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AATTV MONTHLY REPORT - FEB 70

1. Attached, for information is one copy of the subject Report.

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(C.A.E. FRASER)
Major General
Commander Australian Force
Vietnam



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AATTV REPORT - FEBRUARY 70

General

1. During Feb AATTV continued to be actively involved over the four CTZs as shown in the Jan report. During the month enemy activity was light.

Casualties

2. Battle. WO2 Oliver was wounded on operations on 16 Feb 70. He was working with an RF Company in IV CTZ when a 105mm booby trap was detonated. WO2 Oliver received a slight shrapnel wound and was treated at Vung-Tau. He returned to duty on 28 Feb 70.

3. Non Battle. The following members were hospitalised during the month;

WO2 Brady	10-15 Feb	(Intestinal complaint)
WO2 Goddard	25-27 Feb	(" ")
Capt Nelson	14-28 Feb	(" ")
WO2 Cairns	22-23 Feb	(RTA Medevac with skin complaint)
WO2 McNee	15-24 Feb	(Will be RTA Medevac in March with kidney problem)

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Deployment

4. No major changes in deployment occurred during the month. The deployment of AATTV as at 5 Mar 70 is attached at Annex A.

I Corps

5. The highlight of the month was the killing of over 300 enemy by the 1st Ranger Group and ARVN Cav on the southern approach to Danang.

6. Several minor contacts were made by most of the ARVN battalions in the Corps. Attached at Annex B is a summary of significant operational contacts in I CTZ in which ARVN units with AATTV advisers were involved during Feb.

7. The difficulties experienced with the Regimental Senior Adviser in 51st ARVN Regt (paras 12b & 12c of Jan report) appear to have been rectified with the replacement of the incumbent concerned.

8. Attached are extracts of reports by AATTV Advisers in I Corps as follows;

a. Report by WO2 DM Palmer 3/1 ARVN Bn showing the standard of this particular unit. Not all units are up to this standard. The "light CP" referred to in the report is virtually a light or forward bn CP. Annex C

b. Report by Capt Sheppard 1/51 ARVN Bn. The Regimental Senior Adviser referred to in this report is the new one (para 7 above refers). Annex D

c. Report by Maj Connor, Assistant Province Adviser (Military) in Quang-Tri Province. Annex E

d. Report by Maj Brown, Senior Adviser Nam-Hoa District. Paras 5 and 6 are of particular importance. Annex F

II Corps

9. The expected enemy build up in the Dak Pek area did not eventuate. Enemy activity in the Special Forces area of II Corps has been generally light.

10. 1st Bn 2 MSF is at present operating in the Ben Het area whilst the 2nd Bn is on a training/operational role in the Bu Prang area. A new basic training course commenced at Pleiku on 2 Mar 70.

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11. I will be visiting Pleiku in the middle of Mar when 1st Bn 2 MSF completes its present operation. During this visit I intend to see the 2nd Bn 2 MSF at Bu Prang and to seek clarification on the timings of the proposed phase down programme of 2 MSF.

III Corps

12. LRRP Training : Van-Kiep. I visited the NTC at Van-Kiep on 14 Feb and had discussions with the Chief Instructor and American Senior Adviser. It was fairly obvious that the Chief Instructor would be happy if the Australian sponsored LRRP Wing ceased to exist. He did not say so openly and I did not press the subject. I believe the reason for this attitude is because of the standard we set and because he has to provide instructors, assistance, etc. from his staff. I also believe there could be a personality reason and this could be solved after the new AATTV captain assumes his duties this month.

13. At this stage I do not know the final Australian plan for working in the province and hence I did not want to either leave the NTC area or make the rather ad hoc LRRP arrangement more concrete.

14. I intend visiting the area again this month and will then discuss the problems in this area with COMAFV.

15. RD - PSDF. Attached at Annex G is an extract of a report by WO2 Osborn the AATTV RD-PSDF adviser in Phuoc-Tuy Province.

16. The coordination of village defence in the province has started to show signs of definite improvement even though this is only a pilot scheme at this stage.

IV Corps

17. General

a. Enemy activity remained at a low level during the month except for two attempted infiltrations into Kien-Tuong and Kien-Giang provinces.

b. Extracts from an report by Maj Harkness, AATTV Senior Adviser in IV CTZ, are attached at Annex H.

c. Selected VDAT reports of interest for the month of Feb are attached at Annexures I and J.

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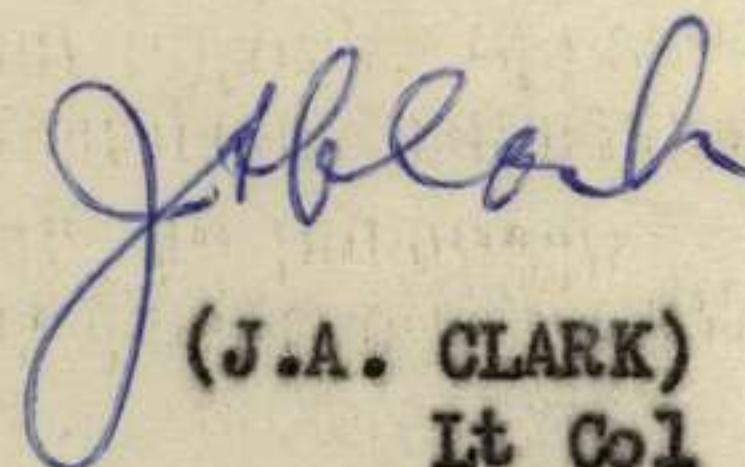
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Planned Movement Comd AATTV - Mar

18. Comd AATTV proposes to visit the following locations in Mar

- a. IV Corps - four days
- b. Pleiku - four days
- c. I Corps - ten days
- d. Phuoc-Tuy Province - three days



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AATTV DEPLOYMENT
AS AT 5 MAR 1970

Annex 'A' to
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for Feb 70

Serial:	Rank :	Inits :	Name	: Corps :	Unit	: Employment	: Due RTA :	Location
<u>AATTV SAIGON</u>								
1	: LtCol :	J.A. :	Clark	: RA Inf :	HQ AATTV	: Commander	: Jan 71 :	Saigon
2	: Capt :	D.J. :	Rowe	: RA Inf :	"	: Adjutant	: May 70 :	"
3	: WO1 :	G.S. :	Munt	: RA Inf :	"	: Admin WO (A and Q)	: Oct 70 :	"
4	: WO1 :	D.L. :	Howells	: RA Inf :	"	: " " " (Desig)	: Feb 71 :	"
5	: WO2 :	L.A. :	West	: RA Inf :	"	: Admin WO (Pay and Movs)	: Jul 70 :	"
6	: Cpl :	G.H. :	Davison	: RAASC :	"	: Clerk	: Apr 70 :	"

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<u>I CTZ</u>										
<u>AATTV : QUANG-TRI PROVINCE</u>										
7	: Maj	: C.S.	: Connor	: RAAC	: Quang-Tri Sector	:	: Asst Province Adviser (Military)	:	Oct 70	: Quang-Tri
8	: WO2	: R.V.	: Roney	: RAAMC	: " " "	:	: Medical Adviser	:	Apr 70	: " "
9	: WO2	: J.	: Stephens	: RAASC	: Cam-Lo Sub-Sector	:	: Assistant Adviser	:	Oct 70	: Cam-Lo
10	: WO2	: J.	: Fitzgerald	: RA Inf	: 1/1 ARVN Bn	:	: " "	:	Jul 70	: Near Quang-Tri(Regt HQ)
11	: Capt	: R.L.	: Smith	: RAE	: 2/1 ARVN Bn	:	: Senior Adviser	:	Apr 70	: " " " "
12	: WO2	: D.T.	: Powell	: RA Inf	: 2/1 " "	:	: Assistant Adviser	:	Oct 70	: " " " "
13	: WO2	: D.M.	: Palmer	: RA Inf	: 3/1 " "	:	: " "	:	Jan 71	: " " " "
14	: WO2	: G.M.	: Logan	: RA Inf	: 4/1 " "	:	: " "	:	Oct 70	: " " " "
15	: WO2	: B.M.	: Ryan	: RA Inf	: 1/2 " "	:	: " "	:	Jan 71	: Dong-Ha (Regt HQ)
16	: WO2	: O.W.	: Bell	: RAA	: 2/2 " "	:	: " "	:	Aug 70	: " " "
17	: WO2	: J.M.	: Lefel	: RA Inf	: 3/2 " "	:	: " "	:	Jan 71	: " " "
18	: WO2	: A.E.	: Gee	: RA Inf	: 4/2 " "	:	: " "	:	Feb 71	: " " "
19	: WO2	: L.J.	: Storan	: RA Inf	: 5/2 " "	:	: " "	:	Jan 71	: " " "
20	: WO2	: L.N.	: Bootes	: RAAC	: 2/7 ARVN Cav	:	: " "	:	Mar 70	: Quang-Tri
21	: WO1	: E.C.	: Burns	: RAAC	: 3/7 " "	:	: " "	:	Oct 70	: " "

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<u>I CTZ (Cont)</u>										
<u>AATTV THUA THIEN PROVINCE</u>										
22	: WO2	: D.G.	: Killion	: RAAMC	: Thua-Thien Sector	:	: Medical Adviser	:	: Jul 70	: Hue
23	: Maj	: G.V.	: Brown	: RAE	: Nam-Hoa District	:	: District Senior Adviser	:	: Jun 70	: Nam-Hoa
24	: WO2	: K.W.	: Forden	: RA Inf	: Black Panther Coy	:	: Assistant Adviser	:	: May 70	: Hue (Base)
25	: WO2	: D.G.	: Parker	: RA Inf	: 1/54 ARVN Bn	:	: " "	:	: Oct 70	: Phu-Loc (Regt HQ)
26	: WO2	: D.F.	: Heenan	: RA Inf	: 2/54 " "	:	: " "	:	: Jul 70	: " "
27	: Capt	: W.R.	: Deane	: Aust Int	: 3/54 " "	:	: Senior Adviser	:	: Jul 70	: " "
28	: WO2	: S.	: Speechley	: RAEME	: 3/54 " "	:	: Assistant Adviser	:	: Jul 70	: " "
29	: WO2	: S.A.	: Birnie	: RAA	: 4/54 " "	:	: " "	:	: Feb 71	: " "
30	: WO2	: D.E.	: Watts	: RA Sigs	: 1/3 " "	:	: " "	:	: Jul 70	: Near Hue (Regt HQ)
31	: WO2	: J.F.	: McKenner	: RA Inf	: 2/3 " "	:	: " "	:	: Jul 70	: " " "
32	: Capt	: H.D.	: Shortt	: RA Inf	: 3/3 " "	:	: Senior Adviser	:	: Feb 71	: " " "
33	: WO2	: R.E.	: Heathcote	: RAA	: 3/3 " "	:	: Assistant Adviser	:	: Nov 70	: " " "
34	: WO2	: K.H.	: Mavin	: RA Inf	: 4/3 " "	:	: " "	:	: Aug 70	: " " "

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<u>I CTZ (Cont)</u>										
<u>AATTV : QUANG-NAM PROVINCE</u>										
35	: Maj	: F.C.	: Johnston	: RA Inf	: HQ I Corps	:	: G3 (Trg) Adviser	:	: May 70	: Danang
36	: WO2	: P.J.	: Heslin	: RAE	: AATTV Danang	:	: Admin WO	:	: Oct 70	: Aust House Danang
37	: WO2	: L.N.	: Gorman	: RAA	: " "	:	: " "	:	: Apr 70	: " " "
38	: WO1	: R.M.	: Almond	: RAAC	: 3/17 ARVN Cav	:	: Assistant Adviser	:	: May 70	: Hoi-An
39	: WO2	: T.H.	: Breakwell	: RA Inf	: 21st Ranger Bn	:	: " "	:	: Dec 70	: Near Danang (Gp HQ)
40	: Capt	: W.	: Sheppard	: RA Inf	: 1/51 ARVN Bn	:	: Senior Adviser	:	: Sep 70	: Mieu-Bong (Regt HQ)
41	: WO2	: C.D.	: Dermody	: RA Inf	: 2/51 " "	:	: Assistant Adviser	:	: Jan 71	: " " "
42	: WO2	: W.T.	: Jones	: RA Inf	: 3/51 " "	:	: " "	:	: Aug 70	: " " "

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<u>I CTZ (Cont)</u>							
<u>AATTV : QUANG-TIN and QUANG-NGAI PROVINCE</u>							
43	: Capt	: J.P.	: Nelson	: RA Inf : 1/4 ARVN Bn	: Senior Adviser	: May 70	:)
44	: WO2	: D.	: Burke	: RA Inf : 1/4 " "	: Assistant Adviser	: Aug 70	:)
45	: WO2	: G.E.	: Munro	: RA Sigs: 1/4 " "	: " " (Desig)	: Sep 70	:) Quang-Ngai
46	: WO2	: B.	: Davies	: RA Inf : 2/4 " "	: " "	: Oct 70	:) Province
47	: WO2	: L.G.	: Schmidt	: RA Inf : 3/4 " "	: " "	: Jan 71	:) (Regt HQ near
48	: WO2	: W.E.	: Tillett	: RA Inf : 4/4 " "	: " "	: Sep 70	:) Quang-Ngai)
49	: WO2	: G.D.	: Heath	: RA Inf : 1/5 " "	: " "	: Feb 71	:)
50	: WO2	: A.H.	: Franks	: RA Inf : 2/5 " "	: " "	: Jan 71	:)
51	: WO2	: G.	: Joyce	: RA Inf : 3/5 " "	: " "	: Jan 71	:)
52	: WO2	: D.	: Rolph	: RA Inf : 4/5 " "	: " "	: Nov 70	:)
53	: WO2	: D.W.	: Eather	: RA Inf : 1/6 " "	: " "	: Jul 70	:)
54	: Capt	: A.J.	: Mogridge	: RA Inf : 2/6 " "	: Senior Adviser	: Apr 70	:) Quang-Ngai
55	: WO2	: J.I.	: Shaw	: RA Inf : 2/6 " "	: Assistant Adviser	: Feb 71	:) Province
56	: WO2	: K.J.	: Brady	: RA Inf : 3/6 " "	: " "	: Oct 70	:) (Regt HQ near
57	: WO2	: T.J.	: Goddard	: RAA : 23 ARVN Arty Bn	: " "	: Apr 70	:) Quang-Ngai
58	: WO2	: J.F.	: Ghilotti	: RAAC : 2/4 ARVN Cav	: " "	: Aug 70	:) " "

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II CTZ

AATTV : PLEIKU (SPECIAL FORCES)

59	: Maj	: P.W.	: Beale	: RA Inf	: 2nd Mobile Strike Force: Bn Comd Command, Det B-20, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne)		: Jan 71	: Pleiku (Base)
60	: Capt	: D.F.	: Paul	: RA Inf	: " " "	: Coy Comd	: May 70	: " "
61	: Capt	: P.J.	: Shilston	: RA Inf	: " " "	: " " (Desig)	: Aug 70	: " "
62	: WO2	: J.G.	: Pettit	: RA Inf	: " " "	: " "	: Jan 71	: " "
63	: WO2	: S.J.	: McLaughlin	: RA Inf	: " " "	: Coy Comd (Trg Coy)	: Apr 70	: " "
64	: WO1	: J.S.	: Calcutt	: RA Inf	: " " "	: " " " (Desig)	: Mar 71	: " "
65	: WO2	: J.R.	: Vincent	: RAA	: " " "	: Instructor " "	: May 70	: " "
66	: WO2	: L.B.	: Scowcroft	: RA Inf	: " " "	: " " "	: Aug 70	: " "
67	: WO2	: A.B.	: McCloskey	: RA Inf	: " " "	: Pl Comd	: Jul 70	: " "
68	: WO2	: G.Y.	: Jamieson	: RA Inf	: " " "	: " "	: Oct 70	: " "
69	: WO2	: A.G.	: White	: RA Inf	: " " "	: " "	: Jan 71	: " "
70	: WO2	: A.S.	: Williams	: RA Sigs	: " " "	: " "	: Oct 70	: " "
71	: Sgt	: D.S.	: Cochrane	: RA Inf	: " " "	: " "	: Jul 70	: " "
72	: Sgt	: A.J.	: Miller	: RA Inf	: " " "	: " "	: Jul 70	: " "
73	: WO2	: R.A.	: Barnes	: RA Inf	: " " "	: " "	: Feb 71	: " "
74	: WO2	: P.N.	: Sanderson	: RA Inf	: " " "	: " "	: Feb 71	: " "

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II CTZ (Cont)

AATTV - II CORPS AREA

75	: WO1	: S.D.	: Rosenberg	: RA Inf	: Ranger Training Centre	: Instructor/Adviser	: Mar 70	: Duc-My
76	: WO1	: W.A.	: Eade	: RAA Pro:	" " "	: " " (Desig)	: Feb 71	: "
77	: WO1	: E.B.	: Ostara	: RA Inf	: Province Recce Unit	: Senior Adviser Binh- Dinh	: Jul 70	: Qui-Nhon
78	: WO2	: R.G.	: Carter	: RA Inf	: " " "	: " " Tuyen- Duc	: Jul 70	: Dalat
79	: WO2	: L.B.	: Green	: RAAC	: 1/14 ARVN Cav	: Assistant Adviser	: Nov 70	: Kontum (Base)

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III CTZ

AATTV - III CORPS AREA

80	: Capt	: P.J.	: Harris	: RA Inf	: LRP Wing Van-Kiep, National Training Centre	: CI		: Mar 70	: Baria
81	: Capt	: W.D.	: Tear	: RA Inf	: " " "	: " (Desig)		: Oct 70	: "
82	: WO2	: D.F.	: Hedges	: RA Inf	: " " "	: Admin WO		: Aug 70	: "
83	: WO2	: F.E.	: Bell	: RA Inf	: " " "	: Patrol Comd/Instructor		: Mar 70	: "
84	: Sgt	: R.T.	: Broadhurst	: RA Inf	: " " "	: " " " (Desig)		: Aug 70	: "
85	: WO2	: O.	: Stevenson	: RA Inf	: " " "	: " " "		: Aug 70	: "
86	: WO2	: J.T.	: Hoolihan	: RA Inf	: " " "	: " " "		: Jun 70	: "
87	: WO2	: C.J.	: Ison	: RA Inf	: Province Recce Unit	: Senior Adviser Rung-Sat Special Zone		: May 70	: Vung-Tau (Base)
88	: WO2	: C.	: Kealy	: RA Inf	: Phuoc-Tuy Sector	: PF Advisory Team (Leader)		: Aug 70	: Baria
89	: WO2	: R.K.	: Gurney	: RA Inf	: " " "	: " " " (Member)		: Sep 70	: "
90	: WO2	: W.C.	: Green	: RAASC	: " " "	: Assistant Adviser A & L Coy		: Nov 70	: "
91	: WO2	: R.S.	: Simpson	: RA Inf	: " " "	: Adviser PSDF		: Feb 70	: "
92	: WO2	: V.L.	: Harris	: RA Inf	: " " "	: " " (Desig)		: Sep 70	: "
93	: WO2	: L.D.	: Osborn	: RA Inf	: " " "	: Adviser RD Cadre		: Jun 70	: "
94	: WO2	: E.A.	: Taylor	: RA Inf	: " " "	: Adviser ARVN Trg		: Jul 70	: Nui-Dat (Horse Shoe)

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<u>IV CTZ</u>								
<u>AATTV : IV CORPS AREA</u>								
95	Maj	A.	Harkness	RAA	CORDS, IV Corps	Assistant to Chief Territorial Security	Apr 70	Can-Tho
96	WO2	H.J.	Hartman	RAAMC	HQ IV Corps	Medical Adviser	Jul 70	" "
97	WO2	R.D.	Smith	RA Inf	IV Corps Village Defence Advisory Team (VDAT)	VDAT Team Leader	Oct 70	Dinh-Tuong Province
98	WO2	D.B.	Bell	RAE	" " "	VDAT Adviser	Dec 70	" " "
99	WO1	B.T.	Waters	RA Inf	" " "	VDAT Team Leader	Dec 70	Kien-Hoa Province
100	WO2	R.A.	O'Hara	RA Inf	" " "	VDAT Adviser	Jul 70	" " "
101	WO2	C.N.	McEvoy	RA Inf	" " "	VDAT Team Leader	Dec 70	Vinh-Binh Province
102	WO2	D.A.	Strachan	RA Inf	" " "	VDAT Adviser	Oct 70	" " "
103	WO2	R.I.	Oliver	RAASC	" " "	VDAT Team Leader	Nov 70	Kien-Hoa Province
104	WO2	S.	Booth	RA Inf	" " "	VDAT Adviser	Feb 71	" " "
105	WO2	A.J.	Joyce	RA Inf	" " "	VDAT Team Leader	Aug 70	" " "
106	WO2	W.E.	Butler	RA Inf	" " "	VDAT Adviser	Jan 71	" " "

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Annex B to AATTV
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SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONAL CONTACTS BY UNITS
HAVING AATTV ADVISERS

1. At 010800 H vicinity of BS 710840, 1st Bn 6th Regt searching contacted unknown sized enemy force resulting in 3 enemy KIA and 1 individual weapon captured.
2. At 010520H vicinity YD 063633, 5th Bn 2 Regt in night defensive position received a ground probe from an unknown sized enemy force. At first light a search of area resulted in a number of scattered incidents with 10 enemy KIA, 1 B40 and 5 individual weapons captured.
3. At 051825H vicinity YD 057648, 2nd Bn 2nd Regt in night defensive position received a ground attack by an estimated NVA platoon resulting in 4 enemy KIA.
4. At 061400H vicinity YD 061654, 2nd Bn 2nd Regt searching killed 3 VC and captured an individual weapon.
5. At 080500H vicinity BT 193123, 2nd Bn 5th Regt conducted a raid on enemy base area resulting in 23 enemy KIA, 2 individual weapons captured and 5 crew served weapons captured.
6. At 100600H vicinity BT 174153, 2nd Bn 5th Regt contacted unknown size enemy force resulting in 3 enemy KIA.
7. At 101815H vicinity YD 310340, 4th Bn 1st Regt contacted estimated enemy platoon resulting in 17 enemy KIA.
8. At 110330H vicinity BS 710857, 1st Bn 6th Regt ambushed an unknown size enemy force resulting in 3 enemy KIA.
9. At 120450H vicinity BS 713824, 1st Bn 6th Regt contacted unknown size enemy force resulting in 3 enemy KIA.
10. At 121325H vicinity BS 709845, 1st Bn 6th Regt clearing contacted unknown size enemy force resulting in 4 enemy KIA.
11. At 121100H vicinity YD 316314, 4th Bn 1st Regt ambushed unknown sized enemy force resulting in 3 enemy KIA & 2 individual weapons captured.
12. From 121410H to 121640H vicinity BT 185498, 3rd Armd Cav Assault Tp 17th Cav Regt made scattered contact with unknown sized enemy force resulting in 21 enemy KIA.

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13. At 131230H vicinity YD 058635, 2nd Bn 2nd Regt observed and engaged an unknown sized enemy force resulting in 13 enemy KIA, 2 individual weapons captured, and 1x82mm mortar captured complete.
14. At 131830H vicinity BS 717805, 1st Bn 6th Regt received a ground attack whilst in night defensive position resulting in 6 enemy KIA.
15. At 141820H vicinity YD 640225, 1st Bn 3rd Regt ambushed 1 enemy squad resulting in 3 enemy KIA.
16. At 141700H vicinity YD 300334, 4th Bn 1st Regt ambushed an estimated enemy platoon resulting in 10 enemy KIA.
17. At 150945H vicinity BT 148452, 3rd Armd Cav Assault Tp 17 Cav Regt contacted VC Bn T89 resulting in 97 enemy KIA.
18. At 181650H vicinity BS 715874, 3rd Bn 6th Regt searching killed 3 VC.
19. At 191615H vicinity BT 228502, 3rd Armd Cav Assault Tp 17 Cav Regt contacted unknown sized enemy force resulting in 8 NVA KIA.
20. At 201200H vicinity BS 024964, 4th Bn 5th Regt searching contacted unknown size enemy force resulting in 3 enemy KIA.
21. At 201140H vicinity BT 214504, 3rd Armd Cav Assault Tp 17 Cav Regt searching found a small tunnel complex resulting in 13 enemy KIA.
22. At 210315H vicinity YD 370490, 1st Bn 54th Regt ambushed an estimated NVA platoon resulting in 3 enemy KIA.
23. At 211020H vicinity BS 874302, 3rd Bn 4th Regt ambushed unknown sized enemy force resulting in 3 enemy KIA.
24. At 220235H vicinity YD 355355, 3rd Bn 1st Regt being guided by PW raided enemy position identified from documents as the "light CP of NVA 7th front". Resulting in 22 enemy KIA. The Bn later in morning killed a further 3 enemy.
25. From 231040H to 231120H vicinity BS 031972, 4th Bn 5th Regt searching contacted an unknown sized NVA force resulting in 8 enemy KIA.
26. At 231115H vicinity AT 883521, 3rd Bn 51st Regt searching contacted unknown sized VC force resulting in 16 enemy KIA.
27. At 221540H vicinity AT 970073, 3rd Bn 5th Regt contacted unknown sized enemy force resulting in 9 enemy KIA.
28. At 241255H vicinity AT 846496, 3rd Bn 51st Regt searching contacted unknown size enemy force resulting in 11 enemy KIA.

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29. From 251125H to 251320H vicinity AT 852501, 3rd Bn 51st Regt searching made scattered contact with unknown sized VC force resulting in 5 enemy KIA.

30. At 251210H vicinity BS 002972, 4th Bn 5th Regt searching contacted an unknown size VC force resulting in 3 enemy KIA.

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EXTRACTS FROM A REPORT BY WO2 PALMER 3/1 ARVN BN
FEB 70

1. I reported to my unit in the field on 6 Feb 70. I have been lucky enough for the first operation to work with each coy in turn and the light CP. I have been very impressed with the leadership of the officers and NCO's and the soldiers in general. They do what is correct in movement, Cam and Con at all times and I consider the unit to be of a very high standard.
2. Throughout the period we have been involved in patrolling in the general area of Fire Base Anne and Barbara. An average of six ambushes each night were used by the light CP plus one coy and an independant coy working under control of the light CP. One ambush was sprung which yielded 2 NVA KIA and 2 x AK47. One other ambush was sprung early by the Sp group - no cas. Overall the area was very quiet and nothing really eventuated until the 19 Feb 70 when we received a POW from 4/1 ARVN Bn who was supposed to know our area. The POW was fit and exceedingly willing to help us. He did not know the area we were at present in so the XO marched the next day until he, the POW, recognised the area. The POW gave info, drew maps of the area and VC trails. The XO, Capt Mao acted on this info as shown below.
3. The POW stated he knew the location of a light CP of the K16 Bn. The area was about 5-7000 metres away and he was willing to lead us in. There were some old buildings near the area which may or may not have been occupied.
4. On the morning of the 21st Feb Capt Mao told me he was going to put in a night attack that night. He then called for volunteers from the coy (20). Next they were briefed with drawings and plans of the area on cardboard and how the operation would proceed. After this all were rested until early afternoon when he held a rehearsal on our location. At about 1530 hrs we moved out and started our march to the VC posn.
5. The movement was well controlled, no noise etc, and the best use of cover was made. The POW led us on a trail which was mainly a creek through the foot hills.
6. About 1000 metres from the obj we halted, had a cold tea, and waited for darkness as we may be observed from the obj.
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7. After darkness we moved on to about 300 metres from the obj. This FUP was reached at about 2000 hrs and picquets were put out and all then slept until about 0130 hrs. The assault groups were ten men each led by the coy cmd on the right and Capt Mao on the left with radio signals for

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control. All were stripped down to weapons and magazines in their pockets and soft hats. Everybody wore a white bandage on the upper left arm. Ambushes were put out around the FUP and could be used as a back up force for the attack or a firm base for a withdrawal.

8. The two parties moved out and got right into the camp before the alarm was given, when a Sgt took an AK 47 off a sleeping soldier, who then woke up. Artillery and mortars were called in on the lines of withdrawal for the rest of the night. Artillery flares were used initially, then a flare ship until dawn. Gun ships were used on bunkers etc at first light. The results:

- a. 22 NVA KIA - including a 1st Lt Political officer
- b. 2 x 60mm mers captured with about 120 rds
- c. 7 x AK 47 captured with about 120 k of ammo
- d. 1 x B41 with ammo, grenades etc.
- e. Qty of documents, maps, drawings, etc.

9. I have stated this action in full as everybody tends to run down SVN forces and this, I feel, shows just how sound they can be as commanders and soldiers.

10. Own troops suffered nil cas.

11. The complete success must be due to Capt Mao's planning, and leadership of the light CP. I have found him at all times to be competent and co-operative.

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EXTRACTS FROM A REPORT BY CAPT SHEPPARD
1/51 ARVN REGT - FEB 70

General

1. During Feb 70 this unit was mainly involved in moving from "DODGE CITY" to its rear area at DUONG SON (AT 992667). On 19 Feb a joint operation was commenced in the "ARIZONA VALLEY" (AT 870530), and is still in progress. Units involved are: 1/51st ARVN, 3/51st ARVN, 1st Bn 5 Regt USMC.

Statistics

2. a. EN (all confirmed)

KIA	-	11 VC
POW	-	18 (17 VC, 1 NVA)
AK 47	-	2
M16	-	1
M1	-	1
.45 pistol	-	1
Chicom pistol	-	2

b. OWN

KIA	-	7
WIA	-	9

Own Casualties

3. Once again the majority of own casualties are the result of mines and booby-traps (7 KIA and 4 WIA).

Snipers and Use of Starlight Scopes

4. To date there have been no results, due mainly to the improper use of both snipers and starlight scopes. The CO is against sending snipers out in small groups "because they will run into trouble", and he is against using starlight scopes outside his compound because the loss of such a piece of equipment would constitute a greater disaster than the loss of some soldiers. Unfortunately his argument on this point received some unwelcome support five days ago. An 11-men sniper party (incl protection party) from the 4th Bn was ambushed - resulting in 8 KIA, 3 WIA, the loss of weapons (incl 1 x M60) and a radio.

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5. Added to the above I judge our snipers to be extremely poor shots. In several exchanges the VC have fared better with their SKS's than our snipers with their sophisticated sniper scopes. The Regt Snr Adv has been informed of this and a training programme is being prepared on the Regt level.

Joint Ops

6. The excellent results achieved so far on this operation are due directly to the close co-operation between the 2 ARVN Bns and the USMC Bn (50 KIA and 18 POW by the ARVN alone). The prisoners state that they didn't expect this close co-operation and intended to elude the security forces by hiding on the boundaries, as they had done on previous occasions.

7. ^{of} On this operation advisers have been constantly exchanging locstats in advance day and night activities with the Marines so that boundaries would get a greater coverage. This has paid dividends. To date only three soldiers have been wounded by a misdirected USMC M79 round.

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EXTRACTS FROM A REPORT BY MAJ CONNOR
ASSISTANT PROVINCE ADVISER (MILITARY)
QUANG-TRI PROVINCE - FEB 70

Enemy

1. The much heralded Tet offensive did not eventuate. Enemy activity in the populated area has been confined to food collection, propaganda and some terrorism. In the non-populated area there have been isolated small attacks by fire on fire bases, particularly those near the DMZ. These attacks have not been productive. The enemy has broken contact as quickly as possible whenever friendly forces have made contact.
2. Mines have exacted a heavy toll in the area of Charlie 4 (YD 1170). Some 20 APCs and tanks have struck anti-tank mines, and many more have been found. A tactical land clearing operation some 3,000 metres to the East of C4 lost 5 romo ploughs on the first day of operation (no mine clearance was done prior to the clearing operation). The mines which have damaged APC's etc and have been located are Soviet AT 41, and appear to be recently sown. No mines have been recovered from the land clearing area. It should be noted that these incidents are occurring within some 5,000 metres of the DMZ.
3. A great deal of information has been gleaned from captured documents. Most deal with VC organisations and previous activities. Neither this information or enemy activities indicate future intentions. It is presumed that the enemy intends to maintain the status quo, whilst trying to improve food collection and contact with the civil population.

Friendly Forces

4. In the early part of the month a defensive posture was adopted in consequence of the threatened Tet offensive. This posture has now changed, and movement to the west of the piedmont commenced on 24 Feb with an ARVN En making an air assault in the DA KRONG Valley (XD 9538)
5. There have been a series of light contacts throughout the month. Results (up to 25 Feb) were 326 NVA/VC KIA at a cost of 8 friendly KIA and 55 WIA (not including US). Of these RF/PF killed 26, at a cost of 1 KIA and 12 WIA. There have been 4 assassinations and one kidnapping, which is well above the normal.
6. Two US Coy/RF Coy operations were started in February. The problems of command, communication, equipment and control have been satisfactorily solved. There are supply problems, and the RF companies are not left in place long enough to gain maximum benefit. It is hoped that both participants have learned from the experience. The first of these operations blocked a popular infiltration route and killed some 20 VC (captured documents reveal that the enemy lost 30 KIA and could no longer use the route). This operation is, in essence, an area ambush with heavy emphasis on booby trapped claymores. The other in which a US Mech Coy is being used has had little success, due in part to the constant use of APCs in situations where they are unnecessary and prejudicial to security.

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Development

7. The hand of the new Province Chief is still much in evidence, as are attempts by various factions to maintain and improve their status. There appears to be some Catholic/Buddhist problem the nature of which is not clear. There is an embryo plan for the resettlement of the Jones Creek area YD 2666, which calls for completion by 31 Mar 70, in order that the main rice crop may be planted on time. This plan may well not be successful; there are land distribution and security problems which have not yet been solved.

Miscellaneous

8. Two small matters of enemy weaponry deserve mention. They are;

a. On 5 Feb some VC and NVA flags were placed in the perimeter of a refugee village and on a hill nearby. Some of the flags had obvious booby traps and were destroyed in place. A US Sgt was killed when he attempted to remove a small flag on a bamboo pole. An EOD team then checked the rest and found one flag attached to a small charge and also connected by a length of slow fuze to a claymore mine. The mine was sited on the most likely approach, and buried under about one inch of sand. This could have produced much heavier casualties than the simple booby trapped flag.

b. An AK 47 rifle was captured by a reconnaissance team in the central DMZ. This weapon was unusual in that it was equipped to launch both HE and AP grenades.

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EXTRACTS FROM A REPORT BY MAJ BROWN
SENIOR ADVISER NAM HOA DISTRICT

Intelligence

1. There has been little change in the local intelligence picture. Enemy patrol activity around Fire Bases Birmingham and Bastogne (on Route 547 to the Ashau Valley) has diminished. Tracks indicate the recent use of pack elephants by the enemy.

Operations

2. RF/PF operations have continued at the same rate. Our "Long" range US/RF patrolling (one platoon of each) has been extended out to 10,000 metres South from Sub-Sector HQ and is now operating some 5,000 metres into the canopy in the area of the YD 03 Northing. This has resulted in one indecisive contact yielding a pack and 50 lbs rice while following up an elephant trail.

Training

3. A basic PSDF training course is nearing completion. It is being conducted by Sub-Sector officers and NCOs assisted by one E7 and two ORs from 1/502 Inf. The major part of the planning and reconnaissance was carried out by myself. The course is divided into two groups of approximately 80 who attend by half-days, each group attending a total of 12 half-days training each of four hours duration. The younger students are boys and girls of 12 years of age.

4. This together with the recent recruitment of two PF platoons, means that all eligible people in the District are members of the ARVN, RF, PF or PSDF.

Proposal for Australian MAT

5. Lt Col Le Thien Phuc, the Thua-Thien Deputy Sector Comd For Military Affairs, suggested to me on 26 Feb that he would like to see RF/PF collective training carried out by a wholly Australian training team. He said that Australians are better suited to training men for RF/PF type operations than American troops due to the Australians' "better understanding of guerilla warfare" and lack of need for daily resupply. We discussed the matter for some five minutes and I told him the deployment of AATTV is flexible and that a formal proposal would be considered by the CO in the light of other commitments.

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Mobile Lumber Mill

6. It is understood that a formal request is being made by CORDS Thua Thien, through channels, to COMAFV for a two-weeks attachment of a mobile lumber mill (of the type held by AMF Construction Squadrons) and crew. The aim is to assess the feasibility of using this type of equipment in the local timber industry in order to cut costs and increase production.

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REPORT BY WO2 OSBORN RD - PSDF ADVISER
IN PHUOC TUY PROVINCE - FEB 70

RD Cadre

1. Incidents

a. There have been seven (7) minor incidents involving the RD Cadre during the reporting period, resulting in two (2) Cadre being slightly wounded.

b. On the 7 February 70 two (2) Hoi Chanh reported into PT4 Hoi My Village Long-Le District, bringing with them one (1) AK 47 and 4 fully loaded magazines.

2. Operations. During the month of February 1970 the RD Cadre have been involved in three (3) operations. These operations have been of a propaganda type. The results of these operations have been reasonably successful, many VCI have been named, also VC sympathisers have been pinpointed.

3. Civic Action. All Teams are involved in various types of civic action projects, some organised by Village/hamlet Chiefs, and others supported by 1 Aust CA Unit.

4. Morale. The morale of all members remain high at this stage.

PSDF

5. Incidents. There have been no incidents or attacks against the PSDF during reporting period.

6. Losses.

a. There has been one (1) PSDF member wounded not as a result of an attack but member activated a mine when on patrol in Phuoc-Hai Village. It is not known if the mine was of en or friendly origin.

b. Two weapons were destroyed by fire, in Duc Thanh District, when a cooking store exploded and destroyed five (5) houses.

7. Training. At present there are 57 PSDF members undergoing group and platoon leader training in Van-Kiep National Training Centre. This course is of six (6) weeks duration and concludes on 27 Mar 70.

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8. Strength

Organised

Trained

Weapons Issued

Combat

Support

33,690

7,647

17,102

3162

9. General. There has been an emphasis placed upon training of the PSDF and it is expected that the figures of combat trained PSDF members will increase greatly within the next few months.

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EXTRACTS FROM A REPORT BY MAJ HARKNESS
AATTV SENIOR ADVISER IN IV CTZ - FEB 70

Enemy Activity

1. Enemy initiated activity remained at a low level during the month. The most important enemy activity was the attempted infiltration of a battalion of the 88 NVA Regiment from the Crows Nest towards Base Area 470. This infiltration was stopped about 15km SW of Moc-Hoa, Kien-Tuong Province. Contact was initiated on 7 Feb and was maintained until 13 Feb. By this time the enemy force was largely eliminated and the remnants had withdrawn into the Crows Nest.

2. Another significant enemy movement was the infiltration of elements of the 95A Regiment into Kien-Giang Province. ARVN sources stated that an element of the 95A NVA Regiment moved southward from the Cambodian border to a position 10km south of Kien-Luong District town. It is felt that this is most likely an advance element of about platoon size.

Visits

3. The Commanding Officer visited Australia House and VDAT 3 on 12/13 Feb 70. COMAFV made a farewell visit on 20 Feb, VDATs 5 and 1 were included in the itinerary. I have visited all VDAT locations twice during the month.

Deployment

4. Current locations are:

a. Can-Tho	-	Maj Harkness WO Hartman
b. Dinh-Tuong VDAT 1	-	WO2 Smith WO2 Bell
c. Kien-Hoa VDAT 2	-	WO1 Waters WO2 O'Hara
d. Vinh-Binh VDAT 3	-	WO2 McEvoy WO2 Strachan
e. Kien-Hoa VDAT 4	-	WO2 Joyce WO2 Butler
f. Phong Dinh VDAT 5	-	WO1 Eade WO2 Oliver (hospital)

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Village Defense Advisory Teams

5. All VDATs have been visited during the month and all report progress. Inspection and observation confirms these reports of progress and cooperation. In most areas VDATs have been used to assist Mobile Advisory Teams (MATs) in addition to their own VDAT operations. In some cases VDAT has worked with the MAT in the MAT area while in others MAT members have been attached to VDAT.

Medical

6. Due to R&R leave, TET holiday inactivity and my absence, WO Hartman's medical activities were limited during this month. His future plans include a hygiene survey of Phan Gian Hospital. There is considerable room for improvement in this field.

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REPORT OF VDAT ACTIVITIES
BY WO2 SMITH

1. During the above period the team consisted of the following members;

WO Smith
WO Bell

Team Activities

2. Period 20 - 21 Jan

- a. Maj Harkness visited Chau Thanh District during this period.
- b. During his stay he interviewed several village chiefs and inspected PF outposts.

3. 22 Jan

- a. Preparation for final conference with province and village officials to discuss the overall defence of Chau Thanh District.
- b. Assisting the DSA of Chau Thanh in preparing a defence plan for the Binh Duc ammunition depot.

4. 23 Jan

- a. A Phong Huong meeting was held which included a briefing by the district S3 on the overall defence of Chau-Thanh.
- b. At the completion of the briefing, Lt Col Trung spoke to the village officials and emphasised the importance of the following points;
 - (1) The correct implementation of the Village Defence Plan.
 - (2) Operation of the popular intelligence network.
 - (3) Recruiting and retraining of the PSDF.
 - (4) Correct use of artillery support.

He informed village officials that his staff would monitor night operations in the villages and that the village officials would be required to call for artillery support during these inspections.

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5. Period 24 - 27 Jan
 - a. During this period the team completed monitoring of night positions and tied up all loose ends in Chau-Thanh District.
6. 28 Jan
 - a. The team moved to Cho Gao District.
7. 29 Jan
 - a. Briefing the District Chief and DSA of Cho Gao District on the concept of VDAT.
8. Period 30 - 31 Jan
 - a. Familiarisation tour of the district.
 - b. During this period the team met four (4) village chiefs and explained to them the concept of VDAT.
9. Period 1- 2 Feb
 - a. Pay run
 - b. Briefing of Mr Wilson from CORDS on the concept of VDAT
 - c. Further familiarisation tour of district.
10. Period 3 - 5 Feb
 - a. Preparing background information on all villages in Cho Gao District, this included the following:
 - (1) PSDF numbers and weapons
 - (2) Population figures
 - (3) Village security
 - (4) Village layout.
11. Period 6 - 8 Feb
 - a. During the Tet period it was impossible for the team to operate.
12. Period 9 - 10 Feb
 - a. Complete foot recce of Binh Phuc Nhut and Quan Long villages.

13. Period 11 - 12 Feb

a. Complete foot recce of Long Binh Dien and Dang Hung Phuoc villages.

14. Period 13 - 14 Feb

a. During this period the concept of village defence was discussed with the officials of Long Binh Dien and Dang Hung Phuoc villages.

15. 15 Feb

a. Farwell to Maj Joyce, DSA Cho Gao District.

16. Period 16 - 17 Feb

a. Preparation of overlays of all villages showing hamlet boundaries and outposts.

17. Period 18 - 19 Feb

a. Preparing the overlays of enemy routes, PF and PSDF AO's, reaction forces and artillery registrations for the following villages;

(1) Quan Long

(2) Binh Phuc Nhut

18. 20 Feb

a. Phong Huong meeting

b. Visit by Comd AFV

General Remarks

19. While operating in Cho Gao District a MAT member has been attached to the team to learn the concept of VDAT for eventual take-over of village defence in this district.

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REPORT OF VDAT ACTIVITIES BY WO1 EADE
FEB 70

General

1. With the exception of an anticipated delay caused by the TET holiday, the work of the team continued smoothly up to 16 Feb, when WO2 Oliver and Sgt Chanh (interpreter) were wounded (see para 4).

In addition to working in Phu-Huu village (see para 2), several days were spent with both of the MAT's (MAT 92 and 101) working in the district. These teams are both now working on Village/Hamlet Defence, and seem to be settling in to the new work quite well.

The team moved out of Phong Thuan District on 20 Feb and will commence duties in Chau Thanh District on the return of WO Oliver from hospital (anticipated about 25 Feb).

It is anticipated that WO1 Eade will leave the team about 2 Mar for another assignment, WO2 Oliver will take over as Team Leader and WO2 Booth will march in from Australia to complete the team.

Villages Worked In

2. a. Phu-Huu. This village has now been completed in the three GVN controlled hamlets. The new defence plan is being carried out, no difficulties have been found or reported, and the whole operation can be considered successful.

Problem Areas

3. The only foreseeable problem areas in Phong Thuan district may be due to excessive eagerness on the part of the GVN to upgrade villages and hamlets prematurely to satisfy the 1970 Pacification plan quota. They seem to consider that the presence of GVN troops (RF coys and PF platoons) in the area renders it under GVN control, irrespective of the fact that the enemy still has free movement of operation in the area, especially at night.

Enemy Contacts

4. On 30 Jan, whilst visiting Phu Hoa hamlet, a grenade booby-trap near the hamlet office killed one of the District Chief's bodyguards. The District Chief, DSA and WO Eade were present but were uninjured. A VN investigation placed the blame on bad siting of the booby-trap by the local PF, however the possibility of enemy influence can not be ignored.

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On 16 Feb whilst working with an RF coy in one of the VC controlled hamlets of Phu-Huu village, WO Oliver and the team interpreter were wounded by an enemy mine/booby-trap (type unknown) at WR 930963; 1 US adviser was also wounded. WO Oliver was slightly wounded in the back, he is at present in hospital at Vung Tau and is expected to be back on duty about 25 Feb. The interpreter was slightly wounded in the right forearm and buttock, he is at present at Can Tho ARVN hospital and is expected to return to duty about 3 - 4 Mar. No replacement has been requested.

Movements and Visits

5. 20 Feb Visit by Maj Gen Hay Comd AFV and Maj Harkness
- 20 Feb Team moved from Phong Thuan to Can-Tho.

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