BATTLE INTELLIGENCE SECTION
1 ATF

AUSTRALIAN INTELLIGENCE CORPS

ORDER OF BATTLE

VC MINE MARKER

CONFIDENTIAL
VC LINE MARKERS

1. The following descriptions of mine markers are taken from sources within 1 ATF. By no means are these markers a conclusive history of the types that are in regular use today in PHUOC TUY Province.

2. The format will be added to constantly as more information on the subject becomes available.

3. It is not at this stage known what type of marker each individual unit utilises. It is known however, that although some markers are common to all units, some remain specialised to the individual unit, and that a unit coming into an area where it is not yet familiar with local mine defences, obtains guides from the local guerrillas responsible for the markers.

4. If any unit in 1 ATF discover a new form of marker, they are asked to contact the IO BATTLE INT, so that the appropriate amendment may be added.

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**Distribution**

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A blaze of any description in a tree. The height of the blaze from the ground, usually indicates distance of the mine from the base of the tree.

A marker consisting of a bright red cylindrical can, with two sticks poked through the ends.
Sticks or bamboo, forming triangle with mine in the centre, and/or mine a few metres from one of the points of the triangle.
Tripod of bamboo sticks placed over mines.
A vertical bamboo with one horizontal bamboo protruding with short bundle of sticks hanging off the end.
Small clusters of grass or mud indicate that the trail should not be used. This form of marking usually happens at a cross roads.
COMMON BOOBY-TRAP MARKERS

The following information is provided to help units identify some common booby
trap markers which have been discovered within the 199 LIE ZO.

1. This marker is a small mound of mud approx 6" high with a stick stuck in the top. If the stick is leaning in a specific direction it could indicate the direction of the mine.

2. Sticks or twigs placed in the form of a triangle is a common marker. The mine is usually placed a few metres from one of the points of the triangle.

3. A sign with the possible words of VUNG TU DIA written on it. The sign indicates mines in the area, with a grenade set as a booby trap at the base of the sign.

4. Another is a cluster of (wheat like) stems. The mine or booby trap can be placed anywhere near-by.

5. Small clusters of grass, or mud (what ever is available) indicates that the trail should not be used. This technique is usually placed at a crossroad.

6. A small sign with a red "X" in the middle indicates mines in the area.

7. A small bush or twig which is broken or bent at the top in the direction of the mine.

8. Stake markers or two twigs in the form of an arrow. The arrow points in the direction of the mine.

9. Small rocks in the form of a circle indicates mines in the area.
Mine Marking Stick

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Description

1) Length Approx 2 FT
2) Material of Unknown Type
   Suspect of Pyroxy or Phragmites Family
   Possibly Nipa Cut to a Point ½" THICK

Observations

1) Aker Found Hong Hai Hills
   Phuoc Vinh Province
2) Timber used is not native
   to Aker in which found
3) Type of Mines found by these
   Markers were Pul (Cylinders)
4) Convex side of marker
   placed away from mine.

Found like this or this.