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SUGGESTED OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENT OF 1 COMMANDO COMPANY IN BINH BA.

Reference: Maps: VIETNAM 1:50,000 Sheet 6442 IV
1:25,000 Sheet 6430 IIIS
1:10,000 Enlargement XA BINH BA

1. SITUATION: See OPORD 1-6-66 (Op HOLSWORTHY).
2. MISSION: While a BINH BA Regional Force Company is being recruited and trained, 1 Commando Company is to destroy VC influence in its allotted TAOR until 30 Aug 66 with a view to the pacification of BINH BA, simultaneously carrying out specialist training.
3. EXECUTION:
 - a. Concept of Operations: See Annex P to OPORD 1-6-66 (Op HOLSWORTHY) - Operation overlay. By living and working in the close vicinity of BINH BA village, 1 Commando Company is to establish close personal relationships with the villagers to help in the collection of intelligence, and the planning of night ambush patrols in the allotted TAOR, simultaneously carrying out on-the-job specialist training.
 - b. Initially, by day, priority should be given to the development of a secure company base area.
 - c. Throughout the day patrols should operate in the allotted TAOR and along the flanks of Interprovincial Route 2, out to sniper range. By night the execution of night ambushes on likely VC infiltration and exfiltration routes within the allotted TAOR is to be carried out.
 - d. Local protection for 1 ATF Civil Affairs Projects in BINH BA should be provided and co-ordinated with DUC TAHNHSub Sector Headquarters.
 - e. Co-ordinating Instructions:
Daily liaison should be effected through 1 ATF Civil Affairs Liaison Team with:

5 RAR
Civil Affairs Section Headquarters 1 ATF.
DUC THANHSub Sector Headquarters.
Village Pacification Team (When raised).
CSD Team.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:
 - a. CSD channels are to be used for normal administration and logistic requirements that affect 1 Commando Company personnel. However, in exceptional circumstances 1 ATF will give assistance from available 1 ATF resources.
 - b. Transport. 1 ATF Civil Affairs Liaison Team is to be provided with a $\frac{1}{2}$ ton GS truck and trailer from 5 RAR.
 - c. Defence Stores. Such defence stores as are required to establish and maintain a secure company base for 1 Commando Company are to be provided by 1 ATF.

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5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal:

- (1) Through 1 ATF Civil Affairs Liaison Team attached to 1 Commando Company, 1 ATF can be contacted as per 1 ATF SOI.
- (2) 1 ATF Civil Affairs Liaison Team are also to man a station on the 5 RAR radio net.
- (3) Radio communication is to be maintained with DUC THANH Sub Sector Headquarters.

b. Command:

- (1) 1 ATF Civil Affairs Liaison Team is under the operational control of 5 RAR. The functions of the Team are:

- (a) To advise the Commander, 1 Commando Company.
- (b) To effect liaison with and co-ordination of activities with:

5 RAR
Civil Affairs Section HQ 1 ATF
DUC THANH Sub Sector HQ
Village Pacification Team (when raised)
CSD Team

- (2) 1 Commando Company:

Within the terms of this operational directive 1 Commando Company is under the operational control of DUC THANH Sub Sector Headquarters. Any tasks outside of this charter are not to be undertaken without the agreement of those organisations mentioned in para 5 b (1) (b).

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Frag Order 1-8-66 to Op TOLEDO

Reference: Maps: VIETNAM 1:50,00 Sheets 6443 11,111,
6442,1,11,111,1V,
6543 11,111,
6542 1,1V.

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: Annex A.

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) Operation TOLEDO is a search and destroy operation being conducted in the EASTERN Sector of PHUOC TUY Province by 11 Field Force Vietnam in coordination with BLT (Battalion Landing Team) 1/26 USMC.

(2) Troops taking part:

173 Abn Bde (Sep)
33rd and 35th ARVN Ranger Bns.
BLT 1/26 USMC.

(3) Seventh Fleet provides Naval gunfire support.

(4) Seventh Air Force provides close air support.

(5) The operation which was scheduled for completion on 22 August, has now been extended, and 1 ATF has been included.

(6) Areas of Operation are shown in Operation Overlay (Annex P).

(7) Overall concept of operation is as follows:

(a) 173d Abn Bde (Sep) with 33rd and 35th ARVN Ranger Bns under Opcon, conducts airborne assault into AO's PAT and KATHY on 22 August 1966, and conducts search and destroy operations.

(b) BLT 1/26 USMC conducts beach assault and helicopter landings into AO MARCY, and conducts search and destroy operations; and occupies blocking position MARGE.

2. MISSION: 1 ATF will destroy any enemy force attempting to withdraw SW from the area of operation.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operations:

(1) Air surveillance will be maintained over possible withdrawal routes into 1 ATF TAOR.

(2) Ground surveillance patrols will be deployed outside line BLUE but inside 1 ATF TAOR.

(3) Each Infantry battalion will maintain one company size force inside line BLUE and within its normal battalion patrol zone. No part of this force is to be closer than 1,000 metres to line BLUE.

(4) Each Infantry Battalion will be prepared to deploy by air, APC or foot to block and to destroy enemy penetration into 1 ATF TAOR.

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.(5) Route 2

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(5) Route 2 will be patrolled NORTH to area BINH GIA YS 477.

b. 5 RAR:

- (1) Maintain company size patrol in battalion sector of AO GAIL during period of operation. Company task is to conduct search and destroy operations and be prepared to block and/or destroy any enemy attempt at penetration.
- (2) Provide surveillance patrols to detect any enemy attempt at penetration from WEST to EAST between 1 ATF Base Area and YS460776. (Company located at BINH BA may be used on this task).
- (3) Place one company on two hours standby as ready reaction force from 231800H.

6. RAR:

- (1) Maintain company size patrol in battalion sector of AO GAIL during period of operation. Company task is to conduct search and destroy operations and be prepared to block and/or destroy any enemy attempt at penetration.

- (2) Place one company on two hours standby as ready reaction force from 231800H.

d. 1 APC Sqn:

- (1) Maintain two troops on two hours standby, prepared to lift two companies for reaction operations.
- (2) Continue to provide six APCs for use by one company 5 RAR located BINH BA.

e. 1 Fd Regt RAA: No change from current operations.

f. 1 Fd Sqn RAE: No change from current operations.

g. 3 SAS Sqn:

- (1) Provide surveillance patrols to operate forward of line BLUE, within 1 ATF PAOR.
- (2) Provide information of any attempted VC/NVA movement SW and be prepared to direct airstrikes against such movement.

h. 161 (Indep) Recon Flt:

- (1) Provide visual reconnaissance over AO GAIL and AO SUE with emphasis on AO SUE.
- (2) Provide surveillance of area NORTH of 1 ATF along the line of Inter Provincial Route 2 (LT2).
- (3) Other VR tasks as directed by HQ 1 ATF.

i. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Air FAC provides reconnaissance of areas in conjunction with 161 (Indep) Recon Flt as coordinated by GS03 Intelligence HQ 1 ATF.

- (2) RAAF provide two incoqs daily on standby at LZ KANGAROO.

- (3) Timings:

(a) Ground patrols will be conducted between 231800H and 0600H August and 260000H August. To be prepared for extension.

.(4) Boundaries

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(4) Boundaries: Annex P.

(5) 3 SAS Sqn will provide Liaison Officers or Senior NCOs to each 5 RAR and 6 RAR from 231800H August.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS,

Units will continue maintenance as normal. Units are to advise variations to feeding pattern as soon as possible.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal. SOI

b. Command. HQ 1 ATF remains present location.

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P. Operation Overlay.
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Annex A (Intelligence) to Frag Order 1-8-66 to Op TOLEDO

1. General.

a. Recent contacts and agent reports indicate that the 5 VC Div, 605 Bn 250 Regt (NVA) and C860 Bn are in PHUOC TUY Province EAST of Interprovincial Route 2. Elements of 274 VC Regt following the 10 and 11 August operations on PHU MY (YS2574) withdrew eastward to the vicinity of YS5388. The 275 VC Regt, 605 Bn 250 Regt and C860 Bn withdrew EAST and NE following the 18 Aug operations against 6 RAR. The 5 VC Div HQ and supporting elements are believed to be in the vicinity of YS6780.

b. The recent losses suffered by elements of the 275 VC Battalion as a result of their engagement with 6 RAR on 18 Aug 66 have probably seriously reduced their combat capability. The actual body count of 245 and the possibility that at least as many more were wounded undoubtedly will have a distinct impact on their future operations. Agent reports and interrogation of captives indicate that the 5 VC Div is using NVA replacements.

2. Recent Significant Activity.

a. An agent reported that on 17 Aug 66 the VC cut interprovincial Route 2 in six places between YS 432940 and YS 441960. This was confirmed by visual reconnaissance on 20 Aug. This may be an attempt to deny the use of the route or the VC may be crossing the route themselves.

b. A VCC captured by 6 RAR reported a rice cache 5 kilometers EAST of YS 489664. This cache was reportedly guarded by a VC Company.

c. Agent reports reveal that the operator of the Laffee Plantation at YS 5083 frequently assists the VC.

d. Another agent reported that the workers who left the COURTNEY Rubber Plantation as a result of Operation YORKTOWN in June, have now returned to the plantation.

e. Frequent agent reports have been received indicating VC activity in the vicinity of the XA BANG rubber plantation (YS 455858) and the XA BANG Area (YS 501857).

f. A patrol introduced into the vicinity of YS 639734 on 15 Aug 66 had immediate contact with an estimated VC platoon. Fresh oxcart tracks were observed in the vicinity of YS 632736. The team was pursued by the VC until their extraction (16 Aug) during which the aircraft received ground fire.

g. A Company size position with inter-connecting tunnels was reported at YS 493665 at 170645H Aug. The position was approximately 100 metres square and appeared to be 3-4 weeks old. At this same location a helicopter was fired at by a force of unknown size on 211130H Aug.

h. From a position at YS 501870, a patrol heard 3 rounds fired from a field gun 2,000 to 3,000 metres NORTH. These were heard on 19 Aug. A previous patrol on 17 Aug also reported hearing firing which could have been from a 75 mm RCL and also a 105 mm HOW, in the vicinity of YS 5875.

/1. (17-19 Aug 66).

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i. (17-19 Aug 66). There were many reports of sightings of small groups of VC in square YS 4980. However as no camps or resting places were found, it is considered that there are no VC forces based in the area. All the groups were moving on tracks and except for a few cases were moving North - South. The attitude of the enemy gave the impression that he uses this general area for training purposes and considers the area secure.

j. (171500H - 171708H Aug). At YS488850 within the times shown, a total of 31 VC with weapons were sighted in groups of about ten.

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Reference - Maps Vietnam 1:50,000 Sheets 6443 II & III, 6442 I, II, III, IV, 6543 II & III, 6542 I & IV



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AO
KATHY

AO PAT

173d ABN BDE (+)

173d X BLT
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173d (+)

1 ATF

ONO
1 ATF
AO
SUE

LINE BLUE

ONO
173d ABN BDE (+)
AO BETTY

1 ATF X 173d

1 ATF

AO

5RAR
6RAR

GAIL

5RAR
6RAR

BLOCKING
POSITION MARGE
(APPROX)

LINE BLUE

BLT 1/26

AO MARCY

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CIVIL AFFAIRS INSTRUCTION 1/66
POPULATION CONTROL LONG PHUOC (YS4465)

Reference: Maps: VIETNAM Pictomap Supplement 1:25,000
Sheet 6430 111S

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

- (1) Until late May 66, the village of LONG PHUOC (YS4464, YS4465, YS4564, YS4565) was VC controlled. It was a VC base and rest area, and as such was extensively fortified.
- (2) As a result of joint allied clearing operations, approximately 1,000 LONG PHUOC villagers have been resettled in the village of HOA LONG (YS4163). In LONG PHUOC all tunnels have been destroyed, and VC rice and salt caches have been removed or destroyed.
- (3) Small parties of VC still enter the LONG PHUOC area, mainly at night. Such VC can be expected to contact villagers re-entering LONG PHUOC, to obtain tax, supplies, and information.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) LONG LE Sub Sector HQ with Regional Force Company 787, and a popular Force element (25-30) is located at YS420637 in HOA LONG village.
- (2) A National Police detachment (26) is also located in HOA LONG.
- (3) 6 RAR 1 ATF in NUI DAT area (YS4467).

c. Attachment and Detachments

Under command from 0800 hrs D Day:

One bulldozer and operator from 1 Fd Sqn.

2. MISSION:

6 RAR in conjunction with LONG LE Sub Sector is to open LONG PHUOC for two days each week to allow ex-residents access to their properties and crops in the area shown in Annex P.

3. EXECUTION:

a. The operation is to be conducted in three phases.

- (1) Phase 1. Preparatory phase of bulldozing, wiring and signposting a demarcation line.
- (2) Phase 2. Control of persons, while moving to and from HOA LONG, and while working in LONG PHUOC.
- (3) Phase 3. Prevention of persons entering the LONG PHUOC area on unauthorised days.

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/b. 6 RAR

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b. 6 RAR.

(1) Phase 1.

- (a) Provide security for the bulldozer (see para 3c).
- (b) Provide a wiring party to lay dannet wire from YS432657 (NORTH EAST edge of lake) to YS463656 (Annex P).
- (c) Provide a signposting party to place signs every 50 metres along the demarcation line (Annex P).

(2) Phase 2.

Patrol the NORTHERN and EASTERN boundaries of LONG PHUOC to prevent people crossing these boundaries.

(3) Phase 3.

Implement an ambush and patrol program on selected days when the area is closed to ex-villagers, in order to apprehend curfew breakers and VC infiltrators.

c. 1 Fd Sqn.

Phase 1.

Provide a bulldozer and operator to be under command 6 RAR for an estimated five days. To cut a demarcation line two blades wide. (Annex P).

d. LONG LE Sub Sector HQ.

(1) Phase 1.

Carry out preparations for Phase 2.

(2) Phase 2.

- (a) Coordinate and control the movement of persons to and from HOA LONG.
- (b) Carry out surveillance and supervision of people's activities in LONG PHUOC.

(3) Phase 3.

Prevent persons leaving HOA LONG to enter LONG PHUOC on unauthorised days.

e. National Police detachment

(1) Phase 1.

Carry out preparations for Phase 2.

(2) Phase 2.

- (a) Establish two check points, one at YS429644, the other at YS425637.
- (b) Carry out the following action at the check points:

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- i. Check names and ID cards against the approved list issued by the District Chief.
- ii. Arrest unauthorised and suspicious persons.

(3) Phase 3.

Prevent persons leaving HOA LONG for LONG PHUOC on authorised days.

(4) Coordinating instructions

(a) Timings:

- i. Phase 1 is to commence as soon as possible.
- ii. Phase 2 is to commence on completion of Phase 1. LONG PHUOC is to be opened on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 0730 hrs to 1600 hrs.
- iii. Phase 3 - continuing.

(5) Liaison:

6 RAR is to effect direct liaison with LONG LE Sub Sector.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

1 ATF Civil Affairs section is responsible for the procurement of 100 signs and their delivery to 6 RAR.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL

- (a) Command: 1 ATF remains in location.
- (b) Signal: SOI

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Annexes: P. Overlay LONG PHUOC boundaries.
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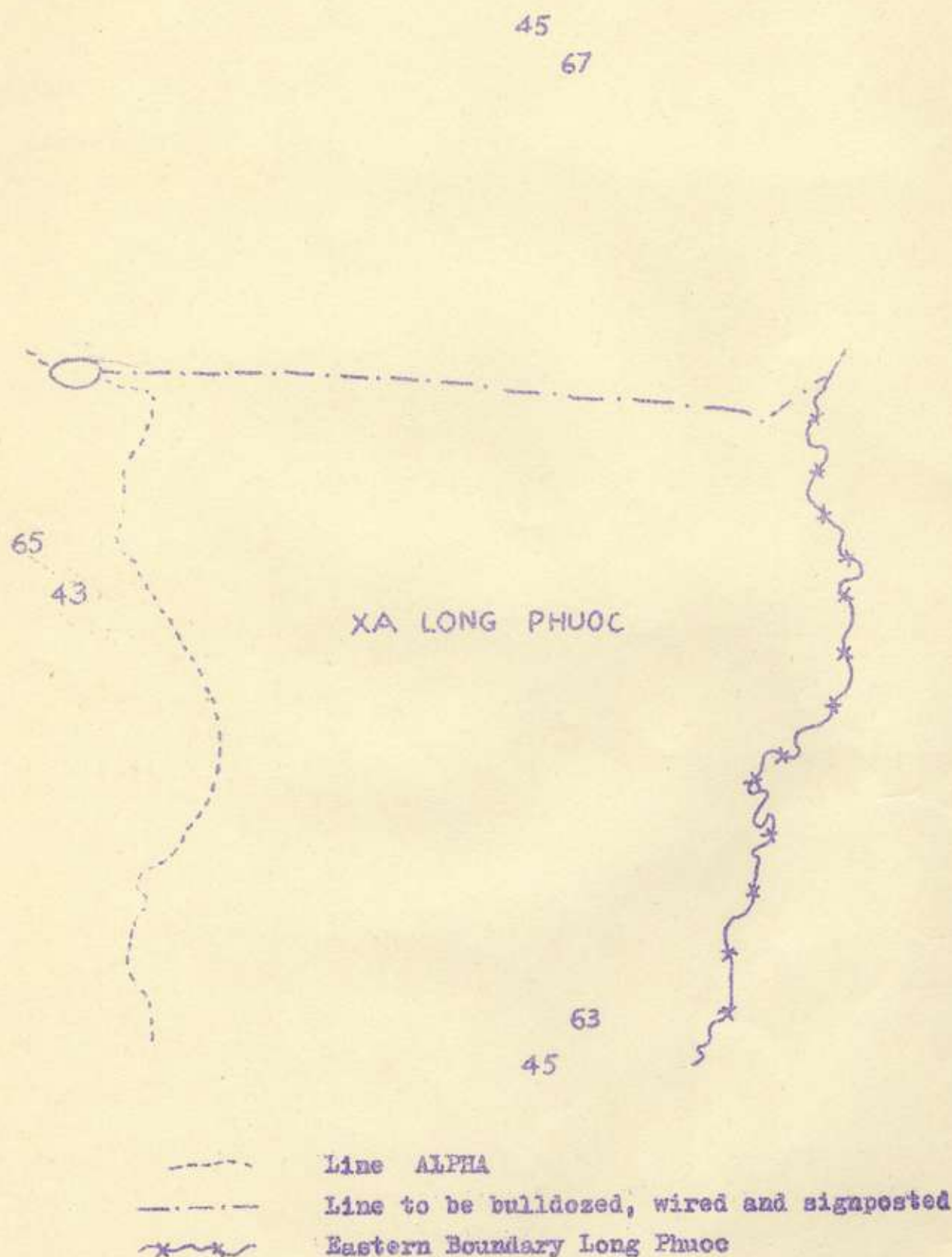
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CIVIL AFFAIRS INSTRUCTION 2/66

Reference: Maps: VIETNAM 1:25,000 Sheets 6430 111S, 6430 111 2, 6430 11 N.

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: Current ISUM, Civil Affairs Plan of 9 Jul 66, and OPOD 1-6-66 (Op HOLSWORTHY) of 31 Jul 66.

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) 1 ATF:

5 RAR
1 APC Sqn
1 Fd Sqn RAE
103 Sig Sqn
1 ATF Pro Det
1 ATF PW/Linguist Det.

(2) PHUOC TUY Sector:

National Police Detachment HOA LONG (YS4163).

2. MISSION: 1 ATF, in conjunction with PHUOC TUY Sector, is to open Inter Provincial Route 2 (LT2) between BINH GIA (YS462775) and HOA LONG (YS427655).

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operations:

- (1) From D day vehicular civilian traffic will be allowed to use LT2 daily between 0800 hours and 1600 hours.
- (2) Because this will involve passage through the 1 ATF Base Area, until a bypass can be constructed (probably not before Nov 66); 1 ATF Provost detachment, in conjunction with National Police, and a 5 RAR check point, will control traffic through the 1 ATF Base Area.
- (3) Outside the 1 ATF Base Area, 1 ATF will provide security in depth through patrolling in the 1 ATF TAOR; but 1 ATF will not normally provide immediate protection.

b. 5 RAR:

- (1) Operate a check point at YS435686; the responsibilities of this check point are the same as the Provost check point (see para 3f.(2)).
- (2) Task the OP on NUI DAT (currently manned by D Coy) with the following responsibilities:
 - (a) Keep the road between YS434684 and YS431670 under surveillance.

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- (b) Report suspicious incidents to the two check points.
- (3) Clear vegetation on NUI DAT to enable the OP to maintain LT2 under observation between YS434684 and YS431670.
- c. 1 APC Sqn:
 - (1) Cease to provide convoy escorts between 1 ATF Base Camp and BARIA, from D Day.
 - (2) Conduct road patrols between 1 ATF Base Camp and BINH GIA on a daily basis, when other operational commitments allow.
- d. 1 Fd Sqn RAE:
 - (1) Reconnoitre an all weather by-pass road around the WEST flank of 1 ATF Base Camp.
 - (2) Commence work on the by-pass as soon as weather permits, aiming to complete the by-pass by Nov 66.
- e. 103 Sig Sqn:
 - (1) Coordinate the establishment of a telephone link and lay line between the two check points and the NUI DAT OP.
- f. 1 ATF Pro Det:
 - (1) From D Day, establish a check point at YS429664. The check point is to consist of a minimum of two provosts and one National Policeman. One Interpreter will be provided by 1 ATF PW Linguist Det.
 - (2) Carry out the following tasks at the check point:
 - (a) Search vehicles for unauthorised arms and ammunition, and explosives.
 - (b) Check ID cards of drivers and passengers.
 - (c) Allow motor transport through after checking.
 - (d) Allow bicycles or animal drawn vehicles through hourly, under provost escort.
- g. 1 ATF PW/Linguist Det: From D Day provide one Interpreter daily from 0730 hours to 1600 hours to 1 ATF Pro Det.
- h. National Police Detachment: Provide two National Policemen, daily, to be picked up by 1 ATF Pro Det at YS419635 at 0730 hours.
- i. Coordinating Instructions:
 - (1) D Day, 20 Aug 66.
 - (2) LT2 will be open daily between BINH GIA (YS462775) and HOA LONG (YS427655) from 0800 hours to 1600 hours.
 - (3) Suspicious persons will be arrested and handed over to 1 ATF PW/Linguist Det for questioning.
 - (4) Incidents will be reported to 1 ATF TOC.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: Omitted.

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5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: Line will be laid between both check points and NUI DAT OP.

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1. (C) OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR continued patrolling to WEST of Task Force Base with Company size patrol. There were no contacts. Two companies in conjunction with 1APC Squadron conducted Roadrunner Operation from Task Force Base to LONG HAI YS444495 with negative contact. 6 RAR continued patrolling to EAST of Task Force Base area with Company sized patrol. There were no contacts.

(ii) 1APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS437690 at 010705H and secured the road for convoy as normal. One troop escorted resupply convoy to VUNG TAU and return. At 011030H 1APC Squadron minus one troop with A/5RAR conducted Operation ROADRUNNER SOUTH from Task Force Base to LONG HAI YS444495 and return. Operation completed at 011530H.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force, a total of 32 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. At 010800H 103 Artillery Battery, with one platoon C/5RAR as protective party, moved from Task Force Base to gun position YS383592 to support Operation ROADRUNNER SOUTH.

(iv) 5 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR. D/5RAR commenced Company patrol operation to the WEST of Task Force area. A/5RAR constituted protective element for 1APC Squadron during Operation ROADRUNNER SOUTH. B/5RAR remained in Task Force Area as Ready Reaction Force for Operation. One platoon C/5RAR provided protection party for 103 Artillery Battery during Operation. There were no contacts during the reporting period.

(v) 6 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR. D/6RAR continued patrolling to the EAST of the Task Force Base Area. At 011235H D/6RAR discovered 2VC bodies, one Garand rifle and 9 rounds ammunition at YS511683. This was position of C/6RAR contact of 251330H. At 011235H D/6RAR discovered camp at YS490679. Camp contained one M26 grenade and 2 ton of salt. Salt was destroyed. Other camp estimated 12 months old discovered at YS497695, YS487697 and YS485705 at 011650H. D/6RAR discovered platoon size camp considered used within last 48 hours at YS513696.

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(vi) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal. At 011306H reported heavy activity signs on trail from YS340768 to YS300746. At 010925H aircraft received ground fire at YS458835. At 010703H airstrike conducted against suspected VC location at YS5474. Negative BDA due to thick foliage. At 011700H airstrike conducted against suspected enemy location at YS383787. Negative BDA due to dense foliage.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. D/5RAR to continue Company patrol to WEST of Task Force Area. 5 RAR less one company to continue patrolling of Task Force Area. D/6RAR to continue patrol to EAST of Task Force Area. 6 RAR less one company to continue patrolling of Task Force Area. The following SKY SPOTS have been requested. At 020600H on defensive position under construction at YS34766658. At 020620H on part of defensive position under construction at YS35356680. At 020640H on part of defensive position under construction at YS35196700. At 020700H on part of defensive position under construction at YS35056675. At 020730H on base camp and AA position at YS35426881. At 020755H on gun emplacement and bunker at YS36106815. At 020825H on enemy base camp at YS33506915.

b. Major Unit Activities

- (1) through (8) No change
(9) Results Cumulative

AUST LOSSES

NIL

ENEMY LOSSES

2 VC KIA (BC)
1 VC KIA (Poss)
2 VC WIA (Poss)
One Garand rifle
9 rounds ammo
2 ton Salt
One M26 grenade

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives Nil

D. Friendly Forces

| | | | | |
|------------|-----------------|----------|------|----|
| D1. D/6RAR | 011235H/011300H | Friendly | None | No |
| D2. D/6RAR | 011235H/011340H | Friendly | None | No |

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Enemy Losses

| | | | |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| D1. 2/UNK | 2 VC KIA (BC) | 1 Garand rifle | 9Rds ammo |
| D2. UNK/UNK | Nil | 1 M26 grenade | |

K2. Enemy/Losses

| | | |
|---------|-----|------------|
| D2. UNK | Nil | 2 ton Salt |
|---------|-----|------------|

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM
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3 Aug 66

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
020001H to 022400H (U).

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96266

COPY TO: HQ AFV
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1. (C) OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR continued company sized patrol of TAOR with minor contact. 6 RAR also patrolled the TAOR with company sized patrol with minor contact.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS437690 at 0715H and secured the road for the convoy. A Troop escorted convoys from Vung Tau and return.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 40 H and I missions were fired in the 24 hours.

(iv) 5 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR with a company size patrol. At 0849H D/5 RAR recovered one 7.62mm Russian or French bolt action rifle at YS398703. At 0855 D/5 RAR at YS397705 discovered 12 huts including a hospital and classrooms. Found in these huts were enemy training pamphlets dated 1 March 1966 also caches of documents including possible enemy order of battle and many hand written as well as typewritten papers. The camp had been vacated within last month. The camp was destroyed and the documents are being evacuated. At 1333H D/5 RAR at YS390703 contacted 2 local VC dressed in black trousers, green shirts and green bush hats. VC moved East after the contact. Results 1 VC KIA by body count 1 VC WIA, 1 M1 rifle recovered.

(v) 6 RAR continued company size patrol of Eastern portion of TAOR. At 1115H C/6 RAR sighted 2 armed VC at YS453671. Because of distance involved mortars were fired but with no known result. At 1747H C/6 RAR at YS451643 contacted 3 VC moving East, dressed in black with white coolie hats. Results 1 VC WIA possible. Follow up was stopped because of primary task.

(vi) Air support. Surveillance of TAOR was continued with no significant result.

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(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR continues company size patrol to WEST of TAOR and also preparations for Operation HOLSWORTHY. 6 RAR continue company size patrol of TAOR.

b. Major Unit Activities

(1) through (8) no change

(9) Results accumulative

AUST LOSSES

NIL

ENEMY LOSSES

3 VC KIA (BC)
1 VC KIA (Poss)
4 VC WIA (Poss)
1 Garand rifle
1 7.62mm rifle
9 rounds ammo
2 ton salt
1 M26 grenade

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change

D. Forces

D1. D/5 RAR CZ 021333H/021340H Friendly None No

D2. C/6 RAR CZ 021115H/021130H Friendly None No

D3. C/6 RAR CZ 021745H/021750H Friendly None No

K. Losses/Damage

K1. Enemy Losses

D1. D/5 RAR 2/UNK 1 KIA/1 WIA 1 M1 rifle Nil

D2. C/6 RAR 2/UNK Nil Nil Nil

D3. C/6 RAR 3/UNK 1 WIA Nil Nil

K2. Enemy Damage

D1. D/5 RAR 2/UNK Nil 1 M1 rifle

D2. C/6 RAR 2/UNK Nil Nil

D3. C/6 RAR 3/UNK Nil Nil

D4. D/5 RAR Nil/Nil 12 huts including school rooms hospital Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil


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4 Aug 66

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
030001H to 032400H (U).

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96266

COPY TO: HQ AFV
HQ NZ Force Vietnam
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1. (C) OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR continued saturation patrolling of TAOR. D/5RAR completed company size patrol to WEST of Task Force. There were negative contacts during the reporting period. 6 RAR continued saturation patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS437690 at 0715H and secured the road for the convoy. One troop escorted convoy to VUNG TAU and return.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of H and I missions were fired in the 24 hours.

(iv) 5 RAR continued saturation patrolling of the TAOR D/5 RAR completed company size patrol to the WEST of the Task Force Area. There was negative contact during the reporting period.

(v) 6 RAR continued saturation patrolling of the TAOR with company and platoon size patrols. There was negative contact during the reporting period.

(vi) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR conducted as normal with no significant sightings. At 031415H Armed Chinooks carried out fire mission against suspected VC locations bounded by YS5570, YS5574, YS5970, YS5974. At 031800H reported trench lines and possible troops at YS582732. FAC investigated with negative result.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR to continue preliminary reconnaissance and preparation for Operation HOLSWORTHY the cordon, search and pacification of BINH BA YS4474. 6 RAR to continue patrolling of TAOR. Airstrike scheduled for 041100 on base camp and AA position at YS35426881.

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b. Major Unit Activities

(1) through to (9) No change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. No change.

D. Nil

K. Nil

K1. Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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5 Aug 66

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040001H to 042400H (U).

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96266

COPY TO: HQ AFV
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1. (C) OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR and 6 RAR continued company sized patrol of TAOR. There was only one minor contact. In addition 5 RAR continued preparations for Operation HOLSWORTHY.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS437690 at 0700H and secured the road for the convoy. One troop escorted the convoy from Vung Tau and return.

(iii) Task Force artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 35 H and I missions were fired in the twenty four hours.

(iv) 5 RAR continued to patrol the TAOR with company sized patrol but there were no contacts. Preparations continued for Operation HOLSWORTHY.

(v) 6 RAR continued to patrol TAOR with company size patrol but there was only one minor contact. At 1427H C/6 RAR at YS455635 contacted 4 suspected local VC. All were apprehended but 1 attempted to escape and was shot. Other 3 have been evacuated. Result 1 VC KIA by body count, 3 suspected VCC.

(vi) Air surveillance of TAOR was continued without significant results. At 1115H an airstrike was conducted on YS354688. There was negative BDA due to heavy foliage.

(vii) Next 24 hours. C/5 RAR commence preliminary operations for Operation HOLSWORTHY.

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b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (8) no change

(9) AUST LOSSES

Nil

ENEMY LOSSES

4 VC KIA (BC)
1 VC KIA (poss)
4 VC WIA (poss)
3 VCS
1 Gerand rifle
1 7.62mm rifle
9 rounds ammo
2 ton salt
1 M26 grenade

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

| | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------|-----------------|----------|------|
| C. | Objectives | No change | | | |
| D. | Forces | | | | |
| D1. | C/6 RAR | C2 | 041427H/041440H | Friendly | None |
| K. | Losses/Damages | | | | |
| K1. | Enemy Losses | | | | |
| D1. | C/6 RAR | 4/unk | 1 KIA/3 VCS | Nil | Nil |
| K2. | Nil | | | | |
| K3. | Nil | | | | |
| K4. | Nil | | | | |
| K5. | Nil | | | | |

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1. (C) OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR commenced preliminary reconnaissance of BINH BA Village YS4473 in preparation for Operation HOLSWORTHY. 6 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR with negative contact.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS 426647 to YS437690 at 0700H and secured the road for the convoy. One troop escorted the convoy from Task Force area to VUNG TAU and return.

(iii) Task Force artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 30 H and I missions were fired in the 24 hours. At 051615H OP on NUI DAT reported smoke at YS399723, suspected cooking fires. At 051620H battery fire mission engaged target.

(iv) C/5 RAR commenced preliminary reconnaissance in preparation for Operation HOLSWORTHY, the cordon, search, and pacification of BINH BA village YS4473. At 051530H C/5 RAR established patrol base at YS443719. At 051600H C/5 RAR apprehended 6 females at YS439720. Females were released after interrogation. Due to this contact patrol base was moved to new location YS435726. 5 RAR minus one company continued to patrol the TAOR with negative contact.

(v) 6 RAR continued to patrol the TAOR with company and platoon size patrols with negative contact.

(vi) Air surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with no significant sightings. At 051745H FAC reported fresh digging around tunnel at YS342772, airstrike scheduled for 051100H canceled due to weather.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. C/5 RAR to complete preliminary reconnaissance for Operation HOLSWORTHY. 6 RAR to continue patrolling of TAOR. Airstrike scheduled for 061000H against suspected VC battalion base camp at YS 300720.

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7 Aug 66

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060001H to 062400H (U).

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam
ATTN: AC of S
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COPY TO: HQ AFV
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1. (C) OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR concluded preliminary company size reconnaissance of Area of Operations of Operation Holsworthy. 6 RAR continued saturation patrolling of remainder of TAOR. There were no contacts.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 to YS437690 at 0650H and secured the road for the convoy. One troop escorted the convoy from VUNG TAU and return.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 30 H and I missions were fired in the 24 hours.

(iv) 5 RAR completed preliminary company size reconnaissance of area of operations for Operation HOLSWORTHY. In addition patrolling of TAOR was conducted. There were no contacts.

(v) 6 RAR continued saturation patrolling of TAOR with company and platoon size patrols. There were no contacts.

(vi) Air support. Air surveillance of TAOR was continued but there were no significant results.

(ii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR commence Operation HOLSWORTHY a battalion cordon and search operation of XA BINH BA rubber plantation vicinity YS450750. 6 RAR continue saturation patrolling of TAOR.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (9) no change.

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2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change

K1. Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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1. (C) OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. Genreal

(i) 5 RAR completed final preparations for Operation HOLSWORTHY. 6 RAR continued company and platoon size patrolling of TAOR. C/6 RAR and D/6 RAR completed preparation for Operation HOLSWORTHY. There were negative contacts during the reporting period.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS426647 and YS437690 at 0705H and secured the road for the convoy. One troop escorted the convoy to VUNG TAU and return.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 27 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

(iv) 5 RAR completed final preparation for operation HOLSWORTHY. Patrolling of the TAOR continued with negative contact.

(v) 6 RAR continued saturation patrolling of TAOR with company and platoon size patrols. There were no contacts during the reporting period.

(vi) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with no significant sightings.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. At 080800H 5 RAR with C/6 RAR and D/6 RAR commences Operation HOLSWORTHY a six phase operation with armoured and artillery support. The aim of the operation is the cordon, search and pacification of XA BINH BA YS4474 and DUC TRUNG YS4439. 6 RAR less two companies to assume responsibility for the security of the Task Force area.

b. Major Unit Activities

(1) through (9) no change.

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2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change

K1. Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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9 Aug 66

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
080001H to 082400H (U)

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1. (C) OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR commenced Operation HOLSWORTHY, a cordon and search operation of XA BINH BA, vicinity YS 4474. There were no contacts. 6 RAR less two companies continued patrolling the TAOR. There were no contacts.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS 426647 to YS 437690 at 0655H and secured the road for the convoy. One troop escorted the convoy from VUNG TAU and return.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 30 H and I missions were fired in the 24 hours

(iv) 5 RAR commenced Phase 1 of Operation HOLSWORTHY. 5 RAR plus B Company 6 RAR and C Company 6 RAR moved at 0930H on two axis to forward assembly areas. B/5 RAR moved on foot to YS 465738 arriving at 1725H. Remainder of force moved on foot to main forward assembly area at YS 433739, the last elements arriving at 1720H. At 2300H all elements commenced moving to cordon positions and are still moving. There were no contacts.

(v) 6 RAR less two companies continued saturation patrolling of the TAOR. There were no contacts.

(vi) Air Support. Air surveillance of the TAOR was conducted with no significant results.

(vii) Plans for the next 24 hours. 5 RAR force continues to move into cordon positions and at 0530H close the cordon and commence the search of the village.

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b. Major Unit Operations

- (1) Operation HOLSWORTHY
- (2) Cordon and search
- (3) Pacification of village XA BINH BA
- (4) PHUC TUY vicinity YS 4474
- (5) 5 RAR, 2 Companies 6 RAR, 1 APC Squadron
- (6) 1 ATF
- (7) 080930H
- (8) Not known
- (9) Nil

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives. No change

K1. Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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1. (C) OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR completed cordon and search of XA BINH BA YS 4474 with negative contact. 6 RAR less two companies continued patrolling of TAOR with negative contact.

(ii) at 090700H, 1 APC Squadron (minus) moved forward to vicinity YS 451740 and came under command 5 RAR for Operation HOLSWORTHY. Squadron assisted in cordoning of villages.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 28 missions were fired during the reporting period.

(iv) At 090625H, 5 RAR completed cordon of XA BINH BA YS 4474. At 090800H search of the village commenced. At 091010H A/5 RAR recovered documents and a small quantity of drugs at YS 454748. Initial interpretation shows documents to be of a propaganda nature. During the day 144 VCS were captured and evacuated to Sector HQ BARIA for interrogation. MEDCAP team treated 200 patients. At 091800H search of the village was completed with no further discoveries.

(v) 6 RAR less two companies continued saturation patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact.

(vi) Air Support. Air surveillance of the TAOR was conducted as normal. At 091615H FAC observed two huts at YS 287717 that were supposed to be empty. Two shirts were seen on the line drying. Engaged as secondary target by airstrike. At 091730H an airstrike was conducted against suspected VC observation Post at YS 294711. Target was destroyed. Airstrike conducted on huts as reported above. Both huts were destroyed.

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(vii) Plans for next 24 Hours. 5 RAR to continue search and pacification of XA BINH BA. 6 RAR to continue patrolling of TAOR.

- b. Major Unit Activities
(1) through (8) no change
(9) Results cumulative.

AUST LOSSES

NIL
NIL

ENEMY LOSSES

144 VCS

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change

D. Friendly Forces

D1 5 RAR (plus) C1 090800H/091800H Friendly None No

K. Losses/damages

K1 Enemy/Losses

D1 UNK/UNK 144 VCS NIL NIL

K2 NIL

K3 NIL

K4 NIL

K5 NIL

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100001H to 102400H

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam
ATTN: AC of S
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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR with two companies 6 RAR continued Operation HOLSWORTHY. 6 RAR less two companies continued patrolling of TAOR. There were no contacts in the period.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron (minus) deployed with 5 RAR assisted with road blocks and evacuation of VC suspects to PHUOC TUY province HQ at BARIA for interrogation.

(iii) Task Force artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 31 H and I missions were fired.

(iv) 5 RAR continued Operation HOLSWORTHY concluding Phase 3. The search of the village of XA BINH BA was completed and a total of 168 suspects evacuated to PHUOC TUY province HQ at BARIA vicinity YS3760 for interrogation. This interrogation continues. At 1930H, A/5 RAR sighted 3 or 4 people moving West at YS429752. One person was seen to be carrying a pack. Range and fading light prevented small arms fire and mortars were fired on their route. Results not known.

(v) 6 RAR continued patrolling of the TAOR. There were no contacts.

(vi) Air surveillance of TAOR continued with no significant results.

(vii) Plans for the next 24 hours. 5 RAR continue Operation HOLSWORTHY, searching areas further out from XA BINH BA. 6 RAR continue patrolling TAOR.

b. Major Operations.

(1) through (9) no change.

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2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives. No change.

K1. NIL

K2. NIL

K3. NIL

K4. NIL

K5. NIL

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12 Aug 66.

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110001H to 112400H.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam
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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR continued the search and pacification of BINH BA village with negative contact. 6 RAR continued saturation patrolling of the TAOR with only minor contact. At 1111630H a Task Force patrol received rifle and light machine gun fire at YS 389639. Patrol deployed with negative result, there were no casualties. At 111715 same patrol discovered three houses occupied by 5 to 7 VC at YS 389640. VC fled when fired upon, equipment and documents were captured and evacuated back to Task Force.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron remained in support of 5 RAR for Operation HOLSWORTHY. One troop lifted a Task Force patrol from Task Force Area to vicinity of YS3863 and then assisted SECTOR HQ, BARIA during mortar attack by conducting reconnaissance by fire in general area YS 3763.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 31 H and I missions were fired during the period. 105 Battery, 103 Battery, and a platoon of Battery A 2/53 Artillery Battalion remain in location vicinity BINH BA in support of Operation HOLSWORTHY. Batteries fired in support of SECTOR HQ, BARIA shelling and PHU MY mortar attack.

(iv) 5 RAR continued the search and pacification of BINH BA village YS4574 with negative contact. A total of approximately 250 Vietnamese were treated during the day by MEDCAP. Of the total of 168 VCS that were evacuated to BARIA for interrogation, 10 have been positively identified as VCC. Interrogation of all suspects is 90% complete. At 111108H A/5 RAR discovered two lean-to's estimated used last night, at YS429767. Tracks from area headed NW. Also found ox-trails in area heading EW. Attempts had been made to conceal fresh animal waste. At 111200H D/5 RAR were

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12 Aug 66.

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TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam
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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR continued Operation HOI SWORTHY opening InterProvincial Route 2 to civilian traffic as far as XA BINH BA, vicinity YS450740. 6 RAR continued patrolling TAOR with negative results. There were no contacts.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron remained in support of 5 RAR on Operation HOLSWORTHY conducting traffic and control and assisting in the movement of civilians. In addition the road from YS426647 to YS 437690 was cleared at 0830H for the convoy to move prior to opening for use by civilians.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. Two Batteries and a platoon from Battery A 2/35 remained in location with 5 RAR. a total of 40 H and I missions were fired in the 24 hours.

(iv) 5 RAR patrolled the area to the East of XA BINH BA with no contact. One Company, A/5 RAR policed the move of civilians on InterProvincial Route 2. This is the first time that this highway has been open to civilians for 3 months. No foot movement was permitted, vehicles being provided by Province Chief, Phuoc Tuy and assistance rendered by 1 ATF transport as numbers were greater than anticipated. The Company of VNAF commandos from HOA LONG were moved into the plantation to commence taking over the protection of the area.

(v) 6 RAR less one Company continued patrolling of TAOR. There were no contacts.

(vi) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was continued with no significant results.

(vii) Plans for the next 24 hours. 5 RAR will open the InterProvincial Route 2 from 0900H to 1500H. In addition patrolling to the East of XA BINH BA will continue. 6 RAR will conduct

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Company size operation into vicinity YS3965
to search for a suspected VC camp.

b. Major Operations

91) through (9) no change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change

K1 NIL

k2 NIL

K3 NIL

K4 NIL

K5 NIL

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14 Aug 66.

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
130001H to 132400H.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam
ATTN: AC of S.
APO 96266

COPY TO: HQ AFV
HQ NZ Force Vietnam
1 ALSG

1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR with armoured and artillery support opened Inter-Provincial Route 2 from YS 462776 to YS 429664 for the period 130900H to 131500H. In addition, patrolling of the area EAST of XA BINH BA was continued. There was negative contact during the reporting period. 6 RAR continued patrolling of the TAOR. B/6 RAR conducted a Company size operation into vicinity YS 3965 to search for a suspected VC camp. There were negative contacts during the reporting period.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron remained in support of 5 RAR on Operation HOLSWORTHY conducting traffic control and assisting in the movement of civilians. Two troops with infantry protective party conducted a reconnaissance from BINH BA into area YS440785 with no significant sightings.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 31 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. Two batteries and a platoon of Battery A 2/35 returned from XA BINH BA to Task Force area, reporting back in location at 131700H.

(iv) 5 RAR with armoured and artillery support opened Inter-Provincial Route 2 from YS462776 to YS 429664 for the period 130900H to 131500H. In addition, patrolling of area to EAST of XA BINH BA was continued. There was negative contact during the reporting period. Preparation was commenced for Phase 5 of Operation HOLSWORTHY, the clearance of areas around XA BINH BA.

(v) 6 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR. At 130515H, B/6 RAR commenced company operation into area vicinity YS3965 to search for a suspected VC camp. At 131530H, B/6 RAR established base at YS 394655 and commenced reconnaissance of general area. Several huts were discovered and were immediately cordoned and searched. At 131600H,

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....B/6 RAR discovered a hut at YS390663 containing some clothing and fresh excreta. Estimated hut was occupied until approximately 131300H. There were signs of a boat having been moored at that location.

(vi) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal. At 131200H sighted huts at YS2974, engaged by artillery. At 1625H observed thick columns of smoke at YS489691. At 131400H observed 6 persons filling in a hole at YS467776. The hole measured 4 metres by 2 metres by 4 metres deep; The bottom of the hole being lined with boards. At 131224H a Sioux helicopter picked up a radio, transmitting from the base of NUI D.T YS486678. At 131345 reported a re dblock at YS464796 with a possible heavy weapon pit. At 132825 airstrike was conducted against VC platoon, location at YS356699. Bombs were 200 metres off target. Second airstrike was conducted on same position at 131145H. There was negative BDA due to foliage.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR to commence Phase 5 of Operation HOLSWORTHY, the clearance of areas surrounding BINH BA. AT 140700H 5 RAR will commence a clearing operation in the area bounded by YS4673, YS4973, YS4670 and YS4970. B/5 RAR C/5 RAR, and D/5 RAR will set up blocking positions along the EAST, WEST, and NORTH of area whilst A/5 RAR sweeps from SOUTH to NORTH through area. 6 RAR to continue patrolling of TAOR. B/6 RAR to continue Company operation on vicinity YS3965 with further reconnaissance of area.

- b. Major Unit Activities.
(1) through (9). No change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

| C. | Objectives |
|----|------------|
| K1 | NIL |
| K2 | NIL |
| K3 | NIL |
| K4 | NIL |
| K5 | NIL |

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140001H to 142400H.

TO: Commanding General
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COPY TO: HQ AFV
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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR commenced a search and destroy operation in general area YS470715. There was only minor contact. 6 RAR concluded a Company sized operation in general area of YS3965. There was minor contact.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron returned most of the Squadron to their home base from supporting 5 RAR. Two sections (6 APCs) remained in support of 5 RAR for their current operation.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 31H and I missions were fired in the 24 hours.

(iv) 5 RAR moved from the vicinity of XA BINH BA vicinity YS450740 to commence a search and destroy operation in general area of YS480715, designed to find and destroy VC Provincial HQ reported to be in this area. All elements moved on foot. A/5 RAR moving to South of search area on a general East/West line of YS480705. B/5 RAR moved to East of search area along general North/South line of stream area YS485715. C/5 RAR moved to West of search area along general North/South line of stream, area YS473715. D/5 RAR moved to North of search area along general East West line area of YS478725. A/5 RAR is to commence search from South to North tomorrow 15 Aug. At 1025H, B/5 RAR found evidence of 2 men having moved South at YS470721. At 1125H, D/5 RAR found evidence of 2 men having moved South at YS475730. At 1330H, B/5 RAR at YS 485722 found a hut that had been used in previous three of four hours by four men. Fresh trails were found in this area leading North. At 1645H, B/5 RAR contacted an estimated 3 VC at YS486714. There was a short exchange of small arms fire, believed initiated by VC. Result- 1 friendly KIA, VC casualties unknown.

(v) 6 RAR continued patrolling TAOR. B/6 RAR continued a search and destroy operation in general area YS3965, terminating the operation at 1700H. At 0625H B/6 RAR at YS395660 contacted 3 VC. VC attempted to flee West. Result-1 VC KIA, 1 woundedand captured

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.....and captured. The VCC was evacuated and will be interrogated. While searching area of contact B/6 R.R discovered 2 small tunnels with no further result.

(vi) Air Support. Air observation of TAOR continued with no significant results.

(vii) Plans for the next 24 hours. 5 RAR continues present search and destroy operation. 6 RAR continue patrolling of TAOR.

b. Major Unit Operations

- (1) Operation HOLSWORTHY
- (2) Search and destroy
- (3) To find and destroy VC Provincial HQ
- (4) PHUOC TUY vicinity YS480715
- (5) 5 RAR
- (6) 1 ATF
- (7) 140730H
- (8) Not known
- (9) Results (accumulative)

AUST LOSSES

1 KIA

ENEMY LOSSES

NIL

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

| | | | | | | |
|----|----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|------------|-----|
| C. | Objective | | | | | |
| C1 | PHUOC TUY | YS480715 | S and D | NO | 140730/UNK | |
| C2 | No change | | | | | |
| D | Forces | | | | | |
| D1 | B/6 R.R | C2 | 140625H/140645H | Friendly | NIL | NIL |
| D2 | B/5 R.R | C1 | 141645H/141650H | VC | NIL | NIL |
| K. | Losses/Damages | | | | | |
| K1 | Enemy | | | | | |
| D1 | B/5 RAR | 3/UNK | 1 KIA/1 VCC | NIL | NIL | |
| D2 | B/5 RAR | 3/UNK | NIL | NIL | NIL | |
| K2 | NIL | | | | | |
| K3 | Friendly | | | | | |
| D1 | B/6 RAR | 3/UNK | NIL | NIL | NIL | |
| D2 | B/5 RAR | 3/UNK | 1 KIA | NIL | NIL | |
| K4 | NIL | | | | | |
| K5 | NIL | | | | | |

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16 Aug 66

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150001H to 152400H.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96266

COPY TO: HQ AFV
HQ NZ Force Vietnam
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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR continued the search and destroy operation in general area of YS4771 and YS4871 with only minor contact. 6 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR with negative contact.

(ii) 1 APC Sqn cleared the road from YS462776 to YS429664 at 0730H and secured the road for the resupply convoy as normal. Two sections (6 APCs) remained in support of 5 RAR for their current operation.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 26 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

(iv) 5 RAR continued the search and destroy operation in the general area YS4771 and YS4871. At 150730H A/5 RAR commenced the sweep north with only minor contact. Remainder of the companies assumed blocking positions to the WEST, NORTH and EAST of area. At 151030H A/5 RAR reported finding many small trails at YS4870 during early stages of search. Follow up action revealed nothing. At 151220H A/5 RAR sighted one VC at YS474710. VC withdrew NORTH. At 151430H 5 RAR element with APCs contacted 5 to 6 VC at YS435745. VC were dressed in black pygamas and on contact withdrew WEST. Artillery engaged with no known results.

(v) 6 RAR continued patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact. A/6 RAR prepared for a company patrol operation to the EAST of the Task Force Area.

(vi) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal. At 151215H FAC reported observing an ox cart with driver at YS523698; driver attempted to hide from aircraft. The FAC fired rockets with unknown results.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR to continue Operation HOLSWORTHY with clearing operations to the EAST of KA BINH BA. At 160800 5 RAR to sweep NORTH to new locations as follows:

Bn HQ and C/5 RAR to YS466731
 A/5 RAR to YS479717
 E/5 RAR to YS486727
 D/5 RAR to YS475735

On arrival at new locations companies to commence search of areas. At 160700H A/6 RAR will commence two day company patrol operation to the EAST of the Task Force area. Patrol to cover areas of NUI DAT YS4868 and LONG TAN village YS4865. Airstrike scheduled for 160900 on a group of newly constructed huts with fresh diggings nearby at YS381795.

b. Major Unit Activities

(1) through to (9) no change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change

D. Friendly Forces

D1. A/5 RAR CI 151220/151240H Friendly None No

D2. 5 RAR CI 151430/151500H Friendly None No

K. Losses/damages

K1. Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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II Field Force, Vietnam
ATTN: AC of S
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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR continued their search and destroy operation to the East of TL2 in general area of YS485710. There were no contacts. As a result of Operation HOLSWORTHY a total of 168 males of military age were evacuated to BARIA for interrogation. It is now confirmed that 17 of these were confirmed VC of both the military and party framework in BINH BA village. As a result of this Operation it is considered that the communist infrastructure in BINH BA village has been crippled if not removed. 6 RAR commenced a company sized patrol operation in area of NUI DAT YS480680. Contact was made with what is believed to be main force VC elements.

(ii) 1 APC squadron cleared the road from YS462776 to YS429664 and secured the road for the resupply convoy.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 29 H and I missions were fired in the 24 hours.

(iv) 5 RAR continued the search and destroy operation to the East of TL2 vicinity YS480715. At 1155H C/5 RAR sighted 1 possible VC at YS464737 moving East. Search of area failed to find. At 1400H C/5 RAR found 9 weapon pits at YS468742 sighted to cover approach from West. They had not been used recently. At 1730H A/5 RAR discovered an installation at YS473718. Sufficient for about 20 people and approximately one month old. Time and light prevented thorough investigation but this will be done tomorrow.

(v) 6 RAR commenced a company sized patrol operation into the general area vicinity NUI DAT YS480680. At 1010H A/5 RAR at YS 462695 discovered a 2 day old abandoned position on a bamboo platform containing 100lb of rice and 20lb of TNT. Both were destroyed. At 1510H A/5 RAR at YS481696 contacted 2 VC wearing green uniforms and no hats and appeared to be carrying claymores. Enemy were moving North East when

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fired on and returned the fire with automatic weapons before moving North. Negative results. At 1525H A/ 5 RAR at YS479693 contacted 6 VC moving West. They were wearing green uniform carrying packs and bandoliers and are believed to be main force VC. On contact main body moved South. One VC was wounded and captured but died before he could be evacuated. Result 1 VC KIA (body count). At 1537H A/5 RAR at YS483693 contacted 3 VC dressed in green. On contact VC moved North East. Result 1 VC KIA (body count) 1 VC WIA.

(vi) Air support. Air surveillance of TAOR continued with no significant results. At 1000H an air strike was conducted on YS381795, newly constructed huts and fresh diggings 75% of ordnance was on target. There was negative BDA.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR continue the search and destroy operation. 6 RAR continue company size patrol operation and patrolling of TAOR.

b. Major Operations

(1) through (8) no change

AUST LOSSES

1 KIA

VC LOSSES

2 KIA (BC)
1 WIA

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change

D. Forces

D1. A/6 RAR C2 161510H/161515H Friendly Nil Nil

D2. A/6 RAR C2 161525H/161530H Friendly Nil Nil

D3. A/6 RAR C2 167537H/161543H Friendly Nil Nil

K Losses/Damages

K1. Enemy

D1. A/6 RAR 2/UNK Nil Nil Nil

D2. A/6 RAR 6/UNK 1 KIA Nil Nil

D3. A/6 RAR 3/UNK 1 KIA/1 WIA Nil Nil

K2. Enemy

D1. A/6 RAR UNK/UNK Nil 100lbs rice 20Lb
TNT destroyed

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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TO: Commanding General
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ATTN: AG of S
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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR continued search and destroy operations to the EAST of BINH BA with negative contact. 6 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR with minor contacts and discoveries of VC installations. Between 170243H and 170305H Task Force area received an estimated 67 rounds of 82mm mortar and 4 rounds 70mm Howitzer in the area, the majority of the rounds falling in the South of the Base. VC commenced firing during and Artillery H and I mission. Mortar base plates were plotted at YS4264 and YS4865 and were immediately engaged by Artillery. 6 RAR mortars engaged suspected base plate locations in squares YS4667 and YS4668. Damage assessment as follows:

24 personnel WIA
7 vehicles lightly damaged
21 tents damaged.

Type of rounds received into area was established from examination of unexploded bombs, unexploded shells, and fragments. 6 RAR tasked to patrol immediate area of suspected VC mortar base plate locations at first light.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS462776 to YS429664 at 170700H and secured road for convoy as normal. Two sections (6 APCs) remained in support of 5 RAR for their current operation.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 38 H and I missions were fired in the reporting period.

(iv) 5 RAR continued to search the area to the EAST of XA BINH BA YS4474 with negative contact. Over the past three days 5 RAR has thoroughly searched the area bounded by coordinates YS4671, YS4971, YS4676 and YS4976 with only minor contact and discovery of small VC installations as previously reported. At 171630H C/5 RAR occupied a company location at YS446746. At 171330H D/5 RAR discovered trails of

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six people heading EAST at YS482736. Trails estimated to be 30 minutes to one hour old. Follow up action by D/5 RAR had negative result.

(v) 6 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR with minor contacts and discoveries of VC installations. A/6 RAR continued company size operation in the area of NUI DAT YS4868 with minor contact. At 170900H A/6 RAR located one garand rifle and one set of basic equipment at YS485692. At 170905 A/6 RAR discovered two huts not recently occupied at YS487687. At 170910H A/6 RAR discovered well defined trail, almost a road, running EAST to WEST at YS487686. Estimate trail carried foot traffic within last 48 hours. At 171110H A/6 RAR contacted one VC at YS486684. At 170630H B/6 RAR commenced company clearing operation to the EAST of base area in search of VC Base plate locations. At 170705H B/6 RAR discovered enemy mortar base plate location at YS459671. Estimated 5 base plate positions within area with enough pits to accommodate approximately 35 personnel. Well marked trail headed NE from area. B/6 RAR followed trail for a distance of 1000 metres but lost trail across dry paddy area.

(vi) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal. At 171113H FAC reported small ox cart on road SOUTH of LONG TAN at YS488645. Ox cart contained grass and accompanied by one man and a boy. At 171435H FAC reported numerous trails with signs of recent use in areas 435686, YS475684. Abandoned ox cart sighted at YS492690. At 171840 Sioux helicopter received small burst of automatic fire from YS462657. Artillery engaged fire mission battery.

(vii) Plans for Next 24 hours. 5 RAR, less one company, to complete search of area to EAST of XA BINH BA and, return to the Task Force Base. C/5 RAR to remain in location XA BINH BA YS447737 with the task of providing local protection for the area. 6 RAR to continue patrolling of TAOR with A/6 RAR and B/6 RAR continuing company patrol operations to the EAST of the Task Force Area.

b. Major Unit Activities

(1) through to (8) no change

(9) Results (accumulative)

AUST LOSSES

1 KIA
24 WIA

VC LOSSES

2 VC KIA (B3)
1 VC WIA
17 VCC
77 VCS
1 Garand rifle.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change

D. Friendly Forces.

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|-------------|----|-----------------|----------|------|----|
| D1. 1 ATF | C2 | 170243H/170305H | ENEMY | None | No |
| D2. A/6 RAR | C2 | 170900H/170910H | FRIENDLY | None | No |
| D3. A/6 RAR | C2 | 171110H/171130H | FRIENDLY | None | No |

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K. Losses/Damages

K1. Enemy/Losses

D1. UNK/UNK NIL NIL NIL

D2. UNK/UNK NIL 1 Gerand rifle NIL

D3. 1 /UNK NIL NIL NIL

K2. Enemy.Losses NIL

K3 Friendly/Losses

D1. UNK/UNK 24 WIA NIL NIL

K4.

D1. UNK/UNK NIL 7 vehicles lightly damaged
21 tents damaged

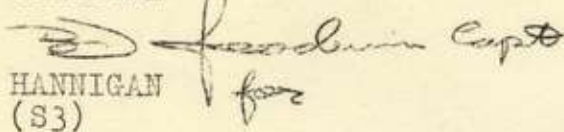
K5. NIL

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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR completed search of area to EAST of XA BINH BA with negative result. At 180815H 5 RAR, less one company, commenced movement back to the Task Force Base. C/5 RAR remained in location XA BINH BA YS446746 with the task of providing protection for the area. At 181215H 5 RAR, less one company reported back in location Task Force Base. Operation HOLSWORTHY concluded at 181215H. 6 RAR continued saturation patrolling of the TAOR with A/6 RAR and B/6 RAR conducting company search and destroy operations to the EAST of the Task Force Area. D/6 RAR had a major contact with an estimated battalion of VC.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS462776 to YS429664 at 180655H and secured road for convoy as normal. Two sections (6 APCs) in support 5 RAR for Operation returned to Base. At 181650H 1 APC Squadron was placed on 15 minutes notice to lift rifle company from 6 RAR Base Area to vicinity YS476676 to reinforce D/6 RAR. At 181745 1 APC Squadron commenced lift of A/6 RAR to vicinity YS476676 lift being completed at 181910H. At 181800H, during reinforcement of D/6 RAR, the APC's came under heavy small arms and grenade attack from all directions at YS474664. Suspect enemy encountered were manouvring to out flank D/6 RAR. A/6 RAR immediately deployed and assaulted through the enemy force. Casualties inflicted by 3 troop/ 1 APC Squadron 25 VC KIA (BC). Casualties inflicted by A/6 RAR unknown. Friendly casualties one WIA. Estimate VC force to be one company.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 26 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. A total of 20 fire missions were fired in support 5 RAR and 6 RAR. 16 being fired in support of D/6 RAR contact. A total of 2638 rounds of 105mm and 155 rounds of 155mm were fired in fire missions. Immediate ammunition resupply was requested. Resupply was conducted by CHINOOK commencing 182315H.

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(iv) 5 RAR completed search of the area to the EAST of XA BINH BA at 180815H with negative result. 5 RAR, less one company, moved back to the Task Force Area reporting back in location at 181215H. At 181700H 5 RAR assumed responsibility for the security of the Task Force area, providing three platoons to 6 RAR and one platoon to 1 APC Squadron for protection of their Unit areas. At 181700H D/5 RAR came under one hours notice to move and assumed role of Task Force Ready Reaction Force. 5 RAR commenced patrolling of Task Force Base.

(v) 6 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR with A/6 RAR AND B/6 RAR conducting search and destroy operations to the EAST of the Task Force Area. At 181045H A/6 RAR returned to base. At 181130H D/6 RAR moved out to replace B/6 RAR. D/6 RAR commenced search EAST towards NUI DAT YS485675. At 180801H A/6 RAR located trails 24 hours old heading SOUTH from YS463691. At 181105 A/6 RAR discovered very old food cache at YS474683. At 181030H B/6 RAR discovered area where enemy were believed to have deployed prior to mortar bombardment at 170243H. There were signs of bodies having been dragged and loaded onto wheeled carts. Some personal equipment was also discovered. At 181200H B/6 RAR discovered a position where estimated 3x75mm howitzers fired at YS468665. Eight cartridge cases were discovered near each gun position. There were signs of rapid evacuation to the EAST, with clothing and equipment scattered along trail. Blood stains were numerous throughout the area. Artillery verified that this area was engaged in counter bombardment mission at 170302H. At 181540H D/6 RAR contacted 6 to 8 VC dressed in khaki trousers and shirts at YS 478673. VC withdrew EAST leaving one AK automatic rifle, some ammunition, and two grenades. At 181615H D/6 RAR reported mortars falling near their location. At 181637H D/6 RAR contacted estimated VC company at YS 478673, at same time 11/D 6 RAR received mortar fire. At 181710H D/6 RAR reported enemy dug in on feature 200 metres to the front. At 181730H enemy force estimated as a company strength plus attacked D/6 RAR. During period 181730H to 181900H D/6 RAR came under heavy machine gun fire and ground attack. Commanding officer 6 RAR with A/6 RAR moved out to location in APCs arriving D/6 RAR location 181910H. VC force withdrew. Artillery engaged withdrawal routes. Final results of engagement are unknown at this stage but estimate heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy. Final estimation of VC strength is placed at a battalion. Friendly casualties were 4 KIA 17 WIA and 16 missing.

(vi) Air support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal. At 181450H FAC reported possible tunnel entrance at YS 344770. At 181720 airstrike was conducted on VC location at YS485685 in support of D/6 RAR contact. There was negative BDA due to weather. During period 182000H and 182400H SKYSPOTS were flown on the following coordinates; YS530678, YS506707, YS495670, YS497667, YS497664, YS493675, YS513662, YS531677, YS519679 and YS510687.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR to assume responsibility for security of TAOR. D/5 RAR to come under command 6 RAR at 190615 for duration Operation SMITHFIELD. 6 RAR plus D/5 RAR to concentrate

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at YS4767 by the moment of D/5 RAR and remainder of 6 RAR to area by 1 APC Squadron commencing 190615H. On the completion of concentration 6 RAR to continue Operation SMITHFIELD, the search and destroy operation to the EAST of the Task Force Area.

b. Major Unit Activities

- (1) Operation SMITHFIELD.
- (2) Search and Destroy
- (3) Search and destroy enemy to EAST of Task Force area.
- (4) PHUOC TUY YS4767
- (5) 6 RAR, D/5 RAR, 161 Fd Bty RNZA, 1 APC Squadron.
- (6) HQ 1 ATF
- (7) 181900H.
- (8) to be notified
- (9) Results (cumulative)

FRIENDLY

4 KIA
14 WIA
16 MISSING

ENEMY

Unknown at this stage. To be investigated at first light.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

c. Objectives

| | | | | |
|---------------|----------|----------|------------|--------------|
| C1. PHUOC TUY | YS000000 | S&D | SMITHFIELD | 181900H/cont |
| C2. PHUOC TUY | YS000000 | Security | NIL | 181900H/cont |

D.. Friendly Forces

| | | | | | |
|---------------|----|-----------------|----------|------|----|
| D1. 1 APC Sqn | C1 | 181800H/181830H | Enemy | None | No |
| D2. A/6 RAR | C1 | 181030H/181100H | Friendly | None | No |
| D3. B/6 RAR | C1 | 181200H/181230H | Friendly | None | No |
| D4. D/6 RAR | C1 | 181540H/181555H | Friendly | None | No |
| D5. D/6 RAR | C1 | 181637H/181900H | Friendly | None | No |

K. LOSSES/DAMAGES.

K1. Enemy/Losses

| | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-----|
| D1. Company/unk | 25 VC KIA (BC) | Nil | Nil |
| D2. unk/unk | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| D3. unk/unk | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| D4. unk/unk | Nil | One AK Auto Wpn. 1 Grenade | Nil |

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|-----|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----|-----|
| D5. | Battalion/UNK | UNK | UNK | UNK |
| K2. | NIL | | | |
| K3. | Friendly losses | | | |
| D1. | Company/UNK | 1 IA | NIL | NIL |
| D5. | Battalion/UNK | 4 KIA, 14 WIA 16 MISSING | NIL | NIL |
| K4. | NIL | | | |
| K5. | NIL | | | |

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20 Aug 66

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
190001H to 192400H.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96266

COPY TO: HQ AFV
HQ NZ Force Vietnam
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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR continued patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact. 5 RAR provided three platoons for the security of 6 RAR Base Area, and one platoon for the security of 1 APC Squadron area. D/5 RAR came under command 6 RAR for Operation SMITHFIELD. 6 RAR, with D/5 RAR under command, continued Operation SMITHFIELD, the search and destroy operation to the EAST of the Task Force Area with discoveries of VC bodies, installations and weapons.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS462776 to YS429664 at 190605H. At 190710 1 APC Squadron lifted C/6 RAR and remainder Bn Headquarters from Task Force area to vicinity YS461675. Lift was completed at 190840H. 1 APC Squadron remained in support 6 RAR for Operation SMITHFIELD.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 24 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

(iv) 5 RAR continued patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact. 5 RAR provided three platoons for security of 6 RAR Base Area and one platoon for the security of 1 APC Squadron area. At 190703H airlift of D/5 RAR from Task Force Area to vicinity YS461675, lift being completed at 190706H. At 190706H D/5 RAR came under command 6 RAR for Operation SMITHFIELD.

(v) 6 RAR, with D/5 RAR, continued Operation SMITHFIELD, the search and destroy operation to the EAST of the Task Force Base. At 190840H all companies were concentrated in vicinity YS461675. Concept of Operations. Contact yesterday was estimated at a minimum of 1 to 2 battalions. All enemy were dressed in greens with full web equipment. Weapons used were 82mm mortars from two separate base plates, one to the EAST and one to the SOUTH, a large number of 50 calibre and 30 calibre machine guns, M79 grenade launchers, 57mm and 75mm recoilless rifles. Enemy were carrying large quantities of ammunition and heavily engaged D/6 RAR for approximately 3½ hours without ceasing fire. At 190900H 6 RAR commenced search operations in three phases.

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Phase 1. D/5 RAR and D/6 RAR with 1 APC Squadron (31 tracks) to advance from LZ YS 473675 to area of yesterdays battle area YS483684. A/6 RAR to follow APC force on foot. D/6 RAR to search battle area. Reserve for Phase 1 B/6 RAR and C/6 RAR to remain area LZ.

Phase 2. D/5 RAR with APCs to continue sweep EAST to the end of rubber at YS496668 to YS494664 then to continue to sweep WEST back to LZ. Battalion Headquarters, B/6 RAR, and C/6 RAR to move to new location YS485673.

Phase 3. A/6 RAR plus one troop 1 APC Squadron to sweep EAST through LONG TAN YS4866 then WEST to YS489654. At same time D/5 RAR to sweep NE to feature NUI DAT. B/6 RAR and D/6 RAR to remain in reserve for Phase 3.

At 101009 D/6 RAR reported finding 50 VC KIA (BC) in battle area YS483674. Also found 2 friendly WIA and 13 friendly KIA. At 191021H D/6 RAR reported 100 VC KIA (BC) and 2 VC WIA captured. At 191215H 6 RAR reported that body count was difficult to assess due to the number and area covered. Approximately 40 weapons had been recovered. At 191220H 6 RAR discovered trail leading NE at YS496667 which was used by VC during withdrawal. Approval given for 6 RAR to sweep 100 metres up trail. Restriction placed as patrol was reaching maximum artillery range. At 191430H 6 RAR discovered extensive bunker system at YS490667. cursory search showed over 100 trenches 12 A/Ws and grenades. Current body count then 168 VC KIA (BC). At 191615H 6 RAR captured 1 wounded VC at YS483674. At 191930H 6 RAR sent following summary:

Total VC KIA (BC) 188
VCC 3

Weapons captured. 1 x 60mm mortar complete, 8 x 7.62mm LMG, 5 x 7.62mm rifle, 29 x AK carbines 1 x M1 rifle, 1 x M1 carbine, 1 x 7.62mm burp gun, 1 x 7.62 wheeled MMG, 3 x A/Tk weapons, 2 x 57mm RCLs, 28 x A/Tk grenades, 1 x 30cal BAR, 1 x Thompson SMG, 22 rounds 75mm A/Tk, 330 assorted grenades, 150 assorted weapon magazines, 15,000 rounds SAA assorted, 28 x 60mm bombs.

(vi) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal. At 191400H FAC reported footpath from YS49756655 to YS50106675 which appeared to have been used recently. Path ended with two fresh diggings which appeared to be graves. At 190750H airstrike was conducted on suspected VC location at YS489659. Strike produced secondary explosion and large volumes of black smoke. Suspect oil or gas installations. Area to be searched tomorrow. At 191300H airstrike was conducted on suspected VC camp at YS527656. There was negative BDA due to foliage. At 191503H airstrike was conducted against suspected 105mm howitzer location YS598770 and 75mm recoilless rifle location YS602768. Targets were provided by friendly patrols in area. There was negative BDA due to foliage.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR to continue patrolling of TAOR. D/5 RAR to remain under command 6 RAR for Operation SMITHFIELD. 6 RAR to continue Operation SMITHFIELD with further search of battle area for enemy dead and enemy equipment. Search of areas to be conducted in two phases.

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Phase 1. One company with APCs to clear EAST through LONG TAN YS4865.

Phase 2. Two companies to search area NUI DAT YS4868.

b. Major Unit Activities.

(1) through to (8) no change.

(9) Results (cumulative)

FRIENDLY LOSSES

17 KIA
22 WIA

ENEMY LOSSES

213 VC KIA (BC)
3 VCC
Weapons as stated
in sub para 1.a.(v).

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change

D. Friendly Forces.

D1. 6 RAR C1 190900H/191930H Friendly None No

K. Losses/Damages.

K1. Enemy losses

D1. 45 Regt NVA/unk 188/3 Refer sub para
1.a.(v).

K2. Nil

K3. Friendly forces

D1. 45 Regt NVA/unk 13 KIA/ 8 WIA Nil Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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21 Aug 66

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200001H to 202400H.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam
ATTN: AC of S
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COPY TO: HQ AFV
HQ NZ Force Vietnam
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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) Operation SMITHFIELD continued with intensive searching and patrolling by 6 RAR with a Company of 5 RAR and APC Squadron in support. Further bodies of VC KIA were found to bring the total VC KIA by body count to 231. There was only minor contact.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron continued in Support of 6 RAR on Operation SMITHFIELD combining with an infantry company to search further areas in the AO. Half the squadron returned to 1 ATF Base Camp at 1700hrs returning the captured weapons, ammunition and equipment.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued in support of the Task Force. A total of 29 H and I missions were fired in the 24 hours. 103 Fd Bty deployed 2000 metres North to YS437682 (still in 1 ATF base area) in order to better support XA BINH BA vicinity YS445746.

(iv) 5 RAR continued patrolling and security of the Task Force TAOR. D/5 RAR continued under command 6 RAR on Operation SMITHFIELD. They continued searching areas of action of 18 Aug. There were no contacts.

(v) 6 RAR continued Operation SMITHFIELD. At 1000H D/6 RAR at YS483681 discovered 27 gallons of kerosene, 21 gallons of cooking oil, 20 pick heads and some clothing. All were destroyed. From trails in area it is considered that this point (YS483681) prior to move by main withdrawal route to East. Some portions of bodies were found on this trail. At 1206H C/6 RAR at YS488676 found 8 magazines K50 all full, 226 rounds 7.62mm short, 3 LAW projectiles, 4 sets of web equipment, 1 US fragmentation grenade, 1 VC local pattern grenade. At 1226H at YS478680 D/5 RAR found 2 pits which had been occupied in previous 36 hours. Personal equipment was found and evacuated. At 1420H A/6 RAR at YS485668 contacted 6 VC apparently main force. VC fled South East. Follow up produced negative results.

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Result 1 VC WIA (possible). Bodies of VC KIA in contact of 18 Aug were found throughout the day to bring the total VC KIA to 231 body count.

(vi) Air support. Air surveillance of TAOR was conducted with no significant results. At 1000H an airstrike was conducted on suspected VC location YS508671. At 1100H an airstrike was conducted on suspected VC Battalion location YS514662 Ordnance used was 500lb napalm and 750lb napalm. Negative BDA due to dense foliage.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. D Coy 5 RAR is to sweep from their present location (YS479691) West to 1 ATF base area and return to home location. 6 RAR will continue searching area and return to 1 ATF base area late tomorrow concluding Operation SMITHFIELD. 52nd Ranger Battalion will conduct an operation in 1 ATF TAOR to search area South of Operation SMITHFIELD. Objectives are:

First, jungle area vicinity YS440626.

Second, South of LONG PHUOC Village vicinity YS448642.

Third, jungle and rubber area vicinity YS458645. This Battalion operation will be under command of PHUOC TUY Province Chief.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (8) no change

(9) Casualties (accumulative)

FRIENDLY LOSSES

17 KIA
22 WIA

ENEMY LOSSES

231 VC KIA
3 VCC
1 VC WIA (possible)
1 x 60mm mortar complete
8 x 7.62mm LMG
5 x 7.62mm rifles
29 x AK rifles
1 x M1 rifle
1 x M1 carbine
1 x 7.62 Burp gun
1 x 7.62 wheeled LMG
3 x A/tk weapons
1 x 30cal BAR
1 x Thompson SMG
28 x 60mm bombs
22 rounds 75mm A/tk
330 assorted grenades
150 assorted weapon magazines
15,000 rounds SA assorted
2 x 57mm RCL's
28 x A/tk grenades
8 x K50 magazines, all full
3 x LAW projectiles
1 x US fragmentation grenade
1 x VC local pattern grenade
226 x rounds 7.62mm short
4 x ests webbing

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2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change

D. Friendly Forces

D1. A/6 RAR C1 201420H/201500H Friendly None No

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Enemy

D1. 6/unk 1 VC WIA (pos) Nil Nil

K2. Enemy

D1. D/6 RAR unk/unk Nil 27gals kerosene
21gals cooking oil
20 pick heads
(all destroyed)

D2. C/6 RAR unk/unk Nil 8 magazines
226 rounds 7.62mm short
3 LAW projectiles
4 sets web equipment
2 grenades

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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22 Aug 66

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210001H to 212400H.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96266

COPY TO: HQ AFV
HQ NZ Force Vietnam
1 ALSG

1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR with negative result. D/5 RAR returned to base. 6 RAR continued Operation SMITHFIELD; a search and destroy operation to the EAST of the Task Force area with further discoveries of VC installations and VC graves. Operation SMITHFIELD concluded at 211500H. 52 Ranger Battalion conducted a search and destroy Operation in 1 ATF TAOR searching areas SOUTH of Operation SMITHFIELD with minor results.

(ii) Elements 1 APC Squadron continued in support 6 RAR on Operation SMITHFIELD. At 211400H 1 APC Squadron lifted 6 RAR, minus C Coy from location vicinity YS505660 to Task Force Base. Lift was completed at 211800H.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 53 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

(iv) 5 RAR continued to patrol the TAOR with negative contact. At 210700H D/5 RAR was tasked from under command 6 RAR and commenced movement back to base arriving back in location at 211045H. C/5 RAR remained in location XA BINH BA YS445746. At 210730H C/5 RAR reported having captured a VC at vicinity YS445746. VC in fact was captured by Commando company and was turned over to C/5 RAR for evacuation and further interrogation. VCC evacuated to Task Force area at 210930H. One company came on 1 hours notice to move at 210730H as ready reaction force for 52 Ranger Battalion Operation. Company stood down at 211400H.

(v) 6 RAR continued Operation SMITHFIELD with further discoveries of VC installations and graves. During morning Battalion CP plus B/6 RAR swept EAST to vicinity YS510660 whilst C/6 RAR swept NORTH to vicinity YS510680. At 211035H B/6 RAR discovered trail of 2 or 3 hundred people moving NORTH and SOUTH at YS508659. Trail was followed up but final direction of movement of party was unable to be assessed. At 1300H C/6 RAR discovered trail heading NE at YS509679. Estimate trail was used by 50 persons. Trail was followed up with negative result. At 211415H C/6 RAR discovered large camp at YS508687 which appeared to have been used as Casualty Clearing Station in last

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two days; 14 bodies were discovered in shallow graves. Investigated and confirmed as VC killed by artillery. At 211400H B/6 RAR and Battalion CP moved back to Task Force area by APC lift being completed at 211800H. C/6 RAR was airlifted back to Task Force Base commencing 211515H and being completed at 211600H.

(vi) 52 Ranger Battalion conducted search and destroy operation in general area SOUTH of LONG PHUOC YS4463. Objectives were:

First, jungle area vicinity YS440626.

Second, South of LONG PHUOC village vicinity YS448642.

Third, jungle and rubber area vicinity YS458645. This battalion operation was under command PHUOC TUY Province Chief. At 210745 Sector reported having captured 30 VCS at YS488628. VCS were evacuated to BANIA for interrogation.

(vii) Air Support. Air surveillance was conducted as normal. At 211840H reported 2 cows and three people at YS576780. People fled into bush when spotted by FAC. On second flight over area FAC received ground fire. Airstrike was requested but not possible due to weather. At 211815H following report was received from helicopter pilots involved in extraction of freindly patrols. At YS493867 received ground fire. At YS480824 observed small enemy force 400 metres from LZ.

(viii) Plans for Next 24 hours. 5 RAR and 6 RAR to continue patrolling of TAOR and remain prepared to assist in Operation TOLEDO as required.

b. Major Unit Activities.

(1) through (8) no change

(9) Results (cumulative)

FRIENDLY LOSSES

17 KIA

22 WIA

ENEMY LOSSES

245 VC KIA (BC)

3 VCS

Weapons as previously reported.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change

D. Friendly Forces

D1. C/6 RAR C1 211415H/211500H Friendly None No

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Enemy Losses

D1. 14/unk 14 VC KIA (BC) Nil Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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20 AUG 66

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220001H to 222400H.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam
ATTN: AC of S
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COPY TO: HQ AFV
HQ NZ Force Vietnam
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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. a.General

(i) 5 RAR and 6 RAR continued close patrolling of TAOR. There were no contacts.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron at 0700H cleared the road from YS462776 to YS429664 and secured the road for the convoy. One section returned to KA BINH BA vicinity YS445748 to rejoin C/5 RAR as security for the village.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 42 H and I missions were fired in the 24 hours. 103 Fd Bty remained deployed at vicinity YS437681 to be able to better support C/5 RAR at BINH BA YS445748.

(iv) 5 RAR continued platoon sized patrolling of TAOR. There were no contacts. C/5 RAR remained at SA BINH BA vicinity YS445748 as security for the village.

(v) 6 RAR carried out maintenance following the conclusion of Operation SMITHFIELD and provided patrols to secure their area of the TAOR. There were no contacts.

(i) Air support. Air surveillance of TAOR continued. At 1429H at YS362863 FAC reported on North edge of clearing a trail which is part of the West East trail system used in last 24 to 48 hours. At 1418H at YS362802 FAC sighted 1 person dressed in black in a clearing, FAC turned to check for weapon and man ran into bushes. At 1620H at YS463812 a RAAF helicopter reported 15 people holding up traffic, apparently a VC tax collection point. At 1643H FAC reported at YS380660 person crouched by edge of road ran into trees when FAC passed over. At 1700H at YS401736 approximately 10 fox holes were fairly well hidden under trees.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR and 6 RAR will continue patrolling of TAOR and preparations for role in Operation TOLEDO.

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b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (9) No change

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

(C) Objectives No change

K1 Nil

K2 Nil

K3 Nil

K4 Nil

K5 Nil

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24 Aug 66

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
230001H to 232400H.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96266

COPY TO: HQ AFV
HQ NZ Force Vietnam
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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) B/5 RAR and C/6 RAR commenced patrolling of AO9 out to line BLUE in support of Operation TOLEDO. There was negative contact during the reporting period. Air surveillance of AO SUE was conducted throughout the day. At 231900H ground reconnaissance patrols were inserted into AO SUE.

(ii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force a total of 31 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

(iii) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS462776 to YS429664 at 230730H and secured road for convoy as normal. Elements of 1 APC Squadron remained in support C/5 RAR vicinity BINH BA YS445748. Two troops were placed on one hours notice to move as ready reaction force for Operation TOLEDO.

(iv) B/5 RAR commenced company patrol operation with the task of patrolling AO9 out to Line BLUE. There was negative contact. One company was placed on one hours notice to move as ready reaction force for Operation TOLEDO.

(v) C/6 RAR commenced company patrol operation with the task of patrolling AO9 out to Line BLUE. There was negative contact. One company was placed on one hours notice to move as ready reaction force for Operation TOLEDO.

(vi) Air Support. Surveillance of AO SUE was conducted throughout the day with no significant sightings. At 231110H an HU1B reported receiving three single rounds of small arms fire from YS379709. No hits were registered. At 231900H HU1B reported two fires in the vicinity of YS512691. Sighting to be investigated by ground patrols.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. B/5 RAR and C/6 RAR to continue patrolling of AO9 out to line BLUE. Ground and air surveillance of AO SUE to continue.

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b. Major Unit Activities.

- (1) Operation TOLEDO
- (2) S & D
- (3) S & D enemy forces in PHUOC TUY Province
- (4) PHUOC TUY YS000000
- (5) 1 ATF, 173 ABN BDE (SEP), 1 BLT
- (6) 2 FIELD FORCE VIETNAM
- (7) 220800H
- (8) To be advised
- (9) Nil

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives

C1. PHUOC TUY YS000000 S & D OP TOLEDO 220800/Cont

D. Friendly Forces Nil

K1. Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96266

COPY TO: HQ AFV
HQ NZ Force Vietnam
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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR and 6 RAR continued company size mobile blocking patrols. There were no contacts.

(ii) 1 APC squadron cleared the road from YS462776 to 429664 at 0700H and secured the road for the convoy. One section remained at XA BINH BA YS445746 in support C/5 RAR.

(iii) Task Force artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 28 H and I missions were fired in the 24 hours.

(iv) 5 RAR continued company size blocking patrol for Operation TOLEDO as well as platoon size patrols of TAOR. At 1530H B/5 RAR at YS474706 found a camp for 15 persons. It was one week old and contained fire place and evidence of rice. There were no contacts.

(v) 6 RAR continued company size blocking patrol for Operation TOLEDO as well as platoon size patrols of TAOR. There were no contacts.

(vi) Air support. Air surveillance of the TAOR was conducted with no significant result. Air strikes were conducted on YS280710 and YS363756. There was negative BDA due to dense foliage.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. Continue present operations as part of Operation TOLEDO.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (9) No change

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2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives no change

K1. Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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II Field Force, Vietnam
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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR and 6 RAR continued company size mobile blocking patrols to the EAST of Task Force area in support of Operation TOLEDO. There were no contacts. At 251615 a Task Force patrol contacted 6 to 8 VC at YS515708: patrol withdrew immediately. There were no casualties.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS462776 to YS429664 at 250715H and secured the road for the convoy. One section remained at XA BINH BA YS445746 in support C/5 RAR.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 18 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period.

(iv) B/5 RAR continued company size patrol operation to the EAST of the Task Force in support of Operation TOLEDO. One company 5 RAR remained on one hours notice to move as Ready Reaction Force for Operation TOLEDO. C/5 RAR remained XA BINH BA YS445746 5 RAR less three companies continued platoon size patrolling of TAOR. There were no contacts during the reporting period.

(v) C/6 RAR continued company size patrol operation to the EAST of the Task Force in support of Operation TOLEDO. One company 6 RAR remained on one hours notice to move as Ready Reaction Force for Operation TOLEDO. 6 RAR less two companies continued platoon size patrolling of TAOR. There were no contacts during the reporting period.

(vi) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with minor sightings. At 251610H FAC reported three fresh gun pits and RCL pits at YS28307218. There were numerous signs of recent activity in area including oxcart trails. At 251650H FAC observed tunnels, gun positions and trenches at YS513685 and YS516684. At 251105H airstrike was conducted against a suspected VC position at YS335634. There was negative EDA due to foliage. At 251805H airstrike was conducted against suspected VC location at YS516708.

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(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. At 260700H 5 RAR less C/5 RAR plus A/6 RAR move by APC to vicinity YS4670 and be prepared to move to blocking position vicinity SUI LON YS5170. 6 RAR to provide one company ready reaction force to support C/5 RAR. 6 RAR less two companies to assume responsibility for security of Task Force Area. Ground and air reconnaissance of AO9 to continue.

b. Major Unit Activities

(1) through to (9) no change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change

D. Friendly Forces Nil

K1. Nil

K2. Nil

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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HEADQUARTERS 1 ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE VIETNAM

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27 Aug 66

SUBJECT: Commanders Daily Situation Report (SITREP)
260001H to 262400H.

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force, Vietnam
ATTN: AC of S
APO 96266

COPY TO: HQ AFV
HQ NZ Force Vietnam
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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR commenced Operation DARLINGHURST a search and destroy operation into vicinity YS5170 as part of Operation TOLEDO. C/5 RAR remained at XA BINH BA vicinity YS448740 and came under command 6 RAR at 0700H. B/6 RAR came under command 5 RAR at 0700H for Operation DARLINGHURST. There were no contacts in the period.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron moved main body of 5 RAR to rendezvous at YS462715 at 0730H without incident.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 28 H and I missions were fired in the period.

(iv) 5 RAR commenced Operation DARLINGHURST a search and destroy operation as part of Operation TOLEDO. The Battalion moved in two groups, one by APCs and one by foot to two rendezvous at YS452715 and YS469706. From there the Battalion moved on two axes East. Night locations are A/5 RAR and D/5 RAR at YS504718 and HQ 5 RAR, B/5 RAR and B/6 RAR at vicinity YS512707. At 1000H B/5 RAR at YS467707 discovered a 55 gallon drum or rice. Rice was destroyed. At 1430H B/5 RAR at YS498707 found an ox cart trail heading south. It had been used by one small cart within previous 48 hours. At 1500H A/5 RAR found an ox cart trail at YS499714 that had been heavily used in last week but not used in previous 72 hours. At 1630H A/5 RAR at YS508719 discovered a place that had been used for a cooking fire and 2 torch batteries. Fire had been used for 2 men but not for approximately 2 weeks. At 1630H B/5 RAR at YS514708 found block stains 24 hours old in area where airstrike had been. There were no contacts in the period.

(v) 6 RAR took over responsibility for security of TAOR at 0700H. C/5 RAR came under command 6 RAR at 0700H. 6 RAR assumed responsibility for providing ready reaction force both for C/5 RAR at XA BINH BA and for Operation DARLINGHURST. There were no contacts.

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(vi) Air support. Air surveillance of TAOR continued. At 0735H FAC reported 150 people moving North into LONG TAN vicinity YS488657. FAC fired one rocket close to them and people moved South.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR continue Operation DARLINGHURST searching the area East of their present position to the limit of the AO.

B. Major Operations.

C1 C2 No change

C3.

(1) Operation DARLINGHURST

(2) Search and destroy

(3) Part of Operation TOLEDO

(4) PHUOC TUY vicinity YS499720 to YS513721 to YS528701 to YS499700.

(5) 5 RAR less C/5 RAR plus B/6 RAR

(6) 1 ATF

(7) 260630H Aug 66

(8) Not known

(9) Nil

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives

C1. No change

C2. No change

C3. PHUOC TUY YS5170 S & D DARLINGHURST 260630H/UNK

D. Forces Nil

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Nil

K2. Enemy

D1. B/5 RAR UNK/UNK NIL 500 lbs rice destroyed

K3. Nil

K4. Nil

K5. Nil

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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR continued Operation DARLINGHURST, a search and destroy operation into vicinity YS5170 as part of Operation TOLEDO. C/5 RAR remained on security duties at XA BINH BA vicinity YS448740 and remained under command 6 RAR. B/6 RAR remained under command 5 RAR for operation DARLINGHURST. There were no contacts during the reporting period.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS462776 to YS429664 at 0715H and secured the road for convoy as normal.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 35 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. At 271400H 103 Battery and 105 Battery moved to new gun position at YS441669 in support of Operation DARLINGHURST.

(iv) 5 RAR continued Operation DARLINGHURST, a search and destroy operation to the EAST of the Task Force Area, in support of Operation TOLEDO. At 270900H 5 RAR commenced search of the Objective YS5071, YS5070 and YS5072. At 271315 5 RAR reported discovering numerous small trails in squares YS5072 and YS5070. Estimated trails to have been used recently by relatively small groups totalling possibly 50. Some signs of ox carts were also located in area. Numerous signs of airstrikes were discovered in the area but there was no evidence of KBA. There were no contacts during the reporting period.

(v) 6 RAR continued patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact. C/5 RAR remained under command 6 RAR and continued security operations in XA BINH BA YS448740. One company 6 RAR remained on one hours notice to move as ready reaction force for C/5 RAR.

(vi) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with no significant sightings. Air surveillance of A09 was continued in support of Operation TOLEDO. At 270900H FAC reported that field covering square YS3476 had been freshly planted. Estimated that the people apparently worked in the field at night. At 270650H airstrike was conducted

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against fresh gun positions at YS283721. Napalm produced secondary explosion.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR less C/5 RAR and including B/6 RAR to continue Operation DARLINGHURST with search and destroy operation in area bounded by coordinates YS5169, YS5269, YS5168 and YS5268 staying WEST of the stream line YS524700 to YS529681. 6 RAR less B/6 RAR to continue patrolling of TAOR, C/5 RAR to remain location YS448740.

b. Major Unit Activities

(1) through (9) No change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change.

D. Friendly Forces NIL

K1. NIL

K2. NIL

K3. NIL

K4. NIL

K5. NIL

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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR continued Operation DARLINGHURST searching South of there area of operations as part of Operation TOLEDO. There were no contacts. 6 RAR continued with protection of TAOR with C/5 RAR remaining under command at XA BINH BA vicinity YS450740. A Task Force patrol at 0830H at YS518656 contacted 3 VC moving North. VC were dressed in black and after contact moved South. Results 1 VC KIA body count, 2 VC WIA. At 1130H a Task Force patrol sighted 4 VC in mixed dress carrying at least 2 weapons and full packs at YS529676. Patrol did not initiate contact and VC kept moving West.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS462776 to YS429664 at 0715H and secured the road for the convoy. One section remained in support of C/5 RAR at XA BINH BA YS450740.

(iii) Task Force artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 4 H and I tasks were fired in the 24 hours.

(iv) 5 RAR less C/5 RAR with under command B/6 RAR continued Operation DARLINGHURST as part of Operation TOLEDO. Battalion location is vicinity YS515676. B/5 RAR at 1150H in vicinity YS503693 found a well defined ox cart trail but it had not been used recently. At 1200H D/5 RAR at YS 515696 found one empty 55 gal drum, one weapon pit not recently used, one 75mm RCL round and 20 fishing floats. At 1400H B/6 RAR at YS502688 found a well used trail with wheel marks and foot marks and had been used in the last five days. B/6 RAR at YS502690 at 1410H found another cart trail which had not recently been used. At 1430H at YS503694 B/6 RAR found a grave two months old.

(v) 6 RAR continued close patrolling of TAOR. C/5 RAR remained under command of 6 RAR remaining as protection for XA BINH BA YS450740. B/6 RAR remained under command 5 RAR. 6 RAR continued to provide ready reaction force to assist 5 RAR or C/5 RAR.

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(vi) Air support. Air surveillance of TAOR continued with no significant results.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR continue Operation DARLINGHURST as part of operation TOLEDO searching the area in the vicinity LONG TAN YS483658.

b. Major Operations

(1) through (9) No change

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change

D. Forces

D1. TF patrol C1 280830H/280835H Friendly NIL NIL

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Enemy losses

D1. TF Patrol 3/UNK 1 KIA 2 WIA NIL NIL

K2. Damages

D1. B/5 RAR UNK/UNK NIL One 75mm RCL round

K3. NIL

K4. NIL

K5. NIL

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30 Aug 66

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Period 290001H to 292400H Aug 66.

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ATTN: AC of S
APO 96266

COPY TO: HQ AFV
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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR continued Operation DARLINGHURST, a search and destroy operation to the EAST of the Task Force area, in support of Operation TOLEDO. There were no contacts. 6 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR with negative contact. C/5 RAR remained under command 6 RAR and remained vicinity XA BINH BA YS450740. At 291100H a Task Force patrol contacted one VC at YS376665. Results one VC KIA (BC). Task Force patrol was followed up by approximately 40 VC moving in two groups. Patrol withdrew EAST.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron cleared the road from YS462776 to YS429664 at 0714H and secured the road for the convoy. Six APCs remained in support C/5 RAR vicinity XA BINH BA. At 290800H six APCs escorted three ammunition trucks from DUC TAN to NUI DAT and at 291400H six ammunition trucks (laden) from NUI DAT to DUC TAN YS4677.

(iii) Task Force Artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 19 H and I missions were fired during the reporting period. At 291500H 103 Battery and 105 Battery moved back to original gun positions reporting in base location at 291715H.

(iv) 5 RAR less C/5 RAR with under command B/6 RAR continued Operation DARLINGHURST as part of Operation TOLEDO. During the reporting period 5 RAR conducted a search and destroy operation in the area bounded by coordinates YS4968, YS5368, YS5365 and YS4965. There were no contacts during the reporting period. At 290930H B/6 RAR discovered a small VC camp estimated 7 to 10 days old at YS512678. At 291035H B/5 RAR discovered a trail of estimated 20 people made in the last 24 hours and heading SW at YS524674. Follow up action had negative result. At 291115H B/5 RAR discovered large VC installation estimated 2 to 3 months old at YS514663. During period 291100H to 291145H D/5 RAR discovered numerous VC installations from 2 to 3 months old to 5 to 6 days old in general area YS507675 and YS508678. All pits had overhead cover, no tunnels were found. A grave was also discovered by D/5 RAR at YS508678. At 291605H D/5 RAR discovered 12 pits 2 x 105 mm shells and one friction type grenade at YS511655.

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(v) 6 RAR less B/6 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR with negative contact. C/5 RAR remained under command 6 RAR and continued protective roll at XA BINH BA YS450740. B/6 RAR remained under command 5/ RAR for Operation DARLINGHURST. 6 RAR continued to provide ready reaction force, to assist 5 RAR or C/5 RAR.

(iv) Air Support. Surveillance of TAOR was conducted as normal with no significant sightings.

(vii) Plans for the next 24 hours. 5 RAR to continue Operation DARLINGHURST with a search and destroy operation in general area coordinates YS4665, YS4965, YS4668 and YS4968. C/5 RAR to remain vicinity XA BINH BA. 6 RAR to continue patrolling of TAOR.

b. Major Unit Actions

(1) through to (8) No change

(9) Results cumulative

FRIENDLY LOSSES

Nil

ENEMY LOSSES

1 VC KIA (BC)

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change

D. Friendly Forces

D1. TF Patrol C1 291100H/291105H Friendly None No

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Enemy Losses

D1. 1/UNK 1 VC KIA NIL NIL

K2. NIL

K3. NIL

K4. NIL

K5. NIL

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31 Aug 66

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300001H to 302400H.

TO: Commanding General
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ATTN: AC of S
APO 96266

COPY TO: HQ AFV
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1. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

a. General

(i) 5 RAR continued operation TOLEDO searching and destroying in vicinity LONG TAN village vicinity YS4865. B/6 RAR remained under command 5 RAR and C/5 RAR remained under command 6 RAR at XA BINH BA YS4474. There were no contacts.

(ii) 1 APC Squadron continued to provide 6 APCs under command C/5 RAR at XA BINH BA YS4474. The squadron was on 30 minutes notice to move to return 5 RAR to 1 ATF base.

(iii) Task Force artillery continued to support the Task Force. A total of 3 H and I missions were fired in the period.

(v) 5 RAR less C Company continued Operation TOLEDO with B/6 RAR under command. At 1030H B/5 RAR found a large tunnel entrance at YS492655. At 1027H A/5 RAR found a tunnel with 2 entrances at YS492655. Two small tunnels were also found just North of this location. At 1441H at YS485640 A/5 RAR found mortar pit with ammunition bay and short tunnel with containers for 81 mm mortar ammunition. In general vicinity YS4865 5 RAR found 4 tunnels 50 metres long, one tunnel 60 metres long, one tunnel 150 metres long and a number of emplacements. Throughout the area searched were numerous bunkers and short tunnels, mainly adjacent to former buildings and near banana plantations. Majority of these installations have been destroyed by Engineers who were sent in and remainder will be destroyed tomorrow. There were no contacts.

(v) 6 RAR continued patrolling TAOR with negative contact. C/5 RAR at XA BINH BA remained under command. In addition 6 RAR continued to provide ready reaction force for 5 RAR and C/5 RAR.

(vi) Air support. Air surveillance of TAOR continued. At 1020H FAC received 8 to 10 rounds of ground fire from YS349764. At 1050H another FAC received 8 rounds ground fire from the same area. Two airstrikes were called in on the area and during the airstrike a FAC was fired on again and reported an

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explosion under his aircraft. Aircraft received no hits and there was no BDA due to foliage. This area was very recently the subject of defoliation spraying.

(vii) Plans for next 24 hours. 5 RAR continues Operation TOLEDO destroying tunnels and installations in LONG TAN village and return to 1 ATF base. 6 RAR continue patrolling TAOR with company sized patrols.

b. Major Unit Operations

(1) through (9) No change.

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

C. Objectives No change

D. Forces

K. Losses/Damages

K1. Nil

K2. 5RAR UNK/UNK Numerous installations NIL
LONG TAN village
YS4865.

K3. NIL

K4. NIL

K5. NIL

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 61, CP location YS4366.
2. From 010001H to 012400H July 66. *aug 32*
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There was light probing of 1 ATF perimeter during night 31 Jul/ 01 Aug. Activity to the NORTHWEST of 1 ATF TAOR consisted of an ambush on Route 15 in the vicinity of Phu My (YS2377) full details have yet to be received.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) 010125H. 105 Bty listening post fired 5 rounds SA at 2 VC moving WEST at YS427668. No result.
- (2) 010414H. Bty fire mission fired on suspected VC exfiltration point at YS410651. No result.
- (3) 011045H. Mortars engaged VC movement at YS432688. No result.
- (4) 011235H. 3 VC engaged by 6 RAR mortars at YS446665. Result unknown.
- (5) 011400H. Baria Sector reported VC ambush on route 15 2 kilometres NORTH of Phu My (YS2377). 2/48th compound received unknown number of mortar rounds at same time. HV-1D aircraft grounded. Light fire team received SA and AW fire 500 metres NORTH EAST of road convoy which was under attack. Clarifying details to follow. Activity possibly connected with trail activity reported below.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

- (1) 011306H. FAC reported heavy activity signs on trail from YS340768 to YS300746.
- (2) 010703H. Airstrike on suspected VC activity at YS5474. Negative BDA.
- (3) Airstrike at YS383787 at 011700H. VC huts negative BDA.
- (4) 010925H. Aircraft received ground fire at YS458835.

e. - f. omitted.

g. No estimate.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

- (1) 011235H. D/6 RAR found 2 VC bodies and 1 Garand rifle, 90 rounds of ammunition. Area of previous 1 ATF contact.
- (2) 011650H. D/6 RAR found platoon camp used within last 48 hours at YS513696.
- (3) 011600H. D/6 RAR found company camp at YS515696. Used within last 2 months.

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(4) 011233H. D/6 RAR found M26 grenade and destroyed 2 tons salt in camp at YS490679.

(5) Other camps found at YS497695, YS457697, YS455705, none used within last 12 months.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND LOSSES:

(1) 2 VC KIA (BC) found. 2 tons rice destroyed. 1 Garand and 90 rounds of ammunition recovered.

5. - 7. omitted.

8. National Police reported one VC company at YS325635 on 24 July. US evaluation C - 3.

9. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 62, CP location YS4366.
2. From 020001H to 022400H Aug 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There were light contacts to the NORTHWEST and the EASTERN portion of the 1 ATF TAOR. Further details of the contact at Phu My have been received from SA 10th Div (ARVN) XUAN LOC.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 011335H. (late report). VC mortared and used 57mm RR on Phu My post. At the same time culvert blown at YS207830. Platoon reaction force ambushed by unknown VC battalion. Convoy halted and ambushed. Total casualties 32 KIA, 14 WIA and 5 MIA. VC 1 KIA (possible). FFV 2 reports weapons lost - SA-14, M1-3, Carbine-4, 60mm Mortar-1, 30 cal MG-1, 10 trucks damaged.

(2) 021115H. C/6 RAR engaged 2 armed VC at YS453671 with mortars. Result unknown.

(3) 021335H. At YS390703 5 RAR contacted 2 local VC. 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 WIA, withdrew EAST. Dressed in black trousers, green shirts and green bush hats. 1 M1 rifle recovered.

(4) 021745H. At YS451643 C/6 RAR contacted 3 VC dressed in black moving EAST who then fled NORTH, 1 VC WIA.

(5) 021840H. At YS450635 C/6 RAR called battery fire mission on party of 20 suspected VC who withdrew WEST. No result.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) 020600H - 02200H. 4 airstrikes on suspected VC position at YS3566. No BDA due to weather.

(2) 020820H. FAC reported recently well used tracks at YS372798. Armed chinook mission flown. No result.

(3) 021930H. H-13 aircraft reported ground fire from YS4767.

e. - f. omitted.

g. No estimate.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) 020001H. C/6 RAR reported signs of recent movement at YS441664 and YS454668.

(2) 020849H. D/5 RAR found 7.62 mm rifle at YS398703.

(3) 021200H. D/5 RAR found enemy camp, 12 huts, including hospital and class room and 60 ft well at YS397705. Camp vacated within last month. Captured documents to be analysed.

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4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND LOSSES:

1 VC KIA (BC), 2 VC WIA, 2 rifles captured.

5. - 10. omitted.

11. No change

12. No change

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 63, CP location YS4366.
2. From 030001H. to 032400H ^{August} ~~July~~ 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. Nil.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) 031000H. Armed chinook reported loss of rocket pod containing seventeen rockets between YS353787 and YS365783. Not recovered.

(2) 031415H. Armed chinooks carried out fire mission against suspected VC locations bounded by YS5570, YS5574, YS5970, YS5974. Results unknown.

(3) 031800H. Armed chinook reported trench lines and possible troops at YS582732. FAC investigated. No results.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Nil.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) Agent report received at Sector at 031000H stated 400 VC at YS5273. US evaluation F - 3. FAC investigated. No results.

(2) 031000H. Agent report from Sector stated 20 VC disguised as civilians at YS4873. US evaluation F - 3. No action taken.

4. Nil.

5. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change from INTSUM No 60.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 64, CP location YS4366.
2. From 040001H. to 042400H. August 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

Task Force elements experienced only light contact with enemy forces during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) 041350H. Artillery fired on 2 VC at YS384655. Results unknown.
- (2) 041403H. Artillery fired on 11 VC at YS378634. Results unknown.
- (3) 041400H. Artillery fire partially destroyed hut at YS382659.
- (4) 041427H. 6 RAR. 4 suspected VC apprehended at YS455635. One KIA whilst attempting escape (grenade found on body). 3 VCS returned 1 ATF base camp.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

- (1) 041115H. Airstrike at YS354688. 50 percent on target. No BDA due to foliage.
- (2) 140830H. Air observer reports trails running YS371689 - YS357688. One used last 6 - 10 hours.
- (3) 041850H. YS356782. Aircraft sighting. Three holes approximately diameter 1 foot, fresh dirt, appears to be tunnels.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Nil.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

- (1) 041510H. Agent report from sector of VC battalion at YS370690 and YS370685. US evaluation F - 3.
- (2) 041520H. Agent report from sector states 30 local VC, dressed in black with yellow scarves moved from YS340680 to YS320700 because of allied movements and airstrikes.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

- (1) 1 KIA (BC), 3 VCS, one grenade.

5. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change from INSUM No 60.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 65, CP location YS4366.
2. From 050001H. to 052400H. August 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There were no significant enemy contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 051230H. At YS427660 2 suspected VC observed, one possibly armed. APC opened fire. No result.

(2) 051600H. At YS 439720 6 females apprehended, stated cutting bananas, released after interrogation.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) 051745H. At YS342772 FAC sighted fresh digging around tunnel.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Nil

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) 051650H. OP observed smoke at YS399723, suspected cooking fires. Battery fire mission on target. Results unknown.

4. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. no change to INTSUM No 60.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 66, CP location YS4366.
2. From 060001H to 062400H August 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There were no enemy contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) 061100H. Aircraft sighted road block consisting of ditches cut in road at YS580635 and YS551615.

(2) 061500H. FAC reports 3 dead cows at YS375686. Appear to have been butchered and covered with leaves.

(3) 061615H. FAC reports structure 20ft by 30ft and 2 to 3ft above ground covering hole or something similar at YS388765. Hit by rocket. Results unknown.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Nil

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) 061045H. 5 RAR found 44 gallon drum half filled with rice at YS451706, concealed with ground sheet.

4. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change from INTSUM No 60.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 67, CP location YS4366.
2. From 070001H to 072400H. August 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There were no significant contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 071100H. One small arms round fired at MP patrol vehicle at YS388618. No result. Sector HQ to investigate.

-- b. -- c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) 071400H. FAC reported a fire in large clearing at YS350700. Two tarpaulins sighted in same area at 071300H had been removed.

e. -- f. omitted.

g. One SA round.

4. Nil.

5. -- 7. omitted.

8. ENEMY MOVEMENT:

Counter Intelligence agent reports, all evaluated Aust F - 3.

(1) Two weeks ago A, B and C companies of D445 battalion were in area 3 kilometres NORTH of Duc Thanh, YS4677.

(2) VC supply route from YS4572 to Xuan Son YS5677.

(3) There are 12-14 caches of rice in area YS5073, YS5373, YS5375, YS5075.

(4) VC hospital along edge of Song Rai river between northings 70 and 84. Also believed to be VC facilities area YS5065 - YS4868.

(5) Tunnel complex in area of Nui Nghe YS3972, old Viet Minh training area.

(6) VC of Binh Ba YS4574 are moving NORTH due to allied forces discovering rice caches. Also VC are much more secretive in their activities following Australian operation in Binh Ba during July.

(7) Each family of Binh Ba was required to provide two days labour for the VC per month. All reports received 071800H.

9. -- 10. omitted.

11. -- 12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 68 CP location YS 4366.
2. From 080001H. to 082400H August 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There were no significant contacts during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) At 081355H. B/5 RAR contacted 3 VC. Results 2 VC KIA, 1 fled.

(2) At 081919H. 161 Bty reported observing Canberra aircraft being fired upon from YS3568. Calibre not known.

b. - f. omitted.

g. Nil.

h. Nil.

4. 2 VC KIA.
5. - 10. omitted.
11. - 12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 69, CP location YS4366.
2. From 090001H to 092400H August 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) During the day 144 VCS evacuated to sector HQ. Detained during operation at YS4574.

b. -c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

- (1) 091315H. Aircraft observed persons moving into Long Phuoc, YS4464, by road from the south. No action taken.

- (2) 091330H. Aircraft observed sampan unloading onto south bank at YS401533.

- (3) 091653H. FAC observed two huts at YS287717 supposed to be vacant. Two shirts hanging on washing line. Aircraft engaged with cannon fire.

- (4) 091730H. Airstrike on suspected VC OP at YS294711. No BDA.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Nil

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

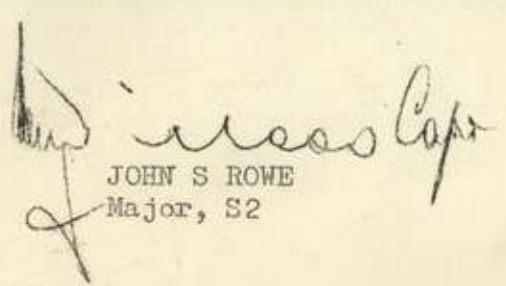
- (1) A/5 RAR recovered documents and small quantity of drugs at YS454748. 091010H. Initial interpretation shows documents of a propaganda nature.

4. - 10. omitted.

11. a. Within or immediately adjacent to 1 ATF TAOR, the following VC forces are operating:- Approximately 100 guerillas, 2 district companies, 1 provincial battalion.

- b. These forces are capable of (1) maintaining surveillance over the 1 ATF (Nui Dat) base camp and our operations conducted in the 1 ATF TAOR, by the use of reconnaissance parties of up to squad size. (2) attacking up to company size 1 ATF elements with the VC forces in para 11 a., (if the 1 ATF forces appear vulnerable)

12. The VC will continue to maintain surveillance over our base camp and our forces operations in the TAOR. Contacts with small VC reconnaissance groups can be anticipated at any time.


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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM NO 70, CP location YS4366.

2. From 100001H to 102400H August 66.

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There were no significant contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) At 1230 hrs APC Sqn reported standing patrol fired at one VC at YS426673. No result.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) At 1230 hrs there was an airstrike on a VC position at YS301663. No BDA.

(2) At 1300 hrs there were airstrikes on the following grid references, YS310640, YS288652, YS299662, YS302632, YS317672, YS320668, YS305650, YS300658. No BDA.

(3) At 1700 hrs a Sioux aircraft received on SA shot from YS3354 or YS3454.

e. - f. omitted.

g. One SA round.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) At 1030 hrs elements from Phu My reported being under heavy SA and mortar attack on route 15 between Phu My and Baria, contact location unknown. A late report from 10 Div stated that 3 VCC taken in the attack were from the 265 Bn of the 221 Regt temporarily attached to the 274 Regt. Results of ambush, 18 VC KIA, 3 VCC. Friendly, 3 KIA, 5 WIA, 1 MIA. One 30 calibre MG plus assorted other weapons captured. Believe contact with one VC Bn size.

(2) Reference INTSUM No 69 para 3 sub para a. Total No of VCS now 163. 38 of which were interrogated and investigated. Of that 38, 2 VC identified as village guerrillas, 17 identified as members of peoples village committee (VC), one has a son in VC, 1 draftdodger, 17 cleared and returned to Binh Ba. 42 have been interrogated but still under investigation. 83 remain to be interrogated.

4. 2 VCC.

5. (1) At 2100 hrs 5 RAR reported that the road between YS458840 and YS454863 was mined. No further report.

(2) At 2100 hrs 5 RAR reported enemy check point with 3 VC dressed in black with rifles at YS454862. No further report.

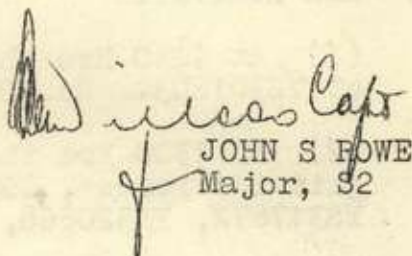
6. - 7. No change.

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8. (1) At 1510H a national police report stated that a 150 man unit of D800 Bn moved from North to YS357907 on the 25/7/66. Equipment includes, one 50 calibre MMG, two 30mm MGs, two 81mm mortars, BAR's and individual weapons plus 2 trumpets.
- (2) At 1545hrs a national police report stated that 300 men moved from East to YS489678 dressed in black and blue uniforms with crew served weapons and BAR's. Task to attack 1 ATF.
9. - 11. No change.
12. No change from INTSUM No 69.


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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 71, CP location YS4366.
2. From 110001H to 112400H August 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

Agent, National Police, FAC and VR reports over the past week indicate considerable movement from EAST to WEST centreing in the vicinity of Nui Dat YS4868. Enemy strength is estimated at about two companies.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) (Late entry 101000H). A Task Force patrol contacted 2 VC at YS366646. The VC were salvaging material from bombed buildings when the patrol opened fire; results of the contact were 2 VC KIA and one weapon and a quantity of documents recovered. Initial translation of the documents indicates that the VC had an assassination task; however the time and target are not known. In view of National Liberation Day, the time for the assassination could have been 19 Aug. A detailed report of the translation will be forwarded.

(2) (111430H). A/6 RAR contacted about 8 VC at YS472674. The VC were dressed in black and withdrew NORTH. Result 1 VC KIA (possible).

(3) (111630H). A Task Force patrol received rifle and light machine gun fire at YS389639. There were no casualties. At 1715H the patrol found three houses occupied by 5 - 7 VC. The VC fled when the patrol opened fire. Some equipment and documents were captured but there were no casualties.

(4) (111300H). Baria Sector HQ reported that 26 rounds from 2 x 75mm RCL landed near the training compound at YS4359. There were no casualties.

(5) (111805H). Baria Sector HQ reported that Phu My (YS2574) was under heavy mortar and ground attack. Mortar fire ceased at 1812H and contact broken at 1840H. Phu My requested DUST OFF for twenty casualties including women and children.

b. -- c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) (111220H). Two persons froze on approach of aircraft at YS421661. Aircraft could not remain in area as it required refuelling.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Not assessed.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) (111084H). A/5 RAR found two lean-to's at YS429767 which had been used the previous night. Tracks from the area headed NW. The shelters were destroyed.

(2) (111200H). D/5 RAR roadblocks were informed that 5 VC were operating a roadblock at YS4584. This was reported to Sector HQ and a VR aircraft went to investigate; negative results.

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(3) (111900H) Elements of 5 RAR found two ammunition boxes containing school books. It is suspected that the books belonged to a VC from Duc My (YS4573). There are no further details.

4. VC CASUALTIES AND EQUIPMENT RECOVERED:

2 VC KIA (BC)
1 VC KIA (Possible)
1 M1 Carbine
2 M26 Grebades
15 .30 rounds
Documents

5. - 7. omitted.

8. ENEMY MOVEMENTS:(All reports received at 111705H).

(1) Sector Agent reports indicate a suspected VC battalion at YS485670. Evaluation F - 3.

(2) Sector Agent reports a suspected VC company at YS489627. Evaluation F - 3.

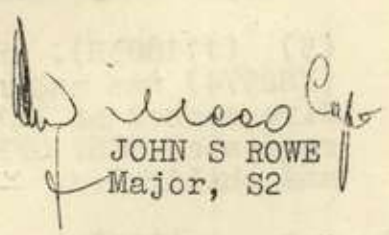
(3) Sector Agent reports a suspected VC company moving at YS490650. Evaluation F - 3. (Comment) All these reports have been substantiated by VR and FAC.

9. 10. omitted.

11. No change.

12. CONCLUSIONS:

The enemy is likely to increase surveillance over the Eastern portion of 1 ATF TAOR.


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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 72, CP location YS4366.
2. From 120001H to 122400H August 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There were no significant contacts with Task Force elements during the reported period.

a. omitted

b. - g. omitted

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) At 1225 hrs Sector HQ received a report from Phu My that a VC battalion was moving at YS290750. Phu My artillery engaged but the results are not known.

(2) At 1700 hrs Sector HQ received an S2 report that there was a VC company at YS537643. ARVN evaluation is B - 3, and US evaluation is F - 3.

(3) At 1925 hrs Sector HQ reported that there were two VC battalions in the area of grid square YS2974, YS2969 and YS2971. It was reported that one of the battalions attacked Phu My yesterday. Evaluation of the locations is ARVN B - 2, and US B - 2.

(4) During operation Holsworthy, 163 VC suspects were arrested in the village of Binh Ba (YS4574) and evacuated to Baria for interrogation. The results to date are:-

a. 17 Vietcong village force guerrillas were discovered and were evacuated to the National Police HQ for further interrogation.

b. Ten persons (eight of whom were ARVN deserters) and who all actively worked for the VC, were taken to Sector S2 for further interrogation.

c. One ARVN deserter was handed over to the ARVN military police.

d. 65 VC sympathisers, that is persons who gave money and food to the VC, together with 29 persons who were conscripted by the VC, and the father of one VC regular force soldier, were evacuated to the Chieu Hoi centre for indoctrination and rehabilitation.

e. The remaining 40 persons were released to Binh Ba.

4. 17 VCC, 77 VCS.

5. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 73, CP location YS4366.
2. From 130001H to 132400H August 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There were no significant contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period. However, visual reconnaissance sightings and one radio interception again indicate the presence of possible company sized forces in the vicinity of Nui Dat, YS4868.

a. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) 130925H. An airstrike hit a suspected VC platoon position at YS356699 but the bombs were 200 metres off target.

(2) 131145H. Second airstrike hit the suspected VC platoon position at YS356699. The bombs were on target. There was no BDA.

(3) 131200H. A FAC sighted 6xhuts at YS2974 which were engaged by artillery.

(4) 131625H. A FAC observed thick columns of smoke at YS489691. This position was engaged by artillery with unknown results.

(5) 131400H. An aircraft observed six persons, filling in a hole at YS467776. The hole measured 4 feet by 2 feet deep, the bottom of the hole was lined with boards. When the aircraft made a second run the people hastened their digging. No action was taken.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Nil

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) 131220H. C/6 RAR reported hearing vietnamese voices near their perimeter wire at YS446673. A patrol investigated but found nothing.

(2) 131225H. A possum aircraft homing device picked up a radio, transmitting from the base of Nui Dat, YS486678. Vietnamese voices were heard.

4. Nil.

5. NEW OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS:

(1) 130830H. An aircraft reported that the reported that the road was cut at YS458889. Also that the road was cut and three people observed at YS464795. This information was passed to Baria Sector HQ.

(2) 67 Ground Liaison section reported the following observations. 131345H. a. A roadblock at YS464796, with a possible heavy weapon pit. b. Two logs over the road at YS 460845. c. Key hole cuttings in the road at YS457870. d. Culverts cut at YS445970 and YS439914. e. A tree over the road holding up traffic at YS448978. Two trucks were parked off the road. This information was passed to Baria Sector HQ.

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6. - 7. omitted.

8. ENEMY MOVEMENTS:

The following agent reports were received from Sector.

(1) 131255H. There are three hard core VC companies in the area of YS296760, YS290700, YS310690, YS230740 and YS310690. The VC are dressed in mixed uniforms. ARVN evaluation is B - 1 and US is F - 3.

(2) A VC unit of 200 men were at YS450600 at 111900H of August.

(3) 131335H. An unknown number of guerillas from Long Binh and Long Phuoc were at YS443630 on 11 August. Evaluations of reports two and three are US F - 6.

9. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 74, CP location YS4366.
2. From 140001H to 142400H August 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There were no significant contacts with Task Force elements during the reported period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) At 140743 hrs B company of 6 RAR contacted 3 VC at YS395660. The result of the contact was, 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC WIA and captured who was evacuated to Vung Tau hospital. The third person fled across a paddock in a North West direction. A search of the area resulted in not apprehending the VC but tunnels were found in the area and are still being checked.

(2) At 141605 hrs one VC was seen observing 5 RAR battalion HQ at approximately YS456715. The VC fled and was not apprehended.

(3) At 141645 hrs 5 RAR contacted 3 VC at YS486714. The contact resulted in 1 Australian KIA.

(4) At 141025 hrs 5 RAR reported finding evidence of two men moving South at YS470721.

(5) At 141125 hrs 5 RAR reported more evidence of two men moving South at YS475730.

(6) An old hut was found by 5 RAR at 141330 hrs at grid reference YS485722. The hut had been occupied by 4 persons in the last 3 or 4 hours.

(7) At 141400 hrs 5 RAR reported fresh tracks of one or two men heading North at YS485721.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) Reference INTSUM No 73, para d. sub para four. A forward air controller reported at 141030 hrs that the BDA showed all ordnance on target.

(2) At 141610 hrs a helicopter was fired upon from a hut at YS381667. Gunships engaged the hut, results of which are not known.

(3) A forward air controller reported at 141800 hrs a newly constructed building hidden in the trees at YS363795. There were a lot of fresh trails in the area, there also may have been a cave. There was freshly turned dirt in the area.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Nil

h. Nil

4. 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA and captured.

5. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 75, CP location YS4366.
2. From 150001H to 152400H August 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There were no significant contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 151220H. A/5 RAR sighted one local VC at YS474710. The VC withdrew North and a search found nothing.

(2) 151430H. One APC Sqn and the Anti-Tank platoon of 5 RAR contacted 6 or 7 VC at YS435715. The VC were wearing black pyjamas and were heading North East when fired upon. On contact the VC withdrew West. The APC Sqn and artillery engaged with no known results.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) 151215H. A FAC observed an ox cart with a driver who tried to hide from the aircraft at YS523698. The FAC fired rockets with unknown results.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Nil.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) 150243H. An observation post observed lights at YS394720. No action was taken.

(2) 151010H. Elements of 5 RAR observed two or three Vietnamese moving South West at YS461715. A patrol failed to apprehend the suspects.

(3) 151030H A/5 RAR found many small tracks at YS54870 during the early stages of a search. Follow up action revealed nothing.

4. Nil

5. 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 76, CP location YS4366.
2. From 160001H to 162400H August 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

Three contacts were made with VC elements during the reporting period. Documents, clothing, and equipment recovered indicate that the VC may have been Main Force although no identification of unit has been made.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) 161155H. C/5 RAR sighted one suspected VC moving East at YS464737. No results.
- (2) 161510H. A/6 RAR contacted 2 VC at YS481686. The VC were wearing greens, no hats, and appeared to be carrying a claymore mine. The VC returned fire with automatic weapons and withdrew North. No results.
- (3) 161525H. A/6 RAR contacted 6 VC at YS479693. The VC were wearing green uniforms, packs and bandoliers, and were armed with M-1 rifles. The main party withdrew South, one blood trail went to the West. Results 1 VC KIA (BC).
- (4) 161537H. A/6 RAR contacted 3 VC wearing green uniforms at YS483693. Result 1 VC KIA (BC). The remaining VC, one of which was WIA, escaped to the North East. One weapon was recovered.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

- (1) 161007H. A Sioux H-13 helicopter reported being fired upon from the ground at YS393617. Three shots were fired but no hits were received by the aircraft.
- (2) 161505H. An Iroquois helicopter reported being fired upon from the ground at YS356727. The shots were from an automatic weapon. No hits were received by the aircraft.
- (3) 161720H. A reconnaissance aircraft reported Route 2 cut at YS463818.

e. - f. omitted.

g. unknown.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

- (1) 161000H. A/6 RAR found a 2-day old position which had been vacated overnight at YS462695. A bamboo platform containing 100 lbs of salt and 20lbs of what appeared to be TNT was also found at this position. The salt and suspected TNT were destroyed.
- (2) 161010H. A/6 RAR discovered fresh tracks of a small party at YS464696.
- (3) 161430H. A/5 RAR found 9 pits at YS468742. The pits which were sited to cover approach from the West had not been used recently.
- (4) 161440H. B/5 RAR found a track at YS483724 which ran South-West and which had possibly been used two weeks ago.

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4. 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC WIA. One weapon.
5. - 7. omitted.
8. (1) Late report. 151720H. A report from Sector states that VC battalions 205 and 265 are at YS290710. US evaluation F-3.
(2) Late report. 151700H. A report from Sector states that an unidentified VC battalion was at YS485670 on 11th August. US evaluation F-6.
9. - 10. omitted.
11. - 12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 77, CP location YS4366.
2. From 170001H to 172400H August.66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

A total of 66x82mm mortar rounds and 5x70mm rounds were received by units in the Task Force base location between 170240H and 170300H.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 171110H. A/6 RAR contacted one VC at YS486684 with no results. The VC withdrew West onto Nui Dat feature, YS4868, and could possibly have been a sentry for a position on that feature.

b. -c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

67 Ground Liaison Section reported the following air observations on the morning of the 17th.

- (1) A number of bunkers at YS520838.
- (2) Five bunkers in the area YS5283.
- (3) Recently used tracks from YS525840 to YS558848.
- (4) 171435H. A FAC observed numerous trails with signs of recent activity in the area YS485685 to YS475684.

e. - g. omitted.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) At 170240H shelling commenced on the Task Force base location. Fire was delivered by both 82mm mortars and what is believed to be a Japanese 70mm howitzer.

(2) The following observations aided identification:-

a. Tailfins of mortars were compared with sketches of 82mm ammunition. Appearances were identical and measurement of tailfins confirmed the size as 82 mm mortar ammunition.

b. An unexploded shell, found in the vicinity of YS432664, was found to measure 70mm calibre. Examination of the driving band revealed manufacture of the shell to be possibly Japanese.

(3) Points from which the rounds were delivered are believed to be as follows:-

a. YS459671 - this was confirmed by a patrol from B/6 RAR. Their estimation was four mortar base plates plus weapon pits for thirty six men. A regimental target was fired at YS459674 during the attack.

b. Mortar reports also indicated the possibility of weapons firing from the West of the Task Force area. These reports were received from A Bty 2/35 Artillery and an OP on Nui Dat (YS4367) and flashes observed by three personnel from A Bty area. Possible positions from which the fire may have been delivered were bombarded.

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They were YS395655, deduced from mortar reports and YS395660 point to flash observations. The total number of 82mm mortar rounds received was approximately 66. They landed generally in the South East corner of YS4366. Units recording rounds were as follows:- Artillery - 12, 1 Fd Sqn - 19, 3 SAS Sqn - 10 1 ARA - 25 rounds.

(4) A total of 5x70mm rounds were received. The area shelled was the Southern edge of 103 Fd Bty and 161 Fd Bty RINZA, YS4366. One crater found in 161 Fd Bty position produced a very clean groove from which the bearing of the firing weapon was deduced to be 1420 mils. This indicates that the firing position was probably in the vicinity of YS461669, approximately 3-400 metres from the mortar position.

(5) It is possible that the gun is based in this area; however, it should be noted that this particular weapon weighs 470 lbs and can be dismantled and carried in three pack loads.

(6) The following markings on the unexploded shell were:- 13-62 3.62, 1359. The shell apparently did not explode because the fuse was not fully screwed home.

(7) The retaliatory fire was as follows:-

- a. Targets at likely firing positions obtained from mortar reports.
- b. Targets on likely withdrawal routes.
- c. Targets obtained by observation.

(8) Retaliation commenced approximately seven minutes after the attack began.

(9) 170900H. A/6 RAR found one Garand rifle and a set of basic webbing at YS485692.

(10) 170910H. 6 RAR found a track, almost a road running East West at YS487686. The track had carried foot traffic within the last 48 hours.

(11) 170925H. B/6 RAR found a mortar base plate at YS459671, they estimate five base plates were in the area. Also weapon pits to accommodate 35 men were found.

(12) 171330H. D/5 RAR discovered tracks of six people heading East thirty minutes to one hour old. The patrol followed up with no result.

4. Nil.

5. -7. omitted.

8. ENEMY MOVEMENTS AND LOCATIONS:

(1) Reference Australian Task Force INTSUM No 76. Para 3 (a), 3.

Document recovered from VC KIA revealed two unit identity cards:- C982 and C187. Also the commander of the unit is Nguyen Van Ut, the units location being Baria (YS4359). This information is being followed up.

(2) 171100H. A Sector HQ agent reported that a possible VC battalion with two mobile guns was moving from YS490680 to YS520660. Evaluation is ARVN B - 2 and US F - 3.

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9. - 10. omitted.

11. CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES

The enemy is capable of attacking up to company sized patrols within the Task Force TAOR and of launching mortar attacks similar to that of 170240H. To move his mortars and bombs quickly, the enemy must rely on tracks and roads which leaves him vulnerable to H and I fire.

12. CONCLUSIONS

The mortar attack against 1 ATF base area was probably mounted by D860 battalion under orders from the VC Provincial HQ. There could be a direct relationship between 5 RAR searching in the area YS4871 (reported to the location of the Provincial HQ); the contacts which A/6 RAR had on the 16th August in the vicinity of YS4769 and the mortar attack early on the 17th August 66. An attack on the Task Force base area is unlikely. It is considered that the increased enemy activity reported in INTSUM No 11 has been designed to allow the VC to take advantage of any isolated patrols in the TAOR.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 78, CP location YS4366.

2. From 180001H to 182400H August 66.

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

D Coy 6 RAR contacted what was at first thought to be possibly one platoon of VC. However it became apparent that the enemy were in strength and contact at the height of the engagement was believed to be with a battalion plus.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) Reference 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 77, para h, sub para 1 - 8.

a. At 181035 hrs B Coy 6 RAR at YS472674 located an area where the enemy were believed to have deployed prior to bombardment. There were signs of casualties having been dragged and loaded onto wheeled carts. Some personal equipment was also found.

b. At 181200 hrs B Coy 6 RAR located a position at YS469668 where 3xRCLs fired. There were eight cartridge cases at each gun position. They estimated that the weapons were 75mm RCL. There were signs of rapid evacuation to the East. Clothing and equipment scattered along track and blood stains indicated that there were several VC wounded. The cartridge cases have not yet been back loaded to this location.

(2) At 181607 hrs D Coy 6 RAR contacted a battalion of probably Main Force VC and recovered 1xAK automatic rifle, ammunition, and 2xgrenades. The enemy brought 82mm mortars to bear as well as heavy small arms fire. Contact was finally broken at approximately 181935 hrs. There has been no estimate at this stage of final enemy casualties. But 1 APC troop killed 25 VC by body count. Comment. The VC unit was probably the 274th Regt of the 5 Division.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) At 181520 hrs an aircraft reported a gun position at YS375696. Appeared to have been a camp site in woods near by. There was no activity there at the time.

e. - f. omitted.

g. unknown

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) Delayed entry. At 171900 hrs a Sioux helicopter received a small burst of automatic fire from YS462657. The target was engaged by artillery but there was no BDA due to darkness.

(2) At 181633 hrs a light aircraft received ground fire from grid square YS5368. No hits were taken. Suspect fire was rifle shots.

4. 25 VC KIA (BC), 1 x AK automatic rifle, ammunition, and 2 x grenades.

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11. CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES:

VC forces are considered capable of inflicting heavy casualties on company to battalion size forces patrolling in the TAOR should these forces be deployed so as to present an attractive target.

12. CONCLUSIONS:

It is not considered that the VC have the strength to launch a major attack against the Task Force base area. They could possibly launch a raid in strength against one sector of the Task Force perimeter but will probably confine their activities to mortar attacks at night and quick battles with Task Force patrols. Unless forced to do other wise the VC can be expected to initiate such quick attacks about 2-3 hours before last light.

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1. 1 Australian Tsk Force INTSUM No79, CP Location YS4366.
2. From 190001 H to 192400H August 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There were no significant contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period. 6 RAR and elements of 5 RAR conducted a search of the area where contact was made with a large VC force at 1607H on the 18th August.

a. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY;

- (1) 190750H. Airstrike on suspected VC location at YS489659. At 190815H a FAC reported intense black smoke and secondary explosions in the area of the strike.
- (2) 190830H. Airstrike on suspected VC location at YS517667. No BDA.
- (3) 191330H. Airstrike on suspected enemy camp at YS276656. No BDA.
- (4) 191503H. Airstrike on 105mm Howitzer position at YS598770 and a 75mm RCL position at YS602678 on information from friendly patrol in the area.
- (5) 191410H. Air recce reported a track from YS497665 to YS508662. At the end of the track there were some fresh diggings which appeared to be graves.
- (6) 191510H. Air reconnaissance reported well used vehicle tracks from YS534678 to YS530681. Tracks ford a stream.
- (7) 191650H. Airstrike on suspected camp of 45th NVA Regt at YS510662. No BDA.
- (8) 191700H. Airstrike on camouflaged foxholes at YS513660. No BDA.
- (9) 190915H. 175,000 leaflets dropped on possible escape routes in grid squares YS5158, YS5267, YS5367, YS5467, and YS5068.
- (10) 191400H. 500,000 leaflets dropped in area bounded by YS5370, YS5380, YS5970 and YS5980.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Nil

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

- (1) 190706H. Sub Sector Hoa Long (YS4264) reported an estimated VC squad in the village. Investigated by RF platoon who received sniper fire from YS413643. No results.
- (2) 191100H. A/5 RAR found an installation occupied last night by approximately one section at YS455862.
- (3) 191220H. 6 RAR located a trail, undoubtedly used by VC withdrawing after major contact on 18th August, heading North East from YS496667.
- (4) 191430H. 6 RAR found a trench and bunker system in the area of YS490667. There were over 100 trenches.

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4. a. 188 KIA (BC). Cumulative results 213 KIA (BC).
b. 3 VCC.
c. 1 - 60mm mortar, 8 - 7.62mm LMG's, 5 - 7.62mm rifles, 29 - AK carbines, 1 - M1 rifle, 1 - M1 Carbine, 1 - 7.62mm Burp gun, 1 - 7.62mm wheeled MMG, 3 - Anti tank weapons, 2 - 57mm RCL's, 28 - Anti tank grenades, 1 - 30cal BAR, 1 - Thompson SMG, 22 rounds - 75mm ammunition, 330 - assorted grenades, 150 - assorted weapon magazines, 15,000 rounds - small arms ammunition, 28 - 60mm bombs.
d. Interrogation of a VCC revealed that the enemy were on their way to attack 1 ATF base area when contacted on 18th August. He also stated that a substantial rice cache, being protected by a company,, was located five kilometers East of point of capture.
5. - 6. omitted.
7. Interrogation of the three VCC revealed that two were North Vietnamese and members of NVA 45 Regiment whilst the other was a member of D445 battalion local Provincial Mobile. The North Vietnamese prisoners revealed that 45 Regt (formally 23 Regiment - possibly means 33 Regiment) moved into Phuoc Tuy Province in May this year and is allied to 66 Regiment. Prisoner also stated that the Regiment was engaged in the action with 6 RAR elements on 18th August. The regiment consists of four rifle battalions-each of 500 men, and one artillery battalion - consisting of 8 - 107mm RCL's, 6 - 75mm RCL's, 6 - 82mm mortars. Maintained that this artillery battalion engaged 1 ATF base area three days ago. Total strength of 45th Regiment 3,000.
8. (1) Captured documents revealed that D3 battalion, D605 battalion, and C14/D3/Q5 regiment was in contact with elements of 6 RAR on 18th August.
(2) Agent report from Sector states on 18th August a VC force of unknown size was moving from YS250640 into YS280670 and YS280660. Their mission was to attack Highway 15. US evaluation F - 3.
(3) Agent report from Sector states that at 171630H a VC battalion was in the area of YS450840 and moving Southwest. US evaluation F - 3.
9. - 10. omitted.
11. - 12. no change.

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2. From 200001H to 202400H August 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There were no significant contacts with enemy forces in the Task Force TAOR during the reporting period. One contact could indicate that VC Main Forces are still in the area.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) At 201125H. D/6 RAR located a cache consisting of 27 gallons of kerosine and 21 gallons of cooking oil at YS483681. Both items were destroyed. Some portions of bodies found along track in area.
- (2) At 201206H. C/6 RAR found 8 - K50 magazines with 226 rounds of short 7.62 ammunition, 3 light anti-tank weapon projectiles, 4 sets of webbing, 1 US fragmentation grenade and 1 VC local pattern grenade. All items found at YS488676.
- (3) At 201226H. D/5 RAR found 2 pits occupied in last 36 hours. Personal items found in pits included, a watch, photos of people in uniforms with badges of rank which looked like lieutenant, documents, and a safety razor made in Haiphong. Pits located at YS478680.
- (4) At 201420H. 6 RAR contacted 6 VC, from dress appear to be Main Force. Result, 1 WIA possible enemy withdrew South East. Contact was made at YS485668.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

- (1) A visual reconnaissance aircraft sighted approximately 300 people moving West and South from Lonh Phuoc (YS4464), all wearing black, coolie hats and carrying garden tools. Time not known.
- (2) Late entry. At 191758H. An air reconnaissance aircraft sighted 4 trenches and some foxholes at YS 518672.
- (3) At 201315H. A FAC sighted an explosive round in trees, appeared to be a mortar round fired at the FAC, could also have been a 75mm RCL. FAC called an immediate airstrike on the area of firing at YS593797. No BDA.
- (4) At 201000H an aircraft observed white smoke and flares at YS367643.
- (5) At 201020H. An aircraft sighted several people moving on road vicinity YS436632. Appear to have been possible medical supplies and returning with empty baskets. Remark. Possible VC hospital in this area.
- (6) There were two airstrikes one on a suspected VC area at YS508671 at 1000 hrs the other on a VC battalion suspected area at YS415662 at 1100 hrs. No BDA.

-e-f. omitted.

g. Unable to estimate.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

- (1) At 201125H. A/6 RAR with supporting APC's apprehended approximately 40 civilians. Those of military age were questioned and released.

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(2) There were 100,000 leaflets dropped during the day. The 246th Psy Ops company dropped 100,000 leaflets and flew approximately 2 hours of loud speaker time in the area enclosed by co-ordinates YS5067, YS5078, YS6067 and YS6078. The leaflets dropped included 25,000 anti VC tax, 25,000 comparing ARVN life to the life of a VC, and 50,000 malaria theme leaflets. The malaria and ARVN versus VC life leaflets were dropped along the stream bed from YS530681 to YS551675 and the anti-tax leaflets were dropped in the YS5677 grid square.

4. a. 18 KIA (BC). 1 WIA (possible). Cumulative figure now 231 KIA (BC).

b. Nil.

c. Total weapons recovered. 1 - 60mm mortar complete, 8 - 7.62mm LMG, 5 - 7.62mm rifles, 29 - AK rifles. 1 - M1 carbine, 1 - M1 rifle, 1 - 7.62 burp gun, 1 - 7.62 wheeled MMG, 3 - ATG weapons, 1 - 30 cal BAR, 1 - Thompson SMG, 28 - 60mm bombs, 22 rounds 75mm A/Tk, 330 assorted grenades, 150 assorted weapon magazines, 15,000 rounds SA assorted, 2 - 57mm RCL's, 28 - A/Tk grenades, 8 - K50 magazines, all full, 3 - Light Anti Tank Weapon projectiles, 1 - US fragmentation grenade, 1 - VC local pattern grenade, 226 rounds 7.62 short and 4 sets of webbing. All weapons held in this location.

5. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 81, CP location YS4366.
2. From 210001H to 212400H August 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There were no significant contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period. Operation Smithfield was concluded at 211800H.

a. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) 211745H. A RAAF helicopter received heavy automatic weapon fire from YS493866. The VC, wearing camouflaged green uniforms were engaged and one was seen to collapse. Also a small VC force was observed at YS480824.

(2) 211840H. A FAC observed three people at YS576780. On being spotted by the FAC the people fled into bushes. The aircraft received ground fire on a second run over the area. An airstrike was requested but was not possible due to the weather.

e. - f. omitted.

g. No estimate possible.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) 210730H. A VCS was apprehended at YS440744 by ARVN Commando Coy. Villagers stated that the VCS was in possession of a rifle and a claymore mine on entering the village yesterday. However this is not confirmed. Tomorrow the VCS will be returned to the village under escort for positive identification.

(2) 211115H. YS 508659, 6 RAR found signs on a trail of two to three hundred people, some moving North and others South.

(3) 211300H. 6 RAR found indications of fifty people heading North East along a track at YS509679.

(4) 211415H. 6 RAR found defensive positions, less than 48 hours old at YS514661.

(5) 211430H. Approximately. 6 RAR found a large camp which appeared to have been used as a casualty clearing station within the last two days at YS508678. Fourteen bodies in shallow graves were also discovered.

(6) 211430H. Approximately. 6 RAR found a camp containing forty weapon pits at YS517662. The camp was built some time ago but had been used within the last two days. Tracks from the camp lead East and North East and after 1,000 metres split into numerous tracks.

(7) 210745H. The ARVN 52D Ranger Battalion captured 30 VCS at YS438628. The VCS were evacuated to Sector HQ Baria for interrogation.

4. For the reporting period - 14 VC KIA (BC), 1 VCS. From the 18 August - 245 VC KIA (BC), 3 VCC, 1 VCS.

5. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 82, CP location YS4366,
2. From 220001H to 222400H August 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There were no significant contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) At 221620H. B/5 RAR reported a suspected VC hide at YS462700.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

- (1) At 211418H. A FAC sighted a person dressed in black in a clearing. FAC made a pass to check for weapon and when FAC turned around he headed for bushes. Sighting at YS362801 no weapon sighted.

- (2) At 221424H. At YS362802 an aircraft sighted a trail on edge of a clearing which is part of the West - East trail system used within the last 24-48 hours.

- (3) At 221620H. A FAC sighted a tax collection point at YS463812. 15 people holding up traffic.

- (4) At 221643H. At YS380660 a person crouching by edge of road ran into trees when a FAC passed overhead.

- (5) At 221655H. A FAC sighted the following tracks used by wheeled vehicles in previous 48 hrs. Main track YS369698 to YS354720, sidetracks YS364708 to YS373711, YS360715 to YS363720. Trail then splits, one trail to YS366720 and the other to YS366724.

- (6) At 221825H. A FAC sighted 5 ox carts at YS554636. Carts contained 5 people in all who attempted to hide when FAC flew over.

- (7) At 221740H. FAC sighted approximately 10 foxholes fairly well hidden under trees at YS401736. Artillery engaged, no BDA.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Nil.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

- (1) At 222130H. 5 RAR reported rounds in groups of 2 or 3 landing in YS4060. Total number and type of rounds not known.

4. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change.

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2. From 230001H to 232400H August 66.

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There were no significant contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 231715H. Artillery engaged a suspected VC camp at YS508675 with unknown results.

b. -c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY;

(1) 231110H. An Iroquois helicopter received three single rounds of small arms fire from YS379709. No hits were recorded.

(2) 23 August, afternoon. An aircraft observed a large number of sampans unloading between YS150720 and YS100700. The aircraft also sighted possible bunkers on an island at YS180280 (approximately). Report from 67 Ground Liaison Section, Vung Tau.

(3) 231850H. An aircraft observed two fires in the vicinity of YS512691. No action taken.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Nil.

h. Nil

4. Nil.

5. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change to INTSUM No 78.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 84, CP location YS4366.

2. From 240001H to 242400H August 66.

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There were no significant contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) At 240930HC/6 RAR called for two battery fire missions on YS489675 and YS488691. Both were possible VC locations. No BDA.

(2) At 241620H. B/5 RAR found a one week old camp site for 15 people at YS474706. Contained fire place and evidence of rice.

(3) At 241600H. An APC patrol discovered new tracks toward the West at YS421763 and YS421759. Made by 10-20 people today.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

(1) At 240830H. A FAC sighted the following. Numerous and heavily used fresh foot and vehicle tracks, the majority running North-South, tracks in grid squares YS5567, YS5867, YS5569 and YS5869. Three to four well defined vehicle tracks lead to the Southern area of feature 126 at YS5271 from the South, one track continues North and the others terminate. Approximately 8 abandoned AA/AW pits in paddi bunds at YS5186.

(2) At 241136H. A FAC made the following observations. A well used trail runs from YS217742 to main road at YS246756 then to YS266774 where it can no longer be observed. There was much activity around hut in vicinity YS212732 and YS214737. There were approximately 24 junks on both sides of river at YS212732 to YS215737.

(3) At 241406H. A FAC made the further following observations. Vehicles held up by 2 trees across the road at YS450985. Road dug up, traffic was heading East into rubber at YS429938. There were 25 people heading West at YS430958. Road dug up and vehicles being held up at YS455860. Road dug up at YS462814.

(4) At 241425H. FAC sighted weapon pit reported in INTSUM No 78 para D (1) still at YS377696 with signs of recent movement in this area.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Nil.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) At 240900H. The Phuoc Tuy Province census greivance reported the following. One hard core company hide at YS280690, aim to attack and cut National Route 15 until National Election Day. 3 VC hard core companies hide at the following places and stop people going woodcutting or fishing in these areas YS290760, YS290700, YS310690, YS230740 and YS230720.

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(2) At 240955H. An agent report stated that 1 VC battalion was located at YS590680. ARVN evaluation was B - 3, US evaluation F - 3.

(3) At 241700H. An agent report stated that 200 VC were sighted on the road between YS634654 and YS645657.

(4) At 241930H. Sector HQ reported possible 2 VC companies at YS335634 no time or evaluation given. Arty engaged, no BDA.

4. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change.

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2. From 250001H to 252400H August 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY:

There were no significant contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) 251615H. A Task Force patrol contacted 6 - 10 VC at YS516709 with no results.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

- (1) 251105H. Airstrike against a suspected VC position at YS335634. No BDA.

(2) 251610H. A FAC reported three fresh gun pits, RCL's, at YS28307215. There were numerous signs of recent activity in the area, including ox cart tracks.

(3) 251650H. A FAC observed tunnels, gun positions and trenches at YS513685 and YS516684.

(4) 251805H. An airstrike against suspected VC position at YS516708. No BDA.

e. - f. omitted.

g. Nil.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

(1) 250005H. 'A' Battery observed a light, apparently a flashlight, at approximately YS420680. Approximately 1,000 metres away. The light moved to within 200 metres from A Batteries perimeter and then went out. No result.

(2) 251155H. Task Force elements found a vacated battalion sized position at YS514693 which appeared to have been occupied approximately three days ago.

4. Nil

5. - 7. omitted.

8. (1) 251010H. Reports received by 5 RAR from a civilian sympathiser in Binh Ba, YS4574. The VC 274 Regiment are located at YS3577, in the Hat Dich secret zone.

(2) The VC plan to harass the Duc Thanh operation, drawing friendly reinforcements away from Binh Ba. The VC will launch their main attack against Binh Ba between the 23rd August and 5th September. This information has not yet been evaluated.

9. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change to INTSUM No 78.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No. 86, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 260001H to 262400H August 66.
3. ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no significant contacts with Task Force elements during the period; however US units to the EAST and NORTH EAST found several indications of recent activity in their respective areas.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) Late entries.

- (a) (24 Aug). At YS607738, A/1/26 USMC detained 16 VCS who reported that there were many VC WEST of that location.
 - (b) (250715H) D/1/26 USMC received sniper fire from 2 VC at YS576675. VC fled NORTH WEST along track.
 - (c) (251100H) B/1/503 engaged 6 VC at YS595808. This contact resulted in 2 VCC; one later died of wounds. Preliminary interrogation of the other VC revealed that he was a member of a heavy weapons battalion and that on 22 Aug 66, his company (designation unknown) was located at YS675815 and the battalion HQ was at YS647815.
 - (d) (251330H) A/4/503 found a battalion size base camp which contained 12 bunkers with sleeping quarters at YS544872. The bunkers had not been used for at least 3 days and trails led out on a bearing of 40 degrees. The total number of bunkers in the area was 160.
 - (e) (251415H) B/2/503 contacted 5 VC at YS563734 and C/2/503 contacted one VC at YS558728.
 - (f) (251450H) A/2/503 contacted 3 VC at YS566720. The VC were wearing green uniforms and fled NORTH WEST.
 - (g) (251635H) Elements of E/17 Cav were hit by a command detonated mine at YS458877. One $\frac{1}{4}$ ton vehicle was damaged. The VC force of about 20 then proceeded to fire on the vehicles from both sides of the road. Three US WIA and one ARVN WIA resulted. VC casualties are unknown.
- (2) (261000H) B/5 RAR found 1x44 gallon drum of rice at YS467707. The rice was destroyed.
 - (3) (261030H) A Task Force patrol located a quantity of grenades, mortar bombs, mines, some documents and one ton of rice at YS515694. The rice was destroyed and weapons etc were dumped in a river except for some items and the documents which are to be returned.
 - (4) (261030H) BARIA Sector HQ reported that an ARVN unit had made contact with an estimated VC company at YS510582. A document recovered revealed that there is a VC mainforce camp in the vicinity of YS4866. There were no details of casualties.
 - (5) (261504H) B/5 RAR found blood stains about 24 hours old in the area of an airstrike at YS513706.
 - (6) (261430H) 5 RAR found ox-cart trails heading SOUTH at YS498707. The tracks were about 24 hours old.

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2. PERIOD COVERED: From 270001H to 272400H August 66.
3. ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) (271340H). A/5 RAR found numerous small trails in the area of YS5270. The trails had been recently used by small groups, an estimated total of fifty people. Several ox-cart signs were found but again indicated small numbers.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

- (1) (270650H). An airstrike was launched against fresh gun positions at YS283721. A secondary explosion resulted. No other results known.
- (2) (270823H). A FAC observed a wheeled tractor and one ox-cart at YS551678. No action was taken.
- (3) (270900H). A FAC reported that a field in grid square YS3476 had been freshly planted. It is believed that the VC work the field at night, or when there are no aircraft in the vicinity. Visual reconnaissance has reported increased trail activity in the area during the past week. There have also been sightings of possible tunnels.
- (4) (270951H). A FAC observed approximately two hundred people on the road SOUTH of LONG TAN (YS4865). The people were carrying unidentified loads SOUTH, heading out of the town. At 1110H the FAC observed twenty five people at the same position who appeared to be waiting until our artillery had ceased firing before re-entering LONG TAN. This information was passed to BARIA Sector HQ.

e. omitted.

f. SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS:

- (1) Caused by;

Friendly aircraft at YS283721.

- (2) Type of Ordnance Experienced by friendly aircraft:

Napalm.

- (3) Number of secondary explosions:

One

- (4) Height of cloud column:

Not known.

- (5) Colour of cloud column:

White.

- (6) What type of material was detonated:

Not known. The explosion was described as a large cloud of white smoke, about the same size of a 250 lb GP bomb exploding.

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g. - h. Nil.

4. Nil.

5. - 10. omitted.

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2. PERIOD COVERED: From 280001H to 282400H August 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no significant contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) (280830H). A Task Force patrol contacted 3 VC at YS518856. Results were 1 VC KIA, 2 VC WIA (possible). The VC were moving NORTH, thought to be heading to a vacated company position at YS514661. After contact 2 VC withdrew SOUTH. 2 VC were dressed in black pyjamas while the other was dressed in black shorts no shirt. Weapons were not identified.
- (2) (280910H). A FAC sighted many vehicles and much activity at YS250750.
- (3) (281100H). 5 RAR found a well defined ox-cart trail at YS503693, had not been recently used.
- (4) (281200H). D/5 RAR found a 55 gal drum, 1 weapon pit not recently used and 1 x 75mm RCL round at YS515696.
- (5) (281515H). 5 RAR found a grave 2 months old at YS503684.
- (6) (281515H). D/5 RAR found 10 pits 2-3 days old at YS514692.
- (7) (281515H). 5 RAR sighted 2 trails both heading EAST at YS502688 and YS502690. First one was a well used trail with wheel and foot marks, used in last 5 days.

b. - f. omitted.

g. Nil.

h. omitted.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

| a. KIA by | <u>Confirmed</u> | <u>Possible</u> |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Ground forces | 1 | Nil |

b. Nil.

c. EQUIPMENT DESTROYED OR CAPTURED:

(a) 75mm RCL round.
55 gal drum.

(b) Quantity.

1 x 75 RCL round
1 x 55 gal drum

(c) Country of Origin.

Not known.

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(d) Location where captured.

YS515696.

(e) Enemy unit, if known from which captured.

Not known

5. - 10. Omitted.

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2. PERIOD COVERED: From 290001H to 292400H August 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) (291015H). B/5 RAR found a small enemy camp, 7-10 days old at YS512678.
- (2) (291125H). B/5 RAR found signs of 20 persons moving on a trail during the last 24 hours at YS524674.
- (3) (291205H). 5 RAR found a grave at YS508678.
- (4) (291246H). 5 RAR found numerous enemy installations, two to three months old, in the general area of YS507675 and YS508678. The installations consisted of weapon pits with overhead cover.
- (5) (291245H). A/5 RAR found a large VC installation, two to three months old at YS514663.
- (6) (291700H). A/5 RAR found twelve weapon pits, two rusty 106mm rounds and one grenade at YS511655.
- (7) (291800H). 5 RAR found a small VC installation at YS498658 which had not recently been used.
- (8) (29 Aug). Task Force patrol contacted one VC who was KIA at YS376665. The patrol was being followed by 40 VC in two groups at last communication.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

- (1) (291800H). Visual reconnaissance sighted several diggings at YS490692, possible pits with overhead cover.

e. - h. omitted.

4. a. KIA by Confirmed
Ground forces. 1

b. Nil

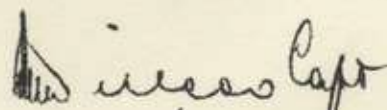
c. EQUIPMENT DESTROYED OR CAPTURED:

- a. 105 mm round
- b. 1
- c. USA
- d. YS511655
- e. NOT KNOWN

5. - 10. omitted.

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1. 1 Australian Task Force INTSUM No 90, CP location YS4366.
2. PERIOD COVERED: From 300001H to 302400H August 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no significant contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.

a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (1) (301020H). B/5 RAR destroyed a large tunnel entrance at YS492658.
- (2) (301027H). A/5 RAR destroyed a tunnel with 2 entrances at YS492655. Two small tunnels were found and destroyed further NORTH of this location.
- (3) (301444H). A/5 RAR destroyed a mortar pit with an ammunition bay and a short tunnel which held containers for 81mm mortar ammunition at YS485640.
- (4) (301500H). 5 RAR destroyed 4 tunnels 50 metres long, 1 tunnel 60 metres long, 1 tunnel 150 metres long and number of emplacements in the vicinity of YS4865.
- (5) (301700H). A/5 RAR found 12 weapon pits, 2 rusty 105mm rounds and a friction type grenade at YS511655.
- (6) (301900H). 5 RAR found small VC installations not recently used at YS498658.

b. - c. omitted.

d. AIR ACTIVITY:

- (1) (301010H). A FAC received 8-10 rounds of ground fire from a semi-automatic weapon at YS349764. FAC received another 8 rounds from the same grid reference at 1050 hours.
- (2) (301150H). A FAC received ground fire during an airstrike at YS349764. FAC saw a man jump into the bush as he was going in to mark the target. During the airstrike FAC received more ground fire and had an explosion under the aircraft.
- (3) (301730H). A FAC noted a large herd of cattle at YS542667. One hundred metres SOUTH of the herd, there was a destroyed hootchie with a large trench along side it and numerous cart tracks. One hundred metres NORTH WEST of the herd there were approximately 15 trenches, 3 metres long and 50 metres SOUTH there were 2 more trenches.

e. - f. omitted.

g. 16 rounds small arms ammunition.

h. OTHER ACTIVITY:

- (1) (301500H). An agent report from Sector HQ stated that at 291830H there was a VC Regiment in vicinity of YS5483, 5783, 5480 and 5780. ARVN evaluation was C - 3, US evaluation was F - 3. Comment. Considered unlikely due to the proximity of 4/503.
- (2) An agent report from Sector HQ stated that, at 261000 hours a VC Battalion was located between YS300720 and 280740. ARVN evaluation was C - 3, US evaluation was F - 3.

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- (3) (301645H). An agent report from Sector HQ stated that 1 VC Regiment and the D445 Battalion were at YS352750 on the 23 August with the intention of attacking 1 ATF in Binh Ba. ARVN evaluation was C - 3, US evaluation was F - 3. Comment. It is considered that D445 Battalion is still located EAST of Interprovincial Route 2 along with 275 Regiment. 274 Regiment could carry out this plan, but in view of Allied forces in the area and VC probable tasks prior to the elections, it is not considered likely that the attack will eventuate in the near future.

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

- a. Nil.
- b. Nil.
- c. (a) 105mm rounds , friction grenade.
(b) 2 x 105 rounds, 1 friction grenade.
(c) NOT KNOWN.
(d) YS51655.
(e) NOT KNOWN.

5. - 10. omitted.

11. - 12. No change.

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2. PERIOD COVERED: From 310001H to 312400H August 66.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD: There were no contacts with Task Force elements during the reporting period.
 - a. GROUND ACTIVITY:

Nil
 - b. - c. omitted.
 - d. AIR ACTIVITY:
 - (1) (311130H). An aircraft observed 15 tunnels in the area of YS543667.
 - (2) During the day a Visual Reconnaissance aircraft observed the following:-
 - (a) Numerous well used foot tracks in the general area of YS3573, 3873, 3478 and YS3878.
 - (b) A heavily used road and trail network connects Route 15 from the area of Phu My (YS2574) with Iner-Provincial Route 2 at YS454860. From Phu My to the 31 Easting, the area is extensively interlaced with wood cutters roads and woodcutting activity.
 - (c) From approximately the 31 Easting to the area of YS3476 there are three well defined trails. One road was followed from this point to where it connected with Inter-Provincial Route 2. Other trails and roads were observed in this area, but their courses were not plotted due to dense jungle.
 - (3) (311640H). An airstrike was launched against an old VC camp at YS514663. Camp reported in INTSUM No 89, paragraph 3 a., item 5.
 - e. - f. omitted.
 - g. Nil
 - h. OTHER ACTIVITY:
 - (1) (311000H). The Police Chief of Baria (YS3861) advised Counter Intelligence personnel that there could be a risk of a VC ambush between Nui Dat (YS4366) and Baria between now and the election on the 11th September 66.
4. - 10. omitted.
11. - 12. No change to INTSUM No 78.

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