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FOR M18. PROGRESS REPORT 1 - 31 DEC 68.

ONE. SET ROOM.

ALPHA. POSNS. 1 X 24 HRS. 2 X 16 1/2 HRS, 4 X 9 3/4 HRS 4 X 9 HRS.

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

529. TASKING. DEV OPS 51 HRS/MAN/WEEK

ALPHA. PRIORITY/TASK

1. VCMB 05437
2. VCMB 03679
2. VCMB N4737S
4. (A) VCMB 03694 (E) VCMB N4642
5. VCMB J0663 J0879 J0881
6. VCMB J0901
7. VCMB Y9055
8. VCMB 05429
9. VCMB 00839
10. VCMB 00831
11. VCMB J0913

12. VCMB J0772 13. VCMB Y9070
 14. VCMB 00637 15. VCMB 00843
 16. VCMB J0621 17. VCMB J0820
 18. VCMB J0919 19. VCMB Y9073
 22. VCMB Y9074

BRAVO. DEV GROUPS

VCMB J0174 VCMB 07050
 VCMB 00700 VCMB 00835
 VCMB J0253 VCMB J0246
 VCMB J0420 VCMB J1007
 VCMB J0720

CHARLIE. SEARCH BANDS

NO CHANGE FROM NOV REPORT

THREE. ARDF.

ALPHA. TOTAL FIXES 165

BRAVO. GRADINGS. 24 GOOD 121 FAIR C. POOR 14 CUTS

CHARLIE. FLYING HOURS 144.10 TRG 3.30

DELTA. OVERALL RESULTS FOR YEAR AS FOLLOWS 1347.15 HRS FLYING TIME.

1451 FIXES GRADED 193 GOOD 835 FAIR 85 POOR 239 CUTS PLUS 99 FIXED

UNGRADED (IN MONTH OF MARCH)

ECHO. MONTHLY REPORT PLUS YEARLY WRAP-UP RESULTS WILL BE FWD BY BAG.

FOXTROT. YOUR SIG RE FLYING PAY WONDERFUL NEWS. IS IT LIKELY TO BE

PAYMENT IN RETROSPECT. QUERY.

FOUR. SHORT CELL.

ALPHA. EQPT. HAVE HAD SOME PROBLEMS WITH EQPT FAULTS VIZ OLIVETTI DID A TANTRUM BUT NOW REPAIRED, IONOSONDE CURRENTLY UNDER REPAIR. HAVE ALSO HAD SOME PROBS WITH THE TWIN CHANNEL RACAL DUE TO NECESSITY OF HAVING T₀ CUT OFF OWN POWER DURING NIGHT. AM CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING TO BRING ENGRS MAINS APPROX 100 YARDS FROM MOVEMENTS BUILDING AT LUSCOMBE IN ORDER TO KEEP RACAL ON ALL NIGHT, WHICH WILL HOPEFULLY KEEP IT STABLE.

BRAVO. CHECK BEARING PROGRAMME. HAD A GREAT DEAL OF TROUBLE (AND SURPRISINGLY. OPPOSITION) FROM ALLIED SOURCES IN OBTAINING PARAMETERS OF US HF STAS IN COUNTRY FOR CHECK BEARING PROGRAMME. WENT TO 509 GP ON SATURDAY AND HAD A GREAT WHINGE THAT WE WERE BEING OBSTRUCTED FOR REASONS UNKNOWN. NEXT DAY THE PARAMETERS STARTED POURING IN, SO SHOULD BE ABLE TO COMMENCE IN EARNEST PROGRAMME AS SOON AS SONDE IN BACK UP ON AIR.

CHARLIE. TRG. HAWKES AND BRIDGES CURRENTLY UNDER TRG. WILL START WALSH OFF WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS.

DELTA. AFV HAS REQUESTED AHQ TO EXTEND JOHN DUNCAN BY ONE MONTH. ALSO HAVE TAKEN OUT REAL ESTATE OPTION ON 2 GOOD SITES FOR THE NEW SONDE WHEN IT ARRIVES. ONE (IF CHOSEN) MAY REQUIRE EXTN OF PERIMETER FENCE BUT HAVE HAD NO VIOLENT REJECTION OF THIS PROPOSAL.

FIVE. MISCELLANEOUS OPS.

ALPHA. CURRENTLY WORKING A VHF WXKY-8 SPEECH SECURE VOICE CIRCUIT TO G2 (INT) AT TF FWD. THIS HAS BEEN IN FOR ABOUT 3 WEEKS AND HAS PROVED BOTH SUCCESSFUL AND TIMELY. COMDR 1 ATF HAS ASSURED ME THAT HE HAS PRESSED FOR AN ACV EXCLUSIVE FOR G2(INT) USE WHICH WILL BE INSTALLED WITH ON-LINE TELEPRINTER SECURE CIRCUIT WHEN TF DEPLOYED FWD.

BRAVO. POWER. FINAL WIRING COMPLETED AND NOW EXCLUSIVELY ON ENGR MAINS FOR ALL POWER WITH 22.5 KVA BACK-UP. 2 X 10 KVAS BEING PREPARED FOR RETURN TO AUST.

CHARLIE. TECH MAINT. UNDERSTAND FROM MECHS THAT CERTAIN POWER TOOLS
WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN
OBTAINING (FOR TRANSFER) THE FOLLOWING ITEMS.

1 X ELECTRIC DRILL (1/4 IN CHUCK SIZE)

1 X ELECTRIC DRILL (5/8 IN CHUCK SIZE)

1 X ELECTRIC GRINDER

1 X SET OF DRILLS FOR LARGE DRILL (I.E IN EXCESS OF 1/4 IN DRILLS)

ABOVE ITEMS WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IN OUR MAINT SHOP.

SIX. VISITORS.

8 DEC. COL WHITELAW DEP. INSPECT HIGH DIVINE AND SHORT CELL.

9 DEC. GP CAPT J.A. WEDDELL. JOINT SERVICES COMMS COMMITTEE.

10 DEC. MR QUERENSBURY. MR JENKINS. MR SELBY ALL MRV(C).

VISIT AND DISCUSS SHORT CELL

11 DEC. MAJ R. COLEBATCH. GSO2(INT) HQ AFV MR C. LUCKMAN

12 DEC. COL BALDWIN. C OF S HQ AFV

18 DEC. LT GEN DALY CGS AND ENTOURAGE.

25 DEC. FATHER XMAS. WAS ENGAGED WITH EMPTY BEER CANS AND XMAS CARDS AND

MADE OFF TO THE NORTH PROPELLED BY REINDEER. NIL FRIENDLY CAS, EN CAS
UNKNOWN.

DAILY. MAJ PAYNE. SSO II FFV.

SEVEN. OPR EXCHANGE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DUE SHORTAGE OF
EXPERIENCED OPS.

EIGHT. VISITS/DETS.

7-8 DEC MAJ HART. 146 AVN CO/HQ AFV

28-29 DEC MAJ HART/CAPT DUNCAN. 146 AVN CO/509 RR GP.

NINE. MOVEMENTS DURING MONTH.

ALPHA. R @ R (ALL TO AUST)

26 NOV - 3 DEC CPL PRIEBBENOW

3 - 13 DEC CPL KINDER

7 - 15 DEC CPL WILLIAMS

23 - 28 DEC LCPL PATERSON

BRAVO. R @ C.

17-23 DEC SGT H. HUNTER

17-19 DEC CPL BAILEY

CHARLIE. MARCH IN/OUT.

FURTHER TO MY SIGS 564. CPL J.A. MURRAY M/O 10 DEC 68.

REGRET PREVIOUS OMISSION.

TEN. ADMIN.

ALPHA. MED.

BRAVO. PROMOTIONS. CPL H. HUNTER PROMOTED T/SGT 17 DEC

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