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[1 Fd Regt RAA]

Narrative, Annexes

[1-30 Apr 1967]

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OF

Unit or Formation 1. Fd Regt RAA

From 1 Apr 67 To 30 Apr 67

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

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 - b. Index as printed on cover.
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AF-C 2118 (Adapted)

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UNIT/FORMATION 1 Fd Regt RAA

MONTH AND YEAR April 67

REFERENCE MAP VIETNAM 1 : 50,000 SERIES

COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col J. D. R. BEGG

| Place and grid reference | Date | Time | Event or information | Annex letter and enclosure number |
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| | 22 Apr | | Received from 1 ATF Op Instr 12/67 HORSESHOE HILL | D 1 |
| | 23 Apr | | Regimental Information Sheet No 85 | N 23 |
| | 23 Apr | | 1 Fd Regt RAA Op Order 10/67 | C 2 |
| | 24 Apr | | Regimental Information Sheet No 86 | N 24 |
| | 25 Apr | | Regimental Information Sheet No 87 | N 25 |

Frag O 1/67 (Op PUCKAPUNYAL)

Ref: 1 Fd Regt RAA OP O 10/67

1. SITUATION No change
2. MISSION No change
3. EXECUTION

a. Allotment

(1) 7 RAR

- (a) In DS from 260830H Apr 67 - 071800H May 67
161 Fd Bty RNZA
- (b) In sp from 270630H Apr 67 to 270900H Apr 67
A Btry 2/35 Arty.
- (c) In sp (at pri call to A Coy 6 RAR for DF) from
270630H Apr 67 to 270900H Apr 67 103
Fd Bty RAA
- (d) In sp (at pri call to 6 RAR for DF) from
270630H Apr 67 to 270900H Apr 67 101 Fd
Bty RAA.
- (e) At pri call to 7 RAR during moves of 161 Bty
RNZA on 27 and 28 Apr 67 103 Fd Bty RAA. BC 161
Bty is to notify RHQ and 103 Bty of times of
commencement and completion of each move.

(2) 101 Fd Bty RAA

(a) Task

In sp (at pri call to 6 RAR for DF) from
270630H Apr 67 to 270900H Apr 67

(3) 103 Fd Bty RAA

(a) Tasks

- i In sp (at pri call to A Coy 6 RAR for DF)
from 270630H Apr 67 to 270900H Apr 67.
- ii At pri call to 7 RAR during moves of 161 Fd
Bty RNZA on 27 and 28 Apr 67. BC 161 Bty is
to notify RHQ and 103 Bty of times of
commencement and completion of each move.

(4) 161 Fd Bty RNZA

(a) Task

In DS from 260830H Apr 67 - 071800H May 67.

(5) A Btry 2/35 Arty

(a) Task

In sp from 270630H Apr 67 to 270900H Apr 67.

(6) Det 131 Div Loc Bty RAA

(a) Task

Provide theatre survey to 161 Fd Bty RNZA at
FSB vicinity YS389683 ASP 27 Apr 67.

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John Macinnis
Lieutenant Colonel
for Commanding Officer

Annex A. Fire Plan HOT SPOT DTO 262300H Apr 67

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TASK TABLE

Annex A to 1 Fd Regt RAA
Frag 0 1/67

Originator BC 161 Bty Fire Plan HOT SPOT Task in Support 7 EAR H Hour 270900H Sheet 1 of 1

Date Time of Origin 262300H

| Serial | Time | | Tgt No | Grid Reference & Btys to Engage | | | | | Ammo | Rate | Remarks | Ammo Exp | | |
|---|------|------|--------|---------------------------------|---|---|---|---|------|------|------------------------------|----------|--|---|
| | a | b | | c | d | e | f | g | | | | | | h |
| 1 | -150 | -147 | JJ3943 | 3930 6775 15m | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | HE | RATE NORMAL THROUGHOUT | | | |
| 2 | -146 | -143 | JJ3944 | 3895 6805 17m | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | " | | | | |
| 3 | -142 | -139 | JJ3945 | 3928 6828 17m | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | " | | | | |
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| 6 | -128 | -126 | JJ3948 | 3855 6913 16m | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | " | | | | |
| 7 | -30 | -26 | JJ3940 | 3510 7170 17m | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | " | | | | |
| 8 | -25 | -21 | JJ3941 | 3550 7190 20m | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | " | | | | |
| 9 | -20 | -16 | JJ3942 | 3590 7160 15m | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | " | | | | |
| 10 | -15 | -11 | JJ3949 | 3545 7125 15m | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | " | | | | |
| 11 | -10 | -6 | JJ3950 | 3520 7200 17m | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | " | | | | |
| THIS TASK TABLE SUPERCEDES FIRE PLAN HOT SPOT DATE TIME OF ORIGIN 261505H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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1 Fd Regt RAA
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Apr 67

OP 0 10/67

Maps: VIETNAM 1:50,000 Series

1. SIT

a. En Forces - No change from current SITREPS

b. Friendly Forces

(1) 5 RAR Concludes operations 260830H Apr 67.

(2) 6 RAR No change.

(3) 7 RAR

(a) Assumes operational role 240001H Apr 67.

(b) Takes over from 5 RAR 260830H Apr 67.

(c) Conducts Op PUCKAPUNYAL 27/28 Apr 67.

(d) Conducts Op LUSCOMBE 2-7 May 67.

2. MSN

1 Fd Regt RAA is to support 1 ATF operations to period ending 071800H May 67.

3. EXEC

a. Allotment

(1) 5 RAR

(a) Remaining in DS until 260830H Apr 67 103 Fd Bty RAA.

(2) 6 RAR

(a) Remaining in DS 101 Fd Bty RAA.

(b) At pri call A/6 RAR period 260830-281600H Apr 67 - 101 Fd Bty RAA.

(c) At pri call A/6 RAR period 020001H-071800H May 67 - 106 Fd Bty RAA.

(3) 7 RAR

(a) In DS from 260830H Apr 67 -071800H May 67 - 101 Fd Bty RNZA.

(b) At pri call period 281600 Apr 67-010600 May 67 - 103 Fd Bty RAA

(c) At pri call on 1 May 67 106 Fd Bty RAA.

(4) 101 Fd Bty RAA

(a) Task Remain in DS 6 RAR

(5) 103 Fd Bty RAA

(a) Tasks

- i Remain in DS of 5 RAR until 260830H Apr 67.
- ii At pri call to A/6 RAR period 260830-281600H Apr 67.
- iii At pri call to 7 RAR period 281600H Apr-010600H May 67.
- iv Conclude operations 010600H May 67.

(6) 106 Fd Bty RAA

(a) Tasks

- i At pri call to 7 RAR on 1 May 67.
- ii At pri call to A/6 RAR period 020001H-071800H May 67.

(7) 161 Fd Bty RNZA

(a) Tasks

- i Remain in general sp until 260830H Apr 67.
- ii In DS 7 RAR period 260830H Apr 67-071800H May 67.
- iii Establish FSB vicinity YS386686 AM 27 Apr 67.
- iv Commencing approx 281600H Apr 67 move direct from FSB to HORSESHOE feature.

(8) Det 131 Div Loc Bty RAA

(a) Tasks No change.

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Belacine
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

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221535 H Apr 67
OPS *618*

Op Instr 12/67 (HORSESHOE HILL)

To: Maj O. O'Brien, OC A Coy 6 RAR.

Maps: Vietnam 1:2500

All times are HOTEL.

1. Sit.

a. En Forces. No change.

b. Friendly Forces. A Coy 6 RAR plus one pl.
Sec Mor 6 RAR
Sec Pnrs 6 RAR
Elms 1 Fd Sqn

2. Msn. A Coy 6 RAR is responsible for the security and development of the HORSESHOE HILL.

3. Exec.

a. A Coy 6 RAR.

(1) Op Control. Under op control 1 ATF wef 181600H.

(2) Tasks.

(a) Establish permanent coy plus defensive loc on HORSESHOE HILL.

(b) Patrol TAOR by day.

(c) Maintain supervision over Sector check points on Route 23 and Route 52.

(d) Erect cattle proof fence as per Anx Q with assistance of A Sqn 3 Cav. "Keep out" sign to be positioned every 50 m.

(e) Maintain a log of all movement on route 52. The fol info is required in the log:

(i) Time of movement.

(ii) Type of movement i.e. vehs, persons.

(iii) Type of load.

(iv) Number of persons involved.

(v) Direction of movement and any other relevant info.

(f) When operations are carried out on the fence to the South of DAT D0, you are to provide by day an LO not below the rank of Ssgt to DAT D0 for co-ordination.

(g) Defence tasks are given the following priority:

(1) Sleeping bays sandbagged.

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(II) Proper fighting bunkers with OHP sufficient to withstand an 81mm mor direct hit.

(III) Dug in CP. If this is not possible a CP with bunding to provide protection.

(iv) Dug in/or bunding of ammo bays, with special emphasis to arty ammo.

(h) A Coy is NOT to maintain standing patrols outside the coy perimeter by night.

(3) Testing of Weapons.

(a) 1 ATF CP is to be informed of any test firing to be conducted.

(b) A sensible limit on the amount of ammunition required for test firing is to be imposed.

b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. Assistance on cattle fence, Effect direct liaison with A Coy 6 RAR.

c. Arty.

(1) 1 Fd Regt.

(a) Grouping. One bty on priority call.

(b) Tasks. Fire sp as required.

d. 1 Fd Sqn.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Elms for mine laying and WP constr under comd of A Coy 6 RAR for admin and security.

(b) Op con retained by 1 Fd Sqn.

(2) Priority of Tasks.

(a) Mining the HORSESHOE HILL.

(b) Improvement of WP in HORSESHOE HILL.

e. Det 1 Div Pro Unit.

(1) Tasks.

(a) Provide 100 signs marked with Skull and Crossbones and words "Keep out" in vietnamese. These will be required for cattle fence.

4. Co-ord Instrs.

a. Bdrys of TAOR - Annex P.

b. Cattle fence requirement - Annex Q.

5. Admin and Log.

a. Gen. A Coy is to remain under admin con of 6 RAR.

-/3.

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b. Material and Supp.

(1) Ammo.

(a) 3 days supply of ammo is to be retained at the HORSESHOE at all times.

(b) Arty ammo is the responsibility of 1 Fd Regt.

(2) Rats. 3 days at the HORSESHOE at all times.

(3) Water.

(a) Initially by vehicle until air is avail.

(b) Resup on basis of 5 gals per man per day.

(c) 2,000 gals will be transported every 3 days by 1 ATF commencing 22 Apr.

(4) Engr Stores.

(a) As required by OC 1 Fd Sqn.

(b) For defence projects as requested through 6 RAR.

(5) Med.

(a) 6 RAR is to ensure RMO visits the HORSESHOE at least twice per week.

(b) Medevac by hel.

5. Comd and Sig.

a. Loc 1 ATF no change.

b. A Coy 6 RAR under op con 1 ATF.

c. Wef 181600H A Coy to maintain 24 hr listening watch on 1 ATF net.

c. A Coy to maintain 24 hr listening watch on Sector net.

e. Points of origin as per SO18s.

f. Q hr, and Password as per SO1's.

ACK

S.C. Graham
Brig
Comd

Annexes: P. TAOR for HORSESHOE.
Cattle fence line.

Distribution:

List Z

A Coy 6 RAR

V Coy 6 RAR (To be held by A Coy 6 RAR until arrival)

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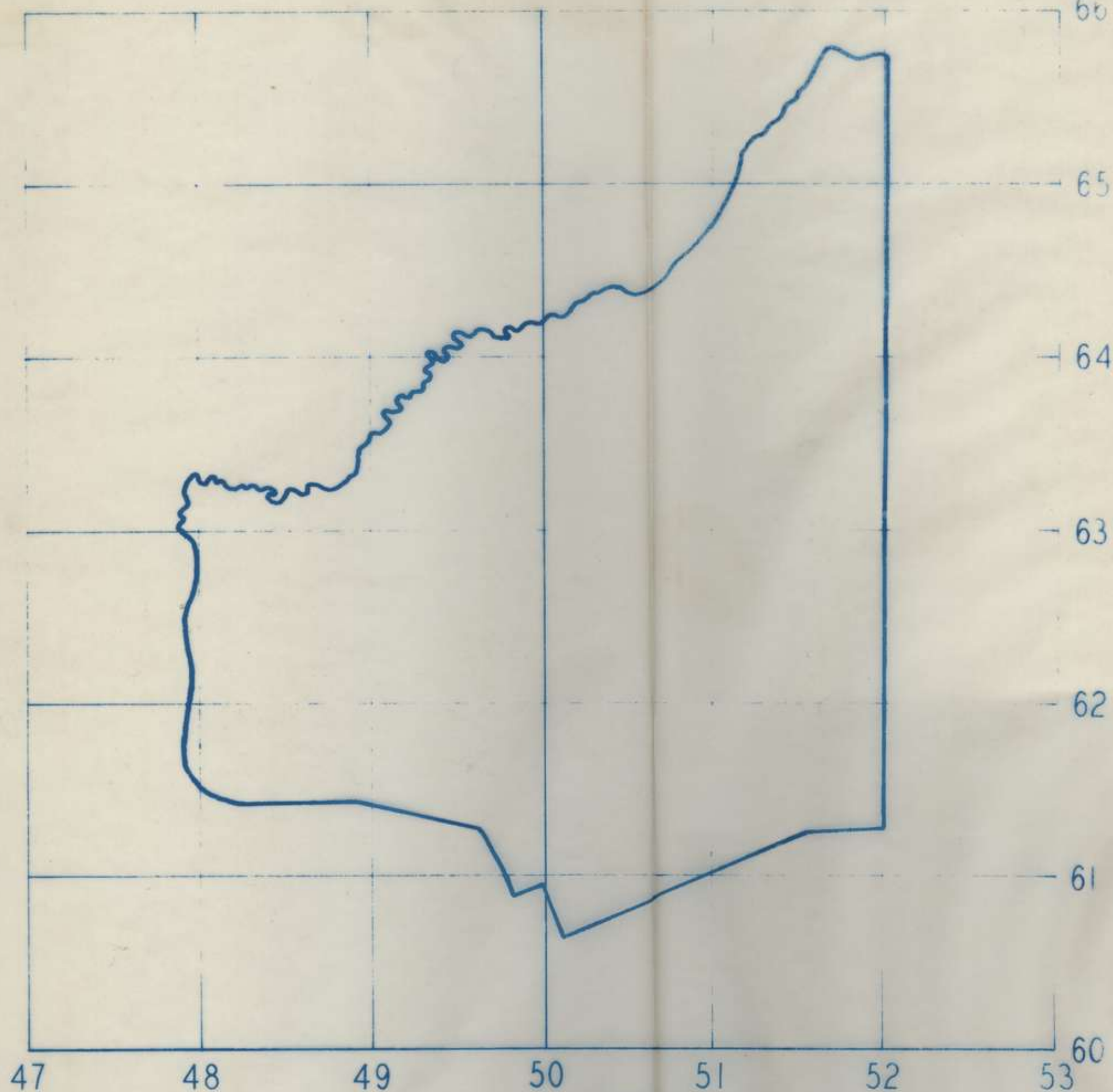
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ANNEX P TO 1 ATF
OP INSTR 12/67 21 of APR 67



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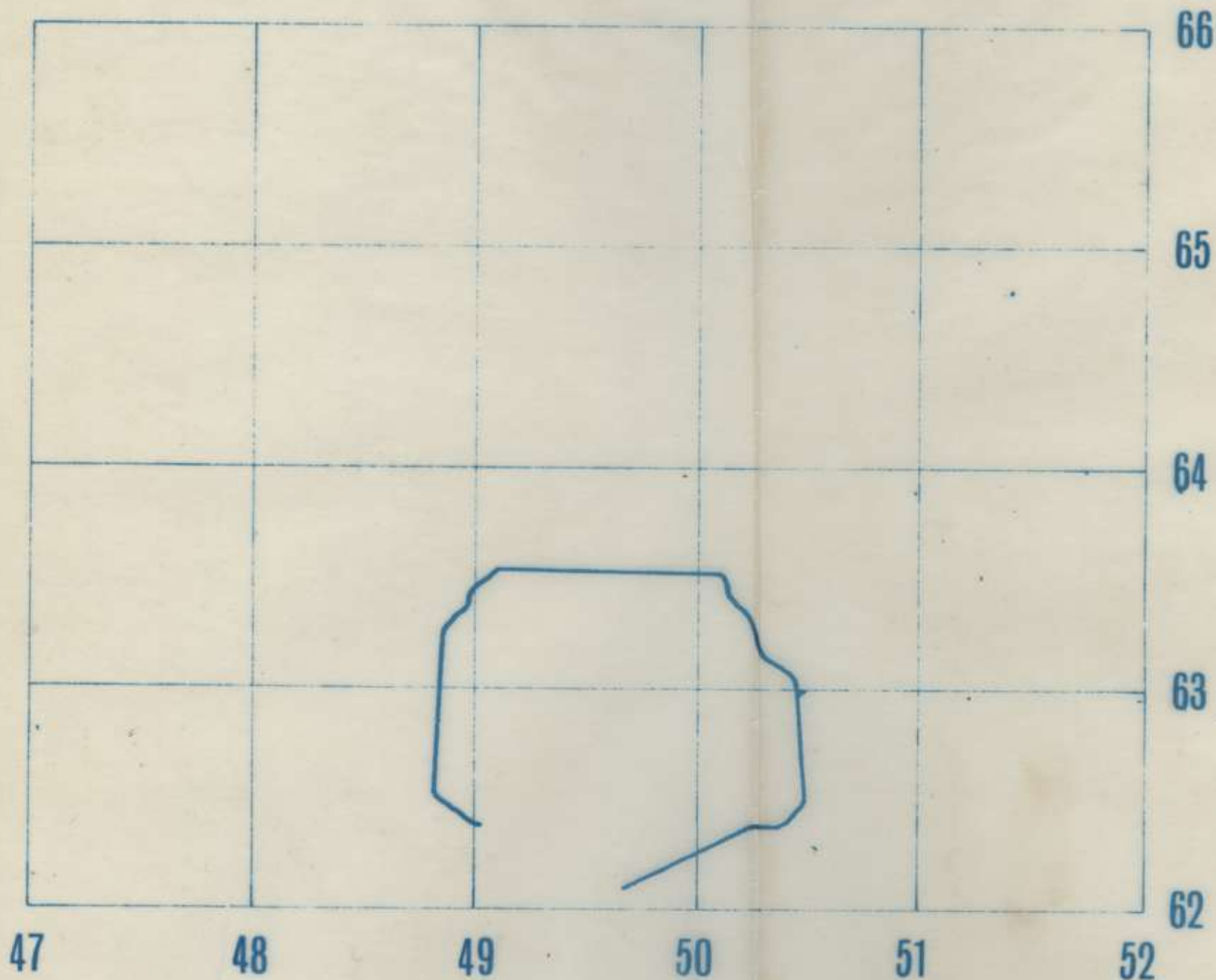
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CATTLE FENCE LINE

ANNEX Q' TO 1 ATF
OP INST 12/67 - 21 APR 67



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1.

Missions Fired.

- a. At 0430 c/s 40 engaged a VC rice cache area at YS 550 567 at the request of c/s 95. Negative surveillance.
- b. At 0530 c/s 10 engaged YS 58 66 and YS 5867 at the request of c/s 19. Target description harrassing fire. Negative surveillance.
- c. At 1150H c/s 10 engaged YS 593 674 at the request of c/s 19. Target description - covering fire. Negative surveillance.
- d. At 1220H c/s 20 engaged YS 605 670 at the request of c/s 19. Target description - covering fire. Negative surveillance.
- e. At 2050H c/s 20 engaged lights reported at YS 372 654. Lights were reported to be moving. Mission was requested by c/s 21. No results were reported.

2.

Summary of Operations.

- a. 1ATF with 43 ARVN Regt and 2FFV Engineers continued Operation PORTSEA with negative contact. Operation LEETON continued with negative contact.
- b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation PORTSEA. At 1430H 4 Troop found a camp consisting of 3 bunkers and a hut at YS 578 645. Also found in this location was a well concealed, waterproof cache, believed to have been used for storing ammunition. At 1750H at YS 604 620 4 Troop found and destroyed a bomb fuze of sufficient size to blow a track from an APC. The fuze had been placed on a trail made previously by an APC.
- c. 5RAR continued Operation LEETON and platoon patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact.
- d. 6RAR continued Operation PORTSEA, patrolling and searching AO ZINC and the SOUTHERN area of AO BROZE. There was negative contact.
- e. 43 ARVN Regt continued Operation PORTSEA in AO STEEL and found 20 flashlight batteries and 20 feet of wire at YS 448 728 at 1845H.

3.

H & I Programme.

A total of 163 serials were fired during the night 1/2 Apr into the following areas:

33 - 39 E
73 - 76 N
56 - 59 E
83 - 86 N
54 - 57 E
56 - 59 N
46 - 50 E
66 - 69 N
39 - 41 E
69 - 71 N

4.

VC Casualty State.

| | KIA | | WIA | VCPW | VCS | RALLIERS | WEAPONS | | | RICE (tons) |
|----------------------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----------|---------|------|------|-------------|
| | BC | POSS | | | | | CSW | AUTO | NORM | |
| 010001 - 012400 H | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 456 | 108 | 106 | 80 | 179 | 1 | 15 | 12 | 115 | 336.4 |

Distribution List C
Commander's Diary (4).

James H. Conant
Intelligence Officer.

REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET NO 64.
PERIOD 020001 - 022400H Apr 67.

Missions Fired.

- a. At 1055H c/s 50A engaged three men carrying weapons at YS 573 662. c/s 82A observed the rounds from 50A and reported that the area was well covered.
- b. At 1545H POSSUM 2 received ground fire from YS 612 598. c/s 10 engaged the area for approximately 30 minutes. Negative surveillance.
- c. At 2100H lights were sighted at YS 373 655. c/s 30 engaged the area without any apparent results. Target area was well covered by fire from c/s 30.
- d. At 2140H C/6RAR reported lights at YS 478 672. c/s 30 engaged the area. C/6RAR reported good coverage of target area.

Summary of Operations.

- a. 1ATF continued Operation LEETON and Operation PORTSEA without contact.
- b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation PORTSEA. Patrolling was conducted along Route 23 without contact.
- c. 5RAR continued Operation LEETON and patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact.
- d. 6RAR continued Operation PORTSEA. B/6RAR found two fresh graves at YS 629 638 at 1035H. At 1545H an H-13 helicopter received small arms fire from vic YS 612 598. The area was engaged with artillery.
- e. 43 ARVN Regt continued Operation PORTSEA with patrolling in area STEEL. There was negative contact. 1/43 Bn provided a MEDCAP in the village at YS 448 730.
- f. Air support. At 0830H an airstrike on VC bunkers and tunnels at YS 548 779 destroyed two bunkers and one tunnel, uncovered 4 bunkers and 50 metres of trench and started one secondary fire with white smoke. At 0940H an airstrike on a VC base area at YS 388 820 destroyed 6 bunkers and 100 metres of trench. At 1001H an airstrike on VC bunkers at YS 555 788 destroyed 2 bunkers, damaged two bunkers and uncovered 4 bunkers. At 1110H an airstrike on a VC camp at YS 534 812 destroyed 1 hut, 20 metres of trench, 3 foxholes and uncovered 2 bunkers. At 1215H an airstrike on bunkers, foxholes and tunnels at YS 577 808 was 100% on target. No further BDA due to smoke and foliage. At 1455H an airstrike on VC bunkers at YS 560 786 destroyed one bunker. At 1023H the Light Fire Team destroyed a hut after four men were seen entering the hut carrying what looked like an RCL or mortar.

H & I Programme.

A total of 103 serials were fired during the night 2/3 Apr into the following areas:

53 - 55 E
58 - 60 N
49 - 53 E
70 - 74 N
46 - 48 E
67 - 69 N
39 - 42 E

VC Casualty State.

| | KIA | | WIA | VCPW | VCS | RALLIERS | WEAPONS | | | RICE (tons). |
|----------------------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----------|---------|------|------|--------------|
| | Bc | POSS | | | | | CSW | AUTO | NORM | |
| 020001 - 022400 H | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 456 | 108 | 106 | 80 | 179 | 1 | 15 | 12 | 115 | 336.4 |

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REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET NO 65.
PERIOD 030001 - 032400H Apr 67

Missions Fired.

- a. At 0100H c/s 20 engaged lights seen at YS 374 658.
- b. At 0720H c/s 50A engaged 2 junks sighted at YS 565 565. The fire was observed by a FAC who claimed that both junks were damaged by the fire from c/s 50A.
- c. At 0817H c/s 50A engaged YS 392 734 at the request of c/s 77. Target description - suspected VC location. Negative surveillance.
- d. At 1910 c/s 20 engaged YS 384 664 in support of a contact between 3 VC and A/5RAR. (See Summary of Operations)

2. Summary of Operations.

- a. 1ATF continued Operation PORTSEA with 43 ARVN Regt. At 0600H 1st Bde 9 Inf Div commenced participation in Operation PORTSEA. Operation LEETON continued with negative contact.
- b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation PORTSEA with negative contact.
- c. 5RAR continued Operation LEETON and patrolling of the TAOR. At 1905H 3 VC moving SOUTH were contacted at YS 384 655 by A/5RAR. Results were 1VC KIA (BC) and one weapon recovered.
- d. 6RAR continued Operation PORTSEA with patrolling generally EAST and SOUTH of their location. At 0630H a platoon of A/6RAR returning from their night ambush position detonated a pressure mine at YS 625 651 causing 2 Aust WIA and one Aust DOW later. At YS 605 615 elements of Sp/6RAR found two sampans, 2 bunkers and some fishing equipment. At YS 602 613 on the EASTERN side of the river 3,100lbs of bagged rice was found. At YS 605 591 C/6RAR found 3 x 100lb bags of salt and 12 x 100lb bags of rice.
- e. 1st Bde 9 Inf Div commenced Operation PORTSEA at 0600H. At 1030H at YS 534 770 an APC of 2/47 Mech Bn detonated a mine causing 3 US WIA.
- f. 43 ARVN Regt continued operations in area STEEL. Negative contact.
- g. 2FFV Engineers have completed the new RF post at YS 582 636 and have cleared Route 23 to YS 531 653. Scrub clearing to 50 metres on both sides of Route 23 is completed to YS 623 650.
- h. Air support. At 0800H an airstrike on VC huts and sampans at YS 572 568 damaged the hut and 4 sampans. At 0830H an airstrike on a VC base camp at YS 342 762 destroyed 1 bunker, 1 hut and damaged 2 bunkers. At 0920H an airstrike on a VC camp at YS 373 767 was 100% on target. Negative further BDA. At 1345H an airstrike onto 6 VC in the open at YS 363 799 resulted in 4 VC KIA. At 1505H an airstrike on a VC staging area at YS 351 800 damaged 4 bunkers, uncovered 50 metres of track and caused 1 secondary fire with black smoke.

3. H & I Programme.

A total of 153 serials were fired during the ni 3/4 Apr into the following areas:

53 - 57 E
55 - 60 N
28 - 30 E
72 - 75 N
46 - 50 E
67 - 70 N

4. VC Casualty State.

| | KIA | | WIA | VCPW | VCS | RALLIERS | WEAPONS | | | RICE (tons) |
|-----------------------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----------|---------|------|------|-------------|
| | BC | POSS | | | | | CSW | AUTO | NORM | |
| 030001 - 032400 H. | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 | 1.9 |
| | 457 | 108 | 106 | 80 | 179 | 1 | 15 | 12 | 116 | 338.3 |

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Jamarky
Capt
Intelligence Officer.

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REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET NO 66.
PERIOD 040001 - 042400H Apr 67.

1. Missions Fired.

- a. At 0122H c/s 30 fired 5 rounds FFE at a suspected mortar location at YS 421 768. Mission was requested by LO with 43 ARVN Regt. Negative surveillance.
- b. At 0915 c/s 10 engaged YS 64 65 and YS 64 66 at the request of c/s 19 Target description - covering fire.
- c. At 1615H an air observer c/s 82 sighted a company-sized force in YS 52 84. c/s 50B engaged. C/c 82 reported good coverage of the target area

2. Summary of Operations.

- a. 1ATF with 1/9 US Div, 43 ARVN Regt and 2 FFV Engineers continued operation PORTSEA. Minor contact was made by 1/9 US Div. Operation LEETON continued with minor contact.
- b. A Son 3 Cav Regt continued Operation PORTSEA searching in AO RUBY. Negative contact.
- c. 5RAR continued Operation LEETON and patrolling of the TAOR. At 042000H B/5RAR at YS 480 580 contacted 2 VC. Result 1VC KIA (BC).
- d. 6RAR continued Operation PORTSEA displacing to vic XUYEN MOC. Negative contact.
- e. Air support. At 040845H an airstrike was conducted onto a VC camp at YS 399 799. Results were two large tunnel entrances destroyed, one tunnel destroyed, 10 bunkers destroyed, At 041150H an airstrike destroyed one bunker and one tunnel at YS 332 768.

3. H & I Programme.

A total of 70 serials were fired during the ni 4/5 Apr into the following areas:

29 - 32 E
 68 - 69 N
 33 - 34 E
 64 - 66 N
 28 - 31 E
 72 - 75 N

4. VC Casualty State.

| | KIA | | WIA | VCPW | VCS | RALLIERS | WEAPONS | | | RICE (tons) |
|----------------------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----------|---------|------|------|-------------|
| | BC | POSS | | | | | CSW | AUTO | NORM | |
| 040001 - 042400 H | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| | 458 | 109 | 106 | 80 | 179 | 1 | 15 | 12 | 116 | 338.3 |

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James Ryan
 Intelligence Officer ^{Capt}

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REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET NO 67.
PERIOD 050001 - 052400H Apr 67.

1. Missions Fired.

The only missions fired during the reporting period by 1/83 US Arty and 1 Fd Regt RAA were H & I, course shooting or recording DFs.

2. Summary of Operations.

- a. 1ATF with 1/9 Div, 43 ARVN Regt and 2FFV Engineers continued Operation PORTSEA with some contact. Operation LEETON continued with negative contact.
- b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation PORTSEA. At YS 607 627 3 Troop found a camp containing 7 bunkers and 14 weapon pits. Also found in the area were a quantity of unexploded Artillery shells and a rice husking machine.
- c. 5RAR continued Operation LEETON and platoon patrolling of the TAO. Following the contact at YS 430 580 at 042000H one female body was recovered at first light. (See information sheet No 66). One heavy blood trail was also found.
- d. 6RAR continued Operation PORTSEA. At 050845H A/6RAR contacted 2VC at YS 560 665. One was dressed in green and was carrying a carbine, the other was dressed in black and appeared to be carrying an M79. On contact 1 VC fled EAST and one fled south. There were no casualties. At 051400H B/6RAR at YS 631 667 found a camp containing 24 weapon pits. The camp was approximately 6 months old and had not been used recently. At 051600H B/6RAR found 8 bunkers at YS 633 638. Some documents were recovered and evacuated. At 051515H B/6RAR at YS 636 665 contacted 2 VC. Results were 2 VC KIA. At 051600H D/6RAR at YS 599 671 found a company sized position which was about 2 weeks old.
- e. Air support. At 051052H a preplanned airstrike was conducted into a VC camp in heavy timber at YS 402 806. The strike uncovered 5 large tunnels, 6 fox holes and 3 bunkers. At 051130H a preplanned airstrike was conducted onto a VC camp and tunnel complex at YS 306 837. Results were 200 metres of trench uncovered and 2 bunkers destroyed. At 051430H a strike was conducted against a base camp at YS 347 837. Results were 3 bunkers destroyed, 3 bunkers uncovered and 20 metres of trench destroyed. At 051500H a strike was conducted onto a VC camp at YS 391 825. Results were 2 large bunkers destroyed and 20 metres of trench uncovered.
- f. 1 Bde 9 US Div continued operations with 1 ATF working in area DIAMOND. At 050924H B Troop 3/5 Cav at YS 622 848 received fire from 4 automatic weapons. Artillery, airstrikes and light fire teams engaged the area and 3/5 Cav attempted to resume contact without success. At 050920H at YS 552 757 2/47 Mech Battalion found 50 bunkers. At 051140 2/47 Mech Bn at YS 567 785 found 31 bunkers, 12 pits, 2 tons of rice and a quantity of small arms ammunition. At 050950H at YS 627 763 2/39 Infantry Battalion tripped a booby trap resulting in 1 US WIA. At 051600H 2/47 Mech Bn at YS 558 773 found a tunnel 500 feet long and 30 feet deep. At 051845H at YS 632 859 an APC from 3/5 Cav struck a mine. The APC was destroyed and 1 US WIA. At 052005H at YS 578 834 a tank was destroyed by an unidentified weapon resulting in 4 US WIA, 3 VC KIA (BC). At 052200H at YS 542 769 HQ 1/9 and ESB received minor probing and sniper fire.
- g. 43 ARVN Regt continued Operation PORTSEA in AO STEEL. At 051535H at YS 349 736 a FAC aircraft received ground fire from an unknown weapon resulting in the aircraft being damaged and the pilot WIA. The aircraft later landed successfully at LUSOC IET airfield. The area from which the ground fire was received was hit with an immediate airstrike which caused one secondary fire with white smoke.
- h. 2FFV and 1 ATF Engineers continued operating along Route 23. At this stage 10 per cent of work required on XUYEN MOC airfield has been completed.

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3. H & I Programs.

A total of 90 Serials were fired during the ni 5/6 Apr into the following areas:

30 - 32 E
64 - 66 N
33 - 35 E
75 - 79 N
49 - 52 E
70 - 73 N

4. VC Casualty State.

| | KIA | | WIA | VCPW | VCS | RALLIERS | WEAPONS | | | RICE (tons). |
|----------------------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----------|---------|-----|-----|--------------|
| | BC | POSS | | | | | CSW | AUT | NOM | |
| 050001 - 052400 H | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL 1 ATF | 460 | 109 | 106 | 80 | 179 | 1 | 15 | 12 | 116 | 338.3 |

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James Ryan Capt
Intelligence Officer.

REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET NO 63.
PERIOD 060001 - 062400H Apr 67.

1.
 - a. At 1830H POSSUM 3 received ground fire from YS 45 86. c/s 50B engaged the area for 30 minutes. POSSUM 3 observed the fire and reported good coverage of the target area.
 - b. At 2055H c/s 30 engaged lights seen at YS 40 66. Target indication appears to have been astray and the mission was terminated. Without results.

2. Summary of Operations.

- a. 1 ATF continued Operation PORTSEA with 1/9 USDIV, 43 ARVN Regt and 2 2 FFV Engineers with minor contact. Operation LEETON continued with negative result.
- b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation PORTSEA. At 0915H at YS 611 628 3 Tp operating with D/6RAR located 80 tons of rice.
- c. 5RAR continued Operation LEETON. At 0755H B/5RAR found 3 ARVN wounded by a mine explosion at YS 499 575. At 1125H at YS 499 575 B/5RAR detonated a M 16 anti-personnel mine resulting in 1 AUST KIA and 2 AUST WIA. At 1330H A/5RAR with 2 Tp A Sqn recovered and buried a VC body. The VC had been killed by A/5RAR on 3 Apr at YS 383 655. At 1931H at YS 498 583 B/5RAR fired on 1 VC moving towards DAT DO. There were no casualties.
- d. 6 RAR continued Operation PORTSEA. At 2225H 6 RAR mortars in base loc fired on sounds heard outside A Coy base location. At 0030H further noises were heard in the same location and 6 RAR mortars illuminated the area. Negative results.
- e. 1 Bde 9 Inf Div continued Operation PORTSEA. 2/47 Mech Bn found 2 VC claymore mines at YS 539 773. At 0925 C Tp 2/47 Mech Bn located 1 claymore mine, 6 CBU and 1 VC homemade shaped charge at YS 54 84.

3. H & I Programme.

A total of 147 serials were fired during the ni 6/7 Apr into the following areas:

- 35 - 37 E
- 81 - 83 N
- 47 - 51 E
- 65 - 69 N
- 37 - 39 E
- 65 - 67 N
- 33 - 35 E
- 64 - 66 N

4. VC Casualty State.

| PERIOD | KIA | | WIA | VCPW | VCS | RALLIERS | WEAPONS | | | RICE (tons). |
|----------------------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----------|---------|------|------|--------------|
| | BC | POSS | | | | | CSW | AUTO | NORM | |
| 060001 - 062400 H | | | | | | | | | | 80 |
| TOTAL 1 ATF | 430 | 109 | 106 | 80 | 179 | 1 | 15 | 12 | 116 | 418.3 |

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James H. ... Capt
Intelligence Officer.

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REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET No 69
PERIOD 070001 - 072400H Apr 67

1. Missions Fired

- a. At 1600H 50B engaged a sampan at YS 160811. The mission was requested and observed by a FAC who reported that the sampan was badly damaged by the rounds fired by 50B.
- b. Between 1920H and 2000H, 20, 30, 50A and 50B engaged YS 3563 and YS 3262. Target description was 300VC. Mission was requested by SECTOR. Negative surveillance.
- c. At 2055 C/S 50A engaged YS 411755 at the request of C/S 77. Target description suspected VC location. Negative surveillance.

2. Summary of Operations

- a. 1ATF with 1Bde 9 US DIV, 43 ARVN Regt and 2FFV Engineers continued Operation PORTSEA with minor contact. Operation LEETON continued with one incident.
- b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation PORTSEA. At 071700H 3 Troop found 60 bunkers, 25 foxholes, 10 command bunkers and 2 storage pits at YS 615622. Camp was destroyed.
- c. 5RAR continued Operation LEETON and patrolling of the TAOR. At 071125H at YS 500577 B/5RAR detonated an anti-personnel mine resulting in 1 Aust KIA.
- d. 6RAR continued Operation PORTSEA searching AO RUBY and AO GOLDFINGER with negative contact.
- e. Air Support. At 071500H an airstrike onto a VC bunker and tunnel complex at YS 387808 resulted in one secondary fire with white smoke and 40 metres of trench uncovered.
- f. 1 Bde 9 US DIV continued Operation PORTSEA operating in AO DIAMOND. At 071330H 2/39 Bn at YS 607833 contacted 3 VC which resulted in 2VC KIA by body count and one rifle captured. There were no US casualties. At 071415H 2/39 Bn at YS 602840 contacted an unknown number of VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). There were no friendly casualties.
- g. 43 ARVN Regt continued Operation PORTSEA in AO STEEL with negative contact.

3. H&I Programming

A total of 81 serials were fired during the ni 7/8 Apr into the following areas:

36 - 39E 80 - 83N
 56 - 59E 56 - 60N

4. VC Casualty State

| | KIA | | WIA | VCPW | VCS | RALLIERS | WEAPONS | | | RICE (tons) |
|---------------------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----------|---------|------|--------|-------------|
| | BC | POSS | | | | | CSW | AUTO | NORMAL | |
| 070001 - 072400H | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL 1 ATF | 460 | 109 | 106 | 80 | 179 | 1 | 15 | 12 | 116 | 418.3 |

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James Ryan Capt
 Intelligence Officer

1. Missions Fired

- a. At 1630H C/S 10 engaged 13 632644 after POSSUM received ground fire from vic of that grid. Negative surveillance.
- b. The only other missions fired during the reporting period were H&I missions and recording DFs.

2. Summary of Operations

- a. 1ATF continued Operation PORTSEA with 1/9 US DIV, 43 ARVN Regt and 2 FFV Engineers. Operation LEETON continued with minor contact.
- b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Operation PORTSEA. There was negative contact.
- c. 5RAR continued Operation LEETON with minor contact. At 2220H B Coy contacted an unknown number of VC who approached from the SOUTH WEST. Result was 1 Aust WIA. VC losses are unknown.
- d. 6RA R continued Op PORTSEA at 1634H 6RAR reported that a VR aircraft received automatic ground fire from YS 632644. The area was engaged by artillery. At 1115H Sp Coy found a squad size camp at YS 605614. The camp contained 200lb of unpolished rice and 5CBU. The rice was subsequently destroyed.
- e. Air support. At 1127H an airstrike on a VC base camp at YS 376856 destroyed 1 large bunker and uncovered 50 metres of trench. At 1235H an airstrike at YS 375857 destroyed 10 bunkers and uncovered 50 metres of trench. At 1430H an airstrike onto a VC camp and staging area destroyed 2 bunkers and uncovered 4 bunkers. At 1520H an airstrike onto a VC base camp at YS 347758 destroyed 5 bunkers and uncovered 40 metres of trench and caused 4 secondary fires and one secondary explosion.
- f. 1/9 US Inf Div continued Op PORTSEA. At 0710H D/39 Inf Bn found 20 bunkers at YS 552691. At YS 575773 3/5 Cav located and destroyed an anti-tank mine. At 0925H 2/39 Inf Bn found an extensive bunker system of 300-400 bunkers at YS 575687 which does not appear to have been used recently. At 1215H 2/39 Inf Bn located a bunker complex of 15 bunkers at YS 553713. A quantity of documents and a map were found in this area together with a 3.5 in rocket, 100cc of morphine, 25 lbs of rice, one box of Vaseline Vapour Rub and assorted items of clothing. At 1352H 2/39 Inf Bn at YS 553713 found 6X .45 cal machine carbines (US), 8 rifles, 20 CHICOM grenades, 5 anti-tank mines, 50 claymores 1X60mm mortar and a quantity of documents. At 1730H 2/39 Inf at YS 553713 found a 57mm RCL.
- g. 43 ARVN Regt continued Op PORTSEA. At 1340H at YS 373710 a platoon sized camp at least 6 months old was found.
- h. A Coy 27 Engineer Bn and 1ATF Engineers continued clearing Route 23 and have completed 35% of the work on XUYEN MOC airfield. At 1540H a light dozer belonging to 1ATF was destroyed when it detonated a mine near the road at YS 629653.

3. H&I Programme

A total of 122 serials were fired during the ni 8/9 Apr into the following areas:

| | |
|----------|----------|
| 35 - 39E | 78 - 82N |
| 52 - 55E | 57 - 60N |
| 65 - 66E | 61 - 62N |

4. General Information

As at 082400H the VC had sustained the following losses as a result of 1ATF, 9 Inf Div (US), 43 ARVN and 11 ACR operations on Op PORTSEA:

13KIA
15WIA
4PW
4 carbines
54 claymores
155 rounds SAA

2 trucks
 1 tractor
 1 trailer
 2 sampans
 81 field packs
 189 tons of rice
 615 lbs of salt
 100 bags of fertilizer
 40 lbs of sugar
 2 gallons of paraffin
 2 rice husking machines
 Medical supplies incl 100cc morphine
 assorted clothing
 " documents
 1 bicycle
 9 mines
 11 CBU
 8 rifles
 20 CHICOM grenades
 1 X 60 mm mortar
 1 X 57 mm RCL

5. VC Casualty State

| | KIA | | WIA | VCPW | VCS | RALLIERS | WEAPONS | | | RICE (tons) |
|---------------------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----------|---------|------|--------|-------------|
| | BC | POSS | | | | | CSW | AUTO | NORMAL | |
| 080001 - 082400H | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL 1 ATF | 460 | 109 | 106 | 80 | 179 | 1 | 15 | 12 | 116 | 418.3 |

James Ryan Capt.
 Intelligence Officer

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REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET NO 71.
PERIOD 090001 - 092400H Apr 67.

1. Missions Fired.

- a. At 1130H c/s 50B engaged YS 665 867. Target description - covering fire for extraction of LRRP. Negative surveillance.
- b. At 1210 c/s 50A engaged YS 465 687. Target description - freshly dug bunkers. FAC who observed the fire reported one bunker destroyed.
- c. At 1530H c/s 2C engaged YS 414 672. Target description - civilians moving in paddy. Mission was originated bt c/s 29 and observed by an OP on NUI DAT.

2. Summary of Operations.

- a. 1ATF continued Op PORTSEA with 1/9 Inf Bde 43 ARVN Regt and 2FFV Engineers. Op LEETON continues.
- b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Op PORTSEA. At approx 1600H, 4 Tp found 3 weapon pits and 1 RCL pit sited to cover the road at YS 648 657.
- c. 5RAR continued Operation LEETON. at 1630H A Company replaced B Company on the wiring task SOUTH of DAT DO.
- d. 6 RAR continued Op PORTSEA. At 1035H at YS 608 664 Sp Coy located a 4 gal drum containing two metal boxes of food & a small bag of rice. At 1105H Sp Coy at YS 608 664 found a small camp 2 racks old at YS 644 containing 8 bunkers, 1 hut, 6lbs of explosives, clothing and 3 huts. At 1450H B Coy located 3 tons of rice at YS 643 636.
- e. 1/9 Inf Div US continued Operation PORTSEA. At 0730H 1/9 Inf reported the total amount of weapons and ammo they had found earlier. At 1022H 3/5 Cav at YS 555 775 received RCL fire. There were no casualties. 2/47 Moch Bn located 1 body (VC) at YS 564 772.
- f. 43 ARVN Regt continued Operation PORTSEA and found a VC hospital at YS 403 734 that had been hit by artillery.
- g. 2 FFV Engineers and 1 ATF continued clearing Route 23, reconstructing XUYEN MOC airfield and clearing a survey point at YS 646 781.
- h. Air support. At 1700H an airstrike at YS 347 855 destroyed 3 bunkers damaged 4 bunkers and uncovered 5 bunkers. At 1745H an airstrike at YS 341 853 destroyed 6 bunkers, uncovered 4 bunkers and 2 tunnels and destroyed 200m of trench.

3. H & I Programme.

A total of serials were fired into the following areas during the ni 9/10 Apr:

37 - 41 E
 78 - 82 N
 57 - 60 E
 59 - 61 N
 29 - 32 E
 70 - 74 N

4. General Information.

9 Inf Div US have reported that VC mortars on OP PORTSEA have been employing the tactic of firing their mortars whilst friendly guns are firing. This practice is not new, but all personnel are reminded to watch for this during future operations.

5. VC Casualty State.

| | KIA | | WIA | VCPW | VCS | RALLIERS | WEAPONS | | | RICE (tons) |
|----------------------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----------|---------|------|--------|-------------|
| | BC | POSS | | | | | CSW | AUTO | NORMAL | |
| 090001 - 092400 H | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| TOTAL 1 ATF | 460 | 109 | 106 | 80 | 179 | 1 | 15 | 12 | 116 | 421.3 |

James G. ...
 Intelligence Officer.

REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET NO 72.
PERIOD 100001 - 102400 H Apr 67.

1. Missions Fired.

- a. At 0945H c/s 40A engaged two small footbridges at YS 672 563 at the request of an air observer. One of the bridges was subsequently destroyed by the fire and the other was badly damaged.
- b. At 1430H c/s 50A engaged YS 345 745. Target description, bunkers. The FAC observing the mission reported one secondary fire with white smoke.
- c. At 1555H c/s 30 engaged YS 395 653. Target description - cooking fires. Mission was requested by c/s 29. The area was engaged again at 1620H by c/s 30 when several people were sighted in the same area.
- d. At 2015H c/s 20 and c/s 30 engaged YS 466 658 and 456 650, Target description - moving lights on road. Lights moving from EAST to WEST. Observer 24A reported that all lights except one were extinguished when the area was engaged.

2. Summary of Operations.

- a. 1 ATF with 1/9 DIV US, 43 ARVN Regt and 2 FFV Engineers continued Operation PORTSEA with minor contact. Operation LEETON continued with negative contact.
- b. A Sen 3 Cav Regt continued Operation PORTSEA searching AO RUBY and AO GOLDFINGER with negative contact.
- c. 5 RAR continued Operation LEETON and patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact.
- d. 6 RAR continued Op PORTSEA. At 101430H D/6RAR found 218 unexploded CBUs spread over an area of 100M x 75m at YS 640 637.
- d. 1/9 DIV US continued Operation PORTSEA searching in AO DIAMOND. At 0915H A Coy 2/47 Mech Bn found a tunnel complex and huts at YS 567 767. All were destroyed. At 1000H C Troop 3/5 Cav found a tunnel complex covering an area 150m in diameter. The complex had been recently used, Camp also contained 40 reinforced bunkers and foxholes. The complex was destroyed. At 1330H B Troop 3/5 Cav uncovered 30 bunkers at YS 645 820. At 1400H D Troop 3/5 Cav contacted 4 VC, Result 1 VC KIA (BC), 1WIA (PW) and 2 PW. At 1605H a POL vehicle of 3/5 Cav hit a small mine at YS 602 768 resulting in minor damage to the vehicle.
- e. 43 ARVN Regt continued Operation PORTSEA with negative contact.
- f. 2FFV and 1 ATF Engineers continued clearing Route 23. 75% of work on XUYEN MOC airfield has been completed.

3. M & I Programme.

A total of 100 serials were fired during the ni 10/11 Apr into the following areas:

53 6 58 E
54 - 58 N

29 - 32 E
65 - 67 N

29 - 32 E
72 - 74 N

41 - 47 E
75 - 77 N

39 - 42 E
70 - 73 N

4. VC Casualty State.

| | KIA | | WIA | VCPW | VCS | BALLTERS | WEAPONS | | | RICE (tons) |
|----------------------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----------|---------|------|------|-------------|
| | BC | POSS | | | | | CSW | AUTO | NORM | |
| 100001 - 102400 H | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL 1ATF | 460 | 109 | 106 | 80 | 179 | 1 | 15 | 12 | 116 | 421,3 |

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James R. Ford Capt
Intelligence Officer

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1. Missions Fired

- a. At 1245H G/S 50A engaged YS 558584. Target description fresh footprints. Mission was requested by an air observer. Observer reported that the target area was well covered by 50A.
- b. At 1520H G/S 50A engaged three small sampans at YS 575565. Mission was requested by an air observer who later reported that two sampans were destroyed by the fire from 50A.

2. Summary of Operations.

- a. 1ATF continued Op PORTSEA with 1/9 Inf Bde, 43 ARVN Regt and 2FFV Engineers. There was minor contact. Op LEETON continued with negative contact.
- b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Op PORTSEA. At 1500H 2 Troop lifted A/5RAR from their wiring task at DAT DO to YS 573632.
- c. 5RAR continued Op LEETON with negative contact. Patrolling of the TACR continued without contact. At 1500H A Coy was moved from their wiring task SOUTH of DAT DO to YS 573632 as part of the requirement for 5RAR to secure part of Route 23 on 12 Apr.
- d. 6RAR continued Op PORTSEA with patrolling and route security in AO GOLDFINGER and AO RUBY. Negative contact.
- e. 1 Bde 9 Inf Div continued Op PORTSEA. At 0845H 9 Inf Div reported that at 101830H 2/47 Mech Bn at YS 568768 found a quantity of small arms ammunition, a small quantity of documents, clothing and pamphlets. At 0830H at YS 631790 3/5 Cav found and destroyed one 500lb bomb. At 1200H E Coy 2/39 Inf contacted 1 sniper at YS 563839 resulting in 1 US WIA and 1 VC KIA (BG). At 1018H 2/39 located a bunker complex at YS 558702. At 1337H 2/39 Inf contacted 6-8 snipers at YS 553833. Results 6VC KIA (BG) and 5 US WIA. At 1720H elms 2/47 Mech were fired on by 4VC at YS 552787. Result 1 US WIA.

3. H&I Programme

A total of 166 serials were fired during the nl 11/12 Apr into the following areas :-

57 - 61E 57 - 61N
 32 - 34E 68 - 72N
 46 - 49E 65 - 68N
 41 - 46E 73 - 77N
 61 - 63E 64 - 66N
 52 - 57E 60 - 64N

4. VC Casualty State

| | KIA | | WIA | VCPW | VCS | RALLIERS | WEAPONS | | | RICE (tons) |
|---------------------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----------|---------|------|--------|-------------|
| | BG | POSS | | | | | CSW | AUTO | NORMAL | |
| 110001 - 112400H | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL 1 ATF | 460 | 109 | 106 | 80 | 179 | 1 | 15 | 12 | 116 | 421.3 |

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For *James H. [Signature]* Capt
 Intelligence Officer

REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET No 74
PERIOD 120001 - 122400H Apr 67

Missions Fired

- a. At 1715H C/S 50B engaged YS 338849. The mission was requested by an air observer. Target description - bunkers. 4 bunkers were destroyed and 50 metres of trench were uncovered by the fire.
- b. At 1945H C/S 20 engaged YS 383645 at the request of C/S 23. Target description - camp fire. Negative surveillance.

2.

Summary of Operations

- a. 1 ATF continued Op PORTSEA with 1 Bde 9 Inf Div US and 43 ARVN Regt and 2FFV Engineers. There was minor contact. The official opening of Route 23 to traffic was protected by 5RAR, 6RAR and A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. There were no incidents.
- b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Op PORTSEA. All elements of A Sqn assisted in securing Route 23. At approximately 1900H 2 Troop returned to 1ATF base.
- c. TF Arty continued Op PORTSEA and Op LEETON. At 1900H a section of 103 Fd Bty RAA was airlifted from the HORSESHOE feature YS 4962 to 1 ATF base loc after supporting the Route 23 security operation.
- d. At 0700H 5RAR (-) was helilifted to an LZ vic YS 545617 to RV with A Coy and secure Route 23 from YS 537614 to YS 583634 for the official reopening of Route 23. At 1700H these elms were helilifted to 1ATF base. D Coy was helilifted to the HORSESHOE feature and A Coy returned to 1ATF with 2 Troop A Sqn.
- e. 6RAR continued Op PORTSEA with negative contact. 6RAR secured Route 23 from the SONG RAI to XUYEN MOC during today's activities. At 0945H A Coy was helilifted to 1ATF base area.
- f. 1 Bde 9 Inf Div US continued Op PORTSEA. At 0935H B Troop 3/5 Cav were engaged by an RCL at YS 590830. Results were one recovery vehicle damaged and 1US KIA. At 1100H A Coy 2/39 Inf found 1600 lbs of rice, 30 lbs of dried fish, 20 lbs of cooking fat and 500 panji stakes at YS 561711. At 1230H A Tp 3/5 Cav found and destroyed 12 bunkers with OHC at YS 580818. At 1550H A Coy 2/47 Mech Bn at YS 570805 received small arms fire from an unknown source. Negative result. At 1700H A Coy 2/47 Mech Bn received approximately 200 rds of SA and automatic fire at YS 570795 from a bunker. Result 1 US WIA. At 1816H an accident with a claymore mine at YS 564807 resulted in 1US WIA who later DOW. At 1925H B Coy 2/39 at YS 530822 contacted 2 VC. Result 1 VC WIA (poss).
- g. 43 ARVN Regt concluded Op PORTSEA at 1742H when the first element of 35 Ranger Bn were airlifted out of 1ATF base.
- h. 2FFV Engineers continued Op PORTSEA. The airfield at XUYEN MOC YS 6568 has now been completed to the requirements of medium lift forward airfield specifications:
Length 2,100 feet
Width 60 feet
The surface of the strip is unsealed and the airstrip centre is at YS 655684.
- j. Air Support. At 1335H an airstrike on a VC camp at YS 349749 destroyed 2 bunkers and uncovered 20 metres of trench. At 1405H an airstrike on a VC camp at YS 338852 uncovered 20 metres of trench and 50 metres of trail. At 1750H an immediate airstrike on an occupied VC camp at YS 379857 destroyed 6 bunkers and 50 metres of trench. At 1200H a LFT destroyed 3 sampans at YS 602584. At 1800H the LFT destroyed 1 hut and 2 sampans at YS 543 576.

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H&I Programme

A total of 90 serials were fired during the ni 12/13 Apr into the following areas:

57 - 62E 58 - 61N
37 - 40E 69 - 70N

4.

VC Casualty State

| | KIA | | WIA | VCPW | VCS | RAILERS | WEAPONS | | | RICE (tons) |
|---------------------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|---------|---------|------|--------|-------------|
| | BC | POSS | | | | | CSW | AUTO | NORMAL | |
| 120001 - 122400H | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL 1 ATF | 460 | 109 | 106 | 80 | 179 | 1 | 15 | 12 | 116 | 421.3 |

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REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET No 75
PERIOD 130001 - 132400H Apr 67

Missions Fired

a. The only missions fired during the reporting period were either course shooting or H&I missions.

2. Summary of Operations

- a. 1ATF with 1 Bde 9 US Div and 2FFV Engineers continued Op PORTSEA with negative contact. 5RAR continued Op LEETON with negative contact.
- b. A Sen 3 Cav Regt continued Op PORTSEA with negative contact.
- c. 6RAR continued Op PORTSEA searching and securing Route 23 with negative contact.
- d. 5RAR continued Op LEETON and platoon patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact.
- e. Air Support. At 1422H a preplanned airstrike was conducted onto a tunnel and bunker complex at YS 349747. Negative BDA due to smoke and foliage.
- f. 1 Bde 9 US Div continued Op PORTSEA in AO DIAMOND. At 0735H C/2/47 Mech Bn at YS 565814 found 3 old bunkers which had not been used for some time. They were subsequently destroyed. At 1340H D/2/39 Inf Bn located and destroyed a bunker complex at YS 588820.
- g. 2FFV and 1ATF Engineers continued clearing Route 23. There was negative contact.

3. H&I Programme


A total of 138 serials were fired during the nñ 13/14 Apr into the following areas:

46 - 50E 67 - 70N
 28 - 30E 72 - 75N
 36 - 40E 75 - 79N

4. VC Casualty State

| | KIA | | WIA | VCPW | VCS | RALLIERS | WEAPONS | | | RICE (tons) |
|------------------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----------|---------|------|--------|-------------|
| | BC | POSS | | | | | CSW | AUTO | NORMAL | |
| 140001 - 142400H | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL 1 ATF | 460 | 109 | 109 | 80 | 179 | 1 | 15 | 12 | 116 | 421.3 |

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REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET No 76
PERIOD 140001 - 142400H Apr 67

Missions Fired

- a. At 1313H C/S 20 engaged a suspected VC base camp at YS 367675. Negative surveillance.
- b. At 1400H C/S 50B engaged a VC camp at YS 3678. The mission was observed by a FAC. The target area was well covered by the fire from 50B and results were 1 hut destroyed and 2 bunkers uncovered.
- c. At 2230H C/S 20 engaged lights at YS 396722. Rounds landed in target area.

2. Summary of Operations

- a. 1 ATF continued Op PORTSEA with 1 Bde 9 Inf Div US and 2FFV Engineers. There was negative contact. 1 ATF continued Op LEETON with negative contact.
- b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Op PORTSEA with negative contact.
- c. 5RAR continued Op LEETON and patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact.
- d. 6RAR continued Op PORTSEA with negative contact. At 1122H 6RAR moved from the fire support base at YS 5963 to conduct a search and destroy operation in AO TIN. At 1050H at YS 533592 D Coy found a platoon sized camp at YS 533592 containing 15 weapon pits, one kitchen, one latrine, assorted clothing and documents. Among the documents was some VC propaganda concerning Op BRIBIE which stated that: "local guerillas (ie D445) led Australian soldiers into a trap. One APC was destroyed and 34 Australians in and around the APC were killed. Three more Australians were wounded." The camp had been evacuated some time in mid March. At 1410H at YS 547602 C Coy 6RAR found a camp 150 metres long and 30 metres wide containing a well. The well was destroyed. At 1530H elements of 6RAR found a hut 15' X 20'. A grenade had been used to booby trap the door but rats had gnawed the rope forming part of the trap thus neutralizing it. At 1540H at YS 549598 C Coy found what appears to have been part of a hospital or a dressing station. It does not appear to have been occupied during the last twelve days. At 1830H at YS 547594 C Coy found a 12 ft by 12 ft hut containing 42 X 1 gal cans of cooking oil.
- e. 1 Bde 9 Inf Div US continued Op PORTSEA. At 0830H elements of 1 Bde moved to LZ vic YS 6684. At 0840H an APC of 3/5 Cav hit a mine at YS 534610. There were no casualties. At 1215H a gunship was hit by a claymore mine at YS 5462 resulting in 1 US KIA. At 1254H 3/5 Cav captured a VC at YS 671901. At 1130H B Coy 2/39 Inf Bn contacted an unknown number of VC at YS 585855. After a brief fire fight the VC broke contact. There were no casualties. At 1130H A Tp 2/47 Mech Bn located and destroyed 4 bunkers and 2 huts at YS 525815. At 1310H A Coy 2/47 Mech Bn found 22 fresh bunkers with OHP at YS 519813. At 1545H 3/5 Cav contacted 5VC at YS 589875. The VC were carrying at least 1 RCL. There were no casualties. At 1900H A Coy 2/47 Mech Bn contacted an unknown number of VC in vic YS 4681. Results were 4VC KIA, 1 VCPW. At 1958H an APC from A Coy 2/47 Mech Bn struck a command detonated mine at YS 462813 resulting in the APC being slightly damaged.
- f. Air Support, At 1300H an airstrike on VC bunkers and huts at YS 367789 destroyed 4 huts, 4 bunkers, damaged one hut and caused one secondary fire with white smoke. At 1030H the LFT destroyed a 25ft sampan at YS 567565 and another sampan at YS 579571. At YS 581652 a 40ft motorised sampan was destroyed resulting in 5VC KBA (BC).

3. H&I Programme

A total of 86 serials were fired during the ni 14/15 Apr into the following areas:

29 - 32E 64 - 67N
 34 - 36E 71 - 73N
 44 - 47E 64 - 66N

4.

VC Casualty State

| | KIA | | WIA | VOPW | VCS | RALLIERS | WEAPONS | | | RICE (tons) |
|---------------------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----------|---------|------|--------|-------------|
| | BC | POSS | | | | | CSW | AUTO | NORMAL | |
| 140001 - 142400H | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL 1 ATF | 460 | 109 | 106 | 80 | 179 | 1 | 15 | 12 | 116 | 421.3 |

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REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET NO 77
PERIOD 15CC01 - 152400H Apr 67

1. Missions Fired

a. At 2235H C/S 10 engaged lights seen at YS 511571. Negative surveillance.

2. Summary of Operations

- a. 1 ATF continued Op PORTSEA with 1/9 Inf Div and 2FFV Engineers
- 1 ATF continued Op LEETON.
- b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt continued Op PORTSEA with negative contact.
- c. 5RAR continued Op LEETON and patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact.
- d. 6RAR continued Op PORTSEA with negative contact. Limited search and destroy operations were carried out in AO TIN. At 1130H at YS 545604 C Coy found 200 empty rice bags and 190 lbs of salt. At 1250H at YS 594585 a CHIEU HOI surrendered himself to C Coy. He was evacuated to 1 ATF. At 1200H B Coy found a camp of 19 pits (12 with OHP) and a cookhouse with a communications trench around the camp. At 1350H D Coy found a company sized camp 6-12 months old at YS 526582. At 1600H at YS 539584 an old, empty rice cache containing 300 empty rice bags was found. This cache had been found some time ago by friendlies and had since been reconditioned by the VC
- e. Air Support. At 1155H an airstrike on a VC staging area at YS 355792 damaged 3 bunkers and caused one secondary fire with blue smoke. At 1410H an airstrike on a VC camp at YS 703619 destroyed 2 bunkers, 2 huts and 20 metres of trench.

3. VC Casualty State for Op PORTSEA

29 KIA
16 WIA
6 PW
251,676 rds SAA
2 trucks
1 tractor
1 trailer
8 snapans
81 field packs
189 tons of rice
938 lbs of salt
30 lbs of dried fish
20 lbs of cooking fat
500 steel panji stakes
6 lanterns
100 bags of fertilizer
53 lbs of sugar
2 gals of paraffin
2 rice husking machines
100cc morphine
1 bicycle
8 iron huts
11 CBUs
15 Thompson SMGs
15 X .45 machine carbines
35 CHICOM bolt action rifles
20 anti tank rockets
12 anti personnel mines
11 CHICOM claymores
100 fragmentation grenades
12 heavy anti tank mines
12 CHICOM anti tank mines
12 anti tank grenades
50 rds 81mm mortars
* US BAR
200 US M16 grenades
12 CHICOM smoke grenades

- 2 AA tripods
- 5 new saws
- 16 files
- 100 cans sardines
- 1 loud speaker
- 1 typewriter
- 150 blasting caps
- 1 X 60mm mortar
- 1 X 75mm RCL
- 1 amplifier
- 4,724 mortar bombs Of various types
- 400 grenades (types unknown)
- 30 mines (types unknown)
- 100 rifle grenades
- 3,120 lbs of TNT
- 60 pans
- 200 feet barbed wire

4. H&I Programme

A total of 122 serials were fired during the ni 15/16 Apr into the following areas:

- 35 - 38E 70 - 72N
- 60 - 62E 81 - 82N
- 54 - 57E 69 - 72N
- 53 - 56E 76 - 78N

5. EC Casualty State

| | KIA | | | | | WEAPONS | | | | |
|----------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----------|-----|------|--------|-------------|
| | BC | POSS | WIA | VCPW | VCS | RALLIERS | CSW | AUTO | NORMSL | RICE (tons) |
| 150001 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 152400H | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 ATF | 460 | 109 | 106 | 80 | 179 | 2 | 15 | 12 | 116 | 421.3 |

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REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET NO 78.
PERIOD 160001 - 162400H Apr 67.

1. Missions Fired.

a. At 0900 c/s 50B engaged YS 603 614. Target description - 3 sampans. The mission was observed by a FAC who reported that the sampans were badly damaged by fire from 50B.

b. The only other missions fired were H & I and registration missions.

2. Summary of Operations.

a. 1 ATF terminated Operation PORTSEA at 161800H. Operation LEETON continued with negative contact.

b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt terminated Op PORTSEA and closed to 1 ATF base at 161700H. There was negative contact.

c. 5 RAR continued Op. LEETON and platoon patrolling of the TAOR. There was negative contact.

d. 6 RAR terminated Op PORTSEA and all elements closed to 1 ATF base at 1700H. At 1010H C/6RAR found a platoon size camp at YS 518 578. The camp had not been used recently and was destroyed.

e. Air support. At 1235H a preplanned airstrike was conducted onto a VC base area at YS 345 790. One large bunker and 5 fox holes were destroyed. At 1420H a preplanned airstrike was conducted on to a VC base camp at YS 389 830. Results were 50 metres of trench and 4 huts destroyed. At 1440H a strike was conducted onto a VC camp at YS 367 789. Results were 2 huts and one bunker destroyed.

f. 1 ATF Engineers terminated Op PORTSEA and closed to 1 ATF base at 161800H.

3. H & I Programme.

A total of 46 serials were fired during the ni 16/17 into the following areas:

37 - 39 E

79 - 81 N

55 - 57 E

69 - 71 N

52 - 54 E

59 - 61 N

4. VC Casualty State.

| | KIA | | WIA | VCPW | VCS | RALLIERS | WEAPONS | | | RICE (tons) |
|-----------------------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----------|---------|------|------|-------------|
| | BC | POSS | | | | | CSW | AUTO | NORM | |
| 160001 - 162400 H. | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL 1ATF | 460 | 109 | 106 | 80 | 179 | 2 | 15 | 12 | 116 | 421.3 |

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37 - 39 E
64 - 65 N

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- 66 - 71 N

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- 53 - 57 E

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3. High Performance.

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| | MIL | MIL | VCFW | VCG | RALLERS | REAPONS | NICE (long) |
|----------|-----|------|------|-----|---------|---------------|-------------|
| | EC | POSS | | | | CSW AUTO NORM | |
| 170001 - | | | | | | | |
| 172400 H | | | | | | | |

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REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET NO 80.
PERIOD 180001 - 182400H Apr 67.

1. Missions Fired.

- a. At 1520H c/s 50B engaged YS 69 76. Target description, suspected VC location. The mission was observed by a FAC.
- b. The only other missions fired were H & I and registration missions.

2. Summary of Operations.

- a. 1 ATF continued Operation LEETON. Patrolling of the TAOR continued. There was negative contact. At 0845H a female VC captured by a 1 ATF patrol at YS 650 628 was evacuated to 1 ATF.
- b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt remained in 1 ATF base location for maintenance.
- c. 5 RAR continued Operation LEETON until 1055H when D Coy 5 RAR were airlifted to 1 ATF base from the HORSESHOE feature at YS 49 62. Patrolling continued with negative contact.
- d. 6 RAR commenced Operation LEETON at 1035H when A Coy were in position on the HORSESHOE feature YS 49 62 to replace D/5RAR. Patrolling continued and at YS 476 682 at 1140H a B Coy patrol located a VC camp of approximately two platoon size, not used for some time. The pits were destroyed.
- e. Air support. At 0920H an airstrike in support of a patrol at YS 665 625 was 100% target. There was negative BDA due to foliage. At 0950H an airstrike supporting a patrol at YS 665 625 opened up one trail and uncovered 10 metres of trench. No further BDA due to smoke and foliage. At 0955 an airstrike on a VC camp at YS 391 752 destroyed 4 bunkers and caused one secondary fire with black smoke. At 1045H an airstrike in support of a patrol at YS 665 625 cut one trail and caused one secondary fire with white smoke. At 1020H an airstrike on a VC base camp at YS 347 793 destroyed 50m of trench. At 1220H an airstrike on a VC camp at YS 369 744 destroyed 2 huts and uncovered one tunnel entrance. At 1340H an airstrike on a VC base camp at YS 403 747 and YS 369 744 destroyed 6 bunkers, damaged one hut and uncovered 8 bunkers.

3. H & I Programme.

A total of 51 serials were fired during the ni 18/19 into the following areas:

60 -62 E
 58 -61 N
 37 -40 E
 80 - 82 N
 55 - 57 E
 67 - 69 N
 70 - 73 E
 61 - 62 N

4. VC Casualty State.

| | KIA | | WIA | VCPW | VCS | RALLIERS | WEAPONS | | | RICE (tons) |
|----------------------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----------|---------|------|------|-------------|
| | BC | POSS | | | | | CSw | AUTO | NORM | |
| 180001 - 182400 H | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| | 460 | 109 | 106 | 81 | 179 | 2 | 15 | 12 | 116 | 421.3 |

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 Intelligence Officer.

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REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET NO 81.
PERIOD 190001 - 192400 H Apr 67.

1. Missions Fired.

a. At 0920 c/s 50B engaged YS 391 719. Target description - suspected VC location. Mission was observed by a FAC.

b. The only other missions fired during the reporting period were H & I and registration missions.

2. Summary of Operations.

a. 1 ATF continued Op LEETON. Patrolling of the TAOR continued. There was negative contact.

b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt remained in base loc for maintenance.

c. 5 RAR continued patrolling in the TAOR with negative contact.

d. Air support. At 0755H an airstrike was carried out on grid YS 369 744 and YS 345 747. One hut at each target was destroyed. At 1025H an airstrike at YS 368 745 destroyed three bunkers and six foxholes. A further six foxholes and two bunkers were uncovered. At 1310H an airstrike on a VC base camp damaged two bunkers. At 1700H an airstrike on a VC base camp at YS 703 618 destroyed one hut one bunker and uncovered 50m of trench.

3. H & I Programme.

A total of 56 serials were fired during the ni 19/20 into the following areas:

53 - 56 E

56 - 59 N

52 - 55 E

71 - 75 N

36 - 38 E

80 - 83 N

33 - 35 E

64 - 66 N

4. VC Casualty State.

| | KIA | | WIA | VCPW | VCS | RALLIERS | WEAPONS | | | RICE (tons) |
|----------------------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----------|---------|------|------|-------------|
| | BC | POSS | | | | | CSW | AUTO | NORM | |
| 190001 - 192400 H | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL 1 ATF | 460 | 109 | 106 | 81 | 179 | 2 | 15 | 12 | 116 | 421.3 |

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REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET NO 82.
PERIOD 200001 - 202400H Apr 67.

1. Missions Fired.

- a. Following a Red Haze Report c/s 95 initiated missions on grids YS 584 816, YS 580 730 and YS 580 850. c/s 50B engaged these from 0500H to 0615H but with negative surveillance.
- b. At 0530 lights were seen at YS 395 713. c/s 30 engaged. Negative surveillance.
- c. At 1320 a 1/83 air observer engaged YS 574 813 with c/s 50B. Good coverage with some trenches caved in.
- d. From 1600H to 6142H 1/83 air observer saw VC at YS 403 752. c/2 40 engaged, uncovering trenches, bunkers and destroying all OHC. Arty did more damage than airstrikes on this target.
- e. Other missions fired were checking DFs, registration missions and H&I's.

2. Summary of Operations.

- a. 1 ATF continued Operation LEEYON and platoon patrolling with negative contact.
- b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt remained in 1 ATF for maintenance and refit.
- c. 5 RAR continued patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact.
- d. Air support. At 0945H an airstrike on an area from which an aircraft received ground fire at YS 624 845 caused 2 VC KBA (possible). At 1130H an airstrike was conducted on VC structures at YS 680 656. Negative BDA due to foilage. At 1400H an airstrike on a VC base area at YS 686 618 destroyed 1 bunker, 40m of trench, uncovered 150m of tunnel & started one secondary fire with blue smoke. At 0845 a recon aircraft received 30 - 35 rounds Automatic weapons fire from YS 622 842. Aircraft was flying at 70 knots at 100 feet.

3. H & I Programme.

A total of 72 serials were fired during the ni 20/21 into the following areas:

62 - 71 E
 58 - 63 N
 30 - 35 E
 63 - 66 N
 55 - 60 E
 70 - 73 N
 33 - 37 E
 77 - 81 N
 47 - 51 E
 64 - 66 N (fired twice)

4. VC Casualty State.

| | KIA | | WIA | VCPW | VCS | RALLIERS | CSW | AUTO | WEAPONS | | RICE (tons) |
|-------------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----------|-----|------|---------|--|--------------|
| | BC | POSS | | | | | | | NORM | | |
| 200001 - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 202400 H | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL 1 ATF | 460 | 109 | 106 | 81 | 179 | 2 | 15 | 12 | 116 | | 421.3 |

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James Ryan
 Intelligence Officer.

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REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET NO 83.
PERIOD 210001 - 212400H Apr 67.

1. Missions Fired.

a. There were no missions fired other than checking DF's and H & I's.

2. Summary of Operations.

a. 1 ATF continued Operation LEETON with platoon patrolling with negative contact.

b. One SAS patrol of 3 days duration was extracted with 2 VC KIA & 1 VC WIA.

c. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt remained in 1 ATF

d. 5 RAR continued patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact.

e. 6 RAR continued Operation LEETON and patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact.

f. Air support. At YS 366 812 at 1030H an airstrike on a VC base camp was conducted. Two bunkers were destroyed. Negative further BDA was possible due to smoke and foliage. At YS 732 808 at 1225H an airstrike was conducted on a VC camp area. Two large huts and two small huts were destroyed, 300m of trench was uncovered and four other wood frameworks were damaged. At YS 732 808 at 1415H an airstrike was conducted on a VC camp area. Two large huts and three small huts were destroyed, twelve bunkers and 20m of trench were also destroyed.

3. H & I Programme.

A total of 45 H & I serials were fired during the ni 21/22 into the following areas:

66 - 72 E

57 - 64 N

37 - 39 E

64 - 66 N

45 - 51 E

69 - 71 N

51 - 55 E

62 - 64 N

4. VC Casualty State.

| | KIA | | WIA | VCPW | VCS | RALLIERS | WEAPONS | | | RICE (tons) |
|------------------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----------|---------|------|------|-------------|
| | BC | POSS | | | | | CSW | AUTO | NORM | |
| 0001 - 2400 H | -2 | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| AL 1 ATF | 462 | 109 | 107 | 81 | 179 | 2 | 15 | 12 | 116 | 421.3 |

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REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET NO 84.
PERIOD 220001 - 222400H Apr 67.

Missions Fired.

a. The only missions fired during the period were for registration, demonstrations and H & I's.

2. Summary of Operations.

- a. ATF continued Operation LEETON and platoon patrolling.
- b. An SAS LRRP contacted 12 plus enemy at YS 286 731 at 0730H moving west. They were basic webbing no packs no hats and carried 2 AK 47, 1 carbane and several automatic weapons. Results 3 VC KIA (BC) 1 VC WIA(poss)
- c. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt remained in 1 ATF for maintenance and refit.
- d. 5 RAR continued Operation LEETON and patrolling of TAOR with negative contact.
- e. 6 RAR continued Op LEETON and patrolling of TAOR with negative contact.
- f. Air support. At YS 283 731 at 0855H an airstrike was carried out in assistance of troops in contact. There was negative BDA. At 1207H at YS 347 790 a preplanned airstrike was carried out on a VC base camp. There were two bunkers destroyed and four bunkers and 70 metres of trench uncovered. At 1215H at YS 375 744 a preplanned airstrike was carried out on a VC base camp. There were two bunkers destroyed and four bunkers exposed. At 1402H at YS 402 753 a preplanned airstrike was carried out on a VC base camp. There were three bunkers destroyed and four bunkers exposed.

3. H & I Programme.

A total of 67 serials were fired during the ni 22/23 into the following areas:

28 - 33 E
 67 - 71 N
 51 - 54 E
 55 - 61 N
 42 - 44 E
 70 - 72 N
 56 - 60 E
 75 - 79 N
 46 - 50 E
 52 - 57 N
 44 - 46 E
 63 - 65 N

4. VC Casualty State.

| | KIA | | WIA | VCPW | VCS | RALLIERS | WEAPONS | | | RICE (tons) |
|----------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----------|---------|------|------|-------------|
| | BC | POSS | | | | | CSW | AUTO | NORM | |
| 220001 - | 3 | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| 222400 H | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 465 | 109 | 108 | 81 | 179 | 2 | 15 | 12 | 116 | 421.3 |

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Rf B Young. 21st
 Intelligence Officer.

REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET NO 85.PERIOD 230001 - 232400H Apr 67.1. Missions Fired.

- a. At 1957H 1 Fd Regt fired a Regt target at fresh VC diggings at YS 416 664. c/s 80 observed the shoot and reported good coverage with Batterys falling together.
- b. At 2110H Possum 3 sighted lights near road YS 607 779 which went out as aircraft flew over. c/s 50B engaged the grid with rounds giving good coverage.
- c. Only other missions fired were checking fall of shot, checking DF's, demonstration shoot and H & I missions.

2. Summary of Operations.

- a. 1 ATF continued Operation LEETON and platoon patrolling with negative contacts.
- b. Two SAS patrols with negative contact were extracted.
- c. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 2 Troop conducted a convoy escort.
- d. 5 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR with negative contact.
- e. 6 RAR continued patrolling TAOR with negative contact.
- f. **Air support.** At 0850H an airstrike on a VC camp area at YS 410 758 destroyed 5 bunkers. At 0900H an airstrike on a VC bunker system at YS 578 843 destroyed 2 bunkers and uncovered 10 metres of trench. At 0915H an airstrike on a VC staging area at YS 577 737 destroyed 3 structures, damaged 2 bunkers and 1 structure. At 1715H an airstrike on VC in the open at YS 520 828 burned 5 bunkers and 30 metres of trench. At 1050H during extraction of a patrol a light fire team received auto and small arms ground fire from YS 32 77. Airspeed 100 knots at 150 feet. Negative damage.

3. H & I Programme.

A total of 46 H & I missions were fired during the ni 23/24 into the following areas:

| | |
|-----------|-----------|
| 63 - 64 E | 51 - 56 E |
| 66 - 67 N | 56 - 60 N |
| 46 - 49 E | 30 - 34 E |
| 69 - 70 N | 65 - 68 N |
| 53 - 60 E | |
| 84 - 86 N | |

4. VC Casualty State.

| | KIA | | WIA | VCPW | VCS | RALLIERS | WEAPONS | | | RICE (tons) |
|----------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----------|---------|------|------|---------------|
| | BC | POSS | | | | | CSW | AUTO | NORM | |
| 230001 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 232400 H | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 465 | 109 | 108 | 81 | 179 | 2 | 15 | 12 | 116 | 421.3 |

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R J B Young 2Lt
Intelligence Officer.

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REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET NO 86.
PERIOD 240001 - 242400H Apr 67.

1. Missions Fired.

- a. From 2340H AP LO GOM received 40 - 50 mortar rounds from the EAST. Following a report from the LP at the HORSESHOE, YS 515 566 was engaged by c/s 40 with negative surveillance.
- b. At 2352 AP LO GOM YS 510 550 received small arms fire and was illuminated by c/s 40 but the target was out of range.
- c. At 2355 suspected mortar base plate positions were engaged at YS 512508 by c/s 50A with negative surveillance at this stage.
- d. At 2356 suspected mortar base plates were engaged at YS 515 558 by c/s 50 with negative surveillance at this stage.
- e. Other missions fired were checking DF's and H & I's.

2. Summary of Operations.

- a. 1 ATF continued Operation LEEFON and patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact.
- b. One SAS patrol has been extracted with negative contact.
- c. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt remained in 1 ATF.
- d. 5 RAR continued platoon patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact.
- e. 6 RAR continued platoon patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact.
- f. Air support. At YS 420 768 at 1015H a preplanned airstrike on a VC stage area destroyed two bunkers. At YS 573 804 at 1630H a preplanned airstrike on a VC camp damaged two bunkers. At 1640H at YS 294 757 an extraction helicopter received groundfire. Aircraft was flying at 10 -15 knots with a height of 10 feet.

3. H & I Programme.

A total of 77 serials were fired during the ni 24/25 into the following areas:

48 - 50 E
 64 - 66 N
 45 - 47 E
 53 - 56 N fired twice
 28 - 30 E
 69 - 73 N
 50 - 40 E
 64 - 66 N
 33 - 35 E
 76 - 78 N

4. VC Casualty State.

| | KIA | | WIA | VCPW | VCS | RALLIERS | WEAPONS | | RICE (tons) |
|----------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----------|---------|-----------|-------------|
| | BC | POSS | | | | | CSW | AUTO NORM | |
| 240001 - | | | | | | | | | |
| 242400 H | | | | | | | | | |
| | 465 | 109 | 108 | 81 | 179 | 2 | 15 | 12 116 | 421.3 |

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R. J. Young 2Lt
 Intelligence Officer.

1. Missions Fired.

- a. Following the mortar attack on AP LO GOM, the following missions were fired, all with negative surveillance.
 - i. At 0042 the 8" and 175mm guns engaged Grid YS 523 543. Target description - mortar base plate.
 - ii. At 0117 the 175mm guns engaged grid YS 548 560. Target, possible VC escape route.
 - iii. At 0124 c/s 40 engaged Grid YS ⁵¹⁵⁷ 544. Target, possible VC escape route.
 - iv. At 0125 the 8" guns engaged Grid YS 520 577. Target, possible VC escape route.
- b. At 1120 the 155mm guns engaged a suspected VC camp at YS 411 753. The mission was observed by an air observer and results were 9 gun pits opened up OHC blown of two bunkers.
- c. At 1359H the 8" guns engaged a suspected VC location at YS 482 502. The air observer reported good coverage with some secondary fires.
- d. At 1450H the 8" guns engaged a wooded area at YS 555 577 where Light Fire Teams caused secondary fires. A FAC observed the shoot, there were no secondaries.
- e. At 1540H the 8" guns engaged bunkers and fresh diggings at YS 368 759. The air observer reported rounds 100% on target with some bunkers caved in.

2. Summary of Operations.

- a. 1 ATF continued Operation LEETON with negative contact.
- b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt remained in 1 ATF area.
- c. 5 RAR continued patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact.
- d. 6 RAR continued Operation LEETON and patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact.
- e. Air support. At 0710H an airstrike on a VC camp at YS 555 743 destroyed 2 bunkers, uncovered one pit and 10 mortar trenches. At 1605 on a VC occupied base camp at YS 517 828 destroyed 150 meters of trench, 8 bunkers 1 well and uncovered 200 metres of trench and six bunkers. One military type wooden structure was damaged. At 0855H the Light Fire Team (LFT) destroyed 3 sampans at YS 599 605. At 1425 the LFT engaged a bunker at YS 547 572 causing a large secondary explosion with dark smoke. At YS 540 570 a hut and what appeared to be a mortar tube was destroyed by the LFT. At YS 538 577 the LFT destroyed one sampan and one hut at approx 1500H.

3. H & I Programme.

A total of 73 serials were fired during the ni 25/26 into the following areas.

| | |
|-----------|-----------|
| 57 - 59 E | 52 - 56 E |
| 79 - 82 N | 57 - 61 N |
| 54 - 61 E | 28 - 31 E |
| 74 - 79 N | 73 - 76 N |
| 55 - 57 E | 55 - 56 E |
| 67 - 68 N | 62 - 64 N |
| 41 - 42 E | |
| 68 - 69 N | |

4. VC Casualty State.

| | BC | KIA POSS | WIA | VCIW | VCS | RALLIERS | WEAPONS | | NORM | RICE (tons) |
|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|------|-----|----------|---------|------|------|-------------|
| | | | | | | | CSW | AUTO | | |
| 250001 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 252400 H | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL 1 ATF | 455 | 109 | 108 | 81 | 179 | 2 | 15 | 12 | 116 | 421.3 |

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R J Blything Lt
Intelligence Officer

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REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET NO 38.

PERIOD 260001 - 262400H Apr 67.

1. Missions Fired.

- a. At 1030H the 8" guns engaged a suspected VC camp at YS 465 541. An air observer reported an secondary explosion.
- b. At 1300 the 175mm guns engaged VC in the open at YS 183 740. An air observer observed the mission.
- c. At 1420H the 175mm guns engaged VC and sampans at YS 192 730. An air observer reported one 120 ft sampan destroyed.
- d. At 1350H the 8" guns engaged suspected VC locations.
- e. At 2145H the 175mm guns engaged camp fires at YS 545 803. A FAC reported that the fires went out when they were engaged.
- f. At 2215H the 175mm guns engaged lights reported by sector. The lights went out.

2. Summary of Operations.

- a. 1 ATF continued Operation LEETON and patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact.
- b. A Sen 3 Cav Regt remained in 1 ATF.
- c. 5 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR until 260830H when 7 RAR assumed Operational control from them.
- d. 6 RAR continued Operation LEETON and patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact.
- e. Air support. At YS 389 827 at 1008H a preplanned airstrike on a VC camp destroyed 20 metres of trench and damaged a further 50 metres. At YS 389 829 at 1157H a preplanned airstrike on a VC main base camp destroyed two bunkers, three military structures and 35 metres of trench. At YS 370741 at 1135H a diverted airstrike on a VC camp damaged one military structure. At YS 390 830 at 1445H a preplanned airstrike on a VC camp under construction uncovered 150 metres of trench and destroyed three bunkers and one table. At YS 517 830 at 1505H a preplanned airstrike on bunkers and trenches damaged three bunkers.

3. H & I Programme.

During the ni 26/27 there were 53 serials fired into the following areas:

| | |
|-----------|-----------|
| 34 - 37 E | 57 - 58 E |
| 70 - 73 N | 66 - 68 N |
| 38 - 39 E | 53 - 58 E |
| 56 - 69 N | 57 - 60 N |
| 48 - 50 E | |
| 70 - 72 N | |

4. VC Casualty State.

| | KIA | | WIA | VCPW | VCS | RALLIERS | WEAPONS | | | RICE (tons) |
|----------------------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----------|---------|------|------|-------------|
| | BC | POSS | | | | | CSW | AUTO | NORM | |
| 260001 - 262400 H | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 455 | 109 | 108 | 81 | 179 | 2 | 15 | 12 | 11 | 421.3 |

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R & B Young
2Lt
Intelligence Officer.

N27

1. Missions Fired.

- a. At 1305 a FAC reported 4 VC in buildings at YS 596 668. The 175mm guns engaged the area. Results were 4 VC KBA (poss) 4 bunkers destroyed and 2 huts damaged.
- b. At 1430 the 175mm guns engaged a suspect VC location reported by a FAC. Results 1 tin hut destroyed and 1 tin hut damaged.

2. Summary of Operations.

- a. 1 ATF commenced Operation PUCKAPUNYAL at 0700H, a search and destroy operation. Operation LEETON and patrolling of the TAOR continued.
- b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 2 Tp conducted a convoy escort to Vung Tau.
- c. At 0730 161 Fd Bty RNZA was airlifted to a Fire Support Base at YS 391 683 for support of Operation PUCKAPUNYAL.
- d. 6 RAR continued Operation LEETON and patrolling of the TAOR with negative results
- e. 7 RAR commenced Operation PUCKAPUNYAL at 0700H when A Coy and the Mortar Platoon (less one sect) were helilifted to serve the Fire Support Base at YS 389 683. At 0857H 7 RAR (less A Coy) were helilifted to an LZ at YS 356 715 and commenced a search and destroy operation in the area SOUTH WEST of Binh Ba at YS 450 740. At 1215H D coy located a VC coy size installation at least 2 months old, 20 pits, 3 buildings and a kitchen. There was also a staked out area which could be a minefield or booby trap area.
- f. Air support. At 0814H an airstrike on a VC base camp at YS 391 820 damaged 2 bunkers and exposed 40 metres of trench. At 0825H an airstrike on a VC base camp at YS 391 829 destroyed 2 bunkers and 1 military structure. At 1258H FAC sighted 4-5 VC running into buildings at YS 596 668. He engaged these with artillery causing 4 VC KBA (poss) and two military structures damaged. There were 4 bunkers destroyed in the area. At 1525H an airstrike on a VC camp at YS 560 733 destroyed 4 bunkers, damaged 3 bunkers, damaged 30 metres of trench and caused 1 secondary fire with grey smoke.

3. H & I Programme.

There were 45 serials fired during the night 27/28 Apr into the following areas:

| | |
|-----------|-----------|
| 51 - 60 E | 36 - 39 E |
| 74 - 77 N | 76 - 79 N |
| 59 - 61 E | 36 - 40 E |
| 67 - 70 N | 57 - 60 N |

4. VC Casualty State.

| | KIA | | WIA | VCPW | VCS | RALLIERS | WEAPONS | | | RICE (tons) |
|--------------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----------|---------|------|------|-------------|
| | BC | POSS | | | | | CSW | AUTO | NORM | |
| 270001 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 272400 H | | 4 | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL 1 ATF. | 465 | 113 | 108 | 81 | 179 | 2 | 15 | 12 | 116 | 421.3t |

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PERIOD 280001 - 282400H Apr 67.

1. Missions Fired.

- a. At 1630H a FAC received ground fire from YS 5588 7085. The 155mm guns engaged the area and opened up 5 bunkers.
- b. At 1700H a second FAC received ground fire from YS 5482 6984. Again the 155mm guns engaged the area and uncovered a lot of trenches and bunkers.
- c. At 1345H a fire plan of 13 Serials was initiated after a SAS patrol had been extracted from the area 55 - 57 E 70 - 72 N. The 175mm, 8" and 155mm engaged the area and the 154 rounds fired gave a good coverage.
- d. At 1930H a patrol from 7 RAR heard chopping noises at YS 417 742. 103 Bty engaged the area and the noises ceased.

2. Summary of Operations.

- a. 1 ATF continued Operations PUCKAPUNYAL and LEETON, patrolling of the TAOR continued with negative contacts.
- b. A Sqn 3 Cav Regt. 2 Tp conducted a convoy escort to YS 599 637 at 0800H.
- c. 6 RAR continued Operation LEETON with negative contacts.
- d. 7 RAR continued Operation PUCKAPUNYAL. At 1025H at YS 402 786 two enemy camps were located. Both were tunnel/bunker complexes about platoon size and were unused for several months. At 1725H ten very old pits were located at YS 413 715. At 1915H all sub-units were in base location with the exception of: 5/B/ 7RAR YS 409 736 and 2/A/ 7RAR YS 379 683.
- e. Air Support. At 1240H at YS 549 697 a preplanned airstrike was carried out on VC bunkers and trenches destroying 15 bunkers and uncovering 20m of trench. At 1350H an airstrike was carried out on a VC camp area at YS 562 749 destroying 5 bunkers and 20 metres of trench. At 1505H at YS 559 709 an airstrike on a VC camp known to be occupied destroyed 6 bunkers and damaged six bunkers. During this airstrike the FAC received ground fire (approximately 40 rds of .30cal.) Height was 1500ft flying at 70 knots. At 1525H an immediate airstrike on YS 559 709 on an occupied VC camp destroyed 100 metres of trench, 10 bunkers, estimated 4 KBA and one automatic weapon possibly destroyed. There was one secondary explosion 100 feet high. At 1600H at YS 549 697 an airstrike on a VC camp (suspected occupied) uncovered 50metres of trench and destroyed four bunkers.

3. H & I Programme.

There were 44 serials fired during the night 28/29 Apr into the following areas:

| | |
|-----------|-----------|
| 58 - 59 E | 28 - 30 E |
| 73 - 77 N | 75 - 77 N |
| 55 - 59 E | 35 - 37 E |
| 67 - 69 N | 75 - 79 N |
| 40 - 43 E | |
| 80 - 82 N | |

4. VC Casualty State.

| | KIA | | WIA | VCPW | VCS | RALLIERS | WEAPONS | | | RICE (tons) |
|----------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----------|---------|------|------|-------------|
| | BC | POSS | | | | | CSW | AUTO | NORM | |
| 280001 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 282400 H | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 465 | 113 | 108 | 81 | 179 | 2 | 15 | 12 | 116 | 421.3t |

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION SHEET NO 91.PERIOD 290001 - 292400H Apr 67.Missions Fire.

a. Following a Sideways Looking Airborne Radar (SLAR) report at 0025H the 175mm guns engaged a suspected VC camp at YS 614 778. Negative surveillance.

b. Following a report from II FFV using radar the following were fired at suspected VC locations where movement was picked up.

- i) At 0210H into YS 375 718 by 103 Bty
- ii) at 0226H into YS 338 835 by one 175mm gun.
- iii) At 0226H into YS 340 822 by the other 175mm gun.

There was negative surveillance on the above three targets.

c. At 101CH an air observer saw VC at YS 307 726 and engaged the area using the 155mm guns. The area was well covered.

d. At 1500H an air observer reported a multi barrelled rocket launcher at YS 563 848. The area was saturated by the 175mm guns.

2. Summary of Operations.

- a. * ATF continued Operation LEFON and Operation PUCKAPUNYAL without contact.
- b. At 0850H a SAS patrol at YS 380 823 contacted 10 -12 VC moving WEST. Results 5 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC WIA.
- c. A Sqdn 3 Cav Rept remained in 1 ATF base loc.
- d. 6 RAR continued patrolling of TAOR with negative contact.
- e. 7 RAR continued Operation PUCKAPUNYAL with two platoon ambushes and negative contacts.
- f. Air support. There were no airstrikes in the TAOR. At 1445H a 1.83 Arty Air Observer called the LFT onto a suspected VC mortar at YS 563 849. This was then reported as a possible rocket launcher. 9 Div elements landed in the area and confirmed the object as a tail assembly of a bomb.

3. H & I Programme.

There were 40 serials fired during the night 29/30 into the following areas:

| | |
|-----------|-----------|
| 54 - 57 E | 31 - 34 E |
| 71 - 75 N | 70 - 73 N |
| 55 - 57 E | 37 - 41 E |
| 56 - 57 N | 80 - 82 N |

4. VC Casualty State.

| | KIA | | WIA | VCPW | VCS | RALLIERS | WEAPONS | | | RICE (tons) |
|----------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----------|---------|------|------|-------------|
| | BC | POSS | | | | | CSW | AUTO | NORM | |
| 290001 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 292400 H | 5 | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| | 470 | 113 | 109 | 81 | 179 | 2 | 15 | 12 | 116 | 421.3 t. |

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R. B. Young. 2Lt
Intelligence Officer.

REGIMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET NO 92.

PERIOD 300001 - 302400H Apr 67.

1. Missions Fired.

- a. At 0815H a patrol from 7 RAR brought harrassing fire onto an old VC possition at YS 409 736. There was negative surveillance.
- b. At 0931H an air observer for the 1/83 Arty Bn saw a camoflaged cave entrance. The 8" guns engaged the area and collapsed the entrance, destroyed some logs and scattered several people at YS 297 706.
- c. At 1404H a patrol from 6 RAR burnt off a suspected VC loc at YS 495 680 101 Bty fired WP and started two fires.
- d. At 1607H an air observer fired the 175mm guns at VC tunnel entrance at YS 608 755, the entrance was collapsed.
- e. At 1955H the 7 RAR patrol reported a suspect VC loc at YS 428 714, 103 Bty engaged the area with negative surveillance.
- f. The HORSESHOE OP at 2015H saw moving lights at YS 484 633. 101 Bty extinguished the lights.
- g. At 2117 1 Fd Regt engaged a suspect VC location at YS 466 683. There was negative surveillance.
- h. At 2220H the 7 RAR patrol reported a suspect VC probe at YS 422 730 and the 155mm guns brought down harrassing fire.

2. Summary of Operations.

- a. 1 ATF continued Operations LEETON and PUCKAPUNYAL and patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact.
- b. A Son 3 Cav Regt remained in base loc.
- c. 6 RAR Continued Operation LEETON and patrolling of the TAOR with negative contact.
- d. 7 RAR continued Operation PUCKAPUNYAL with two platoon ambushes, with negative contact.
- e. Air support. At YS 335 687 at 0020H an airstrike was conducted on a VC Company camp. There was negative BDA due to foliage. At YS 562 748 at 1135H an airstrike was conducted on a VC camp damaging two bunkers. At YS 665 817 at 1525H an airstrike on a VC base camp destroyed 30 metres of trench and uncovered 2 bunkers.

3. H & I Programme.

During the ni 30 Apr/1 May a total of 71 serials were fired into the following areas.

| | |
|-----------|-----------|
| 59 - 61 E | 28 - 32 E |
| 58 - 60 N | 68 - 70 N |
| 54 - 58 E | 39 - 40 E |
| 66 - 70 N | 64 - 69 N |
| 45 - 46 E | 40 - 41 E |
| 64 - 66 N | 66 - 69 N |

4. VC Casualty State.

| | KIA | | WIA | VCPW | VCS | RALLIERS | WEAPONS | | NORM | RICE (tons) |
|----------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----------|---------|-----|------|-------------|
| | BC | POSS | | | | | CSW | RUU | | |
| 300001 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 302400 H | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 470 | 113 | 109 | 81 | 179 | 2 | 15 | 12 | 116 | 421.3. |

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