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2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) Bn
NUI DAT

24 1030 H May 70

OPS 8
OpO 4/70 (OP CAPRICORN)

Reference: A. Map, VIETNAM; Series L7014; Sheet 6430III, 6429 IV; 1:50,000.

Time zone used throughout the order : HOTEL

1. Situation.

a. Enemy Forces.

(1) Data base issued separately.

(2) ~~WISUM~~ Annex A

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 7 RAR continues ops in AO CATHY and in vicinity DAT DO, HOI MY and LANG PHOUH HAI.

(2) 8 RAR continues ops in AO KIPPER and in vicinity HOA LONG and LONG DIEN.

c. Atts and Dets.

(1) In DS from 260600H May 70

107 Fd Bty
one H13 161
(Indep) Recce Flt

(2) In sp from 260600H May 70

Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt
sect B Sqn 3 Cav Regt
mor sect B Sqn 3 Cav Regt
tp 1 Fd Sqn
elm TFMA
elm No 9 Sqn RAAF as tasked
elm US Army Avn as tasked
(to max 20 sorties)

2. Mission. To destroy the en in AO WICKHAM.

3. Execution.

a. Gen Outline.

(1) Phase 1 (26 May 70).

(a) Air aslt by one coy to secure FSB GIMLET YS 345709.

(b) Insertion of two coys by air and road into allotted AOs.

(2) Phase 2 (27 May 70).

(a) Occupation and development FSB GIMLET.

(b) Insertion of one coy by air into allotted AO.

(3) Phase 3 (28 May - 26 Jun 70). Conduct recce and ambush ops in AO WICKHAM. Complete op and return NUI DAT 26 Jun 70.

b. A Coy.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Under comd from 260700H

One splinter team 1 Tp 1 FdSqn

(b) In sp

FO
MFC

(c) In sp for deployment

elm TFMA

(2) Tasks.

(a) Phase 1. Move by road transport to YS 338612. Deploy on foot to allotted AO.

(b) Phase 2 and 3. Recce and ambush ops in AO.

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c. B Coy.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Under comd from 260800H. One splinter team 1 Tp 1 Fd Sqn
- (b) In sp FO
MFC
- (c) In sp for deployment elm No 9 Sqn RAAF as tasked

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Phase 1. Air aslt YS 348648. Deploy on foot to allotted AO. Recce and ambush ops in AO.
- (b) Phases 2 and 3. Recce and ambush ops in AO.

d. C Coy.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Under comd from 270800H One splinter team 1 Tp 1 Fd Sqn
- (b) In sp FO
MFC
- (c) In sp for deployment elm No 9 Sqn RAAF as tasked.

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Phase 1. Nil.
- (b) Phase 2. Insert by air to FSB ZILLA (YS 313657) on 27 May 70. Deploy on foot to allotted AO.
- (c) Phase 3. Recce and ambush ops in AO.

e. V Coy.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Under comd from 260600H to 280800H. One CET 1 Tp 1 Fd Sqn.
- (b) Under comd wef 280800H May One splinter team 1 Tp 1 Fd Sqn.
- (c) In sp from arrival FSB *One Sect Mor Pl*
GIMLET, 26 May 70 until 280800H sect B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
mor sect B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.
~~One mini team 1 Tp 1 Fd Sqn.~~
- (d) In Sp from arrival FSB GIMLET 27 May 70 one sect mor pl.
- (e) In sp for deployment elm No 9 Sqn RAAF.
- (f) In loc and under comd for local defence from arrival FSB GIMLET FSB recce party :
elms FSB
- (g) Reverting to under comd one CET(-)
1 Tp 1 Fd Sqn wef 280800H

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Phase 1. Air aslt YS 345709. Secure FSB GIMLET by 261200H. Def FSB GIMLET.
- (b) Phase 2. Continue to secure FSB GIMLET and assist in erection of fd defs.
- (c) Phase 3. Commence recce and ambush ops in allotted AO (not before 280800H).

f. W Coy.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Remaining under comd one sect mor pl
one sect aslt pnr pl
one mini team 1 Tp 1 Fd Sqn

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(b) Remaining det to under comd 2 Pl W Coy
HQ 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC) MFC
one sect mov pl
det sig pl(rebroadcast)

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Phase 1. Continue recce and ambush ops in allotted AO.
(AO MAGIC cancelled wef 260600H May).
(b) Phase 2. Secure LZ FSB ZILLA for air insertion C Coy.
(c) Phase 3. Continue recce and ambush ops in allotted AO.

g. Mor Pl.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Remaining under comd W Coy one sect
(b) Remaining under comd 2 Pl W Coy one sect
(c) In DS V Coy wef arrival FSB GIMLET one sect
26 May 70.
(d) In sp and under comd for mov mor sect tp B Sqn
260600H 3 Cav Regt (two AMCs)
(e) FSB GIMLET one sect
(f) Remain NUI DAT one sect

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Phases 1, 2 and 3. Move one sect in mor APCs to FSB GIMLET
26 May. Move one sect by air to FSB GIMLET 27 May. Provide fire sp
within range, as required.

h. Atk Pl. Tasks:

(1) Phase 1. Nil

(2) Phase 2. Move by air to FSB GIMLET. Assist def FSB GIMLET.

(3) Phase 3.

- (a) Estb four 90MM RCL posns for def FSB GIMLET.
(b) Maintain one tracker dog team on 15 mins notice to move in
sp rifle coys.
(c) Def FSB GIMLET.

i. Aslt Pnr Pl.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Remaining under comd W Coy one sect
(b) Remain NUI DAT one sect
(c) FSB GIMLET pl (-)

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Phase 1. NIL.
(b) Phases 2 and 3.
i. Move by air to FSB GIMLET.
ii. Assist def FSB GIMLET.
iii. Prepare and hold three explosive packs, and two chain
saw packs, at NUI DAT for deployment as required.
iv. Be prep for bunker destruction tasks, minor dml tasks
and flame warfare tasks, as required.

j. FSB.

(1) Grouping.

- (a) Comd. 2IC
(b) BnHQ
(c) Atk Pl

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- (d) Aslt Pnr Pl (-)
- (e) Two sects mors (one sect mounted in AMCs)
- (f) Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt
- (g) Sect tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt
- (h) Mor sect tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt
- (i) Br layer, tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt
- (j) ARV, tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt
- (k) 107 Fd Bty
- (l) HQ (-), 1 Tp 1 Fd Sqn.
- (m) Elm TFMA.

(2) Tasks.

- (a) Def and maint FSB.
- (b) Conduct ptls in FSB TAOR.
- (c) Con fire sp in FSB TAOR.
- (d) Assist maint ops in AO WICKHAM.

k. Armd.

(1) Tp A Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

(a) Grouping.

Under comd from 260600H

One mini team 1 Tp 1 Fd Sqn

(b) Tasks.

i. Phase 1. Nil

ii. Phase 2. (27 May) Move to FSB GIMLET. Assist def FSB.

iii. Phase 3 (28 May). Escort sect tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt FSB GIMLET to RV area YS 2963. Escort APCs towing sect 107 Fd Bty to FSB GIMLET.

iv. Phase 3. Op in sp 2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC).

(2) Sect tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt.

(a) Grouping.

i. Under comd from 260600H

One mini team 1 Tp 1 Fd Sqn

ii. Det to in Sp and under comd for mov mor pl 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) from 260600H.

mor sect

Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt (two AMCs)

(b) Tasks.

i. Phase 1. On order, move to FSB GIMLET, escorting one sect mor pl in AMCs.

ii. Phase 2. Assist V Coy def FSB GIMLET.

iii. Phase 3. On order (28 May) move to RV area, YS 2963 and tow three guns 107 Fd Bty to FSB GIMLET. Assist def FSB GIMLET and sp bn ops in AO WICKHAM.

k. 1 Tp 1 Fd Sqn.

(1) Grouping.

(a) Remaining under comd W Coy

one mini team

(b) Det to under comd ea A Coy and B Coy from 260700H

one splinter team

(c) Det to under comd C Coy from 270800H

one splinter team

(d) Det to under comd V Coy from 260600H to 280800H

one CET

(e) Reverting to under comd

one CET less one splinter

~~From~~ From 280800H

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- (f) Det to under comd Tp A Sqn one mini team
1 Armd Regt from 260600H
 - (g) Det to under comd sect one mini team
Tp B Sqn 3 Cav Regt
 - (h) FSB GIMLET tp HQ (-) with plant elms.
 - l. Det 161 (Indep) Recce Flt. Air recce and liaison as required.
 - m. Co-ord Instructions.
 - (1) AOs and Bdrs.
 - (a) AO MAGIC cancelled from 260600H May.
 - (b) AO WICKHAM effective 260600H May.
 - (c) Sub-unit and FSB AOs: Annex B (issued separately as marked maps.
 - (2) Timings
 - (a) Phase 1.
 - i. A Coy. Depart NUI DAT 260830H. ²⁶⁰⁸⁰⁴
 - ii. V Coy. H hr 260930 H.
 - iii. B Coy. K hr 261132H.
 - iv. Air and road movement tables issued separately.
 - (b) Phase 2.
 - i. FSB (-). KANGAROO to FSB GIMLET 270800H.
 - ii. C Coy. H hr, to be advised.
 - iii. Air movement tables issued separately.
 - (3) Fire Plan.
 - (a) Phase 1.
 - i. LZ preparation FSB GIMLET Air 260800 to 260855 H
Arty 260855 to 260925 H
LFT 260925 to 260930 H
 - ii. LZ preparation YS348648. Air. 261000H to 261055H
Arty. 261055H to 261125H
LFT. 261125H to 261130H.
 - (b) Phase 2. Nil.
 - (4) Pri of Works FSB GIMLET.
 - (1) Bty CP
 - (2) Bn CP
 - (3) FSB CP
 - (4) Wpn pits and Latrines
 - (5) Bunds
 - (5) Air.
 - (a) RAAF. As tasked. Air movement tables issued separately.
 - (b) US Army Avn (CH 47). As tasked. Air movement table issued separately.
4. Admin and Log.
- a. General. Maint from Nui Dat to Coys and FSB by air.
 - b. Ammo.
 - (1) Normal first line to be carried.
 - (2) First line for one coy to be held in res at FSB GIMLET from 271110hrs.
 - (3) Mor Ammo.
 - (a) First line to be carried on AMC Sect.

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- (b) 540 rds to be delivered to FSB GIMLET 27 May 70.
- (c) Maint 200 rds per tube.

c. Rations.

- (1) Three days to be carried.
- (2) Three days reserve for one coy to be held at FSB GIMLET from 271110 hrs.
- (3) Daily Hash and Trash to FSB GIMLET wef evening 28 May 70.
- (4) Fresh meals to rifle coys on demand.

d. Water.

- (1) Equivalent of four water bottles to be carried.
- (2) Minimum of 50 jerrycans to be held at FSB GIMLET.
- (3) TFMA providing 2000 gal bladder, pump and operator at FSB GIMLET with daily resup from 28 May 70.

e. POL. TFMA opening PP in FSB GIMLET on 28 May 70 for
DEISO
MOGAS

f. Tpt.

- (1) $\frac{3}{4}$ ton and tlr of 107 Bty to be delivered to FSB GIMLET on 27 May 70 for use by FSB.
- (2) TCVs provided by TFMA, two TCVs and two gun jeeps from Tpt P1 from 260750 for move of A Coy.
- (3) 6 TCVs provided by 8 RAR from 260845 for move of V Coy, FSB Adv Party and B Coy to KANGAROO. B Coy to release tpt on completion of move.

g. Movement.

- (1) UH PZ KANGAROO.
- (2) All timings to be confirmed on issue of TRANSOPLAN.
- (3) A Coy. By road to GR 338612.
- (4) B Coy.
 - (a) By TCV to KANGAROO.
 - (b) By IROQUOIS to GR 348648.
- (5) C Coy.
 - (a) By 2 RAR/NZ tpt to KANGAROO.
 - (b) By IROQUOIS to FSB ZILLA.
- (6) V Coy.
 - (a) By TCV to KANGAROO.
 - (b) By IROQUOIS to FSB GIMLET.
- (7) FSB Adv Party.
 - (a) By TCV to KANGAROO.
 - (b) By IROQUOIS to FSB GIMLET.
- (8) FSB Main Body.
 - (a) By TCV to KANGAROO.
 - (b) By IROQUOIS to FSB GIMLET.

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h. Defence Stores. To be distr:

	CP Gp	Atk	Pnrs	Mors	107 Bty
Dannert		20	20	20	20
Barbed		30	30	30	30
Picquet 8 ft		100	100	100	100
Picquet 32 in		100	100	100	100
Sandbags	3000	2000	2000	4000	9000

ARMCO } To be advised
PSP }

i. Special Eqpt. Operational packs held Aslt Pnr Store.

j. Clothing. Flak jackets and steel helmets to be carried by all pers entering the FSB.

k. Medical. SOP

5. Comd and Sig

a. Comd.

(1) FSB. 2IC (initially).

b. Locs. BnHQ remains NUI DAT 26 May. Opens FSB GIMLET, closes NUI DAT 27 May at time to be advised.

c. Nicknames. Annex C (to be issued).

d. Codes.

(1) KAU PJ 373 (Ops Code). effective to 312400H May.

(2) KAC QK 615 (Numeral Code). effective to 302400H Jun. Recommences at Day 1 issue at 010000H Jun 70.

(3) Ops Codes KAC PJ 373 are to be returned to Signal Platoon FSB GIMLET ASP after 1 Jun 70.

e. Radio.

(1) An automatic retransmission site will be established at YS 267 574 on Long Son Island wef 260600H May. The site will also have facilities for manuel relay. Frequencies are as follows:

(a) ϕ A to c/s 97 (rebroadcast) - 67.10 MHZ

(b) c/s 97 to sub units - 33.85 MHZ

(2) Radio Nets, SOP. Any station smaller than platoon to be given the platoon call sign and suffixed with 'A', 'B' etc.

f. SOI. A new SOI for period from 1 Jun will be issued by 31 May 70.

Ack instrs: ACK (by telephone to ERUDITE CP).

Lt Col
CO

Authentication:

APDrew

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Annexes: A. INTSUM

B. AOs and Bdrys (issued separately as marked maps).

C. Nicknames (to be issued)

Distribution: See Distribution List

DISTRIBUTION LIST

	<u>Copy No</u> (incl Annexes A and C)	<u>Annex B</u>
A Coy	1	1
B Coy	2	2
C Coy	3	3
V Coy	4	4
W Coy	5	5
Sp Coy	6	6
Admin Coy	7	7
Sig Pl	8	8
Mor Pl	9	9
Atk Pl	10	10
Aslt Pnr Pl	11	11
A Sqn 1 Armd Regt	12	12
B Sqn 3 Cav Regt	13	13
1 Fd Sqn	14	14
107 Fd Bty	15	15
161 (Indep) Recce Flt	16	16
TFMA	17	17
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USAF ALO HQ 1 ATF	19	19
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ANNEX-A TO
2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn
C904/70
Dated 24 May 70

INTELLIGENCE

General.

1. Enemy in AO CAPRICORN consist of four fighting units supported by a well established resupply systems from villages on Routes 2 and Route 15. In addition, most hamlets along the routes have guerilla elements which operate independently and, on occasions, in conjunction with the LF units.

Main Units.

2. Identification of the main units in the area are:

- a) C41 CHAU DUC LF Coy. Known to have elements in the area of NUI DINH (YS3365). It is considered that the coy is based in caves in this area and use mines extensively for defence. Main routes out to the NORTH. Strength not more than 40.
- b) D67 NVA Engr Bn. C2 Coy of this unit is deployed in NUI TOC TIEN (YS3070). Its main task is mine laying to the SOUTH and WEST along Route 15. No contact has been made recently but strength would not exceed 50.
- c) CHAU DUC DISTRICT HQ. Deployed in the area of SUOI CHAU PHA (YS3669). It has constant movement between itself and C41 Coy. Movement ranges NORTH to SONG XOAI (YS3775) for water.
- d) D440 LF Bn. Only one of the three main bases of this unit is in the AO. This is K Base (centre of mass YS3975). At present the HQ has only two rifle coys with it. These are C5 and C9. Movement would be NORTH out of the AO to TRE Base (YS4285) or EAST out of the AO to the BINH BA rubber (YS4374). Total strength does not exceed 100.

Resupply Elements.

3. Resupply is accomplished by armed groups of eight to ten men from the main units moving into the surrounding villages, armed guerilla groups of four or five moving from the villages to the units, unarmed porters moving between the villages and the units, sometimes up to 20 strong and single unarmed couriers. The main locations of resupply are:

- a) HOA LONG village (YS4264)
- b) PHUOC HOA village (YS2862)
- c) THAI THIEN hamlet (YS2279)
- d) PHU MY hamlet (YS2574).

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Guerilla Forces.

4. Most guerilla forces operate only in the immediate vicinity of their own village or hamlet. The only time it is expected they could be found in the AO is when employed on resupply tasks. All villages around the AO are suspect. The ones considered to be the most active and who could be hiding elements of VUNG TAU SPECIAL PL and BARIA forces are:

- a) AP LONG CAT (YS2961)
- b) LANG PHUOC HOA (YS2862)



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~~Sector Defence CP~~ C10
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ANNEX C TO
2 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)Bn
Op O 4/70
DATED 24 MAY 70

NICKNAMES

Nickname	Meaning	Issued By
(a)	(b)	(c)
<u>Phase 1</u>		
GUILTY SIR	Departed NUI DAT	A Coy
STORMY SEA	Debussed at YS 338612	A Coy
IRON GANG	LZ YS 345709 secure	V Coy
SURELY GAY	Coy complete at LZ	V Coy
GALLOWS TREE	LZ YS 348648 secure	B Coy
CHANCE MISCHIEF	Coy complete at LZ	B Coy
POACHERS POCKET	FSB NOLA site secure	V Coy
<u>Phase 2</u>		
PIRATE SHIP	Coy complete at FSB ZILLA	C Coy
GALLEY SLAVE	FSB NOLA established	2 RAR/NZ

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