37	39
Det 8 Pet Pl (less elm)	2	19	21				2	19	21	1	7	8				1	7	8
Det 176 AD Coy (less elm)	1	29	30				1	29	30	1	24	25				1	24	25
Det 1 Comm Z Postal Unit (less elm)	2	23	25		2	2	2	25	27	1	10	11				1	10	11
8 Fd Amb	19	119	138		6	6	19	125	144	20	117	137				20	117	137
33 Dent Unit (less elm)	5	18	23		1	1	5	19	24	3	8	11				3	8	11
2 AOD	9	175	184	1	3	4	10	178	188	11	157	168		9	9	11	166	177
102 Fd Wksp Stores Sect	1	15	16				1	15	16	1	14	15				1	14	15
17 Const Sqn Wksp (less elm)	1	53	54		4	4	1	57	58	1	36	37				1	36	37
102 Fd Wksp	7	139	146				7	139	146	8	126	134				8	126	134
Det 1 Div S & T Wksp (less elm)	1	38	39		1	1	1	39	40	1	24	25				1	24	25
HQ AFV Edn Sect										4	3	7				4	3	7
Elm AFV Cash Office										1	5	6				1	5	6



a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s
AFV Pro Unit (less elm)	3	63	69		1	1	3	64	67	2	30	32				2	30	32
AFV Amenities & Welfare Unit (less elm)	6	47	53				6	47	53	2	35	37				2	35	37
2 AFCU (less elm)	6	37	43				6	37	43	3	8	11				3	8	11
TOTAL	101	1495	1596	1	57	58	102	1552	1654	95	1254	1349		9	9	95	1263	1358
GRAND TOTAL	448	6112	6560	7	189	196	455	6301	6756	473	5979	6452		19	19	473	5998	6471
Temporary duty in country AV "CLIVE STEELE"										4	48	52				4	48	52

NOTES

- a. Personnel are distributed throughout I, II and III CTZ.
- b. Includes holding of reinforcements

SECTION 2 - RAN COMPONENT

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s
RAN HQ AFV	1	1	2				1	1	2	1	1	2				1	1	2
RAN CDT VUNG TAU	1	5	6				1	5	6	1	5	6				1	5	6
RAN HFV BLACKHORSE	12	34	46				12	34	46	12	34	46				12	34	46
RAN 9 Sqn RAAF VUNG TAU	3		3				3		3	3		3				3		3
TOTAL	17	40	57				17	40	57	17	40	57				17	40	57



SECTION 3 - RAAF COMPONENT

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s
RAAF HQ AFV	10	7	17				10	7	17	12	7	19	5		5	17	7	24
RAAF HQ VUNG TAU	4	8	12				4	8	12	4	7	11				4	7	11
No 2 Sqn	39	250	289				39	250	289	38	224	262				38	224	262
No 9 Sqn	42	148	190				42	148	190	22	81	103				22	81	103
No 35 Sqn	15	77	92				15	77	92	15	76	91				15	76	91
BASUPFLT	15	125	140				15	125	140	16	121	137				16	121	137
TOTAL	125	615	740				125	615	740	107	516	623	5		5	112	516	628

SECTION 4 - SUMMARY

Component	Establishment and Supplement	Posted Strength including attached and temporary duty
ARMY	6756	6523
RAN	57	57
RAAF	740	628
GRAND TOTAL..	7553	7208



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MONTHLY REPORT

MARCH 1968

PART ONE - ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY COMPONENT

Clearance Diving Team

1. Operation STABLEDOOR remained the team's main task during the month. One hundred and sixteen (116) ships were searched without result.
2. The team cooperated with Harbour Defence Unit 13 in Operation CORRAL on 7 Mar 68 and assisted in the search, above and below the waterline, of 147 junks and sampans.
3. Explosive Ordnance Disposal tasks continued at a high level with 25 EOD operations being undertaken; 24 items of US ordnance and 8 items of Communist origin being destroyed.
4. Diving operations were carried out on five occasions during the month, with one member sustaining a minor injury preventing his diving for one month.
5. From 20 Mar to 28 Mar 68, at the request of COMNAVFORV, two members of the team participated in the recovery of unfused bombs in SATTAHIP Harbour, THAILAND.
6. On 20 Mar 68, the team was visited by the Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee, Commander Australian Force Vietnam and Commander 1 ALSG.
7. All team members, except for ABCD HENRY (diving injury), are fit and morale is high.

Helicopter Flight Vietnam

8. 135th Assault Helicopter Company continued to support Australian, US and ARVN Forces in III CTZ during the month, with flying operations being conducted each day.
9. A total of 2889 aircraft hours were flown by the Company. RAN pilots flew 706.3 pilot hours, averaging 88.3 hours each against 82.3 hours in Feb 68.
10. On 9 Mar 68, operational control of the Company passed from 308th Combat Aviation Battalion to 145th Combat Aviation Battalion at BIEN HOA. This battalion now commands four assault helicopter companies and one armed helicopter company.
11. On 25 Mar 68, aircraft of the Company with RAN crews cooperated with No 9 Sqn RAAF in flying in 2 RAR for Operation ASHGROVE TRAM, the cordon and search of the LONG HAI township.
12. On 19 Mar 68, the Flight was visited by the Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee and the Commander Australian Force Vietnam.
13. The health and morale of the Flight has remained very high throughout the month.

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MONTHLY REPORT

MARCH 1968

PART TWO - ARMY COMPONENT

1 ATF

1. During Mar 68, 1 ATF conducted one major operation and several subsidiary operations, together with normal TAOR patrolling.
2. Operation PINNAROO. This operation, commenced on 27 Feb 68 by 2 RAR, was still in progress at the end of March. The LONG HAI Hills area, known by the VC as the MINH DAM Secret Zone, was estimated to contain up to 2000 VC who included elements of D445 LF Bn, C25 Long Dat District Coy, District and Township units, District infrastructure members, Supply Councils and Worksites. The entire periphery of this zone was ringed by VC minefields and booby traps. The majority of the VC personnel within the zone are thought to have exfiltrated before the area was fully sealed, being mainly driven out by the heavy airstrikes prior to the ground action. On 8 Mar 68, 3 RAR, supported by the Special Equipment Troop of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt and One Troop of A Sqn 3 Cav Regt, joined the operation. Fire support base Herring was established by 161 Fd Bty on 17 Mar 68 and the remainder of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt joined the operation on the same day. 2 RAR was withdrawn from the operation on 23 Mar 68. Throughout the operation contact has been light, the majority of Australian casualties being caused by enemy mines and booby traps. The operation to date has been successful in that a large number of enemy camp, tunnel and cave complexes have been discovered and destroyed, neutralizing this hitherto unpenetrated base area. There have been a total of eight B52 strikes into the LONG HAI Hills in support of the operation.
3. Operation ASHGROVE TRAM. On 25/26 Mar 68, 2 RAR with a company of 7 RAR and support elements cordoned and searched LONG HAI YS 4449. Of 2085 people screened, 195 were detained; these comprised 9 VC suspects, 80 with no identity documents and 106 draft dodgers.
4. BARIA (PHUOC LE). 7 RAR maintained one company, supported by a section of APCs, at BARIA to maintain security in that area. There were a series of minor contacts throughout the month. The group was withdrawn on 29 Mar 68.
5. HOA LONG/LONG DIEN. During the month 7 RAR conducted a series of operations in the HOA LONG and LONG DIEN areas aimed at clearing these villages of VC, rounding up VC cadre members who had escaped from the LONG HAI Hills area (Operation PINNAROO) and restoring full security to the area.
6. Land Clearing Team. During the month the Australian Land Clearing Team (formed from 17 Const Sqn) conducted extensive clearing operations at AP SUOI NGHE and West of the 1 ATF base. Security for operations was provided by armour and infantry elements. On 1 Apr 68 the team, with elements of 2 RAR, commenced participation in Operation COOKTOWN ORCHID, aimed at clearing trails through, and areas of, jungle in the LONG HAI Hills.
7. LRRP. 2 SAS Sqn commenced operational patrolling early in Mar 68 and gradually built up to a point where seven patrols were simultaneously deployed. On 18 Mar 68, a five man NCO patrol ambushed a VC resupply tractor and trailer killing 15 VC, destroying the tractor and trailer, and capturing a 75mm RR.

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8. C Sqn 1 Armd Regt. The Sqn became operational in early Mar 68 with the commitment to operations of the Special Equipment Troop on 8 Mar 68. This was the first operational commitment of Australian tanks since World War II. The Squadron was fully committed to Operation PINNAROO on 17 Mar 68.

9. Artillery. On 4 Mar 68, 102 Fd Bty arrived in SVN to replace 106 Fd Bty, which returned to Australia on the same day.

10. 1 RAR. The advance party of 1 RAR arrived by charter aircraft on 18 Mar 68 and the advance party of the outgoing 7 RAR left SVN on the same day.

11. 161 Indep Recce Flt. During Mar 68, hours flown by 161 Indep Recce Flt were:

a. Rotary wing - 697.05

b. Fixed Wing - 366.15

12. Monthly Statistical Report. Attached as Annex A to Part Two is the 1 ATF Monthly Statistical Report.

Australian Army Training Team

13. The tempo of operations in Mar 68 was lower than in the previous month, but in the second half of the period there was a significant increase in ARVN operations in I Corps, mainly in the RD areas.

14. Major M.P. Casey was slightly wounded in action on 30 Mar 68 during an operation by 2nd Regt, 1 ARVN Div, north east of DONG HA.

Civil Affairs

15. On 20 Mar 68, command of 1 Aust CA Unit passed from Lt Col J.F. McDonagh to Lt Col K.W. Latchford.

16. Nine projects within the 1968 Force Civic Action Plan are under construction and a further 16 are ready to commence. A total of 3249 patients were seen during MEDCAP II operations resulting in 12 evacuations and 19 surgical cases.

17. 1 Aust CA Unit has begun agricultural activities following the inclusion of rural advisors in the unit establishment. Philippine IR-8 rice has been planted at HOA LONG in an experimental plot.

18. Construction of timber framed dwellings to rehouse refugees began on 22 Mar 68; of the initial target of 36 houses in PHUOC LE (BARIA), 15 were completed on 30 Mar 68. Difficulties with lack of skilled labour, establishment of land tenure and the validity of claims are all causing delays. The Australian Embassy has made \$A20,000 and 25 tons of roofing iron available to this project.

19. On 11 Mar 68 copies of the AFV Civic Action Plan, embracing projects in hand as at 29 Feb 68 and proposed projects up to mid 1969, were forwarded to AHQ as a basis for the allocation of funds for the remainder of the present financial year and for 1968/69.

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Psychological Operations

20. During March 1,116,000 leaflets were dropped by air and 4000 were passed by hand. There were over 26 hours of air broadcasts and ten hours of ground broadcasts in support of operations. A quick reaction tape made by a VC schoolteacher resulted in six ralliers. All returnees stated that voice broadcasts were more persuasive than leaflets. There were four Hoi Chanh recorded in the Province Chieu Hoi Programme for the month but, despite the overall increase in ralliers, there is no evidence that the Hoi Chanh rate is returning to normal.

Communications

21. During Mar 68, 86,383 formal messages were handled, of which 27,783 were passed between AUSTRALIA and SOUTH VIETNAM. Intra-theatre trunk telephone and telegraph channels were maintained at a high degree of availability. All other communications systems operated satisfactorily.

Public Relations

22. 24 Press visitors representing 11 agencies or TV networks covered the Force activities during March.

Medical

23. Planning for the reorganization of the Army medical units has been completed and the new organization came into effect on 1 Apr 68. Investigations to provide a solution to the problem of inadequate facilities for the care of convalescents continue.

24. The daily average of bed patients in 8 Fd Amb was 60.4 with the Force daily bed state at 10.6 per 1000 for the month.

25. Notifiable disease continued at a low level and included four cases of Vivax Malaria and three cases of Infectious Hepatitis. The VD rate was 19 per 1000.

26. 45 Australian and 10 New Zealand casualties were admitted to hospital as notifiable battle casualties. Attached at Annex B to Part Two is a summary of the total casualties incurred by AFV (Army Component).

Amenities

27. Delivery of films during March was erratic and severe disruption of the film circuit, together with the attendant strain on US Film Exchanges, was caused by the late or non-arrival of consignments. A total of 5994 lb of newspapers and 332 lb of photographic equipment (from AFOF) were received during the month.

Movements

28. AV John Monash arrived at VUNG TAU on 11 Mar 68 with a cargo of ammunition for Army and RAAF. LSM "Harry Chauvel" sailed for AUSTRALIA on 7 Mar 68 after 4½ months in theatre, during which 6,700 miles were sailed and 4271 tons of cargo carried. LSM "Clive Steele" transported Australian and US cargo between SAIGON, VUNG TAU, Delta ports and QUI NHON up to 15 Mar 68, when periodic maintenance was commenced.

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Supplies and Transport

29. Transport. Efforts have been made to obtain a trailer more suitable than the currently held M15A2 to transport Centurion tanks. It is now evident, however, that this is the only trailer in the theatre that can be suitably modified for the task and further loading trials are being conducted. Vehicle availability for the month has been maintained at 78%.

30. POL. Several flexible POL tanks burst during the month and indications are that more will become unserviceable shortly. These tanks have now been in use for approximately 15 months and this would appear to be the expected life of the equipment under field conditions. Replacement action is in hand.

31. 5,000 gallons of JP4 fuel was found to be contaminated with MOGAS when delivered by tanker from the US Class III depot. Additional checks have been instituted by the US authorities to prevent a recurrence of this nature.

32. Postal. There have been no major delays in the receipt and despatch of mail during the month.

Ordnance

33. The re-location of 2 AOD stock into permanent accommodation continued. 1 OFP has now been officially redesignated and operated effectively during the month.

34. The commitment of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt to operations highlighted inadequacies in the initial spare parts scaling. A study of scaling and the re-supply chain to resolve the present problem is being undertaken.

Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

35. 17 Const Sqn Wksp resources are currently being strained as more than twice the normal construction squadron plant holdings, spread over three areas, is being maintained. The average repair plan for the theatre, and in particular the siting and allocation of resources, was investigated during the visit by DEME.

Engineer Works

36. Progress on major projects.

a. 1 ATF Area:

- (1) Extension to Luscombe airstrip (by US resources) - 50%
- (2) Low Tension electrical reticulation and building wiring - 39%

b. 1 ALSG Area:

- (1) Accommodation Annex at Beach - 94%
- (2) Swimming Pool - 10%
- (3) Wiring of buildings for US power - 51%

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37. Major Projects Being Planned/Investigated

a. 1 ATF Area:

(1) High tension electrical reticulation.

(2) Provision of hutted sleeping accommodation.

b. 1 ALSG Area: Conversion of 8 Fd Amb buildings and construction of new buildings to house 1 Aust Field Hospital.

Visitors

38. Visitors to the Force, from out of the theatre, totalled 24, including The Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee and the Chief of the General Staff.

Annexes: A. 1 ATF Monthly Statistical Report

B. Total Casualties Incurred by AFV (Army Component)

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ANNEX A TO  
PART TWO OF  
HQ AFV MONTHLY REPORT ~~MAR~~ <sup>APR</sup> 68  
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1 ATF MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT  
(II FFV FORMAT)

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Serial	II FFV Serial	Date Required	1 ATF Data	Remarks
A. RELATIVE STATISTICS				
1.	1	Friendly KIA/WIA/MIA: (Total)	<del>6/44</del> <sup>3/15/0</sup> (18)	
2.	2	VC Casualties KIA/PW (Total)	<del>42/0</del> (42)	37 KIA 1 KBW 4 KBA
3.	2.1	Known VC Infrastructure KIA/PW	- 6/0	
4.	3	Friendly Weapons Captured/Lost (Total)	- Nil	
5.	3.1	Individual	- Nil	
6.	3.2	Crew Served	- Nil	
7.	4	VC Weapons Captured (Total)	<del>36</del> 79	
8.	4.1	Individual	<del>34</del> 78	
9.	4.2	Crew Served	<del>2</del> 7	B40
10.	5	Civilians Killed/Wounded by Friendly Operations (Total)	Nil -	
B. FRIENDLY STATISTICS				
11.	1	Combined Ops - Coy size and smaller	<del>Nil</del> 2	
12.	2	Combined Ops - Bn size and larger	<del>1</del> 3	
13.	3	LRRP Missions/Patrol Days	<del>29/115</del> 32/115	
14.	4	Tracker Team Missions	<del>Nil</del> 1	
15.	6	Personnel Rotated (percent of authorised strength)	<del>392</del> 19	
16.	7	No of US/FWMAF Pers Killed/Injured by friendly ops (Total)	<del>0/2</del> (2) 1/7 (8)	1/2 Aust 0/5 NZ
17.	7.1	By Individual and C/S Wpns	<del>2-indiv</del> 0/8	
18.	8	US Dollars converted to Piasters per Individual Assigned	\$1.05 \$2.30	

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Serial	Date Required	1 ATF Data	Remarks
19. 9	Radios Captured/Lost	<del>0/0</del> 2/0 2	
20. 10	Arty Ammo Expended	← 9893	
21. 10.1	105 mm Rounds	<del>18,865</del> 9893	
22. 14	No Night Convoy Movements	Nil	-
23. 15	No Incidents against Night Convoys	Nil	-

C. VC CONTACTS

24. 1	VC Unit Contact - VC Pl or smaller	<del>46</del> 35	
25. 2	VC Unit Contact - VC Coy or larger	<del>Nil</del> 1	
26. 4	VC Attack by Fire Only	<del>13</del> 6	
27. 4.1	Against Base Camps and Field Posns	<del>13</del> 5/1	
28. 5	VC Attempts to Overrun (Total)	Nil	-
29. 5.1	Base Camps and Field Posns	Nil	-
30. 5.4	No Successful Attempts	Nil	-

D. PACIFICATION/RD STATISTICS

31. 2	Kms of Rd Safe w/o escort for Military Convoys during daylight (Total)	<del>128</del> 128	
32. 2.1	National Highways	<del>86</del> 86	
33. 2.2	Provincial Roads	<del>42</del> 42	
34. 4	No Daily Rd/Water Checkpoints estb during month	<del>6</del> 6	
35. 4.1	New Rd/Water Checkpoints estb during month	<del>Nil</del> 4	
36. 5	Kms of Road Built	<del>0.7</del> 2	
37. 6	Kms of Road Repaired	<del>0.1</del> -	
38. 7	Acres of Jungle Cleared	<del>8</del> 900	
39. 8.	Foot Bridges Built	Nil	-

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Serial	II FFV Serial	Data Required	1 ATF Data	Remarks
40.	9	Foot Bridges Repaired	Nil	—
41.	10	Vehicle Bridges Built	Nil	—
42.	11	Vehicle Bridges Repaired	<del>Nil</del>	/
43.	12	Self Help (VN) Projects Started	Nil	—
44.	13	Self Help (VN) Projects Completed	Nil	—
45.	14	MEDCAP Patients Treated (Total)	3,233 (Patients)	—
46.	14.2	MEDCAP II		1866
47.	16	No Employed Ralliers	5	—
48.	16.1	Kit Carson Scouts	Nil	—
49.	16.2	Armed Propaganda Team Members	Nil	—
50.	17	Confirmed Intelligence Reports from Civilians	Nil	—
51.	18	Psy Ops Leaflet Exploitations	14	11

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TOTAL CASUALTIES INCURRED BY AFV  
(ARMY COMPONENT)

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SERIAL	DESIGNATION	MAR 68			LOSSES FROM JUN 65 TO FEB 68			TOTAL TO 31 MAR 68		
		OFFR	OR	TOTAL	OFFR	OR	TOTAL	OFFR	OR	TOTAL
1.	Killed in action	1	5	6	10	146	156	11	151	162
2.	Died from other causes		1	1	1	23	24	1	24	25
3.	Wounded in action	5	39	44	53	623	676	58	662	720
4.	Missing in action					1	1		1	1
		6	45	51	64	793	857	70	838	908

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MONTHLY REPORT

MARCH 1968

PART THREE - ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE COMPONENT

Operations

1. A breakdown of flying hours, bomb expenditure, cargo and passengers carried for Nos 2, 9, and 35 Squadrons is shown at Annex A to Part Three.
2. No 2 Squadron attacked 352 targets during Mar 68. These were dispersed throughout all four CTZs. Of the visual day sorties flown, 12 were converted to Combat Sky Spot. One sortie was cancelled by Tactical Air Control Centre because of weather. The Bomb Damage Assessment for the month is attached as Annex B to this Part.
3. No 9 Squadron recorded 4,603 sorties during Mar 68 for a total of 672.50 flying hours. The large flying effort of the previous two months continued through the month, as 1 ATF mounted Operation PINNAROO, a sweep of the LONG HAI Hills, about eight miles south of the Task Force base. Long range reconnaissance patrol activity by 2 SAS Squadron was at a steady rate, with a total of 28 patrols being inserted and extracted by No 9 Squadron.
4. No 35 Squadron flew 533.20 hours comprising 892 sorties during the month. Operations were not as intensive as in Feb 68. Communist military efforts decreased and no sorties were cancelled as a result of enemy activities.
5. The present trend of the type of transport air support indicates an increase in the number of passengers carried with a corresponding reduction in the carriage of freight. This is related to the increase in AFV strength, a larger number of personnel being tour expired and replaced, and those going and returning from rest and recuperation leave.

Visits

6. During Mar 68 visitors to the RAAF Component were:
  - a. Wg Cdr P.A. Pearson (Deputy Director of Audit and Service Accounting).
  - b. Prin Air Chaplain L.B. Smith (Secretary Board of Chaplains).
  - c. Air Vice Marshal C.D. Candy CB, CBE (Air Member for Personnel).
  - d. Lt Gen Sir John Wilton, KBE, CB, DSO (CCOSC).
  - e. Lt Gen Sir Thomas Daly, KBE, CB, DSO (CGS).
  - f. Wg Cdr H.C. Smith (Provost Marshal).
  - g. Mr John Bennett (South East Asian representative for the Melbourne "Age").
  - h. Wg Cdr T.C. Owen (OR Weapons Department of Air).
  - i. Sqn Ldr R.W. Saunders (Eng Arm Department of Air).

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DETAILS OF FLYING HOURS CARGO AND PASSENGERS  
CARRIED BY NO 2 SQN, 9 SQN, 35 SQN RAAF

1. No 2 Squadron
  - a. Hours Flown 556.35
  - b. Sorties 255
  - c. Bomb Expenditure 117 x 500 lb  
6 x 750 lb  
710 x 1000 lb
  - d. VC Killed See attached Annex B
  - e. Bomb damage assessment See attached Annex B
  - f. Aircraft casualties from enemy action Nil
2. No 9 Squadron
  - a. Hours Flown 672.50
  - b. Sorties 4,603
  - c. Passengers carried 6,679
  - d. Medevacs uplifted 76
  - e. Freight uplifted 866,590 lbs
  - f. VC killed in action Nil
  - g. Hits on target N/A
  - h. Aircraft damage from enemy action Nil
3. No 35 Squadron
  - a. Hours Flown 533.20
  - b. Sorties 892
  - c. Cargo carried 738,202 lbs
  - d. Mail carried 305,984 lbs
  - e. Passengers carried 10,249

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NO 2 SQN BDA FOR MARCH 1968

MONTHLY TOTAL

PROGRESSIVE TOTAL

SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS/FIRES

2 Secondary Fires  
5 Secondary Explosions

108

TRENCHES/TUNNELS/CAVES DAMAGED

240 Metres of Trench Uncovered  
2 Tunnel Entrances Uncovered  
5 Tunnels Uncovered

1130 Metres of Trench Uncovered  
670 Metres of Trench Damaged  
1 Trenchline Cut  
1 Trenchline Uncovered  
35 Tunnels  
6 Caves Uncovered

TRENCHES/TUNNELS/CAVES DESTROYED

320 Metres of Trench Destroyed  
50 Metres of Tunnel Destroyed

2105 Metres of Trench Destroyed  
13 Caves Destroyed  
50 Metres of Tunnel Destroyed

BUNKERS/MILITARY STRUCTURED DESTROYED

67 Bunkers Damaged  
30 Bunkers Uncovered  
84 Structures Damaged  
30 Foxholes Damaged  
3 Spider Holes Uncovered  
8 Fighting Positions Damaged  
2 Fighting Positions Uncovered  
1 AA Site Uncovered

922

BUNKERS/MILITARY STRUCTURES DESTROYED

169 Bunkers Destroyed  
80 Structures Destroyed  
8 Foxholes Destroyed  
1 Spider Hole Destroyed  
15 Fighting Positions Destroyed  
15 Rocket Sites Destroyed

1182

37 KBA

KBA

196

MISCELLANEOUS BDA

1 Stream Crossing Interdicted  
1 Small Bridge Destroyed  
1 Large Object (2 metres diameter)  
Uncovered  
2 Sampans Destroyed  
4 Roads Cut

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SMD, DAQMG, FORCE ENGR.  
FOR INFO TO: AATTV, NSO, HQ RAAF V.

SUBJECT: HQ AFV MONTHLY REPORT

1. COMAEV made the following changes to the monthly report format:
  - a. The following are to be deleted:
    - (1) Appendix 1 to Annex G to Part B.
    - (2) Appendix 2 to Annex G to Part B.
    - (3) Appendix 3 to Annex G to Part B.
  - b. Annex H to Part B (Medical Report) and appendices 2 and 3 deals with "Army Component" only and is to be headed "Australian Force Vietnam (Army Component) - Medical Report".
  - c. The Engr report is to be submitted as a separate Annex to Part B and not as a part of Q Branch Report. It should retain its present format and will become Annex K to Part B. Q Branch please note that your appendices will require renumbering.
2. Branches are reminded that contributions are due on GSO 2 (Ops) desk on 10 Mar 68.

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AUSTRALIAN FORCE VIETNAM

MONTHLY REPORT

JANUARY 1968

References: A. HQ AFV R723-1-13 dated 30 Nov 67.  
B. CCOSC memorandum dated 10 Nov 67.

Introduction

1. This report is submitted in accordance with paragraph 33 of the revised Directive by the Chiefs of Staff Committee to Commander Australian Force, dated 6th March 1967 and the Chairman Chiefs of Staff memorandum to COMAFV dated 10th November 1967.

Period Covered

2. This report covers the period 1-31 Jan 68.

Contents

3. The report comprises three parts. Detailed reports and statistical data have been extracted as Annexes (with appendices) to each part of the report. The Parts are:

- a. Part A - Royal Australian Navy Component Report.
- b. Part B - Army Component Report.
- c. Part C - Royal Australian Air Force Component Report.

Force Items of Interest (as at 31 Jan 68)

4. During January 1968 the activities of the RAN and RAAF Components followed their normal pattern, in the case of RANHFV, from its new location at BLACKHORSE and, in the case of No 2 Squadron, with a significant increase in bomb damage assessment credited to the Squadron.

5. No 5 ACS Det B completed its construction programme at the end of the month, and its disbandment prior to return to AUSTRALIA is in progress.

6. 1 ATF activities included Operation DUNTROON which was aimed, unsuccessfully, at the destruction of elements of 274 VC Regt located in the HAT DICH base area. Almost immediately following the conclusion of this operation, 1 ATF less 3 RAR deployed to the EASTERN area of BIEN HOA Province for Operation COBURG, which is continuing. The deployment of two battalions (2 and 7 RAR) in the Operation, leaving 3 RAR in PHUOC TUY Province, is a clear indication of the increased operational capability afforded the Task Force by the addition to it of a third battalion.

7. Co-ordinated attacks on SAIGON and targets elsewhere in South Vietnam began on an unprecedented scale on 30/31 Jan 68 and are continuing. Details will be included in the report for February 1968.

8. Command of Australian Force Vietnam passed from Major General D. Vincent, OBE, to Major General A.L. MacDonald, OBE, at 0001 hrs, 31 Jan 68.

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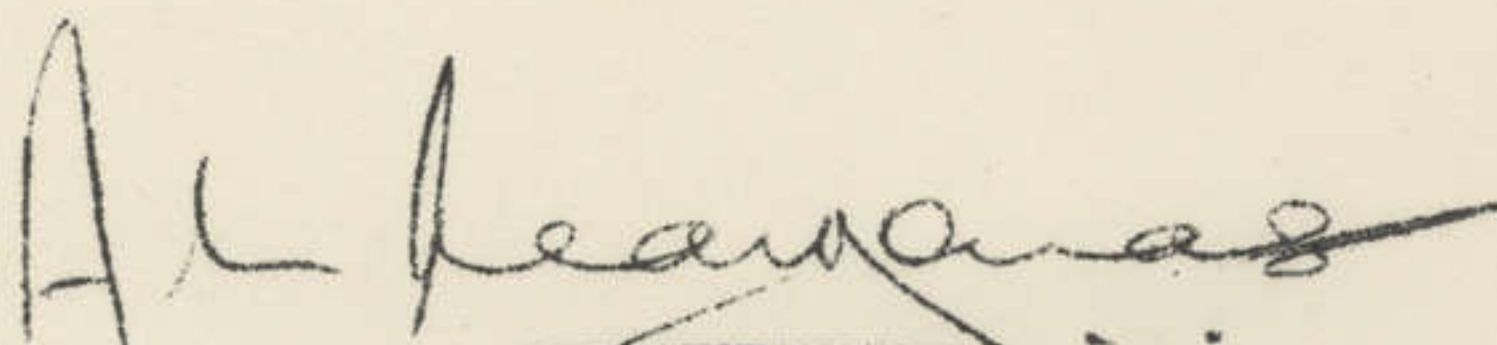
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Military Situation, South Vietnam

9. Since the end of the reporting period (31 Jan 68), numerous attacks have taken place in all four Corps Tactical Zones. Despite the very heavy losses sustained by the enemy in these attacks, and the intensity of allied counter measures (particularly air bombardment of enemy troop concentrations and lines of communication) it is conceded that the VC still has the capability of initiating further attacks against major objectives such as tactical positions in the DMZ and centres of population.

10. Whilst it has always been recognized militarily that, in a war such as this, minor attacks are likely on a widespread scale, the strength of the attacks, the area covered by them and the degree of planning and coordination between attacks, has exceeded previous Allied estimates. The situation is still obscure and an evaluation of enemy objectives, successes (both psychological and material, if any) and set-backs will be included in the next monthly report.



(A.L. MacDONALD)  
Major General  
Commander Australian Force  
VIETNAM

Annexes: PART A (NAVY)

- A. RANCDT Report
- B. RANHFV Report

PART B (ARMY)

- A. 1 ATF Operations Jan 68
- B. AATTV Report
- C. Civic Action Report
- D. AFV Communications Report
- E. Public Relations Report
- F. Financial Report
- G. Force Strength States
- H. Medical Statistics
- I. Quartermaster General Branch Report
- J. Psychological Operations
- K. Visitors during Jan 68

PART C (AIR FORCE)

- A. Details of Flying Hours, RAAF
- B. RAAF Component
- C. No 2 Sqn RAAF BDA for Jan 68

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Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Chief of Naval Staff	2	2	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-
Chief of the General Staff	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Chief of the Air Staff	2	-	-	2	2	-	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
COMUSMACV	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Australian Embassy Saigon	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1 ATF	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
USMACFWMAO	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
File	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Unit Dairy and spare	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
	16	12	12	16	14	10	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	14	16	12	12	12

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PART A

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY COMPONENT

Clearance Diving Team

- ✓ 1. Employment. Operation STABLEDOOR continued as the Team's main task during the month. Two hundred and fifty two (252) ships were searched during the period without result.
- ✓ 2. Activity in the Explosive Ordnance Disposal field was maintained at a high level during the month, a total of twenty four (24) EOD operations were undertaken compared with thirteen (13) the previous month. Some four (4) tons of ordnance and two and a half (2½) tons of small arms ammunition were destroyed during the period.
- ✓ 3. Diving operations were carried out on two (2) occasions during the month.
- ✓ 4. Health and morale have remained at a high level throughout the month.
5. ~~Detailed Report.~~ ~~The detailed monthly report is contained in Annex A to Part A of AFV Monthly Report. Copies of this report have been forwarded direct to the Secretary, Department of the Navy and to the Captain, HMAS WATERHEN.~~

Helicopter Flight Vietnam

- ✓ 6. Employment. The 135th Assault Helicopter Company completed relocation at BLACKHORSE, near XUAN LOC, on 3rd January, 1968. Flying operations were conducted on all but three (3) days of the month, a total of two thousand six hundred and ninety (2690) aircraft hours being flown. RANHFV pilots contributed seven hundred and thirty eight (738) pilot hours, an average of ninety two point two five (92.25) hours per pilot. This represents a significant decrease when compared with figures for the previous months.
7. As a result of the incident on 12th January, 1968, when a UH-1C aircraft was forced down about ten (10) kilometres west of NUI DAT, two members of the Helicopter Flight Vietnam were injured; both were classified as Battle Casualties. NAMW K.R. WARDLE, R93603, was subsequently medically evacuated from the Theatre while A/LAMAE K.J. FRENCH, R54765, was returned to duty.
8. ~~The incidents referred to in paragraphs 4 and 6 of Annex B to Part A of AFV Monthly Report are noteworthy.~~
- ✓ 9. General. In respect of amenities and recreational facilities (see paragraph 11 of Annex B to Part A of AFV Monthly Report) it is considered that some contribution should be made from Australian sources. The provision of a sixteen (16) millimetre projector should be investigated.
- ✓ 10. The health and morale of the Helicopter Flight has remained high during the month.
11. ~~Detailed Report.~~ ~~The detailed monthly report is contained in Annex B to Part A of AFV Monthly Report. Copies have been forwarded direct to the Secretary, Department of the Navy and to the Captain, HMAS ALBATROSS.~~

Annexes: A. RANCDT Monthly Report.  
B. RANHFV Monthly Report.

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RAN CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM  
MONTHLY REPORT JAN 68

Operation STABLEDOOR

- ✓ 1. Operation STABLEDOOR has remained the main task during this month. Two hundred and fifty two (252) ships were searched during this period, no sign of enemy activity was found. Adverse weather conditions prevented ship searches being carried out on ten days.
- ✗ 2. S.S. "SEATRAN WASHINGTON" reported an underwater explosion in the immediate vicinity of the ship at 1140 on Friday 26th January, 1968 whilst at anchor in the northern anchorage VUNG TAU Harbour. A search of the ship's hull and the sea bed failed to find any evidence of an explosion nor any damage to the ship. It is thought that the explosion could have been caused by Japanese salvage divers demolishing a wreck in the near vicinity.

Explosive Ordnance Disposal Operations.

- ✓ 3. Twenty four EOD operations were carried out during this month.
- ✗ 4. Eighteen assorted grenades were recovered in five separate incidents. A tin can containing one M79, one yellow smoke and two Mk2 grenades was recovered from a USAF Caribou aircraft at VUNG TAU airfield on Monday 1st January, 1968. On Wednesday 3rd January, 1968 a dud fired M79 grenade was recovered from a "Sea Wolf" - US Navy helicopter. Two MK26 grenades and a quantity of small arms ammunition were removed from a helicopter of the US Army 330th Aviation Company on Tuesday 9th January, 1968. On Monday 22nd January, 1968, two M26 grenades were recovered from the US Army MP Compound VUNG TAU. The two grenades had previously been removed by the MPs from a bar in VUNG TAU. Twice during the month the team was called to 8th Field Ambulance Helicopter Pad to recover shrapnel damaged grenades which were being carried by personnel wounded in action.
- ✗ 5. Four 60mm mortar rounds were recovered in the VUNG TAU area during January. Two French 60mm mortar rounds were recovered in the 1 ALSG area - one was found on Friday 5th January, 1968 and the other on Saturday 20th January, 1968. Both rounds were found by Vietnamese labour employed building extensions to the "Peter Badcoe" Club. Both rounds were HE in the dud fired condition. A dud fired US 60mm HE mortar round was found in an abandoned French tank on Back Beach VUNG TAU, approximately one mile north of 1 ALSG's wire on Sunday 7th January, 1968. On Friday 12th January, 1968 a similar HE mortar bomb in a dud fired condition was recovered from the US Army 53rd Support Group Base VUNG TAU.
- ✗ 6. Two team members spent the forenoon of Thursday 4th January, 1968, searching for two pallets of 105mm ammunition which fell over the side of a US Army LCU in approximate position YS173428. The search was carried out from a helicopter gunship of the US Army 222nd Aviation Battalion. Both divers made six jumps into the water to investigate possible contacts but all turned out to be false alarms. The search was abandoned at 1230 hrs.
- ✗ 7. On Thursday 11th January, 1968 two dud fired CS grenades were recovered from the US Army 560th MP Company's gas citadel.
- ✗ 8. On Friday 12th January, 1968, a VC home-made command detonated charge was recovered from the wire of the 5th Special Forces Camp LONG HAI. The charge consisted of ten pounds of Nitro Starch with some TNT added, initiated by a home-made electric detonator, encased in a soldered tin can 15 inches long and 5 inches in diameter.

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9. A Japanese 10Kg Practice Bomb was recovered from the fish market BEN DA village on Wednesday 17th January, 1968.

10. On Wednesday 17th January, 1968, a concrete bunker sited 200 metres south of our base was demolished by team members. Information had been received that the bunker was attached to other bunkers in the area by an underground tunnel system. No trace of a tunnel system was found so the bunker was destroyed.

11. On 23rd January, 1968 team members demonstrated enemy explosives, ordnance and demolition techniques. The demonstration was witnessed by officers of the Vietnamese Special Forces Group VUNG TAU. The display terminated with the destruction of a large concrete and brick building which was hampering construction work in the camp.

12. Two team members were despatched by helicopter gunship 66-16-367 of the 195th Assault Helicopter Company based at LONG BINH, to investigate a suspected mine floating in position WQ1451, approximately 180 miles south west of VUNG TAU. After refuelling at BAC LIEU airstrip, the aircraft moved to the ammunition supply point to load illuminating flares. One or two of the flares ignited in the aircraft, which was destroyed by fire within three minutes. One aircraft crew member was seriously injured and medevaced to DONG TAM. All personal, diving and demolition equipment carried in the aircraft was completely destroyed. Team members spent the night with advisory team 51 and were flown back to VUNG TAU by helicopter during the afternoon of Thursday 25th January, 1968. The mine was exploded by .50 calibre machine gun fire by a US Navy P.C.F. stationed in the area.

13. Two team members were despatched by RAAF helicopter to recover an LIAI Rifle lost in a well approximately 5,000 metres east of ATF Base NUI DAT on Thursday 25th January, 1968. The well was 60 feet deep with approximately 15 feet of water.

14. During this month a total of four tons of ordnance and two and a half tons of small arms ammunition has been destroyed.

15. Three false alarms were received during the month. On Tuesday 2nd January, 1968 an empty box was reported as a suspicious object. The same evening five fishing stakes adrift in the southern anchorage were reported as a mine. A mine-sweeping paravane was reported as a mine on Thursday 4th January, 1968. All objects were recovered by team members and destroyed.

Diving Operations

16. On Monday 8th January, 1968, team members and the two CABA divers from MV JEPARIT checked the vessel's bow propellor. Two bars were found to be loose and in need of repair.

17. The forenoon of Sunday 28th January, 1968 was spent searching for one M60 machine gun, 2 M16 rifles, a shotgun and PRC 21 radio set, lost from one of the 16 foot "Boston Whalers" used as a harbour patrol boat. Lack of accurate data, strong currents and heavy boat and ship traffic precluded an accurate search being made and the search was called off at 1230.

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18. Colonel A.P. BUTTERFIELD, USAF - CINCPACREP Australia, accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel S. EDGECOMBE, ARA, Wing Commander J. LYNCH, RAAF and Lieutenant Commander B.G. HILL, RAN visited the team at 1100 Tuesday 16th January, 1968. The visitors were shown the team's display and the function and roles of the team were explained to them. The visitors departed for 1 ALSG at 1135 hrs.

19. The Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Sir Alan McNICOLL, KBE, CB, GM, accompanied by Commander J.A. O'FARRELL, RAN and Lieutenant Commander D.C. BENNETT, RAN visited the team on Monday 29th January, 1968. Vice Admiral McNICOLL was introduced to team members and shown the team's display before departing for the Coastal Surveillance Centre, VUNG TAU.

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20. LSCD M.J. CURRIE, R93186 was burnt whilst burning off scrub in the team's demolition area on Saturday 20th January, 1968. He was admitted to 8th Field Ambulance. He rejoined the team on 26th January, 1968.

21. Operation "BLACK CAT", the defence of all Naval Units and Merchant Shipping in the area, was commenced at 1900 Monday 29th January, 1968 when CATLO Naval Base came under fire from the island opposite. "BLACK CAT" was enforced for the remainder of the month during which period Martial Law was enforced and Viet Cong infiltrators were found in VUNG TAU, the airstrip and CAT LO Naval Base.

22. Lieutenant Commander D. EATON, USN, relieved Lieutenant Commander J. McPHERSON, USN as our Base Officer-in-Charge and as CTU 115.9.7 immediate Operational Commander at 1700 on Monday 29th January, 1968.

23. All team members are fit and morale is high.

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RAN HELICOPTER FLIGHT VIETNAM

MONTHLY REPORT - JAN 68

Operations

1. The 135th Assault Helicopter Company is now firmly based at BLACKHORSE, near XUAN LOC, and has continued to support the II Field Force in the III Corps Area during the month of January.

2. The Company has remained operational through the month and all maintenance is now being done at BLACKHORSE. The Base Camp area is very dusty, which has necessitated a greater maintenance effort. The dust problem also makes living conditions very trying but pennepriming and grass growing plans will be implemented when materials are available and conditions are suitable.

3. The units supported this month were primarily the 199th Light Infantry Brigade, 1st Australian Task Force, US 9th Infantry Division, 18th ARVN Div and the US 101st Airborne Division. The areas of operations have been in the SAIGON environs, PHUOC TUY, the DELTA and XUAN LOC.

4. Operations with 3/39th Infantry Battalion, 9th Division on 8th January, 1968 resulted in eight (8) Company aircraft being hit by groundfire. Action went on well into the night as troops were inserted and extracted. One aircraft was hit on take off from a PZ and crashed inverted, fortunately with only minor injury. On this occasion the Company was led by Lieutenant B.C. CRAWFORD, who, for his outstanding leadership throughout the day, has been recommended for the Air Medal with Valour (US).

5. On January 12, a UH-1C gunship of the Armed Platoon was forced down into a jungle area grid YS37077. In the crew were NAMW K.R. WARDLE R93603 and A/LAMAE K.J. FRENCH R54765. The aircraft crashed through the trees and burned to complete destruction. Aircraft of the RAAF winched in a medical team and winched out the injured personnel.

6. Enemy action increased markedly on the night of January 30, and has been continuing at a high rate. BLACKHORSE Base Camp is currently threatened by various sized enemy units taking cover and moving through the surrounding jungles. Operations with elements of the 25th US Infantry Division at DUC HOA, west of SAIGON, resulted in a lively fire fight with VC elements equipped with recoilless rifles. Two gunships took hits on this occasion. The Company carried out resupply of ammunition to besieged units well into the night. The Company command and control ship, manned by LCDR N. RALPH and crew, survived three mortar attacks when in ground locations during mission planning.

7. The total number of hours for the month was 2690. There were three days during the month in which the Company was at one hour standby for ready reaction and this contributed to the drop in hours.

Personnel

8. The Company was honoured with a visit by the Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Sir Alan McNICOL, KBE, CB, GM, on Saturday 27th January. The Admiral was accompanied by the Commanding General, 1st Aviation Brigade, Major General R. WILLIAMS, the Acting Group Commander Lieutenant Colonel J. TODD and other senior officers. The VIP party received a briefing on Company operations, then was shown around the Company area and lunched with Company officers. The Admiral's visit was very much appreciated by US and RAN personnel alike.

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X 9. As a result of his injuries in the UH-1C accident, NAMW WARDLE R52152 was evacuated to AUSTRALIA on January 29th. Additionally, MECHAE2 R.J. BENNETT was evacuated following a hernia operation. A/LAMAE FRENCH quickly recovered from his minor injuries. The crew were extremely fortunate in not sustaining greater casualties.

X 10. The R & R programme for RANHFV personnel has begun and four sailors have been to AUSTRALIA on R & R. It would appear at this stage that all personnel will get their choice of R & R. The increasing interest in R & R billets is noticeable.

✓ 11. The Company area is yet not well off for amenities or recreational facilities. A day-room is being constructed and this will be used as a library, writing and reading room. At present what is most needed is 16mm movie equipment, which would relieve a lot of the boredom. This equipment is very difficult to obtain in-country.

12. Pilot hours for the month of January, are:

LCDR N. RALPH	- 114
LCDR P.J. VICKERS	- 111.7
LEUT W.S. LOVE	- 36.5
LEUT B.C. CRAWFORD	- 117
LEUT J.M. LEAK	- 75
SBLT A.A. CASADIO	- 61.6
SBLT R.J. GODFREY	- 114.6
SBLT J.W. DALGLIESH	- 107.5

X 13. Two observers, LEUT P.J. PLUNKETT-COLE and LEUT R.M. JONES, are working in the 214th Battalion Operations Centre at BEARCAT. This employment is most appropriate and they will continue to gain much valuable experience from it.

General

X 14. At a Company Awards and Decorations ceremony, OCEAW R.J. MUSCIO R46964 was awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal by the Company Commander, Lieutenant Colonel R.M. CORY.

X 15. The Company commander departed on R & R leave on January 29, and LCDR N. RALPH is acting as Company Commander.

Appendix: 1. 135th Assault Helicopter Company - Operations for January 1968

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135TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY - OPERATIONS FOR JANUARY 1968

1. Week Ending 7 Jan 68.

DATE	HELLOS	SORTIES	HOURS	SUPPORT	LOCATION	TROOPS	CARGO	REMARKS
1st				Nil Report				2 UH -1C Stand By BLACKHORSE each night
2nd	11UH-1H 4UH-1C	165 T 0 C 10 A	85.0	199 Light Inf Bde 1 ATF	XT987323 YS434674	404	-	Ditto
3rd	11UH-1H 4UH-1C	179 T 0 C 67 A	84.8	199 Light Inf Bde 1 ATF	XT987323 YS434674	459	-	Ditto
4th	11UH-1H 4UH-1C	273 T 20 C 40 A	98.0	199 Light Inf Bde	XT030175	671	7800	
5th	11UH-1H 2UH-1C	320 T 8 C 80 A		101 Airborne Div 1 ATF	XT663267 YS527768	797	8000	
6th	11UH-1H 4UH-1C	336 T 0 C 100 A	68.0	1 ATF (3RAR)	YS435766	899	-	

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DATE	HELLOS	SORTIES	HOURS	SUPPORT	LOCATION	TROOPS	CARGO	REMARKS
7th	11UH-1H 4UH-1C	401 T 7 C 119 A	167.0	9 Div	XS343315	488	6000	1UH-1C eng fail - 2UH-1C hit by grd fire No inj.
TOTAL	-	2125	592.8	-	-	3718	21800	-

2. Week Ending 14 Jan 68.

8th	11UH-1H 4UH-1C	556 T 3 C 68 A	149.6	9 Div	XS870670	484	2000	2 VC KBA 6 Struc Des 6 Struc Dam 5UH-1H and 3UH-1C hit by grd fire 1UH-1H des No injuries
9th				Negative Report	Stand by at BLACKHORSE 091200 to 100500H			
10th	11UH-1H 3UH-1C	312 T 0 C 49 A	103.4	199 Light Inf Bde 1 ATF(2 and 7 RAR)	XT904340 YS435680	320 395		
11th	11UH-1H 4UH-1C	406 T 12 C 81 A	116.05	199 Light Inf Bde 1 ATF	PZ YS452834 PZ YTO30175	832	16000	

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DATE	HELOS	SORTIES	HOURS	SUPPORT	LOCATION	TROOPS	CARGO	REMARKS
12th	12UH-1H 4UH-1C	198 T 0 C 52 A	98.5	18 ARVN Div	YT822378	521	-	UH-1C lost due eng fail Light injur
13th	11UH-1H 3UH-1C	311 T 0 C 95 A	130.8	199 Light Inf Bde	XT780485 YT062821	813	-	
14th	11UH-1H 2UH-1C	228 T 0 C 50 A	80.9	9 Div	XS742699	553	-	UH-1H hit by grnd fire. No injuries.
TOTAL	-	2421	678.25	-	-	3918	1800	-

3. Week Ending 21 Jan 68.

15th	11UH-1H 2UH-1C	250 T 0 C 50 A	88.9	9 Div	XS740696	464	-	
16th				Ready Reaction Force				
17th	11UH-1H 2UH-1C	25 T 0 C 5 A	13.8	18 ARVN Div	XUAN LOC YT460095	-	-	Strip alert at PZ.
18th	11UH-1H 4UH-1C	23 T 0 C 10 A	23.5	18 ARVN Div	XUAN LOC YT460095	-	-	Strip Alert at PZ.

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DATE	HELOS	SORTIES	HOURS	SUPPORT	LOCATION	TROOPS	CARGO	REMARKS
19th	11UH-1H 4UH-1C	338 T 0 C 70 A	114.8	9 Div	XS703618	779		
20th	11UH-1H 4UH-1C			Stand By	BLACKHORSE			
21st	11UH-1H 4UH-1C	373 T 0 C 104 A	127.1	199 Light Inf Bde 1 ATF	YT190112 XS435765	1628		
TOTAL		1248	368.1			2871		

4. Week Ending 28 Jan 68.

22nd	12UH-1H 4UH-1C	285 T 0 C 99 A	166.8	9 Div	XS093514	479	22000	
23rd	12UH-1H 3UH-1C	386 T 0 C 95 A	109.7	9 Div	XS405435	746		
24th	10UH-1H 2UH-1C	89 T 0 C 12 A	50.6	1 ATF	YS435682	280	4000	
25th	11UH-1H 4UH-1C	254 T 0 C 16 A	92.8	DCS 111 Corps	N.A.	415		

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DATE	HELLOS	SORTIES	HOURS	SUPPORT	LOCATION	TROOPS	CARGO	REMARKS
26th	11UH-1H 4UH-1C	366 T 0 C 80 A	123.9	9 Div	XS895613	681		
27th	11UH-1H 4UH-1C	278 T 0 C 66 A	97.0	9 Div	XS895615	458		
28th	11UH-1H 3UH-1C	273 T 0 C 44 A	101.6	5 ARVN Div	XS867805	533		
TOTAL		2343	742.4			3592	26000	

5. Week Ending 31 Jan 68.

29th	11UH-1H 2UH-1C	167 T 0 C 30 A	46.3	101 Airborne Div	XT996263	262		
30th	4UH-1H	25 Admin	9.5	135 Assault Helo Company	N.A.			
31st	11UH-1H 4UH-1C	237 T 60 C 78 A	145.3	25 Div	XS595975	443	26000	2 Aircraft hit (3 holes in XS552)
TOTAL		597	191.1			705	26000	

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PART B

ARMY COMPONENT REPORT

Operations

1. During January 1968 1 ATF conducted two major operations.
2. Operation DUNTROON. This was conducted between 10 and 21 Jan 68 in conjunction with elements of 9 US Inf Div (Operation AKRON) with the aim of destroying elements of 274 VC Regt located in the HAT DICH Base area. 1 ATF (less 3 RAR occupied primarily blocking positions with US units conducting the main drive through the 274 VC Regt's location. The operation was only moderately successful and the majority of the VC Regt is thought to have escaped, 1 ATF units recording only 13 VC KIA.
3. Operation COBURG. 1 ATF (less 3 RAR) deployed to the EASTERN area of BIEN HOA Province with the mission of destroying VC/NVA elements in the allotted AO. There was moderate contact over a number of days and minor contact on most days to the end of Jan 68. Initial contacts were with C238 Local Force Recce Unit, Sapper Recce Coy 275 VC Regt, TRANG BOM District Headquarters and Medical and Rear Details Coy of 274 VC Regt. The operation continues.
4. Operation BORDERTOWN. This was a three day operation by 3 RAR from 9 to 11 Jan 68 in the area YS4766 to clear the 3 RAR AO and practice the battalion in operational techniques. There were no contacts during the operation.
5. LRRP. Twenty six Long Range Reconnaissance Patrols were deployed during the month with some patrols deployed in the Operation COBURG area. Weekly summaries of LRRP activity have been forwarded to AHQ.
6. TET Offensive. Attacks on SAIGON were initiated at approximately 0245 hours 31 Jan 68. HQ AFV immediately assumed a defensive posture and guards were also mounted at the CANBERRA BEQ, PHU THO Transmitter Site, COMAFV Residence and the Australian Ambassador's Residence. The AUSTCAN Receiver site at BAH QUE was over-run in the initial attacks but no Australian equipment was damaged and there were no casualties. The receiver facility at HQ AFV was activated and continued to function from that location until the situation was resolved.
7. Detailed Report. The 1 ATF operations report for Jan 68 is attached as Annex A to Part B of the AFV Monthly Report. Attached as appendices to Annex A are the 1 ATF Monthly Statistical Report and the Measurement of Progress (VC Base Area Denial) Report for January 1968. Orders for Operations have been forwarded by signal in the form of a synopsis and followed by detailed orders by mail. The daily and overall situation has been variously reported in the AFV SITREPS, Supplementary SITREPS, Special Reports, COMAFV Reports to CCOSC, Monthly Ministerial Report and 1 ATF Troops Information Sheets.

Army Aviation

8. Hours and sorties flown by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt in January were:

a. Hours Flown:

(1) Fixed Wing.

(a)	Cessna 180	- 381.05 hours
(b)	Cessna 01	- 119.40 hours
(c)	Total	- 500.45 hours

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- (2) Rotary Wing. - 669.00 hours
- (3) Total Hours. - 1169.45 hours

b. Sorties Flown.

- (1) Fixed Wing.
  - (a) Cessna 180 - 293
  - (b) Cessna 01 - 73
  - (c) Total - 366
- (2) Rotary Wing. - 1308
- (3) Total Sorties. - 1674

Australian Army Training Team

9. AATTV members continued their activities throughout SVN through mounting enemy attacks and harassment which culminated in the nation-wide attacks during TET. During the TET period six officers from I CTZ, whilst at HQ AFV for AMS interviews, were prevented from leaving SAIGON for some days by the operational situation. Two WOs were wounded in action during the month and WO2 A. PARRELLO was killed in action in BARIA on 1 Feb 68. A detailed AATTV Report is attached as Annex B to Part B of this report and includes an updated AATTV deployment as an appendix.

Tank Squadron

10. The advance party of C Sqn 1 Armd Regt arrived in country by air on 29 Jan 68. The main body of the Armd Sqn Wksp arrived on the same day.

Civic Action

11. A detailed Civic Action Report for the month of December is attached as Annex C to Part B.

Psychological Operations

12. A report on Psychological Operations for the month is attached as Annex J to Part B.

Communications

13. The formal message traffic rose again during January. A Communications Report is shown at Annex D to Part B.

Public Relations

14. Twenty three press visitors, representing 18 agencies and TV networks, covered the Force activities during January. ~~A detailed Public Relations Report is attached at Annex E to Part B.~~

Finance

15. The detailed Secretaries Branch Report is attached as Annex F to Part B. The cost of US support for the month of January is not yet available.

Personnel

16. Strengths. As at 31 Jan 68, the Force Strength was 6801 made up of 54 Navy, 6097 Army and 650 Air Force. These figures include attached and temporary duty personnel but do not include HMAS PERTH. A detailed strength state is attached as Annex G to Part B with graphical representations at appendices 1,2 and 3.

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6577  
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Medical Statistics

17. The medical officers report is shown at Annex H to Part B.

Amenities

18. 16mm Motion Pictures. AFV currently hold 35 film accounts with the US Army and Air Force Motion Picture Exchange Service. The following films arrived in country during January:

- a. 32 feature films.
- b. 20 short films.

19. Amenities stores from Australia. A total of 9991 lb of newspapers, periodicals, films and miscellaneous stores were received by C 130 courier. 16 short tons of stores were received from the MV Jeparit on 11 Jan 68 including the following:

- a. 4 pianos, from AFOF sources.
- b. 1 Hawker De Havilland "Hercules" safety boat for the Peter Badcoe Club - from AFOF.
- c. 2 pallets.
- d. Stores for Philanthropic representative.
- e. Books and magazines.
- f. Stationery.
- g. Gift parcels.
- h. Total stores received from Australia during Jan 68 was approx 21 short tons.

Quartermaster General Branch Report

20. Annex I (with appendices) to Part B contains the following reports for the month of January 1968.

- a. Movements.
- b. Engineer (construction).
- c. Supplies and Transport.
- d. Ordnance.
- e. Electrical and Mechanical Engineer.
- f. Postal.

Visitors

21. Visitors to the Force in the month of January are listed in Annex K to Part B.

- Annexes:
- A. 1 ATF Monthly Operations Report
  - B. AATTV Report
  - C. Civic Action Report
  - D. AFV Communications Report
  - E. Public Relations Report
  - F. Financial Report
  - G. Force Strength States
  - H. Medical Statistics
  - I. Quartermaster General Branch Report
  - J. Psychological Operations Report
  - K. Visitors during January 1968



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ANNEX A TO  
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MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT

1 ATF OPERATIONS - JANUARY 1968

General

1. Two major operations were conducted during January. These were:
  - a. Operation DUNTROON 10 Jan - 21 Jan 68.
  - b. Operation COBURG 24 Jan - continuing.
2. In addition, 3 RAR conducted Operation BORDERTOWN (from 9 to 11 Jan 68) which was an introductory operation in the 3 RAR AO.
3. Twenty six, Long Range Reconnaissance Patrols (LRRP) were deployed during the month with a total of 81 patrol days.

Operation DUNTROON

4. This was a five phase operation in conjunction with HQ 1 Bde 9 Div, Operation ACRON(V), and was conducted in the SOUTHERN HAT DICH base area.
5. The mission was - 1 ATF(-) in close co-operation with 1 Bde 9 Div is to:
  - a. Destroy elements of 274 VC Regt in the SOUTHERN HAT DICH base.
  - b. Establish blocking positions in the WEST of AO's BULLER and GLASSHOUSE by 111400H Jan 68.
6. Background. The 1 ATF AO was located in the SOUTH-WESTERN part of the HAT DICH base which has always been known to be the traditional home of 274 VC Regt. After the Sep 67 offensives by 9 US Inf Div, 274 VC Regt has been avoiding contact so that they could rebuild their offensive capability.
7. It was hoped that this operation would catch 274 VC Regt or at least disrupt his dry season capability and morale.
8. There were only minor contacts during the operation resulting in:
  - a. Aust - 2 x NZ WIA  
1 x Aust WIA
  - b. VC - 13 x VC KIA
  - c. Captured - 3 crew served weapons  
15 small arms  
6 RPGs  
1800 lbs rice  
1 x 60mm mortar sight  
17 packs  
Various documents
  - d. Destroyed - 800 metres tunnel complex  
10 RPG rounds  
7 grenades  
3 Atk mines
9. Although 274 VC Regt were not destroyed in the operation, his re-organization plans were disrupted and the complexes in his traditional base area were destroyed.

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10. The operation in the latter stages gave 1 ATF the opportunity to operate in their new proposed AO towards Route 2.

11. This was the first time an Adv TFMA was deployed and although minor teething problems were encountered it worked extremely well and will give 1 ATF greater flexibility in location of operations in the future.

Operation BORDERTOWN

12. This was a reconnaissance in force operation of 3 days duration in the area of YS4766 conducted by 3 RAR from the 9-11 Jan 68.

13. The operation was designed to provide 3 RAR with experience in:

- a. Techniques of insertion into an insecure LZ.
- b. Techniques of reconnaissance in force.
- c. Familiarisation of 3 RAR in its own AO.
- d. Practice of resupply techniques.

14. As a result of the operation, 3 RAR ensured that their AO was clear of enemy. No new structures were located and no indication was found of recent major movements of enemy forces in the area.

15. This was a suitable introductory operation for 3 RAR and allowed for full deployment of the battalion. Sub units and HQ 3 RAR had ample practice in movement over the 3 day period and subsequently had sufficient time to shake out and concentrate on the basic skills of the infantryman, as well as developing platoon and company teamwork. Apart from the operational experience gained BORDERTOWN permitted a clearing of the 3 RAR patrol AO.

Operation COBURG

16. This operation commenced on 24 Jan 68 in AO COLUMBUS, centre of mass YT1920 in EASTERN BIEN HOA Province.

17. The background of the operation was based on the likelihood of rocket attacks on the BIEN HOA/LONG BINH complexes before or during the TET period and a possible enemy attack against XUAN LOC.

18. The recent history of enemy activity in the area of interest associated with AO COLUMBUS can be divided into two periods: Pre-Christmas and Post-Christmas. In the first period the enemy situation was relatively stable; while in the second period it has been characterized by indications of a significant buildup of enemy force elements towards the area and particularly the enemy rocket threat against the LONG BINH/BIEN HOA complex has increased with the movements of elements of 84 A Rocket Regiment into the area.

19. The use of 1 ATF outside the PHUOC TUY area was jointly agreed by COMUSMACV and COMAFV in accordance with COMAFV directives.

20. The mission was to destroy the VC/NVA elements in AO COLUMBUS from 24 Jan to 3 Feb 68.

21. Contact in the AO was moderate up until 10 Feb 68. It is apparent that the major elements who participated in the BIEN HOA/LONG BINH attacks 31 Jan 68 bypassed 1 ATF AO or had already passed through the AO.

22. Results to the end of January were:

a. Aust. : 5 KIA  
28 WIA

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b. VC. : 63 KIA

c. Captured : 48 small arms  
4 crew served weapons

23. The resupply of 1 ATF in the main was done through the US Logistic Complex at LONG BIHN. For major items this worked well but problems were encountered in demanding small quantities of maintenance items as the American system is not geared for quick reaction for small quantities. More notice would have helped solve some of the problem areas prior to operation COBURG commencing.

24. Complete details of operation COBURG will be included in February report.

Appendix: 1. 1 ATF Monthly Statistical Report  
2. 1 ATF Measurement of Progress

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1 ATF MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT  
(2 FFV FORMAT)

Serial	II FFV Serial	Data Required	1 ATF Data
A. Relative Statistics			
1	1	Friendly KIA/WIA/MIA: Total	5/31/0
2	2	VC Casualties KIA/PW Total	76 (70 KIA, 1 KB Arty, 5 KBA)
3	2.1	Known VC infrastructure	Nil
4	3	Friendly Weapons Captured/Lost	Nil
5	3.1	Individual	Nil
6	3.2	Crew Served	Nil
7	4	VC weapons captured (total)	76
8	4.1	Individual	69
9	4.2	Crew Served	7
10	5	Civilians killed/wounded by friendly operations (total)	0/0
B. Friendly Statistics			
11	1	Combined ops - Coy size and smaller	Nil
12	2	Combined ops - Bn size and larger	Nil
13	3	LRRP missions/patrol days	26/81
14	4	Tracker team missions	6
15	6	Personnel rotated (percent of authorised strength)	173
16	7	No of US/FWMAF pers killed/injured by friendly ops (total)	0/1/0
17	7.1	By individual and C/S wpns	1 (indiv)
18	8	US dollars converted to Piasters per individual assigned	\$US2.88
19	9	Radios captured/lost	3/0
20	10	Arty ammo expended	
21	10.1	105mm rounds	17,813
22	14	No night convoy movements	0
23	15	No incidents against night convoys	0
C. VC Contacts			
24	1	VC unit contact - VC Pl or smaller	81
25	2	VC unit contact - VC Coy or larger	1

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Serial	II FFV Serial	Data Required	1 ATF Data
26	4	VC attack by fire only	4
27	4.1	Against Base camps and field posns	4
28	5	VC attempts to overrun (total)	Nil
29	5.1	Base camps and field posns	Nil
30	5.4	No successful attempts	Nil

Pacification/Rd Statistics

1	2	Kms of rd safe w/o escort for military convoys during daylight	55
2	2.1	National highways	22.5
3	2.2	Provincial roads	32.5
4	4	No daily rd/water checkpoints estb during month	6/0
5	4.1	New rd/water checkpoints estb during month	0/0
6	5	Kms of road built	Nil
7	6	Kms of road repaired	2
8	7	Acres of jungle cleared	Nil
9	8	Foot bridges built	Nil
	9	Foot bridges repaired	Nil
	10	Vehicle bridges built	Nil
	11	Vehicle bridges repaired	Nil
13	12	Self help (VN) projects started	Nil
14	13	Self help (VN) projects completed	Nil
15	14	MEDCAP patients treated (total)	2,901
16	14.2	MEDCAP II	2,901 (patients)
17	16	No employed ralliers	1
18	16.1	Kit Carson Scouts	Nil
19	16.2	Armed Propaganda Team Members	Nil
20	17	Confirmed Intelligence Reports from Civilians	Nil
21	18	Psy Ops leaflet exploitations	4

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1 ATF MEASUREMENT OF PROGRESS (VC BASE AREA DENIAL)

JANUARY 1968

1. The following areas were penetrated during the reporting period:
  - a. Area 300. 1 ATF elements did not operate against this base area during the reporting period. One airstrike was carried out against a known VC base camp.
  - b. Area 302.
    - (1) This base area was penetrated by 1 ATF ground forces as part of Op FORREST and by LRRP patrols. Contacts resulted in 12 VC KIA (BC), 1 BC KIA (Poss), and 2 VC WIA. Extensive destruction of the base camps found was completed by the ground troops. In addition, twenty-seven (27) airstrikes were carried out against known base camps in the area.
    - (2) Penetration by ground forces was restricted to the SOUTH of the area and the area is considered only partially neutralized for the period.
  - c. Area 304.
    - (1) This area was penetrated by ground forces as part of Op FORREST. Five (5) airstrikes were carried out against known VC base camps.
    - (2) The area is considered neutralized for the period and there still seems to be no grounds for its continued acceptance as a major base area. Some occupation by village guerillas, temporary occupation by district forces, and use of the area for staging purposes in and out of the population centre seems to be the degree of VC use of the bases.
  - d. Area 361.
    - (1) This area was not penetrated by ground forces in the reporting period and only four (4) airstrikes were carried out against known targets in the area.
    - (2) The area is not considered to be a major base area and, like 304, has been relegated to a staging area role and base for very small parties.
2. Conclusion.
  - a. Within 1 ATF area of operations during the reporting period:
    - (1) The following base areas are considered neutralized:
      - (a) Base Area 304 - not considered to still constitute a base area.
      - (b) Base Area 361 - not considered to still constitute a base area.
    - (2) The following base area is considered partially neutralized:  
Base Area 302

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COMMUNICATIONS REPORT  
JANUARY 1968

✓ 1. During January 1968, formal message levels rose to a total of 82,984 messages. Of this total, 25,654 messages were passed between AUSTRALIA and SOUTH VIETNAM.

✓ 2. In theatre trunk telephone and telegraph channels were maintained at a high degree of availability.

✗ 3. Construction work on the new telephone and telegraph line system in the 1 ALSG area continues and final connections will now be made in late February 1968.

✗ 4. Preliminary works have commenced on the major line rehabilitation programme at NUI DAT. It is anticipated that all new work on this programme will be completed by the end of May 1968.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY 1968

General

1. A total of 23 press visitors covered the activities of the Force during January. The 23 pressmen represented 18 agencies or TV networks and were in the TF area for a total of 25 ration days.
2. Pressmen who visited 1 ATF and 1 ALSG for lengthy periods during the month included:

a. Mr Ishtisq Ahmad	- ITN(TV)
b. Mr M. Birch	- AAP
c. Mr M. Dyson	- AAP
d. Mr T. Choi	- VISNEWS (ABC TV)
e. Mr J. Lee	- VISNEWS (ABC TV)
f. Mr T. Ferguson	- ABC
g. Mr P. Burgess	- Sydney Morning Herald
h. Mr B. Hill	- Melbourne Sun
i. Mr D. Sell	- Melbourne Sun

Press Releases

3. Forty-eight news releases were despatched to DPR, AHQ CANBERRA for the Australian press and Army Newspaper. In addition, RAAF releases were despatched to DPR DEPAIR, and Navy releases to DPR Navy Canberra.

Pictorial

4. Sixty black and white negatives were selected for release and despatched to DPR, for distribution in Australia. RAAF negatives were also despatched to DPR DEPAIR.

Television

5. a. Army - PR photographers shot a total of 680ft.  
b. RAAF - PR photographers shot a total of 700ft.  
c. RAN - Nil received.

Radio

6. Five radio tapes were despatched to Canberra for distribution. A daily news bulletin and weekly sports roundup was compiled and read by HQ AFV PR staff for AFRTS broadcast.

Combat Photography

7. A US Army combat photography team joined 1 ATF late in Jan 68. They are making a film "1 ATF in Vietnam", for the US Dept of Army, and are expected to remain with the Task Force during most of February.

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REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1967 - SECRETARY'S BRANCH

Financial Working Arrangement (FWA)

✓ 1. The updated FWA has now been distributed and includes the R & R charges for transport to centres other than AUSTRALIA. R & R costs for seats occupied since 1st November, 1967 are to be included in the capitation payments for January 1968.

Camp Construction - Reimbursement from US

✓ 2. USMACV have continued to reimburse funds expended by the Australian Force in Vietnam on Base Camp Construction. The intention is to continue to do this for all funds committed during 1967 even though actual expenditure is made in 1968. After this USMACV intend to allocate 37 million piastres (\$Aust282,443) to the Australian Force for expenditure on Base Camp Construction. No reimbursement will be involved as payments will be made from the funds provided.

Civilian Staff

✓ 3. Approval to employ forty more local nationals to be paid from AIK funds has now been received from USMACV. Twenty of these positions have been allocated to Army and twenty to RAAF.

Audit

4. As a result of the arrival of additional Audit Staff it has been possible to complete the following audits during the month:

a. Unit Q Accounts.

- (1) 17 Const Sqn.
- (2) 5 Coy RAASC.
- (3) 1 Div S & T Wksp.
- (4) 110 Sig Sqn including Stores Section & Project Stores Account.
- (5) R & C Centre.

b. Stores Depots. 55 AESS.

c. A Records. HQ Coy AFV.

d. Cash and Values.

- (1) HQ AFV Cash Office.
- (2) R & C Centre.

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PART C

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIRFORCE COMPONENT REPORT

Operations

1. A breakdown of flying hours, bomb expenditure, cargo and passengers carried for Nos 2, 9 and 35 Squadrons is shown at Annex A to Part C.
2. No 2 Squadron attacked 336 targets during January. These were dispersed throughout all four Corps. Of the sorties flown, 124 were Combat Sky Spot and 122 were day visual. There has been a significant increase in the bomb damage assessment credited to the Squadron during January. This is due to the increased number of visual bombing sorties and also to the better targets being assigned to the Squadron.
3. No 9 Squadron recorded 4,300 sorties during January for a total of 713.50 flying hours.
4. No 35 Squadron flew 508.55 hours comprising 903 sorties during January. As from 22nd January, BLACKHORSE Airfield was included in the morning AFV Courier schedules on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays to provide support for Royal Australian Navy personnel serving with the US Army 135th Assault Helicopter Company.
5. No 5ACS DET B has started disbandment procedure and personnel are moving back to AUSTRALIA. The detachment's construction programme was completed on 29th January, 1968.

RAAF Component Strength

6. The RAAF Component strength is shown at Annex B to Part C.

Visits

7. During January, visitors to the RAAF Component were:
  - a. Mr Gough Whitlam, MP, Federal Leader of the Opposition.
  - b. Col A. Butterfield, USAF.
  - c. Lt Col S.R. Edgecombe, of AHQ CANBERRA.
  - d. Wg Cdr J.S. Lynch, Dept of Air, CANBERRA
  - e. Lt Cdr B.G. Hill, RAN, Navy Office, CANBERRA.
  - f. Mr D. Want.
  - g. Vice Admiral Sir Alan McNicholl, KBE, CB, GM, Chief of Naval Staff.

- Annexes:
- A. Flight Details, Nos 2, 9 and 35 Sqn, RAAF
  - B. RAAF Component Strength
  - C. No 2 Sqn RAAF BDA Jan 68

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DETAILS OF FLYING HOURS CARGO AND PAX CARRIED BY

2 SQN 9 SQN AND 35 SQN RAAF

1. No 2 Squadron.
  - a. Hours flown - 548 hours
  - b. Sorties - 259
  - c. Bomb expenditure - 1494x500lbs and 290x1000lbs
  - d. VC killed - See BDA Annex C
  - e. Bomb damage assessment - See BDA Annex C
  - f. Aircraft casualties from enemy action - Nil
  
2. No 9 Squadron.
  - a. Hours flown - 714 hours
  - b. Sorties - 4300
  - c. Passengers carried - 5270
  - d. Medevacs uplifted - 102
  - e. Freight uplifted - 466,145 lb
  - f. VC killed in action - Nil
  - g. Hits on target - Nil
  - h. Aircraft damage from enemy action - 1
  
3. No 35 Squadron.
  - a. Hours flown - 509 hours
  - b. Sorties - 903
  - c. Cargo carried - 764,724 lb
  - d. Mail carried - 312,317 lb
  - e. Passengers carried - 9,009

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RAAF COMPONENT STRENGTH STATE - 31 JAN 68

DESIGNATION	CORP	PROVINCE	LOCATION	UNIT AUTH STRENGTH			PERSONNEL PCS IN-COUNTRY			PERSONNEL TDY LN-COUNTRY			TOTAL PERSONNEL		
				OFF	EM	AGGR	OFF	EM	AGGR	OFF	EM	AGGR	OFF	EM	AGGR
No 2 Squadron	II	NINH THUAN	PHAN RANG	39	250	289	38	250	288	1		1	39	25	289
RAAFHQVUNGTAU	III	PHUOC TUY	VUNG TAU	4	8	12	4	7	11				4	7	11
Base Support Flight	III	PHUOC TUY	VUNG TAU	15	125	140	17	117	134				17	117	134
No 35 Squadron	III	PHUOC TUY	VUNG TAU	15	77	92	15	67	82				15	67	82
No 9 Squadron	III	PHUOC TUY	VUNG TAU	22	87	109	22	75	97				22	75	97
161 (Indep) Recce Flt	III	PHUOC TUY	VUNG TAU		7	7		4	4					4	4
5 ACSDETB	III	PHUOC TUY	VUNG TAU	2	42	44				1	10	11	1	10	11
RAAFHQAFV	III	GIADINH	SAIGON	10	7	17	11	9	20	5	2	7	16	11	27
TOTALS				107	603	710	107	529	636	7	12	19	114	541	655

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NO 2 SQN BDA FOR JANUARY 1968

MONTHLY TOTAL	PROGRESSIVE TOTAL
<u>SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS/FIRES</u>	
14	96
<u>TRENCHES/TUNNELS/CAVES DAMAGED</u>	
230 Metres of trench uncovered 40 Metres of trench damaged 6 Tunnels uncovered 3 Caves uncovered 1 Tunnel entrance collapsed 3 Tunnel entrances uncovered	675 Metres of trench uncovered 320 Metres of trench damaged 22 Tunnels uncovered 6 Caves
<u>TRENCHES/TUNNELS/CAVES DESTROYED</u>	
60 Metres of trench destroyed 3 Caves destroyed	1340 Metres of trench destroyed 13 Caves destroyed
<u>BUNKERS/MILITARY STRUCTURED DAMAGED</u>	
98 Bunkers damaged 30 Bunkers uncovered 89 Structures damaged 4 Structures uncovered 22 Foxholes (spider holes) uncovered	550
<u>BUNKERS/MILITARY STRUCTURED DAMAGED</u>	
118 Bunkers destroyed 109 Structures destroyed 1 Gun position destroyed 8 Fighting positions destroyed 7 Foxholes destroyed	585
<u>KBA</u>	
51	127
<u>MISCELLANEOUS BDA</u>	
1 Road cut (in 3 places) 5 Trails cut 2 Trails uncovered 1 Area jungle cleared 1 River blockage destroyed 1 Raft destroyed 4 Sampans destroyed 1 Sampan damaged	49

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MINUTE

FILE No. ....

Folio .....

6502

Subject .....

C.D.O. 9881

9 Apr 68

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FORCE STRENGTH RETURN

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UNIT (a)	ESTB STR			SUPPLEMENT			EST & SUPPLEMENT			POSTED STRENGTH			ATTACHED			TOTAL		
	OFFR (b)	OR (c)	TOTAL (d)	OFFR (e)	OR (f)	TOTAL (g)	OFFR (h)	OR (i)	TOTAL (j)	OFFR (k)	OR (l)	TOTAL (m)	OFFR (n)	OR (o)	TOTAL (p)	OFFR (q)	OR (r)	TOTAL (s)
HQ AFV	55	92	147	2	8	10	57	100	157	54	61	115				54	61	115
110 SIG SQN	8	244	252				8	244	252	10	201	211				10	201	211
AFV DET 11 MC GP	2	12	14		1	1	2	13	15	2	13	15	5	5		2	18	20
AFV CASH OFFICE	4	18	22		2	2	4	20	24	4	15	19				4	15	19
AATTV	14	85	99				14	85	99	16	70	86				16	70	86
FORS(AAT HQ AFV) (111 CORPS GIA DINH PROVINCE LOCATED SAIGON) (+ LOCATION OF INDIVIDUAL AATTV PERSONNEL ARE THE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE RETURN)	2	1	3				2	1	3	2	1	3				2	1	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>88</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>454</b>
HQ 1 ATF	28	131	159	2	10	12	30	141	171	29	139	168				29	139	168
A SQN 3 CAV REGT	12	135	147	1	10	11	13	145	158✓	9	113	122				9	113	122
C SQN 1 ARMD REGT	9	129	138				9	129	138✓	3	12	15				3	12	15
DAT 131 DIV LOC BTY	3	64	67		6	6	3	70	73	4	66	70				4	66	70
4 FD REGT	30	323	353	1	34	35	31	357	388✓	27	322	349				27	322	349
A SECT 1 TOPO SVY TP	2	19	21		1	1	2	20	22	2	20	22				2	20	22
1 FD SQN	9	233	242		17	17	9	250	259	10	236	246				10	236	246
21 ENGR SP TP	2	87	89		5	5	2	92	94	2	53	55				2	53	55
104 SIG SQN	5	150	155				5	150	155	5	131	136				5	131	136
DET 152 SIG SQN		17	17					17	17		15	15					15	15



(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)
DET 547 SIG TP	2	33	35		1	1	2	34	36	2	34	36				2	34	36
2 RAR	36	761	797				36	761	797	34	737	771				34	737	771
3 RAR	36	761	797				36	761	797	36	757	793	1		1	37	757	794
7 RAR	36	761	797				36	761	797	35	761	796				35	761	796
1 SAS SQN	6	78	84		9	9	6	87	93	6	72	78				6	72	78
DET 1 DIV INT UNIT	1	13	14		1	1	1	14	15	1	13	14				1	13	14
HQ 26 COY RAASC	3	14	17				3	14	17	3	13	16				3	13	16
DET 6 OFF	2	40	42		2	2	2	42	44	2	33	35				2	33	35
85 TPT PL	2	75	77		7	7	2	82	84	2	82	84				2	82	84
DET 52 SUP PL	1	11	12				1	11	12	1	11	12				1	11	12
DET A SQN 3 CAV REGT LAD		21	21		1	1		22	22		14	14					14	14
4 FD REGT LAD	1	26	27		1	1	1	27	28	1	20	21				1	20	21
INDEP ARMD SQN STORES 1 SQN		10	11				1	10	11	1	10	11				1	10	11
DET 131 DIV LOC BTY WKSP		8	8					8	8		6	6					6	6
INDEP ARMD SQN WKSP	2	83	85				2	83	85	2	71	73				2	71	73
LFD SQN WKSP	1	40	41		2	2	1	42	43	1	32	33				1	32	33
HQ 1 ATF LAD	1	24	25		1	1	1	25	26	1	19	20				1	19	20
161 INDEP RECCE FLT	17	92	109		1	1	17	93	110	15	77	92	1	1	2	16	78	94
1 AUST CA UNIT	10	39	49				10	39	49	11	33	44				11	33	44
* 1 ARU	6	101	107				6	101	107	9	82	91				9	82	91
(111 CORPS PHUOC TUY PROVINCE LOCATED NUI DAT) * INCLUDES REINFORCEMENT HOLDING																		
TOTAL	264	4279	4543	4	109	113	268	4388	4656	254	5988	6238	2	1	3	256	3985	4241



(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)
HQ 1 ALSG	11	82	93		12	12	11	94	105	11	81	92				11	81	92
17 CONST SQN	11	337	348		9	9	11	346	357	11	287	298		2	2	11	289	300
DET 55 AESS	2	67	69				2	67	69	2	39	41				2	39	41
67 GL SECT	2	2	4				2	2	4	2	2	4				2	2	4
HQ 5 COY RAASC	4	19	23		3	3	4	22	26	3	19	22				3	19	22
2 TPT PL	2	75	77		7	7	2	82	84	2	66	68				2	66	68
25 SUP PL	2	32	34		3	3	2	35	37	2	35	37				2	35	37
86 TPT PL	2	75	77		3	3	2	78	80	2	78	80				2	78	80
DET 176 AD COY	1	29	30				1	29	30	1	20	21				1	20	21
8 FD AMB	19	119	138		6	6	19	125	144	18	104	122				18	104	122
33 DENT UNIT	5	18	23		1	1	5	19	24	5	18	23				5	18	23
102 FD WKSP	7	139	146				7	139	146	7	123	130		1	1	7	124	131
2 AOD	10	169	179	1	4	5	11	173	184	11	150	161		10	10	11	160	171
102 FD WKSP STORES SECT	1	15	16				1	15	16	1	13	14				1	13	14
17 CONST SQN WKSP	1	53	54		4	4	1	57	58	1	37	38				1	37	38
DET 1 DIV S & T WKSP	1	38	39		1	1	1	39	40	1	18	19				1	18	19
DET 1 COMM Z POSTAL UNIT	2	23	25		2	2	2	25	27	1	22	23				1	22	23
AFV PRO UNIT	3	63	66		1	1	3	64	67	3	51	54		3	3	3	54	57
DET 30 TERM SQN	1	17	18		2	2	1	19	20	1	18	19				1	18	19
AFV AMENITIES AND WELFARE UNIT	6	42	48				6	42	48	2	22	24				2	22	24
DET 8 PET PL	1	18	19				1	18	19	1	8	9				1	8	9



	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)
ASCO		6	37	43				6	37	43	3	18	21				3	18	21
DET 8 WKS SECT (111 CORPS PHUOC TUY PROVINCE LOCATED VUNG TAU)		2	15	17				2	5	17	2	12	14				2	12	14

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TOTAL		102	1484	1586	1	58	59	103	1542	1645	93	1241	1334		16	16	93	1257	1350
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GRAND TOATAL		451	6215	6666	7	178	185	458	6393	6851	435	5586	6021	2	22	24	437	5608	6045
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RAAF COMPONENT

RAAF HQ AFV		10	7	17				10	7	17	11	9	20	5	4	9	16	13	29
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RAAF HQ VUNG TAU		4	8	12				4	8	12	4	7	11				4	7	11
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2 SQN		39	250	289				39	250	289	36	238	274				36	238	274
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9 SQN		22	87	109				22	87	109	22	79	101				27	79	101
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35 SQN		15	77	92				15	77	92	15	67	82				15	67	82
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BASE SP FLT		15	125	140				15	125	140	15	117	132	2	7	9	17	124	141
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TOTAL		105	554	659				105	554	659	103	517	620	7	11	18	110	528	638
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NAVY COMPONENT		14	40	54				14	40	54	14	40	54				14	40	54
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T/DUTY IN CCOUNTRY

ARMY

AV "HARRY CHAUVEL"											4	48	52				4	48	52
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RAAF

5 ACS														1	11	12	1	11	12
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TOTAL ARMY

6045 (incl 24 attached)

TOTAL RAAF

638 (incl 18 attached)

TOTAL NAVY

54

GRAND TOTAL

6801 (incl attached and T/Duty)



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STRENGTH STATE AS AT  
END OF JAN 68

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STRENGTH GRAPH

AMF VIETNAM

*Strength of AMF Vietnam*

8000

7500

7000

6500

6000

5500

5000

4500

4000

JAN

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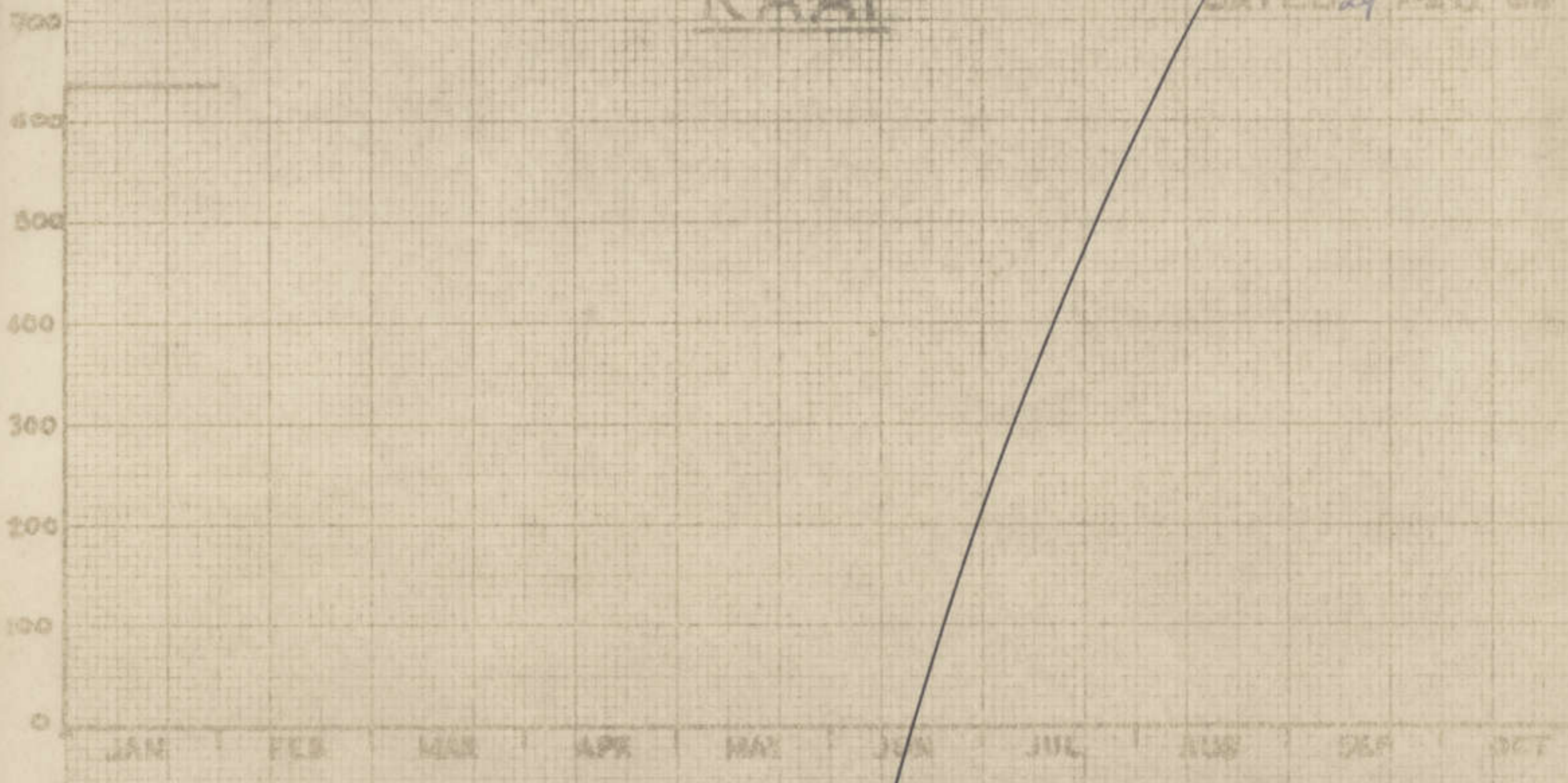


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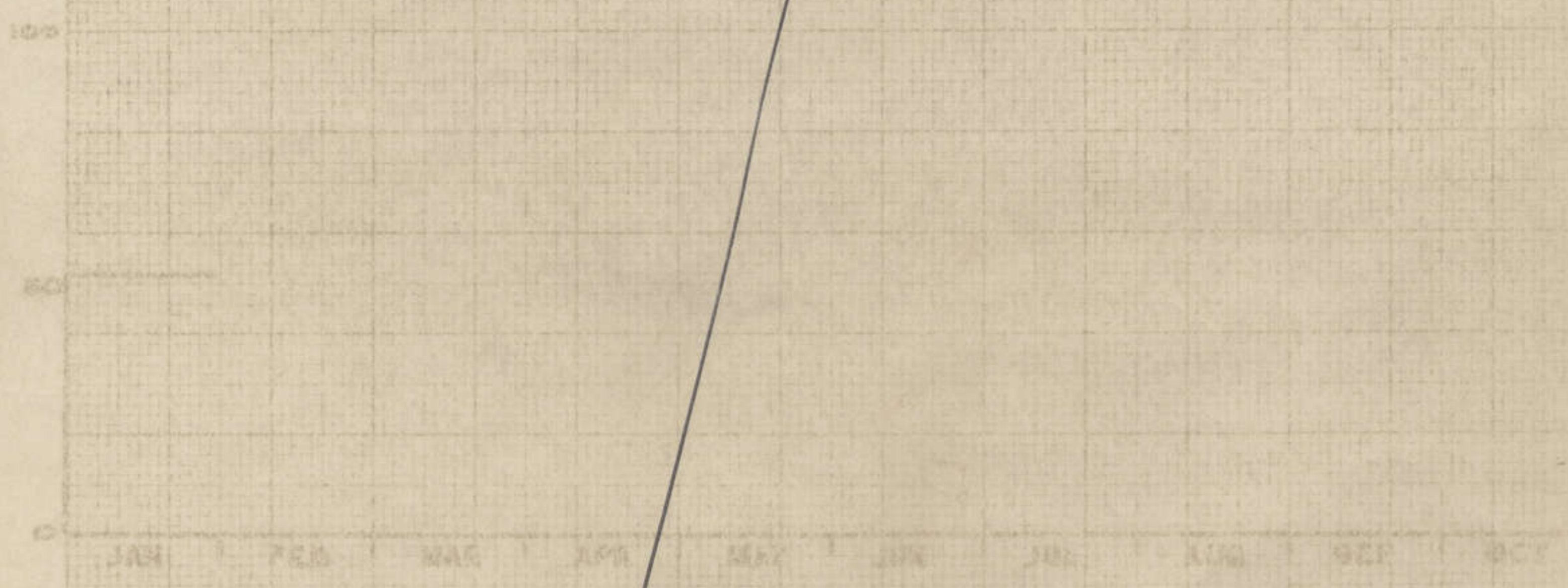
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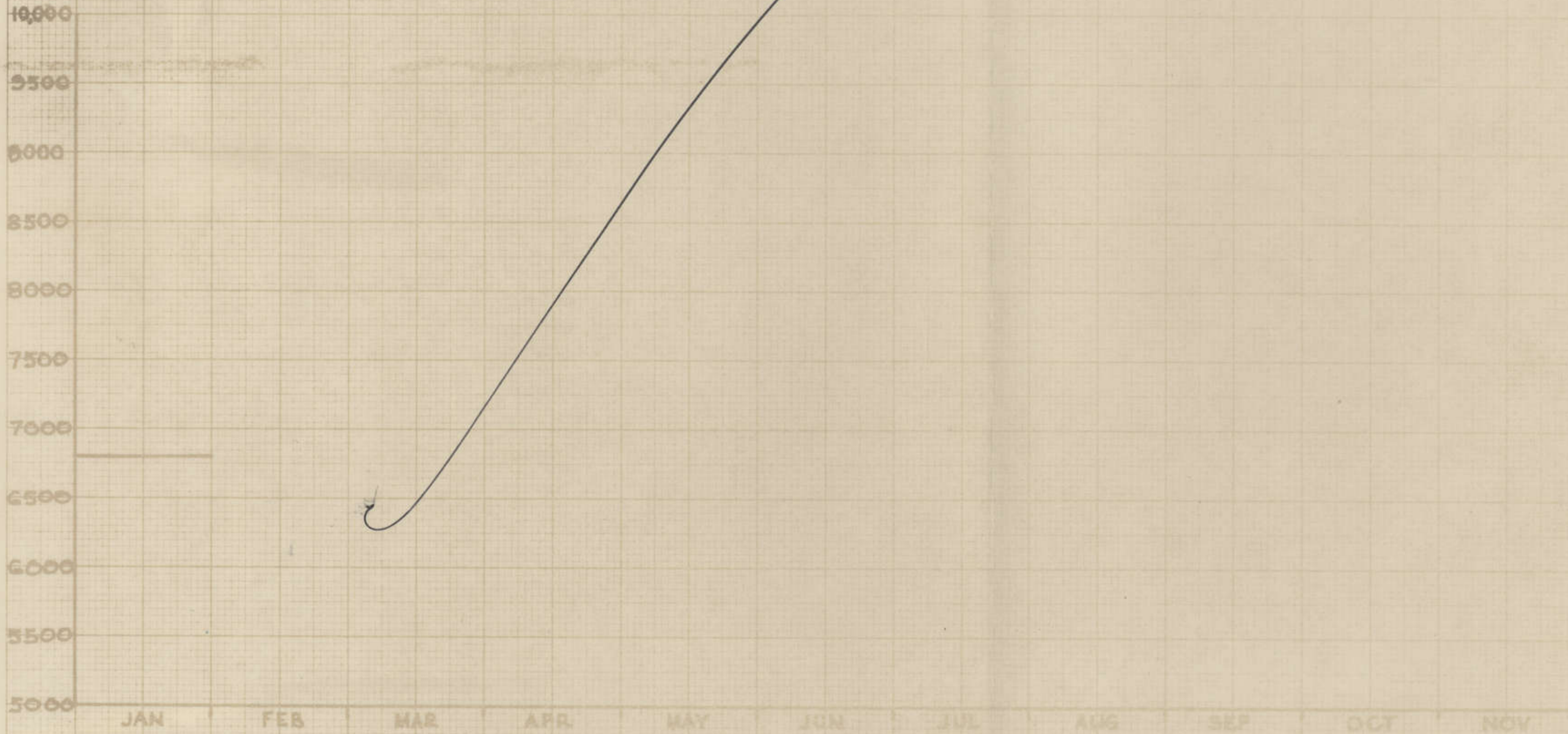


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MEDICAL REPORT AUSTRALIAN FORCE VIETNAM

JANUARY 1968

General

1. Although the Force has been active throughout the month, the medical corps was not strained until the last week in January.
2. With the Task Force operating away from its usual main base the need for the additional RMO and a mobile medical section, requested in our recent reorganisation plan was apparent. Members of 8 Fd Amb hospital section were called upon to do this field work.
3. The increased use of US Hospitals outside normal areas of operation increased the responsibilities of medical section HQ AFV. SMO AFV miscalculated the requirement for the extra clerk offered to HQ by DGMS. This clerk can be employed full time.

Health

4. 10 new cases of malaria were diagnosed during the month.
5. 5 PUO's from December were confirmed as malaria during January.
6. PUO's for the month were 12, excluding 2 clinical leptospirosis and 2 scrub typhus.
7. VD rate for the month was 34.5 per thousand troops.

Hospital Admission Figures

8. 546.9 per thousand troops per annum.

Analysis of Battle Injuries (all hospitals) Jan 68.

9. General Summary

No of Battle Injuries admitted	38
Deaths in Hospital	Nil
No of evacuations from theatre	6
No with multiple wounds (major wounds only)	Nil

10. Wounding Agent

Bullet	6
Explosive Missile	24
Stab	Nil
Blast	3
Burns	nil
Others	5

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11. Regional Analysis

Head	Penetrating	2
	Non-penetrating	2
Face (including eye)		1
Thorax penetrating		2
Abdomen penetrating		2
Major limb		9
Superficial soft tissue :	Head	Nil
	Face	5
	Thorax	4
	Abdomen	1
	Limbs	4

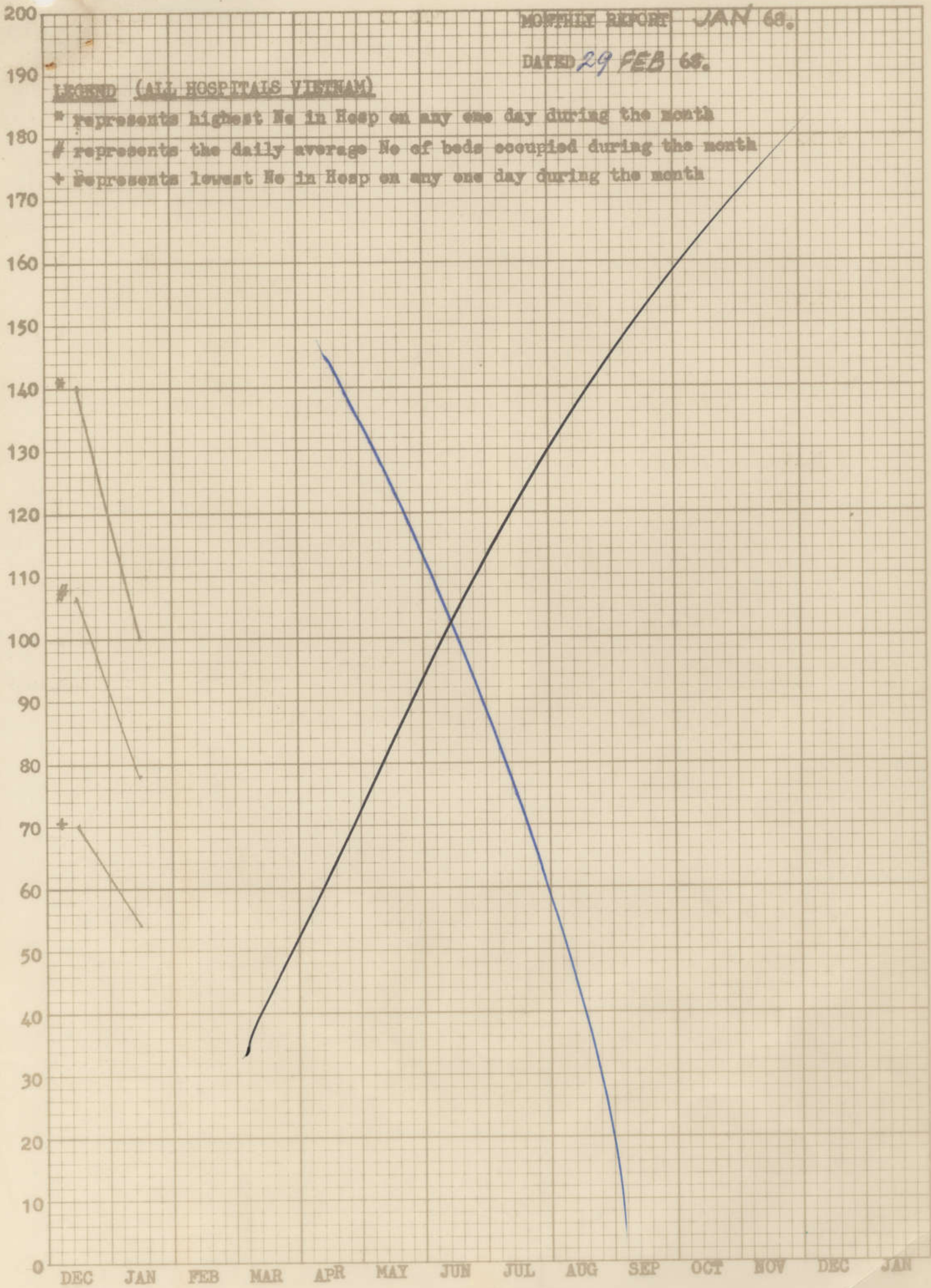
Appendices:

1. Graphical representation of the Hospital State Jan 68.
2. Detailed casualty statistics for the month of Jan 68.
3. Total casualties incurred by Austforce Vietnam.



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DETAILED CASUALTY STATISTICS FOR MONTH OF JAN 68

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SERIAL	DATE	KILLED IN ACTION		WOUNDED IN ACTION		MISSING IN ACTION		DIED FROM OTHER CAUSES		TOTAL		
		OFFR	OR TOTAL	OFFR	OR TOTAL	OFFR	OR TOTAL	OFFR	OR TOTAL	OFFR	OR TOTAL	
1.	10 JAN			1	1					1	1	
2.	14 JAN			1	1					1	1	
3.	22 JAN			1	1					1	1	
4.	25 JAN			1	1					1	1	
5.	26 JAN	3	3	1	1					1	3	4
6.	27 JAN	1	1		15		15	1	1		17	17
7.	29 JAN	1	1	1	7		8			1	8	9
8.	30 JAN			1	1					1	1	1
		5	5	2	27		29	1	1	2	33	35

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TOTAL CASUALTIES INCURRED BY AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

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SERIAL	DESIGNATION	JAN 68			SUMMARY OF LOSSES SINCE JUN 65			TOTAL		
		OFFR	OR	TOTAL	OFFR	OR	TOTAL	OFFR	OR	TOTAL
1.	WOUNDED IN ACTION	2	27	29	43	518	561	45	545	590
2.	KILLED IN ACTION		5	5	9	126	135	9	131	140
3.	MISSING IN ACTION					1	1		1	1
4.	DIED FROM OTHER CAUSES		1	1	1	20	21	1	21	22
TOTAL		2	33	35	53	665	718	55	698	753

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MONTHLY REPORT - JANUARY 1968

AUSTRALIAN ARMY TRAINING TEAM VIETNAM

General

1. The last part of the month, and early February, saw mounting attacks and harassment in all areas, culminating in the nation-wide attacks during TET. Six officers from I CTZ were in SAIGON during TET for AMS interviews, so the reports from AATTV PLEIKU and AATTV QUANG TRI are outstanding from this report as the officers concerned were prevented from leaving SAIGON for some days due to the operational situation.

Activity

2. I CTZ AATTV members experienced a busy month, particularly MSF, Coy C, 5 SFGA in DANANG, due to the mounting pressure in the KHE/SANH area affecting deployment of MSF Companies elsewhere.

3. WO2 W.J. Fisher, of AATTV QUANG TRI, operating at GIO LINH, sustained a broken bone in his right hand from a mortar fragment. He was wounded on 22 Jan 68, spent four days in hospital and spent the next week at AUSTRALIA House DANANG with his wrist in plaster. On 5 Feb 68 he passed through SAIGON to 8 Fd Amb at VUNG TAU for an assessment of progress of the wound.

4. WO2 R.G. Davies was hit by a grenade fragment near the area known as "The Pineapple Forest" about five kilometres west of TAM KY. After a period in a US Army hospital at CHU LAI, he travelled to 8 Fd Amb through SAIGON on 29 Jan 68. He is currently still in 8 Fd Amb and due to be discharged on 9 Feb 68.

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5. On 1 Feb 68, at approximately 1400 hrs WO2 Antonino Parrello, working with the Provincial Reconnaissance Unit in PHUOC TUY Province, was killed in action in BARIA. WO2 Parrello was in an A Sqn 3 Cav Regt APC in BARIA town and was killed when an RPG rocket hit the APC.

HQ AATTV

6. Capt M. Metherall, RAAEC, arrived on 29 Jan 68 and took over from Capt N. Mason-Jones, RAA, who will be attached to the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, at NHA TRANG.

7. At the date of writing, Lt Col R. Burnard, R Aust Inf, had arrived at VUNG TAU and was due to arrive in SAIGON on 6 Feb 68. He will be taken to II CTZ AATTV posts by the present CO 7 to 9 Feb 68. A visit to PHUOC TUY posts on 10 Feb 68, to Company "A" at BIEN HOA on 11 Feb 68 and to I CTZ AATTV posts between 12-15 Feb 68 followed by final briefing and discussions on 16 Feb 68, completing the hand-over/takeover on that day.

8. Lt Col Burnard will assume Command of AATTV on 17 Feb 68.

AATTV QUANG TRI

9. No report has been received, but Major M.P. Casey RA Inf, the Senior Australian Advisor, was prevented by the extent of operations in the province, from visiting SAIGON for the interviews.

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10. A great deal of improvement in the ARVN medical system in QUANG TRI city is evident. WO2 N.G. Fitzgibbon, RAAMC, is working very well and has achieved:

- a. The resurrection of a MEDCAP programme.
- b. The improvement of the ambulance from the Sector HQ heli-pad. This involved convincing the ARVN medical platoon leader of the necessity to carry litters on the ambulance, the need for a standby driver and some of the simpler requirements such as petrol for the vehicle.
- c. The improvement of the ARVN CCS buildings and compound to include:
  - (1) A new cemented iron roof and walled kitchen and dining block.
  - (2) A brick latrine and ablutions block.
  - (3) Electricity now connected to all main buildings.
  - (4) An incinerator for soiled dressings.
  - (5) Two TV sets for ward use.
  - (6) Sporting equipment for the ARVN medical platoon.

11. No figures are held for Jan 68 but an indication of the CCS platoon's activities is shown by the Dec 67 figures:

- a. ARVN admission from operational areas - 207.
- b. ARVN transfers to HUE hospital - 89.
- c. VC admissions from operational areas - 11.
- d. VC transfers to HUE hospital - 9.
- e. Vietnamese civilian admissions - 35.

AATTV HUE

12. The month saw a marked buildup of US Forces in THUA THIEN Province with the arrival of a brigade of the 1st Cav Div and leading elements of 1st Bde of 101 Airborne Div.

13. 1 USMC Div has relieved 3 USMC Div at PHU DAI, Camp EVANS and most other smaller outposts.

14. During the month PHU LOC Subsector HQ Compound, 3 nearby CAC units and the 1st Bn of the 5th USMC Regiment were attacked. For PHU LOC, the enemy cut all claymore wires before the attack, spearheaded the attacks with a sapper party of 25-40 men who were in place before firing commenced and hit all centres mentioned simultaneously to prevent mutual assistance and the movement of a reaction force.

15. Major N.J. Wilson, RA Inf, Senior Australian Advisor in THUA THIEN province, reports that the enemy are continuing their interdiction of Route 1, with the result that road resupply from DANANG is now quite unreliable.

AATTV DANANG

16. As with the northernmost provinces of I CTZ, enemy pressure mounted in QUANG NAM, QUANG BINH and QUANG-NGAI. WO2 P. White, with 2/4 Cav Squadron participated in a number of search and destroy missions around HOI AN, on security duties on Route 1 and at the end of the month, on the reaction to the VC attack on HOI AN, in which his unit was credited with 50 VC KIA and 6 VC captured for a loss of 1 ARVN KIA and 7 WIA.

17. His Excellency the Australian Ambassador to South Vietnam, Mr L.H. Border and the leader of the Federal Opposition, Mr Gough Whitlam, with a party of 7 senior officers, External Affairs officers and other members of Mr Whitlam's staff and that of the Australian Embassy in SAIGON, visited Australia House DANANG on 18 Jan.

AATTV PLEIKU

18. No report has yet been received from this centre.

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AATTV NHA TRANG

19. The two members of Project Delta (Detachment B-52, 5 SEGA), WO2 J. Hofman and WO2 C.C. Turner, returned with Det B-52 to NHA TRANG. They participated in normal security duties in the period 31 Jan - 4 Feb when VC/NVA forces attacked NHA TRANG, and at the present time are standing by for a new operation.

AATTV BARIA

20. WO2 M. Sinclair returned to AUSTRALIA on 29 Jan 68. His post at XUYEN-MOC in PHUOC TUY Province has not been filled by an Australian at the time of writing.

21. WO2 A. Parrello assumed new duties with the Provincial Reconnaissance Unit in PHUOC TUY. He was killed in action on 1 Feb in BARIA.

Detachment B-36, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne)

22. The three members of B-36, Capt S. Krasnoff, RA Inf, WO2 I.L. Edwards and OW2 J. Cahill, are placed under "AATTV BARIA" for reasons of Australian administration only. Their only other real connection with that centre is the fact that they are based at LONG HAI in PHUOC TUY Province. They operate anywhere in III CTZ and for most of this month have been operating near the river Song Be in TAY NINH Province.

23. An incident involving Australian voices over the radio is mentioned for security interest and in case any connection between the incident and AATTV is thought possible:

a. 3 Bde, 25 US Inf Div, operating in TAY NINH Province suddenly received transmissions from an unknown station using a number of call signs. The unknown station identified itself as Australian and gave "warnings" to neighbouring US units that there were VC in various areas. The station identified itself on further querying as part of the Australian 173rd Airborne Brigade.

b. The CO and Adit AATTV listened to a recording of all transmissions monitored. Both believe that the voice was British, perhaps a midland or northern English accent.

c. At no stage was there any authentication voice procedure employed. Such confusion and hesitancy was caused that clearance (it is believed from MACV) was sought before fire was brought to bear by the US Forces. By the time the US forces were informed of the fact that there were no Australians in the area the VC had escaped.

d. At no stage was the voice used anything else but a regional English accent with a few Australianisms added. It did not resemble the voice of any member of AATTV.

24. Det B-36 had returned to LONG HAI by the end of the month and was preparing for an operation in a new area of III CTZ as the TET fighting began.

Employment of AATTV Members

25. AATTV members are presently employed as follows:

- a. ARVN infantry, artillery cavalry or reconnaissance units - 24.
- b. RF/PF - 17.
- c. USSF - 24.
- d. CSD - 5 (1 KIA in Feb 68).
- e. Staff Advisors - 2.
- f. Medical - 2.

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- g. Detached - 2.
- h. National Training Centres - 1.
- j. CA 1 ATF - 1.
- k. AATTV Administration - 8.

Manning and Replacement

26. AATTV is at present deficient in 1 WO1 and 15 WO2s and has a surplus of two captains. This will shortly be reduced to one captain. With Capt Rule's non-replacement in Mar 68 the number of captains on strength will correspond to the establishment.

Maintenance and Transport

27. Maintenance of AATTV members' clothing and equipment is excellent as is transport support by No 35 Sqn RAAF.

Communications

28. Although choked with high-precedence traffic and operating on different standards to Australian communications, (ie it is understood to accept a percentage loss of signals), the US signals system serves five of AATTV's six centres reasonably well.

Health

29. The health of the Team is very good.

Morale

30. Morale is excellent.

Appendix: 1. AATTV Deployment 31 Jan 68

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AATTV DEPLOYMENT - AS AT 31 JAN 68

Serial	Rank	Name	Corps	Unit	Employment	Location
1	Maj	M.P. Casey	RA Inf	MAI-LINH Sub-sector	Senior Advisor	Near QUANG-TRI town
2	WO1	D. French	RA Inf	TRIEU-PHONG Sub-sector	Assistant Advisor RF/PF	TRIEU-PHONG
3	WO1	J. Selmes	RA Inf	GIO LINH Sub sector	" " "	GIO LINH
4	WO1	F.L. Branson	RA Inf	GAM LO Sub sector	Assistant Advisor	CAM LO town
5	WO2	N.C. Fitzgibbon	RAAMC	ARVN CCS	Medical Advisor	QUANG TRI town
6	WO2	A. Robinson	RAA	11 ARVN Arty Bn	Assistant Advisor	QUANG TRI area
7	WO2	C. Crapper	RA Inf	1/1 ARVN Bn	" "	" " "
8	WO2	R.E. Oliver	RAASC	2/1 ARVN Bn	" "	" " "
9	WO2	J. Collins	RA Inf	3/1 ARVN Bn	" "	" " "
10	WO2	J. Hayes	RAA	4/1 ARVN Bn	" "	" " " (WIA 8 Fd Amb)
11	WO2	W. Fisher	RA Inf	1/2 ARVN Bn	" "	GIO LINH (WIA 8 Fd Amb)
12	WO2	D.R. MacDonald	RA Inf	2/2 ARVN Bn	" "	GIO LINH area
13	WO1	L.E. Galloway	RA Inf	3/2 ARVN Bn	" "	" " "
14	WO2	R.W. Harris	RA Inf	4/2 ARVN Bn	" "	" " "
<u>AATTV HUE</u>						
15	Maj	N.J. Wilson	RA Inf	NAM HOA Sub sector	Senior Advisor	NAM HOA
16	Capt	D.H. Campbell	RAAC	HQ 1 ARVN Div	S-3 Assistant Advisor	HUE
17	WO1	E.B. Ostara	RA Inf	NAM HOA Sub sector	Assistant Advisor	NAM HOA
18	WO2	A.N. Powell	RA Inf	PHONG DIEN Sub sector HQ	Assistant Advisor RF/PF	PHONG DIEN about 25km north of HUE
19	WO2	D.F. Ford	RAASC	PF Trg Centre	Assistant Advisor	HUE

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Serial	Rank	Name	Corps	Unit	Employment	Location
20	W02	A.L. Egan	RAA	1 ARVN Div Recce Unit	Assistant Advisor	HUE
21	W02	G.B. Snook	RAAC	3/7 ARVN Cav Regt	Assistant Advisor RF/PF	PK 17. North of HUE
22	W01	M.A. Evans	RA Inf	2/3 ARVN Bn	Assistant Advisor	PK 17
23	W02	T.J. Egan	RA Inf	3/3 ARVN Bn	" "	" "
		<u>AATFV DANANG</u>				
24	Maj	H.D Levelock	RA Inf	HQ I ARVN Corps Tactical Zone	G-3(Trg) Advisor	DANANG
25	W01	R.E. Dummett	RA Inf	AATFV DANANG	RSM	Australia House DANANG
26	W02	J.A. Bond	RAAC	AATFV DANANG	Admin WO	" " "
27	W02	J.F. Challenger	RAA	HOA VANG Sub sector HQ	Assistant Advisor RF/PF	HOA VANG
28	W02	P.A. Wooden	RAEME	" " " "	" " "	" "
29	Capt	M.R. Wilkinson	RAA	CSD	Province Intelligence Advisor	HOI AN
30	W02	W. Kenneally	RA Inf	HQ QUANG DA Special Zone	Assistant Advisor RF/PF	HOI AN
31	W02	R.S. Silk	RA Inf	HQ 1 ARVN Ranger Group	Assistant Advisor	DANANG
32	W02	P. White	RAAC	2/4 ARVN Cav Regt	Assistant Advisor	HOI AN
33	W02	D.C. Taylor	RAAC	3/4 ARVN Cav Regt	" "	TAM KY
34	W02	W.M. Collins	RAE	1 Bn 51 Inf Regt	" "	" "
35	W02	L. Boyce	RA Inf	2 Bn 51 Inf Regt	" "	DANANG
36	Capt	P.J. Ray	RA Inf	Mobile Strike Force Coy C, 5th Special Forces Group	Deputy Commander	"
37	W01	A.A. Haberley	RA Inf	" "	Adjutant	"
38	W02	T.A. McLean	RAASC	" "	S-4	"
39	Capt	P. Reid	RA Inf	" "	Coy Comd	DANANG
40	Capt	M. McCallum	RA Inf	" "	" "	"

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Serial	Rank	Name	Corps	Unit	Employment	Location
41	W02	D.H. Lord	RA Inf	5 SFG (A)	Pl Comd	DANANG
42	W02	R.T. Fitzpatrick	RA Inf	"	" "	"
43	W02	F. Hamersley	RA Inf	"	" "	"
44	W02	J. Kendall	RA Inf	"	" "	"
45	W02	C.N. McEvoy	RA Inf	"	" "	"
46	W02	T.W. Smith	RA Inf	"	" "	"
47	W02	J.T. Durrington	RA Inf	"	" "	"
48	W01	R.F. Capel	RA Inf	1/6 ARVN Bn	Assistant Advisor	TAM KY
49	W02	E.J. Fahy	RA Inf	2/6 ARVN Bn	" "	QUANG NGAI
50	W02	D. Wallner	RA Inf	3/6 ARVN Bn	" "	TAM KY
51	W02	B. Davies	RA Inf	1/5 ARVN Bn	" "	"
52	W02	R.G. Davies	RA Inf	2/5 ARVN Bn	" "	" (WIA 8 Feb Anb)
53	W02	G.Y. Jamieson	RA Inf	3/5 ARVN Bn	" "	"
		<u>II CTZ</u>				
		<u>AATTV PLEIKU</u>				
54	Capt	F.E. Palmer	Aust Int Corps	5 SFG (A) Coy B	Operations Officer	PLEIKU
55	W02	M.J. James	RA Inf	" "	Pl Comd	"
56	W02	D.J. Neville	RA Inf	" "	Coy Comd	"
57	W02	J. Flannery	RA Inf	" "	" "	"
58	W02	D.A. McClymans	RA Inf	" "	" "	"
59	W02	T.E. Gilliver	RA Inf	" "	Pl Comd	"
60	Capt	G.W. Ghent	RA Inf	CSD	Province Recce Unit	"
61	W02	R. Simpson	RA Inf	CSD	" " "	"
		<u>AATTV NHA TRANG</u>				

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Serial	Rank	Name	Corps	Unit	Employment	Location
62	WO2	P. Cowan	RA Inf	Recondo School 5 SFG (A)	Instructor	NHA TRANG
63	WO2	C.C. Turner	RA Inf	5 SFG (A) Det B-52	Advisor to 91st Ranger Bn	" "
64	WO2	J. Hofman	RA Inf	" "	" "	" "
65	WO1	D. Wise	RAA	Ranger Training Centre	Light weapons advisor	DUC MY
66	WO2	A.D. Martin	RAAMC	" " "	Medical Advisor	" "
		<u>III CTZ</u>				
		<u>AATTV BARIA</u>				
67	Capt	C.L. Rule	RAAC	LONG DIEN Sub sector	Senior advisor	LONG DIEN
68	WO2	P. Angus	RAASC	CA 1 ATF	Assistant Advisor	HOA LONG
69	WO2	W.F. Anderson	RAMSC	RF/PF PHUOC TUY	" "	BARIA
70	WO2	L. McGlashan	RAASC	A and L Coy	Financial Advisor	"
71	WO2	A. Parello	RA Inf	Province Recce Unit	Assistant Advisor	BARIA (KIA 1 Feb)
72	WO2	L.M. Smith	RAE	RF/PF	Assistant Advisor	BARIA
73	WO2	G.R. Witchard	RAE	RF/PF	" "	BINH BA (8 Fd Amb)
74	WO2	A.J. Woodford	RA Inf	RF/PF	" "	BINH BA "
75	WO2	R.G. Chappel	RA Inf	RF/PF	" "	HOA LONG
76	Capt	L. Opie	RA Inf	CSD	Province Recce Unit Training Centre	VUNG TAU
77	Capt	S. Erasnoff	RA Inf	DET B-36, 5th Special Force	Mobile Strike Force	LONG HAI
78	WO2	I.L. Edwards	RA Inf	" "	" "	" "
79	WO2	J. Cahill	RA Inf	" "	" "	" "
		<u>HQ AATTV (SAIGON)</u>				
80	Lt Col	M.T. Tripp	RAAC	HQ AATTV	Commanding Officer	SAIGON
81	Capt	N. Mason-Jones	RAA	"	Adjutant	"
82	Capt	M.S. Metherall	RAAEC	"	"	"

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Serial	Rank	Name	Corps	Unit	Employment	Location
83	WO2	L.D. Osborn	RA Inf	HQ AATTV	Admin WO	SAIGON
84	WO2	L.G. Reeman	RAASC	"	"	"
85	WO2	M.G. Rodger	RAEME	"	"	"
86	WO1	J. Szajner	RAE	Det to HQ AFV (FE)	Clerk of Works	"

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B. CCOSC memorandum dated 10 Nov 67.

Introduction

1. This report is submitted in accordance with paragraph 33 of the revised Directive by the Chiefs of Staff Committee to Commander Australian Force, dated 6th March 1967 and the Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee memorandum to COMAFV dated 10 November 1967.

Period Covered

2. This report covers the period 1-31 Dec 67.

Contents

3. The report comprises three parts. Detailed reports and statistical data have been extracted as Annexes (with appendices) to each part of the report. The Parts are:

- a. Part A - Royal Australian Navy Component Report.
- b. Part B - Army Component Report.
- c. Part C - Royal Australian Air Force Component Report.

Force Items of Interest

4. RANHFV pilots flew an average of 112 hours per pilot during December. The Flight distinguished itself whilst conducting a night extraction, under fire, of a US infantry battalion. The 135th Assault Helicopter Company was relocated from VUNG TAU to BLACKHORSE during the month.

5. During December, the 1st Australian Task Force continued its rice denial operation (Operation FORREST). The operation was concluded on 5 Jan 68 with a total of 50 VC killed.

6. HMAS SYDNEY arrived in VUNG TAU at 0700 hours on 27 Dec 67, carrying the main body of 3 RAR and upwards of 120 vehicles, including those of 3 RAR. Troops were moved direct to NUI DAT by Chinook helicopters and for the first time vehicles were unloaded both by skycrane helicopters and barge. The speed and efficiency of the personnel and cargo discharge was a credit to all concerned, the ship departing VUNG TAU at 1400 hours on the same day.

7. The rise in hospital admissions was largely due to fevers and included an increase of Malaria. The Force is aware of anti malarial precautions and close supervision is being exercised.

8. The increases to the Force, and experience with existing Army medical support highlighted a requirement for a medical reorganization within the theatre. The establishment variations requested are now with AHQ.

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9. There were two truce periods, at Christmas (0800 hours 24 Dec 67 to 1800 hours 25 Dec 67) and New Year (1800 hours 31 Dec 67 to 0600 hours 2 Jan 68). There was one minor violation by VC elements in the Task Force area during the New Year's truce.

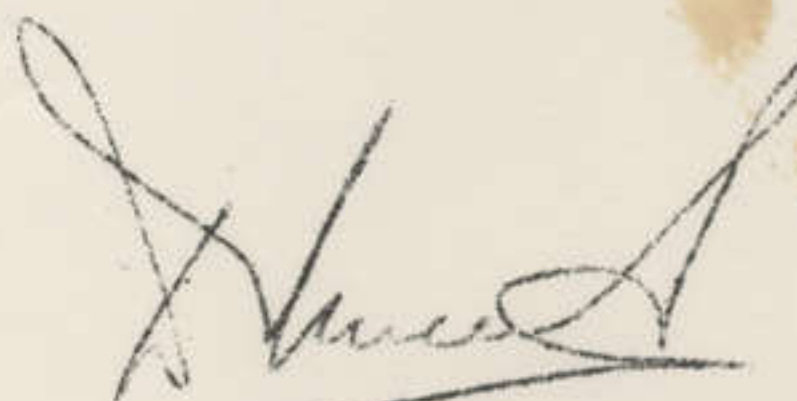
10. The consistent accuracy of visual bombing now being achieved by 2 Sqn, RAAF, is very pleasing and significantly exceeds that previously obtained by Canberra.

Military Situation, South Vietnam

11. Country wide, enemy activity is generally expected to increase at or about TET (29 Jan - 1 Feb 67).

12. In I CTZ, the threat in the GIO LINH/CON THIEN/KHE SANH area continues. The QUANG TRI city, PHU BAI, and PHU LOC areas remain likely targets with DANANG and CHU LAI as likely targets for rocket attacks. The 2 NVA Div will continue to attempt offensive activity. In Southern I CTZ the QUANG NGAI city and MO DUC areas remain likely areas for increased enemy activity.

13. In II CTZ, small scale attacks will probably continue in the Western Highlands with possibly larger operations in the DAK TO area, while the 3 and 5 NVA Divisions continue to increase offensive activity along the coast. In III CTZ the current pattern of activity will probably continue.



(D. VINCENT)  
Major General  
Commander Australian Force  
Vietnam

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COMUSMACV	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Australian Embassy SAIGON	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1 ATF	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
USMACFWMAO	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
File	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Unit Dairy and spare	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
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AFV MONTHLY REPORT DEC 67

PART A

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY COMPONENT

Clearance Diving Team

1. Employment. Operation STABLEDOOR has remained the Team's main commitment during the month. Three hundred and thirty two (332) ships were searched without any sign of enemy activity; this figure has created an in-country record, surpassing the previous best figure of three hundred and twenty six (326) to the credit of the former RANCDT.
2. The Clearance Diving Team disposed of twenty and a half (20½) tons of large explosive ordnance and answered thirteen (13) emergency EOD calls during the month.
3. The Team provided diving assistance to US harbour patrol craft on four occasions during the month.
4. In general, the RANCDT continues to provide excellent service in both the EOD and STABLEDOOR roles. The standards of performance and devotion to duty of this Team are at a very high level.
5. The health and morale of the Team has remained high throughout the month.
6. Detailed Report. The detailed monthly report is contained in Annex A to Part A of AFV Monthly Report. Copies of this report have been forwarded direct to the Secretary, Department of the Navy and the Captain HMAS WATERHEN.

Helicopter Flight Vietnam

7. Employment. The 135th Assault Helicopter Company carried out flying operations on all but two days of the month. A total of three thousand and thirty nine (3039) aircraft hours were posted. RANHFV pilots contributed eight hundred and ninety six (896) pilot hours, an average of one hundred and twelve (112) hours per pilot.
8. The night action reported in para 5 of Annex B to Part A is the subject of an After Action Report submitted by the Commanding Officer 4/12th US Infantry Battalion (see Appendix 2 to Annex B to Part A). RANHFV pilots who took part in this action were as follows:
  - a. Lcdr N. Ralph - Air Mission Commander
  - b. Lcdr P.J. Vickers - Strike Formation Leader
  - c. Lt J.M. Leak - Gunship Team Leader
  - d. SLt A.A. Casadio - Aircraft Commander
  - e. SLt R.J. Godfrey - Aircraft Commander
  - f. SLt J.W. Dalgliesh - Aircraft Commander
9. The requirement for basic Army training referred to in para 7 of Annex B to Part A should be brought to the notice of authorities concerned.
10. Health and morale remained at a high level during the month.
11. Detailed Report. The detailed monthly report is contained in Annex B to Part A of AFV Monthly Report. Copies of this report have been forwarded direct to the Secretary, Department of the Navy and the Captain HMAS ALBATROSS.

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ANNEX A TO  
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RAN CLEARANCE DIVING TEAM

MONTHLY REPORT DEC 67

Operation STABLEDOOR

1. Operation STABLEDOOR has remained the main task during this month. Three hundred and thirty two (332) ships, a record for any team in country, were searched but no sign of enemy activity was found.

Explosive Ordnance Disposal

2. A total of twenty and a half tons of large explosive ordnance and fifteen tons of small arms ammunition was disposed of during this month. The majority of the ordnance was received from the US Army 148th Ordnance Depot at VUNG TAU.
3. Thirteen emergency calls were answered by the team during the month.
4. On Sunday 3rd December, 1967 a 60mm mortar round was found at Back Beach VUNG TAU. The round was heavily encrusted by marine growth and was in a dangerous condition. It was moved back into the sandhills and destroyed.
5. On Monday 4th December, 1967 a MK 3A2 offensive grenade and an M31 rifle grenade were found by team members whilst launching the team's Boston Whaler at the L.S.T. Ramps VUNG TAU. Both rounds were inerted and added to the team's display.
6. While returning to Front Beach, VUNG TAU on Wednesday 6th December, 1967 team members sighted two barges adrift in the northern anchorage. The barges were boarded and found to be deserted although one contained over 150 tons of furnace fuel oil and the other 100 pallets, each containing 40 boxes of six 2.75" rockets. One US Army tug was called to take the barges in tow but refused to accept them until both barges had been searched for booby traps by team members.
7. The airfield security force at VUNG TAU reported a suspicious object on Wednesday 13th December, 1967. Team members recovered one M16 round in a 55 gallon drum of sand.
8. On Wednesday 13th December, 1967 a sampan was reported as acting suspiciously in the Sub Port area. The boat was checked out and found to be full of US combat rations; the suspicious activity was found to be the throwing over the side of empty boxes in which the rations had been packed.
9. On Friday 15th December, 1967 a full search, using mine detectors and probes, was carried out of all sand bars in the Sub Port area. Intelligence received stated that automatic weapons used by the enemy to fire on patrol craft and barges during the preceding week were buried on the sand bars. No trace of the weapons nor any signs of activity could be found on any of the sand bars.
10. Two Japanese 10 Kg. practice bombs were recovered from construction sites this month. On Tuesday 19th December, 1967 a bulldozer struck one of the bombs in the US Army Base. When team members arrived the area was deserted. The round was removed from the bulldozer blade and the bulldozer was removed clear of the area. The round was heavily encrusted with clay and could not be identified until washed in a nearby swamp. The second round was recovered from a construction site on the airfield the following day.
11. On Tuesday 19th December, 1967 a Red Smoke grenade was recovered from the Army/Navy Hotel VUNG TAU. It would appear that a practical joker had rigged it up

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with a trip wire near the main entrance of the hotel. The grenade was incerted and dismantled to check that it contained no foreign components.

12. At 1600 on Tuesday 19th December, 1967 a merchant ship reported a suspicious object drifting towards it in the southern anchorage. Team members found the object to be a set of fishing stakes joined by wires.

13. At 2230 on Tuesday 19th December, 1967 a garbled radio message sent team members racing down to the USS BENEWAH. The report received by the Harbour Entrance Control Post was that the vessel had been holed just above the water line while alongside the DA LONG Pier. On arrival it was found that the ship was about to cut a hole in its side to remove two generators.

14. On Friday 22nd December, 1967 a total of 20,400 rounds of 7.62 ammunition and 2,000 rounds of .45 ammunition plus some boxes of grenades and assorted small arms rounds were recovered from two unlocked conex boxes at the rear of the 560 Military Police compound. The items had been discovered by a sentry and their ownership was unknown. All boxed ammunition was returned to the Ammunition Supply Point of the 148th Ordnance Company and the remainder destroyed.

15. On Sunday 24th December, 1967 the Harbour Entrance Control boat assigned to the VUNG TAU Sub Port caught one Vietnamese male in a sampan under the DA LONG Pier. A full search of the DA LONG Pier and the twenty five vessels alongside was carried out by team members but no suspicious objects were found.

16. An incendiary grenade was recovered from a desk drawer at the Technical Supply point in the US Army Base on Thursday 28th December, 1967. Investigation failed to find who had placed the grenade in the drawer.

17. During this month over forty rounds of assorted ordnance have been incerted for the team's display and for instructional aids for the displays at NUI DAT of the Artillery Intelligence Officer and 1 Field Squadron RAE.

Diving Operations

18. Four general diving jobs were undertaken during the month, all being on Harbour Patrol craft.

19. During the night of Monday 4th December, 1967 approximately 400 metres of fishing net complete with floats and weights was removed from L.C.P.L. 42 at the L.S.T. pier. The propellor and rudder were straightened after the net was removed.

20. An inspection of Picket Boat 89 on Sunday 10th December, 1967 revealed a completely smashed starboard propellor and a slightly damaged port propellor. A length of mooring chain and a channel marker buoy were removed from the starboard shaft. The starboard propellor was changed by team members the following morning. Whilst undergoing trials that afternoon Picket Boat 89 again hit a submerged object. Team members removed a large tractor tyre from around both propellers.

21. A hull inspection on 16th December, 1967 of Picket Boat 88 revealed the starboard propellor completely missing and the port one held on by only 2 turns of the boss nut. Team members secured the port propellor and fitted a new starboard propellor. No split pins had been fitted into the lock nuts when the boat had been refitted at CAT LO Base the preceding week.

General

22. At 1630 on Monday 4th December, 1967 two team members were proceeding in the team's jeep from CAT LO Naval Base to VUNG TAU along highway 15. Approximately half a mile south of CAT LO Base a jeep was sighted approaching at high speed and towing a boat on a trailer with a flat tyre on the driver's side wheel of the trailer. As the other jeep passed, both team members recognised the Boston Whaler and trailer as those issued to the team. The team's jeep gave pursuit and

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after a high speed chase for over two miles the other jeep was caught but would not pull off the road despite the continuous sounding of our siren. Finally the other jeep was physically forced off the road and into a drainage ditch. Four US Army personnel from the 5th Special Forces Camp at LONG HAI were in the US Army jeep; they were escorted back to the CAT LO Naval Base and the Military Police called. The US Provost Marshal took a personal interest in the case as the boat was stolen from his compound in VUNG TAU, where it is kept for instant use. This saves time and trouble towing it up and down the hill to and from our base in an emergency.

23. During this month team members have been exchanged on a one for one basis with both US Army and US Navy Teams. LSCD M.J. CURRIE, R93186 spent a week with the US Navy Teams at NHA BE and CAT LAI. During this period he assisted in the demolition of three bunkers and the recovery of forty rounds of assorted Chicom ordnance.

24. ABCD P.J. ZEGENHAGEN, R94154, spent one week with the SAIGON Naval Team and the US Army 3 Ordnance Battalion EOD Team at LONG BINH. Whilst in SAIGON he attended the two day "In Country EOD Orientation Course". Whilst detached he assisted in the recovery of thirty two rounds of ordnance and the destruction of ninety tons of explosive ordnance in one 50 ton and one 40 ton shot. Before returning to this team he spent two days in SAIGON assisting US Navy Team 16 in salvaging an ammunition barge mined by the VC.

25. HMA Ships SYDNEY and YARRA anchored in VUNG TAU northern anchorage at 0700 Wednesday 27th December, 1967. Team members searched the anchorage area prior to their arrival and assisted HMAS SYDNEY's Diving Team with ships searches throughout the day.

26. The opportunity was taken to show HMAS SYDNEY's Diving Officer and Clearance Divers in his team our team display of captured and US ordnance during a brief visit to our base.

27. SYDNEY and YARRA were clear of the harbour by 1500. US Army Port Authorities consider the unloading of HMAS SYDNEY in one day as unbelievable. Many merchant ships carrying a similar cargo of motor vehicles spend up to two weeks unloading in VUNG TAU.

28. All team members are fit and morale is high.

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RAN HELICOPTER FLIGHT VIETNAM

MONTHLY REPORT - DEC 67

Operations

1. The 135th Assault Helicopter Company was continuously employed on operational missions throughout the month.
2. A major re-location of 12 Combat Aviation Group Units has led to the 135th being transferred to Blackhorse Base Camp (YS438968 RVN) from VUNG TAU. The unit will support primarily the 18th ARVN Division and 199th Lt Inf Bde and will also continue to support the 1st ATF. The Company has been required to set up its own camp area and a magnificent job has been done by the small construction team which was sent to set up the area prior to the move, which began on December 27. Engineer support provided minimum essential requirements.
3. The Company is remaining operational throughout the period of re-location and is continuing to carry out full daily commitments. The unit move will be completed by January 5 at the latest, but the main body is actually functioning from the new location as from the 31 December 67.
4. The Company's operations this month were mainly in support of 1 ATF and the 199 Lt Inf Bde. The latter is deployed in an area approximately 10 miles north of BIEN HOA. This area is well used by the VC as a resupply route, and frequent contact is made within it.
5. The Company had its baptism of night combat operations when extracting an element of the 4th Bat 12 Inf, 199th Lt Inf Bde on the night of 19th December, 1967. The troops were extracted under an artillery umbrella from a well defended VC battalion bunker system. The ground element had penetrated the defences of the enemy, inflicting and receiving many casualties. Withdrawal was made under fire, which was suppressed by gunships and artillery.
6. A total of 3,039 hours were flown during the month, details of which are shown on the attached summary.

Personnel

7. The move to the BLACKHORSE Base Camp has highlighted the requirement for basic army training in field sanitation, perimeter defence and allied subjects. The BLACKHORSE Base Camp is in the midst of extensive jungle and rubber plantations, and is particularly vulnerable to mortar and rocket attack. Well briefed and well rehearsed reaction to attack warnings is necessary and much effort is being made to prepare all personnel and reaction teams. Before this can properly be done, all personnel must have thorough training in the above subjects and much attention will have to be given to this in future replacements to the RANHFV. The syllabus as it now stands is adequate but it will be necessary to devote more time to this area. Recommendations will be made in the review of the training syllabus to be submitted shortly.
8. BLACKHORSE Base Camp is an extremely dusty place and the problems of keeping clean are very great. In order to alleviate the situation, approval has been sought to issue an additional three sets of jungle greens clothing. It may be necessary to request a further two. The US personnel of the 135th Assault Hel Company are in the process of being issued with 10 sets of jungle fatigues as a minimum.

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9. The problem of laundry is very acute - individuals do not have the time nor the facility to do their own laundry and it is done at LONG BINH, some 30 miles away. Every measure possible is being taken to counter this problem.

10. One advantage of operating at BLACKHORSE is that closer personal contact can be made with all Company members, whereas at VUNG TAU the unit was spread in different areas over the base. This has had a noticeable effect already on the working relationship of officers and men.

11. The move has in no way altered the working arrangements of the RANHFV within the 135th Assault Helicopter Company. The two observers who have been working at 222nd Battalion Operations Centre are to be transferred to the 214th Battalion Operations Centre, which is located at BEAR CAT, on January 5th.

12. Pilot hours for the month are as follows:

a. Lcdr N. RALPH	- 121.7
b. Lcdr P.J. VICKERS	- 109.8
c. Lt W.S. LOWE	- 34.6
d. Lt B.C. CRAWFORD	- 140.2
e. Lt J.M. LEAK	- 112.0
f. SLt R.J. CODFREY	- 121.3
g. SLt A.A. CASADIO	- 115.2
h. SLt J.W. DALGLIESH	- 141.2
j. Total	- 896.0

General

13. The Company was informally visited by the Commander, Australian Force Vietnam, Major General D. VINCENT, OBE during the month. The COMAFV saw the maintenance and administrative areas operating but was unable to meet many RAN officers due to their employment on the day's mission.

14. The 222nd Battalion was paraded for an Awards Ceremony which was reviewed by the Group Commander. Some thirty US officers and men were decorated at the impressive ceremony. A Guard, Band, and Colour Party, was paraded in front of the four companies of the battalion.

15. In spite of the comparatively harder living conditions, all of the RANHFV personnel and their US counterparts are looking forward to an active and productive year operating from their new location.

Appendices: 1. Operations for December 1967  
2. After Action Report

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135TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY - OPERATIONS FOR DECEMBER 1967

1. Week Ending 7 Dec 67.

DATE	HELOS	SORTIES	HOURS	SUPPORT	LOCATION	TROOPS	CARGO	REMARKS
1st	11 UH-IH 4 UH-IC	228 T 10 C 50 A	76.5	9 US Inf Div	XS340425	531 Troops 105 C.A.	6200	
2nd	12 UH-IH 4 UH-IC	290 T 40 A	108.6	199 US Inf Bde	XT987323	783 Troops 231 C.A.	Nil	2 Structures damaged 2 destroyed XS7899752 1 UH-IC HIT by ground fire
3rd	12 UH-IH 2 UH-IC	50 T 8 T	17.3	1 ATF	YT436678	128 Troops 20 C.A.	Nil	
4th	12 UH-IH 2 UH-IC	321 T 6 C 60 A	106.3	199 US Inf Bde 1 ATF	XT987323 YT436678	723 Troops 226 C.A.	5000	
5th	12 UH-IH 4 UH-IC	99 T 30 A	58.3	199 US Inf Bde 1 ATF	XT987323 YT436678	161 Troops 39 C.A.	Nil	
6th	12 UH-IH 4 UH-IC	340 T 54 A	127.9	7 ARVN Div	XS550640	717 Troops 228 C.A.	Nil	
7th	11 UH-IH 4 UH-IC	133 T 4 C 101 A	153.0	IV Corps	WRI70150	332 Troops 42 C.A.	2200	
TOTAL		1461 T 20 C 343 A	647.9			3375 Troops	15400	

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2. Week Ending 13th Dec 67.

DATE	HELOS	SORTIES	HOURS	SUPPORT	LOCATION	TROOPS	CARGO	REMARKS
8th	11 UH-IH 4 UH-IC	140 T 54 C 68 A	115.8	III Corps D.C.S.	Various	572 Troops	11700	
9th	12 UH-IH 4 UH-IC	146 T 4 C 51 A	118.6	9 US Inf Div	XS080320	383 Troops 73 C.A.	1600	1 A/C Engine failure XS00410 no damage
10th	11 UH-IH 4 UH-IC	303 T 103 A	133.1	9 US Inf Div (3/39 Inf Bn)	XT980323	758 Troops 256 C.A.	Nil	
11th	11 UH-IH 2 UH-IC	34 T	32.0	1 ATF	Luscombe and YS555674	64 Troops 34 C.A.	Nil	
12th	12 UH-IH 4 UH-IC	224 T 6 C 90 A	128.1	9 US Inf Div (5/60 Inf Bn)	XS760610	537 Troops 165 C.A.	1800	
13th	12 UH-IH 4 UH-IC	241 T 9 C 80 A	126.7	9 US Inf Div (5/60) Inf Bn	XS600550	405 Troops 211 C.A.	11000	
TOTAL		1088 T 73 C 397 A	654.3			2719 Troops 739 C.A.	26100	

3. Week ending 20 Dec 67.

14th	12 UH-UH 4 UH-IC	205 T 4 C 56 A	66.2	2/39 US Inf Bn 199 US Inf Bde 1 ATF	XT955370 YS435678	462 Troops 162 C.A.	1000	2 A/C hit by gnd fire in XT 955370
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DATE	HELOS	SORTIES	HOURS	SUPPORT	LOCATION	TROOPS	CARGO	REMARKS
15th	12 UH-IH 4 UH-IC	374 T 18 C 80 A	160.4	9 US Inf Div (3/47, 4/47 Inf Bns)	VINH LONG XS040335	983 Troops 285 C.A.	17500	
16th	12 UH-IH 4 UH-IC	237 T 38 A	110.0	199 US Inf Bde 1 ATF	XT987323 & YS435678	580 Troops 179 C.A.	Nil	
17th	12 UH-IH 4 UH-IC	263 T 50 A	129.5	199 US Inf Bde	XT987323	474 Troops 192 C.A.	Nil	
18th	12 UH-IH 4 UH-IC	283 T 56 A	96.9	199 US Inf Bde 1 ATF	XT987323 YS346645	540 Troops 199 C.A.	Nil	
19th	12 UH-IH 4 UH-IC	161 T 72 A	105.3	199 US Inf Bde	XT987323	491 Troops 142 C.A.	1000	
20th	NIL	REPORT	9.6	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	
TOTAL		1523 T 22 C 352 A	677.9			3530 Troops 1159 C.A.	19500	

4. Week Ending 27 Dec 67.

21st	12 UH-IH 4 UH-IC	217 T 70 A	96.7	199 US Inf Bde	XT987323	525 Troops 147 C.A.	Nil	
22nd	12 UH-IH 4 UH-IC	362 T 106 A	129.1	199 US Inf Bde 1 ATF	XT987323 LUSCOMBE	943 Troops 348 C.A.	Nil	

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DATE	HELOS	SORTIES	HOURS	SUPPORT	LOCATION	TROOPS	CARGO	REMARKS
23rd	12 UH-IH 4 HU-IC	386 T 59 A	105.1	25 ARVN Div	XS550640	1006 Troops 250 C.A.	Nil	
24th	10 UH-IH 4 UH-IC	45 T 173 C 20 A	115.0	D.C.S.	N.A.	539 Troops	17000	
25th				Negative Missions				
26th	10 UH-IH 4 UH-IC	169 T 157 C 40 A	111.4	D.C.S.	N.A.	408 Troops	28000	3 VC KIA 3 structures destroyed, 2 structures damaged
27th	12 UH-IH 4 UH-IC	205 T 50 A	117.0	199 US Inf Bde 1 ATF	XT987323 LUSCOMBE	372 Troops 67 C.A.	Nil	1 A/C destroyed 1 A/C damaged in accident
TOTAL		1384 T 335 C 325 A	674.3			812 C.A. 3793 Troops	45000	

5. Week Ending 31 Dec 67.

28th	10 UH-IH 4 UH-IC	236 T 37 C 28 A	108.0	III Corps D.C.S.	N.A.	687 Troops	18000	
29th	11 UH-IH 3 UH-IC	99 T 16 A	64.5	199 US Inf Bde	XT987323	297 Troops 40 C.A.	Nil	2 UH-IC stand by 1800-0600 BLACKHORSE
30th	11 UH-IH 3 UH-IC	131 T 30 A	95.0	199 Inf Bde (US)	XT987323	405 Troops 118 C.A.	Nil	2 UH-IC stand by 1800-0600 BLACKHORSE

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DATE	HELOS	SORTIES	HOURS	SUPPORT	LOCATION	TROOPS	CARGO	REMARKS
31st	11 UH-IH 4 UH-IC	251 T 16 C 80 A	100.0	1 ATF 199 US Inf Bde (3 UH-IH DCS for company)	XT987323 YS434674	679 Troops 80 C.A.	20000	2 UH-IC stand by BLACKHORSE
TOTAL		717 T 53 C	367.5			2068 Troops 238 C.A.	38000	
MONTHLY TOTAL		6173 T 503 C 1571 A	3021.9			15485 Troops 3839 C.A.	144000	

NOTES: T - Troops  
A - Armed  
C - Cargo  
CA - Combat Assaults  
DCS - Direct Combat Support

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AFTER ACTION REPORT INVOLVING 135 ASSAULT HEL COY

SUBJECT: After Action Report, 19 Dec 67, Co E 4/12 Inf

TO: CG, 199th Inf Bde

SUMMARY:

1. At 0935 hours, 19 Dec 67, Co E 4/12 Inf was inserted by helicopter into an LZ at XT972351 in reaction to a contact by a LRRP and reinforcing Air Cav Platoon at XT964355 with approximately 12 VC.
2. Co E, 4/12 moved on a 300 degree azimuth with a route generally paralleling a SE to NW trail. The unit then moved due south to linkup with the Air Cav Platoon at AT963554. The Air Cav Platoon was then extracted.
3. A squad of VC were seen fleeing south at AT963352. Co E 4/12 Inf killed 4 VC in their move to the south. Several VC were carrying packs, and all were armed with AK 47's and grenades. VC uniforms consisted of khaki and/or black clothing with no headgear. No documents of any kind were found in the VC packs or on their bodies.
4. At XT963348, Co E 4/12 Inf found a green comco type wire (similar to WD 1) laid on a path on an azimuth of approximately 300 degrees. The wire was followed for about 1 KM. Several splices were found along the route, all splices were taped and done in a professional manner. 2 VC were killed as they were laying additional wire from wooden spools (spools were factory made ie sanded and shellaced). 1 VC was armed with an AK47, the other had several grenades. They likewise had no documents on their bodies.
5. At XT962345, a small base camp was discovered. The unit deployed with 3 platoons on line and 1 in reserve, and commenced a move from E to W (see sketch map). Bunkers in new condition were discovered and grenaded. The unit continued to move to the west where it met concentrated and well aimed fire from approximately 4 VC platoons in bunkers with 6 LMG and numerous automatic weapons. The fire was extremely intense with seemingly an inexhaustable supply of ammunition. Gunships and artillery provided continuous fire support and the VC fire was finally reduced. Since darkness was quickly approaching, the unit was ordered to move to the south to a PZ at XT963342. 8 VC were killed by body count. Others were probably killed by the grenades and fire from the unit, but due to darkness could not be counted. One gunship rocket was seen to enter a bunker with an LMG and destroy it. An entire VC platoon fire was silenced after multiple gunships passes. The VC made no attempt to follow the unit to the PZ.
6. The Emu airmobile company's support was the finest ever witnessed by this unit. Under the most adverse possible conditions (darkness, with continuous protective artillery being fired overhead) every man was extracted from the PZ to include all dead and wounded and equipment. The extraction helicopters stayed on the PZ up to 30 minutes at a time until 5 ship loads were filled as the men moved out of the jungle. Illumination was rather sporadic, but with complete disregard for their personal safety, the airmobile company turned on their landing lights to identify the PZ and land. When 5 ship loads were filled, the lift would take off to be immediately followed by another 5 ship lift. After completion of the extraction the airmobile company's gunships hovered over the PZ and searched the area with their landing lights to insure that all personnel had been extracted. This unit will never forget the fantastic bravery and professional competence of Commander Ralph of the Royal Australian Navy who led the Emu Airmobile Company on their most difficult mission.

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7. Final results of the action was 49 VC KIA (BC). US casualties were 5 KIA and 10 WIA in Co E 4/12; 2 KIA in the Air Cav Platoon.

CONCLUSION:

1. The VC bunkers are nearly impregnable to ordinary infantry attack without high casualties. Air and artillery without a direct hit are only partially effective against the VC well constructed bunker systems.
2. M79 HE rounds are almost totally ineffective due to dense vegetation in this area which precludes the round arming or penetrating the growth. The LAW is in the same category.
3. The only other possible solutions to attack these types of defensive works are; armor/infantry teams ( the most desirable), ample use of flame throwers (75 pound weight limits their use), or the use of CS dispensed from aircraft.

NOTE: The above is a complete reprint of the report received by 135 Assault Helicopter Company from 4/12 US Inf Bn.

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PART B

ARMY COMPONENT REPORT

Operations

1. During the month of December 1967, 1 ATF continued the Rice Denial Operation FORREST. A number of minor operations, within the framework of FORREST were conducted.
2. A Christmas truce (cease fire) period was observed from 1800 hours 24 Dec 67 to 1800 hours 25 Dec 67. During this period 1 ATF maintained patrols in its TAOR and some visual reconnaissance missions were flown. There were no violations, during the ceasefire period, involving 1 ATF elements.
3. A New Years truce (cease fire) was observed from 1800 hours 31 Dec 67 until 0600 hours 2 Jan 68. There was one minor violation when a squad of six local force VC fired on a 1 ATF patrol 5000 metres EAST of the 1 ATF Base. Small arms fire only was returned, there were no AUSTRALIAN casualties and any VC casualties are not known.
4. Operation FORREST. This Operation commenced on 23 Nov 67 with the aim of rice denial, during the harvest, to VC main and local force units. The background and general outline of the Operation have been stated in the November 1967 Monthly Report.
5. Contact with the enemy during the Operation was only with small groups who were mainly engaged in rice/food gathering, procurement and transportation. The Operation was concluded on 5 Jan 68 with a total of 50 VC KIA.
6. LRRP. Twenty Long Range Reconnaissance Patrols were deployed during the month, all patrols were in association with Operation FORREST. Weekly summaries of LRRP activity have been forwarded to AHQ.
7. Contact Reports. A short, standardized format, Contact Report is prepared, by the sub unit/units involved, following each contact. The report gives full details together with any lessons to be drawn from our own, or the enemy's actions. The reports are forwarded, on receipt, to SAMB, AHQ CANBERRA.
8. Detailed Report. The 1 ATF operations report for Dec 67 is attached as Annex A to Part B of the AFV Monthly Report. Attached as appendices to Annex A are the 1 ATF December QUARTEVAL (Quarterly Evaluation Report) ( in 2 FFV format) and a Monthly Statistical Report. Detailed orders for operations have been forwarded under separate cover and the daily situation reports signalled in AFV SITREPS. Further operational information is contained in 1 ATF Troops Information Sheets forwarded weekly by HQ AFV to CCOSC and AHQ.

Army Aviation

9. Hours and sorties flown by 161 (Indep) Recce Flt in December were:

a. Hours Flown:

(1) Fixed Wing.

(a)	Cessna 180	-	291.35 hours
(b)	Cessna 01	-	98.55 hours
(c)	Total	-	390.30 hours

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- (2) Rotary Wing. - 540.50 hours
- (3) Total Hours. - 931.20 hours
- (4) Hours Flown, Non Unit Aircraft. A total of 45.00 hours were flown by pilots of the Flt in U8F/U21 conversion training.

b. Sorties Flown:

- (1) Fixed Wing.
  - (a) Cessna 180 - 244
  - (b) Cessna 01 - 68
  - (c) Total - 312
- (2) Rotary Wing. - 1008
- (3) Total Sorties. - 1320

10. During the month AHQ advised that Dept of Defence had not granted approval for the hire of a U8F aircraft (from USARV) for Command and Liaison. Several pilots and maintenance crewmen had, at that stage, completed conversion training (at no cost) on the U8F/U21 series aircraft.

Australian Army Training Team

11. AATTV members continued their activities throughout SVN. The month was marred by the death of one member from malaria, the ambush and killing of two warrant officers, and the wounding of four others. A detailed AATTV Report is attached as Annex B to Part B of this Report and includes an updated AATTV deployment as an appendix.

New Battalion for 1 ATF

12. 3 RAR arrived in SVN during the month, the advance party on 12 Dec 67 by charter aircraft, the mainbody on 27 Dec 67 by HMAS SYDNEY and the rear party on 28 Dec by RAAF C130 aircraft. The mainbody of the unit was moved from the ship direct to 1 ATF base by CH47 helicopter. 3 RAR commenced operations, with TAOR patrols immediately and was scheduled to conduct its first operation (Operation BALAKLAVA) on 5 Jan 68.

New Zealand Force Increase

13. W Coy RNZIR arrived at VUNG TAU by RNZAF C130 aircraft on 16/17 Dec 67. The company was moved to 1 ATF, immediately, by road and joined V Coy RNZIR in 2 RAR. W Coy relieved V Coy on the HORSESHOE Base on 28 Dec 67.

TFMA

14. HQ 26 Coy RAASC elements have arrived in theatre and are now located at 1 ATF. This HQ has taken over control of the service units in 1 ATF and the TFMA has been re-designated TFMA.

Civic Action

15. A detailed Civic Action Report for the month of December is attached as Annex C to Part B.

Psychological Operations

16. A report on Psychological Operations for the month is attached as Annex J to Part B.

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Communications

17. During the month, out of a total of 67,060 formal messages handled at AFV, 20,626 were between SVN and AUSTRALIA. Construction work on the new telephone and telegraph line system in the 1 ALSG area should be completed in Jan 68 and planning for the telephone, telegraph and radio remote control line rehabilitation at NUI DAT has been completed.

18. A detailed Communications Report is attached as Annex D to Part B.

Public Relations

19. Twenty pressmen, representing 24 agencies or TV networks, covered the Force activities during December. Thirty pressmen accompanied Present THIEU on his visit to 1 ATF during the month. A detailed Public Relations Report is attached at Annex E to Part B.

Finance

20. The detailed Secretaries Branch Report is attached as Annex F to Part B. The cost of US support for the month of December assessed on Change 3 to FWA rates was:

a. Navy	-	\$US2,961
b. Army	-	\$US566,454
c. Air Force	-	\$356,786 US

21. It should be noted that the above figures include retrospective adjustments dating back to 1 Jun 67 and 1 Mar 67 for Class II and IV stores (expendable supplies), hospitalization charges and medical supplies. This accounts for the significant increases for December 1967.

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22. Strengths. As at 31 Dec 67, the Force Strength was 6817 made up of 54 Navy, 6103 Army and 660 Air Force. These figures include attached and temporary duty personnel but do not include HMAS PERTH. A detailed strength state is attached as Annex G to Part B with graphical representations at Appendices 1, 2 and 3 to Annex G.

Medical Statistics.

23. The number of fevers fell during December and the health of the Force shows improvement. Efforts are now being made to improve medical documentation. Annex H (including appendices) to Part B contains the Senior Medical Officer's report and the Force Medical Statistics.

Amenities

24. Live Entertainment. The ABC Dance Band Christmas Show 1967 toured SVN from 22 Dec 67 to 4 Jan 68. The tour was an outstanding success with no major administrative problems. Fifteen performances were staged and the show to HQ AFV on 24 Dec 67 was attended by General William C. Westmoreland and Mr Bob Hope.

25. 16mm Films. Forty feature films and 21 short films (sports news, documentaries and TV programmes) arrived in theatre during December.

26. Stores from AUSTRALIA. The following amenities stores arrived for AFV from AUSTRALIA during December:

a. By C130 Courier and civil charter:

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(1)	News papers	-	6448 lbs
(2)	Films	-	937 lbs
(3)	Philanthropic	-	493 lbs
(4)	Miscellaneous	-	1270 lbs
(5)	Total	-	9148 lbs

b. By Sea:

(1)	AV JOHN MONASH	-	20000 lbs
(2)	HMAS SYDNEY	-	880 lbs
(3)	Total	-	20880 lbs

c. Total for December -- 30028 lbs

Quartermaster General Branch Report

27. Annex I (with appendices) to Part B contains the following reports for the month of December 1967:

- a. Movements.
- b. Engineer (construction).
- c. Supplies and Transport.
- d. Ordnance.
- e. Electrical and Mechanical Engineer.
- f. Postal.

Visitors

28. Visitors to the Force in the month of December are listed in Annex K to Part B.

Annexes:

- A. 1 ATF Monthly Operations Report
- B. AATTV Report
- C. Civic Action Report
- D. AFV Communications Report
- E. Public Relations Report
- F. Financial Report
- G. Force Strength States
- H. Medical Statistics
- I. Quartermaster General Branch Report
- J. Psychological Operations Report
- K. Visitors during December 1967

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ANNEX A TO  
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MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT

1 ATF OPERATIONS - DECEMBER 1967

General

1. 1 ATF continued Operation FORREST during Dec 67. The Operation was concluded on 5 Jan 68.
2. Twenty Long Range Reconnaissance Patrols (LRRP) were deployed during the month. All of these patrols were in association with Operation FORREST.

Operation FORREST

3. The background and general outline of the operation was given in the Monthly Report for November 1967.
4. Contact with the enemy during the operation was with small groups engaged mainly in rice and food gathering activities.
5. Results for Operation FORREST were:
  - a. Aust Losses.
    - (1) Personnel - 6 KIA, 33 WIA.
    - (2) Material - Nil.
  - b. Enemy Losses.
    - (1) Personnel - 47 KIA(BC), 1 KBA(BC), 2 KIA(POSS), 16 WIA.
    - (2) 402 detained (193 by 1 ATF) with 42 of the detainees confirmed as VC infrastructure members.
    - (3) Material captured:
      - (a) 3 crew served weapons.
      - (b) 109 small arms.
      - (c) 3,500 rds assorted ammo.
      - (d) 11 mines.
      - (e) 10 grenades.
      - (f) 300 lbs documents
      - (g) 1 typewriter.
      - (h) 1750 lb rice (900 lb destroyed)
      - (i) 7 tons coffee beans.
  - c. 21 close air support missions were flown.
6. Evaluation. The frequency and success of contacts with the enemy, together with the destruction of base and staging camps, obviously reduced, to a minimum, the VC attempts to penetrate and collect supplies. The pattern of deployment and ground covered during the Operation have permitted:
  - a. Interdiction by ambush on most of the VC access routes.
  - b. Further pressure on CHAU DUC District Coy (C41), destruction of more of his base areas and capture of equipment.
  - c. Wide search and denial of forward bases and staging areas to the VC.

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d. Cordon and search of villages resulting in 402 suspects detained and 42 VC infrastructure members identified.

Conclusion

7. Operation FORREST has been highly successful in that more time must be spent by local VC forces on procurement activities. This will tend to keep their offensive action to the infrequent limited raid rather than the graduated development of any long range plan.

Appendices:

1. 1 ATF QUARTERLY - Dec 67
2. 1 ATF Monthly Statistical Report
3. 1 ATF Measurement of Progress

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1 ATF QUARTERLY EVALUATION REPORT

PERIOD 1 OCT 67 TO 31 DEC 67

General

1. During the reporting period 1 ATF has been reinforced by an additional infantry battalion (3 RAR) and with the arrival of a tank squadron (C Sqn 1 Armd Regt) in Feb/Mar 68 should enable 1 ATF to gain greater flexibility and the ability to operate for longer periods away from base. The effect of 3 RAR and C Sqn 1 Armd Regt will not become apparent until these units have had a settling in and an operational work up period.
2. During the reporting period 1 ATF has conducted three major operations:
  - a. Operation KENMORE. A search and destroy operation in the area SOUTH of Route 23 between the SONG RAI YS5958 and BINH CHAU YS7868. This operation accounted for 16 VC KIA (BC) with no Australian casualties and resulted in a large number of useful documents being captured.
  - b. Operation SANTA FE. A combined operation with 9 Inf Div to attack and destroy elements of 5 VC Div in the MAY TAO Secret Zone. This operation accounted for 38 VC KIA (BC) with the loss of 3 Aust KIA and 8 Aust WIA.
  - c. Operation FORREST. A rice denial operation in the 1 ATF TAOR. This operation is continuing and has been most successful. (The operation concluded on 5 Jan 68 with 43 VC killed (plus 2 possibles) with the loss of 6 Aust KIA and 33 WIA).

Trends.

3. Significant Changes.
  - a. From the last quarter. It was obvious that 1 ATF had to mount an operation to protect the rice harvest. This operation was mounted in late November 67 and is due for completion on 5 Jan 68.
  - b. During the past six months. 1 ATF has operated twice in this period under operational control of 9 Inf Div (Operations PADDINGTON and SANTA FE).
  - c. During the past year. 1 ATF has largely secured the area of population and has been mounting operations into the enemy base areas.
4. Analysis of Operations.
  - a. New techniques adopted. In the reporting period 1 ATF has used in addition to resupply by helicopter, resupply by air drop and by sea (Operation KENMORE). Whilst both methods were successful, sea resupply presented some minor problems. It is anticipated that these problems can be overcome in future operations of this nature.
  - b. Techniques continued from previous period - Nil.
  - c. Old techniques reinstated - Nil.
5. Conclusions. 1 ATF now needs an increased TAOR to enable more operations in depth to be conducted.

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Importance or Significance of Ground Operations

6. Number of friendly troops involved - 6300 (approx).
7. Number of friendly casualties and amount of material damaged or lost:
- a. Operation KENMORE - Nil.
  - b. Operation SANTA FE - 3 Aust KIA, 8 Aust WIA.
  - c. Operation FORREST (continuing) - 6 Aust KIA, 33 Aust WIA.
8. Number of enemy casualties and amount of material captured or destroyed (totals).

a. Operation KENMORE.

- (1) 16 VC KIA (BC).
- (2) 2 KBA (1 possible).
- (3) 3 WIA.
- (4) 1 WIA (PW).
- (5) 12 weapons.
- (6) 16 assorted mines.
- (7) 28 CBU.
- (8) 5 grenades.
- (9) 120 lb salt.
- (10) 12½ tons of rice.
- (11) 230 bunkers.
- (12) 300 weapon pits.
- (13) 74 military structures.

b. Operation SANTA FE.

- (1) 38 VC KIA (BC).
- (2) 1 KIA possible.
- (3) 5 WIA.
- (4) 3 WIA possible.
- (5) 5 PW.
- (6) 54 weapons.
- (7) 25 assorted mines.
- (8) 13,200 lb rice.
- (9) 69 camps.
- (10) 813 bunkers.
- (11) 237 military structures.
- (12) 1600 metres of tunnel.

c. Operation FORREST.

- (1) 47 VC KIA (BC) and 2 VC KIA (Poss).
- (2) 7 KBA possible.
- (3) 13 WIA.
- (4) 107 weapons (including 2 crew served).
- (5) 980 lb rice.
- (6) 16 assorted mines.
- (7) 9 camps.
- (8) 24 bunkers.
- (9) 13 military structures.

9. Tactical results of and combat support employed for significant US and RMAF operations:

- a. Forced abandonment of major enemy plan or operation. While there is no information available to indicate the abandonment of any particular major enemy plan or operation there is ample evidence of the disruptive

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effects of 1 ATF and combined operations during the quarter. Captured documents show clearly how the succession of operations against major VC bases has so restricted VC procurement of both supplies and labour that enemy operational planning has been seriously impaired.

b. Forced reorganisation, regrouping or relocation of enemy forces. The pressure of FVMAF operations has caused some relocation of VC units and logistic organisations. 1 ATF participation in Operation SANTA FE forced the Provincial Mobile Battalion (D445) to move its main base area on the SONG RAI River. At the same time the area around THUA TICH (YS6181) was vacated by control and production elements of Group 84. The operation has severely burdened the capability of Group 84 to maintain the logistic support of 5th VC Div units. Group 84 has been forced out of its static camps and depots around THUA TICH, relocated some 10 kilometres to the NORTH and will require considerable time to rehabilitate.

c. Comparison of enemy and friendly casualties:

<u>AUST</u>	<u>VC</u>
9 KIA	101 VC KIA BC
39 WIA	10 VC KBA (poss)
	21 VC WIA
	9 VC PW

d. Artillery Support by unit and type:

(1) Fire Units.

(a) Throughout the period the following units were in direct support:

4 Fd Regt RAA consisting of:

106 Fd Bty RAA (105mm M2A2)  
108 Fd Bty RAA (105mm M2A2)  
161 Fd Bty RNZA (105mm M2A2)

(b) The following units were in general support:

A Bty, 1/83 US Arty Bn (2x8 in and 2x175mm)  
A Bty, 2/35 US Arty Bn (6x155mm) (Absent for month of December)

(2) Fire Support. The following fire support was given:

(a) Registration and Calibration - 2705 rounds.  
(b) Observed Supporting Fire - 11,205 rounds.  
(c) Unobserved Supporting Fire - 5,481 rounds.  
(d) Harassing Fire - 16,768 rounds.  
(e) Training - 1796.  
(f) Total - 37,955 rounds.

e. Aviation Support.

(1) USAF Support:

(a) Airlifted supplies - Nil.  
(b) Number of airlifted troops - Nil.  
(c) Close air support sorties (including combat skyspots) - 422.  
(d) B52 strikes - Nil.  
(e) Flareship usage - 1.

(2) US Army Aviation Support:

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- (a) Tonnage of supplies lifted - 2,316.9 short tons.
- (b) Number of troops lifted - 7,685.
- (c) Amount of helicopter gunfire support - 1 LFT daily during reporting period.

(3) RAAF Support:

- (a) Tonnage of supplies lifted - 567.35 short tons.
- (b) Number of troops lifted - 14,011 (including 219 medevacs).

f. Armour used for facilitating or securing troop movement. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt has been used throughout the reporting period for movement of troops and for securing troop movement.

Commanders Personnel Assessments

10. The period has seen a steady and continuous whittling away of VC province and local forces and VC infrastructure.

11. Whilst there has been no contact with VC main force units, the constant pressure on the enemy's logistic organization has denied him liberty of action as he has had to devote a considerable part of his energy to food gathering activities, thereby reducing very considerably his operational readiness.

12. The period has also been successful from the intelligence angle as the many search operations have produced documents of good intelligence value.

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1 ATF MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

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1 ATF Serial	11 FFV Serial	Data Required	Branch/Unit Responsible	1 ATF Data	Remarks
A. <u>Friendly Statistics.</u>					
1	1	Friendly casualties (KIA=WIA=MIA)	A	6 WIA	
2	2	Weapons lost (Note 1)	G	Nil	
3	2.1	(Small Arms)			
4	2.2	(Others)			
5	3	Radios lost (Note 1)	G	Nil	
6	4	Civ casualties from friendly ops (Killed/Wounded)	G	3/3	
7	5	"Buddy Op" - Coy size and smaller (Note 2)	G	Nil	
8	6	"Buddy Op" - Bn size and larger (Note 2)	G	Nil	
9	8	LRRP Missions	G	20	
10	9	Tracker Team Missions	G	4	
11	11	Personnel Rotated	A	300	
12	12	Aust Pers Killed/Injured from accidental shootings	A	Nil	
13	13	Piastre expenditure (Average per man)	A	\$VN295	
14	14	Number of Night Convoy Movements	G	Nil	
	14.1	Number of incidents by type	G		
		1. Road		Nil	
		2. Water		Nil	
		3. Rail		Nil	
B. <u>VC Statistics.</u>					
15	1	VC Unit Contacts - VC Pl and smaller	G	29	
16	2	VC Unit Contacts - VC Coy and larger	G	Nil	
17	3	Incidents of VC Terrorism	G	Nil	
18	5	VC Atk by fire only:	G	Nil	
19	5.1	Against Base Camps and Fd Posns			
20	6	VC Attempts to overrun:	G	Nil	
21	6.1	Mil bases, camps and Fd Posns			

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1 ATF Serial	II FFV Serial	Data Required	Branch/Unit Responsible	1 ATF Data	Remarks
22	7	VC casualties (killed/PWs)		40 KIA	(Incl 11 KBA POSS) - as at 31 Dec 67
23	7.1	(Incl known VC infrastructure killed/captured)	G	9 KIA	
24	8	VC Weapons captured:			
25	8.1	Small arms	G	59	
26	8.2	Crew-Served	G	Nil	
27	8.3	Other	G	Nil	
C. <u>Pacification/RD Statistics.</u>					
28	2	Kms of road considered safe for US/FWMAF Military convoys (during daylight hours)	G	55	
29	2.1	(National Hwys)	G	22.5	
30	2.2	(Provincial Roads)	G	32.5	
31	4	Check Points being operated (Rd/Waterway)	G	6/0	
32	4.1	(Incl New Check Points established during month) (Road/Waterway)	G	Nil	
33	5	Kms of road built	Engr	4.9	
34	6	Kms of road repaired	Engr	Nil	
35	7	Acres of land cleared	Engr	Nil	
36	8	Foot bridges built	Engr	Nil	
37	9	Foot bridges repaired	Engr	Nil	
38	10	Veh bridges built	Engr	Nil	
39	11	Veh bridges repaired	Engr	Nil	
	12	Self-help (VN) started	CA	Nil	
	13	Self-help (VN) completed	CA	Nil	
40	14	MEDCAP patients treated	CA	4300	
41	14.2	MEDCAP 11	CA		
42	16	Ralliers employed by US/FWMAF: (Total)	Battle Int	1	
43	16.1	Kit Carson Scouts	Battle Int	Nil	
	16.2	Armed Propaganda Team Members			
44	17	Confirmed Int Reports from Civs (Note 4)	Battle Int	Nil	
45	18	PSY OPS Leaflets exploitation (Note 5)	Psy Ops	1	
46		105mm Rounds fired HE Beehive Smk	G	12588	

- NOTE:
1. Lost or destroyed due to enemy actions.
  2. Dependent upon size of Aust Unit involved.
  3. Inspected and report submitted on fortification, equipment, training and personnel corrective actions required.
  4. Intelligence reports received from citizens and which proved to be accurate.
  5. Quick reaction tactical follow-up to intelligence from PW's and ralliers.

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1 ATF MEASUREMENT OF PROGRESS (VC BASE AREA DENIAL)

1. The following areas were penetrated during the reporting period:
  - a. Area 300. This area was penetrated by FVMAF and ARVN forces on Op SANTA FE however 1 ATF did not carry out operations in the area in this period.
  - b. Area 301. This area was also not penetrated by 1 ATF elements in the period however extensive VR was carried out on the area.
  - c. Area 302.
    - (1) Following the 1 ATF participation in Op SANTA FE which effectively neutralised this area penetration was achieved by LRRP and airstrikes. A total of thirty two (32) airstrikes were conducted against known base camps in the area. LRRPs carried out track surveillance and ambushing resulting in a total of 9 KIA (BC).
    - (2) The area is considered to be still neutralised for this period, however at the close of the period signs of reoccupation have become apparent as VC controlled civilians move back into the area.
  - d. Area 304.
    - (1) This base area was extensively penetrated by 7 RAR during Op FORREST. Although nine (9) camp areas were found and light contact was made the camps showed little or no signs of use. The area is being used by small parties of VC who probably have a "caretaker" type role in some of the camps. There are also signs of a fair amount of transient movement through the area by small parties of VC involved in carrier or supply tasks.
    - (2) The use of the area by provincial forces in Nov 67 appears to have been restricted to a staging area prior to attacking the LONG HUONG (YS3661) area. No sign was found of their development of the area.
    - (3) The area is considered neutralised for the period and there are still no signs of its use as a major base area.
  - e. Area 361.
    - (1) The southern half of this area was penetrated by elements of 2 RAR during Op FORREST. Although some contact was made it was only with small groups of VC who use this base as a transient area astride their liaison and supply routes. The camps investigated by 2RAR still show no signs of reoccupation by permanently based forces or any attempts at rehabilitation.
    - (2) The southern half of the area is considered neutralised for the period and the area as a whole is considered partially neutralised because ground troop penetration of the whole area was not achieved.
2. Conclusion.
  - a. Within the 1 ATF area of operation during the reporting period:
    - (1) The following base areas are considered neutralised:

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- (a) Base area 302.
- (b) Base area 304.

(2) The following base area is considered partially neutralised:

- (a) Base area 361.

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MONTHLY REPORT - DECEMBER 1967

AUSTRALIAN ARMY TRAINING TEAM VIETNAM

General

1. This report examines a number of trends in the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam and foreshadows a more detailed analysis of 1967 statistics, which will be included in the January 1968 report (when all subcentre reports for December are at hand). This report covers trends in:

- a. Employment (roles and missions).
- b. Deployment (areas).
- c. Manning and replacement.
- d. Maintenance support.
- e. Transport support.
- f. Communications.
- g. Health.
- h. Morale.

Activity

2. December was a "black month" for AATTV. Early in the month, WO2 A.J. Robertson, RA Inf, died of disease in the Third (US) Field Hospital. As reported last month it appears that malaria contracted in November was the main cause of death. Symptoms of the infection included kidney failure, a low whitecell blood count and cerebral damage.
3. On 8 Dec 67, WO2 F. Hamersley, RA Inf, was wounded in action whilst leading a patrol near KHE SANH, in the northwestern portion of I CTZ near the LAOS border. He was wounded, in particular, in one eye by the fragments of mine or booby trap, but looks forward to eventual complete recovery with no major damage.
4. On 16 Dec 67, WO2 R. Seiler, RA Inf, and WO2 M.A. Henderson, RAAOC, were ambushed and killed near BINH BA rubber plantation, in PHUOC TUY Province. They were travelling in a single jeep from DUC THANH to the 1 ATF base at NUI DAT, accompanied by five Vietnamese Regional Force soldiers, four of whom were also killed.
5. The incident occurred at about 0820 hrs on the Saturday morning, after the party had once passed the area on the way from BINH BA to DUC THANH to drop off a US medical sergeant. The Vietnamese reaction force arrived approximately an hour later having travelled to the ambush position by foot. An airstrike was carried out and a larger reaction operation took place that afternoon. A more detailed report is being forwarded to AHQ through HQ AFV.
6. On 18 Dec 67, WO2 R.D. Ford, RAASC, was wounded in action by a mine, or booby trap, detonated whilst on an operation with 3/3 ARVN Battalion. Several other US advisors and Vietnamese were wounded in the incident. Ford suffered extensive splinter lacerations, none of which were serious. The operation was in THUA THIEN Province.
7. On 26 Dec 67, in QUANG TRI Province, WO2 J. Hayes, RAA was wounded in action. Splinters, from what was assumed to be a B-40 rocket, entered his left leg. Evacuation through PHU BAI and DANANG took him to 8 Fd Amb at VUNG TAU. Further surgery on his leg is being carried out and full recovery seems to be a realistic hope. The battle during which WO2 Hayes sustained the wound resulted in at least 200 VC/NVA KIA.

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8. On 27 Dec 67, WO2 J. Flannery, RA Inf, was wounded in action in BINH-THUAN Province. His indigenous company, operating in a mobile guerrilla role, was involved in a firefight during which WO2 Flannery received splinters in both arms. The wounds were minor and WO2 Flannery was about to return to the operation when he was admitted to hospital with fever of unknown origin.

9. Activity in all areas was stepped up, once again particularly in PHUOC TUY Province. The two newest groups of AATTV, those with the Mobile Strike Force of Company "B", Fifth Special Forces Group (Airborne), at PLEIKU, and those with Detachment B-36 of Company "A" (BIEN HOA), based at LONG HAI in PHUOC TUY Province, were both hard at work on new operations towards the end of the month and in the early days of 1968.

AATTV QUANG-TRI

10. Maj M.P. Casey, RA Inf, has now assumed duties as Senior Advisor MAI-LINH subsector, with the responsibilities of Senior Advisor in QUANG-TRI.

AATTV HUE (THUA THIEN members)

11. Maj N.J. Wilson, RA Inf, assumed the duties of Senior Advisor NAM-HOA Subsector. At present he is assisted by WO1 E.B. Ostara, DCM.

AATTV DANANG

12. WO1 J. Selmes, RA Inf, at present an assistant advisor at GIO-LINH Subsector, QUANG-TRI Province, has been selected to be Team RSM, located at AUSTRALIA House DANANG. He will assume duty on 22 Feb 68 when the present RSM, WO1 R.E. Dunnett, BEM, returns to AUSTRALIA.

AATTV PLEIKU and AATTV NHA TRANG

13. Though treated as separate centres, with separate senior advisors with direct responsibilities to the CO AATTV, these centres are closely linked to each other. Members listed as being part of "AATTV NHA TRANG" are currently serving very near PLEIKU. AATTV PLEIKU itself, except for two CSD members whose activities range from VUNG TAU to PLEIKU and into I CTZ, consists of members with Special Forces units whose headquarters are in NHA TRANG.

14. Lastly the "pivot" or "contact" man for AATTV NHA TRANG, WO2 P. Cowan, RA Inf, is an instructor at the USASF Recondo School next to HQ 5 SFG (A). As such, he occasionally has contacts with activities affecting such far-flung elements as Det B-36 (LONG HAI) who come under "AATTV BARIA", and the members of the Mobile Strike Force of Co C, 5 SFG (A), who come under "AATTV DANANG" in AUSTRALIA House, DANANG.

AATTV BARIA

15. One problem with this centre is that WO2 J. Scorse, RAE, who has an extensive knowledge of ARVN, etc, minefields and field defences in the 1 ATF TAOR, is to RTA on 8 Jan 68. His replacement may arrive on that date which has obliged WO2 Scorse to handover his detailed knowledge to a US officer, pending the arrival of an RAE WO2 for the position.

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16. Capt M. Metherall, RAAEC is expected to arrive on the 29 Jan 67 charter aircraft to take over from Capt Mason-Jones, RAA as Adjutant. The tentative hand-over plan at this time is that after a two day introduction to M. AFV, HQ AATTV SAIGON, Capt Metherall will accompany Capt Mason-Jones on a visit to all centres including:

- a. The monthly mission by 35 Sqn RAAF.
- b. The pay run for 1 Feb 68.

17. By the time they are well on their way to centres, Lt Col Burnard will have arrived and will begin the same procedure, guided by Lt Col Tripp, in the SAIGON area. By the time the two captains return, to solve problems encountered on the pay-run and to finalise handover/takeover, the two Lt Cols will begin their tour of Team centres.

18. Date of assumption of duties by Lt Col Burnard is currently fixed for 14 Feb 68.

Employment of AATTV members

19. December has further defined the trend to concentration on the following:

- a. ARVN battalions in I CTZ, particularly of 1 ARVN Div, in THUA THIEN and QUANG TRI Provinces.
- b. Augmentation of Special Forces units using indigenous troops (Nungs, Montagnards, Vietnamese mercenaries or Hoi Chanh).

20. While there is a continuing need for the placement of Australians around PHUOC TUY Province, it may well be that even an increased emphasis on 19 a. and b. will best serve:

- a. The aims of MACV advisory effort.
- b. The Australian Army's long-term tasks of providing a solid core of senior warrant officers and officers with the broadest possible background of war, particularly revolutionary warfare.

Deployment

21.	a.	QUANG-TRI Province	-	15 members
	b.	THUA THIEN Province	-	10 members
	c.	QUANG NAM Province	-	11 members
	d.	Mobile Strike Force DANANG	-	12 members
	e.	Mobile Strike Force PLEIKU	-	6 members
	f.	QUANG-TIN Province	-	5 members
	g.	QUANG NGAI Province	-	1 member
	h.	PLEIKU Province	-	2 members
	j.	NHA TRANG town	-	3 members
	k.	DUC MY RTC	-	2 members
	l.	DALAT town	-	1 member (Jan 68 - Nil)
	m.	PHUOC TUY Province	-	14 members
	n.	SAIGON	-	5 members

22. Deployment by Corps is:

- a. I CTZ - 54
- b. II CTZ - 14
- c. III CTZ - 19 (incl SAIGON)
- d. IV CTZ - Nil
- e. Appendix 1 to Annex B to Part B shows the AATTV deployment as at 31 Dec.

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Manning and Replacement

23. Except for Aug 67, (where replacement members arrived in theatre before the march out of those who had completed their tour) in which the strength reached a figure of 3 offrs and 5 warrant officers surplus to the establishment of 99 on 5 Sep 67, the Team has not been at full strength for the last four months.

24. Weekly figures have been:

- a. 12 Sep - 4 offrs surplus, 5 WO deficiencies.
- b. 19 Sep - 3 offrs surplus, 15 WO deficiencies.
- c. 26 Sep - 4 offrs surplus, 10 WO deficiencies.
- d. 3 Oct - 4 offrs surplus, 10 WO deficiencies.
- e. 10 Oct - same as 3 Oct.
- f. 17 Oct - 3 offrs surplus, 11 WO deficiencies.
- g. 23 Oct - 3 offrs surplus, 13 WO deficiencies.
- h. 31 Oct - 3 offrs surplus, 14 WO deficiencies.
- j. 7 Nov - same as 31 Oct.
- k. 14 Nov - 2 offrs surplus, 14 WO deficiencies.
- l. 21 Nov - 2 offrs surplus, 12 WO deficiencies.
- m. 28 Nov - same as 21 Nov.
- n. 5 Dec - 2 offrs surplus, 11 WO deficiencies.
- o. 12 Dec - 2 offrs surplus, 7 WO deficiencies.
- p. 19 Dec - 2 offrs surplus, 12 WO deficiencies.
- q. 26 Dec - same as 19 Dec.
- r. 2 Jan 68 - 1 offr surplus, 13 WO deficiencies.

25. The figures for 1968 will be approximately 1 offr surplus, 14 WO deficiencies. When it is remembered that three members of the Team are detached to HQ AFV, or 1 ALSG, and that there are always one or two in hospital as casualties or sickness cases, the strength "on the ground" for warrant officers is only 60-25 out of an establishment of 85.

Maintenance support

26. So long as HQ Coy HQ AFV can meet AATTV indents, there seem to be no problems in this field. AATTV indents are now forecasted over a month ahead and by the end of January 1968 the forecast may be able to be given three months ahead.

27. If present consumption rate of clothing and equipment steadies, or falls, centres manage to build up their "forward holdings" of clothing and equipment and there are no policy changes, the demand for these items from HQ Coy should fall off around May/June 1968.

Transport Support

28. 35 Sqn RAAF are providing excellent support. AATTV is managing to achieve a relatively high utilisation rate of about 75% on each mission on both forward and return journeys.

Communications

29. There are still problems with signals communications through the US system. Signals go astray or are subject to long delay unless given a higher precedence than that normally used in the AUSTRALIAN system. There seems little problem with reaching AATTV DANANG through HQ I CTZ signals centre NHA TRANG and PLEIKU (both Special Forces nets and centres and quite separate from conventional US Army network) are unreliable links mainly because of routing indicator and reception/holding arrangement problems.



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Health

30. The health of the Team is good. A superficial analysis of hospital bed/days shows a slight increase. There is no doubt that this can be attributed to improvements in the unit's reporting system, not because of a decline in health.

31. In Feb 67 for example, there were 2 WO bed/days reported, in May 67 there were 46 WO bed/days; in Aug 67 there were 21 officer bed/days and 23 WO bed/days. November figures were 7 officer bed/days and 32 WO bed/days.

Morale

32. The morale of AATTV members remains very good.

Appendix: 1. AATTV Deployment 31 Dec 67

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AATTV DEPLOYMENT AS AT 31 DEC 67

Serial	Rank	Name	Corps	Unit	Employment	Location
		<u>I CTZ</u>				
		<u>AATTV QUANG TRI</u>				
1	Maj	M.P. Casey	RA Inf	MAI-LINH Sub-sector	Senior Advisor	Near QUANG-TRI town
2	WO1	D. French	RA Inf	TRIEU-PHONG Sub-sector	Assistant Advisor RF/PF	TRIEU PHONG
3	WO1	J. Selmes	RA Inf	GIO-LINH Sub-sector	" " "	GIO-LINH
4	WO1	F.L. Branson	RA Inf	GAM-LO Sub-sector	Assistant Advisor	GAM-LO town
5	WO2	N.G. Fitzgibbon	RAAMC	ARVN CCS	Medical advisor	QUANG-TRI town
6	WO2	M. Vandyke	RAA	11 ARVN Arty Bn	Assistant Advisor	QUANG TRI area (RTA 8 Jan)
7	WO2	A. Robinson	RAA	" "	" "	QUANG TRI area
8	WO2	C. Crapper	RA Inf	1/1 ARVN Bn	" "	" " "
9	WO2	R.E. Oliver	RAASC	2/1 ARVN Bn	" "	" " "
10	WO2	J. Collins	RA Inf	3/1 ARVN Bn	" "	" " "
11	WO2	J. Hayes	RAA	4/1 ARVN Bn	" "	" " "
12	WO2	W. Fisher	RA Inf	1/2 ARVN Bn	" "	GIO LINH Area
13	WO2	D.R. MacDonald	RA Inf	2/2 ARVN Bn	" "	" " "
14	WO1	L.E. Galloway	RA Inf	3/2 ARVN Bn	" "	" " "
15	WO2	R.W. Harris	RA Inf	4/2 ARVN Bn	" "	" " "
		<u>AATTV HUE</u>				
16	Maj	N.J. Wilson	RA Inf	NAM-HOA Sub-sector	Senior Advisor	NAM-HOA
17	Capt	D.H. Campbell	RAAC	HQ 1 ARVN Div	S-3 Assistant Advisor	HUE
18	WO1	E.B. Ostara	RA Inf	NAM-HOA Sub-sector	Adjutant Advisor	NAM-HOA

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Serial	Rank	Name	Corps	Unit	Employment	Location
19	W02	M.G. Roger	RAEME	NAM HOA Sub-sector	Assistant Advisor RF/PF	HUE
20	W02	A.N. Powell	RA Inf	PHONG DIEN Sub-sector HQ	" " "	PHONG DIEN (about 25km north of HUE)
21	W02	T.J. Egan	RA Inf	PF Trg Centre	Assistant Advisor	HUE
22	W02	A.L. Egan	RAA	1 ARVN Div Recce Unit	" "	HUE
23	W02	G.B. Snook	RAAC	3/7 ARVN Cav Regt	" " RF.PF	PK 17. North of HUE
24	W01	M.A. Evans	RA Inf	2/3 ARVN Bn	" "	PK 17.
25	W02	D.F. Ford	RAASC	3/3 ARVN Bn	" "	PK 17.
<u>AATTV DANANG</u>						
26	Maj	H.D. Lovelock	RA Inf	HQ I ARVN Corps Tactical Zone	G-3 (Trg) Advisor	DANANG
27	W01	R.E. Dummett	RA Inf	AATTV DANANG	RSM	Australia House DANANG
28	W02	J.A. Bond	RAAC	AATTV DANANG	Admin WO	" " "
29	W02	J.F. Challenger	RAA	HOA VANG Sub-sector HQ	Assistant Advisor RF/PF	HOA VANG
30	W02	P.A. Wooden	RAEME	" " " "	" " "	"
31	Capt	M.T. Wilkinson	RAA	CSD	Province Intelligence Advisor	HOI AN
32	W02	W. Kenneally	RA Inf	HQ QUANG DA Special Zone	Assistant Advisor PF/RF	"
33	W02	R.S. Silk	RA Inf	HQ I ARVN Ranger Group	Assistant Advisor	DANANG
34	W02	P. White	RAAC	2/4 ARVN Cav Regt	" "	HOI AN
35	W02	W.M. Collins	RAE	1 Bn 51 Inf Regt	" "	"
36	W02	L. Boyce	RA Inf	2 Bn 51 Inf Regt	" "	DANANG
37	Capt	P.J. Ray	RA Inf	Mobile Strike Force Company C 5th SFG (A)	Commander	"
38	W01	A.A. Haberley	RA Inf	"	Adjutant	"
39	W02	T.A. McLean	RAASC	"	S-4	"
40	Capt	P.M. Reid	RA Inf	"	Coy Coy	"

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Serial	Rank	Name	Corps	Unit	Employment	Location
41	Capt	M. McCallum	RA Inf	Mobile Strike Force Company C 5th SFG (A)	Coy Comd	DANANG
42	WO2	D.H. Lord	RA Inf	"	"	"
43	WO2	R.T. Fitzpatrick	RA Inf	"	Pl Comd	"
44	WO2	F. Hamersley	RA Inf	"	"	"
45	WO2	J. Kendall	RA Inf	"	"	"
46	WO2	C.N. McEvoy	RA Inf	"	"	"
47	WO2	T.W. Smith	RA Inf	"	"	"
48	WO2	J.T. Durrington	RA Inf	"	"	"
49	WO1	R.F. Capel	RA Inf	1/6 ARVN Bn	Assistant Advisor	TAM KY
50	WO2	E.J. Fahy	RA Inf	2/6 ARVN Bn	" "	QUANG NGAI
51	WO2	D. Wallner	RA Inf	3/6 ARVN Bn	" "	TAM KY
52	WO2	R.G. Davies	RA Inf	4/4 ARVN Bn	" "	"
53	WO2B.	B. Davies	RA Inf	1/5 ARVN Bn	" "	"
54	WO2	G.Y. Jameison	RA Inf	3/5 ARVN Bn	" "	"
		<u>II CTZ</u>				
55	Capt	F.E. Palmer	Int Corp	Mobile Strike Force, Company B 5th SFG (A)	Operations officer	PLEIKU
56	WO2	M.J. James	RA Inf	"	Pl Comd	"
57	WO2	D.J. Neville	RA Inf	"	Coy Comd	"
58	WO2	J. Flannery	RA Inf	"	"	"
59	WO2	D.A. McClymans	RA Inf	"	"	"
60	WO2	T.E. Gilliver	RA Inf	"	Pl Comd	"
61	Capt	G.W. Ghent	RA Inf	CSD	Province Recce Unit	"
62	WO2	R. Simpson	RA Inf	CSD	" " "	"

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Serial	Rank	Name	Corps	Unit	Employment	Location
63	W02	P. Cowan	RA Inf	Recondo School 5 SFG (A)	Instructor	NHA TRANG
64	W02	C.C. Turner	RA Inf	Mobile Strike Force, Det B-52 5th SFG (A)	Advisor to 91st Ranger Bn	"
65	W02	J. Hofman	RA Inf	"	" "	"
66	W01	T.H. Fairfax	RAE	Police Field Force Training Centre	Assistant Advisor	DALAT
67	W01	D. Wise	RAA	Ranger Training Centre	Light weapons advisor	DUC MY
68	W02	A.D. Martin	RAAMC	" " "	Medical Advisor	"
		<u>III CTZ</u>				
		<u>AATTV BARIA</u>				
69	Capt	C.L. Rule	RAAC	LONG DIEN Sub-sector	Senior Advisor	LONG DIEN
70	W02	P. Angus	RAASC	CA ATF	Assistant Advisor	HOA LONG
71	W02	W.F. Anderson	RAASC	RF/PF PHUOC TUY	" "	BARIA
72	W02	L. McGlashan	RAASC	A and L Coy	Financial Adviser	"
73	W02	A. Parello	RA Inf	RF/PF	Assistant Advisor	HOA LONG
74	W02	R.W. Lowe	RAEME	Det to 1 ALSG	Civilian Labour Officer	VUNG TAU (RTA 30 days leave)
75	W02	J.W. Scorse	RAE	RF/PF	Assistant Advisor	BARIA (RTA 8 Jan 68)
76	W02	M. Sinclair	RA Inf	RF/PF	" "	XUYEN MOC
77	W02	A.J. Woodford	RA Inf	RF/PF	" "	BINH BA
78	W02	R.G. Chappel	RA Inf	RF/PF	" "	HOA LONG
79	Capt	L. Opie	RA Inf	CSD	Province Recce Unit Training Centre	VUNG TAU
80	Capt	S. Krasnoff	RA Inf	Det B-36, 5th Special Forces	Mobile Strike Force	LONG HAI
81	W02	I.L. Edwards	RA Inf	" "	" " "	"
82	W02	J. Cahill	RA Inf	" "	" " "	"

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Serial	Rank	Name	Corps	Unit	Employment	Location
		<u>HQ AATTV</u>				
83	Lt Col	M.T. Tripp	RAAC	HQ AATTV	Commanding Officer	SAIGON
84	Capt	N. Mason-Jones	RAA	"	Adjutant	"
85	WO2	L.D. Osborn	RA Inf	"	Admin WO	"
86	WO2	L.G. Reeman	RAASC	"	" "	"
87	WO1	J. Szajner	RAE	Det to HQ AFV (FE)	Clerk of Works	"

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CIVIL AFFAIRS - MONTHLY

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General

1. Civic Action continued in Phuoc Tuy Province and Vung Tau Special Zone during the month of December. Activity is beginning at 2 Sqn RAAF PHUAN RANG.

Current Projects

2. Progress on current projects is shown in the attached appendices as follows:

- a. Construction - Appendix 1
- b. Medical Aspects - Appendix 2
- c. Education Effort - Appendix 3
- d. Commodity Distribution - Appendix 4

Highlights of the Month

3. PHUOC TUY Province. The following activities were undertaken:

- a. A 1,000 gallon bitumen distributor was received by the Public Works Chief from ACE - Pacific Company Australia. Arrangements were made for 1 Fd Sqn RAE, to check the vehicle and equipment as well as to train the Vietnamese operators. The Australian Embassy Saigon provided the machines.
- b. Natural Resources Survey. A survey of the exploited and unexploited natural resources (rock, gravel, sand, laterite) is nearing completion. This survey was called for by CORDS, III Corps Tactical Zone, through CORDS PHUOC TUY Province. 1 Aust CA Unit undertook this task at the request of CORDS PHUOC TUY Province, because the latter organisation did not have the necessary technical capacity.
- c. Provision of a Quarry. The establishment of a properly developed quarry in this Province is still being pursued through CORDS PHUOC TUY Province.
- d. Province Refugee Plan. During December, unconfirmed reports that PHUOC TUY Province may be called upon to receive large numbers (up to 100,000) of refugees from other Provinces. An outline plan for such an eventuality has been produced for all interested parties.
- e. Distribution of Xmas Gifts.
  - (1) 1 Aust CA Unit coordinated and assisted with commodity support the distribution of Xmas gifts by CORDS PHUOC TUY Province to dependants of ARVN, RF/PF in the Province.
  - (2) In addition the distribution of Xmas parcels by units of the Task Force to orphans, schools and refugees at Ap Suoi Nghe was coordinated by this unit.
- f. Cordon and Search Operations. Liaison officers accompanied both 2 RAR and 7 RAR during all search and cordon operations during December.

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- g. Assistance at RF Post. Technical and practical assistance was given in the construction of a model bunker/married quarter at the HOI MY RF post.
- h. Distribution of Commodities to RF/PF Posts. The programme of distribution of clothing and food to dependants at RF/PF posts continues.
- j. Activities of Units of 1 ATF.
- (1) Assistance to families sponsored by units at Ap Suoi Nghe continued and all families were presented with a small Xmas parcel by members of their sponsoring unit.
  - (2) Operational requirements, the work involved in preparing the site for additional units to the Task Force and the relocation of existing units, were restricting factors in the amount of Civil action undertaken in December.
  - (3) 2 RAR.
    - (a) Erected a fence around Phuoc Tho School.
    - (b) Repaired latrines at Phuoc Tho School.
  - (4) 1 Fd Sqn RAE. Assisted Catholic Orphanage Baria with outings for the orphans and completed the construction of a dining room for the orphans.

4. VUNG TAU Special Zone. Special activities in addition to the appendices were as follows:

- a. Liaison between LO 1 ALSG and GVN departments in VUNG TAU continues.
- b. Health and hygiene instruction in schools will be implemented in the near future.
- c. Distribution of a large quantity of toys and Xmas presents to children at Junior Military Academy was affected.

5. Saigon. 110 Sig Sqn continued to provide commodity support and visits to the Dong Chua Orphanage SAIGON. The OC receives support from various societies in Tasmania and elsewhere.

6. RAAF PHAN RANG. The commodities provided by 1 Aust CA Unit were distributed to the following institutions:

- a. Buddhist Day/Boarding School.
- b. Catholic Orphanage, TAN AN TAI.

7. AATTV. Efforts are being made to extend facilities to various centres where men from AATTV are stationed. An advance of \$VN200,000 has been made to CO AATTV. Projects may be expected soon.

Appendices:

1. Construction
2. Medical
3. Education
4. Commodity distribution

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CONSTRUCTION

PHUOC TUY Province

1. Projects under Construction.

PROJECT NO	LOCATION/DESCRIPTION	STAGE OF COMPLETION	LOCAL LABOUR EMPLOYED	PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED
33	HOA LONG Extension Market	90%	2 Carpenters 3 bricklayers 1 labourer	Nil
82	HOA LONG and SOUI NGHE, new well dug	90%	6 labourers	Nil
92	XUYEN MOC repair to school	100%	2 labourers	Nil
93	XUYEN MOC repair of dispensary	90%	2 labourers	Nil
102	Ap Soui Nghe Dispensary	90%	Local contract	Nil
74	BA RIA Old Folks Home	50%	Local contract	Nil
86	HOA LONG North School, repairs and painting	100%	Local contract	Nil
55	DAT DO, erect 8 black boards at elementary school	100%	Unit labour	Nil

2. Reconnaissance for Future Projects.

PROJECT NO	LOCATION	TYPE/DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
118	BA RIA Phuoc Le School	Repair and maintenance, to school	Tenders have been called
83	DUC THANH	Market	Waiting on tenders
115	XA LONG SON	Repair and maintenance to school	Waiting on tenders/quote
97	BA RIA	High School	Waiting on tenders/quote
103	SOUI NGHE	Market	Waiting on tenders/quote



## VUNG TAU Special Zone

Projects Under Construction.

PROJECT NO	LOCATION/DESCRIPTION	STAGE OF COMPLETION	LOCAL LABOUR EMPLOYED	PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED
V 67	VUNG TAU J.M.A. supply 3 ceiling fans for dispensary	-	Local purchase SAIGON	Waiting until other than local make can be obtained
V 90	VUNG TAU RVNAF Sig School. Supply concrete materials for playground edging	65%	Sig School Labour	Nil
V 92	VUNG TAU. Cay Khe Bridge. Supply materials for construction of a P.F. barracks and dependants quarters	-	P.W.D. and P.F.	Project held up due to labour not yet available from the P.W.D. OR P.F.
V143	CHUA PHAT. Aust dispensary. Repairs to hand basin and water reticulation	-	17 Const Sqn	Will commence when labour is available
V135	VUNG TAU. Province Reinstate playground equipment installed at (7) schools throughout VUNG TAU Province	-	102 Fd Wksp	As above
V152	VUNG TAU. Lam Son Primary School. Install a six (6) point latrine and a drinking well	43%	Local contract	Nil

4. Projects under Reconnaissance.

PROJECT NO	LOCATION	TYPE/DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
V111	THANG NHI. VUNG TAU	P.F. barracks and dependants quarters. Supply materials only. This is a self help project	All P.F. posts to be completed in turn, project V110 being the first
V112	BAI DAU. VUNG TAU	As above	As above
V109	Water plant	As above	As above
V113	NAM BINH Hamlet	Market place	Plans have been received from Hamlet Chief with request for construction. No action at this stage
V115	J.M.A. VUNG TAU	478 individual school desks. Can be bought by local purchase in SAIGON	Not yet actioned



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PROJECT NO	LOCATION	TYPE/DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
V138	AN PHONG Orphanage, VUNG TAU	Living quarters. 1 storey timber barracks block, same design as used by RAAF. Plans supplied by PA&E	It is anticipated that work will be done by 17 Const Sqn during members own free time. AFV have requested land ownership be proven by deed before further action
V139	AN PHONG Orphanage, VUNG TAU	Access road to orphanage	Labour as above. Not actioned
V140	AN PHONG Orphanage, VUNG TAU	Provide water reticulation and storage	As Above

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1 AUST CA UNIT

MONTHLY REPORT - MEDICAL

General

1. MEDCAPs conducted by 1 Aust CA Unit and other 1 ATF units with a total of 3 Australian doctors, 1 US doctor and 8 medics (Aust, ARVN, US) involved.

General Examinations

2. A total of 4278 patients were seen including 100 VD treatments at VUNG TAU. Main ailments encountered were:
  - a. Chronic bronchitis.
  - b. Dermatitis.
  - c. Lacerations.
  - d. Malaria.
  - e. Dental caries.
  - f. Diarrhoea.
  - g. VD.

Medical Evacuations

3. General.
  - a. No - 30.
  - b. Comments (disgnosis and possible treatment) - Chronic bronchitis, Pneumonia in children, severe dermatitis and Toxaemia of pregnancy.
4. Surgical.
  - a. No - 15.
  - b. Comments (type of surgery required) - Fractures (including compound fracture of the knee, collies, forearm, humerous), mastoiditis, breast abscess, hare lip and cleft palate, old polio deformity of leg.
5. Dental. VUNG TAU only - 80.
6. Follow-Up. (Details of cases that require follow-up treatment by a further MEDCAP. All cases reviewed during routine weekly MEDCAPS.

Assessment

7. The following observations are made:
  - a. During this month Health Education Lectures to School Teachers commenced. This was conducted by PHUOC TUY Province Dept of Health Officials in conjunction with MEDCAPS held for the school children by 1 Aust CA Unit. The aim of these lectures is the standard of hygiene in schools, and then through the health education of the children educate the parents in the hamlets and villages.
  - b. General health in all hamlets continues to improve.

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1 AUST CA UNIT

MONTHLY REPORT - EDUCATION

1. Commodity Distribution.
  - a. Equipment.
    - (1) 1 crate sporting gear - Source 1 Aust CA Unit.
    - (2) 1 transformer - Source 1 Aust CA Unit.
    - (3) 50 friendship kits - Source 2 CA Coy US.
  - b. Instructional Material. 4 books - Source American Cultural Centre
2. English Classes.
  - a. School Students.
    - (1) Classes - 7.
    - (2) Students - 420.
    - (3) Student hours - 1680.
  - b. Adult.
    - (1) Classes - 4.
    - (2) Attendance - 60.
    - (3) Student hours - 480 hours.

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1 AUST CA UNIT

MONTHLY REPORT - COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION

1. PHUOC TUY Province:

Male clothing	10 cases
Female clothing	6 cases
Childrens clothing	4 cases
Rice	10,712 lbs
Glass jars	5 cases
Midwifery kits	2 only
Sewing machines	5 single
Toys	1 case
Plastic bags	10 cartons
Midwifery replacement kits	6 only
Baby bouncinette	5 single
Shoes	13 boxes
Peas	14 x 56lb bags
Starch	2 cartons
Cooking oil	4 cartons
Cornmeal	6 cartons
Milk sterilised whole	15 cartons
Sugar granulated	16 bags
Dehydrated potato	21 cartons
Cake mix	44 cartons
Egg noodles	21 cartons
Assorted cereals	30 cartons
Instant soft drink	6 cartons
Egg whole	5 cartons
Macaroni	1 carton
Flour	3 bags
Apple sauce	2 cartons
Margarine	10 cartons
Shortening compound	4 cartons
Coffee ground roasted	6 cartons
Cranberry sauce	1 carton
Instant dessert and jelly	14 cartons
Prunes and raisins dehydrated	6 cartons
Powdered sugar	8 cartons

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Salad dressing	1 carton
Dehydrated cabbage	1 carton
Beans	1 carton
Grated cheese	1 carton
Emergency ration pack	82 single
2. <u>VUNG TAU Special Zone.</u>	
Material	3 boxes (VUNG TAU Welfare)
Male clothing	1 box " "
Female Clothing	1 box " "
Sewing Machine	1 only (Bethany School)
Material	2 boxes " "
Baby food	380 lbs
Mixed foodstuff	850 lbs
Soap	1 case
Toys	20 cases
Sewing machines	1 only
Material	5 cases
Male clothing	1 case
Female clothing	1 case
3. <u>SAIGON Area.</u>	
Baby food	7 cases
Special crates (Mrs Neilsen)	7 crates
Clothing	1 box
Cases meat	1 case
4. <u>RAAF PHAN RANG.</u>	
No quantities notified but items included:	
One sewing machine	
Three cases of clothing - mixed	
Excess rations (Roman Catholic Orphanage)	

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COMMUNICATIONS REPORT  
DECEMBER 1967

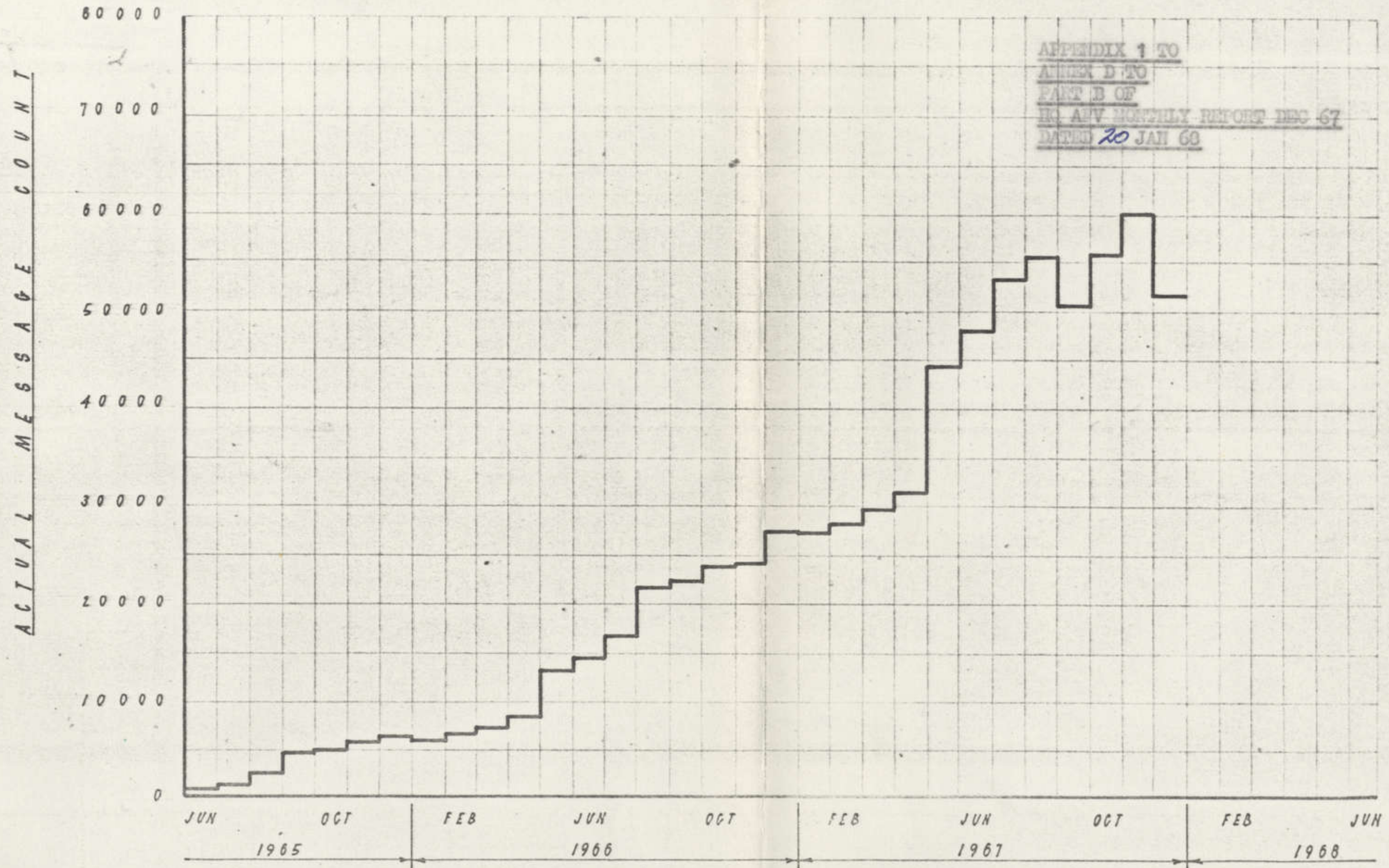
1. During the month of Dec 67, a total of 67,060 formal messages were handled in AFV. Of this total, 20,626 messages were passed between AUSTRALIA and SOUTH VIETNAM.
2. In theatre trunk telephone and telegraph channels were maintained at an above average availability state. Testing of alternate routes for radio relay circuits were successfully completed and work has now commenced on installing standby aerial systems aligned on these alternate routes.
3. Construction work on the new telephone and telegraph line system in the 1 ALSG area is nearing completion. Approximately 65% of all subscribers are now connected to the new system. Final works will be effected during Jan 68.
4. Planning for the extensive telephone line, telegraph and radio remote control line rehabilitation project at NUI DAT has been completed and required line construction stores are being assembled. Underground cabling will be employed throughout this area, other than at water crossings. Construction work will commence early Feb 68, coinciding with the anticipated arrival of a line construction detachment of nine men from AUSTRALIA.
5. Additional single sideband radio equipments have been fitted in the AV HARRY CHAUVEL to provide facilities for radio operation on US Navy Market Time Patrol Nets. The communications installation on the AS JOHN MONASH, which proved faulty during the voyage from AUSTRALIA, was repaired and rewired while this ship was anchored at VUNG TAU.
6. The following communication statistics are attached:
  - a. Appendix 1 - Traffic Volume - Major Relay Station SAIGON.
  - b. Appendix 2 - Circuit Data Summary - Major Relay Station SAIGON.

Appendices: 1. Traffic Volume - Major Relay Station SAIGON  
2. Circuit Data Summary - Major Relay Station SAIGON

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# TRAFFIC VOLUME — MAJOR RELAY STATION SAIGON





~~APPENDIX 1.~~

CIRCUIT DATA SUMMARY - MAJOR RELAY STATION SAIGON

1 - 31 DEC 67

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Circuit	Bearer	Circuit Availability		Traffic Data - Total Messages IN and OUT						TOTAL	ZFX, ZIG ZFR	
		Hrs/Day	%	FLASH	IMMEDIATE		PRIORITY		ROUTINE			
				No	No	%	No	%	No			%
NUI DAT	US Hired circuit (microwave/ AN/TRC-24 line)	22.7	94.6		399	6	2431	35	3746	59	6576	99
HQ AFV SIGCEN	Aust Line	22.4	93.3		827	7	4074	32	7403	61	12304	44
PHAN RANG	US Hired circuit (troposcatter/ microwave)	22.9	95.4		126	3	2118	57	1245	40	3489	84
MELBOURNE	Aust HF Radio	20.9	87.1	2	2023	12	6045	34	9714	54	17784	253
PHU LAM	US Hired circuit (microwave/ land line)	23.5	98.0		399	16	1934	74	227	10	2560	29
VUNG TAU	Aust AN/TRC-24	22.7	94.6		468	5	4067	44	4795	51	9330	60
				2	4242	8	20669	40	27130	52	52043	569
											52612	

NOTES:

- a. All circuits continuous, protected and full duplex
- b. Back up to NUI DAT line is Aust AN/TRC-24
- c. Traffic data is "live" traffic by actual message count. ZFX, ZIG and ZFR are added in the last column to make the data compatible with other AUSTCAN statistics.



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PUBLIC RELATIONS

MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1967

General

1. A total of 20 press visitors (plus 30 with President THIEU) covered the activities of the Force during December, 1967. The 20 pressmen represented 24 agencies or TV networks and were in the 1 ATF area for a total of 44 ration days.
2. Pressmen permanently or semi-permanently residing at 1 ATF during the month included:

a. Mr Ishtisq Ahmad	-	ITN(TV)
b. Mr M. Dyson	-	AAP
c. Mr M. Birch	-	AAP
d. Mr T. Choi	-	VISNEWS (ABC TV)
e. Mr P. Finn	-	Sunday Times, Perth
f. Mr H. Sargent	-	Channel 0, Brisbane

Press Releases

3. Fifty news releases were despatched to DPR, AHQ Canberra for the Australian press and Army Newspaper. In addition, RAAF releases were despatched to DPR DEPAIR, and Navy releases to DPR Navy Canberra.

Pictorial

4. One hundred and twelve black and white negatives were selected for release and despatch to DPR, for distribution in Australia. RAAF negatives were also despatched to DPR DEPAIR.

Television

5.
  - a. RAN - PR photographer shot a total of 200ft.
  - b. Army - PR photographers shot a total of 1940ft.
  - c. RAAF - PR photographer shot a total of 300ft.
  - d. The photographers covered twelve assignments, including sound-on-film of the ABC Concert Party.

Radio

6. Eleven radio tapes, including nine tapes of Christmas messages, were despatched to Canberra for distribution. A daily news bulletin and weekly sports round-up was compiled and read by HQ AFV PR staff for AFRTS broadcast.

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FINANCE

REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1967 - SECRETARY'S BRANCH

Financial Working Arrangement (FWA)

1. Approval to Change 3 of the FWA has been received from Department of Defence. However, USMACV is not prepared to sign a new agreement until Defence indicate the R and R charges in supplement No 1 to Change 3 are acceptable. The USMACV position is that they have received a direction from the US Joint Chiefs of Staff to include R and R charges in the agreement and therefore they would like to have these charges included in this revision of the FWA.

Camp Construction - Reimbursement from US

2. The total reimbursement for the calendar year was \$VN41,292,639 or \$AUST 315,210.98. It is expected that expenditure on Base Camp Construction will be much lower this calendar year as the master plan is nearing completion.

Civilian Staff

3. The civilian staff state as at 31 Dec 67 was:

- a. AIK funded employees - 219.
- b. Aust funded employees - 188.

4. An increase of 40 AIK funded employees is to be granted by MACV this month, some of these will be allocated to the RAAF.

Audit

5. No audits were completed this month due to the need for one auditor to hand over certain duties to the Deputy Financial Adviser.

6. The additional audit staff arrived in mid December and an audit programme has been prepared and is now being implemented.

Additional Costs of US Support.

7. Adjustment of capitation costs vide Change 3 to FWA to Nov 67 are:

- a. RAN - \$US1,126
- b. ARMY - \$US211,368
- c. RAAF - \$US28,676

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FORCE STRENGTH STATE

UNIT (a)	ESTB STR			SUPPLEMENT			ESTB & SUPPLEMENT			POSTED STRENGTH			ATTACHED			TOTAL		
	OFFR (b)	OR (c)	TOTAL (d)	OFFR (e)	OR (f)	TOTAL (g)	OFFR (h)	OR (i)	TOTAL (j)	OFFR (k)	OR (l)	TOTAL (m)	OFFR (n)	OR (o)	TOTAL (p)	OFFR (q)	OR (r)	TOTAL (s)
HQ AFV	56	92	148	2	8	10	58	100	158	53	87	140	2		2	55	87	142
110 SIG SQN	8	244	252				8	244	252	8	192	200				8	192	200
AFV DET 11 MC GP	2	12	14		1	1	2	13	15	2	13	15	1		1	3	13	16
AFV CASH OFFICE	4	18	22		2	2	4	20	24	4	16	20				4	16	20
+AATTV	14	85	99				14	85	99	16	73	89				16	73	89
FORS(ATT HQ AFV) (111 CORPS GIA DINH PROVINCE LOCATED SAIGON)	2	1	3				2	1	3	2	1	3				2	1	3
+LOCATION OF INDIVIDUAL AATTV PERSONNEL ARE THE SUBJECT OF SEPERATE RETURN																		
TOTAL	86	452	538	2	11	13	88	463	551	85	382	467	3		3	88	382	470
HQ 1 ATF	28	131	159	2	10	12	30	141	171	29	128	157				29	128	157
A SQN 3 CAV REGT	12	135	147	1	10	11	13	145	158	11	114	125				11	114	125
DET 131 DIV LOC BTY	3	64	67		6	6	3	70	73	3	67	70				3	67	70
4 FD REGT	26	303	329	1	34	35	27	337	364	26	333	359				26	333	359
A SECT 1 TOPO SVY TP	2	19	21		1	1	2	20	22	2	20	22				2	20	22
1 FD SQN	9	233	242		17	17	9	250	259	10	238	248				10	238	248

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)
21 ENGR SP TP	2	87	89		5	5	2	92	94	1	57	58				1	57	58
104 SIG SQN	6	129	135		11	11	6	140	146	5	126	131				5	126	131
DET 152 SIG SQN		17	17					17	17		15	15					15	15
DET 547 SIG TP	2	33	35		1	1	2	34	36	2	34	36				2	34	36
2 RAR	36	761	797				36	761	797	36	735	771				36	735	771
3 RAR	36	761	797				36	761	797	36	755	791				36	755	791
7 RAR	36	761	797				36	761	797	35	782	817				35	782	817
1 SAS SQN	6	78	84		9	9	6	87	93	6	72	78				6	72	78
DET 1 DIV INT UNIT	1	13	14		1	1	1	14	15	1	13	14				1	13	14
HQ 26 COY RAASC	3	14	17				3	14	17	2	7	9				2	7	9
DET 6 OFF	2	40	42		2	2	2	42	44	2	33	35				2	33	35
85 TPT PL	2	75	77		7	7	2	82	84	2	82	84				2	82	84
DET 52 SUP PL	1	11	12				1	11	12	1	12	13				1	12	13
DET A SQN 3 CAV REGT LAD		21	21		1	1		22	22		14	14					14	14
4 FD REGT LAD	1	26	27		1	1	1	27	28	1	20	21				1	20	21
INDEP ARMD SQN STORES SECT	1	10	11				1	10	11	1	1	2				1	1	2
DET 131 DIV LOC BTY WKSP		8	8					8	8		6	6					6	6
1 FD SQN WKSP	1	40	41		2	2	1	42	43	1	30	31				1	30	31
HQ 1 TF LAD	1	24	25		1	1	1	25	26	1	15	16				1	15	16

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161(INDEP)RECCE FLT	15	80	95		8	8	15	88	103	15	84	99				15	84	99
1 AUST CA UNIT	10	39	49				10	39	49	11	35	46				11	35	46
* 1 ARU (111 COPPS PHUOC TUY PROVINCE LOCATED NUI DAT) *INCLUDES REINFORCEMENT HOLDING	6	98	104				6	98	104	8	137	145				8	137	145
TOTAL	248	4011	4259	4	127	131	252	4138	4390	248	3965	4213				248,	3965	4213
HQ 1 ALSG	11	82	93		12	12	11	94	105	12	80	92				12	80	92
17 CONST SQN	11	337	348		9	9	11	346	357	11	291	302		2	2	11	293	304
DET 55 AESS	2	67	69				2	67	69	1	37	38				1	37	38
67 GL SECT	2	2	4				2	2	4	2	2	4				2	2	4
HQ 5 COY RAASC	4	19	23		3	3	4	22	26	4	21	25				4	21	25
2 TPT PL	2	75	77		7	7	2	82	84	2	81	83				2	81	83
25 SUP PL	2	32	34		3	3	2	35	37	2	38	40				2	38	40
86 TPT PL	2	75	77		3	3	2	78	80	1	42	43				1	42	43
DET 176 AD COY	1	29	30				1	29	30	1	22	23				1	22	23
8 FD AMB	19	119	138		6	6	19	125	144	18	121	139				18	121	139
33 DENT UNIT	5	18	23		1	1	5	19	24	5	19	24				5	19	24
102 FD WKSP	7	139	146				7	139	146	7	128	135				7	128	135
2 COMP ORD DEPOT	10	169	179	1	4	5	11	173	184	11	146	157		10	10	11	156	167

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102 FD WKSP STORES SECT	1	15	16				1	15	16	1	17	18				1	17	18
17 CONST SQN WKSP	1	45	46		4	4	1	49	50	1	42	43				1	42	43
DET 1 DIV S&T WKSP	1	38	39		1	1	1	39	40	1	19	20				1	19	20
DET 1 COMM Z POSTAL UNIT	2	23	25		2	2	2	25	27	2	30	32				2	30	32
AFV PRO UNIT	2	63	66		1	1	3	64	67	2	51	53				2	51	53
DET 30 TERM SQN	1	17	18		2	2	1	19	20	1	19	20				1	19	20
AFV AMENITIES & WELFARE UNIT	6	48	54				6	48	54	1	23	24				1	23	24
DET 8 PET PL	1	18	19				1	18	19	1	9	10				1	9	10
DET 5 ASCO	6	37	43				6	37	43	3	19	22				3	19	22
DET 198 WKS SECT (111 CORPS PHUOC TUY PROVINCE LOCATED VUNG TAU)	2	15	17				2	15	17	1	8	9				1	8	9
TOTAL	102	1482	1584	1	58	59	103	1540	1643	91	1265	1356		12	12	91	1277	1368
GRAND TOTAL	436	5945	6381	7	196	203	443	6141	6584	424	5612	6036	3	12	15	427	5624	6051
NAVY COMP	14	40	54				14	40	54	14	40	54				14	40	54
RAAF COMP	7	3	10				7	3	10	10	8	18	6	2	8	16	10	26
RAAF HQ AFV	1		1				1		1	1		1				1		1
RAAF HQ VUNG TAU	1		1				1		1	1		1				1		1
2 SQN	39	250	289				39	250	289	38	245	283				38	245	283
9 SQN	22	87	109				22	87	109	21	82	103				21	82	103
35 SQN	16	66	82				16	66	82	15	66	81				15	66	81

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BASE SP FLT	17	124	141				17	124	141	19	118	137	1	7	8	20	125	145
TOTAL	102	530	632				102	530	632	104	519	623	7	9	16	111	528	639

T/DUTY IN COUNTRY  
ARMY

AV "HARRY CHAUVEL"

4 48 52 4 48 52

T/DUTY IN COUNTRY  
RAAF

5 ACS

1 20 21 1 20 21

TOTAL ARMY

6051 (Incl 15 attached)

TOTAL RAAF

639 (Incl 16 attached)

TOTAL NAVY

54

GRAND TOTAL

6817 (INCL ATTACHED AND T/DUTY)



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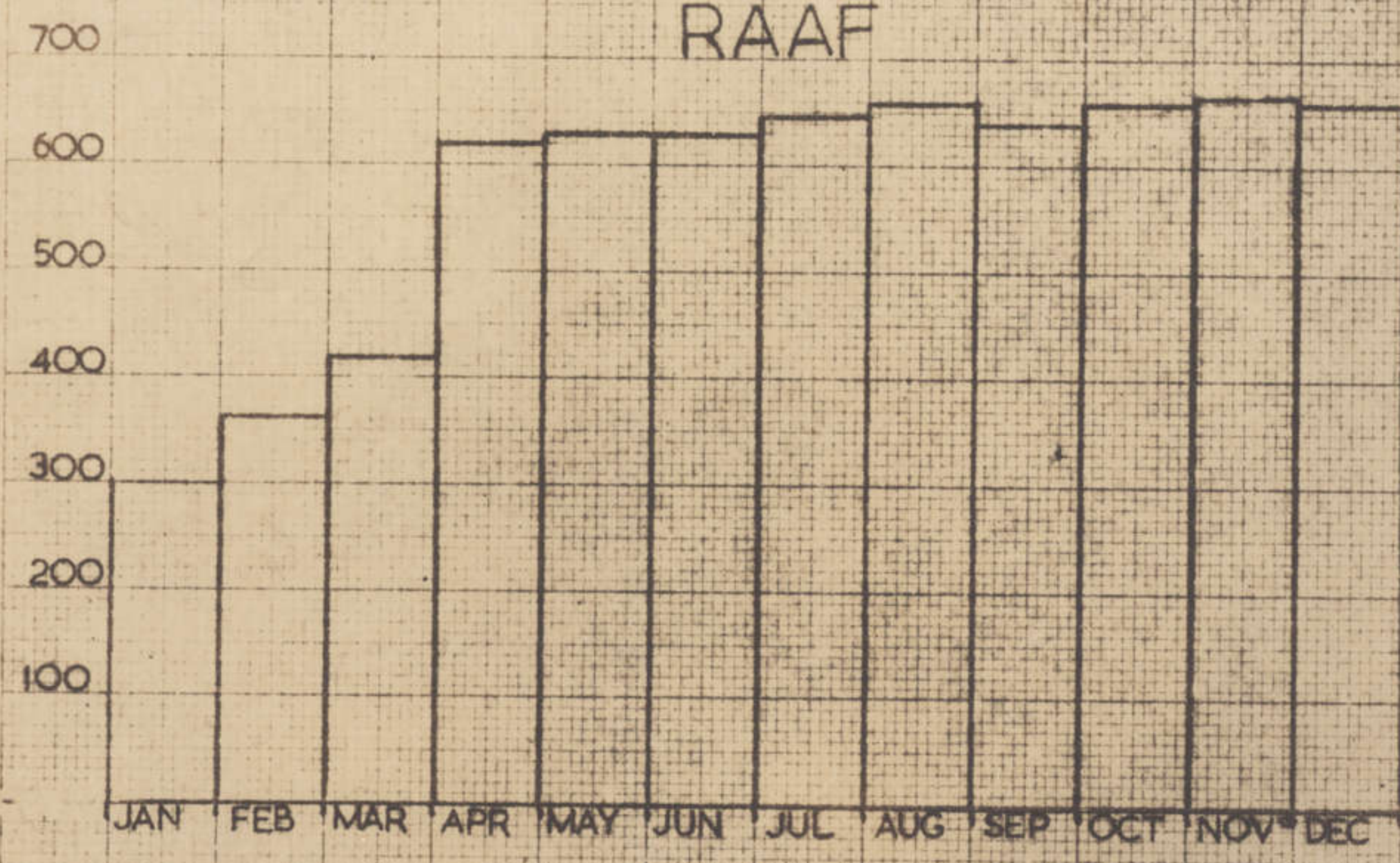




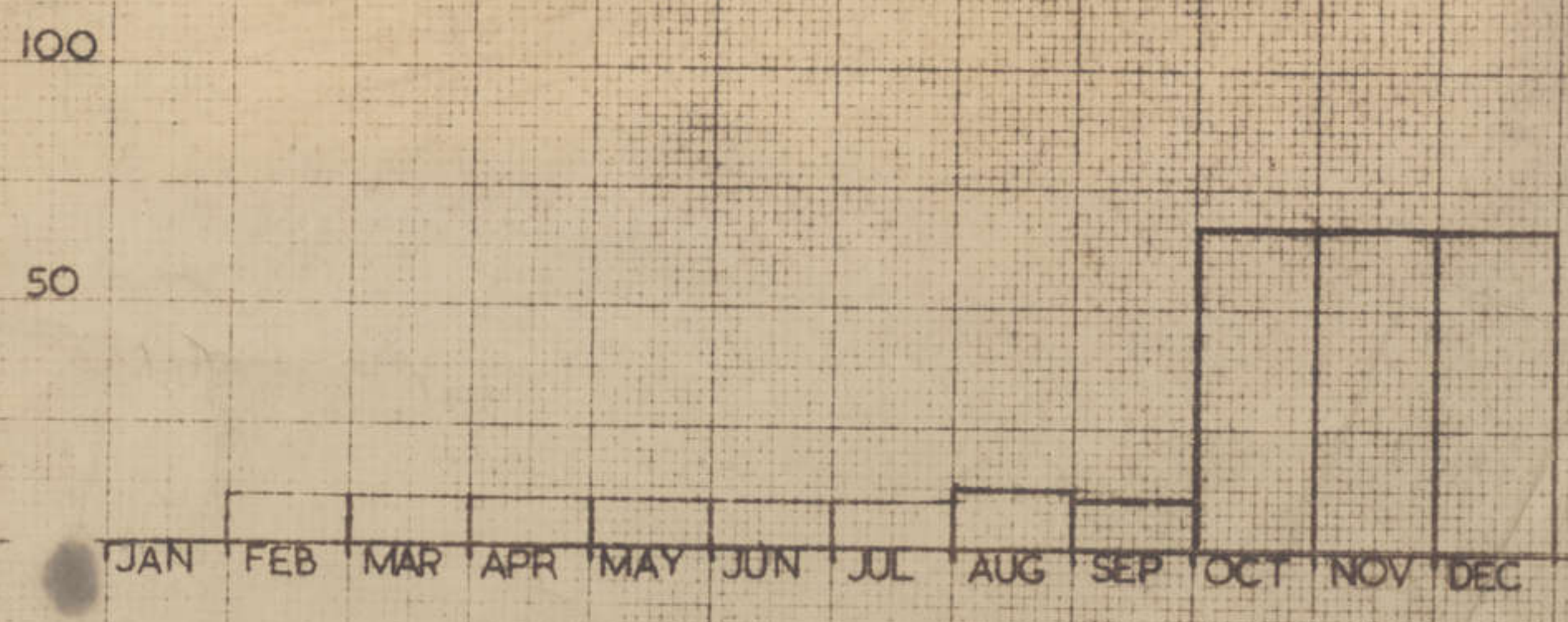
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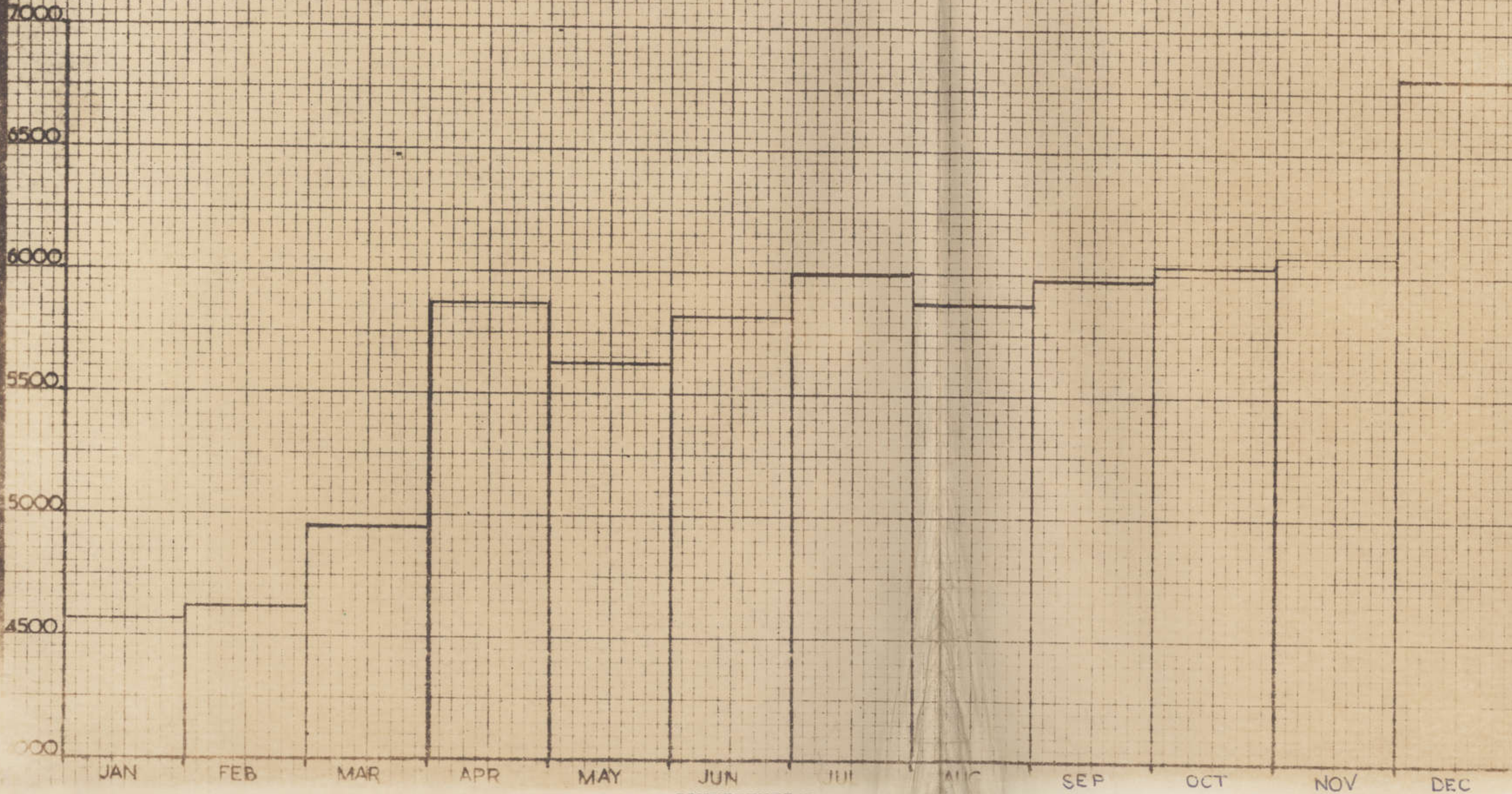


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MEDICAL REPORT AUSTRALIAN FORCE  
VIETNAM (ARMY AND RAN)  
DECEMBER 1967

General

1. The number of fevers has fallen this month, and the health of the force shows some improvement.
2. Army medical documentation still leaves much to be desired. SMO AFV (Army Component) will attempt to improve the system in mid January when a Army working party will review the present in theatre system.
3. In anticipation of the new medical organisation for AFV (Army Component) being accepted, preliminary designs for 1 Aust Fd Hosp are being considered. Present buildings are to be used where possible and the hospital will be air conditioned.

Health

4. The system of reporting PUO's still needs review.
5. In December seventy one PUO's were admitted and thirty of these were confirmed as malaria. Seven PUO's from November were confirmed as malaria during December.
6. The incidence of VIVAX malaria (fourteen) is considered high.
7. Previous figures and charts for malaria are not a true index of the incidence of the disease. Prior to October 67 patients diagnosed in one month as PUO and confirmed as malaria in the subsequent month have not been reported. Similarly members discharged from US resources with malaria and other diseases, were not notified if they had already been listed as PUO. For example, 2783651 Spr R. GLOSS, 1 Fd Sqn was reported in Aug 67 as PUO and confirmed Scrub Typhus (not reported) on 7 Sep 67.
8. SMO AFV (Army Component) is preparing a technical instruction on this subject.

Analysis of Battle Injuries - Dec 67

9.	<u>General Summary.</u>	<u>8 Fd Amb</u>	<u>36 Evac Hosp</u>	<u>Others(US)</u>	<u>Total</u>
a.	No battle injuries admitted	8	2	2	12
b.	Deaths in hospital	Nil	-	-	-
c.	No evacuations from theatre	1	-	-	1
d.	No with multiple wounds (major wounds only)	1	-	-	1
10.	<u>Wounding agent.</u>				
a.	Bullet	1	-	-	1
b.	Explosive missile	-	-	1	1
c.	Stab	-	-	-	-
d.	Blast	5	2	1	8
e.	Burns	-	-	-	-
f.	Others	2	-	-	2

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11.	<u>Regional Analysis.</u>	<u>8 Fd Amb</u>	<u>36 Evac Hosp</u>	<u>Others(US)</u>	<u>Total</u>
a.	Head - Penetrating	2	2	-	4
b.	Face (including eye)	2	-	1	3
c.	Thorax	-	-	-	-
d.	Abdomen	-	-	-	-
e.	Major limb	5	-	1	6

Note: RAAF members admitted to other than 8 Fd Amb and 36 Evac Hosp not shown in this report.

- Appendices:
1. Graphical representation of the Hospital State Dec 67
  2. Detailed casualty statistics for the month of Dec 67
  3. Total casualties incurred by Aust Force Vietnam

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\* TOTAL IN HOSPITAL

CENTRE \* 3 FD AMB

BOTTOM \* ALL US HOSPITALS

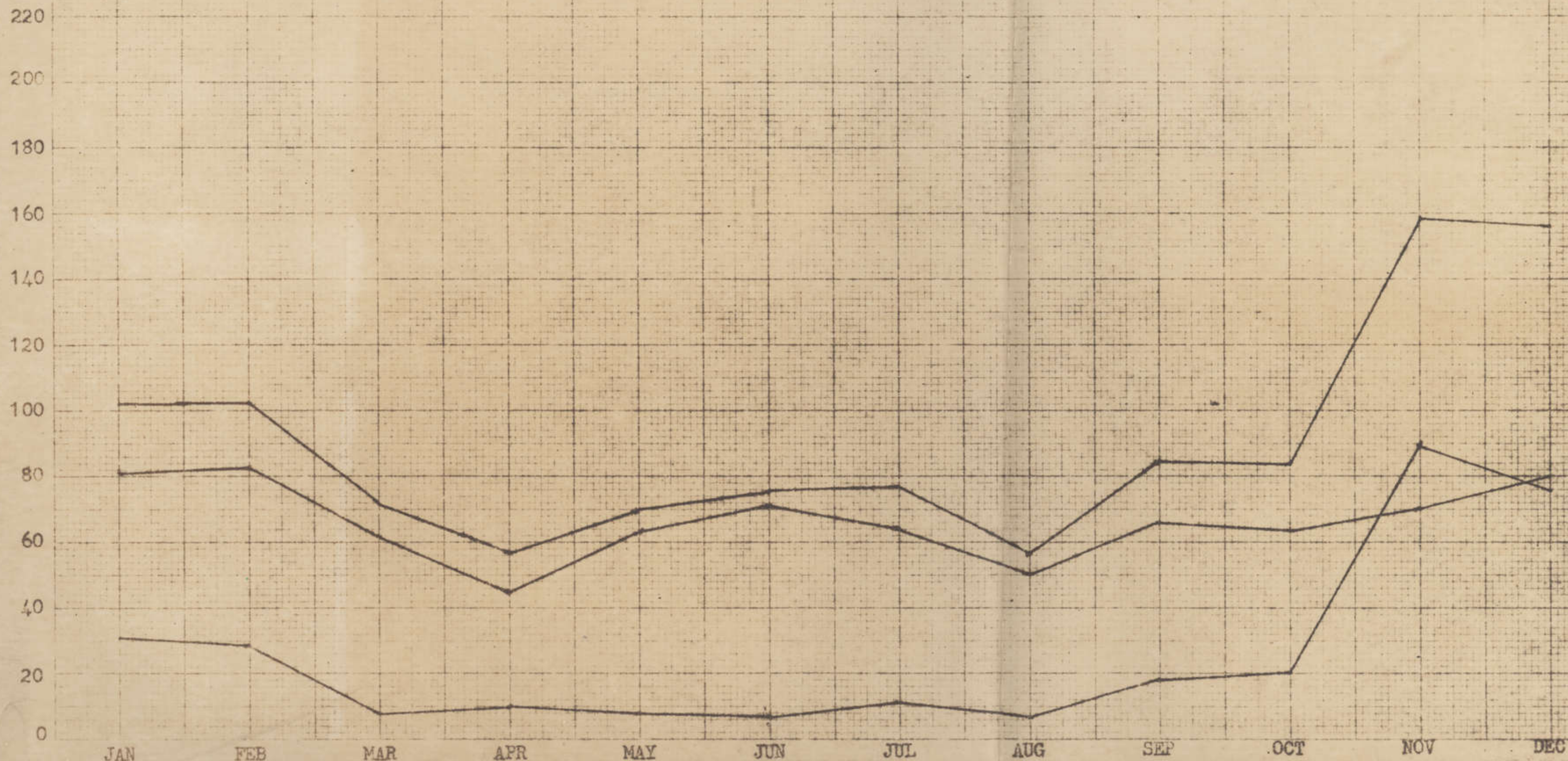
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DETAILED CASUALTY STATISTICS FOR MONTH OF DEC 67

SERIAL	DATE	KILLED IN ACTION			WOUNDED IN ACTION			MISSING IN ACTION			DIED FROM OTHER CAUSES			TOTAL		
		OFFR	OR	TOTAL	OFFR	OR	TOTAL	OFFR	OR	TOTAL	OFFR	OR	TOTAL	OFFR	OR	TOTAL
1	1 Dec		1*	1										1		1
2	4 Dec		1	1										1		1
3	5 Dec										1	1		1		1
4	8 Dec					1	1							1		1
5	9 Dec				1		1						1			1
6	10 Dec									1		1	1			1
7	16 Dec		2	2		2	2							4		4
8	18 Dec					1	1							1		1
9	19 Dec					1	1							1		1
10	26 Dec					1	1							1		1
11	27 Dec					2	2							2		2
			4	4		1	8	9			1	1	2	2	13	15

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TOTAL CASUALTIES INCURRED BY AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

SERIAL	DESIGNATION	DEC 67			SUMMARY OF LOSSES SINCE JUN 65			TOTAL		
		OFFR	OR	TOTAL	OFFR	OR	TOTAL	OFFR	OR	TOTAL
1	Wounded in action	1	8	9	42	510	552	43	518	561
2	Killed in action		4	4	9	122	131	9	126	135
3	Missing in action					1	1		1	1
4	Died from other causes	1	1	2		19	19	1	20	21
TOTAL		2	13	15	51	652	703	53	665	718

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL BRANCH MATTERS

MONTHLY REPORT - DEC 67

Movement

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

- a. Appendix 1 - Tonnages into theatre (MV JEPARIT).
- b. Appendix 2 - Cargo/courier flights ex AUSTRALIA.
- c. Appendix 3 - Tonnages Forward to 1 ATF.
- d. Appendix 4 - Cargo/courier flights ex VUNG TAU.
- e. Appendix 5 - Tonnages out of theatre by sea (MV JEPARIT).
- f. Appendix 6 - Inland Water Transport.
- g. Appendix 7 - Breakup of Inland Water Transport.

2. The VUNG TAU air field did not close as stated in the November report. It is now scheduled to close not before 1 Feb 68.

3. The turn around of HMAS SYDNEY reflected a high degree of efficiency on the part of 1 ALSG and AFV movements staff. The operation was greatly assisted by the use of Sky Crane helicopters to off load 5 ton vehicles and other heavy equipment. It is believed that this was the first time that Sky Cranes had been used in this role. Troops were off loaded by Chinook (CH47) direct to the 1 ATF area. The vessel dropped anchor at 0700 hrs and sailed again at 1400 hrs.

Engineers

4. Base Development

a. 1 ATF.

(1) The emphasis of construction during Dec 67 was placed on buildings and roads in the new area for 3 RAR and the Tank Sqn. Showers, latrines, kitchens, messes and canteens were ready for each company group as they arrived. By the end of Dec 67, some 54 showers and latrine buildings, and 14 large huts were completed. 8,500 yds of road had been formed, over half of this being gravelled.

(2) Some 22 buildings of all types were completed in the old area. These included Scale A buildings for the new NZ Coy.

(3) Considerable work was done also on Kangaroo heli-pad during the month.

b. 1 ALSG.

(1) The major portion of construction effort was devoted to the accommodation buildings near the Peter Badcoe Club and to warehouses in 2 AOD area.

(2) As a result of increases in strength to 1 ALSG units, further accommodation and functional buildings are now required. The original scaling of showers and latrines are inadequate and more of these facilities have been planned.

(3) Contract expenditure for Dec 67 was \$13,950 and new commitment was \$A5,700. At the end of Dec 67 there was \$A87,000 of work still awaiting completion by contractors.

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5. Construction Materials.

a. Temporary shortages of construction materials occur from time to time. Cement, certain timber sizes and some plumbing items have been problems during Dec 67. While the shortage is generally of a temporary nature only, it does necessitate interruptions and temporary changes in the construction programme.

b. Rock supply in VUNG TAU is again satisfactory. In NUI DAT the quarry operated by 17 Const Sqn has met all demands.

6. Electrical Engineering.

a. 1 ATF. Satisfactory progress is being made on the new reticulation system. 2 RAR area is virtually complete and the other two areas are about 15% complete. The order of construction is still governed by the supply of materials. Difficulty in moving poles from VUNG TAU to NUI DAT, due to lack of suitable transport, is a critical factor.

b. 1 ALSG. The US constructed high tension system is complete and has been tested. Internal wiring of camp buildings to accept US supply is proceeding.

7. Maintenance. During Dec 67, the US Army Repairs and Utilities service in VUNG TAU (Pacific Architects and Engineers), commenced maintenance in 1 ALSG in accordance with arrangements previously made.

8. Water Resources.

a. A series of bores was drilled in 1 ALSG to determine the extent of fresh water resources. Fresh water was found at a depth of about 20 feet below sea level and the total quantity appears adequate. Quality testing of the water at various depths is still in progress.

b. The well drilling team is now back in 1 ATF working in the 3 RAR area. In 1 ATF, one bore-supplied water point, providing 20,000 gallons per day, is in operation. Another similar water point should be completed by the end of Jan 68. Existing wells at present provide the bulk of the supply.

c. With the increased strength, the heavy construction programme and the very dusty conditions, the 1 ATF water consumption for Dec 67 was 2,122,000 gallons. This is an increase of 50% over the quantity supplied in Nov 67.

Supplies and Transport

9. Transport. The 5 ton range of GS vehicles are providing a good availability; the cargo vehicle being particularly good, with daily availability well over 80 percent. Recurring punctures to the rear tyres of both types of vehicles are a problem, the cause is being investigated.

10 Rations.

a. The items received from US Class one, as part of the cyclic menu for Christmas day, were excellent, and, combined with the extra items forwarded from AUSTRALIA, enabled all units to enjoy a fine day of messing. The items from AUSTRALIA were received later than planned, due to the delay of AV JOHN MONASH, but were distributed by 24 Dec 67; they proved most acceptable, particularly the sausages which made a very welcome change for the AUSTRALIAN palate. A regular supply of AUSTRALIAN sausages, even if purchases from Regimental Funds, would be most acceptable.

b. Marmalade is now being specially supplied to AUSTRALIAN units in lieu of grape jam.

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c. It is planned to make a percentage issue of fresh (re-combined) carton milk to units of 1 ATF commencing in Jan 68. A small trial shipment to 2 RAR proved most successful despite problems of refrigeration and transportation. Over the 'we days trial, no souring occurred.

d. It is expected that butter will be reintroduced to the US Army cyclic menu, to replace margarine, in Mar/Apr 68.

11. Expense Items. The flow of all items has considerably improved and is reflected in a lessening demand placed on AUSTRALIA. It is anticipated that by the end of Jan 68 the stock and resupply position from sources will eliminate the need for continued supply of most items from AUSTRALIA.

Ordnance

12. 2 Comp Ord Dep (now designated 2 AOD).

a. Seven of the nine storehouses have been completed, work is progressing on the new machine room, which is expected to be operational by the end of January (a slip of one month) and work is soon to commence on the Gp I Service Station and Control Office.

b. Dues out suffered a further increase during the month of Dec 67 despite a review with a view to local procurement; some reduction may be anticipated following:

(1) Completion of the review.

(2) Further progress in relocation.

(3) Receipts from the JEPARIT in early Jan 68 flowing from SRV's generated during late Nov 67 after purification of the computer programme.

c. A total of 7311 indents were controlled (including 817 Medical) which reflects the 4 week reporting period.

d. Service Demands totalled 1106, of which 790 were for non-scaled items.

e. US supply requisitions for the period 21 Jun - 31 Dec 67 total 1961 of which 323 were filed during Dec 67. Of the total, 804 have been filled, 79 part filled, 221 have been cancelled and 957 are outstanding over 30 days. During Dec 67, further advances were made in clarifying the format and status of AUSTRALIAN requisitions, especially for the replacement of command-controlled stores lost due to operations.

f. The Repair Parts Project Officer visited FARELF during the month, and a report aimed at improving the support available from SINGAPORE has been sent to DOS.

13. Det OFF.

a. The OC has arrived, and the increases to establishment are being filled progressively. The administrative control of the TFMA has been handed over to OC 26 Coy RAASC, who also arrived during Dec 67.

b. Plans are in hand for the establishment of a self-service store to serve 1 ATF units, commencing in early Feb 68.

14. 1 Indep Armd Sqn Wksp Stores Sect. The advance party arrived early in Dec 67 and were able to prepare for the mainbody who arrived with the Wksp. Installation of the unit is progressing satisfactorily.

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15. 3 RAR. Immediate requirements of the unit have been met without major complaints, and future development should proceed smoothly.

16. Combat Clothing. Suspension of issue of this item in its present form for combat use has left considerable stocks on hand.

Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

17. Equipment Repair.

a. With continuing replacement of the older 2½ ton range of vehicles with the new 5 ton range, both cargo and dump, serviceability in units is high. The repair load on unit workshops and IAD's is met satisfactorily.

b. The repair and sentencing of vehicles, which have been returned to 2 AOD, continued at 102 Fd Wksp. A priority programme, to repair 2½ ton cargo and dump vehicles for reissue, was completed during Dec 67. The outstanding workload at the field workshop remained high throughout the month but it is anticipated that this will be reduced to an acceptable level by mid Feb 68.

c. The serviceability of all A, B and C vehicles continued to be satisfactory throughout the month. The older ¼ and ½ ton vehicles are approaching mileage and age figures which indicate that the BLR/BER rate will increase considerably during the next three months.

d. The repair load arising from telecommunications, small arms, armanent and electrical equipment has been met and serviceability in units remained at a high level.

18. Inspections.

a. The following inspections were carried out at 1 ATF by a HQ AFV Inspection Team:

- (1) B vehicles and forklifts.
- (2) Telecommunication equipment.
- (3) Tractors wheeled size 7.

b. The inspection of small arms continued on a quarterly cyclic basis throughout 1 ATF.

c. An inspection of tractors wheeled size 7 was completed at 1 ALSG.

19. Workshop Accommodation.

a. Building of the main general engineering workshop is still awaited.

b. The site and levels for the construction of 1 (Indep) Armd Sqn Wksp have been cleared. The advance party has the construction of their living area well under way.

c. The general engineering workshop for 17 Const Sqn Wksp was completed.

Postal

20. Further improvement in mail service was evident during the month. There were only two occasions when no mail was received.

21. Attached are the following graphs:

- a. Appendix 8 - Class 1 Mail
- b. Appendix 9 - Class 2 Mail

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- Appendices:
1. Tonnages in to Theatre (JEPARIT)
  2. Cargo/Courier Flights ex AUSTRALIA
  3. Tonnages Forward to 1 ATF
  4. Cargo/Courier Flights ex VUNG TAU
  5. Tonnages out of Theatre by sea (JEPARIT)
  6. Inland Water Transport
  7. Breakup of Inland Water Transport
  8. Mail - Class 1, In and Out
  9. Mail - Class 2, In and Out

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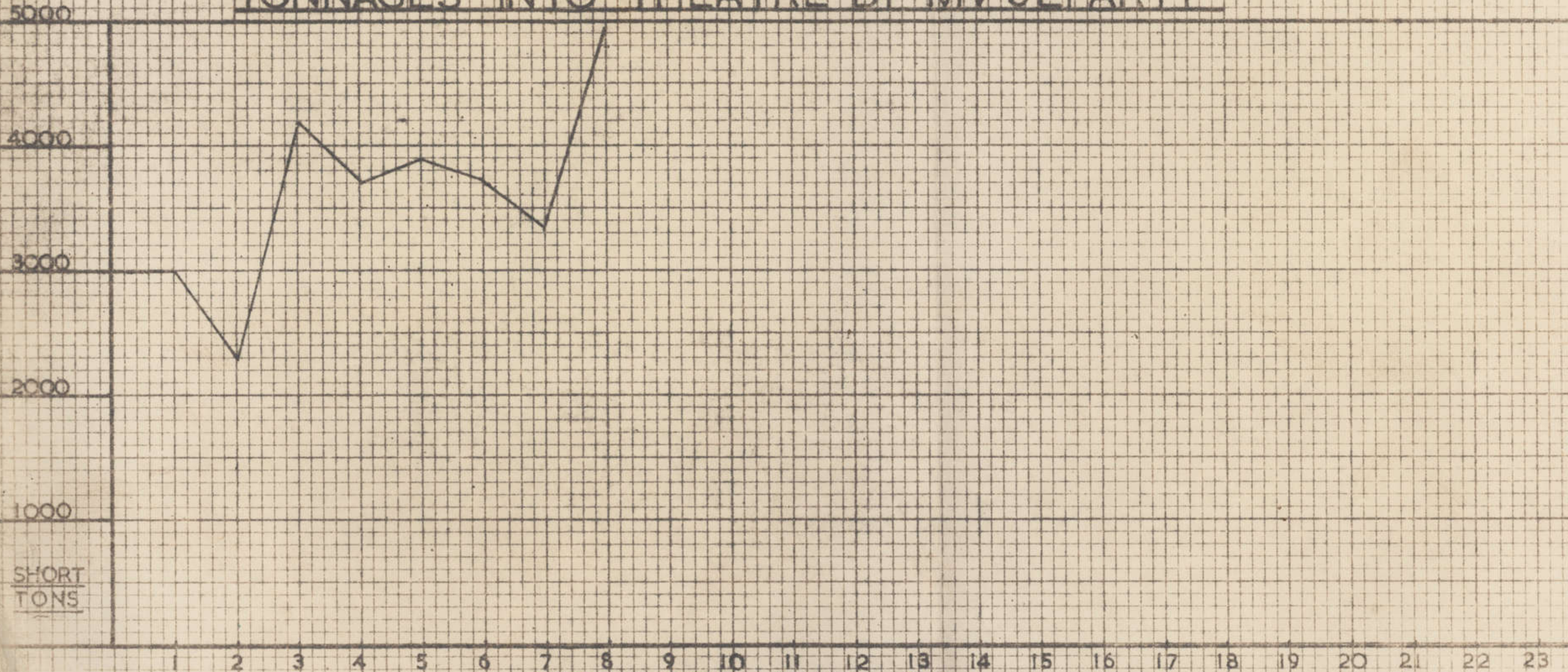


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TONNAGES INTO THEATRE BY MV JEPARIT



VOYAGES 1967-68

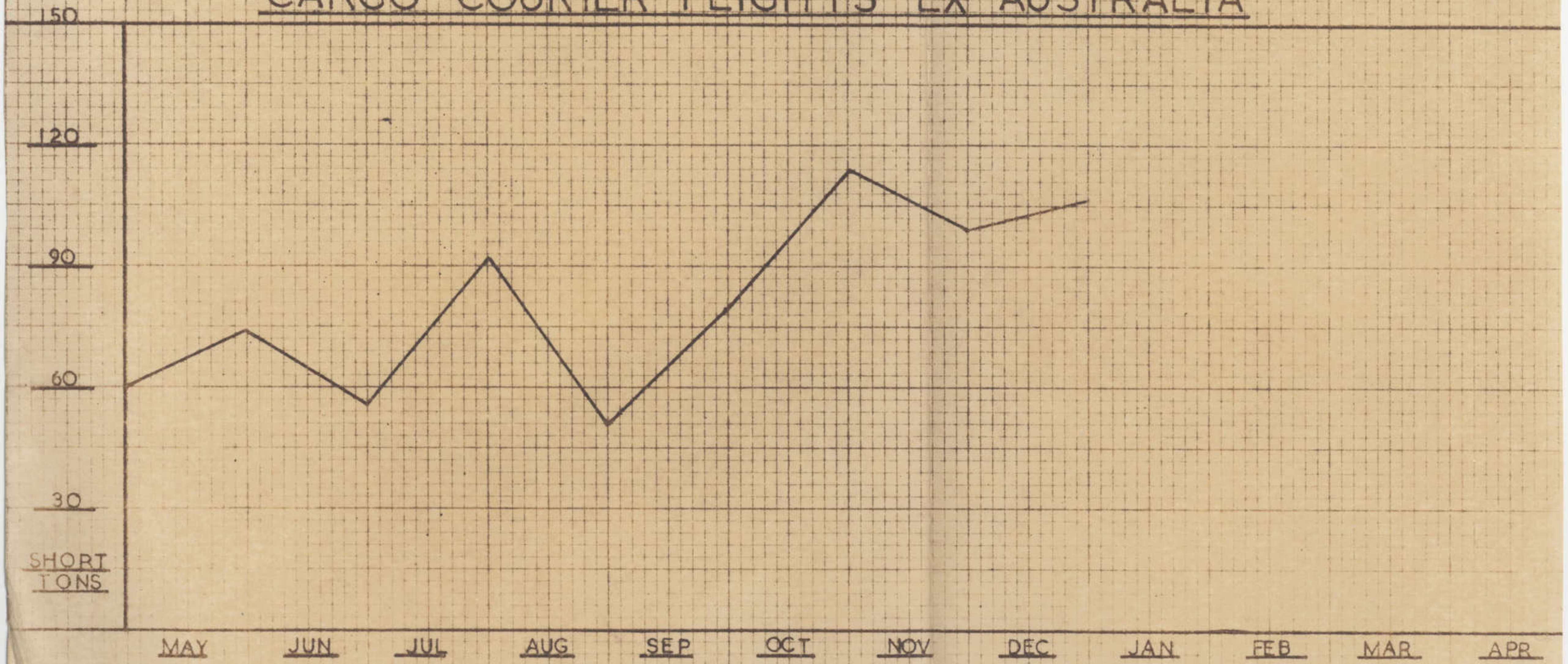
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CARGO COURIER FLIGHTS EX AUSTRALIA



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TONNAGES FORWARD TO LATE JUL/DEC '67

2400

2000

1600

1200

800

TONS

400

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AVERAGE JAN/JUN 67 886 TONS

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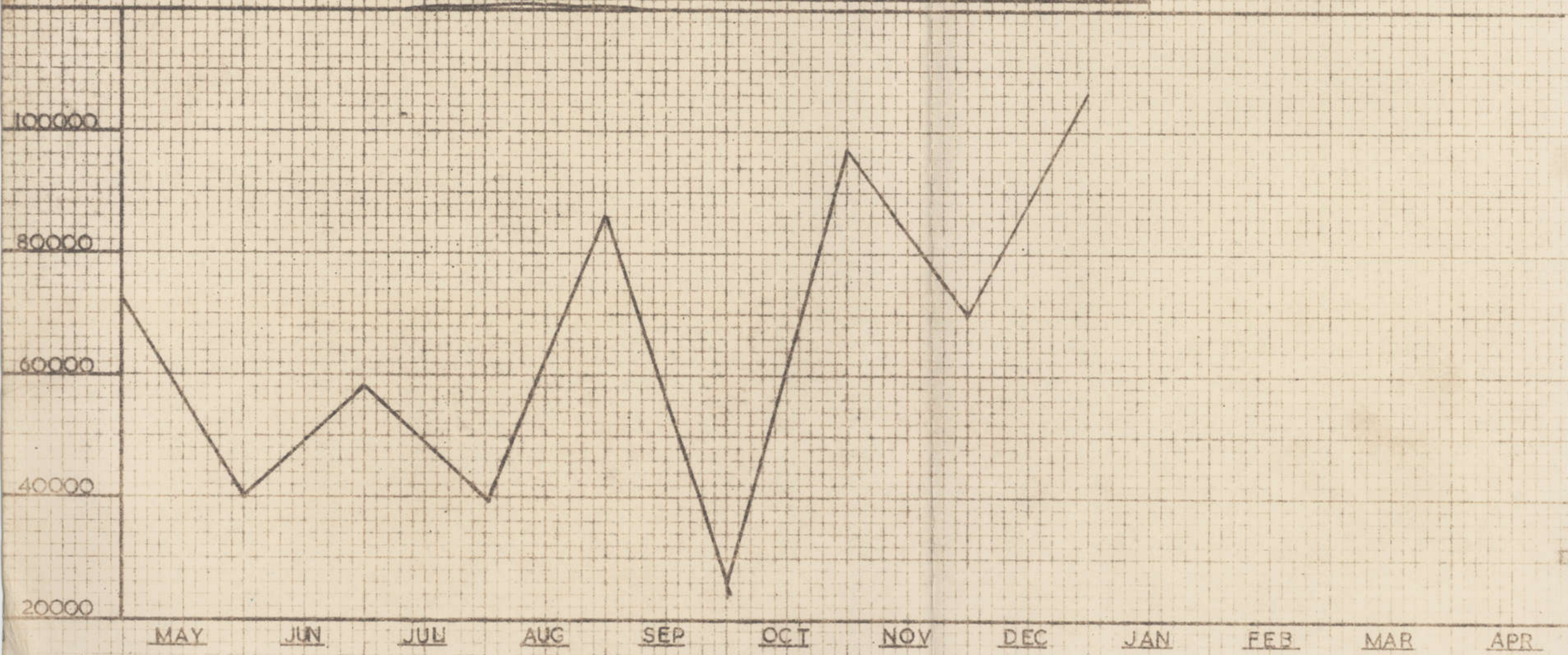


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CARGO-COURIERS EX VUNG TAU



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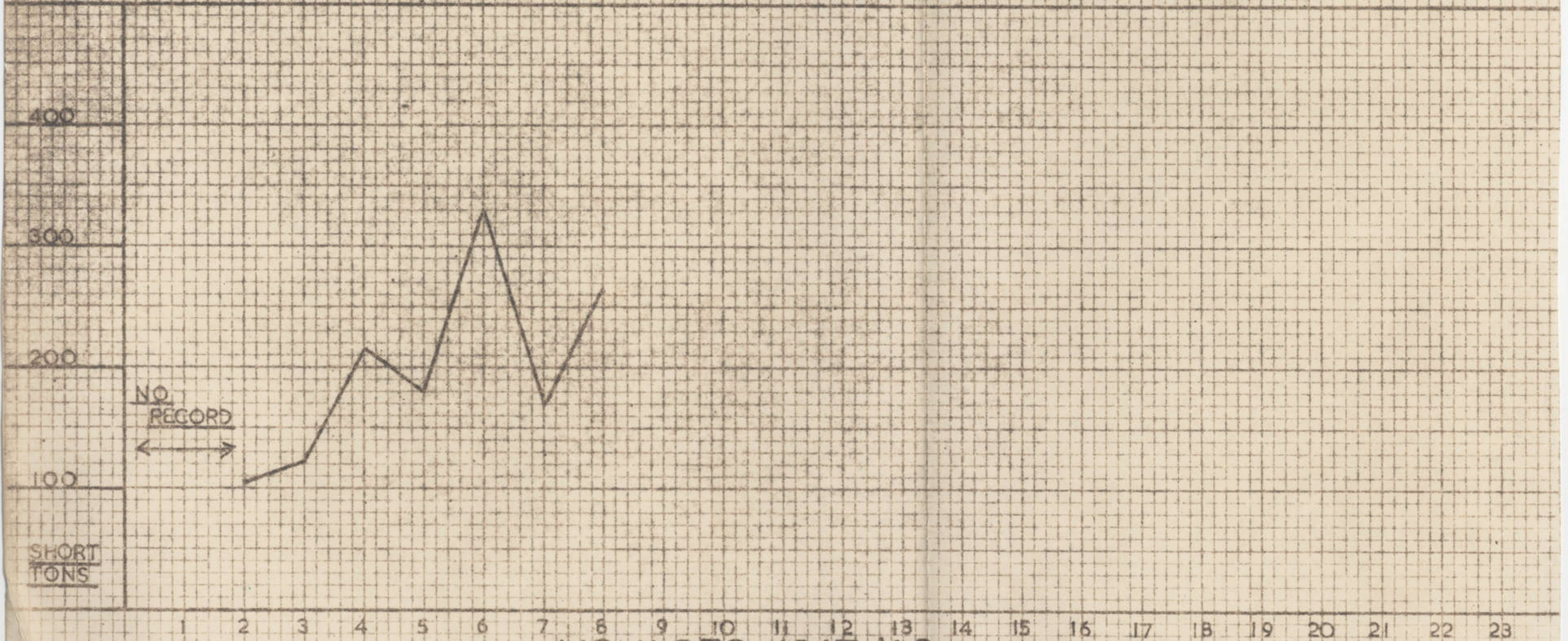
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TONNAGES OUT OF THEATRE BY MV JEPARIT



VOYAGES 1967-'68

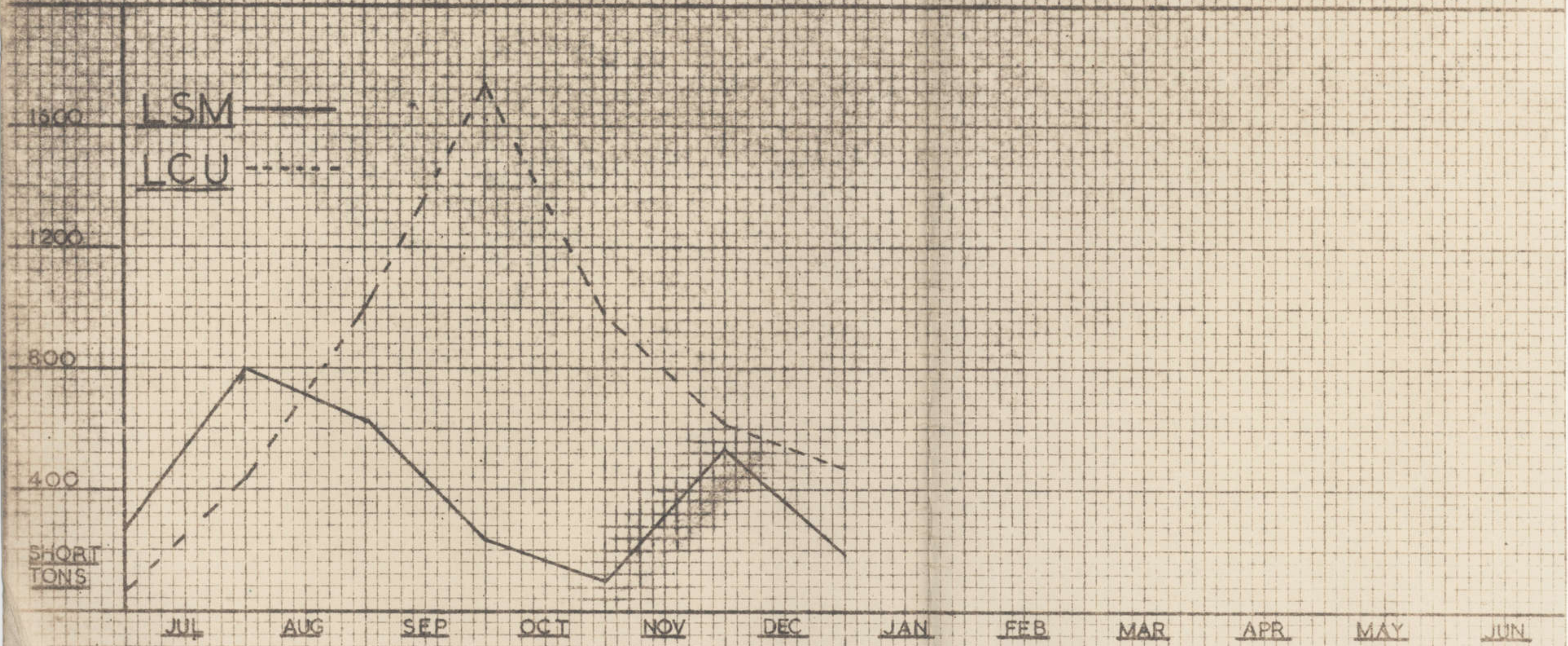
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INLAND WATER TRANSPORT



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SUMMARY OF CARGO CARRIED TO AND FROM  
IN COUNTRY PORTS BY AUSTRALIAN LSM AND US LCU'S

1. LSM PORTS

LSM PORTS	AUST CARGO	US CARGO
a. VT/SGN	9	-
b. SGN/VT	104	-
c. VT/PHAN RANG	1	-
d. PHAN RANG/VT	-	-
e. VT/BAR	81	-
f. CRB/VT	3	-
TOTAL	198 S/TONS	-

2. LCU PORTS

LCU PORTS	AUST CARGO	US CARGO
a. VT/SGN	100	
b. SGN/VT	134.7	
c. VT/BAR	238	
d. BAR/VT	-	
TOTAL	472.7 S/TONS	

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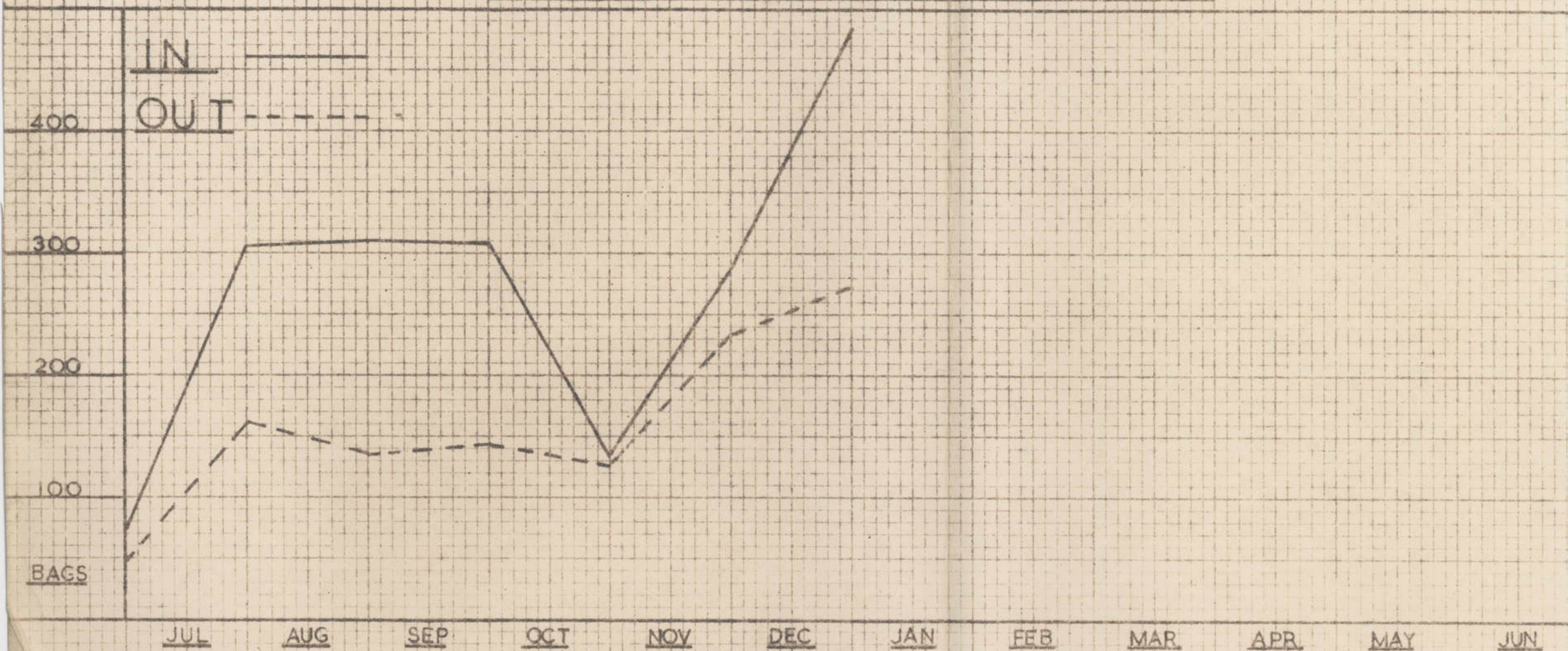


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PRIORITY ONE MAIL IN & OUT



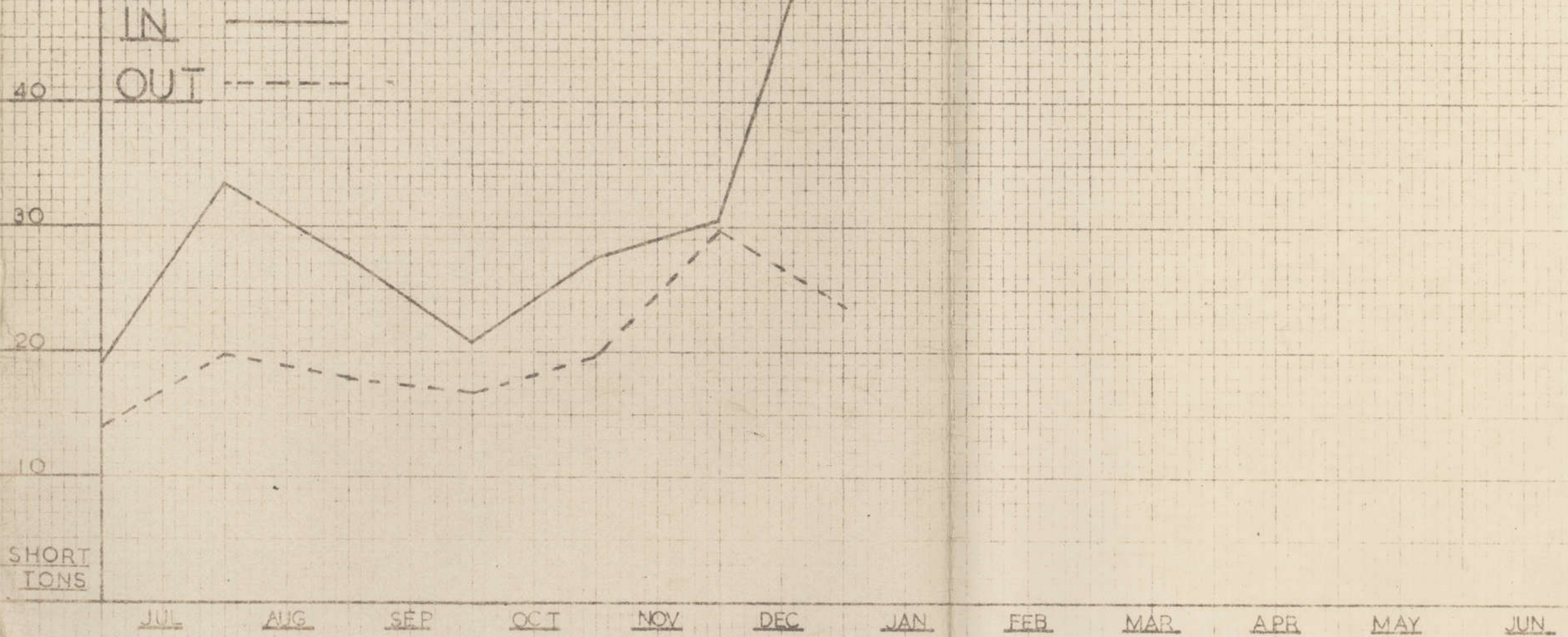
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PRIORITY TWO MAIL IN & OUT



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PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

DECEMBER 1967

Chieu Hoi Programme

1. Monthly CORDS Field Overviews and Field Programme assessments have been forwarded separately.
2. The necessary figures to complete the table provided in the November Report as Appendix 1 to Annex J to Part B are attached in the appendix to this annex. The figures show the "Hoi Chans" for the month and the totals for 1967 by III CTZ Provinces.

Publications

3. The following publications were forwarded:
  - a. Operations Plan for 1968 TET Chieu Hoi Plan.
  - b. JUSPAO Psy Ops Policy No 48 "Exploitation of the NLF Policy Platform.
  - c. Change 2 to JUSPAO Psy Ops Tapes.
  - d. Consolidation of Guidances 23-46.
  - e. Psy Ops Guidance No 49 "Exploitation of the NLF Political Programme.
  - f. Change 2 to JUSPAO. Leaflets and Posters Catalogue.

ATF Activity

4. Leaflets.
  - a. Received from JUSPAO. - 10,000.
  - b. Ground Operations. - 20,000. }
  - c. Air Operations. - 2,220,000. } distributed
  - d. Newspapers.
    - (1) By air - 30,000.
    - (2) By land - 4,000
  - e. Posters. - 200.

Evaluation of Effectiveness

5. Psychological Operations continue to be effective but political warfare and counter psy ops conducted by VC appears to have reduced recent rallier rates.
6. The rallier rate for PHUOC TUY is not significantly higher than 1966. However, when the numbers from VUNG TAU Special Zone are added, there is a co-joint total considerably more than last year. In addition, a further 450 people rallied from VC areas and were classified as refugees. The total loss of manpower to the VC was 1090 for the month.
7. The majority of ralliers have either seen a leaflet or have heard a voice broadcast. This is not, however sufficient evidence to claim that Psy Ops has been wholly responsible for their rallying. In most cases, Hoi Chans say that various military pressures made them wish to rally and in the final moment of decision, a leaflet or voice broadcast swayed the balance.

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Psy Ops Field Team

8. Psy Ops Field Team supported six cordon and search operations during the month during operation "FORREST". Aerial drops and voice air also supported rice denial and MEDCAP II programmes.

Intelligence Received from Hoi Chan

9. A rallier Tam Chau, formerly a cadre member for Chau Duc furnished valuable information resulting in the discovery of underground caves and a weapons cache containing 37 rifles. Tam Chau also confirmed that aerial broadcasts made from a light helicopter were clearly audible and have been heard and discussed by many VC in the area.

Armed Propaganda Teams APT

10. The Ba Ria APT from the Chieu Hoi Centre is reduced in effectiveness by a lack of weapons. The District and Province Chief are reluctant to arm APT personnel because they are Hoi Chan (ex VC). It is reasonable to assume that a Hoi Chan will not willingly return to be a VC for fear of punishment. The argument that he is less likely to defect or desert than ARVN, RF or PF is equally valid. 1 ATF has strongly recommended that APTs be armed so that they can participate fully in the 1968 TETF Chieu Hoi Programme. Many other US advisors in III Corps Provinces share this view.

Appendix: 1. Chieu Hoi Figures

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CHIEU HOI FIGURES

DECEMBER

AND 1967 TOTALS

	<u>DEC 67</u>	<u>1967</u>
BIEN HOA	17	382
BINH DUONG	12	1133
BINH LONG	7	88
BINH TUY	13	196
GIA DINH	21	1119
HAU NGHIA	20	1220
LONG AN	32	1524
LONG KHANH	1	79
PHUOC LONG	-	164
PHUOC TUY	11	311
TAY NINH	21	696
VUNG TAU	27	332
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MONTHLY REPORT

VISITORS DURING DECEMBER 1967

1	Col G. O'Day	DDMT	4 Dec
2	Maj D. Chrisp	CARO	1 Dec - 22 Dec
3	Maj E. Holt	DSL	1 Dec - 31 Dec
4	Mr G. Lugg	DSL	1 Dec - 31 Dec
5	Col F. Serong	MACV	2 Dec
6	Dr P.W. Bowe	SA Mil Board	1 Dec - 10 Dec
7	Capt K. Collins	FARELF attachment	1 Dec - 31 Dec
8	2 Roman Catholic Priests	Press Reporters	2 Dec
9	Mr L.M. McQueen	Paymaster in Chiefs Office	2 Dec - 18 Dec
10	Maj R.G. Williams	COMWEL Bde Singapore	7 Dec - 9 Dec
11	Brig Gen K. Gustafson	CG 18 MP Bde USARV	8 Dec
12	Sqd Ldr Beckhouse	DEPAIR	Dec
13	Mr West	Rand Corp USA	12 Dec
14	Mr Jannia	Rand Corp USA	12 Dec
15	Brig Van Harlegan	CG 1 Sig Bde USA	13 Dec
16	Sir Alister Murdock	Chief of Air Staff	11 Dec - 15 Dec
17	Congressman J Resnick	USA Congressman	18 Dec
18	and party of three		
19	Senator G. McKellar	Minister for Repatriation	22 Dec - 25 Dec
20	Brig F. Chilton	Chairman Dept	22 Dec - 25 Dec
21	Mr G. Clarke	Sec to Senator	22 Dec - 25 Dec
22	Mr Robinson	Monash University	20 Dec - 21 Dec
23	Lt Cdr Anderson		20 Dec - 28 Dec
24	Miss L. Desmond	Concert Party	22 Dec - 4 Jan 68
25	Miss B. Harrell	" "	22 Dec - 4 Jan 68
26	Mr R. Bandona	" "	22 Dec - 4 Jan 68
27	Mr L. Starr	" "	22 Dec - 4 Jan 68
28	Mr R. Ryan	" "	22 Dec - 4 Jan 68
29	Mr L. Grills	" "	22 Dec - 4 Jan 68
30	Mr J. Gussy	" "	22 Dec - 4 Jan 68
31	Mr A. Wood	" "	22 Dec - 4 Jan 68
32	Mr C. Munroe	" "	22 Dec - 4 Jan 68
33	Mr J. Inerson	" "	22 Dec - 4 Jan 68
34	Mr M. Bowden	" "	22 Dec - 4 Jan 68
35	Mr D. Rutledge	" "	22 Dec - 4 Jan 68
36	Mr W. Wickham	" "	22 Dec - 4 Jan 68
37	Miss E. Ryan		22 Dec - 4 Jan 68

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38	Mr N. Thomas	Concert Party	22 Dec - 4 Jan 68
39	Maj D. Patterson	" "	22 Dec - 4 Jan 68
40	Mr A. Nash	" "	22 Dec - 4 Jan 68
41	Mr C. Pail	" "	22 Dec - 4 Jan 68
42	Mr D. May	" "	22 Dec - 4 Jan 68
43	Mr E. Wilson	" "	22 Dec - 4 Jan 68
44	Mr J. Costello	" "	22 Dec - 4 Jan 68
45	Mr D. Cameron M.P.	Federal Parliament	27 Dec - 29 Dec
46	Lt Cdr Hawes		29 Dec - 31 Dec
47	President Thieu		29 Dec
48	Three RVN Cabinet Ministers plus party of 30 pressmen/security		
49	Mr P. Evans	NZ Charge de Affairs	29 Dec
50	Lt Col Smith	COMVZ V Force	29 Dec
51	Lt Col Hall	MACV Intelligence	29 Dec

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PART C

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIRFORCE COMPONENT REPORT

Operations

1. A breakdown of flying hours, bomb expenditure, cargo and passengers carried for Nos 2, 9 and 35 Squadrons is shown at Annex A to Part C.
2. No 2 Squadron attacked 339 targets during December. These were dispersed throughout all four Corps.
3. Because of low cloud and fog in the area, 31 of the day visual missions were converted to combat skyspot.
4. Perhaps the most notable achievement for the squadron for the month is the consistent accuracy of visual bombing. It is believed that the accuracy now being achieved exceeds significantly that previously obtained by Canberra aircraft. In a high percentage of cases bombs are right on target and called as direct hits by the Forward Air Controller (FAC). The Squadron BDA for the month is attached as Annex C to Part C.
5. No 9 Squadron recorded 3211 sorties during December for a total of 499.50 flying hours.
6. The 1 ATF rice denial operation (FORREST) progressed during December with No 9 Squadron being tasked for troop movements, re-supply, medevac and for clearing landing zones and extractions of SAS patrols. During these activities twenty LRRPs were inserted and extracted; six of the extractions were "emergency" as Vietcong were encountered in the immediate vicinity of the LZ.
7. No 35 Squadron flew 471 hours comprising 823 sorties during December.
8. In achieving 471 hours, No 35 Squadron flew its 20,000th hour in VIETNAM. In an unspectacular way the squadron continues to perform a safe and reliable service for the 7AF USAF and AFV.
9. The levelling and resurfacing of the main runway at VUNG TAU mentioned in the last report is now not planned to start before 1 Feb 68 and further deferment may eventuate. The surface of this runway is badly broken and it would certainly not remain in a usable state during another wet season, if not repaired.

RAAF Component Strength

10. The RAAF Component strength is shown at Annex B to Part C.

Visits

11. During December, visitors to the RAAF Component were:
  - a. Mr B. Roberts, Deputy Director Operational Research Office, Department of Air, 10-15 December, 1967.
  - b. Air Marshal Sir Alister Murdoch, Chief of the Air Staff and Wing Commander R.E. Frost, Staff Officer to CAS, 11-15 December, 1967.
  - c. Senator G.C. McKellar, Minister for Repatriation, 23 December, 1967.

- Annexes:
- A. Flight Details, No 2, 9 and 35 Sqns RAAF
  - B. RAAF Component Strength
  - C. No 2 Sqn RAAF BDA Dec 67

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DETAILS OF FLYING HOURS, CARGO AND PAX CARRIED BY

2 SQN, 9 SQN AND 35 SQN RAAF

1. No 2 Squadron.
  - a. Hours flown - 485 hours
  - b. Sorties - 240
  - c. Bomb expenditure - 984x500lb, 672x1000lb
  - d. VC killed - See Annex C
  - e. Bomb damage assessment - See Annex C
  - f. Aircraft casualties from enemy action - Nil
  
2. No 9 Squadron.
  - a. Hours flown - 500 hours
  - b. Sorties - 3211
  - c. Passengers carried - 4218
  - d. Medevacs uplifted - 69
  - e. Freight uplifted - 219,465 lbs
  - f. VC killed in action - Nil
  - g. Hits on target - Nil
  
3. No 35 Squadron.
  - a. Hours flown - 471 hours
  - b. Sorties - 823
  - c. Cargo carried - 498,951 lbs
  - d. Mail carried - 358,584 lbs
  - e. Passengers carried - 8872

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RAAF COMPONENT STRENGTH STATE 30 NOV 67

DESIGNATION	CORP	PROVINCE	LOCATION	UNIT AUTH STRENGTH			PERSONNEL PCS IN-COUNTRY			PERSONNEL TDY IN-COUNTRY			TOTAL PERSONNEL		
				OFFR	EM	AGGR	OFFR	EM	AGGR	OFFR	EM	AGGR	OFFR	EM	AGGR
No 2 Squadron	II	NINH THUAN	PHAN RANG	39	250	289	38	249	287				38	249	287
RAAFHQVUNGTAU	III	PHUOC TUY	VUNG TAU	3	8	11	3	7	10				3	7	10
Base Support Flight	III	PHUOC TUY	VUNG TAU	15	125	140	17	118	135				17	118	135
5ACSDTEB	III	PHUOC TUY	VUNG TAU	2	42	44				1	20	21	1	20	21
No 35 Squadron	III	PHUOC TUY	VUNG TAU	15	77	92	15	66	81				15	66	81
No 9 Squadron	III	PHUOC TUY	VUNG TAU	22	87	109	21	71	92				21	71	92
161 (Indep) Recce Flt	III	PHUOC TUY	VUNG TAU		7	7		4	4					4	4
RAAFHQAFV	III	GIA DINH	SAIGON	10	7	17	11	7	18	6	2	8	17	9	26
TOTALS				106	603	709	105	522	627	7	22	29	112	544	656

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NO 2 SQN BDA FOR DECEMBER 1967

MONTHLY TOTAL	PROGRESSIVE TOTAL
<u>SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS/FIRES</u>	
10	82
<u>TRENCHES/TUNNELS/CAVES DAMAGED</u>	
4 Tunnel entrances uncovered 170 Metres of trench uncovered	12 Tunnels 3 Caves 280 Metres of trench damaged 445 Metres of trench uncovered
<u>TRENCHES/TUNNELS/CAVES DESTROYED</u>	
175 Metres of trench destroyed 10 Caves destroyed	1280 Metres of trench destroyed 10 Caves destroyed
<u>BUNKERS/MILITARY STRUCTURES DAMAGED</u>	
14 Bunkers uncovered 35 Bunkers damaged 39 Structures damaged 1 Foxhole uncovered 9 Fighting positions uncovered 3 Weapon pits damaged	307
<u>BUNKERS/MILITARY STRUCTURES DESTROYED</u>	
71 Bunkers destroyed 39 Structures destroyed 9 Fighting Positions destroyed	342
<u>KBA</u>	
11	76
<u>MISCELLANEOUS BDA</u>	
4 Trails cut 2 Sampans destroyed 2 Sampans damaged 1 x 20' Shiny tubular object uncovered	33

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