

DIST:- AD(C) AD(D) DP QAR

GR810 LAB927

31	9	118	116
----	---	-----	-----

RR

RR

DE 007 0010032

R 010547Z

FM AUM352

TO ARMY CANBERRA (M18)

INFO

DSD

ZEM



~~SECRET~~ SPOKE SIGS 001

OP REPORT 1-31 DEC 69.

ONE. EFFECTIVE 17DEC 69 THE TP HAS OPERATED 4- / 17 HOUR POSITIONS AND
4 X 10 HR POSITIONS

INSTEAD OF 1 X 24 HR CMM 2 X 16 1/2 HR CMM 2 X 9 1/2 HR CMM 3 X 10 HR.
THIS GIVES AN INCREASE OF 2 HOURS COVER PER DAY BUT NO POSITIONS ARE
OPERATING BETWEEN 2400 HRS AND 0700 HRS.

THIS CHANGE WAS MADE TO FIT IN WITH

OPERATOR MANNING CMM AND THE SPECIAL EMPHASIS BEING PLACED ON
DEVELOPING POLITICAL STATIONS IN OUR AO

TWO. COMPLETE COVER LIST EFFECTIVE 312400Z DEC IS AS FOLLOWS CLN

A. PRIORITY COVER

1. VCMB 05437 7. VCMB 05442 13. VCMB 00667 19. VCMB 00035
2. VCMB 00831 8. VCMB J0772 14. VCMB 05445 20. VCMB 00843
3. VCMB 05447 9. VCMB J1917 15. VCMB 05450 21. VCMB 00679
4. VCMB 05443 10. VCMB 05448 16. VCMB J1816 22. VCMB 00694
5. VCMB 05423 11. VCMB 05449 17. VCMB Y9084 23. VCMB N4847
6. VCMB 05451 12. VCMB 00709 18. VCMB Y9083

B. DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

1. VCMB J2062 4. VCXB J6975
2. VCMB J2058 5. VCXB J6261
3. VCMB J0637 6. VCXB J7081

C. SUPPLEMENTARY COVER.

1. VCOB 05409
2. VCOB 05410
3. VCOB 05411
4. VCOB J0496

D. FOLLOWING SKEDS/NOTATION NOT COVERED NOW

- 1600Z VCMB 05442
1700Z VCMB 00835
1930Z VCMB 00831
2200Z VCMB 05427

THREE. ARDF RESULTS. TOTAL NIXES 58.

A. GRADINGS, THIRTEEN GOOD CMM THIRTY THREE

FAIR CMM TWO POOR CMM TEN CUTS.

B. FLYING TIME. TOTAL 141.35 (INCL 1.35HRS TRGGL

(1) SGT HARTLEY 62.15/508.45 TOTAL

(2) LCPL WHITNEY 68.00/96.5

(3) SIG PAYNE 9.45/372.35

(4) SIG POTTER 1.35/1.35

C. TWO MISSIONS ABORTED BY WEATHER CMM FOUR

ABORTED AND TWO REDUCED DUE ARDF MALFUNCTION/

SERVICE CMM THREE ABORTED AND FOUR REDUCED

DUE AIRCRAFT MALFUNCTION/SERVICE

FOUR. ANNUAL ARDF SUMMARY. TOTAL FIXES 1149

A. GRADINGS, 173 GOOD CMM 742 FAIR CMM 70 POOR CMM 164 CUT.

B. FLYING TIME. TOTAL TIME 1644 HOURS (INCLUDES

ALL TRAINING TIME)

C. 13 MISSIONS ABORTED 55 REDUCED DUE WEATHER CMM

36 MISSIONS ABORTED 25 REDUCED DUE ARDF FAULT CMM

21 MISSIONS ABORTED 9 REDUCED DUE AC FAULT CMM

TOTAL OF 70 MISSIONS ABORTED AND 89 REDUCED.

FIVE. SSL.

A. SIX TARGETS PROVIDED FOR PERIOD

20DEC-13 JAN CMM BUT ARE NOT PROVING VERY

EFFECTIVE CMM AS THEY NEVER COME UP. THE FEW

PLOTS OBTAINED ON THE LONGER RANGE TARGETS (

WITH SONDE PARTIALLY U/S) ARE MOST INTERESTING

CMM PARTICULARLY THE PLOT ON CAM RAHN BAY (267.7KM)

WHERE SIX RESULTS HAVE FALLEN WITHIN 10KM ON

TARGET USING TILT METHOD.

B. IONOSONDE RECEIVER REPAIRED ON 29 DEC AND

SYSTEM BACK TO FULL EFFECTIVENESS. IN PRODUCTIVITY TEST

YESTERDAY CMM SYSTEM WAS OFFERED ⁵⁰ GTW TGTS AND FIXED 32.

C. DEFOLIATION TEAM HAS COMPLETED WORK ON CLEARING AREA

FOR NEW SONDE AND ASSOCIATED EQPT CMM EXPECT TO BE

ABLE TO BURN OFF IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS

D. HAVE DISCUSSED NEW SONDE WITH COMD AND HE SUPPORTS ITS

INSTALLATION BUT WOULD LIKE A SIG TO AFV STATING

THE REQUIREMENTS.

E. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES CMM ARE THERE ANY FIRM

MOVEMENTS DETAILS AVAILABLE YET FOR SONDE EQPT.

F. WILL BE SUBMITTING REQUEST FOR LOAN OF 10KVA GENE BUT WILL

HAVE TO RAISE RVE TO SUPPORT RETENTION OF THIS
GENE PLUS ONE ALREADY
HELD WHICH HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING LOAN ITEM
SINCE 10 JUN 69.

116B
Declassified by ASD - 30/3/2021
Information removed for national
security and/or personal sensitivities

SIX

A. [REDACTED]

B. [REDACTED]

C. [REDACTED]

D. [REDACTED]

SEVEN. VISITORS. DLO AND CW J. MCCANN 175 RR COY (9 DEC 69) CMM
AFV CAPT JSULC (11 DEC 69) CMM MAJ D. R. BOYCE CPT L.
R. NIBERTCP J., WE SFGS. QUICKEL SSG R. E. RAYNER
SPS B. C. FINCH ALL OF [REDACTED]
(12 DEC) CMM MR D. NEUKAM NRV(C) CAPT E. HENRY CTRU (20 DEC) CMM
CSO AFV (23 DEC) CMM DLO (27 DEC) CMM MR D. DIETZ NRV
LT T. MCDERMOT NRV (9 DEC 69)

EIGHT. VISITS. CAPT B. P. DOYLE [REDACTED]

ARDF CONF (21-24 DEC).

NINE. OP EXCHANGE

- A. SIG A. LUCK/SPS S. FENSLER 3-8 DEC
- B. SIG M. GUILLOT/SP4 RGM HIXSON 9-16 DEC
- C. EXCHANGE RECOMMENCES 15 JAN

810