

Appendix 7 (Tactical Air Support Request) to Annex A (Reports and Returns) to 1 ATF SOP of 10 Jul 66.

1. When tactical air support is required the following proforma will be used.

PYTHON

- a. Task (Map and loc of tgt)
- b. Tgt details
 - Long axis metres
- c. Time and duration
 - TOT hrs
 - Not before hrs
 - Not later hrs
- d. Loc of own tps in rel to tgt
- e. Spec instrs
 - Indent of own tps

2. This msg should be sent in clear if the strike is to take place within one hr. If not para 1 d. and 1 e. are to be sent in code eg.

PYTHON. A. Map Sheet No. 64421 003254. B. VC village of 15 huts and well tunnelled. Long axis 3,100 metres. C. NOT before 1300 hrs not later 1330hrs. D. SE 800 metres. E. Marker balloon
(D and E to be sent in code if msg sent before 1230 hrs)

Appendix 9 (VCC Report) to Annex A (Reports and Returns) to
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1. Call sign followed by nickname MONEY BOX.
2. Details:
 - a. MONEY BOX.
 - b. Number of VCC.
 - c. Are there any documents? Do not describe.
 - d. Location of LZ (using point of origin).
 - e. Time ready for evacuation.
 - f. Further information if essential should be sent in code e.g. Circumstances of capture.

Appendix 10 (DUSTOFF) to Annex A (Reports and Returns) to
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1. The following procedure is to be used for casevac or medevac:

2. Requests - Following information is required:

a. Call sign of unit/sub unit to be contacted followed by DUSTOFF (if specifically required).

b. Net which sub unit is working on if other than normal.

c. Types of casualty, numbers and priority for evacuation.

(1) Types -

(a) L - Litter

(b) W - Walking

(c) D - Dead

(2) Priorities -

(a) A - Urgent

(b) B - Priority

(c) C - Routine

(3) Group types - Give number by priorities within each group.

d. Location of LZ or collecting point - Depends upon need for tactical security and safety of evacuation means give -

(1) grid reference of LZ in point of origin or

(2) nickname of LZ, or

(3) means of identifying LZ.

e. Time Ready for Evacuation (Q hr) -

f. Special Instructions - (incl detail of enemy threat to evacuation means, approaching LZ or collecting point).

eg. Unit has one KIA, one seriously injured stretcher case, one routine stretcher case, one badly, one lightly wounded walking case, for tactical reason is going to move and is unable to carry KIA and stretcher cases -

"41 this is 72, DUSTOFF, Lima two, Alfa, Whiskey one, Bravo one, Charlie, Delta one. Alfa, Smoke (or Betty right two point one down one point three), at Quebec plus six, enemy pl at grid reference 521734, HMG at 522735 (if not already reported to next highest headquarters), over".

3.

Evacuation -

a. DUSTOFF arrives -

Hel1 - "72 this is DUSTOFF, throw smoke, over".

Ground - "DUSTOFF this is 72, throwing smoke, over".

Hel1 - "72 this is DUSTOFF. I see (colour of) smoke, over".

Ground - "DUSTOFF this is 72, affirmative, out".

b. Friendly troops must show themselves on LZ before DUSTOFF will land.

c. Casualty loading party records regimental particulars of casualties, last three numbers on helicopter boom, time of departure, and probable destination if known.

d. Casualties will be prepared with field dressings before placing on DUSTOFF aircraft.

Appendix 11 (NOTICAS, FATALCAS and EVACREPS) to Annex A
(Reports and Returns) to 1 ATF SOP of 10 Jul 66.

1. MBI 38-1 applies.
2. Reports are to be forwarded by most expeditious means.
3. Casualty is not accepted as fatal until certified by RMO. Positive identification by two good acquaintances of dead must be made.
4. Casualties evacuated by DUSTOFF may to to any number of US medical installations.
5. Location of casualty, NOTICAS and FATALCAS procedure is initiated by Evacuation Reports (EVACREP).
6. EVACREP -- (nickname BEAKY OWL when passed over insecure means) initiated by sub unit from which members are evacuated and passed back through rear echelon. Information is to be passed as under -
 - a. By deployed unit/sub unit with insecure communications to rear:
 - (1) Nickname for EVACREP followed by report number. Number each helicopter load from 0001 to 2359 hrs local time basis for each call sign suffering casualty.
 - (2) Call sign suffering casualty.
 - (3) Regimental number followed by type of casualty and priority. See DUSTOFF procedure (Appendix 10 to Annex A) for each casualty.

(4) Time of evacuation.

(5) Last three numerals on helicopter boom.

(6) Anticipated destination.

b. By unit rear echelon to HQ 1 ATF using fastest secure means -

(1) NOTICAS (or FATALCAS).

(2) Death confirmed/not confirmed by RMO.

(3) Identity established/not established (by two acquaintances in case of death).

(4) Number, Rank, Initials, Name, Unit, Corps, Religion.

(5) Nature of casualty (Battle or non battle casualty, brief statement of seriousness if possible.)

(6) Current location of casualty or probable destination time/date of evacuation from forward area and last three serials of tail boom number or intention to evacuate and destination.

(7) NOK relationship, name and address.

(8) Brief details of circumstances causing the casualty including time and location.

Annex B (Weapons Readiness) to 1 ATF SOP of 10 Jul 66.

1. All ranks are to ensure that personal weapons are maintained in the following conditions of safety -

STAGE	ACTION	WHEN APPLICABLE
ONE	a. Breech empty. Working parts forward.	in operations base and logistics area.
	b. Safety catch applied.	
	c. Full magazine in pouch or when without webbing in pocket.	
TWO	As for STAGE ONE but magazine on weapon.	a. Travelling in vehicles when outside operational base or logistics area. b. Stand-to in base outside operational base.
THREE	a. Round in breech, action cocked. b. Safety catch applied. c. Full magazine on weapon.	a. On entering a controlled area on foot. b. Vehicle sentries on vehicles outside operations base or logistics area. c. When ordered by an officer.
FOUR	As for STAGE THREE but with safety catch off	a. When action is imminent. b. Leading scout on patrol. c. When ordered by an officer.

2. All ranks are to clear weapons before entering the operations base. The M79 or M72 is NOT to be carried in the ready to fire condition.

3. Weapon Handling -

a. Weapons are never to be handled carelessly, or pointed at anyone except as a deliberate act against a known or suspected enemy.

b. Except in an operational emergency when in contact with the enemy, weapons are never to be handed to another person unless the weapon is first cleared and proved, that is, magazine off and NO round in the breech.

c. At no time, except in an authorised load, will the action be cocked with the magazine still on the weapon, or magazine placed on a cocked weapon. This applies particularly to cleaning.

d. When carrying HE grenades, they are to be carried inside an authorised pouch with the pin correctly and safely splayed to prevent accidental withdrawal. Grenades will always be passed, never thrown, to another soldier.

4. Officers and NCOs are to ensure that personnel joining their tactical group are aware of these orders.

Annex C (Radio Appointment Titles) to 1 ATF SOP of 10 Jul 66

Commander	SUNRAY
GS02. (S3)	SEAGULL
GS03 Plans (Asst S3)	SEAGULL MINOR
GS02 Int (S2)	ACORN
GS03 Int (Asst S2)	ACORN MINOR
DAA&QM6 (S1/S4)	MOLAR
SC Q (Asst S4)	MOLAR MINOR
SC A (Asst S1)	MANHOLE
Signals Officer	PRONTO
Medical	STARLIGHT
CASEVAC	DUST OFF
Artillery	SHELLDRAKE
Engineer	HOLDFAST
APC	IRONSIDES
Road Transport	PLAYTIME
Light Aircraft	Cessna POSSUM F 1-3
	Sioux (H13) POSSUM R 4-9
US Army Aviation	TOP TIGER
FAC	HABU
Workshops	BLUEBELL
LO	SKYRIDER
Civil Affairs	GOLDFINGER
PW Interdigation	TRAPDOOR
RAAF	ALBATROSS

Annex D (Radio Communications) to 1 ATF SOP of 10 Jul 66.

