

Commanders Dairies 1970

1 January 1970:

SHQ (-) remains at Nui Dat. One troop op con to 8RAR in AO Ashgrove. One troop with elements of Cav and inf continue security ops in Duc Thanh AO. One troop remains on land clearing protection in Long Green.

2 January 1970:

SHQ (-) remains at Nui Dat. One troop op con to 8RAR in AO Ashgrove. One troop with elements of Cav and inf continue security ops in Duc Thanh AO. One troop remains on land clearing protection in Long Green. One tank from SHQ stationed on Horseshoe Hill.

3 January 1970:

As above

4 January 1970:

As Above. At 1445hrs, 2 Troop, A Sqn was engaged by an unknown number of enemy who fired 12 RPG 7s. Fire was returned and the enemy fired RPGs again and withdrew. There were no friendly casualties and no located enemy casualties despite fire returned by the tanks. One tank was slightly damaged.

5 January 1970:

SHQ (-) remains at Nui Dat. One troop op con to 8RAR in AO Ashgrove. SHQ plus elements of Cav and inf continue recce and ambush ops in Duc Thanh AO. One troop remains on land clearing protection in Long Green. One tank remains on Horseshoe Hill.

At 1400hrs, Tango Force found eight 44gal drums of rice which exceeded the allowable amount to be held by householders. Six drums have been confiscated and are being delivered to the District Chief at Duc Thanh.

6 January 1970:

SHQ (-) remains at Nui Dat. One troop op con to 8RAR in AO Ashgrove. SHQ plus elements of Cav and inf continue recce and ambush ops in Duc Thanh AO. One troop remains op con to land clearing protection in Long Green. One tank remains on Horseshoe Hill.

Minutes of planning conference for forthcoming Op MATILDA issued to subordinate units.

7 January 1970:

SHQ (-) remains at Nui Dat. One troop op con to 8RAR in AO Ashgrove. Tango Force completed recce and ambush ops in Duc Thanh AO and returned to Nui Dat. One troop remains op con to land clearing protection in the Long Green. One tank on Horseshoe Hill.

0815hrs:

Tango Force and Anti-Tank Platoon of 8RAR located a camp consisting of 8 bunkers, a kitchen and a toilet, probably capable of housing an enemy platoon and last used 2 months ago.

8 January 1970:



SHQ (-) remains in IATF Base carrying out extensive maintenance and repair programme. One troop returned to Nui Dat from AO Ashgrove. One troop remains op con to land clearing protection in the Long Green. One tank on Horseshoe Hill.

9 January 1970:

SHQ (-) remains in Nui Dat carrying out extensive maintenance programme. One troop remains on land clearing protection in the Long Green. One troop returned to 1 ATF Base from AO Rosslyn. One tank remains on Horseshoe Hill

10 January 1970:

SHQ (-) remains IATF Base carrying out extensive maintenance programme. One troop remains on land clearing protection in the Long Green. Elements remain on Horseshoe Hill.

11 January 1970:

As above.

12 January 1970:

As above. Orders for Op MATILDA issued at O Group.

13 January 1970:

SHQ (-) remains IATF Base. One troop remains on land clearing protection in the Long Green. Elements remain on Horseshoe Hill.

14 January 1970:

As above.

15 January 1970:

A Sqn with inf and Cav elements under command [commence] armoured sweep towards Ham Tan (Op MATILDA). One troop remains on land clearing protection in the Long Green. Elements remain on Horseshoe Hill.

16 January 1970:

SHQ (-) with Inf and Cav elements continue armoured sweep towards Ham Tan (Op MATILDA). One troop remains on land clearing protection in the Long Green. Elements remain on Horseshoe Hill.

1000hrs:

Elements of B Sqn 3 Cav under op con (Op MATILDA) located and destroyed a vegetable garden.

17 January 1970:

A Sqn (-) with inf and Cav elements continue armoured sweep towards Ham Tan (Op MATILDA). One troop remains on land clearing protection in the Long Green. Elements remain on Horseshoe Hill.

18 January 1970:

As above.

19 January 1970:

A Sqn (-) continued Op MATILDA. Grouping remains unchanged. Force conducted recce and ambush ops to north of Ham Tan in conjunction with RF/PF

forces from Ham Tan. One troop remains LCT Long Green. Elements remain Horseshoe Hill. One Troop deployed to Long Hai mountain area to support RF operation.

20 January 1970:

A Sqn (-) continued Op MATILDA. Force conducted recce ops vicinity YS9392. Elements remain Horseshoe Hill. One troop remain Horseshoe Hill following cancellation of Long Hai op (RF/PF).

21 January 1970:

A Sqn (-) continues Op MATILDA. Force conducted recce ops vic YS8801. One troop remains LCT Long Green. One troop shelled Long Hai mountains. Elements remain Horseshoe Hill.

1400hrs:

6 Pl B Coy 6RAR/NZ and 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt on Op MATILDA were contacted by three VC. Result: one VC KIA (BC); one SKS rifle, pack, webbing, CIA.

22 January 1970:

A Sqn (-) continues Op MATILDA. Elements remain Horseshoe Hill.

23-25 January 1970:

As above.

26 January 1970:

A Sqn (-) continued Op MATILDA returning to Nui Dat. Elements remain Horseshoe Hill.

27 January 1970:

A Sqn remains Nui Dat. Elements remain Horseshoe Hill.

28 January 1970:

As above.

29 January 1970:

A Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. One troop returned to Horseshoe Hill from vic YS 5253. One troop deployed to vic YS 4868 with RRF.

30 January 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Elements remain Horseshoe Hill. One troop deployed to vic YS 4273 with RRF. One troop deployed to 6RAR/NZ at FSB Peggy.

31 January 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. One troop Horseshoe Hill. One troop 6RAR/NZ in AO Bayswater.

1 February 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Elements remain on Horseshoe Hill. One troop op con 6RAR/NZ (ANZAC).

2-4 February 1970:

As above.

5 February 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Elements remain on Horseshoe Hill. One troop op con 6RAR/NZ (ANZAC).

0948hrs: 4 Troop tank struck anti-tank mine (10-15lbs Chicom TNT) with offset switch. Minor track guard damage and no personnel injuries.

6 February 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Elements remain on Horseshoe Hill. One troop op con 6RAR/NZ (ANZAC).

7- 9 February 1970:

As above.

10 February 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Elements remain on Horseshoe Hill. One troop op con 6RAR/NZ (ANZAC). One troop (2 Troop) deploys to vicinity YS4553 op con C Company 8RAR for quarry security. (Engineers developing quarry for CA road construction Route 44.)

1035hrs. 4Troop detonated M16 mine. No damage or casualties.

1042hrs. Other sub-units in area, inf and Cav, also struck mines.

1500hrs. 4 Troop detonated M16 mine. No damage or casualties.

11 February 1970:

Sqn (-) remains in Nui Dat. Elements remain on Horseshoe Hill. One troop op con 6RAR/NZ. (ANZAC). One troop remains op con to 8RAR for quarry security. 1510hrs. 4 troop moved from Horseshoe in reaction role to support infantry platoon in bunker complex. Troop reacted within one hour, being delayed slightly to collect mini-team. Tanks assaulted position with inf; evacuated inf casualties and found LZ for casevac aircraft. During assault one tank bellied on trees. No casualties or damage to tanks. Tanks remained with inf for security during night (8 pl C Coy 8RAR).

12 February 1970:

Sqn (-) remains in Nui Dat. Elements remain on Horseshoe Hill. One troop remains op con to 8RAR for quarry security. 3 Troop operates along Route 2 with A Company 6RAR/NZ (ANZAC) ARNV Group. 1300hrs. 2 Troop located two fire pits which had been dug and used possibly as late as the 11/12 Feb.

13 February 1970:

Sqn (-) remains in Nui Dat. Elements remain on Horseshoe Hill. One troop remains op con to 8RAR for quarry security. One troop operates along Route 2 with A Company 6RAR/NZ (ANZAC) and ARNV Group (3 Troop).

14 February 1970:

Sqn (-) remains in Nui Dat. Elements remain on Horseshoe Hill. One troop remains op con to 8RAR for quarry security (2 Troop). 3 Troop op con 2 with A

Company 6RAR/NZ (ANZAC) and ARNV [for] operation along Route 2. 2015hrs. 2 troop engaged two sampans ---one destroyed.

15 February 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Elements remain on Horseshoe Hill. One troop remains op con C Coy 8RAR for quarry security. One troop ceases ops along Route 2 with A Coy 6RAR/NZ (ANZAC).

1900hrs:

2 Troop deployed from NDP to assist infantry platoon engaged in ambush with VC. Contact was so heavy that it was decided to leave 2 Troop with the platoon and deploy a composite troop--92Alpha, ZeroDelta, Zero Echo to assist with quarry security. Redeployment completed by 2400hrs. Deployment decided as Coy HQ also received small arms fire after 2 Troop had left area.

16 February 1970:

Sqn (-) moved into AO Hammersley. Elements remain on Horseshoe Hill. One troop remains op con 6RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO Bayswater. 2045hrs. Infantry in Composite Troop location contacted VC---one KIA.

17 February 1970:

Sqn (-) remains AO Hammersley. Elements remain on Horseshoe Hill. One troop remains op con 6RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO Bayswater.

18 February 1970:

Sqn (-) remains AO Hammersley (sic). Elements remain Horseshoe Hill and in support 6RAR/NZ (ANZAC) in AO Bayswater. 1 Tp, 2 Tp, 3 Tp & SHQ actively supporting 8RAR ops in Long Hai area.

1100-1415hrs:

Inf with 2 Tp, C Coy 8RAR contacted enemy bunker system. 2 Tp assaulted with inf. APC from B Sqn 3 Cav destroyed and Cpl Gott, crew comd 1Charlie, WIA whilst dismounted and attempting recovery of burning APC. During period of contact at least 9 x RPG fired at 2 Tp. Light casualties sustained (2 crew members bruises and cuts), but no serious damage.

1415hrs: Composite Tp contacted enemy of unknown size. ZeroDelta penetrated over radiators. No other damage and no casualties. 1530hrs. Zero Bravo reacted from Nui Dat to assist in 2 Tp location. During reaction Composite Tp also deployed to assist.

1820hrs:

2 Tp and Composite Tp assaulted enemy position with primary aim recovering burning APC from which VC were attempting removal of weapons. Zero Bravo coordinating with 4 Tp providing fire support if required. 4 Tp Zero Bravo arrived as assault commenced. APC recovered and force put in NDP 300m from enemy position. (Zero Bravo, 2 Tp, 4 Tp, Composite Tp, 3 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav, C Coy 8RAR.)

19 February 1970:

Sqn (-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY [sic]. Elements remain on Horseshoe Hill. Elements remain in support 6 RAR/NZ. Zero Bravo Group moved clear of contact area during day to overnight position.

20 February 1970:

Sqn (-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY [sic]. Elements remain on Horseshoe Hill. Elements remain in support 6 RAR/NZ in AO Bayswater. Composite Tp returned to Nui Dat and 2 Tp 4 Tp returned to FSB Isa.

21 February 1970:

Sqn (-) remains in AO HAMMERSLEY [sic]. Elements remain on Horseshoe Hill. Elements remain in support 6 RAR/NZ in AO Bayswater.

0545hrs:

Zero Bravo, 2 Tp, and 92Alpha deployed at first light to assault enemy position originally contacted on 18 February, with same Cav and Inf force.

0815hrs:

1Charlie detonated anti-tank mine---estimated 20lb shaped charge. Tank subsequently burnt out. Two crewmen slightly wounded---shock and bruises only (Troopers Hams and Trooper Atkinson). Tank supporting 8RAR in routine RIF operation

22 February 1970:

SHQ (-) remains AO Hammersley [sic]. Elements remain Horseshoe Hill and in support 6RAR/NZ in AO Bayswater.

23 February 1970:

SHQ (-) remains AO Hammersley [sic]. Elements remain Horseshoe Hill and in support 6RAR/NZ in AO Bayswater. 0820hrs. 4 Tp vehicle detonated M16 mine. No casualties or damage.

24 February 1970:

SHQ (-) remains AO Hammersley [sic]. Elements remain Horseshoe Hill and in support 6RAR/NZ in AO Bayswater.

25 February 1970:

Sqn (-) remains in AO Hammersley (sic). Elements remain on Horseshoe Hill and in support 6RAR/NZ in AO Bayswater. 1145hrs. 4 Tp detonated 20lb TNT Chicom anti-tank mine. Track blown off but vehicle three ways within 2 hours. One WIA evacuated with shock and bruising (Tpr Burgess).

26 February 1970:

Sqn (-) remains in AO Hammersley (sic). Elements remain on Horseshoe Hill. One Tp remains op con 6RAR/NZ in AO Bayswater.

27-28 February 1970:

As above.

General:

- 1. Mostly activity has been the close support of inf with assistance in RIF operations. In particular, 8RAR received considerable support.*
- 2. A feature of the month was the deployment of five tank troops to meet the inf requirement for support; and the close support, during contact, of C Coy 8RAR during that Coy's contact in the Long Hai Hills on 18 Feb.*
- 3. Civic action has also received considerable attention and effort. Toys, sweets and buns were provided for children in the Sqn's area of responsibility (2,200 children) for the Tet celebrations on 4/5 Feb. Area centres around Duc Thanh, where the OC presented the gifts and received the thanks of the District Chief, Major Nho. Also, a combined Squadron/Fwd Fel Tp effort built a dispensary at Vinh Thanh which was very favourably received. Both the Vietnamese and IATF complemented the Sqn on their efforts.*

1 March 1970:

Sqn (-) remains AO Hammersley. Elements remain on Horseshoe Hill and in support 6RAR/NZ in AO Bayswater. 1220hrs. 4 troop sighted 15 enemy. Unable to obtain fire clearances, a sweep of the area eventually produced negative

results. 4 Troop moving from Long Hais in support 8RAR to support 6RAR/NZ. Documents captured in area.

2 March 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat with elements on Horseshoe Hill. Troop remains in support 6RAR/NZ in AO Kurrajong.

3 March 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat with elements on Horseshoe Hill. Troop remains in support 6RAR/NZ in AO Kurrajong. Troop in support 8RAR in AOs Ascot and Bendigo.

4 March 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat with elements on Horseshoe Hill. Troop remains in support 6RAR/NZ in AO Kurrajong. Troop in support 8RAR in AOs Ascot and Bendigo. 1450hrs. 2 Troop, supporting D Company 7RAR, located partially destroyed IATF ammunition dump. To be destroyed later.

5 March 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Elements remain in support 8RAR in AOs Ascot and Bendigo.

6 March 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Elements remain in support 8RAR in AOs Ascot and Bendigo. Troop in support 6RAR/NZ in AO Kurrajong. Elements on Horseshoe Hill.

7 March 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Elements remain in support 8RAR in AOs Ascot and Bendigo. Troop in support 6RAR/NZ in AO Kurrajong. Elements Horseshoe Hill. 0315hrs: 2 Troop in ambush position with B Company 7RAR. Infantry engaged movement with no result.

8 March 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Elements remain in support 8RAR in AO Ascot and AO Bendigo. Troop in support 6RAR/NZ [in] AO Kurrajong. Elements on Horseshoe Hill.

1130hrs:

D Company 6RAR/NZ operating under command 8RAR engaged by enemy in bunkers. 3 Troop moved to support in bunker system and assist in further moves. No contact after initial contact by infantry.

9 March 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Elements remain in support 8RAR in AO Ascot and AO Bendigo. Troop in support 6RAR/NZ [in] AO Kurrajong. Elements on Horseshoe Hill.

10 March 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Elements remain in support 8RAR in AO Ascot and AO Bendigo. Troop in support 7RAR [in] AO Kurrajong. Elements on Horseshoe Hill.

11 March 1970:

As above.

12 March 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Elements remain in support 8RAR in AO Ascot and AO Bendigo. Elements on Horseshoe Hill.

2230 -2400hr:

3 Troop sighted lights on wreck at GR 794668. No contact or fire.

13 March 1970:

As above.

1340hrs:

OC saw graves from LOH and tracks. 3 Troop investigated, finding two skeletons.

14 March 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Elements remain in support 8RAR in AO Ascot and AO Bendigo. Elements on Horseshoe Hill.

15 March 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Elements remain in support 8RAR in AO Ascot and AO Bendigo. Elements Horseshoe.

0800hrs: *3 Troop located weapon pits 6-12 months old. A platoon position. No contact.*

0810hrs: *2 Troop located and destroyed 750lb bomb.*

2053hrs: *2 Troop engaged lights with no result known.*

16 March 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Elements remain in support 8RAR in AO Ascot and AO Bendigo. Elements Horseshoe.

1250hrs: *4 Troop found mine in cave entrance. Destroyed by gunfire.*

17 March 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Elements remain in support 8RAR in AO Ascot and AO Bendigo. Elements Horseshoe.

18-23 March 1970:

As above.

24 March 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Troop remains in support 6RAR/NZ in AO Auckland. Elements on Horseshoe Hill. Troop remains in AO Bendigo.

25 March 1970:

As above.

26 March 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Troop remains in support 6RAR/NZ in AO Auckland. Elm on Horseshoe. Troop remains AO Bendigo. Troop supports RF in vicinity YS 4952.

1055hrs. *4 Troop tank struck CS cylinder. No casualties.*

1920hrs. *3 Troop engaged three VC with MG. Results unknown.*

27 March 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Troop remains in support 6RAR/NZ in AO Auckland. Elm on Horseshoe. Troop remains AO Bendigo. Troop supports RF in vicinity YS 4952.

28 March 1970:

As above.

29 March 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Troop remains in support 6RAR/NZ in AO Auckland. Elm on Horseshoe. Troop remains AO Bendigo. Troop supports RF in vicinity YS 4952. Troop operates with road construction team Route 2.

0915hrs *3 Troop (3C) detonated M16. Cpl O'Shea (cc) WIA head and right side. Later reported to be medevac'd to Australia.*

30 March 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Troop remains in support 6RAR/NZ in AO Auckland. Elm on Horseshoe. Troop remains AO Bendigo. Troop supports RF in vicinity YS 4952. Troop operates with road construction team Route 2.

31 March 1970:

As above.

March (Summary):

Sqn has continued standard type operations during month. That is, protection for land clearing team and road construction, close support of infantry incl reaction tasks, and co-operation with RF forces as required.

1 April 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Troop remains in support 6RAR/NZ in AO Auckland. Elements on Horseshoe Hill. Troop remains AO Bendigo. Troop supporting road construction Route 2.

1635hrs:

2 Troop detonated 10-15lb Chicom pressure mine. No casualties. Vehicle damage: RH bumper suspension stop slightly damaged.

1445hrs:

2 Troop located old bunker system---destroyed by bulldozer.

2 April 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Troop remains in support 6RAR/NZ in AO Auckland. Elements on Horseshoe Hill. Troop remains AO Bendigo. Troop supporting road construction Route 2. Troop supporting RF vicinity YS 4952.

3 April 1970:

As above.

1800hrs:

3 Troop reacted from vic YS 4952 to vicinity 543676 to assist with 8RAR contact. Moving in darkness troop failed to locate infantry. Remained in area for night and then returned to Nui Dat. No enemy contact.

4 April 1970:

A Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Troop remains in support 6RAR/NZ in AO Auckland. Elements on Horseshoe Hill. Troop remains AO Bendigo. Troop supporting road construction Route 2.

5 April 1970:

As above.

6 April 1970:

As above.

0650hrs:

2 Troop detained five Hoi Chanhs who had been sighted by an aircraft. Detainees later taken to Nui Dat.

1915hrs:

Ready Reaction Force including tanks investigated bunkers. No contact. 4 Troop on RRF.

7 April 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Troop remains in support 6RAR/NZ in AO Auckland. Elements on Horseshoe Hill. Troop remains AO Bendigo. Troop supporting road construction Route 2.

8 April 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Troop remains in support 6RAR/NZ in AO Auckland. Elements on Horseshoe Hill. Troop supporting road construction Route 2.

9 April 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Troop remains in support 6RAR/NZ in AO Auckland. Troop supporting road construction Route 2. Elements (2 tanks) with Mine Clearing Team YS 5154.

10 April 1970:

As above

11 April 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Troop remains in support 6RAR/NZ in AO Auckland. Elements with Mine Clearing Team YS 5154.

12-13 April 1970:

As above.

14 April 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Troop remains in support 6RAR/NZ in AO Auckland. Two vehicles with Mine Clearing Team YS 5154.

15 April 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Troop remains in support 6RAR/NZ in AO Auckland. Two vehicles with Mine Clearing Team.

16 April 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Troop remains in support 6RAR/NZ in AO Auckland. Two vehicles with Mine Clearing Team. Troop supports RF in vicinity YS 4853.

17 April 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Troop remains in support 6RAR/NZ in AO Auckland. Elements with Mine Clearing Team. Troop supports RF in vicinity YS 4853.

18-19 April 1970:

As above.

20 April 1970:

Sqn (-) deployed in Support of Operation CONCRETE, Troop in support 6RAR/NZ in AO Auckland, Troop supporting 8RAR in AO Rainworth, Troop deployed to the Horseshoe, Troop supporting Route 2 construction, elements Mine Clearing Team vic 5055.

21 April 1970:

As above.

22 April 1970:

As above.

1350-1930hrs:

2 Troop and 3 Troop left respective battalion operations to support 7RAR in bunker contact. Moved to area with Troop either side of watercourse. No contact made with enemy. To participate in sweep with infantry on 22 (sic) April 1970.

23 April 1970:

Sqn (-) deployed in Support of Operation CONCRETE. Two troops supporting 7RAR in AO Penny, deployed to Nui Dat and Horseshoe. Troop remains AO Bond, Troop supporting Route 2 construction, elements Mine Clearing Team vic 5055.

24 April 1970:

Sqn (-) remains in support of IATF operations. Troops remains Horseshoe, Troop at FSB Bond, Troop supporting Route 2 construction, elements Mine Clearing Team vic 5055, Troop Nui Dat.

25 April 1970:

Sqn (-) remains in support of IATF operations. Troops remains Nui Dat, Troop at Horseshoe, Troop at FSB Bond with SHQ (-), Troop supporting Route 2 construction, elements Mine Clearing Team vic 5055.

2210hrs:

Elements supporting Mine Clearing Team at NDP Timothy fired in support of 9 Platoon C Company 7RAR ambush contact. Fifty five rounds HE with apparently good impact in required area. Morning sweep located four VC KIA (BC), blood trails and drag marks.

26 April 1970:

Sqn (-) remains at Nui Dat. Troop at Horseshoe, Troop at FSB Bond, Troop supporting Route 2 construction, elements Mine Clearing Team vic 5055.

27 April 1970:

Sqn (-) remains at Nui Dat. Troop at Horseshoe, Troop supporting 7RAR in AO Penny, Troop supporting Route 2 construction, elements Mine Clearing Team vic 5055.

28 April 1970:

Sqn (-) remains at Nui Dat. Troop at Horseshoe, Troop supporting 7RAR in AO Penny, Troop operating with 2/25 (US) Bde vicinity Route 2, elements Mine Clearing Team vic 5055.

1400hrs:

3 Troop located 180 (+) weapon pits of varying ages from three days to three weeks. Sign of movement within three days north-south. An already known area; more digging present from last investigation. No contact.

2215hrs:

2 Troop, supporting C Company 7RAR, engaged four to five enemy at 150m. Enemy appeared from west. Enemy withdrew west. Results unknown.

29 April 1970:

Sqn (-) remains at Nui Dat. Troop at Horseshoe, Troop supporting 7RAR in AO Penny, Troop operating with 2/25 (US) Bde vicinity Route 2, elements Mine Clearing Team vic 5055.

2025hrs:

2 Troop sighted light from Long Hais being signalled to and answered by light in Hoi My village. Area engaged with three rounds and light extinguished.

30 April 1970:

Sqn (-) remains at Nui Dat. Troop at Horseshoe, Troop supporting 7RAR in AO Penny, Troop operating in AO Tulip, elements Mine Clearing Team vic 5055.

1 May 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Troop remains Horseshoe, Troop supporting 7RAR in AO Penny, Troop operating in AO Tulip, Troop supporting Route 2 road work, elements with mine clearing team.

2 May 1970:

As above.

3 May 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. Troop remains Horseshoe, Troop supporting 7RAR in AO Penny, Troop operating in AO Tulip, Troop supporting Route 2 road work, elements with mine clearing team.

1500hrs:

2 troop located mine markers, suspected mortar base plate and cache for 60mm mortar equipment.

4 May 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. 2 Troop and 3 Troop supporting 7RAR, 4 Troop operating with Tango Force in AO Tulip, 1 Troop with road construction Route 2, elements with mine clearing team.

5 May 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop supporting road construction Route 2, 2 Troop and 3 Troop supporting 7RAR in AO Penny, 4 Troop operating with Tango Force in AO Tulip, elements with mine clearing team.

0900hrs:

Relief vehicle moving to mine clearing team located road blocks made of wire strung across road. Blocks pulled with no result.

6 May 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop supporting road construction Route 2, 2 Troop NDP Timothy, 3 Troop Horseshoe, 4 Troop operating with Tango Force, elements with mine clearing team.

1600hrs:

3 Troop located and destroyed two bunkers--last occupied 2-3 weeks previously.

7 May 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop supporting road construction Route 2, 2 Troop and 3 Troop supporting 7RAR in AO Penny, 4 Troop operating with Tango Force in AO Tulip, elements with mine clearing team.

0415hrs:

3 Troop contact from Ambush Position with 1-2 enemy. Also at 0730hrs. Sweep in morning revealed drag marks two bodies.

8 May 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop supporting road construction Route 2, 2 Troop and 3 Troop supporting 7RAR in AO Penny, 4 Troop operating with Tango Force in AO Tulip, elements with mine clearing team.

9 May 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop supporting road construction Route 2, 2 Troop with mine clearing team (sic), 2 Troop & 3 Troop supporting 7RAR in AO Penny, 4 Troop operating with Tango Force in AO Tulip.

10 May 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop supporting road construction Route 2, 2 Troop supporting 7RAR and mine clearing team, 3 Troop supporting 7RAR, 4 Troop operating with Tango Force in AO Tulip.

11 May 1970:

As above.

12 May 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop supporting road construction Route 2, 2 Troop with mine clearing team at NDP Bridget, 3 Troop supporting 7RAR from Horseshoe, 4 Troop operating with Tango Force in AO Tulip.

1430hrs:

3 Troop operating with Assault Pioneers 7RAR on reaction to a bunker system. Located 30 bunkers of varying ages with no physical contact. M16 detonated in area resulted in infantry 'dustoff'.

1620hrs:

2 Troop operating with 7 Platoon, C Company 7RAR located unoccupied bunker and located (?) 11 bunkers. No contact.

2045hrs:

4 Troop engaged lights without any known result. Morning sweep failed to give result.

2134hrs:

1 Troop engaged lights with unknown result. Sweep in morning failed to produce result.

13 May 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop supporting road construction Route 2, 2 Troop with clearing team from NDP Bridget, 3 Troop Horseshoe, 4 Troop operating with Tango Force in AO Tulip.

2030hrs:

2 Troop engaged light source and light was extinguished. No other result known.

14 May 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop supporting road construction Route 2, 2 Troop supporting 7RAR and mine clearing team from NDP Bridget, 3 Troop supporting 7RAR and land clearing team, 4 Troop operating with Tango Force in AO Tulip.

15 May 1970.

1200hrs.

2 Troop engaged slit trench and obtained secondary [explosion].

1427hrs:

2 Troop located mine markers, three M16 fuses and one M16 detonator.

16 May 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop supporting road construction Route 2, 2 Troop supporting mine clearing team from NDP Bridget; both Troops protective tasks. 3 Troop supporting 7RAR from Horseshoe, 4 Troop operating with Tango Force in AO Tulip.

2200hrs:

1 Troop engaged lights with no known results following a morning sweep.

17 May 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop supporting road construction Route 2, 2 Troop supporting mine clearing team from NDP Bridget; both Troops protective tasks. 3 Troop supporting 7RAR from Horseshoe, 4 Troop operating with Tango Force in AO Tulip.

1450hrs:

3 Troop supporting land clearing team located a cache: seven M16 mines less fuses. Mines buried with top two inches below ground and at least one month old.)

1630hrs:

3 Troop located enemy staging camp.

18 May 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop supporting road construction Route 2, 2 Troop supporting mine clearing team from NDP Bridget; both protective tasks. 3 Troop supporting 7RAR from Horseshoe, 4 Troop operating with Tango Force in AO Tulip.

0800hrs:

2 Troop detonated 20lb Chicom pressure mine. Callsign 2Alpha light damage to LH front idler and roadwheels. No casualties.

19 May 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop supporting road construction Route 2, 2 Troop supporting mine clearing team; both protective tasks. 3 Troop supporting 7RAR from Horseshoe, 4 Troop operating in AO Quarter mile on ambush operations.

1130hrs:

1 Troop swept area from which single shot originated, with no result.

20 May 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop supporting road construction Route 2, 2 Troop supporting mine clearing team; both protective tasks. 3 Troop supporting 7RAR and land clearing team from Horseshoe, 4 Troop operating in AO Quarter mile supporting a blocking operation RSSZ.

21 May 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop supporting road construction Route 2, 2 Troop supporting mine clearing team from NDP Bridget; both protective tasks. 3 Troop supporting 7RAR from Horseshoe, 4 Troop operating in AO Quarter mile on blocking operations RSSZ.

? hrs:

2 Troop with land clearing team located bunkers.

1515hrs:

3 troop assaulted enemy bunker position with APC troop and infantry platoon. On reaction task at the time, troop diverted when aircraft sighted enemy position. Callsign 3Alpha penetrated by PRG-7(?). Crew commander, Sergeant Chambers, head wound; driver, Trooper Gebhardt, scalp, back and leg wounds; gunner, Trooper Lynch, shock. All medivac: Sgt Chambers to 1 Aust Fd Hosp, returned to unit two days later; Tpr Lynch to 8 Fd Amb, returned to unit following morning. Tpr Gebhardt 24 Evac Hosp (US) and medevac'd to Australia. vehicle penetrated through top of mantlet. Of note, ammo resupply 12 mins from time request initiated by 3 Troop, until receipt at Troop. Callsign 8Bravo invaluable in recovering 3Alpha from contact, 'dustoff', and later providing replacement driver.

22 May 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop supporting road construction Route 2, 2 Troop supporting mine clearing team from NDP Bridget; both defensive tasks. 3 Troop supporting 7RAR from Horseshoe, 4 Troop operating in AO Quartermile on blocking operations RSSZ.

23 May 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop supporting road construction Route 2, 2 Troop supporting mine clearing team from NDP Bridget; both protective tasks. 3 Troop supporting 7RAR from Horseshoe, 4 Troop operating in vicinity YS 2273 in ambush in supporting operations in RSSZ.

24 May 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop supporting road construction Route 2, 2 Troop remained with mine clearing team at NDP Bridget; both on defensive/protective tasks. 3 Troop supporting 7RAR from Horseshoe, 4 Troop returns to Nui Dat.

25 May 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop supporting road construction Route 2, 2 Troop remained with mine clearing team at NDP Bridget; both on defensive/protective tasks. 3 Troop supporting 7RAR from Horseshoe.

26 May 1970:

As above.

0030hrs:

Picquet sighted lights, but no action initiated.

27 May 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop supporting road construction Route 2, 2 Troop remained with mine clearing team at NDP Bridget; both on defensive/protective tasks. 3 Troop supporting 7RAR from Horseshoe, 4 troop deployed from Nui Dat to support 2RAR.

1429hrs:

While moving to join 2RAR at [FSB] Nola, the birdgelayer with 4 Troop struck a mine. No damage to vehicle or personnel. Estimated 5-10lb charge.

28 May 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop supporting road construction Route 2, 2 Troop remained with mine clearing team at NDP Bridget. 3 Troop supporting 7RAR and land clearing team from Horseshoe, 4 troop supporting 7RAR (sic) from [FSB] Nola. 1, 2, 3 Troops on protective tasks.

1400hrs:

1 Troop investigated previously reported bunkers (6 months)--in good condition. No contact.

29 May 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop supporting road construction Route 2, 2 Troop remained with mine clearing team at NDP Bridget. 3 Troop supporting 7RAR and land clearing team from Horseshoe, 4 troop supporting 2RAR from [FSB] Nola.

2130hrs:

4 Troop engaged lights with no known result.

30 May 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop reacted from protection of road team on Route 2 to support 8RAR in bunker operation, 2 Troop remained with mine clearing team at NDP Bridget. 3 Troop supporting 7RAR from Horseshoe, 4 troop supporting 2RAR from [FSB] Nola.

31 May 1970:

Sqn (-) remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop remained in support 8RAR bunker contact area, 2 Troop remained with mine clearing team at NDP Bridget, 3 Troop supporting 7RAR and land clearing team from Horseshoe, 4 troop supporting 2RAR from [FSB] Nola, SHQ tanks deployed to replace 1 Troop in protective task for road team route 2.

General:

During [the] period tanks have actively supported their various tasks by carrying out night and day ambushes and RIFs as a daily occurrence. Primarily the tanks operated from a set night location and were prepared to react to specific points when required. Usually Troops were grouped with APCs and infantry.

The Squadron has continued active support of the IATF Civic Action Project, by continuing the painting and rebuilding of Ngai Giao YS 463795 and the building of a dispensary in the village. Both tasks are to be continued in June.

Included are Sqn monthly vehicle states and monthly mileage statistics. SHQ mileage is accounted for by the amount of liaison carried out using APCs and the protection by these APCs of resupply tasks carried out by Admin Troop vehicles.

1 June 1970:

Sqn (-) remained Nui Dat. 3 Tp supported 7RAR in AO Cathy; 2 Tp at NDP Bridgit provided protection for mine clearing team, 4 Tp supported 2RAR; 1 Tp protected road construction Route 2.

1445hrs:

2Tp contacted one VC who escaped without result. Enemy moved from within bunker system consisting of 18 bunkers.

2 June 1970:

Sqn (-) remained Nui Dat. 1 Tp supported road construction Route 2, no movement; 2 Tp supported mine clearing team at NDP Bridgit with infantry and APCs; 3 Tp supported 7RAR from Horseshoe; 4 Tp supported 2RAR with independent reconnaissance in force. Bridgelayser used as APC.

3 June 1970:

Sqn (-) remained Nui Dat. 1 Tp supported road construction Route 2, no movement; 2 Tp returned to Nui Dat from mine clearing team; 3 Tp land clearing team protection and moved to NDP Bridgit for comms task; 4 Tp operated in support of 2RAR in AO Wickham .

4 June 1970:

1 Tp supported road construction Route 2, moved with D&E Platoon in immediate area; 2 Tp at Nui Dat; 3 Tp conducted RIF from Bridgid, reacting to Nui Dat 2 late PM to assist infantry platoon in contact. Failed to make RV as too late to enter area; 4 Tp supported 2RAR in AO Whickham .

5 June 1970:

Sqn (-) remained Nui Dat. 1 Tp supported road construction Route 2; 2 Tp maintenance Nui Dat; 3 Tp supported 7RAR from Horseshoe; 4 Tp supported 2RAR from FSB Nola.

6 June 1970:

As above.

7 June 1970:

1 Tp supported road construction, reacted to support 8RAR during afternoon; 2 Tp remained Nui Dat; 3 Tp supported 7RAR from Horseshoe; 4 Tp supported 2RAR in AO Wickham.

1215hrs:

1 Tp located and destroyed old bunker system.

1330hrs:

1 Tp located and destroyed old trench system.

8 June 1970:

1 Tp op con to 8RAR returned to road team during day; 2 Tp remained Nui Dat; 3 Tp supported 7RAR from Horseshoe, then night ambush; 4 Tp supported 2RAR in AO Wickham with independent RIF.

General Note: Release of 1 Tp to 8RAR incorrectly co-ordinated between IATF/8RAR. Engineers unaware of change! Procedure clarified for future ops.

9 June 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp supported road construction Route 2; 2 Tp at Nui Dat for maintenance and R&C; 3 Tp supported 7RAR from the Horseshoe; 4 Tp supported 2 RAR/NZ in AO Wickham.

10 June 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp supported road construction Route 2 and carried out night "Thunder Run"; 2 Tp at Nui Dat for maintenance and R&C; 3 Tp supported 7RAR from the Horseshoe; 4 Tp supported 2 RAR/NZ in AO Wickham.

11 June 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp returned from road construction; 2 Tp R&C from Nui Dat; 3 Tp supported 7RAR from the Horseshoe; 4 Tp supported 2 RAR/NZ in AO Wickham. 3 Tp Bogged!

12 June 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp departed in support of D&E Platoon in AO Centaur; 2 Tp supported land clearing team in AO Betsy; 3 Tp supported 7RAR, but remain bogged; 4 Tp supported 2 RAR/NZ in AO Jetson.

1025hrs:

Moving from FSB Nola to FSB Tess, one shot fired near 4 Tp. Separate After Action Report.

13 June 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp supported D&E Platoon in AO Centaur; 2 Tp supported 7RAR/land clearing team in AO Betsy; 3 Tp supported 7RAR AO Betsy, but remain bogged (increased to five MBTs); 4 Tp supported 2 RAR/NZ in AO Jetson.

14 June 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp continued to support D&E Platoon, but reacted to support 8RAR during day; 2 Tp land clearing team; 3 Tp supported 7RAR (debogging); 4 Tp supported 2 RAR/NZ in AO Jetson.

15 June 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp supported D&E Platoon in AO Centaur; 2 Tp supported land clearing team in AO Betsy; 3 Tp supported 7RAR from Horseshoe; 4 Tp supported 2 RAR/NZ in AO Jetson.

1115hrs:

2 Tp located two weapon pits unused for three months.

16 June 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp supported D&E Platoon in AO Centaur, unable to move south due to bad going; 2 Tp supported land clearing team in AO Betsy; 3 Tp supported 7RAR in AO Betsy; 4 Tp supported 2 RAR/NZ in AO Jetson.

0700hrs:

4A struck mine while moving from night ambush location. Mine of two RPGs penetrated twice, causing ammo fire and extensive damage. Vehicle Beyond Local Repair. Trooper Hyson burns to arms while fighting fire. No other injuries.

0930hrs:

Mini-team located 15lb mine in area of 4A detonation.

17 June 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp supported D&E Platoon in AO Centaur; 2 Tp supported land clearing team in AO Betsy; 3 Tp supported 7RAR from Horseshoe in AO Betsy; 4 Tp supported 2 RAR/NZ in AO Jetson, reinforced with 92C.

18 June 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp supported D&E Platoon in AO Centaur; 2 Tp supported land clearing team in AO Betsy; 3 Tp supported 7RAR from Horseshoe in AO Betsy; 4 Tp supported 2 RAR/NZ in AO Jetson.

1320hrs:

4 Tp located bunker base system.

19 June 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp continued ops in AO Centaur; 2 Tp supported land clearing team and provided protection to RF medevacs in afternoon (AO Betsy); 3 Tp supported 7RAR from Horseshoe in AO Betsy, moving to FSB Discovery; 4 Tp supported 2 RAR/NZ in AO Jetson.

20 June 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp returned to Nui Dat from AO Centaur; 2 Tp returned to Nui Dat on conclusion land clearing team following land clearing team mine damage; 3 Tp supported 7RAR in AO Betsy; 4 Tp supported 2 RAR/NZ in AO Jetson.

21 June 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 and 2 Tp rest and maintenance, 3 Tp supported 7RAR in AO Betsy, 4 Troop supported 2RAR/NZ in AO Jetson.

2130hrs:

(FSB Discovery) 3 Tp engaged lights with no result.

2005hr:

4 Tp located grave and investigated.



22 June 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 3 Tp supported 7RAR in AO Betsy; 4 Troop supported 2RAR/NZ in AO Jetson.

0932hrs:

4 Tp located grave and investigated.

1805hrs:

4 Tp sighted 15 persons---no engagement.

23 June 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 3 Tp supported 7RAR in AO Betsy, returning to the Horseshoe from FSB Discovery; 4 Troop supported 2RAR/NZ in AO Jetson. 1 Tp moved with 8RAR ambush platoon to Long Hais for mine protection and then returned to Nui Dat.

1745hrs:

1 Tp, Callsign 1, hit M16 mine, no damage or casualties.

24 June 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 3 Tp continued to support 7RAR in AO Betsy; 4 Tp supported 2RAR/NZ in AO Jetson.

25--26 June 1970:

As above.

27 June 1970:

28 June 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 3 Tp continued to support 7RAR in AO Betsy; 4 Tp supported 2RAR/NZ in AO Jetson.

29 June 1970:

Sqn (-) prepared to deploy to AO Camel in support of 8RAR. 1 Tp AO Camel; 2 Tp Nui Dat; 3 Tp supported 7RAR from Horseshoe; 4 Tp returned from AO Jetson to Nui Dat.

30 June 1970:

Sqn (-) deployed to AO Camel in support of 8RAR. 1 Tp, 2 Tp, Composite Tp AO Camel; 3 Tp Horseshoe supported 7RAR in AO Shepherd; 4 Tp Nui Dat for maintenance and R&C.

General: During June the Squadron continued normal close support of IATF units, primarily infantry battalions, 17 Const Sqn land clearing team and 1 Field Sqn road construction. Whilst many tasks were static defensive positions in preparation for reactions, the Squadron also conducted RIFs and night ambushes in co-ordination with the supported units.

1 July 1970:

Sqn (-) deployed in AO Camel. SHQ, 1 Tp, 2 Tp, Composite Tp, supported 8RAR in AO Camel. 3 Tp Supported 7RAR in AO Shepherd. [4 Tp Nui Dat]

Captain Bowd, Sqn 2IC, Admin Comd from 1 Jul to 8 Jul whilst OC absent on R&R.

2 July 1970:

Sqn (-) remained in support 8RAR in AO Camel. 1 Tp, 2 Tp supported companies and Composite Tp protected guns at FSB Kylie. 3 Tp supported 7RAR in AO Shepherd. 4 Tp [at] Nui Dat for rest and maintenance.

3 July 1970:

As above.

1013hrs:

2 Tp located fresh tracks.

4 July 1970:

Sqn (-) remained in support 8RAR in AO Camel. 1 Tp, 2 Tp supported companies and Composite Tp returned to Nui Dat. 1 Tp assumed [responsibility for] defence of guns at FSB Kylie. 3 Tp supported 7RAR in AO Shepherd. 4 Tp rest and maintenance.

5 July 1970:

Sqn (-) remained in support 8RAR in AO Camel. 1 Tp protected guns at FSB Kylie; 2 Tp on reaction from FSB Kylie; 3 Tp supported 7RAR in AO Shepherd; 4 Tp rest and maintenance.

6 July 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat. 1 Tp supported 8RAR in AO Camel, SHQ and 2 Tp returned to Nui Dat; 3 Tp supported 7RAR in AO Shepherd; 4 Tp rest and maintenance.

7 July 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat. 1 Tp supported 8RAR in AO Camel (extended), reacting to a position from which Battalion could be supported in suspected bunkers reported by NVA PW; 2 Tp rest and maintenance; 3 Tp supported 7RAR in AO Shepherd; 4 Tp rest and maintenance.

8 July 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat. 1 Tp supported 8RAR in AO Camel extended; 2 Tp rest and maintenance; 3 Tp supported 7RAR in AO Shepherd; 4 Tp rest and maintenance.

1100hrs:

Major Chipman RTU from R&R.

1815hrs:

1 Tp in support of C Company 8RAR contacted enemy who employed delaying tactics and assaulted bunker system. Fire reported in 1A, minor mechanical fault, not due to enemy action.

9 July 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat. 1 Tp supported 8RAR in AO Camel extended during investigation of bunker system; 2 Tp rest and maintenance; 3 Tp supported 7RAR in AO Shepherd; 4 Tp rest and maintenance.

10 July 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat. 1 Tp continued to support 8RAR in AO Camel; 2 Tp rest and maintenance; 3 Tp supported 7RAR in AO Shepherd; 4 Tp rest and maintenance.

11 July 1970:

As above.

12 July 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat. 1 Tp from supporting 8RAR in AO Camel extended, returned to Nui Dat; 2 Tp rest and maintenance; 3 Tp supported 7RAR in AO Shepherd; 4 Tp rest and maintenance.

13 July 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 3 Tp supported 7RAR in AO Shepherd; 1 Tp, 2 Tp, 4 Tp rest and maintenance.

14 July 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat. 1 Tp rest and maintenance; 2 Tp deploys to support LCT; 3 Tp supported 7RAR in AO Shepherd; 4 Tp supported 2RAR in AO Camel.

15 July 1970:

As above

1435hrs:

2 Tp contacted two VC who withdrew, with no result.

16 July 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat. 1 Tp rest and maintenance; 2 Tp supported LCT; 3 Tp supported 7RAR in AO Shepherd; 4 Tp supported 2RAR in AO Camel with night ambush.

17 July 1970:

As above.

18 July 1970

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat. 1 Tp rest and maintenance; 2 Tp supported LCT; 3 Tp supported 7RAR in AO Shepherd with night ambush on Route 328 as intercept D445 route movement; 4 Tp supported 2RAR in AO Camel with night ambush and RIF.

19 July 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat. 1 Tp rest and maintenance; 2 Tp supported LCT; 3 Tp continued night ambush and interdiction Route 328 in support 7RAR; 4 Tp continued to support 2RAR in AO Camel with night ambush and RIF.

20 July 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat. 1 Tp rest and maintenance; 2 Tp supported LCT; 3 Tp AP in support 7RAR in AO Shepherd; 4 Tp supported 7RAR (sic) in AO Camel.

21 July 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp maintenance in preparation for ops with 8RAR; 2 Tp supported LCT; 3 Tp supported 7RAR in AO Shepherd; 4 Tp supported 2RAR in AO Camel.

22 July 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp maintenance and rest; 2 Tp supported LCT; 3 Tp supported 7RAR in AO Shepherd; 4 Tp supported 2RAR in AO Camel and night ambush.

23 July 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp supported 8RAR in AO Shepherd; 2 Tp supported LCT; 3 Tp returned to Nui Dat; 4 Tp supported 2RAR in AO Camel.

24 July 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp supported 8RAR in AO Shepherd with night ambush; 2 Tp supported LCT; 3 Tp rest and maintenance; 4 Tp supported 2RAR in AO Camel.

25 July 1970:

As above

26 July 1970:

As above.

1020hrs:

4 Tp detonated mine. No casualties or damage.

27 July 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp supported 8RAR in AO Shepherd with night ambush; 2 Tp supported LCT; 3 Tp supported 7RAR retraining vicinity Nui Dat; 4 Tp supported 2RAR with night ambush and day RIF.

2105hrs:

2 Tp sighted lights which were engaged by mortars and small arms.

28 July 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp supported 8RAR in AO Shepherd; 2 Tp supported LCT; 3 Tp maintenance and rest Nui Dat; 4 Tp supported 2RAR.

1835hrs:

Callsign 1 detonated M16 mine. Operator WIA (Trooper Charenko) but remained on duty, returning to Nui Dat for medical treatment later. No damage to vehicle, although external stowage on rear of tank received general shrapnel damage.

29 July 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp supported 8RAR in AO Shepherd; 2 Tp supported LCT in AO Mango with change in NDP; 3 Tp maintenance and rest Nui Dat; 4 Tp supported 2RAR with RIF and night ambush.

General:

Callsign 1 bogged for 20 hours from 281830hrs. Difficulty in recovery as tow ropes will not take strain required (30 ton snap at 27 ton). Five ropes broken prior to ARV winch recovery.

1208hrs:

4 Tp (Callsign 4) detonated 2lb mine. No damage or casualties.

30 July 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp supported 8RAR in AO Shepherd with night ambush; 2 Tp supported LCT in resiting NDP and maintenance day on vehicles; 3 Tp Nui Dat for maintenance and supported 7RAR retraining; 4 Tp supported 2RAR with RIF and night ambush.

1030hrs:

4Tp located disused shell scrapes.

31 July 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp supported 8RAR in AO Shepherd; 2 Tp supported LCT; 3 Tp supported 7RAR retraining at Nui Dat; 4 Tp supported 2RAR with RIF followed by recovery and protection [of] disabled US 'Dusters'.

1238hrs:

4C detonated 35lb mine, damaging RH front suspension arm.

1545hrs:

4B, towing mine damaged 'Duster' which struck second mine. No damage or casualties to 4B, but 'Duster' crewman med evaced.

1 August 1970:

SHQ remained at Nui Dat. 1 Tp supported 8RAR in AO Shepherd; 2 Tp protected Land Clearing Team (LCT) in AO Mango; 3 Tp rest and maintenance at Nui Dat; 4 Tp supported 2RAR/NZ in AO Camel and protected damaged US 'Duster' awaiting recovery plans.

0205hrs:

4 Tp sighted lights, believed to be VC mine laying party.

1045hrs:

4 Tp mini-team located mine.

2 August 1970:

SHQ remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp returned from supporting 8RAR in AO Shepherd; 2 Tp continued protecting LCT in AO Mango; 3 Tp prepared for deployment in support of 7RAR; 4 Tp continued to support 7RAR [sic] in AO Camel and protected recovery of mined US 'Duster' to Route 15.

3 August 1970:

SHQ remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp rest and maintenance; 2 Tp supported and protected LCT in AO Camel; 3 Tp deployed to support 7RAR in AO Carmen; 4 Tp supported 2RAR/NZ in AO Drover with maintenance day. Vic YS264732 during day 2RAR/NZ located three separate mines--all potential anti-tank, indicating again

4 August 1970:

SHQ remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp rest and maintenance; 2 Tp supported and protected LCT in AO Camel; 3 Tp supported 7RAR in AO Carmen; 4 Tp supported 2RAR/NZ in AO Drover with maintenance day.

5 August 1970:

As above.

6 August 1970:

SHQ remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp rest and maintenance; 2 Tp supported and protected LCT in AO Camel; 3 Tp supported 7RAR in AO Sharon conducting reconnaissance and ambushes vic Route 328; 4 Tp supported 2RAR/NZ in AO Drover with night ambush.

General: 2RAR/NZ continues to locate anti-personnel and anti-tank mines in vic FSB Gail and Route 15.

7 August 1970:

SHQ remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp rest and maintenance; 2 Tp supported and protected LCT in AO Camel; 3 Tp supported 7RAR in AO Carmen with operations on Route 328; 4 Tp supported 2RAR/NZ in AO Drover with night ambush.

1130hrs:

3 Tp located old bunker system ; unoccupied. Cpl Miller DUSTOFF as a result of falling tree as troop assaulted position.

1400hrs:

2 Tp located old bunker system which had recently been evacuated.

8 August 1970:

SHQ remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp rest and maintenance; 2 Tp supported and protected LCT in AO Camel; 3 Tp supported 7RAR in AO Carmen with operations on Route 328; 4 Tp continued to support 2RAR/NZ in AO Drover with night ambush.

9 August 1970:

SHQ remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp rest and maintenance; 2 Tp supported and protected LCT in AO Camel; 3 Tp supported 7RAR in AO Carmen with operations on Route 328; 4 Tp supported 2RAR/NZ in AO Drover with night ambush.

10 August 1970:

As above.

11 August 1970:

SHQ remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp rest and maintenance; 2 Tp continued to support and protect LCT in AO Camel, moving to Route 15 during day for maintenance; 3 Tp supported 7RAR in AO Carmen with operations on Route 328; 4 Tp supported 2RAR/NZ in AO Drover with night ambush.

12 August 1970:

Sqn (-) deployed in support of 8RAR contact 0430hrs...1 Tp with SHQ, Composite Tp with SHQ; 2 Tp continued to support and protect LCT in AO Camel, staying on Route 15 for maintenance; 3 Tp supported 7RAR in AO Carmen with operations on Route 328; 4 Tp supported 2RAR/NZ in AO Drover with night ambush.

0425hrs:

SHQ, 1 Tp and Composite Tp (92Alpha, Zero Echo, 3Alpha) deployed to support 8RAR contact. Sqn task to form cordon on axis Route 2 as reinforcement for 8RAR cordon of Hoa Long village. SHQ, 1 Tp in position 0500hrs, sqn cordon complete 0530hrs. Sqn released 1130hrs and returned to Nui Dat.

13 August 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat. 1 Tp deployed to AO Drover to support 2RAR/NZ; 2 Tp remained in support of LCT in AO Camel; 3 Tp remained in support of 7RAR in AO Carmen; 4 Tp returned to Nui Dat after supporting 2RAR/NZ in AO Drover.

14-15 August 1970:

Diary entry missing (returned to AWM digitalisation team for 'rework')

16 August 1970:

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat. 1 Tp continued to support 2RAR/NZ in AO Drover; 2 Tp remained in support of LCT in AO Camel; 3 Tp remained in support of 7RAR in AO Carmen; 4 Tp remained Nui Dat for rest and maintenance.

17 August 1970:

SHQ deployed with SHQ Tp to FSB Le Loi for TFHQ deployment exercise; 1 Tp continued to support 2RAR/NZ in AO Drover with night ambush; 2 Tp continued to support and protect LCT in AO Mango; 3 Tp remained in support of 7RAR in AO Carmen; 4 Tp and Admin Tp remained Nui Dat.

18 August 1970:

SHQ with SHQ tanks remained with HQ IATF at FSB Le Loi; 1 Tp continued to support 2RAR/NZ in AO Drover with night ambush; 2 Tp continued to support and protect LCT in AO Mango with night ambush; 3 Tp remained in support of 7RAR in AO Carmen; 4 Tp and Admin Tp remained Nui Dat.

19 August 1970:

As above.

20 August 1970

SHQ with SHQ tanks remained with HQ IATF at FSB Le Loi; 1 Tp continued to support 2RAR/NZ in AO Drover; 2 Tp continued to support and protect LCT in AO Mango; 3 Tp remained in support of 7RAR in AO Carmen; 4 Tp remained Nui Dat for rest and maintenance.

21 August 1970:

SHQ with SHQ tanks returned [to Nui Dat] from FSB Le Loi; 1 Tp continued to support 2RAR/NZ in AO Drover; 2 Tp continued to support and protect LCT in AO Mango; 3 Tp remained in support of 7RAR in AO Carmen; 4 Tp remained Nui Dat for rest and maintenance.

22 August 1970:

SHQ remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp continued to support 2RAR/NZ in AO Drover with night ambush; 2 Tp continued to support and protect LCT in AO Mango; 3 Tp remained in support of 7RAR in AO Carmen; 4 Tp remained Nui Dat for rest and maintenance.

23 August 1970:

SHQ remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp continued to support 2RAR/NZ in AO Drover with night ambush; 2 Tp continued to support and protect LCT in AO Mango; 3 Tp released from supporting 7RAR to assist 8RAR in movement into Long Hai area bunkers (bogged); 4 Tp remained Nui Dat for rest and maintenance.

2105hrs:

1 Tp reported movement two people with no result.

24 August 1970:

SHQ remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp continued to support 2RAR/NZ in AO Drover with night ambush; 2 Tp continued to support and protect LCT in AO Mango; 3 Tp remained in support 7RAR in AO Carmen---troop static during day in position where bogging occurred on 23 August; 4 Tp remained Nui Dat for rest and maintenance.

25 August 1970:

SHQ remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp continued to support 2RAR/NZ in AO Drover with night ambush; 2 Tp continued to support and protect LCT in AO Mango; 3 Tp remained nominally in support 7RAR in AO Carmen, remaining bogged for entire period; 4 Tp remained Nui Dat for rest and maintenance.

1700hrs:

1 Tp visually detected and recovered RPG 2 booster lying on ground.

26 August 1970:

SHQ remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp continued to support 2RAR/NZ in AO Drover, reacting during day to support platoon in suspected bunker contact; 2 Tp returned to Nui Dat from supporting and protecting LCT in AO Mango; 3 Tp remained nominally in support 7RAR in AO Carmen, remaining bogged for entire period; 4 Tp replaced 2 Tp in AO Mango, assuming responsibility for support and protection of LCT.

27 August 1970:



SHQ remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp continued to support 2RAR/NZ in AO Drover, moved into bunker position following activity of 26 August; 2 Tp remained Nui Dat for rest and maintenance; 3 Tp remained nominally in support 7RAR in AO Carmen, remaining bogged for entire period; 4 Tp continued to support and protect LCT in AO Mango.

0915hrs:

3Tp [sic] with 1 Pl V Coy 2RAR/NZ moved into bunker system. Remained in position through day and night due to mechanical breakdowns.

28 August 1970:

SHQ remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp remained vicinity of bunkers located 27 August to replace unserviceable gearbox, moving to vicinity Route 15 by late in night, continued support role for 2RAR/NZ in AO Drover; 2 Tp remained Nui Dat for rest and maintenance; 3 Tp recovered from bogging and released from 7RAR, returned to Nui Dat for rest and maintenance; 4 Tp continued to support and protect LCT, moving NDP during day.

29 August 1970:

SHQ remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp remained in support of 2RAR/NZ in AO Drover; 2 Tp remained Nui Dat for rest and maintenance; 3 Tp deployed in support of Massey Force on Operation MASSEY HARRIS; 4 Tp continued to support and protect LCT in AO Mango.

1315hrs:

APC with Massey Force detonated pressure mine. Troopers Peck and Rossiter and Lance Corporal Page, who were dismounted, received ear blast and sand blast as a result. Members remained on duty. All from callsign 3.

30 August 1970:

SHQ remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp remained in support of 2RAR/NZ in AO Drover with ni ambush; 2 Tp remained Nui Dat for rest and maintenance; 3 Tp continued in support of Operation MASSEY HARRIS in AO Susan; 4 Tp continued to support and protect LCT in AO Mango.

31 August 1970:

SHQ remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp deployed from supporting 2RAR/NZ in AO Drover, to support 7RAR in AO Carmen--to remain standby for reaction in support of Operation against D445 along axis of Route 328 north of Route 23; 2 Tp remained Nui Dat for rest and maintenance; 3 Tp continued in support of Operation MASSEY HARRIS in AO Susan; 4 Tp continued to support and protect LCT in AO Mango.

1240hrs:

Massey Force located and destroyed garden and bunker.

1 September 1970

SHQ(-) remains Nui Dat; 1 Troop supporting 7 RAR in AO Carmen, remained at the Horseshoe on reaction for task against D 445 on Route 326 north of Route 23; 2 Troop returned to Nui Dat for rest and maintainance; 3 Troop continued support for Operation MASSEY HARRIS in AO Susan; 4 Troop continued support and protection for the Land Clearing team in AO Mango

1200hrs *Massey force detected and destroyed gardens and paddy*

1900hrs

2 September 1970

SHQ(-)remains Nui Dat; 1 Troop supporting 7 RAR in AO Carmen, remained at the Horseshoe on reaction task against D445 on route 326 north of Route 23; 2 Troop rest and maintainance;3 Troop continued support for Operation MASSEY HARRIS in AO Susan; ad 4 Troop continued support and protection for the land clearing in AO Mango.

1000hrs *Massey force destroyed illegal paddy field.*

3 September 1970

SHQ(-) remains Nui Dat ; 1 Troop supporting 7 RAR in AO Carmen, remained at the horseshoe on reaction task against D445 on route 326 north of Route 23; 2 Troop rest and maintenance, 3 Troop continued support for Operation MASSEY HARRIS in AO Susan; and 4 Troop continued support and protection for the Land Clearing Team in AO Mango.

1500hrs *Massey force destroyed three illegal paddies.*

4 September 1970

SHQ(-) remains Nui Dat; 1 Troop supporting 7 RAR in AO Carmen remained at the Horseshoe on reaction task against D445 on Route 326 NORTH OF Route 23; 2 Troop rest and maintenance; 3 Troop continued support for MASSEY HARRIS on AO Susan; and 4 Troop continued support and protection for the Land Clearing Team in AO Mango.

5 September 1970

SHQ(-) remains Nui Dat; 1 Troop continuing to support 7 RAR in AO Carmen, prepared to return to Horseshoe. En route vehicles collapsed bridge at YS 586637, isolating Troop with two vehicles either side of crossing; 2 Troop continued rest and maintenance, providing reaction force ; 3 Troop continued support for Operation MASSY HARRIS in AO Susan; and 4 Troop continued support and protection for the Land Clearing Team in AO Mango.

General 92A (dozer) with 3 Troop remained bogged during 4 September resulting in a delay to MASSEY force as dozing [was] required to cross rivers to east. Vehicle carried out task [on] 5 Sep.

6 September 1970

SHQ(-) remains Nui Dat; 1 Troop continuing support of 7 RAR in AO Carmen, remained astride collapsed bridge. Bridge repaired during day, collapsed at 1700hrs as [callsign] 1 Charlie attempted to cross. No vehicles succeeded in crossing. 2 Troop continued rest and maintenance, providing reaction force; 3 Troop continued support for Operation MASSEY HARRIS in AO Susan; 4 Troop continued support and protection for the Land Clearing Team in AO Mango.

0830hrs *Reaction Troop (2 Troop) stood by to support 7 RAR contact. Troop remained Nui Dat*

1040hrs *3 Troop moved from NDP to support 1 Troop B Sqn 3 Cav bunker contact.*

1150hrs *While moving to 1 Tp B Sqn 3 Cav bunker contact, 3 troop located one bunker. Whilst investigating, Troop sighted movement and engaged one enemy with unknown results. Troop continued to 1 Troop B sqn 3 Cav bunker system with intention of returning to this bunker system during the afternoon.*

1520hrs *3 Troop located and investigated extensive bunker system. Troop moved through the area to be joined later by infantry who further investigated. Infantry arrived at 1700hrs. Following demolition, force returned to NDP Beverley at 1730hrs.*

2057hrs *Ready reaction troop stood by to support 2 Platoon C Company 8 RAR contact. Stood down at 2130hrs.*

1755hrs *Infantry with 4 Troop located resting place for VC in vicinity [of] NDP Jill.*

1846hrs *4 Troop sighted suspect enemy movement. Infantry engaged with small arms and mortars.*

7 September 1970

HQ (-) remains Nui Dat ; 1 Troop remained astride collapsed bridge on Route 23; 2 Troop continued rest and maintenance ,providing ready reaction force; 3 Troop continued support for Operation MASSEY HARRIS in AO Susan; and 4 Troop continued support and protection for Land Clearing Team in AI Mango.

8 September 1970

SHQ(-) remains Nui Dat ; 1 Troop continued to support 7 RAR in AO Carmen, returning to the horseshoe from Route 23; 2 Troop continued rest and maintenance, providing ready reaction force; 3 Troop continued support for Operation MASSEY HARRIS in AO Susan; and 4 Troop continued support and protection for the Land Clearing Team in AO Mango.

9 September 1970

SHQ (-) remains Nui Dat; 1 Troop continued to support 7 RAR in AO Carmen; 2 Troop continued rest & maintenance ,providing ready reaction

10 September 1970

SHQ(-) remains Nui Dat; 1 Troop continued support 7 RAR in AO Naomi; 2 Troop deployed on night ambush in support of 8 RAR; 3 Troop continued support for Operation Massey Harris in AO Susan; and 4 Troop continued support and protection for the Land Clearing Team in AO Mango, placing infantry night ambushes in position.

11 September 1970

SHQ(-) remains Nui Dat; 1 Troop continued to support 7 RAR in AO Naomi; 2 Troop continued supporting 8 RAR in AO's Judy and Vicki; 3 Troop continued support for Operation MASSEY HARRIS in AO Susan; and 4 Troop continued support and protection for the Land Clearing Team in AO Mango.

12 September 1970

As Above

13 September 1970

As Above

1200 hrs *3 Troop located and destroyed vegetable garden*

14 September 1970

SHQ(-) remains Nui Dat; 1 Troop continued to support 7 RAR in AO Naomi; 2 Troop remained on standby to support 8 RAR in AO's Judy and Vicki; 3 Troop continued support for Operation Massey Harris in AO Susan; and 4 Troop continued support and protection for the land clearing team in AO Mango.

15-19 September 1970

As Above

20 September 1970

SHQ(-) remains Nui Dat ; 1 Troop continued to support 7RAR in AO Naomi; 2 Troop remained on stand by to support 8 RAR in AOs Judy and Vicki; 3 Troop remained Nui Dat for rest and maintenance; and 4 Troop continued support and protection for the Land Clearing Team in AO Mango.

21 September 1970

SHQ(-) remains Nui Dat ; 1 Troop continued to support 7RAR in AO Naomi; 2 Troop remained on stand by to support 8 RAR in AOs Judy and Vicki; 3 Troop remained Nui Dat for rest and maintenance; and 4 Troop continued support and protection for the Land Clearing Team in AO Mango.

22 September 1970

SHQ(-) remains Nui Dat ; 1 Troop returned to Nui Dat on completion of support task for 7 RAR in AO Naomi; 2 Troop deployed to horseshoe to support 8 RAR in AO Vicki and Naomi (reduced) ; 3 Troop remained Nui Dat for rest and maintenance; and 4 Troop continued support and protection for the Land Clearing Team in AO Mango

23 September1970

SHQ(-) remains Nui Dat ; 1 Troop continued maintenance and remained on standby to support 2 RAR/NZ in AO Judy; 2 Troop remained at horseshoe to support 8 RAR IN ao Vicki andNaomi (reduced) 3 Troop continued rest and maintenance at Nui Dat and 4 Troop continued support and protection for the Land Clearing Team in AO Mango

24-29 September 1970

As Above

30 September 1970

SHQ(-) remains Nui Dat ; 1 Troop continued maintenance and remained on standby to support 2 RAR/NZ in AO Judy; 2 Troop remained at horseshoe to support 8 RAR IN ao Vicki and Naomi (reduced) 3 Troop continued rest and maintenance and moved to vicinityin afternoon whilst ARV recovered bogged engineer equipment and 4 Troop continued support and protection for the Land Clearing Team in AO Mango

1 October 1970

SHQ(-) remains Nui Dat ; 1 Troop and 3 Troop continue rest and maintenance. 2 Troop supports 8 RAR in AO Naomi and remains on stand by at Horseshoe. 4 Troop supports 2 RAR/NZ and protects LCT in AO's Judy and Mango

2 October 1970

AS above

General. Road Nui Dat to Vung Tau used for the first time by tanks for delivery of new vehicles from Alaska Barge and Shipping Company Wharf, following offload from LSM. Previously the road was not used due to bridge at 380572 not being class 60. New bridge completed as class 60.

3 October 1970

SHQ(-) remains Nui Dat ; 1 Troop continues rest and maintenance. 2 Troop returns to Nui Dat on completion of support for 8 RAR.. 3 Troop deploys to Horseshoe in support of 7 RAR operations in AO Naomi SHQ(-) remains Nui Dat ; 1 Troop and 3 Troop continue rest and maintenance. 2 Troop supports 8 RAR in AO Naomi and remains on stand by at Horseshoe. 4 Troop supports 2 RAR/NZ in AO Judy

4 October 1970 .

SHQ(-) remains Nui Dat ; 1 Troop and 2 Troop continue rest and maintenance. 3 Troop continues support for 7 RAR operations in AO Naomi SHQ(-) remains Nui Dat 1 Troop and 3 Troop continue rest and maintenance. 2 Troop supports 8 RAR in AO Naomi and remains on stand by at Horseshoe. 4 Troop supports 2 RAR/NZ in AO Judy

5 October 1970

As Above

6 October 1970

SHQ(-) remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop continues rest and maintenance. 2 Troop deploys to support 2 RAR/ NZ in AO Judy. 3 Troop continues to support 7 RAR operations in AO Naomi. 4 Troop returns to Nui dat

7 October 1970

SHQ(-)remains Nui Dat. 1 and 4 Troops continue rest and maintenance. 2 Troop continues support for 2 RAR / NZ in AO Judy. 3 Troop continues ambush operations vicinity Route 328 in support of 7 RAR operations in AO Naomi

8 October 1970

SHQ(-)remains Nui Dat. 1 and 4 Troops continue rest and maintenance. 2 Troop continues to support 2 RAR /NZ in AO Judy. 3 Troop completes ambush operation and returns to Horseshoe in support of 7 RAR in AO Naomi.

9 October 1970

SHQ(-)remains Nui Dat. 1 and 4 Troops continue rest and maintenance. 2 Troop continues to support 2 RAR / NZ in AO Judy with night ambush. 3 Troop continues to support 7 RAR in AO Naomi.

0230hrs Sqn prepared to deploy in support 8 RAR contact, 1 Troop OA , composite Troop to form block, but remainder remain in Nui DAT on stand by, standing down ay 0345hrs. 1 Troop returned to Nui Dat the following morning.

10 October 1970

SHQ(-)remains Nui Dat. 1 and 4 Troops continue rest and maintenance. 2 Troop continues to support 2 RAR/ NZ in AO Judy with night ambush. 3 Troop continues to support 7 RAR in AO Naomi.

11 October 1970

SHQ(-)remains Nui Dat 1 and 4 Troops continue rest and maintenance. 2 Troop continues to support 2 RAR / NZ in AO Judy. 3 Troop continues to support 7 RAR in AO Naomi.

12 October 1970

SHQ(-) remains Nui Dat. 1 and 4 Troops continue rest and maintenance. 2 Troop continues to support 2 RAR / NZ in AO Judy with day and night ambush. 3 Troop continues to support 7 RAR in AO Naomi with day and night ambush.

13 October 1970

As Above.

14 October 1970

SHQ (-) remains Nui Dat. 1 and 4 Troops continue rest and maintenance,with 1 Troop on ready reaction and on call to support 2 RAR / NZ. 2 Troop continues to support 2 RAR / NZ in AO Judy. 3 Troop continues to support 7 RAR in AO Naomi with night ambush.

15 October 1970

SHQ(-) remains Nui Dat. 1 and 4 Troops continue rest and maintenance ,with 1 Troop on ready reaction and on call to support 2 RAR / NZ. 2 Troop continues to support 2 RAR / NZ in AO Judy. 3 Troop continues to support 7 RAR in AO Naomi with night ambush in vicinity Route 328.

16 October 1970

SHQ (-) remains at Nui Dat. 1 Troop deployed to relieve 2 Troop in support 2 RAR / NZ in AO Judy. 2 Troop returned to Nui Dat. 3 Troop protected deployment of 161 Bty 4 Fd Regt and remained as FSB protection. 4 Troop continued rest and maintenance and assumed ready reaction tasks.

17 October 1970

SHQ(-)remains at Nui Dat. 1 Troop supported 2 RAR / NZ in AO Judy. 2 Troop continued rest and maintenance at Nui Dat. 3 Troop continued to provide protection at FSB Bruiser. 4 Troop remained on ready reaction at Nui Dat.

18 October 1970

As Above

19 October 1970

SHQ (-) remains Nui Dat . 1 Troop continued to support 2 RAR / NZ in AO Judy and LCT protection. 2 Troop ready reaction at Nui Dat. 3 Troop continued to provide protection at FSB bruiser. 4 Troop R & C.

20 October 1970

SHQ(-)Remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop continued to support 2 RAR / NZ in AO Judy and LCT protection. 2 Troop deployed as protective element for ARV recovery of unservicable CS 1 (main engine). 3 Troop continued protection task at FSB Bruiser and in support of 7 RAR. 4 Troop R&C (4 Troop to RTU early am 21 Oct for deployment against suspected 274 position)

21 October 1970

SHQ(-)Remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop continued to support 2 RAR / NZ in AO Judy and LCT protection. 2 Troop continued recovery task CS 1 task delayed by RV breakdown (clutch seal). 3 Troop protected deployment of US Arty and provided protection at FSB Scobie, remains in support of 7 RAR in AO Naomi. 4 Troop deployed in preparation for assault against suspected position of 274 Regt with a Coy 2 RAR/NZ.

22 October 1970

SHQ(-)Remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop continued support 2 RAR / NZ in AO Judy and LCT protection. 2 Troop returned to Nui Dat on completion of recovery CSI and repair to ARV. 3 Troop provided protection at FSB Scobie, remains in support of 7 RAR in AO Naomi. 4 Troop assaulted suspect position of 274 Regt with no results or observations. (5000m straight line in 8 hours) Assault and approach through heavy virgin jungle. A mixture of bamboo and rainforest with small patches of savannah.

23 October 1970

SHQ(-) Remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop continued to support 2 RAR / NZ in AO Judy and LCT protection. 2 Troop deployed to support 2 RAR / NZ in vicinity Route 15 AO Judy – ambushes against suspected VC resupply parties from Thi Thien. 3 Troop provided protection at FSB Scobie. 4 Troop continued support of A Coy 2 RAR / NZ as company searched area of suspected VC 274 Regt camp.

24 October 1970

SHQ (-)Remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop continued to support 2 RAR / NZ in AO Judy and LCT protection. 2 Troop continued to support 2 RAR / NZ against suspect VC resupply parties from Thai Thien with ambushes. 3 Troop provided protection at FSB Scobie. 4 Troop returned to Nui Dat and assumed ready reaction task.

25 October 1970

SHQ (-) Remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop continued to support 2 RAR / NZ in AO Judy and LCT protection. 2 Troop continued support 2 RAR / NZ against suspect VC resupply parties from Thai Thien with ambushes night and day. 3 Troop provided protection at FSB Scobie. 4 Troop continued rest and maintenance at Nui Dat.

26 October 1970

SHQ(-) Remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop continued to support 2 RAR / NZ in AO Judy and LCT protection. 2 Troop returned to Nui Dat following support of 2 RAR / NZ operation. 3 Troop provided protection at FSB Scobie. 4 Troop continued rest and maintenance at Nui Dat.

27 October 1970

As Above.

28 October 1970

SHQ (-)Remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop continued support of 2 RAR / NZ in AO Judy and LCT protection. 2 Troop continued rest and maintenance. 3 Troop provided protection at FSB Scobie. 4 Troop continued as ready reaction at Nui Dat in support of 2 RAR / NZ in AO Judy.

29 October 1970

SHQ (-) Remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop continued support of 2 RAR / NZ in AO Judy and LCT protection. 2 Troop continued rest and maintenance. 3 Troop provided protection at FSB Scobie. 4 Troop continued as ready reaction Nui Dat and in support for 2 RAR / NZ operations in AO Judy.

30 October 1970

SHQ (-) Remains Nui Dat. 1 Troop continued support of 2 RAR / NZ in AO Judy and LCT protection. 2 Troop continued rest and maintenance. 3 Troop provided protection at FSB Scobie. 4 Troop continued as ready reaction Nui Dat and in support for 2 RAR / NZ operations in AO Judy.

31 October 1970

As Above

1 November 1970

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp continued support of 2RAR/NZ and protection of LCT (primary task) in AO Judy; 2 Tp rest and maintenance; 3 Tp continued support of 7RAR in AO Naomi and protection of US Arty; 4 Tp remained ready reaction and on call for support to 2RAR/NZ and AO Naomi

2 November 1970

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp continued support of 2RAR/NZ and protection of LCT (primary task) in AO Judy; 2 Tp R&C Vung Tau; 3 Tp continued support of 7RAR in AO Naomi and protection of US Arty; 4 Tp remained ready reaction and on call for support to 2RAR/NZ and AO Naomi.

3 November 1970.

As above

4 November 1970.

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp continued support of 2RAR/NZ and protection of LCT (primary task) in AO Judy; 2 Tp rest and maintenance; 3 Tp continued support of 7RAR in AO Naomi and protection of US Arty; 4 Tp remained ready reaction and on call for support to 2RAR/NZ and AO Naomi

5 November 1970.

As above.

6 November 1970.

As above.

1455hrs. Mini-team with 1 Tp sighted two enemy. Enemy also engaged by 2RAR/NZ inf platoon (India 42). 1 Tp moved 300yds to inf position to support. No result.

7 November 1970.

Sqn (-) remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp returned to Nui Dat from AO Judy; 2 Tp commenced ready reaction and on call for support 2RAR/NZ in AO Judy; 3 Tp

continued support of 7RAR in AO Naomi and protection of US Arty; 4 Tp deployed from Nui Dat to AO Judy to commence support 2RAR/NZ and protect LCT (primary task).

8 November 1970.

Sqn (-) remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp rest and maintenance; 2 Tp continued reaction and on call for support 2RAR/NZ in AO Judy; 3 Tp continued support of 7RAR in AO Naomi and protection of US Arty; 4 Tp continued support for 2RAR/NZ and protection LCT (primary task).

4Alpha returned to Nui Dat with unserviceable engine and replaced by ZeroEcho.

9 November 1970.

Sqn (-) remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp rest and maintenance; 2 Tp continued reaction and on call for support 2RAR/NZ in AO Judy; 3 Tp continued support of 7RAR in AO Naomi, escorting convoy from FSB Scobie to Nui Dat in morning of abandoning of Scobie; 4 Tp continued support for 2RAR/NZ and protection LCT (primary task).

10 November 1970.

Sqn (-) remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp rest and maintenance; 2 Tp continued reaction and on call for support 2RAR/NZ in AO Judy; 3 Tp continued support of 7RAR in AO Naomi; 4 Tp continued support for 2RAR/NZ and protection LCT (primary task). 1130hrs. 4 Tp with inf platoon located old enemy camp. No contact. Camp destroyed.

11 November 1970.

Sqn (-) remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp rest and maintenance; 2 Tp continued reaction and on call for support 2RAR/NZ in AO Judy, plus at night engaged in ambush operations vic Hoa Long; 3 Tp continued support of 7RAR in AO Naomi; 4 Tp continued support for 2RAR/NZ and protection LCT (primary task).

12 November 1970.

Sqn (-) remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp assumed ready reaction force from 2 Tp; 2 Tp continued support for 2RAR/NZ with night ambush in vic Hoa Long against expected D65 resupply parties; 3 Tp continued support of 7RAR in AO Naomi; 4 Tp continued support for 2RAR/NZ and protection LCT (primary task).

13 November 1970.

Sqn (-) remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp ready reaction force; 2 Tp continued support for 2RAR/NZ ambush ops in vic Hoa Long with support of night ambushes; 3 Tp continued support of 7RAR in AO Naomi; 4 Tp continued support for 2RAR/NZ and protection LCT (primary task).

1900-2030hrs. 2 Tp transported inf to night ambush location and then returned to Nui Dat.

14 November 1970.

Sqn (-) remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp ready reaction force; 2 Tp remained in support of 2RAR/NZ from IATF base, transporting inf ambush platoon to position and then returning to Sqn lines after dusk; 3 Tp continued support of 7RAR in AO Naomi; 4 Tp continued support for 2RAR/NZ and protection LCT (primary task).

15 November 1970.

Sqn (-) remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp ready reaction force; 2 Tp continued support of 2RAR/NZ from Nui Dat and with night ambush in support ambush ops vic Hoa Long; 3 Tp continued support of 7RAR in AO Naomi; 4 Tp continued support for 2RAR/NZ and protection LCT (primary task).

16 November 1970.

Sqn (-) remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp ready reaction force; 2 Tp continued support of 2RAR/NZ ambush ops in vic Hoa Long with night ambush; 3 Tp continued support of 7RAR in AO Naomi, engaging direct fire targets in Long Hai Hills; 4 Tp continued support for 2RAR/NZ and protection LCT (primary task).

17 November 1970.

Sqn (-) remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp ready reaction force; 2 Tp rest and maintenance, on call to support 2RAR/NZ in AO Judy; 3 Tp continued support of 7RAR in AO Naomi, engaging direct fire targets in Long Hai Hills; 4 Tp continued support for 2RAR/NZ and protection LCT (primary task).



18 November 1970.

Sqn (-) remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp ready reaction force; 2 Tp continued on standby for support 2RAR/NZ in AO Judy; 3 Tp continued support of 7RAR, moving to a position for quick reaction in support of ops; 4 Tp continued support for 2RAR/NZ and protection LCT (primary task).

19 November 1970.

Sqn (-) remained Nui Dat; 1 Tp ready reaction force; 2 Tp continued on standby for support 2RAR/NZ in AO Judy; 3 Tp continued support of 7RAR, moving to a position for quick reaction in support of ops; 4 Tp returned to Nui Dat.

20 November 1970.

Sqn remained Nui Dat conducting mounted parade, church service and sports day in celebration of Cambrai Day. 1 Tp departed at 1500hrs to support 7RAR in relief of 3 Tp in AO Naomi. 3Tp returned to Nui dat at 0835hrs and participated in Sqn activities.

The first occasion when entire Sqn was intact at the one place since the Sqn arrived in Nui Dat. Total six and a half hours! A successful and enjoyable day.

21 November 1970.

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp continued to support 7RAR in AO Naomi; 2 Tp deployed to protect LCT; 3 Tp rest and maintenance; 4 Tp continued on call to support 2RAR/NZ in AO Judy and engaged in night ambush ops in support of 2RAR/NZ.

22 November 1970.

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp continued to support 7RAR in AO Naomi; 2 Tp continued to protect LCT; 3 Tp rest and maintenance; 4 Tp continued to support 2RAR/NZ with night ambushes in vicinity of Hoa Long.

23 November 1970.

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp returned to Nui Dat following support to 7RAR in AO Naomi; 2 Tp continued to protect LCT; 3 Tp deployed in support of 7RAR in AO Naomi; 4 Tp continued on call to support 2RAR/NZ and engaged in night ambush ops in vicinity of Hoa Long in support of 2RAR/NZ.

24 November 1970.

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp rest and maintenance; 2 Tp continued to support 2RAR/NZ and protect LCT (first priority); 3 Tp continued to support of 7RAR in AO Naomi; 4 Tp continued support to 2RAR/NZ, assisting with in night ambush ops in vicinity of Hoa Long.

25 November 1970.

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp rest and maintenance; 2 Tp continued to support 2RAR/NZ and protect LCT (first priority); 3 Tp continued to support of 7RAR in AO Naomi; 4 Tp continued support to 2RAR/NZ, assisting with in night ambush ops in vicinity of Hoa Long.

26 November 1970.

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp relieved 4 Tp in support of 2RAR/NZ ambush ops in vicinity of Hoa Long; 2 Tp continued to support 2RAR/NZ and protect LCT (first priority); 3 Tp continued to support of 7RAR in AO Naomi; 4 Tp rest and maintenance.

27 November 1970.

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp continued support of 2RAR/NZ ambush ops in vicinity of Hoa Long; 2 Tp continued to support 2RAR/NZ and protect LCT (first priority); 3 Tp continued to support of 7RAR in AO Naomi; 4 Tp rest and maintenance.

General. Verbal intelligence report indicated 3 Tp shelling of caves in Long Hais on 25 Nov 70 created casualties. Int report indicated evacuation of dead and wounded on ni 25/26 Nov 70 from area.

28 November 1970.

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp continued support of 2RAR/NZ ambush ops in vicinity of Hoa Long; 2 Tp continued to support 2RAR/NZ and protect LCT (first priority); 3 Tp continued to support of 7RAR in AO Naomi; 4 Tp ready reaction.

29 November 1970.

Sqn (-) remained at Nui Dat; 1 Tp ready reaction; 2 Tp continued to support 2RAR/NZ and protect LCT (first priority); 3 Tp continued to support of 7RAR in AO Naomi; 4 Tp supported 2RAR/NZ ambush ops in vicinity of Hoa Long. 1455hrs. 2 Tp reacted from FSB Melissa to suspected VC base containing 30 members of D65. Inf conducted sweep without result. 2110hrs. Ready reaction Tp (1 Tp) alerted for move to Xuyen Moc, departed Nui Dat at 2240hrs with Task Force ready reaction Force. One vehicle broke down vicinity of the Horseshoe and recovered by 3 Tp to that location. Remaining vehicles reached Xuyen Moc at 2400hrs.

30 November 1970.

1 December 1970.

SHQ remained Nui Dat; 1 Troop ready reaction Nui Dat; 2 Troop protecting land clearing team at NDP Melissa; 3 Troop supporting 7RAR in AO Naomi; 4 Troop op con 2RAR/NZ, ambushing near Hoa Long by night and returning to Nui Dat by day.

2 December 1970.

As above.

3 December 1970

SHQ remained Nui Dat; 1 Troop op con 2RAR/NZ, ambushing near Hoa Long by night and returning to Nui Dat by day; 2 Troop protecting land clearing team at NDP Melissa; 3 Troop supporting 7RAR in AO Naomi; 4 Troop ready reaction Nui Dat.

4--6 December 1970.

As above.

7 December 1970.

SHQ remained Nui Dat; 1 Troop ready reaction Nui Dat; 2 Troop protecting land clearing team at NDP Melissa; 3 Troop supporting 7RAR in AO Naomi; 4 Troop op con 2RAR/NZ, ambushing near Hoa Long by night and returning to Nui Dat by day.

8--9 December 1970.

As above.

10 December 1970.

SHQ remained Nui Dat; SHQ Troop op con 2RAR/NZ ambushing near Hoa Long by night and returning to Nui Dat by day; 1 Troop Nui Dat; 2 Troop protecting land clearing team at NDP Melissa; 3 Troop supporting 7RAR in AO Naomi; 4 Troop ready reaction.

11 Decemner 1970.

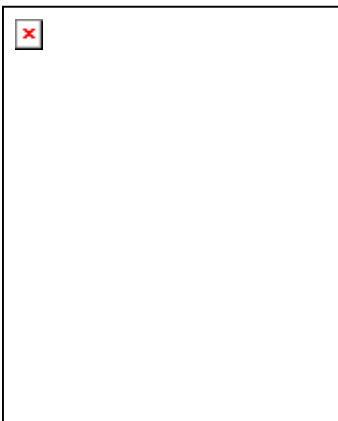
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12 December 1970.

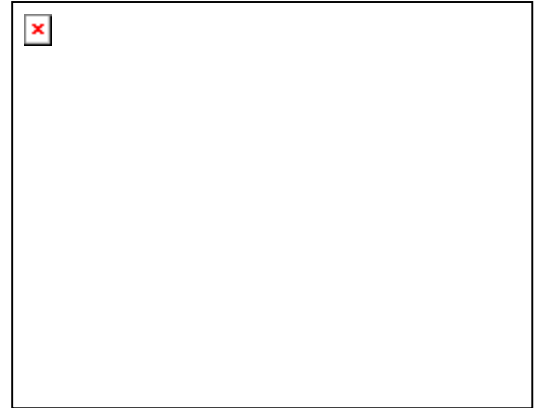
SHQ remained Nui Dat; 1 Troop op con 2RAR/NZ ambushing near Hoa Long by night and returning to Nui Dat by day; 2 Troop ready reaction Nui Dat; 3 Troop supporting 7RAR in AO Naomi; 4 Troop protecting land clearing team at NDP Melissa.

13--15 December 1970.

As above.



**C SQUADRON
SECOND TOUR**



16 December 1970.

SHQ remained Nui Dat; 1 Troop ready reaction Nui Dat; 2 Troop op con 2RAR/NZ ambushing near Hoa Long by night and returning to Nui Dat by day; 3 Troop supporting 7RAR in AO Naomi; 4 Troop protecting land clearing team at NDP Melissa.

0835hrs.

Handover parade and church service conducted at SHQ for handover of A Squadron OC, Major J A N Chipman, to C Squadron OC, Major P W Bourke. Change of command to occur at 162400hrs. Included in change of command, a change in squadron designation from A Squadron to C Squadron, but no major personnel changes except OCs. Major Chipman to depart SVN on 17 December 1970, after a period of 12 months in command of A Squadron.

17 December 1970.

SHQ remained Nui Dat; 1 Troop ready reaction Nui Dat; 2 Troop op con 2RAR/NZ ambushing near Hoa Long by night and returning to Nui Dat by day; 3 Troop supporting 7RAR in AO Naomi; 4 Troop protecting land clearing team at NDP Melissa.

0001hrs.

Major P W Bourke assumes command of Squadton and change of squadron designation from 'A' to 'C' Squadron.

18 December 1970.

SHQ remained Nui Dat; 1 Troop ready reaction Nui Dat; 2 Troop op con 2RAR/NZ ambushing near Hoa Long by night and returning to Nui Dat by day; 3 Troop supporting 7RAR in AO Naomi; 4 Troop to NDP Lorraine for protection of land clearing team.

19 December 1970.

As above.

20 December 1970.

SHQ remained Nui Dat; 1 Troop op con 2RAR/NZ ambushing near Hoa Long by night and returning to Nui Dat by day; 2 Troop ready reaction Nui Dat; 3 Troop supporting 7RAR in AO Naomi; 4 Troop protecting land clearing team at NDP Melissa.

21--23 December 1970.

As above.

24 December 1970.

SHQ remained Nui Dat; 1 Troop ready reaction Nui Dat; 2 Troop op con 2RAR/NZ ambushing near Hoa Long by night and returning to Nui Dat by day; 3 Troop supporting 7RAR in AO Naomi; 4 Troop protecting land clearing team at NDP Melissa.

25 December 1970.

As above.

Squadron ceased offensive actions, but continued defensive action during the Christmas Truce period. Unit members provided gifts for children of Duc Thanh, Vin Thanh and Ngai Giao, as part of the Christmas spirit.

26 December 1970.

SHQ remained Nui Dat; 1 Troop ready reaction Nui Dat; 2 Troop op con 2RAR/NZ ambushing near Hoa Long by night and returning to Nui Dat by day; 3 Troop supporting 7RAR in AO Naomi; 4 Troop protecting land clearing team at NDP Melissa.

27 December 1970.

As above.

28 December 1970.

SHQ remained Nui Dat; 1 Troop op con 2RAR/NZ ambushing near Hoa Long by night and returning to Nui Dat by day; 2 Troop ready reaction Nui Dat; 3 Troop supporting 7RAR in AO Naomi; 4 Troop protecting land clearing team at NDP Melissa.

29--31 December 1970.

As above.