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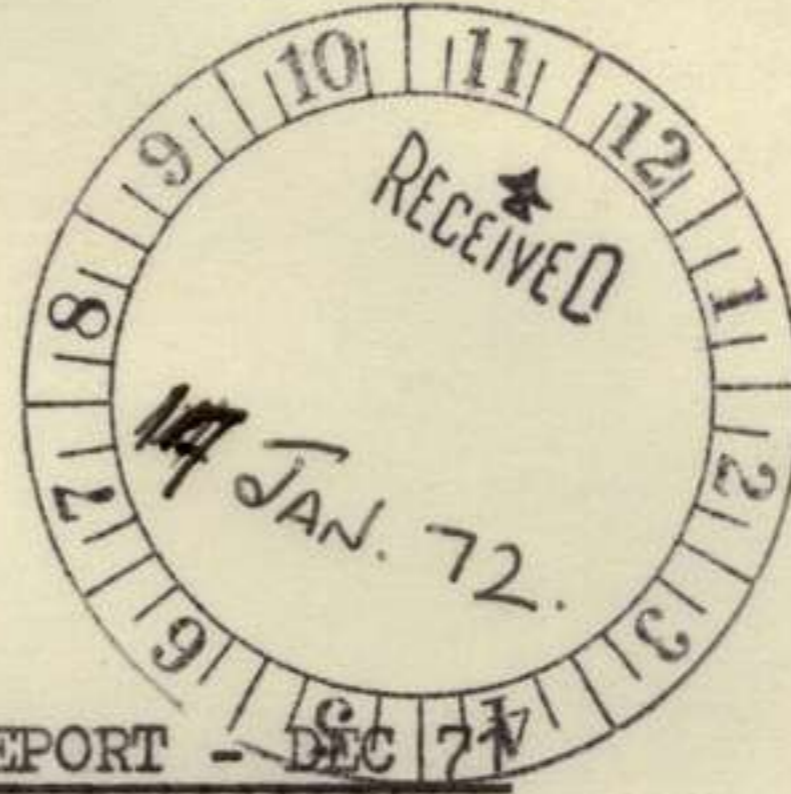
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AATTV MONTHLY REPORT - DEC 71

1. Enclosed for your information is one copy of AATTV Monthly Report for the month of Dec 71.
2. The report is now in one part only; not Parts I and II as was the case previously.

(G. A. CLIFTON)
Major
For Commander Australian Force
VIETNAM

Enclosure: 1. AATTV Monthly Report.

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Headquarters
Australian Army Training Team
Vietnam

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AATTV REPORT -- DEC 71

1. AATTV Monthly Report is now published in one part only, and reference to Part I and Part II will cease henceforth.
2. The following members of AATTV were admitted to hospital during the month:

51658	Maj	R.B. DONALDSON	29 Dec 71 -
52555	WO1	K.A. HALL	18 Nov 71 - 2 Dec 71 8 Dec 71 - 13 Dec 71 (Medevac)

3. By 15 Dec 71 all AATTV members in MR1, MR2 and MR4 had been withdrawn and concentrated at 1 ATF VUNG-TAU. A thirteen-day course covering weapons, communications, tactics and methods of instruction was conducted from 20 Dec 71 to 1 Jan 72 to prepare these members for the new tasks they were to assume on joining the USARV Individual Training Group (USARV ITG). A report by the Chief Instructor, on this course is at Annex B.

MR 1

4. An end-of-tour report from the Senior AATTV Adviser was forwarded as Annex C to AATTV Report for Nov 71.

MR 2

5. A final report from Senior Australian Adviser MR2 is attached as Annex C. During its stay in BINH-DINH Province, a total of 641 students attended courses conducted by the Team at PHU-CAT PF Training Centre. A combined US/ARVN Team has now assumed this role.
6. During the first half of December, there was a noticeable increase in enemy activity in BINH-DINH Province. This was highlighted by the following incidents:
 - a. 9 Dec 71. RF/PF patrol in TUY-PHUOC District ambushed by an unknown number of enemy. Results, 31 friendly KIA, numerous weapons and radios lost in action. Enemy casualties, unknown.
 - b. 11 Dec 71. PHU-CAT District headquarters received 82mm mortar bombardment. 1 friendly WIA, enemy casualties unknown.
 - c. 13 Dec 71. Occupants of a US MATT vehicle, while 200 metres (approx) from PHU-CAT District compound, ambushed by enemy using SA and grenades. One US officer WIA, enemy casualties unknown.

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MR 3

7. A report from RF/PF Adviser PHUOC-TUY Province is attached as Annex D. PF Cadre courses, conducted by MATT1, are continuing as scheduled with satisfactory results being achieved. MATT 2 is progressing with the training of PF leaders in the techniques of coaching the battle shot. Clearance has been given for this MATT to conduct this training at DUC-THANH, XUYEN-MOC and DAT DO District headquarters.

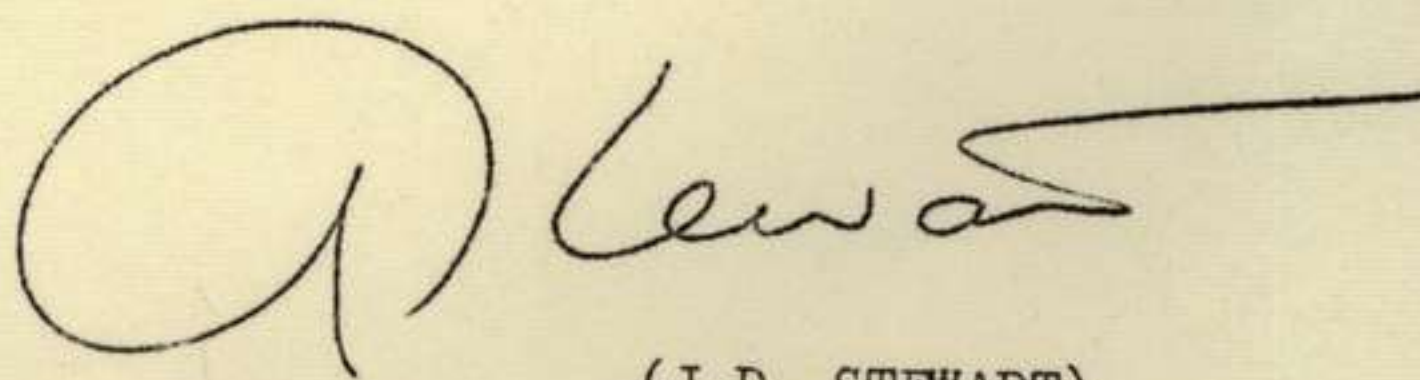
JWTC

8. A report from Team Leader JWTC is attached as Annex E. The new AATTV compound was occupied on 18 Dec 71 all work, less contract work, being completed by 15 Dec 71.

9. 6/71 Junior Officer Course ended on 18 Dec 71 with 56 qualifying out of 104 students. The attitude of the course, particularly during the operational phase was poor. Corrective action has been initiated by Commandant, JWTC. The high failure rate on this particular course demonstrates the earnestness with which the Commandant and ARVN staff of JWTC are approaching the task of maintaining an acceptable standard of performance.

MR 4

10. A final report from Senior Australian Adviser MR4, is attached as Annex F. Prior to the Team's withdrawal from MR4, the responsibility for conducting Night Operations Training Courses at DONG-TAM and BAC-LIEU was handed over to 7th ARVN Div and 21st ARVN Div respectively.



(J.D. STEWART)
Lt Col
Acting Commander

DEPLOYMENT OF AATTV
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31 Dec 71
Unit

Serial	Rank	Inits	Name	Corps	Unit	Employment	Due RTA	Location
<u>HQ AATTV SAIGON</u>								
1.	Lt Col	J.D.	Stewart MC MID	RA Inf	HQ AATTV	Acting Commander	Jul 72	Saigon
2.	Capt	K.G.	Gallager	RAASC	"	Adjutant	Mar 72	"
3.	Capt	L.A.	Ransome	RAE	"	QM	Aug 72	"
4.	WO1	A.G.	Stanley MBE MM	RA Inf	"	RSM	May 72	"
5.	WO2	A.E.	Reidel	RA Inf	"	RQMS	Oct 72	"
6.	WO2	V.	Kirsch	RAASC	"	Admin WO Pay	Mar 72	"
7.	WO2	V.E.	Metzroth	RA Inf	"	Admin WO Mov	Feb 72	"
8.	Sgt	R.R.	Ryan	RAASC	"	Chief Clerk	Aug 72	"
9.	Cpl	B.J.	Cook	RAASC	"	Clerk	Feb 72	"
10.	Cpl	P.J.	Millett	RA Inf	"	Asst Instr	Aug 72	"
11.	Cpl	R.H.	Remyense	RAAMC	"	Asst Instr	Aug 72	"
12.	Bdr	C.M	Angeles	RAA	"	Asst Instr	Aug 72	"
13.	Cpl	T.J.	Whitwam	RA Inf	"	Storeman	Jun 72	"

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Serial	Rank	Inits	Name	Corps	Unit	Employment	Due RTA	Location
<u>VUNG-TAU</u>								
14.	Lt Col	P.T.F.	Gowans	RAA	AATTV Trg Group	Commander	Mar 72	Vung-Tau
15.	Capt	F.A.	Roberts	RAAC	" "	Group Member	Apr 72	"
16.	Capt	B.M.	Straker	RAASC	" "	"	Feb 72	"
17.	Capt	J.E.	Weiland	RA Inf	" "	"	Jul 72	"
18.	Maj	J.G.	Hughes	RAA	" "	"	Feb 72	"
19.	Capt	W.M.	McLaughlan	RAA	" "	"	Apr 72	"
20.	Maj	S.R.	Header	RAA	" "	"	Mar 72	"
21.	W01	I.C.	Wall	RA Inf	" "	"	Jun 72	"
22.	W01	D.E.	Wise	RAA	" "	"	Aug 72	"
23.	W02	J.	Clarke	RA Inf	" "	"	Feb 72	"
24.	W02	B.	Elphick	RA Inf	" "	"	Aug 72	"
25.	W02	B.	Morrow	RA Inf	" "	"	Aug 72	"
26.	W02	J.R.	Cousins	RA Inf	" "	"	Jul 72	"
27.	W02	R.D.	Couttie	RA Inf	" "	"	Jul 72	"
28.	W02	M.J.	Poole	RA Inf	" "	"	Jul 72	"
29.	W02	J.A.	Gibson	RA Sigs	" "	"	Aug 72	"
30.	W02	R.R.	Gurney	RA Inf	" "	"	Apr 72	"
31.	W02	B.R.	Day	RA Inf	" "	"	Feb 72	"
32.	W02	J.W.	PRATTEN	RA Inf	" "	"	Jun 72	"
33.	W02	B.	Foster	RA Inf	" "	"	Jun 72	"
34.	W02	I.R.	Ramsay	RA Inf	" "	"	Jun 72	"
35.	W02	F.	Lawler	RA Inf	" "	"	Jul 72	"

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Serial	RANK	Inits	Name	Corps	Unit	Employment	Due RTA	Location
36.	W02	D.A.	Duffy	RA Inf	AATTV TRG Group	Group Member	Aug 72	Vung Tau
37.	W02	J	Woods	RA Inf	" "	" "	Aug 72	" "
38.	W02	B.G.	Wilson	RA Inf	" "	" "	May 72	" "
39.	W02	J.R.	White	RA Inf	" "	" "	Jul 72	" "
40.	W02	I.S.	McPhial	RA Inf	" "	" "	Aug 72	" "
41.	W02	G.C.	Jenkin	RA Inf	" "	" "	Jun 72	" "
42.	W02	N.G.	Walters	RA Inf	" "	" "	May 72	" "
43.	W02	T.J.	Jewell	RA Inf	" "	" "	Aug 72	" "
44.	W02	B.F.	McGrath	RA Inf	" "	" "	Feb 72	" "
45.	W02	R.	Roberts	RAA	" "	" "	Oct 72	" "
46.	W02	P.	Verkuylen	RAA	" "	" "	Aug 72	" "
47.	W02	J.C.	McNamara	RA Inf	" "	" "	Aug 72	" "
48.	CPL	R.W.M.	Fitzsimmons	RAE	" "	" "	Aug 72	" "

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Serial Rank Inits Name Corps Unit Employment Due RTA Location

MR III

PHUOC TUY PROVINCE

JUNGLE WARFARE TRAINING CENTRE

49.	Lt Col	K.H.	Kirkland	RA Inf	JWTC	Senior Adviser	Jul 72	Van Kiep
50.	Maj	B.M.	Donaldson	RAA	"	Adviser	Oct 72	"
51.	Capt	W.D.	Tresise	RA Inf	"	"	Apr 72	"
52.	Capt	K.J.	McTaggart	RA Inf	"	"	Jul 72	"
53.	Capt	D.J.	Mead	RA Inf	"	"	Oct 72	"
54.	Capt	K.W.	Barlow	RAASC	"	"	Aug 72	"
55.	Capt	J.R.	Sherriff	RNZIR	"	"	Oct 72	"
56.	WO1	E.	Gason	RAAC	"	"	Jun 72	"
57.	WO1	L.J.	Stanford	RA Inf	"	"	Aug 72	"
58.	WO1	L.T.	Allan	RA Sigs	"	"	Aug 72	"
59.	WO1	D.	Morrison	RNZIR	"	"	Oct 72	"

Serial	Rank	Inits	Name	Corps	Unit	Employment	Due RTA	Location
60.	W02	E.G.	Lewis	RA Inf	JWTC	Assistant Instructor	Apr 72	Van Kiep
61.	W02	J.P.	Hudson	RA Inf	"	" "	May 72	"
62.	W02	P.	Hulsing	RAAMC	"	" "	Jun 72	"
63.	W02	S.F.	Reid	RAE	"	" "	Jun 72	"
64.	W02	R.	Stewart	RA Inf	"	" "	Jun 72	"
65.	W02	M.J.	Shave	RA Inf	"	" "	Jul 72	"
66.	W02	C.E.	Ebner	RA Inf	"	" "	Aug 72	Van Kiep
67.	W02	D.S.	Cochrane MM	RA Inf	"	" "	Aug 72	"
68.	W02	R.J.	Clancy	RA Inf	"	" "	Aug 72	"
69.	W02	B.	Willis	RAE	"	" "	Oct 72	"
70.	Sgt	H.H.	Zinke	AACC	"	Mess Supervisor	Sep 72	"

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Serial	Rank	Inits	Name	Corps	Unit	Employment	Due RTA	Location
71	Cpl	B.J.	McDonald	RAAMC	JWTC	Assistant Instructor	Jun 72	Van-Kiep
72.	Cpl	P.S.	Dury	RA Inf	"	" "	Aug 72	"
73.	Cpl	M.J.	Gooley	RAASC	"	" "	Aug 72	"
74.	Cpl	P.C.	Schulte	RAAC	"	" "	Aug 72	"
75.	Cpl	G.P.	Byard	RAEME	"	" "	May 72	"

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<u>Serial</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Inits</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Corps</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Employment</u>	<u>Due RTA</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>MR III PHUOC TUY PROVINCE</u>								
<u>MOBILE ASSISTANCE TRAINING TEAM</u>								
76.	Maj	R.	Musgrove	RAAC	Phuoc Tuy Province	RF/PF Adviser	Apr 72	Baria
77.	WO2	R.I.	Bennett	RA Inf	" "	Team Leader MATT 1	Apr 72	"
78.	WO2	G.J.	Hall	RNZIR	" "	Team Member	Oct 72	"
79.	WO2	F.N.	Nicholas	RA Inf	" "	"	Jul 72	"
80.	Cpl	B.W.	Burgess	RA Inf	" "	"	Jun 72	"
81.	Cpl	C.D.	Carroll	RAE	" "	"	Aug 72	"
82.	WO1	G.E.	Wease	RA Inf	" "	Team Leader MATT 2	Aug 72	"
83.	WO1	T.R.	Samuels	RNZIR	" "	Team Member MATT 2	Oct 72	"
84.	WO2	B.	Morgan	RA Inf	" "	" "	Aug 72	"
85.	Cpl	P.A.	Gallagher	RA Inf	" "	" "	Aug 72	"
86.	Cpl	R.G.	Markrill	RA Inf	" "	" "	Jun 72	"

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REPORT BY LT COL P.T.F. GOWANS
CHIEF INSTRUCTOR - AATTV CAMBODIAN TRAINING CADRE COURSE

Introduction

1. A course was conducted at VUNG TAU from 20 Dec 71 to 1 Jan 72 to train selected AATTV personnel for employment as instructors with USARV Individual Training Group (USARV ITG). Successful students are to be assigned to instructional duties at the LONG HAI and PHUOC-TUY Training Centres.

Task

2. Cambodian (FANK) Infantry Battalion undergo the following training cycle in South Vietnam:

a. Battalion Leaders Orientation Programme (3 weeks).

This is a concentrated course for a cadre of 43 leaders of each battalion. It precedes the unit training, and allows these leaders to act as assistant instructors on subsequent training.

b. FANK Battalion Training Programme (12 weeks).

This phase is divided as follows:

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| (1) Basic Combat Training | - 3 weeks |
| (2) Advanced Individual Training including: | - 1-6 weeks |
| (a) Infantry Advanced Individual Training (AIT) | - 2 weeks |
| (b) Heavy Weapons (AIT) | - 2 weeks |
| (c) Radio Telephone Operator | - 1 week |
| (d) Medical (AIT) | - 6 weeks |
| (e) Battalion Staff Training | - 2 weeks |
| (3) Basic Unit Training | - 2 weeks |
| (4) 1st Field Training Exercise (FTX) | - 1 week |
| (5) Advanced Unit Training | - 1½ weeks |
| (6) Battalion Training | - 1 week |
| (7) 2nd Field Training Exercise | - 1½ weeks |

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3. The Australian contingent of 6 offr and 24 WOs is to be divided between the two USARV ITG battalions conducting training at the LONG-HAI and PHUOC TUY Centres. Australian instructors are to be employed in the Training Committee of each battalion, and in the following subordinate instructional committees:

- a. Weapons Committee. The group instructs on the following subjects:
 - (1) 81 and 60mm mortar.
 - (2) M16, .45 pistol, M79.
 - (3) Grenades, claymores and booby traps.
 - (4) M1919 A6 30 calibre machine guns.
 - (5) FO and TAC air procedures.
- b. Communications Committee. This group instructs in AN/PRC 25, codes, security, procedures, first echelon maintenance PRC 25, and field telephone.

4. Subsequently, it is planned that instructors be provided for the medical committee.

5. FANK battalions receive instructions from the various committees during the twelve weeks cycle. Three battalions are in training at the LONG-HAI Centre and two battalions at the PHUOC-TUY Centre at one time. When not involved in specialist instruction, instructors may be used to assist in field training exercises or other instruction. Squad sizes vary from sixteen (medical platoon) to 125 (rifle company). A primary instructor is assisted by a number of assistant instructors, both US and Cambodian, the latter being junior officers and senior NCOs.

The Course

6. With the instructor task as outlined above, the refresher course had the following aims:

- a. To restore physical fitness, and orient advisers towards a more formal, instructional environment.
- b. To practise potential instruction in US methods of instruction, and in those US lesson plans in use in the training of FANK battalions.
- c. To refresh, and where necessary teach students the weapons and skills required in their new employment.

7. Students were divided into four provisional employment groups, and the course was conducted as follows:

- a. Centralized orientation briefings and initial specialist instruction by USARV ITG (Individual Training Group) instructors.
- b. Specialist group instruction delivered by students on an assessed, mutual instruction basis, some using Khmer interpreters.

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- c. A period of cross training in other specialities to give employment flexibility.
 - d. A general review of unit and sub-unit tactics.
8. 6 offr and 27 WO students attended against a commitment of 6 offr and 24 WOs. Of the WOs attending, 24 were judged to be suitable for the planned employment. Those not selected were employed elsewhere in AFV.
9. The following timetables are attached:
- Appendix 1 - Centralized Instruction.
 - 2 - Mortar Committee.
 - 3 - Machine Gun Committee.
 - 4 - Small Arms Committee.
 - 5 - Communications Committee.

Results

10. The course and nature of their future employment gripped the students' imagination and consequently they were well motivated. An early happy relationship was established with the USARV ITG staff of the training battalions. In addition, some surplus assets from VUNG-TAU were released by AFV, for the improvements to the comfort and security of both centres. This action should further aid good working relationships between AATTV and the US personnel involved.
11. The period of retraining appeared worthwhile, and made easy the selection processes. There would be merit in similar training for replacements for AATTV, as recent adviser training in Australia has not included instructional ability assessment. With the high percentage of the training team now directly involved in instruction, ability as an instructor is a primary requirement for AATTV.

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AATTV CAMBODIAN TRAINING CADRE COURSE
DAILY TIMETABLE

APPENDIX 1 TO
ANNEX B TO
AATTV REPORT DEC 71

Date	Period	Subject/Course				Responsible	Remarks
Mon 20 Dec 71	1	Opening Briefing				Lt Col GOWANS	All attend
	2	Orientation briefings on:				USARV ITG	
	3	a. USARV ITG missions and organizations.					
	4	b. Organization of Cambodian Infantry battalions.					
	5	c. Cambodian rank structure and military customs.				USARV ITG	
	6	Methods of instruction applicable					
	7					WO1 WISE	
	8	PT					
		Mortars	MGs	SA	Radio		
Tues 21 Dec 71	1	Instruction under	Instruction under	Mutual Instruction on	Instruction under	1 ATF transport leaves 8 Fd Ambulance for LONG HAI at 0800 hrs.	
	2	USARV ITG	USARV ITG	Small Arms	USARV ITG		
	3	Instructors at	Instructors at	at VUNG TAU	Instructor at		
	4	LONG HAI	LONG HAI		VUNG TAU		
	5						
	6						
	7						
	8	SPARE	SPARE	PT	PT		

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Date	Period	Course/Subject				Remarks
		Mortars	MGs	SA	Radio	
Wed 22 Dec to Fri 24 Dec 71	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	As for 21 Dec 71	As for 21 Dec 71	As for 21 Dec 71	Mutual instruction under WO2 Gurney at VUNG TAU	1 ATF transport leaves LONG HAI for return to VUNG TAU at 1600 hrs 24 Dec 71.
Mon 27 Dec 71 and Tue 28 Dec 71	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Mutual Instruction under Capt McLaughlin at VUNG TAU " PT	Mutual Instruction under Capt Roberts at VUNG TAU " PT	Mutual Instruction under Capt Wieland at VUNG TAU " PT	Mutual Instruction under WO2 Gurney at VUNG TAU " PT	
Wed 29 Dec 71	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8		As for Tues 28 Dec 71			
			Sport			

Date	Period	Subject/Course				Remarks
		Mortar	MGs	SA	Radio	
Thu 30 Dec	1	MG	Mortar	Mortar	MG	Using Khmer Interpreters.
	2	Training under	Training under	Training under	Training under	
	3	Selected Students of	Selected Students of	Selected Students of	Selected Students of	
	4	MG	Mortar	Mortar	MG	
	5	Committee	Committee	Committee	Committee	
	6					
	7					
		8	PT	PT	PT	
Fri 31 Dec	1	Radio	SA	Mutual	Mutual	ATF Arrangements 1 ATF Transport Departs 1300 hrs for LONG HAI returns 1600 hrs.
	2	Training	Training	Instruction to	Instruction to	
	3	SA	Radio Training	Mortar/MG	Mortar/MG	
	4	Training		Course	Course	
	5	Int briefing - PHUOC TUY Province				
	6	Visit to LONG HAI USARV ITG BN				
	7					
	8					

Date	Period	Subject/Course	Remarks
Sat 1 Jan	1 2 3 4 5	Minor Tactics Review	Capt Wieland responsible.
	- 6 7 8	March out Administration	

MORTAR COMMITTEE PROGRAMME

Date	Period	Subject	Principle Instr	Asst Instr	Remarks
Mon 27 Dec	1	Mech Trg 60mm	WO2 CLARK	WO2 McPHAIL	
	2				
	3	M4 Sight 60mm	WO2 FOSTER	WO2 ROBERTS	
	4				
	5	Fire Control Instr	WO1 WISE	WO2 WOODS	
	6	Squad Drills	WO2 ELPHICK	WO2 JEWELL	
	7				
Tue 28 Dec	1	Mech Trg 81mm	WO2 McPHAIL	WO2 FOSTER	
	2				
	3	Des-M34 Sight 81mm	WO2 WOODS	WO2 CLARK	
	4				
	5				
	6	Squad Drills	WO2 ROBERTS	WO1 WISE	
	7				
Wed 29 Dec	1	FO Procedures 61mm	WO2 JEWELL	WO2 ELPHICK	
	2				
	3	Ammunition 81mm	WO2 JENKIN	WO2 McPHAIL	
	4	FDC Procedure	WO2 JENKIN		
	5				
Thu 30 Dec	1	Mech Training - 60mm Mortar.	To be advised		Cross Training for MG & half SA groups.
	2	Squad drill 60mm	"		
	3	Mortar	"		
	4	Sight M46 and M34	"		
	5	Mech Training - 81mm Mortar.	"		
	6	Squad drill - 81mm	"		
	7	Mortar	"		

DATE	PERIOD	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTOR	REMARKS
Mon 27 Dec	1	Introduction to M1 919 A6 MG	WO2 DAY	
	2	Disassy-Assy-Care & Cleaning	WO2 DUFFY	
	3	" " " "		
	4	Mounts - Bipods & Tripods	WO2 McGRATH	
	5	MG Operation & Functions	WO2 McNAMARA	
	6	Characteristics of Fire	WO2 MORROW	
	7	Practical Disassy & Assy (Competition)		
	8	PT.		
Tue 28 Dec	1	(Crew Drill)	WO2 McNAMARA	
	2	(IAS & Stoppages)	WO2 McGRATH	
	3	Techniques of Firing during periods of limited visibility.	WO2 DAY	
	4	Ammunition and over head fire	WO2 MORROW	
	5	Dissassy-assy care and cleaning	WO2 McNAMARA	
	6	" " " "		
	7	MG Operations and Functions	WO2 GRATH	
	8	PT		
Wed 29 Dec	1	Introduction to M1 919 A6 LMG	WO2 DUFFY	
	2	Disassy-Assy-Care & Cleaning	WO2 MORROW	
	3	" " " "	" "	
	4	Mounts - Bipods & Tripods	WO2 McNAMARA	
	5	LMG Operation & Functions	WO2 DAY	
	6	Characteristics of Fire	WO2 McGRATH	
	7	Practical & Assessment of Lessons		
	8	PT		
Thu 30 Dec	1	Introduction to M1 919 A6 MG	WO2 DAY	
	2	Dissassembly-assembly care cleaning	WO2 McGRATH	
	3	IA's and stoppages	WO2 McNAMARA	
	4	Mounts bipod and tripod	WO2 DUFFY	
	5	MG Op and Function	WO2 MORROW	
	6	Crew Drills	WO2 McNAMARA	
	7	Techniques of Fire During limited visibility.	WO2 DAY	
	8	PT.		

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SMALL ARMS COMMITTEE REFRESHER PROGRAMME

APPENDIX 4 TO
ANNEX B TO
AATTV REPORT DEC 71

LAY/DATE	PERIOD	TIME	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTORS	REMARKS
Tue 21 Dec 71	1	0800-0840	Introduction to M16 Rifle (To include Grenade Launch capabilities)	WO COUTTIE SQUAD 1 WO WILSON SQUAD 2	
	2	0850-0930	M16 Disassembly and Assembly	WO WALTERS SQUAD 1 WO POOLE SQUAD 2	
	3	0940-1020	M16 Operations and Functioning	WO WHITE SQUAD 1 WO PRATTEN SQUAD 2	
	4	1040-1120	M16 Care and Cleaning	WO WALL SQUAD 1 WO COUSINS SQUAD 2	
	5	1130-1220	M16 Immediate Actions, Remedial Actions and Malfunctions	WO COUTTIE SQUAD 1 WO WILSON SQUAD 2	
	6	1400-1440	Colt .45 Pistol Characteristics , Capability Disassembly and Assembly	WO WALTERS SQUAD 1 WO POOLE SQUAD 2	
	7	1450-1530	Colt .45 Pistol Care and Cleaning	WO WHITE SQUAD 1 WO PRATTEN SQUAD 2	
Wed 22 Dec 71	1	0800-0840	Colt .45 Pistol Aiming and Firing Firing Posns	WO WALL SQUAD 1 WO COUSINS SQUAD 2	
	2	0850-0930	M16 Sights Sight Adjustment Battle Sight Zero	WO COUTTIE SQUAD 1 WO RAMSAY SQUAD 2	
	3	0940-1020	M16 Types of Ammunition, Care of Ammunition, Magazine Loading and Unloading	WO WALTERS SQUAD 1 WO WILSON SQUAD 2	
	4	1040-1120	M16 Firing Posns	WO WHITE SQUAD 1 WO POOLE SQUAD 2	
	5	1130-1210	M79 Characteristics , Capabilities, Types of Ammunition and Uses	WO WALL SQUAD 1 WO RAMSAY SQUAD 2	
	6	1400-1440	M79 Disassembly and Assembly Care and Cleaning	WO COUSINS SQUAD 1 WO PRATTEN SQUAD 2	
	7	1450-1530	M79 Sight Setting, Aiming, Firing posns, Immediate actions	WO COUTTIE SQUAD 1 WO RAMSAY SQUAD 2	

DAY/DATE	PERIOD	TIME	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTORS	REMARKS
Thu 23 Dec 71	1	0800-0840	Bayonet Trg Defence & Rest Posns, Advance Posn, Short Thrust & Withdrawal.	WO WALL SQUAD 1 WO POOLE SQUAD 2	
	2	0850-0930	Grenades Familiarization of M26 & M67 Handgrenades to include use, Capabilities Characteristics, 3 Main Parts, and Functioning of Time Fuze.	WO WALTERS SQUAD 1 WO PRATTEN SQUAD 2	
	3	0940-1020	Spare		
	4	1040-1120	Claymore Mine Familiarizations Capabilities, Danger Areas, Use of Test Set.	WO WHITE SQUAD 1 WO RAMSAY SQUAD 2	
	5	1130-1210	Claymore Mine, Laying, Aiming, Disarming Procedures.	WO COUTTIE SQUAD 1 WO COUSINS SQUAD 2	
	6	1400-1440	Claymore Mine Multiple Firing.	WO WALTERS SQUAD 1 WO POOLE SQUAD 2	
	7	1450-1530	Claymore Mine Tactical Employment to include Camouflage.	WO WHITE SQUAD 1 WO WILSON SQUAD 2	
Fri 24 Dec 71	1	0800-0840	Bayonet Training Smash & Slash, Horizontal & Vertical Butt Strokes.	WO COUSINS SQUAD 1 WO RAMSAY SQUAD 2	
	2	0850-0930	Claymore Mines as Mechanical Devices.	WO WALL SQUAD 1 WO PRATTEN SQUAD 2	
	3	0940-1020	Procedures for Laying & Disarming Mechanical Claymores.	WO COUTTIE SQUAD 1 WO WILSON SQUAD 2	
	4	1040-1120	Claymore Mine - Safety	WO WALTERS SQUAD 1 WO POOLE SQUAD 2	
	5	1130-1210	M16 Revision Disassembly & Assembly.	WO WHITE SQUAD 1 WO COUSINS SQUAD 2	
	6	1400-1440	M16 Revision Care & Cleaning	WO WALL SQUAD 1 WO RAMSAY SQUAD 2	
	7	1450-1530	Spare.		

DAY/DATE	PERIOD	TIME	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTORS	REMARKS
Mon 27 Dec 71	1	0800-0840	Bayonet Training, Assault Tactics with Bayonet & Review of Movements.	WO WHITE SQUAD 1 WO WILSON SQUAD 2	
	2	0850-0930	Revision M79 Disassembly & Assembly Care & Cleaning.	WO RAMSAY SQUAD 1 WO PRATTEN SQUAD 2	
	3	0940-1020	Revision M16 Sights, Sight Adjustment Battle Sight Zero.	WO WALL SQUAD 1 WO WILSON SQUAD 2	
	4	1040-1120	Revision Grenades	WO COUTTIE SQUAD 1 WO COUSINS SQUAD 2	
	5	1130-1210	AK47 Basic Introduction Disassembly & Assembly.	WO WALTERS SQUAD 1 WO POOLE SQUAD 2	
	6	1400-1440	Night Firing Techniques	WO WHITE SQUAD 1 WO RAMSAY SQUAD 2	
	7	1450-1530	Spare.		
Tue 28 Dec 71	1	0800-0840	Bayonet Training Revision	To be advised	
	2	0850-0930	Claymore Mine Revision Laying, Aiming and Disarming.		
	3	0940-1020	Claymore Revision Multiple Firing.		
	4	1040-1120	.45 Pistol Revision Disassembly & Assembly, Care and Cleaning.		
	5	1130-1210	M79 Revision Sight Setting & Aiming.		
	6	1400-1440	M16 Revision Firing Posns.		
	7	1450-1530	Claymore Mine Revision - Procedures for Laying and Disarming Mechanical Claymores.		

DAY/DATE	PERIOD	TIME	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTORS	REMARKS
Wed 29 Dec 71	1	0800-0840	Revision Night Firing Techniques.	To be advised	
	2	0850-0930	M16 Revision IAs, Remedial Actions, Malfunctions.	"	
	3	0940-1020	Revision Claymore Mine Tactical Employment.	"	
	4	1040-1120	Revision Claymore Mine Safety.	"	
	5	1130-1210	Spare.	"	
Thu 30 Dec 71	-	All day	Mortar/MG Cross Training.		To be conducted by Mortar/MG Committee
Fri 31 Dec 71	1	0800-0840	(SA Cross Training to MG Committee	To be advised	
	2	0850-0930	((Subjects to be notified)		
	3	0940-1020	(As for periods 1 and 2		
	4	1040-1120	(

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REFRESHER PROGRAMME

<u>Date</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
Wed 22 Dec	0800-0930	Radio Theory	LAWLER
	0940-1030	ANPRC 25	GURNEY
	1040-1220	Comms Security	VERKUYLEN
	1400-1530	Transmission of Messages	GURNEY
Thu 23 Dec	0800-0840	Brevity Codes	LAWLER
	0850-0930	Opening, Control & Closing of Radio Nets.	GURNEY
	0940-1030	Maint of Radio Eqpt	LAWLER
	1040-1220	Operation of a Relay Station	VERKUYLEN
	1400-1530	Field Expedient Antennas	GIBSON
Fri 24 Dec	0800-0930	Radio Theory	GIBSON
	0940-1030	ANPRC 25	LAWLER
	1040-1220	Comms Security	GURNEY
	1400-1530	Transmission of Messages	VERKUYLEN
Mon 27 Dec	0800-0840	Brevity Codes, Prowords	GURNEY
	0850-0930	Opening Control & Closing of Radio Nets.	GIBSON
	0940-1030	Maint of Radio Eqpt	VERKUYLEN
	1040-1220	Op of a Relay Station	LAWLER
	1400-1530	Field Expedient Antennas	GURNEY
Tue 28 Dec		Course joins small arms committee.	

FINAL REPORT FOR MR 2 BY CAPT J.E. WIELAND
SENIOR AUSTRALIAN ADVISOR MR 2

Team Deployment

1. The team was re-deployed from PLEIKU Province to PHU-CAT in BINH-DINH Province during late June 1971. Initial problem areas in the form of logistics, team administration, and team security were encountered. These problems can be attributed mainly to:

- a. The hasty redeployment and recommencement of training which was imposed upon the team.
- b. Lack of detailed appreciation and coordination prior to redeployment.
- c. The team being placed in a situation whereby it was totally responsible for its own administration.
- d. The lack of a senior AATTV adviser at HQ MR 2.

2. After a period of approximately two months, most problems had been overcome, mainly by means of self-help and the assistance of friendly allied units in the area.

Mission

3. The primary mission was the training of Popular Force platoon leaders in night operations techniques. In addition the following secondary missions were completed:

- a. Training of 37 Binh-Dinh Cadre students.
- b. Refresher training of 54 officer students from MR2.
- c. Training of 8 students from 22 ARVN Div.
- d. The training of a 10 men Mobile Training Team (MTT) from Binh-Dinh Province.

4. In accordance with the primary mission, 18 courses of Popular Force platoon leaders were completed. This represented 532 students from BINH-DINH Province and, with the exception of 13 platoon leaders, completed BINH-DINH.

Programme of Instruction

5. The former programme in use at PLEIKU was designed for training of Regional Force units, who possess a wider range of weapons and greater operational capability, than Popular Force. Therefore adjustment to the programme was necessary. The existing programme was based on an appreciation of the following main points:

- a. Time available.
- b. A Popular Force platoon's mission.
- c. Weapons in use by Popular Force.

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6. Whilst it was appreciated that a Popular Force platoon could be employed on various types of operations, it was decided that the main offensive role it can perform successfully, as an individual unit, is the ambush. Therefore the programme was designed to teach the techniques of the successful night ambush. Additional subjects which were considered essential ingredients of successful ambushing were also taught. These were as follows:

- a. Day and night shooting M16/M79.
- b. Claymores and Flares.
- c. Mechanical ambushing.
- d. Patrolling.
- e. Basic map reading and use of compass.
- f. Tactical employment of mechanical ambushes.
- g. Artillery: capabilities, target requesting, and target adjustment, the latter receiving a half day of practical application.

7. A high percentage of the programme, approximately 20% was allocated to Psy War training. This is a subject which is considered severely lacking in the Popular Force ranks. As motivation plays a predominant part in successful Popular Force operations, the inclusion of the psy war portion of the programme was considered justified. This training was conducted by VN psy war staff from Province HQ, and had three aims:

- a. To instill into the student sufficient desire to learn whilst attending the course.
- b. To teach each Popular Force leader the contents of a meaningful psy war programme.
- c. Hopefully, to get the psy war message directly to each Popular Force platoon by means of their platoon leaders.

Main Problem Areas

8. The main problem areas encountered on the training side were as follows:

- a. Failure of students to appear at the training centre on time. A suggested solution to this problem would be that more constant and enthusiastic supervision be exercised by Province staff. The occasional show of interest only, never achieves results.
- b. Lack of genuine interest in the programme by Province Staff. This became increasingly evident as the programme progressed. On several occasions VN officials could not see their way clear to attend the graduation parades. Similarly, during the entire programme, there was never a visit to inspect training and offer suggestions by any of the Districts Staffs.

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- c. Lack of coordination with MR 2 HQ. This was very evident at the commencement of the officer refresher course. Students began arriving several days prior to the start of the course only to find that they were not expected and consequently no accommodation arrangements had been made. The assignment of a suitable VN liaison officer would have solved several problem areas.

Conclusion

9. Despite the problem areas mentioned the overall programme progressed quite smoothly. The effectiveness of the programme is difficult to determine, but the evaluation tour conducted during September 71 did prove that platoon leaders were absorbing the content of the course. However, in many cases this knowledge was not being passed on or applied to practical use. The training of the District cadre teams and the Mobile Training Team was designed to assist in solving this problem. The end result is going to be determined only by the degree of supervision, interest, and enthusiasm displayed by VN staff at Province and District level.

REPORT BY MAJ R.V. MUSGROVE
RF/PF ADVISER PHUOC-TUY PROVINCE

Introduction

1. December saw some increase in significant VC-initiated activity. The growing boldness and confidence of the enemy is evident from the successful assault on 4/302 RF Bn and partial success in the occupation of NGAI GIAO hamlet. Sector continues to show little foresight or imagination in operational planning and tends to only react after the event. New District Chiefs at LONG LE and LONG DIEN continue to perform well.

TF

2. Again 40 PF Pl showed its high standard by holding ground at NGAI GIAO. In other areas some PF Pls are being re-located in an attempt to prevent compromise and to familiarize pls with different areas. This is especially apparent in LONG DIEN where, on the surface, security within the district continues to improve. The low morale of the PSDF is being given a boost by the keen interest being shown by the new District Chief.

3. Changes in the location of artillery which have taken place are:

2 x 105mm at XUYEN-MOC	moved to	NUI NHON
2 x 155mm at ONG TRINH	moved to	DAT DO
2 x 105mm at DAT DO	moved to	PHUOC HOA
1 x 4.2 mor at PHUOC HOA	moved to	XUYEN MOC
1 x 4.2 mor at PHUOC HOA	moved to	PHU MY

The US 155mm Pl at NUI DAT is due to leave the province in early January 72. Further arty re-location will then be necessary.

302 RF Bn

4. The 4/302 Bn, which was attacked during the month, did NOT have sentries or an adequate defensive perimeter. The Coy Comd has been removed. Other companies continue to operate independently. This battalion is being misemployed and is not exploiting the benefits of its organization and TOE. Team 89 do not believe 302 RF Bn should be targeted against major units but kept as a "reaction force". This is believed to be a negative attitude. In eight months it has not "reacted" adequately to enemy action. It is considered that it should be used on limited operations against VC base areas and HQ to keep the enemy unbalanced and moving.

MATTs

5. MATT 1 continues to work with JWTC. Due to the success to date of the rifle coaching conducted by MATT 2, this scheme is to be expanded to other companies and will continue until February 72 when it is hoped to conduct a Province championship as part of the TET festivities. Continuance of the scheme is dependent on the MATT being given a greater freedom of movement to work in DUC-THANH, XUYEN-MOC and DAT DO. If present restrictions continue the scheme will need to be abandoned.

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Future Activities

6. It is apparent that the advisory effort was premature in leaving the PSDF who are appearing more and more to be a crucial factor in the pacification of the province. Present duties of the RF/PF adviser leave little time for this important facet and staff assistance in this area is desirable.

7. There are strong indications that 2/43 Regt will remain in the Province and other elements of 18 ARVN Div will also be located in the Province with the mission of targeting and destroying 274 VC Regt.

Conclusion

8. Although the VC have been active during the month it is not at the tempo expected. No great changes have been observed in the TF. There is an impression that the TF are settling down to fight a war of attrition. This is unfortunate as they have the ability and potential to take the offensive. Team 89 continues to function mainly as an administrative and reporting agency with little actual advisory effort.

REPORT BY LT COL K.H. KIRKLAND
SENIOR ADVISER JWTC VAN KIEP NTC

Training

1. 6/71 Junior Officer Course marched out 18 Dec 71. The attitude of this course during the operational phase was poor. Forty eight students failed out of a total student strength of one hundred and four, this being the highest proportion since the Centre began. As a result of the poor performance of this course, physical training has been introduced and use of troop carrying vehicles reduced. The failure rate demonstrates that the Vietnamese are determined to maintain a reasonable standard.
2. 7/71 Junior Officer Course started 20 Dec 71. Student strength is one hundred and nine.
3. 6/71 Senior NCO Course has completed all training except the final operational exercise and is to march out 8 Jan 72.
4. 6/71 Popular Forces Cadre Course began 6 Dec 71 and marched out 31 Dec 71. Thirty students attended and 28 qualified, two failed.
5. The training staff (Vietnamese) is to be reorganized early in 1972. The three instructional wings (Basic, Advanced and Operations) will be disbanded and will be replaced by two wings, one for the conduct of officer courses and one for senior NCO courses. This change will provide for better assessment, more flexibility in the syllabus, better discipline and maximum use of staff. In addition the demonstration platoon strength will be increased to forty-two all ranks, and some tactical lessons altered to conform to the new rifle platoon establishment.
6. A summary of courses conducted during 1971 is shown in Appx 1 attached.
7. Due to an overlap of courses between 1971 and 1972, for two weeks in January 72, there will be three courses being run simultaneously. This situation will cause a severe strain on instructors, stores, training facilities and administration.

Visits

8. Visitors during the month were:

COMAFV	6 Dec
Comd AATTV	14 Dec (Farewell)
HE Aust Ambassador	30 Dec
COMAFV	30 Dec

Administration and Logistics

9. Despite disruptions caused by contract work in JWTC area, the administrative and logistic system still functions effectively.

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10. On 30 Dec 71, the Centre was finally issued twenty PRC 25 sets.

11. The Centre is still burdened with surplus accommodation stores from NUI DAT.

Engineer Works

12. The new advisory team area, except for contract work, was completed 15 Dec 71.

13. The kitchen floor, SAL block frame and canteen for the Vietnamese area are nearing completion. Roadwork has been finished. 9 Constr Tp are scheduled to begin withdrawing to VUNG TAU 1 Jan 72. The majority of project stores for JWTC are now located at VAN-KIEP.

14. Contract work is progressing steadily, with minor delays only.

Advisory Team

15. The new area was occupied 15 Dec 71. MATT 1 & 2 remain in MACV accommodation,

16. Strength of the team at VAN-KIEP is:

JWTC	27
MATT 1	5
MATT 2	5
RF/PF Adviser	<u>1</u>
Total	<u>38</u>

17. Average Engineer strength for Dec was:

198 Wks Sec	18
9 Constr Tp	42

SUMMARY OF COURSES 1971

<u>Course</u>	<u>Students Attended</u>	<u>Passed</u>	<u>Failed</u>
<u>Junior Officer Courses</u>			
1/71	44	41	3
2/71	66	57	9
3/71	64	46	18
4/71	129	95	34
5/71	119	90	29
6/71	104	56	48
<u>Total</u>	<u>526</u>	<u>385</u>	<u>141 (23%)</u>
<u>Senior NCO Courses</u>			
1/71	63	63	0
2/71	61	51	10
3/71	102	74	28
4/71	95	81	14
5/71	98	93	5
<u>Total</u>	<u>419</u>	<u>362</u>	<u>57 (14%)</u>
<u>PF Cadre Courses</u>			
1/71	30	30	0
2/71	30	30	0
3/71	30	30	0
4/71	30	30	0
5/71	30	30	0
6/71	30	28	2
<u>Total</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>178</u>	<u>2</u>

- Notes. 1. 7/71 Junior Officer Course with 109 students commenced 20 Dec 71.
2. 6/71 Senior NCO Course with 100 students is due to march out 8 Jan 72.

FINAL REPORT BY MAJ J.G. HUGHES
SENIOR AUSTRALIAN ADVISER MR4

Cessation of Operations

1. AATTV in Military Region 4 ceased operations on 11 Dec 71. All members of the team in MR4 moved to VUNG TAU on 15 Dec 71, thus ending, in the Delta Military Region, the Australian advisory effort which began in 1964.

Completion of Night Training

2. Since mid-November, conduct of PF Night Operations courses had been an ARVN responsibility:
 - a. NOTT DONG TAM - 7th ARVN Division.
 - b. NOTT BAC LIEU - 21st ARVN Division.
3. AATTV members had been advising the ARVN instructors since this time, and the period 1-11 December was utilized for in-place assistance visits to PF outposts. A joint Australian/Vietnamese team from the DONG TAM NOTT visited 22 outposts in KIEN TUONG Province whilst an Australian only team from NOTT BAC LIEU visited 18 outposts in PHONG DINH Province.

Monitoring of Training

4. On 13 Dec 71, staff responsibility for Night Operations Courses passed to:
 - a. G3 Training IV Corps and MR4 for direct staff responsibility.
 - b. G3 Training DRAC for monitoring and advising IV Corps staff.
 - c. Territorial Forces Division (TFD) CORDS MR4 for Monitoring ARVN Instructors at BAC LIEU and DONG TAM.

Logistics

5. All Vietnamese and US loan stores were returned to the issuing authorities before the team departed MR4.
6. Australia House CAN THO was taken over by the MR4 Real Estate Office and will be used by that organization. The team house at DONG TAM was taken over by the 7th Division Training Centre and the BAC LIEU team house became the Centre's US Advisor's House.

Personnel

7. The Australian personnel present in MR4 at the time of cessation of activities were:

Maj	J.G. Hughes
Maj	S.R. Hearder
Capt	W.M. McLaughlin
WO1	I.C. Wall
WO1	D.E. Wise
WO2	J. Clarke
WO2	J.R. Cousins
WO2	P.R. Couttie
WO2	B. Elphick
WO2	B. Morrow