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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 NII will be entered on the cover. If additional annexes are convenient for a particular headquarters, starting at B.

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

EVENTS

as well as map references), establishment, equipment

orders given.

the day's fighting, including company movements.

Commander with regard to equipment, tactics, organization

tential importance.

of officers, men and equipment.

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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.

COMMA **DISPOSAL** DIARIES

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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MONTH AND YEAR JUN 66

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Lt Col R M C CUBIS, MVO
COMMANDING OFFICER

| Place and grid reference | Date | Time | Event or information | Annex letter and enclosure number |
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| VUNG TAU | 1 Jun | | <p>At the start of the month the Officers and Warrant Officers of RHQ, HQ Bty, 103 Fd Bty, 1 Fd Regt LAD and 1 ATF Loc Tp:-</p> <p>CO Lt Col RMC CUBIS, MVO BC 103 Fd Bty Maj N GAIR</p> <p>ZIC Maj A McDERMOTT BK Capt G BINDLEY</p> <p>Adjt Capt IGA MACINNIS OPO1</p> <p>QM Capt D HAYES OPO2 Capt P ASPINALL</p> <p>A Adjt Lt D G HEAZLEWOOD OPO3 Lt K MELLOR</p> <p>Regtl Svy Offr Lt B J CAMPBELL GPO Lt J H GRIGGS</p> <p>Regtl Sig Offr 2lt M I ALLEN Sec Comd Lt D G RULE</p> <p>IO Lt M G LANGLEY Sec Comd 2lt B J DEAN</p> <p>RSM WO1 A J SNEDDEN BSM WO2 B J TAYLOR</p> <p>BC HQ Bty Capt I G DARLINGTON Bty Guide WO2 D NOLAN</p> <p>BSM HQ Bty WO2 A W SQUIBB 1 ATF Loc Tp Capt J TOWNLEY Comd</p> <p>OC 1 Fd Regt LAD Capt G MacCREADIE Svy Sec Comd 2lt P SADLER</p> <p>ASM Radar Sec Comd 2lt A OPIE</p> <p>TSM WO2 F PERRY</p> <p>ASM LAD Det WO2 W PREYTER</p> | |

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| VUNG TAU | 1 Jun | | <p>Last night at 2315 hours the NE sentry post (a small sand bagged structure) was shot at by an unknown person using a rifle. Only one round was fired and it ricocheted out of the bag. The incident could have been the action of a larrikin; it did not seem serious VC work. The latter surely would be more disposed to shoot at a tent full of sleeping soldiers rather than a well protected sentry. In this location it is not possible to shoot back without risking danger to civilians.</p> <p>The first member of 1st Field Regiment to be engaged on operations (if one excludes the activities of 105 and 161 Batteries who have served here since late September 1965 and June 1965 and do not join 1 Field Regiment until 6 Jun 66), is Sergeant DURNFORD of 103 Battery. He was given permission by the Commanding Officer to accompany a river boat patrol conducted nightly by the US Navy in the MEKONG Delta outlets. This particular patrol was intended to stop traffic across the river in support of 10 ARVN Division operating to the WEST. At 2030 hours, the patrol was fired on by a machine gun. Sgt DURNFORD manned one of the patrols' M60 machine guns and returned the fire. The area was subsequently</p> | |

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AF-C 2118 (Adapted)

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| VUNG TAU | 1 Jun | | <p>saturated by two armed helicopters, but, alas, on the return trip the patrol was mortared from the same area.</p> <p>At 1430 hours, the Commanding Officer flew NORTH to visit 105 and 161 Batteries on a "social" visit and to give them an idea of immediate developments. The two batteries are left rather in the dark at the moment; Command from 173 Abn Brigade to 1 ATF changes on 6 June and the batteries move to their new (ATF) locations on 5 June. Meanwhile, the US FA Battalions, of which they are a part, moves NORTH in support of US operations leaving our guns outranged and unemployable except in support of 5 RAR operations.</p> <p>The Commanding Officer of the US Artillery Battalion was prepared to leave behind approximately 1800 rounds HE with our two batteries. Provided transport is available to move it, this will otherwise help our ammunition supply problem. Unhappily our present establishment, conceived ⁱⁿ no good faith but limited understanding, and designed for airborne operations, does not allow for the fact that while we may fly .05% of the time, 99.95% of the time we use road transport - operationally and</p> | |

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| VUNG TAU | 1 Jun | | <p>administratively. As a result we have an inadequate capacity to provide sybaritic luxuries like water, food and ammunition. Indeed, it is easier to supply beer than water. Fortunately the matter is not serious, because we have not the resources to store water even if it could be supplied and, of course, in the monsoon season, the soldiers can always leave their hats out to collect rainfall. Finally, of course, we can always drink from the padi fields and we have water sterilization tablets to rid its taste of nitrogenous matter.</p> <p>An administrative conference (Major McDERMOTT attended) for the movement forward of the Force was held this afternoon - before, alas, the operation order had been received. The latter was received at 2000 hours tonight and is a very clear and intelligent order.</p> <p>103 Battery under the Battery Commander, Major GAIR, carried out refresher helicopter training at VUNG TAU with the Officers Commanding 67 Ground Liaison Section (Major COOPER), 68 Aviation Company US Army (Captain NYLE) and one helicopter (UH1D). The Task Force Commander visited the Battery informally and spoke to the soldiers.</p> | |

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| VUNG TAU | 2 Jun | | <p>The Commanding Officer, Second in Command and Captain TOWNLEY, commanding 1 ATF Locating Troop, attended the Task Force Commander's co-ordinating conference at 1000 hours associated with the deployment of the Task Force during 5-16 June. Relevant gunner points included the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. 105 and 161 Batteries are likely to retain, between them, about 1200 rounds of ammunition (US sources)b. 173 Brigade will release the batteries to their new locations from 0600 hours 5 June and will assist with transportc. With 5 RAR, we shall co-ordinate clearing operations of the HQ 1 ATF and gun areas on 5 Jund. The Sappers look like being able to provide a dozer to assist with gun pit construction. A dozer is a desirable piece of equipment for a RAA regiment in this theatre.e. IROQUOIS helicopters are unlikely to be available for 103 Battery's deployment on 6 June but CHINOOKs are on 5 June. Although we have never worked with the latter, our previous experience is likely to make this only a minor disadvantage. | |

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| VUNG TAU | 2 Jun | | <p>f. Because of lack of loading provision on HMAS SYDNEY and the Force merchant ship BOONAROO, there will be insufficient supplies to support the Force for the foreseeable future</p> <p>g. The Commander directed that there be no one to one working between units and their B Echelons in the VUNG TAU area. He wished transport and administrative support to be co-ordinated by Rear HQ 1 ATF</p> <p>h. Of concern to the Regiment is the fact that the Staff of HQ 1 ATF have not made any noticeable effort to carry out liaison for the passage of 105 and 161 Batteries from US to TF control beyond a G request that the batteries be released on 5 June</p> <p>j. The Commander commented that it was typical of life that after we had trained in airborne operations with IROQUOIS, our first real operation would be carried out in CHINOOKS. For these we have no training.</p> <p>In the afternoon Group Captain RAW visited the Regiment to discuss certain aspects of the FSCC. The Commanding Officer had warning of the visit and</p> | |

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| VUNG TAU | 2 Jun | | had in preparation sought the Commander's policy, beforehand, on the entrance of the RAAF into the FSCC. It was clear that the RAAF had no wish to run the FSCC but they were anxious to take over the co-ordination of air effort and this is going to lead to a RAAF/USAF "power" struggle. This is unlikely to hurt 1 ATF because the FSCC will, in our time, consist of only two officers - an Airforce representative (USAF or RAAF) and a RAA representative. The Commanding Officer foresees the time in about two years time, or less, when the RAAF will seek to direct the fire of all ATF weapons other than small arms. Meanwhile we can watch the outcome of the USAF v RAAF battle. | |
| | 3 Jun | | The Commanding Officer had discussions with the Commander regarding the FSCC resulting from the RAAF proposal to establish an "Air Advisory Board". The latter will co-ordinate all aircraft from all sources and a representative will sit in the FSCC. The latter body will then consist of one "ground" representative and an "air" representative. If the RAAF can manage to get the USAF to come to the party, the advantages for us are considerable. | |

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| VUNG TAU | 3 Jun | | <p>The Battery Sergeant Major of HQ Battery, WO2 A W SQUIBB, went for an orientation flight with 161 Recce Flight (Major P LIPSCOMBE commanding) over the 173 (US) Airborne Brigade operational area. SQUIBB, in the back seat, saw five figures run into a patch of thick scrub. The plane circled the area; the forward observer in the aircraft also saw the figures and they were engaged as a battery target. Results are unknown. Unfortunately, owing to the tight turns of the aircraft, BSM SQUIBB was ill.</p> | |
| VUNG TAU | 4 Jun | | <p>The Second in Command led reconnaissance parties forward this morning attached to the 5 RAR road convoy. Party included the RSM, Survey Officer with the Survey Party (7), the Gun Position Officer 103 Battery (Lt J GRIGGS) BSM (WO2 TAYLOR), Sgt BORGES and 28 others. Two troop carrying vehicles were required to lift personnel and which had been guaranteed by the AQ staff of Task Force Headquarters, did not arrive despite a co-ordinating "check up" this morning half an hour before the transport was due.</p> <p>(These rather excessive precautions we have learned to take as a result of our lack of confidence in the administrative staff. It is pleasing to record, however, the intelligence, competence and efficiency of both the</p> | |

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| VUNG TAU | 4 Jun | | <p>G Staff and the heads of Services at the Headquarters).</p> <p>One of the latter, (Captain BLAND, the Task Force RAAOC Officer, a most helpful, competent and courteous officer), had the difficult task of presenting himself to the Commanding Officer late this morning, with the Commander's compliments, and requiring the Regiment to deliver to him a one section marquee of US origin. (Out of our totally inadequate tentage, this marquee, is at present housing 34 soldiers, and on their departure tomorrow to our new area, is intended to house our soldiers' trunks until these, too, may be called forward). Captain BLAND explained that four such marquees were required for additional tentage to give blackout screening for Task Force Headquarters. It appeared that we were to provide one (under the erroneous impression that we were holding two) the Field Ambulance another and the Reinforcement Unit, a third. The fourth had yet to be found. The Commanding Officer enquired if either of the infantry battalions had been approached and was informed "No".</p> <p>This, of course, characterises the attitude of our Army and is one that causes considerable ill feeling. That the Infantry are the mainstay of any Army is indisputable. In the Australian Army this Axiom is put into</p> | |

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| VUNG TAU | 4 Jun | | <p>practical effect by giving the Infantry not only priority and understanding, but even, on occasion an immunity from the tiresome obligations which attend other units. Gunners and the RAAC are sick of being regarded as second class citizens. These impositions cannot be hidden from the soldiers. For example, today, the soldiers are called upon to dismantle the marquee in question and as there were four other soldiers from outside the Regiment present, they speedily learnt what was going on. It is fortunate and only fair to record, that Captain BLAND retrieved the situation on this occasion by making available a US squad tent in lieu. The practical effect on us is thus negligible but the certainty that this Regiment, the third major unit of the Task Force, and, indeed (but to a lesser extent) units of the other Arms, rank at the bottom of operational consideration is disturbing and a measure of the fact that an Australian all Arms formation has not served in action, as such, since 1945.</p> | |
| VUNG TAU | 5 Jun | | <p>Today the main body moved forward from VUNG TAU to NUI DAT. RHQ moved first, followed by 103 Battery. Vehicles have gone up by road with driver,</p> | |

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| VUNG TAU | 5 Jun | | escort, and sand bags on the floor. The Commanding Officer and the BC 103 Battery who is acting as controller of the FSCC, flew in the first chalk of HQ Battery personnel. The airlift was done by CHINOOK helicopters, each capable of lifting about 30 men. The movement was an hour ahead of schedule by the middle of the morning. On arrival it was raining and the HQ Bty party waited in the rubber plantation which is to be the TF area, while areas were allocated for various section of TF HQ. Although a little heavy underfoot it promises to be cool in the rubber and the shade of the tree canopy will be most welcome when the monsoon ends. | |
| NUI DAT | 5 Jun | | TAC HQ was established and that night controlled 105 Fd Bty and 161 Fd Bty RNZA, they being already on the ground from operation HARDIHOOD, <i>w</i> which the 173 (US) Airborne Bde undertook to clear the area. 103 Battery were not scheduled to be ready until the 6th. At 1700 hours the Regimental net opened, and at 1800 hours 105 Fd Bty and 161 Fd Bty came under command of 1 Fd Regt. The officers and warrant officers of these Batteries are:- | |

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| NUI DAT | 5 Jun | | BC 105 Fd Bty Major PNO TEDDER | BC 161 Fd Bty Major D KENNING |
| | | | BK Capt B J STARK | BK Major R POTTS |
| | | | OPO1 Capt A KARAS | OPO1 Capt M DAKIN |
| | | | OPO2 Capt A G HUTCHINSON | OPO2 Capt M STANLEY |
| | | | OPO3 Lt B H STARK | OPO3 Lt P MURPHY |
| | | | GPO Capt PJC TRELEAVEN | LO Lt B DREYER |
| | | | LO Lt J C LONG | GPO Lt P WILLIAMS |
| | | | Sec Comd 2lt G R MAUGHAN | Sec Comd 2lt B HARRISON |
| | | | Sec Comd Lt JAR JANSEN | Sec Comd 2lt J HENDERSON |
| | | | 2lt B WINSOR* | RSM WO1 POLLARD |
| | | | BSM WO2 J J SOXSMITH | Bty Guide WO2 KERSHOKE |
| | | | Bty Guide WO2 S D JAMES | Major KENNING is to be replaced by |
| | | | *2lt WINSOR is replacement for | Major H HONNER shortly. |
| | | | Lt STARK who is posted as T Capt | |
| | | | to 67 GL Sec. | |
| NUI DAT | 6 Jun | | Development of the Regimental and Task Forces areas continued. We are fortunate in being situated in the rubber plantation. There are also swarms of ants. | |

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| NUI DAT | 6 Jun | | <p>A conference this morning went partially towards settling the changeover of command difficulties confronting the Regiment and particularly 105 and 161 Batteries. The difficulties lie in the differences arising from an independent battery joining a regiment and in the change back from exclusively US procedures to normal Australian and New Zealand procedures. The Regimental standard procedures are being applied and as they are based largely on local experience it is hoped that not a great deal of amendment is required.</p> <p>One of the radars is now out of action as a result of a damage to the elevating motor. A replacement has been requested. It is understood that some are being repaired in Australia and that the School of Artillery has some.</p> <p>Major KENNING, BC 161 NZ Battery, visited the RAE and RAAC units (having no OPs) in order to help them select defensive fire tasks. (All Corps are manning the perimeter). Although these targets are being embodied in the DF plan, the latter is a pretty flexible plan - the infantry are obliged to change their requirements as their company bases and standing patrols change their locations.</p> | |

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| NUI DAT | 6 Jun | | <p>At 1925 hours tonight, the Regiment fired its first regimental target at a "large body of VC", as reported on reliable information from higher headquarters. Results unknown.</p> <p>Sentries of 161 Battery fired on a prowler, outside the wire, who ran behind a tree and disappeared.</p> <p>At 2147 hours, Radar 21A (Sgt SIMMONS) located its first mortar in action in an area 2,500 metres SE of our position. The mortar had not been detected and was situated on the road leading from PHUOC LONG (a destroyed VC village) to the EAST and in the middle of a large area in which we were carrying out harassing fire. We fired a bombard in suppression.</p> <p>After this eventful beginning (first Regimental target in action by an Australian regiment in 21 years, first locrep) the remaining radar slightly spoiled the record by subsequently locking on to a bird or something and giving an improbable locrep which occasioned a temporary flap at Tac HQ.</p> | |
| NUI DAT | 7/8 Jun | | <p>No rain today, second fine day in succession.</p> <p>The Commanding Officer visited the gun lines. He is concerned that only 40% of our defence stores have arrived. It is bad enough that the guns are on the perimeter with an obligation to man the perimeter and defend</p> | |

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| NUI DAT | 7/8 Jun | | <p>not only themselves but also the Headquarters, but to do so with an inadequate supply of wire etc renders the task very difficult. Our Army continues to labour under the delusion that a field regiment is an infantry battalion with too many officers armed with guns. It is to be hoped that when our infantry in VIETNAM are educated, the lessons will percolate back to AUSTRALIA.</p> <p>Another cause for concern is the inadequacies not only of our establishment but also the thinking which went into its design. Today there were flocks of helicopters supplying ammunition at a fast rate. On the surface this sounds fine but in fact the supply had to be called off because there being only one LZ, the ammunition was stockpiling too fast and could not be cleared even using every soldier we owned. Moreover there was no transport to shift the stuff the odd 1000 yards to distant batteries anyway.</p> <p>This night developed into one of considerable activity. From PHUOC LONG village (the fortified and tunnelled VC village to the SE), a succession of mortars fired from an area of about 1500 by 2000 metres. Firing was spasmodic and indicated that each mortar appeared to be firing from a</p> | |

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| | 7/8 Jun | | <p>number of deep holes, in turn, each connected by tunnel. Locations were determined by radar locreps and confirmed by RAA mortreps. The enemy fired, perhaps, 20 rounds and, on the average, every third round merited a response of scale 6 from the Regiment. It is possible that we have discouraged the enemy, if not destroyed him; (he appears too well dug in for that).</p> <p>An interesting aspect was that no one reported receiving mortaring. As a result the Commanding Officer had great trouble letting the Task Force know that they had been under fire, most not appreciating the fact unless presumably, a round lands within 100 yards.</p> <p>Later, while HQ 5 RAR was being lightly probed, another mortar some 800 metres NE of battalion headquarters opened up. This location was confirmed by three locreps (within 150 yards) and a mortrep from a locating troop listening post. An interesting aspect was that mortar fired simultaneously with a US mortar platoon some two thousand metres to the WEST. The position was further complicated because 5 RAR mortars were also firing. The result was that no one reported any mortreps. Even 105 Battery, which should have known better, was receiving bombs some 1000 metres</p> | |

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| NUI DAT 4366 | 7/8 Jun | | <p>away and reported nothing until invited to. We are all inexperienced in the Task Force and have a lot to learn.</p> <p>In the middle of the mortaring and while the area being mortared was escaping detection, it transpired that a VIETNAMESE unit was improperly firing into the area of PHUOC LONG. It was supposed, therefore, that our radars were no good and were recording fall of shot rather than point of origin. Fortunately the radar (and the GPO of 103 Fd Bty Lt GRIGGS) had already detected this firing and the fact could be shown in the operation log. Indeed, when the US Liason Officer came up to investigate he gave us the location of the VIETNAMESE mortars. As a result we were able to show that Lt GRIGG'S mortrep passed within 50 metres.</p> <p>The Locating Troop has proved a tremendous asset and Captain TOWNLEY and his soldiers are to be praised. 103 Battery has also comported itself very well and after only three days in action, the Regiment appears to be getting off to a good start.</p> | |

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| NUI DAT | 9 Jun | | <p>At 0900 hours US Naval PHANTOM jet aircraft carried out an air strike on LONG PHUOC. This was repeated at 1840 hours and on this occasion SA fire was returned. The village is abandoned and partly destroyed; it has been declared a prohibited place.</p> <p>Today a Regimental listening post saw an ox cart with 3 VIETNAMESE trundling down the road. The removal of the civilian population from the area immediately round us is a big job and it must be several more days before its complete. It involves removing peasants from their land - always their most precious possession - and finding equal or better areas to resettle them.</p> <p>During the night mortars continued to fire to the SOUTH. So far no actual rounds landing have been reported and the enemy purpose remains a mystery. The Adjutant Captain I G A MACINNIS handed over the Appointment to Captain A KARAS, formerly OP officer 105 Fd Bty.</p> | |
| NUI DAT | 10 Jun | | <p>At approximately 1530 hours, the radars provided two locreps on enemy mortars quite close to 105 Battery and due WEST. The locreps were confirmed by mortreps and the targets engaged. At the moment of engagement, an unidentified enemy weapon (suspected to be a 120 mm mortar) also</p> | |

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| NUI DAT | 10 Jun | | <p>opened fire on an infantry patrol near the original mortars. This latter weapon was sited in line with the first weapons but some 4 to 5000 yards further WEST and it appeared that the enemy was seeking to confuse us by letting us concentrate on the near weapons so that the further weapon remained undetected. Fortunately, the OP assistant with the patrol (Gnr CATHCART of 105 Fd Bty) saw the enemy weapon and engaged it as an observed target. Regrettably the enemy were partially successful and the mortaring inflicted two killed and two wounded on the patrol. In addition Gnr CATHCART was slightly wounded and badly shaken.</p> <p>An airstrike was called on the area and the whole side of the mountain was covered by CBU (Cluster Bomb Unit) and by napalm. This is the second time that the USAF has efficiently assisted us in two days. Their efforts in twice striking mortar locations in PHUOC LONG has quietened the latter considerably. One other position to the SOUTH of the village was noisy for brief spells last night and we shall send an air strike in, the day after tomorrow.</p> <p>The enemy is crowding into the fringes of XUYEN LONG (an RVN village)</p> | |

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| NUI DAT | 10 Jun | | secure in the knowledge that we shall not fire back at the risk of hurting civilians. Evidently our CB work has been effective and we have used various mixtures of CVT, HE M51 and fuze delay at high angle to deter him. One enemy mortar in the fringes of the village desultorily mortared us throughout the night but did so in a vacant area and did no damage. | |
| NUI DAT | 11 Jun | | Between 0330 and 0530 approximately, several locreps indicated the presence of several mortars in the village fringes. The Commander is now considering putting infantry in to clear the area and check for mortar locations. General SEAMAN, Commanding II Field Force (VIETNAM) visited the Commander this morning. The Commanding Officer was introduced and general discussion conducted regarding the possible nature of VC intentions. It appears likely that 6 RAR will be brought forward early as this next week is expected to be quite dicey; we are very thin on the ground. Decent quantities of defence stores arrived today and at last we look like being able to complete our wire. A dozer is also helping by pushing down some scrub to create a clear area around the dangerous parts of our perimeter. | |

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| NUI DAT | 11 Jun | | <p>Tonight started very quietly and remained so.</p> <p>Captain MACINNIS joined 173 (US) Abn Brigade as a liaison officer with 3/319 Field Artillery Battalion. The Brigade is engaged on operation HOLLANDIA on the peninsula opposite VUNG TAU.</p> | |
| NUI DAT | 12 Jun | | <p>The Commanding Officer was concerned at the lack of progress in providing earth walls for protection of the guns. He considers it essential that earth walls be pushed up by dozers at an early stage to protect gun detachments from snipers; beautification with sand bags and PSP (metal strips used for surfacing of earth airfields) can be carried out at leisure.</p> <p>Four premature explosions of CVT ammunition occurred this afternoon. A report is being submitted to II Field Force (V) in confirmation of a telephone conversation. A copy will be submitted to the DRA.</p> <p>This evening a lot of drama took place. All of us in the Task Force are unseasoned and a little edgy particularly in the knowledge of our thinness on the ground. We look forward to the arrival of 6 RAR on the 14th.</p> <p>Bombards were fired on mortars to the SOUTH.</p> | |

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| NUI DAT | 12 Jun | | <p>So far as can be determined, a small number of people (it is not even certain they were VC - they could have been civilians scavenging) wandered towards one of 5 RAR's patrols flashing torches. The whole Force stood to (including the guns) and numerous DF tasks were fired. The incident had had, as a prelude, innumerable reports of flares to NORTH and SOUTH WEST. The former turned out to be the Battalion mortars and the latter a combination of an ARVN exercise and the lighthouse at CAP ST JACQUES. This is humorous now, but we were all quite keyed up at the time. The Commander has said, virtually "Now lets calm down I want some sleep tonight". This is an attitude which is a comfort and relief to us all. Lieutenant MELLOR joined 5 RAR as a fourth OP. He is attached to C Coy.</p> | |
| NUI DAT | 13 Jun | | <p>Everyone was tired after last night and the morning was spent in resting. The Commanding Officer spent some time with 161 Battery which has received 14 reinforcements and a fifth gun. The sixth one is expected. The Regiment fired a salute in honour of HM The Queen's birthday at noon. The salute was fired by both 103 and 161 (NZ) Batteries, guns firing alternately in each battery. We believe that this is the first such occasion that a salute has been fired in action since A Battery fired a</p> | |

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| NUI DAT | 13 Jun | | <p>salute at the accession of King Edward VII in SOUTH AFRICA during the Boer War. We are open to correction if 105 Battery fired a salute in MALAYA 1955/57.</p> <p>Major KENNING, BC 161 Bty RNZA received the MBE in the Birthday Honour List. Major KENNING has handed over command of the Battery to Major H HONNER.</p> <p>At 0937 hours airstrikes were carried out by propellor driven aircraft of the RVN Air Force.</p> <p>An American meteorological team arrived this morning to spend some 4 or 5 days training the Regtl Svy Section in this work.</p> <p>Difficulty was again experienced in gaining clearance for targets. Understandably the infantry are not impressed by delays of up to 30 minutes, which may occur after the target has been called.</p> <p>At the briefing this evening the Commander made a plea for a quiet night - it was a quiet night on both sides, light rain fell.</p> | |
| NUI DAT | 14 Jun | | <p>Today, 6 RAR flew in and landed at the 103 Battery landing zone. We were all very glad to see them.</p> <p>There has been a distinct air of apprehension among us all and last</p> | |

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| NUI DAT | 14 Jun | | <p>nights calmness following upon the Commander's direction helped a great deal.</p> <p>Harassing and Interdiction programmes were cancelled last night and tonight are to be fired on a much reduced scale. It would appear that the guns have been firing too much.</p> <p>Major H B HONNOR RNZA assumed command of 161 Battery and flew in with 6 RAR; 161 Battery is in direct support of the Battalion.</p> | |
| NUI DAT | 15 Jun | | <p>A very quiet day following a very quiet night. Three prowlers observed 1200 yards from 103 Battery wire were kept under observation but nothing happened. Three prowlers near A Company of 5 RAR were engaged by a battery target, a circumstance which not exactly endear^{us and} 5 RAR to the Commander. He is most anxious at this time to reserve fire for serious targets and not blaze away thoughtlessly at the least excuse. There is no doubt that the continuous gun firing has disturbed a lot of people causing them to suppose that the war was much more acute than it is, at this stage.</p> <p>In similar vein, the previous active CB policy has been varied and, until further notice, will be silent unless our troops are actually under fire.</p> | |

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| NUI DAT | 15 Jun | | and receiving casualties. | |
| | 16 Jun | | Colonel SAYES and some other officers of IInd Field Force VIETNAM Artillery visited the area today for further reconnaissance concerned with the arrival of the expected US 155mm battery. (It is A Battery). The Battery will occupy the area immediately SOUTH of 105 Battery. The Commanding Officer started co-ordination DF targets now that the two battalions are firm in their base areas. About 1730 hours a heavy deluge started accompanied by thunder and lightning. Soon the water was flooding tents and holes were filled. A shirt of the Second in Commands' floated from his tent to 103 Battery where it was recovered about 2200 hours. Identification of fragments recovered from craters where the D Company 5 RAR patrol was mortared on 10 June indicate that the enemy has a 105mm gun. This is the second such indication in the last week, the other being at HQ II FFV at LONG BINH. The possibility is not excluded that the fragments come from shells fired by RVN forces in the BARIA area. | |
| NUI DAT | 17 Jun | | After discussions with the Commander, the Commanding Officer visited both the battalions to co-ordinate the final DF plan. Total DF tasks are now | |

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| NUI DAT | 17 Jun | | <p>reduced to 31 including 1 for the APC Sqn and 3 for close defence of the gun position. They could be reduced further. This Task Table is to list the "permanent" DF tasks for the base camp. It has been found convenient to design additional DF task tables for infantry patrols on a temporary basis. These are sent by wireless, in code, every evening by BCs. The Commander added five DF tasks in depth.</p> <p>After the rains, the tracks were appalling and the Commanding Officer only escaped bogging by getting out and pushing.</p> <p>The FSCC is now well established as part of the TF RAA Complex which has been found quite the most efficient manner of operation.</p> <p>The RAAF representatives have won their battle with the USAF to establish a "direction" centre and will maintain one "AIR" representative in the FSCC. The US Army Aviation also arrived today. Thanks to the efforts of Major GAIR (BC 103 Battery which is now in general support) the whole system of co-ordination of fire and flying has been put on a sound basis. The Commanding Officer today issued an instruction regarding safety to all officers.</p> <p>The trumpets were christened today at 1800 hours when the Regimental</p> | |

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| NUI DAT | 17 Jun | | Medical Officer played Retreat and did so very well. | |
| | 18 Jun | | Some domestic drama attended the efforts of the AQ Staff Officers of the Force to site the rubbish dump near the gun area. Some minor amendments were issued to 1 ATF OPLAN 1-66 (the gaining of documentation by 1 ATF over its TAOR). In brief (see marked map attached) the following action is planned:- a. 15/20 June. Battalions clear to line ALPHA b. 21/28 June. 6 RAR clear zone KHAKE c. 29 June/4 July. 5 RAR clear zone GOLD d. Subsequently, clearance of zones GREEN and RED. Meanwhile, 3 SAS Squadron is to reconnoitre and maintain surveillance of zone RED (21 June/13 July) and CHERRY (21 June/6 July) The Batteries are to be temporarily regrouped as follows until 29 June:- a. 161 Bty in direct support 6 RAR b. 105 Bty ^{namally} in direct support 5 RAR, in support of 6 RAR but at priority call to 5 RAR for DF. c. 103 Bty in support of 6 RAR but at priority call to Commander 1 ATF (for bombards etc) | |

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| NUI DAT | 19 Jun | | <p>This morning the Commander and Commanding Officer walked the front from one flank to another. The Commander satisfied himself of the infantry layout and co-ordinated the DF targets. From the map co-ordination, two targets were dropped and two others were re-sited by about 100 metres. The Commander is anxious to maintain an observation post on NUI DAT (grid 4367) in addition to the normal RRA OP with D Coy 5 RAR. The Commanding Officer is considering the deployment of the Survey Section for this purpose. A bunker centrally sited on the ridge, with vision to both EAST and WEST should serve the purpose and the task is likely to be more congenial to Surveyors' feelings than manning rifle pits. Reports from 6 RAR patrols have already tended to confirm mortar locations found by our radars in the last two weeks. The Commander is delighted with this as, apparently, the Americans at HQ II F Force V (not having this radar) have been scoffing at the locreps. In similar vein, an informal and vague report that RVN forces lost two 105mm guns to the VC some three weeks ago is now being investigated. The implications of the latter are serious as it means every likelihood that we are in range of the enemy.</p> | |

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| NUI DAT 4366 | 21 June | | <p>There were only two mortreps during the night and no certainty that these were either true mortreps or merely bearings to fall of shot. This was the quietest night of our stay so far and causes one to wonder whether the VC know that 6RAR was to start the destruction of the tunnel complexes in LONG PHOUC at 0730 hours.</p> <p>The latter operation began as planned. Three companies, foward, moved into the village system. Progress was good and foward elements were well into the village by early afternoon.</p> <p>By last light, the Battalion halted after discovering two complex tunnell systems and quantities of rice and teak furniture. No opposition has so far been encountered.</p> <p>Tonight we have two task tables for 6RAR's operation (on call fire plan in support and a CB table) two "TIN TRUNKS" (temporary DF tasks in support of battalion patrols), two "PLUTOs" (H and I targets, one originated by Tac HQ and the other by 6RAR). In addition a third PLUTO has been originated by 6RAR for its mortars. Seven task tables for one night.</p> <p>Survey has been carried foward to both battalion mortar platoons</p> | |

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| NUI DAT 4366 | June 21 (cont.) | | and they are on our regimental grid. Colonel ALLIN (II F FORCE V Artillery) visited the Regiment (21st June). | |
| NUI DAT 4366 | June 22 | | 6RAR operations continued quietly and slowly in PHOUC LONG. Brigadier General GRITTENBERGER, Commander II Field Force Artillery visited the Task Force this morning. He was conducted by the CO throughout regimental offices and the proposed locations of the heavy batteries. The General showed interest in the radars, the guns and in our CB organization. | |
| NUI DAT 4366 | June 23 | | Another quiet day. 6RAR continued its methodical search of LONG PHOUC village for tunnels destroying as they proceeded. The anticipated major complex has not yet been revealed but there have been sufficient tunnels found to inspire wonder. H and I shooting continued but there is a dearth of helpful information from intelligences here. As a result we are obliged to select targets by guesswork and as a result of collation | |

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| NUI DAT 4366 | 23 June (cont.) | | <p>of our own limited sources.</p> <p>The Commanding Officer accompanied the Commander on a visit to C and D Coy of 6RAR at 1430 hours. The Companies have covered approximately one third of their intended areas.</p> | |
| NUI DAT 4366 | 24 June | | <p>The Commanding Officer, Captain DARLINGTON, and the Regimental Sergeant Major visited II Field Force VIETNAM at LONG BINH.</p> <p>The Commanding Officer was most impressed by the Operation Room, a large aluminum building with air conditioning. Also visited were former 105 Battery positions at BIEN HOA.</p> <p>Battery missions were fired by 105 and 161 Batteries in support of their respective battalions. 5RAR had a contact with 3VC at GR 460686 and 6RAR received automatic weapons fire from GR 450640.</p> <p>The results of these shoots are unknown. In the type of operation being carried out here it is frequently impossible to get any information as to the effectiveness or otherwise of our shooting.</p> <p>The H and I programme for the 24 hours commencing 24:1800 stands at 34 serials, 27 of which are to be fired during the night.</p> | |

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| NUI DAT 4366 | 25 June | | <p>A routine day. Support continued for the two battalions.</p> <p>At about 2000 hours heavy and continuous rain began. Our prior preparations prevented serious flooding in the Tac HQ tent and the sand obtained from VUNG TAU absorbed the little water which did penetrate.</p> | |
| NUI DAT 4366 | 26 June | | <p>The Minister for the Army, accompanied by the civilian secretary to the Department of the Army (a most revealing combination and symptomatic of the Australian Services) visited the area. In a three weeks visit, the Minister found time for 4½ hours stay with the Task Force and which included 25 minutes with the Regiment spread between RHQ and two batteries. The depths of the impressions gained and given may well be conceived.</p> <p>The night (26/27 June) was absolutely without incident; not a shot, nor contact nor report.</p> | |
| NUI DAT 4366 | 27 June | | <p>The Commander informed the Commanding Officer that he was a little concerned that the operations staff were not exercising its duties in relation to allotting tasks between air and Artillery.</p> | |

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| NUI DAT 4366 | 27 June (cont) | | He proposed the establishment of a target conference to allot targets between air and artillery and to be chaired by the GS02 (Ops). The CO has misgivings which he has represented to the Commander. Operation ENOGERRA continued. This was a quiet day but the evening produced a rash of reports on lights, flares and SA fire. | |
| NUI DAT 4366 | 28 June | | Numerous minor contacts reported by 6RAR during Op ENOGERRA. None were significant. | |
| NUI DAT 4366 | 29 June | | Very quiet. | |
| NUI DAT 4366 | 30 June | | Night 29/30 June was quiet again and the rain eased. Today was fine and the sun was seen for the first time in two days. Arrangements were made to support 3 Special Air Service Squadron departing today for its first patrol reconnaissance. Five patrols are operating for six days in different locations in areas CHERRY and GOLD. Two of the areas are beyond gun range but for the others, | |

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| NUI DAT 4366 | 30 June (cont) | | the Commanding Officer and Major MURPHY (Squadron Commander) have agreed a reference target in each area. Should a patrol desire fire it will order rounds at the appropriate reference target, take a compass bearing to the fall of shot and correct on this bearing to the target. Calls are to be made over the SAS net and we have placed a wireless set on the Regimental net at SAS Sqn HQ. In addition we have rigged a WS 510 at Tac HQ on listening watch on the emergency net. | |

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DF PLANNING

1. As an interim measure until the Task Force is complete on its new locations and a final co-ordinated DF plan can be produced, DF planning will be based on a list of pre-planned DF tasks of which a number will be selected as current DF tasks for the period 1800 to 0800 daily. The tasks selected will be determined by infantry movements and locations. At 0800 hrs, the currently selected DF tasks lapse. This does NOT mean that in the period 0800 to 1700, DF tasks cannot be engaged; it merely means that they cannot be engaged as DF tasks. On the other hand they can be engaged by an OP ordering the target number as an ordinary previously registered target. For example, target 5048 is a DF task for the night. It can be fired by ordering "Fire DF 5048". By day, when it ceases to be a DF it can be engaged by ordering "Fire Mission Bty. Tgt 5048 etc".

2. Additional DF tasks, if required may be presented by ECs using the OVERLOAD procedure. These targets (whose target numbers will be allotted by the BC concerned) will join the list and will thereafter remain on the list.

3. All previous DF lists are cancelled and should now be destroyed. Target records should be amended accordingly.

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| 105 Fd Bty | 8 |
| 103 Fd Bty | 8 |
| 161 Fd Bty | 8 |
| HQ RAA 1 TF | 4 |
| FSCC | 1 |
| RHQ | 1 |
| Comd's Diary | 3 |
| File | 1 |
| Spare | 6 |

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| <u>Serial</u> | <u>Tgt No</u> | <u>Grid</u> | <u>Serial</u> | <u>Tgt No</u> | <u>Grid</u> |
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| 1. | JN 5040 | 4036 6672 | 28 | JN 5067 | 4595 6835 |
| 2. | JN 5041 | 4063 6705 | 29 | JN 5068 | 4646 6850 |
| 3. | JN 5042 | 4119 6689 | 30 | JN 5069 | 4694 6822 |
| 4. | JN 5043 | 4168 6715 | 31 | JN 5070 | 4508 6775 |
| 5. | JN 5044 | 4163 6660 | 32 | JN 5071 | 4551 6785 |
| 6. | JN 5045 | 4223 6661 | 33 | JN 5072 | 4586 6784 |
| 7. | JN 5046 | 4205 6610 | 34 | JN 5073 | 4662 6783 |
| 8. | JN 5047 | 4243 6710 | 35 | JN 5074 | 4495 6713 |
| 9. | JN 5048 | 4285 6752 | 36 | JN 5075 | 4536 6730 |
| 10. | JN 5049 | 4312 6800 | 37 | JN 5076 | 4632 6730 |
| 11. | JN 5050 | 4262 6832 | 38 | JN 5077 | 4726 6740 |
| 12. | JN 5051 | 4268 6870 | 39 | JN 5078 | 4706 6700 |
| 13. | JN 5052 | 4340 6900 | 40 | JN 5079 | 4446 6677 |
| 14. | JN 5053 | 4348 6948 | 41 | JN 5080 | 4473 6677 |
| 15. | JN 5054 | 4392 6788 | 42 | JN 5081 | 4538 6670 |
| 16. | JN 5055 | 4444 6914 | 43 | JN 5082 | 4593 6667 |
| 17. | JN 5056 | 4475 6885 | 44 | JN 5083 | 4646 6660 |
| 18. | JN 5057 | 4473 6836 | 45 | JN 5084 | 4471 6625 |
| 19. | JN 5058 | 4468 6798 | 46 | JN 5085 | 4514 6631 |
| 20. | JN 5059 | 4516 6958 | 47 | JN 5086 | 4583 6641 |
| 21. | JN 5060 | 4558 6916 | 48 | JN 5087 | 4442 6622 |
| 22. | JN 5061 | 4593 6914 | 49 | JN 5088 | 4397 6588 |
| 23. | JN 5062 | 4522 6877 | 50 | JN 5089 | 4388 6559 |
| 24. | JN 5063 | 4557 6867 | 51 | JN 5090 | 4505 6573 |
| 25. | JN 5064 | 4622 6883 | 52 | JN 5091 | 4620 6571 |
| 26. | JN 5065 | 4690 6904 | 53 | JN 5092 | 4722 6587 |
| 27. | JN 5066 | 4533 6821 | 54 | JN 5093 | 4763 6680 |

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| 1. | JM 5040 | 4036 6672 | 25. | JM 5070 | 4508 6775 |
| 2. | JM 5041 | 4063 6705 | 26. | JM 5072 | 4586 6784 |
| 3. | JM 5042 | 4119 6689 | 27. | JM 5073 | 4662 6783 |
| 4. | JM 5043 | 4168 6715 | 28. | JM 5074 | 4495 6713 |
| 5. | JM 5045 | 4223 6661 | 29. | JM 5077 | 4726 6740 |
| 6. | JM 5046 | 4205 6610 | 30. | JM 5078 | 4706 6700 |
| 7. | JM 5047 | 4243 6710 | 31. | JM 5080 | 4473 6677 |
| 8. | JM 5048 | 4285 6752 | 32. | JM 5081 | 4538 6670 |
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| 17. | JM 5061 | 4593 6914 | 41. | JM 5091 | 4620 6571 |
| 18. | JM 5062 | 4522 6877 | 42. | JM 5092 | 4722 6587 |
| 19. | JM 5064 | 4622 6883 | 43. | JM 5093 | 4763 6680 |
| 20. | JM 5065 | 4690 6904 | | | |
| 21. | JM 5066 | 4533 6821 | | | |
| 22. | JM 5067 | 4595 6835 | | | |
| 23. | JM 5068 | 4646 6850 | | | |
| 24. | JM 5069 | 4694 6822 | | | |

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| 44. | JM 5094 | 4268 7013 | 50. | JM 4000 | 4587 6544 |
| 45. | JM 5095 | 4308 6995 | 51. | JM 4001 | 4680 6625 |
| 46. | JM 5096 | 4289 6845 | 52. | JM 4002 | 4650 6725 |
| 47. | JM 5097 | 4086 6670 | 53. | JM 4003 | 4710 6774 |
| 48. | JM 5098 | 4142 6571 | 54. | JM 4004 | 4624 6920 |
| 49. | JM 5099 | 4300 6537 | 55. | JM 4005 | 4544 6856 |
| | | | 56. | JM 4006 | 4516 6909 |

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| Serial | Tgt No | Grid Ref | | | |
|--------|---------|---------------------------|---|--------|-----------------|
| 57. | JP 5010 | From 37956669 to 37906700 | - | Linear | } Rocking Horse |
| 58. | JQ 5011 | From 38006633 to 37956669 | - | Linear | |
| 59. | JR 5012 | From 38056600 to 38006633 | - | Linear | } Rocking Chair |
| 60. | JP 5013 | From 38406658 to 38326690 | - | Linear | |
| 61. | JQ 5014 | From 38446629 to 38406658 | - | Linear | } Rocking Roll |
| 62. | JR 5015 | From 38506600 to 38446629 | - | Linear | |
| 63. | JP 5016 | From 39206639 to 39136668 | - | Linear | } Rocking Roll |
| 64. | JQ 5017 | From 39266610 to 39206639 | - | Linear | |
| 65. | PR 5018 | From 39306582 to 39266610 | - | Linear | |

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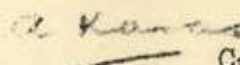
| Serial | Tgt No | Grid |
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| 66. | JM 2001 | 4350 6550 |
| 67. | JM 2002 | 4220 6690 |
| 68. | JM 2003 | 4200 6660 |

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| 69. | JM 1103 | 4340 7040 |
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DF TGT LIST No. 1 is superceded and should be destroyed.

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DF TGT LIST No 3

1. 5RAR

| <u>Serial</u> | <u>Tgt No</u> | <u>Grid Ref</u> |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 5048 | 4285 6752 |
| 2 | 5049 | 4312 6820 |
| 3 | 5096 | 4289 6845 |
| 4 | 5052 | 4340 6900 |
| 5 | 5053 | 4348 6948 |
| 6 | 5094 | 4268 7013 |
| 7 | 5055 | 4444 6914 |
| 8 | 5055 | 4475 6885 |
| 9 | 5059 | 4516 6958 |
| 10 | 4006 | 4516 6909 |
| 11 | 4005 | 4544 6856 |
| 12 | 5066 | 4533 6821 |
| 13 | 5064 | 4622 6883 |
| 14 | 5900 | 4496 6833 |
| 15 | 5901 | 4255 6780 |
| 16 | 5902 | 4300 6963 |
| 17 | 5903 | 4400 6930 |
| 18 | 5904 | 4587 6925 |

2. 6 RAR

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|----|------|-----------|
| 19 | 5070 | 4518 6775 |
| 20 | 5074 | 4495 6717 |
| 21 | 5081 | 4545 6670 |
| 22 | 5905 | 4516 6743 |
| 23 | 5906 | 4426 6647 |
| 24 | 5046 | 4205 6610 |
| 25 | 4001 | 4680 6625 |
| 26 | 5088 | 4397 6588 |
| 27 | 4000 | 4587 6544 |

3. 1 Fd Regt RAA

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| 28 | 2001 | 4350 6550 |
| 29 | 2002 | 4220 6690 |
| 30 | 2003 | 4200 6660 |

4. - DF Tgt list No 2 is superseded and should be destroyed. Tgts not appearing on DF Tgt list No 3 are cancelled.

Capt
Adjt *Spencer*

Distribution

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| 105 Fd Bty | (8) | HQ RAA 1 TF | (4) |
| 103 Fd Bty | (8) | FSCC | (1) |
| 161 Fd Bty | (8) | RHQ CP | (1) |
| | | Commanders Diary | (3) |
| | | File | (1) |

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DF TGT LIST No 4
"OVERLORD"

| 1. | <u>Serial</u> | <u>Tgt No</u> | <u>Grid Reference</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|----|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|--|
| | 1. | JM 5046 | 4205 6610 | |
| | 2. | JM 5049 | 4312 6800 | |
| | 3. | JM 5052 | 4327 6910 | NB New grid reference |
| | 4. | JM 5053 | 4348 6948 | |
| | 5. | JM 5055 | 4444 6914 | |
| | 6. | JM 5056 | 4483 6890 | NB New grid reference |
| | 7. | JM 5059 | 4516 6958 | |
| | 8. | JM 5062 | 4522 6877 | |
| | 9. | JM 5066 | 4533 6821 | |
| | 10. | JM 5067 | 4595 6835 | |
| | 11. | JM 5072 | 4586 6784 | |
| | 12. | JM 5081 | 4538 6670 | |
| | 13. | JM 5085 | 4514 6631 | |
| | 14. | JM 5087 | 4442 6622 | |
| | 15. | JM 5088 | 4397 6588 | |
| | 16. | JM 5096 | 4289 6845 | |
| | 17. | JM 2001 | 4350 6550 | |
| | 18. | JM 2002 | 4220 6690 | |
| | 19. | JM 2003 | 4200 6660 | |
| | 20. | JM 4005 | 4544 6856 | |
| | 21. | JM 4006 | 4516 6909 | |
| | 22. | JM 1403 | 431 651 | } Must be cleared by 30 prior to firing. |
| | 23. | JM 5900 | 4496 6833 | |
| | 24. | JM 5901 | 4255 6780 | |
| | 25. | JM 5902 | 4300 6963 | |
| | 26. | JM 5903 | 4400 6930 | |
| | 27. | JM 5904 | 4587 6925 | |
| | 28. | JM 5907 | 4543 6768 | |
| | 29. | JM 5908 | 4237 6735 | |
| | 30. | JM 5909 | 4527 6713 | |
| | 31. | JM 5910 | 4627 6574 | |
| | 32. | JM 5911 | 4277 6572 | |
| | 33. | JM 5912 | 4142 6658 | |
| | 34. | JM 5913 | 4400 7005 | |
| | 35. | JM 5914 | 4690 7060 | |
| | 36. | JM 5915 | 4804 6780 | |

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Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

Distribution

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| 105 Fd Bty | (8) | 1 ATF | (15) |
| 103 Fd Bty | (8) | File | (1) |
| 161 Fd Bty | (8) | | |
| HQ RAA 1 TF | (4) | | |
| FSCC (1) | (1) | | |
| RHQ CP | (1) | | |

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