

Operation OVERLORD

5 June 1971-14 June 1971

Battalion Headquarters deployed into Fire Support Base Trish with a section of 104 Field Battery on 5 June. The companies were re-deployed into a cordon and blocking position with A Squadron, 3 Cavalry Regiment to our west, generally along the line of the Suoi Ran in Area of Operation Juno with 2/8 Battalion 3 Cavalry Brigade (US) on our north eastern flank in Area of Operation Omaha and 3 RAR driving against these blocking positions from the north west in Area of Operation Gold.

On 6 and 7 June, 2/8 Battalion and 3 RAR with C Squadron, 1 Armoured Regiment were involved in a series of clashes with elements from 3 Battalion, 33 North Vietnamese Army Regiment driven from their base/training camps in the Suoi Nhap. A further base/training camp of D445 Local Force Battalion was located by 3 RAR near the Suoi Nhap as they continued to push into the cordon. Eventually, 4 RAR/NZ and 2/8 Battalion were ordered to close their blocking positions and link up an open cordon along the Suoi Nhap and the Suoi Loc.

Small groups of enemy were attempting to penetrate the cordon and the unit suffered its first casualty (when a soldier from C Company Headquarters was wounded in a clash with a group of enemy seeking to escape). Further clashes were reported by the companies whilst they maintained patrols between the blocking forces. Even Fire Support Base Trish had movement contacted on its perimeter.

B Company and the Assault Pioneers were re-deployed as a reaction force when the Task Force Defence and Employment Platoon were ambushed on 12 June to the west of Courtney Hill.

Operation OVERLORD forced 3 Battalion, 33 North Vietnamese Army Regiment and D445 Local Force Battalion to relocate to the north and east from Phuoc Tuy by mid-June and it was obvious that our next task would be to seek out elements of 1 Battalion, 274 Regiment in the north eastern area of Phuoc Tuy Province.

Prior to their re-deployment, D Company with sappers and SAS guides, demolished a number of valuable bunker systems to further lower VC morale.

*Results: Own Troops — 1 WIA
Enemy — 1 KIA*



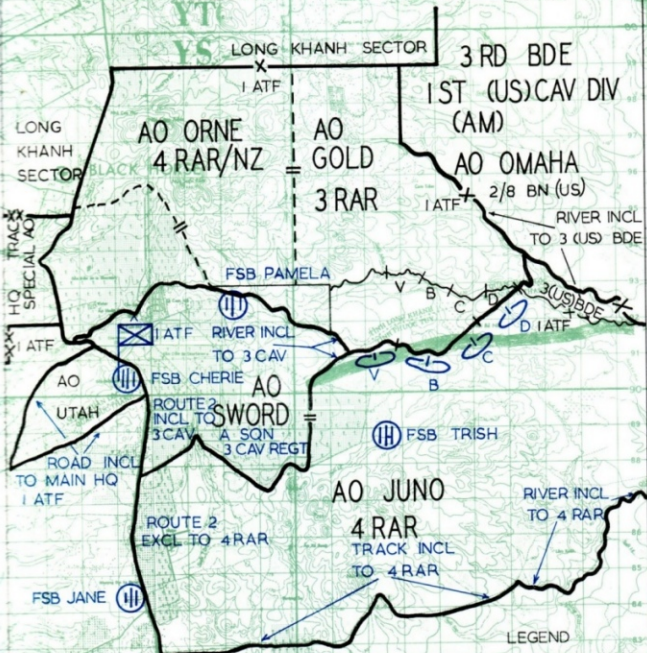
Pioneers at Trish.



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