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FOR MIB. PROGRESS REPORT 1-31 OCT

ONE. SETROON.

ALPHA. POSNS. 1X24 HRS, 2X16 1/2 HRS, 4X9 3/4 HRS, 1X 9 HRS

BRAVO. WATCH HRS. TASK OPS. 53 1/2 HRS PER MAN PER WEEK.

DEV OPS. 51 HRS PER MAN PER WEEK.

TWO. TASKING.

ALPHA. PRIORITY/TASK.

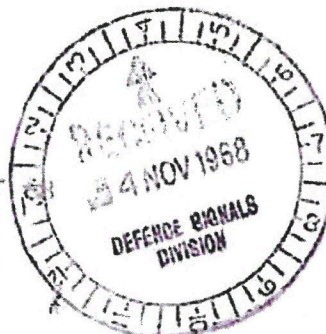
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13. VCMB 00843

14. VCMB Y9027

15. VCMB J0021

16. VCMB J0743

17. VCMB J0772

18. VCMB J0459

19. VCMB Y9066

20. VCMB J0820

21. VCMB Y9064

22. VCMB Y9046

BRAVO. DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

VCMB Y9060

VCMB Y9061

VCMB Y9065

CHARLIE. SEARCH BANDS.

NO CHANGE FROM SEP REPORT

THREE. ARDF.

ALPHA. TOTAL FIXES 141

BRAVO. GRADINGS, 19 GOOD 98 FAIR 4 POOR 20 CUTS.

CHARLIE. FLYING HOURS. 130.55 AND 3.10 TRG.

DELTA. OTHER RELEVANT DETAILS CONTAINED IN CONSOLIDATED HARD

COPY REPORT AS REQUESTED IN DSD SIG 132242Z OCT. COPIES WILL BE SENT TO HIB, DSD.

ECHO. YOU MAY BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT CESSNAS ARE TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM THEATRE AND REPLACED BY SIOUX HELICOPTERS UNTIL PILATUS PORTERS ENTER THEATRE APPROX MARCH 1969. I HAVE IMPRESSED UPON CONDR AFV AND CMD 1ATF (AND OBTAINED THEIR SUPPORT) FOR THE RETENTION OF 2 CESSNAS UNTIL PORTERS ARRIVE. THIS WILL BE SUBJECT OF LATER SIG WHEN MORE DETAILS

AVAIL, BUT MATTER RAISED AS A WNG ORDER FOR 2 POINTS. ONE, CONTRACT ENGINEERED MODELS SHOULD BE HASTENED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE AND TWO, EQPTS SHOULD BE CALIBRATED IN PORTERS IN AUST UNDER WRE SUPERVISION. FROM BITTER EXPERIENCE WITH TRIALS IN USG, THERE ARE TOO MANY PROBLEMS INVOLVED WITH CALIBRATING EQPT/AIRCRAFT IN THIS THEATRE, AND WITH THE LARGER WING SPAN OF PORTER, WOULD EXPECT SOME DIFFICULTY NEAR THE HIGH FREQUENCIES, REQUIRING SCIENTIFIC GUIDANCE. ONE POINT MUST STRESS NOW.

INSTALLATION OF ARDF EQPT IN AIRFRAME WILL MINIMISE CALIBRATION DIFFICULTIES IF ANTENNA SHAFT SITUATED ON THE EXACT CENTRE AXIS OF

POSSIBLE. IF WE ARE GOING TO CUT A HOLE IN THE AIRCRAFT, LET IT BE WHERE IT IS TO OUR BENEFIT. COMPLETE EXPLANATION WILL FOLLOW IN HARD COPY REPORT OF U-8D TRIALS.

FOUR, SHORT CELL.

ALPHA, DUNCAN ARRIVED 29 OCT

BRAVO, SITE, NO RAIN FOR 2 WEEKS NOW AND HOPE TO BE OPERATIONAL BY 22 NOV ((APPROX))

FIVE, MISCELLANEOUS OPS.

ALPHA, 240/110V TRANSFORMER WIRED INTO MAINS CIRCUIT. 22.5 KVA GENE INSTALLED ON CONCRETE STANDING AND SHED CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION. WILL BE WIRED INTO MAIN BOARD AND THUS WILL HAVE 240/110 V CAPABLE TO POWER MAINS. EXPECT COMPLETION IN APPROX 1 WEEK.

BRAVO, IN THE LAST FORTNIGHT, TREMENDOUS DEPTH OF EXPLOITABLE TFC FROM 274 REGT HAS ENABLED COMD 1ATF TO BRING CONTINUOUS PRESSURE TO BEAR ON

THEM, NEEDLESS TO SAY HE IS DELIGHTED WITH THE END PRODUCT AND HAS PAID ONE INFORMAL VISIT TO SOLDIERS CLUB TO PERSONALLY THANK THEM.

SIX, VISITORS.

4 OCT. MR LOCKMAN, SGT EDWARDS, 175 MI CO.

22 OCT. GEN SIR JOHN WILTON, MAJ GEN McDONALD, BRIG PIERSON AND

STOURAGE, DAILY. MAJ PAYNE USN 11 NOV

SEVEN, OP EXCHANGE WITH USN (20 8-15 OCT LPL CLARK, SP5 McLELLAN

15-22 OCT CPL HERB. SP5 McLELLAN, 22-23 OCT LPL STONE, SP5 CLARK.

27 OCT - 5 NOV CPL BAILEY, SP5 McLELLAN

EIGHT. VISITS/DETS

20/21 OCT. MAJ HART TO 509 GP, NRV (C),

146 AVN CO. DISCUSS ARDF TRIALS.

23 OCT. MAJ HART/SGT DUNN TO NRV (C) TO DISCUSS ARDF TRIALS.

NINE. MOVTS DURING MONTH

ALPHA. R @ R.

CAPT ZAGON 20 - 29 OCT (AUST)

CPL HUNTER 9 - 17 OCT (AUST)

CPL MADDEN 27 OCT - NOV (AUST)

LCPL MIDDLETON 13 - 19 OCT (SINGAPORE)

BRAVO. R @ C.

SIG PEARTON AND PRITCHARD 3 - 8 OCT.

TEN. ADMIN.

ALPHA. MED.

BRAVO. DISCIPLINE. FOLLOWING PERS CHARGED WITH FOLLOWING OFFENCES.

1. AWOL 1 DAY
2. OUT OF BILLETTS WHILST ONNR @ C
3. IN AN OUT OF BOUNDS AREA.

FIELD PUNISHMENT.

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