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CONTACT/INCIDENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Op NAPIER
2. 14429 Sgt AC McLEAN
3. Pnr Pl Sp Coy 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)Bn
4. 1525, 15 minutes 25 Jan 70, YS452883.
5. Cordon and Search of village.
6. Contact front
7. Fwd scout.
8. Cordon was in place at approx 1500. The forward scout of 1 Sect heard movement in the creek. On investigating made contact with 3 VC. One was seen to withdraw East. I dispatched 5 men of 3 Sect to follow up. One VC broke from the creek moving NW. Two warning shots were fired over enemy's head, and the VC was called on to halt. VC failed to do so and was killed. A follow up action failed to produce further results and no sign was found of third VC.
9. a. 3
b. Unknown
c. (1) Nil
(2) 1
(3) Nil
(a) Nil
(b) Nil
d. (1) Nil
(2) Buried
(3) Nil
e. Quantity of civilian clothing, 2 cups canteen, 10lb rice 2 pair black pyjamas, quantity of tablets (type unknown)
f. Nil
g. Nil
h. Black pyjamas
i. VC scattered and ran. No organised resistance and no obvious planned withdrawal.
10. a. Nil
b. Nil
11. The forward scout informed the sect comd that he was going to move but gave no reason. A stronger force may have produced a better result. Accurate information must be passed up to comd level.

Company Commanders Comments.

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1. Op NAPIER
2. 14429 Sgt A.C. McLEAN
3. Pnr Li Sp Coy 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)Bn
4. 1045, 3 minutes, 25 Jan 70, YS450 890
5. Clear and protect LP.
6. Contact from
7. Sect Gunner.
8. Gun Gp were deployed on the high ground to cover the remainder of the sect while they cleared the LP. While moving into position the gunner trod on a VC lying in a depression and covered by grass. He threw himself to one side firing on and killing the VC. I then deployed 2 Sect who were commencing a sweep to the NE in to the area of the contact but they failed to find any more VC or weapons.
9. a. 1
b. NVA
c. (1) Nil
 (2) 1
 (3) Nil
d. Buried.
e. 4 lb tobacco, 4 lb noodles, 1 torch (Aust), 1 bottle insect repellent, 1 water bottle, 3 penecillan tablets, documents.
- f. Nil
g. Nil
h. Civil
i. NTR
10. a. Nil
b. Nil
11. When patrolling a search must be made of any cover that could possibly be used to hide a VC. Search must be slow and thorough. Individual reactions must be fast and sure. Fitness, training and control should instill this in each member

Company Commanders Comments,

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1. Op NAPIER
2. 14429 Sgt A.C. McLEAN
3. Pnr Pl Sp Coy 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)Bn.
4. 0930, 5 minutes, 25 Jan 70, YS456893.
5. Patrol and destroy enemy located along the ridge running NE - SW.
6. Contact fcont.
7. Sect Comd
8. Ptl had completed a search of the NW side of the ridge and was crossing over the ridge to search the SE side when the enemy were seen to be approaching from the East. The Sect Comd indicated the enemy. The Ptl Comd quickly swung the pl into extended line and put in a quick attack with machine guns on either flank. Enemy returned fire with AK47's and tried to withdraw East. They were confused and disorganised by the quickness of the attack which swept through the area. The reorg was carried out on the objective. One enemy was seen to withdraw to the East and he had returned fire but was seen to fall when fire on. I then moved forward with a small party to organise the search of the area and the dust off of the wounded VC.
9. a. 4
b. NVA
c. (1) 2
 (2) 1
 (3) (a) 1
 (b) Nil
d. (1) Hel evac 251020
e. 30 lb noodles, 1 pair scissors, 8 lb tobacco, 1 small basic pouch, 2 AK47 mags, 1 AK47, 2lb chilis, 1 bottle oil, a bag of bean seed (5lb) 5 lb rice 1 light blue shirt, a grey trousers, a pair brown shirts, qty documents, 78 rounds AK47 short 7.62, 7.62 Chicom Pistol.
f. 1 AK47, 1 Chicom pistol.
g. AK 47, pistol.
h. Mixed civilian and military clothing.
 1. One VC returned fire and attempted to withdraw. Their fire was inaccurate and there appeared to be no* control in their actions.
10. a. Nil
b. Nil
11. Quick and accurate assessment of the situation and an immediate reaction and good control threw the enemy out of gear. They tried to run and fire at the same time. The result was that they did neither successfully.

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1. Op NAPIER
2. 14429 Sgt A.C. McLEAN
3. Plr Pl Sp Coy 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)Bn
4. 0745, 1 minute, 26 Jan 70
5. Clearing Patrol.
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7. 1 Sect 2IC
8. 1 Sect wqs inspected to clear the heavily timbered creek line to our front to investigate noises heard during the night. Whilst moving between the rubber and the creek line 1 Sect 2IC saw unnatural movement of a banana tree and then saw enemy. He fired 2 shots, and then another VC was KIA.
9. a. 2
b. Unknown
c. (1) Nil
(2) 1
(3) Nil
(3) Nil
d. (1) Nil
(2) Buried
(3) Nil
e. Nil
f. 1xSKS
g. 1xSKS
h. Civilian
i. VC was stationary when seen
10. a. Nil
b. Nil
11. Very little could be learned from this contact, except not to become over confident because of simple contact.

Company Commanders comments.

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1. Op NAPIER.
2. 14429 Sgt A.C. McLEAN
3. Pnr Pl Sp Coy 6 RAR/NZ(ANZAC)Bn
4. 1055, 10 seconds, 24 Jan 70, YS 453892.
5. Search the villages and interview the locals and patrol the area adjacent to the river.
6. Lunch time harbour, 1 VC walked into the sentry.
7. Sentry.
8. VC was first sighted by the sentry. Enemy saw the sentry at just about the same time the sentry engaged. The Gun group from 1 sect moved to the sentry's right flank. VC withdrew south. A sweep was conducted by myself with 1 sect. Sign was found which showed that the VC had withdrawn into a small village about 300 metres to the South. During the search an OP was found. At this position we found two sandbags containing: 3 Conicle containers, 1 shirt(green) 1 trousers(civvy), 1 water bottle, 4 pkts cigarettes, 2lb tobacco, 1 pr green PT shirts(Aust) 55 1b rice, a pkt Marmee, 3 1b cooked fish, 3 1b cooked rice, 2 lb salt, 1 large spoon, 1 cooking pot, 6lb bamboo shoots. After gathering the above items we continued the follow up and after questioning an old man in the village who told us that a wounded VC had approached him a few minutes after the contact and then had moved into a large bamboo thicket to the North West. A Search of the areas led to the capture of two VC, one of whom had been wounded about 11 days prior by C/S 33 at 429868, but failed to reveal any sign of the VC contacted by C/S 62.
9. a. 1
b. Unknown
c. (1) 1 WIA
(2) Nil
(3)(a) 1
(b) 1
d. (1) Hel evac 241700H
(2) Nil
(3) Nil
e. No docs were recovered and the above food and kit were destroyed.
f. Nil
g. Unknown
h. Blue shirts and black trousers.
i. Enemy seemed to break contact and go into hiding as quickly as possible and would not make contact until discovery was certain.

10. a. Nil
- b. Nil
11. The use of M18A1 mines even on short breaks should be considered. VC had used this area for a long time and yet there were no beaten tracks and the foliage had not been disturbed. The absence of sign does not necessarily mean the absence of VC.

Coy Commanders Comments.

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