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Narrative, Annexes

[1-31 Mar 1966]

COVERING LETTER

Reference No. 118.1.4

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

1. I enclose Commanders Diary (AF C2118) (Adapted) as indicated at Part 2.

2. Please return receipt below.

(Signature) [Signature] Lt Col

Appointment Commanding Officer (OC Unit or senior staff officer)

SECRET

Received 10 May 66

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation 1 FD REGT RAA From 1 Mar 66 To 31 Mar 66

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## COMMANDERS DIARIES INSTRUCTIONS

### AIM

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

### GENERAL

2. Entries are to be made daily on AF C 2118 (Adapted) each entry being initialled by the officer detailed to keep it.

3. Commanders Diaries will conform with the rules for drafting orders given in "Staff Duties (Australia)", Chapter 2, Section 12.

### RESPONSIBILITY

#### During Non-operational Periods

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

#### During Operational Periods (1)

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

### COMPILATION

6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:

- a. Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
- b. Index as printed on cover.
- c. Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
- d. Annexes as shown in the Index.

7. All details of the unit or formation (if a detachment is concerned, the name of the parent unit), period covered and enclosure numbers of the annexes are to be shown on the cover. If there has been a change of command since the last report, the date of assumption by the new commanding officer is to be included.

8. The annexes are to be assembled in the groups shown on the cover. If there are no enclosures for an annex NIL will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters starting at B.

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**DISPOSAL**

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

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

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

16. **TOP SECRET Supplementary Diaries.**

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

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

**TOP SECRET**  
**ANNEX Z to**

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

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

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

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8. The annexes are to be recorded in the correct column on the cover. If there are no annexes for an annex III, will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are covering for a particular week/quarter, listing at B.

The original from Annex "Z", "TOP SECRET" the document. It is to be prepared and disposed of as

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as at 1st of month (reference), establishment, equipment  
3 orders given  
10 days' working, including complete movements  
annexes with report on equipment, medical, organization

**Special Importance**

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employed in the time not accounted for. The type of

and to save work as much information as possible to be  
summarized and recorded, routine matters, etc. All  
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# COMMANDERS DIARY NARRATIVE

UNIT/FORMATION 1 Fd Regt RAA

MONTH AND YEAR Mar 66

REFERENCE MAP TIANJARA RANGE (SPECIAL) 1:25,000

COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col R CUBIS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
TIANJARA	1 Mar 66	1400	Colonel D H CROMPTON, DRA, arrived by air to visit the Regiment. Accompanied by the Commanding Officer he visited all Batteries and, in the evening, watched, from Tac HQ, the progress of an exercise battle.	
TIANJARA	2 Mar 66		Colonel CROMPTON continued his visit, leaving for SYDNEY after lunch.	
TIANJARA	4 Mar 66		Batteries quit the positions they had occupied since 22 Feb 66 and moved to the general area of the Tac HQ - grid reference 348644 - where 104 Med Bty joined them.	
TIANJARA Grid ref 348644	5 Mar 66		Ex OTHO ended with the firing of fire plan HATE, consisting of 3 serials; each serial consisting of a fire mission regiment on each of the old battery positions in turn. At the end of the fire plan members moved forward to inspect the damage and then restored the area.	
TIANJARA	5 Mar 66	1300	Regiment moved to grid reference 514829 near HMAS ALBATROSS and commenced to prepare for Ex GALBA.	

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COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col R. CUBIS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
HMAS ALBATROSS	7 Mar 66		<p>(1) Ex GALBA began as planned - the exercise involved the operational airlift of the Regiment less 107 Fd Bty but including the Task Force Arty Int Sec of 131 Div Loc Bty. The Arty Int Sec normally accompanies the Regt Tac HQ - 102 Fd Bty was the first to fly out; men, vehicles and equipment being called forward from our staging camp - about 4 miles from HMAS ALBATROSS - at two hourly intervals. Four RAAF Caribou aircraft were involved in the lift.</p> <p>(2) The award of the Stanhope Gold Medal to Lt B J CAMPBELL was published today. Lt CAMPBELL had previously been awarded the Royal Humane Society Medal for bravery and his action was considered by the Stanhope Committee to be the outstanding act of bravery shown in the British Commonwealth in 1965.</p>	
HOLSWORTHY	8 Mar 66		<p>1) The Commanding Officer returned to HOLSWORTHY after the return of 102 Fd Bty had been completed.</p>	

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COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col R CUBIS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
HOLSWORTHY	8 Mar 66		<p>(2) Some 40 minutes after the Commanding Officer had returned to KOKODA BARRACKS he was summoned to HQ 1 TF where he was informed by Brig D VINCENT OBE, the TF Comd, that the TF was to go to VIETNAM for service, and that a warning order was expected - the Regiment is to consider itself fortunate that we have been able to anticipate these developments and do so with limited assistance from the Staff - indeed, at times in opposition to the Staff; we were not as unprepared as would otherwise have been the case. As instances of our fortunate "guessing" we had prepared a mounting instruction; prepared written indents for all stores required; instituted a thorough and comprehensive dental and inoculation programme in Oct 65; reposted eligible soldiers into the jobs they might expect to do in an operational theatre and, above all, fought to get the Regiment away from time wasting and fruitless barracks commitments in order to carry out some battery and regimental training. Psychologically we were prepared; the Commanding Officer had publically warned every soldier in Jan 66 that it was his opinion that we would be in VIETNAM in May.</p>	

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REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col R CUBIS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
HMAS ALBATROSS	8/9 Mar		(1) The airlift continued as planned.	
	9 Mar 66		(2) Following a conference at HQ 1 TF and a statement made by the Prime Minister regarding the increase of the Australian commitment in VIETNAM the Commanding Officer, Lt Col R M C CUBIS MVO, addressed all members of the Regiment and informed them that RHQ, HQ Bty and 103 Fd Bty would shortly proceed to VIETNAM.	
	10 Mar 66		(1) The weather broke on this the last day of the airlift. The RAAF aircraft being grounded, the second-in-command, Maj A McDERMOTT was obliged to borrow a bus from the RAN in order to move the remaining troops to HOLSWORTHY. The bus was readily loaned, this being typical of the kindness and very great assistance that the RAN afforded us during the eight weeks of Ex Caesar Augustus. (2) The Regiment received, by signal, a warning order for operational service.	



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MONTH AND YEAR..... Mar 66

REFERENCE MAP.....

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
HOLSWORTHY	14 Mar 66		(1) Authorized organization and equipment table received from HQ E Comd.	I 1
			(2) Additional information to the warning order, including changes to the ORBAT, received from HQ 1 TF	I 2
HOLSWORTHY	15 Mar 66		(1) Instructions received from HQ E Comd for the compilation of a return on pre-embarkation leave.	I 3
			(2) Commanding Officer wrote to HQ E Comd concerning the eligibility of members of 102 Fd Bty for overseas service	L 1
			(3) Instructions to vary chain of command received from HQ 1 TF	D 2
			(4) Letter, expressing concern at aspects of TWET 222 TET(P), sent to HQ E Comd	L 2
			(5) A letter dealing with Q problems caused by the spilt of the Regiment despatched to HQ E Comd	N 1
			(6) VIETNAM contingent - planning lists distributed internally.	J 1

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MONTH AND YEAR Mar 66

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COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col R CUBIS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
HOLSWORTHY	11-15 Mar 66		<p>Staff College Demonstration Period: In the teeth of great difficulties (restrictions to shooting, last minute restrictions to gun locations and last minute changes in plan), intensified by shortage of time and the consequences of our pending operational commitment, preparations were made for the Staff College Demonstration. Thanks to the excellent work of Major D QUINN (BC 107 Fd Bty) whom the Commanding Officer had entrusted with the direction of the demonstration, preparation was most efficiently and economically carried out. Stage management, rehearsals, preparation of stands, survey, catering arrangements, sign posting, printing of programmes and registration, all proceeded as planned by Maj QUINN. The demonstration itself went off well on 15th Mar in the usual drizzling rain which accompanies demonstrations by 1 Fd Regt. The only incident to mar proceedings was a slightly swinging round from 102 Fd Bty (which resulted from a slight defect). This was speedily detected and corrected. The Commanding Officer wishes to be recorded in this diary his opinion, that most Staff College Students at demonstrations attend in boredom and look forward only to a calamity or nonsense (as unfortunately attended the Infantry Centre demonstration on 14 Mar).</p>	

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MONTH AND YEAR Mar 66

REFERENCE MAP

COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col R CUBIS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
HOLSWORTHY	11-15 Mar 66		Demonstrations tend to waste soldiers time, with little constructive result and are economically preposterous. The rounds expended at the demonstration - about 450 at approximately 60 per round - could have been more usefully shot by the Regiment as part of its training, rather than shot off to titillate the dulled palates of unresponsive Staff College students and their instructors - particularly so when the Regiment is about to go to war.	
HOLSWORTHY	16 Mar 66		<p>(1) The Commanding Officer flew to CANBERRA to discuss various matters concerning the Regiment's move overseas with the DRA. Lt Col CUBIS returned to SYDNEY the same day.</p> <p>(2) Eleven Gunners were detached to the School of Artillery to attend an advanced Battery Surveyors Course.</p> <p>(3) Lt Col CUBIS wrote to HQ E Comd asking to have the fitness of four gunners for operational service recorded in medical records.</p> <p>(4) Fourteen Gunners from this Regiment commenced an Advanced Artillery Signallers Course at the School of Artillery.</p> <p>(5) Change of code names received from HQ 1 TF.</p>	N2     I4

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UNIT/FORMATION... 1 Fd Regt RAA

MONTH AND YEAR... Mar 66

REFERENCE MAP.....

COMMANDING OFFICER... Lt Col R CUBIS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
† HOLSWORTHY	17 Mar 66		(1) Commanding Officer wrote to HQ E Comd requesting replacement of WO Caterer.	N3
			(2) Letter despatched to HQ E Comd regarding the condition of our operational transport.	N4
			(3) HQ E Comd was asked to expedite delivery of radio sets PRC 25 and Landrover $\frac{5}{2}$ ton vehicles to the Regiment.	L3
			(4) Major GAIR (BC 103 Fd Bty ) and his BC and OP parties joined 5 RAR in the GOSPERS area for Ex IRON LADY - see reference to these personnel below.	
	18 Mar 66		(1) Signal received from HQ E Comd on the issue of boots GP and trunks.	I5
			(2) HARDIHOOD security plan received/	D3
			(3) Colonel's comments on effects of posting of Capt R S BUCHAN to AATTV.	L4
	19 Mar 66		PLAN TEGAL - brief instructions on states of readiness of personnel and units received from HQ 1 TF	D4

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HOLSWORTHY	16-20 Mar 66		Stand Down Period: The soldiers of this Regiment have now worked every single day since 17 Jan 66 with the exception of two stand down days in February at TIANJARA. During this period all ranks appreciated a couple of days off before Ex VITELLIUS (the final Regimental exercise before departure). This period of rest, alas, did not apply to Maj GAIR and his BC and OP parties.	
	22 Mar 66		(1) Letter written to HQ E Comd about the fostering of 1 Fd Regt and the administration of KOMODA BARRACKS  (2) Amendments to ORBAT received from HQ 1 TF.	N5  D5
	21-24 Mar 66		Ex VITELLIUS began on 21 Mar 66. This was a fire and movement exercise on Ranges D and E of the HOLSWORTHY Training Area. Each Battery in turn carried out a road move (using mainland supplement transport), a road/foot move (guns and CPs towed while personnel marched), a helicopter deployment and manhandling. Only 60 rounds were available to shoot and these were the last of the Regiment's annual entitlement for 1966.	

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COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col R CUBIS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
† HOLSWORTHY	21-24 Mar 66		CO 1 Fd Regt had already decided to shoot off the years entitlement by 31 Mar in any case. He considered it preferable to shoot as part of the Regiment's own programme, at the Regiment's convenience, rather than leave some ammunition in reserve which could be called on by other people at their convenience. Deployment began SOUTH of Broken Bridge and continued along the OLD COACH ROAD during 21-23 Mar. Thereafter the Colonel decided to practice some horse gunner deployment with transport pooled to move a battery at a time, entirely in $\frac{3}{4}$ ton vehicles. Deployment proceeded to point 1103 and then NORTH along the road bordering the WORONORA DAM. The night 23/24 Mar was spent on the Range. The Regiment evacuated the Range on 24 Mar via the Lucas Heights entrance to Range D.	
	24 Mar 66	1400	Maj GAIR and his parties returned from Ex IRON LADY.	
	24 Mar 66		A letter was written to HQ E Comd expressing concern at the omission of some LAD equipments from table NQ31	L5

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COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col R CUBIS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
HOLSWORTHY	25 Mar 66		<p>(1) HQ E Comd replied to our L3 - issue of vehicles and radio sets to be strictly in accordance with AHQ priorities, a policy which the Regiment had already presumed.</p> <p>(2) Amendments to ORBAT received from HQ E Comd.</p>	<p>I6 D6</p>
	26 Mar 66		<p>The CO 1 Fd Regt and a restricted Tac HQ joined by Capt J TOWNLEY (131 Div Loc Bty) and the TF AI Section departed for Ex HOUNDS FOOT (a 1 Div directed exercise of HQ 1 TF in the GOSPERS area which carried on chronologically from Ex IRON LADY. No arms or services were represented outside HQ 1 TF).</p>	
	28 Mar 66		<p>(1) Equipping policy - advice received from HQ E Comd that certain class 3 vehicles may now be taken overseas.</p> <p>(2) 2IC sent signal to CO 1 Fd Regt (at GOSPERS) on certain movements and postings within the Regiment.</p> <p>(3) WOI A J SNEDDON marched into 1 Fd Regt ex RMC as RSM vice WOI L WILDMAN. WOI L WILDMAN is awaiting reposting.</p>	<p>I7 L6</p>

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COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col R CUBIS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
HOLSWORTHY	29 Mar 66		(1) Outline of policy adopted for accommodation stores in VIETNAM received.	I8
			(2) Readiness state as at 291200K despatched to HQ E Comd.	N6
	30 Mar 66		Details of the information required in various returns received from HQ E Comd	I9
	26-31 Mar 66		Ex HOUNDS FOOT - The fact that HQ 1 TF had not exercised previously was readily apparent and proceedings were not impressive. However, considerable improvement took place during the exercise and future similar exercises are likely to be attended by better performances. At various times since 16 Mar CO 1 Fd Regt has received advice of the possible loss of several key officers, viz, Maj A McDERMOTT, 2IC, to be replaced by a NZ officer, Maj R N GAIR (BC 103 Fd Bty) allegedly medically unfit on grounds of hearing. Capt R S BUCHAN (BK 103 Fd Bty) for reposting to AATTV, 2Lt B DEAN (Sec Comd 103 Fd Bty) for reposting to 131 Div Loc Bty and one other officer for 105 Fd Bty. Confirmation	



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Revised Jun, 1965

MONTH AND YEAR Mar 66

REFERENCE MAP .....

UNIT/FORMATION 1 Fd Regt RAA

COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col R CUBIS

Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
HOLSWORTHY	26-31 Mar 66		was given on 29 Mar that Maj GAIR was unfit. All these developments could have been foreseen up to six months previously with, possibly, one exception. CO 1 Fd Regt represented his views to Comd TF who raised the matter with GOC E Comd (Maj Gen T J DALY CB DSO) - the latter was, fortunately, visiting the area on this day. As a result of his assistance, these crippling interferences were satisfactorily solved. Maj McDERMOTT, Maj GAIR and 2Lt DEAN all remain, although Capt BUCHAN must, of necessity, leave. It would appear that some circles consider the best way to assist a regiment to go to war is to remove some officers from it immediately before departure.	
	30 Mar 66		CO 1 Fd Regt returned ex HOUNDS FOOT to investigate the matters mentioned above.	
	31 Mar 66		(1) Lts LANGLEY, RULE and DEAN detached to the School of Artillery for 8/66 GPOs course.	

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Place and grid reference	Date	Time	Event or information	Annex letter and enclosure number
HOLSWORTHY	31 Mar 66		(2) Details of security briefing by AHQ team received from HQ E Comd. (3) The following officers marched into 1 Fd Regiment having completed a Basic Officer (Fd) Course 8/66 at the School of Artillery. Lt D J HEAZLEWOOD (RMC), Lt P T H THORNE (RMC), 2Lt G F CADMAN (OCS) and 2Lt M J GALLAGHER (OTU - the first NS officer).	N7

Mar 66

ANNEX D

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MESSAGE FORM

For Comm Cen/Signals use \_\_\_\_\_

MAR 66

Precedence- Action PRIORITY	Precedence- Info	Date	Time	Group	Message Instructions
		10	10	10 Z	
FROM:	1 TF HOLSWORTHY				Prefix GR
TO:	1 Fd Regt				Security Classification SECRET
					Originator's Number C 0260

WARNING ORDER (.) CONFIRMS VERBAL ORDERS COMD 1 TF/COs-OCs OF  
 9 MAR 66 (.) BUILD UP OF FORCES VIETNAM (.)  
 ALPHA (.) BN GP IN AAFV IS TO BE BUILT UP TO TASK FORCE (.)  
 BRAVO (.) COMPOSITION OF FORCE INCLUDING ELEMENTS ALREADY IN  
 THEATRE CMM WITH ESTIMATED STRENGTH OF UNITS CMM IS AS FOLLOWS:

HQ AAFV	400
AATTV	100
HQ 1 TF	100
HALF 1 APC SQN	103
1 FD REGT LESS ONE BTY	203
DET 131 DIV LOC BTY	67
1 FD SQN LESS ONE TP	78
17 CONST SQN LESS ONE TP	175
DET 55 AESS	9
21 ENGR SP TP	52
DET 11 MC GP	11
Det 1 TOPO SVY TP	17
103 SIG SQN (TF)	124
HQ 145 SIG SQN	11
709 SIG TP	50
527 SIG TP	28
5 RAR	776
6 RAR (AFTER RELIEVING 1 RAR)	776
3 SAS SQN LESS ONE TP	100
160 INDEP RECCE FLT	92

DET 1 DIV INT UNIT	14
HQ 1 COY RAASC	23
DET 176 AIR DESPATCH COY	42
1 TPT PL	77
87 TPT PL	77
21 SUP PL	34
2 FD AMB LESS ONE COY	129
33 DENTAL UNIT LESS ONE SEC	11
2 COMP ORD DEP	84
101 FD WKSP STORES SEC	126
DET 1 DIV S AND T WKSP	9
DET 1 OFF	14
101 FD WKSP (TYPE A)	124
DET 10 APC SQN LAD	10
17 CONST SQN WKSP	41
1 FD SQN WKSP	29
DET 131 DIV LOC BTY WKSP	5
1 FD REGT LAD	16
HQ 1 TF LAD	13
DET 1 DIV CASH OFFICE	3
1 TF SEC 1 DIV PRO COY	17
DET 1 DIV POST UNIT	7
DET 1 GL GP	4
1 AUST RFT UNITS	169
AUST REST & CONVALESCENT CEN	7

CHARLIE (.) THE FUTURE OF 1 ALSG AND THE POSSIBILITY OF ADDING ADDITIONAL LSF UNITS IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION (.)

DELTA (.) MOVEMENT IS TO BE BY AIR AND SEA WITH NO MOV BEFORE 14 APR 66 (.) PRIORITY FOR MOV NOT YET FIRM BUT EARLY MOV MAY BE EXPECTED FOR TF COMBS PARTY CMM 5 RAR AND ENGR GP CONSISTING OF 17 CONST SQN CMM DET HQ AQ TERM GP AND 30 TERM SQN (.) ECHO (.)

6 RAR IS TO RELIEVE 1 RAR EARLY IN JUN 66 CMM 1 RAR RETURNING BY AIR TO HOLSWORTHY (.) NO MOV OF 6 RAR BEFORE 26 MAY 66 (.) FOXTROT (.) MOUNTING AUTHORITY HQ E COMD (.) GOLF (.) Q SERIES TABLES ALREADY BEEN PREPARED IN DRAFT FORM BY SPONSOR DIRECTORATES AND ARE AT PRESENT BEING PROCESSED (.) THESE TABLES ARE THE AUTHORITY FOR THE MOV OF PERS CMM TPT CMM WPNS AND EQPT AND WILL BE ISSUED IN PROVISIONAL FORM APPROX 23 MAR 66 (.) HOTEL (.) ALL COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE PREFACED BY CODEWORD HARDIHOOD CMM THE USE OF WHICH IS CLASSIFIED RESTRICTED (.) JULIET (.) ACK

## MESSAGE FORM

Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mar 66

Precedence- Action PRIORITY	Precedence-Info ROUTINE	Date- 15	Time- 1105	Group Z	Message Instructions
FROM 1 TF HOLSWORTHY					Prefix GR
TO 1 Fd Regt RAA					Security Classification RESTD
					Originator's Number G OPS 0001

CHANNELS OF COMMAND FOR UNITS OF 1 TF (.) ONE (.) FROM 1200 HRS  
 TUE 15 MAR THOSE UNITS OF 1 TF ENGAGED IN HARDIHOOD ARE TO DEAL  
 DIRECT WITH HQ E COMD ON ALL MATTERS CONNECTED WITH UNIT  
 PREPARATION AND MOUNTING (.) CHANNELS OF COMMAND FOR OTHER  
 MATTERS REMAIN UNCHANGED (.) TWO (.) ALTERATIONS TO CHANNELS  
 OF COMMAND FOR UNITS OF 1 TF NOT ENGAGED IN HARDIHOOD WILL BE  
 ADVISED LATER

Releasing Officer's Signature  
 and Rank

MAR 66

Precedence- Action	Precedence-Info	Date-Time	Group	Message Instructions
ROUTINE		18 0001	Z	
FROM	HQ 1 TF HOLSWORTHY			Prefix GR
TO	1 FD REGT RAA			Security Classification SECRET
				Originator's Number G 0282

OPERATION HARDIHOOD SECURITY PLAN (.) COMPLETE PLAN IS TO BE ISSUED SHORTLY (.) MEANWHILE CLASSIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL ASPECTS IS TO BE AS FOLLOWS (.) ONE (.) EXISTENCE OF PLAN UNCLAS (.) TWO (.) CODEWORD HARDIHOOD RESTD THROUGHOUT (.) THREE (.) SECURITY PLAN SECRET THROUGHOUT (.) FOUR (.) MOVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN PLANNING AND PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS (.) ALFA (.) UNTIL ARRIVAL OF FORCE RESTD BUT PUBLICITY MAY BE GIVEN WITHIN PR POLICY (.) BRAVO (.) AFTER ARRIVAL UNCLAS (.) FIVE (.) FORCE COMPOSITION AND STRENGTHS RESTD THROUGHOUT BUT PUBLICITY MAY BE GIVEN WITHIN PR POLICY (.) SIX (.) COMPOSITION AND STRENGTHS OF ESCORTING FORCES AND ESCORT ARRANGEMENTS SECRET THROUGHOUT (.) SEVEN (.) ROLES OF FORCE RESTD THROUGHOUT BUT PUBLICITY MAY BE GIVEN WITHIN PR POLICY (.) EIGHT (.) MOV OF PERS AND STORES WITHIN AUSTRALIA EXCL EMBARKATION DETAILS (.) ALFA (.) UPTO ARRIVAL OF COMPONENTS AT DESTINATION RESTD BUT PUBLICITY MAY BE GIVEN WITHIN PR POLICY (.) BRAVO (.) ATTENTION NECESSARY TO NEED TO KNOW PRINCIPLE IN ARRANGEMENTS WITH CIVIL MOV AGENCIES IN CONC AND EMBARKATION PREPARATIONS (.) ALTERNATIVE PLANS ARE TO BE DEVELOPED FOR USE OF SERVICE RESOURCES SHOULD CIVIL LABOUR AND FACILITIES BE DENIED (.) NINE (.) EMBARKATION AND DEPARTURE DETAILS (.) ALFA (.) SEA MOV CLN CONFD UP TO DEPARTURE CMM UNCLAS AFTER DEPARTURE WITH PROVISIO THAT SHIPPING DETAILS INCL SAILING DATE BUT EXCL ROUTE AND TIME OF DEPARTURE MAY BE DOWNGRADED TO UNCLAS TWO DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE (.) DEPARTURE DATES BUT NOT TIMES MAY BE NOTIFIED TO TROOPS TWO DAYS IN ADVANCE BUT NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT IS TO BE MADE (.) BRAVO (.) AIR MOV CLN CONFD PRIOR TO

DEPARTURE CMM RESTD AFTER DEPARTURE AND AFTER ARRIVAL (.) FACT  
OF ARRIVAL MAY BE DOWN GRADED TO UNCLAS AFTER EACH DRAFT ARRIVES BUT  
CARRYING AGENCY AND ROUTE ARE NOT TO BE OFFICIALLY IDENTIFIED AT ANY  
TIME (.) DEPARTURE DATES BUT NOT TIMES MAY NE NOTIFIED TO TPS  
TWO DAYS IN ADVANCE BUT NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT IS TO BE MADE (.)  
TEN (.) IDENTIFICATION OF AIRLINES CONCERNED (.) ALFA (.)  
BEFORE DEPARTURE CONFD (.) BRAVO (.) AFTER DEPARTURE RESTD  
(.) ELEVEN (.) ROUTE DETAILS (.) ALFA (.) SEA CLN  
SECRET THROUGHOUT BRAVO (.) AIR CLN SECRET PRIOR TO ARRIVAL CMM  
UNCLAS AFTER ARRIVAL (.) TWELVE (.) TRG ASPECTS RESTD  
THROUGHOUT BUT PUBLICITY MAY BE GIVEN WITHIN PR POLICY (.) AFTER  
ARRIVAL SUBJECT TO REQUIREMENTS OF FORCE COMD (.) BRIEFING OF  
FORCE (.) THIRTEEN (.) ON ISSUE OF WARNING ORDER TO TROOPS  
ALL RANKS ARE TO BE BRIEFED IMMEDIATELY (.) ALFA (.) NEED FOR  
SECURITY AND TO AVOID DISCUSSIONS OF PROTECTED ASPECTS (.) BRAVO  
(.) ACTION IN EVENT OF HOSTILE DEMONSTRATIONS (.) FOURTEEN  
(.) DETAILS OF ADDITIONAL BRIEFINGS LATER (.) REPORTING OF  
SECURITY MATTERS (.) FIFTEEN (.) INCIDENTS INDICATING  
COMPROMISE OF PROTECTED ASPECTS ARE TO BE REPORTED BY SIGNAL TO AHQ  
(DMO AND P) IN ADVANCE FULL REPORT (.) SIXTEEN (.) INCIDENTS  
INVOLVING SECURITY MATTERS CMM SABOTAGE OR INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES  
AFFECTING PLAN BY PRIORITY SIGNAL TO AHQ (DMI) IN ADVANCE FULL  
REPORT

Releasing Officer's Signature  
and Rank



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 1ST TASK FORCE  
MILPO  
HOLSWORTHY NSW

6020222 Extension 550  
19 Mar 66

130/8C/285

List A

PLAN TEGAL - READINESS OF UNITS

Reference: A. E Comd Instr MI/65.

1. This instruction is a reprint of E Comd 28/601/228(GI/6) of 1 Mar 66.
2. Change of Name. Codeword HAWTHORN is replaced by TEGAL. Amend all documents accordingly.
3. Readiness (MI/65 Para 17). Your unit/Detachment is required to achieve the following state of readiness progressively as early as practicable, but not later than 31 May 66:
  - a. Individuals - 7 days - No change.
  - b. Unit/Det - 21 days notice.
4. Priority (MI/65 Para 149). Certain units in the Order of Battle have been accorded higher priority than others for allocation of resources. Your priority to be used in conjunction with the nickname FLINSTONE is:

Priority ONE.
5. Reports (MI/65 Paras 119, 120, 143).
  - a. The statement of deficiencies in personnel, vehicles and major items of equipment is to be submitted in a form consistent with AHQ SOP No 2 requirements, on a proforma attached as Annex A. This report is to be forwarded direct to E Comd with copies to:

1 Div  
1 TF
  - b. Codeword TEGAL is NOT to appear on the report, which may therefore be forwarded under RESTRICTED cover.
6. This varies E Comd 28/601/228 (GI/2) of 12 Nov 65.

P.M. DOUGLAS

Maj  
HQ 1ST TASK FORCE

Annex: A. State of Readiness Pro forma.

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MESSAGE FORM

Number \_\_\_\_\_

Precedence-Action	Precedence-Info	Date-Time	Group	Message	Instructions
		22 0520	Z		
FROM	HQ 1 TF HOLSWORTHY			Prefix	GR
TO	1 Fd Regt RAA			Security Classification	
				Originator's Number	G0293

HARDIHOOD (.) AMDTS TO ORBAT (.) ONE (.) ORBAT (.)  
 DET HQ 1 TERMINAL GROUP AND 30 TERMINAL SQUADRON NOW NOT REQUIRED  
 AND TO BE REMOVED FROM HARDIHOOD ORBAT (.) TWO (.) MOVEMENT  
 OF HEAVY VEHs AND PLANT WEIGHING MORE THAN 20600 LBS REDUCED FOR  
 MOVEMENT BY FIRST SMALL SHIPS VOYAGE (.) REQUIRED IN SYDNEY  
 READING FOR LOADING BY 5 APR 66 CMM DRIVERS TO EMBARK NO LATER  
 THAN 9 APR 66 (.) Q SERIES TALLS (.) ALL THOSE PREPARED  
 DESPATCHED AIR CARGO FROM AHQ TO SYDNEY 21 MAR 66 (.) BEING  
 DISTRIBUTED BY E COMD 22 MAR 66

Releasing Officer's Signature  
and Rank

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R 250615Z

FM MILCOMMAND SYDNEY

TO 1 FD REGT

R E S T R I C T E D OPS 005950. HARDIHOOD. READINESS STATES  
CMM REF E COMD GS INSTR 1/66 PARA 13. IN SUB PARA 13 B AMEND  
DATE IN LINE ONE TO READ 29 MAR 66.

TWO. MADE FOL CHANGES TO ORBAT IN ANNEX A TO E C OMD INSTR  
1/66. DELETE IN ALL DETAIL HQ 1 TERMINAL GP CMM 30 TERMINAL SQN  
CMM DET 130 SIG SQN CMM DET 2 AIR MAINT FL. ADD SERIAL 35 HQ  
1 AUST LOG SP GP CMM ESTB IV/3/1(TW) CMM STRENGTH

12. AMEND STRENGTHS TO MOVE AS FOL. HQ 1 TF 100 CMM 1 FD  
REGT 203 CMM 1 FD SQN 78 CMM 17 CONST SQN 195 CMM DET  
55 AESS 9 CMM DET 176 AD COY 42 CMM 33 DENT UNIT 11 BUT

PAGE TWO DE RAYCHL 005 R E S T R I C T E D

THIS SUBJECT TO CHECK CMM 101 FD WKSP 126 CMM DET 1 COY RAASC  
WKSP 19 CMM 1 FD REGT LAD 13 CMM DET 1 DIV CASH OFFICE 3

Mar 66

ANNEX I

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RESTRICTED

TABLE No Q4  
ISSUE No 1 (Prov)  
No of Pages 2

OP HARDIHOOD  
AUTHORIZED ORGANIZATION AND EQUIPMENT  
FOR UNITS AND DETACHMENTS

(Note: This authorization establishes entitlement of personnel, transport, weapons and equipment for units and detachments in Op HARDIHOOD and is based upon existing establishments and equipment tables).

1. ORBAT SERIAL No TF 3
2. UNIT, SUB-UNIT OR DETACHMENT DESIGNATION  

1 FD REGT LESS ONE BTY
3. PERSONNEL, TRANSPORT AND WEAPONS AUTHORIZATION

ESTB 11/6/1(TW)

a. Personnel

(1) Total authorized 329

(2) Detailed authorization  
Vide estb 11/6/1(TW):

<u>Detail</u>	<u>Total Authorized</u>	<u>To move from Aust</u>
Regimental headquarters (incl att)(a)	14	14
Headquarter battery (incl att)	81	72 (b)
Two field batteries (each 117) (one battery in theatre)	234	117
	329 (incl 126 in theatre)	203
(a) Less sgt clerk (general duties) for records duties.		
(b) Represents Headquarter battery less:		
Captain - Battery commander	1	
Sergeant - Clerk (general duties)	1	
Bombardier - Surveyor (artillery)	1	
Gunners - Driver/operator	2	
Batman	1	
Clerk (general duties)	1	
Storeman, technical	1	
Attached - RAAPC - Sergeant clerk (pay)	1	

b. Transport and Weapons

Vide estb 11/6/1 (TW)(existing range), Column F as follows:

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/2.

	<u>Total Authorized</u>	<u>To move from Aust</u>
Truck, utility, 3/4-ton, GS, cargo	28(a)	15
Trailer, 1/2-ton, cargo	16	9
Rifle, automatic, 7.62mm	26	16
Rocket launcher, 3.5 inch	8	5
Howitzer, pack, 105mm	12	6

(Note (a): Six truck, utility, 3/4-ton, GS, FFR, held in theatre against this entitlement).

4. EQUIPMENT AUTHORIZATION

a. Equipment Table - Prov TWET 2006, as follows:

<u>Detail</u>	<u>Total Authorized</u>	<u>To move from Aust</u>
Parts 2A and 2B	Column 7 and Column 8 x 2	Column 7 and Column 8 x 1

with entitlement for following serial to read:

Radio Set and accessory Kit AN/PRC 25	31 above entitle- ment shown Total 60	54
Parallelscope Mk 5 and Stand Instrument No 27 Mk 2	12 above entitle- ment shown Total 24 ea	18 ea
Retransmission Kit MK4556/GRC	8	8
Radio Set A510	6	Nil
Radio Set AN/PRC 9A	Nil	Nil
Radio Set AN/PRC 10	Nil	Nil
Radio Set C45/C45 and C45/C45/B48	Nil	Nil

b. Personal Weapons

Pistol eqpt, 9mm, auto	27	20
Rifle eqpt, 7.62mm, LIAI	198	140
Carbine eqpt, Owen, 9mm	131	99

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MESSAGE FORM

For Comm Cen/Signals Use \_\_\_\_\_

MAR 66

Precedence- Action PRIORITY	Precedence- Info ROUTINE	Date-Time-Group 14 1155 Z	Message Instructions
FROM: 1 TF HOLSWORTHY			Prefix Gr
TO: 1 FD REGT RAA			Security Classification SECRET
			Originator's Number G OPS 0003

HARDHOOD (.) FURTHER TO OUR G0260 OF 101010Z MAR 66 (.)

ALPHA (.) MOUNTING AUTHORITY - AMDT TO PARA FOXTROT OF REF SIG (.)

COMDS ARE NOMINATED AS MOUNTING AUTHORITIES FOR UNITS UNDER COMD AND LISTED IN REF SIG PARA BRAVO GMM RESPONSIBILITIES AS PER AHQ GS INSTR 8/65 PARAS 16 AND 370-400 (.) STATE OF READINESS RETURNS VIDE PARA 382 TO INCL INFO TO HQ 1 TF (.) COORD OF MOV FROM ALL COMDS WILL BE EFFECTED BY AHQ THROUGH 10 MC GP (.) UNITS ARE TO NOMINATE UNIT MOV LIAISON OFFRS TO LOCAL DETS 10 MC GP (.)

BRAVO (.) TIMINGS (.) FOL INFO PROVIDED FOR PLANNING PURPOSES AND IS SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION (.) ONE (.) FORCE TO BE COMPLETE IN THEATRE BY 30 JUN (.) TWO (.) SEA MOV (.) 10 APR ETD SYDNEY AS JOHN MONASH AND ONE LSM WITH ENGR PLANT AND STORES (.) 22 APR ETD SYDNEY TROOP CARRIER HMAS SYDNEY WITH TPT AND EQPT FOR HQ 1 TF AND 5 RAR GMM LT AC AND STORES 161 RECCE FLT GMM TERMINAL GP TPT GMM REMAINING ENGR PLANT AND UNIT TPT AND EQPT AS AVAL IN B COMD GMM ETA VIETNAM 4 MAY (.) 25 MAY - ETD SYDNEY TROOP CARRIER HMAS SYDNEY WITH REMAINING TPT AND EQPT GMM ETA VIETNAM 6 JUN (.) MOV OF STORES GMM VHS AND AC TO SYDNEY THROUGH NORMAL MOV CHANNELS (.) TWO (.) AIR MOV (.) TF COMDS PARTY MID APR AND ADV PARTY 5 RAR LATE APR BY CIVIL AIR (.) CHARTER FLTS BEGIN APPROX 2 MAY GMM ONE FLT EVERY ALTERNATE DAY UNTIL MOV COMPLETE IN LATE JUN (.) KEY TIMINGS - MOV OF 5 RAR BY AIR AND SEA GMM AIR COMPONENT IN FIRST FORTNIGHT OF MAY TO COINCIDE FIRST ETA OF TROOP CARRIER GMM FLY-IN OF 6 RAR

COMMENCING NOT BEFORE 26 MAY TO ENSURE 1 RAR RTA HOLSWORTHY  
COMPLETE BEFORE 14 JUN (.) THREE (.) ADV PARTIES (.)  
CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION AND TO BE ADVISED (.) DVRS TO BE  
PROVIDED FOR VEHS MOVED BY SEA CMM WITH POSSIBLE ADDL REQUIREMENTS FOR  
UNIT BAGGAGE AND STORES PARTIES (.) FOUR (.) AIRCRAFT (.)  
IF BOEING 707S USED CMM AIRCRAFT WILL PROBABLY CARRY 114 MEN AT 250  
POUNDS PER MAN WITH UP TO FIVE THOUSAND POUNDS UNIT STORES (.)  
DEPARTURE EXPECTED TO BE FROM SERVICE AIRFIELDS AND PROBABLE ROUTE  
THROUGH TOWNSVILLE (.) TPS ARE TO TRAVEL WITH PERSONAL WPNS AND  
SMALL QTY AMMUNITION BINNED IN CABIN (.)  
CHARLIE (.) RELIEF OF 1 RAR (.) 6 RAR WILL TAKE OVER 1 RAR TPT  
CMM EQPT AND WPNS OTHER THAN PERSONAL WPNS (.) 6 RAR WILL THUS MOVE  
WITH MINIMUM UNIT STORES AND EQPT AS FOR MALAYSIAN RELIEFS (.)  
NUMBER OF 1 RAR PERS REMAINING IN THEATRE TO BE TAKEN OVER BY 6 RAR TO  
BE ADVISED BUT FIRST ESTIMATE 100-120 (.)  
DELTA (.) REGROUPING AND RELOCATION SUB-UNITS AND DETS REMAINING  
AUST CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION AND TO BE ADVISED (.) ECHO (.)  
AHQ TEAMS VISITING VIETNAM (.) TEAMS VISITING IN WEEK COMMENCING  
14 MAR (.) FURTHER ADVICE CMM AMDTS TO ORBAT AND Q SERIES TABLE  
WILL BE ISSUED AS DETAILS BY TEAMS AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT GS AND  
AQ INSTRS WILL BE ISSUED TOGETHER LATE MAR (.)  
FOXTROT (.) MINOR AMDTS TO ORBAT GIVEN IN REF SIG PARA BRAVO (.)  
AMEND STR OF 161 (INDEP) RECCE FLT TO READ 92 AND DELETE DETS 1 DIV  
AVN REGT STORES SEC AND WKSP CMM THESE DETS BEING ABSORBED INTO RECCE  
FLT ESTB (.) AMEND 2 FD AMB LESS ONE SEC TO READ 2 FD AMB LESS ONE  
COY CMM STR UNCHANGED (.) GOLF (.) COMMANDER DIARIES (.)  
TO BE COMMENCED FORTHWITH VIDE STAFF DUTIES IN THE FIELD

Releasing Officer's Signature  
and Rank



P R 150500Z ZEX  
FM MOVEMENTS SYDNEY  
TO 1 FD REGT RAA

S E C R E T Q MOV0730. HARDIHOOD. PRE-EMBARKATION LEAVE. ACTION  
ADDRESSEES ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT RETURNS TO Q (MOV) E COMD BY  
28 MAR 66 SHOWING NUMBER CMM RANK CMM NAME CMM DESTINATION CMM  
EARLIEST DATE AVAILABLE TO PROCEED ON LEAVE CMM LATEST DATE  
REQUIRED BACK IN UNIT. ALL PERSONNEL TO TRAVEL BY NORMAL MEANS  
EXCEPT WHERE TIME AVAILABLE WILL NOT PERMIT WHEN MEMBERS WILL  
FLY. WHERE SOLDIERS DRIVE CARS ON LEAVE AND WISH TO RETURN TO  
RTU BY NORMAL MEANS THIS IS TO BE CLEARLY SHOWN IN THE RETURN

# MESSAGE FORM

Number 14.

FOR COMM CEN/SIGNALS USE

Mar 66

PRECEDENCE — ACTION <b>PRIORITY</b>	PRECEDENCE — INFO DEFERRED	DATE — TIME — GROUP <b>16 0755 Z</b>	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
From <b>HQ 1 TF HOLSWORTHY</b>			PREFIX <b>GR</b>
To <b>1 Fd Regt RAA</b>			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <b>SECRET</b>
Info			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER <b>G OPS 0279</b>

**HARDIHOOD (.) REF E COMD SECRET Q004865 OF 11 MAR 66 (.) DELETE**  
**ALL REFERENCE TO USE OF CODENAME HARDIHOOD ON DEMANDS FOR STORES (.)**  
**NICKNAME LONGDAY ONLY APPEAR ON DEMANDS**

Page _____ of _____ pages	REFERS TO MESSAGE CLASSIFIED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	DRAFTER'S NAME <b>PRATT</b>	OFFICE <b>G'OPS</b>	TELE No <b>578</b>							
FOR OPS USE	<b>R</b>	DATE	TIME	SYSTEM	Operator	<b>D</b>	DATE	TIME	SYSTEM	Operator	RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE AND RANK

R 180550Z

FM MILCOMMAND SYDNEY

TO 1 FD REGT

R E S T R I C T E D Q005405. HARDIHOOD. REF E COMD 28/601/289(Q)  
 OF 17 MAR 66. VARIATIONS WHICH ARE TO APPLY TO BLOCK SCALE  
 3002/14 ISSUE 2 INCL ANNEX B AND AHQ ADM INSTR 4/65  
 ANNEX J FOR CLO AND NECESSARIES LISTED BELOW. ALFA.  
 BOOTS COMBAT PATROL RUBBER AND CANVAS ISSUE OF THIS ITEM  
 IS TO BE EFFECTED IN THEATRE. BRAVO. BOOTS GENERAL PURPOSE DETAILS  
 ADVISED IN REF PARA 49. EXCEPT THAT AF G982E ARE TO BE SENT TO ADOS  
 E COMD NOT 2 BOD. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO BOOKLET  
 THEREIN ARE TO BE FOLLOWED. SHOULD ANY TENDERNESS OR CHAFING BE  
 EXPERIENCED AT THE ACHILLES TENDON ARE DURING SHORT BREAKING IN  
 PERIOD IT IS SUGGESTED THAT FLEXING OR SOFTENING OF THE LEATHER  
 ABOVE THE HEEL STIFFENER BY HAND OR THUMB MANIPULATION WOULD ASSIST.  
 CHARLIE. TRUNKS CABIN METAL

BECAUSE THERE IS AN OVERALL SHORTAGE OF THIS ITEM AND SUFFICIENT  
 QUANTITY TO EQUIP BUILD UP ELEMENTS OF FORCE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE  
 IN THE THEATRE CMM THE FOLLOWING POLICY IS TO APPLY.

ONE. PERSONNEL OF BUILD UP ELEMENTS ARE TO BE EQUIPPED WITH ONE TRUNK  
 BEFORE DEPARTURE. MOST PERSONNEL IN THIS CATEGORY SHOULD ALREADY  
 POSSESS TRUNKS UNDER ENTITLEMENT OF ARA BLOCK SCALE 93002/01.

TWO (.) PERSONNEL OF RELIEVING UNITS AND INDIVIDUAL RELIEF  
 PERSONNEL ARE NOT TO TAKE A TRUNK BECAUSE THEIR REQUIREMENTS ARE  
 ALREADY HELD IN THE THEATRE. ANY TRUNKS HELD BY THESE PERSONNEL  
 ARE TO BE WITHDRAWN AND RETURNED TO THE DEPOT. THREE. COMMAND  
 DEFICIENCIES FOR ONE ABOVE ARE TO BE SUBMITTED BY COMMAND DEPOT TO  
 ADOS WHO WILL ARRANGE SUPPLY. FOUR. TRUNKS ARE NOT TO BE USED FOR  
 KIT STORAGE PARA 48 OF REFERENCE MEMO STILL APPLIES. BOOK.

JGM/SL  
Telephone 31 0455  
Extension 327

HEADQUARTERS  
EASTERN COMMAND  
VICTORIA BARRACKS  
PADDINGTON. NSW

25 Mar 66

Quote in reply  
28/601/289(G1)

1 Fd Regt

OPERATIONAL EQUIPMENT - HARDIHOOD

Reference: A. 1 Fd Regt 118-1-3 dated 17 Mar 66.

1. The AN/PRC 25 is designed and issued as a manpack equipment. No provision is made for harnessing the set for vehicular movement.

2. Issues of vehicles and radio sets are to be made in accordance with AHQ priorities.

Copy to:  
1 TF

Col  
GS

P 280005Z

FM MILCOMMAND SYDNEY

TO 1 FD REGT

R E S T R I C T E D Q005966 HARDIHOOD EQUIPPING POLICY. AHQ  
ADVISE THAT CLASS 3 VEHICLES MAY BE TAKEN OVERSEAS PROVIDED NOT LOW  
CLASS THREE .

UNITS ARE TO SELECT FROM WITHIN UNIT RESOURCES FIRSTLY CLASS ONE  
AND CLASS TWO VEHICLES. SHOULD CLASSES 1 AND 2 NOT FULFIL  
REQUIREMENTS SELECT SUITABLE CLASS THREE VEHICLES.

WHERE DOUBT EXISTS ON OPERATIONAL SUITABILITY OF A CLASS  
THREE VEHICLE A DEMAND FOR REPLACEMENT MAY BE SUBMITTED STATING  
REASONS WHY VEHICLE NOT SUITABLE. OTHER THAN IN OBVIOUS CASES AN  
INDEPENDENT RAEME INSPECTION WILL BE ARRANGED PRIOR TO A  
DECISION REGARDING REPLACEMENT

P 290500Z

FM MILCOMMAND SYDNEY

TO 1 FD REGT

R E S T R I C T E D Q006096. HARDIHOOD. ACCOMMODATION STORES.  
REF E COMD 28/601/289(Q) OF 17 MAR 66 PARA 39. AF G982ES ARE TO  
BE SUBMITTED BY UNITS TO ADOS E COMD BY NOT LATER THAN 1200 HRS  
THUR 31 MAR 66 AS FOLLOWS. ONE. TASK FORCE UNITS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
BLOCK SCALE 32/02 SCALE 'A'. DETAILS OF UNIT COLOUR BARS AND  
SERIAL NUMBERS TO BE CLEARLY SHOWN IN ADDRESS FOR STORES WINDOW.  
TWO. NON TASK FORCE LOGISTIC UNITS. DEMAND TO BRING UNIT HOLDING  
FROM SCALE 'B' TO SCALE 'A'. THREE. ORDNANCE IS TO PACK CMM MARK  
AND SHIP ACCOMMODATION STORES FOR TASK FORCE  
LOGISTIC UNITS ARE TO DRAW ADDITIONAL ITEMS FROM ORDNANCE AND  
STORES WILL ACCOMPANY UNITS.

R 300430Z

FM MILCOMMAND SYDNEY

TO 1 FD REGT

R E S T R I C T E D Q006275 HARDIHOOD. REF A: E COMD GS INSTR  
1/66 OF 18 MAR 66 CMM REF B: E COMD 28/601/228(G1/6) OF 1 MAR 66  
CMM REF C: E COMD 28/601/273(Q) OF 8 MAR 66.

THE MAJOR EQUIPMENTS TO BE SHOWN AS DEFICIENT IN ANNEX A COLUMN (E)  
REF B ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS. QUOTE. CRITICAL ITEMS INCLUDING  
CONTROLLED STORES AND OTHER ITEMS VITAL TO OPERATIONS. UNQUOTE.  
NO OTHER ITEMS ARE TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS COLUMN. THE RETURN  
OF DEFICIENCIES VIDE ANNEX A TO REF C IS TO BE SUBMITTED BY ALL  
UNITS TO REACH THE E COMD OPS ROOM BY 0900 HRS 4 APR AND 11 APR  
CMM FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO BE ISSUED REGARDING LATTER RETURNS

NUMBER	RANK	INITIALS & NAME	POSTING	REMARKS
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
A250211	Lt	M I ALLEN		
2495	Lt Col	R M C CUBIS		
29065	Capt	I G DARLINGTON		
215288	2Lt	B J DEAN		
2629	T/Capt	D L HAYES		
	Lt	D HAZLEWOOD		
61680	Lt	M G LANGLEY		
17083	T/Capt	I G MACINNIS		
17009	Maj	A McDERMOTT		
235174	Capt	G K McCREADIE		
12688	WOII	K M COSSART		
4298	WOII	K J COULSON		
27760	S/Sgt	C B CURRAN		
213913	T/Sgt	N H DIBLEY		
53585	Sgt	G C NYBO		
14336	T/Sgt	D PHILLIPS		
37370	Bdr	M SUMMERHILL		
13014	Bdr	R J WHITE		
35925	Bdr	J R WHITEHEAD		
53146	LBdr	R J BUXTON		
54076	T/Bdr	W H CROSS		
213886	Bdr	P F DALY		
54411	T/Bdr	D P GRATWICK		
212936	Bdr	P G INGHAM		
241057	Bdr	C P KELLY		
54517	LBdr	D M LEWIS		
3411015	Bdr	A J LOCKE		
36982	Bdr	E TAYLOR		



HQ Bty				
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
3786838	Gnr	P J BLACKMAN		
3807093	Gnr	P BUZZA		
2781433	Gnr	B BANNERMAN		
54365	LBdr	E R BROCKWELL		
2781436	Gnr	R BESIER		
2781315	Gnr	V E CHAPMAN		
38471	Gnr	B A COYLE		
216097	Gnr	R G DALE		
54249	Gnr	B W DILLON		
54451	Gnr	W A DE JONG		
5713635	Gnr	R K EGGLESTON		
3787356	Gnr	D L EATON		
216107	Gnr	R L GOULDING		
2781355	Gnr	R E GAGAN		
2781655	Gnr	H J GREUNINGER		
2781616	Gnr	L R GRANT		
6708244	Gnr	P G HAMMOND		
2782184	Gnr	V J HARTMAN		
3411534	Gnr	R A HORN		
3411538	Gnr	J J KEISLER		
2782221	Gnr	J W KILBOURNE		
2411235	Gnr	E J LYON		
<b>4717394</b>	<b>Gnr</b>	<b>D I McDONALD</b>		
6708257	Gnr	L J MCGHEE		
1200401	Gnr	W L MORE		
215270	LBdr	B V MENSFORTH		
4717729	Gnr	P W MCCARTHY		
1200469	Gnr	E NORRIS		
2781510	Gnr	R J PITTS		
1410994	Gnr	K R PROUD		
54832	Gnr	P J PROSSER		
54985	Gnr	A J PENN		
27321	Gnr	J D ROBERTSON		

HQ Bty				
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
2781413	Gnr	M D SMITH		
3411466	Gnr	A H STEWART		
215934	Gnr	R J SPRINGFIELD		
1200374	Gnr	W J STEPHENSON		
38022	Gnr	R J STEPHENSON		
15930	LBdr	L W SPROULES		
216188	Gnr	J E SMITH		
215890	Gnr	M R TAYLOR		
4410900	Gnr	J B VEASEY		
214696	Gnr	K E WHITTON		
3787340	Gnr	S R WILLIAMS		
1200454	Gnr	G A WHITE		
2781526	Gnr	T A WESTBURY		
311252	T/Cpl	M C BOLTON		
32067	T/WOII	C K DAVIES		
29995	T/Sgt	G B DIXON		
15293	Sgt	R D E GRAY		
42977	Cpl	R MUNDY		
1200058	Pte	K P QUINNELL		

VIETNAM CONTINGENT

LIST 1

103 Bty

NUMBER	RANK	INITIALS & NAME	POSTING	REMARKS
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
54154	Capt	P C ASPINALL		
57050	Capt	R S BUCHAN		
235167	Capt	G H BINDLEY		
61597	Lt	B J CAMPBELL		
311485	Maj	R N GAIR		
235277	Lt	J H GRIGGS		
A510924	Lt	K B MELLOR		
A2, 4484	Lt	D G RULE		
28351	WO2	D C NOLAN		
26227	T/SSgt	D R WOLFE		
25835	Sgt	D R E BEGG		
13543	Sgt	K H BORGES		
29618	Sgt	P J DURNFORD		
35584	Sgt	W J GALLAGHER		
311144	Sgt	T MELVIN		
15233	Sgt	R MATHESON		
29089	Sgt	F R PEARSON		
29940	Sgt	R M ROTHERO		
5410842	Bdr	G S SMAILES		
37405	Sgt	D E SPARK		
214755	Bdr	K CHESTER		
213135	Bdr	C J FLATTERS		
212563	Bdr	S GALEA		
54292	Bdr	N L HOWARD		
2411946	LBdr	H LUNNEY		
215218	LBdr	B W PLANT		
14976	LBdr	B F RANSON		
15972	Bdr	D D ROSE		

103 Bty

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
2781417	LBdr	G SUTHERLAND		
43318	LBdr	M R SWALLING		
53252	Bdr	L O TAYLOR		
213291	Bdr	K TUCKER		
212551	Bdr	B A THOMPSON		
1731387	Gnr	G ALLEN		
215870	Gnr	A A ACHMAT		
216243	Gnr	P J BROWN		
216067	Gnr	B J BAILEY		
1410997	Gnr	C J BARSBY		
214518	Gnr	R W BUCKMAN		
18110	Gnr	J L BURNS		
1410998	Gnr	N BUZZA		
38412	Gnr	V L BLAZELEY		
2781588	Gnr	R J CHALMERS		
5713627	Gnr	C J CRAPP		
2781536	Gnr	M S CARTER		
216051	Gnr	G G CAVE		
216150	Gnr	C CHAPMAN		
2781525	Gnr	R A CROUCH		
61606	Gnr	D R COCKER		
61601	Gnr	R C CUTLER		
215226	Gnr	G R DAVIES		
2781332	Gnr	R W DAVIES		
216117	Gnr	P J EMERSON		
216112	Gnr	R A ELLIOTT		
42636	Gnr	W A FORRESTER		
216192	Gnr	R R FURTNER		
2782105	Gnr	N J GLOVER		
216165	Gnr	B B GOLDING		
2781618	Lbdr	J GREAVES		
38430	Gnr	L E G GRIERSON		
2782629	Gnr	M E HICKEY		

103 Bty

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
61530	Gnr	T A HOSKIN		
215941	Gnr	R A HAMILTON		
55060	Gnr	W J HOLMES		
2412253	Gnr	I A JONES		
2782218	Gnr	L A KING		
2782220	Gnr	N J KILLEEN		
2781370	Gnr	N J KING		
16763	Gnr	N LESINA		
2781660	Gnr	R D LEWIS		
2781371	Gnr	T S LAWRENCE		
6708335	Gnr	J M McNALLY		
2781379	Gnr	A R MACKENZIE		
2781376	Gnr	R G McCANN		
55025	Gnr	P MANUCCI		
4410486	Gnr	J G MADIGAN		
216180	Gnr	J S McCABE		
43720	Gnr	G R MACGUIRE		
216166	Gnr	R J MARNEY		
43602	Gnr	G A MARTIN		
2781387	Gnr	K W MILLER		
2781378	Gnr	R P McFARLANE		
2782419	Gnr	P C NORRIS		
1213715	Gnr	B K O'LOUGHLIN		
2781405	Gnr	G R PRATT		
1411056	Gnr	E L PHILLIPS		
2782840	Gnr	A PASSMORE		
2782282	Gnr	C J REEVES		
38431	Gnr	P R RICHARDSON		
5713711	Gnr	M R ROBERTS		
4410844	Gnr	M R RODGERS		
216717	Gnr	S J RANDALL		
216137	Gnr	W C SANDERS		
215356	Gnr	A G SINGER		
55059	Gnr	M SCOTT-MALCOLM		

103 Bty

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
216343	Gnr	J R SIMPSON		
38410	Gnr	M P SLEVIN		
2782382	Gnr	R K SCHIEB		
3786887	Gnr	J R SKINNER		
3786846	Gnr	R J SHIELDS		
2781517	Gnr	M TOLLENS		
16530	Gnr	K J WALTON		
216220	Gnr	J J WOUTERS		
1411006	Gnr	K J WALSH		
38416	Gnr	A L G WARREN		
3786802	Gnr	D E WATERFORD		
5411485	Gnr	K H WORMALD		
2781429	Gnr	M J YOUNG		
37486	Sgt	M P DEAR		
15878	Cpl	B E MORTIMER		
42642	Cpl	D A NORTON		

1ST REINFORCEMENTS

NUMBER	RANK	INITIALS & NAME	POSTING	REMARKS
213560	T/Sgt	R J CREEK		
28523	Sgt	J J LAWLER		
2412243	Gnr	R A AURISCH		
27814856	Gnr	G L BIGNOLD		
1200291	Gnr	J C BATHOLOMAI		
55002	Gnr	T W CAVANOUGH		
43730	Gnr	J R DUFF		
1260462	Gnr	R F DEWHURST		
2782691	Gnr	B E GOODSSELL		
3411638	Gnr	K J GALLAGHER		
216632	Gnr	D J HEND		
1410966	Gnr	J G HOPKINS		
2782220	Gnr	N J KILLIAN		
5411197	Gnr	B P McDONALD		
2782247	Gnr	C J McGUINNESS		
4410812	Gnr	E G MADIGAN		
5411483	Gnr	G A McDERMOTT		
43675	Gnr	C T NAYDA		
216048	Gnr	J E REDMAN		
2781462	Gnr	L SEPPING		
215885	Gnr	G J TYLER		
215987	Gnr	T J TOLHURST		
2782335	Gnr	V W TUCKWELL		

Mar 66

ANNEX L



# MESSAGE FORM

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Mar 66

PRECEDENCE — ACTION <b>ROUTINE</b>	PRECEDENCE — INFO DEFERRED	DATE — TIME GROUP <b>28 0505 Z</b>	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
From <b>1 Pd Regt RAA</b>		PREFIX	GR
To <b>HQ 1 TF GOSPERS</b>		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION  <b>SECRET</b>	
Info		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER  <b>A2</b>	

For CUBIS from McDERMOTT (.) HARDHOOD (.) reference  
 telecon BROWN/McDERMOTT 28 Mar (.) adv info mov (.) ONE (.)  
 on SYDNEY required send two offr GMM one WO or Sgt GMM fifteen  
 soldiers (.) TWO (.) one offr required mov with comd 1 TF  
 party (.) THREE (.) offr 105 Bty posted GLO (.) we are  
 required nominate replacement (.) replacement to sail SYDNEY  
 together with MELLOR whom 103 Bty warned for mov previously (.)  
 FOUR (.) twenty one soldiers arrive by air few days after arrival  
 SYDNEY initial trip (.) about two weeks after this regiment move by  
 air over four day period (.) FIVE (.) BUCHAN (.) posting  
 order issued for AATTV (.) SIX (.) in view short notification  
 of mov request advise name of offr for posting 105 Bty (.) if offr  
 at JTC will arrange for early recall

Page.....of.....pages		REFERS TO MESSAGE CLASSIFIED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	DRAFTER'S NAME <b>McDERMOTT</b>	OFFICE <b>ZIC</b>	TEL No <b>504</b>						
FOR OPS USE	R	DATE	TIME	SYSTEM	OPERATOR	D	DATE	TIME	SYSTEM	OPERATOR	RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE AND RANK  <b>Maj</b>

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1 Fd Regt RAA  
KOKODA BARRACKS  
HOLSWORTHY NSW

118-1-3

24 Mar 66

HQ E Comd

OP HARDHOOD - ORGANIZATION AND EQUIPMENT  
1 FD REGT LAD (TABLE NO Q31)

Reference: Table No Q31 (Orbat Serial No TW 30).

1. The following omissions from Table No Q31 are noted:-
  - a. Automotive Repair Shop, Truck Mounted  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton GS garage (Code No 6043A) and associated trailer (Code No 6017).
  - b. Trailer  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton binned (associated with truck utility  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton GS Cargo).
2. The absence of the repair shop vehicle means that there is no welding capacity at all with the Headquarters element (HQ 1 Fd Regt LAD, RHQ and HQ Bty 1 Fd Regt). Furthermore, its absence will require the separate and alternate provision of power tools, a power source (Generator etc) and welding equipment. The provision of this vehicle was anticipated on the LAD TWET and, in consequence, the LAD has been holding such a vehicle.
3. The binned trailer (for which provision is made on the TWET and a similar trailer to which accompanied the LAD section of 105 Fd Bty in Sep 65) is necessary for the carriage of Cat B1 and B2 stores. Without it, carriage capacity is minimal.
4. It is requested that the above equipments be authorized on Table Q31.
5. In addition, confirmation is requested that there is, in fact, both a shop equipment truck and trailer already in the theatre as stated. Our private information is that this is not the case although we believe that there may be an automotive repair truck (mounted) and a  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton binned trailer there.

Lieutenant Colonel  
Commanding Officer

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Quote in Reply  
B-12-2

ADDRESS 1 Fd Regt RAA  
KOKODA BARRACKS  
HOLSWORTHY NSW  
18 Mar 66

HQ E Comd

57050 CAPT R S BUCHAN - POSTING TO AATTV

1. It is understood that consideration is being given to posting Capt R S BUCHAN of this Regiment to AATTV. Capt BUCHAN is at present posted as Battery Captain of 103 Fd Bty now preparing for service in VIETNAM.

2. CO 1 Fd Regt feels it his duty to point out that the reposting of Capt BUCHAN at this stage will seriously impair the operational efficiency of 103 Bty for the following reasons:

a. Capt BUCHAN is one of the three substantive captains (against the establishment of 11) in this Regiment (apart from two T/Majs who are battery commanders). He is a key officer in 103 Bty and will continue to be so until a suitable replacement is available to the Regiment.

b. Capt BUCHAN is an experienced and capable officer who is currently engaged in the detailed administrative preparation of his battery for operational service.

c. He is highly skilled in air staff duties, helicopter deployment and air movement generally. Although this Regiment has had considerable experience in tactical air operations there is no officer available within the Regiment of his experience and knowledge who could replace him at short notice. Further, it would take some six months or so from the time a suitable officer was available to prepare a successor to a similar level. Capt BUCHAN is also a UEO.

d. As Battery Captain, he will be obliged, in war, to exercise most of the BC's practical command functions while the latter is serving with his affiliated infantry. This calls for an officer of experience.

3. The CO appreciates well that no officer ought ever to be regarded as indispensable but owing to the shortage of suitable officers in this Regiment, Capt BUCHAN is virtually indispensable and will remain so until a successor is available and can be trained. It is relevant to observe that Capt BUCHAN, personally, would prefer not to serve with AATTV and has never wished to do so.

4. The CO would be grateful if his views could be presented to the appropriate authorities.

Copy to:  
HQ 1 TF  
AHQ (DRA)

Lieutenant Colonel  
Commanding Officer



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Quote in Reply  
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ADDRESS **1 Fd Regt RAA  
 KOKODA BARRACKS  
 HOLSWORTHY NSW  
 17 Mar 66**

HQ E Comd

Copy to:  
 AHQ (DRA)  
 HQ 1 TF

OPERATIONAL EQUIPMENTS - HARDIHOOD

Reference A. 1 Fd Regt 132-3-10 dated 17 Mar 66.

1. This Regiment understands that it is to have a number of  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton FFR vehicles replaced by  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton GS vehicles for service in VIETNAM, and, also, that PRC 25 radios are to be issued in lieu of the WSC 45 presently carried in FFRs.
2. In order to meet our early movement date for vehicles it will be necessary for new  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton GS vehicles be on hand. In view of reference A it is requested this matter be treated urgently.
3. Similarly, but for different reasons, this Regiment requests the earliest possible issue of PRC 25 radio sets. These will be required for training.
4. Also, advice would be appreciated as to whether there is a set method of harnessing the PRC 25 for vehicular movement. These harnesses, if available, would also need to be available at an early date. If no harness is available then this Regiment will require both vehicles and radios in order to develop a satisfactory mounting.
5. May these requests be regarded as matters of operational urgency, please.

Lieutenant Colonel  
 Commanding Officer



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Quote in Reply  
118-1-3

ADDRESS **1 Fd Regt RAA  
KOKODA BARRACKS  
HOLSWORTHY NSW  
15 Mar 66**

HQ E Comd

Copy to:  
HQ 1 TF

TWET 222 TET (P)

1. This Regiment has been issued recently with its TWET. On a first inspection of the document, there are a number of items which cause concern.

2. A battery has an entitlement to 40 water cans. At the most a battery deploys:

- a. Three separate OP parties needing at least 2 cans each, making a total of 6.
- b. One BC's party needing at least 2 cans.
- c. Soldiers in 'B' Ech area who would need no less than 4 cans.

This would then leave for the gun area some 28 cans for about 95 men. This is considered insufficient.

3. The TWET proposes that each battery be issued with a 4 speaker tannoy. This equipment cannot be modified satisfactorily to meet the needs of a 6 gun battery. A 6 speaker tannoy has undergone user trials, but we know nothing of the fate of this equipment. Presently we use a loud hailer for communications CP/Guns but this has obvious and bad failings.

3. In the TWET there is an allowance for line laying equipment. Unfortunately, there is no provision for reels on which to recover and relay line. Unless the policy as regards the recovery of line has changed, there is certainly a need for reels. The TWET shows an entitlement for 31 Apparatus Cable Laying No 3 (Aust).

4. It is stressed that the above observations come from a 'reading' of the TWET. Doubtless there will be other shortcomings when exercises, based on the TWET, have been conducted.

5. It is recommended that:

- a. The Regimental holdings of plastic water cans be increased to 280. This would allow a distribution of 70 per gun battery and 70 to HQ Battery.

.../b.

b. That 6 speaker tannoys be made available. If these are not available, then it is recommended that sets of communications based on the closed loop principle be made available to gun batteries.

c. That for line laying equipment provision be made for 31 reels.

Lieutenant Colonel  
Commanding Officer

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1 Pd Regt RAA  
KOKODA BARRACKS  
HOLSWORTHY NSW

15 Mar 66

118-1-3

HQ E Comd

Copy to:  
AHQ (DRA)  
HQ 1 TF

HARDIHOOD - ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERS OF 102 PD BTY RAA  
FOR VIETNAM SERVICE

1. 102 Pd Bty RAA returned from operational service in BORNEO and MALAYSIA during Oct/Nov 65. All members, now serving in AUSTRALIA, will have had six months home service by May 66. Policy decisions are requested on the following matters.

a. Are members of this Battery eligible to accompany 1st Field Regiment to VIETNAM on its departure.

b. Whether distinction is to be afforded between those members of 102 Bty who volunteer for VIETNAMESE service and those who do not, and

c. Whether distinction is to be afforded between those members of 102 Bty who are married and those who are single.

2. It is relevant to observe that it will be necessary to post members of 102 Bty to make up deficiencies for VIETNAMESE service unless these deficiencies are made good from outside the Regiment.

3. The earliest possible decision is requested so that members concerned are available to begin training at JTC from 26 Mar 66.

Lieutenant Colonel  
Commanding Officer

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ANNEX N



## AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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ANNEX - N.Quote in Reply  
118-1-3ADDRESS 1 Fd Regt RAA  
KOKODA BARRACKS  
HOLSWORTHY NSW  
15 Mar 66

HQ E Comd

Copy to:  
HQ 1 TFQ ACCOUNTING : HARDIHOOD

1. With only part of this regiment going to VIETNAM, there arise a number of problems as regards KOKODA BARRACKS and our two Q accounts. Further, taking over the command of 105 Fd Bty in the theatre raises additional problems.
2. When formed units have gone overseas in the past, it has been the policy that the unit's part II account be wound up by the Barracks Q Staff, with outside assistance. We would like this policy to apply to the regiment in all Q matters.
3. Subsequent to the departure of the regiment there would be need to
  - a. Check the Register of Assets and transfer it to another controlling authority.
  - b. Stocktake the part II account of the regiment and transfer the stores to the senior or major unit in KOKODA BARRACKS.
  - c. Stocktake the part I stores of the sub-units which will be left in the barracks and transfer those stores to another account.
  - d. Close the ration account.
  - e. Close the POL account.
4. On arrival in VIETNAM, there will be a need to take over the stores of 105 Fd Bty. We consider it to be unthinkable that, in the one unit, there should be two Q accounts operating. The most obvious solution is that a stocktake be conducted, on 105 Fd Bty stores, shortly after the arrival of the regiment. However, any number of things could happen which might preclude a stocktake. In this event we would probably need to take over 105 Fd Bty stores "on faith".
5. A direction is requested on the above matters.

Lieutenant Colonel  
Commanding Officer



## AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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118-1-3ADDRESS 1 Fd Regt RAA  
KOKODA BARRACKS  
HOLSWORTHY NSW

16 Mar 66

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HQ E ComdMEDICALLY RESTRICTED PERSONNEL - 1 FD REGT RAAReference A. GS Instruction 8/65 - Preparation and Despatch  
of Forces Overseas - Para 120.1. The following members of this Regiment are  
classified CZE-Hr:

6708244	Gnr J G HAMMOND
2781518	Gnr M TOLLENS
2781616	Gnr L R GRANT
6708257	Gnr L J MCGHEE

2. These soldiers are fit in all respects except for a  
minor high tone deafness and CO 1 Fd Regt regards the above  
classification as a technicality. On the advice of the RMO the  
Commanding Officer certifies that the soldiers are medically  
suitable for overseas service.3. It is requested that this suitability for overseas  
service be recorded in central medical records.Lieutenant Colonel  
Commanding Officer

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1 Fd Regt RAA  
KOKODA BARRACKS  
HOLSWORTHY NSW

17 Mar 66

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Catering Adviser  
HQ E Comd

REPLACEMENT OF WO CATERER  
32067 WO2 C.K. DAVIES

1. The immediate replacement of WO2 DAVIES as WO Caterer is requested. While it is often to be expected that a person newly joined a unit should make the odd error, the frequency with which WO DAVIES has rendered unsatisfactory work is such that the Commanding Officer is not prepared to have WO DAVIES accompany 1 Fd Regt RAA to VIET NAM.
2. The following instances of unsatisfactory performance of duties are brought to your attention:
  - a. WO DAVIES joined this unit while engaged in extensive exercises in TIANJARA. On the first weekend, WO DAVIES left the unit without permission, on a flimsy excuse, and spent the week-end in SYDNEY.
  - b. He consistently failed to move around and supervise cooks during the defensive exercise (Ex "OTHO").
  - c. During the Staff College Demonstration on 15 Mar, morning tea for visitors would not have been available but for a timely intervention by a junior officer.
  - d. After having received specific instructions from the 2IC to talk to Battery Captains regarding the employment of cooks and certain arrangements for the late exercise period he failed to do so until checked three days afterwards.
  - e. No lunch was provided for a section of the personnel taking part in the Staff College Demonstration.
3. It is regretted that this should need to be brought to your attention but the CO cannot tolerate such inadequate performance of duties in the WO Caterer.

Lieutenant Colonel  
Commanding Officer



## AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Quote in Reply

132-3-10

ADDRESS

1 Fd Regt RAA  
KOKODA BARRACKS  
HOLSWORTHY NSW

17 Mar 66

HQ E Comd

Copy to:  
AHQ (DRA)  
HQ 1 TFOPERATIONAL TRANSPORT - CLASS THREE VEHICLES

Reference A. 1 Fd Regt 132-3-10 of 13 Jan 66.

1. The above reference represented this Regiment's concern over the state of  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton FFR vehicles held as at 13 Jan 66.

2. The following shows the present situation as revealed by recent RAEME inspections:

a. Of 20  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton FFRs within the Regiment, 17 are Class 3.

b. Of 25  $\frac{3}{4}$  GS vehicles within the Regiment, 4 are Class 3.

3. It is requested that, in view of our present commitment, immediate action be taken to replace all class 3 vehicles in the Regiment.

Lieutenant Colonel  
Commanding Officer



**AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES**

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1 Fd Regt RAA  
KOKODA BARRACKS  
HOLSWORTHY NSW

22 Mar 66

HQ E Comd

FOSTERING OF 1 FD REGT RAA AND ADMINISTRATION  
OF KOKODA BARRACKS

1. With the pending employment of this Regiment to VIETNAM early action will need to be taken to relieve the unit of its peacetime "housekeeping" obligations in KOKODA Barracks and prepare itself for overseas service. In addition, on the departure of this Regiment there will be remaining the following units and sub-units:-

a. Sub-units of 1 Fd Regt RAA

102 Fd Bty RAA  
107 Fd Bty RAA

b. Independent Units

104 Med Bty RAA  
131 Div Loc Bty RAA

While the independent units do have the capacity to administer themselves, the batteries are not capable of assuming the housekeeping roles of KOKODA Barracks, either separately or collectively.

2. The best practical answer to solve both problems is the creation of a small barracks headquarters to take over the Part II Account and foster 1 Fd Regt on its departure. With the exception of QM, who would need to be appointed or borrowed, no major staff commitment is seen, at this stage, which cannot be met from within the resources of the units here.

3. It is recommended that authority be given for the establishment of a Regimental Headquarters to assume provisional command of 102 and 107 Fd Btys and to take over 1 Fd Regt's Part 2 Account and similar housekeeping responsibilities. The RHQ need not be at full strength, at this time, but the appointment or temporary attachment of a QM will be essential.

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HQ 1 TF  
HQ Liverpool Area  
AHQ (DRA)

Lieutenant Colonel  
Commanding Officer

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Annex A to  
E Comd 28/601/228(G1/6)  
dated 1 Mar 66

READINESS STATE

UNIT 1 Fd Regt RAA

AS AT 291200K

EFFECTIVENESS of ANNING DETAIL	DEFICIENCIES					REMARKS
	PERSONNEL		VEHICLES	MAJOR EQUIPMENTS		
	OFFR	OR	QUANTITY AND TYPE	QUANTITY AND TYPE		
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	
97	1	7	NIL	See attached list		
	Capt RMO Sgt Tailor 4 Pte cooks 2 Arty corps					

DEFICIENCIES MAJOR EQUIPMENTS

Serial	Item	No. Deficient
1	Aiming Circle C4	4
2	Saws Chain 26"	2
3	Switchboard Tele Manual SB 993/GT	5
4	Radio Set Installation Unit GP AM/GRC 125	20
5	Radio Set AM/GRC 125	20
6	Antenna Group RG 292	3
7	Radio Set & Assoc Kit AM/PRC 25	48
8	Radio Set Control Group AM/GRA 39A	8
9	Receiver Radio H5223	1
10	Generating Set 900w 24v DC	1
11	Lights Ext Fluorescent 12v DC w/Sty	20
12	Watch Wrist SP CW Nylon Band	8
13	Watch Wrist GS	43
14	Tent 11 x 11 Ext Complete	12
15	Tent Ext 11 x 11	1
16	Sets Concealment 25 pr cwch	6
17	Apparatus Cable Laying No 3 Aust	13
18	Frames Cable Laying Aust No 1	6
19	Parallelasopes	2
20	Duplicator Machine Stencil process Rec E/exp	1
21	Compressor reciprocating, powerdriven 240v 8.6 cfm, Pulsford model 30C Style 2 trolley mounted	1
22	Entrenching tool hand combination	90
23	Theodolite optical micrometer, TRAVISTOCK, 3/16 in GT and S, V406 (GCS 1809)	5
24	Carriers Entrenching tool H1956	93
25	Tapes Measuring steel 300 ft Mk 2	4
26	Panel Set air to ground recognition	4
27	Slideex - complete sets	20
28	Tanks collapsible 100 gallon	3
29	Detectors set mine general purpose	2



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FM MILCOMMAND SYDNEY

TO 1 FD REGT

C O N F I D E N T I A L OPS006341. HARDIHOOD. SECURITY BRIEFING BY AHQ TEAMS.

ONE. ALL RANKS IN UNIT ADV PARTIES AND IN PARTIES TO SAIL IN FIRST LIFT HMAS SYDNEY ARE TO BE BRIEFED ON TUE 19 APR

TWO. ALL RANKS IN PARA ONE ABOVE ARE TO RETURN FROM PRE EMBARKATION LEAVE TO BE IN UNIT LINES BY MIDNIGHT MON 18 APR.

THREE. MEMBERS INVOLVED ARE AS FOL.

ALFA. ADV PARTIES DEPARTING BY AIR 19 APR. HQ 1 TF 9, 17 CONST SQN 10 CMM 55 AESS 1 CMM 11 MC GP 5 CMM 103 SIG SQN 1 CMM 5 RAR 42 CMM 1 DIV INT UNIT 1 CMM 1 COY RAASC 1 CMM 101 FD WKSP 1 CMM 1 DIV POST UNIT 3.

BRAVO. PARTIES SAILING IN HMAS SYDNEY 22 APR. HQ 1 LSG 2 CMM HQ 1 TF 7

PAGE 2 RAYCHL 064 31/0244 C O N F I D E N T I A L

CMM 1 FD REGT 18 CMM 131 DIV LOC BTY 14 CMM 17 CONST SQN 41 CMM 55 AESS 3 CMM 11 MC GP 1 CMM 103 SIG SQN 23 CMM 5 RAR 130 CMM 1 DIV INT UNIT 2 CMM 21 SUP PL 4 CMM 1 OEP 3 CMM 131 DIV LOC BTY WKSP 5 CMM 17 CONST SQN WKSP 4 CMM 1 DIV ST WKSP 8 CMM 1 FD REGT LAD 4 CMM 1 TF HQ LAD 2 CMM 1 DIV CASH OFFICE 2 CMM 1 DIV PRO COY 13 CMM 1 DIV POST UNIT 4.

FOUR. DETAILED INSTR ON ADM ARRANGEMENTS FOLLOW. LOC WILL BE 1 FD REGT THEATRE. START TIME 0800 HRS. INT BRIEF 4 HRS ONE HALF HR RED CROSS BRIEF FOL BY ONE HALF FURTHER INT BRIEF TO ALL OFFRS. UNITS MAKE OWN TPT ARRANGEMENTS ECONOMISING WHERE POSSIBLE BY UNIT LIAISON

# MESSAGE FORM

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Soldiers training JTC required move per HMAS SYDNEY 22 Apr (.) ONE (.) believe soldiers required briefing E Comd 19 Apr (.) soldiers required regiment essential pre embarkation checks, loading, clearance personal matters not later 162400K Apr (.) TWO (.) soldiers involved with home address are 16130 Cfn A R FRAZER veh mech 540 Sabre Cres HOLSWORTHY CMM 216344 Cfn A C HANLON fitter & turner 13 Silsue St MAYFIELD NEWCASTLE CMM A510924 Lt K B MELLOR 177 Westview St SCARBOROUGH WEST AUSTRALIA CMM 29089 Sgt F R PEARSON Sig Sgt 22 Arlowis St CHESTER HILL NSW CMM 311144 Sgt T MELVIN Tpt Sgt 37 Demas Rd HAMMONDVILLE NSW CMM 216192 Gnr R R FURTER dvr Lot 37 Clyde Rd BRINGELLY NSW CMM 216117 Gnr P J MIERSON dvr 67 Edward St GUNNEDAH NSW CMM 2781429 Gnr M J YOUNG dvr 49 Hinkler St MAROUBRA NSW CMM 216137 Gnr W C SANDERS dvr 3 The Crescent HURSTVILLE GROVE NSW CMM 2781379 Gnr A R MCKENZIE dvr 94 Abbott St NORTH CURL CURL NSW CMM 2412253 Gnr I A JONES dvr batman 14 Verona St PENNANT HILLS NSW CMM 215226 Gnr G R DAVIES dvr batman Flat 1, 19 Powell St WEST WOLLONGONG NSW CMM 2781517 Gnr M TOLLINS dvr batman 58 Myall St MERRYLANDS NSW CMM 215356 Gnr A G SINGER dvr op 246 Queen St GRAFTON NSW (.) THREE (.) request that E Comd ask JTC to maintain soldiers at DPI standard and accept action to send soldiers from JTC to regiment in sufficient time to allow regt to despatch on seven days leave at destination

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