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[1-31 Aug 1966]

6 RAR

COMMANDERS DIARY

III CORPS



1 AUG — 31 AUG 66

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ANNEX A



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TO

COMMANDERS DIARY **SIXTH BATTALION**

THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT
DUTY OFFICERS

LOG

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COVERING LETTER

Reference No. INT/CD/366

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

1. I enclose Commanders Diary (AF C 2118) (Adapted) as indicated at Part 2.

2. Please return receipt below

(Signature)

Appointment

(OC Unit or senior staff officer)

AF C 2119 (Adapted)
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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation 6 Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment

From 1st August 1966

To 31st August 1966

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Narrative (AF C 2118)

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PART 3

COMMANDERS DIARIES INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

1. The aim of a Commanders Diary is to provide data on which to base future improvements in Army training, equipment, organization and administration, and to furnish historians with a record of the activities of units and formations in operational and non-operational periods in peace and in war.

GENERAL

2. Entries are to be made daily on AF C 2118 (Adapted) each entry being initialled by the officer detailed to keep it.
3. Commanders Diaries will conform with the rules for drafting orders given in "Staff Duties (Australia)", Chapter 2, Section 12.

RESPONSIBILITY

During Non-operational Periods

4. A Commanders Diary is to be compiled by commanders of all formations.

During Operational Periods (1)

5. A Commanders Diary is to be compiled in duplicate by:
 - a. Commanders of all formations.
 - b. Each branch of the staff at formation headquarters commanded by a brigadier or above.
 - c. Heads of services not below the rank of lieutenant colonel.
 - d. Personal staffs and officers holding special appointments.
 - e. Unit commanders.
 - f. Commanders of a detachment of a unit when so ordered.

COMPILATION

6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:
 - a. Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
 - b. Index as printed on cover.
 - c. Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
 - d. Annexes as shown in the Index.
7. All details of the unit or formation (if a detachment is concerned, the name of the parent unit), period covered and enclosure numbers of the annexes are to be shown on the cover. If there has been a change of command since the last report, the date of assumption by the new commanding officer is to be included.
8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no enclosures for an annex NII will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, starting at B.

for operations form Annex "Z", "TOP SECRET" the document. It is to be prepared and disposed of as

EVENTS

as well as map references), establishment, equipment

and orders given.

the day's fighting, including company movements.

Commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

of potential importance.

of officers, men and equipment.

equipment captured.

employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

and to save work as much information as possible is to be included in documents issued and received, routine returns, etc. All dates and the time of receipt or despatch is to be given.

the annexes, but need not give a precis of any of them.

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DISPOSAL

13. **Original Commander's Diary.** This is to be forwarded monthly, unless otherwise ordered, by the seventh day of the succeeding month direct to AHQ.

14. **Duplicate Commander's Diary.** This must be clearly marked as a duplicate. It is to be sent separately from the original to AHQ one month after the original has been despatched but not before the former has been acknowledged.

15. When overseas, both copies of diaries are to be sent through the Army Records organization in the overseas theatre but at different times.

16. **TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.**

a. The documents referred to in Paragraph 9 together with a list of them made out on AF C 2118 (Adapted) must be placed in separate cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted). All details must be filled in and the cover clearly marked in red: "ANNEX Z — OFFICER ONLY". It may be convenient to group the papers by appendices.

b. Supplementary diaries must be forwarded under the normal rules for TOP SECRET correspondence, to AHQ. The inner envelope must be plainly marked:

TOP SECRET

ANNEX Z to

Commanders Diary of.....(Formation or Unit)

From.....to.....(Dates)

c. The duplicate supplementary diaries must be despatched as shown in Paragraph 14 as soon as receipt of the original has been acknowledged.

COMPILATION

4. Each original and duplicate report are to consist of:

- Diary (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
- Index as printed on cover.
- Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
- Appendixes as in the Index.

5. All details of the work of a detachment or a detachment is considered the same of the period (24), period entered and exclusive numbers of the detachment are to be shown on the Index. If there has been a change of command since the last report, the date of assumption by the new command is to be indicated.

6. The reports are to be submitted to the group shown on the cover. If there are no appendices for the period, the report is to be marked "None". If there are appendices, they are to be marked "Appendices".

For submission to the Army "TOP SECRET" the documents. It is to be prepared and disposed of as

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as well as any information, establishment, equipment

and given.

at the beginning, including company movements, number and name of equipment, books, organization

Initial importance

Officers, men and equipment

must be given

employed in the area and equipment etc. The type of

and to have work on much information as possible is to be given, listed and numbered, names, dates, etc. All and the time of receipt or disposal is to be given.

As required, the report may give a general view of them.

This form is to be enclosed with the annexes in AF-C 2119 (Adapted).

COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C 2118 (Adapted)
Revised Jun, 1965

MONTH AND YEAR August 1966

REFERENCE MAP Pictomap 1:25,000 Sheets 6430 II S 6430 III S

UNIT/FORMATION 6 B.R.

COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col C M Townsend

Place and grid reference	Date	Time (Zone H)	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
NUI DAT 444676	2	0900	Patrol Tasks for period 2/3 Aug issued	Annex(C)Enclosure(1)
NUI DAT 444676	2	1400	Patrol Tasks for period 3/4 Aug issued	Annex(C)Enclosure(2)
NUI DAT 444676	3	1000	Patrol Tasks for period 4/5 Aug issued	Annex(C)Enclosure(3)
NUI DAT 444676	3	1100	Instruction on Enemy 1 ATF issued	Annex(C)Enclosure(4)
NUI DAT 444676	3	1400	Instruction concerning points from Comd 1 ATF's briefing issued.	Annex(H)Enclosure(1)
NUI DAT 444676	4	0900	Patrol Tasks for period 5 - 6 Aug issued.	Annex(C)Enclosure(5)
NUI DAT 444676	5	1130	Patrol Tasks for period 6 -8 Aug issued.	Annex(C)Enclosure(6)
NUI DAT 444676	7	1000	Patrol Tasks for period night 8/9 and 9 Aug issued.	Annex(C)Enclosure(7)
NUI DAT 444676	8	0900	Patrol Tasks for period 9 Aug issued.	Annex(C)Enclosure(8)
NUI DAT 444676	9	0930	Patrol Tasks for period 10 and night 10/11 Aug issued.	Annex(C)Enclosure(9)
NUI DAT 444676	9	1230	Directive concerning Passage of Information issued.	Annex(H)Enclosure(2)
NUI DAT 444676	10	0900	Patrol Tasks for period 11 and night 11/12 Aug issued.	Annex(C)Enclosure(10)
NUI DAT 444676	11	0930	Patrol Tasks for period 12 and night 12/13 Aug. issued.	Annex(C)Enclosure(11)
NUI DAT 444676	11	1600	Forecast of Activities for period 12 to 27 Aug issued.	Annex(C)Enclosure(12)
NUI DAT 444676	12	1000	Patrol Tasks for period 13 - 15 Aug issued.	Annex(C)Enclosure(13)
NUI DAT 444676	12	1445-1515	C.O. visited Comd 1 ATF.	
NUI DAT 444676	13	1130	Instruction re Group 6 Military Skills issued.	Annex(H)Enclosure(3)

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UNIT/FORMATION 6 RAR

COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col C M Townsend

Place and grid reference	Date	Time (Zone H)	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
NUI DAT 444676	13	1300	Directive on Appointment of Officers to Prescribed Corps issued.	Annex(H)Enclosure(4)
NUI DAT 444676	14	0900	Patrol Tasks for period 15 to 18 Aug issued.	Annex(C)Enclosure(14)
NUI DAT 444676	16	0900	Patrol Tasks for period night 16/17 Aug issued.	Annex(C)Enclosure(15)
NUI DAT 444676	16	1430	Patrol Tasks for period 17 Aug and night 17/18 Aug issued.	Annex(C)Enclosure(16)
NUI DAT 444676	16	1500	Instruction on North Vietnamese Army Squad Tactics issued.	Annex(G)Enclosure(1)
YS 477675	18	1540	D Coy's initial contact with 6-8 enemy whilst on a Company Search and Destroy Patrol Operation. At 1610H 11 Pl came under heavy fire and subsequently D Coy was attacked over a $3\frac{1}{2}$ hour period by an enemy regiment of at least two battalions. Subsequent events developed into Operation SMITHFIELD.	Operation SMITHFIELD papers - Annex (N).
YS 477675	19	1000	Comd 1 ATF visited CO during Operation SMITHFIELD and toured battlefield.	
YS 477675	19	1400	Comd 1 ATF together with Col Dat, Province Chief visited area of Operation SMITHFIELD.	
NUI DAT 444676	20	1330	Battalion received congratulatory telegram from Comd US Forces in Vietnam, General Westmorland, for the battalions' action during Operation SMITHFIELD. Other congratulatory telegrams and messages were received.	Annex(I)Enclosure(1)
YS 477675	21	0900	Comd 1 ATF again visited CO during Operation SMITHFIELD.	
NUI DAT 444676	25	1715	From Comd 1 ATF to CO 6 RAR: 5 RAR may have a task tomorrow 26 Aug. C Coy 5 RAR previously detached to XA BINH BA to remain there; Comd does not desire to relieve at this stage. 6RAR to provide a Coy at first light to come under command 5 RAR. (cont)	

6 RAR OPS LOG

Period from 01 2400 H to 01 1010 H

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Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
73	2400	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP to TF - NTR.		
74	0400	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP to TF - 31 2400 H - 01 0400 H - NTR.		
75	0620	D Coy	6 RAR		NTR.		
76	0630	C Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol returning - NTR. Day standing patrol to 449667 out 0700 c/s 31 B. Test firing 1000 - 1100 1400 - 1500 A,B,C, D Ech Aslt Pnr Atk Fl Range may be fired either lines. Will 1 ATF approve only - Armourer.		
77	0702	1 ATF	6 RAR		Air strike now in 5474.		
78	0746	6 RAR	D Coy		Air strike in grid square Murrumbidgee R.30 Up 44660		
79	0716	C Coy	6 RAR		Standing ptl in.		
80	0741	A Coy	6 RAR		Standing ptl fire heard mor fire 5 mins rapid at 2330 & 0230. Bearing to mor 2000 mils. Bearing to rounds 200 mils. Est time of flight 22 seconds.		
81	0828	A Coy	6 RAR		Observer posn 451682.		
82	0835	6 RAR	1 ATF		MORTREP A Coy BGR 451682. C. Purny 20000 mils grid secondary 200 mils grid D. 2330 & 0230 fol approx 5 mins.		
83	0944	S 9	6 RAR		Sunray C/S 62 to meet him at the new loc C/S 62 is to go.	Passed to C/S 62	
84	0957	D Coy	6 RAR		Strength + 23		
85	1000	C Coy	6 RAR		S P has sighted one VC in black and wearing a coolie hat, 500m due east of their posn - they are keeping him under observation. (Adjt and OC Sp informed)		
86	1010	C Coy	6 RAR		Now 2 men, crouching, observing. FOC wants to call down mor fire Clearance given 1017. Approx GR 446665.		

6 RAR OPS LOG

Period from 01 1042

H

to 01 1200 H

Sheet No 8

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
87	1042	C Coy	6 RAR		Now 3 enemy bearing 2100 m from SP.		
88	1052	6 RAR	B Coy		Locstat to B Coy SP GR 451675		
89	1054	-	-		Mor fire stopped. No further observation seen. S P returning to call sign 3 loc.		
90	1102	6 RAR	A, B, D Coys		C Coy will send platoon fighting ptl to sweep Bn front to depth approx 500 metres. Out through A Coy 1500 hrs, in through D Coy 1800 hrs, A and B Coy day SP's to be withdrawn by 1445. No change to ni standing ptls. The message was passed to A, B, D Coys and TF. Also FC notified Aslt Pnr, 1 Fd Sqn also notified.		
91	1123	D Coy	6 RAR		Sitrep. Located 2 bodies at GR 511683 in paddi field. One freshly covered with earth. Sandal marks in location. Other was in water 10 yards away. Had Garrand rifle No 2532821 plus 90 rounds of ammunition. M 26 grenade VS type belt, water bottle, black plastic shelter, tied to belt. Rifle damaged by arty fire. Items buried- dress - black shirt, black trousers no hat and sandals. Body left in water as it had already decomposed. The other body not uncovered. Located enemy camp at GR 490696, 4 Basha huts and trenches with overhead protection. 2 tons of salt in one hut, indication of rice being polished in this loc:- salt destroyed. Small portions of enemy have returned to this loc in groups of 1 and 2. Sandal tracks seen no sign of reoccupation in force. Old camps located GR 485705(Cou size) GR 487697 (pl size) GR 497695(Coy size) C/s RTU this loc approx 1530 H. C/s to move at 1630 H RTU 021400H. Kills credited to C Coy by OC Sp Coy.		
92	1200	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP- 01 0800 H to 01 1200 H- Enemy 1000 H C Coy standing patrol sighted 3 enemy at approx GR 446665. Mortar fire engaged enemy, results unknown. No further observation. Standing patrol returned to base posn. DFCoy found 2 VC bodies GR 511683 posn of C Coy contact of 25 1330 H. Ground rifle No 2532821 and 9 rounds of ammunition. One M 26 grenade. Located enemy camp at GR 490696, 2 tons of rice destroyed. Old camps located GR 485705(coy size) 487697(pl size) 497695 (coy size) Own tps NTR. Admin NTR. Enemy camps at least 12 months old.		

6 RAR OPS LOG

Period from 01 1540 H to 02 0650 H

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Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
93	1540	D Coy	6 RAR		Reported shot from area of GR 535680. Nearest c/s to firing, about 2000 metres. Asked for arty fire. Air clearance given at 1552 H		
94	1600	D Coy	6 RAR		Advised that friendly 'foxholes' were within 500 metres of C/S 4. Target could not be fired.		
95	1655	D Coy	6 RAR		Locstat Amazon L 1 Up .7 (500687)		
96	1655	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP. 1200 H to 1600 H. D Coy reports approx 2 coy size camp at GR 51370, not used for 12 months. Fla size camp GR 515696 not used last 12 months. Single shot heard from GR 535680 at 1420 H. Heard again at 1640 H. Own tps NTR Admin NTR		
97	1605	6RAR	1 ATF		Locstat to C/S 4 sent to TF (XBZBSQ)		
98	1720	D Coy	6 RAR		Saw smoke at GR 487684 requested FOSSUM to investigate-nearest tps 1000 m SE.	Passed to 1 ATF D Coy Advised.	
99	1850	FAC	6 RAR		REPORT on suspected smoke at GR 487684 - negative.		
100	1930	C/S 32 B	6 RAR		Standing patrol 44376660 - time in 02 0615 hrs.		
101	1945	C/S 33 A	6 RAR		Standing patrol GR 450674		
102	2050	6RAR	1 ATF		SITREP 5 - from 01 1600 H to 01 2000 H. Enemy at 1720 hrs D Coy saw smoke at GR 487684 - our investigation by FAC gave nothing to report. Own sit locstat Dcoy WMTOKA C/S 23 A ORXFBI C/S 32B NZEC FAWB. C Coy patrol report. Signs of movement of approx 7 pers area 454668 probably today. Signs of approx 2-3 pers moving area 441664 probably yesterday. It is possible to see into 1 Pd Sqn area from 590m from ESE.		
103	0010	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP 6. From 01 2000 H to 02 0001 H. Details of C Coy report	To 1 ATF by phone	
104	0400	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP 1. From 01 2400 H to 02 0400 H - NTR.		
105	0650	C Coy	6 RAR		Clearing patrol found tracks of 2 men and a dog having come right up to the wire in front of 7 platoon position during night.		

6 RAR OPS LOG

Period from 02 0715

H

to 02 1052 H

Sheet No 10

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
106	0715	D Coy	6 RAR		Reference patrols moving back on track.:- AMAZON L 2.0 Up 0.6 WATTLE R 2.5 D 3.0 GUM D 4.5 R 1.0 Eucalyptus d 5.0 Fig d 5.0 L 1.0 Patrols will return by C/S 1,2,3,4, locations late this morning or early this afternoon.	GR 490686 GR 465670 GR 460655 GR 450650 GR 440650	
107	0745	A Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol at GR 450684.		
108	0755	A Coy	6 RAR		Requested permission to use SA range between 0900 - 1000 hrs	Checked Maj Passey & TF.	
109	0816	D Coy	6 RAR		Strength + 23.		
110	0840	D Coy	6 RAR		Loc 12 pl WATTLE R 4 D 1.4. 10 Pl ELM R 2.5 D 3 All others GUM R 3 D 2.8 - Have 2 civ captured GR 490673 - 1 male 1 female		
111	0850	D Coy	6 RAR		Have questioned the civilians - they come from the SOUTH - they are harmless and we have let them go and sent them back SOUTH.		
112	0930	D Coy	6 RAR		Warning of B Coy firing M79 between 1000 - 1100.		
113	0935	D Coy	6 RAR		12 Pl YARRA L2 Up .7 - 11 Pl WATTLE L 1.5 D 3. - 10 Pl GUM R .8 D 3.5 D Coy and 9000 CHQ L 1.7 D 4.		
114	1010	C Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol GR 451671		
115	1015	B Coy	6 RAR		Standing Patrol GR 451676		
116	1020	5 Pl	6 RAR		Test firing 1030	TF Coy ECH & Mor not.	
117	1030	D Coy	6 RAR		6 Females GR 453663 all with bananas heading WEST to WAN LONG Age 15 - 30 All had papers.		
118	1040	D Coy	6 RAR		6 females released.		
119	1052	D Coy	6 RAR		Approaching base loc. 2000 pl 1000 x SE of Loc. 10 Pl WATTLE D 3 R 0.5 moving SW to D Coy area. 11 pl loc GUM 1 1 D 4.		

6 RAR OPS LOG

Period from 02 1100 H to 02 1625 H

Sheet No 11

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
120	1115	C Coy	6 RAR		2 VC sighted by standing patrol GR 451671 800 m from patrol bearing 1850 mils.		
121	1120	D Coy	6 RAR		Reported C/S 4,41 & 43 returned to loc.		
122	1125	D Coy	6 RAR		Reported 10 pl 1000 m south of coy loc.		
123	1130	B Coy	6 RAR		Reported 4 pl return to loc.		
124	1145	D Coy	6 RAR		Reported 11 pl now in coy loc.		
125	1210	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP 3. from 02 0800 H - 02 1200 H- enemy- at 1115 H C Coy standing patrol reported 2 armed VC at GR 453671, called net be engaged at fire due to presence of elements of VC in area. 1125 H D Coy reported a ea clear & enemy engaged by mor fire results unknown. Standing ptls at A Coy Herring Up 0.4 B Coy TUNA R 0.1 D 0.4 C Coy SALMON R 0.1 D 0.9 C/S all in base loc now.		
126	1220	C Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol shifting loc to GR 44850675 at 1230 H.		
127	1400	5 Pl	6 RAR		Reported moving now.		
128	1511	5 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat R 0.6 U 0.6		
129	1533	C Coy	6 RAR		Moving now.		
130	1550	5 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat COD R 1.3 L 0.8		
131	1558	9 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat PIRAHANA L 0.2 D 2.		
132	1620	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP = from 02 1200 - 02 1600. Enemy NTR. Own sit. Standing patrols C/S 1,2,3 no change others ptls. 5 Pl GR 463688 9 Pl GR 453660.		
133	1625	5 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat COD R 2.1 U 1.0 471690 --		

6 RAR OPS LOG

Period from 02 1653

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to 02 2001 H

Sheet No 12

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
134	1653	C Coy 9 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat BREAM R .1 D 3.1 451640		
135	1740	9 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat BIRD D 3.5		
136	1800	Arty Net	6 RAR		9 Pl has a contact	TF informed	
137	1805	9 Pl	6 RAR		Contact-no details. 451643 3 x VC - Local.		
138	1810	Arty	6 RAR		Black - coolie hats. VC casualty, i wounded in arm - moved N 1st moving E then N. Own ptls followed 200 m - VC moving fast.		
139	1811	6 RAR	1 ATF		A - contact. B 02 1745 H. C 451643. D 3. E Local - dressed in black- white coolie hats. F 1 WIA - beleived arm. G EAST when fired seen then fled north. Followed up for 200 m. En moved fast and platoon stopped due to having to resume immediate task.		
140	1835	5 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat 47356940. Stopped at this location - not received given position for task - not very suitable - will move in after last light.		
141	1838	A Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol tonight c/s 13 A at 449681 - on company net.		
142	1846	3 Pl	6 RAR		20 enemy sighted by 9 pl at 450635. Enemy seen 200 metres to 9 Pl front on bearing 3200 mls. Enemy headed west. Want to fire R3437. Passed to 1 ATF.		
143	1905	C Coy	6 RAR		Location of 9 Pl GR 450632. Enemy location 450628.		
144	1912	9 Pl	6 RAR		VC have moved WEST - sweep of area engaged by arty fire continuing.		
145	1923	9 Pl	6 RAR		Sweep revealed no trace - contact broken and patrol returned to original patrol area. Engaged suspected withdrawal route GR 435633.		
146	2000	9 Pl	6 RAR		Contact report. A 02 1840 H. B 450635. C 20 VC sighted moved to WEST from 450632. D unknown Black with coolie hats. Some with packs. Some weapons sighted but type could not be identified E. Failing light prevented enter search of contact area. No bodies or weapons found in area search. F En moved to WEST. G. No en fire observed. Enemy observed by patrol, it is thought enemy did not see patrol.		

6 RAR OPS LOG

Sheet No 13

Period from 02 2001

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to

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Serial	Date/ Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
147	2001	9 Pl	6 RAR		Location now 451638		
148	2035	9 Pl	6 RAR		Sighted light bearing 4600 mils - appear to be parachute flares.		
149	2050	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP. from 02 1600 H to 02 2000 H . Enemy contacts as given by contact reports. 02 1745 H at GR 451643 and 02 1840 H at GR 450635. Own situation patrols locstats - 5 Pl GR 473694 9 Pl GR 451638. Admin Nil.		
150	2228	-	-		1 x SA shot. Ech thought mortars. Mortars thought WEST of them D & C Coys thought NORTH of them. No 1 sentry thought from 5 RAR.		

6 RAR OPS LOG

Period from 03 0001

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to 03 ¹¹¹⁵~~2400~~ H

Sheet No

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Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
1	0005	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP. 02 2200 H to 02 2400 H - NTR.		
2	0025	-	-		1 x SA shot. Seemed to be A Coy area. CSM A Coy checking 3 Pl area. OC A Coy to check in morning.		
3	0400	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP. 02 2400 H to 03 0400 H - NTR.		
4	0725	5 Pl	6 RAR		Location 473686		
5	0730	9 Pl	6 RAR		Location 449636.		
6	0745	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP. 2 . 03 0400 H to 03 0800 H - NTR.		
7	0750	D Coy	6 RAR		Patrol out 03 1400 serial 5 and 8 is 11 Pl.	OC Sp to be informed.	
8	0803	B Coy	6 RAR		Mor DF shoot. Ground clearance obtained from A & C Coys.		
9	0812	C Coy	6 RAR		33 A 449634. 9 Pl 445634.		
10	0823	C Coy	6 RAR		33 B 445632.		
11	0825	5 Pl	6 RAR		Location 475685- NTR . No sightings, only old tracks that have not been used for some time.		
12	0833	9 Pl	6 RAR		Location 443636.		
13	0845	C Coy	6 RAR		Want to blow 6 x M79 gren outside 7 pl - 1000 hrs.	1 ATF - OK C Coy -OK	
14	0848	5 Pl	6 RAR		Location 477686.		
15	0852	A Coy	6 RAR		Ref shot at 0025. OC A Coy reports from 5 RAR area.		
16	0855	C Coy	6 RAR		33 B Location 44306295.		
17	0904	9 Pl	6 RAR		Location 437035. Remaining in that location until notify this c/s.		
18	0958	C Coy	6 RAR		C Coy advises Ptl for N1 03 - 04 C/S 31.		
19	1035	5 Pl	6 RAR		Location 483685		
20	1105				A Coy obtained clearance for Mor DF at GR 451681 - 5 RAR & B Coy notified. B Coy Standing Ptl at 451675 notified. Air clearance obtained for 10 mins from 1115hrs - Mors fired.		
21	1115	9 Pl	6 RAR		Moving now.		

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Period from 031115 H to 1555 H

Sheet No 2

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
22	1125				Mortar shoot finished TF advised. 5 RAR advised.		
23	1150	5 Pl	6 RAR		Located 478693		
24	1200	9 Pl	6 RAR		Located 441647		
25	1200	9 Pl B	6 RAR		Located 444647		
26	1200	9 Pl C	6 RAR		Located 451651		
27	1210	A Coy	6 RAR		Request for permission to throw grenades at 1400. TF advised	Permission given	
28	1217	5 Pl	6 RAR		Located 474690		
29	1220	A Coy	6 RAR		A Coy Ptl on 4 Aug 66 - C/S 11		
30	1250	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP to 1200 - NTR		
31	1325	5 Pl	6 RAR		Located 478683. There for 29 mins. Returning about 1500 hrs		
32	1335	6 RAR	A & D Coy		A & D Coy Ptl's cancelled		
33	1335	9 Pl	6 RAR		Located 442642. Completed task and are returning.		
34	1400	9 Pl	6 RAR		Located 443645		
35	1400	9 Pl B	6 RAR		Located 438646		
36	1400	9 Pl C	6 RAR		Located 436650		
37	1430	D Coy	6 RAR		Ambush Ptl C/S 42 A for 04 Aug 66.		
38	1430	9 Pl	6 RAR		Located 442653		
39	1430	9 Pl B	6 RAR		Located 449654		
40	1455	9 Pl, 9 Pl B 9 Pl C, 9 Pl A	6 RAR		Located 447664		
41	1520	7 Pl	6 RAR		Reported moving out.		
42	1533	9 Pl	6 RAR		Permission to move in given		
43	1555	C Coy	6 RAR		C Coy report approx 20 people to front of their standing Ptl C/S 31 near that loc - However 31 warned of possible enemy in area.		

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Period from 1555 H to 032400H H

Sheet No 3

Serial	Date/ Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
44	1556	5 Pl	6 RAR		Reports back in normal location		
45	1558	7 Pl	6 RAR		Located 455673		
46	1631	7 Pl	6 RAR		Located 466674		
47	1706	7 Pl	6 RAR		Located 472675		
48	1708	7 Pl	6 RAR		Located 475674		
49	1844	C Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol GR 44936706. Ni Location		
50	1900	A Coy	6 RAR		No standing patrol night 3/4 Aug - Patrol 4 Aug - Patrol 4 Aug cancelled (due to no return of R&C platoon)		
51	1940	7 Pl	6 RAR		In position now		
52	1950	B Coy	6 RAR		4Pl B Coy standing patrol 450676		
53	2000	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP 5 (.) 031600H to 032000H (.) NTR		
54	2225				COs sitbrief deferred from 0800hrs to 0900hrs		
55	2400	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP 6 NTR		

6 RAR OPS LOG

Period from 04 0001 H to 04 1347 H

Sheet No 1

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
1	0140	1 ATF	6 RAR		1 ATF asked if we had been firing mortars - negative.		
2	0400	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP NTR.		
3	0700	B Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol today GR 452675		
4	0722	C Coy	6 RAR		7 Pl Locstat GR 471670		
5	0742	10 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat GR 453658		
6	0800	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP 2. Enemy- NTR -own troops, administration	Sent 0830	
7	0815	C Coy	6 RAR		Standing Patrol 44956715		
8	0820	A Coy	6 RAR		105mm blind located within A Coy perimeter. Pioneers notified.		
9	0844	7 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat Orange R 1.4 D 0.4		
10	0855	10 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat Orange D 2.3 R 0.1		
11	0946	7 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat 554664.		
12	1000	10 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat 458642		
13	1042	7 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat 458663		
14	1107	10 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat 4665		
15	1136	10 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat 459655		
16	1140	7 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat 457664		
17	1200	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP 3 NTR		
18	1240	7 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat 459660		
19	1241	10 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat 459655		
20	1250	6 RAR	7 Pl		Warned 7 Pl and 10 Pl that they were 500 metres apart. 7 Pl was 500 metres due NORTH of 10 pl.		
21	1309	11 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat 463645.		
22	1331	7 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat 453654.		
23	1330	D Coy	6 RAR		Ambush patrol for the night of 4 Aug will not leave until 1500 due to change in pl commander.		
24	1347	11 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat 455638		

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Period from 04 1405 H to 04 1630 H

Sheet No 2

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
25	1405	11 Pl	6 RAR		Apprehended 8 civilians, more coming. One has ID Card	What to do.	
26	1406	11 Pl ⁹	6 RAR		Locstat Apple R 0.5 R 0.5 455638		
27	1413	11 Pl	6 RAR		Told to bring back to this location all males of military age and ensure that they are all blindfolded.		
28	1423	11 Pl	6 RAR		Shot one enemy who was running away from them.		
29	1427	11 Pl	6 RAR		Male enemy aged 23 years ran away. Shots were fired over his head. He took evasive action and was shot. VC is badly wounded but his life could be saved with aerial evacuation. Locstat 455635.	Informed TF	
30	1436	1 ATF	6 RAR		TF was given information that VC was wounded in stomach, litter case, urgent.		
31	1442	11 Pl	6 RAR		VC died of wounds, 11 Pl told to bury him in location and bring back ID card		
32	1445	11 Pl	6 RAR		Enemy from 11 Pl, enemy not dead. Rang TF and asked for a dustoff.		
33	1447	11 Pl	6 RAR		Enemy died.	Notified TF, details	
34	1500	7 Pl	6 RAR		Reported that they had returned to base location.		
35	1505	B Coy	6 RAR		Notified TOC that their patrol from 6 Pl would be leaving late.		
36	1514	11 Pl	6 RAR		Reports that they have 2 males and one suspected VC		
37	1550	11 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat Apple D 2.0 R 0.1		
38	1552	11 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat Orange D 1.5 R 0.6		
39	1557	6 RAR	11 Pl		Notified 11 Pl that they were 500 metres from C/s 42 A to NE		
40	1620	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP 4 from 04 1200 H to 04 1600 H. Enemy. A patrol from D Coy killed one suspected VC at GR 455635 apprehended 3 suspected VC and are bringing them to my location. Captured enemy will be sent by vehicle to TF. Own troops NTR. Admin NTR		
41	1626	11 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat Orange D 1.2 L 0.2		
42	1630	6 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat Apple Up 0.5 R 1.9		

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Period from 04 1650 H to 04 2400 H

Sheet No 3

Serial	Date/ Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
43	1650	11 Pl	6 RAR		Approaching D Coy location in 10 mins.		
44	1657	11 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat D 3.6 L 0.7		
45	1700	11 Pl	6 RAR		Permission to close down		
46	1835	6 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat 475687		
47	1930	-	-		S & T Convoy to depart 05 1100 hrs	Ech informed	
48	1940	B Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol C/S 21 A 452675		
49	2015	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP 5. 04 1600 - 04 2000. Enemy. Suspected VC who was killed at GR 455635 was found to be carrying a grenade. Own troops patrol in position at GR 443630.		
50	1945	B Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol moving to location. Think they have seen movement		
51	1945	6 Pl	6 RAR		6 Pl in location 477678		
52	2000	9 Pl	6 RAR		C Coy standing ptl GR 44936715		
53	2010	-	-		A & D Coys do not have standing patrols out tonight.		
54	2015	B Coy	6 RAR		Report nothing further seen or heard by standing patrol.		
55	2400	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP. 04 2000 H - 04 2400 H. NTR		

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Period from 05 0400 H to 05 1550 H

Sheet No 1

Ser ial	Date/ Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
1	0400	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP. from 04 2400 H to 05 0400 H NTR		
2	0739	6 Pl	6 RAR		Location NTR on last night's activities.		
3	0754	D Coy	6 RAR		In location- closed down.		
4	0806	6 Pl	6 RAR		In location - closed down		
5	0845	A Coy	6 RAR		Require clearance for firing on range 1300 - 1400		
6	0847	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP 2 from 05 0400 to 05 0800 H. Enemy - NTR Own sit. patrols proceeding as programmed.		
7	0850	-	-		Standing Patrol B Coy - 452 675 (22A) C Coy - 449667 (31) D Coy - Nil		
8	0905	8 Pl	6 RAR		8 Pl - Loc GR 446665		
9	0906	D Coy	6 RAR		Locstat GR 448661		
10	0930	A Coy	6 RAR		C/S for patrols :- 10/8 c/s 42 A. 11/8 c/s 42. 13/8 c/s 43.		
11	0950	C Coy	6 RAR		Informed of range clearance.		
12	0955	8 Pl	6 RAR		10 Women picked up by standing patrol, to be sent to the civil		
13	1107	8 Pl	6 RAR		Affair 1 ATF		
14	1156	8 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat STATE R 2.9 Up 0.5		
15	1225	6 RAR	1 ATF		Locstat GR 448652		
16	1235	8 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat GR 444654		
17	1313	8 Pl	6 RAR		SITREP 3 from 05 0800 H to 05 1200 H. Enemy - 10 suspects forwarded to 1 ATF. Own sit. current locstat of patrol GR 444654		
18	1343	8 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat 444 654.		
19	1400	8 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat GR 441656		
20	1445	1 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat GR 445662		
21	1530	11 Pl	6 RAR		8 Pl in location of D Coy - close down.		
22	1550	11 Pl A	6 RAR		Moving out.		
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					Moving out.		

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Period from 05 1600 H to 05 2400 H

Sheet No 2

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
22	1600	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP 4. from 05 1200 H to 05 1600 H. Enemy NTR. Own sit 1 Pl GR 453679. 11 Pl GR 456673. C/s 42 A GR 448664. 2 Pl moving out.		
23	1640	11 Pl A	6 RAR		Locstat GR 450669 - found fruit in basket from C Coy.		
24	1645	1 Pl	6 RAR		Back in location of A Coy.		
25	1650	2 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat GR 449661		
26	1803	11 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat GR 477678		
27	1906	C Coy	6 RAR		Standing Patrol GR 449666.		
28	1955	11 Pl	6 RAR		Location GR 480677.		
29	2009	5 Pl A	6 RAR		Standing Patrol Location GR 449676.		
30	2010	-	-		Single shot heard from 'A' Echelon.		
31	2020	A Ech	6 RAR		Maj O'BRIEN - the shot was an AD fired near the orderly room. However no one will own up to it. I will investigate in the morning.		
32	2021	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP .		
33	0010	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP NTR.		

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Period from 06 0001 H to 06 1210 H

Sheet No 1

Ser ial	Date/ Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
1	0201	B Coy	6 RAR		Heard movement to their left and right and dogs barking. Movement could be personnel.	Warned A, C & D Coys	
2	0402	6 RAR	6 RAR		SITREP. As 0201 otherwise NTR.		
3	0630	11 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat GR 475673.		
4	0715	11 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat GR 464670		
5	0735	11 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat GR 456669		
6	0750	C Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol 449671 C/S 32 B in position.		
7	0820	B Coy	6 RAR		Standing ptl GR 453674		
8	0825	D Coy	6 RAR		Standing Patrol GR		
9	0827	A Coy	6 RAR		Standing Patrol GR 450681		
10	0900	B Coy	6 RAR		C/S 21 A - leaving base location.		
11	0920	5 RAR	6 RAR		C/S 43 (12 Pl) Locstat GR 439642. Details required of time, place and method of air ground attack demo 6 RAR area R Request from 5 RAR to hold blowing arty shell A Coy 6 RAR loc (due to blow 0930 hrs). A Coy informed to hold. R	Maj PASSE informed	
12	0935	12 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat GR 437635. Report LONG PHOUC completely deserted.		
13	0940	6 RAR	A Coy		Given clearance to blow arty shell in location.	All coys notified 1 ATF notified by wrts.	
14	1000	B Coy	6 RAR		Locstat C/S 21 A 416672.		
15	1015	1 ATF	6 RAR		Aircraft straffing GR 3877 in 5 mins. Well out of area	NFA	
16	1020	12 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat 45056345.		
17	1115	B Coy	6 RAR		C/S 21 A - 2 females (one very old with ID card) one very young picked up at GR 408667 -	Maj PASSEY ordered release.	
18	1132	12 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat GR 452649.		
19	1205	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP from 06 0800 H to 06 1200 hrs -One enemy NTR. Two patrols as in patrol programme- two civilians apprehended 408667. released. Locstats 12 Pl 452649. C/S 21 A 408667. Three NTR		
20	1210	B Coy	6 RAR		C/S 21 A two civilians sighted WEST of big feature moving EAST Lost sight of civilians who had moved out of area of patrol.		

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Period from 06 1216

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to 06 2005 H

Sheet No 2

Ser ial	Date/ Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
21	1216	12 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat GR 446643		
22	1220	B Coy	6 RAR		C/S 21 A Locstat 404 663.		
23	1350	B Coy	6 RAR		Locstat GR 409668. Completed task, returning.		
24	1445	B Coy	6 RAR		C/S 21 A re-entered 1 ATF base area - IRONSIDES location.		
25	1510	B Coy	6 RAR		C/S 21 A Close down. 12 Pl Locstat GR 443642, returning to this loc.		
26	1525	B Coy	6 RAR		C/S 22 A Locstat GR 457657.		
27	1550	12 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat GR 438652		
28	1555	5 RAR	6 RAR		5 RAR query on fire onto one of their patrols GR 444685 from our A Coy - checked with A Coy through firing could not be our fire onto patrol		
29	1620	12 Pl	6 RAR		Returned to this location and requested permission to close down. Permission granted.		
30	1630	B Coy	6 RAR		C/S 22 A apprehended 2 male civilians GR 452645 - informed to take to road point WEST and release.		
31	1710	B Coy	6 RAR		C/S 22 A passed 'Moneybox'. This cannot be applicable as 22 A had been ordered to release the civilians.		
32	1715	6 Pl	6 RAR		Leaving now.		
33	1805	5 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat 448636.		
34	1810	6 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat 453668.		
35	1835	C Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol C/S 32 B Locstat 453668.		
36	1905	B Coy	6 RAR		C/S 22 A. Position as ordered not suitable, moved to posn 150 yards SW.		
37	1910	B Coy	6 RAR		C/S 22 A. Cancel southernmost DF - Arty info.		
38	1920	A Coy	6 RAR		Standing Patrol. C/S 11 A GR 450630.		
39	1950	6 Pl	6 RAR		In location 200yds WEST of my original location		
40	2000	6 RAR	B Coy		Patrol E 6 Pl. C Coy standing patrol is situated to be 200 metres NORTH of your location. They will move back at 0605 Hrs. 6 Pl is not to move until 0630 hrs (Similar message passes to C Coy standing patrol by C Coy.	
41	2005	b Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol 449675.		

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Period from 06 2025 H to 06 2400 H

Sheet No 3

Serial	Date/ Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
42	2025	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP 5. 06 1600 H to 06 2000 H. Enemy - NTR Own situation -Patrol locations C/S 22 A GR 44496354. 6 Pl GR 453666 Admin Nil.		
43	2203	S3	6 RAR		Maj HANNIGAN for Maj PASSEY Commander prefer demo air strike take place for both Battalions, Air liaison officer <u>not</u> visit Maj PASSEY 7 Aug 66. Demo postponed 10 days - 2 weeks.	Info Maj PASSEY	
44	2400	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP 6. 06 2000 H to 06 2400 H - NTR.		

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Period from 07 0001 H to 07 1418 H

Sheet No 1

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
1	0400	5 RAR	6 RAR		Please notify OC - C & D of O Group at 5 RAR BHQ at 0830 hrs.		
2	0403	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP 1 - 06 2400 H - 07 04000 H - NTR.		
3	10620	C Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol now in base.		
4	0630	6 Pl	6 RAR		Moving back to base.		
5	0645	B Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol Location 453675.		
6	0702	A Coy	6 RAR		Standing Patrol Location 449681. There will be no Standing Patrol tonight		
7	0703	6 Pl	6 RAR		Back in base loc - closing down.		
8	0736	Atk Pl	6 RAR		Commencing patrol.		
9	0745	B Coy	6 RAR		C/S 22 A Loc stat GR 446660		
10	0807	B Coy	6 RAR		C/S 22 A asked us to inform D Coy that 22 A was about to move through their location - passed.		
11	0815	B Coy	6 RAR		C/S 22 A in D Coy location - requested permission to close down	Granted.	
12	0820	Atk Pl	6 RAR		Locstat 457656		
13	0843	Atk Pl	6 RAR		Locstat GR 455652.		
14	0945	Atk Pl	6 RAR		Locstat asked for - no change.		
15	1042	Atk Pl	6 RAR		Locstat GR 461643		
16	1123	Atk Pl	6 RAR		Reported 2 women - one aged 60 +, the other about 6 only, plus a bullock cart; I ordered their release.		
17	1215	Atk Pl	6 RAR		Locstat GR 452668		
18	1216	Atk Pl	6 RAR		Asked for verification (out of their area)		
19	1217	Atk Pl	6 RAR		Locstat GR 452650.		
20	1245	A Coy	6 RAR		To conduct range practice as from 1400 hrs - B, C, D, Adm Sp Coy	Informed.	
21	1418	Atk Pl	6 RAR		Locstat GR 447660.		

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Period from 07 1538 H to H

Sheet No 2

Serial	Date/ Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
22	1538	Atk Pl	6 RAR		Locstat GR 447663		
23	1542	Atk Pl	6 RAR		Approaching D Coy.		
24	1810	C Coy	6 RAR		Unable to meet patrol programme for tonight - No patrol from C Coy	Maj PASSEY informed . Concurred.	
25	1950	B Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol GR 451676		
26	2400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 6 NTR		

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Period from 080001

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to 082400H

Sheet No 1

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
1.	0400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 1 - 072400-080400H - NTR		
2.	0800	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 2 - NTR		
3.	0900	1 ATF	6 RAR		Mor H & I Tasks All cleared		
4.	1000	A Coy	6 RAR		A Coy requested permission to use range from 1000 - 1200hrs & 1300 - 1500hrs. TF notified approval only for 1000 - 1100hrs and 1400 - 1500hrs	5 RAR notified	
5.	1200	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 3 - NTR		
6.	1425	A Coy	6 RAR		A Coy notified they would stop firing 1430hrs to allow B Coy Ptl to move out. Unable to notify 5 RAR.		
7.	1445	B Coy	6 RAR		Moving out now.		
8.	1450	6 RAR	All Coys		C/s 22B ptl moving out		
9.	1502	5 Pl	6 RAR		Requests, C & D Coy be notified that ptl will be passing their locs. in 45 minutes	Coys notified	
10.	1554	A Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol tonight will be at GR 449681. C/S 12A.		
11.	1612,	5 Pl B	6 RAR		Reported in D Coy Location after patrol. Wish to close down		
12.	1633	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 4 - NTR		
13	1740	Atk Pl	6 RAR		Moving out now.		
14	1750	"	6 RAR		In area designated to us now GR 446664.		
15.	2010	"	6 RAR		To clear areas D Coy Loc E to W on route in from patrol Loc.		
16.	2105	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 5 - NTR		
17.	2400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 6 - NTR		

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Period from 090001

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to 091724

Sheet No 1

Ser ial	Date/ Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
1.	0400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 1 - NTR		
2.	0620	A Coy	6 RAR		Patrol for today C/S 11		
3.	0735	1 Pl	6 RAR		Moving Now		
4.	0807	B Coy	6 RAR		Patrol will move out through B Coy at 0900hrs then via GR 448665 - 453675 - 453684 & in through A Coy at approx 1100hrs C/S 22B		
5.	0829	1 Pl	6 RAR		Location GR 460664		
6.	0915	5 Pl	6 RAR		Moving out through B Coy Loc.		
7.	0931	1 Pl	6 RAR		Location 466684		
8.	0946	5 Pl	6 RAR		Location 451665		
9.	1042	1 Pl	6 RAR		Location 468684		
10.	1046	5 Pl	6 RAR		454675 Location		
11.	1118	5 Pl	6 RAR		Moving in through A Coy now.		
12.	1125	1 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat no change		
13.	1240	Mor Pl	6 RAR		C/S for patrol will be 88		
14	1330	1 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat 469678		
15	1430 1430	Mor Pl	6 RAR		Returned to Loc Permission to close down		
16.	1430	1 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat No change		
17,	1530	1 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat no change		
18	1600	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 2 - NTR.		
19	1620	1 Pl	6 RAR		Moving back to loc		
20	1700	1 Pl	6 RAR		ETA 1715H		
21.	1715	1 Pl	6 RAR		Part of C/S in C/S 1 Loc Remainder coming by parallel route.		
22.	1724	1 Pl	6 RAR		Back in location C/S 1 now.		

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Period from 091903

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Sheet No 2

Serial	Date/ Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
23.	1903	5 RAR	5 RAR		D Coy will depart BINH BA at 1200hrs by APC & will be home for lunch	CQ D Coy informed	
24	1912	A Coy	6 RAR		Standing Ptl GR 448682 C/S 12A		
25.	2000	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No5 - NTR		
26							
26	2100	97	6 RAR		97 close down until 100600H		
27.	2400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 6 - NTR		

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Period from 100001

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to 1425

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Sheet No

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Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
1.	0400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 1 - NTR		
2.	0615	A Coy	6 RAR		C/S of patrols 21/8 - 12A & 22/8 is 13A		
3.	0648	A Coy	6 RAR		Wish to send ambush out at 1330hrs	Permission granted	
4.	0814	2Pl	6 RAR		Leaving now		
5.	0818	B Coy	6 RAR		Ptl along Bn front out B Coy 0900 in A Coy 1100hrs. C/S 21 request permission to throw grenade at 1000hrs	TF notified Coys notified	
6.	0820	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 2 - NTR		
7.	0845	2 Pl	6 RAR		Location GR 454680		
8.	0855	1 ATF	6 RAR		TF request our MO to hold sick parade at TF at a time convenient to him, as MO from TF is with 5 RAR on assist to civilians.	MO advises will be available at 1000hrs	
9.	0900	4Pl	6 RAR		Moving now		
10.	1035	4 Pl	6 RAR		In c/s 1 location		
11.	1100	2Pl	6 RAR		Location 457662		
12.	1122	4 Pl	6 RAR		Back in C/S 4 loc. Close down		
13/	1200	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 3-NTR		
14.	1215	D Coy	6 RAR		Approaching Bn Area now. Task completed. Reverting to Bn Comd		
15.	1228	D Coy	6 RAR		In base Loc Now		
16.	1330	Aslt Pmr	6 RAR		Wanted to fire M60 on fixed lines 1400hrs to test atcs. Permission not given due to A Coy ptl moving in area.		
17.	1345	2 PlA	6 RAR		10 villagers at GR 462651 working in paddy. Told to ignore them if every thing appears normal and continue patrol		
18.	1405	2 Pl A	6 RAR		Kept villagers under observation. NTR. moving now.		
19.	1425	3 Pl A	6 RAR		Reported firing to their left. Locstat C.S 600m sth C/S 4 C Coy CP report that the firing is in front of their posn. 13A told to hold in their present Loc until source of firing determined		

6 RAR OPS LOG

Period from 1430 H to 2400 H

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Serial	Date/ Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
20	1430	2 PlA	6 RAR		Lt Short reports shots out to front. Not his sentries. Pl standing to. Fired 2 shots at a dog 13A informed & told to continue patrol C Coy area stood down.		
21.	1440	2 PlA	6 RAR		Location 449666		
22	1450	6 Coy	6 RAR		Capt Harris & 1 OR returned to Area from OP HOLDSWORTHY		
23.	1520	2 Pl A	6 RAR		Approaching D Coy Loc		
24	1617	3 Pl A	6 RAR		4 Adults 15 children & Large heard of cattle at GR 446664		
25.	1625	3 Pl A	6 RAR		Told to search people, check ID cards and if satisfied move people out of area.		
16.	1630	3 Pl A	6 RAR		People released and told to "go home".		
17.	1722	3 Pl A	6 RAR		Located Gr 453643		
18.	1755	3 Pl A	6 RAR		Firing at least 500x SOUTH of loc - SA and MG fire. Same location, No Action Ordered as above. TF informed.		
19.	1843	3 Pl A	6 RAR		Located GR 450634		
20	1922	Mor Pl	6 RAR		C/S for patrol 88.		
21.	1935	3 Pl A	6 RAR		In position		
22.	2020	3 Pl A	6 RAR		Loc 200 metres NORTH of designated position GR 45326361		
23.	2030	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep - NTR		
24.	2130	1 ATF	CO		6 RAR to have a Coy (B Coy) on call as from 110630H as reaction force if SAS require assistance. Hel are to be on standby on road rear of 5 RAR loc. If activated a platoon of D Coy will be over C Coy area		
25.	2235	1 ATF	6 RAR		SAS moving by vehicle to LZ KANGAROO 110500H		
26	2256	3 Pl A	6 RAR		Light to rear my loc. To SOUTH approx 500x		

6 RAR OPS LOG

Period from 110001

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to 111325

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Sheet No 1

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
2.	0415 0725	6 RAR 3 Pl A	1 ATF 6 RAR		n Sitrep 1 NPR Have detained male with buffalo cart. He has ID card. Told to record name, age address and release directing him out of the ares.		
3.	0810	A Coy	6 RAR		Standing Ptl 451679(C/S 11A) Ptl 23/8 will be C/S 13 out 0900hrs		
4.	0814	3 Pl A	6 RAR		Location GR 449646		
5.	0828	B Coy	6 RAR		Standing Ptl GR 450675		
6.	0840	Mor Pl	6 RAR		Locstat GR 459654		
7.	0845	6 RAR	A Coy		Day patrol to remain out as long as possible to get maximum value from ptl time		
8.	0846	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 2 NPR		
9.	1847	3 Pl A	6 RAR		Location GR 451655		
10.	0919	3 Pl	6 RAR		Moving now		
11.	0930	3 Pl A	6 RAR		Reached C/S 4 loc.		
12.	0952	Mor Pl	6 RAR		Contacted 5 persons 1 male 4 females suspected another man ran off to the EAST. Did sweep of area but found no sign. All have ID cards. Continuing search. Location 463643		
13.	1015	3 Pl	6 RAR		Location 457677		
14.	1115	3 Pl	6 RAR		Location 465671		
15.	1230	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 3 - NPR		
16.	1205	A Coy	6 RAR		Test firing 1400	5 RAR & ATF notified	
17.	1215	Mor Pl	6 RAR		Came upon multitud of civilians and cannot convey ID cards have to be produced, What do you suggest	Search and find an ID card & show them	
18.	1220	Mor Pl	6 RAR		All civilians have ID Cards		
19.	1250	3 Pl	6 RAR		Location 470672		
20.	1325	Atk Pl	6 RAR		Range reference Test firing of 106mm	Advised this not possible	

6 RAR OPS LOG

Period from 111325

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to 111845

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Sheet 2 2

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
21.	1340	6 RAR	B Coy		Advised B Coy of their approval to withdraw Pl from C Coy loc as from 121000hrs		
22.	1350	3 Pl	6 RAR		Contact report at GR 472674. Enemy strength unknown. Pl pinned by automatic fire. withdrew. B Coy standing Pl reported fire on its position - presumably from this contact.		
23.	1405	1 Pl	6 RAR		Now leaving C/S 1 Loc.		
24.	1415	3 Pl	6 RAR		Sitrep. Recce area around point of contact. En dress black Fired on with automatic weapons. Own tps - No cas. En - possible 1 KIA. En str approx section and withdrew to the NORTH Contact lost with En.		
25.	1425	1 Pl	6 RAR		Departing C/S 4 loc now Contact report sent to 1 ATF.		
26.	1510	1 Pl	6 RAR		Located Mars Right 2.2 Down 0.4		
27.	1512	Mor Pl	6 RAR		Back in location now.		
28.	1525	1 Pl	6 RAR		Apprehended the following at previous GR - One girl, one woman one boy, NONE were of military age so all were allowed to go.		
29.	1600	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep NTR.		
30.	1601	1 ATF	6 RAR		Report from 1 ATF - Mortaring of BARIA		
31.	1602	1 Pl	6 RAR		Apprehending 16 Vietnamese. None of military age - allowed them to proceed. GR 442645.		
32.	1605	3 Pl	6 RAR		Located Red Up 1.2 right 1.1		
33.	1645	3 Pl	6 RAR		Now in C/S 1 posn.		
34.	1650	1 Pl	6 RAR		Apprehended 17 more civilians scrounging around buildings GR 442642. Informed them to move on.		
35.	1720	1 ATF	6 RAR		Report from sector, 485670 Susp VC Bn, 490650 Susp VC Coy 489627 Suspected VC Coy loc. FAC searching area		
36.	1845	1 Pl	6 RAR		C/S 11 in loc GR 441631		

6 RAR OPS LOG

Period from 111845

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to 112400

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Sheet No 3

Serial	Date/ Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
37.	2000	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 5 NTR		
38.	2010	1 P1	6 RAR		In position now		
39.	2100	4 P1	6 RAR		Mortar heard bearing 2600mils at distance of 3500metres	Passed to 1 ATF	
40.	2120	1 P1	6 RAR		Mortar heard bearing 3900mils at distance 2-3000metres	Passed to 1 ATF	
41.	2126	C Coy	6 RAR		Light shining 2-300yds off our perimeter. Unable to contact D Coy	"	
42.	2252	1 ATF	6 RAR		Flares will be fired a couple of times during the early hours of tomorrow morning (times not known) from are HL (HOA LONG)		
43	2310				Intercept from MILTON TIMING to 1 ATF - Info on en activity this afternoon - estimate 1 x VC Regt as they were hit by 1 Mor Coy with 81mm mors - 20 cas sustained - everything quiet at 2000hrs (PHU MY)		
43.	2400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No6 NTR		

6 RAR OPS LOG

Period from 120001

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to 2,900 H

Sheet No 1

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
1.	0405	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP No 1 NTR		
2.	0619	1 P1	6 RAR		Moving out now		
3.	0645				A shot has been heard from in front of A Coy It was A Coy standing patrol shooting a dog. One dog killed, one escaped.		
4.	0743	A Coy	6 RAR		A Coy patrol will be C/S 19.		
5.	0804	1 P1	6 RAR		Have apprehended 5 civilians collecting wood at GR 439642. Have sent them off in a westerly direction.		
6.	0820	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 2 NTR		
7.	0825	A Coy	6 RAR		Standing Ptl GR 450681 (C/S 13A)		
8.	0835	B Coy	6 RAR		Standing Ptl GR 452675		
9.	0900	1 P1	6 RAR		Location GR 440658		
10.	0905	1 P1	6 RAR		Approaching C/S 4 Loc now		
11.	0915	19	6 RAR		C/S 19 si to ptl both areas allotted to A Coy to ptl today		
12.	0930	19	6 RAR		Location 412670		
13.	1115	19	6 RAR		Location 402677		
14.	1300				Radio monitor. VC Regiment massing at 290750		
15.	1330	19	6 RAR		Located 430679		
16.	1408	B Coy	6 RAR		B Coy Test firing in a few minutes	TF unable to be cont.	
17.					Atk Ptl tonight cancelled - No Ptl's tonight		
18.	1450	19	6 RAR		Location 428680		
19.	1520	19	6 RAR		In o/s 1 loc close down.		
20	1608	Pos 9	6 RAR		Back at Eagle Farm with Sheldrake.		
21.	1700				Monitor. Est 1 VC Coy Loc 537643. US Eval F3		
22.	1900				Monitor. From Phum My. VC Bn (believed to be the one that attacked Phum My last night) now spread over following areas 290740, 290690, 290710. ARVN eval B2	IO Notified	

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Period from **121900**

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to **122400** H

Sheet No **2**

Serial	Date/ Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
23.	1922				Monitor. Intercept Milton Timing -, 1ATF. Additional to previous info - now strength 2 Bns - HQ loc at (290710) ARVN & US evaluation B2		
24.	1935	A Coy	6 RAR		Standing Patrol C/S 13A located at 44906805		
25.	2020	D Coy	6 RAR		Automatic small arms fire heard. 3300mils from D Coy - Approx 500-1000metres distance.		
26.	2400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 6 NTR.		

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Period from 130001

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to 131225

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Sheet No 1.

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
1.	0714	B Coy	6 RAR		Located 429682		
2.	0725	1 ATF	6 RAR		Request 1:25000 ptl traces at all time as we have no 1:50000 maps.		
3.	0845	A Coy	6 RAR		Standing Ptl GR 44906805 (13A) Cancelled.		
4.	0855	B Coy	6 RAR		Location 425682		
5.	0900	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep 2 - NTR		
6.	0940	B Coy	6 RAR		Location 406679		
7.	1028	B Coy	6 RAR		Location 400678		
8.	1035	B Coy	6 RAR		In waiting loc - Any orders		
9.	1035	6 RAR	B Coy		Harbour there, have meal & be prepared to move in 25 mins.		
10.	1037	6 RAR	1 ATF		B Coy in harbour at GR 398685		
11.	1120	6 RAR	B Coy		Move now as planned		
12.	1125	B Coy	6 RAR		There is a sick soldier in this loc with a temp of 103° & rising and a pulse rate of 128 and rising. Sgt BLACKWELL advised immediate removal of soldier. Possum despatched at 1127H. Medical staff standing by.		
13.	1150	D Coy	6 RAR		From Maj SMITH. Listening post has reported hearing Vietnamese voices near his perimeter wire. Patrol going out to investigate by doing a sweep through area.		
14.	1155				Possum returns with casualty.		
15.	1200	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 3 sent		
16.	1210	69 Poss	6 RAR		LONG PHUOC has 200-300 bullocks & about 60 persons.		
17.	1217	69 Poss	6 RAR		There are approx 15 persons & several bullock carts moving NORTH to LONG TAN and 2 or 3 small groups of persons, heavily laden going SOUTH from LONG TAN		
18.	1225	69 Poss	6 RAR		As over flying LONG TAN aircraft radar homing device picked up radio transmissions from base of NUI DAT at GR 486674 Suggest Arty h & I		

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Period from 131225

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to 131655

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Sheet No 2

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
19.	1240	B Coy	6 RAR		Location C/S 21 - 402672 Location C/S 2 - 393677		
20.	1255	D Coy	6 RAR		Patrol has returned. Tracks indicate two persons came near perimeter wire, pick bananas and then go towards LONG PHUOC No persons seen.		
21.	1255				Monitor. ARVN eval B2, US eval F3. There are three hard core VC Coys located at the following Grid Reference :- YS 290760 290700, 310690, 230740, and 230720.		
22.	1305	CO	B Coy		Your objective is confirmed.		
23.	1320	B Coy	6 RAR		Location 392672.		
24.	1325	CO	B Coy		Movement rate is too slow move faster.		
25.					Monitor. VC Coy of strength 200 at GR450600 and guerillars from Long Dien & Long Phuoc at GR 443630. US eval F6		
26.	1400	B Coy	6 RAR		Locstat C/S 21 - 405665 Locstat C/S 2 - 386668		
27.	1402	CO	B Coy		Give est of time to cross creek	Answer 1 Hour	
28.	1435	CO	B Coy		From CO. In view of time, should speed up operation or prize will be lost. Suggest your half callsign moving through Posn A. Continue as discussed and establish block at 394655 Your group could then move from present Loc southwards. Restd. Visibility may help you.		
29.	1445	B Coy	6 RAR		Location 407661		
30.	1505	1 ATF	6 RAR		C/S 3 from 5 RAR in 30min		
31.	1640	B Coy	6 RAR		Location 394655 Also at same loc. C/S 61 Elements C/S 62 and Half C/S 22. Remainder C/S 22 Loc 400656 C/S Loc 401658 C/S 23 Loc 368666	Passed to 1 ATF	
32.	1655				CO airborne to observe B Coy operation. CO landed to converse with OC B Coy to clarify his air observations		

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Period from 131655

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to 1324000 H

Sheet No 3

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
33.	1810				Monitor. From 1 ATF to 5 RAR. Report by FAC (.) at GR 467776 observed 6 persons, male and female in black filling in hole (.) Hole 4ft x 2ft x 4 ft (.) Bottom of hole lined with boards (.) Digging hastened when aircraft made second run.		
34.	1815	CO	6 RAR		Returning Base location		
35.	1930	B Coy	6 RAR		Location C/S 21, 22, 23, - 394658. Remainder 391659 but will move after dark		
36	1950	6 RAR	B Coy		Your operation tomorrow is to be as discussed with Sunray (.) Arrangements will be made for rations to be delivered about mid-day		
37	2020	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 4 Sent		
38	2013	B Coy	6 RAR		600 metres NORTH of the loc we gave for C/S 23, 21, 22A - we are on the main feature we checked today and we have only just reached our final harbour.		
39.	2038	1 ATF	6 RAR		Lights have been reported at base of hills in B Coys direction Can they see them	From B Coy- Cannot see any lights but a lot of fireflies	
40.	2050	1 ATF	6 RAR		Possums tied up on other priority jobs tomorrow and its unlikely we will get one at all. We can bid for a HUEY for the re-sup	(2IC & OC Sp notified - no further action till morning)	
41	2400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 5 NTR		

6 RAR OPS LOG

Period from 140001

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to 140745 H

Sheet No 1

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
1.	0101	1 ATF	6 RAR		Request clearance to fire on 440630, 443635, 445630.	Permission granted	
2.	0400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 1 NTR.		
3.	0555	B Coy	6 RAR		Sitrep (2.) NTR		
4.	0630	B Coy	6 RAR		Contact 2 VC details later	(1 ATF informed)	
5.	0635	B Coy	6 RAR		(A) 140625H (B) 395660 (C) 3 (D) Not Known (E) Thought One hit (F) Remainder 2 moved to creek line at that Grid reference. Not known where they are. C/S 23 searching creek line and are where men seen to fall. Helicopter checking area.	Report passed to 1ATF	
6.	0655				Possum 7 continuing with own task - Possum 3 in Sp C/S 2		
7.	0715	B Coy	6 RAR		Located 1 En dead & 1 wounded in creek line at GR of contact. Neither armed. 3rd person fled across paddy to NW. Chances of catching remote. Not sure whether VC or civilians. Party ran away as soon as C/S23 moved to apprehend C/S 23 then opened fire.		
8.	0718	B Coy	6 RAR		Request Dustoff of En wounded. Informed dustoff not used for VC or VN Nationals. Possum proceeding GR 395661 to casevac En wounded.		
9.	0723	B Coy	6 RAR		Request possum to move their interpreter to C/S 23 loc. Sunray C/S 23 thinks interpreter may be able to get info as to loc of rest of En party.		
10.	0725	6 RAR	B Coy		Informed will have to use casevac possum if anything.		
11.	0735	B Coy	6 RAR		Rat + 64. Delivery point and time to be notified		
12.	0745	B Coy	6 RAR		Wounded VC evac by Albatross. Suggest interpreter interrogate ASP for info on party that ran off. Neither killed or wounded member carrying ID cards or any other docs. Body buried.		

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Period from 140745

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to 141400 H

Sheet No 2

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
13	0755	B Coy	6 RAR		C/S 23 still investigating creek line in area of contact - found 2 tunnels which they are checking - details to follow - C/S 2 will carry out task as ordered by Summary commencing now.		
14.	0810	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 2 sent		
15	0811	B Coy	6 RAR		3 groups of rations required, -73, -71, & +8 (27 - 29 + 108 total 164) Also require HUTHELL C/S 2 to org hot meals for tonight.		
16.	0840	1 ATF	6 RAR		VC - WIA is in Op theatre still - has not been interrogated - unlikely to get any info to day	B Coy informed	
17.	0855	CO	B Coy		The target still seems to be in the area of the GR I gave you but there may be a displacement of up to 200metres SOUTH		
18.	0900	1 ATF	6 RAR		No change in target location	CO & B Coy notified,	
19.	0902	1 ATF	6 RAR		Prelim investigation appears to indicate that people contacted by B Coy were draft dodgers from HOA LONG	B Coy notified	
20.	0915	1 ATF	6 RAR		Inquired whether 6 RAR had any ptls other than B Coy	Answer negative.	
21.	0939	6 RAR	B Coy		Can you give any indication of time of airdrop	No answer Will advise	
22.	1117	B Coy	6 RAR		Search completed (.) No En or sign found, very old campsite 4 Huts GR 389664 Loc CS 2, 61, 62 + $\frac{1}{2}$ of 21, + $\frac{1}{2}$ of 23 GR 388664 C/S 21, 23 GR 389664, C/S 22A GR 398665 Remaining in this loc action to take FIRMLY		
23.	1200	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 3 (.) NTR.		
24.	1253	6 RAR	B Coy		Did you receive resupply? Answer Yes		
25.	1342	B Coy	6 RAR		Reference time pick up. Proposed time 1630hrs proposed place GR 429662.		
26.	1350	6 RAR	B Coy		Time and place approved. Will send 1 truck + 5 Land Rovers with trailers. You will have to make 2 trips.		
27.	1355	B Coy	6 RAR		Located GR 397666		
28	1400	B Coy	6 RAR		Reported choppers dropping smoke then firing very close to them		

6 RAR OPS LOG

Period from 141400

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to 142400 H

Sheet No 3

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
29.	1401				Checked with AV control - choppers were extracting SAS near this area. Gun ships in attendance and probably fired in support of extraction.		
30.	1405	B Coy	6 RAR		Reported estimated time of arrival at pick up point correct.		
31.	1420	1 ATF	6 RAR		Fire received from hut on choppers - hut set on fire	(refer above)	
32.	1455	B Coy	6 RAR		Location 405664		
33.	1458	B Coy	6 RAR		Request pick up time changed to 1600hrs	(Okayed)	
34.	1520	B Coy	6 RAR		Have found people & bullocks at GR 410656. Request advice	(Let them go)	
35.	1602	B Coy	6 RAR		Located 427656		
36.	1618	B Coy	6 RAR		At Pick up point GR429662		
37.	1645	B Coy	6 RAR		All C/S back in Loc		
38.	1645	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 4 NTR		
39.	1700				Intercept 5 RAR to 1 TF. (A) Contact (B) 141645 (C) 496714 (D) 3 (E) Unknown (F) Unknown (G) Still searching. We have lost 1 KIA, searching for 16. Request DORTOFF stand by.		
40.	2005	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 5 Sent		
41.	2400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 6 NTR		

6 RAR OPS LOG

Period from 150001

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to 152010 H

Sheet No 1

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
1	0405	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 1 NTR		
2.	0730	42	6 RAR		Moving out now		
3.	0923	42	6 RAR		Location 466668		
4.	1045	42	6 RAR		Location 478678		
5.	1107	B Coy	6 RAR		Test firing 1400hrs - 1500hrs	1 ATF Advised	
6.	1159	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 3 NTR		
7.	1200	42	6 RAR		Location 478682		
8.	1209	1 ATF	6 RAR		At GR 494693; clearing in jungle & 44 gallon drum seen		
9.	1359	42	6 RAR		Location GR 485676		
10.	1400	A Coy	6 RAR		Test firing in 5 minutes	1 ATF Advised	
11.	1405	6 RAR	42		Check locstat - too far EAST		
12	1425				From G/S 2 (5 RAR) APCs contacted 4 VC GR 435715		
13	1510				From G/S 2 (5 RAR) Previous contact 5 or 6 VC dressed in black carrying rifle heading NE direction; after APC fired moved WEST, engaged by Arty fire. Recognised as locals		
14.	1552	XXXXXX 42	6 RAR		Location 477670		
15.	1600	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep 4 NTR		
16	1612	42	6 RAR		Request policy on shooting dogs	CO advise all dogs shot	
17.	1628	42	6 RAR		Location 460667		
18.	1705	42	6 RAR		In base loc new.		
19.	1720				Monitored (.) From national police (.) Arvn evaluation C2 - US F3. 1 VC Bn at YS 485670 of 11 Aug 66. Agent Report. Evaluation ARVN B2 - US F3 at 121330H 2 VC Bns located at centre of mass - Co-ord 290710. Identified as the 265 & 605 Bns.		
20.	2010	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 5 (NTR)		

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Period from 152010

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to 152400

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Sheet No 2

Serial	Date/ Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
21.	2400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 6 NTR		

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Period from 160001

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Sheet No 1

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1.	0400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 1 (NTR)		
2.	0730	A Coy	6 RAR		Moving New		
3.	0800	A Coy	6 RAR		Location 454690		
4.	0825	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 2 Sent		
5.	0830	B Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol GR 451675		
6.	0837	A Coy	6 RAR		Location GR 458694 in column to 453689		
7.	0900	A Coy	6 RAR		Location 460695		
8.	0931	A Coy	6 RAR		At 462695 abandoned overnight on 2 day halt position in bamboo platform found approx 100lbs salt & what appears to be 20 lbs TNT		
9.	0950	6 RAR	5 RAR		A Coy location 460695.		
10.	1010	A Coy	6 RAR		Location 464696 following fresh tracks of small party going in our general direction		
11.	1030	A Coy	6 RAR		Location 470696		
12. 1209	1109	A Coy	6 RAR		Location 476697		
13.	1134	A Coy	6 RAR		Location 477697		
14.	1200	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 2 Sent		
15.	1210	A Coy	6 RAR		Location 483695		
16.	1236	11-12 XX	6 RAR		Location 483693 XX C/S 11 to follow		
17.	1244	A Coy	6 RAR		C/S 11 Location 482698		
18.	1307				From 5 RAR (.) GR 464787 VC party moving EAST 0755H		
19.	1308	A Coy	6 RAR		Location No change		
20. 1345	1345	A Coy	6 RAR		Location 483693 (Stationery)		
21.					Location 11 GR 483697		
					Location 12 GR 482692		
					Location 13 GR 483690		

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Period from 161345

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Sheet No 2

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
21.	1420	C Coy	6 RAR		C/S for next patrol will be C/S 31		
22.	1422	A Coy	6 RAR		Has found a track running EW at GR 483681. They are following the track Westwards and suspect that it will lead to a Standing patrol		
23.	1432	A Coy	6 RAR		Reference last message WRONG. GR now GR 483690		
24.	1520	A Coy	6 RAR		CONTACT at GR 483690 - further details follow.		
25.	1521	A Coy	6 RAR		Moving now C/S 31.		
26.	1530	A Coy	6 RAR		Company CONTACT report (A) Contact (B) 161510H (C) GR 481686 (D) 2 (E) Wearing greens - no hats (F) No casualties - appears to be carrying a claymore mine (G) Original direction NE - fired on by C/S 13 at 60 yards. VC withdrew NORTH	Passed to DO 1 ATF	
27.	1535	A Coy	6 RAR		Ref last message, Returned fire with automatic weapon.		
28.	1540	A Coy	6 RAR		Contact 479693 Details later.		
29.	1543	A Coy	6 RAR		Contact 483693 Details later.		
30.	1545	A Coy	6 RAR		Contact Report (A) Contact (B) 161525 (C) 479693 (D) 6 (E) Not known (F) 1 WIA (poss)		
31.	1646	A Coy	6 RAR		Contact Report (A) Contact (B) 161537H (C) 483693 (D) 3 (E) wearing green (F) Nil (G) NE.		
32.	1550	311000	6 RAR		Location 460654		
33.	1555	A Coy	6 RAR		Ref 2nd contact report (G) SOUTH		
34.	1605	A Coy	6 RAR		Ref 2nd Contact report (E) Main Force wearing greens carrying packs and bandoliers carrying M1 Rifle (Rifle Captured) (G) 1 WIA - captured - Main party (1WIA) withdrew SOUTH - one blood trail going EAST being followed - this party was originally moving WEST (1WIA) poss.		
35.	1608	A RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 3 Sent.		
36.	1615	A Coy	6 RAR		Ref contact 3,1 KIA (BC) 1 WIA but escaped one wpn captured.		

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Period from 161615 H to 162400 H

Sheet No 3

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
37.	1742	A Coy	6 RAR		VC reported as WIA (captured) now dead 1 KIA (BC)		
38	1645	31	6 RAR		Location 458652		
39	1647				From Maj HANIGAN for Maj PASSEY (.) There will be a requirement for a section to be provided from 6 RAR to man the roadblock in Area. (This is situated in A Coy 5 RAR area) from 0800 hrs Thursday to last light Friday.	5 RAR	
40.	1738	31	6 RAR		Location 455638 and will be in this loc for some time.		
41.	1755				Intercept 1 ATF (.) 1 VC Bn 5 kilos NE of BIN GIA. 2 Recon missions were flown - neg result. Reported to MEDCAP team by US advisor.		
42.	1828	A Coy	6 RAR		Sitrep No 1 (.) (A) 462695 100lbs salt 20 lbs TNT in cache near old harbour position. All destroyed (.) 481686, 2 VC fired on withdrew - NORTH 1 poss WIA (.) 479692, 6 VC fired on (2 WIA) 1 WIA died of wounds, 1 poss WIA escaped (.) 484693, 2VC fired on 1 KIA, 1 WIA escaped 2 wpns (One Old One New) 2 grenades, qty of ammo, food, clothing, eqpt captured (.) documents & dress indicate regular VC (.) dress - some greens, some blues, generally a mixture (.) documents indicate 1 KIA has been learning learning to fire a mortar (.) Considerable amount of jamming has been experienced this C/S on alt locstats 484693 (.)		
43.	31 1923	31	6 RAR		In position now.		
44.	1940				A Coy advised nearest elements 5 RAR located GR 478719.		
45.	2030	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 4 (.) Sent		
46.	2235 2400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 6 NTR.		

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Period from 170001

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to 170725 H

Sheet No 1

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
1.	0250				Mors coming in from general area to EAST of C Coy. Continued till approx 0315 hrs. Ordered Mor Pl to fire tgt Cl and MFC at C Coy to sweep area of squares 4667 & 4668. Arty fired initially in square 4767 and then searched area by firing CB targets. No rounds landed in Bn area. No Casualties		
2.	0350				Arty HF to EAST continues		
3.	0410				Maj Smith reported that he believes a gun fired 3 rds towards end of mor firing. Gun was from approx 1500 mils.		
4.	0410				Sitrep (1) Sent		
5.	0435				OC D Coy (.) "During last bombardment (friendly) mortars were heard firing at a bearing of 1450 mils. Shots landed 6 - 800 metres SE of my posn"	(1 ATF info through Arty net)	
6.	0450	CO	B Coy C Coy		B Coy to patrol and search area 466674 - 465680 out 0630 hrs C Coy to provide one platoon patrol to search area 416658 This patrol will move in APC. Patrol can to report TOC 0630 hrs. This patrol cancels patrol previously going to Sector 53.		
			31		C/S 31 is to search area 447658 to 448663 on way back from night ambush. (Warning but not Reference has been given to patrol)		
			A Coy		A Coy is to continue patrol as planned.		
7.	0603	A Coy	6 RAR		Sitrep (1) A number of mortars fired from an area in the vicinity of GR473680 - 465665. Mortars were firing from at least three different positions and there were at least two tubes from each loc. Est number of bombs fired = 100		
8.	0620	D Coy	6 RAR		Two rifle shots heard from the direction of Engrs about 3 min ago		
9. 0622	0626	31	6 RAR		Moving Now		
10	0631	B Coy	6 RAR		Moving Now		
11.	0700	33	6 RAR		Moving Now		
12.	0715	33	6 RAR		Location 414657		
13.	0725	B Coy	6 RAR		Location 455671		

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Period from 170725

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to 170933 H

Sheet No 2

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
14.	0730	C Coy	6 RAR		Bearings of mortars firing last night 1500mils and 2200mils		
15.	0730	A Coy	6 RAR		Location C/S 12, 482705, Remainder GR 485692		
16.	0735	A Coy	6 RAR		Location C/S 31, 4566		
17. 0800	0800	33	6 RAR		Location Green R 1.5 D 0.5		
18.	0801	1 ATF			Reported that 1 Fd Sqn RAE heard at approx GR 438658 a loud hailer and speaking Vietnamese. C/S advised and will check area.		
19.	0810	B Coy	6 RAR		B Coy have found a base plate position at GR 459671. We are checking area to try to establish the number of people involved. A heavy track leading NE from the area. Base plate mark seems confirm 81 mm Mor was used.		
20.	0815	33	6 RAR		Location 420660		
21.	0820	B Coy	6 RAR		5 Mor were found from the posn - wpn pits for 35 men - track in from NNE - request further instructions.		
22.	0830	31	6 RAR		Have checked area given for voices - nothing found - moving into my loc.		
23.	0837	A Coy	6 RAR		Location 488687, C/S 13, 483698.		
24.	0837	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 2 Sent		
25.	0855	33	6 RAR		Found no trace of Mor position. Am having a look at area south of my loc 414657		
26.	0905	33	6 RAR		Location 418655		
27.	0911	33	6 RAR		Location Black R1.95 D .3		
28.	0920	A Coy	6 RAR		Sitrep No 2 485692, 1 garand wpn found & set basic eqpt. 487687 2 x attap huts well concealed NOT recently occupied. 487686 well defined track almost road running EAST- WEST. Foot traffic during last 48 hours. Location C/S 1 less C/S 12, 488687, C/S 12 not known due to radio failure. Est 485696		
29.	0933	C Coy	6 RAR		Enemy blind 81mm behind 8 Pl - behind B Coy, TOC 44516701 tail fin only.		

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Serial	Date/ Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
30	0936	B Coy	6 RAR		Location 461675		
31;	0941	C Coy	6 RAR		From C/S 33 . In Bn area now.		
32.	0952	6 RAR	1 ATF		From tail units found 82mm Mortar.		
33.	1011	B Coy	6 RAR		We are still in general area of last locstat given. Tracks split at this point, 1 track goes EAST and the other NE. I will follow EASTERN track with ym C/S less C/S 22 . C/S 22 will follow NE track. We have just sighted porter group of 4 woman going SOUTH but could NOT apprehend.		
34.	1033	B Coy	6 RAR		Taken 3 females with ID cards - have been picking fruit and have released them. Now pushing on.		
35.	1050	B Coy	6 RAR		Have checked EAST track. It seems to break into several smaller tracks and peters out after doubling back on itself. Intend to move back to follow NE track.		
36.	1056	CO	B Coy		Agree that you follow NE track with whole C/S.		
37.	1100	6 RAR	B Coy		C/S 33 is moving out to a position about 400metres SOUTH of en base plate loc to try to find 75 RCL posn.		
38	1107	A Coy	6 RAR		Have extracted info from docs captured. There is a list of names and units. At least one of the KIA was from 0.982 and his Comd in BARIA is NGUYEN VAN UT. One of people on list is from unit C/187. Loc C/S 1 + 12, 487688.		
39	1115	A Coy	6 RAR		Location C/S 11 & 489687 Location C/S 13 Not known - estimate 486685		
40	1124	B Coy	6 RAR		Location 461673. Have struck what appears to be the main track again running NE from this location.		
41.	1132	33	6 RAR		Moving out now,		
42.	1147	B Coy	6 RAR		Have moved 100 metres NORTH of previous location - track turns EAST goes 250 metres across padi and dissapears in to scrub - still following it.		
43.	1149	6 RAR	A Coy		From CO - regroup now and anticipate orders to move WEST.		

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Period from 171149 Aug H to 171325 Aug

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Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
44.	1150	33	6 RAR		Location 452663		
45.	1152	CO	A Coy		Regroup and move to vicinity of 463695. Let us know ETA at new loc. (Passed to B Coy)		
46.	1202	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 3 Sent.		
47.	1208	B Coy	6 RAR		Location 462676. At this stage the track joins a well defined track heading SOUTH. We are now checking about 200 metres each way to see if there are any tracks heading east. There are a lot of fresh tracks on the track heading SOUTH.		
48.	1210	33	6 RAR		Location 458665		
49.	1215	B Coy	6 RAR		En track turns EAST 40 yds SOUTH of last loc.		
50.	1218	33	6 RAR		Reached obj - starting task.		
51.	1218	A Coy	6 RAR		Will take to approx 1600hrs to get to location suggested. Could be in base loc by 1700hrs.		
52.	1220	XXXX	XXXX		Experienced complete deliberate jamming of C/S 1 transmissions every time C/S 1 began to speak. After 5-10 minutes of this jamming changed to main freq.		
53.	1228	6 RAR	A Coy		At this time move to designated location as soon as C/S 13 joins you.		
54.	1240	B Coy	6 RAR		En have got clever again at this location 463668. Have come to dry padi where track splits into a large number of small tracks going NORTH & EAST - now checking to see if large track reforms beyond the padi.		
55.	1335	A Coy	6 RAR		Location (less C/S 13) 489687.		
56.	1340	B Coy	6 RAR		My leading elems are now loc at 467673 have found a track running N. S.		
57.	1341	A Coy	6 RAR		C/S 13 now in my location. Told to move ASP.		
58.	1355	B Coy	6 RAR		Have lost track. 1Pl being sent NORTH up creek. 1 x Pl SOUTH down creek. Remainder back track on trail followed so far.		
59.	1325	33	6 RAR		In same location. Have tracks of about 2 men heading SOUTH to NORTH. Am following NORTH.		

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Period from 171325 Aug H

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Sheet No 5

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
60	1409	A Coy	6 RAR		(A) Contact (B) 486684 (C) 1 VC (D) Unknown (E) NIL (F) WEST onto NUI DAT could have been a sentry for a position on NUI DAT	(Passed to 1 ATF)	
61.	1420	33	6 RAR		Lost track we were following. Have searched area around friendly arty area. Have found NO other track indicating move within the last week. Present Location 460667. Told to move due EAST & check creek line. Search at Python L.5 D.3		
62.	1425	A Coy	6 RAR		Moving now.		
63	1425				Monitored (.) Wheeled gun moved from 490680 to 520660. Agent report ARVIN evaluation B2. US eval F3.		
64.	1442	33	6 RAR		Location 469666.		
65.	1450	1 ATF			Monitored. FAC reported 485686, 475684, numerous trails and signs of recent use. At 492690 abandoned one cart.		
66.	1515	6 RAR	A Coy		You may anticipate staying out tonight. We are arranging porter party to take rations to you.		
67.	1519	33	6 RAR		Location 46056635, 1 sub unit 16056680, 2 sub unit 46506645.		
68.	1528	A Coy	6 RAR		Location 481679		
69	1530	B Coy	6 RAR		Concentrated at 459672 by 1800hrs or earlier if required. Make by 1730 hrs.		
70	1545	33	6 RAR		Location as before but 1 sub unit now returned to me (.) NTR		
71	1600	1388 A Coy	6 RAR		Location 478690.		
72.	1603	33	6 RAR		C/S now complete (.) NTR		
73.	1605	6 RAR	33		Move back via 462657 then back to location.		
74.	1634	32	6 RAR		Moving now.		
75.	1640	A Coy	6 RAR		Approaching my loc now - what is my task? Search SOUTH from your loc towards 4667 keeping to WEST bank of SUOI DA BANG looking for signs of en movement.		

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Period from 171640 Aug H

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Sheet No 6

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
76	1650	33	6 RAR		Location 460664		
77.	1705	33	6 RAR		3 cows & poss XX 1 en at 460663 (.) 3 cows still there, have seen them & man before. Request permission to shoot cows. NO.		
78.	1706	1 ATF			Want to shoot up 2 x 44 gal drums at 495693. Cleared.		
79.	1718	B Coy	6 RAR		Location 459672. Whole C/S concentrated.		
80	1734	33	6 RAR		Expects to be back this location approx 1830.		
81.	1743	33	6 RAR		Location 462658		
82.	1756	33	6 RAR		Location 456658		
83	1758	33	6 RAR		Approaching C/S 3 location now.		
84	1802	A Coy	6 RAR		Location 465695		
85	1818	A Coy	6 RAR		Location 465695. Mor fire & MG fire 3300 mils from this posn.		
86.	1820	B Coy	6 RAR.		Birdog aircraft fired on by MG bearing 3000 mils.		
87	1825	B Coy	6 RAR		Location 465667		
88	1837	6 RAR	B Coy		Firing from GR 462657.		
89.	1930	XXXXX A Coy	XXXXX 6 RAR		Sitrep (.) Area between 490685 and 465695 interlaced with tracks mainly EAST - WEST & old troops prior areas (.) Location 465695		
90	1940	B Coy	6 RAR		Location 462669.		
91.	2005	6 RAR	C Coy		Road block 18-19 Aug. One section on duty 0800 - 1830 on both above dates. Task - to stop and check all traffic on road to SOUTH. Vehicles under escort by sector to be allowed to pass - No foot traffic allowed to pass. Location of road block 100 yds NORTH of A Coy 5 RAR. Sect Comd to call at A Coy 5 RAR on route in expected telephone comms with MP roadblock in SOUTH will be established - If not A Coy 5 RAR phone to be used if in doubt.		
92.	2055	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 5 NTR.		

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Period from 172055 Aug H to 172400 hrs

Sheet No 7

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
93.	2100	62	6 RAR		Flare at 3400 mils - 4000 to 5000 yds.		
94.	2135	D Coy	6 RAR		2 flares Due SOUTH - above LONG PHUOC.		
95.	2320	D Coy	6 RAR		Flares bearing 3200mils also some auto fire. Seems to be in area reported before 2135.		
96.	2357				Heard single mortar firing well to SOUTH at rate of approx 1 RPM. Asked C & D Coy if they can get bearings.		
97.	2400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 6 Sent.		

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Period from 180005 Aug H to 180820 H

Sheet No 1

Serial	Date/ Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
1.	0615	D Coy	6 RAR		Report on Mors. Fwd pits thought they were kust explosions and not mors. (Told to Check). Occasional mortar round still being heard		
2.	0100				Lights seen in area 436676 approx.		
3.	0130				Not observed from NUI DAT		
4.	0400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 1 NTR		
5.	0605	A Coy	6 RAR		Sitrep (1) (A) 171800-180600H (B) NTR (C) Loc no change (D) NTR.		
6.	0605	B Coy	6 RAR		Sitrep No 1 NTR		
7.	0630	CO	A Coy		To search area SOUTH and EAST of present location but NOT EAST of the creek line which was searched previously. Providing nothing untoward happens you will return as planned this afternoon. A Coy moving to 467685 shortly and will commence platoon searches.		
8.	0635	CO	B Coy EXE		D Coy will take over approx 1200hrs. Continue search to EAST and NORTH. No farther EAST than track 473660. Can you get your R & C people back early? - 48 pers will return by approx 0830. Aim for B Coy is to determine whether en withdrew to EAST.		
9.	0642	A Coy	6 RAR		Moving now.		
10.	0710	A Coy	6 RAR		Location C/S 1 & 13 464683 C/S 12 463694 C/S11 467694		
11. EXX	0717	23	6 RAR		Moving now		
12.	0753	23	6 RAR		Approaching C/S 2 loc now.		
13.	0754	A Coy	6 RAR		Location C/S 11 471689 C/S12 No contact but estimate 460692 C/S 1 & C/S13 463691.		
14.	0755	21	6 RAR		In C/S 2 Location now.		
15.	0800	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 2 Sent.		
16.	0801	A Coy	6 RAR		C/S 11 located track at xxxx last locstat several people have moved on track (4-5) in last 24 hours C/S11 Following track SOUTH.		
17.	0820	B Coy	6 RAR		Location 467670		

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Period from 180820 Aug H to 181240 H

Sheet No 2

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
18.	0920				D Coy will move out through B Coy and move due EAST to contact B Coy. Time out approx 1000hrs. Coy points of origin cigarette 4868 Radio 4967.		
19.	1012	B Coy	6 RAR		Location 473676.		
20.	1013	A Coy	6 RAR		Location C/S 1 468685 C/S 11 471683 C/S 12 463685 C/S 13 following track SSW from 467687.		
21	1036	B Coy	6 RAR		Location RV 47256740 at rubber edge (.) 10 pits (1/2 man) found fresh (dug after last rain) 16 metal ammo containers of chinese origin 2'6" long - suspect NOT mortar bomb containers (.) Tracks lead into posn from SW carried heavy load (.) From direction of creek also tracks EAST (.), Checking SOUTH to see where trails go.		
22.	1105	A Coy	6 RAR		Reports very old rice & salt cache at 474683.		
23.	1117	B Coy	6 RAR		7 links found main track WEST & track out to EAST & NE. Still patrolling area. No of metal containers now 22 (.)		
24.	1125	D Coy	6 RAR		Location 455674		
25.	1131	13	6 RAR		Reports voices to his SOUTH - is investigating GR 461681		
26.	1143	B Coy	6 RAR		Reports voices to his SOUTH - is investigating GR 461681 Ptl SW loc shell hole & eqpt GR 471670		
27	1145	A Coy	6 RAR		C/S 13 detained 3 woman at 461680. Told NOT to move further SOUTH. Ages 35, 16, 10 years. Told to bring them in (.)		
28.	1116	D Coy	6 RAR		Location 458672 . One case of heat exhaustion.		
29	1200	B Coy	6 RAR		At GR 469668 found firing position for 3 recoilless rifles Also blood, discarded clothing & shell holes; in each pit, 8 used cases of 75mm.		
30.	1220	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 4 Sent.		
31.	1240	C Coy	6 RAR		Reported 7-8 civilians wearing straw hats sighted at GR 463669 (approx) heading SOUTH. Sub unit continuing move EAST.		

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Period from 181240

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to 181557H

Sheet No 3.

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
32.	1243	D Coy	6 RAR		2 civilians, 1 female 1 child carrying fruit entered D Coy location. Another 4 entered while reporting. Woman and child sent on way. The other 4 were the company and move off NE.		
33.	1253	B Coy	6 RAR		All tracks out of this area head EAST and NE.		
34.	1257	D Coy	6 RAR		Location 464667		
35 XXXX	D332	D Coy	6 RAR		Location 470660		
36.	1348	A Coy	6 RAR		Moving now.		
37	1418	B Coy	6 RAR		Moving now.		
38.	1430	A Coy	6 RAR		Location C/S 1 & C/S 11 459683 C/S 12 & 13 451681 C/S 1 & 11 returning now.		
39.	1430	D Coy B Coy	6 RAR		Location 473674		
40	1447	A Coy	6 RAR		GR 46056795 area of grass has been trampled and stores concealed under some grass. Camouflaging grass approximately 6 ft square and 2'6" high stores have been removed. 3 tracks leading generally NORTH, no tracks leading generally SOUTH. C/S 12 & 13 returning to base location ETA 1545.		
41.	1452	B Coy	6 RAR		Location of 75 RCL incorrect now GR 468665.		
42.	1457	D Coy	6 RAR		Location Moving now		
43.	1504	A Coy	6 RAR		Back in location now.		
44.	1540	D Coy	6 RAR		CONTACT.		
45	1550	D Coy	6 RAR		Contact report (A) 181540H (B) GR 478673 (C) 6-8 (D) Probably local - dress khaki trousers and shirts (E) Sweeping now but doubt if any casualties due to range (F) EAST.		
46.	1555	D Coy	6 RAR		Recovered 1 AK Auto rifle 1 in 2 tracer.		
47.	1556	D Coy	6 RAR		Location 458662		
48	1557	B Coy	6 RAR		Do you wish me to remain in position until C/S 4 sorts out before moving - Clear with C/S 4		

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Period from 181557 Aug H to 181706 H

Sheet No 4

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
49.	1559	D Coy	6 RAR		Noises from a building, will clear and report in 10 minutes.		
50.	1602	D Coy	6 RAR		Discovered 2 grenades in present loc estimate been here 36 hrs.		
51.	1610	D Coy	6 RAR		11 Pl under heavy fire from approx 485669		
52.	1615	D Coy	6 RAR		Pl size enemy 487674 deploying now and calling for shelldrake support.		
53.	1626	D Coy	6 RAR		Being mortared - Coy size en want all arty possible 488672		
54.	1629	D Coy	6 RAR		Cannot get comms on Shelldrake net 488672 OT 1500.		
55.	1631	D Coy	6 RAR		En Left flank could be serious.		
56.	1634	D Coy	6 RAR		Under mortar fire again point 66 from SE.		
57.	1634				Firing onto suspected mortar posn 483665		
58.	1636	B Coy	6 RAR		Mortrep (B) 1600mils (C) 4000 yards		
59.	1638	D Coy	6 RAR		Call for armed chinooks or airstrike.		
60.	1643	D Coy			Have Dustoff standing by details later		
61.	1653	D Coy	6 RAR		En moving to Right Gr 485668		
62.	1656	D Coy	6 RAR		Location GR 479674 10Pl 200m to EAST 11Pl Gr 484670 12Pl with HQ, Estimated 3 En Coys to EAST & SE.		
63.	1658	6 RAR	A Coy		Warned for move.		
64.	1659	B Coy	6 RAR		We are being followed by 60mm mortars.		
65.	1700				Flight A/C moving to C/S 4 Loc.		
66.	1701	D Coy	6 RAR		En GR 487669 NORTH to 487672 penetrating both flanks and to NORTH and SOUTH.		
67.	1702				Airstrike napalm GR 487669 to 487672 1000lb mortar position.		
68.	1702	D Coy	6 RAR		Running short of ammo require drop through trees 475674		
69.	1706	D Coy	6 RAR		Will throw red smoke - will accept Napalm within 100metres. Target will be 200metres EAST of red smoke.	Arranged for iriquois to report EAGLE FARM 1730	

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Period from 181706 Aug H to 181847 H

Sheet No 5.

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
70	1717	D Coy	6 RAR		11Pl seems to be surrounded at 485670. 12Pl moving to their assistance but pinned down at 481672 - Enemy is generally EAST and also SOUTH of 670 Northing.		
71.	1720	D Coy	6 RAR		Request assistance by heliborne assault - advised D Coy APC's on way soon.		
72.	1730	B Coy	6 RAR		Moving to D Coy HQ at 477675.		
73.	1730	D Coy	6 RAR		Enemy dressed in green with camouflage. In gen area Pt 66.		
74.	1735	D Coy	6 RAR		Will try to extract casualties and reorg at 477673.		
75	1737	D Coy	6 RAR		Under fire from houses Pt 66 - B Coy to come in from SOUTH and clear area.		
76.	1740	D Coy	6 RAR		(REAR) Mortrep 2300mils.		
77	1805	21C			Orders C Coy to concentrate and prepare to move OP at first light probably by air. Platoons from 5 RAR to be placed in following locations A,B & D Coys. Also APC commitment		
78.	1820	D Coy	6 RAR		En withdrawing EAST. Coy concentrating.		
79.	1820	D Coy	6 RAR		Enemy could be reorganising to attack. 2 platoons are about 75% effective. One platoon has been almost completely destroyed. Are reorganising for all round defence.		
80		6 RAR	A Coy		Told to press on 476676 - Loc D Coy		
			B Coy		Tolt to press on 500 metres NE.		
81	1830	A Coy	6 RAR		1000metres SW of D Coy		
82.	1830	A Coy	6 RAR		Fire fight to right moving now.		
83.	1830	D Coy	6 RAR		Enemy attacking from EAST.		
		A Coy	6 RAR		Now approaching D Coy		
84.	1845				APC arrived C/S 4 loc.		
85	1847				Enemy seem to be withdrawing to EAST		

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Period from 181847 Aug H to 182145 H

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Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
86.	1850 8				APC to move NORTH to D Coy Attack now from the SOUTH.		
87	1853	A Coy	6 RAR		One APC hit - will keep moving		
88	1853	D Coy	6 RAR		Enemy to EAST and NE - reforming to attack again - APC to move NW.		
89	1855	B Coy	6 RAR		With D Coy now		
90	1855				493671 - Regimental target From CO. Now with C/S 1 in C/S 4 Loc D Coy is now none effective - estimate 25 KIA & 40 WIA. Planning to get A Coy to cover front (EAST) and SOUTH of D Coy whilst reorganising. Not ready for dust off at this stage.		
91.	1915	B Coy	6 RAR		Contact Report (A) Contact (B) 181905 (C) 450675 (D) 2 (E) Not known (F) No cas no recoveries (G) EAST.		
92	1938	CO	6 RAR		Sitrep. A Coy has moved to the right flank in front of D Coy D Coy is to reorganise his force. I propose for D Coy to withdraw to a likely LZ to re-group and evacuate casualties or they may die. The proposed LZ is 750 metres NW of this loc. Dustoff expected in 60 minutes approx	Passed to TF	
93.	1938	1 ATF	6 RAR		Advise that following Sky Spats organised ASP: 495670, 497667 497664. Air strike approx 2045 - CO advised 493675.		
94	2035	CO	6 RAR		Casualties appear to be 5 dead, 16WIA, 16 missing. Estimate that enemy was VC Bn plus and that he has sustained heavy casualties. Prepare to vacate area to secure an LZ with the troops available.		
95	2045	D Coy	6 RAR		Loading onto APCs the following 4 Dead, 8 litter, WIA, 6 walking WIA. 3 members WIA remaining on duty.		
96	2045				The LZ GR 470670 to be ringed by APC with their red tail lights at extremes of LZ. Should be ready approx 1 hour time.		
97.	2115	C Coy	6 RAR		Strength for moving out to contact area tomorrow is 108		
98.	2145	6 RAR	1 ATF		Request a troop of APCs plus APC mortar section to be in our base location by first light. Tentative arrangements only.		

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Period from 182145 Aug H to 182400 H

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Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
99.	2150	1 ATF	6 RAR		GS02. There is a flare "ship" available if required.		
100.	2230	D Coy CO	6 RAR		D Coy still in this location as the casualty loading is very slow and should leave in approx 15 minutes. Remainder here will follow later. An A Coy patrol is investigating groaning to their front.		
101	2300	6 RAR	1 ATF		This is now OPERATION SMITHFIELD.		
102	2320	D Coy	6 RAR		Have now arrived at LZ. Dustoff requested. Best approach S-N 5 serious cas with gunshot wounds. 12 light cas with shrapnel or gunshot 4 dead. Dustoff to be on 37 mc LZ marked by 9 APCs with tail lights, one with headlights.		
103.	2335	CO	6 RAR		Main group leaving present location.		
104	2355	1 ATF	6 RAR		18 APC incl mor tracks available from 0630 hrs for first lift (.) Further 6 APC available for second lift later (Some will have to return from 1st lift) Coy 5 RAR to come under command 6 RAR for OP (.) Possum & FAC are available 1st light (.) Comd wants to visit CO, tomorrow by air - advised unlikely to be near LZ, but best arrange at time.		
105	2355	1 ATF	6 RAR		Airstrike at 489690 organised.		

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Period from 190001 Aug H to 190503 H

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Ser ial	Date/ Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
1.	0020	6 RAR	D Coy		B Coy & A Coy are moving towards your location ensure your call sign in particular ironsides and elements to NORTH and EAST are warned. B Coy will contact you direct when they are getting close.		
2.	0045	D Coy	6 RAR		Dustoff completed.		
3.	0115	B Coy	6 RAR		Reached D Coy Location		
4.	0120	CO	6 RAR		The 15 MIA must be presumed dead. Request artillery fire in area we have just left. Considerable activity heard in area.		
5.	0130	B Coy	6 RAR		In position now.		
6.	0315	CO	6 RAR		Est of sit. D Coy believed to have struck at least a main force Regt with its organic heavy support weapons. At least one company was dug in at time of contact. Estimate enemy cas 150 KIA. Outline plan C Coy, Elms Bn HQ & Mar move in APC ASP to ford then to present loc 472674. Coy 5 RAR to be airlifted to 472674 ASP Mounted sweep Coy/ Tp EAST to 496670 then back WEST to clear rubber & NORTH of village. After that, Mtd sweep again through LONG TAN and also sweep to NE NUI DAT. Maint base area 476672 with reserve, mors & Bn HQ. Passed to 1 ATF for clearance by Comd. 1 ATF advise unlikely APC available before 0700 as some up at BINH BA.		
7.	0424	1 ATF	6 RAR		Send physical dimensions of pad. 400 metres ll-6 150 metres across. Will confirm at first light. Passed to T/F.		
8.	0434	D Coy	6 RAR		Require 4 or 5 M60, 5 of ours are US. I think there are 2 or 3 in Coy area.		
9.	0503	6 RAR	1 ATF		Air targets 493675 at 0645 (.) 497656 at 0730 (.) If Air Cap not used 513662 fire on . Best to use napalm.		

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Period from 190503 Aug H to 191100 H

Sheet No 2

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
10.	0615	CO	6 RAR		Request artillery engage targets given by D Coy previous contact area to be fired now before it gets too light.		
11.	0622	C Coy	6 RAR		Moving now.		
12.	0637	B Coy } Base }	6 RAR		Reports people to their front shouting - Not aisians		
13.	0645	D Coy } Base }	6 RAR		9 soldiers will be accompanying C Coy to join D Coy in forward area.		
14.	0920	I4	6 RAR		Rich Wine		
15.	0921	I4	6 RAR		1 VC body sighted		
16.	0926	D Coy	6 RAR		Dismounted deploy Right front.		
17.	0950	D Coy	6 RAR		12-15 DEAD enemy		
18.	0955	C Coy	6 RAR		Rich Wine		
19.	1000	D Coy	6 RAR		Request APC to move to this loc supply cover to front of posn.		
20.	1000	11 Pl	6 RAR		Had action		
21.	1002	B Coy	6 RAR		Reached objective		
22.	1005	C Coy	6 RAR		Track Sighted movement NORTH Rich Wine detached 1 C/S to investigate.		
23.	1008	D Coy	6 RAR		One wounded could live with immediate evacuation. (Own Member)		
24.	1019	A Coy	6 RAR		2 wounded		
25.	1020	D Coy	6 RAR		Require Bulldozer to this loc as approximately 100 en dead.		
26.	1030	XXXX A Ech	XXXX 6 RAR		Rations not loaded on APC this morning - using possum.		
27.	1042	CO	6 RAR		Own wounded now only 2.		
28.	1045	CO	6 RAR		IO interigating captured En, preliminary investigation reveals could be NVN - not confirmed.		
29.	1100	D Coy	6 RAR		En dead 79, 2 wounded 1 groin, 1 leg		

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Period from 191100 Aug H to 19/2/0 H

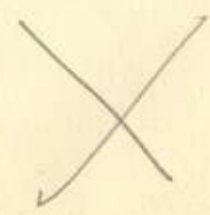
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Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
30	1100	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 1 (.) 190600 to 191100H (.) En (.) 113 bodies and 2 wounded collected at this time (.) Collection continues (.) Possibility they are North Vietnamese (.) Own troops (.) 2 casualties recovered and evacuated (.), 13 bodies recovered which accounts for all our MIA (.) Locstat general area 480672 (.) Will commence phase 2 as discussed with sunray approx 10 minutes		
31.	1115	1000 14 CO	A Coy I4		Move APC returned from DUSTOFF- moving in few minutes.		
32.	1116	D Coy	6 RAR		En prisoner definately NVN 45 Regt NVN Army, appears more than one battalion (2 Bn and 3 Bn probably) been in area 1 month moved from secret Zone BINH GIA		
33.	1120	C Coy Bn HQ	6 RAR		Moving now.		
34.	1129	I4	6 RAR		SWEET TEA minus 200.		
35.	1130	90	A Coy		More En right hand side track east of him where track forms boundary.		
36.	1133	C Coy	6 RAR		No one in hole, grenade covered in plastic recovered.		
37.	1134	CO	6 RAR		Seet Tea now.		
38.	1135	CO	6 RAR		Sitrep NTR occasional body on side of road.		
39	1136	I4	6 RAR		Well worn foot track running EAST.		
40	1136	CO	6 RAR		Sweet Tea + 250 hurriedly dug trenches on NORTHERN side of track		
41	1137	I4	6 RAR		Place is riddled with trenches approximately 489666		
42	1130	CO	6 RAR		Extensive bunker system. Dismounted from APC moving forward on foot.		
43.	1210	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 2. (.) 191100 to 191200 (.) En (.) Body count difficult to assess at this stage (.) Bodies have been sighted as far EAST as 487667 (.) Approximately 40 weapons have been recovered including 4 x LMG, 1 x 60mm Mortar, 1 x 50 cal MG and 3 rocket launchers of unknown origin (.)		

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Period from 191210 Aug H to 191400 H

Sheet No 4

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
44.	1210	CO	6 RAR		As reported separately enemy from 45 Regt NVA (.) Further information obtained indicate enemy was on way to attack 1 ATF base when contacted by D Coy (.) PW states rice cache for whole province is located 5 Km EAST of this location (.) It is protected by 4 Coys of 5 Bn 45 Regt which has 6 x 82 mm mortars these are said to be the mortars that shelled 1 ATF base (.) ALL tracks from area lead EAST (.)	Checked with TF Comd who approves for 1000 metres only - not to go out of gun range.	
45.	1215	T9	6 RAR		Have found track 498665 running almost due EAST (.) Quite definite this is the track en withdrew along last night (.) Request permission from TF Comd to follow it up.		
46.	1250	1 ATF	6 RAR		Have found bodies hastily buried in pits.		
47.	1250				Air strike available - where do you want it. 527656. Suspected enemy camp.		
48.	1329	I4 T9	6 RAR 6 RAR		One M26 grenade found lot No 1785 Location 499668 going very thick.		
49.	1350	I4	6 RAR		Sitrep. Results of Search bunker area - in outer row of weapon pits 105 Pits. Extracted out of pits 3 VC KIA & also found in pits were following: 1 small MG with 3 full mags, 9 grenades A drum fed MG with 2 drums, 1 full & 1 empty, A250 round link belt 7.93mm, 150 rounds 7.93 in clips some food in form of rice & prawns, 7 shovels, 2 sets of webbing, 2 water bottles, 5 ponchos. cursory search only made.		
50.	1400	I4	6 RAR		Location 500667. Withdraw Route branch off from main 2400mils. Following that line now.		
51.	1400	D Coy	6 RAR		Fresh blood found along track 501667. Body count 131		

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Period from 191400 Aug H to 191540 H

Sheet No 5.

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
52.	1435	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 4 (.) 191300-191400H (.), C/S T9 searched trench and bunker system area 490667 - cursory search showed over 100 trenches (.) 2 automatic weapons found plus magazines link belt 7.93mm and grenades (.) 3 bodies in trenches (.) Found fresh blood in area 501667 (.) Current body count 168 (.) Captured documents confirm that D 3 battalion was in contact (.) ID cards issued in N Vietnam show some dead to have belonged to D 605 (.) One document places dead man as being from 614 Coy D 3 Bn Q5 Regt (.) There were some South Vietnamese in 45NVA Regt having been picked up in TAY NINH province on route from N Vietnam (.) A letter indicates that C309 was in CAY LAY hamlet last week (.) Own troops.		
53.	1420	I4	6 RAR		Possible sighting 1 en dressed khaki East of creek 504664.		
54.		A Coy	6 RAR		Location 472664 497664		
55		D Coy	6 RAR		Location 486672		
56		FAC	6 RAR		Report track runs from 49756655 to 50106675 then SE to 50356650 then EAST along NORTH edge rice paddy to 50856625 ends near this loc - fresh digging at end - possibly graves.		
57	1515	T3	6 RAR		Has found 8 bodies and tube type ATK weapon est 75mm plus one wounded VC.		
58	1540	I4	6 RAR		Location 503667		
59					CO & A Coy to move to track 497663 then move SOUTH 500 metres before swinging WEST. A Coy WEST initially then NORTH. CO request by air strike area 510662, SOUTH to NORTH.		
60		6 RAR	1 ATF		Request Air strike 510662 not before 1630H not later than 1730H (.) Suspected camp of 45 NVA Regt (.) Armament 1000 lb bombs (.) Suggested direction of fly in SOUTH to NORTH (.) Nearest troops at above time 1500 metres to WEST.		

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Period from 191540 Aug H to 192040 H

Sheet No 6

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
61 1615	1615	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 5 (.) 191400 - 191600H (.) Enemy (.) Body count 180 (.) Weapons captured now include 57mm RCL and 75mm RCL (to be confirmed) (.) One wounded prisoner taken but not yet returned to this location for interrogation (.)		
62 XXXX	1610	C Coy	6 RAR		C/S 31 at 487674 found track running generally NORTH and NNE (.) Telephone cable on track (.) Signs of bodies being dragged and blood stains estimated to be made last night (.) Possibly in excess of 50 persons.		
63	1630				PW just brought in has been identified as belonging to D 445 Bn He was a member of a 57mm RCL crew. The weapon was captured this cancels the 75mm RCL last sitrep	TF advised	
64	1640				Water point 489673		
65	1645	FAC	6 RAR		Reports camouflaged fox holes at 513660 diverting airstrike to that location.		
66.	1725	CO	6 RAR		We are beginning the sweep from EAST to WEST.		
67.	1800	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 6 (.) 191400 - 191800H (.) Enemy (.) Weapons recovered total 1 x 60mm mortar complete, 8 x 7.62mm LMG 5 x 7.62 rifles, 29 AK carbines, 1 x M1 rifle, 1 x M1 carbine, 1 x 7.62 burp gun, 1 x 7.62 wheeled MMG, 3 ATK weapons, 2 x 57mm RCL, 28 Atk grenades, 1 x 30 cal BAR, 1 Thompson SMG, 22 rounds 57mm Atk, 330 assorted grenades, 150 assorted weapon magazines, 15,000 rounds assorted SAA Ammo, 28 x 60mm bombs (.) Body count stands at 180 (.) 3 VCC (.)		
68.	1810	C Coy	6 RAR		C/S 31 located mortar ammo & sights, bringing these back in One more body found by mortar Pl.		
69	1810	6 RAR	1 ATF		Body count now 188. 82 mm Mor sight found by 31.		
70.	1920	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 7 NTR.		
71.	2010	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 8 NTR		
72.	2020	1 ATF	6 RAR		FAC reports at 518672, 4 trenches and some foxholes. 20 yards WEST there is about 3 or 4 graves 525666. Track leading N to S appears to have had much traffic both cart & foot.		

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Period from 192040

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to 192400 Aug

Sheet No 7

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
73,	2040	OO	All Coys		<p>OO orders for 20 Aug.</p> <p>6 RAR is to continue search of LONG TAN Area especially N & NE of NUI DAT. Two Phases. PHASE 1, AP C Sqn / Coy search EAST astride main road through LONG TAN. PHASE 2, Two Coy search & destroy operation in high ground NUI DAT Area.</p> <p>A Coy- Phase 1, Conduct mounted search LONG TAN. You will be under command OC 1 APC Sqn. Phase 2, Bn reserve - Loc Bn base.</p> <p>B Coy - Task as for today - protection base.</p> <p>C Coy - Phase 1 - Nil - Phase 2, Search 3 sectors - WEST of Suoi Mon & Inclusive NUI DAT.</p> <p>D Coy - Continue detailed search battlefield - when completed tasks as allotted by TOC.</p> <p>D Coy 5 RAR - Phase 2, Search 3 sectors EAST of Suoi Da Bang excluding NUI DAT feature.</p> <p>Mor Pl- Remain present loc</p> <p>1 APC Sqn - Phase 1 with sunder command A Coy search LONG TAN WEST to EAST. Phase 2, with A Coy Bn reserve - available for tasks as detailed by TOC</p> <p>Co-ord - H hour - Phase 1 0800 Phase 2 0830</p> <p>Boundaries & Sectors from map AM 20 Aug</p> <p>Comd & Sig - Bn HQ remain present location.</p>	TF Advised of plan	
74.	2105	6 RAR	Adj		Place Aslt Pnr Sect on $\frac{1}{2}$ hour notice to move from 0700hrs with explosives.		
75.	2300	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No NTR		
76	2400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No NTR		

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Period from 200001

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to 201048 H

Sheet No 1

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
1.	0400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 1 NTR		
2.	0815	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 8 NTR		
3.	0823	T9	6 RAR		Departing now.		
4.	0821	C Coy	6 RAR		Moving now.		
5	0917	6 RAR	Adj't		Have pers from C/S 1,2,62 ready to move from your loc at 1400hrs by APC.		
6.	0916	C Coy	6 RAR		C/S 3 & 31 Location 489673, C/S 32 488673, C/S 33 49006725.		
7.	0918	I4	6 RAR		Location 481678		
8.	0930	Poss	T9		About 12 women & children carrying stores on exis road in LONG PHUOC		
9.	0947	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 3 & 31, 489676, C/S 32 486674, C/S 33 495672.		
10	0950	Poss	T9		People seen before - half dissappeared - others returning with empty baskets. More at 436632 carrying poss med supplies.		
11.	0952	I4	6 RAR		C/S 4 & 41 Location 479681 C/S 42 patrolling to EAST, C/S 43 patrolling to WEST		
12.	1012	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 9 Sent.		
13		Poss	6 RAR		At 489641 man with bicycle moving SOUTH.		
14.	1015	C Coy	6 RAR		In former position. Elms of 31 clearing to NE - seen 2 or 3 people - 1 in civilians 493677. C/S 33 moving NORTH towards that loc C/S 32 at 486675.		
15.	1037	T9	6 RAR		At 488650 apprehended 30 - 40 people & checking belongings. 1-3 of military age.		
16 1044	1044	C Coy	6 RAR		Location C/S 3,489676, C/S 31 & 33 495675, C/S 32 487678.		
17	1046	T9	6 RAR		Sitrep (.) Me & C/S 8 SOUTH of village - people mainly woman some men. Checking now - will report later.		
18.	1048	I4	6 RAR		Locs C/S42 475685, C/S 43 483681 cache of clothing - 27 gal kerosen, 21 gal cooking fat, 20 fish heads.		

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Period from 201048

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to 201206 Aug

Sheet No 2

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
19.	1052	C Coy	6 RAR		Previous loc at track junction, some movement seen, track running to SE, 31 is following from 495675 track to SE, signs of heavy movement & human body parts. 31 & 33 sweeping to NORTH trying to intercept people. Most people seem to have moved SOUTH-EAST telephone cable blaze marks. This area would have been rallying point. This area very good CP on feature to SOUTH.		
20	1058	A Coy	6 RAR		Have some people of military age. Bringing in.		
21.	1102	C Coy	6 RAR		Consider this area important. Request aircraft fix position.		
22.	1115	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 10 Sent.		
23.	1115	C Coy 6	6 RAR		Location C/S 3 No change, 31 & 33 493679, C/S 32 487678. C/S 31 & 33 found no signs of en (previous move heard) Moving WEST to area of 32.		
24.	1130	I4	6 RAR		Location 42 474680 & C/S 43 482684.		
25.	1134	Poss	6 RAR		At 435629 Road WEST, unusual traffic. Empty ox carts WEST. 437635 on road. Woman carrying bags ran off road. 439639 Rd junction. Ox cart 3 men of military age.		
26	1137	Poss	6 RAR		At 466664 and 464658 well used foot track running onto main track at LONG PHUOC. Will check to South West. At 459642 foot track from EAST to creek. On other side of creek mud patch shows many foot prints.		
27	1150	T9	6 RAR		Have 24 men of mil age. Can someone fly fwd to check in situ.	Requested 1 ATF handle	
28	1155	C Coy	6 RAR		C/S 3 & 32 No change C/S 31 & 33 490678		
29.	1200	I4	6 RAR		C/S 43 My loc now.		
30	1206	C Coy	6 RAR		Found eqpt: at 488676, 8 mags K50 all full, 226 rounds 7.62 short - these are loose, 3 LAW projectiles, 4 sets of webbing, 1 USA FRAG grenade, 1 VC local pattern frag grenade, Grenades have been buried.		
31.	1225	Locate					

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Period from 201206

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Sheet No 3

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
31	1225	C Coy	6 RAR		Location C/S 3 & 31 Same location amended 489677 C/S 32 487678 now moving NE to 490680 C/S 33 490678 C/S 31 Loc old friendly camp of coy size 49356755 all refuse pits had been dug up and investigated - tins were scattered about - signs of an activity in this area.		
32.	1225	I4	6 RAR		C/S 42 in my loc.		
33.	1226	I4	6 RAR		At Gr 478680 found 2 pits occupied in last 36 hours - personal gear found includes wallet, photo, & documents, safety razor made in HAI PHONG no sign of owner. The photos were of people in uniform badges of rank probably lieutenant.		
34.	1250	C Coy	6 RAR		Location C/S32 490680 all other C/S no change, have now covered all CHEER from EAST to WEST, in some cases twice. No sign of En movement NORTH of my loc which is 489677.		
35.	1256	I4	6 RAR		Have completed search of Area DANCE and now intend to move my C/S to 479677.		
36.	1256	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 13 Sent.		
37	1320	C Coy	6 RAR		Location C/S 33 490680 moving NORTH (.) C/S 33 488678 moving NW		
38,	1325	I4	6 RAR		Location 479684		
39.	1328	CO	6 RAR		Have finished task in LONG PHUOC TAN (.) Ask my sunray if they can check on the movement reported in LONG PHUOC.		
40.	1139	C Coy	6 RAR		Reprts at GR 49356755 a white paper in cleft bamboo with a VIETNAMESE symbol and an arrow pointing SE. interpreter thinks it is a NORTH VIETNAMESE symbol giving a unit number.		
41.	1340	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 3 & 33 490683, C/S 32 486677		
42.	1348	1 ATF	CO		TF Comd wants to leave LONG PHUOC job with VIET commandos.		
43.	1450	C Coy	6 RAR		Location C/S 3 No Change C/S 31 493686, C/S 32 48756825 C/S 33 485682		

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Sheet No 4

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
44.	1520	C Coy	6 RAR		Location C/S 3 & 31 490687, C/S 32 488685 C/S 33 475685		
45. XXX	1535	I4	6 RAR		Location 479691. In this loc old friendly position has been tampered with in last 36 hours.		
46	1548	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 3 & 31 490687, C/S 32 488686, C/S 33 486686		
47.	1604	I4	6 RAR		Location 41, 482692 C/S 42 477692		
48. XXX	1612	I4	6 RAR		At 482694 C/S 41 found track with foot prints of 2 - 3 persons moving EAST WEST. Following this track.		
49.	1640	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 14 (.) Body count 231.		
50	1629	D Coy	6 RAR		Moving now.		
51.	1634	I4	6 RAR		C/S 42 now in this loc.		
52.	1737	I4	6 RAR		In c/s 42 area of search found paint foot pad used by 10 or 20 persons in last 36 hours.		
53.	1715	C Coy	6 RAR		Location C/S 3 489687, C/S 32 489689 & moving to harbour with remainder C Coy.		
54.	1655	I4	6 RAR		C/S 41 reports hearing voices 200 - 300 metres north their loc 1 ATF inform propagander aircraft overflew area that time. Voices heard at 486696.		
55,	1734	C Coy	6 RAR		All C/S 3 congregated at last loc 489687		
56	1742	I4	6 RAR		Sitrep. Fresh grave 479693, next to grave set of clothes & stretcher pole, also cliff of ammo. Ammo indicates VC hit by SA believed 2 to 3 enemy have moved well east into area 'Chop'		
57	1808						

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Sheet No 5

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
57	1808	CO	All Coys		<p>Tomorrows codes Point of origin BIRD Right 5.0 CIGARETTE Sit (.) En (.) Today as planned NO significant results have estbl that gen direction of withdrawal of en to EAST probably to to base area (.) OWN tps (.) Under command 1 C/S of T9 + elms C/S 8 & this C/S (.) C/S I4 from under my command wef 1st light tomorrow (.) MISSION (.) complete search of area NE this loc especiallt between 2 rivers interested us during HOBART (.) General outline (.) Simultaneous search 3 areas suspected temporary en locs after recent action (.) C/S 1 search area A (.) A is area between 2 rivers around CIG R 1.0 D 1.0 (.) Move to area by APCs & if terrain permits with APCs in Sp (.) Leaves present loc on return of APC carrying C/S 2 to their search area Q + 7½ hours (.) C/S 2 search area B particulally area of their HOBART action (.) move by APCs to vicinity of WEST of creek then by foot to search area (.) leave this loc by 0 + 6½ hours. (.) C/S 3 search area C same of HOBART (.) Move by foot (.) En route check rice cache area destroyed during HOBART (.) Leave here Q + 6½ hrs (.) C/S 4 returned to base. (.) C/S I4 return by quickest route to 5 RAR (.) C/S 8 with this C/S to new loc vicinity area A (.) APCs move C/S 2 vicinity WEST river leaves here Q + 6½ hrs (.) Return this location & move C/S 1 to A accompanied by this C/S & C/S 8 (.) If terrain permits search A in Sp C/S 1 otherwise remain in loc to be selected with this C/S & 8 (.) Returns all C/S to base = details three day (.) CO-ORD INSTR (.) Timings repeated (.) return moves details by 2IC during day (.) Return move by APCs. (.) ADM & LOG (.), RMO remains this loc (.) C/S 62 destroy en ammo this loc tomorrow (.) COMD & SIG (.) This C/S thin out AM tomorrow (.) Remainder move in APC wef C/S 2 to new loc to be selected on arrival.</p>		
58	1852	I4	6 RAR		Location 485672		
59	1900	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 489681		
60	1900	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep NTR.		
61	2000	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep NTR		
62	2100	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep NTR		
63	2200	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep NTR		

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Period from 202300

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to 202400 H

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Sheet No 6

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
64	2300	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep NTR		
65	2400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep NTR.		

6 RAR OPS LOG

Period from 210001

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to 211040

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Sheet No 1

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
1.	0100	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep 1 NTR		
2.	0200	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep 2 NTR		
3.	0300	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep 3 NTR		
4.	0400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep 4 NTR		
5.	0500	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep 5 NTR		
6.	0745	6 RAR Coy 6 RAR			Location 497685		
7.	0805	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep 6 NTR		
8.	0815	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 495685		
9.	0835	B Coy	6 RAR		Track sighted 508663 heading EAST used approx 24 - 48 hours ago by large number.		
10.	0905	A Coy	6 RAR		Arrived Suoi Mon - deploying from APC.		
11.	0910	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 499685		
12.	0910	B Coy	6 RAR		Location 510665		
13.	0912	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 7 Sent.		
14.	0950	B Coy	6 RAR		Location 507669		
15.	1000	A Coy	6 RAR		Location 506660		
16.		C Coy	6 RAR		505686 Location		
17.	1005	6 RAR	1 ATF		Location Sitrep No 8 Sent		
18.	1020	A Coy	6 RAR		Track being gollowed splits at 508659 and movement goes both NORTH and SOUTH. Track to SOUTH estimate 100 people. Track to NORTH probably more than 100. A Coy will investigate track to SOUTH first then to NORTH.		
19.	1030	B Coy	6 RAR		In area of previous contact (511670). Told to check area quickly to see if there has been any large scale movement of troops recently.		
20.	1040	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 507683		

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Period from 211040 Aug H

to 211405 H

Sheet No 2

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
21.	1040	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 9 Sent		
22.	1115	C Coy	6 RAR		Found tracks approx 50 pers heading generally NE 509679 to 508683. To 508683. C Coy told to limit follow up to 500 metres. C Coy in general area 508682 (C/S 32) and 509679 (remainder).		
23.	1120	B Coy	6 RAR		In contact area - no signs of movement.		
34.	1130	A Coy	6 RAR		Found crossing place 511660		
35.	1130	B Coy	6 RAR		Completed search.		
36.	1150				Explosion heard 3400 mils 750 metres sounded like mortar primary.		
37.	1155				Explosion & small arms heard bearing 1400 mils - checked with A Coy - did not hear them.		
38.	1155	C Coy	6 RAR		Heard small arms 2300 mils approx 1000 metres away.		
39.	1205	B Coy	6 RAR		Location 507660		
40.	1205	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 10 Sent.		
41.	1310	A Coy	6 RAR		Track runs EAST, small tracks off to SOUTH & NORTH. Pieces of VC eqpt on track. Some camouflaged hides along track believed to be delaying position abandoned 24-48 hours ago Loc. 514661.		
42.	1315	C Coy	6 RAR		Located large camp 508678 which extends SOUTH. Some buildings & defensive pits. Have been occupied within last few days. Told C Coy to check it out briefly and then move on NOT to destroy camp. A number of fresh graves in this location - Number 8 - definitely bodies in them - probably only 1 per grave.		
43.	1325	B Coy	6 RAR		Location 515669		
44.	1335	A Coy	6 RAR		Location 517662 located fair sized defensive position constructed some time ago but used recently. Some VC eqpt lying around plus blood stained bandages, tracks lead to EAST and NE from camp. Approx 40 pits with OHP. Told A Coy to return to this location.		
45.	1344	C Coy	6 RAR		Now 14 graves Location 508675.		
46.	1405	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 11 Sent (BC) now 245.		

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Period from 211405

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to 21²⁴⁰⁰~~2000~~ H

Sheet No 3

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
47.	1410	A Coy	6 RAR		Location 510660		
48	1410	B Coy	6 RAR		512662 Location		
49	1430	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 507667		
50	1500	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 12 Sent.		
51.	1523.				Lift out of C Coy commenced. (60 persons)		
52.	1602				B Coy back in base		
53.	1610				Remainder moving		
54					Operation SMITHFIELD ends 211700H. All elements back in base Final score 245 plus 3 voc (,) No estimate made of possible WIA or KIA.		
55.	2000	6 RAR	C Coy		To provide platoon for APC San Area. To be in position by 1000hrs.		
56.	2001	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep NTR		
57.	2400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep NTR		

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Period from 220001 *Nov* H to 222400 H

Sheet No 1

Serial	Date/ Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
1.	0400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrepl.NTR		
2.	0630	A Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol GR 451681 C/S 11A		
3.	0905	6 RAR	All Coys		A Coy- Day nil - night provide standing patrol FDL. B Coy - One platoon to D Coy loc after lunch to fill in while D Coy on R & C - Night standing patrol FDL. C Coy - One platoon to 1 APC Sqn by 1000hrs - Night standing patrol FDL. D Coy - Virtually complete on R & C Atk Remain Sp - No change		
4.	1030	C Coy	6 RAR		7 Pl is conducting a local clearing patrol in front of their area before wiring party commences work.		
5.	12050	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrepl No 3 NTR.		
6.	1605	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrepl No 4 NTR		
7.	1710	A Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol C/S 12A at 449679		
8.	1820	C Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol C/S 33A At 448667		
9.	1831	B Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol C/S 23A At - 200 yards EAST of perimeter - will confirm later.		
10.	2055	C Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol reports suspected voices to their left front 100 - 200 metres away.		
11.	2055 2056	1 ATF	6 RAR		CO, Maj Smith, WO2 KIRBY to be at 1 ATF HQ at 231445H to meet General WESTMOORELAND. From there they are to proceed to SQIGON for Press conference by helicopter organised by 1 ATF.		

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Period from 230001 *706* Hto *232400* H

Sheet No 1

Serial	Date/ Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
1.	0013	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP No 6 NTR		
2.	0400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 1 NTR		
3.	0630	A Coy	6 RAR		My standing patrol C/S 13A is moving now to GR 448683		
4.	0805	C Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol at GR 448667		
5.	0806	B Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol at 452675		
6.	0910	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 2 NTR		
7.	0930	B Coy	6 RAR		Patrol reported in.		
8.	1200	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 3 NTR		
9.	1250	C Coy	6 RAR		A group of people were seen at GR 449668 with an Ox cart moving SOUTH towards the rubber. Group moving quickly as if trying to get away - Group moved out of sight and too far away to hope to catch them.		
10.	1405	C Coy	6 RAR		C/S 13 in C Coy Loc.		
11.	1420	1 ATF	6 RAR		APCs for reaction force are okay as from tomorrow morning.		
12.	1504	C Coy	6 RAR		Moving now.		
13.	1608	A Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrols:- C/S 11A at 448683 (.) C/S 11B at 450680 (.) Out at 1900hrs in 0700hrs.		
14.	1614	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 459673.		
15.	1703	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 464672		
16.	1750	IO	All Coys		Loc Battery testing warning system for mortars - if car horns heard - this is the testing system.		
17.	1910	C Coy	6 RAR		Sitrep NTR - Location 464672 (.) Departing 0730H (.) Strength + 5 (103)		
18.	1930	5 RAR) B Coy)	6 RAR		Location 45856935.		
19.	2000	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 5 Sent.		
20.	2400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 5 NTR.		

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Period from 24 0001 H to 241300 H

Sheet No 1.

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
1.	0400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 1 NTR.		
2.	0425	D Coy	6 RAR		SA and explosions on bearing 3100 mils approx 2000 metres out	(Commandos at LONG PHUOC)	
3.	0640	C Coy	6 RAR		Sitrep NTR.		
4.	0716	6 RAR	XXXXX C Coy		C/S 3 not to move EAST of 50 EASTING.		
5.	0740	6 Coy	6 RAR		Movement delayed - Moving 240745H.		
6.	0750	C Coy	6 RAR		Moving Now.		
7.	0810	B Coy	6 RAR		Standing Patrol 452675		
8.	0812	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 466673		
9.	0843	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 470674		
10.	0912	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 477682		
11.	0935	C Coy	6 RAR		DUSTOFF (.) C/S 33., W.B. Suspected hernia, Flora will mark with smoke., Q + 22., Approach from the SOUTH.		
12.	1025	C Coy	6 RAR		DUSTOFF Possum with dustoff has left this location		
13.	1055	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 477682		
14.	1115	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 480682		
15.	1145	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 485686 leading elements main body 482686. 7 Pl is sweeping to NORTH to investigate a noise.		
16.	1200	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep NTR		
17.	1210	1 ATF			Intercept (.) Aircraft reports 24 junks on both sides of river at YS 212732 to YS215737. Activity around huts at YS212732 and 214737. There is a well used track from 217742 to main road 246756 then to 266714 where observation finishes.		
18.	1215	C Coy	6 RAR		Location No Change. NTR from 7 Pl sweep.		
19.	1300	A Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrols in 24 Aug. C/S 11A at 451679 C/S 11B at 44956820. Time out 1900 time in 250700		

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Period from 241300

R06 H

to 242400 H

Sheet No 2

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
20.	1315	C Coy	Location Main body 489688 6 RAR		Location Main body 489688 7P1 487690.		
21.	1400	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 487691 departing loc in 50 minutes.		
22.	1505	C Coy	6 RAR		Moving now.		
23.	1550	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 492693.		
24.	1555	3P1	6 RAR		Back in location.		
25 XXX	1615	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 496694		
26.	1620				Monitored call:- Boat seen under bridge and 2 or 3 persons seen on the bridge at 380587		
27.	1700	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 500698		
28.	1730	C Coy	6 RAR		Location C/S 3 less 32 499684 C/S 32 450686		
29.	1759	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 49656813 - night location.	Passed to 5 RAR	
30.	1812	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep NTR		
31.	1840	C Coy	6 RAR		Sitrep No 3 (.) From 240630H to 241830H (.) Cart tracks moving NORTH to 500688 then SOUTH via 498679 (by same route) One man & dog tracks 6 - 8 hrs old (.) Location ammended to 497682 Strength +4		
32.	2000	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep Sent		
33.	1930				Monitor (.) From Sector - possibly two VC Coys area 335634 No evaluation given.		
34.	2145	C Coy	6 RAR		Reprt dog sighted near wire - no humans seen at this time.		
35	2400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep NTR.		

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Period from 250001

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to 251352 H

Sheet No 1

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
1.	0400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 1 NTR		
2.	0635	C Coy	6 RAR		NTR		
3.	0741	C Coy	6 RAR		Bitrep NTR Departing this location		
4.	0800	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 2 NTR		
5.	0820	1 ATF	6 RAR		Request hourly locstat C Coy.		
6.	0842	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 494682	Passed to 1 ATF	
7.	0917	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 493678	Passed to 1 ATF	
8.	0945	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 497678	Passed to 1 ATF	
9.	1020	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 498678		
10.	1045	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 498676		
11.	1125	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 498667 to 498671. Halted for 45 mins to investigate document cache.		
12.	1150	B Coy	6 RAR		Shot A.D.		
13.	1200	C Coy &	6 RAR		Location passed to 1 ATF.		
14.	1201	C Coy	6 RAR		General SITREP - no change.		
15.	1229	C Coy	6 RAR		Moving now.		
16.	1310	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 488658		
17.	1337	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 498666		
18.	1352	C Coy	6 RAR		Estimated night loc GR SQ 4667		
19.	1352	6 RAR	C Coy		To move generally direct from present loc i.e. NORTH of LONG TAN, before returning to base 26 Aug. Check mortar posn found by B Coy at 459671.		
20.	1430	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 495665		

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Period from 251352

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to 251907 H

Sheet No 2

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
21.	1430	6 RAR	All Coys		Outline of events 26-27 XXX Aug. A Coy. Platoon return from R & C 26 Aug. Platoon returns from APC Sqn approx 261130hrs. Coy commences 3 day patrol approx 270800H. Platoon B Coy to move into A Coy loc approx 270800H. B Coy Remains on 1/2 hour notice until C Coy returns 26 Aug. Platoon on R & C 26 Aug. Platoon to A Coy loc 27 Aug. C Coy Returns from patrol approx 261000H. On return becomes stand by Coy to be on 1/2 hours notice. D Coy Platoon to APC Sqn 261100H. Platoon returns to D Coy from C Coy loc on return C Coy from patrol. Atk Pl Patrols from D Coy to 438650 - 450653 - 455660 - D Coy loc out 260930H in 261600H.		
22.	1515	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 483671		
23.	1550	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 474673		
24.	1600	C Coy	6 RAR		Sitrep No 3 Location 474673.		
25.	1630	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 466673		
26.	1724	C Coy	6 RAR		Night Location 46386695		
27	1810	C Coy	6 RAR		Sitrep No 5 (.) Quantity documents located in enemy camp 4198677. Will be brought in (.) Otherwise NTR (.) Location 46386695 (.) Str 104.		
28	1811	D Coy	6 RAR		Maj Smith & CSM back in location.		
29.	1907	A Coy	6 RAR		Standing ptls 11A - 451680 (.) 11B - 447683 (.) Time out 1900 Time in 0700 (.)		
30.							

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Period from 251907

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to 252400 H

Sheet No 3

Serial	Date/ Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
30.	1910	6 RAR	All Coys		Activities 26 Aug (Cancels entry previous page)		
31.					A Coy- Platoon to return from APC Sqn by 260730. A Coy to be on 1 hour notice from 0800hrs as reaction force.		
					B Coy Under comd 5 RAR from 260700.		
					C Coy Return ASP one platoon to B Coy, loc.		
					D Coy No change		
					Atk Pl No change Coy 5 RAR at Bin Ba to come under comd		
					Coy 5 RAR at Bin Ba to come under Comd 6 RAR.		
32.	2010	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 4 Sent.		
32.	2400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep NTR.		

6 RAR OPS LOG

Period from 260001

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to 261217 H

Sheet No 1

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
1.	0030	D Coy	6 RAR		We have just heard a series of bangs; bearing 2800mils, distance 3000 metres	Passed to 1 ATF	
2.	0400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 1 NTR		
3.	0650	C Coy	6 RAR		Moving now.		
4.	0716	C Coy	6 RAR		Location 458671.		
5.	0730				Request made for possum for LO to visit BINH BA to brief OC C Coy 5 RAR on current operation. To be confirmed	Time requested 1000hrs.	
6.	0850	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No2 Sent.		
7.	0930	I3	6 RAR		Request clearance to move SOUTH to 715 NORTHING and EAST to line 461715 to 470757. (b) Please advise if my C/S 8 elements are are now to refer all request for clearance through your C/S 8. (c) Please advise if your 95A or my parent 95A is to support this C/S.		
8.	1020	I3	6 RAR		Reports ACORN 6 RAR in his location now.		
9.	1032	I3	6 RAR		Moving now		
10.	1000	61	6 RAR		Moving now.		
11.	1100	61	6 RAR		Found woman 441659. Told to release her and send on her way.		
12.	1150	6 RAR	I3		Limit patrolling to 2200 metres all around-this xxxx does not debar liaison with ARVN HQ to NORTH. Contingency plan basically same as before i.e. one company.		
13.	1155	I3	6 RAR		Location 426742 I33 (.) I33B Location 433773.		
14.	1200	61	6 RAR		Location 446651. Found 2 ammo boxes and 1 M72 alive. 400 rds link link belt found.		
15.	1205	61	6 RAR		M72 too dangerous to move because of deteriorated condition. Request Pnr be sent to blow it. LZ Handy.	Pull M72 into hole with toggle rope.	
16.	1215	61	6 RAR		6 children 9-5 (ages) 2 others fled WEST (1 section fell up)		
17.	1217	6 RAR	61		Told to release children back to LONG KIEN, from where they say they came.		

6 RAR OPS LOG

Period from 261217

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to 262240 H

Sheet No 1

Ser ial	Date/ Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
18.	1310	61	6 RAR		Reported 6 more children-told to send back to village.		
19.	1350	61	6 RAR		Location 452656. Found two females with ID cards	Told to releasethem	
20.	1420	61	6 RAR		Location 454658		
21	1420	I3	6 RAR		Sunray this C/S moving NORTH for normal visit with C/S 31C and 3C/S of T8.		
22.	1422	I3	6 RAR		Reports 31 LONG SLEEP		
23	1445	61	6 RAR		Locstat 454661		
24.	1500	61	6 RAR		Back in C/S 4 location now.		
25.	1600	I3	6 RAR		C/S 33 LONG SLEEP		
26.	1615	A Coy	6 RAR		C/S 12A at 450680 - C/S 13A at 448683 - time out 261900 - time in 0700 27 Aug. Standing patrol 27 Aug, C/S 11A at 451679. Out 270715, In 271800hrs.		
27.	1620	A Coy	6 RAR		Request clearance for Range practice 1300-1600 27 Aug 66. 1 ATF OK 1400-1500 hrs only. A Coy notified.		
28.	1622	I3	6 RAR		Sunray back in Location now.		
29	1638				Monitor = MILTON TIMING to 1 ATF : ARVIN eval C3 US eval F3 (O) 1 x VC Coy observed 0700hrs 26 Aug at YS 327640 (.) Armed with ; 1 x MG, 2 x BAR, many small arms.		
30	1755	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep NTR.		
31.	1930	I3	6 RAR		Location of C/S 32B 435750		
32.	1935	I3	6 RAR		Sitrep NTR		
33.	2005	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep Sent.		
34.	2005	1 ATF	6 RAR		Helicopter for Maj PASSEY and Maj SWEATON both arriving EAGLE FARM at 270830H for movement to BIN BAH (.) Will be picked up 0930H	Both informed	
35	2240	A Coy	6 RAR		Reports his sig says that the morse interference seems to be some code. He managed to make out "100 FOK (AJFOA) over".		

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Period from 262240

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to 262400 H

Sheet No 3

Serial	Date/ Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
36.	2332				Heard 2 shots roughly SOUTH - range C Coy - shots were from one of their platoon areas probably at a dog because one was heard to whine - OC will call back.		
37.	2340	C Coy	6 RAR		Request CI		
38.	2340				Checked D Coy for standing ptl - had trouble getting an answer as their TOC didn't know - got clearance from d Coy 2346hrs.		
39.	2346				Fired 1 rd Mor fire - Coys stood to		
40.	2351				Mors fired 3000 metres SE of CI. then repeated CI. C Coy fired 1 M60 into area of movement also.		
41.	2400	C Coy 6	6 RAR		No people seen - only the dog.		
42.	2400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 6 Sent.		

6 RAR OPS LOG

Period from 270001

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to 271540 H

Sheet No 1

Ser ial	Date/ Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
1.	0015	C Coy	6 RAR		From OC we think we have killed the dog. At the moment we are holding an inquiry into why the M60 which was ordered to fire kept stopping.		
2.	0400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 1 NTR		
3.	0800	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 2 NTR		
4.	0810	A Coy	6 RAR		Standing ptl GR 451679 (.) B Coy No Standing patrol (.) C Coy No standing patrol (.) C Coy no standing patrol (.)		
5.	0945				Arty may be redeploying today or tomorrow - Recce parties will be in area SOUTH of this loc today	Rifle Coys notified	
6.	1010	32A	6 RAR		Moving now.		
7.	1040	32A	6 RAR		Location 453673		
8.	1042	32A	6 RAR		Location 454677		
9.	1114	A Coy	6 RAR		Reference 2 Recce Ptls today C/S 13A & 13B. Time out: 1300hrs Time in:- 1700hrs. Route out: From A Coy 447680, due NORTH along road between A Coy & 5 RAR. Then meet SONGCAU at 448693. Search creek for crossing for APCs. May go 600-700 metres further NORTH to look at country.	5 RAR notified.	
10.	1143	32A	6 RAR		Approaching C/S 3 Lines now.		
11.	1148	32A	6 RAR		In location now NTR.		
12.	1220	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 3 NTR		
13.	1405	33	6 RAR		Moving out through C/S 32 location now.		
14.	1415	33	6 RAR		Location 448668		
15.	1425	33	6 RAR		Fired shot at dog - following up now.		
16.	1443	33	6 RAR		Location 451671		
17.	1510	33	6 RAR		Location 45056580		
18.	1540	33	6 RAR		Location 449656. Remaining this loc approx 15 mins to secure temporary listening posts.		

6 RAR OPS LOG

Period from 271540

H

to 272400 H

Sheet No 2

Serial	Date/ Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
19.	1540	6 RAR	1 ATF		Request Irequois - Eagle Farm - 1030hrs to BINH BA, CO, BC, Chaplain 5 RAR, HMO, will visit C Coy 5 RAR. Return departing BINH BA 1200hrs.		
20.	1540	33	6 RAR		Location No Change.		
21.	1605	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 4 NTR		
22.	1613	33	6 RAR		Location 447656		
23.	1645	33	6 RAR		Location. We are 5 mins from D Coy location. Request permission to move in.		
24.	1705	33	6 RAR		Back in location now.		
25.	1730	A Coy	6 RAR		Tonight standing ptls (.) C/S 11A at 449682 (.) C/S 12A at 451678 (.) Out 1900hrs (.) In 0700hrs.		
26.	1730	A Coy	6 RAR		Tomorrow ptls (.) 13A at 451682 (.) Out 0715hrs (.) In 1800hrs (.) All on Coy freq 46.8 mcs.		
27	1800	C Coy	6 RAR		Tonight standing ptl 448667 out at 1900hrs (.) In first light C/S 31B on Bn Comd Net.		
28	1806	SAS LO	6 RAR		Reports all his ptls remaining for night in locs as shown on 1:25000 Picto.		
29	1908	I3	6 RAR		C/S 33 in position		
30	1921	I3	6 RAR		C/S 33 & 3 location 447753		
31.	1935	I3	6 RAR		Movement seen at 441748. A Clearing patrol by 5 APC and riflemen clearing and investigating.		
32.	1956	I3	6 RAR		APC have returned - NTR		
33.	2003	31B	6 RAR		In position now		
34.	2045				Location 5 RAR (.) BHQ 50407135 (.) A Coy 504714 (.) B Coy 505716 (.) D Coy 503713 (.) BBCoy 6 RAR 502714.		
35.	2400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep NTR.		

6 RAR OPS LOG

Period from 280001 AUG H to 281755 H

Sheet No 1

Ser ial	Date/ Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
1.	0400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 1 Sent. NTR		
2.	0615	31B	6 RAR		Moving now.		
3.	0630	31B	6 RAR		Now in base location		
4.	0810	C Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol at 44956720. C/S 33 C.		
5.	0815	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 2 NTR		
6.	0855	D Coy	6 RAR		Are there any friendly ptls SOUTH of my loc this morning - Negative - closest is C Coy standing ptl.		
7.	0907	6 RAR	1 ATF		We will be test firing M79, M84 (Carl GUSTAV) and 106 RCL between 1000 & 1100hrs. 106s will fire toward LONG TAN,		
8.	0910	D Coy	6 RAR		Confirmed 106 RCL will fire toward LONG TAN - Right of arc 2400 miles		
9.	0950				Ground Clearance for D Coy mortar DF completed from Engineers and Pns. This firing will take place between 1030 & 1100 hrs.		
10.	1105				Firing finished - end of mission.		
11.	1121 1200				All SAS patrols now back in base location.		
12	1200	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 12 Sent NTR.		
13.	1311	6 RAR	I3		SHELLDRAKE, STARLIGHT & SUNRAY expected to be in your loc at 1400hrs.		
14.	1330	5 RAR	6 RAR		Inform I3 there will be no helicopter at 1530hrs	(I3 notified)	
15.	1357	CO	6 RAR		Departing your loc now.		
16.	1403	CO	6 RAR		At I3 loc now		
17.	1410	C Coy	6 RAR		Test firing M60 at 1415 hrs.		
18.	1507	I3	6 RAR		C/S 9 departing my loc now.		
19.	1507	C Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol tonight 44956705. This is 50 m for mortar DF CI		
20.	1605	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 4 NTR.		
21.	1755	A Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrols tonight are C/S 11A at 451679 and C/S 13A at 449682. Time out 1900hrs. Time in 0700hrs. Frequency 46.8 (Coy main freq) My patrol for tomorrow will be C/A 12A at 449683. Time out 0715hrs. Time in 1800hrs.		

6 RAR OPS LOG

Period from 281755 Aug H 282400 H

Sheet No 2

Serial	Date/ Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
22.	2000	I3	6 RAR		Standing patrol C/S 33B located 441747		
23.	2005	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 5 NTR.		
24.	2005 2400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 6 NTR		

6 RAR OPS LOG

Period from 290001 Aug H to 291535 H

Sheet No 1

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
1.	0420	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 1 NTR		
2.	0508	D Coy	6 RAR		Mortrep (.) A (.) 6 RAR (.) B (.) 445669 (.) C (.) Primary 2800, Secondary 2906 (.) D (.) 0453 to 0457 (.) F (.) Not Known. (.) G (.) 81mm (.) I (.) 8 (.) J (.) 20 secs (.) Some SA fire heard same area same time (.) Passed to 1 ATF.		
2.	0535	D Coy XXXX	6 RAR		Mortrep (.) Details as for above except:- C (.) Primary 2600, Secondary 2400 (.) D (.) 0534 (.) I (.) 1.	Passed to 1 ATF	
3.	0650				Cleared from TF for D Coy to fire M79 & Claymores at 1000hrs.	D Coy notified	
4.	0800	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 2 NTR.		
5.	0820	I3	6 RAR		Patrols (.) Routes from 432766 to 432774 to 403751 to 420740 (.) time out 0830hrs.		
6.	0825	1 ATF	6 RAR		Ref our Mortreps at 0508 & 0535 - From MILTON TIMING, these were friendly mortars fired from DAT DO 4960. Into squares 4761 and 4758.		
7.	0912	C Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol C/S 32C on Coy net in loc at 543673		
8.	1013	I3	6 RAR		Location I31, 432773.		
9.	1045	I3	6 RAR		Location I33, 426771.		
10.	1338	A Coy	6 RAR		Want to fire on range 1400 - 1500hrs (.) 1 ATF OK (.)	A Coy advised	
11.	1345	I3	6 RAR		There are D10 cables parallel with road running towards bridge (.) Told to check end for possible demolition charge.		
12.	1355	1 ATF	6 RAR		Require 4 APC at SOUTHERN check point as security for CHOI HOI people at 0900hrs 30 Aug - also advise MILTON TIMING 12 to tell his chief to be there at 0930hrs or 1000hrs	(Passed to I3)	
13.	1447	C Coy	6 RAR		Standing ptl at 44906665 C/S 31B on Coy net (.)		
14.	1530				Constant Vietnamese (?) being spoken on comd net (.) Int Sec advised - NO interpreter available (.) Rang 1 ATF Int who put me on to lingual sec who will listen to freq.		
15.	1535	I3	6 RAR		Sitrep 13, NTR, Own Sit C/S 1 ? (.) C/S 2, 505661 (.) C/S 4, 505671 (.) Bn HQ 505670 (.) C/S I2, 501665	To OC Sp.	

6 RAR OPS LOG

Period from 291535

H

to 292400 H

Sheet No 2

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
16.	1601	I3	6 RAR		Request Possum for radio relay to C/S I31 (For how long? Where is C/S I31). 30min. C/S I31 is WEST of our loc & we have lost coms. (What freq?) C Coy main freq. Request passed to 1 ATF.		
17.	1601 1610	1 ATF	6 RAR		Possum 4 leaving this loc in 5 mins (.) I3 advised.		
18.	1615	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 4 NTR.		
19.	1623	A Coy	6 RAR		PtIs. C/S I3 - on Bn comd net - testing coms 1730hrs - time out 1745 - time in 0715hrs - fighting ptl platoon located at bridge 437692. (in rubber to WEST of bridge.) Route out - WEST along CANBERRA AVE crossing highway 2 then along cover WEST of road to ambush position. Route in - EAST along SONG COU then in through C Coy 5 RAR. Will report 'in loc' 'on contact' & 'leaving site.'		
20.		A Coy	6 RAR		C/S 11A standing patrol 448683 out 1900, in 0700. Coy net.		
21.		A Coy	6 RAR		C/S 12A standing ptl 448683 out 1900hrs, In 0700. Coy net.		
22.		A Coy	6 RAR		30 Aug. C/S 11A - standing patrol 449683 - Out 0715 - in 1800hrs - On coy net.		
23.	1625	I3	6 RAR		Location C/S I31 - 421755.		
24.	1730	I3	6 RAR		C /S I31 in C/S I3 location now.		
25.	1750	A Coy	6 RAR		C/S 13 moving now.		
26.	1850	A Coy	6 RAR		C/S 13 in posn now.		
27.	1812	I3	6 RAR		I32B outward bound I3 location now.		
28.	1930	C Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol in location C/S 31B on coy net GR 44906665		
29.	1935	I3	6 RAR		Location I32B - 441746		
30.	2005	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 5 NTR		
31.	2130	C Coy	6 RAR		OC Coy reported that a loud clear cry of "HELP" was heard on his company radio net. On checking with all call signs/ patrols none required help. Incident is unexplainable.		
32.	2400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 6 NTR.		

6 RAR OPS LOG

Period from 300001

H

to 301640 H

Sheet No 1

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
1.	0400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 1 NTR		
2.	0630	C Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol returned to base location		
3.	0700	I3 5 RAR	6 RAR		Request medevac for soldier with leg infection.		
4.	0710	I3	6 RAR		In base location now.		
5.	0801	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 2 NTR		
6.	0802	C Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrol 453673 C/S 320		
7.	1007	Pnr	6 RAR		Will be blasting down a tree in 30 minutes (1040)	Cleared by 1 ATF	
8.	1100	B Coy	6 RAR		Have found grenades and claymores at site of last action. What to do. From CO:- Continue with task & we will fix on your return to this loc.		
9.	1108	Pnr	6 RAR		Want to blow at 1130hrs		
10.	1355				B Coy due to return to base this afternoon.		
11.	1358	I3	6 RAR		Location I32 437724		
12.	1400	C Coy	6 RAR		Weapon test fire at 1405. Coys notified.		
13.	1422	1 ATF	6 RAR		Find out whether stream in NORTH WEST corner of 4276 passable by track or foot.		
14.	1430	6 RAR	1 ATF		NOT passable by tracked veh, but members of C/S I3 have crossed in the last few days, on foot		
15.	1433	32	6 RAR		Location 433726		
16.	1530				OC Sp advises likelihood of B Coy remaining out tonight	B Coy COMS notified.	
17.	1545	A Coy	6 RAR		Request codes for period 311800H - 011800H	Int Sec advised.	
18.	1547	33B	6 RAR		On internal net Standing Ptl 447666		
19.	1600	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 4 NTR		
20.	1640	D Coy	6 RAR		Ref ambush patrol tomorrow night Serial 33/8 - C/S 61		

6 RAR OPS LOG

Period from 301640 H to 302400 H

Sheet No2

Serial	Date/ Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
21.	1658	1 ATF	6 RAR		Infor Maj Passey - Ebony wish to move ARVN by APC tomorrow. AP C will have to move down from I3 location to RV with road convoy at the NORTH Rd check point at 310845. (in A Coy 5 RAR area)		
22.	1645	1 ATF	6 RAR		MILTON TIMING - National Police agent report - as of 23 Aug - 1 x VC Regt & Bn of 445 were in vic of 352750 (.) Intentions of attacking 1 ATF in BienBA. Eval Viet C3 US F3.		
23.	1724	12	6 RAR		Location 436715		
24	1728	13	6 RAR		Location 435695		
25 24	1808	12	6 RAR		Location 435749 (Last location wrong)		
26.	1825	B Coy	6 RAR		Location 473658		
27	1856	12	6 RAR		In position		
28.	1915	I3	6 RAR		Advised of 5 RAR probable return tomorrow and of A Coy patrol at 436703		
29.	1915	13	6 RAR		(Patrol on bridge) in position		
30.	1920	C Coy	6 RAR		Standing patrols in position		
31.	1945	I3	6 RAR		Location C/S 31B 440745 S/S Standing patrol C/S 34 GR 437747.		
32.	2000	6 RAR	1 APC		Checked with APC Sqn on availability of APC if relief force required for Binh Ba - Answer - Up to 20 will place them off 45 minutes notice.		
33.	2400	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep No 6 NTR		

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6 RAR OPS LOG

Period from 31 0005 Aug H to 31 1024 H

Sheet No 1

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
1	0408	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep 1 - 302400 H to 31 0400 H - NTR.		
2	0745	C Coy	6 RAR		C Coy standing patrol will be at GR 44956720 and will be 9 Pl (C/S 33 c) on internal.		
3	0810	6 RAR	1 ATF		Sitrep 2 31 0400 H to 31 0800 H - NTR.		
4	0840	2 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat GR 450699		
5	0932	2 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat GR 451689		
6	0936	Maj Smeaton	6 RAR		One of his standing ptls came in with radio trouble but reported a sighting of several people milling around an ox cart at GR 450686 - The people didn't appear to be doing anything particular. It is thought they saw the ptl which was 4 - 500 metres away but took no notice. It was suggested 2 pl be told to check on his way in.		
7	0940	6 RAR	2 Pl		Check area GR 450686 for ox cart as above.		
8	0954	2 Pl	6 RAR		Am near 450681 and saw no sign of the ox cart.		
9	0954	2 Pl	6 RAR		Remain in that area as you may be required to conduct a sweep further EAST and NORTH to try to find the cart and people.		
10	0956	6 RAR	2 Pl		Move now to sweep EAST and NORTH for up to 800 metres - Check axis of track EAST of 45 line.		
11	1002	2 Pl	6 RAR		Can see movement along track we just passed - I think its one of our standing ptls - Request permission to check on them.	Given.	
12	1005	2 Pl	6 RAR		The ptl are friendly, we will find out what they saw and where.		
13	1005	1 ATF	3 Pl		At approx 1435 hrs a chopper will be going to your loc with 2 allies aboard who want to discuss some matters with you. They contact you when overhead and may require smoke.		
14	1023	C Coy	6 RAR		Standing ptl at 44956720.		
15	1024	B Coy	6 RAR		Back in coy area now.		

AUGUST

6 RAR OPS LOG

Period from 31 1028

H

to 31 2400 H

Sheet No 2

Serial	Date/Time	From	To	Orig No	Subject or Detail	Action	Completed
16	1028	2 Pl	6 RAR		NO cart or track seen in area of sighting. Possibly A Coy standing ptl saw 2 Pl - returning to base loc now.		
17	1113	9 Pl	6 RAR		Locstat 445730.		
18	1200	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP - NTR.		
19	1209	3 Pl	6RAR		3 Pl in this location now.		
20	1552	6 RAR	Atk Pl		Locstat - GR 446640.		
21	1600	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP - NTR.		
22	1615	6 Rar	Atk Pl		Locstat GR 445635.		
23	1640	7 Pl	6 RAR		Radio on blink. Locstat 457655.	Carry on using FOO's.	
24	1650	7 Pl	6 RAR		Last locstat have got 9 civilians, 2 age 17 have got ID papers	Send in W direction, let Q1 know.	
25	1654	Atk Pl	6 RAR		Found one man, 2 children with bullock cart. South a little found another woman. Locstat 445645.	Send in W direction, same as above.	
26	1710	6 RAR	Atk Pl		Make your crossing of road soon - don't want you to run into civilian despatched by 7 Pl.		
27	1920	Atk Pl	6 RAR		In position now.		
28	2000	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP - NTR.		
29	2015	1 Pl A	6 RAR		Locstat GR 451681. 3 Pl A GR 447683.		
30	0015	6 RAR	1 ATF		SITREP - NTR.		

File No R54-1-1

6 RAR
NUI DAT
Aug 66

FORECAST OF ACTIVITIES
12-27 Aug

1. The attached forecast of activities supercedes that issued on 2 Aug 66 which is hereby cancelled.
2. The activities shown are of course subject to changes but may be used for planning purposes.
2. Although Atk Pl remains under command D Coy, for ease of reference it is shown separately.

DISTRIBUTION

List D


Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

ACTIVITY	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Coy Patrol	-	B	B	B	A	A	A	D	D	D	C	C	C	B	B	B
Stand by Coy	-	A	A	A	D	D	D	B	B	B	A	A	A	C	C	C
5 RAR Op	C	C	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pl to other Coy Loc	- DL	A1 DL	A1 DL	A1 DL	D1 —	D1 —	D1 —	B1 —	B1 —	B1 —	B1 —	A1 —	A1 —	D1 —	D1 —	D1 —
Pl to APC Sqn	A	A	A	D	D	D	B	B	B	B	A	A	A	A	A	A
R & C 1 day - Pls	-	DL	H/S1	H/S2	C1 DL	B2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Close patrolling	-	-	-	-	Atk C	Pnr C	Mor C	B C	A C	Atk Pnr	A B	Mor D	D Atk	A Pnr	A D	C —
Duty Pl	-	-	D	-	-	B	B	C	C	A	A	D	D	C	C	A

R & C -	HQ & Sp Coy	13 Aug	Atk	10
			A Pnr	10
			HQ	8
		14 Aug	Mor	10
			Atk	15
			A Pnr	15
			HQ	18

GRAR
New DAT
2 Aug 66

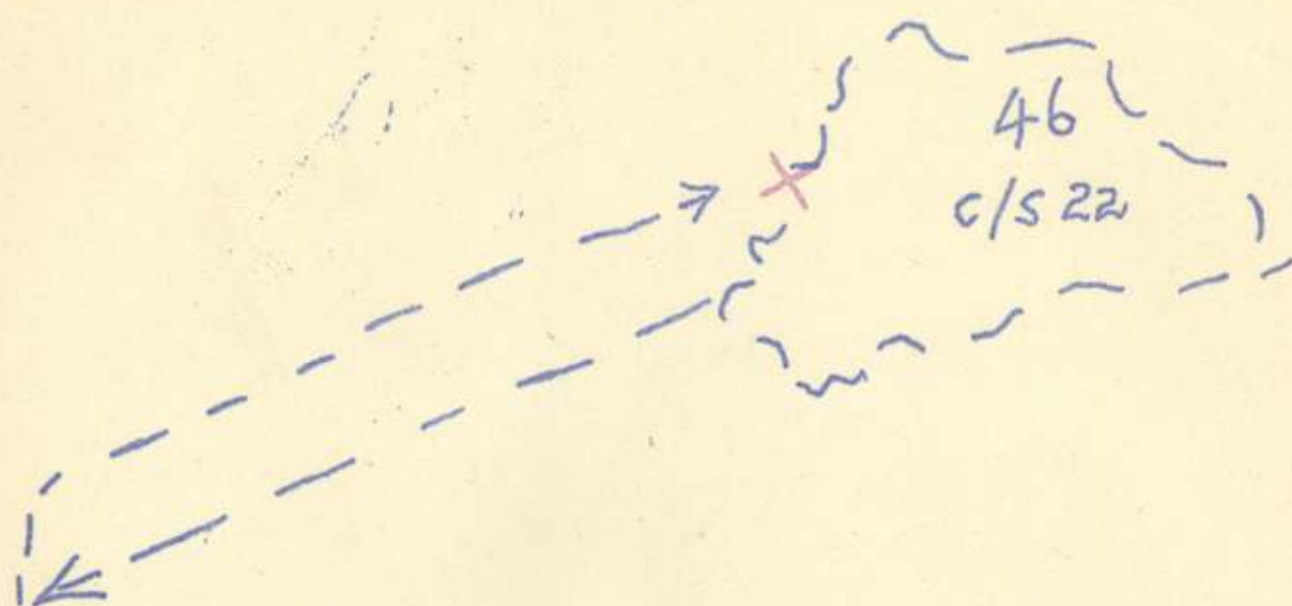
PATROLS 2/3 AUG

1. Patrol trace for 2/3 Aug is attached
2. Patrol No 1 - B Coy c/s 22
Patrol No 2 - C Coy c/s 33
3. Time out 02 1400 H
Time in 03 1700 H
4. Communications - both patrols on Bn Comd net.
Relay station c/s 97 on New Dat
5. Tasks - night ambush positions shown, search sectors 46 and 32 respectively.
6. Strength - each patrol one platoon.

Sammy May
Lt Col
CO GRAR

HQ IATF	2	Echelon	1
1 APC Sqn	2	CO	1
1 Fd Regt	6	BC	1
1 Fd Sqn	1	OC Mar PI	1
SRAR	2	IO	1
3 SAS Sqn	1	TOC	1
A Coy	1	File	2
B Coy	2	Comd Deury	2
C Coy	2		
D Coy	1		
Mar PI	1		
ATK PI	1		
Asst Mar PI	1		

TROOPS 2/3 AUG
= LIGHT AMBUSH



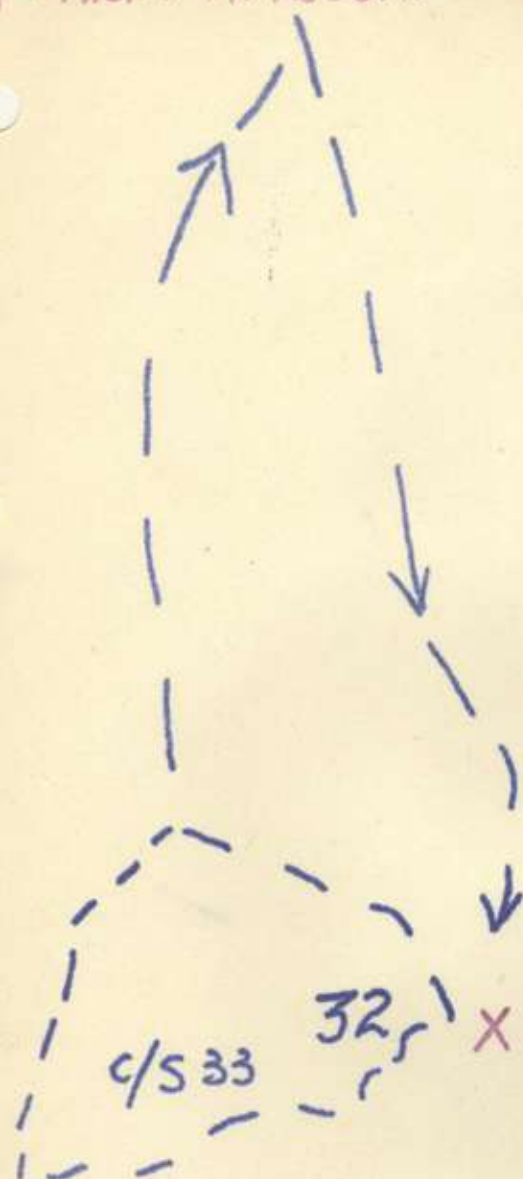
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+ 65

PAI 10LS 2/3 AUG

X = NIGHT AMBUSH.

+ 61
48



47
+ 65

6 RAR
 New DAT
 2 Aug 66

PATROLS 3/4 Aug 66

1. Patrol table and trace for 3/4 Aug is attached.
2. Patrols to be on on Cond Net. Relay station c/s 97 on New Dat.
3. All patrols platoon size.

[Signature]
 Lt Col
 CO RAR

HQ	IATF	2		
1 APC	Sqn	2		
1 Fd Regt		6		
1 Fd Sqn		1		
5 RAR		2	CO	1
3 SAS Sqn		2	BC	1
A Coy		2	OC Mor Pl	1
B Coy		2	IO	1
C Coy		2	Toc	1
D Coy		2	File	2
Mor Pl		1	Comds Diary	2
ATK Pl		1		
Asst Pres Pl		1		
Echelon		1		

PATROL TABLE 3/4 AUG

PATROL SERIAL	3/8	4/8	5/8
SUB UNIT	A COY	C COY	D COY
TYPE	FIGHTING	FIGHTING	FIGHTING
TIME OUT	03 1500	03 1500	03 1400
TIME IN	04 1700	04 1630	04 1600
ROUTE	SEE TRACE	SEE TRACE	SEE TRACE
TASKS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AMBUSH TRACK VICINITY GR 477678 2. SEARCH SECTOR 43 FOR SIGNS OF EN MOV SINCE OP HOBART IN PARTICULAR CAMP BETWEEN 473680 AND 476683 PREVIOUSLY LOC BY C COY PTL 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AMBUSH TRACK JUNE VICINITY GR 478672 2. SEARCH SECTORS 7 AND 8 FOR SMALL ENEMY RECCE GROUP THAT HAS BEEN OPERATING AGAINST OUR EAST AND SOUTH PERIMETER 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AMBUSH TRACK JUNE GR 44336300 (1:5000) 2. SEARCH SECTOR 19.

PATROLS 3/4 AUG.

X = NIGHT AMBUSH



GRAR
 NEW DAT
 3 Aug 66

PATROLS 4-5 Aug 66

1. Patrols 3/4 Aug are amended as follows:
 3/8 - Time Out Now 040700H. Cancel Task 1.
 5/8 - Time Out Now 040700H. Cancel Task 1.
 Route out as for route in.
2. Patrol tables and trace for 4-5 Aug 66 are attached.

Phung May
 Lt Col
 COBARR

MO IATF	2		
1 APC Sqn	2		
1 Fd Regt	6		
1 Fd Sqn	1	CO	1
SRAR	2	BC	1
3 SAS Sqn	2	OC gp Coy	1
ACoy	2	OC Mor PI	1
B Coy	2	IO	1
C Coy	2	TDC	1
D Coy	2	File	2
Mor PI	1	Cancel Diary	2
ATK PI	1		
Art PI	1		
Echelon	1		

PATROLS 4-5 AUG

PTL SERIAL 6/8

SUB UNIT B Coy

TYPE AMBUSH (MIN SIZE
1/2 PL)

TIME OUT 041500 H

TIME IN 050800 H

ROUTE SEE TRACE

TASK AMBUSH TRACK
VICINITY 477678

7/8

D Coy

AMBUSH (MIN SIZE
1/2 PL)

041500 H

050300 H

SEE TRACE

AMBUSH TRACK
JUNE 44336300
(1:5000)

PTL SERIAL 8/8

SUB UNIT C Coy

TYPE FIGHTING (ONE PL)

TIME OUT 050830 H

TIME IN 051530 H

ROUTE SEE TRACE

TASK SEARCH SECTOR 10.

9/8

A Coy

FIGHTING (1/2 PL)

051500 H

051800 H

SEE TRACE

CLEAR FRONT OF
A-B Coys TO
DEPTH SHOWN

PTL SERIAL

10/8

SUB UNIT

D Coy

TYPE

FIGHTING (1/2 PL)

TIME OUT

051530 H

TIME IN

051830 H

ROUTE

SEE TRACE

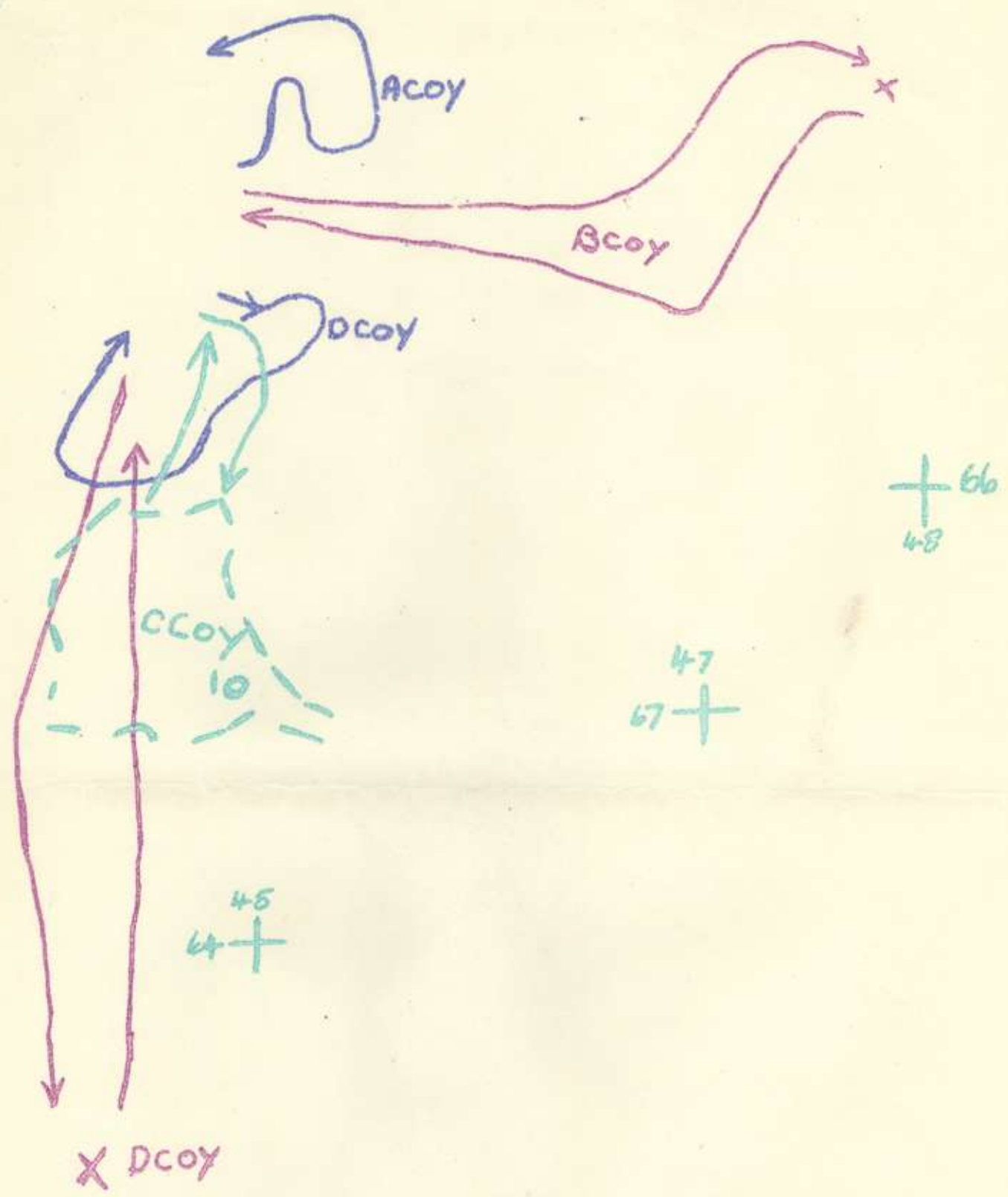
TASK

CLEAR FRONT OF
C-D Coy TO DEPTH
SHOWN.

PATROLS 4-5 AUG

X = NIGHT AMBUSH 4/5 AUG

- = CLOSE TAOR PTHS



0/45

COND DIVER

SIG CEN
Aum 95 7/65 Aug 66

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES


6 RAR
NUI DAT
3 Aug 66

List A

ENEMY - 1 ATF AREA

1. The following is an extract from 1 ATF INTSUM No 60 dated 31 July 66 and shows the current 1 ATF assessment of enemy strength and capabilities in the 1 ATF TAOR:-

- " 11. a. Within or immediately adjacent to the 1 ATF TAOR, the following VC forces are operating - approximately 100 guerillas, 2 district companies, 1 provincial battalion, 1 (possible) main force battalion (possibly from 274 Regt)
- b. These forces are capable of:
- (1) Maintaining surveillance over the 1 ATF (Nui Dat) base camp, and operations conducted in the TAOR, by the use of reconnaissance parties of up to squad size.
- (2) Attacking up to battalion 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 forces operating in the TAOR. Contacts with small VC reconnaissance groups can be anticipated at any time. In addition, the 1 ATF patrols operating EAST and WEST of the Nui Dat base camp could contact up to a battalion size force in each case"


Lt Col
CO 6 RAR

6RAR

new DAT

4 Aug 66

PATROLS 5-6 Aug

1. Patrol tables and tracers for the period 5-6 Aug 66 are attached.
2. Patrols to be on the Cond wet Relay station c/s 97 on new DAT

[Signature]
Lt Colonel
CO

HQ 1 AIF	2		
1 APC Sqn	2	(see serial 14/8)	
1 Fd Regt	6		
1 Fd Sqn	1		
SRAR	2		
3 SAS Sqn	2		
A Coy	2	CO	1
B Coy	2	BC	1
C Coy	2	oc Mor Pl	1
D Coy	3	IO	1
Sq Coy	1	TOC	1
Echelon	1	File	2
Mor Pl	1	Cond Dewey	2
Aslt Mor Pl	1		

PATROL TABLE 5-6 Aug

SERIAL	11/8	12/8
SUB UNIT	D Coy	A Coy
TYPE	AMBUSH (min 1/2 PL)	AMBUSH (min 1/2 PL)
TIME OUT	051530H	051600 H
TIME IN	060830H	060800H
ROUTE	SEE TRACE	SEE TRACE
TASK	AMBUSH VICINITY JUNE GR 481678	(OUT AND IN THROUGH D COY). AMBUSH VICINITY JUNE GR 45236520 (1:5000)

SERIAL	13/8	14/8
SUB UNIT	D Coy	B Coy
TYPE	FIGHTING	FIGHTING
TIME OUT	060730H	060830H
TIME IN	061630H	061600H
ROUTE	SEE TRACE	SEE TRACE - IN AND OUT THROUGH 1 APC SQN - TO REPORT TO 1 APC SQN COMD VEHICLE BEFORE DEPARTURE
TASK	SEARCH SECTOR 20	SEARCH SECTOR 26

VATROLS 6 AUG.

X = NIGHT AMBUSH

5/6 AUG.

X D



+ 66
48

47
67+

PATROL 6 AUG.



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GRAR
 NW DAT
 5 Aug 66
 Com Diary
 35

PATROLS 6-8 Aug 66

1. Patrol tables and trace for night 6/7 and day 7 Aug are attached.
2. There will be no patrols on 8 Aug due to other commitments.
3. Amendment to patrol programme 5-6 Aug
 On trace delete coordinate " 47 " 67+ and insert " 47 " 65+ ,

Randy May
 Lt Col
 CO GRAR

HO IATF	2		
1 APC Sqn	2	1st Pl	1
1 Fd Regt	6	Alt 1st Pl	1
1 Fd Sqn	1	CO	1
5 EAR	2	BC	1
3 SAS Sqn	2	OC 1st Pl	1
A Coy	2	TO	1
B Coy	2	TOC	1
C Coy	2	File	2
D Coy	3	Comd Diary	2
E Coy	1		
Chelan	1		

PATROL TIME 6-7 AUG

SERIAL	15/8	16/8	17/8
SUB UNIT	B Coy	B Coy	D Coy
TYPE	AMBUSH ($\frac{1}{2}$ PL)	AMBUSH ($\frac{1}{2}$ PL)	FIGHTING
TIME OUT	061430 H	061700 H	070730 H
TIME IN	070830 H	070700 H	071630 H
ROUTE	SEE TRACE OUT & IN THROUGH D Coy	SEE TRACE	SEE TRACE
TASK	AMBUSH VICINITY TRACK JUNE GR 4459 6364 (1:5000)	AMBUSH VICINITY TRACK 454 666	SEARCH SECTORS 9 and 19.

PATROLS 7 AUG.

X X : NIGHT BUSH 6/7 AUG.



+ 66
48

47
65+

GRAR
Nui Dat
7 Aug 66

Patrols Night 8/9 Aug and 9 Aug

1. Patrol table and trace for night 8/9 Aug and day 9 Aug is attached.
2. There will be no patrol night 9/10 Aug or day 10 Aug due to other commitments

Jimmy May
Lt Col
LO GRAR

HQ 1st Bn	2
1 APC Sqn	2
1 Fd Regt	6
1 APC ^{ED} Sqn	2
5 RAR	2
3 SAS Sqn	2
A Coy	2
B Coy	4
Mor Pl	1
Art Pl	1
Asst Para Pl	1
Schelon	1
CO	1
BC	1
OC Mor Pl	1
IO	1
IOE	1
Comd J Coy	2

PATROL TABLE 8-9 AUG

SERIAL	18/8	19/8
SUB UNIT	ATK PI	A Coy
TYPE	AMBUSH (1/2 PL)	FIGHTING
TIME OUT	081730 H	090730 H
TIME IN	090700 H	091700 H
ROUTE	SEE TRACE	SEE TRACE
TASK	AMBUSH EN MOV VICINITY GR 446664 (SIGNS OF ENEMY MOVEMENT (3-6 PERS AND DOG) SIGHTED BY A COY ATK (AUG))	SEARCH SECTOR 42 FOR SIGNS OF RECENT ENEMY ACTIVITY.

PATROL TRACE 8-9 Aug.

A Coy

A Coy

A Coy



+ 67
45

+ 67
47

* ATK PI

GRAR
RM DAT
8 Aug 66.

PATROL 9 Aug 66

SERIAL 20/8

1. Mor PI GRAR will provide one fighting patrol to search the area between 1 TFMA and GRAR for signs of any enemy recon parties that may have banded up in this area.
2. Time out 091300H
Time in 091600H
Route - see trace below. - Out through Aslt Rv PI - in through in HQ GRAR

67 +
43

67 +
45

HQ 1 ATF	2
1 Fd Sqn	1
1 TFMA	1
B Coy	2
D Coy (rear party)	1
A Tk PI	1
Aslt Rv PI	1
Mor PI	2
Echelon	1

RSM	1
CSM Sp Coy	1
CO	1
BC	1
OC Mor PI	1
IO	1
Tec	1
Comd Secury	2
File	2

Penny May
Lt Col
CO GRAR

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Band Diary

0/22 -8 AUG 1966

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6RAR

NUI DAT

9 Aug 66

PATROLS 10-10/11 AUG 66

1. Patrol table and trace for 10 Aug 66 and night 10/11 Aug 66 is attached.
2. Patrols are to be on the Bn Comd Net. Relay station 9s 97 on NUI DAT.
3. All patrols 1/2 platoon size.

W. D. Galt
1st Lt Col
1 CO 6RAR

DISTRIBUTION

HD IATF	2
1 APC Sqn	2
1 Fd Regt	8
5RAR	2
3SAS Sqn	2
A Coy	2
B Coy	2
C Coy	2
D Coy	2
Comds Diary	2
TOC	1

MOB PI	1
Atk PI	1
Asst+Pur PI	1
Echelon	1
CO	1
BC	1
OC Mor A	1
IO	1
File	2

PATROL TABLE

10 - 10/11 AUG 66

PATROL SERIAL	21 18	22 18
SUB UNIT	A Coy	A Coy
TYPE	Fighting	Fighting
TIME OUT	10 0800 H	10 1500 H
TIME IN	10 1700 H	11 0800 H
ROUTE	SEE	SEE
TASKS	Search area along WEST bank of western branch of SUI DA BANG for signs of recent movement, from GR 455680 to destroyed bridge on road XA LONG PHUOC - XA LONG TAN.	Ambush track at a suitable location south of track junction GR 45326341

43
69 +

PATROL
PATROL

10 AUG
NI 10/11 AUG



+ 65
47

64 +
43

6RAR

NMI DAT

10 Aug 66

PATROLS 11 - 11/12 AUG 66

1. Patrol table and trace for 11 Aug 66 and night 11/12 Aug 66 is attached.
2. Patrols to be on Bn Camd net.
Relay station % 97 on NMI DAT

Dunnell ^{Capt}
LT COL
CO 6RAR

NO IATF	2
1 APC Sqn	2
1 Fd Regt	8
5RAR	2
2 SAs Sqn	2
A Coy	2
B Coy	2
C Coy	2
D Coy	2
Sb Coy	1
Mar Pl	1
Atk Pl	1
Aslt Pwll	1
Rehalon	1

CO	1
BC	1
CCS plg	1
CCM pl	1
IO	1
TOC	1
File	2
Comd Bn	2

PATROL TABLE11 Aug - 11/12 Aug

Patrol Serial

23 18

24 18

25/8

Sub Unit

A Coy

Maj PI

A Coy

Type

Fighting

Fighting

Fighting

Strength

1/2 Platoon

Platoon

1/2 Platoon

Time Out

11 0730 H

11 0730 H

11 1400 H

Time In

11 1630 H

11 1700 H

12 0800 H

Route

See trace

See trace

See trace

in via Blay

Through D Coy

Through D Coy

Tasks

Re search Sector 16

Research Sector

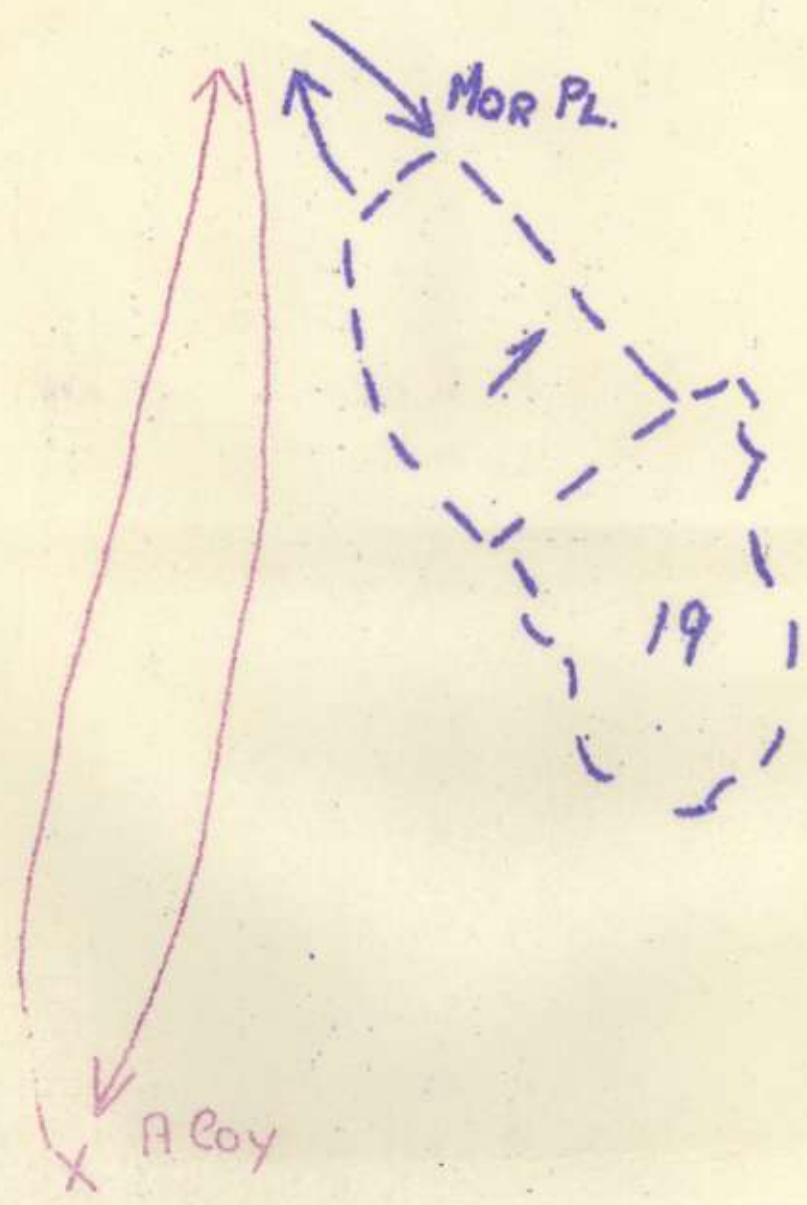
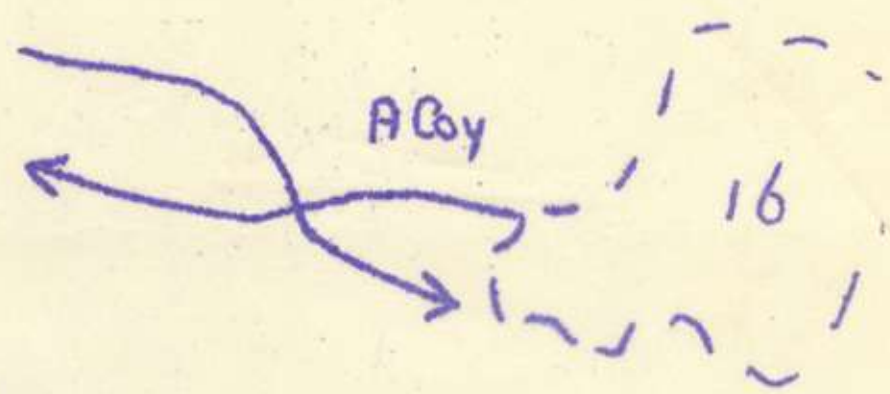
Ambush track

9 & 19

vicinity GR. 440629

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PATROL 11. AUG.
PATROL 11/12 AUG



+ 65
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6RAR

NU1 DAT

11 Aug 66

PATROLS 12 - 12/13 AUG 66

1. Patrol table and trace for 12 Aug on night 12/13 Aug is attached.
2. Patrols to be on Bn comd net. Relay station 9597 on Nu1 Dat.
3. Information from previous patrols is available from the intelligence section.

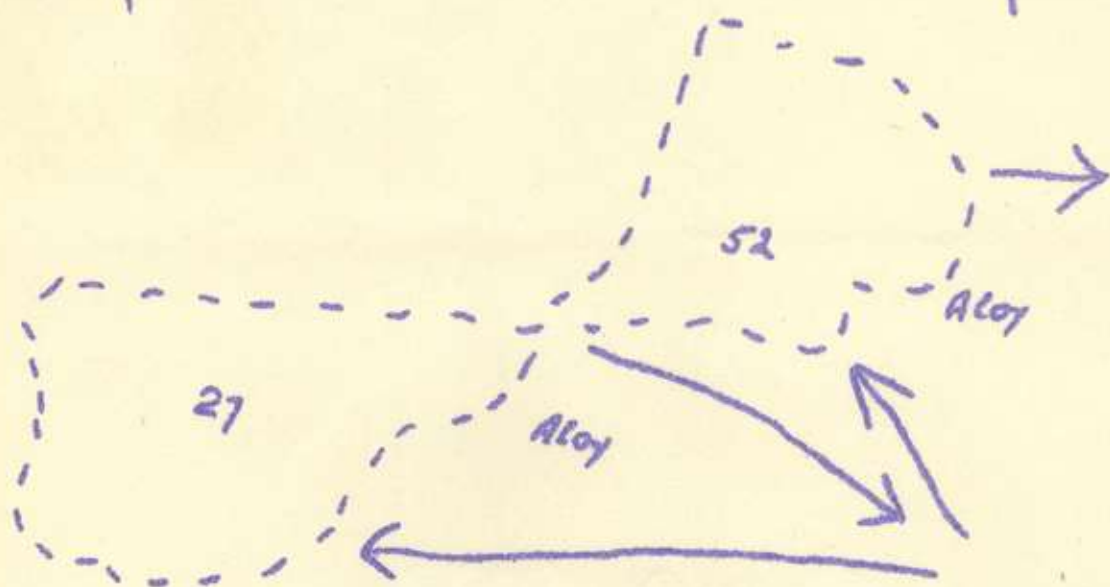
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1 APC Sqn	2
1 Fd Regt	5
1 Fd Sqn PAE	1
5 RAR	2
3 SAS Sqn	2
A Coy	2
B Coy	2
C Coy	2
D Coy	2
Spt Coy	1
Mot PI	1
Atk PI	1
Aslt Pwr PI	1
Echelon	1

III Quell Galt
of Lt Col
Co 6RAR

CO	1
BC	1
1st Spt Coy	1
CC Mot PI	1
ID	1
1st	1
Comd Diary	2
File	2

PATROL TABLE 12 Aug - 12/13 Aug

Patrol Serial	26/8	27/8	28/8
Sub unit	A Coy	A Coy	A 1k Pl
Type	Fighting	Fighting	Fighting
Strength	1/2 Platoon	1/2 Platoon	Platoon
Time Out	12 0800 H	12 0800 H	12 1500 H
Time In	12 1600 H	12 1600 H	13 0800 H
Route	See trace	See trace	See trace
	In and out through 1 APC Sqn - report to 1 APC Sqn comd veh before departure.	Out through 1 APC Sqn. In through A Coy 5RAR	Out through A Coy In through B Coy
Tasks	Recheck sector 27 for recent enemy activity.	Recheck sector 52 for signs of recent enemy activity.	Ambush track vicinity GR 469 675 believed used 7 Aug. Details from A Coy

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$$\begin{array}{r} 65 \\ + 40 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

PATROL 12 AUG

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Parkon in 12/13 Aug



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66
44

65
47

band Diary. 0/21



5/2/2013

GRAR
NVA DAT
12 Aug 66

PATROL - 13-15 Aug 66.

1. B Coy GRAR will patrol the area shown on the attached trace.

Time out 130745 H

Time in 151630 H

2. A company base will be established each day from which patrols of minimum size $\frac{1}{2}$ platoon are to search in detail the areas indicated.

Randy May
1st Lt
Co GRAR

HQ	1 ATF	- 2
1 APC	Sqn	- 2
1 Fd	Regt	- 6
1 Fd	Sqn	- 2
5 GRAR		- 2
3 SAs	Sqn	- 2
A Coy		1
B Coy		2
C Coy		1
D Coy		2
Mar PI		1
Asst Pm PI		1
Enhelon		1

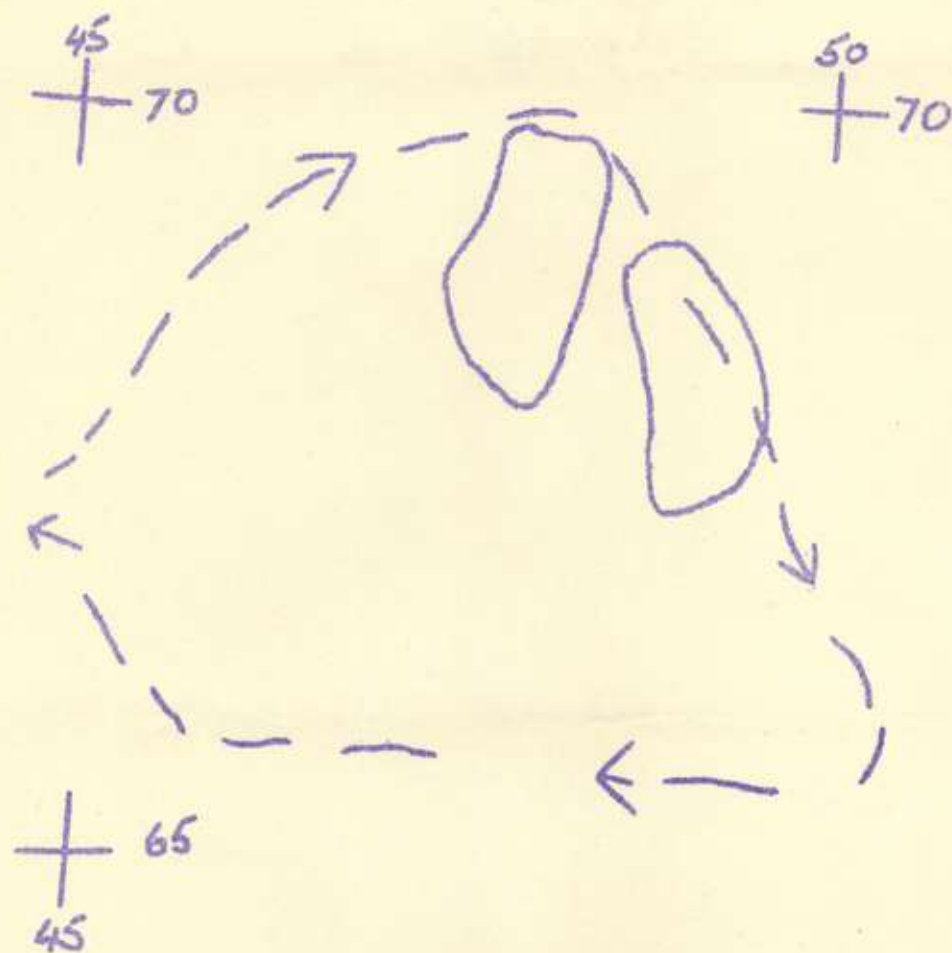
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BC	1
CC Mor PI	1
EO	1
TOC	1
File	2
Comm Deary	2

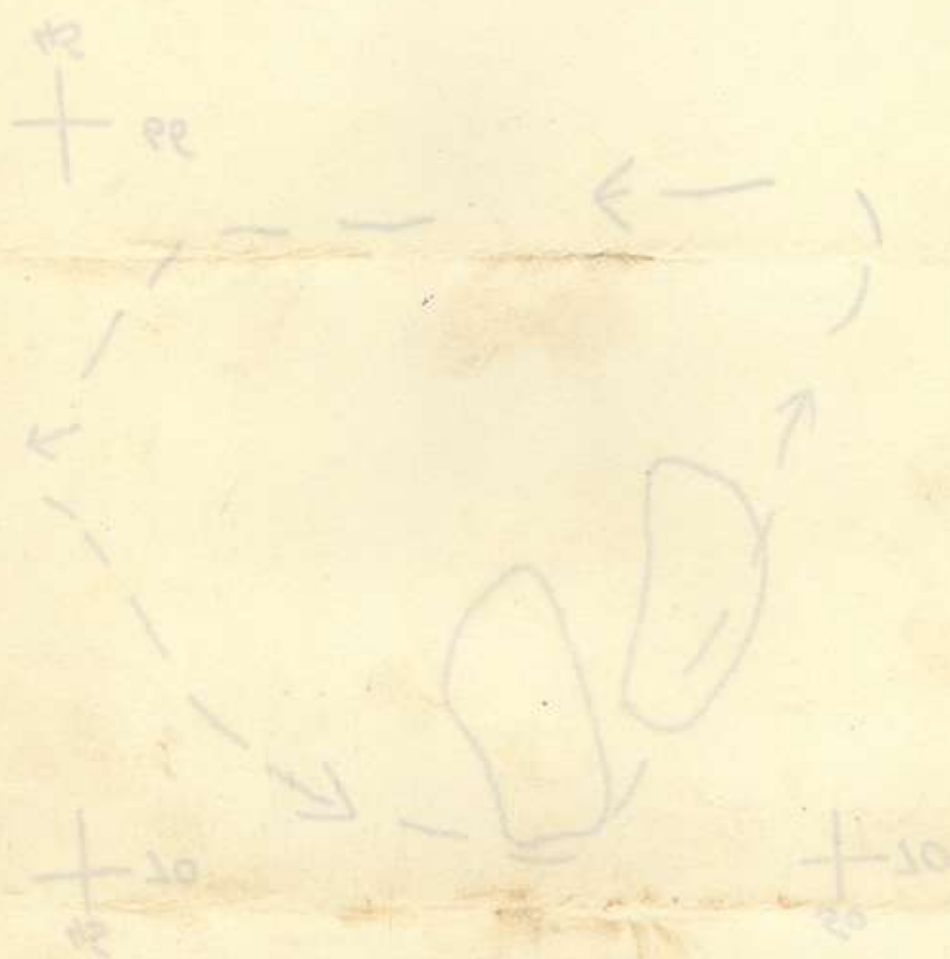
B Coy PAIRON

13-15 Aug

(MAP - 1:50,000)

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Camd diary 0/3

(1940 - 1.20.100)

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GRAR

NR1 DAT

14 Aug 66

PATROLS 15-18 AUG

1. Patrol table and traces for the following patrols are attached
 - a. Patrol serial 29/8 PI D Coy 15 Aug
 - b. Patrol serial 30/8 ACoy 16-18 Aug
2. The B Coy patrol previously notified for 13-15 Aug was cancelled.

Phang May
Lt Col
CO GRAR

HQ IATF	2		
1 APC Sqn	1		
1 Fd Regt	6	CO	1
1 Fd Sqn	1	BC	1
5RAR	2	OC Mor PI	1
3 SAS Sqn	2	IO	1
A Coy	2	Toc	1
B Coy	1	File	2
C Coy	1	Comd Diary	2
D Coy	3		
Mor PI	1		
Aslt Mor PI	1		
Echelon	1		

PATROL TABLE - 15-18 Aug 66

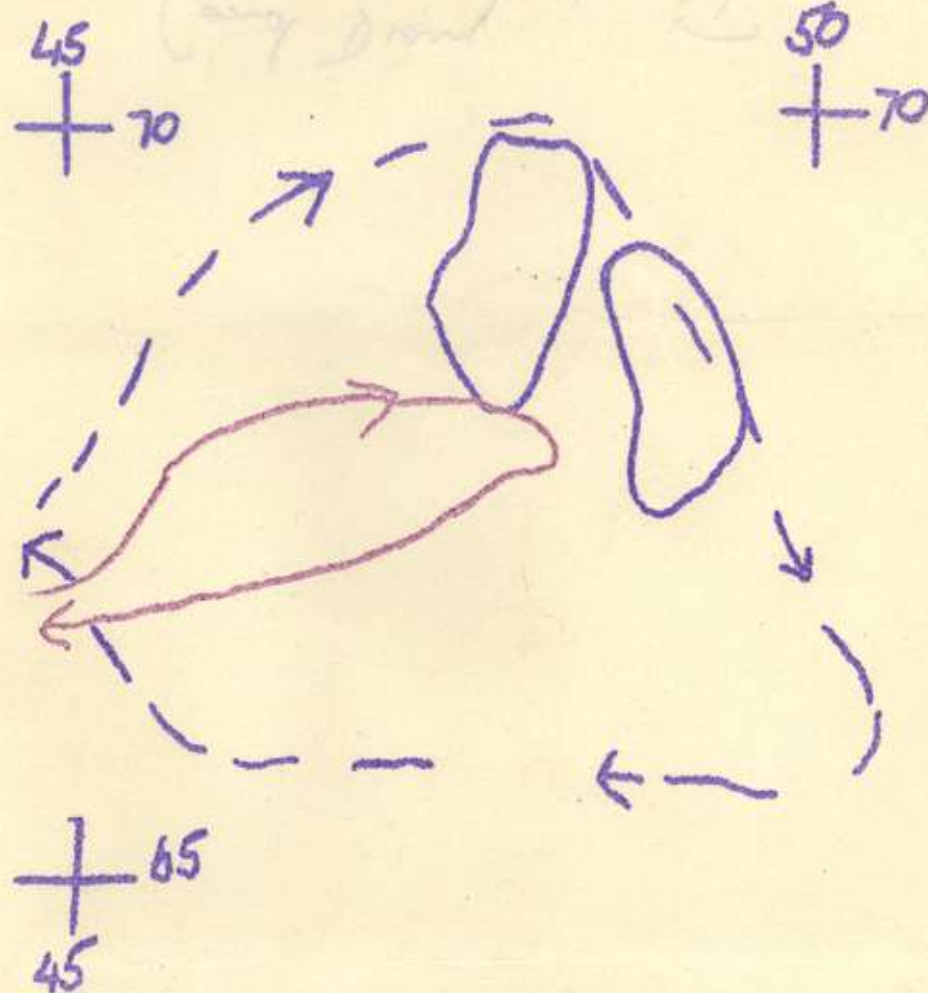
SERIAL	29/8	30/8
SUB UNIT	D Coy	A Coy
TYPE	FIGHTING PL STR	FIGHTING COY STR
TIME OUT	150700 H	160730 H
TIME IN	151700 H	181600 H
ROUTE	SEE TRACE	SEE TRACE
TASK	SEARCH AREA GR 478682 and 483677 for signs of recent enemy activity	ESTABLISH COY BASE AND SEARCH AREAS INDICATED IN PATROL STRENGTH OF NOT LESS THAN ONE PLATOON.

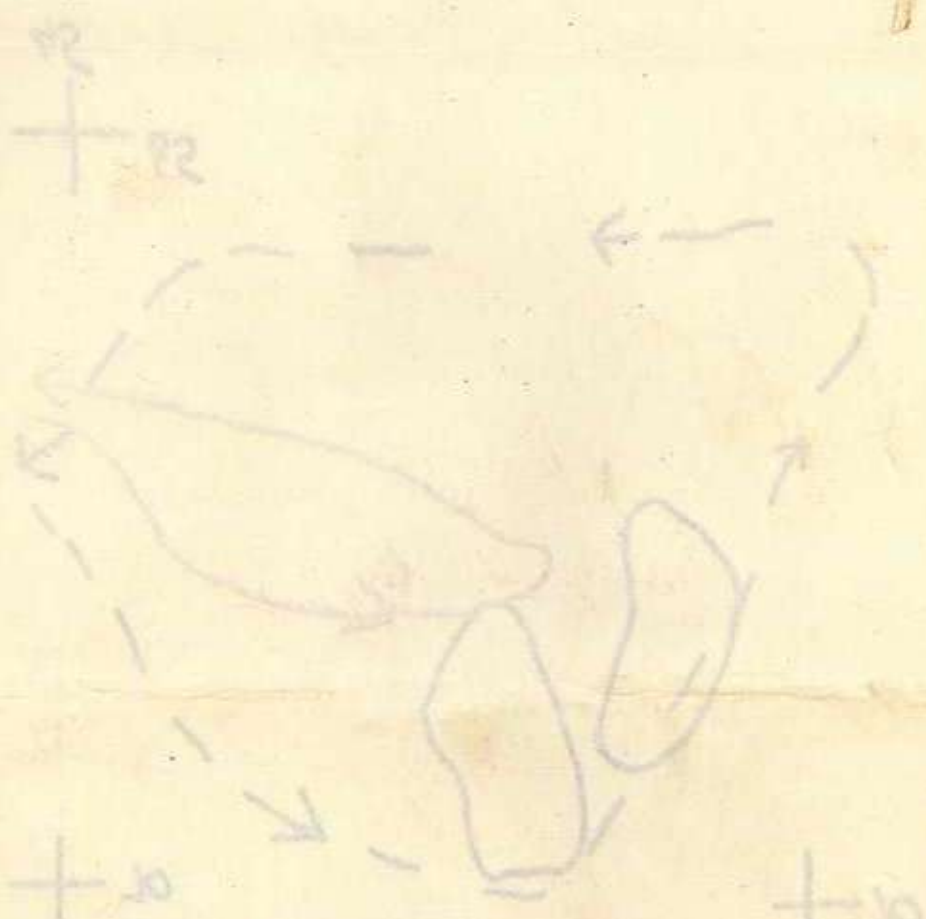
D Coy PATROL

15 AUG
A Coy PATROL

16-18 AUG

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GRAR
NEW DAT
16 Aug 66

PATROL NIGHT 16/17 AUG.

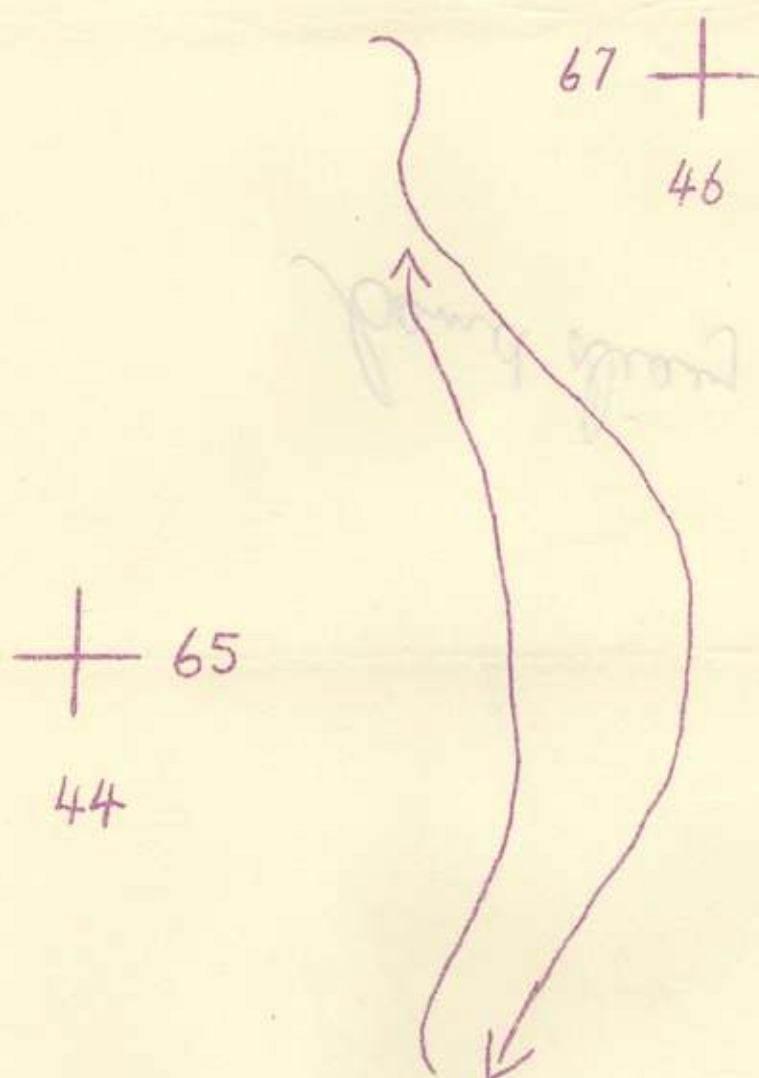
1. C Coy will provide an ambush
patrol night 16/17 Aug.

2. Patrol serial 30/8
Time out 161500 H
Time in 170900 H
Task Ambush track in vicinity
GR 4532 6342 (1:5000)

Henry May
Lt Col
CO GRAR

HQ	IATF	2
1 APC	Sqn	1
1 Fd	Regt	6
1 Fd	Sqn	1
SRAR		2
3 SAs	Sqn	2
A Coy	(max)	1
B Coy		1
C Coy		2
D Coy		2
mor PI		1
Aslt Ltr PI		1
Echelon		1
CO		1
BC		1
or mor PI		1
IO		1
TOC		1
File		2
Comd Diary		2

PATROL NI 16/17 AUG



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GRAR
 NUI DAT
 16 Aug 66

PATROLS 17 AUG - NIGHT 17/18 AUG

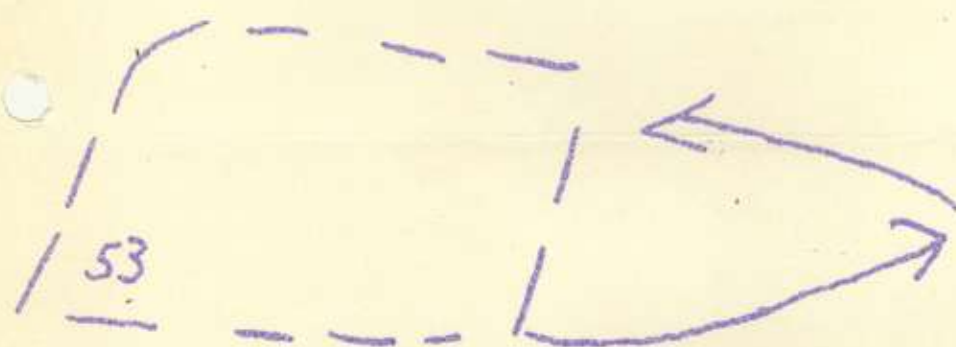
1. C Coy will provide the following patrols
 17 and 17/18 Aug 66.

Serial.	32/8	33/8
Type.	Fighting (1/2 PI)	Ambush (1/2 PI)
Time Out	170800H	171800H
Time In	171630H	180715H
Route.	out and in through A Coy SRAR	See trace.
Task.	Search sector 53	Ambush track GR 446664.

Phung May
 Lt Col
 CO GRAR

HQ 1 ATF	2		
1 APC Sqn	2		
1 Fd Regt	6		
1 Fd Sqn	1		
SRAR	2		
3 SAs Sqn	2		
A Coy (rear)	1	CO	1
B Coy	1	BC	1
C Coy	2	OC Plar PI	1
D Coy	2	IO	1
Plar PI	1	Toc	1
Artillery PI	1	Comd Diary	2
Engineer	1	File	2

PATROL 17 AUG
PATROL NI 17/18 AUG



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+ 67

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+ 67



BRAR
new DAT
30 Aug 66

PATROLS NIGHT 31 Aug / 1 SEP 66

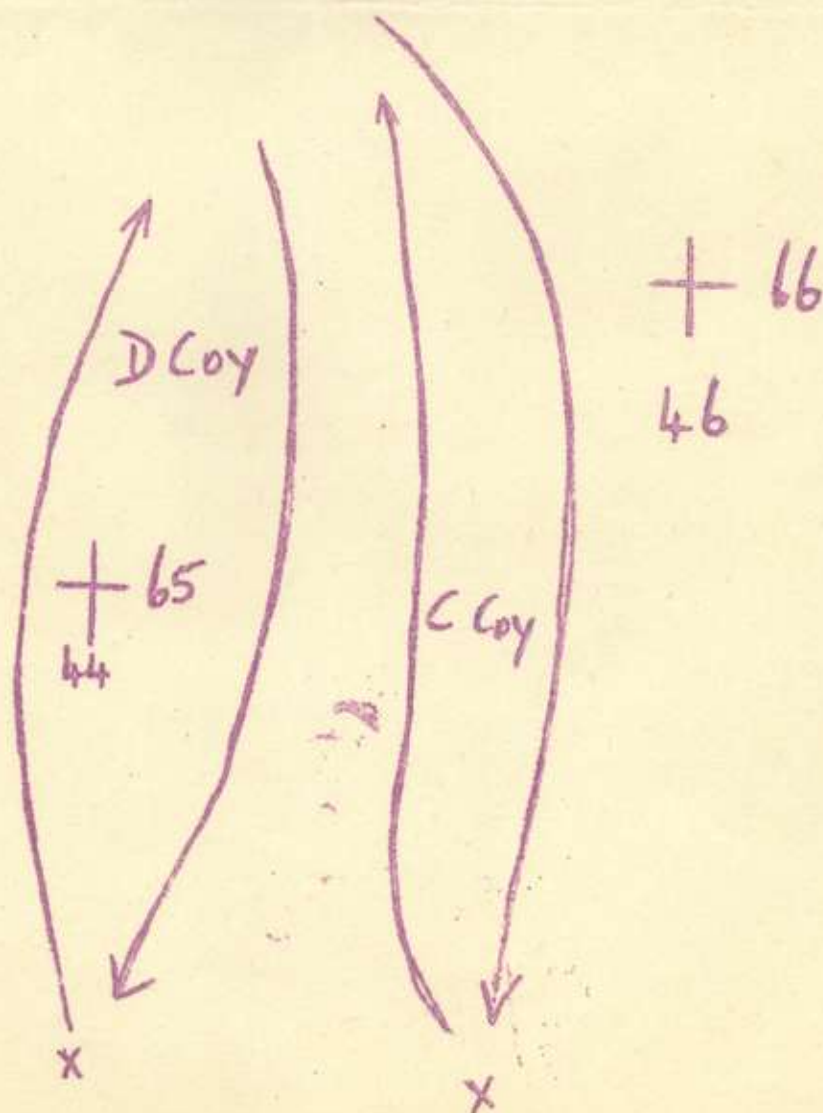
1. Patrol tables for night 31 Aug / 1 Sep are attached
2. All patrols on battalion command net

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L Lt Col
CO BRAR

HO 1 ATF	1
1 APC Sqr	1
1 Fd Regt	6
1 Fd Sqr	1
5RAR	1
3 SAS Sqr	1
A Coy	1
B Coy	1
C Coy	2
D Coy	2
Rehelon	1
Mar Pl	1
Aslt Ltr Pl	1
CO	1
BC	1
or Mar Pl	1
IO	1
TOC	1
File	2
Comd Dewey	2

PATROL TABLE NIGHT 31 AUG / 1 SEP

PATROL SERIAL	32/8	33/8
SUB UNIT	C Coy	D Coy
TYPE	AMBUSH	AMBUSH
SIZE	MINIMUM 1/2 PL	MINIMUM 1/2 PL
TIME OUT	31 1530 H	31 1530 H
TIME IN	01 0800 H	01 0830 H
ROUTE	SEE BELOW	
TASK	AMBUSH TRACK VICINITY GR 45316341	AMBUSH TRACK VICINITY GR 43836351



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Intelligence Section 4

6 RAR.

North Vietnamese Army (NVA) Squad Tactics

The NVA Rifle squad is composed of 3 cells of 3 men each. Cell number 1, is known as fire power cell and is composed of the squad leader, AW man and B 40 gunner. Cells two and three are both composed of 3 men. Two rifle men and a cell leader armed with an AK 47 type weapon. Their battle drill against a position consists of Cell 1 setting up a base of fire from one side and Cell 2 assaulting from the front and Cell 3 assaulting from the other side or supporting by fire. The standard defence formation consists of Cell 1 in the centre and the other cells, one on each flank of Cell 1.

Comments: It is believed the VC Squad tactics currently in use are substantially as described above.. Evaluation B 2.

16 August 1966

B. Wicker
.....Capt (82)
Intelligence Officer.

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6 RAR
NIE DAT

Aug 66

GENERAL INFORMATION

The following are points from Commander's 1 ATF conference 3 Aug 66.

1. Quick and accurate reporting of information is essential.
2. Interdiction of VC supply lines. Possibility of returning a company to an area after a battalion operation.
3. A newweek is to be produced weekly by 1 ATF giving VC scoreboard and raising challenging topics.
4. Junior commanders lack confidence in calling for air strikes. A demonstration of close air support is being arranged.
5. Bugles were used by D445 Bn to give signals. Also the D445 Bn is more skilful than local guerillas.
6. Deployment procedure should be done at the crawl in close country as people who remain standing are liable to be shot. This applies particularly to section commanders on moving forward to check with forward scouts.
7. Fire discipline needs to be of a more flexible approach in only firing at observed targets. Often fire must be directed at general areas and suspected movement providing control can still be exercised by section commanders.
8. The pace of operations for both infantry battalions have been heavy and should ease in the near future.
9. 1 ATF will undertake the IUC THAND Guard from 3 Sep.
10. 1 ATF sig officer to hold a conference of Bn and Fd Regt sig offrs prior to monthly frequency changes.

LIST E

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Adjt 6 RAR

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6 RAR
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9 Aug 66

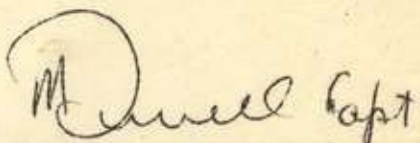
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PASSAGE OF INFORMATION

1. It has come to my notice that information contained in the Admin Info Sheets periodically produced by A Echelon is not in all cases being transmitted to the soldiers.
2. Much of this information concerns matters of welfare, camp development, and comfort, and as such is of considerable interest to troops. It is important that they be kept informed of progress, and of the reasons for administrative problems that are being encountered.
3. Company Commanders are to ensure that details of past Info Sheets are passed on to all ranks, and that future sheets are given full attention.

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List E


Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

COND DIARY

MESSAGE FORM

File No R779-1-1

ROUTINE

13 0705Z Aug 66

From 6 RAR

To LIST E plus Records

UNCLAS

A 386

GROUP 6 MILITARY SKILLS (.) Reference MBI 79 - 1 AHQ course requirement for Group 6 Military Skills (.) Provided a soldier has qualified for Group 6 Military Skills in all aspects other than the course requirements ~~cmm~~ units may submit recommendation for Group 6 Military Skills and each case will be considered on its merits (.) Depending on circumstances ~~cmm~~ an extension of 15 months after RFA may be granted

(DATE TRG 523 of 280135Z)

M. D. Dull

Capt
Adjt

MESSAGE FORM

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ROUTINE

13 0730Z Aug 66

From 6 RAR

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To List E

A 385

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS TO PRESCRIBED CORPS (.) "34/67 (.) Offr Qual course (arms and services) 18 Jan - 1 Mar 67 (.) Refer MBI 166-2 Part 5 (.) Above course for selected NCOs applicants for appointment to commissioned rank in ARA (.) ONE (.) Probably only such course in 1967 (.) TWO (.) Closing date for applications to HQ AFV is 11 Oct 66 (.) THREE (.) Applications to be accompanied by AAF A28 (Revised Jan 65) one copy (.) OCs report one copy (.) Evidence of Educational qualification cmm originals will be returned to applicant (.) 2 full face photos (.) Onus rests on applicant to produce educational evidence (.) FOUR (.) Any other documents in possession of member which may assist selection should also be forwarded"

(IAF R815-1-3 of 10 Aug)

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Adjt

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Subj: Congratulatory Message						CH		SOG
Hearty congratulations to the 6th Bn RAR and Co "D",						COC		SURG
5th Bn RAR for their fine show in Operation SMITH FIELD.						COMB STUDIES		TMA
Your troops have won a most significant victory over the						COMPT		TNG
enemy and one of the most spectacular in Vietnam to date.						DOD SPEC REP		USAID
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

LIEUTENANT COLONEL C M. TOWNSEND

NUI DAT

24 Aug 66

213. CONGRATULATIONS.

1. For Brigadier Jackson. The Prime Ministers Press Secretary has asked that the following message be despatched to you. "Our forces in their latest engagement have acquitted themselves with skill, effectiveness and high courage in the best Australian tradition. Please tell them that Australia is proud of them. I have publicly expressed my sympathy to the bereaved. My sympathy goes also to the wounded. I send them best wishes for speedy recovery. Signed Harold Holt Prime Minister".
2. Following message received in Canberra from COMUS MACV. "For McKay from General Westmoreland. Your troops have won a spectacular victory over the enemy near BARIA. Agressiveness, quick reaction, good use of fire power, and old fashioned Australian courage have produced outstanding results. Hearty congratulations".
3. Following message sent from Canberra to COMUS MACV. "For General Westmoreland from McKay. Your personal message conveying your praise and congratulations on victory in Phouc Tuy province was received with pleasure and pride and will be appreciated especially by the troops and the people of Australia."
4. For Comd 1 ATF. "Comd AFV adds his personal congratulations to you and all ranks Australian Force particularly 6 RAR and supporting ground and air elements on their magnificent performance and achievement."
5. From Maj Gen Seeman. "Please pass on to the 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, my heartiest congratulations for the outstanding results obtained during Operation SMITHFIELD. The large number of enemy killed as compared to the light casualties of the Australians is indicative of the professionalism of your Task Force. I especially want to congratulate D Company for its outstanding performance during this operation." (Maj Gen SEAMAN is Commanding General 1st FFORCEV)
6. For CG HAFV from General Westmoreland "Hearty congratulations to the 6th Pn RAR and Co 'D' 5th Bn RAR for their fine show in Operation SMITHFIELD. Your troops have won a most significant victory over the enemy and one of the most spectacular in Vietnam to date."
7. For CO from Comd. "Entire ALSC sends heartiest congratulations for magnificent action 18 August. Please relay this to your supporting arms."
8. For 6 RAR from 5 RAR "Please accept three hearty roars from all tigers on tremendous success of OPERATION SMITHFIELD."

9. For CO 6 RAR from 3 SAS Sqn "Congratulations on a wonderful job from all ranks here, especially to D Coy. We are green with envy."
10. For 6 RAR from 7 RAR "To CO and all ranks 6 RAR. The baby has been baptised. Leave some water for us. From CO and all ranks 7 RAR"
11. For 6 RAR from 3 RAR "From CO and all ranks. Congratulations on a very fine effort. We are proud to be associated with you in the Royal Aust Regt. Good luck and good hunting for the rest of your tour."
12. From ARMY CANBERRA "To Lt Col TOWNSEND from MORROW Regimental Colonel The Royal Australian Regiment is extremely proud of Six Battalion for its action on 18 Aug 1966."

M. J. D. J. D.

Capt
Adjt

CO's ORDERS - 19 AUG 66OP SMITHFIELDSIT

1. En
 - a. En Main Force
 - b. Believe en of Regt Size (two bns) with hy sp wpns.
 - c. En cas hy probably upwards of 150 KIA.
 - d. Some, probably coy gps, known to be dug-in on contact.
 - e. Assess today en will be withdrawing covered by covering tps of up to coy str.
2. Own Tps
 - a. Under Comd
 - (1) APC Sqn (-)
 - (2) Coy 5 RAR
 - b. B Coy (-) - one effective pl.
 - c. D Coy hy cas - two effective pls
 - d. Details of cas - 17 KIA 24 WIA.
3. Air
 - a. Air strikes preplanned before H hr.
 - b. Aircap during Op.

MISSION

4. 6 RAR is to search the LONG TAN area especially the area NORTH & NE to NUI DAT

EXECUTION

5. a. General Outline
 - (1) Phase 1 -
 - (a) Two coys in APCs sweep from present loc to vicinity YS 481673 and begin detailed search yesterday's battlefield.
 - (b) Remainder move by foot to same area.
 - (2) Phase 2 -
 - (a) Two coy mounted sweep through area NORTH of LONG TAN to YS 496670 then WEST again immediately NORTH of LONG TAN.
 - (3) Phase 3 -
 - (a) APC (with inf coy) sweep EAST astride main rd through LONG TAN
 - (b) Two coys search NORTHWARDS to high ground towards area recently searched by A Coy.
 - (c) Res; Fire Base; Tac HQ vicinity D Coy's yesterday posn
6. A Coy
Task
 - a. Phase 1 - Move on foot behind mounted elms to phase 1 obj.
 - b. Phase 2 - Mounted - RIGHT search Coy.
 - c. Phase 3 - Mounted sweep through LONG TAN.

7. B Coy

Tasks

- a. Phase 1 - Move on foot behind A Coy to Phase 1 obj.
- b. Phase 2 & 3 - Protection Fire Base & Tac HQ.

8. C Coy

Tasks

- a. Phase 1 - Move on foot behind B Coy to phase 1 obj.
- b. Phase 2 & 3 - Res - Fire Base Posn.

9. D Coy

Tasks

- a. Phase 1 - Move in APCs as RIGHT aslt coy.
- b. Phase 2 & 3 - Detailed search battlefield for own dead, wpns, eqpt, en dead etc.

10. D Coy 5 RAR

Tasks

- a. Phase 1 & 2 - Move in APCs as LEFT aslt coy.
- b. Phase 3 - Search sector to be allotted area NORTH of rubber NORTH of LONG TAN.

11. Mors

- a. One sec mors in APCs with C Coy first lt.
- b. Remaining gps to follow when vehs relieved from current task. All should be deployed by 0930 hrs.
- c. Base plate posn - GR YS 485671.

12. Armour

- a. Under comd - Sqn (-)
- b. Tasks
 - (1) Phase 1 & 2 - Search and sweep Op area of LONG TAN village.
 - (2) Phase 3
 - (a) One tp with A Coy mounted sweep EASTWARDS through LONG TAN
 - (b) One tp res vicinity Fire Base with C Coy.
 - (c) Mor vehs with mors loc Fire Base.

13. Arty

Fire plan later

14. Coord Instr:

- a. H hr - 0830
- b. Bdry
 - (1) Phase 1 & 2 - Present posn to YS 478672 - YS 495664 - YS 493659 - YS 471670.
 - (2) Phase 3 - Issued later as search sectors.
- c. SL - Line SW - NE through present loc.

- d. Comd
 - (1) Phase 3 - Mounted Sweep - OC A Sqn
 - (2) Phase 3 - Res - OC C Coy
- e. Order of march
 - (1) Phase 1 - Present loc to phase 1 obj.
 - A Coy
 - B Coy
 - Tac HQ
 - C Coy
 - (2) Comd - OC B Coy
- f. Clearance of battlefield

On completion phase 1, D Coy to completely search battlefield for recovery of cas, weapons, eqpt, etc. On completion task report CC for further orders for subsequent tasks.
- g. Fire Base
 - (1) Loc YS 485671
 - (2) Protection - B Coy.
- h. Nicknames

Report lines marked on maps.
- j. On completion phase 1 on my orders A Coy mount into APCs vacated by D Coy

AIM & LC :

15. Resup arrangements as arranged and detailed by SEAGULL

COMD & SIG

16. a. I will move with OC A Sqn phase 1 & 2.
b. Loc with TOC phase 3.
c. TOC loc vicinity YS 485671 after phase 1.

OP SMITHFIELD

VERBAL ORDER (RADIO) - 192030 AUG 66

SIT

1. Bn
 - a. Bn movs
 - (1) EAST
 - (2) WEST
 - b. Bn cas - 188 & 3 VCC
 - c. Own cas
2 MIA (Believed KIA) now WIA
 - d. Own Tps
NO change

MSN

2. 6 RAR is to continue search of LONG TAN area especially area NORTH and NE of NUI DAT.

EXEC

3.
 - a. Gen Outline
 - (1) Phase 1
APC Sqn/Coy search EAST astride main rd through LONG TAN.
 - (2) Phase 2
Two coys search high ground in NUI DAT area then swing EAST and search area between SUOI MON and SUOI DA BANG.
 - b. A Coy
Tasks
 - (1) Phase 1
Mounted search through LONG TAN (under comd of APC Sqn)
 - (2) Phase 2
Bn Res. Loc existing Fire Base Posn.
 - c. B Coy
Task
Protection Fire Base and Tac HQ.
 - d. C Coy
Task
Phase ?
Search SOUTH to NORTH sectors CHEEK, CHINA, CHOP.
 - e. D Coy
Task
Continue detailed search battlefield.

f. Coy 5 RAR

Task

Phase 2

Search sectors DANCE, DREAM and DRONGO, SOUTH to NORTH.

g. Mors

Base Plate Posn remains present loc.

h. Armour

Tasks

(1) Phase 1

Sqn/ Coy search of LONG TAN WEST to EAST

(2) A Coy under comd for op.

(3) Phase 2

Bn Res - avail for tasks as allocated by TOC, incl backloading captured en eqpt.

j. Coord Instrs

(1) H hr.

(a) Phase 1 - 0800 hrs.

(b) Phase 2 - 0830 hrs.

(2) drys (Phase 2)

Detailed by SEAGULL

(3) Fire Base remains present posn

AIM & LOG

4. Given by 2 IC

COMD & SIG

5. TOC remains present loc.

OPERATION SMITHFIELD
VERBAL ORDERS (RADIO) - 201900H AUG 66

SIT

1. En
 - a. Today's activities and results
 - b. Assessment of en.
 - (1) Mov gen to EAST
 - (2) Presently on move to Conc Area (Base Area).
2. Own Tps
 - a. Under Comd - Tp 1 APC Sqn plus.
 - b. D Coy 5 RAR passes from under command wef first lt tomorrow.

MISSION

3. 6 RAR is to complete search of area NE of LONG TAN between SUOI MON and SUOI DA BANG.

EXECUTION

4.
 - a. Gen Outline

Simultaneous search of three areas suspected of being temp en locs after recent action.
 - b. A Coy

Tasks

 - (1) Search area A (around YS 510660 between two rivers) particularly eastern side.
 - (2) Move to area by APCs and if terrain permits with APCs in op.
 - (3) Leave present loc on return APCs from carrying B Coy to their search area. Approx 0830 hrs.
 - c. B Coy

Tasks

 - (1) Search area B, particularly area of action during Op HOBART.
 - (2) Move to area by APCs to vicinity SUOI MON, ~~then~~ by foot to search area.
 - (3) Leave present loc 0730 hrs.
 - d. C Coy

Tasks

 - (1) Search area C, particularly vicinity action during Op HOBART.
 - (2) Move to area by foot. NB. Investigate area of rice cache destroyed during HOBART en route.
 - (3) Leave present locs NOT later than 0730 hrs.

- e. D Coy
Has left his area for base location
- f. D Coy 5 RAR
Return by quickest route to parent unit.
- g. Mors
Move with CP to new loc vicinity area A. Details issued later.
- h. Armour
Tasks
 - (1) Move B Coy to vicinity SUOI MON leaving this loc 0730 hrs.
 - (2) Return this loc and with A Coy to Area A accompanied by APCs with CP and Mors (in APCs).
 - (3) If terrain permits search area A with A Coy - in Sp A Coy. Otherwise remain in loc to be selected as base for ops (with CP and Mors.)
 - (4) Return all sub-units to Base. Details through day.
- j. Coord Instrs
 - (1) Start Times
 - (a) B Coy and C Coy - 0730 hrs.
 - (b) A Coy, Mors and CP - 0830 hrs (approx)
 - (2) Return move - details issued by 2IC during day. Return move will be by APCs.

AIM & LOC

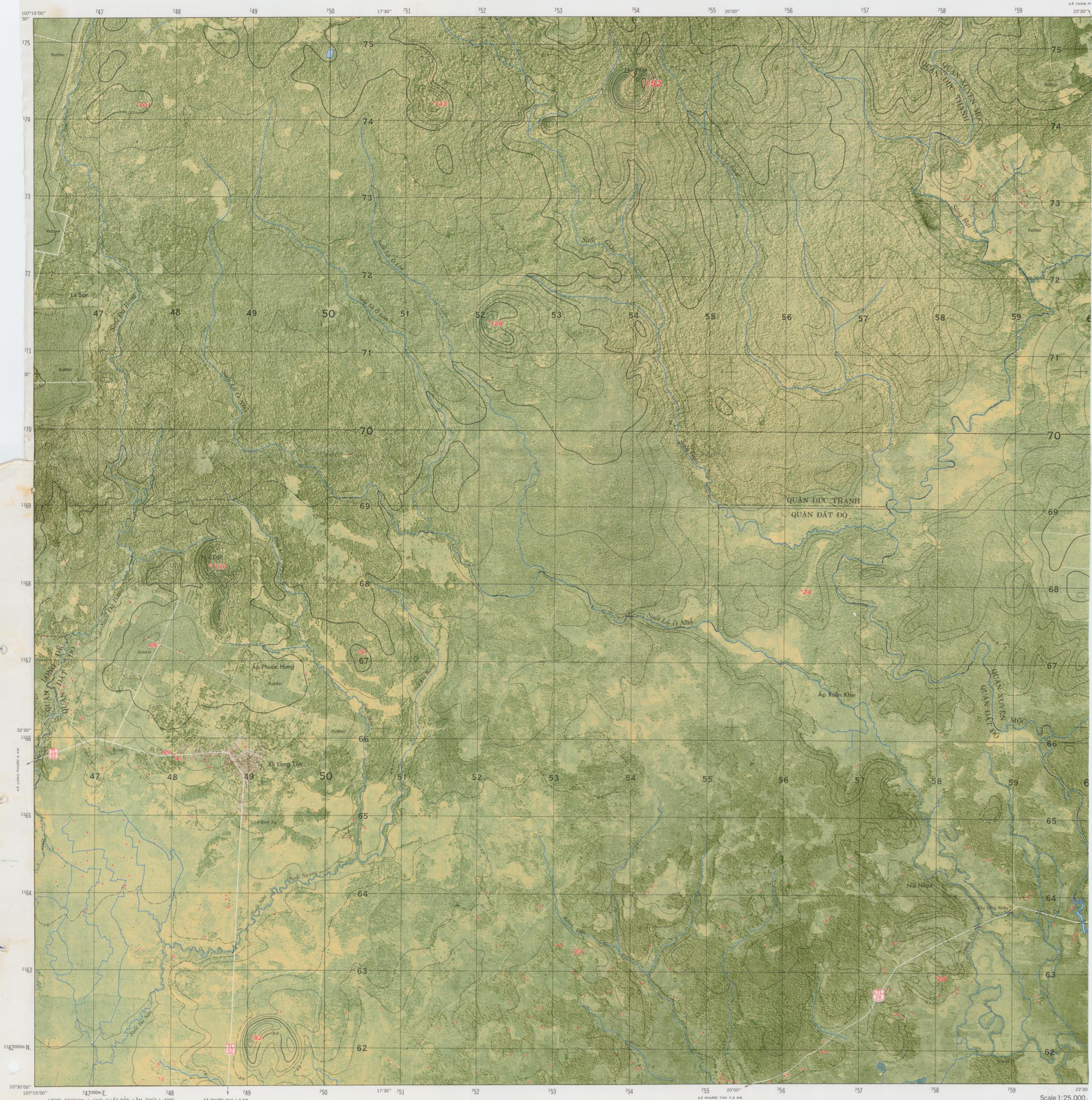
- 5. a. RMO remains this group.
- b. Aslt Pnr Pl elements destroy captured grenades etc this loc AM tomorrow.

COMD & SIG

- 6. a. This group thins out by air AM tomorrow.
- b. Tac HQ moves in APCs with A Coy to new loc to be selected on arrival.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

6 RAR
NUI DAT
7 Sep 66

HQ 1 ATF (2)

AFTER ACTION REPORT
OPERATION SMITHFIELD 18-21 AUG 66

Reference: A 1 ATF SOP - Appx 4 to Annex A
B Map 1:25,000 (Picto supplement) 6430 II S

Name and Type of Operation

1. Operation SMITHFIELD. Commenced as a routine company search and destroy patrol and developed into a Battalion search and destroy operation.

Dates of Operation

2. 181600H - 211700H Aug 66.

Location

3. NORTH, NORTH EAST and EAST of XA LONG TAN YS 4865.

Command Headquarters

4. Initially OC D Coy 6 RAR, subsequently Battalion Headquarters 6 RAR.

Task Organization

5. 6 RAR with:
- | | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| a. Under command from 181700H | 3 Tp 1 APC Sqn. |
| b. Under command from 190630H | 1 APC Sqn (less one troop)
D Coy 5 RAR. |
| c. In direct support | 161 Battery RNZA. |
| d. In support | 1 Field Regiment less 161
Battery RNZA. |
| e. On call | RAAF Iroquois.
One RW aircraft 161 Recce Flight. |

Note: B Coy 6 RAR was in effect one rifle platoon and Coy Headquarters only until 201600H when the equivalent of two platoons returned from Rest and Convalescent Leave.

Supporting Forces

6. a. Artillery
- (1) Both the 105mm and 155mm guns of 1 Field Regiment were used extensively during the D Coy battle which initiated the operation.
 - (2) The 105mm howitzers were used to give extremely close support to the infantry and were instrumental in breaking up many of the assaults and caused heavy casualties amongst the enemy.
 - (3) The 155mm guns gave support in depth and also silenced the enemies 82mm mortars when used in a counter bombardment role.
 - (4) Both types of guns were also used as harassing fire tasks on likely enemy withdrawal routes and staging areas.

b. Armour

- (1) The surprise achieved by the APCs of 3 Tp 1 APC Sqn which broke up the movement of an estimated two companies of VC to the rear of D Coy, undoubtedly saved the day.
- (2) On two occasions during the movement to the relief of D Coy, 3 Tp halted. OC A Coy, on both occasions, realising any delay was prejudicial to the survival of D Coy, quickly had the force moving again. The reason or authority for the halts is not known. It was probably caused by misunderstanding in radio transmissions. All communications by voice and radio were very difficult because of the noise and the very heavy rain. No direction or approval to halt at any time was given by 6 RAR.
- (3) The OC of the APC Troop returned one APC to base against the orders of the OC A Coy because one crew member was wounded. This was an irresponsible action and resulted in the platoon commander and headquarters of one platoon being returned to base. This could have proved critical if the enemy had stayed to fight and the company was required to deploy for an attack.
- (4) The APC Commander must realize that the infantry is in overall command of the force and whilst the APC Commander manoeuvres the vehicles he does so in accordance within the plan given by the Infantry Commander. The Infantry Commander always retains the power of veto and can override the APC Commander if this really proves necessary.
- (5) The APCs were subsequently of great assistance in the follow up of the enemy force and search of the areas concerned.
- (6) The APCs were also used to secure and mark (by showing interior lights through open hatches) the LZ for the extraction of casualties, by night.
- (7) Notwithstanding the criticism contained in sub-paragraph (4) above 3 Tp 1 APC Sqn deserves the highest praise for gallantry.

c. Rotary Wing Aircraft

- (1) RAAF Iroquois were used to
 - (a) Drop ammunition through the tree canopy to D Coy during the battle.
 - (b) Evacuate casualties.
 - (c) Extract elements of one rifle company to base.
- (2) In all these tasks the aircraft were most effective.
- (3) The Sioux helicopter was used for reconnaissance, liaison, evacuation of enemy casualties and command and control. As usual it was invaluable.

d. Strike Aircraft USAF

- (1) An airstrike was requested during the D Coy battle. Low cloud and heavy rain prevented recognition of own troops and ordnance was dropped on likely enemy assembly areas and mortar positions.
- (2) No accurate assessment of bomb damage can be made but it is considered likely that casualties were caused on a withdrawal route to the EAST of NUI DAT.
- (3) Subsequent air strikes were conducted against known enemy camps where it was considered likely the enemy were concentrating prior to further withdrawal. No assessment of casualties was practicable.

Intelligence

7. a. Prior to the operation there had been numerous reports and indications of enemy activity in the area of LONG TAN = NUI DAT.
b. The main items of intelligence were:
 - (1) 8 Aug 66. Police agent report of 300 VC in greens with crew served weapons in vicinity YS 487667 on 1 Aug 66.

(Note: This report was treated fairly lightly as on 1 Aug 66, D Coy 6 RAR had patrolled within 200 metres of the reference given and it was thought likely that the report could have been referring to own troops).

- (2) 12 Aug 66. VC Company reported moving NORTH from YS 5364.
 - (3) 11 Aug 66. Aircraft reported about 150 civilians moving SOUTH from LONG TAN.
 - (4) 11 Aug 66. Agent report of battalion at YS 485670 and a company at each YS 490650 and YS 488625.
 - (5) 11 Aug 66. Contact by own patrol YS 4767 with VC section strength.
 - (6) 13 Aug 66. Radio interference received by Sioux helicopter flying over LONG TAN. Glide path indicator in aircraft indicated transmissions coming from SOUTH base of NUI DAT.
 - (7) 17 Aug 66. 1 ATF received 82mm and 75mm RCL rounds from mortar position YS 459671 and RCL position YS 473673.
- c. Between 30 Jul and 17 Aug 6 RAR patrolled the area generally bounded by the 65 and 72 NORTHINGS and the 50 EASTING with minor contacts only. Patrol areas included NUI DAT and LONG TAN.
 - d. At the time the D Coy patrol commenced its task it was thought possible that the heavy weapons company that bombarded 1 ATF plus at least one rifle company could be in the LONG TAN - NUI DAT area.
 - e. Intelligence obtained from VCC and documents indicate that D Coy contacted 275 Regt plus elements of D 445 Bn which was moving to attack 1 ATF base on the night 18/19 Aug 66. At least one North Vietnamese battalion was attached to 275 Regiment for their operation.
 - f. It is estimated that two of the battalions were involved in the actual battle with D Coy, the others being in depth. Elements of D445 battalion were moving to assault D Coy from the WEST and were contacted by A Coy.
 - g. The terrain is described in para 8 of Annex E, D Coy after action report. Outside the rubber plantation the area varied between open padi and thick scrubby timber with virtually impenetrable spiky bamboo thickets in many parts.

Mission

8.
 - a. The initial mission for D Coy was to search for and destroy the enemy force that mortared and shelled 1 ATF on 17 Aug 66.
 - b. The battalion mission was to determine the direction of the enemy withdrawal and follow up the enemy within the limitations of artillery range to destroy any elements remaining in the area.

Concept of Operation

9. After the initial battle the concept of operations was to sweep quickly to the EAST (the most likely avenue of enemy withdrawal) with mounted infantry to confirm that the enemy had withdrawn and then to carry out a detailed search for withdrawal routes and any elements of the enemy force that may have remained in the area.

Execution

10.
 - a. Statement of events is attached as Annex A.
 - b. A detailed account of the main battle is contained in Annex B and E, A Coy and D Coy after action reports..

Results

11. a. Enemy Losses

KIA (BC) - 245
VCC - 3

It is estimated that the enemy evacuated at least 350 casualties. Weapons and ammunition captured are detailed in Annex E para 26.

b. Own Losses

KIA - 17
WIA - 21
Died of wounds 1

Weapon losses - 1 M16.

c. Cause of Enemy Casualties

About 50% of the bodies recovered had been killed by small arms fire the remainder by artillery.

It is considered that artillery fire would have caused heavy casualties to troops in depth and during the withdrawal.

Only two of the areas where air strikes were carried out were examined but no evidence was found of casualties in the area.

Administrative Matters

12. There were no administrative problems.

a. Supply

Some resupply was effected by both Iroquois and APC.

The resupply of ammunition by free drop from Iroquois during the battle proved very effective and timely.

b. Medical Evacuation

- (1) Most of the casualties sustained by D Coy remained in the battle area for 7 hours before evacuation. This was unavoidable as the battle raged right up until last light and after last light two main problems had to be faced:
 - (a) There was no moonlight at all and it was literally pitch dark..
 - (b) Movement was heard on several occasions to the EAST and it was highly possible that an enemy force of over 1000 men still faced the 300 men of 6 RAR and 1 APC Sqn.
- (2) The evacuation and securing of the LZ therefore was carried out under extremely difficult conditions and under requirements for maximum security.
- (3) The unit did make an error of omission in not sending the Medical Officer out with the relief force. It was fortunate that none of the wounded were extremely serious cases. If they had been the presence of the RMO could have been instrumental in saving lives. This lesson has been learnt and in future the RMO will accompany any relief force.

Commander's Analysis

13. D Coy's action which precipitated Operation SMITHFIELD again proves the value of patrolling in depth and patrolling in strength. By its contact and subsequent developments, D Coy completely disrupted what is believed to have been the enemy's preparations for an attack in regimental strength on 1 ATF area. While these types of patrols are operating well outside the perimeter it reduces significantly the enemy's capacity to securely deploy in strength and launch an attack. The chances of detection are very high and it must be upsetting for the enemy NOT to know when or where he will run into a large patrol, ready to fight and capable of being of far more than nuisance value.
14. There were valuable lessons learnt in this operation.
 - a. While a company patrol is out, another company plus a command element of the TOC must be on no more than 30 minutes notice to move, for assistance or reinforcement. This must include the RMO. The reaction force have its first line holding of ammunition and at least 2 days ready for immediate issue. It must constantly keep up with the tactical situation and be able to move, by air, APC or foot, with the minimum briefing and orders.
 - b. Ammunition for SLRs should be in magazines and ammunition resupply should also be in magazines. Under the conditions, which could easily recur, it was impracticable to load more than 5 rounds into SLR magazines, because mud clogged them. Similarly a suitable ammunition container which can be carried, preferably slung and which can be attached to the gun, is needed. Action is being taken on these matters and others concerning weapons, which will be the subject of separate correspondence.
 - c. While such large contacts are always possible, at least 140 rounds of ammunition should be carried by each rifleman.
 - d. The aspect of command when APC's are included in the force has already been dealt with. It is essential that the infantry commander have overall command and have the final decision in any matter; naturally he will be guided by the APC commander.
15. It was initially the intention to locate the enemy's withdrawal route and follow up quickly with the aim of destroying the withdrawing elements. However it took some time to positively establish the general direction of withdrawal, and by this time, the battalion was almost out of effective gun range and was not balanced adequately for a sustained pursuit. A Coy had completed a 3 day patrol only about 2 hours before they were called out again and they were beginning to get tired. B Coy was in an even worse state. This company had left the Base at first light on 17 Aug to locate the enemy mortar base plate and RR position of that morning's bombardment, and had gone out in patrol order only with no rations or personal equipment. Although rations were resupplied by porter, it still had no bedding or spare clothing. In addition almost two-thirds of the company was absent on R and C leave and did not return to the company, in the field, until 1600hrs 20 Aug. D Company had suffered heavy casualties and had effective only two platoons and even these were at much reduced strength.
16. A further restricting factor to a quick follow-up was the enemy strength which was believed still to be about two battalions. Although the enemy had suffered heavy casualties and probably was carrying a lot more, it was believed he still had the capacity to interfere with our pursuit by a least company-size groups and maybe by battalion, probably using ambushes. It would have been unwise to have thrown caution to the wind, despite the temptation.
17. The enemy almost certainly withdrew to a base area or areas to the NE and EAST, where he will reorganise. It is believed his regrouping and reorganisation would take at least a month during which the effectiveness of the regiment would be at a very reduced level.

18. The enemy met was well organised and equipped and showed very skilful battle drills at company level with control by visual signals and bugles. It is almost certain at least a NVA battalion was included in the force and that 6 RAR's previous enemy, D445 battalion provided guides in strength, and probably some support elements.
19. The performance of D Coy was admirable and overall command and control good.
20. There is no doubt that our training, organisation and equipment is generally adequate though improvements are needed and will be made or sought. There is no need to change the pattern of our operations but the meeting of such a large force emphasizes the need to keep the battalion balanced, and, when operating as a battalion the need to keep companies reasonably close together to provide mutual help when the need arises. While this magnitude of engagement exists forces must move in a minimum of company strength to ensure adequate security. Platoon patrols are acceptable, but their operations must be limited in distance, depending on terrain so that they at all times can be supported quickly by the remainder of the company.
21. 6 RAR has achieved a great victory which the lessons and experience gained have provided the soundest of bases for successful further operations.

Col. S. J. ...

Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

Distribution

OC A Coy
OC B Coy
OC C Coy
OC D Coy
OC Echelon
OC Sp Coy
CO
2IC
BC
IO
RSO
CC Mor Pl
RMO
RSM
1 APC Sqn
1 Fd Regt
5 RAR
9 Sqn RAAF
File 2
Comd Diary 3
Spare (to CO) 12

STATEMENT OF EVENTS
OPERATION SMITHFIELD

Annex A to 6 RAR
After Action Report Operation SMITHFIELD

SERIAL	DATE/ TIME Aug 66	SUB UNIT	EVENT
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1.	18 Aug 66	All	<p>To paraphrase TS ELIOT, Operation SMITHFIELD began not with a whimper but a bang."</p> <p>On 13 Aug D Coy 6 RAR was carrying out D Coy operation Vendetta, a search and destroy mission to the NORTH of LONG TAN.</p> <p>A Coy returned to base location at 181530hrs after a 3 day company patrol to the NORTH, NORTH EAST and WEST of NUI DAT YS 4868.</p> <p>B Coy (-) 6 RAR had located the sites of the 82mm mortars and 75mm RCL's that had bombed 1 ATF area night 16/17 Aug and after following trails on 17 and 18 Aug was returning to base at the time D Coy action commenced.</p> <p>C Coy 6 RAR was defending the battalion base and providing one platoon under command 1 APC Sqn.</p> <p>Contact with 6 - 8 enemy dressed in khaki at YS 478673 possibly wounded one. Remainder fled EAST.</p> <p>Recovered one AK carbine at scene of above contact.</p> <p>Was warned to hold movement at YS 458665.</p> <p>11 Platoon under heavy fire from YS 485669.</p> <p>Estimate enemy platoon at YS 487674 - deploying to attack.</p> <p>Estimate enemy now company size.</p> <p>A Coy warned for movement.</p> <p>B Coy told to turn about and move towards D Coy.</p> <p>Enemy considered to be battalion at least. 11 Platoon has suffered casualties and being attacked from 3 sides.</p> <p>Under fire from 60mm mortar.</p> <p>Request ammunition be dropped through trees.</p> <p>Request airstrike area YS 487669 to YS 487672.</p>
2.	181540	D Coy	
3.	181555	D Coy	
4.	181600	B Coy	
5.	181610	D Coy	
6.	181615	D Coy	
7.	181626	D Coy	
8.	181630	A Coy B Coy	
9.	181650	D Coy	
10.	181655	B Coy	
11.	181700	D Coy	
12.	181702	Bn HQ	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
13.	181715	D Coy	Reported 11 Platoon appears to be surrounded. 12 Platoon attempting to reach 11 Platoon but is pinned down.
14.	181730	A Coy	Ordered to move ASP.
15.	181735	D Coy	Reported all platoons and Coy HQ under attack from EAST and SOUTH.
16.	181740	Air	Air strike unable to be effected due to low cloud cover. Aircraft dropped bombs and napalm in area YS 4967.
17.	181740	D Coy	Will try to extract casualties and concentrate at YS 477673
18.	181745	A Coy	Departed base area in APC's of 3 Tp 1 APC Sqn.
19.	181800	9 Sqn RAAF	Dropped ammunition to F Coy HQ.
20.	181810	D Coy	Now concentrated (except for 15 dead and missing from 11 Platoon.)
21.	181810	A Coy	Contacted support elements D 445 Bn at YS 476667. 12 Platoon dismounted and assaulted enemy who withdrew EAST.
22.	181820	D Coy	Enemy appear to be regrouping to attack. Under heavy fire mainly from EAST and SOUTH EAST.
23.	181820-181910	D Coy	Enemy launched repeated assaults mainly from the SOUTH EAST but also from the EAST, NORTH EAST and SOUTH.
24.	181850	A Coy	Contacted estimated two companies of enemy YS 478670. The enemy were moving to the WEST with the obvious intention of attacking the rear of D Coy. A mounted assault caused heavy casualties amongst the enemy who broke contact and withdrew EAST.
25.	181900	B Coy (-)	Arrived in location with D Coy and deployed to cover WEST.
26.	181910	A Coy	Moved into D Coy area. Dismounted and secured area EAST D Coy.
27.	181915-182355	A B D Coys 3Tp 1 APC Sqn	Reorganization after action. A Coy continued to hold EAST and SOUTH flank, B Coy the WEST. D Coy collected casualties and loaded them into APC's. D Coy and APC's secured LZ YS 473675. A and B Coys withdrew to LZ. LZ marked by APC with internal lights on and hatches open.
28.	182355-190045	US Dustoff 9 Sqn RAAF	Evacuation of casualties. One sortie by US Dustoff, 6 by RAAF Iròquois.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
29.	190100-190600	All Coys	Planning and preparation for operations 19 Aug 66
30.	190645	C Coy Bn HQ 2T 1 APC Sqn 1 Sec Mor Pl	Moved from base location by APC
31.	190700	D Coy 5 RAR	Under command. Moved by Air mobile Coy (US) to LZ YS 473675
32.	190730	O Group	CO's verbal orders for operations.
33.	190845	All Coys	Advanced to scene of contact. D Coy and D Coy 5 RAR mounted followed by A Coy, B Coy, Bn HQ, C Coy dismounted.
34.	190900-191100	All Coys	Initial clearance of battle area. 2 wounded VC captured. 2 of own wounded and 13 of own dead recovered. Own dead and wounded evacuated by US Distoff and RAAF Iroquois.
35.	1100	A Coy D Coy 5 RAR 1 APC Sqn (-)	Carried out sweep to EAST.
36.	191130	APC Sqn	Located extensive trench system area YS 489666. Over 100 trenches - considered to be dug for protection rather than defence. Some bodies, weapons and equipment found.
37.	191210	D Coy 5 RAR	Found track running almost due EAST from YS 498665. This is obviously the main enemy withdrawal route.
38.	191215-191540	D Coy 5 RAR	Followed track to YS 503667 - no contact.
39.	191100-191700	B, C and D Coys	Continued search of battle area. C Coy patrol to area YS 487674. Found track running generally NORTH. Blood stains and equipment indicate some enemy withdrew along this track.
40.	191600	C Coy	Captured wounded VC
41.	191600-191800	A Coy D Coy 5 RAR 1 APC Sqn (-)	Swept area generally YS 500664 - 498657 - 476667 then to Battalion harbour area at YS 485672
42.	192030	CO	Orders for operations 20 Aug. A Coy and APC Sqn (-) Sweep and search LONG TAN village. B Coy. In reserve, protection of Bn HQ. C Coy and D Coy 5 RAR - Carry out search of area to NORTH including NUI DAT feature. D Coy - Continue with clearance of battlefield.
43.	200800	A Coy APC Sqn (-)	Departed on task.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
44.	200830	C Coy D Coy 5RAR	Departed on task
45.	21037	1 APC Sqn (-)	Apprehended 40 civilians YS 488650 (Civil affair interpreter flown to area - eventually cleared and released civilians.)
46.	201040	D Coy 5 RAR	Located dump of 27 gals kerosene, 21 gals cooking oil, 20 pick heads and some clothing at YS 483681.
47.	201200	C Coy	Found small quantities ammunition, magazines and equipment at YS 488676.
48.	201226	D Coy 5 RAR	Found 2 recently dug weapon pits at YS 478680. Personal gear near pits included wallet with photographs and documents.
49.	201600	A Coy 1 APC Sqn (-)	Returned to harbour area. Other than civilians apprehended nothing to report.
50.	201630	D Coy, 1 APC Sqn less 2Tp	Returned to main base location.
51.	201730	C Coy	Located YS 484687 night harbour.
52.	201800	D Coy 5 RAR	Located YS 479691 night harbour.
53.	201830	CO	Orders for 21 Aug. A Coy - Move by APC to search area bounded by creeks at YS 5065 and 5066. B Coy - Search general area YS 510670 C Coy - Search general area YS 505685 D Coy 5 RAR - pass from under command at 200700H
54.	210830	B Coy	Located track heading generally EAST from YS 508663. Used about 36 hours ago by large number of troops
55.	211020	A Coy	Found tracks of up to 300 troops in vicinity 508659. Eventually tracks swung EAST.
56.	211130	A Coy	Located crossing place where main enemy withdrawal crossed Suoi Da Bang at YS 511660.
57.	211310	A Coy	Delaying positions about 36 hours old found YS 514661. Some discarded VC equipment on track.
58.	211315	C Coy	Located large enemy camp YS 508678. Has been occupied within last few days. 14 bodies in graves.
59.	211335	A Coy	Located recently used enemy camp YS 511662. Tracks lead out to NORTH and NORTH EAST.
60.	211515	All	Concentrated YS 504660.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
61.	211515	B Coy	Departed for base in APC's of 3 Tp 1 APC Sqn
62.	211523-211600	C Coy	Two platoons returned to base by RAAF Iriquois.
63.	211600	Bn HQ, A Coy C Coy (-)	Departed for base in APC's of 1 APC Sqn (-)
64.	211730	All	Back in base location - Operation SMITHFIELD ends.

ANNEX B TO 6 RAR
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A COY AFTER ACTION REPORT
OPERATION SMITHFIELD

Map 1:25000 (Picto Supplement to KA BINH GIA 1:50,000)

PART 1

1. Operation SMITHFIELD
2. Report by 38281 Capt C S MOLLISON
3. Sub Unit - A Coy 6 RAR.
4. Date of Action - 18 Aug 66 - 8 hours
5. Location GR 481673
6. Coy Task -
 - (a) Move by APC to AO
 - (b) To relieve the pressure of the enemy attack on D Coy 6 RAR by attacking from the SOUTH.
 - (c) To reinforce D Coy 6 RAR to repel any further attacks.
 - (d) To secure the battle area to enable D Coy to evacuate the wounded.

7. Sequence of Events

- (a) A Coy returned from a three day Coy patrol at approx 1530 hrs on 18 Aug 66.
- (b) At approx 1545hrs D Coy made contact.
- (c) At 1630hrs A Coy was alerted for possible move to assist.
- (d) At approx 1730hrs A Coy was told to move and, mounted in APC's left 6 RAR area at 1745.
- (e) Approaching the battle area from SOUTH, A Coy contacted what was probably the SP Coy of D445 Bn at GR 476667. This group was moving from SOUTH EAST to NORTH WEST (probably from LONG TAN) towards the WESTERN edge of the battle area.
- (f) Having broken up this move A Coy remounted and moved forward to GR 478670 where another larger force was contacted also moving into a position to the WEST of D Coy.
- (g) This move (probably two Coys of 275 Regt) were engaged and withdrew rapidly to the SOUTH EAST.
- (h) A Coy then moved into D Coy location dismounted and then secured EAST of D Coy along the general line of the 483 Easting.
- (j) At approx 2400hrs three attempts were made to ascertain whether any of the D Coy platoon, which had been surrounded, were still alive but were unsuccessful.
- (k) At approx 0100hrs A Coy withdrew to the WEST approximately 1000 meters
- (l) A Coy again advanced to the battle area at 0800hrs on the 19 Aug 66.

Description of the Action

8. Although the crossing of the SUOI DA BANG at GR 461653 caused some delay it was achieved without incident. The APC's were afloat for approx 20 metres.
9. When A Coy left 6 RAR Operational Base, D Coy had at that stage only two Platoons under heavy Small Arms fire. The enemy build up, however was rapid and CO 6 RAR decided to move to the battle area. Two APC's were returned to 6 RAR for the CO and the column was ordered to halt at GR 450665 but Capt MOLLISON had this order amended as it was considered that time would be required to cross SUOI DA BANG.
10. The column was again ordered to halt at GR 466659 but this order was countermanded by Capt MOLLISON because at this stage the situation with D Coy had deteriorated considerably and the enemy were massing for a further attack.

11. At GR 476667 contact was made with the Support Coy of the D445 Bn. 2 Pl dismounted and launched an attack inflicting some 15 casualties on the enemy. Rocket launchers and or RCL and MG were fired at the APC and many grenades were thrown by the enemy before they turned and fled. under the weight of fire from 2 Pl and the APC's. The Comd of one APC carrying 1 Pl HQ was seriously wounded by MG fire. Pte NEEDS received a slight wound in the arm as he attempted to get the APC 50 cal MG firing again. The APC Comd asked permission to have this APC return to base but was refused by Capt MOLLISON who despatched a reserve crew member from his APC to take over. This APC did however return to base taking the 1 Pl Comd and his operator and radio with it. This caused considerably delay in the concentration and effectiveness of A Coy on debussing.

Pte COLLINS, the Coy HQ Comd net operator was injured when a rocket exploded on a tree next to the APC in which he was travelling. Lcpl TRUSS was also injured when an ammunition box fell on his head. In this incident Pte DEVER (Capt MOLLISON's Batman) took over the Comd set on the Coy Net and did an excellent job throughout the remainder of the operation.

12. Immediately it was ascertained that the bulk of this force was withdrawing 2 Pl were ordered to mount the APCs and the force advanced quickly to GR 478670 where another large force (probably 2 Coys of the 275 Regt) were contacted also moving to a position to the WEST of (behind) D Coy. This force was engaged by A Coy and the APC troop. Some 45 casualties were inflicted on the enemy before they withdrew to the EAST.

13. D Coy were aware of this movement and engaged with Artillery fire. Thus fire started to land around A Coy and the APC's and was called off by A Coy. Pte P K MAY (manning a MG from Capt MOLLISON'S APC) was slightly wounded in the forehead by shrapnel in this engagement but remained on duty throughout the operation.

14. D Coy suffered 3 KIA in this attack.

15. A Coy then moved EAST to D Coys location and dismounted. On receipt of orders from CO 6 RAR A Coy formed up, advanced through D Coy and held there during the evacuation of D Coys wounded.

16. At approx 2300hrs moaning was heard to the NORTH and WO2 ROUGHLEY went ^(10 METRES) forward alone to ascertain whether any of our wounded still remained forward of our ^(CALLING OUT) location. The moaning stopped whilst he was out and he was unable to locate the source.

17. At approx 2400hrs more moaning was heard and Cpl SMITH R E went forward to investigate. After advancing approx 75 metres the groaning stopped and considerable movement was heard to the SOUTH.

18. At approx 0100hrs Cpl SMITH, Pte BENNETT and Pte DARE again went forward but again the moaning stopped on their approach and movement was heard to the SOUTH. Assuming the VC were in fact laying a trap, they again withdrew.

19. APC troop were then used to evacuate the wounded escorted by D Coy.

20. At approx 0200hrs CO 6 RAR ordered a withdrawal from the battle area to the location of the DUSTOFF LZ.

21. At 0800hrs on the 19 Aug, A Coy advanced to the battle area. Two members of the D Coy Pl, which had been cut off and overrun were found wounded but alive.

Description of Terrain

22. Slightly undulating Rubber Plantation approx 7 years old, with some plantation roads.

Visibility

23. As a monsoon rain storm was falling visibility was reduced to 30 metres or less.

Distance to Enemy when first Sighted

24. 40 metres but were not engaged outside a range of 20 metres due to difficulty in discerning friend from foe.

Who first sighted Enemy

25. Not known.

What was enemy doing

26. Moving to WEST for assault on D Coys rear

What caused Enemy to be noticed

27. Movement

VC Strength

28. (a) First contact at GR 476667 approx Coy
(b) Second contact at GR 478670 approx 2 Coys

VC Dress

29. Varied. Some in khaki shirts & trousers, some black pyjamas, some green trousers & shirts, black shorts, blue shirt & or trousers and various mixtures of above. Many had camouflage. Most were spattered in red mud.

Who fired first

30. A Coy. Range 25 metres.

What Section Weapons fired

31. GPMG, SLR, OMC. M16.

What was Enemy immediate reaction

32. Enemy stood and fought for approx 5 minutes and then withdrew.

Enemy Casualties

33. (a) First contact 15 enemy incl RCL team, caused by Platoon weapons.
(b) Second contact 45 enemy caused by EA weapons and 50 Cal MG.

Approx Ammo Expenditure

34. 7.62 link belt - 200
7.62 ball - 100
9mm ball - 150
M16 ball - 123

Documents and Weapons Captured

35. D Coy 6 RAR and APC Sqn searched area of contact and a large number of weapons and documents were found. Exact quantities not known.

Lesson Learnt

36. More practice is required in APC/Infantry co-operation.

Coy Commanders Comments

37. Tremendous difficulty was experienced in controlling this battle, for many reasons.

38. The first aspect which needs deep consideration is command. In my opinion APC's are a vehicle or a fire support unit and should be under command of the Infantry Commander. This does not mean to say that only the Infantry Commander issues orders. While the Infantry are mounted, obviously the best man to manoeuvre the vehicles and of necessary conduct a running fire fight, is the APC Commander. However, any orders issued by the APC Comd must be monitored by the Infantry Commander and he must have the power of veto if he is to retain control of his troops and the overall battle.

39. (a) The next aspect which needs consideration is that of communications.

(b) Take for example an action such as this one. The Company Commander must have communications with Bn HQ and or the CO. He must also have communications with his Pl Comds. At the same time he must be in a position to monitor the APC Troop net and have ICS with the Troop Comd.

(c) At the same time the Company Commander must have his head out of the APC to see what is going on.

(d) AN/PRC 25 sets fitted with short antennae and closed down in APC will not give effective communications apart from leaving the infantry radio set on top of the APC. The only method by which the Coy Comd can maintain communications with his Platoon Commanders is by the use of a radio mounted in the APC or by using a connection to a mounted aerial. Although leaving the infantry set on top of the APC does work, this presents difficulties when the infantry dismount and the Coy Commander must immediately gain control through his own net.

40. The following is recommended for Infantry Companies - APC Troop operations:-

- (a) On mounting APC, Platoon Commanders should be given the facilities of a vehicle mounted set or be able to connect the infantry set to a vehicle mounted ariel.
- (b) Two vehicle mounted sets or aeriasshould be available to the Infantry Coy Commanders for Bn and Coy Net.
- (c) The Infantry Company Command must have the facilities to:-
 - (i) Monitor the APC Net
 - (ii) Flick to Bn/Coy net as indicated by Coy operators listening out.
 - (iii) Communicate with the Troop Commander on the internal vehicle communication system.

41. In addition to the above, it is essential that Platoon operators are practised in establishing communication with Company Headquarters immediately on debussing from APC's.

Capt
C MOLLISON
Adm Comd A Coy.

CO COMMENTS

1. A Coy and the APC Troop, by their timely arrival on the battlefield, undoubtedly saved the day. They broke up what was developing into at least two Company-size attacks on D Company's rear, and it is doubtful if D Coy could have held this, and the other attacks simultaneously in progress from other directions.

2. A Coy had returned mid-afternoon of 18 Aug from a 3 - day Company patrol and were naturally somewhat tired. But it is to their credit that they organized themselves so quickly and were ready to move to D Coy's assistance when I ordered this at 1730 hrs.

3. A Coy's operation re-emphasized the need for more advanced infantry/APC training which time and circumstance have precluded so far. It is hoped it may be possible to conduct some of this training after 6 RAR's next operation.

4. Capt MOLLISON'S comments on the command relationship between the APC commander and the infantry commander are valid and supported. Similarly his comments generally on the communication difficulties when the company is mounted in APC's are endorsed. The infantry commander must have the facility of communicating with

- a. His own command.
- b. His immediate superior commander.
- c. The APC Troop commander.

5. It is not necessary or desirous for infantry commanders to monitor the APC Net, but they must have good communications with the APC Commander and/or vehicle commander.

ANNEX C TO 6 RAR
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AFTER ACTION REPORT - B COY

Reference Map: PICTO 1:25,000

1. B Coy 6 RAR
2. Maj N E FORD
3. Operation SMITHFIELD
4. 17 - 21 Aug 66.
5. B Coy Tasks
 - a. Initially. Patrol with Coy from B Coy FEBA to 465670 to 468680 to A Coy FEBA to locate VC mortar site (s).
 - b. After Mortar Base Plate position found. Patrol to establish direction of withdrawal VC force.
 - c. On D Coys Contact. Move to D Coy to assist
 - d. After D Coy Action
 - (1) 19-20 Aug - Protect Bn TOC and Fire Base.
 - (2) 21 Aug - Patrol area 505666 - 505673 - 517673 - 513663 (i.e. between SUOI DA BANG and SUOI MCN).
6. Sequence of Events

Serial	Date/Time	Event	Place	Comments
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1.	170630	Commenced Coy patrol to find VC Mortar Base Plate position	B Coy FEBA	Late breakfast ordered for 0930hrs.
2.	170800	Found VC Mortar Base plate position. 5 x 82mm Mortar sites and weapon pits for 35 men.	459671	Tracks for 30 - 50 men led NORTH EAST from site.
3.	170915	Received order to follow up track to establish direction VC movement	459671	
4.	171030	VC track led to 463675 then split into number of tracks over dry padi field. Main track lost	463675	Normal guerilla action to throw off follow-up.
5.	171430	Coy split into three patrols to find main track:- (a) Patrol 1 (4Pl) patrolled across SUOI DA BANG to 467674 then SOUTH to 463667. (b) Patrol 2 (5Pl) patrolled across SUOI DA BANG to 467674 then NORTH to 472678. (c) Patrol 3 (6Pl and Coy HQ) back-tracked along main track to search for other track branches	From 463675 From 463675 From 463675	Main VC track not found 17 Aug
6.	171730	Coy Concentrated 459672 to receive ration porter party from Base. Coy ordered to remain in area and search EAST and NORTH on 18 Aug	459673	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
7.	171945	Coy Night Harbour	463668	Ambush laid on main track through this area. NO results
8.	180700	48 men returned to Base for R & C		Patrol now completed:- Coy HQ 9 One Pl 23, total 32.
9.	180705	Commenced patrol to EAST. Route From 465670 - NORTH to 468673 - Rubber edge 472673.	463668	
10.	181035	Found VC dug-in position. Pits for 20 men. Also 22 x 75mm Recoilless rifle round carrying -tubes. Tracks from WEST indicated this was RV for Mortar teams as well. Tracks from this place went NORTHEAST and SOUTH	473673	This position was probably:- (a) RV for Mortar crews. (b) Standing patrol to protect main VC Force to EAST. (c) Split-up point for Recoilless Rifle crews moving to the SOUTH (See Serial 11)
11.	181100	Section patrols searched along tracks to NORTH EAST and SOUTH:- (a) Patrol 1 (Sgt KEEN) to house 481671. NO result (b) Patrol 2 (Cpl JONES) to SOUTH. Found evidence 2 VC casualties at 471670 and site for 3 x 75mm Recoilless Rifles at 468665. Tracks for Recoilless Rifle position led due EAST. Weapon pits for 20 men at Recoilless Rifle site. 3 x 75mm shell casings at each Recoilless rifle location.		Tracks continued EAST by NORTH
	181200			
12.	181430	D Coy arrived area to continue follow up of tracks. B Coy departed for Base	473673	
13.	181540	B Coy halted GR 458665 when firing heard from D Coy Area	458665	
14.	181630	B Coy ordered to return to assist D Coy. Coy mortared en route by 2 x 60mm Mortar firing from NORTH EAST. Mortar Base plate position not located NO casualties. Nearest round about 100x to SOUTH		Probably part of an plan to "isolate battlefield" to prevent reinforcement of D Coy.
15.	181735	B Coy ordered to attack enemy firing on D Coy from point 66. Coy moving to this place when change of situation led to movement direct to D Coy position	480673	Probably part of 445 Bn's cut-off force which had been dispersed by APC/A Coy moving to D Coy from SOUTH.
16.	181830	VC seen running along rear of D Coy. i.e. The WEST flank dressed light grey or light green. Fired on from APCs who probably thought were VC. One casualty (Pte JOHNSTON 5 Pl) WIA		
17.	181850	Arrived D Coy position deployed to cover approach from WEST	482673	En attacking from EAST.
18.	182320	Withdrew with A Coy and Bn HQ elements to Bn harbour	472675	
19.	190845	Advanced with Bn to D Coys action site.		

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
20	191000	Deployed to protect Bn HQ and fire base at 486671. Remained this location until 210730.	486671	
21.	210730	Moved by APC to SP for search Area B (Area SUOI MON and SUOI DA BANG)	505661	
22.	210830	Located track used by large numbers men one day earlier. Track led to EAST	508662	This track followed-up by A Coy.
23.	To 211200	Searched Area B. NO signs recent movement through area.		
25.	211245- 211500	Searched WEST bank SUOI DA BANG from 517670 to 513602		Camp at 513645 had been occupied within last 4 - 5 days.
26.	211600	Returned to Base. Operation SMITHFIELD ended.		

7. Assessment of Operation

a. Enemy Intentions. Despite the statement made by VCC, it is thought that the enemy plan was:-

- (1) A mortar and Recoilless Rifle attack on 1 ATF from EAST and WEST.
- (2) An attack on 1 ATF forces following up the trail of the withdrawing Mortar and Recoilless rifle detachment.

b. Evidence and opinions to support this view is:-

- (1) It seems unlikely that VC would alert 1 ATF with a Mortar and Recoilless Rifle attack before an infantry assault. 1 ATF could be expected to call in all forces (as it did with 5 RAR) and to look to its defences.
- (2) A fairly clear trail was left, leading to the "trap" sprung by D Coy. This trail was admittedly broken for about 500 yards, but VC could expect that it would be found in fairly short time.
- (3) A 445 Bn POW stated that his unit was in LONG TAN on 18 Aug and that its orders were to march to the "sound of the shooting." This sounds like part of a plan to close a trap.

c. Our Reactions. D Coys contact again emphasizes the need to have relief forces on immediate notice to move in the event of heavy contact. The policy of sending Coy patrols to search areas where large enemy forces are thought to be, is only creditable if such patrols can be supported in reasonable time by other friendly forces. Recommendations are:-

- (1) All patrol plans include detailed orders for the support of patrols engaged by large VC forces. Such plans should include preliminary requests for close air support, planned arty and mortar tasks and the provision of Aviation Coy/ RAAF troop lift aircraft or APCs
- (2) Where contact is reasonably likely to occur (i.e. when following up VC as was done during Operation SMITHFIELD). Coys should be so located and routes so planned that Coys can move to assist each other in the event of heavy contact. This means that Coys should not be much more than 1000x apart in close country.

d. The Clearing of the TAOR. Operation SMITHFIELD raises the problem of TAOR clearance. As the VC seem to have the ability to introduce large forces into our area undetected, it would appear that the TAOR can never really be said to be "clear". Recommendations which arise from this are:-

- (1) Continuation of a "swamping patrol" programme to detect VC movement into our area.
- (2) Continuation of the present NO lights, state of siege conditions within 1 ATF Base.
- (3) Priority again given to defensive works, obstacles (wire and mines) and provision of materials for such works. Minefields are now a must.
- (4) A TF and Bn Counter - Attack and Counter - Penetration plan be prepared ASP.

OC B Coy
23 Aug 66.

CO's Comments

1. To B Coy goes the credit of locating in turn the mortar base plate position and the 75mm RR position used by the enemy to bombard 1 ATF Area early morning 17 Aug 66.
2. With very little warning and with only a general area, arrived at by plotting various MORTREPS, D Coy very quickly located the mortar position from which 5 82mm mortars had engaged 1 ATF Area. A follow-up of the tracks used by the withdrawing enemy party finally led to the RR position, from which 1 ATF had been shelled by 3 75mm RRs, each of which fired 8 rounds.
3. This effort was good as the withdrawing enemy had obviously deliberately tried to confuse a follow-up force by breaking up into numerous small groups on reaching the edge of a dry padi area, and converging again to an RV (probably previously selected), in the vicinity of which was the RR position. I believe this attempt (and a very clever one) to confuse follow-up forces and force them to abandon a pursuit, destroys any theory that the enemy arranged the bombardment to draw a follow-up force into a trap for destruction.
4. B Coy set out early morning 17 Aug to locate these positions but finished up remaining on operations until late afternoon 21 Aug. They were not equipped for such a stay away from the base and this was aggravated by half their number being recalled for R and C, at a time when I had arranged for B Coy's task to be taken over by D Coy. Under these adverse circumstances they performed quite well though I believe the follow-up could have been pursued more aggressively and more quickly. B Coy is a slow-moving company which needs to exhibit more speed and aggressiveness in its cross-country tactical movement.
5. Referring to Serial 14 of paragraph 6 of B Coy's after action report (Annex C) I very much doubt the enemy mortar fire received was designed as part of an enemy plan to isolate the battlefield. At this stage of the battle the enemy would be most unlikely to have formed a deliberate plan either to destroy the force opposing them or prevent reinforcement. It is more likely this group was one of the many large groups taking part in the action and reacting to opposition as encountered, by their normal battle drills.

6. I do not agree at all with OC B Coys assessment of enemy intentions (mainly for the reason given in paragraph 3) - his evidence to support them are very weak. Why the enemy bombarded 1 ATF area on the night 16/17 Aug is not yet clear but it is most unlikely to have been staged as part of a trap. Maj FORD states in paragraph 7a. (3) "A 445 Bn POW stated that his unit was in LONG TAN on 18 Aug and that its orders were to march to the sound of the shooting" etc. This is true but the POW also stated that this order was given, not as an anticipatory order, but after the battle began.
7. The point of a reaction force at immediate notice is in fact a unit SOP. For obvious reasons it is quite impossible to plan for its employment and deployment until the circumstances of the actual situation arises. The best, and in fact the most flexible solution is to have this force at 30 minutes notice and for the Force Commander to keep abreast of the patrol's situation. This, in fact, is done and it requires the minimum of briefing and orders to be launched.
8. There is no doubt of the magnitude of this action but because it happened: a pessimistic or timid approach should not be taken to future patrols and, as always every occasion before and during a particular operation, must always be appreciated on its merits and not by generally envisaging and planning for the worst situation that can occur.
9. There is a danger in this whole episode of falling back on a purely defensive approach to the situation in the 1 ATF Area. Active, and constant patrolling in strength is a very valuable and aggressive, form of defence which, mines and deep digging never better. Besides, the mental conditioning produced by an offensive patrolling programme is far better than a purely defensive "Magnet Line" complex.

Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

ANNEX D TO 6 RAR
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C COY AFTER ACTION REPORT
OPERATION SMITHFIELD

Reference: Map, PICTO

Sub-unit

1. C Coy 6 RAR

Command

2. 25632 Maj B W McFARLANE

Operation Name

3. Operation SMITHFIELD

Duration of C Coy participation

4. From 190645H to 211800 H Aug 66

Outline of Sub Unit Tasks

5. a. Phase 1 To move on foot in res to battle field area to Phase 1 objective vicinity 481673.
b. Phase 2 Bn reserve location vicinity 485671
c. Phase 3 To search the area to the EAST and NORTH EAST of the NUI DAT feature (YS485672)

Sequence of events

6. See Appx 1 attached.

Assessment of Operation

7. The search of the areas allocated provided positive evidence of the direction of withdrawal of some elements of the enemy force engaged by D Coy on 18 Aug. A further follow up of the new tracks to the NORTH so recently after they were made would probably have led quickly to further enemy hospital areas and possibly to their base for reorganisation. It is a pity that this type of positive info cannot be used as a basis for quick follow up in strength.

8. The requirement to medevac one member by helicopter was unfortunate as even though the DUSTOFF occurred nearly 2000 metres to the NORTH EAST of the enemy hospital camp I believe this to have been sufficient to cause the enemy to withdraw to the NORTH.

Maj
B W McFARLANE
OC C Coy 6 RAR.

CO's COMMENTS

1. C Coy's participation in this operation was restricted to follow-up action on 19 - 21 Aug 66. As usual their task was carried out diligently, deliberately and successfully.

2. C Coy's search virtually confirmed
 - a. That the general direction of withdrawal of the enemy was to NORTH EAST and EAST.
 - b. That enemy casualties had been evacuated from the battlefield and some had died and been buried - en route. (graves at YS 5067).
3. I agree with Maj McFARLANE'S sentiments on the disappointment at not being able to follow up the recent enemy movements; but for reasons detailed in the Combat Operations After Action Report, to which this Operation Analysis is an Annex, this was not wise.

Sequence of events

Comments

D Day (18 Aug)

1. Coy in base with one platoon detached to APC Sqn, one platoon in location D Coy, one platoon and Coy HQ in C Coy base.

D + 1 (19 Aug)

2. 0630H OC departed by helicopter for RV with CO at GR 472675.
 3. 0645H C Coy loaded on APCs for move forward to operation area. Coy arrived RV at 0810H.
 4. Sweep through battlefield area commenced C Coy moving on foot at rear of battalion.
 5. C Coy remained in battalion base vicinity 485671. One platoon secured battalion water point
- 50 enemy bodies buried in Coy location.

D + 2 (20 Aug)

6. Sweep to NORTH and NORTH EAST of and including NUI DAT feature (YS 485672) in conjunction with D Coy 5 RAR moving on the WEST of the feature
 - a. After action on 18 Aug some enemy moved by track to a track junction at GR 489675 then SOUTH EAST along a track to the area of GR 496672.
 - b. Telephone cable had been laid by the enemy along tracks in the area of the track junction GR 489675 leading to the battlefield area.
 - c. Enemy personal equipment, small arms and Atk ammunition for about four men was found discarded at GR 489675.
 - d. Parts of human bodies on the route indicated that badly wounded ex. had been evac on the route via the track junction at GR 489675 thence to the SE.
 - e. No evidence enemy movement to the NORTH was found from including the NUI DAT feature to the 500 Easting.
7. Ni base established at GR 490687

D + 3 (21 Aug)

8. Search to the NORTH and NE continued a.
 - a. Tracks for approx 100 enemy moving since the action on 18 Aug located moving NORTH from an extensive camp area YS 5067. The track was followed to about GR 507686 to the NORTH.
 - b. Graves for 14 recently dead VC located in above camp area. Evidence that camp had been very recently used as a hospital and probably only evacuated the ni before. It is believed that a DUSTOFF (medevac)

from our ni loc at GR 490687 may have warned the enemy of our presence in the area.

- c. Camp extended from GR 509678 SOUTH then SE to approx GR 504671. The Northern part of the camp was old but in good order whilst the SW part was recently constructed and all wpn pits had corrugated iron supporting OHP. The total number of pits was not counted but is estimated to be in excess of 200. The camp was not searched in detail and no evidence of our presence (except footprints) was left in the area.

- 9. After departing enemy camp moved to Battalion RV to the SOUTH for helicopter and APC move to TF base location.

D COY AFTER ACTION REPORT : OPERATION "SMITHFIELD"

1. Reference Map: 1:25,000 PICTO

1. OPERATIONS

D Coy Operation "VENDETTA", later renamed Operation "SMITHFIELD".

2. REPORT BY

6776 Maj H A SMITH OC D Coy 6 RAR

3. FORCE

D Coy 6 RAR; strength 108 All Ranks.

4. TIME OF ACTION

1540 - 1910 hrs 18 Aug 66.

Duration: 3½ hours.

5. LOCATION

YS 4767, YS 4867.

COMPANY TASK

Search for, and locate enemy force that Mortared 1 ATF area on 17 Aug 66.

7. DESCRIPTION OF ACTION IN OWN WORDS

D Coy, with a strength of 108, moved from its base location through B Coy area at 1100hrs. on 18 Aug 66, arriving at YS 473673 to RV with B Coy HQ at 1300hrs. After studying the evidence of enemy tracks, I ordered an advance, one-up, to the NORTH EAST, commencing at 1500 hrs, following the line of a fresh VC track. At YS 475675 the track divided into 2 tracks, both heading EAST SOUTH EAST, roughly parallel, and about 300 yds apart. At this point there was evidence of 82mm mortar ammo being prepared for firing, and signs that the enemy had fled EAST in a hurry to escape CB. Several grenades, sandals, and pieces of equipment were found over a wide area.

At this point I ordered the advance to continue, but now with two platoons up; 10Pl on the LEFT, 11 Pl on the RIGHT - on the high ground, with Coy HQ and 12 Pl in the centre rear. The Coy covered a frontage of 400 metres and a similar distance in depth. (Sketch 1)

At 1540hrs, 11 Pl contacted 6 VC at YS 478673. The report was 6 - 8 local VC, dressed in khaki, no equipment, fled EAST. One AK rifle was recovered. (A body later recovered). I instructed 11 Pl to continue sweeping EAST, with the rest of the Coy moving as before.

At 1600 hrs, 11 Pl reported movement and noise in the house at YS 481672 and prepared to assault the house. I ordered 10 Pl to continue advancing EAST and to get into a "cut-off" position facing SOUTH in case enemy fled NORTH. 11Pl cleared the house without incident and I gave orders to continue the advance to the EAST.

At 1608 hrs firing was heard in 11 Pl area and the Pl Comd reported a platoon size force to his LEFT front and called for Artillery fire on YS 487674. He further reported more enemy, and said he was suffering casualties as he was being attacked on his LEFT, FRONT and RIGHT. I ordered 11 Pl to withdraw. The Coy was disposed as shown in Sketch 2.

Coy HQ and 12 Pl continued to move forward as firing increased and reached YS 480674 and came under fire from the rounds passing over 11 Pl. Approx 20 rounds 82mm mortar fell on the RIGHT flank of Coy HQ Area, and I immediately moved 12 Pl and Coy HQ to the LEFT (NORTH EAST) to GR 482674 out of the mortared area. The MFC gave a Mortrep bearing of 2300 mils and the info was passed back by the FO. The mortar ceased to fire after CB, but fired again into the same area later, from mortar positions to the EAST.

11 Pl reported that they were almost surrounded, suffering heavy casualties, could not extract themselves, and almost out of ammunition. Artillery fire continued to support them, with the FO talking to the Pl Sgt after the Pl Comd was killed. Regrettably, there was some confusion as to exact location of enemy and own troops, and initially fire support was not close, but in fact did untold damage to the enemy in depth.

Pl Comd 10 Pl stated he was not under fire and could possibly get into 11 Pl to support their withdrawal. I ordered 10 Pl to attack from the NORTH. 10 Pl were observed advancing and then a large volume of fire broke out in their area and radio contact was lost. At about this time 11 Pl radio also went out, after reports that VC were all around them.

I then ordered 12 Pl and Coy HQ to move forward in an attempt to get closer to 11 Pl to fight them back. 12 Pl moved SOUTH EAST followed by CHQ. At this time 10 Pl communications were restored when the Coy HQ second operator reached them. 10 Pl stated they had casualties and were under attack from the high ground to the NORTH (YS 448675). 10 Pl had, in fact, got to within 100 metres of 11 Pl before being stopped by SA and mortar fire, and then infantry attack. I ordered 10 Pl to withdraw as their wounded were now arriving back to Coy HQ. (Sketch No 3).

By now, 12 Pl had moved off to the SOUTH EAST and it was impossible to move CHQ with the 10 Pl wounded. I organised the security of the Company Aid Post area and put 10 Pl on the ground as they arrived back.

12 Pl reached a position at YS 483673, about 150 metres behind 11 Pl, and then came under heavy fire and subsequently attacked from the area of the house at YS 481672, and also from the NORTH EAST (Sketch 4).

At the same time enemy attacked the Coy defended area from the EAST, and were moving in and out of 12 Pl's RIGHT flank. Coy HQ engaged enemy in area YS 480673. Artillery fire support continued. HMG and MMG was received into the Coy area all the time from area YS 485674. (Sketch 5)

The strike aircraft arranged by 6 RAR arrived, but apparently could not see the area because of the low cloud and heavy rain. (I had requested Napalm from YS 486669 to YS 487674). Coloured smoke was thrown, but did not get up through the canopy, and I could not get communications with the FAC. (The aircraft then dropped bombs to the NORTH EAST).

The ammunition resupply helicopters (2) arrived as previously requested and dropped the ammunition through the trees "right into the CO's lap". This position was in a small clearing, and indicated by coloured smoke.

By this time, and with the visual assistance of the coloured smoke thrown for the strike, 11 Pl survivors had fought their way back to 12 Pl and 12 Pl withdrew back to the Coy area. I gave quick orders for the defence of this area. The time was about 1815 hrs and for the next hour the enemy kept up a continuous volume of fire into the area from HMG and MMG to the EAST, and a fantastic amount of LMG and SA fire from the SOUTH EAST. He attacked, in succession from the SOUTH EAST (the main thrust), the EAST, NORTH EAST, and SOUTH. (Sketch 6)

Artillery fire continued throughout and was extremely effective. The FO had fire around the EAST, SOUTH EAST, and SOUTH of the Coy perimeter area, at times some rounds fall in the Coy area (but only one WIA from own Arty) - but keeping the enemy from closing. 4 KIA were received from enemy SA fire during the attacks on the final Coy area.

The enemy attacks continued until the APC Tp with A Coy arrived at 1910hrs, and even as the APC's came into the Coy area the enemy was still attacking from the NORTH EAST. However, they soon disengaged and withdrew EAST.

The Coy was also joined at this time by the B Coy HQ with one platoon which I placed covering the WEST approach. CO 6 RAR had arrived with A Coy and took command.

During the next 5 hrs the Coy regrouped, loaded the wounded on APC's and moved back, securing the LZ at YS 473675 with a circle of 9 APC's. The 7 DUSTOFF helicopters arrived in quick succession from 2359 hrs and the last casualties were evacuated at 0034 hrs 19 Aug 66.

The Coy was then joined by A Coy and B Coy, and the force remained in this area under command CO 6 RAR until the APC assault at 0900 hrs.

8. DESCRIPTION OF TERRAIN

- a. 5 year old rubber plantation with some undergrowth in places. Mainly clean. Visibility was about 150 metres, but fell to 100 metres when the heavy rain started about 1730 hrs.
- b. The area to the NORTH was thick scrub.
- c. The Coy area was on a gradual slope, the final position being a reverse slope position, facing SOUTH EAST.

ENEMY

9. TACTICS

The enemy was undoubtedly warned of our presence by the contact with his screen or standing patrol. Although he had one line of fire trenches, these were probably dug after the battle started. He appeared to be static when contacted.

10. His immediate reaction was to hold 11 Pl down with fire from a fire base at GR 475672. He then sent out (to the SOUTH WEST) about a Coy or two Coy force which then virtually surrounded the platoon with about 6 groups of 20 - 25 VC (Sketch 7)

11. The group at A remained local fire base and other groups gave cross fire, whilst other groups moved forward, e.g., groups A, B and D fired, C, E, and F moved forward, then groups A, C and E fired, while B, D and F moved forward. This process without voice or obvious signals, was obviously the result of a lot of training and rehearsal. It could have been on a timed programme.

12. When 10 Pl attacked the VC on the LEFT flank of 11 Pl:- (Sketch 8), the enemy held 10 Pl with fire from the main fire base to the EAST, (X) and at least one Coy attacked from the LEFT (Y), coming down off the spur at GR 485675. The enemy also fired light and medium mortar onto 10 and 11 Pl areas. He also moved another large force (Z) in an attempt to outflank 11 Pl. This force was met by 12 Pl. As 10 Pl withdrew, force(Y) then went through into the LEFT flank of 12 Pl, but was successfully engaged by Artillery and small arms fire from the Coy area. (Sketch 9)

13. When 11 and 12 Pls withdrew, there was a slight lull, as he regrouped, but then the enemy attacked in force, mainly from the SOUTH EAST, but also from the EAST, NORTH EAST and SOUTH, and these attacks continued, supported by heavy HMG and MMG fire from the NORTH EAST. (Sketch 10)

14. Artillery and small arms fire kept those attacks back, but large numbers of enemy could be seen moving WEST, obviously trying to encircle the position. However this force was cut by the APC Tp as it arrived from the SOUTH. B Coy reported VC to the immediate WEST of our area as they arrived. This smaller group fled NORTH EAST. (Sketch No 11)

15. It is now understood that the enemy force was 275 Regiment plus one NVA battalion and D445 Mobile Force Bn with an artillery Battalion (6Bn); advancing 3 up and one in reserve. The contact apparently took place in the centre of the enemy front, and he tried to envelop, mainly from the SOUTHERN flank. The dispersion, and movement of 10, 11, and 12 Pls, coupled with the Artillery Support probably caused him some doubt as to the size of our force, and looking back on the action,

it was fortunate, although to the detriment of 11 Pl, that the Coy was dispersed. I feel that if the enemy had been able to locate the limits of a smaller area, he may have been able to surround and overrun the area with his superior numbers.

16. DRESS, WEAPONS and EQUIPMENT

The enemy force was extremely well equipped. Clothing was a mixture of green, khaki, black and grey. Webbing and packs were well made and plentiful. He camouflaged the back of his body and his headdress (jungle hats). Ho Chi Minn sandals were the main footwear, and these during the contact, were tucked into webbing or carried in the hand. One dead VC had a pair of sandals and two 60mm mortar bombs in one hand, and a mortar bipod in the other. Every man had a shelter, hammock, rice tin, spirit lamp, "housewife", cleaning gear, oil bottle and personal items.

17. Whistles and bugles were carried and used for signals. The enemy laid line as he moved forward (D10 cable on large wooden spools).

18. The enemy was extremely well armed. Almost every man carried an automatic AK or SKS rifle. All had at least 2-3 grenades, some "grenadiers" carried haversacks with 10 - 12 grenades, of varying types. Personal ammunition was up to 250 rounds, mainly in magazines. In addition to personal weapons, a large number of MG (Metal) magazines for IMC, 60mm mortar bombs, rockets and 57mm RCL rounds were carried. Members of crew-served weapon teams did not always have personal weapons, but carried a large amount of weapon ammunition. Refer to para 25 for types of weapons.

19. ENEMY CASUALTIES

245 KIA (BC)
150 KIA (Poss)
500 WIA (Poss)
3 VCC (WIA)

20. Enemy casualties in the immediate Coy area were caused by small arms fire (50%) and Artillery fire (50%). Enemy casualties were found in the areas of the action shown at Sketch 12. Other casualties were found to the EAST and SOUTH EAST.

21. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

D Coy casualties were:-

17 KIA
19 WIA

22. Other casualties were:-

3 WIA (APC Tp - 1 later died of wounds)
(B Coy - 1)
(A Coy - 1)

23. Own KIA were caused by small arms fire, mainly head wounds; death instantaneous. WIA were caused mainly by SA fire, and by mortar shrapnel. One WIA was caused by own Artillery called in close by Coy Comd. 3 shock cases were also evacuated.

24. AMMUNITION EXPENDITURE (APPROXIMATE)

- a. Artillery 2500 rds 105 How
500 rds 155 How
- b. Infantry 3500 rds 7.62mm (SLR)
5000 rds 7.62mm link (MG)
1500 rds 5.56 mm (M16)
300 rds 9mm (OMC)
10 rds 40mm (M79)
Claymore mines and M26 grenades were carried but NOT used.
- c. A Coy, B Coy and APC Tp also fired some small quantities.

25. DOCUMENTS AND WEAPONS

a. DOCUMENTS

Handed to IO 6 RAR.

26. WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION

a. D Coy Area

33 7.62mm AK Aslt Rifles.
5 7.62mm SKS Rifles.
7 7.62mm RPD LMG
1 .30 cal M1 Carbine
1 7.62mm PP Sh M1941 SMG ('BURP' Gun)
1 7.62mm SGH HMG on wheels mounted with shield.
1 .30 cal M1 'Garand' Rifle.
1 57mm RR Type 30 with modified 'Bren' LMG tripod.
4 Rocket Launchers RPG - 2.

b. APC Tp Contact Area

57mm RR Type 30 with telescopic sight and 'Bren' Tripod.
.30 cal Browning LMG (BAR)
.45 Thompson M141 SMG
.30 cal M1 Carbine.

c. Ammunition (Approx)

3700 rds 7.62mm M 1943 rifle (AK, SKS)
2700 rds 7.62mm SOVIET 1943 link (RPD)
1900 rds 7.62mm M1908 SOVIET link (MMG)
100 rds 12.7 Link (HMG)
1000 rds 7.32 Link (MG-34)
120 rds .45 cal (THOMPSON)
1000 rds .30 cal (M1 CARBINE)
7 M26 US Grenades.
300 Misc Hand grenades.
1 Pineapple grenade.
22 rds 57mm RR
28 rds Rocket RPG-2
40 rds 60mm Mor (US & Chicom)

d. Magazines

26 Drum Magazines (RPD LMG)
105 AK rifle curved magazines
12 BAR Mags.
4 Thompson magazines.
2. "Snail-type" SPANAU MG-34 Magazines
Mixed ammunition liners (Metal)

LESSONS LEARNT

27. WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION

a. MG M60

- (1) Failed in the extreme conditions of mud, dirt and wet. There were no mechanical failures, but the ammunition could not be kept clean. The ammunition pouch issued with the M60 is useless, as it shrinks, and folds in, stopping the feed. Further, it is not convenient to undo a corroded zip to place in a belt. All belts should be in light metal magazines, carried in a canvas bag which can be slung. With the present system it is impossible to prevent the belts dragging in the mud. It should be noted that all enemy LMG ammo is in cylindrical metal magazines, and their LMGs remained firing. It is recommended that action be taken to produce a metal "SPANAU, MG-34, Snail-Type" magazine for use with the MG M60, which is really only a development of the MG-34.

- (2) M60 ammunition containing 1 in 5 1960 tracer failed on every tracer round. Gun fired 4 rounds then stopped, etc.

b. 7.62mm SLR

- (1) This was the outstanding weapon of the action, with only 2 broken firing pins.
- (2) 60 rounds in magazines is not sufficient. It is not possible to refill magazines with respect to time, mud and rain, and the AUSTRALIAN L1A1 rifle does not have the charger-loading capacity of the original FN rifle. Therefore, all ammunition should be in magazines. I recommend that:-
- (a) The scale of magazines be increased from 3 to 8, on the man, with -
- (b) A percentage (50%) of 1st line reserve for resupply should be loaded in magazines.
- (c) Consideration be given to the modification of the SLR to bring back the charger re-loading capacity.
- (d) Disposable plastic magazines be procured.

c. 9mm OMC

At ranges in excess of 25 meters the OMC was not effective. Without tracer indication in the poor light, this weapon was poor. It is recommended that all OMC be replaced with SLR or M16.

d. M16 Rifle

This weapon performed well, but a number of "expanded case" stoppages occurred, and these could not be cleared without cleaning rods, not yet issued to the scale of 1 per weapon. Procurement and issue action required.

e. Tracer

Tracer ammunition was invaluable. The Coy policy of the initial 5 rounds rifle and 25 rds MG, followed by normal 1 in 5 tracer proved successful in the poor conditions of visibility and lack of back-ground to show the fall of shot. I recommend that even more tracer be used. Although small arms accuracy has been questioned, there is no doubt that 50% of the dead around the Coy area were killed by SA fire, and the use of tracer was a main factor.

f. Integral Coy Support Weapons

- (1) When out of own mortar range, it is essential to have mortar fire power to fill in the gaps between Artillery corrections, and in areas that Artillery fire cannot be brought to bear immediately. A 60mm mortar could have played havoc in these areas, and is a requirement for Coy fire support.

(2) CARL GUSTAV

Although not yet available, the Coy Carl Gustav firing HE could have been used at ranges of 100-150 metres along rows of rubber trees.

- (3) As an exponent of the old system of MMG and Medium Mortar Section attached to rifle coys, I feel that consideration should be given to the revival of this system. The M60 is not a MMG or GPMG as originally intended. The weapon required as an MMG within an Infantry Battalion is the 7.62mm MAG 58 GPMG currently used in MALAYSIA.

- (4) The Support Section of a rifle Coy in this theatre should have access to:-

MG M60
85mm CARL GUSTAV (or TE)
GPMG 58
60mm Mortar.

These weapons to be carried as and when required by the operation for use in the base defended area, and to be available on OPDEM during operations if not carried.

28. There is a need for an "instant pressure-pack" type of marker balloon to indicate own position to aircraft. Coloured smoke did not go up through the rubber-tree canopy. The carbide gas type balloon is not suitable because of the preparation time required.

29. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Voice level and rate of speech must be controlled. I found that I could not understand many messages, and I was probably an offender in this regard.
- b. There is a requirement for headphones and throat microphones to be available in the CES of the radio for use in similar situations where external noise interferes with the transmission and reception.

MISCELLANEOUS POINTS

30. The Coy did not dig in. An attempt was made, but because of the time factor, this never really got under way. Fortunately, very few enemy mortar bombs landed in the final Coy position, and the curve of the ground gave some protection from SA fire, although the HMG and MG were firing down into the position. However this fire was area covering fire and obviously not observed fire.

31. In relation to the fatal head wounds, the question of steel helmets was raised. I do not think they would have made any difference, and I doubt if they would have been worn because of their encumbrance. I do not recommend their use on patrol.

32. The LZ for the night DUSTOFF was lit by APC cabin lights showing through open hatches, and was reported as being very effective.

33. The US DUSTOFF helicopter used landing lights and came straight in. It was noted that the RAAF helicopters were rather slow in landing and did not use their lights.

34. The enemy removed a lot of his KIA and weapons from the SOUTHERN areas; but not from the NORTH EAST area. He did not touch 11 P1 bodies, but took some of their packs and two rifles. One 11 P1 SLR was recovered from a dead VC outside the final Coy position. All 11 P1 bodies and weapons were recovered except one M16 rifle. The enemy made little or no attempt to re-enter the area after he disengaged.

CONCLUSION

35. In addition to my own men, I would like to commend the performance of the Artillery; the two RAAF helicopters who dropped ammunition from a height of 30 feet into an area which was being swept with MG fire and in shocking flying conditions; and the Tp Comd of the APC for his personal assistance in the control of the LZ.

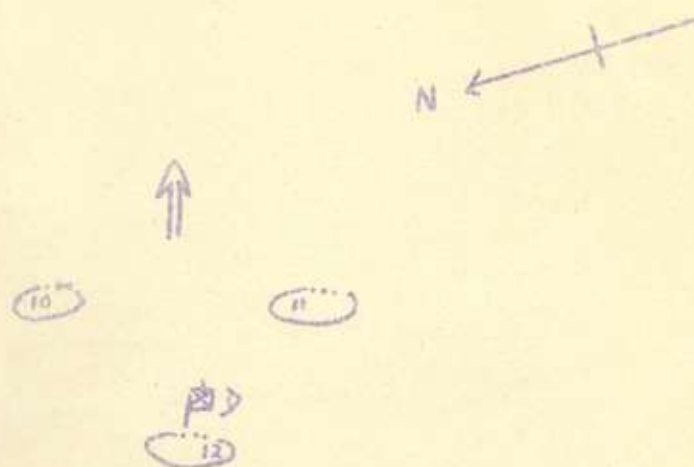
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Harry A SMITH
OC D Coy

CO's COMMENTS

1. D Coy's feat was a very fine company action and the company conducted itself throughout the battle with calmness, determination, bravery and professional skill. By their efforts they were instrumental in turning what could easily have been a decisive defeat into a magnificent victory. The supporting artillery, decisive as it was and the relief by A Coy and the APC Troop, life saving as events proved them to be detracts nothing from D Coy's very commendable performance.
2. Despite the long time that elapsed until the wounded were evacuated by a DUSTOFF helicopter, the circumstances of the situation were such that it was quite impracticable to have effected earlier evacuation. The night was pitch black with NIL visibility at ground level and all operations connected with the regrouping of D Coy, the evacuation of the wounded and the withdrawal from the battle area had to be conducted in an environment of minimum light and noise, with the ever - present threat of enemy attack.
3. I agree generally with the "lessons learnt" observations by OC D Coy. The matter of weapons and ammunition deficiencies is being investigated independently now by a committee comprising the rifle company commanders; it is intended to forward prior recommendations for improvement in this field soon.
4. I agree that, despite this action, steel helmets are not a requirement for operations of this nature - The dubious protection they give is outweighed by their encumbrance and the decreased hearing capability they give to the wearer.

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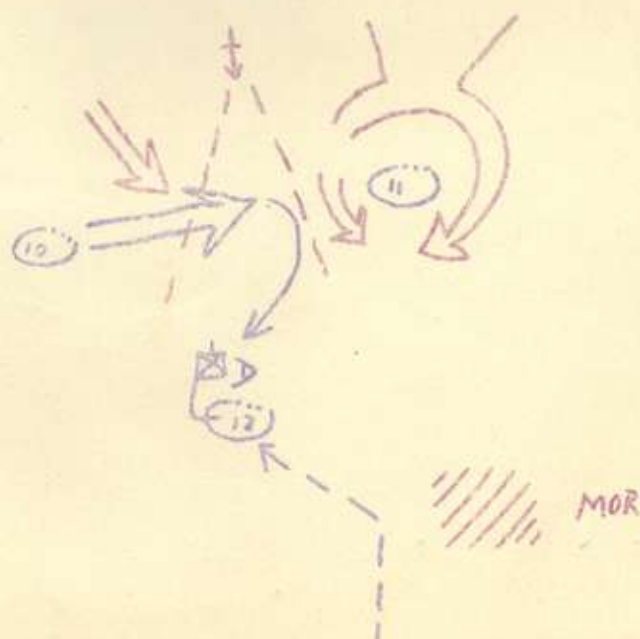
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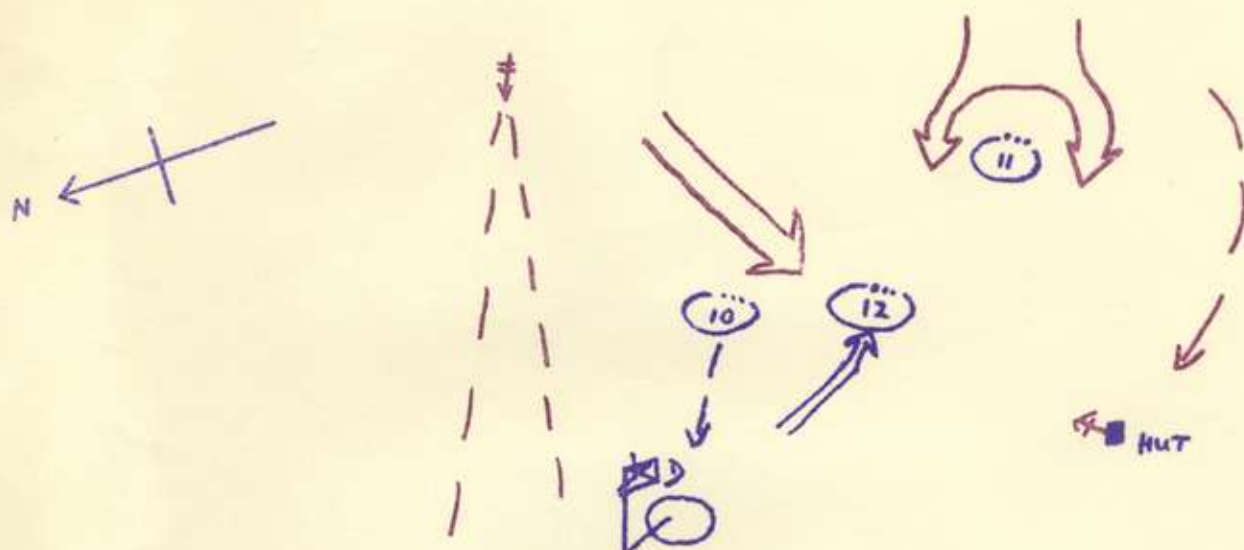


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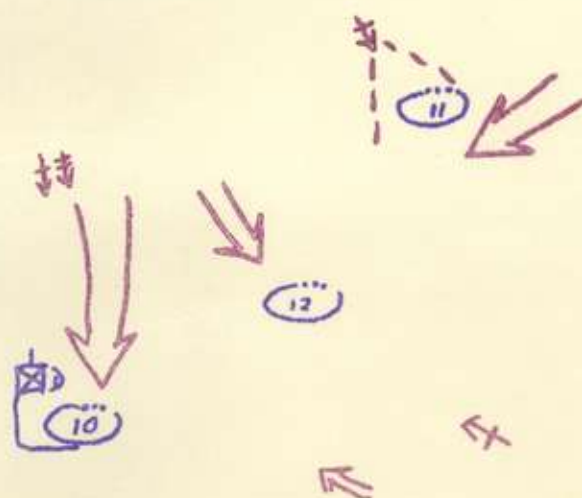


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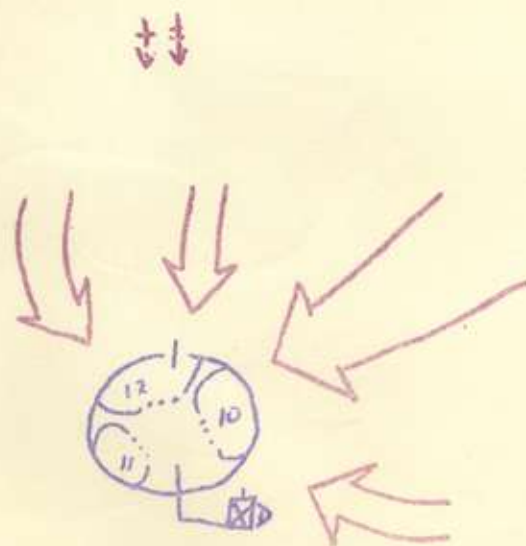
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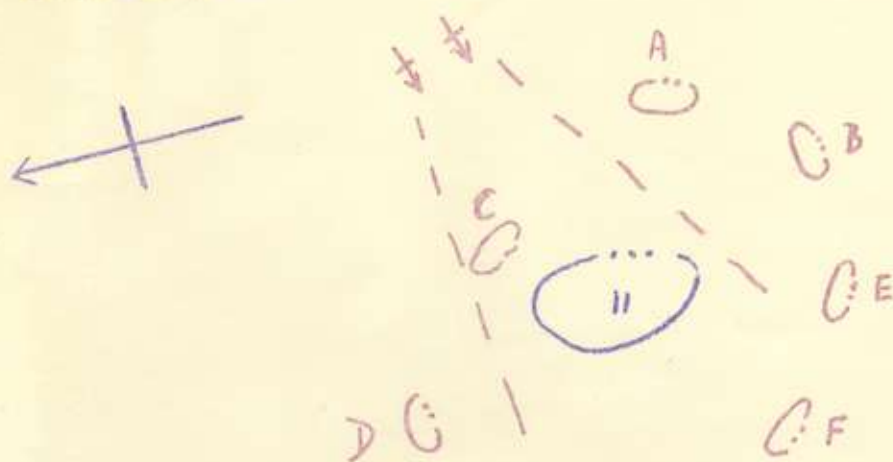


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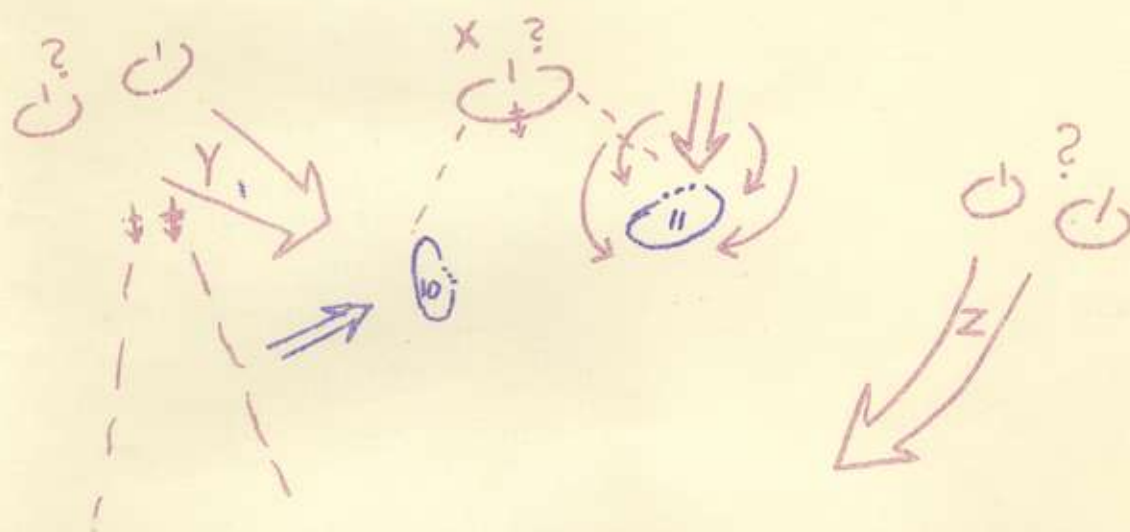


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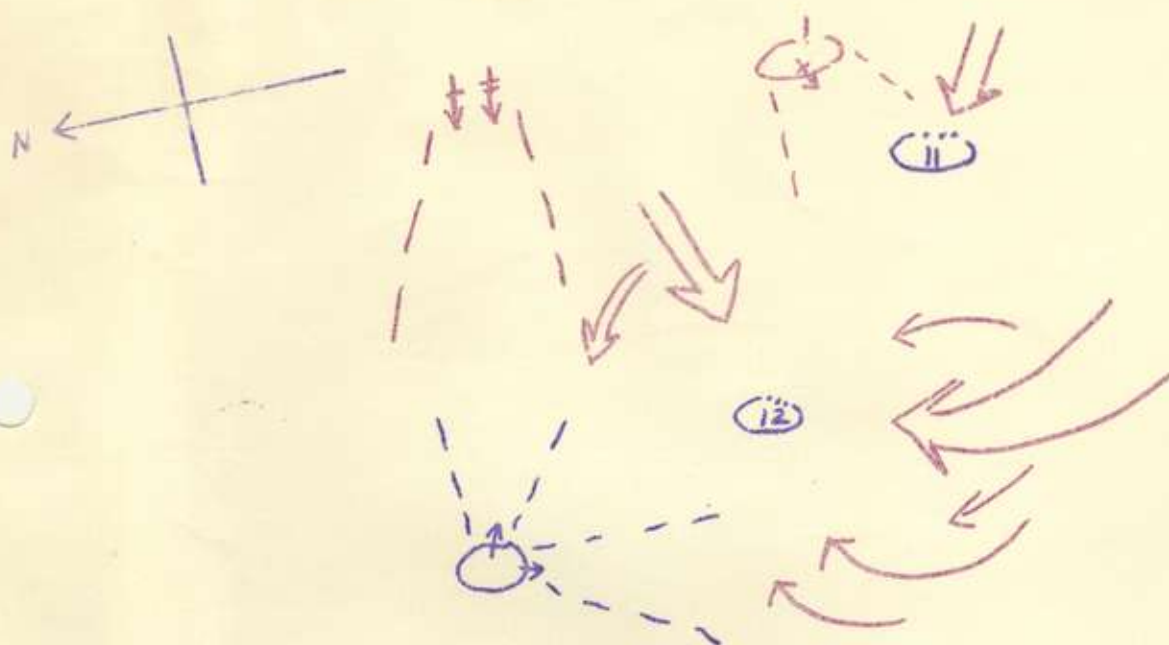


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SKETCH 9



SKETCH 11



SKETCH 12



ANNEX F TO 6 RAR
AFTER ACTION REPORT
OPERATION SMITHFIELD

3 TP 1 APC SQN AFTER ACTION REPORT
OPERATION SMITHFIELD

1. Operation. Relief of D Coy 6 RAR
2. Report by No 54548 Lt F A ROBERTS.
3. 3 Tp, 1 APC SQN.
4. Time of action 1805hrs, duration approx 40 minutes actually fighting engagement, then subsequent move to LZ.
5. Location: Rubber plantation area GS 47 66, GS 47 67, GS 48 67.
6. Troop Task. Orders "To convey A Coy 6 RAR to join D Coy 6 RAR and break up the attack!"

7. Troop embussed A Coy 6 RAR proceeded to the D Coy location general area GR 480674 via crossing of SUOI DA BANG at GR 463649 move from crossing 2 sections up, to track heading WEST in rubber from GR 473659. At this time Call Sign 3CB and 3A, were behind bringing forward Col TOWNSEND, CO 6 RAR. We moved NORTH using the road as an axis of advance, one section, 23 LEFT the other, 32, RIGHT, myself central just left of the road. At 1805 we made contact with a large group dressed in green, bush hats and wearing US type webbing, some had yellowish ribbon on their hats, we paused as they looked like own troops. Observing them to be Enemy we engaged them at approximately GR 475664. They were about a Coy size group, approx 100. As we engaged them they returned fire with heavy bursts of automatic weapons, which they all seemed to have, at this time Call sign 39M the left vehicle of the right section was engaged by a 57 RR team from 15-20 yds to his right front, his .50 cal jammed so he killed the crew with his OMC. During this time the balance of the Troop brought fire into the Enemy group. We continued to advance firing as we moved, some difficulty in control was experienced with 39M who had no communications as an MG burst from his front had cut down his aerial. We pushed through the Enemy who had been on the initial sighting moving from EAST to WEST, he was now fleeing EAST. We had continuing contact with groups fleeing EAST from us in groups 8/10 or less. At GR 476669 my left hand section was heavily engaged by LMG and MG fire (.30 Cal) Command of 23A was hit but managed to crush the Enemy MG gunner under his track. We halted on the left of the advance to allow a Commander, my Sgt whom I was carrying in my vehicle to transfer to the other carrier, which I then evacuated with the wounded commander. The right Call signs continued to advance passing through a belt of our own artillery fire which held myself on the left back, then we pushed forward through the fire, The right hand call sign swept forward to GR 480676 realised he'd got ahead, turned back and linked with us at GR 478673. At this time my remaining 3 call signs bringing the CO 6 RAR forward joined us, I then attempted to break up the attack by swinging EAST and assaulting as I knew then that D Coy was slightly NORTH of us. I assaulted EAST using the rubber track turning EAST from the main track at GR 477483 as a guide for my right hand section. We were taking heavy automatic fire from our front and left flank as we went in on the assault. We also had visual contact with D Coy on our left as we charged past. At approximately GR 484670 I halted the charge on request from Sunray A Coy 6 RAR and turned on NORTH WEST bearing and made contact with D Coy 6 RAR.

We formed in the last moments of light into a screen facing EAST, dismounting A Coy who went a few yards forward of us and lay down to form a skirmish line. I did not dismount or request Infantry dismount on the move to D Coy because I considered that I could shock assault and control my troop better and quicker than the Infantry can when dismounted especially in the terrain we assaulted over. We remained as a screen till about 2130 when I formed the troop into a line ahead in preparation of evacuation of D Coy, our withdrawal was to be covered by A Coy and B Coy 6 RAR. I decided to move at best speed with lights on, counting again on shock action, we moved at approximately 2230 hrs from the battle field moving EAST to rubber edge and SOUTH to LZ at GR 473675, I secured the LZ with my troop in box 100metres by 50metres. We used the carriers internal lights showing through the cargo hatches to indicate LZ area. I acted as Albatross Guide on the LZ. We had no further contacts from the time we linked with D Coy. The balance of the night passed without event.