

SUBJ: (C) Directive, Rear Service Section, Front 7, Tri-Thien Military Region.

(C) (3 pages, typewritten; B-3) Directive, number 15/HC, dated 8 Jul 69, signed by Nguyễn Niêm, Field Grade Political Officer, for the Command Committee of the Rear Service Section, Front 7 ((Tri-Thien Military Region)), forwarded to the subordinate units, pertains to a plan for food procurement, farm production and military actions.

Document indicates that the mission of the ((VC)) revolutionary armed forces is to continue to inflict heavy casualties on the US troops in order to force them to withdraw immediately from SVN, and to overthrow the "Thien-Ky" Puppet Government so as to gain the final victory in a short period of time.

To meet the cited requirements, the revolutionary armed forces were instructed to promote the people's guerrilla warfare and political struggle movements in the three areas ((possibly VC liberated areas, disputed areas and RVN controlled areas)), especially in the lowlands and urban areas. To execute the Party's policies, many friendly ((VC)) units had prepared for troop movements to the lowlands and deep areas ((possibly meaning RVN controlled areas)), but they encountered many difficulties due to a shortage of food. For that reason, the addressees are directed to provide their own food and promote farm production beginning in Aug 69.

Document adds that all elements of Front 7, except those in the rear base area, have to purchase foodstuffs from the lowlands for themselves beginning Aug 69. Medical Treatment Unit 88, C23, K34 would continue to be issued a supply of rice. Specifically, elements of K8, K11, K14 and K10 ((possibly Battalions of Front 7)), which are under combat missions ((unspecified)), would be issued rice supplies until 15 Jul 69.

The addressees were also advised to motivate requisition and purchasing elements to buy foodstuffs in the Hai Lang, Trieu Phong and Ba Long areas, and simultaneously expedite animal husbandry and farm production activities.

Document finally concludes that to accomplish its combat missions and to have a sufficient rice supply, the armed forces have to make every effort to disrupt the ((RVN)) accelerated pacification programs break the enemy's ((RVN)) oppressive control over the people, promote the guerrilla warfare movement among the local people, develop secret guerrilla organizations, and completely destroy ((RVN)) People's Self-Defense units.

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