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[1 Fd Regt RAA]

Narrative, Annexes

[1-31 Mar 1967]

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation 1 Fd Regt RAA

From 1 MAR 67 To 31 MAR 67

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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.
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 - e. Unit commanders.
 - f. Commanders of a detachment of a unit when so ordered.

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 - b. Index as printed on cover.
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as well as map references), establishment, equipment

orders given.

the day's fighting, including company movements.

Commander with regard to equipment, facts, organization

tential importance.

officers, men and equipment.

ment captured.

employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

and to save work as much information as possible is to be given. All documents issued and received, routine returns, etc. All 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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COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

AF-C 2118 (Adapted)

Revised Jun, 1965

UNIT/FORMATION 1 Fd Regt RAA

MONTH AND YEAR MAR 67

REFERENCE MAP VIETNAM 1 : 50,000 Series

COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col D R BSGG

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	1 Mar		1 Fd Regt RAA Instruction - Return of 1 Fd Regt to Australia	H 1
	1 Mar		Regimental information Sheet No 46	N 1
	3 Mar		Received List of Recommendations for Officer Postings	I 1
	4 Mar		1 Fd Regt RAA Operation Order - Operation LESTON	C 1
	4 Mar		Regimental Information Sheet No 47	N 2
	5 Mar		Regimental Information Sheet No 48	N 3
	6 Mar		1 Fd Regt RAA Operation Order - Operation AYR	C 2
	7 Mar		Regimental Information Sheet No 49	N 4
	9 Mar		Regimental Information Sheet No 50	N 5

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MONTH AND YEAR... MAR 67

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COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col D R BEGG

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
	15 Mar		1 Fd Regt RAA SOP, Section 5, Movement	K 1
	17 Mar		Regimental Information Sheet No 51	N 6
	18 Mar		Regimental Information Sheet No 52	N 7
	19 Mar		1 Fd Regt RAA Operation Order - Operation PORTSEA	G 3
	19 Mar		Regimental Information Sheet No 53	N 8
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	23 Mar		Regimental Information Sheet No 56	N 11
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UNIT/FORMATION 1. Fd Regt. RAA

COMMANDING OFFICER Lt. Col. D. R. BEGG

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	25 Mar		Regimental Information Sheet No 58	N 13
	26 Mar		Regimental Information Sheet No 59	N 14
	27 Mar		Regimental Information Sheet No 60	N 15
	30 Mar		Regimental Information Sheet No 61	N 16
	31 Mar		Regimental Information Sheet No 62	N 17
	31 Mar		1. Fd Regt. RAA Operational Report for Period 1 - 31 Mar	O 1

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1 Fd Regt RAA
NUI DAT

4 Mar 67

Op O 7/67 (OP LEETON)

1. SITa. En Forces. Annex Ab. Friendly Forces

(1) 1 ATF will assist the Vietnamese authorities to maintain control of Southern Phuoc Tuy Province.

(2) Concept of Ops

(a) Establish permanent coy def loc on HORSESHOE HILL YS 4962.

(b) Clear timber from 50 to 52 Eastings and from the coast to 63 Northings.

(c) Erect a wire fence EAST of DAT DO YS4960 and PHUOC LOI YS5057.

(d) Reloc 103 Fd Bty and other sub-units of 1 ATF within TF base area.

(3) 5 RAR Tasks

(a) Establish coy def loc on HORSESHOE HILL by 151800H Mar 67.

(b) Part TAOR within line BRAVO (Fd gun range)

(c) Maintain ambushes WEST of HOA LONG as frequently as possible by day and night.

(d) Vacate present D Coy base area by 061000H Mar 67.

(e) Maintain one coy on 30 mins notice to move as 1 ATF standby.

(f) Place coy on HORSESHOE HILL under op con 1 ATF from 151800H Mar 67.

(4) 6 RAR Tasks

(a) Part TAOR inside line BRAVO (Fd Gun range)

(b) From 160800H Mar 67 be prepared to erect a wire fence EAST of DAT DO and PHUOC LOI.

(c) Protect engr elms clearing timber from 50 to 52 Eastings and from coast to 63 Northings.

(5) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Tasks:

(a) Provide protection for engr elms on:

i By pass rd.

ii HORSESHOE HILL until 15 Mar 67.

iii Clearing timber from coast to 63 Northings

/(b).

(b) Screen 5 RAR during occupation of HORSESHOE HILL and screen 6 RAR during erection of wire fence EAST of DAT 00.

(c) Escort stores convoy into HORSESHOE HILL approx 8 Mar 67.

(d) Maint one tp on 20 mins notice to mov, by ni, as 1 ATF standby.

(6) 1/83 Bn. No change

(7) A Bty 2/35 Pn. Remains undertop con SI F FORCE V.

(8) 3 SAS Sqn. Tasks:

(a) Foster 1 SAS Sqn from 2 Mar 67,

(b) By day man OPs on NUI DAT.

(c) By ni maint two tps on Nui Dat from 6 Mar 67.

(d) Occupy Nui Dat by 16 Mar 67.

(9) 161 Recce Flt Tasks

(a) Rotary wing. One ac for 1 ATF standby.

(b) Fixed wing. Vis recce by day and ni.

(10) 1 ARU Tasks

(a) Assist constr new 103 Fd Bty base area from 060800H Mar 67.

(b) Occupy 103 Fd Bty pres loc by 061300H Apr 67.

(c) Maint ambush ptls in TAOR.

(11) ARVN Loc of ARVN/RF/PF units are:

(a)	3/43 ARVN Bn (-)	YS 489513
(b)	One Coy 3/43 Bn	YS 500570
(c)	3A/181 Arty Pl	YS 477597
(d)	612 RF Coy	YS 515536
(e)	615 RF Coy	YS 502577
(f)	32, 33 and 34 PF Pls	YS 477597
(g)	35 PF Pl	YS 575536

(12) Timings

6 Mar 67 D Coy 5 RAR mov to HORSESHOE HILL

15 Mar 67 Coy 5 RAR on HORSESHOE HILL under op con 1 ATF.

16 Mar 67 6 RAR commence construction of wire fence.

SAS occupy NUI DAT

6 Apr 67 1 ARU occupy present 103 Fd Bty area.

c. Atts and Dets To go from 060800H:

(1) 1 ARU

(2) Elm 1 Fd Sqn

(3) One FO of 1/83 Bn

2. Msn. 1 Fd Regt RAA is to support 1 ATF during Op LEETON.

3. Exec

a. Gen Outline. 1 Fd Regt RAA remains in TF base area, but 103 Fd Bty is to reloc within base area, 161 Bty RNZA re-equip with M2A2 guns on 15 Mar 67.

(1) Grouping

101 Fd Bty RAA remains in DS 6 RAR
 103 Fd Bty RAA remains in DS 5 RAR
 161 Fd Bty RNZA remains in sp 1 ATF but at pri call
 to 5 RAR

(2) Ammo. All btys restricted to ASR.

b. 101 Fd Bty RAA

(1) Grouping. Remaining under comd. One FO 161 Bty RNZA

(2) Tasks

(a) Remain in DS 6 RAR

(6) Be prepared to deploy to HORSESHOE HILL from 15 Mar 67.

c. 103 Fd Bty RAA

(1) Grouping.

(a) Remaining under comd. One FO 161 Fd Bty RNZA.

(b) In sp from 060800H Mar 67

i 1 ARU

ii Elm 1 Fd Sqn

iii One FO of 1/83 Bn

(2) Tasks

(a) Remain in DS 5 RAR

(b) Reloc base area by 311800H to vic YS 440676.

(c) Be prepared to deploy one sec at HORSESHOE HILL
 from 6 Mar 67

d. 161 Bty RNZA

(1) Grouping No change

(2) Tasks

(a) Continue to provide one FO to 101 Fd Bty RAA and
 one FO to 103 Fd Bty RAA.

(b) Be prepared to provide FO with A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 (C/S 33)

(c) Bring M2A2 guns into action from 151000H Mar 67.

e. Det 131 Div Loc Bty

(1) Survey

(a) Provide theatre grid vic HORSESHOE HILL by
 15 Mar 67.

(b) Provide theatre grid for 103 Bty new base area
 by 20 Mar 67.

(2) Radar

(a) Be prepared to mov one radar to HORSESHOE HILL from 15 Mar 67.

(b) Be prepared to deploy one LP on HORSESHOE HILL from 6 Mar 67.

f. Co-ord Instrs(1) FOs

(a) Capt Campbell, FO with D Coy 5 RAR (C/S 24) is authorised observer, for DFs only.

(b) FO from 161 Bty RNZA when deployed with A Sqn 3 Cav Regt will use C/S 33.

(c) FO from 1/83 when assisting BC 103 Bty on specific tasks will use his own callsign (81,82 or 83).

(2) Survey. Theatre grid will be provided ASP for all gun posns and radar.

(3) Recce. Completed.

(4) Gun Areas

a. New base loc 103 Bty vic 440676.

b. Gun area HORSESHOE HILL vic 493620

(5) TAOR. New TAOR and no fire zones issued separately

(6) Met. Bty or Sec deploying outside base area to comm R5223.

(7) Fire Plans. CB fire plan for HORSESHOE HILL Annex P.

4. Admin and Log. No change

5. Comd and Sig

a. RHQ. Remains base loc.

b. Liaison. No change.

c. Radio.

(1) A 1 ATF air net will be used by all ac flying tac tasks for 1 ATF. Frequency 40.30

(2) A unit air net will be used for air mov and air recon. Frequency as on Sig Instr.

d. Line

(1) Permanent lines to be laid to new 103 Bty base area by 30 Mar 67.

(2) Sig Offr be prepared to lay line to HORSESHOE HILL area, not before 30 Mar 67.

e. Pts of origin. Additional pts.

060800H to 070800H Mar 67	BEER	4962
070800H to 080800H Mar 67	TOOL	5061

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A. K. Harris
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

Annexes: A. En Forces
B. CB Fire Plan TOPRIGHT

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HQ Bty	1	8
1 Fd Regt LAD	1	9
Comd Post	1	10
Tac HQ	1	11
5 RAR	1	12
6 RAR	1	13
A Sqn 3 Cav Regt	1	14
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Annex A to
1 Fd Regt RAA OP O 7
4 Mar 67

EN FORCES

1. Although the main towns and villages in the area between LONG TAN (YS4965) and PHUOC HAI (YS5153) are nominally under GVN control the area and people are largely VC dominated. Domination is maintained by a continuous VC presence in the area and the small ARVN/RF/PF forces employed in static security roles are completely ineffective. The VC forces which have made this possible are:

- a. D445 Bn.
- b. C25 Coy, Long Dat District Coy.
- c. Village Guerilla Squads from:

Long Tan	An Ngai
An Nhut	Long Dien
Phuoc Tho	Phuoc Tinh
Phuoc Thanh	Long Hai
Phuoc Hoa Long	Phuoc Hai
Phuoc Loi	Hoi My
Tam Phuoc	Phuoc Loi

- 2. a. D445 Bn has operated continually in this area and mounted two large operations as recently as 17 Dec 66 and 17 Feb 67. These operations appear to have had the aim of demonstrating the ineffectiveness of the local GVN forces and showing the people that the VC are the real strength in the area. Although suffering moderate to heavy casualties during the battles on 17 Feb 67 the aim was partially achieved and the battalion remains as an effective fighting force, it is likely to react offensively against any operation which successfully cuts its supply from the DAT DO area.
b. After the battle on 17 Feb 67 D445 is believed to have withdrawn to the TAN RU area (YS4568) but there has been one report of its being located East of the SONG RAI at YS6563. In either case it is less than a nights march from the operational area.
- 3. C25 Coy, strength about 100, is located in the LONG HAI MOUNTAINS probably in the area YS4752. This company has always cooperated with D445 Bn when it has operated in the DAT DO area but is usually restricted to an area West of Route 44.
- 4. The guerilla squads listed in para 1c above maintain pressure on the civilian population and organise collection of food and supplies, taxes, and intelligence. They conduct sniping and mining attacks against GVN/FWMAF and organise road demolitions.
- 5. The presence of C25 Coy and guerilla forces astride 1 ATF communications routes into the operational area will offer the VC opportunities to mine and booby trap the road and to snipe at vehicles. This activity is likely to increase if the operation seals successfully the resupply routes from DAT DO. The possibility of interference by C25 Coy should not be underestimated especially in view of recent reports that the Commanding Officer of D445 Bn has taken command of C25 Coy.
- 6. The VC have maintained their interest in the DAT DO area mainly because of its value as a procuring and provisioning centre and because of its proximity to the jungle bases along the SONG RAI and in the MAY TAO. Control of the area gives the VC access to the main population centres of PHUOC TUY, and to the rice, fish, salt and fruit producing region. It also gives them free access to the towns' market where they are able to purchase unlimited quantities of medical supplies, cloth, batteries and other supplies obtained in Vung Tau and SAIGON.

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7. , Because of its value as a resupply base Group 84 has been active in the area and the following units have been identified.

KIA, Purchasing and Food Supply Agency at DAT DO and CAY CAM(YS5863)

K5, Purchasing and Food Supply Agency at PHUOC LOI

In addition a transportation company and a corridor security company probably operate in the area but have not been positively identified. Many PW, ralliers and agents have given information that the main supply routes from the area are:

- a. Via Route 52 to the vicinity of LONG TAN
- b. Via Route 23 to vicinity YS5561
- c. Via various routes and tracks to the area of the SONG RAI (YS5959).

These routes however are general axes of movement rather than the exact path.

8. Some indication of the extent of the resupply occurring in the area can be seen by the fact in addition to the Group 84 activities a main force battalion was twice during 1966 employed for about three weeks on a rice carrying mission south of Route 23.

9. The 275 Regt is currently located in the area YS6679. This is about two days march from the operation area and it is unlikely that any main force units will be encountered for at least two weeks after the operation commences. Some reaction after that date is possible but unlikely until the operation begins to have some telling effect on the VC 5th Div operational capability. This is not likely to happen in the first two months.

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061300H Mar 67

OP O 8/67 (OP AYR)

Maps : Vietnam 1 : 25,000 XUYEN MOC SW Sheet 6430 II SW
1 : 25,000 PICTOMAP Supplement.1. Sita. En Forces. Annex Ab. Friendly Forces

(1) 1 ATF continues OP LEETON

(2) 6 RAR(a) Msn:i Search and destroy in area NE of LA SON
YS470716 to limit of fd gun range.

ii Practise techniques of hel aslt.

(b) Concept. 6 RAR (minus)i Hel aslt after prep fire by arty and lt fire
teamsii Search and destroy by coys SOUTH, SE and SW
of LZ at YS4872.

iii Extraction by hel by last li D Day

(c) Gen Outline

i Outline plan. Annex P.

ii Coys begin fly in from PZ:

070720H B Coy (in res and ops Area B)

070735H Tac HQ
and
A Coy - (ops in Area A)

070745H D Coy (ops in Area C)

070755H Mor Sec

iii Pickup LZ LUSCOMBE FIELD

Aslt LZ YS 486730

iv Extraction LZ YS 4872

2. Msn. 1 Fd Regt is to support 1 ATF during OP AYR.3. Exec.a. Gen Outline.1 Fd Regt RAA continues OP LEETON, except that grouping
is altered for duration of OP AYR and 101 Fd Bty RAA is
displaced within TF base area.

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(1) Allotment

(a) 5 RAR

- i Remaining in DS, 103 Fd Bty RAA.
- ii At pri call, except from H-45 to H+5, and during mov of 101 Bty PM D-1 and PM D Day. 161 Bty RNZA

(b) 6 RAR

- i In sp from H-45 to H+5. 161 Bty RNZA and A Btry 1/83 US Arty (8in guns only).
- ii In sp, but at pri call to 5 RAR, from H-45 to H+5. 103 Fd Bty RAA.
- iii Remaining in DS. 101 Fd Bty RAA.
- iv. At pri call during mov of 101 Bty within base area PM D-1 and PM D Day. 161 Bty RNZA.

(2) Ammo allotment

6 RAR. No special restriction. Otherwise remain within ASR.

b. 101 Fd Bty RAA

(1) Grouping. No change from OP LEETON

(2) Tasks.

(a) Redeploy vic 434679 by last li D-1, then return to base loc on completion of 6 RAR extraction, D Day.

(b) Remain in DS 6 RAR.

c. 103 Fd Bty RAA

(1) Grouping No change from OP LEETON.

(2) Tasks

From H-45 to H+5 in sp 6 RAR and at pri call to 5 RAR. Otherwise remain in DS 5 RAR and continue OP LEETON

d. 161 Bty RNZA

(1) Grouping. No change from OP LEETON.

(2) Tasks

(a) In sp 6 RAR from H-45 to H+5.

(b) At pri call to 6 RAR during mov of 101 Bty PM D-1 and PM D Day.

(c) Otherwise no change from OP LEETON.

e. Det 1st Div Loc Bty. No change from OP LEETON.

f. Co-ord Instrs

(1) H Hr 0730H (Time first hel touches down on aslt 1st)

(2) D Day 7 Mar 67

(3) FOs No change from OP LEETON

(4) Svy. Theatre grid to be in 101 Bty new gun area by last li D-1.

(5) Mov. Mov of 101 Bty on D-1 on 2IC's order. Return of 101 Bty on D Day, on order BC 101 Bty.

(6) Gun Area. 101 Bty gun area vic 434679.

(7) Fire Plan. Fire plan AYR TOWN, Annex B.

4. Admin and Log. No change from OP LEETON except:
- a. Ammo. 101 Bty to preposn ammo in new gun area starting 1400 hrs D-1. First line plus requirements for Fire Plan AYR TOWN to be taken.
5. Comd and Sig. No change from OP LEETON except:
- a. BC 101 Bty will accompany CO 6RAR in C and C ship during aslt then rejoin 6RAR Tac HQ on completion of fly in. (No change in callsigns).
- b. Nicknames
- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| 101 Bty Prepare to move | IRON BELLS |
| 101 Bty Mov. now | HELLS BELLS |
| 101 Bty Ready Theatre Grid | SLEIGH BELLS |

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A. H. ... Capt

Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

Annexes

- A. En Forces
B. Fire Plan AYR TOWN
P. 6RAR Outline Plan

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ENEMY SITUATION

1. Little has occurred in the area of operations. Also reports show that the possibility of striking enemy camps, except in the close proximity of water, is poor.
2. - Small groups of enemy, up to squad size may be encountered as there have been several trails reported in this area. Streams and even dry creek beds are also used by the VC for navigation and should warrant extra attention.
3. En parties could be composed of either main force recce parties, finance or Political cadre en route to new locations, or resupply groups.
4. All incidents reported in the area of operations and reported hard installations are appended below.
 - a. Hard Installations in Area bounded by Eastings 46 to 53 and Northings 70 to 75.
 - YS 474719 Weapon Pits
 - YS 470730 VC Coy reported 25/11
 - YS 488733 Activity and numerous heavily used trails
 - b. Incidents Reported in the Area of Operations.
 - 7 Jan YS 470750, YS 470740, YS 480740 - VC unit of 500 personnel wearing yellow and green uniforms and steel helmets.

YS 474719 - Weapon pits.
 - 6 Feb YS 465720, YS 480720, YS 465700, YS 480700 - DUC THANH Int report (041050H) from a sympathizer - 2 VC battalions sighted in area and were well armed with the intention to harass BINH BA Post and conduct a propaganda lecture at BINH BA NH. Elements of this Bn incl C45 and C20(Eval C-3)

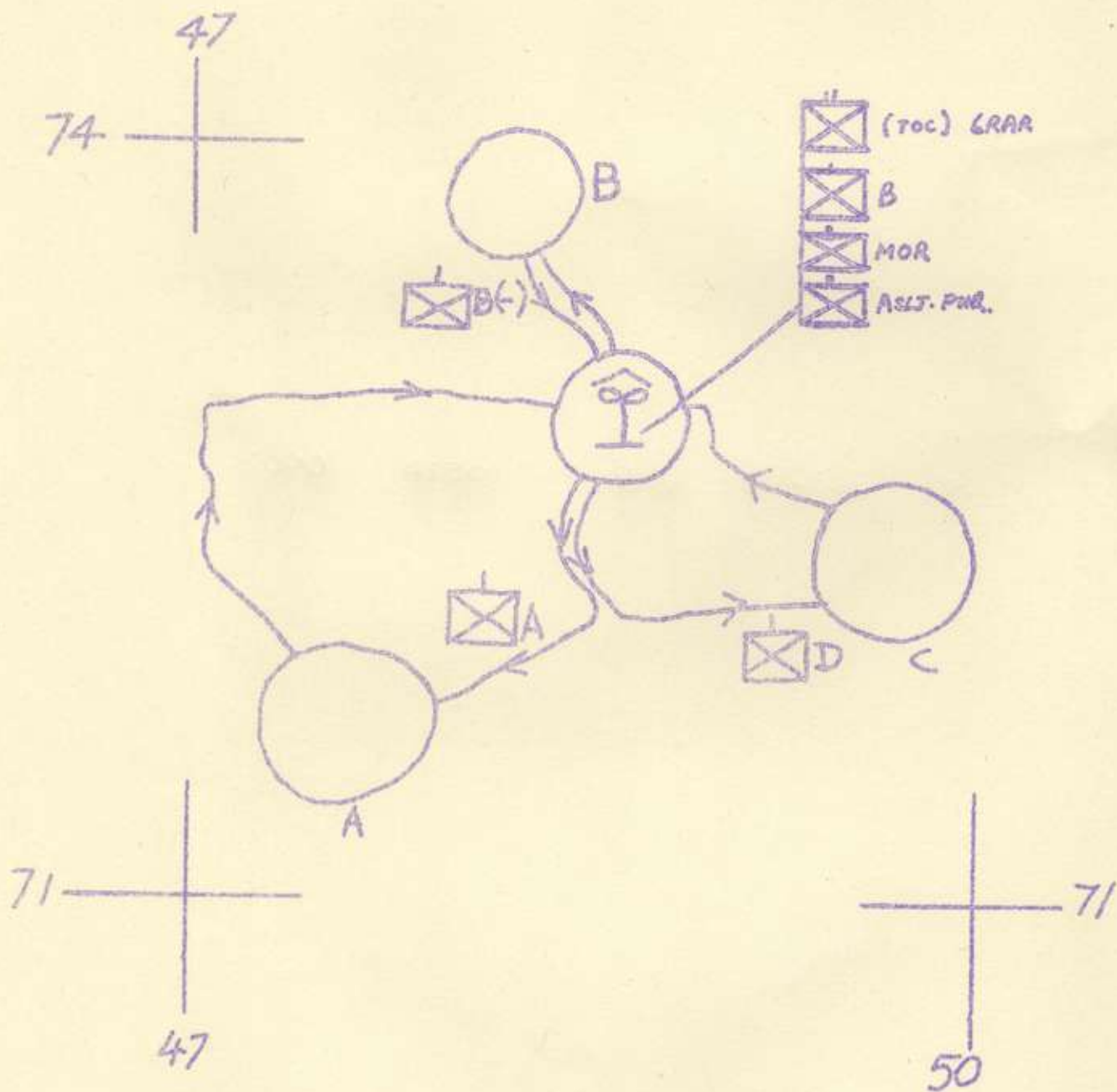
ANNEX P TO 1 FD REGT RAA

OPO 8/67

(OP AYR)

Coy SEARCH AREAS - ROUTES

Mapo: VIETNAM 1:25,000



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ANNEX EC3

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1 Fd Regt RAA
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190300Z Mar 67

OP O 9/67 (OP PORTSEA)

Maps: VIETNAM 1:50,000 Sheet 6429IV, 6430III
6430II, 6430I

1:25,000 Sheets 6429IV NE, 6430III SE, SW, NE,
6430II NW, NE, SW, SE; 6429I NE, NW.

1. SIT

a. En Forces - Annex A

b. Friendly Forces

(1) 1 ATF and allied fmns and units will mount operations in the SOUTH EAST portion of PHUOC TUY Province.

(2) Concept of Operations. The op will be conducted in two phases.

(a) Phase 1. 21 to 31 Mar 67.

- i Sqn 11 ACR will conduct a search and destroy op in AO SILVER. (See Annex P).
- ii Engrs will op in AO LEAD and repair Route 23 from DAT DO (grid YS 4960) to SONG RAI, YS 599637.
- iii 1/43 ARVN Regt will conduct a search and destroy op in AO COPPER.
- iv 1 ATF will search and destroy in AO TIN and NICKEL.
- v Squatters EAST of DAT DO will be resettled.

(b) Phase 2. 1 to 15 Apr 67.

- i Comp Bde 9 Div will:
 - Conduct a search and destroy op in AO BRONZE.
 - Repair and open Route 327.
 - Protect PHUOC TUY Province forces during resettlement of squatters EAST of BINH GIA.
 - Block en escape routes from AO ZINC. or be prep to conduct a search and destroy op in AO ZINC.
- ii ARVN Regt will conduct a search and destroy op in AO STEEL
- iii Engrs will repair and open Route 23 from SONG RAI to XUYEN MOC, and on arrival XUYEN MOC repair airfd.
- iv 1 ATF will either:
 - Conduct a search and destroy op in AO ZINC, or
 - Block en escape routes from AO ZINC.

(3) 5 RAR Tasks

(a) Phase 1

- i Cont OP LEETON
- ii Maintain one coy and sect mors as TF res until required for protection of FSB
- iii Continue patrolling NORTH WEST of 1 ATF base area but within line ALFA.

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(b) Phase 2

- i Cont OP LEETON
- ii Provide one rifle coy to protect FSB.

(4) 6 RAR Tasks

(a) Phase 1

- i Conduct hel aslt into AO TIN starting 220740H
- ii Conduct a search and destroy op in AO TIN and NICKEL

(b) Phase 2. Be prepared to either:

- i Conduct a search and destroy op in AO ZINC
- ii Block en escape routes from AO ZINC.

(5) A Sqn 3 Cav Regt Tasks

(a) Phase 1

- i Provide close protection for engr elms in AO LEAD
- ii Assist province forces in resettling squatters EAST of DAT DO.
- iii TF res.
- iv As required by 6 RAR

(b) Phase 2

- i TF res
- ii As required by 6 RAR

(6) 1 SAS Sqn Tasks

(a) Maint four EW surv ptls NORTH WEST of 1 ATF base area from 21 Mar to 31 Mar.

(b) Maint two EW surv ptls NORTH EAST of 1 ATF base area from 21 Mar to 15 Apr

(7) 1 Fd Sqn Tasks

(a) Cont Op LEETON

(b) In conjunction with br coy and IIFV engrs repair and open Route 23 from DAT DO to XUYEN MOC.

(c) Clear AO LEAD of timber and foliage.

(d) Assist inf and armd to loc and clear mines and booby traps in their allotted AO.

(8) 161 Recce Flt Tasks

(a) Rotary Wing

- i Provide one H13 in sp 6 RAR
- ii Maint one H13 on standby.
- iii Additional sp on demand.

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- (b) Fixed Wing
i Vis recce
- (9) 1 ARU Tasks
(a) Provide a standing ptl at 1 ATF WP nightly
(b) Maintain one ptl in the allotted AO.
(c) Remain in sp 1 Fd Regt RAA for OP LEETON.
- (10) USAF Tasks
(a) Vis recce.
(b) Cont air strikes on known and suspected VC forces, bases and installations.
- (11) US Army Avn Tasks
(a) Provide one lt fire team daily on standby at KANGAROC LZ.
(b) Provide one air mobile coy in sp from 201200 Mar.
(c) Provide four CH 47 ac in sp from 210300 Mar
- (12) 9 Sqn RAAF Tasks
(a) Continue to sp Op LEETON
(b) Assist 6 RAR hel asslt into AO TIN.
(c) Provide tac and log sp as required.
(d) Maint two UH1B on strip alert at VUNG TAU during daylight hours.
- (13) Arty
(a) 1/83 Arty
i General. B Bty 1/83 Arty will move from BEAR CAT to 1 ATF base area and regroup with A Btry 1/83 Arty to form one bty of four 175mm guns and one bty of four 8" hows.
ii The bty of 8" hows will move to HORSESHOE FSB on D + 1
iii The bty of 175mm guns will remain at 1 ATF base loc,
iv Task. To provide fire sp as required.
- (b) A Bty 2/35 Arty (155mm)
i Tasks. Initially to provide fire sp from 1 ATF base area,
Mov to HORSESHOE FSB on D DAY.
Mov to FSB vic YS 5963 on or about 31 Mar/
- (c) How Bty Cav Sqn 11 ACR (155mm SP)
Task. Mov to HORSESHOE FSB D-1 to sp Cav Sqn op in AO SILVER.
- (d) Arty Comp Bde 9 Inf Div (Bn 105 towed, Bty 155 towed)
Task. Provide fire sp as required during phase 2.

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(14) Naval Gunfire Sp. In sp Op PORTSEA 21/22 Mar USS WARRINGTON (6 x 5in/38 guns)

(15) Timings

- (a) 20 Mar 67 - Sqn 11 ACR, A Bty 2/35, B Btry 1/83 Arty, Engrs and 1/43 ARVN Regt move to NUI DAT. How Bty 11 ACR mov to HORSESHOE FSB.
- (b) 21 Mar 67 (D Day) 11 ACR to AO SILVER.
Coy 6 RAR to AO NICKEL
A Btry 2/35 Arty to HORSESHOE
- (c) 22 Mar 67 - 6 RAR to AO TIN
Engrs to AO LEAD
A Btry 1/83 Arty (8" hows) to HORSESHOE
- (d) 1 Apr 67 - Phase 2 commences

d. Atts and Dets ...

(1) Remaining in Sp

- (a) 1 ARU
- (b) Elm 1 Fd Sqn RAE

2. MSN

1 Fd Regt RAA is to sp 1 ATF during OP PORTSEA.

3. EXEC

a. Gen Outline. 101 Fd Bty RAA remains in loc HORSESHOE FSB until end of 6 RAR Phase 1, approx D + 3, then moves to vic YS 5451. 101 Bty moves to vic YS5963 approx D + 10. Remainder 1 Fd Regt RAA remains base area.

(1) Allotment

(a) 5 RAR

Remaining in DS 103 Fd Bty RAA

(b) 6 RAR

Remaining in DS 101 Fd Bty RAA

In sp From H-45 to H hr:

A Btry 2/35 US Arty
1/83 US Arty (less C Btry)
One Destroyer (USS WARRINGTON) (6 x 5in/38guns)
Organic LFTs of Airmobile Coy
From H-10C to H-40
6 x B57 (Canberra bombers)

In sp but at pri call to Cav Sqn 11 ACR. From
H-45 to H hr : How Btry 11 ACR.

(2) Ammo Allotment

(a) 6 RAR hel aslt on D + 1

Fd Arty	50rpg
Med Arty	40rpg
8in How	30rpg
175mm Arty	20rpg

(b) For remainder of op, expenditure is not to exceed ASR except in case of tac emergency.

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b. 101 Fd Bty RAA

(1) Grouping

Remaining under comd.

One FO 161 Fd Bty RNZA

(2) Tasks

(a) Remain in DS 6 RAR

(b) Remain in loc HORSESHOE FSB till approx D + 3.

(c) Mov to gun area vic YS 5461 on order of RHQ.
(Approx D + 3.

(d) Mov to gun area vic YS 5963 on order of RHQ.
(Approx D + 10)

(e) Provide one LO (Capt) to Arty Tac HQ from 20 Mar
to 15 Apr 67

c. 103 Fd Bty RAA

(1) Grouping

(a) Remaining under comd.

One FO 161 Fd Bty RNZA

(b) Remaining in sp.

i 1 ARU

ii Elm 1 Fd Sqn

(2) Tasks

(a) Remain in DS 5 RAR

(b) Reloc base area by 310800H Mar 67 in accordance
with OP LEETON

d. 161 Bty RNZA

(1) Grouping. No change

(2) Tasks.

(a) Continue to provide one FO to 101 Fd Bty RAA and
one FO to 103 Fd Bty RAA.

(b) Be prepared to provide FO with A Sqn 3 Cav Regt
(C/S 33)

(c) Be prepared to provide one LO party from 26 Mar
67 for det to Comp Bde 9 Div (C/S 37)

e. Det 131 Div Loc Bty RAA

(1) Survey. Provide theatre grid ASP as follows:

(a) How Bty 11 ACR, HORSESHOE FSB (arriving D-1)

(b) Bty of 1/33 Arty, HORSESHOE FSB (arriving D + 1)

(c) A Btry 2/35 Arty, HORSESHOE FSB (arriving D DAY)

(d) 101 Fd Bty RAA, vic YS 5461 (arriving D + 3)

(e) 101 Fd Bty RAA, vic YS 5963 (arriving approx D + 10)

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(2) Radar

- (a) Be prepared to mov one radar to HORSESHOE FSB
- (b) One LP to remain in loc HORSESHOE FSB

(3) FFAIO. Prepare and issue CB Fire Plan for HORSESHOE FSB

f. Co-ord Instrs

(1) H hr 0740H (Time first hel touches down on 6 RAR
aslt LZ on D + 1)

(2) D Day 21 Mar 67

(3) FOs

(a) FO from 161 Bty RNZA when deployed with A Sqn 3
Cav Regt will use C/S 33.

(4) Svy. Theatre grid will be provided ASP for all gun
posns incl 1/83 Arty, A Btry 2/35 Arty, How Bty 11 ACR, and
for organic radars.

(5) Recce. 2IC will give separate orders.

(6) Movement. 101 Bty be prep to mov by CH-47 or by rd.

(7) Gun areas

(a) D Day

- 101 Fd Bty RAA (105mmL5) HORSESHOE FSB YS493 520 ✓
- 103 Fd Bty RAA (105mmL5) 1 ATF base area YS434 663 ✓
- 161 Fd Bty RNZA(105mm M2A2) 1 ATF base area YS431653 ✓
- A Btry 2/35 Arty(155mmSP) 1 ATF base area YS429 666
until ordered to move to HORSESHOE. ✓
- One Btry 1/83 Arty(175mmSP) 1ATF base area YS422 658 ✓
- One Btry 1/83 Arty(8in SP) 1ATF base area to be
selected.
- How Btry 11 ACR (155mmSP) HORSESHOE FSB vic YS4962 ✓

(b) D + 1

One Bty 1/83 Arty (8in) moves to HORSESHOE FSB
after 0800 hrs. ✓

(c) D + 2

No change

(d) D + 3

i 101 Bty RAA move to vic YS 5461

ii Remainder no change

(e) D + 10 (Approx)

i 101 Fd Bty RAA move. to vic YS 5963

ii A Btry 2/35 Arty move to vic YS 5963
(not yet confirmed)

iii Remainder no change

(f) 31 Mar 67

103 Fd Bty RAA move to 1 ATF base area YS 440676

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(8) Safety

- (a) Air clearance on all tgts is to be obtained from Arty Tac HQ.
- (b) Ground clearance on all tgts is to be obtained from the unit into whose AO rounds are directed.
- (c) Ground clearance must be obtained from the adjacent unit when rounds are directed within 1000m of Bdry.
- (d) In addition all officers, crew chiefs/gun nos 1 are to ensure their guns do not fire when an ac appears likely to fly through the trajectory.
- (e) Bdrys. Annex P.

(9) Met

- (a) 101 Bty (whilst loc at HORSESHOE) is to pass on Met messages to all other btys in HORSESHOE FSB if required.
- (b) A Btry 2/35 Arty, is requested to pass on Met to other btys in HORSESHOE FSB after departure of 101 Fd Bty.

(10) Fire Plans

Fire plan PORTSEA SCHOOL. Annex B

CB Fire Plan for HORSESHOE HILL. To be issued.

4. Admin and Log

- a. Ammo. 300 rds per day direct to 101 Fd Bty by CH-47
- b. Resup. 101 Bty daily resup by UH-ID from TF base area.
 - (1) Load requirements to RHQ by 1600hrs daily for fol day resupply
 - (2) Freq. 1 ITP air ground freq 40.30
- c. Tpt
 - (1) All rd mov EAST of BARIA YS3860 is to be escorted and will be co-ord by HQ 1 ATF.
 - (2) QM and Tpt Sgt are to be prepared for both trucks to be pooled by HQ 1 ATF for special tasks.
- d. Defence Stores. Del by rd to 101 Bty RAA at HORSESHOE FSB 19 Mar 67.
- e. Med
 - (1) RAP remains base loc.
 - (2) RMO to visit 101 Bty fwd every second day.
 - (3) Casevac by hel o. DUSTOFF dependent on pri.
- f. Rep and Rec
 - (1) LAD remains base loc
 - (2) 101 Bty Bty Sec remains with Bty.

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5. Comd and Sig

a. RHQ. Remains base loc.

b. Liaison. Fol LO to be provided.

(1) LO to How Btry 11 ACR will be provided by A Btry 2/35 Arty (C/S 47)

(2) LO to Arty, Comp Bde 9 Inf Div to be provided by 161 Bty RNZA (C/S 37)

(3) LO to 1/43 AVRN Regt will be provided. (C/S 77)

(4) Exchange LOs are to be provided and will operate from Arty Tac.

c. Radio

(1) 1 ATF air net will be used by all ac operating in sp 1 ATF. Frequency 40.30.

(2) Additional Callsigns

(a) C/S 33 - FO with A Sqn 1 Cav Regt

(b) C/S 47 - LO with How Btry 11 ACR

(c) C/S 37 - LO with 9 Inf Div Arty

(d) C/S 77 - LO with 1/43 ARVN Regt.

(3) USS WARRINGTON

(a) Callword - SALVATION

(b) Frequencies Primary 43.30

Alternate 42.30

(4) How Btry 11 ACR (Till 31 Mar 67)

(a) How Btry Comd Net

Freq 46.65

Callword COUNTRY CONCERT

(b) How Btry Fire Direction Net

Freq 35.30

Callword - CENTRAL USHER

(5) A separate instruction will be issued showing callwords, fixed call signs and frequencies

d. Line. Sig Offr to lay omnibus circuit to all sub units HORSESHOE FSB.

e. Nicknames

Check empty guns }
Guns Empty }

BASE DRUM

Mov

SILVER BUGLE

Moving

GOLDEN TRUMPET

Ready Bty Grid

TEA CHEST

Ready Regimental Grid

PINE CHEST

Ready Theatre Grid

OAK CHEST

f. Points of Origin Additional pts

210800 to 220800 Mar

VEGETABLE

5255

SWIMMER

4556

ACK

J. Macmillan
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

Annexes: A. En Forces
B. Fire Plan PORTSEA SCHOOL
P. AO Bdrys OP PORTSEA.

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Annex A to 1 Fd Regt RAA
OP O 9/67 of Mar 67

EN FORCES

1. The South Eastern sector of PHUOC TUY Province is completely VC controlled and is used extensively by them for resupply activities. Both the Provincial Forces and the VC 5th Div are dependant upon supply routes through this area.
2. A map showing the confirmed VC communication routes in the area of operations (AO) is aval for perusal in the Regimental CP or at Arty Tac HQ.
3. The two sources of the supplies moving through the AO are DAT DO (YS4959) and the beach area South of XUYEN MOC (YS6668). There is no indication of the volume of stores moving but it is known that both motor vehicles and ox-carts are regularly using Route 328. It is known that DAT DO is a source of the whole range of supplies normally available on the open market but there is little indication of the commodities being infiltrated across the beach. Sea infiltration is most likely to include small volume high priced goods from outside SOUTH VIETNAM, but there is some evidence that ammunition and weapons are entering this way.
4. A number of US/FWMAF operations through the area have periodically disrupted the resupply system but little permanent damage has been done. Recent returnees have indicated that resupply in PHUOC TUY is becoming increasingly difficult, but there are no signs that it is at all critical.
5. A document captured by 1 ATF on 16 Feb 67 stated that the VC planned a concerted effort to collect the 1966/67 rice harvest and rice harvest tax during the month of Mar 67. The collection was to be completed at village level by 10 Mar 67, at district level by 20 Mar 67 and from the Province, presumably to the main force, by 30 Mar 67. There is no reason to believe that the VC will use any other than the known communication routes, and rice caches in the AO could be full.
6. Apart from local guerillas and VC production workers in the AO, contact with the following forces could be expected:
 - a. D445 Bn, also 860 Bn. This battalion has operated continually in the South East corner of PHUOC TUY Province and was last contacted on 17 Feb 67 by 1 ATF at YS5457. D445 Bn usually operates from bases in the general vicinity YS5569. It is believed to have withdrawn to that area after the battle on 17 Feb 67, but there has been one report of its being located East of the SONG RAI at YS6563.
 - b. C23 Coy, XUYEN MOC District Company, strength possibly up to 100, operates in the area South of the village of XUYEN MOC. On one occasion some long range patrols contacted an unknown VC force in this area. The VC were well armed and equipped and reacted offensively in a professional manner. These VC were not main force and were probably C23 Coy.
 - c. C 25 Coy, LONG DAT District Company, could be contacted East of DAT DO but usually operates West of Route 44 in the LONG HAI mountain area. It is unlikely that this company would be contacted East of the SONG RAI (YS6062).

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d. The VC BARIA Province Headquarters is located in the XUAN SON (YS5777) area. This headquarters, including the Province Rear Service Staff and security units is probably less than 200 strong. The headquarters is not concentrated but operates in independent cells probably scattered over an area of about four map squares. They will not stand and fight and if threatened will probably withdraw to the North East, but if this route is closed then they may move South into the area YS5773 where they were previously located.

e. Various administrative units of Group 84 are located in the AO. Purchasing and Supply Agencies operate close to the populated areas and it is probable that transportation units and "corridor security units" operate in the more secure VC areas. Unit C200 is known to operate motor vehicles along Route 328 during the hours of darkness but nothing is known of the location of its base.

f. (1) No mainforce units are thought to be in the area of operations but 275 Regt is located North of XUYEN MOC in the general area of YS6679.

(2) There is increasing evidence of there being a third regiment to the VC 5th Div and if this regiment exists it also could be located close to 275 Regt in the area YS6679.

(3) The VC-89th Group (Artillery) is thought to be located North of the AO in the area of THUA THICH (YS6182). This Group consists of 75mm RCL, 81mm mors, 12.7-MG, and a heavier AA weapon possibly about 40mm. There have also been several reports of 105mm hows being sighted and heard in the area but the existence of 105mm hows cannot be confirmed.

7. Mainforce VC are unlikely to react offensively against US/Aust operations in the Southern sector of the AO but may do so in the North or North East. Mining along Route 328 is very likely particularly if the route is used continuously. If the VC react offensively their likely course of action is to draw a small force, company or less into an ambush probably East of Route 328. Mortaring or shelling of US positions, particularly command posts, can be expected.

8. A map showing the location of major VC installations and contacts is available for perusal in the Regimental CP and at Arty Tac HQ.

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Ser	TIME			Tgt No	Grid Ref & Ht or Description	Bty to engage				AMMO	RATE	REMARKS	AMMO EXP
	A	B	C			101	A	HOW	1/83				
A	B	C	D		E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	
1	-100				553 608					HE		B57 only	
2	-70				554 605					HE		B57 only	
3	-40	-35	JJ1978		5535 6045	10m	1	1	1	2	HE	VS	
4	-34	-29	JJ1979		5525 6160	5m	1	1	1	2	HE	VS	
5	-28	-23	JJ1980		5450 6100	5m	1	1	1	2	HE	S	
6	-22	-18	JJ1981		5480 6065	7m	1	1	1	2	HE	N	
7	-17	-12	JJ1982		5560 6100	8m	1	1	1	2	HE	N	
8	-11	-5	JJ1983		5525 6090	10m	1	1	1	2	HE	N	
9	-40	-10			5540 6040 to 5480 6030								NAVAL GUNFIRE USS WARRINGTON

- NOTES:
1. All timings TOT
 2. 101 Bty and How Bty 11 ACR superimposed throughout
 3. 155mm guns one round/min throughout
 4. 8" guns and 175mm guns one round/2 min throughout.
 5. This fire plan supercedes fire plan PORTSEA PREP which should be destroyed

Military Secretary

OFFICER POSTINGS - RAA

1. The following postings ratify the recommendations previously made regarding officers for 12 Fd Regt and postings of officers on return with 1 Fd Regt.

2. The following postings are recommended when 1 Fd Regt RTA in May/June 67.

Maj	A	McDERMOTT	-	Remain 1 Fd Regt
Maj	N H	MARSHALL	-	Remain 1 Fd Regt
Maj	M E P	BURGE	-	To School of Artillery
Capt	B A	HAWKINS	-	To 103 MED Bty
Capt	A	KARAS	-	To U/L E Comd
Capt	B E J	JOHNSON	-	Remain 1 Fd Regt
Capt	G H	BINDLEY	-	To OCS vice Capt Solomons
Capt	I G A	MacINNIS	-	To Adjt 7 Fd Regt vice Capt WEST
Capt	J W	RYAN	-	To School of Artillery
Capt	S N	GOWER	-	Remain 1 Fd Regt
Lt	K B	MELLOR	-	To 103 Med Bty
Lt	J A K	NAPIER	-	To Adjt 13 Fd Regt vice H/Capt Brook to be temporary Captain.
2Lt	B J	DEAN	-	To 131 Div Loc Bty (at present U/L E Comd)
2Lt	M M	PEARCE	-	Remain 1 Fd Regt
Lt	J	RAASCH	-	To PNG Comd vice Capt Ekman to be
Lt	B J	WINSOR	-	To 103 Med Bty (Temporary Capt)
Lt	M J	LANGLEY	-	To Adjt 11 Fd Regt To be temporary Captain
Lt	J H	GRIGGS	-	To Adjt 10 Med Regt To be temporary Captain
Lt	M	ALLEN	-	Remain 1 Fd Regt
Capt	B J	CAMPBELL	-	To Adjt 6 Fd Regt vice Capt Wells
Lt	D J	HEAZLEWOOD	-	To remain 1 Fd Regt To be temporary Captain
Lt	D	GILDAY	-	To remain 1 Fd Regt as QM
Lt	I V	REID	-	To LO with AFV in SVN

3. The following officer postings are recommended with effect from RTA 1 Fd Regt:-

Capt	D J	SOLOMONS	-	From OCS to 12 Fd Regt
Capt	M G	WEST	-	From Adjt 7 Fd Regt to 1 Fd Regt
Lt(H/Capt)	D N	BROOK	-	From Adjt 13 Fd Regt to 131 Div Loc Bty
Capt	M F	EKMAN	-	From PNG Comd to 12 Fd Regt
Capt	A J C	WELLS	-	From Adjt 6 Fd Regt to 12 Fd Regt

4. The following officer postings are recommended to release 104 Med Bty to change to a field role:

- Capt P C ASPINALL - From 104 Med Bty to 103 Med Bty w.e.f. 19 Jun 67.
- 2Lt J D THORNTON - From 104 Med Bty to 12 Fd Regt w.e.f. 1 Mar 67
- 2Lt P S SADLER - From 104 Med Bty to 103 Med Bty w.e.f. 19 Jun 67
- 2Lt R BROOKER - From 12 Fd Regt to 103 Med Bty w.e.f. 19 Jun 67.

5. The following postings are recommended wef 19 Jun 67:

- Maj W G HOFFMAN - From 104 Med Bty to 12 Fd Regt
- Capt I D CAVERSWALL - From 104 Med Bty to 12 Fd Regt
- 2Lt J L BURNS - From 104 Med Bty to 12 Fd Regt

The following postings are recommended w.e.f. return of 1 Fd Regt

- Maj M M THOMPSON - From 4 Fd Regt to 1 Fd Regt
- 2Lt M D MITCHELL = " " " " " " "
- 2Lt P J HARNWELL - " " " " " " "
- 2Lt R HORSFIELD - " " " " " " "
- 2Lt G H W BRYANT - " " " " " " "

6. The following amendment to MS 4596 dated 120430Z (Feb 67) is recommended.

Para Delete: 12 Fd Regt N Comd
 Insert: 12 Fd Regt E Comd

7. This minute cancels DRA Minute of 15 Feb 67.

D H Crompton

Col
IRA

28 Feb 67

RESTRICTED1 Fd Regt RAA
NUI DAT

R112/1/1

/Mar 67

List C

RETURN OF 1 FD REGT TO AUSTRALIA
(INCL DET 131 DIV LOC BTY AND WKSP AND 1 FD REGT LAD)

1. Present planning allows for the regiment to return to AUSTRALIA on the following approximate dates:

2 Mar	- 24
29 Apr	- 49
3 May	- 76
7 May	- 102
13 Jun	- 64

- As at 28 Feb there is a fall short of 59 seats. TF are aware of this matter. An additional aircraft is being requested.

2. The names of those soldiers given at Annex 'A' are those returning to AUSTRALIA as Advance Party.

3. At Annex 'B' is the allocation of seats to sub-units.

4. Destination of sub-units on RTA is

RHQ and HQ Bty	- WACOL
101 Fd Bty RAA	- WACOL
103 Fd Bty RAA	- HOLSWORTHY

- But all of the regiment returns to where it left from. After leave RHQ and HQ Bty move to WACOL and 103 Bty remains at HOLSWORTHY. In order to avoid as far as possible the movement of families, DRA intends that there be cross postings between RHQ/HQ Bty and 103 Bty. To this end, DRA will be despatching questionnaires to be filled in by soldiers.

5. Sub-units are to submit to RHQ as soon as possible, their allocation of soldiers to seats in the form of Annex 'C' (to follow). It is appreciated that there will be a number of changes in the annex once it has been submitted. For this reason sub-units are to submit their returns in pencil. Changes, as they occur, are to be notified to RHQ verbally and confirmed by signal.

6. It is assumed that battery Captains and BSMs (or equivalent) will be handling this matter within sub-units. Should this not be so sub-units are to advise

Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

Annex A to
1 Fd Regt R722/1/1
dated / Mar 67

ADVANCE PARTY

HQ Bty

S/Sgt C B CURRAN
Bdr E TAYLOR
Bdr A J LOCKE
L/Bdr C H SHIER
Gnr G MASON

103 Bty

Bdr N L HOWARD
Bdr L O TAYLOR
L/Bdr J L BURNS
Gnr D E WATERFORD
Gnr N BUZZA

LAD

Gnr D R COCKER
Gnr B E GOODSELL
Sgt B N PHILP

DET 131 Bty

Sgt G L HISLOP
L/Bdr R E BUCKELY
Gnr B G EARWICKER
Gnr R D GOW
Gnr N S HASTINGS
Gnr B E KILLWORTH
Gnr E B LOMBARDO
Gnr R F MASON
Gnr L R SAWYER
Gnr T J WEEKS

Annex B to
1 Fd Regt R772/1/1
dated Mar 67

ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO
SUB-UNITS

Sub-Unit	Dates (Chalk No)					Total
	2-Mar (1)	29 Apr (11)	3 May (13)	7 May (15)	13 Jun (21)	
HQ Bty	5		17	56	9	87
101 Fd Bty				3	48	51
103 Fd Bty	8	36	59		4	107
Det 131 Div Loc Bty	10	13		23		46
1 Fd Regt LAD	1			15	3	19
Det 131 Div Loc Wksp				5		5
TOTAL	24	49	76	102	64	315

- NOTE: 1. Short fall of 59 seats as at 28 Feb. Presently these are held against 101 Bty.
2. The 9 allocated to HQ Bty on 14 Jun are to include CO, QM, RSM, RQMS, Orderly Room Sgt, Pay Sgt. This allows for a HQ Bty rear party of 3.
3. a. 103 Bty are to nominate 4 soldiers as reserve for flt 29 Apr.
- b. HQ Bty are to nominate 4 soldiers as reserve for flt 3 May.

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1 Fd Regt RAA
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STANDARD OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE
1 FIELD REGIMENT RAA

Reference: A. 1 Fd Regt RAA R569/1/1 dated 26 Dec 66. 1 Fd Regt RAA SOP, Section 5, Movement.

1. 1 Fd Regt RAA SOP, Section 5, Movement is attached.
2. Reference A is cancelled and may be destroyed.

a Kanas Capt

f Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

Distribution	Copy No
101 Fd Bty RAA	1 - 4
103 Fd Bty RAA	5 - 8
161 Fd Bty RNZA	9 - 12
Det 131 Div Loc Fty RAA	13
HQ Bty 1 Fd Regt RAA	14
1 Fd Regt LAD	15
TAC HQ	16
Regt CP	17
1 APC Sqn	18
HQ 1 ATF	19
HQ 1 ATF (for G2 Air)	20
CO	21
2IC	22
Adjt	23
QM	24
RMO	25
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STANDARD OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE
1 FIELD REGIMENT RAA

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1 FD REGT RAA

Section 5 Movement.

General

1. The procedures detailed below are designed for the movement of a Field Regiment equipped with the 105mm L5 Pack Howitzer and are set out as follows :-

a. Part 1 - Movement by Road

- (1) Movement by wheeled vehicles.
- (2) Movement by M113 (APC).

b. Part 2 Movement by Helicopter

- (1) Iroquois UH1D.
- (2) Chinook CH47.

c. Annexures

- Annex A - Loads and sequence of Deployment by M113 APC.
- Annex B - Loads and sequence of deployment by Iroquois UH1D.
- Annex C - Loads and sequence of deployment by CH47 Chinook.
- Annex D - CH47 Loading plan and passenger manifest.
- Annex E - Standard Loads.
- Annex F - Marshalling Signals.
- Annex G - Construction and Marking of Landing Sites.

2. The procedures as detailed are based on these modes of transportation.

- a. Wheeled Vehicles.
- b. Armoured Personnel Carriers.
- c. Helicopters.

3. The standard loads produced are intended as a planning basis only as tactical and resupply considerations may result in some modifications of these loads.

PART I

1. Movement by wheeled vehicles. Movement by vehicles will depend on two factors.
 - a. The number of vehicles available from regimental resources.
 - b. The distance and type of going involved.
2. Using the standard loads and with a first line of ammunition of 100 rounds per gun, the following combinations may be ordered:-
 - a. When guns are towed by trucks $\frac{3}{4}$ ton, the following vehicles are required:
 - (1) 1 x $\frac{3}{4}$ ton veh FFR - Recce Party.
 - (2) 2 x $\frac{3}{4}$ ton veh FFR- 1st and 2nd Comd Post.
 - (3) 6 x $\frac{3}{4}$ ton GS Veh - 1 per gun and gun stores.
 - (4) 4 x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton GS - 600 rounds gun ammunition.
 - (5) 1 x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton GS - Troop carrying vehicle.(TCV).
 - b. When guns are towed by $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton GS Vehs, the following applies:-
 - (1) 1 x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton GS - Comd Post and Stores.
 - (2) 6 x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton GS - Gun, Gun Stores & 100 rounds of gun ammunition.
 - (3) 1 x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton GS - Defence and Q Stores.
 - c. When guns are carried complete on $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton GS Vehs (Porte).
 - (1) 1 x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton GS - Comd Post & Stores.
 - (2) 6 x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton GS - Gun and Gun Stores.
 - (3) 4 x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton GS - 600 rounds of gun ammunition.
 - (4) 1 x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton GS - TCV.
3. When the method as outlined in para 2 b and c is used troops may be allotted throughout all vehicles and the TCV used for both stores and troops. Also with this method the recce party has not been included and shall require transport of its own. This transport will depend on the type used by the infantry protection party that the gun recce party usually travels with.
4. The above transport figures are based on the initial deployment of a field battery. On subsequent moves after initial deployment, additional $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton GS Vehs may be required to lift gun produce. However the field battery is responsible to use all possible agencies to continuously reduce the amount of produce on a gun position.

Movement by M113 APC

1. In the use of APCs there are two basic modes of movement. The tactical situation and the degree of protection to personnel desired will dictate which of the following modes are used:-

a. All personnel within the APC for maximum protection. APCs required are in the following order of march:-

- (1) 1 x APC - Recce Party.
- (2) 1 x APC - Comd Post and Stores.
- (3) 2 x APCs - Personnel.
- (4) 6 x APCs - Gun and gun stores.
- (5) 1 x APC - Defence and Q Stores.
- (6) 12 x APC - 600 rounds gun ammunition.
- (7) 4 x APC - Personnel.

b. Personnel travel on top of APCs as an external load. In this case all APCs carrying personnel in para 1 a above are deleted. i.e. sub-
paras (1), (3) and (7), leaving a total of 20 APCs.

PART 2

Movement by Helicopter

Movement by UH1D IROQUOIS

1. Although a load table is included for this type of helicopter, the figures are based on AUSTRALIAN conditions. The UH1D is not a practical method of transporting guns as lift capacity for VIETNAM has been reduced to 1000 lbs maximum and is further reduced depending on air density for particular weather conditions that may prevail at any time.
2. However this type of aircraft is ideal for re-supply missions. It is also an excellent method of transporting gun produce in slung loads. Additional, for very short lifts or a turn round of not more than 15 minutes, the aircraft can be utilized for limited supply of ammunition to the guns. They carry 24 rounds in fibre containers.

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Movement by CH47 CHINOOK

1. These loads are a guide only. No allocation of personnel has been made and this can only be determined for each deployment as it occurs. When allowing for personnel allow 240 lbs for each fully equipped soldier.
2. A certain amount of ammunition is included with each gun (60 rounds), therefore an additional 240 rounds are required to maintain the 600 rounds of first line gun ammunition for a field battery. To achieve this, two chaulks (Additional) are required. This may be packed by the battery into A22 containers (each 80 rds) in fibre containers or despatched from a separate supply point, timed to arrive in conjunction with the deployment. As previously stated, the weights are based on fibre containers. Where other types of packaging is used eg. box or metal containers, the weight will be increased accordingly.
3. As weight is a critical factor in any air deployment, batteries must compile a load plan and passenger manifest. Once this has been completed the exact number of aircraft to lift the battery can be determined. Copies of the load plan are to be made available to the CH47 transportation unit.
4. The standard method of transport for a 105mm L5 by CH47 is as a slung load. In conjunction with this are two A22 containers, containing the gun stores and 60 rounds of ammunition in fibre canisters, thirty (30) rounds in each A22 container. The total weight of this lift is, 6011 lbs. This complete group is slung as one load.
5. As it is not always possible to have a separate loading team, that are NOT required on the deployment, allowances must be made for these personnel. In these cases they will be lifted out in the last chalk of the deployment.

LOADS AND SEQUENCE OF DEPLOYMENT

BY M113 APC

RHQ

1. Summary of pers and eqpt moved

	<u>Pers</u>	<u>Wt of Stores</u>
Recco Party	10	
2IC Part and Stores	1	400
Svy Party	5	152
CP	10	1300
RAP	5	660
RP Party	3	891
Line Party	5	665
Q Party	1	1100
	<u>40</u>	<u>5168lbs</u>
Kitchen	2	1460lbs

NB. Kitchen is a supplementary load only, normally sent out in resupply.

2. Sequence of Deployment and Loads.

<u>Load</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1.	10 Pers	2200	Recco Party
2.	8 Pers Svy Stores	1760 <u>152</u> 1912	
3.	5 pers CP Stores	1320 <u>1300</u> 2620	
4.	6 Pers RAP Stores 2IC Stores	1320 660 <u>400</u> 2380	
5.	4 pers Line Stores RP Stores	880 665 <u>891</u> 2436	
6.	7 Pers Q Stores	1540 <u>1100</u> 2640	

LOADS AND SEQUENCE OF DEPLOYMENT BY
IROQUOIS UH1D

1. Summary of Stores and Equipment Moved

- 6 x Guns
- 6 x Det Stores
- 1 x CP
- 1 x R Party Stores
- 1 x BK Party and Q Stores
- 25 x Water Cans
- 660 x Rounds Gun Ammunition
- 77 x Personnel

2. Summary of Weights

Basic Gun	1508 lbs
Gun Components and Det Stores	1538 lbs
CP Stores	1500 lbs
R Party Stores	775 lbs
BK Party and Q Stores	1480 lbs
Water Can	55 lbs
Personnel	220 lbs
105mm Round (in Fibre Pack)	45 lbs
Average lift capacity of IROQUOIS UH1D	1500 lbs

3. Sequence of Deployment and Loads

Load/Chalk	Internal	External	Total Weight	Remarks
1 - 8	7 x personnel	-	1540 lbs	Recce Party incl in Inf elements
9.		1 x CP Stores	1500 lbs	Slung in A22 Containers
10.		1 x Gun Component & Stores	1538 lbs	Slung in A22 Containers
11.		1 x Basic Gun	1508 lbs	Slung with 8' and 9' Straps
12.		As for load 10		
13.		As for load 11		
14.		As for load 10		
15.		As for load 11		
16.		30 rounds Gun ammo	1350 lbs	May be carried internally if cargo slings NOT available
17.		As for load 10		
18.		As for load 11		
19.		As for load 10		
20.		As for load 11		
21.		As for load 10		
22.		As for Load 11		

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23	As for load 11
24	R Party Stores 775 lbs Slung in A22 Containers
25	BK and Q Party Stores 1480lbs Slung in A22 conts
26	25 Water Cans - 1375 lbs
27-29	As for loads 1 - 8
30 - 49	As for load 16

LOADS AND SEQUENCES OF DEPLOYMENT BY
IROQUOIS UH-1D

RHQ1. Summary of Personnel and eqpt moved

	<u>Pers</u>	<u>Wt of Stores</u>
Recce Party (2)	7	
2IC Party Nad Stores	3	400 (1)
Svy Party	5	152
CP	10	1300 (1)
RAP	5	660 (1)
RP Party	4	891 (1)
Line Party	5	665 (1)
Q Party	1	1100 (1)
Kitchen	2	1460 (1)
	<u>42</u>	<u>6628</u>

Note: (1) Includes A22 container and clevis
 (2) Recce party normally moves with inf elms
 (3) Kitchen normally moves with resupply, not initial move.

2. Sequence of Deployment and Loads

<u>Load/Chaulk</u>	<u>Internal</u>	<u>External</u>	<u>Total Weight</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1	7 Pers		1540lbs	Recce Party normally included in inf elms
2	5 Pers & Svy stores		1252lbs	Svy party carry stores by hand.
3	3 Pers	CP Stores	1360lbs	Slung in A22 Containers
4	3 Pers	CP Stores	1360lbs	Slung in A22 Containers
5	4 Pers	RAP Stores	1540lbs	Slung in A22 Containers
6	3 Pers	RP Stores	1551lbs	Slung in A22 Containers
7	4 Pers	Line Stores	1545lbs	Slung in A22 Containers
8	1 Pers	Q Stores	1350lbs	Slung in A22 Containers
9	5 Pers	2IC Stores	1500lbs	Slung in A22 Containers
10	5 Pers		1100lbs	

LOADS AND SEQUENCE OF DEPLOYMENT
BY CH-47 CHINOOK

FIELD BATTERY1. Summary of Stores and Equipment.

6 X guns
6 x Det Stores
1 x OP Stores
1 X R Party Stores
1 x BK Party and Q Stores
1 x $\frac{3}{4}$ ton GS landrover and trailer $\frac{1}{2}$ ton
600 x rounds of gun ammo

2. Summary of Weights

Gun (less shield)	2569 lbs
Gun Stores	442 lbs
CP Stores	1500 lbs
Personnel	220 lbs
$\frac{3}{4}$ ton landrover FFR	3280 lbs
$\frac{1}{2}$ ton trailer	850 lbs
R Party	775 lbs
BK and Q Party Stores	1480 lbs
Average lift capacity of the CH 47 CHINOOK	8000 lbs

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LOAD PLAN AND SEQUENCE OF DEPLOYMENT
BY ch47 CHINOOK

CHALK No	Load(Main items)	Wt lbs	Remaining Et lbs	Remarks
1.	1 x $\frac{3}{4}$ ton FFR veh Comd Pst Stores	3280 <u>1500</u> 4780	3220	Internal Loading
2.-7.	1 x 105mm pack how L5 1 x gun stores 60 rds 105mm ammo in fibre containers	2569 442 <u>3000</u> 6011	1989	Slung Load Gun Det to be internally loades. Nos depend on re- maining wt.
8.	Stores, R Party Stores - BK(defence) Q Party	775 <u>1480</u> 2255	5745	Slung Load. The wt in this case will vary greatly depend- -ing on amt of rats carried. Also no allow- ances for water has been made wt of 1 x water can is 50lbs.

Ammunition

STANDARD LOADS

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STANDARD LOAD RECCE PARTY

<u>a. Personnel</u>	<u>Weight</u>
2IC	
RSO	
RSM	
B/Man (2IC)	
Dvr Op (2IC)	
B/Man (RSO)	
4 x svyrs	
Total	<u>2200 lbs</u>
 <u>b. Stores</u>	
2IC Personal stores and tent	250
1 x ANPRC 25	30
Clearing Tools	20
*A22 Container and Clevis	<u>100</u>
Total	<u>400 lbs</u>
Total Weight	<u>2600 lbs</u>

STANDARD LOAD SURVEY PARTY

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>(Wt lbs)</u>
Demi Banderoles (including 1 Stadia Rod)	12	30
Tapes Steel 100 metre	1	5
Quiver w/- Arrows Survey	1	2
Computation Equipment	1	10
Theodolites and Stands	2	100
Computation Box	1	<u>5</u>
		<u>152</u>
5 x personnel		<u>1100</u>
Total Weight		<u>1252 lbs</u>

STANDARD LOAD COMMAND POST

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>(Wt lbs)</u>
<u>a. Stores</u>		
Clock Mech Sig Centre	1	4
Lighting Sets Local Pattern	1	50
Ammo Box Tech Stores	1	68
Ammo Box Stat Stores	1)	
Slidex	2)	40
Pliers Side Cutting	2)	
Batteries Dry Cell 1.5V	12	
Batteries Dry Cell 3V	12)	
Torches Hand Electric	3)	
Stoves Gas	2	3
Cooking Set 3 Piece	2	2
Axe	1	5
Picks	2	10
Shovels RE	2	8
Entrenching Tools	2	4
Phones Ele "K"	4	6
Radio Sets 25 and Kit	3	67½
Antenna 292	1	43
Multi Meter	1	2
Control Groups 39A	2	34
Dispenser D10	2	46
Tent 11 x 11 plus extension	1	87

LOADS AND SEQUENCE OF DEPLOYMENT BY CH 47 CHINOOK

RHQ

1. Summary of personnel and equipment moved

	<u>Pers</u>	<u>Wt of stores</u>
2IC Party and Stores	3	400
Svy Party	5	152
CP	10	1300
RAP	5	660
RP Party	4	891
Line Party	5	665
Q Party	1	1100
	<u>33</u>	<u>5168</u>
Recce (1)	7	
Kitchen (2)	2	1460

Note (1) Recce party will normally travel with inf in adv.

(2) Kitchen is a supplementary load only and will normally come with resupply.

2. Sequence of Deployment and Loads

<u>Load/Chaulk</u>	<u>Internal</u>	<u>External</u>	<u>Total wt</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1.	20 pers Svy Stores	CP Stores RAP Stores	<u>7112</u>	a. Includes Svy party, CP Party & RAP Party. b. Slung in 3 x A22 Containers.
2.	13 Pers	2IC Stores RP Stores Line Stores Q Stores	<u>6206</u>	a. Includes 2IC Party, RP Party Line Party, Q Party. b. Slung in 4 x A22 Containers

NB: Either the recce party of 7 pers, or the kitchen party, can be included without exceeding weight limit of 8000 lbs.

STANDARD LOADS

<u>STANDARD LOAD 1 - 105MM PACK HOWITZER COMPLETE (less CES)</u>	<u>Wt (lbs)</u>
	2569
<u>STANDARD LOAD 2 - BASIC GUN</u>	<u>Wt (lbs)</u>
CRADLE & LOWER RECOIL SYSTEM	268
REAR TRAIL SECS (both)	224
WHEELS (both)	251
SADDLE	136
STUB AXLE SUPPORTING ARM (both)	120
FRONT TRAIL SECS (both)	194
SADDLE SUPPORT (both)	187
BALANCING SPRINGS (both)	46
FIRING LEVER	5
KNIFE SPADES	42
PAULINS LIGHTWEIGHT 20' x 16'	35
	<u>1508</u>
TOTAL	1508 lbs

<u>STANDARD LOAD 3 - GUN COMPONENTS AND GUN STORES</u>	<u>Wt (lbs)</u>
<u>GUN COMPONENTS</u>	
UPPER RECOIL SYSTEM	211
BREECH - RING AND BLOCK	227
BARRELL	241
SLIPPER	245
COVERS	10
INTERMEDIATE TRAIL SECS (both)	92
MUZZLE BREAK	70
	<u>1096</u>
TOTAL	1096

<u>GUN STORES</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Wt (lbs)</u>
AXE SINGLE BIT	1	5
TELEPHONE SET 'K'	1	5
TORCHES HAND ELECTRIC	2	2
STOVES GASOLINE BURNER	2	6
COOKSET FIELD, 3 PIECE	2	4
APPARATUS CABLE LAYING No 6	1	19
SHEETS GROUND	1	8
BOX SIGHTS	1	68
GUN RULE IN CASE	1	15
PAULINS LIGHTWEIGHT 20' x 16'	1	35
PARALLELOSCOPE	1	17
STANDS INSTRUMENT No 27	1	13
SHOVELS GS	2	10
AIMING POSTS SETS	1	12
STAVES END AND INTMED	1	5
OIL OM 58, GALS	1	9
GREASE, TIN	1	6
OIL OM 13, GALS	1	9
RAGS CLEANING	Qty	5
HAMMERS SLEDGE	1	12
PICK HEAD HELVE	1	8
BOX LOCAL PATTERN CONTAINING GUN STORES	1	30
SHOVEL, RE	1	6
A22 CONTAINER COMPLETE & CLEVIS	1	100
INDICATORS FUZE IN CASE	1	24
LOUDSPEAKER GUN INTER-COMM SET	1	10
		<u>442</u>
TOTAL WEIGHT		1538 lbs

STANDARD LOAD 4 - COMMAND POST STORES

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Wt (lbs)</u>
PLOTTERS LIGHTWEIGHT	2	25
COMPUTOR CONC AND LIN TGT DATA	2	2
SLIDE RULE 10" RA mils	2	1
AXES SINGLE BIT 4 1/2 lb	1	5
PICK DIGGING WITH HANDLE	4	32
TELEPHONE SET 'K'	3	15
RADIO SET ANPRC 25	2	44
TORCHES HAND ELECTRIC	2	2
LIGHT EXTENSION	2	10
CHAIRS FOLDING	3	37
CANS WATER PLASTIC 5 gal	6	330
STOVES GASOLINE BURNER	2	6
COOKSET FIELD 3 PIECE	2	4
SLIDEX COMPRISING CARDS 1, 5, 6, 8	1	1
WHISTLES BALL ARTY	2	1
PLIERS SIDECUTTING 8"	1	1
PANEL DISTINGUISHING SETS	1	1
SHOVELS GS	4	20
TABLES LIGHT WEIGHT	2	40
TUBS WASHING PLASTIC	2	2
BOXES AMN 219 PLUS PROFORMAE	1	40
DEMI BANDEROLE	4	8
DIRECTOR No 70	2	23
THERMOMETER BI-METAL WITH CASE	1	1
TENTS 11 x 11 LIGHTWEIGHT	1	67
CABLE ELECTRIC D10 TWISTED 1/2 MILE	4	108
STANDS 17A	2	20
BOXES SPARE 25 SET BATTERIES	1	52
BATTERIES 12V FOR LIGHTING SET	2	152
RC 292 AERIAL	1	48
AMMUNITION 1st LINE RESERVES 7.62mm	1260	100
PAULIN L/Wt 20' x 16'	1	35
INTERCOMMUNICATION SET GUN CONTROL WITH BATTERIES	1	166
A22 CONTAINER COMPLETE WITH CLEVIS	1	100
TOTAL WEIGHT		<u>1500</u>

STANDARD LOAD 5 - R PARTY

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Wt (lbs)</u>
RADIO SET A 510	1	41
REELING MACHINE RL 31E	1	27
TELEPHONE SET 'K'	6	30
TORCH HAND ELECTRIC	1	1
CANS WATER PLASTIC	2	110
STOVES GASOLINE BURNER	2	6
COOKSET FIELD 3 PIECE	2	4
REELS CABLE RL 159/4	2	44
HYDROMETER SEC CELL	1	1
SHOVELS GS	2	10
TUBS WASHING PLASTIC	1	2
CABLE D10 TWISTED 1/2 Mile	4	108
PLIERS SIDECUTTING WITH CARRIER	3	3
CHARGING SET 300 W24V	1	97
TELEPHONE TA/PT- 1	1	3
BATTERIES 25 SET	2 Boxes	112
GLOVES CABLE LAYING Prs	1	1
TAPE INSULATING ROLLS	6	1
BATTERIES DRY CELL TYPE C-D-E Boxes	3	3
PICKS DIGGING WITH HANDLE	2	10
PAULINS LIGHTWEIGHT 20' x 16'	1	35
SWITCHBOARD 22/PT	1	26
A22 CONTAINER COMPLETE AND CLEVIS	1	100
TOTAL WEIGHT		<u>775</u> lb

STANDARD LOAD 6 - BK & Q PARTY

Qty Wt (lbs)

BK PARTY

AXES SINGLE BIT 4½lbs	1	5
PICK DIGGING 5 lb	2	16
SHOVELS GS AUST	2	10
TABLE LIGHTWEIGHT 48" x 30"	1	20
CANS WATER PLASTIC 5 gal	3	165
BASIN PLASTIC ROUND	1	2
BUCKETS SHOWER CANVAS	1	8
COOKSET FIELD 3 PIECE	2	4
STOVES GASOLINE BURNER M1950	2	6
TENT'S L/WEIGHT 11' x 11'	1	67
TORCH HAND ELECTRIC GP	2	2
CHAIRS FOLDING AUST No 2	1	13
PANELS DISTINGUISHING SETS	1	1
TUBS WASHING ROUND 3½ Gal	1	4

TOTAL WEIGHT 323 lbs

Q PARTY

BOX GUN INSTRUMENTS	1	62
BOX GUN SPARES	1	109
INDICATOR FUZE CASED	1	9
GUN RULE CASED	1	9
AIMING POST	1 set	12
SPAVES	1 set	5
TARP L/WEIGHT 30' x 28'	1	40
POLES 5'8½"	9	20
STAR PICKETS 2' 6"	9	18
SHOVELS GS	4	12
AXE FELLING	1	5
PICKS DIGGING	2	16
SPARE HANDLE PICK	3	4
STCOL CAMP FOLDING	1	3
TABLE CAMP FOLDING	1	20
BOX EXPENSE	2	60
TORCHES HAND	2	2
BATTERIES FOR ABOVE	24	8
D CELLS	48	8
OM 13	4 gal	42
GREASE	5 lb	6
BOX SMOKE GRENADES	1	33
7.62 mm BALL CART	2520	201
9mm BALL CART	3000	106
BASIN PLASTIC	1	2
BUCKET PLASTIC	1	2
BUCKET SHOWER CANVAS	1	8
CANS WATER PLASTIC	6	330
STOVE GAS BURNER	1	3
COOK SET FIELD 3 PIECE	1	2

TOTAL 1157 lbs

TOTAL WEIGHT 1480 lbs

STANDARD LOAD 7 - KITCHEN STORES

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Wt (lbs)</u>
COOKING OUTFIT FIELD SMALL	3	255
CONTAINERS COOKING 3 GAL	3	34
CONTAINERS FOOD INSULATED	2	16
COOKER DEEP FRYER	1	20
CANS WATER PLASTIC	12	660
TABLES FS	1	60
PAULINS LIGHTWEIGHT 20' x 16'	1	35
SHOVELS GS	2	10
JERRICANS PETROL	3	126
AXES SINGLE BIT 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb	1	5
TORCHES HAND ELECTRIC	4	2
FOOD TURNER EGG	2	1
BOWLES HAND 4 PINT	2	4
FORKS COOKING	1	2
KNIVES COOKING 9"	2	1
MACHINE TIN OPENER HAND	1	4
EXPENSE STORES	Qty	100
A22 CONTAINER COMPLETE WITH CLEVIS	1	100
	TOTAL WEIGHT	<u>1245</u> lb

N.B. This load is supplementary only and would normally be included in the first resupply.

MMAND POST Cont'd

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>(Wt lbs)</u>
Tables FS Portable	4	60
Chairs Canvas	4	16
Light Flourescent	4	6
Duplicator Machine	1	17
Battle Map Board	1	36
Cans Plastic Water	4	200
Batteries Wet Cell 6V	4	100
Batteries Dry Cell 25	24	72
* A22 Container complete with clevis	2	<u>200</u>
	Total	<u>1400</u>

b. Personnel

Adjt		
Batman		
Sig Sgt		
Operators (4)		
Clerks (2)		
Driver/Op (1)		
		<u>2200 lbs</u>
	Total	<u>3600 lbs</u>

STANDARD LOAD RAP

Tent L/Weight 11 x 11	1	118
Stretcher Amb (US Patt)	2	20
Containers Water Full	3	150
Pannier Regt (with stores)	1	90
Box Comwood (with stores)	1	25
Haversack RMO (with stores)	1	30
Table Folding	1	20
Stool Camp Folding	1	8
Chair Camp Folding	1	9
Bucket Metal	1	7
Tub Washing	1	1
+ A22 Container complete with clevis	1	100
	Total	<u>660</u>

5 x Personnel

		<u>1100</u>
	Total	<u>1760 lbs</u>

STANDARD LOAD RP PARTY

Rolls Barbwire (25lb)	7	796
200 Bundle Sandbags	5	400
850 Box 7.62	1	70
800 Box 9mm	1	60
Signs Tac	20	30
Smoke Grenades Coloured	20	20
Grenades Hand M26	10	10
Box Stationery Assorted	5	5
+ A22 Container complete with clevis	1	<u>100</u>
		891
		<u>880</u>
	Total	<u>1771 lbs</u>

4 x Personnel

STANDARD LOAD LINE PARTY

Switch Board 22 PT	1	10
Switch Board 18 GT	4	8
Radio Set 25A and CES	1	11
Batteries 25A	1 box	25
Batteries 1.5	24	2

<u>Line Party Cont'd</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>(Wt lbs)</u>
Batteries 3	24	3
Batteries Wet Cell 12V	2	30
Charging Set 300W	1	50
Cans Water Plastic	4	160
Cable D10 (6 miles)	12 disp	180
Drums RL	2	20
Apparatus Cable Laying	1	15
Tent 2 Man	1	30
Belt Linesman	1	2
Climbing Irons	1	4
Pick	1	6
Axe	1	4
Shovel	1	2
Tools Entrenching	2	3
* A22 Container and clevis	1	100
		<u>665</u>
	Total	
<u>Personnel</u>		
5 x personnel		1100
	Total	<u>1765</u> lbs

<u>STANDARD LOAD Q PARTY</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>(Wt lbs)</u>
Cans Water Plastic	15	720
Shower Buckets Canvas	5	20
Tubs Washing Round	4	20
Stoves Burning Gasoline	5	10
Mattress Sections Pneumatic	30	30
Cakes Soap Toilet	40	6
Razor Blades	80	1/2
Shovels GS	2	14
Tools Entrenching	2	8
Cans POL (Full)	2	100
* A22 Containers and clevis	1	100
	Total	<u>1100</u>
1 x 1 personnel		250
	Total	<u>1350</u> lbs

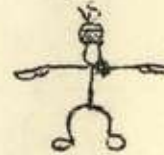
<u>STANDARD LOAD KITCHEN</u>		
<u>a. Stores</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>(Wt lbs)</u>
Stoves 15/40 (Complete)	2	250
Jerry Cans Petrol (Not quite full)	3	150
Immersion Heater (Complete)	1	50
Tea Urn (Multipot)	1	50
US Pat Hot Boxes (Complete)	2	60
Water Jerry Cans	10	500
Meat Safes	2	50
Expence Stores	qty	50
Table	1	50
Cooking Utensils		50
Axe	1	5
Shovel	1	5
Washing Tubs	2	5
Pauline 20' x 16'	1	35
* A22 Container and clevis	1	100
	Total	<u>1460</u>
<u>b. Personnel</u>		
2 x personnel		440
	Total	<u>1900</u> lbs

NB. This load is supplementary only and would normally be included in the resupply.

MARSHALLING SIGNALS

Arms in
Movement SOP

1. PROCEED TO NEXT MARSHALLER
Right or left arm down, other arm moved across the body and extended to indicate direction of next marshaller.
2. THIS MARSHALLER
Arms above head in vertical position with palms facing inwards.
3. MOVE AHEAD
Arms forward and bent slightly upward, palms facing backwards and repeatedly moved upward and backward from shoulder height.
4. a. TURN TO PORT (LEFT)
Point right arm downward, left arm repeatedly moved upward and backward. Speed of arm movement indicating rate of turn.
- b. TURN TO STARBOARD (RIGHT)
Point left arm downward, right arm repeatedly moved upward and backward. Speed of arm movement indicating rate of turn.
5. MOVE BACK
Arms by sides, palms facing forward, arms swept forwards and upwards repeatedly to shoulder height.
6. STOP
Arms repeatedly crossed above head (the rapidity of the arm movement should be related to the urgency of the stop, i.e., the faster the movement the greater the urgency).
7. HORIZONTAL MOVEMENT
 - a. MOVE TO PORT (LEFT)
Right arm extended horizontally sideways in direction of movement and other arm swung in front of the body in same direction in a repeating movement.
 - b. MOVE TO STARBOARD (RIGHT)
Left arm extended horizontally sideways in direction of movement and other arm swing in front of body in same direction in a repeating movement.
8. RELEASE LOAD
Left arm extended forward horizontally fist clenched, right hand making horizontal slicing movement below the left fist, palm downwards.
9. HOVER
Arms extended horizontally sideways, palms downwards.
10. SPOT TURN
Left or right hand moving upward and backward from a horizontal position, to indicate direction of tail movement. Other hand pointing to centre of spot turn.
11. LAND
Arms crossed and extended downwards in front of the body.
12. START ENGINE(S) and (START ROTOR(S))
Circling motion of right hand at head level with left arm pointing to engine (or rotor).

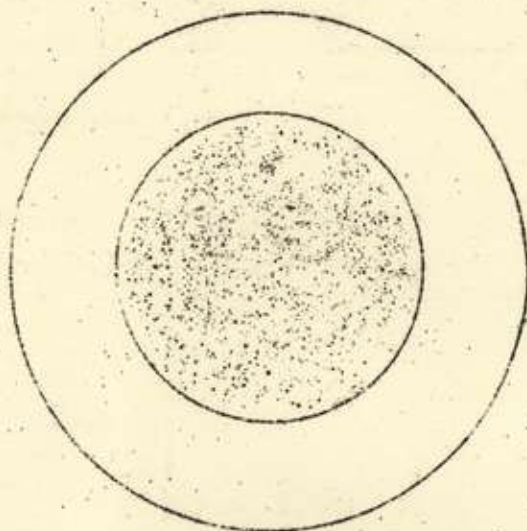


- 13.. CUT ENGINE(S)
Either arm and hand level with shoulder hand moving across throat palm downward.
- 14. MARSHALLING FINISHED
Right arm raised with elbow at shoulder height with palm facing forward.
- 15. SIGNALS FOR GENERAL USE
 - a. AFFIRMATIVE SIGNAL
Hand raised, thumb up
 - b. NEGATIVE SIGNAL
Hand raised, thumb down
- 16. VERTICAL MOVEMENT
 - a. MOVE UPWARDS
Arms extended horizontally sideways beckoning upward with palms turned up. Speed of movement indicates rate of ascent.
 - b. MOVE DOWNWARDS
Arms extended horizontally sideways beckoning downwards with palms turned down. Speed of movement indicates rate of descent.
- 17. a. WINCH UP
Left arm horizontal in front of body, fist clenched, right hand with palm turned up making upward motion.
- b. WINCH DOWN
Left arm horizontal in front of body, fist clenched, right hand with palm turned downwards making downward motion.



CONSTRUCTION AND MARKING OF LANDING SITES

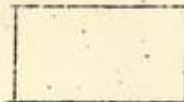
Figure 1 - Construction IROQUOIS LS



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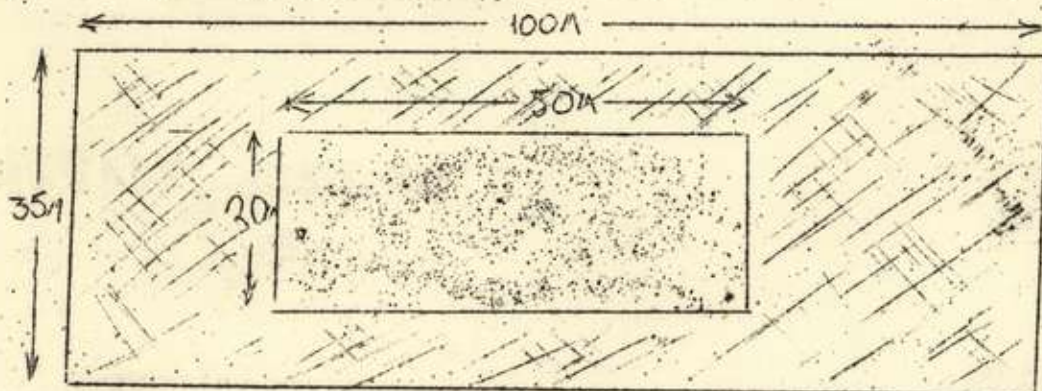
Cleared to ground
Level



Free of obstacles
over 2/3 metres
high

NOTE: Where landing sites are required to accommodate more than one IROQUOIS. The separation between landing points (Centre to Centre) within the site shall be 45 metres.

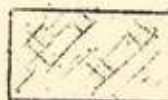
Figure 2 - Construction CHINOOK LS



LEGEND



Cleared to ground
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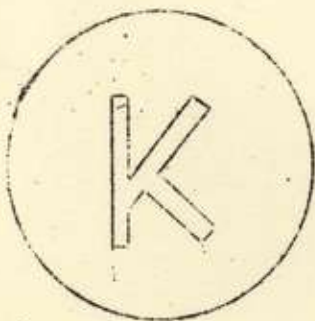
Free of large stumps
stones and holes

NOTE: Add 50m in length for each additional CHINOOK

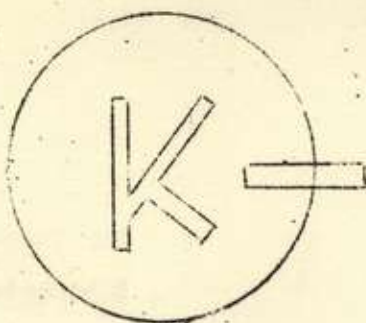
Figure 3 - Marking of Landing Site

1. LS markings for day operations may be:-
 - a. Fluorescent Panels
 - b. Smoke grenades
2. The markings should be situated on the upwind edge of the LS. They should be firmly secured to the ground or hand held when the aircraft is on final approach. The latter method or smoke grenades are preferable for CHINOOK because of the down wash from the main rotor which usually lifts and damages the panels

Example Code Identifier



NOTE: If more than one LS is to be used by a unit, variation to the code identifier can be shown by adding bars thus:-



NOTE: Under NO circumstances should the colours of the smoke thrown be indicated to the pilot by radio. It should be left to the pilot to confirm the colour of the smoke.e.g., "Hallo one this COWBOY Six I see yellow smoke", If the pilot has correctly identified the smoke reply "COWBOY Six this is one 'affirmative'"

A Bty 2/35 (US)

14. This battery returned to 1ATF area on 21 Mar after being absent of Op JUNCTION CITY. On 22 Mar 2/35 commenced Op PORTSEA as part of 1ATF artillery.

Personnel

15. 1 Fd Regt RAA Advance Party, consisting of 14 ORs left SVN for AUSTRALIA on 2 Mar 67.

16. The following joined 1 Fd Regt RAA during the reporting period:
Capt P.C. JONES.
Sgt J.D. EVERINGHAM.
Sgt N.L. DUNSTAN.

17. Capt P. CALVERT and Capt R. ALTHOUSE arrived from MALAYSIA in mid March to act as artillery liason officers during Op PORTSEA. Report by Capt R. ALTHOUSE is attached - Annex D.

Visits by CMF Officers

18. Two CMF officers visited 1 Fd Regt RAA during the month:
Maj A.M. STEPHENS (6 Mar - 20 Mar).
Maj R.A. GAY (arrived 20 Mar).

19. Report by Maj A.M. STEPHENS is attached - Annex E.

Ammunition Expenditure

20. Monthly ammunition expenditure for March was as follows:

H&I missions	- 2416
Other missions	- 6412
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Total	- 8828
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21. The above figures show a sharp increase in the amount of ammunition expended on H&I missions. This was caused by the number of suitable H&I targets provided by units participating in Op PORTSEA.

Medical

22. The monthly sick report is attached - Annex F. The RMO's comments are offered below:

- a. "Hospital admissions are running at a fairly low ebb at present.
- b. All diseases, apart from VD, are at a reasonable level.
- c. VD accounted for 148 cases seen out of 386 total. The figure for fresh cases - 41 is 5 down on last months all time high however a further drastic reduction in new cases seen is hoped for over this month. In 3 days in April only 1 new case has been seen to date. I have spoken to 103, 101, 161 and HQ Battery on the subject with the aid of a film and slides. Also as there will be less leave in April it is to be hoped few cases will be seen.
- d. Injuries - 47 is not a large number - what may be significant is that 25 of these came from 161 Bty RNZA - presumably due to an increase in the sport played by the battery."

Training

23. 161 Bty RNZA completed the changeover to 105mm M2A2 equipment and fired the first mission with 105mm M2A2 howitzers on 16 Mar.

24. No further problems have been encountered concerning ABCA artillery fire orders procedure.

25. Informal training sessions continued during the month when operations permitted and covered:

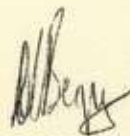
Command Post Training
Layer Training
Small arms Training
Signals Training
Course shooting

Intercommunication Set Gun Control.

26. All gun batteries now have fully working systems.

Annexures.

27. Annex A - Report by OC LAD
Annex B - 131 Div Loc Bty detachment Operational Report
Annex C - 161 Fd Bty Quarterly Report
Annex D - Report by Capt R. ALTHAUS
Annex E - Report by Maj A.M. STEPHENS
Annex F - RMO's Report
Annex G - Report on Liason visit to 40 Base Wksp REME.



(D R BEGG)
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

MONTHLY REPORT ON EQUIPMENT.
MER 57.

Howitzer Pack 105mm L5.

1. The following major components and/or assemblies and CES items have caused repair tasks:
 - a. An elevating worm wheel failed at 1100 EFC (Ref LAD, L57 - 99 of 14 Apr 67 - Report on Equipment Condition.) Investigation brought no definite conclusion on the cause of the failure, the main suspect being the metal of the wheel.
 - b. Clinometers are developing a heavy backlog of repairs and four are being returned due to lack of availability of spare parts.
2. The Mount Telescope position has eased due to new replacement equipments being issued. The sight position has been reasonable, but the Regiment is becoming short of equipments and the position will deteriorate rapidly in the monsoon season unless authority for upgrading first line holdings is obtained and more equipments held on position.

Howitzer Light Towed 105mm M242.

3. These equipments have been functioning well, but several have had continual aeration problems, at times up to 80%, but each time has settled back to approx 50% within 24 hours. Investigation has shown no nitrogen or external air leakage which leads to suspect a higher air content in the oil.
4. There is no change to previous reports on other equipments.

OPERATIONAL REPORT FOR PERIOD
1 MAR - 31 MAR 67

5 Apr 67

Radar Sec

1. Work on construction of command posts is continuing. ALPHA position should be finished by the 18 Apr 67 with complete concrete roof and reinforced fighting pit. BRAVO position continues to be improved with addition of a 12" concrete roof.
2. BRAVO radar came into action on 27 Mar 67 and has tracked both mortars and guns. We are experiencing severe overheating of the set and an application has been submitted for some system of cooling along the lines of an air conditioner. At the moment, we are using 24" circular fans and employing the convectional current system to get the air circulated. This could be a major problem with static underground command posts. ALPHA system is now ready to be put into action, however this will NOT be done until the position has been completed. Meanwhile it is being used as a check system for the sub assemblies in store.

Survey Sec

3. There has been a general increase of Svy work inside the Task Force Area as well as operational survey. Much time has been spent in getting stores in order and all relevant survey data compiled and filed in view of the handover to the relieving section.
4. So as NOT to tax the efficiency of the LPs which continued to operate with the assistance of svy personnel, it was desirable and practical to concentrate all remaining personnel at one location. This was accomplished early in the month by moving the people concerned to BRAVO radar position. When the overall situation permitted, assistance was given to both radar positions by designating personnel for general duties such as construction work, erection of barbed wire and relief radio operators.
5. Inside the Task Force area, survey data was supplied to the battery centre of 103 Fd Bty at their new position. Through rebuilding of radar positions, it was necessary to give orientation to BRAVO radar and orientation and fixation to ALPHA radar. A check on the BP at 161 Fd Bty RNZA was carried out.
6. On operations the following tasks were done:
 - a. 13 Mar 67 sect moved to the HORSESHOE feature (YS 4962) and bought control to 4 points in that area.
 - b. 20 - 26 Mar 67 sect again moved to the HORSESHOE feature and supplied control to a further six points for:
 - (1) A Bty 11 Armoured Cavalry Regt US Army;
 - (2) 161 Fd Bty RNZA;
 - (3) A Bty 2nd 35th Bn US Army;
 - (4) A Bty 1st 83rd Bn US Army;
 - (5) 101 Fd Bty RAA.

This survey was part of operation PORTSEA. A fire support base was deployed into YS 5963 and survey was provided to this area on the 26 Mar 67.

7. Equipment, whilst serviceable, is starting to show signs of wear and tear. Three out of seven theodolites have to be written off and one theodolite is being repaired. Four tellurometers are in LAD awaiting parts. However the condition of the remaining equipment enables the section to remain operational. Steps have been taken to obtain replacements and an active follow up procedure should have these unserviceable items replaced soon.

8. The section is now working as a section despite the loss of the Svy Sgt and 4 soldiers who returned earlier this month. Sufficient warning is still required for commitments so that a thorough recon and preparation can be carried out.

Arty Int Sec

9. During the month, work continued on strengthening LPs etc, due to the advent in the province of 57/75mm RCL weapons. Walls of all LP pits are now 5 sandbags through with the roof 3 sandbags plus a layer of old M113 tracks.

10. Late in the month 1st 83rd Bn area was mortared. A crater analysis was carried out later and likely areas of base plate position were indicated. The mortars were 82mm and fell into the area in four groups. It appears there was only one base plate but the VC crew obviously applied corrections to the mortar to achieve this pattern of four groups.

11. On 8 Mar 67 an LP moved to the HORSESHOE feature. No problems occurred before or during the move. Technical aspects on the feature are, arcs LEFT of 6400 to 4700 and right of 6400 to 1700, the general command over the area is reasonably good, however, there are no other suitable spots to sight an LP, to achieve all round view and have command of the ground. Work to date is very near to completion with only crawl trenches and some sand-bagging to be done which with one solid days work should be finished. The bunker is now completely finished also the two fighting pits, crawl trenches have been finalized between the major pit and the pit which overlooks the open ground EAST of the LP location. This LP was deployed as part of operation PORTSEA.

12. Admin progressed normally towards a smooth changeover. A handover stocktake was conducted with 2Lt WIGHT representing Capt HAMILTON. Approval has been granted from HQ AFV for members of the Detachment staying in country to carry over leave accrued in AUSTRALIA R&R leave for members of the Detachment who arrived in Jan has been available, two members have taken the opportunity to do this. There was NO R&C leave taken by members as the final work program has been considerable and NO time has been available. Normal rest periods have been taken however.

Health and Morale

13. Two members spent time in hospital with unknown diseases. However they are back on their feet now. One person suffered injury when taking cover in his weapon pit during the mortar attack. He is fit once more.

14. Morale is high especially after our article appeared in the Army, our motto now being "The Unsung Heroes".

 Capt
OC Det 131 Div Loc Bty RAA

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REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET No 52.
171200H - 181200H Mar 67.

1. MISSIONS FIRED.

(a). At 171308H Jade 06 engaged bunkers at Gr YS 565 755. 50B was used to engage. Jade 06 reported good coverage of the target area.

(b). No further missions were fired during the reporting period.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

(a). 6PAR continued patrolling of the TAOR. Negative contact.

(b). G/5PAR continued the task of wiring DAT DO.

(c). BCoy(-) 5PAR commenced a TAOR patrol.

(d). Air support. B-52 strike at 180600H produced the following results;

At YS 574 731 VC supplies uncovered. Supplies damaged. One secondary fire with grey smoke.

At YS 574 731 to YS 571 728 VC camp uncovered. Two tunnels exposed, four bunkers destroyed, three secondary fires with bluish white smoke and one secondary explosion with red ball of flame.

Strike was 100% on target. 100% target coverage.

3. H&I PROGRAMME.

(a). During night 17/18 Mar 161 Bty RNZA fired H&I's into squares 3968, 3969, 4068, and 4069.

(b). 101 Fd Bty PAA fired 27 serials from fire plan HOPSTSHOW.

(c). 1/83 US Arty fired a total of 89 serials in a routine coverage of the TAOR.

4. VC CASUALTY STATE.

171200 - 181200H	KIA								WEAPONS		RICE (tons)
	BC	POSS	WIA	VCPW	VCS	DTN	RALLIES	CSW	AUTO	NORMAL	
TOTAL	452	100	103	80	179	-	1	15	12	114	236.4

James J. ... Capt
Intelligence Officer.

Distribution
List C
Commanders' Diary (4).

1. MISSIONS FIRED.

- (a). YS 245 825 at 1520hrs - Registration by 50B.
- (b). YS 479 622 at 1859hrs - Adjustment of DF in vicinity of HORSESHOE feature.
- (c) c/s 50A fired on nine grids in an area bounded by YS 510 580, 520 580, 520 602 and 510 602 on the strength of an ARVN B1 report received from Sector.
- (d) YS 3281 at 2247hrs - c/s 50B fired at this target originated by 54 Arty Group. Target description classified.
- (e), Commencing 0700hrs all field batteries plus the 8" guns fired a six serial LZ suppression fire plan in vicinity YS 48 73 in support of a heliassault by 6PAR(-). (Op AYP.)

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

- (a) Possum pilot reported 2 VC carrying packs at YS 600 637. The LFT team was tasked to investigate but presumably did not make contact as no further details have been received.
- (b) Provost reported locals cutting wood north east of northern check point. The people were moved on and reported to Sector.
- (c) Airstrike at YS 532 824 on a VC base camp using 4 x 1000lb HW and 4 x 750lb Napalm bombs uncovered 30 metres of trench-line. Smoke and foliage prevented further BDA.
- (d) An agent report received through Sector gave details of a VC battalion in an area south east of DAT DO. Artillery engaged, see 1(c).
- (e). B/5PAR contacted 8 - 10 VC at YS 488 632. The VC were engaged and moved north east. There were no friendly casualties and VC losses are unknown.
- (f). Operation AYP involving 6PAR in a search and destroy operation, vicinity YS 470 716 commenced at 0700 with a preparatory bombardment followed by a heliborne assault by 4 Coys and Battalion HQ. At time of going to press there had been neither contacts or incidents.
- (g). Preparation of a defensive position on HORSESHOE feature YS by 2ND/5RAR continued. B/6PAR continued to protect the area so that work could continue.

3. H&I PROGRAMME.

- 105mm - 12 - Along the SOUI-DA-BANG east of BINH RA
- 8" - 29 - Along creek lines in the north eastern portion of the TAOP - routine.
- 175mm- 35 - 24 for IIFV - to the north of TUYEN MOC.
11 for 1ATF - as for the 8" serials.

4. VC CASUALTY STATE.

061200- 071200H	KIA		WIA	VCPW	VCS	DTN	RAILLIERS	WEAPONS.			RICE
	BC	POSS						CSW	AUTO	NORMAL	
	453	95	98	80	164	-	1	15	12	114	236.4

1. Missions Fired

- a. Between 1800 and 2000 hrs last night approx 12 targets were fired on in support of XUYEN MOC (YS 6668) which came under attack from a VC force employing mortars and small arms. The initial targets were directed by a Possum pilot and a Sector air OP fired the later missions. The targets were called in by the Sector troops at XUYEN MOC but no indication of results was given - Between 2000 and 2100 the 175s saturated eight grid squares about the northern portion of the village. This was followed early this morning by a nine serial H&I programme. No results reported.
- b. YS 480623 at 1950 hrs. An element of D/5RAR reported lights to the east of the horseshoe feature and these were engaged by 20A. The lights appeared again 2015hrs and 20A engaged once more. Again, the lights were extinguished.
- c. YS 355792 at 2310 hrs. 8" VT fire was placed in the area of last night's B52 strike (See 2f.) to catch any VC entering or leaving the area.
- d. 54 Arty Gp directed the 175s to fire five targets generally north of XUYEN MOC. Target descriptions were not given.

2. Summary of Operations

- a. D/5RAR located 320 c.ft of rice at YS505635. Also in the area were 4 pits with OHP. The rice was destroyed.
- b. Airstrike on a VC trench complex at YS 535803 resulted in the destruction of 1 bunker. There was one secondary fire and the nearby creek line was dammed.
- c. An airstrike was placed on an occupied VC camp at YS 348836. There was negative BDA due to smoke and foliage.
- d. A TF patrol found 24 rolls of barbed wire at YS 437723.
- e. At 1740 hrs XUYEN MOC (YS 6668) reported receiving 81mm mortar and SA fire. The size of the VC force is still unknown. The 175s fired in support and the VC moved into the village to escape the artillery. At this stage 5WIA were removed from the compound at XUYEN MOC and then the area about the village was saturated by the 175s. As darkness fell SPOOKY (flares and mini-guns) began patrolling the area. Other than for artillery fire and SPOOKY there was little activity during the remainder of the night. It is expected that Sector will furnish a more detailed report PM 9 Mar. Further details to follow.
- f. A B52 strike was placed in YS 3579 and 3580 using 6 aircraft each loaded with 24 X 1000 lb and 24 X 750 lb bombs. A detailed evaluation has not yet been received.
- g. A patrol from 1ARU contacted 1VC at YS 459627. Result 1 VC KIA and 1 rifle captured. VC was suprised near a stream.

3. H&I Programme

- a. Twenty three serials were fired as a follow up to the B52 strike. This fire was placed along the streams leading out of the target area - all fired by 8" guns.
- b. A further ten serials were widely distributed over the TAOR in response to recent agent and National Police reports. These targets were also engaged by the 8" guns.
- c. In the early hours of the morning the 175s fired 15 serials vic YS 6560. Routine coverage.

4. VC Casualty State

	KIA					WEAPONS			RICE	
	BC	POSS	WIA	VCPW	VCS	DTN	RALLIERS	CSW	AUTO	NORMAL (tons)
081200-										
091200H		1								1
TOTAL 1ATF456	95	98	80	164	-	1	15	12	115	236.6

Distribution List C
 Commander's Diary (4)

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 Intelligence Officer

REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET No 51
161200 - 171200H Mar 67

1. Missions Fired

- a. At 161600H VR aircraft received ground fire from YS 638883. 50B engaged without any apparent results.
- b. At 162058H C/S 30 engaged YS 375658 after lights were reported at that grid. Lights were extinguished.
- c. At 162220H Sector reported noise of people moving at YS 295655. 50A engaged, negative surveillance.

2. Summary of Operations

- a. 1ATF continued Operation LEETON with negative contact.
- b. C/5RAR commenced the wiring of DAT DO YS 490600 at 161000H. 5RAR patrolling of TAOR continues. There was negative contact.
- c. 6RAR continued patrolling of the TAOR. There was negative contact.
- d. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued in support of Operation LEETON. 2 Troop replaced 3 Troop in support of D/5RAR and provided protection for the personnel wiring DAT DO.
- e. Air support. Airstrike at YS 371672 uncovered 3 foxholes. Airstrike on a VC route YS 598834 was 100% on target. Negative BDA.
- f. 101 Fd Bty replaced elements of 103 Fd Bty in location with D/5RAR AM 17 Mar.
- g. Plans for next 24 hours. Operation LEETON and patrolling of TAOR continues.

3. M&I Programme

- a. During the night 16/17 Mar 161 Fd Bty RNZA fired a total of 14 serials at the suspected location of HOA LONG Economics Section and H&I tasks from Fire Plan HORSHOE.
- b. 1/83 US Arty fired 100 serials H&I during ni 16/17 Mar in a routine coverage of the main streams and VC base camps E, SE and NE of 1ATF TAOR.
- c. 1/83 US Arty fired 4 serials H&I during ni 16/17 Mar at diggings sighted by FAC at YS 3267.

4. General Information

- a. The NZ CGS Lt Gen W S McKINNON visited 161 Bty RNZA at 170930H.
- b. 161 Fd Bty RNZA commenced course shooting with 105mm M2A2 PM 16 Mar.
- c. Characteristics of SOVIET 140mm Spin-stabilized rockets as used by VC against DANANG airbase on 27 Feb 67.

Launcher Tube and Wooden Plank:

Overall length - 114.3 cm (45in)
Weight - 22 lbs (approx)

140mm Rocket, Spin-Stabilized:

Length overall with fuze - 108.4 cm (42.35in)
Length overall w/o fuze - 101.6 cm (40.0 in)
Weight with fuze - 90 lb approx.

Fuze, Point Detonating

Length overall w/cap & boogter - 113mm (4.45in)
Type of action - three settings - instantaneous short delay and long delay.

Warhead

Length - 38.8 cm (15.25 in)

Motor

Length - 62.9 cm (24.75 in)

Primer

Electric

Method of Employment

The launcher tube is secured to a wooden plank (approx 7 1/2 in X 3 in X 4 in), utilizing the elevation hand screw and the deflection bracket, by steel banding and woven wire fastenings. Plank is set in an enclined trench having a maximum depth of 8 in, length of 30 in and width 18 in. Pits for individual rockets found after attack on DANANG were sighted 3 to 4 feet apart.

5. VC Casualty State

	KIA					WEAPONS			RICE		
	BC	POSS	WIA	VCEW	VCS	DEM	RALLIERS	CSW	AUTO	NORMAL	(tons)
161200 -											
171200H											
TOTAL											
1 ATF	452	100	103	80	179	-	1	15	12	114	236.4

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General Information

The VC 008 in Com V 8 (Khammou) visited 1st Bn 1st AF at 170300H.

1st Bn 1st AF commenced course shooting with 105mm.

1703 PM 1st AF.

Characteristics of Soviet 82mm spin-stabilized rockets:

as used by VC against DANANG airbase on 27 Feb 67:

Launcher tube and booster length: (overall length) - 114.5 in (4.52m)

Weight: - 52 lbs (approx)

Launcher tube: (overall length) - 108.4 in (4.32m)

Weight overall with fuse: - 107.6 in (4.00 in)

Weight overall w/o fuse: - 90 lb approx.

Type of action - three stages - instantaneous short delay and long delay.

Launcher tube diameter: 5.5 in (142.7 mm)

Weight: - 52.9 in (1.35 m)

REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET NO 48.
051200H - 061200H Mar 67.

1. MISSIONS FIRED.

- (a). YS 533 632 at 101200hrs - c/s 50A reported a VC tax collection post reported by a Possum pilot - further details.
- (b) YS 440 784 at 0248hrs - c/s 50A, using one gun, engaged a report of 17 red haze emissions. This was the only significant Red Haze "readout" from our TAOR.
- (c) YS 581 757 at 0825hrs - c/s 50a fired on a suspected VC camp from which the FAC received ground fire. The FAC reported that the rounds landed on target. There was negative BDA due to foliage.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

- (a) Possum pilot reported VC tax point at YS 581 634. The people scattered when the aircraft flew over save for six people who hid in the immediate vicinity. c/s 50A engaged and the pilot reported 1 VC KIA (PC) and 'probably more'. It was decided to send a platoon to sweep through the area, c/s 50A continued to fire into the area until the platoon was lifted in by helicopter. The platoon found a quantity of rice, the checkpoint but no bodies. Additionally, 15 females, 21 males, 2 horses and 2 carts were gathered up but all were later released.
- (b). Immediate airstrike at YS 650 850 on a battalion size VC camp, using 4 x 1000lb HE and 4 x 750lb Napalm bombs, was 100% on target and covered 50% of the target. There was no further BDA. The FAC had earlier received ground fire from this camp. A later airstrike on the same camp left 2 x 1000 lb dud bombs to the VC.
- (c). c/5RAR, patrolling to the west, reported finding a small cam camp containing 25 pits, each 2-3 feet deep and with PVC at YS 572 693.
- (d) Operation LETTON commenced at 060700hrs with the lift of B/5RAR to the HORSESHOE feature YS 49 62 by A Sqn 3 Cav. D/5RAR was later helilifted into the area secured by B/5RAR. The task of B/5RAR is to provide a screen while D/5RAR develops a defensive position on the horseshoe feature.
- (e). Air Int reported that Artillery fire into YS 5477 and 5577 has exposed one tin hut at YS 549 779 and a row of trenches at YS 548 778.
- (f) Airstrike at YS 533 810 using 4 x 500lb HE and 4 x 750lb Napalm bombs resulted in the destruction of 2 bunkers and the uncovering of 30 metres of trench line. There was 1 x 500lb dud bomb.

3. H&I PROGRAMME.

- 105mm - 6 - into a creek line in the WARBUPTON mountains.
- 8" - 24 - routine coverage of an area west of DUC THANH plus 3 suspected VC locs south east of BINH GIA.
- 175mm - 51 - 20 for II FV into an area just west of KIEN MOC 31 for 1 ATF - routine coverage of known installations in the extreme north east corner of our TAOR.

4. VC CASUALTY STATE.

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	KIA		MIA	VCPW	VCS	DTM	PALLIERS	WEAPONS		
	BC	POSS						CSW	AUTO	NORMAL
051200H 061200H.		5								
	453	99	98	80	164	-	1	15	12	114

Also captured 236.4 tons of rice.

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REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET No 47
031200 - 041200H Mar 67

1. Missions Fired

- a. YS 545743 at 1417hrs. C/S 50A fired on a suspected VC location. The fire was directed by the FAC. Nothing resulted from the shoot.
- b. YS 374783 at 1447hrs. C/S 50A fired at a steel bridge 30' X 15'. The bridge is a sheet of 1/2 inch steel plate and still in position, for although the 8" shells were falling within 5 metres of the target they did not hit it. Nothing less than a target round will destroy the bridge, for it is protected by high banks.
- c. Sector called for illumination to be fired over DAT DO but the mission was later cancelled.

2. Summary of Operations

- a. Patrolling by elements of both battalions continued. There were neither contacts or finds.
- b. 10 - 15 people approached DAT DO compound last night but withdrew when fired upon. Sector officials think the group was a VC reconnaissance or breaching party.

3. H&I Programme

Total - 129
 105 - 14 - in two groups into creek lines (known to still contain water) in the WARBURTON mountains.
 8" - 39 - 15 for Sector near DAT DO.
 24 for 1ATF in the north west of our TAOR - routine coverage.
 175 - 76 - 41 for IIFPV.
 35 for 1ATF in the north eastern portion of the TAOR - routine coverage.

4. VC Casualty State

	KIA		WIA	VCPW	VCS	DTN	RALLIERS	WEAPONS			RICE (tons)
	BC	POSS						CSW	AUTO	NORMAL	
031200 - 041200H											
TOTAL 1 ATF	453	94	98	80	164	-	1	15	12	114	236.4

5. Miscellaneous

- a. 94 returnees surrendered to Sector during Febuary. This is more than come in during the whole of 1965 and represents a three-fold increase over Jan 67.
- b. Ammunition Usage Feb 67 :-
 105mm - 7364rd; - (H&I 410, others 6954).
 8" - 1482rd; - (H&I 487 rdss, other 995 rdss).
 175mm - 1546rd; - (H&I 994 rdss, other 552 rdss).

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REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET No 46
281200H Feb - 011200H Mar 67

1. Missions Fired

- a. YS 363684 at 1220hrs. C/S 30 fired in sp A/3 Cav Sqn. Target described as possible VC loc.
- b. YS 361679 at 1250hrs. Details as in 1a above.
- c. YS 383656 at 2105hrs. C/S 30 fired at two lights observed by 1/83d. The lights went out.
- d. YS 6485 at 1005hrs. Possum pilot reported a maze of tracks in this area and engaged using 50B. Sometime after 1000H had been received an agent report was received from Sector to the effect that HQ 5VC Div was located at YS 647853. An AO from the 1/83d then went back to the area and used the 175s from XUYEN LOC to pound the area. Our 175s did not fire because an airstrike was being conducted at that time across the line of fire.

2. Summary of Operations

- a. Airstrike on VC camp at YS 397814 at 1305hrs using 6 X 750lb HE and 6 X 750lb napalm bombs resulted in the destruction of 2 bunkers, 5 foxholes and 20 metres of trenchline. Also 2 bunkers were damaged and there was 1 secondary fire with grey smoke.
- b. A steel plate bridge 30' X 15' was located at YS 375783 by a TF patrol.
- c. A Bty 2/35 Arty (155s). This bty is deployed under its parent HQ with an 8" bty in support of Operation JUNCTION CITY in an area very close to the CAMBODIAN/VIETNAMESE border. A telephoned report from IIFFV stated that "they're doing just real fine". They were mortared on the night 26 Feb and suffered 5 WIA (2 serious, 3 slight).

3. H&I Programme

- 8" -19- Routine coverage of the area in which the large VC camps were found a few days ago.
- 175mm-56- 28 for IIFFV into the RSSZ and an area north of XUYEN MOC.
 19 for 1ATF along a creek line known to contain VC adm and command installations.

4. VC Casualty State

	KIA		WIA	VCPW	VCS	DTN	RALLIERS	WEAPONS		RICE	
	BC	POSS						CSW	AUTO NORMAL		(tons)
281200 - 011200H											
TOTAL											
1 ATF	453	94	98	80	164	-	1	15	12	114	236.4

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Missions Fired.

- a. At 0030H c/s 50A engaged YS 445 543 at the request of c/s 77. Target description - suspected VC location. Negative surveillance.
- b. At 0435H c/s 10 engaged YS 62 63 and YS 52 65 at the request of c/s 19. Target description suspected VC meeting place.
- c. At 1305H c/s 50B engaged YS 166 770 at the request of IIFV. Target description - two sampans. Air observer reported that both sampans were damaged as a result of the fire.
- d. At 1555H POSSUM 3 received ground fire from YS 59 82. c/s 50B engaged. Negative surveillance.
- e. At 1720H c/s 50B engaged a suspected VC location at YS 575 842. POSSUM 3 observed and reported that the area was well covered by the fire from 50B.
- f. At 1846H c/s 20 engaged YS 397 725 at the request of c/s 21. Target description - harrasing fire. Negative surveillance.
- g. At 2030H c/s 50B engaged YS 321 641 at the request of SECTOR. Target description - suspected VC movement. Negative surveillance.

2.

Summary of Operations.

- a. 1ATF with 43 ARVN Regt and 2FFV Engineers continued Operation PORTSEA. Negative contact. Operation LEETON continued with negative contact.
- b. A San 3 Cav Regt continued Operation PORTSEA. At 1308H 3 Troop located 6 huts and a rice husking machine at YS 584 618. Several bunkers were also discovered in the area and subsequently destroyed.
- c. 5RAR continued Operation LEETON and patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact.
- d. 6RAR continued Operation PORTSEA. At 0812H Sp/6RAR found a sampan and evidence that VC had revisited a camp at YS 560 615. At 0842H C/6RAR found a small boat at YS 605 627. C/6RAR found two bunkers with overhead cover at YS 602 618. A grave marked by a headstone was found at the same place.

3.

H & I Programme.

A total of 123 Serials were fired during the night 31/Mar / 1 Apr into the following areas:

- 34 - 40 E
- 73 - 77 N
- 46 - 51 E
- 66 - 69 N
- 39 - 41 E
- 67 - 69 N
- 41 - 43 E
- 71 - 73 N

4.

VC Casualty State.

	KIA		WIA	CPW	VCS	RALLIERS	WEAPONS			RICE (tons)
	BC	POSS					CSW	AUTO	NORM	
310001 - 312400H										
	456	103	106	80	179	1	15	12	115	336.4

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REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET NO 61.
PERIOD 300001 - 302400H Mar 67.

Missions Fired.

- a. At 1930H c/s 10 engaged YS 62 65 and YS-62 69. Target description - suspected VC meeting place. Negative surveillance.
- b. At 2040H c/s 20 engaged lights at YS 489 657 at the request of c/s 24A.

2.

Summary of Operations.

- a. 1ATF continued Operation PORTSEA with 1 Sqn 11ACR, 1 Bn 43 ARVN Regt and 35 Ranger Bn with negative contact. 1 Sqn 11ACR ceased to be in support of Operation PORTSEA at 1600H. 1ATF continued Operation LEETON with negative contact.
- b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued in support of Operation LEETON and Operation PORTSEA. Negative contact.
- c. Task Force Artillery continued in support of Operation LEETON and Operation LEETON and Operation PORTSEA. Locations remained unchanged except for the How Bty 1/11 ACR which ceased to be in support at 1600H.
- d. 5RAR continued Operation LEETON. Patrolling of the TAOR continues. At 0700H A/5RAR found two bodies as a result of the contact at YS 381 678 on 29 Mar.
- e. 6RAR continued Operation PORTSEA. At 1000H C/6RAR searched a camp reported at YS 596 653 and found 5 pits, 15lbs of rice and 5 x .50 rounds.
- f. 1/11 ACR continued Operation PORTSEA until 1600H when they ceased to be in support. At 1153H at YS 460 830 during their move back to 11ACR base loc an APC detonated a mine resulting in 2 US WIA.
- g. 43 ARVN Regt continued Operation PORTSEA. At 0750 at YS 432 575 two pressure mines were exploded resulting in 1 US and 2 VN KIA, 2 US and 2 VN WIA.
- h. Air support. At 0835H an airstrike on a VC camp at YS 55 80 destroyed 4 bunkers and 20 metres of trench. At 1340H an airstrike on VC bunkers and trenches at YS 551 694 destroyed 1 bunker uncovered 3 and damaged 5 bunkers. At 1800H an airstrike on a VC camp at YS 387 812 exposed 2 dams 8 foxholes and 150 metres of track. No further BDA due to smoke and foliage.

3.

H & I Programs.

A total of 161 Serials were fired during the night 30/31 Mar into the following areas:

- 49 - 52 E
- 56 - 69 N
- 52 - 55 E
- 65 - 68 N
- 28 - 32 E
- 72 - 75 N
- 35 - 38 E
- 79 - 82 N

VC Casualty State.

	KIA		WIA	VGPW	VCS	RALLIERS	WEAPONS			RICE (tons)
	BC	POSS					CSW	AUTO	NORM	
300001- 302400H										
	456	108	106	80	179	1	15	12	115	336.4

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REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET NO 60.
PERIOD 270001 - 272400H.

1. Missions Fired.

- a. At 0600H c/s 50B engaged YS 540 678 and YS 487 695. Red Haze reports.
- b. At 0615 c/s 50B engaged the area of another Red Haze report at YS 399 828.
- c. At 0640H c/s 10 engaged YS 600 602, YS 597 597, YS 596 594. The missions were originated by c/s 19. Target description - harassing fire.
- d. At 1522H c/s 40 engaged YS 451 525 at the request of c/s 77. Tgt description - suspected VC location. Negative surveillance.
- e. Between 1740H and 1830H c/s 30 engaged YS 352 700, YS 371 693 and YS 393 687. Target description - Red Haze reports.
- f. At 2106H c/s 40 engaged YS 512 641 at the request of c/s 23. Target description - suspected VC movement, Negative surveillance.

2. Summary of Operations.

- a. 1 ATF continued Operation PORTSEA with 1st Sqn 11 ACR, 1Bn 43 ARVN Regt, 35 Ranger Bn with minor contact. Operation Leeton continued with negative contact.
- b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation PORTSEA. 2 Troop with D/6RAR operated in the area from YS 62 60 to YS 62 58 and WEST along the coast. A Sqn less 2 tps operated in support C/5RAR in the vic of the Fire Sp Base YS 59 63.
- c. 5RAR continued Operation LEETON with negative contact. 5RAR also continued Operation PORTSEA and platoon patrolling of the TAOR. C Coy remained at the Fire Support Base. A Coy continued the wiring of DAT DO. There was negative contact.
- d. 6RAR continued Operation PORTSEA. At 0800H at YS 512 602, 2 soldiers from 6RAR were wounded by a booby trap in a rice cache. At 0940H at YS 604 614, A/6RAR located a small camp which contained a quantity of medical supplies, clothing and a rice husking machine. At 1430H A/5RAR found two huts containing 1000 - 2000lbs of rice. The rice was destroyed. At 1700H the evacuation of 120,000lbs of rice from YS 51 60 was completed. At 1800H C/6RAR located a mined and booby trapped area at YS 612 602.
- e. 1 Sqn 11 ACR continued Operation PORTSEA. A Tp and C Tp searched the Southern half of the area BRONZE. D Tp searched the area WEST of the SONG RAI near Route 23. At 0955H B Tp detained two suspects at YS 628 628. At 1130H at YS 600 755 A Tp found two tunnels at the bottom of a 15 foot well. Nearby were five bunkers and two tunnels. At 1200H at YS 517 709, C Tp found 2 graves containing bodies dressed in light blue uniforms. At 1445H at YS 630 631 B Tp found 22 graves 2 were one week old. At 1607H at YS 628 653, A Tp found a tree house which commanded a 1200M view of Route 23. It was destroyed. At 1730 at YS 613 766, C Tp found 10 bunkers with overhead cover.
- f. 1/43 ARVN located a Coy sized camp at YS 468 551. At 1100H, 1/43 ARVN located a 750lb bomb and a platoon sized camp. The bomb was destroyed. At 1415H 1/43 ARVN reported receiving small arms fire at YS 467 550. There were no casualties.
- g. Air Support. At 0800H an airstrike on a VC camp at YS 585 741 damaged a road. At 1250H an airstrike on a VC camp at YS 526 813 destroyed one bunker, damaged one bunker and exposed 20 metres of trench. At 1635H an airstrike on a VC base cam at YS 347 835 destroyed 14 bunkers, uncovered 2 bunkers and destroyed 300 metres of track.

3. H&I Programme ni 27/28 Mar.

A total of 108 serials were fired by 1/83 and 30 serials by 1 Fd Regt RAA. Areas covered were as follows;

32 - 34 E
76 - 79 N
28 - 32 E
72 - 75 N
28 - 32 E
66 - 68 N

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1. Missions Fired

- NOTE (2003) 1-1
 a. There were no missions fired in support of contacts during the reporting period.
 b. At 2050H C/S 30 fired a total of 25 rounds at suspected VC movement vic YS 452620. Negative surveillance.

2. Summary of Operations

1. DEC
 a. 1ATF with 1/11 ACR, 43 ARVN Regt and 2FFV Engineers continued Operation PORTSEA with negative contact. A large cache of rice was found as well as more enemy installations. Operation LEETON continued with negative contact.
 b. Task Force Artillery continued Operation PORTSEA and Operation LEETON.
 c. 5RAR continued Operation LEETON, Operation PORTSEA and patrolling of the TAOR. At 260930H C/5RAR deployed to secure a fire support base for Operation PORTSEA. At 1250H A/5RAR was helilifted back to base loc. B/5RAR continued to provide platoon patrols of the TAOR. There was negative contact.
 d. 6RAR continued Operation PORTSEA. At 0800H 6RAR was helilifted to AO ZINC by US Airmobile Company and 9 Sqn RAAF to LZ secured by an element of 11ACR. The bn then deployed to search AO ZINC. At 1017H D/6RAR found an old empty rice cache area and camp at YS 616604. At 1025H B/6RAR found 30 pits at YS 619609. At 1230H C/6RAR found 3 huts at YS 611602 and 100 tons of unpolished rice. Three booby traps were found in the area and the rice had been partially damaged by an airstrike. The rice is being moved to PHOUC TUY Province HQ by CH47. At 1400H B/6RAR found a small camp at YS 613620. At 1530H A/6RAR found a camp at YS 600604 which had been recently used. The camp contained 1500lbs of rice, some chickens and one sampan 15 feet long.
 e. 1/11 ACR continued Operation PORTSEA with elements searching the northern portion of AO ZINC, the eastern area of AO SILVER and the southern area of AO BRONZE. At 1111H A Troop at YS 591661 found a camp consisting of 5 bunkers and 2 huts. At 1150H A Troop found 6 bunkers and some freshly cut panji stakes at YS 596656. At 261500H C Troop found 32 bunkers at YS 647673. The nearest bunker was only 300 metres away from XUYEN MOC.
 f. 43 ARVN Regt continued Operation PORTSEA in AO COPPER with no reported contacts or findings.
 g. 2FFV and 1ATF Engineers continued their operations along AO LEAD. At 1700H 3 rifle grenades were found and destroyed at YS 586637.

3. H&I Programme

A total of 105 serials were fired into the following areas:

29 - 31E	64 - 68N
52 - 55E	78 - 81N
36 - 41E	79 - 82N

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4. VC Casualty State

	KIA		WIA	VCPW	VCS	RALLIERS	WEAPONS		RICE		
	BC	POSS					CSW	AUTO NORMAL		(tons)	
260001-											
262400H									100		
TOTAL	1	454	108	103	80	179	1	15	12	115	336.4

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181200 - 191200H Mar 67

Missions Fired

- a. At 1810 hrs C/S 22 observed 12 persons walking at YS 391.660 and heading south. C/S 20 engaged using time HE. People in target area went to ground. Failing light caused C/S 22 to terminate mission. No definite results reported.
- b. During the period 181900H and 182330H a total of 10 missions were fired by C/S 10 and C/S 50 in support of 5RAR contact (see Summary of Operations).
- c. At 190328H C/S 50B engaged YS 566868. Target description A1 Intelligence Report. No results reported.
- d. At 190725 C/S 50B engaged YS 5386. Target description A1 Intelligence Report. No results reported.
- e. At 191030H an ALO reported what looked like a blood stained lake. C/S 50A engaged. Observer C/S 52 reported good coverage of target area.

2. Summary of Operations

- a. Recce platoon 5RAR had a contact with 3-4 VC at YS 512585 at 182040H. 2VC WIA possible. Friendly casualties 1WIA. 1/83 Arty and 101 Fd Bty RAA engaged area of contact. A search of the contact area following morning by 5RAR produced blood trails, sandal marks, local pattern field dressings, drag marks and a quantity of rice scattered over a distance of 200 metres.
- b. B Coy (-) 5RAR continued patrol of TAOR. No contact to date.
- c. 6RAR continued TAOR patrols. Negative contact.
- d. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued in support of Op LEETON.
- e. Air Support. Airstrike at YS 553779 was 100% on target, produced one secondary fire and had a 100% target coverage. Airstrike at YS 427814 at 181450H was 100% on target, 100% target coverage. Negative BDA. 5 Sampans sighted at YS 571567 were destroyed by F100s and LFT.

3. H&I Programme

- a. During ni 18/19 Mar 1/83 Arty fired a total of 45 serials. Serials were fired into the area of the B52 strike carried out AM 18 Mar. Other serials were fired in a general coverage of the TAOR.
- b. 103 Fd Bty RAA fired 30 serials from fire plan HORSHOE.
- c. 101 Fd Bty fired H&I around the base of the LONG HAI mountains.

4. VC Casualty State

	KIA		WIA	VCPW	VCS	DTN	RALLIERS	WEAPONS		RICE (tons)	
	BC	POSS						CSW	AUTO NORMAL		
181200 - 191200H											
TOTAL											
1 ATF	452	100	103	80	179	-	1	15	12	114	236.4

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1. Missions Fired

- a. At 0025H C/S 50A fired at YS 551560 at the request of ARVN. Target description VC assembly area.
- b. Between 210400H and 210600H C/S 10 fired illuminating and HE in support of the RF post at AP LO GOM which was being assaulted by an estimated two VC coys.
- c. During the period 211100H and 211700H approximately 2,000 rds were fired by 1 Fd Regt RAA, 1/83 US Arty, How Bty 11ACR and the USS WARRINGTON in an effort to block a suspected VC force trapped in the area bounded by the SONG RAI, Route 23, Route 44 and the SOUTH CHINA SEA.
- d. 1/83 US Arty engaged YS 5559, YS 5659, YS 5560, YS 5760 for 30 mins. Target description suspected RV 2 Bn/275 Regt.
- e. At 212050H Possum 1 sighted two sampans at YS 597586. C/S 40 engaged Possum 1 reported that both sampans were damaged by the fire.
- f. C/S 50A engaged YS 483513 at 211927H at the request of C/S 77. Target description VC escape route.
- g. C/S 50A engaged YS 466536 at 212145H at the request of C/S 77. Target description VC escape route.

2. Summary of Operations

- a. 1 ATF commenced Operation PORTSEA. There was minor contact. Operation LEETON and patrolling continued with negative contact.
- b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt commenced Operation PORTSEA at 0700H when 2 Troop lifted B/6RAR to their area of operations. At 1807H 3 Troop moved to RV with A/5RAR at YS 512610 to take up a blocking position on route 23.
- c. Task Force Artillery commenced Operation PORTSEA.
- d. 5RAR continued Operation LEETON with negative contact. By 1855H A/5RAR had been airlifted to YS 512610 to assist 1/11 ACR in a blocking position along Route 23 with 3 Troop A Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
- e. 6RAR commenced Operation PORTSEA at 0700H when B/6RAR were lifted by 2 Troop A Sqn into YS 550570. At 1030H, 6 to 8 VC dressed in greens, green hats and AUST/US webbing were contacted at YS 528552. There were no VC casualties. VC withdrew NE. At 1600H B/6RAR located a large camp one month old at YS 549560. Camp had not been used for two weeks.
- f. Air Support. At 0725H an airstrike on VC structures at YS 605604 destroyed 3 huts. At 0750H an airstrike on a VC camp at YS 564694 destroyed 3 bunkers. The FAC received ground fire and another airstrike was placed in the area at 0750H. At 1000H an airstrike on a VC camp at YS 552692 destroyed 3 bunkers and damaged 5 bunkers. At 1040H an airstrike on a VC base camp at YS 593678 destroyed 8 bunkers and 50 metres of trench.
- g. Plans for next 24 hours. Op LEETON and Op PORTSEA continue. Patrolling continues.

3. H&I Programme

A total of 120 serials were fired by 1/83 US Arty and 1 Fd Regt RAA. Most of the fire was in the east and SE of the TAOR around the SONG RAI. Other serials were fired in the NW corner of the TAOR and into the area between Route 15 and the NUI THI VAI hills.

4. VC Casualty State

No change from Sheet No 53.

5. General Information

At YS 5154 at 0300H an RF platoon post was attacked by an estimated Bn of main force VC using 75mm RCL and 81mm mortar fire.

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Of the weapons and equipment captured the most significant item was a CHIGOM version of the SOVIET LPO-50 flame thrower. Documents found on dead VC (approx 40) identified VC as members of 2 Bn 275 Regt; this was verified by statements of 2 VC PW. These PW also stated that the 2 Bn's base camp was located at RAU LAM and that the 1st and 3rd Bn's base camps were located between YS 6181 and highway 1.

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REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET NO 55.
PERIOD 220001 - 222400H.

1. Missions Fired.

- a. At 0250H c/s 40 engaged YS 466 536. Target description lights.
- b. Between 1300H and 1500H c/s 10, 30, 40, 50A and 47 provided covering fire for movement of 6RAR elements in the 6RAR AO.
- c. At 1600H c/s 30 and c/s 40 fired in support of a contact between A/6RAR and an extended VC platoon (see summary of operations) at YS 584 597.
- d. At 2220H c/s 40 engaged lights sighted by POSSUM at YS 606 606. Lights extinguished.
- e. At 2303H c/s 30 engaged movement at YS 603 607. POSSUM observed the fire and reported good coverage of the target area.

2. Summary of Operations.

- a. 1 ATF continued Operation PORTSEA with 1st Sqn 11ACR and 1/43 ARVN. Regt (-) in support. Due to developments in the past 48hrs the concept of Operation PORTSEA has been changed substantially. 6RAR is now clearing from EAST to WEST with 1st Sqn 11ACR forming a block to the NORTH and elements of 5RAR blocking to the WEST. Elements of 11ACR have been placed under operational control of 6RAR.
- b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued in support of Operation PORTSEA with negative contact. 2 Troop continued operations with B/5RAR. 3 Troop continued operations with A/5RAR under command of 6RAR. 4 Troop was given the task of blocking with 1st Sqn 11ACR.
- c. 161 Fd Bty RNZA moved to the HORSESHOE feature at 0640H.
- d. 5RAR continued Operation PORTSEA. Operation LEETON continues. C/5RAR provided a blocking force to the west of 6RAR AO. There was negative contact.
- e. 6RAR continues Operation PORTSEA. At 1035H C/5RAR found a camp of three bunkers at YS 598 616. The camp had been used recently and hurriedly evacuated. At 1155H B/5RAR found a platoon sized camp at YS 556 566 which had not been used for two weeks. At 1258H at YS 601 609 C/5RAR contacted 3VC. There were no casualties. At 1320H A/5RAR found a recently used company position with 18 pits. At 1535 C/5RAR found a platoon sized camp at YS 591 603, 3-5 days old. At 1600H at YS 584 597 A/5RAR contacted an estimated VC platoon with two mortars 1VC KIA, 1 weapon captured. At 1729H at YS 591 597 C/5RAR found an underground installation with blood stained bandages. Hospital destroyed by Engineers. A rice storage area was discovered at YS 572 608 at 1745H. A/5RAR found 40 pits and shacks at YS 584 597.
- f. Air support. At 0735H an airstrike at YS 352 811 destroyed 4 bunkers and 200 metres of trench. At 0815H an airstrike on a VC camp at YS 347 830 destroyed 4 bunkers 1 hut and 50 metres of trench. At 1117H an airstrike on a suspected VC Regt headquarters at YS 696 706 caused two secondary fires. At 1204H an airstrike on VC buildings and bunkers at YS 594 667 damaged 2 concrete buildings destroyed 2 huts and caused 2 KBA possible.

3. H&I Programme.

- a. 1/83 US Arty, 1 Fd Regt RAA and How Bty 11 ACR fired a total of 32 serials into the area of Operation PORTSEA.
- b. 50B fired 12 serials into areas immediately SOUTH and NORTH of the NUI THI VIA hills

4. VC Casualty State.

	KIA						WEAPONS			TONS of RIC
	BC	POSS	WIA	VCPW	VCS	RALLIERS	CSW	AUTO	NORMAL	
220001 -										
222400 H.	1								1	
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REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET No 56
230001 - 232400H Mar 67

1. Summary of Missions Fired

- a. At 0645H C/S 50B fired at YS 6083. Target description A1 Intelligence Report.
- b. At 0630H C/S 10, C/S 30, C/S 40 and C/S 50A fired a five serial fire plan originated by C/S 19 as covering fire for movement of elements of 6RAR.
- c. At 0940H a CH47 received ground fire .50 cal from YS 6059. C/S 50A engaged the area for approximately 25 mins.
- d. At 1030H C/S 10, C/S 30, C/S 40 and C/S 50A fired a five serial fire plan originated by C/S 19 as covering fire for movement of elements of 6RAR.
- e. At 2310H C/S 20 engaged YS 403658. Target description mortars. (See Summary of Operations).
- f. Between 2324H and 2350H C/S 50A engaged YS 3865, YS 3764, YS 3664 and YS 3765. Target description suspected mortar base plate and VC escape routes.

2. Summary of Operations

- a. 1 ATF continued Operation PORTSEA. There was negative contact. Operation LEETON continued with negative contact.
- b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation PORTSEA. At 1100H 2 Troop found a camp containing 260 weapon pits extending from YS 538575 to YS 525550. Pits were sighted to ambush paddy field to the NORTH. Pits seem to have been dug approximately 48 hours previously.
- c. At 2310H 1/83 US Arty received 20 rds of mortar fire in their base location vicinity YS 425658. Counter mortar fire was used with unknown results. Friendly casualties were 3 US WIA.
- d. 5RAR continued Operation LEETON with negative contact. A/5RAR remained under command of 6RAR on Operation PORTSEA.
- e. 6RAR continued Operation PORTSEA. Elements of 1 Sqn 11ACR that had been placed under operational control of 6RAR reverted to 11ACR command. At 0855H C/6RAR at YS 585585 found a well used trail running SW to NE which had been used by approximately 20 people during the last 24 hours. At 1535H A/5RAR found a battalion size camp running from YS 565597 - 561594. Assessment by 6RAR of activities on night 20/21 Mar is that the attack on LO GOM outpost on 21 Mar was staged in order to ambush a heliborne reaction force on likely LZ in padi area in the vicinity YS5357, YS5257.
- f. Air Support. Results of B52 strike at 0745H were satisfactory. The strike was 90% on target with 75% target coverage. At YS 592671 one target tunnel was exposed at YS 594673 five bunkers were destroyed at YS 592668 three bunkers were destroyed. At 1410H an immediate airstrike was conducted onto a VC rice storage area at YS 610602 resulting in one secondary fire with brown smoke.

3. H&I Programme

During the ni 23/24 Mar a total of 53 serials were fired. Areas covered were as follows:

29E - 32E 72N - 75N.
29E - 30E 65N - 69N.
55E - 58E 78N - 80N.
66E - 68E 81N - 84N.

4. VC Casualty State

No change from last information sheet.

5. General Information

A crater analysis was carried out by the TFAIO on mortar craters found after the mortar attack on the Task Force area. The mortar base plate appears to have been somewhere in YS 4166 or YS 4167. Tail-fins found in the area of 1/83 US Arty established the mortars as 81mm.

1. Missions Fired

- a. At 0433H C/S 50A engaged YS 6263 after a report from LFT that there was movement in the area.
- b. At 0445H C/S 50A engaged YS 6060 after receiving a similar report.
- c. At 0610H C/S 20 engaged YS 3968 at the request of C/S 22A. Target description VC movement. No results were reported by C/S 22A.
- d. At 1205H C/S 82 saw 9 people dressed in black near YS 658660 C/S 50A engaged. C/S 82 reported that the 9 people hid in the thick scrub when fired on.
- e. At 1230H C/S 10 fired at YS 535573 in support of a contact between 5VC and A/5RAR. Negative results.

2. Summary of Operations

- a. 1ATF continued Operation PORTSEA with 1st Sqn 11ACR. Operation LEETON continued.
- b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued in support of Operation PORTSEA with minor contact. At 1225H at YS 539575, 3 Tp with A/5RAR contacted 5VC. No casualties to either side. One loaded AK47 magazine was recovered. At approximately 1700H 3 Troop with C/5RAR returned to 1ATF base area to search for the base plate position of last night's mortar attack. There was insufficient time for a thorough search. 4 Troop patrolled as protection for the Engineers clearing Route 23 EAST of DAT DO.
- c. Task Force artillery continued in support of Operation PORTSEA and Operation LEETON.
- d. 5RAR continued Operation LEETON with negative contact. The wiring of DAT DO has progressed to approximately YS 503577. 5RAR continued Operation PORTSEA. At approximately 1700H C Coy returned from DAT DO with 3 Tp/ A Sqn 3 Cav Regt to search the area YS 405670 for a suspected base plate position. Negative results.
- e. 6RAR continued Operation PORTSEA with minor contact. 6RAR continued to search from EAST to WEST. At 1225H A/5RAR under comd 6RAR contacted 5VC at YS 539575. At 1610H A/5RAR reverted to comd 5RAR. At 1530H B/6RAR at YS 507580 located a clearing cut in thick timber which appeared to be a meeting place. At YS 545596 D/6RAR found a large camp and also 400lbs of salt and 40lbs of sugar. The camp had been used recently. It had underground rooms and tunnels. 250 metres SW of this was another camp with 30 pits. A recently constructed platoon size camp, one week old, was also found at 583598.
- f. 1st Sqn 11ACR continued Operation PORTSEA with some contact. At 0800H at YS 599643, CTp found several graves one of which contained a corpse, two week old, in light blue clothing. At 1020H at YS 602699 an assortment of blood stained bandages, 2 huts and 81 packs full of clothing and 2 packs full of documents were found. Among the documents was one dated 19 Mar 67. Also found were 100 bags of fertilizer and a smooth bore CHICOM flare gun. At 0915H at YS 635634 one female was detained moving WEST to DAT DO. She was evacuated to 1ATF for interrogation. At 1100H at YS 602644 1300lbs of rice was located and subsequently destroyed. At 1800H D Tp contacted 2VC. Results were 1US WIA 3VC KIA (BC) 1 VCPW, 2 foreign 7.62 carbines and one M1 were recovered. It seems that the area in which the packs were recovered was a fwd assy area for activities either in the vic of LO GOM YS 5154 or XUYEN MOC. It is more likely that the latter is the case. It has also been confirmed that the owners of the packs found were members of 3Bn 275 Regt.
- g. 1 Bn 43 ARVN Regt and 35 BDQ continued operations in the LONG HAI mountains. Negative contact.
- h. Engineers. The clearing of Route 23 by 2FFV and 1ATF engineers has progressed to YS 559616. Clearing to 50 metres on both sides of Route 23 has progressed to YS 548615.
- j. Air Support. At 1615H an airstrike on a VC camp at YS 573579 destroyed 2 bunkers and 1 tunnel. At 1630H an airstrike on a camp at YS 575809 destroyed 11 bunkers and uncovered 14 bunkers. Airstrike at 1715H damaged 10 bunkers at YS 578809.

3. H&I Programme

During the ni 24/25 Mar a total of 78 serials were fired into the following areas:

39 - 42E	79 - 82N
35 - 37E	68 - 70N
65 - 68E	60 - 68N
44 - 49E	50 - 53N

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Commanders Diary (4)

1. Missions Fired

- a. At 0730H C/S 40 engaged a suspected VC location at YS 457515. Mission was fired at the request of C/S 77. Negative surveillance.
- b. At 1224H C/S 10 engaged YS 550599 when a helicopter reported that ground fire had been received from that location. Negative surveillance.
- c. At 2026H C/S 20 engaged suspected enemy movement at YS 418708. Negative results.
- d. At 2215H C/S 20 engaged lights seen at YS 542686.

2. Summary of Operations

- a. 1ATF, 43 ARVN Regt, 1 Sqn 11ACR and 2FFV engineers continued Operation PORTSEA with minor contact. Operation LEETON continued with negative contact.
- b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation PORTSEA and Operation LEETON. There was negative contact.
- c. 5RAR continued Operation PORTSEA, Operation LEETON and patrolling of the TAOR. At 251100H B/5RAR at YS 432710 found 5 boxes containing assorted small arms ammunition and some documents, one friction grenade and part of a 2 inch rocket.
- d. 6RAR continued Operation PORTSEA. At 250920H at YS 528578 A/6RAR found an empty rice cache area. Trails through this area showed signs of recent use. At 250930H D/6RAR completed a search of a large camp complex at YS 545596 previously reported. At 250855H B6RAR found an enemy installation at YS 512568 consisting of two 82mm mortar pits, six bunkers and eight foxholes. The mortar pits were 4ft X 6ft with adjoining shelters for the crew. Also found were nine 82mm mortar rounds and one 60mm round all of which were subsequently destroyed.
- e. 1 Sqn 11ACR continued Operation PORTSEA. A VCPW captured at YS 615642 led C Troop to what he claimed was his base camp. At 251020H C Troop entered the VCPW's base camp. The camp consisted of six huts. A booby trap and a quantity of butterfly mines were found. At 251710H at YS 607666 an APC struck a small anti-tank mine of approximately 10lbs of explosive. The APC was repaired and resumed its task. There were no casualties.
- f. Air Support. At 250600H a B52 strike was conducted on a VC base camp vic YS 588690. BDA showed a total of 8 bunkers destroyed and several weapon pits.

3. H&I Programme

- a. A total of 123 serials were fired during the ni 25/26 Mar into the following areas:

28 - 30E	66 - 70N
54 - 57E	71 - 73N
32 - 35E	68 - 70N
28 - 30E	72 - 74N
- b. All serials were fired at known tracks and installations.

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OPERATIONAL REPORT NUMBER 8
MARCH 1967

MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 series

General

1. This report covers the period 1-31 Mar 67.

Operations

2. KIRIBILLI (initiated 23 Feb 67). Designed to deny VC access to 1ATF base area by using company size patrols. This operation was terminated on 5 Mar 67.
3. BOSTON TEA PARTY (9 Mar 67). This was a one day operation that took the form of a heliborne assault on a VC tax collecting point at YS 581634. 5RAR and 9 Sqn RAAF took part. Negative result.
4. LEETON (initiated 6 Mar 67). An operation to establish a company defensive location at the HORSESHOE feature YS 4962 and to erect a wire fence EAST of DAT DO YS 4960 and PHOUC LOI YS 5057. 5RAR, A Sqn 3 Cav Regt and TF artillery has been involved in this operation. At the end of the reporting period the operation was continuing.
5. AYR (7 Mar 67). A one day operation designed to practice heliborne-assault techniques and to carry out limited search and destroy operations in the area vic YS 4973. 6RAR, 101 Fd Bty, 9 Sqn RAAF and 116 Assault Helicopter Coy took part. There was negative contact.
6. PORTSEA (initiated 21 Mar 67). The largest operation ever undertaken by 1ATF. The mission was to:
 - a. Conduct search and destroy operations.
 - b. Repair and open Route 23 from DAT DO (YS 4960.) to XUYEN MOC (YS 6568).
 - c. Resettle squatters EAST of DAT DO and BINH GIA (YS 4977).
 - d. Repair and open Route 327 (YS 4677 to YS 6076).
7. Units that were involved in Phase 1 were 1 ATF, 1 Sqn 11ACR (US), 1/43 ARVN Regt, 35 Rangers (ARVN). Phase 1 of the operation resulted in minor contact although large quantities of rice and equipment were found. Phase 1 ended on 31 Mar.
8. During Phase 1 11ACR provided a small liason team to 1ATF Artillery Tactical Headquarters to facilitate air and ground clearance and to provide liason.
9. During the first few days of the operation naval gunfire support was provided by destroyer USS WARRINGTON. Naval gunfire was used as blocking fire, harassing fire and in LZ preparation.
10. At the end of the reporting period Op PORTSEA continued, Phase 2 commencing on 3 Apr.

Equipment

11. OC LAD's monthly report on equipment is attached - Annex A.

Det 131 Div Loc Bty

12. The detachments Operational Report for the period 1 Mar - 31 Mar 67 is attached - Annex B.

161 Fd Bty RNZA

13. 161 Bty Quarterly Report is attached - Annex C.

QUARTERLY REPORT 161 BATTERY RNZA

1 JANUARY 1967 - 31 MARCH 1967

Reference Maps: VIETNAM 1 : 50,000 Sheets XA BINH BA
XUYEN MOC
VUNG TAU
DAT DO

PART 1 - 'G' MATTERS

Role

1. 161 Battery remained as the GS Battery 1 ATF throughout the period and deployed outside the Base Area twice. Two OP parties remained permanently deployed with 5 and 6 Bns RAR. A third party has often been deployed with the APC Squadron or on LO duties.

Operations

2. Task Force operations in the period have in general been designed to control the main population centres in the South of the province, to prevent the VC from obtaining supplies, finance, medicine and recruits from these areas.

Operation 'TAMBOURINE' 1 - 8 Feb 67 (Annex A).

3. a. This 6Bn RAR operation was designed to prevent an anticipated en attack on the town of DAT DO YS 49 50 prior to TET by ambushing ROUTE 23 EAST of DAT DO.
- b. 161 Battery was in sp 6RAR for this operation and moved by CH - 47 CHINOOK to a fire base YS 51 64 on 1 Feb 67. As CH - 47 were not available for the return move a combination of APC and IROQUOIS lift was made.
- c. It was during this operation on the 6 Feb that 2 rounds FFE from 161 Battery landed in D Coy 6 RAR killing four members of the Coy and wounding thirteen.

Operation 'BEAUMARIS' 13 - 14 Feb 67 (Annex B).

4. a. This was a 5Bn RAR operation with a mission to cordon, interrogate, search and eliminate all VC from the village of XA AN NHUT YS 46 59.
- b. At approximately 140900hrs Feb 67 when the cordon was in position and the search in progress Capt P WILLIAMS, who was acting as OP with C Coy 5 RAR, together with the Coy Comd and Coy 2I/C were killed when a booby trap exploded.

Operation 'BRIBIE' 17 - 18 Feb 67.

5. a. This was a 6Bn RAR operation mounted without warning to cut off a VC Force which had mortared the RF outpost at PHOUC HAI YS 51 53 and entered the village early on the morning of 17 Feb 67.
- b. 6RAR were lifted into an LZ area YS 54 57 and the two forward companies immediately had heavy contact. Because of intense well camouflaged heavy automatic fire the assaulting companies and APC's were forced to pull back to a night battalion position. Friendly casualties were 8 KIA, 24 WIA and one APS destroyed.
- c. On the morning of 18 Feb 6RAR moved out to search the area of the previous days contact and recovered six Australians MIA, one alive and 5 KIA. Six VC bodies were also found in the area.

Operation 'RENMARK' 18 - 24 Feb 67 (Annex C).

5. a. A 5 Bn RAR operation to clear the Eastern slopes of the LONG HAI hill feature YS 47 53.
- b. Only light ground contact was made but 5Bn suffered 5 KIA and 10 WIA when an APC was blown up by a mine. 5 Bn were withdrawn to the Task Force Base Area before completion of this operation.

Operation 'KIRIBILLY' 22Feb - 1 Mar 67 (Annex D).

7. a. This operation was designed to deny the enemy access to the 1 ATF Base Area by use of the infantry and armour patrols and maximum night aerial survey.
- b. Patrols reported little sight of enemy activity and no significant contacts were made.

Operation 'LEETON' 5 - 16 Mar 67 (Annex E).

8. a. This was a 1 ATF operation designed to assist the Vietnamese authorities to maintain control of Southern HUOC TUY Province by :-
- (1). Establishing a permanent company defensive position on HORSESHOE HILL YS 49 62 approx 1800 metres SE of 1 ATF Base Area.
 - (2) Clearing the timber from 50 to 52 Eastings and from the coast to 63 Northings
 - (3) Erection of wire fence EAST of DAT DO YS 49 60 and PHUOC LOI YS 50 57
- b. The company position and a Bty fire base have been constructed, the wire is almost completed.

Operation 'PORTSEA' 15 - 20 Mar 67 (Annex F).

9. a. 1 ATF assisted by one squadron 11 ACR, 1/43 ARVN Regt and Comp Bde 9 US DI carried out search and destroy operations in the SOUTH EAST portion of PHUOC THU Province.
- b. Artillery support located in 1 ATF area for this operation included:
- | | |
|------------------------|------------|
| One bty 175mm guns | (4 guns) |
| One bty 8" hows | (4 guns) |
| Two btys 155 guns SP | (12 guns) |
| One bty 155 guns towed | (6 guns) |
| One bn 105 guns towed | (18 guns) |
| 1 Fd Regt 105 " " | (18 guns) |
- c. 161 Battery moved by road to HORSESHOE FEATURE to support 6 RAR and fired 1150 rounds in this period on preparatory bombardment harassing and close support missions.

Training.

10. An extensive retraining programme has been carried out to train gun crews and command post staff in the different procedures and drills required for the M2A2 equipment now in use with this Battery. An M2A2 Instructor was provided ex AUSTRALIA.

PART II - 'A' MATTERS.

Reinforcements.

11. The Mar 67 replacement draft was the first draft in which all reinforcements at the Battery held at least one star trade qualifications for an RNZA trade on arrival. Reinforcements should not be posted to the Unit, unless they have at least a one star RNZA trade qualification. All basic gunners are currently being trade tested.

Discipline.

12. Although one Court Martial has been held in the period, discipline with the Battery has been generally very good. The return to NZ of one unsettling influence has removed a major source of possible crime, and the arrival of a very forceful BSM should ensure the continuation of the current high standard. Cases dealt with in the period were :-

a. Coy Entries for the period	66
Regt Entries for the period	15
Charges dismissed	10
Total for period	91
b. These charges were for the following offences :-	
AWOL, etc	24
Offering Violence	2
Conduct etc, to the prejudice	42
Disobeying a lawfull command etc.	3
Liquor Offences	13
Neglecting to obey a written order	7
Total	91

Medical.

13. a. The lower humidity and complete lack of rain in this period has reduced the number of cases of skin diseases. The general health of the Battery continues to be maintained at a very high standard. Medical statistics for the period are :-

Operational Casualties	4
Other Injuries	68

Veneral Disease	21
Skin Diseases (Tinea) slight	40
Skin Diseases slight	38
Diorrhoea	22
Otitis Externa	9
All other diseases	72

b. An outbreak of plague among the civilian population of VUNG TAU in Mar was quickly brought under control. Anti plague precautions were instituted and plague inoculations were renewed as required.

Visitors.

14. The number of visitors to the Battery have in this period increased by the requirement for planning visits prior to the despatch of the NZ Infantry Company ex MALAYSIA. Visitors during the period were:-

6 Jan 67	Brig	O.D.JACKSON	OBE DSO
10 Jan 67	Brig	S.C.GRAHAM	OBE MC
	Maj Gen	J.N.A.VICKERY	CMF Member of Military Board.
11 Jan 67	Sir	STEPHEN WEIR,	accompanied by two sons
12 Jan 67	Air Vice Marshall	NGUYEN GAO KY	
14 Jan 67	Ch C13	J.McNEIL	RNZCD
15 Jan 67	Capt	M.S.WOODARD	RNZAC
18 Jan 67	Lt Col	R.J.GARDNER	RAA
		CH - 47 Training Team	
		Mr DUNN	US Correspondent
19 Jan 67	Lt Col	R.H.SMITH	RNZA
	Mr	G.E.BREMMER	Open Air Campaigners International.
6 Feb 67	Lt Col	R.H.SMITH	RNZA
10/12 Feb 67	Maj	J.C.BROWN	MBE RNZAC
11 Feb 67	Lt Col	R.H.SMITH	RNZA
23/25 Feb 67	Maj	W.P.RILEY	RNZASC
	Sqn Ldr	S.W.QUAYLE	RNZAF
	Lt Cdr	P.W.WRIGHT	RNZIN
24 Feb 67	Maj	N.SCHOFIELD	RNZAC
25 Feb 67			
to	Lt Col	L.W.WRIGHT	MBE RNZA
1 Mar 67			
28 Feb 67	Mr	D.EXELL	RZPR
2 Mar 67	Sir	STEPHEN WEIR	
	Lt Col	R.H.SMITH	RNZA
	Mr	E.A.Q.POPE	
	Maj	CARTER	US Army
6 Mar 67	Col	P.A.G.HAMILTON	CEE
	Maj	D.R.KENNING	MBE RNZA
	Maj	J.WEST	NZLS
4 Mar 67	Maj Gen	J.S.ANDERSON	CEE AG AMF
7 Mar 67	Brig	R.W.P.DODD	MC ED COMD 7 ATF
8 Mar 67	Lt Col	R.H.SMITH	RNZA
10 Mar 67	Capt	A.R.FRASER	RNZIR
	Lt	J.WEST	NZLS
	Maj	J.C.BROWN	MBE RNZAC
11 Mar 67	Lt Gen	T.DALY	CB CEE CGS AMF
	Brig	S.C.GRAHAM	OBE MC
14 Mar 67	Col	P.A.G.HAMILTON	CEE
	Col	R.D.P.HASSETT	MBE
	Maj	J.L.SMITH	MBE RNZA

Welfare.

15. a. Recreation. The Battery participates in a Task Force plan for Recreation Training in which groups of approx 100 travel to VUNG TAU for a 24 hour stay in the transit camp. During this twenty four hours sporting activities and swimming are organised.
- b. Rugby. The Battery rugby team travelled to VUNG TAU twice in the reporting period to play against 101 Workshops and a combined ALSG team. Both games resulted in wins for the Battery.
- c. Sports Facilities. With the construction of a basketball court in the Battery area during this period facilities now exist for the following sports: basketball, softball, volleyball, badminton and deck tennis. Equipment for all sports is readily available through US Special Services.
- d. Entertainment. A professional Maori entertainment group the 'VOLCANICS' visited the Battery on 18 Feb and put on a special concert which was greatly appreciated by a large audience.

Civil Affairs.

16. The reconstruction of a ward at the BARIK Hospital has been completed by Battery personnel and the ward is now in use.

PART III - 'Q' MATTERS.

'Q' ACCOUNT.

17. a. Both the Battery Captain and the BQMS have changed during the period. Losses of two SMCs and two watches discovered during the handover stock take have been the subject of separate investigations and reports.
b. With the completion of the Q building and installation of dexion shelving has allowed all the Q stores to be combined in one secure waterproof building. It is anticipated that this should simplify Q accounting procedures in future.

Equipment.

18. a. Guns. Whilst the 105 M2A2 is in use by the Battery an opportunity has been taken to send all the 105 L5 equipments to the LAD for complete overhaul and checking. One of the original guns still in use by the Battery has now fired approximately 3000 EF's. This gun on current tolerances is still serviceable, however if the amended UK tolerances are introduced it is possible that this gun would not meet these. A full RAEME report on this will be submitted later.
b. Vehicles. The landrover gun tractors have stood up to their task very well. Despite constant overloading and use in cross country conditions, they can generally be relied on. It is anticipated that these vehicles will have a life of about two years in this theatre. Ideally to meet this anticipated life half the landrovers should be replaced every year.

Tentage.

19. As permanent accommodation buildings will not be available before the next monsoon, a request has been made for replacement tents. Experience has shown that the 180 lb tent lasts about twelve months in this theatre, after this time they rot and leak.

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REPORT ON LIAISON OFFICER TASK WITH 1 ATF.
21 MAR 67 TO 22 APR 67

1. Having been warned for a liaison officer task with 1 ATF for approximately one month, I arrived at NUI DAT from MALAYSIA on 21 Mar 67. On arrival I was informed that Operation POINSENE had commenced and that the following units were included :-
 - a. 1 ATF
 - b. 1st Bde 9 US DIV
 - c. 43 ARVN Regt.
 - d. One Squadron 11 Armd Cav Regt (US)
2. Because the three forces were operating in three different areas, an exchange of liaison was necessary. I was sent to 1st Bde 9 US Div, and spent from 1 Apr to 14 Apr 67 in the Fire Direction Centre of 1-11 Arty Bn. This battalion had on the operation, two batteries M2A2 105mm, and under command, Battery A 1-84 Arty Bn (155mm howtzers(towed)).
3. Although an infantry liaison officer, Maj J.DEIGHTON, was located with HQ 1st Bde, I found that my duties were parallel with his, rather than superimposed by them
4. I consider that, should the occasion arise again where liaison officers are required, they should be obtained from units outside the theatre for the following reasons:-
 - a. Initial experience is gained in the theatre for officers who have not been in SOUTH VIETNAM before, and who anticipate being posted there in the future.
 - b. The officer strength of the regiment is not decreased. During my tour, 1 Fd Regt RAA officer strength was already five officers deficient. Two postings were vacant, one officer was sick, one was permanent liaison officer to 1/83 US Arty Bn, and one was on R&R. The provision of a further two liaison officers from within the Regiment would have been more than embarrassing.
5. In addition, the duties of a liaison officer make him become an integral part of the organisation to which he is attached, rather than an onlooker, as in the case of an officer on a familiarisation visit.

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VISITS BY CMF OFFICERS TO VIETNAM 3rd VISIT.

AHQ INSTRUCTION 877/R1/45.

1. The following report is made by 363995 Maj A M STEPHENS of 2 Fd Regt RAA MELBOURNE Vict. Originally a AA Gunner I converted to Field Branch Artillery in 1957 to a Medium Regiment as CPO until 1962 when I was transferred to a 25 PR regiment. My current posting is BC 2 Bty 2 Fd Regt RAA.

Movement and Administration.

2. On the 6th Feb 67 I was informed verbally of acceptance of my nomination which was submitted in Nov 66. I was to report to SCPD on the 2nd of March for movement to Vietnam. This left me less than a month to arrange leave from my civilian occupation as Branch Manager with the Commonwealth Banking Corporation which fortunately has a liberal policy towards CMF activities. Moreover it was necessary for me to obtain the relative injections and additional equipment during normal business hours involving some 200 miles of travel at my expense and 4 days of work time which I could ill afford.

3. It is suggested therefore that parent units arrange with the QM and RMO to issue the extra equipment and give the injections on parade nights.

4. On arrival at SCPD suitably equipped with all the necessary documentation for travelling overseas I discovered to my amazement that the Personnel Depot had no authority to issue me with a rail warrant or MOB 3 and it was only after some frantic telephone messages to Southern Command that authorisation was granted.

5. It seems that staff duties along the line were poor.

General Observations.

6. Whilst attached to 103 Bty of 1 Fd Regt a section was deployed for over a week away from the Battery. This detachment appears to throw a strain upon the resources of the Battery which still had a local defence commitment on the perimeter of the Task Force. This local defence requirement was still necessary even when the Battery was deployed as a whole and it seems that some adjustment is necessary to the establishment of the Battery to cater for this additional responsibility.

7. The Regiment has adopted the ABCA procedure as well as the more recent amendment to voice procedure. On several occasions it was noticed that a mixture of the old and new were being used by the signallers.

8. It was interesting to note that the infantry had a great respect for the guns which were used, amongst other things, to give close support to the infantry on its operations. At no stage would the infantry move outside gun range. 103 Battery is very proud of the fact that they have not the close support required of the infantry without incident on the part of the Command Post.

9. I have greater understanding of the amount of time committed by the commanders to planning and implementing of DF programmes associated with both Task Force DFs and the different infantry and APC operations.

10. Although the Task Force has been at NUI DAT for over 9 months, it is difficult to understand while the guns have been deployed in such a way that they cannot be self supporting in the local defense role. On exercises the Task Force level in Australia it has always been impressed upon us, the need for Artillery to provide themselves with some element of support and they have been deployed accordingly.

11. In our home training we have not had the opportunity to see, Arty TAC, or FCC set up and operating and I have a greater understanding of the layout, manning and organisation of these centres for efficient operations.

12. There has always been a stress placed upon the air mobile concept in our training and it has been a great benefit to see the practical application of this concept as it relates to the Forward Operational Base with infantry and guns.

13. The question of response to fire orders was an aspect of considerable interest to me and I took the opportunity of discussing this aspect with both infantry and artillery commanders and noting command post procedures and it was

gratifying to note that the infantry was satisfied with our response and understood that some delay was inevitable if accurate fire was to be produced.

14. Another point which has never been completely apparent is the need for FO's to carry out the majority of their engagements by sound rather than observation and to use close target procedure. I have a more detailed knowledge of this technique which can only be improved by operational experience.

15. The benefits of H & I tasks were not apparent until this visit and the tactical significance provides one with a further understanding of the requirement.

16. Although the General Support Battery is only becoming operational, it would appear that there is a real task for the M2A2 gun to provide the sustained firing necessary from a base such as that established at NIU DAT rather than the L5.

17. I accompanied the FMO on a Medcap to BINH GIA and the civil affairs officer to HAI LONG and BARIA. The civil aid programme appears to be well implemented and the hearts and minds campaign should reap a great deal of benefit in the province. The programmes implemented by the officers concerned came as a surprise to me and I can see that there is a real need for this type of work if the local people are to have confidence in the aims of the people of the free world who are trying to help them.

Conclusion.

18. I would like to thank the CO of the Regiment, all the officers and NCOs who have helped to make my stay very informative and quite beneficial. I am sure I will be able to put my experiences to good use when it comes to the future training of my Battery.

19. If the officers who are allowed to make future visits can be given the same insight into the operations of the regiment then they should reap similar benefits.

Major
A M STEPHENS

MONTHLY SICK REPORT
MONTH ENDING 31 Mar 67

ILLNESS	HQ BTY	101 Fd Bty	103 Fd Bty	161 Fd Bty	Det 131 Div Loc Bty	APC Sqn	LAD	TOTAL
INTESTINAL	7	3	1	4		1	2	18
EYE	6						1	7
EAR	9	13	2	4		6		34
NOSE & THROAT	3			3			2	8
SKIN	7	7	6	11	2	2		35
RESPIRATORY	3	1			2		2	8
PUO								
PSYCHIATRIC		2						2
VD NEW CASES	9	12	3	8	3	5	1	41
VD REVIEWS	30	26	19	10	7	7	8	107
INJURIES	7	6	3	25	2	2	2	47
HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS	2	3	2	2	3	4	2	18
MISCELLANEOUS	12	10	3	22	5	7	5	64
TOTALS	95	83	39	89	24	34	25	389

RMOs Comments: See attached

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1 Fd Regt LAD RAEME
NUI DAT
29 Mar 67

1 Fd Regt RAA

HOWITZER PACK 105MM L5.
REPORT ON LIASION VISIT TO 40 BASE WKSP REME.

1. Two Fitter & Turners, as listed below, visited 40 Base Wksp REME, SINGAPORE for the period 14 - 27 Mar 67 with a view to inspecting work being carried out on these guns and discussions on certain problems.

13229 Sgt R J FINNEY
342849 Cpl P J SHANAHAN

2. The following instructions were given to the members :
- To move to 40 Base Wksp as organised by HQ AFV/HQ AUST ARM FARELF for a period of approximately two weeks, exact timings to be co-ordinated with FARELF.
 - To inspect base repair program on these guns and report with as much documentation as possible on this program.
 - To investigate rumoured modification to recoil systems.
 - To investigate any work currently being carried out on the elevating gear.
 - To discuss problems on Mount Telescopes and Sights.
 - To investigate any other matter which arises associated with the operation of these gun equipments.

Results.

3. The result of the visit in general will not have any great bearing on the repair or modification of this equipment in this theatre by this unit or Fd Wksp, most information pertains to complete overhaul of the equipment in Base Wksp or a Ordnance Factory.
4. Much concentration for the overhaul of these guns is effected at 40 Base Wksp and equipment is held there beyond that normally held in our Base Wksp. The details gathered for base repair will be covered in a further report at a later date due to more documentation being forwarded to this unit in the near future.
5. The main fact which came out of this visit in that it is understood that the British guns are given a complete overhaul of approximately 400 EFC, which with their use is a reasonably long period. As applicable to this theatre, 400 EFC represents approximately four months operation. No exact detail as to time, EFC or wear factors causing overhaul were obtained.
6. On the first overhaul, all bearings which are intergral to the guns are milled out and replaced by phosphor-bronze bearings and all these, irrespective, are replaced on each subsequent overhaul. The overhaul includes the following also:
- Replacement of all slides.
 - Modifications to;
 - (1) Compensator.
 - (2) Towing attachment.
 - (3) Cut-off gears.
 - (4) Traverse locking plunger.
 - (5) Stand plunger.
 - (6) Saddle.
 - Repair of worn traverse racks (carried out in UK as it is beyond scope of their facilities.
 - Fitting new firing pin springs.
7. The only modification in the recoil system was the one to the compensator, details will be included in latter report, but it included chroming of cylinder and fitting of a new brass piston.
8. Certain members of the wksp said they had heard of the reports of our failures of elevating worm wheels (they also have had six) and knew of our investigations but claimed they were incosequential. They considered that the failures were caused by a lack of ductility in the worm wheel material. This is agreed with but is NOT

considered to be the only answer and further discussion resulted in several senior British NCO's being convinced that our reports were correct and the failure being caused by multiple factors.

9. No investigation was carried out on sights and mount telescopes due to a change in postings in the last month and the new section commander not being conversant with the equipment. All that was achieved was a quick discussion with the previous section commander who was departing for UK and they had experienced similar difficulties with the mount telescopes and were having parts troubles.

10. When all documentation becomes available from SINGAPORE a further report will be compiled with dissemination and any comments on the available information. It is hoped that this will include draft EMER's and 40 Base Wksp comments on these, also certain drawings and specifications.

Conclusion.

11. It is considered that this visit was definitely worthwhile although slightly disappointing on this level with the exception of certain wear tolerances and definite experience for the two members concerned.

12. The timing of the visit was not particularly good as it clashed with EASTER holidays. The length of the visit was satisfactory considering the level the visit was carried out on. There is no doubt that 40 Base Wksp contains wealth of experience and information on this equipment and to disseminate this would take a visit on a higher level, Artificer to Capt/Major, and on a slightly longer time frame.

Capt
OC 1 Fd Regt LAD RAEME.

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