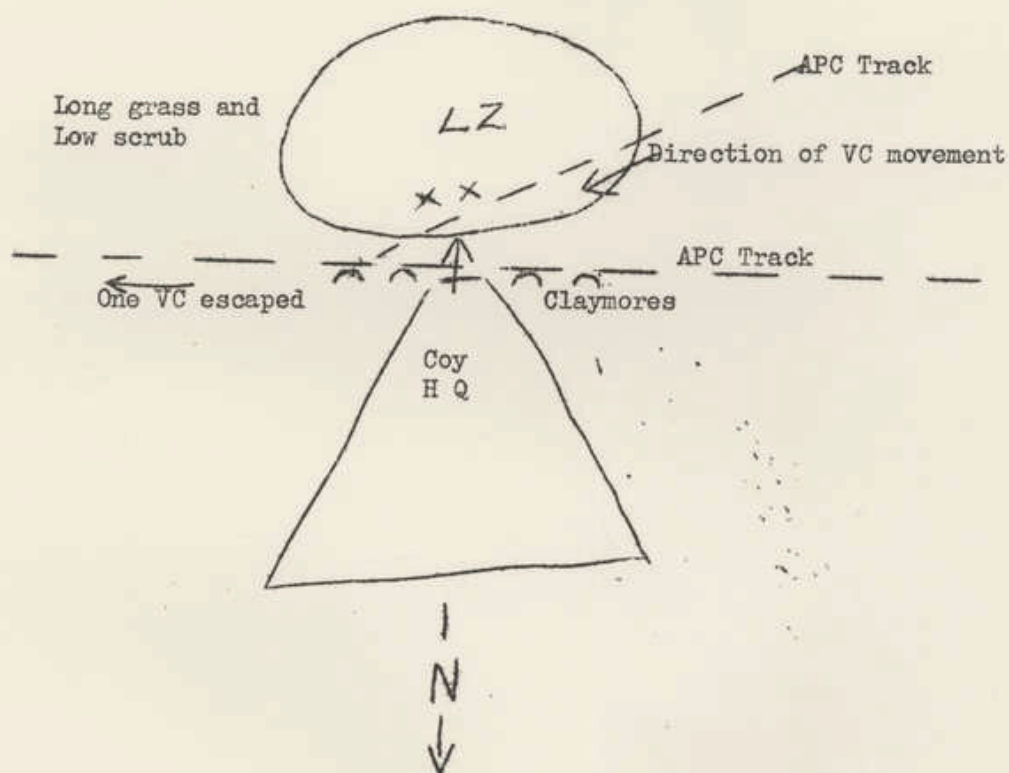


CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. NAPIER
2. 676734 Maj TORRANCE
3. Coy HQ W Coy 6RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn
4. 2 Offrs 18 ORs
5. 271915 Jan 70
6. YS438870
7. Ambush APC track through LZ
8. See Annex 'A'
9. Ambush sited in banana grove. Visibility across LZ 75m. LZ surrounded by 3 - 4 ft high grass and scrub.
10. 10 metres
11. Sentry
12. Sentry, standing to.
13. Movement
14. Local - Green shirt and black trousers.
15. Sentry, 10m.
16. Claymores, M60, SLR, M16, M79.
17. One ran away to the NE. Two died.
18. Sweep contact area with small arms fire.
19. 2 KIA;
20. Claymore, M60.
21. Nil
22. NA
23. M60, 300; M16, 100; SLR, 20; M79, 20.
24. Two packs and documents.
25. Nil
26. Nil
27. Nil
28. NA
29. See para 23
30. The Coy HQ group had ambushed the APC track for 5 days prior to contact. A helicopter had landed on the LZ at 1700 hrs on the day of contact.

E TORRANCE Maj Coy Comd

ANNEX 'A' TO CONTACT AFTER ACTION
REPORT OF CONTACT 271915 Jan 70



Sentry observed 3 VC moving from West to East across LZ. Sentry fired claymores when group in killing area. Two VC killed instantly. Third VC escaped to North East.

CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

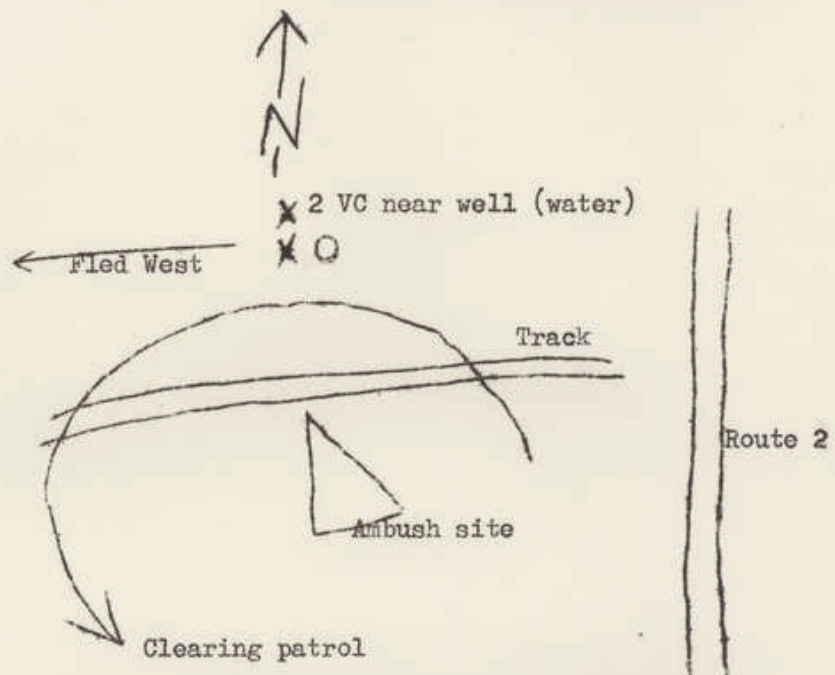
1. NAPIER
2. 40554 Lt BLAIR
3. 1 Pl W Coy 6RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn
4. 1 Offr 26 ORs
5. 241715 Jan 70
6. YS450866
7. Ambush
8. See ANNEX 'A'
9. Very thick secondary growth. Estimated range of visibility 15 - 25metres
10. 30 metres
11. Fwd scout.
12. Clearing patrol
13. The en's face outlined against dark background.
14. Assumed local - green ARVN type clothing.
15. Fwd scout, 30 metres.
16. SIR, M16.
17. Fled back into secondary growth.
18. Follow up.
19. Nil
20. Nil
21. Nil
22. Nil
23. M16, 20; SIR, 12;.
24. Cooking utensils, one water bottle, some food picked off local bushes.
25. Nil
26. Nil
27. Neg
28. Neg
29. Neg
30. Nil

W. BLAIR Lt Pl Comd

E TORRANCE Maj Coy Comd

ANNEX 'A' TO CONTACT AFTER ACTION

REPORT OF CONTACT 241715 JAN 70



The clearing patrol whilst clearing the ambush site contacted 2 VC who were preparing a meal. The VC fled west.

CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

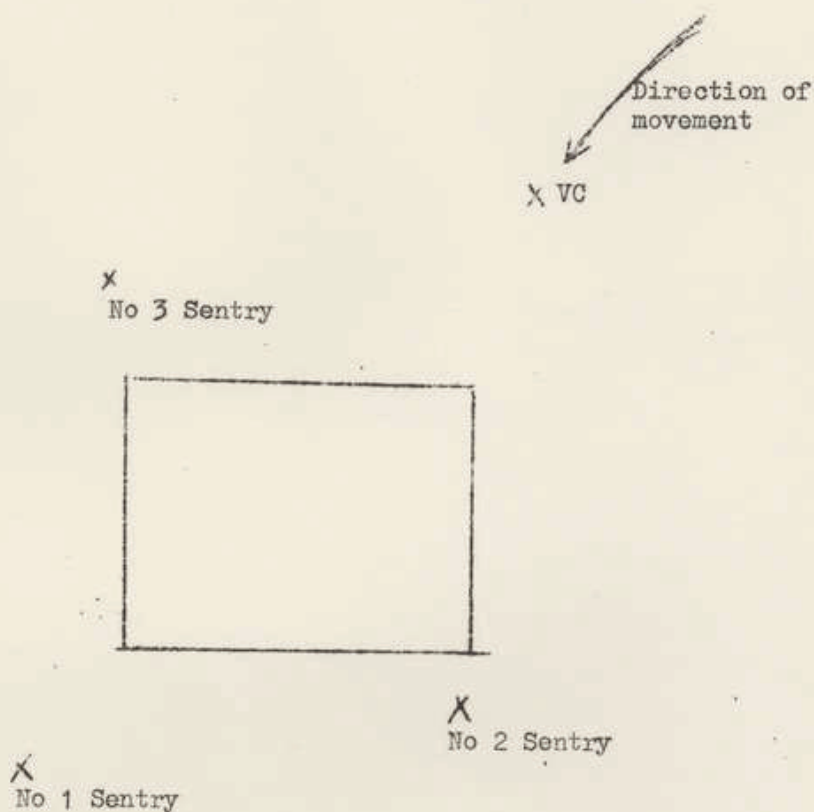
1. NAPIER
2. 40554 Lt BLAIR
3. 1 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NX(ANZAC) Bn
4. 1 Offr, 15 ORs.
5. 031925 Feb 70.
6. YS449890
7. Ambush
8. See ANNEX 'A'
9. Very open, almost devoid of vegetation.
10. 40 metres
11. Sentry
12. Covering for another person who was siting claymore.
13. Movement
14. NVA, shorts & shirt (black)
15. En at 40m.
16. SLR.
17. Fired about 4/5 rds.
18. Return en fire.
19. 1 KIA.
20. SLR
21. Nil
22. Nil
23. SLR, 2.
24. One water container and some documents.
25. Nil
26. Nil
27. Neg
28. Neg
29. See serial 23.
30. Sentry groups were widely spread to cover all approaches to the house. As a result ambush commander did not have communications with all his groups. Squad radios would have been helpful in this ambush.

W. BLAIR Lt Pl Comd

E TORRANCE Maj Coy Comd

ANNEX 'A' TO CONTACT AFTER ACTION

REPORT OF CONTACT 031925 Feb 70



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Enemy approached and sighted by sentry No 2 . Sentry No 2 was waiting until en in claymore area. En saw sentry No 3 setting up claymore. En fired at Sentry No 3 who fired back. Sweep in the morning revealed the body.

It is assumed, as no wpn was located, that a second VC fired the shots.

CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

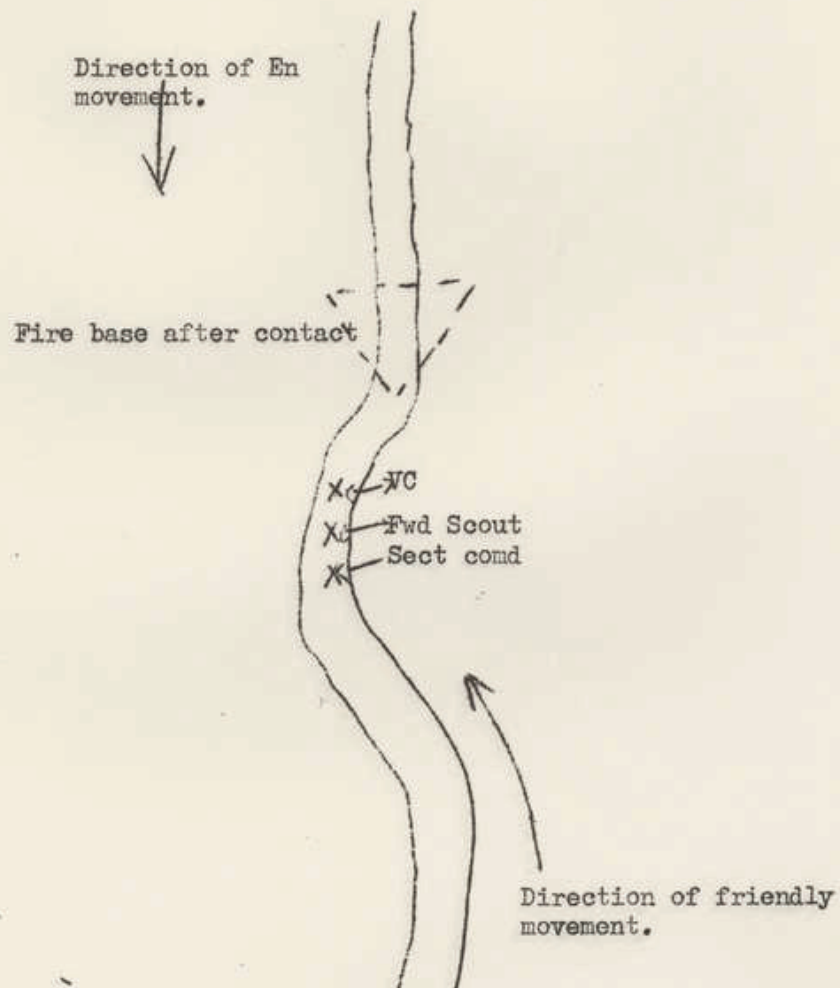
1. NAPIER
2. 40554 Lt BLAIR
3. 1 Pl W-Coy 6RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn
4. 1 Offr, 26 ORs
5. 110935 Feb 70
6. YS374827
7. RIF
8. See ANNEX 'A'.
9. Narrow track flanked by tall thick scrub.
10. 4 metres
11. Fwd scout
12. Moving
13. Imminent collision
14. Unknown as to type, dress, black.
15. Fwd scout, 3 metres.
16. SLR, M16.
17. Killed immediately.
18. Sweep forward.
19. 1 KIA.
20. SLR, M16.
21. Nil
22. Nil
23. M16, 48; SLR, 28.
24. One pack - food, clothing, docs, transistor radio.
25. Nil
26. Nil
27. Neg
28. Neg
29. See para 23.
30. Nil

W. BLAIR Lt Pl Comd

E. TORRANCE Maj Coy Comd

ANNEX 'A' TO CONTACT AFTER ACTION

REPORT TO CONTACT 110935 Feb 70



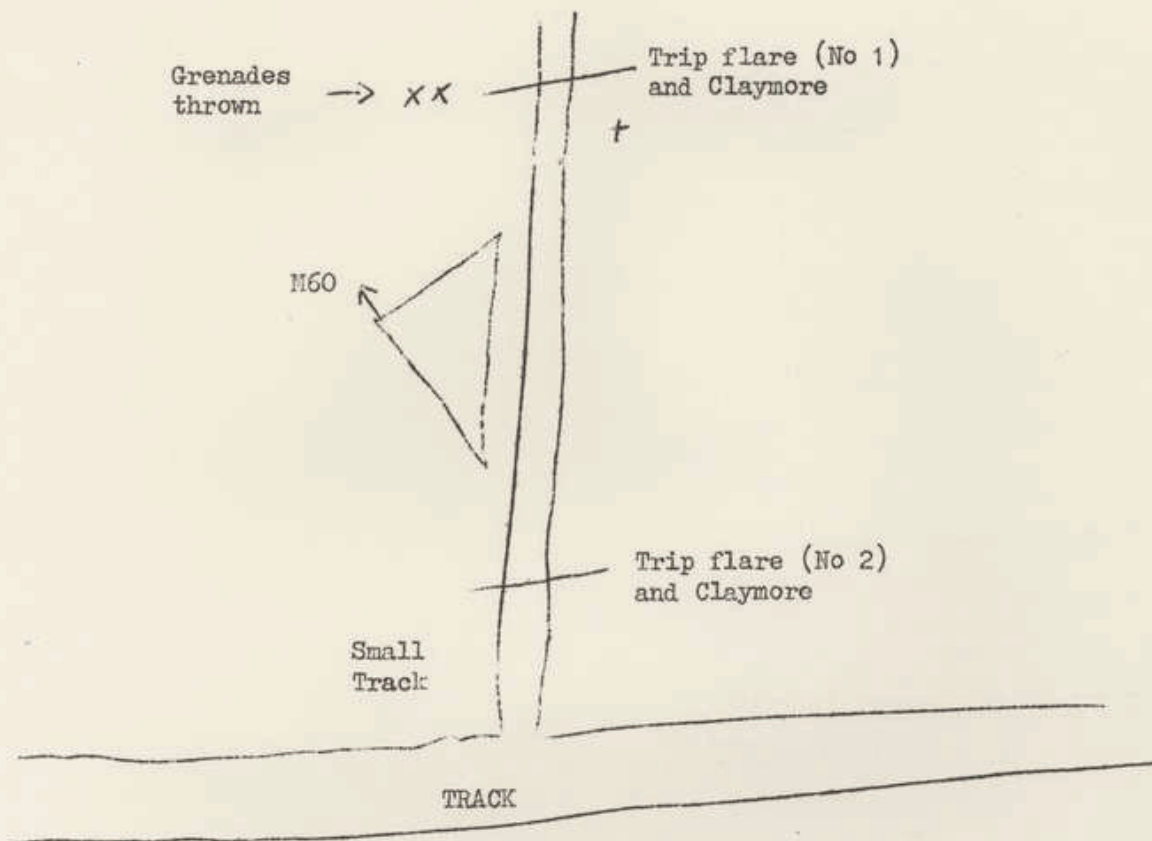
Whilst moving along a track a head on contact was made. Fwd scout shot en and then moved past him. Sect comd also shot en and moved past to redeploy 20 metres past contact area.

CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. NAPIER
2. 41515 Cpl BARKLE JE
3. 1 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn
4. 15 ORs
5. 271925 Jan 70.
6. YS451865
7. Ambush
8. See ANNEX 'A'
9. Thick secondary growth.
10. N/A
11. Not sighted.
12. Sentry
13. Trip flare initiated.
14. Unknown
15. Sentry, 20 metres
16. Claymore, M60, SLR, M16, Grenade.
17. Unknown, presume fled.
18. Blew claymores, sweep with M60.
19. Nil
20. Grenade
21. 4 WIA
22. Nil.
23. M60, 500; M16, 100; SLR, 100; Claymores, 6; M61 HE Grenade, 2;.
24. Nil
25. Grenade should, if it has to be thrown be used with extreme caution, especially at night.
26. Nil
27. Nil
28. Nil
29. See serial 23; plus 12 rds Arty.
30. As a result of the accidental wounding caused by a grenade thrown by the Ambush Commander all personnel have been instructed and practised in the throwing of grenades.

J BARKLE Cpl Plt Comd
W BLAIR Lt Pl Comd
E TORRANCE Maj Coy Comd.

ANNEX 'A' TO CONTACT REPORT OF
CONTACT 271925 Jan 70



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Trip flare set off at ore end of ambush, engaged with claymore & M60. Second trip flare set off at other end of ambush, engaged M60, claymore, grenade.

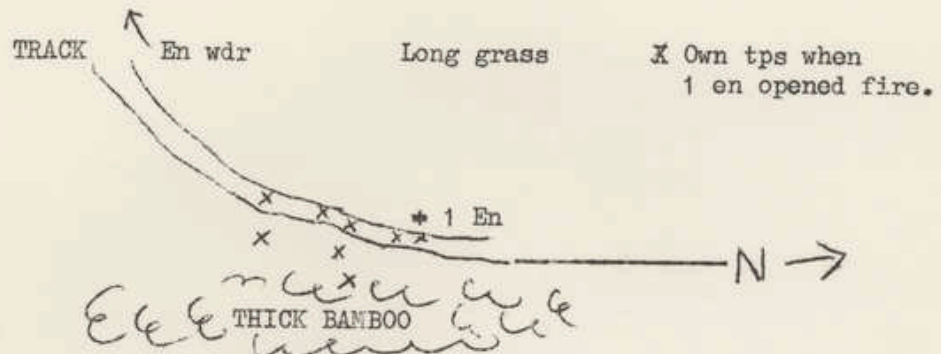
CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. NAPIER
2. 213912 Lep1 GODDMAN WD
3. 2 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn
4. 10 ORs
5. 301145 Jan 70
6. YS434865
7. Following two blood trails from a contact at YS438862 at 1122 hrs.
8. See ANNEX 'A'
9. Flat ground with thick bamboo opening out onto a large clearing
Visibility bamboo 30m. Clearing 100 - 150m.
10. 30 metres.
11. Lead scout.
12. Looking for a blood trail.
13. Movement
14. Local, black and green.
15. Lead scout, 30 metres.
16. SLR, M16, M60.
17. Withdrew
18. Followed up.
19. 2 KIA, 2 WIA (Poss)
20. SLR, M60.
21. 3 WIA ; 2 evacuated, 1 remained on duty.
22. AK47.
23. M60, 400; M16, 20; SLR, 100.
24. 2 AK47s, Ammo, 3 Packs, Food, Clothing, Documents.
25. Nil
26. Nil
27. Nil
28. The Pl was in an ambush position with 2 ptls out. The other ptl was only 200m away from this contact. This ptl moved to the contact area to assist in the sweep and "dust off".
29. See Para 23.
30. Nil

<u>W. GOODMAN</u>	<u>Lep1</u>	Ptl Comd
<u>W. UPTON</u>	<u>Lt</u>	P1 Comd
<u>E. TORRANCE</u>	<u>Major</u>	Coy Comd

ANNEX 'A' TO AFTER ACTION CONTACT

REPORT DATED 301145 JAN 70



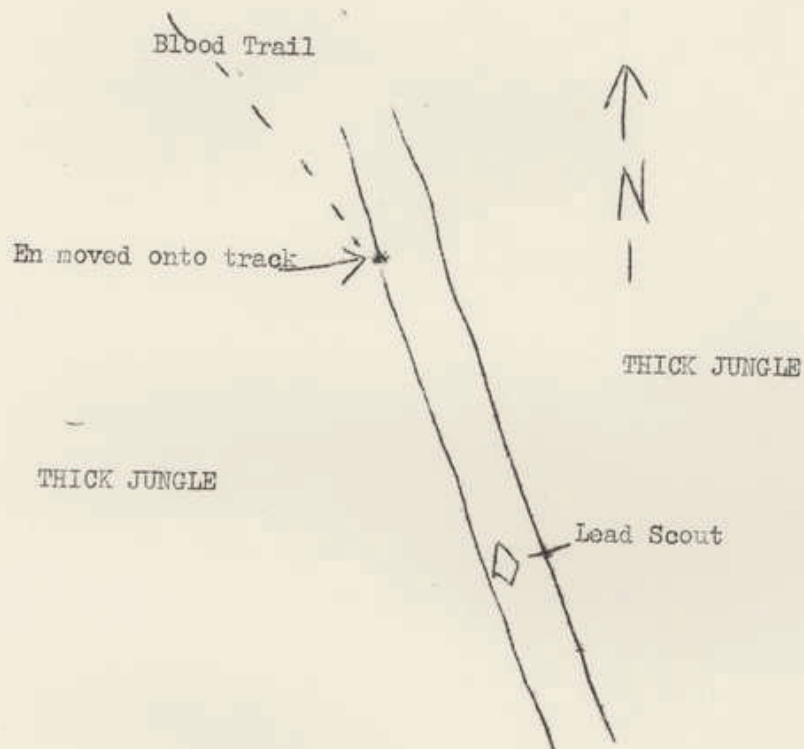
A blood trail from an earlier contact was being followed when it was lost in some thick bamboo. Elements were looking out to the flanks to see if the blood could be refound when the lead scout sighted 1 VC running out of the area. He fired and moved forward. The elements to the flank pushed forward and the ptl broke out into a large clearing. 6 en were sighted running down a track in a SW direction. 1 en was killed. The rest were being engaged when 1 enemy lying in the grass opened fire from 6 feet and wounded a soldier. The ptl went to the ground to return the fire but because of the long grass the enemy was difficult to see or engage. The MG moved forward and opened fire into the area of the enemy. The gunner was changing the belt when he was wounded. Another soldier moved forward put a belt on the gun and continued firing, killing the en.

CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. NAPIER
2. 213912 Lcpl GOODMAN WD
3. 2 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn
4. 10 ORs
5. 301122 Jan 70
6. YS438862
7. To search a small area of bush 200m from a platoon ambush site.
8. See ANNEX 'A'.
9. Flat ground with fairly thick jungle. Range of visibility 20 - 30m.
10. 30 metres
11. Fwd Scout
12. Moving
13. Movement
14. Local, green & black
15. Lead scout, 30m.
16. SLR M60.
17. Withdrew
18. Moved forward to where the SLR was. They killed 2 Blood
Indians.
19. 2 WIA (BT)
20. SLR, M60.
21. Nil
22. Nil
23. M60, 20; , SLR, 4.
24. Nil
25. Nil
26. Nil
27. The ptl was approx 200m from the ambush posn when the contact opened. I gave the ptl comd permission to follow the blood trails.
28. There was another ptl out from the ambush posn at the same time. They moved into a posn to try and stop the 2 on withdrawing.
29. See para 23.
30. Nil

<u>W. GOODMAN</u>	<u>Lcpl</u>	Ptl Comd
<u>R. UPTON</u>	<u>Wt</u>	Pl Comd
<u>E. TORRANCE</u>	<u>Maj</u>	Coy Comd

ANNEX 'A' TO CONTACT AFTER ACTION
REPORT DATED 301122 JAN 70



The ptl had just found a track leading NW - SE when 2 en were sighted moving onto the track. The lead scout and gunner opened fire and the en withdrew. The ptl then pushed forward and on finding 2 blood trails, followed up.

CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

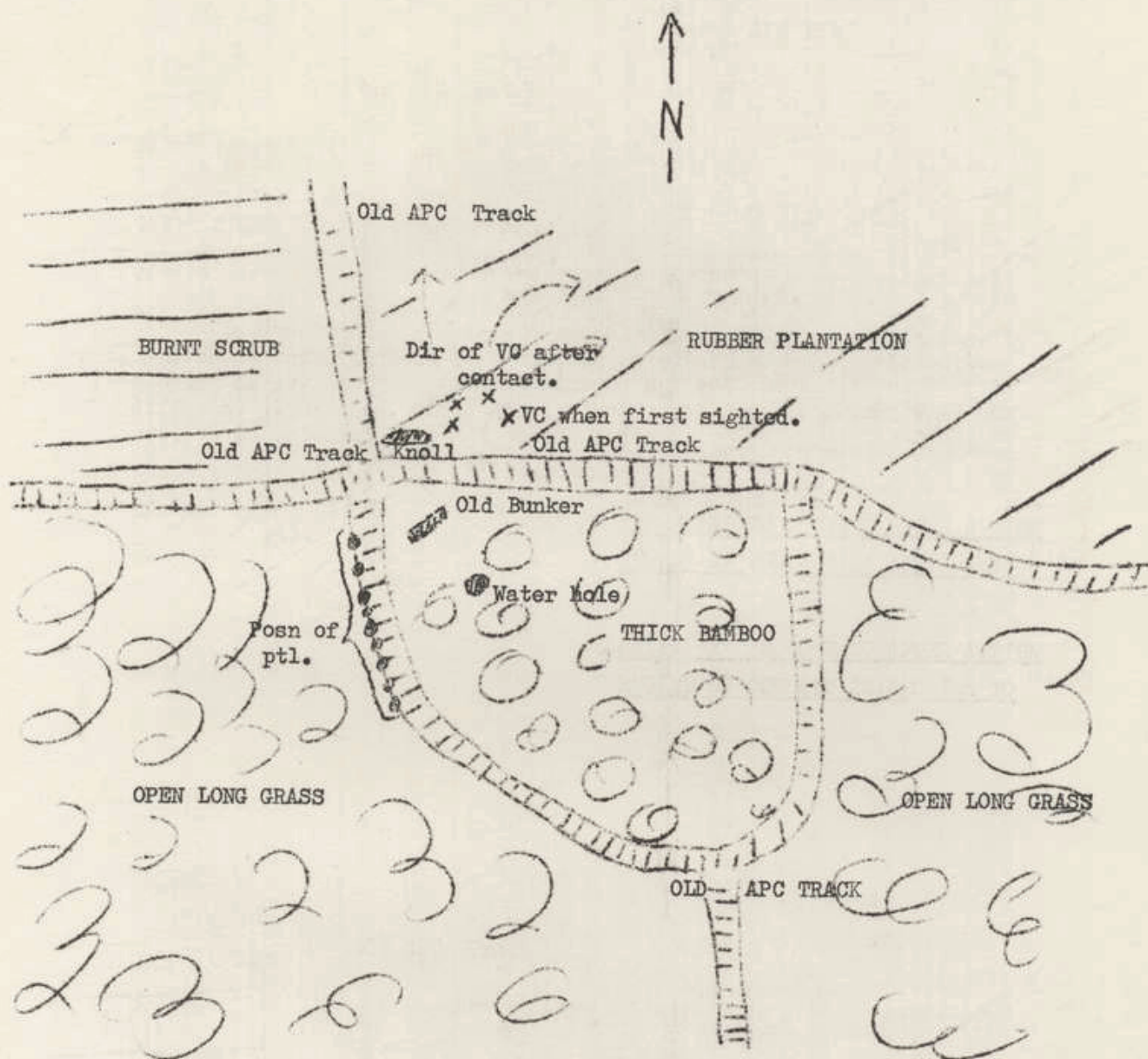
1. NAPIER
2. 337670 Sgt YANDALL
3. 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn
4. 15 ORs
5. 261410 Jan 70.
6. YS428874
7. To check out stream line running NE through Grid Reference for signs of en and to ambush at suitable loc.
8. See ANNEX 'A'.
9. Open, with tall grass 4' high, rubber plantation, also thick bamboo on one side and burnt scrub on other side.
10. 70 metres.
11. Lead scout.
12. Moving forward or north.
13. Voices
14. Five local
15. Lead scout at 50 metres.
16. M16, M60, SLR.
17. Scattered in different directions but predominantly east.
18. Fanned out in extended line then pepperpotted forward.
19. One KIA; One WIA.
20. SLR
21. Nil
22. Nil
23. M60, 800; M16, 100; SLR, 80;.
24. 1 x M1 Carbine, 1 x Pack.
25. Nil
26. Nil
27. Nil
28. Nil
29. See para 23.
30. Nil

J. YANDALL Sgt Ptl Comd

J. FISHER Lt Pl Comd

E. TORRANCE Maj Coy Comd

ANNEX 'A' TO CONTACT AFTER ACTION
REPORT OF CONTACT 261410 Jan 70



Lead scout heard voices which sounded like children playing, looked over small knoll and saw 5 VC sitting in corner of rubber plantation playing cards. At same time VC sighted ptl and started to scatter in different directions. Lead section commander rushed forward with his section in extended line and opened contact.

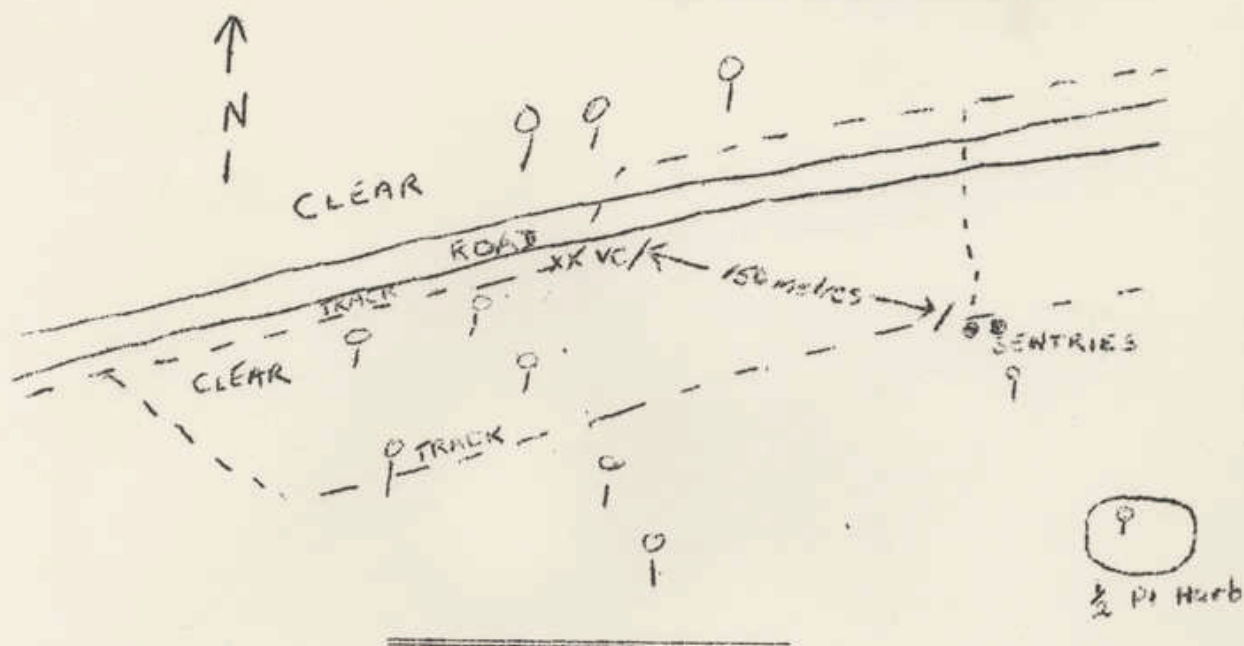
CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. NAPIER
2. 337670 Sgt YANDALL
3. 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn
4. 15 ORs.
5. 271520 Jan 70.
6. YS427883
7. To ambush track system at above Grid Reference.
8. See ANNEX 'A'.
9. Open rubber. Visibility 200 - 300 metres. Canopy as per rubber plantation.
10. 300 metres.
11. Pl sentries in ambush posn.
12. In ambush posn.
13. Movement
14. Assumed local in black clothing, no hats.
15. Sentries., at 150 metres.
16. Sentries saw M16.
17. Ran back down track.
18. Remainder of $\frac{1}{2}$ pl deployed and then moved forward to follow up.
19. Nil.
20. Nil.
21. Nil.
22. Nil.
23. M60, 100; M16, 40; SLR, 60; M79, 6; Arty 105, 20 - 25 rds.
24. Nil
25. Sentries could have warned remainder of patrol before contact was opened and a flanking move undertaken with stop groups employed.
27. Nil
28. Nil
29. See part 23
30. Nil.

J. YANDALL Sgt Pt1 Comd
J. FISHER Lt Pl Comd
E. TORRANCE Maj Coy Comd

ANNEX 'A' TO CONTACT AFTER ACTION

REPORT OF CONTACT 271520 JAN 70



Sentries spotted 3 VC moving down track next to route. VC were moving from west to east. VC were turning north away from sentries when contact was opened.

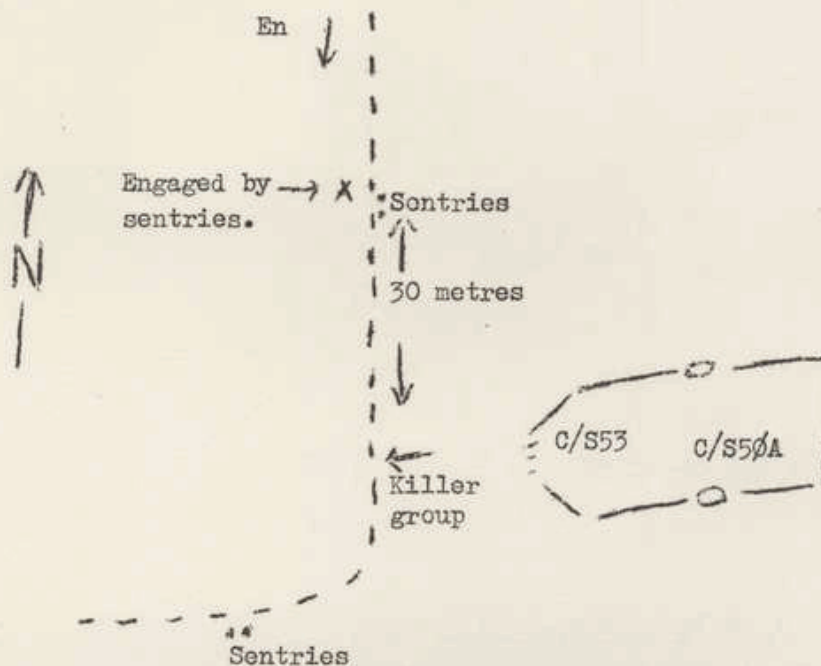
CONTACT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. NAPIER
2. 41473 Lt FISHER
3. 3 Pl W Coy 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn
4. 1 Offr 28 ORs
5. 151045 Jan 70
6. YS386838
7. Recce in force. Ambushing.
8. See ANNEX 'A'.
9. Flat terrain. Tall bamboo, very thick in places, Visibility 30 metres.
10. 20 metres.
11. Northern sentry group.
12. Sentries behind cover, observing track.
13. Their movement down the track.
14. Three locals. Mixture of black and green clothing.
15. Sentries at 10 metres.
16. Claymore and M16.
17. Dropped packs and withdrew north.
18. Sentries withdrew to RA perimeter. Half Pl then went out and swept area. Blood trail then followed 300 metres to North East and wounded PW taken.
19. Two KIA, One WIA, One wounded PW.
20. Claymore and M16.
21. Nil
22. Nil
23. M60, 400; M16, 200; SLR, 200; Claymore 1.
24. 1 AK47.
25. Contact was initiated by sentry group firing claymore which was sited pointing directly down track. Claymore approx 3 ft from first en when fired. Claymore would have given better coverage if placed further from track and fired at right angles across it.
26. Nil.
27. Nil
28. Nil
29. See para 23.
30. Correct action by alert sentries. Immediate follow up of blood trail led to the wounded VC being taken as PW.

J. FISHER Lt Pl Comd

E. TORRANCE Maj Coy Comd

ANNEX 'A' TO CONTACT AFTER ACTION
REPORT OF CONTACT 151045 JAN 70



An ambush position was being prepared on North - South trail. Pairs of sentries were placed North and South of ambush position. Contact was initiated by Northern sentry group firing a claymore, when leading elements were 10 metres from sentries.